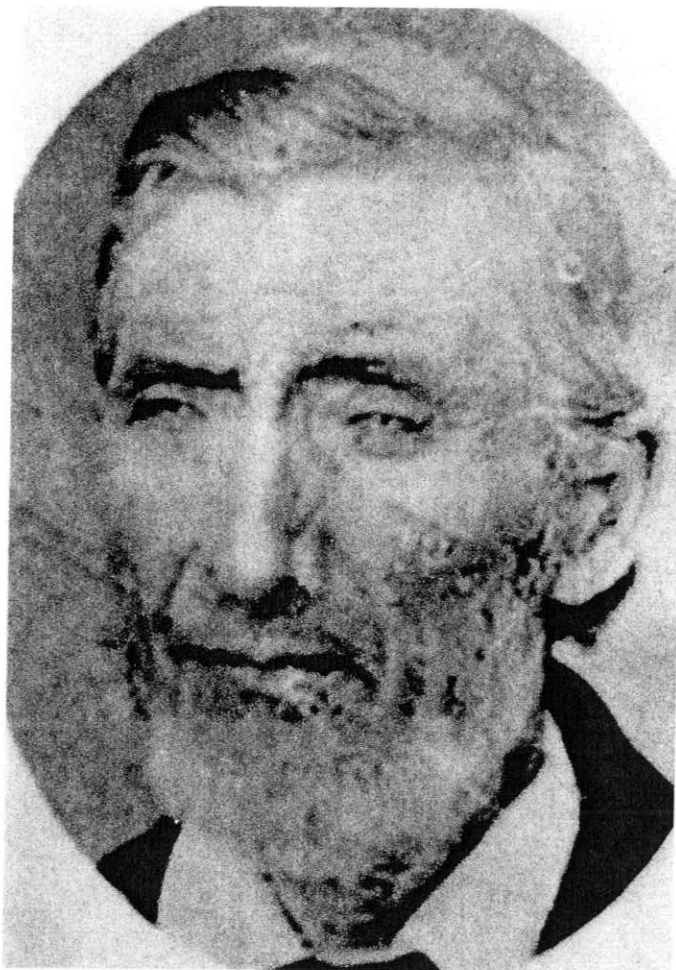


Denna Bird



JAMES BIRD
1806 - 1879



**JANE MOTT CARPENTER
BIRD**
1810 - 1892

JAMES BIRD

1806 - 1879

(October 2006)

I have collected as much material as I can on James Bird and documented as much as I can. There are some Family Traditions in this story. I want to thank Charles A. Stratton and Sheldon Mahlon Edwards for the research that they have done, Gilbert Bird and Diana Ludy for the pictures that they took, and Kathy Bird Weir for helping me collect some of the material.

1806 - James Bird was born on December 22, 1806 in Morris County, Rocksberry (Roxbury) Township, New Jersey^{1 2}, the fourth son of Benjamin Freeman Bird and Merihah Reeves.³ (They say that the family bible of Benjamin Freeman Bird has the year of his birth as 1807. This and the 70's record in Nauvoo, are the only two places that I was able to find reference to this date.)

I was unable to find any information about his childhood.

1812 - 1814 - War of 1812

1820 - Joseph Smith Jr has his first vision.

1820-1861 - African Slave Trade Patrol.

1822 - 1830 - Operations Against West Indies Pirates.

1830 - Book of Mormon was printed in Palmyra, New York.

1830 - The 1830 census for Southport, Tioga County, New York has a Benjamin F. Bird, and lists 2 males ages 5 to 10 (William and Richard), 2 females ages 10 to 15 years (Amanda and Polly), 1 male age 15 to 20 (Kelsey), 1 male age 20 to 30 (James), 1 female age 40 to 50 (Meribah), and 1 male age 50 to 60 (Benjamin).⁴

1830 - April 6, Joseph Smith organized the Church of Christ at the Peter Whitmer Sr home in Fayette, New York.

1831 - James married Jane Mott Carpenter in 1831⁵, born 31 December 1810, the daughter of Joshua Carpenter and Sally Crane, in Hester, Tompkins, New York.⁶ It is not known where they met or anything about their courtship. Jane was born in Hartford, Hartford, Connecticut.⁷

1832 - James and Jane's oldest son Taylor Reeves Bird was born on 25 February, 1832, in Southport Chemung, New York.^{7, 8}

1834 - James and Jane's oldest daughter Sarah Jane Bird was born on 13 July 1834, in Southport, Chemung, New York.⁸

1834 - 1836 - The Kirtland Temple was constructed.

1835 - . . . James was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.¹

1835 - 1842 - The Indian Wars.

1836 - The Kirtland Temple was dedicated.

1837 - A daughter Maribah Ann Bird was born on 13 June 1837 in Hector, Schmong, New York.⁷ Others say that it is Southport, Chemung, New York.⁸ If you look at the history of the counties in New York, you find that there is no Schmong county. This will have to be researched more.

1838 - . . . moved to Kirtland, Ohio, and joined the Kirtland Camp, and moved to Far West, Missouri the same Fall and shared in the mobbing of that place and spent the winter in moving the poor to Illinois.¹

Sheldon M. Edwards says the following about the Kirtland Camp on his Family Group Sheet: . . . "the Encyclopedia of Mormonism, Vol. 2, p. 797 states: 'Early in 1838, amid intensifying pressures from outside the Church and apostasy within . . . the exodus of Latter-day Saints from Kirtland and vicinity began. Joseph Smith, Sidney Rigdon, and other leaders fled from mobs in January. Other members gradually followed . . . On July 5, 1838, . . . more than 500 members left in a stream of fifty-nine wagons—with twenty-seven tents, ninety-seven horses, twenty-two oxen, sixty-nine cows, and one bull. As this long wagon train, known as Kirtland Camp, moved across the states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Missouri, spectators gathered to watch the sight. Some gave encouragement, while jeered and threatened violence.'"^{8-B}

1839 - . . . got my family to Illinois in the spring of 1839.¹

1840 - I cannot find him on a census record in Illinois for 1840. There is a James Bird in Union County, but it does not have the right number of family members. Union County is located in the southern end of Illinois⁹ and I am sure he would not be that far from the body of the church. I also looked under Baird, but I still could not find him.

During this time two more sons were born to James and Jane. Their names are James Bird Jr and it is estimated that he was born in 1840, and the other is Harrison Bird and it is estimated that he was born in 1843. No record can be found of them, but they were sealed to their parents 27 July 1887 in the St. George Temple. Lyman Lafayette Woods acted for James Bird, Jr., and Harrison Bird.¹⁰

1841 - 1846 - The Nauvoo Temple was constructed. The church men were asked to spend one day in ten working on the temple as "tithing in time".

