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Liverpool to New York

Ship: [John Bright](#)
 Departure: **4 Jun 1868**
 Arrival: **14 Jul 1868**
 Church Leader: **James McGaw**
 # LDS Passengers: **735**
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A Compilation of General Voyage Notes

"DEPARTURE OF THE JOHN BRIGHT. -- The packet ship John Bright sailed from this port for New York on Thursday, the 4th instant with a company of Saints numbering 722 souls, or 619 1/2 statute adults, of whom 176 were from Scandinavia, and the rest from the British Isles. The Saints were in fine spirits, and were full of joy at being really on their way to Zion, an event for which they had long labored, and hoped, and prayed. Most of them have been members of the Church for many years; some having been for thirty years in connection with it. At 11:30 a.m., a meeting of the passengers was called on deck. President F. D. Richards addressed them upon their position and prospects, and the duties which they ought to perform on their journey. Cleanliness, order, unity, good feeling to each other, kindness and assistance to the aged, sick, and infirm, and obedience to counsel, were the topics principally dwelt upon. Elder James McGaw was appointed and sustained as president of the company, with Elders C. O. Folkmann and Frederick C. Anderson as his counselors. Elder C. Widerborg addressed the Danish Saints in their own language, and explained the remarks of President Richards and the organization of the company. Elder C. W. Penrose made a few remarks and engaged in prayer, dedicating the vessel with all on board to the care and protection of Almighty God. The hymn, 'Come, Come Ye Saints,' was sung, and three hearty cheers were given with a will. About 4 o'clock p.m., the noble vessel, bearing her freight of thankful and happy Saints, sailed away upon her voyage to the West. The weather was cheerful and pleasant, the sun shone brightly, the sky was clear, and everything seemed propitious. May the blessings of God be upon the ship and upon his people, that they may have a swift, pleasant, and prosperous passage to the land of Zion." "Thurs. 4. [June 1868] -- The packet ship John Bright sailed from Liverpool, England, with 722 Saints (176 from Scandinavia), under the direction of James McGaw; the company arrived at New York July 13th, and at Laramie City, on the Union Pacific Railroad, 573 miles west of Omaha, July 23rd." ". . . In 1868 a strong effort was made in Zion to gather means to assist the poor Saints who wished to emigrate, and large sums of money were sent to the British Islands to assist members of the Church to this end, especially faithful Saints of many years' standing. Besides this, the Church sent for the last time teams out to the terminus of the Union Pacific Railroad to bring them thence across the deserts and mountains. Although scarcely any of the means collected was applied to assist the poor from Scandinavia, a goodly number (820) souls emigrated from the Scandinavian countries in 1868, viz: 544 Danes, 209 Swedes and 63 Norwegians; also 4 German emigrants. Of the above named number 104 Swedish Saints sailed from Goteborg May 29, 1868, by the steamer 'Hero' in charge of Elder

