A life sketch of

John McMurray

1798 – 1853

John McMurray was born March 9, 1798, at Guernsey, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. He was the second child and first son born to William and Ann McAdams McMurray. The family worked together farming.

On August 18, 1821, John married Mary Hutton in Warrington, York County, Pennsylvania. Mary's parents, Simeon and Mary Underwood Hutton, also lived in Pennsylvania.

John was a tailor in Silver Springs, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania during 1826 to 1829. Records show that John and Mary bought and sold lots in Columbiana, Ohio during 1832 to 1834. It was here that they were introduced to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. John and Mary were apparently baptized prior to 1844 because their son, James, was baptized that year. Afterwards the family sold their possessions and moved to Nauvoo, Illinois to be closer to the headquarters of the church. Prior to this, they had lived at various times in both Pennsylvania and Ohio. John worked at farming and Mary ran a hotel, wayside inn or tavern as they called it then.

Their arrival in Nauvoo coincided with the martyrdom of the Prophet Joseph Smith and Hyrum Smith. They left their son James in charge of their things while they went to see the bodies. John saw the blood-stained clothes and felt of the sorrow it brought to the Saints.

John and Mary were endowed in the Nauvoo Temple on February 6, 1846. They experienced the trials and persecution that the other saints endured before finally leaving to go west.

In October 1852, they arrived in the Salt Lake Valley with the Warren Snow Company. They brought their six surviving children with them. They settled in Salt Lake City. John's health was not good and he passed away October 4, 1853.

After John's death, Mary and her children moved to Grantsville, Tooele County, Utah, to be closer to family and friends who could help her. Mary passed away May 31, 1896 at Liberty, Bear Lake, Idaho.

John and Mary Hutton McMurray's Children:

Ann	21 July 1822
Sarah	12 March 1824
William	3 October 1826
Arabella	4 November 1827
James Hutton	24 December 1829
Joseph	13 April 1832
Mary Janet	23 May 1834
Matilda Jane	17 July 1836
Charles K.	24 June 1838
Harriet Lucinda	18 July 1840

The author of this Life Sketch of John McMurray is unknown.

Names, places, and dates have been verified with family genealogy information and records in possession of K. Oswald, and family history records in possession of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.