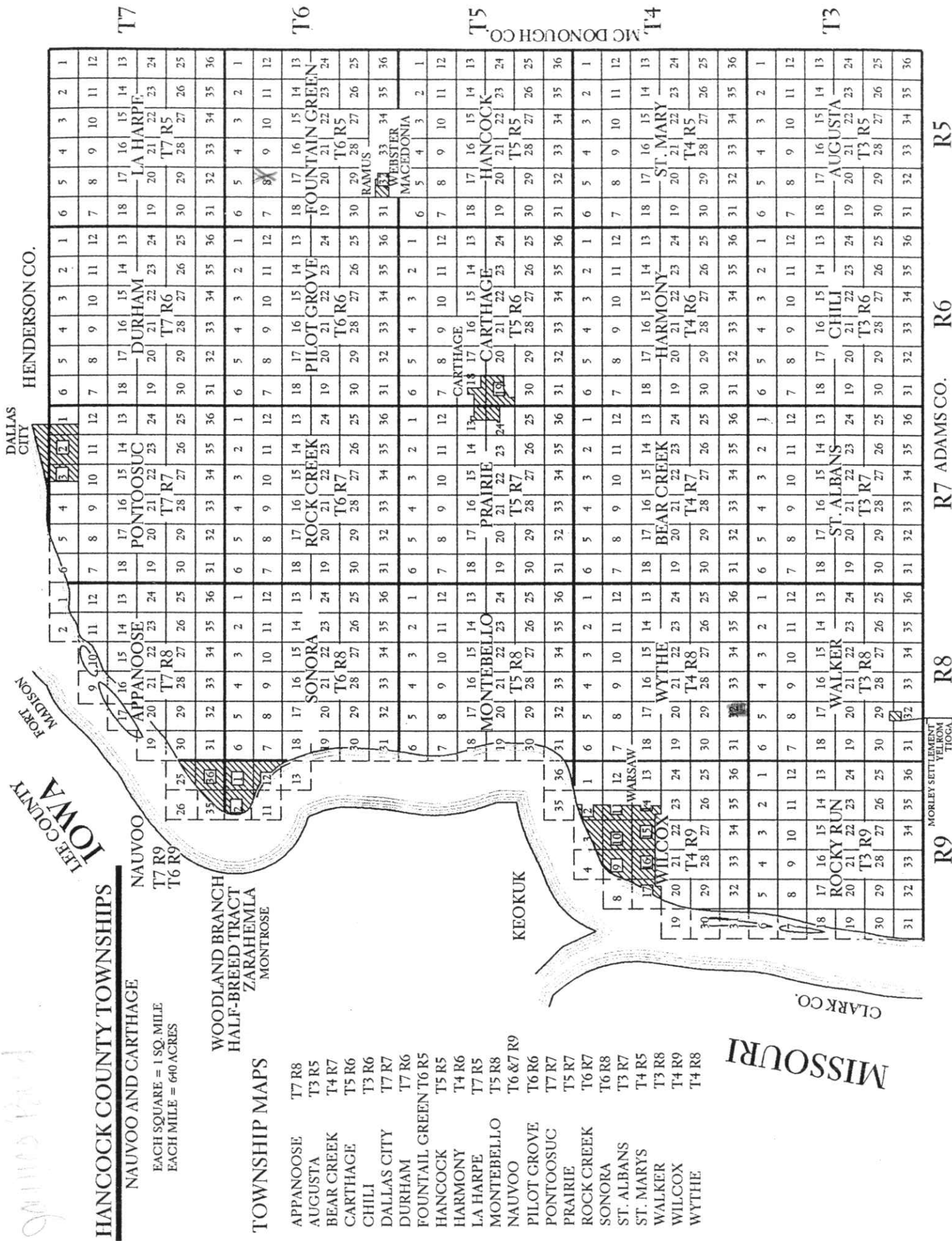
1842 - . . . I was ordained an Elder in 1842 under the hands of Elder Eden Smith.¹

EACH SQUARE = 1 SQ. MILE
EACH MILE = 640 ACRES

TOWNSHIP MAPS

APPANOOSE
AUGUSTA
BEAR CREEK
CARTHAGE
CHILI
DALLAS CITY
DURHAM
FOUNTAIN GREEN
HANGOCK
HARMONY
LA HARPE
MONTEBELLO
NAUVOO
PILOT GROVE
PONTOOSUC
PRAIRIE
ROCK CREEK
SONORA
ST. ALBANS
ST. MARK'S
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JAMES DAVIS

Historic Nauvoo

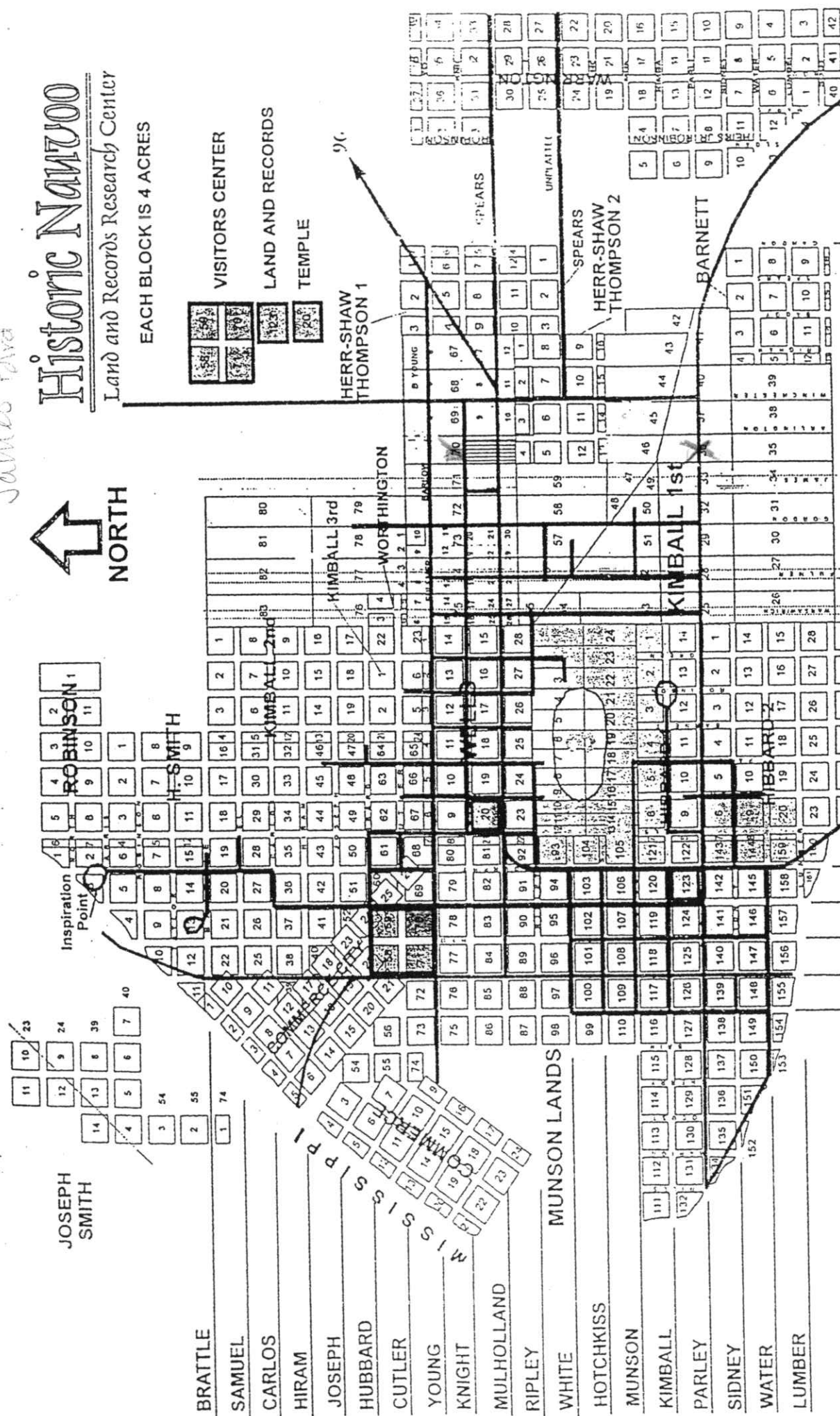
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EACH BLOCK IS 4 ACRES



- BRATTLE
- SAMUEL
- CARLOS
- HIRAM
- JOSEPH
- HUBBARD
- CUTLER
- YOUNG
- KNIGHT
- MULHOLLAND
- RIPLEY
- WHITE
- HOTCHKISS
- MUNSON
- KIMBALL
- PARLEY
- SIDNEY
- WATER
- LUMBER

- Current Roads
- Original Platted Roads
- Nauvoo State Park



GRANGER	MAIN	HYDE	PARTRIDGE	DURPHY	WELLS	BLUFF	PAGE	BARNETT	ROBINSON	WILCOX	WARSAW	FULLMER	GORDON	JAMES	ARLINGTON	WINCHESTER	BRIGHAM	BAGBY	SPEARS	CAHOON
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Nauvoo, Illinois



On the southeast corner of Block 70. Partridge street is on the east side and Young is on the south. The house is not original



On the southeast corner of Block 70. Partridge Street is on the east side and Young is on the south.