Passenger List

- [Eliza E. ADAMS](#)
- [Anders ANDERSEN](#)
- [Anne Petrea ANDERSEN](#)
- [Dartea Kirstine ANDERSEN](#)
- [Emilie A. ANDERSEN](#)
- [Jens Peter ANDERSEN](#)
- [Karen Marie ANDERSEN](#)
- [Mette Kirstine ANDERSEN](#)
- [Nielsine Marie ANDERSEN](#)
- [Christina Augusta ANDERSON](#)
- [Gustafva ANDERSON](#)
- [Gutav Henrik ANDERSON](#)
- [Johan F. ANDERSON](#)
- [Lars Peter ANDERSON](#)
- [Maria Christine ANDERSON](#)
- [Otto R. ANDERSON](#)
- [Peder ANDERSON](#)
- [Jane ANGUS](#)
- [Anna ARVIDSON](#)
- [Charlotte BARBER](#)
- [Eliza BARGER](#)
- [Elizabeth BARGER](#)
- [John BARGER](#)
- [Mary BARGER](#)
- [Emily BARNETT](#)
- [Ephraim BARNETT](#)
- [Mark BARNETT](#)
- [Ann BARRACLOUGH](#)
- [Anne BARRETT](#)
- [Henry BARRETT](#)
- [Joseph BARRETT](#)
- [Martha BARRETT](#)
- [Martha R. BARRETT](#)
- [Nancy BARRETT](#)
- [Herbert BATES](#)
- [Ann BEESLEY](#)
- [Axel Theodor BERG](#)
- [Helene C. BERG](#)
- [Ludvig G. BERG](#)
- [Sarah Ann BETTS](#)
- [Mary Ann BIDULPH](#)
- [Nathaniel BIDULPH](#)
- [Wilhelm BJORK](#)
- [Johan BOHMAN](#)
- [Maria BOHMAN](#)
- [Caroline BRADFIELD](#)
- [Charles BRADFIELD](#)
- [Eliza BRADFIELD](#)
- [Jane BRADFIELD](#)
- [Joseph BRADFIELD](#)
- [Mary BRADFIELD](#)
- [Sarah BRADFIELD](#)
- [William BRADFIELD](#)
- [Henry BRAITHWAITE](#)
- [George BRAND](#)
- [Charles BROOKS](#)
- [Frederick BROOKS](#)
- [John BROOKS](#)
- [Mary BROOKS](#)
- [Sarah BROOKS](#)
- [Thomas BUCKLEY](#)
- [Jane BUIST](#)
- [Daniel M. BURLINGTON](#)

Christoffer O. Folkmann, arriving in Hull, England, May 31st. Here they were joined by a small company of Danish Saints in charge of Elder Carl Widerborg and along with these continued the journey to Liverpool by railroad. On the evening of the next day (June 1st) Elder Carl C. A. Christensen arrived in Liverpool with some emigrating Saints from Norway, about 50 in number. They had sailed from Christiania by steamer for England, where they joined the main body of emigrating Saints from Scandinavia. On June 3rd all went on board the ship 'John Bright' (Captain John Towart). Elder James McGaw was appointed president of the company, of which 17 were Scandinavian and more than five hundred British Saints. Christoffer O. Folkmann and Fred C. Anderson were chosen for assistant presidents. The Scandinavian Saints, who were located on the lower deck, were placed under Elder Carl C. A. Christensen's special charge. The 'John Bright' sailed from Liverpool June 4th. It was intended that the emigrants this year should have crossed the Atlantic by steamers, but on account of the high price demanded for steamship passage, the voyage had to be made by sailing vessels as in previous years, so that those of only limited means could be accommodated. During the voyage there was very little sickness, and only an aged sister from England, who was sick when she went on board, died. A Swedish couple were married during the voyage. The captain was very kind and obliging towards the Saints. The company arrived safely in New York July 13th, and on the following day was conveyed by railroad westward. The emigrants traveled via Chicago and Omaha, and on the Union Pacific Railroad to Laramie City. The fare from New York to Omaha was \$14 and to the terminus on the plains \$35, but those who would stop to labor on the Union Pacific Railroad were conveyed all the way for \$14. The company arrived at Laramie, 573 miles from Omaha, July 23rd. At that time, Laramie City was the western terminus of the Union Pacific Railroad, and also, temporarily, the outfitting place for the journey across the mountains with teams. Here the emigrants met the Church teams and most of the Scandinavian Saints went with Captain Horton D. Haight's company, which left Laramie July 27th, and arrived in Salt Lake City, August 24, 1868. Elder Folkmann acted as leader of the Scandinavians in this company and also as chaplain for the whole company. Two Swedish emigrants died on the journey across the mountains. Elder Carl C. A. Christensen, together with some Norwegian Saints, crossed the Plains with Captain John R. Murdock's company, which left Laramie a little before Captain Haight's company and arrived in Salt Lake City August 19th. The fare by the Church teams from the railroad terminus to Salt Lake City was \$29, which the emigrants were required to pay later. . . ."

