

Joshua Rallison

Grandfather was born March 23, 1865 at Cockley Cley Norfolk, England. He was the son of Robert Rallison and Harriet Bullard. He was the third child of a family of three brothers and two sisters all born and reared to adulthood in England and later joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Saints and came to America. Joshua came to Kays Creek for a while and lived with a Bishop family, then went to Franklin and worked in a store there. He lived there until he was married, April 16, 1890 to Margaretta Hull. They were married in the Logan Temple by Pres. Marriner W. Merrill.

He homesteaded in North Fairview and each winter moved back to Franklin. Later moved to Center Fairview where he built a red brick house and raised water melons and other farm produce. Later moving to another larger farm and there farmed and milked many cows. Lived there until 198 when he moved to Preston and worked in the First National Bank for four years, then he took over the management of the Preston Milling Company. Later he was manager and co-owner until his retirement and sale of mill.

Always active in Church work, grandfather served as ward clerk in Fairview Idaho for ten years and as ward clerk in the Preston First ward for five years. As Stake clerk in the Franklin Stake for twelve years. He also worked in many of the auxillary organizations in Franklin, Whitney, Fairview and Preston first ward. Later helped to build a combined Stake and first ward chapel. H was time keeper and treasurer until the building was complete.

Grandfather loved to travel, he visited his customers in California, Nevada, Utah and Idaho every so often and also going on many camping trips with his family. In 1924 he returned to England to do genealogical work. He visited there for six months. In 1933 he served a three year mission to the British Isles and before returning home he toured the European countries and Russia.

Having been converted to the Church in England and emigrated to the United States when a young man

made him appreciative of the Gospel. He sent three sons and two daughters on foreign missions, two sons around the world. Blessed with means he was always liberal with the Church as well as he was always with family and friends.

He did much civic work. He was Preston City councilman for four terms, helped to make Preston cemetery into perpetual keep. He also helped to get the town part of Preston all in cement and helped make the bell park and public square.

He did a lot of Temple work. He was at the Temple in 19321 when his flour mill burned to the ground.

In 1928 he paid a big price for some very fine silver foxes. He built a fox farm for them and made good money from them and others he kept for other people. His son Kenneth took care of them for him. He discontinued raising them in 1942 but still kept the farm.

His last ten years of life was spent in Preston in the summer and California and Salt Lake City in the winter. In Salt Lake on April 16, 1952 he passed away. He was 87 years, yet active, spry and alert until the end when he sat in his chair and passed peaceably away without a struggle. He is buried in Ogden, Utah in a mausoleum.

Note: Joshua Rallison is Beth Rallison Schiffmans Grandfather.