Nauvoo, Illinois



West side of Block 70 looking across the lot toward the temple.
(Southeast)



On the south side of Block 70 looking toward the LDS Visitors Center.
The white house is on the lot. It's not original.

Nauvoo, Illinois



South half of Block 36 from east side.
Corner of Parley and Winchester Streets.
Looking Southeast.



1842 - The Nauvoo, Illinois Tax Index of 1842, page 236, shows that James Baird paid taxes on 6W. This is in the south-west part of Hancock County near the Morley settlement.¹¹

1843 - Old family records show that he married Sophia Alcester Fuller, in Nashville, Jackson, Iowa, on 5 May 1843. Nothing is known of her and she is not recorded on any census with the family.⁵

1844 - . . . and moved to Nauvoo in 1844, and was ordained into the 13th Quorum of Seventies the same year by Charles Bird, President,¹ his brother. The Land and Records office shows that he had the following four properties. Nauvoo: Block 70. (This is the south east corner of the Visitor Center block.) Kimball 1st, Block 6, Lot 36, PART., T6 R5, Sec 8, N, si NE, and T4 Vis R8, Sec 32, SE. 160 acres.¹² You need to be careful and not mix our James with another James Bird in Nauvoo at the same time.

Kathy Bird Weir and her husband visited the Land and Records Office in August 2006 and they show that the Block 70 is Block 70, Lot 3 and is located on Knight between James and Arlington.

This James Bird was born in London, Middlesex, England and died 18 April 1892 in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah. He was a carpenter by trade.¹³

James would of been in Nauvoo at the time the temple was built and when the Prophet Joseph Smith and his brother were killed. Clay Putman in his life of Benjamin Freeman Bird, states that "Benjamin and his sons and their families were present after the martyrdom when Sidney Rigdon claimed that he was to be the guardian of the Church. They witnessed President Brigham Young disfigured into the voice, appearance and personality of the Prophet Joseph Smith and felt the spirit bear witness to their souls that the Twelve should preside."¹⁴

1846 - A daughter Amanda Bird was born on 11 May 1846 and died 20 November 1846. It is assumed that this was in Nauvoo, Illinois as this was where the family was at this time. Many people have it New York, but they left New York in 1838.^{6, 7, 8}

1846 - 1848 - Mexican War or Mexican Revolution.

1846 - 1847 - Mormon Battalion. William Bird, the youngest brother of James, enlisted in Company B as a Private. He was the youngest brother of James. He was a member of the Brown Co. Detachment that was sent back to Pueblo, Colorado.¹⁵

1847 - . . . left Nauvoo for Winter Quarter in 1847.¹ "James had a hard life for many years as he had malaria fever for so long; (We do not know when it was that he got it, but a lot of people got malaria in Nauvoo.) 'he could not work, had nothing to eat for himself and family so living or trying to live was very hard. He once sat in the door at Council Bluffs watching a drove of fine hogs go by. He said to his wife, 'Oh if I had one of those I believe I could eat. But he had nothing to buy one so that's that.' He [His] wife finally handed him a \$5.00 gold piece. He said, 'Why Jane where did you ever get that?' She said, 'Do you remember giving me \$5.00 with which to get me a new bonnet on leaving New York.' 'Well there it is,' she said, 'I kept it for whic

something we would need more than I needed a bonnet.' He got a pork and the family made good use of it for all they had had for a long time was black walnuts. They never cared for black walnuts again. All the family hated them, could not stand the sight of black walnuts." (Typed the way she wrote it.)¹⁶

Clay Putman records that "several of the Bird's were weavers by trade. Benjamin and his sons and their families were asked to remain at Council Bluffs and Winter Quarters and assist in the outfitting of the emigrant Saints. Many had been driven out of their homes without opportunity to take the necessary clothing and other items that they would need to make the long track into the wilderness to they knew not where. The Bird family set up a woolen mill, of sorts, similar to the one that they had at Nauvoo, and thereby assisted in the emigration of the thousands of homeless Saints."¹⁴ (When I was in Kansville, they told me that the part of Council Bluffs that jetted out into the river was known as Council Point and that it was there that the people had built their mills.)

1849 - the last child, Jasper Thomas Bird was born on 11 April, 1849, in Council Point, Pottawattamie, Iowa.^{7, 8, 17}

1850 - 1850 Census taken on 21 of Sept 1850 by Luke Johnson-Free Inhabitants in District No. 121 in the County of Pottawattamie, Iowa, Image #57, page 183 shows: James Bird - 44, Born in New Jersey, Jane Bird - 39, born in Conn., Taylor Bird - 18, born in New York, Sarah Bird - 16, born in New York; Marybe Bird, 14, born in New York, and Thomas - 1, born in Iowa.¹⁸ With this census being taken on 21 of Sept 1850, it would of been impossible for him to come to Utah with the Milo Andrus Company which departed on 3 June 1850 and arrived in Salt Lake Valley, 30 August 1850. His name does not appear on the list of the company with his father, Charles and other members of the Bird family.¹⁹ *Pioneers and Prominent Men of Utah* by Frank Esshom, states that James Bird came to Utah with Captain Allred's oxteam company in 1850. There is no record of this company. Esshom also shows his parents as Charles Bird and Amanda Reeves and that he was born in Pennsylvania.²⁰ All of this is incorrect.

1850 - 1868 - Indian War in Utah.

1851 - . . . crossed the plains to Salt Lake Valley in 1851.¹ The Church History Library, Pioneer Details of the Mormon Pioneer Overland Travel, 1847-1868, shows that James came in an Unidentified Company in 1851. The source is: Bird, James, Autobiographical sketch, in St. George Stake High Priest Quorum Genealogy Records, 1872-1906, reel 6039, 168, in Record of Members Collection 1836-1970.²¹ This information can also be found in number 1. The information in *Conquerors of the West, Stalwart Mormon Pioneers*, Vol. L, pages 186-288 is incorrect. This information was given to them by Donna Bird before she did the research.²²

The Daughters of Utah Pioneers, Salt Lake City, Utah booklet, *Mormon Emigration 1840-1869*, pages 258-259 has the following to say about those that emigrated in 1851: "In the *Frontier Guardian* of June 13, 1851, the Saints who has not started for the Valley, but who intended to go that season, were urged to start at once and not cross the Missouri River later than 20th of the month. . . . It has been estimated that about five thousand emigrants crossed the plains and

mountains from the Missouri River to Great Salt Lake City in 1851. In a letter to Apostle Parley P. Pratt, who was absent on a mission, under date of Oct. 23, 1851, Pres. Brigham Young said: "The emigration of the Saints from the East has closed for the season, with general prosperity, and little sickness or loss, compared with the previous years. Probably 550 to 600 may have come in, besides, a good supply of merchandise - more than there is gold to pay for it."²³

The oldest daughter, Sarah Jane Bird died 12 July 1851. If the family left before the 20th of June then she died while crossing the plains, if not then she died in Council Point, Iowa. The family's record states that she died of cholera when she was sixteen years old.⁶ If they had left after she died they would of gotten a late start for the valley.