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Autobiographical Sketch of Mary Ann Williams Jenkins

. . . We went on board ship the 4th of June. It was a sail called *John Bright*. We were on the sea six weeks and two days. The sea was very rough, at times, and I was very sick. Our life on the ship was anything but pleasant. My stepmother was the only one who could speak English.

We were allowed a certain amount of provisions each day. We would fix it the best we could and take it up on deck to be cooked. We had oatmeal, split peas, bacon out of brine, hard tack, which is great big, flat biscuits as big as saucers and as hard as iron, very few potatoes, brown sugar and a very small portion of flour. The water was in large wooden kegs which got very stale before the end of the journey. There was a man that used to come every day through the ship to clean and gather trash, etc. Articles he picked up were put in a barrel and then that afternoon were held up to be identified or sold. One day mother missed her black dress. She looked everywhere then she thought of the man that cleaned. She rushed up on deck just in time to see her black dress being held up. She was certainly glad to get her best dress back again. I remember a lady getting buried in the sea and seeing the husband and the small children weeping. In after years I met this man because he had married an aunt of my husband.

A steamer came out from land to get us from the ship. We landed in Castle Garden, now called Ellis Island, in New York harbor. We were examined by doctors. Then we were put on the steamer again and taken to the harbor of New York. We landed on the pier. The pier was out over the water with no railing but a shed over it. We were there overnight and slept on the ground as we had to have our own bedding. That evening Mother went up town to get bread and cheese. She saw some tomatoes and thought they were some nice fruit, so she bought some. We tried to eat them but couldn't. That was our first experience with tomatoes. We saw our first bar of ice here, also. Next day brother Sammie came up missing. We were terribly worried as he could have easily fallen over the side of the pier. We looked everywhere when finally I ran along by the side of the railroad track and there he was across the track playing with some children. I was surely glad to get hold of his fat, dimpled hand, although I also felt like shaking him for running away. I saw a woman and a child crying. The husband had gone up town and drank too much beer, when coming back he walked off the pier and was drowned.

Next day we boarded the train. When on the train we had to buy our food whenever the train stopped long enough. At one stop father sent me after fresh water. The stream coming from the fountain was small, and it took quite a little time to fill the container. I thought they expected me to get it full. Just as I turned I could see the train starting to move. I ran and a man reached down and grabbed me and lifted me onto the moving train. It was a close call. I often wondered what would have happened had I been left behind

- [Elizabeth BURLINGTON](#)
- [Betsy BURNHOPE](#)
- [Elizabeth BURNHOPE](#)
- [Isaac BURNHOPE](#)
- [Thomas BURNHOPE](#)
- [Charles BURNS](#)
- [Charles, Jr. BURNS](#)
- [Joseph BURNS](#)
- [Martha BURNS](#)
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- [Mary E. BURNS](#)
- [Sarah BURNS](#)
- [William BURROWS](#)
- [Mary BYARD](#)
- [Cecilia CALEMBERG](#)
- [Anna CARLQVIST](#)
- [Agnes CARNIS](#)
- [Amanda CARTER](#)
- [Eliza CARTER](#)
- [John CARTER](#)
- [Mary CARTER](#)
- [Mary Ann CARTER](#)
- [William H. CARTER](#)
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- [Eber CASE](#)
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- [Henry CASE](#)
- [Hyrum CASE](#)
- [Mary CASE](#)
- [Mary Ann CASE](#)
- [William CASE](#)
- [Emily CHAPPEL](#)
- [Henry J. CHAPPEL](#)
- [Mary A. CHAPPEL](#)
- [Mary Ann CHAPPEL](#)
- [William CHAPPEL](#)
- [William George CHAPPEL](#)
- [Carl C. A. CHRISTENSEN](#)
- [Caroline CHRISTENSEN](#)
- [Christine CHRISTENSEN](#)
- [Niels P. CHRISTENSEN](#)
- [Sophie CHRISTIANSEN](#)
- [Christian CHRISTIANSON](#)
- [John CLARK](#)
- [Sarah CLARK](#)
- [Fanny CLAYSON](#)
- [John CLAYSON](#)
- [Thomas CLAYSON](#)
- [Elizabeth CLAYTON](#)
- [Franklin CLAYTON](#)
- [Isabella CLAYTON](#)
- [Margaret CLAYTON](#)
- [Richard CLAYTON](#)
- [Elen CLOGGY](#)
- [Mary CLOGGY](#)
- [William CLOGGY](#)
- [Gomer COSSLETT](#)
- [Janet COSSLETT](#)
- [Jannet COSSLETT](#)
- [Elizabeth COUZENS](#)
- [Mary A. COUZENS](#)
- [Elizabeth COWLEY](#)
- [Edward CROCKETT](#)
- [Edwin H. CROCKETT](#)
- [Elizabeth CROCKETT](#)
- [Heber L. CROCKETT](#)
- [Luther CROCKETT](#)
- [Sarah CROCKETT](#)
- [Edward CROXWELL](#)
- [Harriet CROXWELL](#)
- [Charlotte CUIJ](#)
- [William CUIJ](#)
- [Britha DAHLING](#)
- [Herman DAHLING](#)
- [Olivia DAHLING](#)
- [Edward DAVIES](#)
- [Edwin DAVIES](#)
- [Fanny DAVIES](#)
- [George H. DAVIES](#)
- [Henry DAVIES](#)

