

Walter Bird was the eldest of John Bird. He was 5 ft. 10 in tall and weighed 175 lbs, and had blue eyes and dark brown hair. While in England he worked in the mines. When the family came to America they went to New Orleans and up the river to Atchison, Missouri. They were living on the banks of the Missouri River and it was so damp they had to move to Mormon Grove. John Bird died and was buried while at Atchison.

While in Mormon Grove the eldest daughter, Rebecca, was so sick she almost died, but her life was spared. It was late in the fall and the snow was on the ground.

Walter Bird left England in Company with Thomas Jew when he was about 18 years of age. He had prepared a home in Springville for his parents in the fort. He was not in Salt Lake to meet his mother and family because he had been sick, but sent his friend Thomas Jew to meet them and bring them back to Springville. Walter built them a home on the corner where the Mendocino Bank Building now stands. His mother kept house for a Mrs. May Cook, who was a widower. She had two youngest sons with her. She also went to camp Floyd as a cook. She was there two or three years. She was then asked to buy herself a small home, one block east of her sons. She stayed there until she went to Idaho to live. Her son John had gone to Idaho in 1864. She took her son Will and went to Paris, Idaho to live in 1865. Thomas Jew married her daughter Rebecca. They went to Paris, Idaho to live also. They went with ox team and it took about two weeks to make the trip. They lived in Paris, Idaho for 10 years. Walter's mother died in 1875. She was sick all winter and was buried in Paris, Idaho.

Her son John still lived there, until 1925, when he moved to Dingle, Idaho, where he has since resided.

Will Bird and Elizabeth Ann were baptized in Kermingham, England. They were baptized at night when Will was about 8 yrs old. He was sure his father had brother

but don't know about sisters.

Walter Bird was the son of John and Ann Russell Bird. He was born 16 Oct. 1832 at Birmingham, England. He was baptized at the same place in 1850 by Elder Bellston and ordained a seventy at Springville May 25 by W. J. Earl.

To all to whom these presents shall come,

This certifies that Walter Bird had been received into the Church of Jesus Christ of L. D. S., organized on the 6th day of April 1830 and was ordained an apostle for the Seventies on the 25 day of May 1857 and is a member of the 51st quorum, and by virtue of his office he is authorized to preach the gospel and officiate in all the world, agreeably to the authority of the Holy Priesthood vested in him given under our hands of great Salt Lake City, this 18th day of April 1862

Joseph Young, Sen. Pres., William Wells, Clerk

When Walter arrived in America, all he had was 10¢ and an old gun.

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