It is not known where James stayed the winter of 1851 after he arrived in the Salt Lake Valley. Some of the family said that he had a farm up North and that family members visited him. He would not of had time to plant much in the Fall, and he had little time in the Spring to harvest and plant.

1852 - . . . and settled in Provo City in June 1852. I was ordained an High Priest and Bishop over the 2nd Ward in Provo under the hands of George A. Smith.¹ Many histories record that on July 17, 1852, George Albert Smith, was appointed by Brigham Young to preside over the Saints in Utah County. In August, 1852, Provo was divided into five ecclesiastical wards, "The city was divided east and west of Fourth West and north and south of Center Street. . .the Second Ward south of Center Street and west of Fourth West, . . . The Second Ward was officially organized August 15, 1852 . . . James Bird was ordained a High Priest and Bishop over the 2nd ward under the hands of George A. Smith, with Jabez Nowlen and Isaac Robins as counselors."^{24 25} For a period of ten years, meetings were held in the Bowery in Pioneer Park in the summer and in the home of the saints in the winter.²⁵ The 3rd Ward had moved the school house from the old fort and used it for their meets. Some say that he 2nd ward also used it in the winter instead of meeting in the homes.

I went down to the Provo City Offices to see if I could locate where James and Jane had their home. I was told that at the time they were living in Provo that it was Indian lands and that they did not keep tract of where the people settled. They sent me to the County Offices and they told me that they did not have any record until Provo sent it to them. They refereed me to D. Robert Carter who has written the Provo history and done a lot of research. He said that the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers Museum has a map that some of the old pioneers located where some of the early pioneers lived. The James Bird family does not appear on it. All we know is that he lived in the south-west corner of Provo in the Provo Second Ward.

1856 - UT 1856 Statehood Census Index shows James Bird in Provo City, Utah County, Page 945. It also shows Jane Bird, Taylor R. Bird, and Jasper T. Bird.²⁶ Maribah Ann, the only living daughter, married Lyman Lafayette Woods, on 13 July, 1856 in Salt Lake City, Utah in the Endowment House.^{7, 8} (Maribah is found in some places to be spelt as Marabah or Marybe, but her family spells it as Maribah. I did not put all of the different ways that it was spelt.)

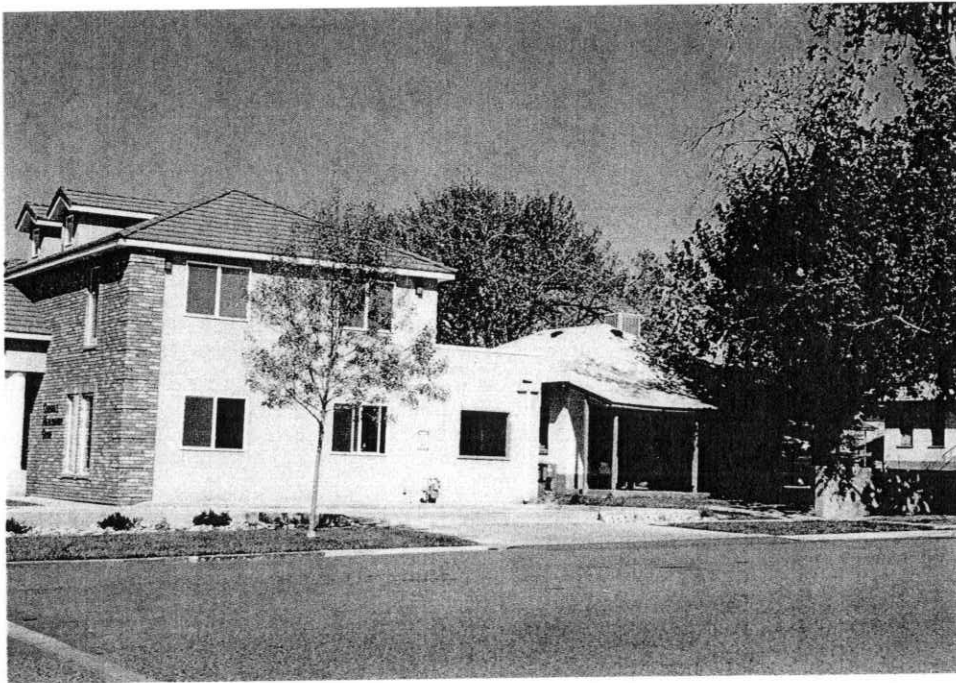
1860 - The Census taken in Provo, Utah on 13th of Sept. 1860 shows, Jas Bird, 53, F. (Farmer), Value of Real Estate \$700. Value of Personal Estate \$1000, born in N. J.; Jane, 49, born in Conn:

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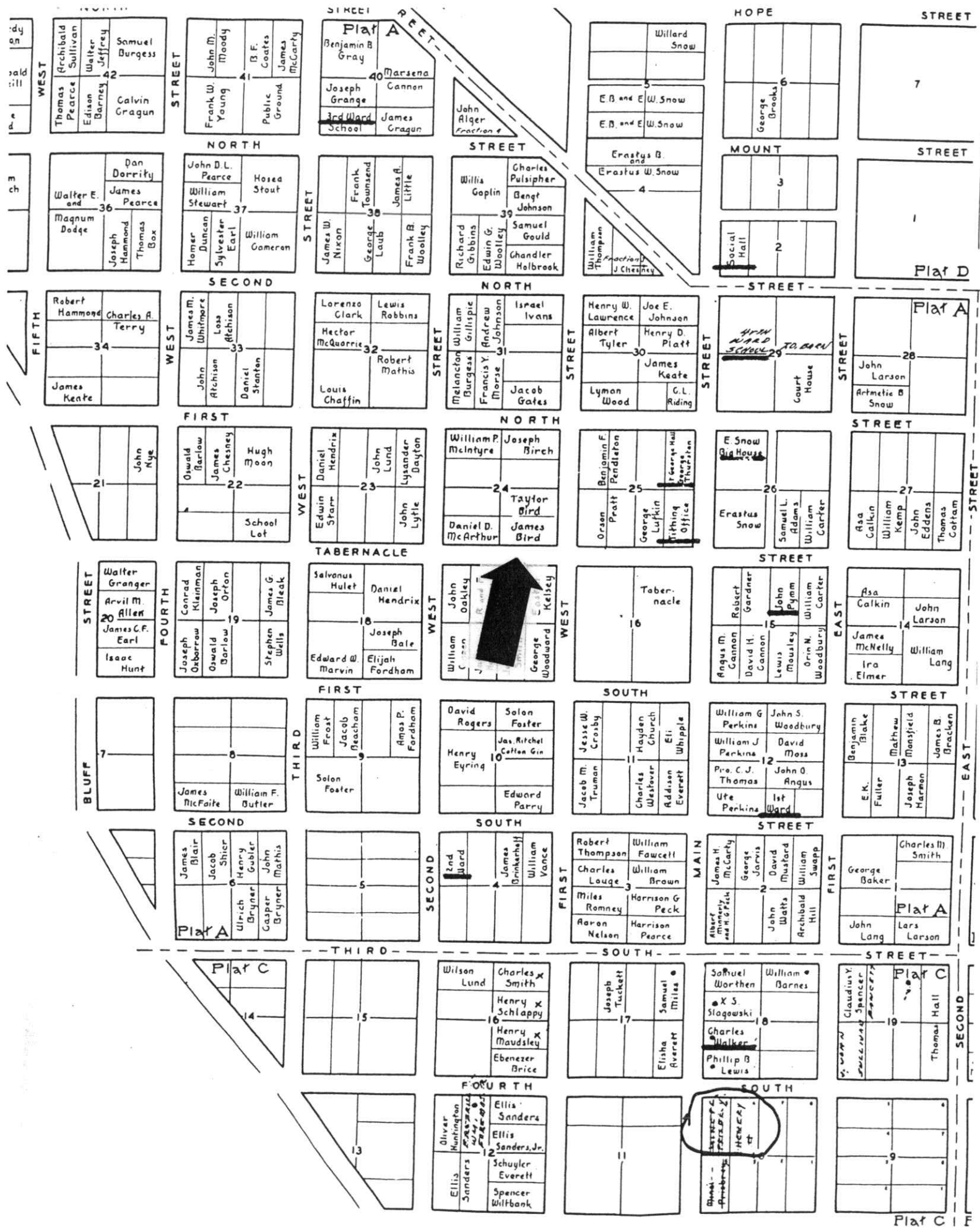
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Pioneer Map - City of St. George - Washington County, Utah - showing
Location of Original Settlers - Compiled from Records and Information
Supplied to Albert E. Miller.