because I couldn't speak a word of English. We crossed the Mississippi River on a steamboat. We then got on the train again. Some people died because of the heat after we crossed the river. We came as far as Laramie on the train traveling night and day. We stayed in Laramie a couple of days. The boys from Utah were there with wagons and mules to take us to Salt Lake City.

We left Laramie July 27th and arrived in Salt Lake August 24, 1868. All that were able to walk did so. . . . [p.140]

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Autobiography of Mary Ann Chapple Warner

. . . Our home was always open to the Mormon missionary and seven years after the church was organized my grandparents joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. My parents joined the church on July 29, 1852.

On June 4, 1868, they decided to emigrate to America, and bidding goodbye to relatives and friends, sailed from Liverpool, England on the ship *John Bright*, captained by John Towart. The ship was an old one and was tossed about by the waves like a piece of drift wood.

One day when the air was dense with fog, another ship rammed into us and out a jagged hole in the side of our ship which immediately began to fill with water. All hands were called to man the pumps. The sailors dumped all excess baggage overboard, including my mother's prized feather beds, with the exception of one which she refused to part with, saying if it went down she would go with it. Clothing was taken and supposedly dumped overboard, but later my father discovered a sailor wearing some of his clothing. It was difficult to persuade father from demanding its return, but the sailors were considered a bad lot and were not past helping one to fall overboard, so father said nothing about it. Mormon emigrants, of which there were about seventy-five were kneeling [p.1] in prayer and singing songs to keep up their courage. It was with much rejoicing that the leak was repaired and the voyage continued.

In the six weeks it took us to cross the ocean, many incidents both good and bad occurred and so our hearts were filled with prayers of thankfulness when we sighted land and sailed into New York Harbor.

We were in New York only a few days before we started for the prairies. We rode in a freight car, which was crowded to overflowing, to Laramie, Wyoming, where we abandoned the freight car and started on the last lap of our journey to Utah by mule teams and covered wagons. Our wagon train was led by a capable man, John R. Murdock. The teamster of our wagon was Joseph Paine, a lad of 16.

We shared our wagon with another family making thirteen in the wagon, so it was impossible for us to ride except on rare occasions, when we were too tired to drag one foot after another. My mother and father took turns carrying a ten month old baby, my sister Emilie, all the way to Utah. I was six years old and my brother Harry was one year older when we crossed the plains and although we started out with light hearts, our enthusiasm wilted considerable before we arrived at our destination. On the sides of the wagon were the water barrels from which we got the water with which to quench our thirst but it was usually hot and not very tasty.

