

Thomas Dye
22 December 1803 - 19 July 1875
by Elaine Johnson

Thomas was born in Hertford, Hertfordshire, England to Thomas and Mary Carter Dye. He was christened in the Church of England at All Saints with Saint John parish on the thirteenth of January. He worked as a laborer in the trades of mason and miller. He married Sarah Gower three days after his twenty first birthday. They had fourteen children together. Their first three children were born in Hertford. Thomas' fourth child was born in Bengoe. Their last seven children were born in Brickendon. Six of his children died before reaching adulthood.

His wife discovered the Mormon church in the spring of 1852 and was baptized. Thomas accepted the gospel and chose to be baptized by William Hart on 4 August 1852 when he was fifty years old. They were members of the Hertford Branch. Their older children were also baptized that year, some in the spring and others later that autumn.

Thomas' wife and their youngest son both died 23 October 1854 leaving Thomas to care for their smaller children, the youngest of whom was only five years old. Thomas' nineteen year old daughter died the following April. He married Sarah Nicholson of Hertford 13 August 1855. In November 1855 his nine year old daughter was baptized and became a member of the L.D.S. church. The following May two of his sons emigrated to the United States. Exactly one month after their departure Thomas was "cut off" from the church. No reason is given in the Branch records for his excommunication.

Thomas lived to the age of seventy-one years, six months, and twenty-seven days. He died at Bull Plain, in St. John's parish, Hertford, England. His temple ordinances, including baptism, were completed by descendants in September 1901.

Contact:

Elaine Johnson
PO Box 755
Rexburg ID 83440-0755
elaine@ida.net

www.ida.net/users/elaine/