St. George blocks are 32 rods (528ft) square, with each divided into 8 lots
8 x 16 rods in size. The lots are numbered clockwise, commencing at the
south-east corner.



The South West Corner of First West Street and Tabernacle Street
James and Jane had their home here



Taylor R., F.L. (Farm Laborer), born in N. Y., and Jasper 12, born in Iowa, who had attended school in the year.²⁷

1861 - 1865 - The Civil War.

1861 - ...In the year 1861, I moved to Southern Utah to fill a mission in building up the City of St. George.¹ This call came during the three day October Conference on 8 Oct. 1861.⁷

The city map of St. George where the first settlers were assigned, shows that James Bird was assigned the South half of the South East Corner, and Taylor Bird the North half of the South East Corner of Block 24. This is on the corner of Tabernacle and First West Street. Orson Pratt was assigned to Lot 25 across the street. The Tabernacle is located diagonally across the street from his home. The Edward William Starr family was assigned to the West half of the South West Corner of Lot 23, which is the corner of Third West and Tabernacle Street. Their daughter Eunice Ann Starr married the youngest son Jasper Thomas Bird.²⁸ (See part of map on the next page.)

In the *Annals of Southern Utah Mission by James G. Bleak*, Vol I, page 86 records that James Bird gave \$15.00 towards the building of the school building. In Vol II, page 331, it states that James Bird's name was added to the United Order of St. George.²⁹

1862 - Oldest son, Taylor Reeves Bird married Alice Stokes on 26 October 1862 in St. George, Utah.^{7, 8} She was born in West Bromwich, Staffordshire, England, the daughter of Joseph Stokes and Alice Clark.^{30,31}

1863 - 1864 - Taylor Reeves Bird, grandson of James and Jane, was born on 24 August 1863 the son of Taylor Reeves Bird and Alice Stokes Bird and died on 4 June 1864. He is buried in the St. George Cemetery, St. George, Utah, in the Bird family plot.

1868 - Jane M. C. Bird was present at a meeting on August 24, 1868 with Pres. Erastus Snow to organize the Relief Society. Sister Artimisia Beasman Snow was unanimously chosen as President of the St. George Relief Society. As she was not present, Sister Anna L. Ivins and Jane M. Carpenter Bird were appointed a committee to wait upon her and notify her of the choice. Sister Artimisia respectfully declined to accept. Whereupon Sister Anna L. Ivins was chosen President, and Sister Emily C. Branch and Hanna E. B. Crosby as her counselors. (Vol II, page 282)²⁹

1869 - Jasper Thomas Bird, the youngest child, married Eunice Ann Starr on 12 October 1869, in Salt Lake City Utah, in the Endowment House. She was born 18 July 1850, in Ash Hollar, Garden, Nebraska, to Edward William Starr and Amanda Ann Duel or Kellogg while crossing the plains.³²

1870 - Census taken on 3rd day of June 1870 in St. George, Washington County, Utah shows, James age 69, occupation - gardening; value of real estate \$1000, personal value \$700, born in New York; Jane age 59; Keeping house, born in Connecticut; Jasper age 21; Occupation - work on farm; value of real estate \$500; born in Iowa, Ann - 19; no occupation; born in Nebraska. (This is Jasper Thomas' wife.)³³

1871 - 1877 - The St. George Temple was constructed. Green paint was sent by mistake to paint the outside of the temple. Brigham Young had the people use this paint to paint many projects. It is a family tradition that James was one of the ones that used this paint to paint the fence around the tabernacle. It is assumed that James and Jane attended the dedication of this temple.

1872 - December 14, 1872, James had his Patriarchal Blessing by Wm. G. Perkins.³⁴

1875 - Bro. James Bird's last testimony in the High Priests Quorum meeting in St. George, August 28th, 1875.

"James Bird said He felt glad to meet again in the capacity of an High Priests meeting, he felt well in spirit he had been feeble, he felt glad to meet with the Quorum he had visited as an High Priest teacher in the 4th Ward. All felt well. He did not decern anything out of order. It has been over 40 years since he had been baptized. He was glad to be counted worth to be a Latter-day Saint. We should keep the counsel of the First Presidency. It is necessary to watch so as not go get behind. But keep on the ship Zion.

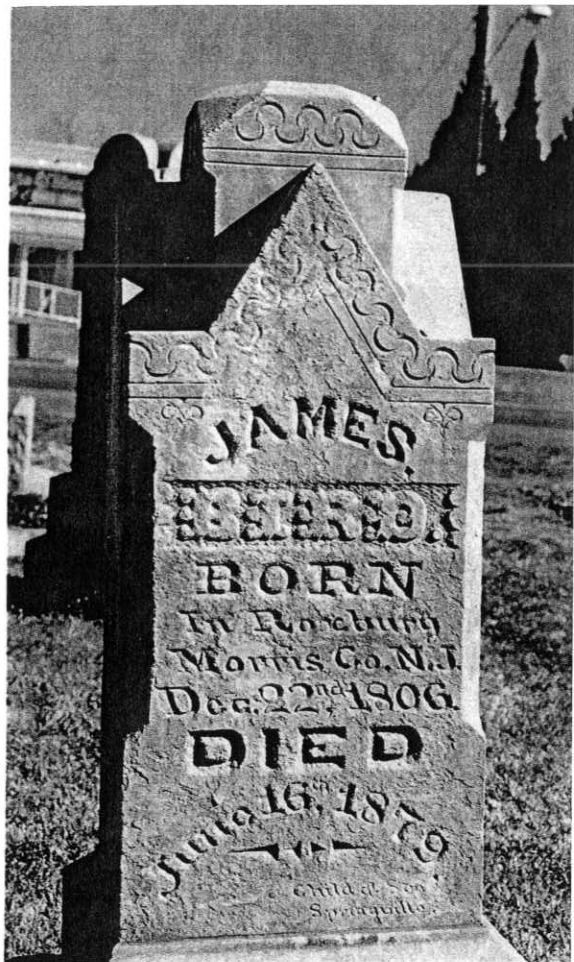
"He had acted as a H. P. Teacher in the 4th Ward in connection with brother Josiah G. Hardy and had always been very faithful and died in dull faith of a glorious Resurrection and an eternal reward." (Typed how it was written.)¹

1877 - 1878 - It was the practice in the early days for the families to keep a record of the temple work that was performed by them. This was usually recorded in a black legal size book. James had one that he kept during this time with the work done in the St. George Temple. LaMar Bird copied by hand the one keep by James Bird during these years. This was before the time of the copy machine. Roxa Keel had the original book, but it is not known where it is now.⁶