Our journey was a peaceful one, unmarred except by and occasional stray Indian. Despite the fact we saw only a very few Indians, a sharp look-out was kept so that we would not be taken by surprise in case of an attack. As we traveled along the dusty, hot trail, father often shot rabbits and other wild game so that we would have a change of diet. As evening drew near and the wagons were drawn into a circle for the night, I used to go out with the other children and fill my apron with buffalo chips for the fire. Then mother would start out [p.2] to prepare our evening meal and make soda bread, which was as yellow as gold and tasted as bitter as gall. Never in her life before had mother baked bread, as in England a person took their bread to the baker and he baked it for one cent. It was no wonder that our soda bread was so bitter although I think now that is what kept us so well on the trip was the soda in the bread. After the evening meal and when dusk had fallen, from somewhere came the sound of a violin being tuned and then a burst of merry melody. Dancing and singing usually followed, blotting out for the time being the thought of the tedious toil that lay before us. Following this bit of welcome entertainment usually came story telling time. A huge circle was made around the blazing campfire, following a silence, then began the tales of previous happenings and deeds of the Indians. Blood curdling stories of massacres, scalping and raids of the Indians were recited, until the very blood in my veins ran cold and as I gazed beyond the cheerful light of the campfire, each sinister shadow seemed to conceal and Indian, hideously painted and half naked. So terrorizing were some of these stories, that I could hardly move. After the evening prayer, when silence claimed the camp and everybody was asleep, I often lay awake, afraid to

- [Henry, Jr. DAVIES](#)
- [Isabella DAVIES](#)
- [John DAVIES](#)
- [Sarah DAVIES](#)
- [Elizabeth DAY](#)
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- [Emily DAY](#)
- [Jane DAY](#)
- [John DAY](#)
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- [Charlotte DEARDON](#)
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- [Jonas E. ECKSTROM](#)
- [Josephine A. ECKSTROM](#)
- [Kaisa ECKSTROM](#)
- [Katrine ECKSTROM](#)
- [Lars Magnus ECKSTROM](#)
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- [Johannes ELGQVIST](#)
- [Maria C. ELGQVIST](#)
- [Victor E. ELGQVIST](#)
- [Daniel ERIKSON](#)
- [Elias ERIKSON](#)
- [Emma C. ERIKSON](#)
- [Erik ERIKSON](#)

even close my eyes.

Death kept pace with us from day to day and claimed many of the pioneers before we reached Salt Lake City on August 19, 1868. We stayed at the tithing yard for three days after we reached Salt Lake City until we got located. . . . [p.3]

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Diary of Michael Mathisen

. . . Friday, May 29, 1868. In the afternoon at five o'clock our trip began from Christiania in the steamboat Oder to Hull (England). There were aboard 159 passengers of whom we were 59 Hellig - Mormons. Together with children, our president C.C. Christensen. The trip continued in the night out of Christiania Fjord. The wind was quiet.

Saturday, 30th. Arrived at Christiansen at 9:00 o'clock. Left at 12:00 o'clock. Rain and fresh southerly winds. Many of the passengers were seasick.

Sunday, 31st. Journey continued well. The weather was fine.

Monday, June 1. In the morning about 6 o'clock we arrived at Humber River and anchored at dock. The president, Christensen went ashore to arrange our trip further. At 5:30 we left by train from Hull to Liverpool.

Tuesday, 2nd. We arrived at 3:00 o'clock in the morning at Liverpool, met our hotel agent who had other emigrants from Denmark and Sweden. A few of us went to the Hotel Columbia and were there the whole day.

Wed., 3rd. This day we took our baggage out of customs and put it aboard the ship *John Bright*: out of New York, 1444 tons. In the afternoon the emigrants came aboard, 724, and took their places. The Scandinavians on the lower deck. In the afternoon the steamship pulled out from the dock and we anchored red. Weather was fine.

