

Mary Jane Hull Martin

First Generation we have Record of

Robert Martin of Saintfield, County Down, Ireland, the first Martin we have been able to find, was born about 1751. He married Nancy Clark of Saintfield, County Down, Ireland, who was born about 1755. We learn that this family is of Scotch descent. This couple were blessed with five children: James Martin, Robert B. Martin, Martha Martin, Jane Martin and John Martin.

Robert B. Martin – Second Generation

Robert B. Martin married in 1812 Letitia Hamilton, daughter of James and Betty Davidson Hamilton, who was born about 1790. Robert B. and Letitia Martin were blessed with ten children: Eliza Martin, Robert Martin, James Martin, John Martin, Henry Martin, Samuel Martin, Agnes Martin, William Martin, Hamilton Martin, and Jane Martin.

Robert Martin – Third Generation

Robert Martin, second child of Robert B. and Letitia Hamilton Martin, was born 6 January 1816 at Longhriescouse, County Down, Ireland. As a boy he worked on the farm of his father. He had a very pleasant personality and in manhood stood nearly six feet tall. His eyes were blue and his skin was fair, his hair was brown. Like many Irish men he did not think of marriage until he was about forty years of age. He met and courted Sarah Hetherington, a fiery natured lass, and they were married at the Presbyterian manse House 13 August 1857. Sarah was the daughter of Andrew Hetherington and Sarah Percy and was born 3 July 1828 at Straidnahanna, Ballylinney, Co. Antrim, Ireland. Within the next thirteen years this couple was blessed with seven lovely children: Andrew Hamilton, William Robert, Clemence Hetherington, Agnes Jane, Sarah Ann, Thomas Henry and James Terifa.

At his father's death when the will was read, he was left some property. As he was discontented with his life in Ireland, he disposed of this property and came to America where he felt he could make a better life for himself and his family. They set sail for America in 1871 on the ship Terifa. They settled in St. Louis, Missouri, where they stayed for a period of nine years. It was in Missouri they heard and embraced the religion of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day

Saints. Robert and his wife Sarah were baptized 19 October 1876 and the children, Andrew H., William R., Clemence H. were baptized 25 November 1876; Agnes J., Sarah Ann and Thomas Henry were baptized 17 February 1877.

They moved west to be with the main body of the Saints and settled in Ogden, Weber County, Utah where Robert owned one-quarter of a block between Adams Avenue (known as Spring Street) and Jefferson Avenue between 20th and 21st Streets. They were members of the Ogden Fourth Ward

He was a wonderful, faithful, honest man, husband and father. He died 21 January 1893 and was buried 14 January 1893 in the Ogden City Cemetery.

The Descendants of Robert Martin

During the winter months when I had nothing else to do I would assist Richard Hull, better known as "Rattling Dick the Pig Killer" in dressing and killing pigs.

Thomas Henry Martin – Fourth Generation

Excerpts from a Life History of Thomas Henry Martin, written by himself

My full name is Thomas Henry Martin. I was born in the northern part of Ireland in the County of Down, 27 December 1868. I came to America with my parents, three brothers and two sisters when I was two years old. We settled for a time in St. Louis, Mo., and then came west in the spring of 1880 and settled in Ogden, Utah, which I still call my home.

August 14, 1884, I started work for the Old Rocky Mountain Telephone Company. My salary was \$20.00 a month and the manager had to go out and collect some bills before I got my pay. There were about 35 or 40 telephones at that time – very few resident phones as they were considered a luxury. Rates were \$5.00 per month for business phones and \$4.00 for residence.

I learned to climb poles so was relieved of my messenger and operating job and put in as regular trouble shooter and installer and got a \$10.00 raise per month. When I got a raise to \$40.00 a month I thought I was getting into the big money, so I got married and started on a real life's job. My wife was Mary Jane Hull from Franklin, Idaho.

Things began to boom and we started to make improvements and build lines and put in new

exchanges in all directions. I helped install exchanges at Mountain Home, Payette, Purl and Shoshone, Idaho and Ontario, Oregon. I also helped at Silver City, Nampa and Caldwell and Weiser, Idaho and into the seven devils country and the Boise basin. I was so busy jumping around with telephone work I didn't see my family for over a year and a half. One day I got a letter from my wife wanting to know if I was married to her or the Telephone Company. I got 15 days off and came to Ogden, taking my wife and family to Boise.

In June 1907 there was a panic all over the country and lots of labor trouble so I left the service of the Telephone Co. and went to work for the Boise Interurban Railway....I have met many fine men and women working for the telephone company and I am proud to be one of them. It will not be long now on account of my age and the rules of the company that I will be retired from active service. I have been the father of eleven children, three boys and two girls still living, married and with families.

Thomas Henry Martin died 4 December 1933.

Thomas Henry Martin married Mary Jane Hull, born 8 march 1869, Franklin, Idaho daughter of Thomas Hull and Jane Martin Roberts. They were married 18 November 1888 at Ogden, Weber County, Utah and she died 11 August 1943 in Ogden and was buried 14 August 1943 in Ogden City Cemetery. They were the parents of eleven children:

1. Clements Robert Martin, b. 14 Jan. 1889, Ogden, Weber, Utah; md. (1) 24 June 1914, Hilma Nylander, (2) 22 Sept. 1948, Lena Valentine Smith; d.
2. Thomas Andrew Martin, b. 8 Jan. 1891, Ogden, Weber, Utah; d. 5 Feb. 1891, Ogden, Weber, Utah.
3. Zella Hamilton Martin, twin, b. 4 May 1892, Provo, Utah, Utah; md. 5 May 1913, Joseph Morrison Harbertson; d.
4. Zina Hetherington Martin, twin, b. 4 May 1892, Provo, Utah, Utah; d. 7 Aug. 1892, Provo, Utah, Utah.
5. Florence May Martin, b. 21 Nov. 1893, Provo, Utah, Uah; d. 31 Dec. 1893, Provo, Utah, Utah.
6. Arthur Trifa Martin, twin, b. 19 Jan. 1895, Provo, Utah, Utah; md. 19 Sept. 1928, Emma Leone Buckley; d.

7. Blanche Martin, twin, b. 19 Jan. 1894, Provo, Utah, Utah; md. (1) James Newton Aldous, (2) Bert Jones, (3) Burton Edd Connery, (4) Joseph Clark; d.
8. Lawrence H. Martin, b. 6 June 1897, Provo, Utah, Utah; md. 14 June 1920, Lizzie Burn Shipley; d.
9. Elmer Dewey Martin, b. 23 Oct. 1898, Provo, Utah, Utah; d. 12 Nov. 1898, Provo, Utah, Utah.
10. Willis Kelsey Martin, b. 11 May 1901, Boise, Ada, Idaho; d. 1 Dec. 1901, Boise, Ada, Idaho.
11. Mabel Martin, b. 6 June 1904, Boise, Ada, Idaho; d. 24 Nov. 1907, Boise, Ada, Idaho.