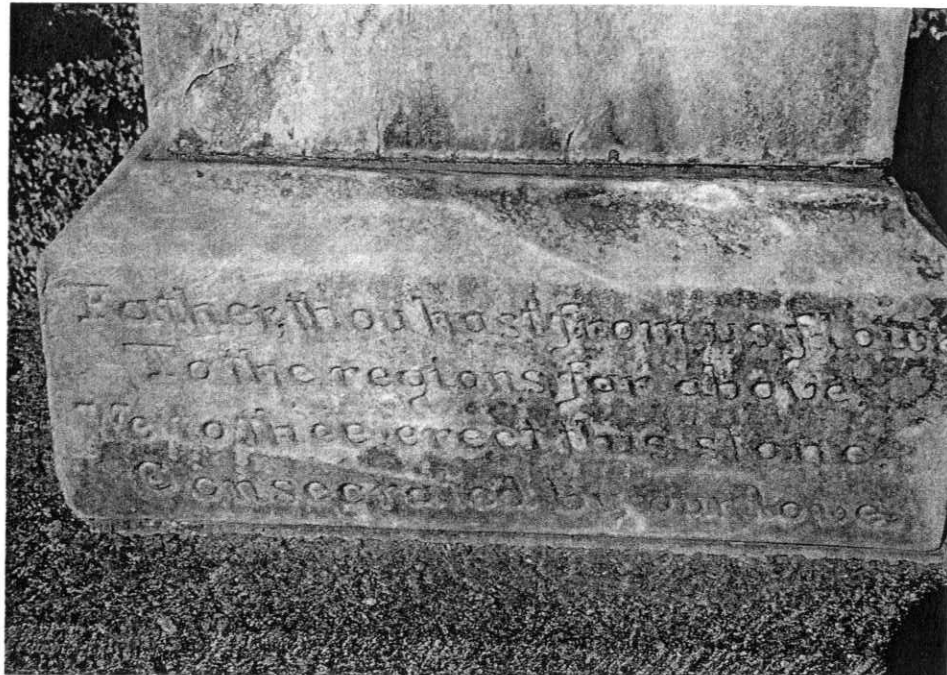
1878 - Edward James Bird, grandson, born 21 April 1878 and died 13 May 1878, son of Jasper Thomas Bird and Eunice Ann Starr Bird was buried in the Bird plot of the St. George Cemetery as number #447.^{31, 32, 35} The St. George III Ward records have him recorded on page 36 #460.³⁵ (The Church record shows birth 27 April 1878 and blessed on 26 April 1878. The Cemetery records shows the date as 21 April 1878. Cause of Death was Pnenmonia.

1879 - James died on 12 June 1879 according to family records, or 16 June 1879 according to his headstone and the cemetery records, also the note on his Genealogy found in the High Priests Quorum Records, the Church History Library film #38. The note says that he was 72 years, 5 months and 24 days of age. If this is true, his death date was the 16th. 1879 - 6 - 16, minus 1806 - 12 - 22, = 72 years, 5 months, 24 days. Roxa Keele said that his death date was the 12th, so the family has used that date.¹ A picture was taken of the headstone in the St. George Cemetery. His headstone shows the date as June 16, 1879. (See next page)

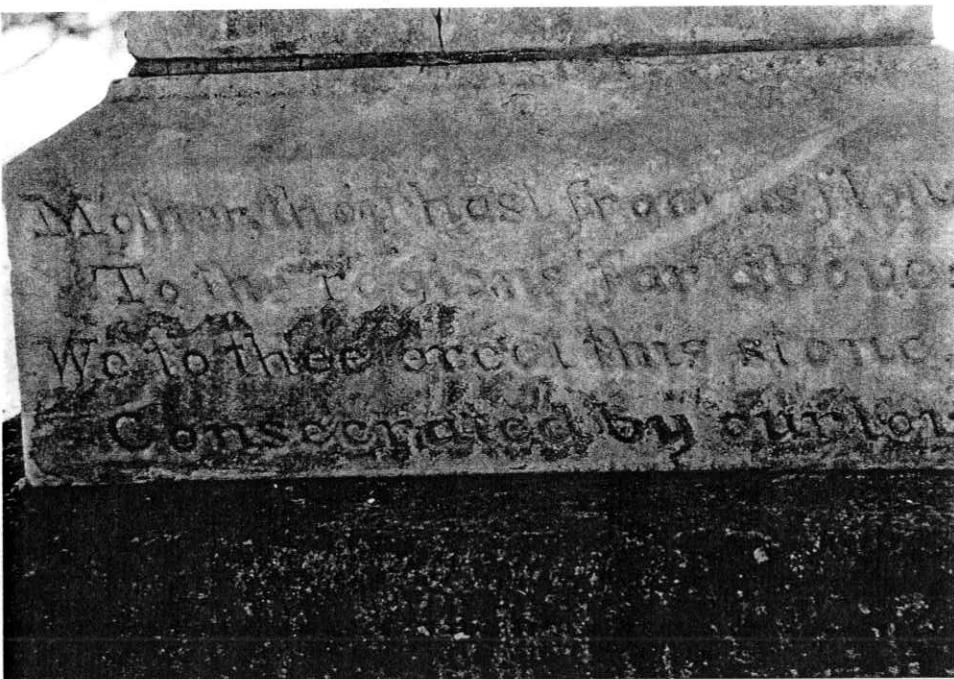
James was buried in the St. George Cemetery as #475³¹, (the cemetery records show that he was born in New Castle, Delaware), beside his grandson Taylor Reeves Bird the son of Taylor Reeves and Alice Stokes, and the son of Jasper Thomas Bird and Eunice Ann Starr - Edward James Bird.^{31, 32, 35}



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*Father, thou has from us flown,
To the regions far above,
We to thee erect this stone,
Consecrated by our love.*



*Mother, thou has from us flown,
To the regions far above,
We to thee erect this stone,
Consecrated by our love.*

1880 - The Census taken in St. George City, Washington County, State of Utah on the 5th day of June 1880 shows a Jane C. Bird, keeping house, born in Connecticut with both of her parents born in Connecticut.³⁶ Sometime before her death she moved to Clover Valley, Nevada to live with her daughter.

NOTES OF INTEREST ABOUT THE OTHERS BURIED IN THE BIRD FAMILY PLOT

1882 - Willis Starr Bird, grandson, 29 December 1881 - 15 May 1882, son of Jasper Thomas Bird and Eunice Ann Starr Bird.³² His birth is recorded in the St. George III Ward, page 49, with no number.³⁵ He died of Pneumonia and was buried in the St. George Cemetery, St. George, Utah. Their record #577.³¹

1883 - Elizabeth Bird, granddaughter, 3 August 1883 - 25 November 1883, daughter of Jasper Thomas Bird and Eunice Ann Starr Bird.³² The St. George Ward records shows her birth on page 53 with no number.³⁵ She died of Liver Compliant and was buried in the St. George Cemetery, St. George, Utah. Their record #638.³¹

1884 - Taylor Reeves Bird, grandson, 26 October 1886 - 16 December 1884, son of Jasper Thomas Bird and Eunice Ann Starr Bird.³² The St. George Ward records shows her birth on page 55 with no number.³⁵ He was buried in the St. George Cemetery, St. George, Utah. Their record #656.³¹

1888 - Claudius Bird, a grandson, 26 October 1886 - 30 June 1888, son of Jasper Thomas Bird and Eunice Ann Starr Bird.³² I could not find a church record for him. He died of Infantums and was buried in the St. George Cemetery, St. George, Utah. Their record #724. The cemetery records has it as "Child." The Family Records has the name as Claudius.^{31, 32}

1889 - Lionel (Leon) Bird, grandson, 26 July 1889 - 26 December 1889, son of Jasper Thomas Bird and Eunice Ann Starr Bird.³² I could not find a church record for him. He was buried in the St. George City Cemetery, St. George, Utah. Their record # 776.³¹

1889 - Jane Mott Carpenter died on 7 May 1892 in Clover Valley, Lincoln, Nevada at the home of her daughter Maribah Ann Bird Woods. She was taken to St. George and buried next to her beloved husband and 7 grandchildren (1 child of Taylor Reeves Bird and Alice Stokes Bird; and 6 children of Jasper Thomas Bird and Eunice Ann Starr Bird.) She was 81 years of age. The cemetery records has the name as the name as Bird, Jame M.c. and is their record #801.^{31, 32}

NOTES OF INTEREST

The original picture of James Bird and Jane Mott Carpenter Bird are on display at the Daughters of Utah Pioneers, Pioneer Memorial Museum, in Salt Lake City, Utah, on the West side of the balcony.

