

Most of my fathers ancestors came from the Hampshire (Southampton) area of England.

JAMES KEARL was born on October 10, 1832 at Brockenhurst, Hampshire, England, the son of John Kearl and Elizabeth (Betay) Gates. He was raised in the New Forest District of Hampshire and worked in agriculture and livestock. He married Ann Burton on September 18, 1853 and in 1854 they sailed to America on the ship "Windmere." when they reached Salt Lake City they were sent to Grantsville to settle. In 1851 he went to Laramie, Wyoming, to help an emigrant train get to Utah. He married a second wife, Fanny Martin, on April 24, 1862. They had seven children. She died in Logan on May 16, 1923.

James took a third wife, Meriin Eastham, on July 12, 1869, in the Endowment House. They helped settle Bear Lake Valley in the northern part of the state.

For years James was the only doctor in the south end of the valley, and prescribed simple remedies for the sick. He helped many people with flour, meat, and money. He had the mail route between Evanston, Wyoming and Soda Springs, Idaho. He owned sheep, cattle, and fine horses. He and his sons built canals and reservoirs. He was one of the investors in the Grantsville Woolen Factory and lost money when the venture failed. He died on October 4, 1904, in Lake Town and is buried there. -Grace Kearl Lamborn.

My Grandfather, James Kearl, joined the church in the 1850's and originally went to Grantsville where many friends and neighbors had gone before him.

In 1869 Brigham Young called my grandfather, James Kearl, on a colonizing mission to move to Bear Lake as a part of that settlement. You didn't turn Brother Brigham down when he called you on a mission.



My Grandfather-James Kearl.

In August of that year, just before moving to Bear Lake he married a third wife, my grandmother, Meriin Eastham. She was a girl of 16, and was 20 years younger than he. He took his cattle and his new wife and moved them to Round Valley. I have been told that twice before he had been called to a colonizing mission but had bought off by outfitting someone else to go in his place.

The LDS Church leaders believed that the church should settle all of the land that they could get their arms around in the Vicinity of the Salt Lake Valley.

TRACE FROM DNA TESTS - Y-CHROMOSOME LINKAGE  
 Y-CHROMOSOME TESTS - DNA ANALYSIS

Reference Codes:

B-Baptized

B-Confirmed

B-Added to RECORD

B-Added to spouse

C-Children's addresses

William EMME 08 001-104-----

B: bpt 1776 BB

F: Christchurch Bar, N, Eng 17

B: 4 Oct 1791 --129

4 John EMME (EMM) 081-----

B: 1800 BB B

F: Boldre, Hampshire, England

B: 8 Jan 1826 --118

F: Boldre Hamo, England

B: 7 Mar 1856

F: Brockenhurst, S, England

C: Christchurch

B: 4 Feb 1848

F: Brockenhurst, S, England 18

9 Elizabeth EUSTON 071-----

B: 1770 BB BB

F: Brockenhurst, S, England 18

B:

F: 20 Janet SMITH 081-----

1 Jesse EMME 081-----

B: 12 Dec 1810 BBP

F: Brockenhurst, Hampshire, Eng

B: 12 Jul 1845 --25

F:

B: 4 Dec 1862

F: Larkdown, Kent, Eng

5 Elizabeth (Betty) SMITH 081-----

B: 4 Mar 1800 BB B

F: Boldre Hamo, England

B: 24 Feb 1834

F: Brockenhurst, S, England

F: Boldre, Hampshire, England

B: Aug

F: 22 Susan RICHMAN 081-----

1 Daniel EMME 015-----

B: 24 Feb 1804 BBPS

F: Larkdown, Kent, Eng

B: 1 Oct 1834 --14

F: SOMER TOWER, Lymington, Eng

B: 2 Oct 1861

F: Gosportville, J, Hampshire

Married LOVELL 011-----

Spouse

10 Joseph SMITH 010-----

B: 1777 BB B

F: Boldre, Hampshire, England 11

B: 25 Jul 1810 --131

F: Boldre, Hampshire, England

B:

F: 12 Elizabeth RICHMAN 010-----

B: 1780 BB B B

F: Boldre, Hampshire, England

B:

F: 21 Thomas EASTMAN 010-----

B: 1790 BB B

F: Bitchester, S, England

B:

F: 22 Robert SMITH 010-----

B: 1790 BB B

F: Bitchester, S, England

B:

F: 23 Ann STAMER 010-----

B: 1790 BB B

F: Bitchester, S, England

B:

F: 24 Robert SMITH 010-----

B: 1790 BB B

F: Bitchester, S, England

B:

F: 25 Margaret SMITH 010-----

B: 1790 BB B

F: Bitchester, S, England

B:

F: 26 Margaret SMITH 010-----

B: 1790 BB B

F: Bitchester, S, England

B:

F: 27 Ann LANGRISH 010-----

B: 1790 BB B

F: Bitchester, S, England

B:

1 Martha EASTMAN 017-----

B: 4 Mar 1810 BBP

F: Haslemere, S, England

B: 18 Sep 1834

F: Haslemere, Kent, Eng

6 John EASTMAN 004-----

B: 2 Feb 1810 BBPS

F: Cambridge, S, England

B: --130

F:

B: 18 Dec 1810

F: Gosportville, Gosport, Eng

12 Roger EASTMAN 020-----

B: 7 Sep 1790 BB B

F: Bitchester, S, England 25

B: 3 Aug 1818 --130

F: Bitchester, S, England

B: 27 May 1834

F: Bitchester, S, England

F: 24 Robert SMITH 010-----

B: 1790 BB B

F: Bitchester, S, England

F: 27 Ann LANGRISH 010-----

B: 1790 BB B

F: Bitchester, S, England

F: 28 Michael BOWTINGTON 017-----

B: 1790 BB B

F: Bitchester, S, England

B: 1791 BBP C

F: Chichester, England

F: 29 Margaret SMITH 010-----

B: --134

7 Jane BOWTINGTON 061-----

B: 22 Mar 1815 BBPS

F: Chichester, S, England

B: 22 Jun 1839

F: Gosportville, Gosport, Eng

B: 1825

F: 30

Name and address of submitter:

30 Margaret Annetta HILMER 045-----

NEAR ANCESTRY

The Homestead Act of 1862 allowed each settler to claim three hundred and twenty acres, with the opportunity to receive title to the land if it was improved upon and lived on for five years. Brigham Young felt that the Bear Lake valley might easily be claimed by Gentile settlers, the bad guys, from the Washington (soon to be Idaho) territory. It was his intention to use the valley as a northern boundary of Zion and after it was settled the vacant land south to Salt Lake City would be settled by converts who were arriving regularly.

The Shoshone Indians had been promised that there would be no settlements in the south end of the valley. This part of the valley would be reserved for them as a camping and hunting ground but in 1868 they were relocated to a reservation in the Wind River Mountains of Wyoming making it valley available for settlement.



My Grandmother when she was a young girl in Grantsville.

James and Merlin chose to settle in Round Valley. Round Valley is a small valley at the south end of the lake. He cut hay for his cattle, built my

grandmother a one room log house and then left his pregnant wife and his livestock there for the winter while he returned to Grantsville and his other two families whom he relocated the following spring.



A view of Round Valley.

Most of today's residents in the south end of the valley are related to me, in some way, through one of his three wives and the intermarriages that have occurred.



The Kearl Ranch in Round Valley now owned by the descendants of the first wife Ann.

I never knew my grandfather. He died long before my birth when my father was 14. He was a well-to-do rancher for that time and place. I suspect his range land included four or five thousand acres. The survey maps of the area list a Kearl Pond, Kearl Reservoir, and

a Kearl Spring in the hills above Round Valley.

My Dad give the impression that his father, James, was a very practical but stern, no nonsense kind of a person. He was not very religious. Dad said he never saw his father laugh and thought he never did. There wasn't much to be happy about in those days. The frontier wasn't far away. A hard land with many enemies. His code seemed to be that if troubles stalked you did not turn the other cheek, if you were soft or tolerant evil it would devour you.

Dad said that when his father came to stay with, or visit Grandmother Kearl the children made themselves scarce, sometimes hiding under the kitchen table.



My Grandmother as I knew her when I was a child.

He must have been civic minded and supportive of the community. He built a large barn which had a planked plank floor and a stage in its loft. It was the "Kearl Hall", where traveling troupes and local groups performed and held dances while the horses were in the stalls below. I'm sure the odor of a barnyard seeped into the dance hall

above. The sawmill at his ranch furnish free lumber for a Relief Society Hall and other structures in the small community.



My Grandfather's Barn that also served as the community social center.

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MERLIN EASTMAN was born on November 6, 1852 at Westro, Yorkshire, England, the daughter of John Eastman and Jane Huntington. She came to Utah in 1865 with her parents and settled in Grantsville. July 13, 1869 she became the third wife of James Kearl. Her husband was called to settle the Bear Lake Valley. He built her a small log house in Round Valley where they lived for several years. He moved her to Laketown, Utah, near the other two wives and families. She died on September 30, 1934 at Laketown. She was the mother of ten children. Grace Kearl Lamborne.

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I have a vague remembrance of my grandmother. She often stayed with us during the cold months of the winter. She required a lot of attention and was disagreeable. My mother was never very happy when she was there. She must have been intelligent and had talent. I'm sure that she inspired my father and helped him develop ideals and achieve

his goals. She taught my dad just about all that he knew in his early years and encouraged him to learn and excel.



Dad is the little boy in the sheep camp with the puppy in his arms.

An arrow shot at him put out one of my Father's eyes when he was very young. No medical help was available in Laketown. Later he had a glass eye and all of his life he was very self conscious of this physical defect. He spent most of his youth in Laketown.



Grandmother Pearl's home in Laketown.

My father has written his own history in which he tells about his family so I won't tell more about his parents. He was next to the youngest child of Morlin and James. After his father's death he was on his own but I don't guess that children in polygamous families got much support from their

fathers, and from the age of 14 he was taking care of himself. He had very little help from anyone. He worked as a farm hand and for many years herded sheep.



Dad on his mission in Chicago.

He saved his money and when he was twenty he went on a mission to Chicago, Milwaukee, and Minneapolis. While he was on his mission he met my mother who was from Orem, Utah and was also on a mission there. The last year of his mission he was the Presiding Elder in St. Paul.



Dad on his mission.

They served in Chicago in the area that we got to know when we lived in there. Mother lived on Paulina Street only a block or so from where Gary went to school at Rush (Presbyterian - St. Luke's Hospital).



**Dad and a couple of his missionary companions.**

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**But in the little boy in the photo came with the power in his eyes.**

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**Remembered early's home in Lakewood.**

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**Dad in his later years.**