Ancestral File ver 4.19 shows that on 17 Oct 1992 the Ancestral File Operations merged the files of James Bird. At this time they show John Pratt Kennedy Bird - AFN:1M66-QK, Born - 24 Aug 1827, Burdett, Schuyler, New York, Died - 27 Mar 1886, Mendon, Cache, Utah, Married - 10 Mar 1886 to Sarah Ann Hoopes in Nauvoo, Hancock, Illinois as his son.³⁷ If you check Charles Bird

and Mary Ann Kennedy, you will find that John Pratt Kennedy Bird, same AFN and information is also their son.³⁸ The new Individual Record in the Family Search Ancestral File v 4.11, shows the John Pratt Kennedy Bird, AFN: 1M66-QK has two parents.³⁹ (Charles Bird/Mary Ann Kennedy and James Bird/Jane Mott Carpenter. Now the CD that Kathy Bird Weir got in Nauvoo from the Land Office records that a statement from Ken Hinds that "There seems to be another son John Pratt Kennedy Bird (1827-08-24). It seems he must be from the marriage to Harriet Carpenter (or was born before his father was married to Jane Carpenter).⁴⁰ How far will this error go before it can be corrected.

To show you how this goes around, the information is also in the Lands office in Nauvoo. When I was there they did not have the above in the records of James and Jane. Now when you get the CD it has it along with the following:

In 1968 while searching the family, Donna Bird found the following in the St. George Temple Sealing Records Film 170579/23057, Pt #1. It can be found today in the Family Search Ordinance Record. He was sealed to the following women: (The Ordinance Record shows it as Film 1700595.) In searching the Black Book that James kept of the temple work done, you find the information that I have italicized. The names and all of the dates of the ordinances agree.^{6, 8, 41}

Page 160	#1650 - 18 May 1877 to ANNA CARPENTER, Born 22 Nov 1804, Hartford, Hartford, Connecticut, Died 7 Feb 1856, <i>Born 22 Nov 1804, Conn.</i>
Page 274	#2860 - 3 Aug 1877 to ASENETHA (it is recorded Aseneth) CARPENTER, Born 25 Sep 1808, , Hartford, Connecticut, <i>Born Conn.</i>
Hector,	#2861 - 3 Aug 1877 to ELIZABETH BIRD, Hector, Thompkins, , , New Jersey, <i>Tompkins, N. Y.</i>
	#2862 - 3 Aug 1877 to ANNA MILLER, 13 Aug 1813, Tioga, Pennsylvania, Died - 1839, <i>Born - Penn</i>
Tompkins,	#2863 - 3 Aug 1877 to LOUISA (<i>Luisa</i>) BROWN, Born 3 Jun 1812, Hector, <i>New York.</i>
Page 284	#2956 - 16 Aug 1877 to SALLY BROWN, Hector, Tompkins, New York, <i>Hector, Tompkins, N. Y., Died - Oct.</i>
Page 298	#3045 - 13 June 1878 to RACHEL REEVES, Born 9 April 1782, , New Jersey, Died 17 Mar 1798, <i>Born 9 Apr 1786, Moris Co. N. J., Died 17, Nov 1786.</i>
Page 310	#3244 - 13 Sep 1877 to HARRIET CARPENTER, Born - Hector, Tompkins, New York, <i>Born 5 Nov 1805, Conn., Died 10 Sep 1828.</i>
Page 312	#3270 - 14 Sep 1877 to BETSEY CARPENTER, Born 27 Oct 1789, ,Hartford, Connecticut, Died 17 Nov 1828, <i>Born 25 Sep 1800, Conn., Died 7 Oct 1835.</i>
Page 324	#3386 - 20 Sep 1877 to ANNA LAMBERT, Born, Connecticut, Born Hector, Tompkins, New York, <i>Born 22 Nov 1804, Conn.</i>
	#3387 - 20 Sep 1877 to Anna Lambert, Born, Hector, Tompkins, New York, <i>Born, N. Y.</i>

(All of the information about these women that is italicize comes from the Black Record Book that James kept of the temple work that was done in St. George. The names and all of the dates of the ordinances agree.)

(The Black Record Book the James kept shows tha Jane M. C. Bird was the Heir or Proxy to all of the above women.)

1. Genealogy of James Bird of St. George, March 9th, 1872 copied from the High Priests Quorum Records by Wm. Fawcett, before micro filming or copy machines. J. LaMar Bird got a copy from Roxa Keele, 960 Keele Dr., Reno, Nevada before she died. It can be found now in the St. George Stake, High Priest Quorum Genealogical Records, 1872-1906, reel 6039, 168, in Records of Members Collection 1836-1970. It also has James Bird's last testimony in the High Priests Quorum meeting in St. George, August 26th, 1875.
2. The 70's Record found in Nauvoo, Ill., Land Office Records.
3. Family Group of Benjamin Freeman Bird and Merihah Reeves Bird.
4. 1830 Census for Southport, Tioga County, New York, Ancestry.com., Image 11.
5. Old family records of Mary Jane Wilkins Bird, the wife of Orson Gilbert Bird. Orson is a grandson of Jane and James.
6. Roxa Keele, 960 Keele Dr., Reno, Nevada had a black book that James and Jane Bird kept a record of the temple work that was done in the St. George Temple from 1877 - 1879. It is recorded that Jane Mott Carpenter Bird did the baptism work for Sally Carpenter Crane and that she was her daughter, and Jasper Thomas Bird did the Baptism work for Joshua Carpenter and that he was his grandson. LaMar Bird copies this book by hand as he saw it before we had copy machines. It is not known where this book is now.
7. The Family Group Record compiled by Sheldon Mehlton Edward, P. O. Box 1735, Logandale, NV 89021.
9. 1840 Census, for Union County, Ill., Image 17.
10. Ancestral Film for the work done in the St. George Temple and also the Family Group Sheets in 7 and 8.
11. Ancestry.com - Nauvoo, Illinois Tax Index, 1842, shows that James Baird on page 236 paid taxes on 5N64 in 1842.
12. Individual Data Sheet for James Bird, Rin #2494, obtained from the Land Records, Nauvoo Restoration Inc. Office in Nauvoo, Ill, P. O. Box, Nauvoo, Ill., 62354.
13. Individual Data Sheet for James Bird, Rin #8963, born in London, Middlesex, England and married to Margaret Montgomery.
14. Benjamin Freeman Bird and Marabah Reeves written by Clifford James Stratton.

15. *The Mormon Battalion*, by Norma Baldwin Ricketts, published by Utah State University Press; Logan, Utah, 1996, Pg. 23, 238, and 248.
16. Letter received from Roxa Keele, 969 Keele Drive, Reno, Nevada in 1955. These two stories have been printed in many accounts of the family.
17. Provo II Ward film #F26-324, page 3, #16, and Page 15, Children Blessed.
18. 1850 Census taken on 21 of Sept 1850, District No. 121, in the Count of Pottawattamie, Iowa, Image #57, Ancestry.com.
19. Internet lds.org/churchhistory/library/pioneer company - Milo Andrus Company 1850.
20. *Pioneers and Prominent Men of Utah* by Frank Esshoms, Salt Lake City. This book is out of print and can be found in some libraries. The BYU Library and the Daughters of the Utah Pioneer Museum in Provo have a copy.
21. Internet - Churchhistory/library/pioneercompany/Mormon Pioneer Overland Travel, 1847-1868. Unidentified Companies (1851).
22. *Conquerors of the West: Stalwart Mormon Pioneers*, Volume I, published by The National Society of Sons of Utah Pioneers, 3301 East 2920 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84109-4260.
23. *Mormon Emigration 1840-1869*, Published by the International Society Daughters Utah Pioneers, Salt Lake City, Utah. It was originally published in Volume 6 of "Our Pioneers Heritage," also published by the International Society Daughters Utah Pioneers, Salt Lake City, Utah
24. Provo Second Ward Film 026-324. There were 264 members in the ward when it was organized.
25. *Memories----that Live*, A Centennial History of Utah County; Compiled by Emma N. Nuff; Published by the Daughters of Utah Pioneers of Utah County, 1947, page 66.
26. Utah 1856 Statehood Census Index, Ancestry.com.
27. 1860 Census for Utah, Provo, Utah Co., Utah. Image 36. Ancestry.com
28. Pioneer Map of the City of St. George, Washington County, Utah, from the Achieves Division of the Church Historical Dept., Salt Lake City, Utah. Donna Bird has a copy of this map. The section of the map in the history is where James Bird and Taylor Reeves Bird were assigned to live.
29. *Annals of South Utah Mission* by James G. Bleak, is in the Public Library in St. George, Utah, and the Brigham Young University - Special Collections. There are two volumes.
30. Ancestral File, Family Group Record of Taylor Reeves Bird and Alice Stokes Bird, and family records.

31. The St. George City Cemetery Records and the St. George City Records, plus the Utah State History - Burials Database from the St. George City Cemetery.
32. The Family Group sheet of Jasper Thomas Bird and Eunice Ann Starr researched by Donna Bird.
33. 1870 Census, St. George, Washington County, Utah, Ancestry.com, Image 15.
34. Patriarchal Blessing recorded in Book 5, page 95.
35. The St. George III Ward Records, Film #27-336.
36. 1880 Census taken 5 June, 1880, St. George City, in the County of Washington, State of Utah, Image 20.
37. The Family Group Sheet of James Bird and Jane Mott Carpenter with the History of Changes, where the Ancestral File did an Automated Match/Merge on 17 Oct 1992. At the present time the Ancestral File Department is not making any corrections to the Ancestral Files. (October 2006)
38. The Family Group Sheet of Charles Bird and Mary Ann Kennedy, Ancestral Files.
39. The Individual Records from the Family Search file for John Pratt Kennedy Bird. Internet, Family Search.
40. Page 1 of 1 printed off the CD from the Land Office in Nauvoo showing the James Bird Genealogy by Kenneth Hinds.
41. Individual Ordinance Records (they show that it can be found in Film 1700595) found in Family Search.org for each of the women. Also found the St. George Temple Sealing Records Film 170579/223057, Pt. #1. James also recorded it in his black book of Temple Work. (See #6)

Genealogy of James Bird of St. George, March 9th, 1872

My Father Benjamin Freeman Bird was born in New Jersey in the year 1777.

I James Bird was born in Morris County Rocksberry Township New Jersey Dec 22nd, 1806. I was Baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in June 1835 and in 1838 I moved to Kirtland Ohio, and joined the Kirtland Camp, and moved to Farwest Missouri the same fall and shared in the mobing of that place. and spent the winter in moving the poor to Illinois. And got my family to Illinois in the spring of 1839. I was ordained an Elder in 1842 under the hands of Elder Eaden Smith and moved to Nauvoo in 1844. And was Ordained into the 13th Quorum of Seventies the same year by Charles Bird President and left Nauvoo for Winter Quarters in 1847. And crossed the Plains to Salt Lake Valley in 1851, and settled in Provo City in June 1852. I was ordained an High Priest and Bishop over the 2nd Ward in Provo under the hands of George A. Smith. In the year 1861 I moved to Southern Utah to fill a mission in building up the City of St. George. He died in St. George, Washington County 26th June 1879.

The above is Copied from the High Priests Quorum Records by Wm. Fawcett

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Bro. James Bird's last testimony in the High Priests Quorum meeting in St. George
August 28th, 1875.

James Bird said "He felt glad to meet again in the capacity of an High Priests meeting, he felt well in spirit he had been feeble, he felt glad to meet with the Quorum he had visited as an High Priest teacher in the 4th Ward. All felt well. He did not decern anything out of order. It had been over 40 years since he had been baptized. He was glad to be counted worthy to be a Latter-day Saint. We should keep the counsel of the First Presidency. It is necessary to watch so as not to get behind. But keep on the ship Zion."

He had acted as a H. P. Teacher in the 4th Ward in connection with brother Josiah G. Hardy and had always been very faithful and died in full faith of a glorious Resurrection and an eternal reward.

Wm. Fawcett

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PATRIARCHAL BLESSING OF JAMES BIRD

St. George, Dec. 14, 1872

A Patriarchal Blessing by Wm. G. Perkins on the Head of James Bird, Son of Benjamin Freeman and Marybah Bird. Born in the State of New Jersey, Dec 22, 1806.

James, Thou art much beloved by your Heavenly Father in the name of Jesus, I place my hands upon your head, and seal upon you a Father's blessing. Your lineage is that of Joseph that was sold into Egypt and a lawful Heir to all the Blessings and privileges of the dispensation of the fulness of times, your Father was always mindful of you in the Spirit world, and when the time fully came that you chose yourself to come on to this Earth, your Father placed his hands upon your head and gave you your name and sent you to this Earth to receive a body. And he sent with you your guardian angel that you might have a mind of your own, and that would be firm and steadfast, that in the dispensation of the fulness of times you would receive the fulness of the gospel and that your whole Soul and the fulness of thy heart would be to obey the gospel in its fulness. Your last days shall be your best days. Holy messengers will visit you from time to time. They will talk with you and Bless you with a holy touch that will run thru your whole system that will take away every pain and distress from thy body. You will have more wives, and when they come along and desire to be sealed to you don't you put them off but take them in as wives in the New and Everlasting Covt. And the Blessings and Salvation Shall rest down abundantly upon you. You will have an Inheritance in Zion. You will be one of the Hundred and forty and four Thousand that shall stand upon Mount Zion. You will go to the Centre (Center) Stake and throw in your might to the building of that Holy Temple, it will be surrounded by Evil Spirits. They will throw clogs in the wheel to stop your progress. You will command them in the name of the Lord Jesus to get out of your path. You will do it by so much faith and power that they will flee from you. Then the Glory of God will be upon you and your age will be renewed. That you will be at the dedication of the Temple. There the Heavens will be opened and you will see your Redeemer coming with his saints with him to receive his Holy Temple. You will be caught up to meet him and return with him. You will do a great work in the Temple for yourself and your dead. You will see the City of Enoch coming down from God out of Heaven, and Join with the City of Zion on this Earth. And I Seal the blessings of life, health and strength upon your body. You will never be weary in well doing, and I seal you up to Eternal life that you may be and abide with the Saints in the morning of the first Resurrection. That you may have thrones and municipalities and powers. This I do in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

James Bird's Blessing Recorded in Book B page 95.

James Bird (my mothers father) died in St. George, Utah, June 16th 1879 in his 73 year.
Maribah M. W. Edward, mother of Roxa E. Keele.