Thursday, 4th. In the afternoon the President G. Richards came aboard together with a few brethren from the office in Liverpool. The president talked awhile and [p.1] asked the Lord to bless us on our trip. Our ship now had on board English, Welsh, Scotch, Swedish, Norwegian and Danish, with Elders M. Gaw (leader) and C. O. Folkman and F. C. Anderson as advisors. Conditions continued well all night.

Friday, 5th. We could see the coast of Ireland - very clear - the journey excellent. Some are beginning to get seasick.

Saturday, 6th. A little wind which gave us a chance to set our sails and to get along without the help of the steamboat. Many became seasick in spite of a calm sea and fine weather.

Sunday, 7th. Favorable weather which gave speed to the boat - about 10 miles. Sea was not high. In the morning we all gathered on the upper deck to receive encouragement and instructions about our new conditions.

Monday, 8th. Wind favorable but not strong. Most of the sick were brought on deck and they improved. The young ones amused themselves with various games.

Tuesday, 9th Last night an elderly Welsh woman (70 years) passed away. She was quite weak when brought aboard, but had chosen to die among her friends rather than be left behind even though a wet grave awaited her. Little wind and progress slow.

Wed., 10th. Wind unfavorable - almost still. Health conditions better. Many were on deck and enjoyed a little rain.

Thursday, 11th. Wind unfavorable. There were small inconveniences due to difficulties in preparing food. The passengers amused themselves on deck dancing and concerts. We passed a Norwegian brig coming from America. The captain, [p.2] Senette and first mate came aboard to fine out our condition. We sent messages back to Liverpool. In the evening there were dances and concerts.

Saturday, 13th. Quiet wind and sea. In the evening we contacted an emigrant ship, "Harvest Queen," which left Liverpool the same time we did.

Sunday, 14th. The wind, north westerly - cool breeze. Some seasickness. In the forenoon we met on the highest deck and further instructions were given in the English language. An hour later the Scandinavians had a meeting on the lower deck.

Monday, 15th . Calm and foggy. Each day at 10 o'clock, passengers gathered on upper deck while the lower deck were cleaned.

Tuesday, 16th. Wind variable, southwest easterly. Cold and foggy and some rain. An English sister was struck on the head by a piece of loose sail. Passengers in general

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- [Eva ERIKSON](#)
- [Gerda ERIKSON](#)
- [Line ERIKSON](#)
- [Louisa ERIKSON](#)
- [Selma ERIKSON](#)
- [Sarah EYNON](#)
- [Albert FLITTON](#)
- [Elizabeth FLITTON](#)
- [Emily FLITTON](#)
- [George FLITTON](#)
- [Hannah FLITTON](#)
- [Joseph FLITTON](#)
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- [Susan FLITTON](#)
- [Thomas FLITTON](#)
- [Matilda A. FOGELBERG](#)
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- [Jana HALSTENSEN](#)
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- [Elizabeth HASLAM](#)
- [Henry HASLAM](#)
- [Sarah HASLAM](#)
- [James M. HEATH](#)
- [Naomi HEATH](#)
- [Elisabeth HEDMAN](#)
- [Agnes HESLOP](#)
- [George HESLOP](#)
- [Isabella HESLOP](#)

happy and content and the young people amusing themselves with dancing. At eight o'clock a horn is blown to call all together to their allotted place on deck.

Wed., 17th. Still calm with thick fog. Received provisions for 7 days.

Thursday, 18th. Northwesterly wind and cold fog. A few are seasick. A child has been in the hospital with measles but is now frisky and active.

Friday, 19th A sister from Gottland is sick with "Blodgang." We are now about 1300 English miles from Liverpool.

Saturday, June 20th. Westerly variable wind and overcast. The holy ones are divided into groups. The Scandinavians are No. 1. They get meat and water first every 5th day. New moon tonight - wind increasing. [p.3]

Sunday, 21st. Strong northwest wind. A Swedish sister fell on the upper deck on account of high seas. She was thrown back and forth, got a blow on the head and a crushed kneecap. Many seasick. McGaw reminded to remember our duties every day. In the evening C. Christensen spoke to us.

Monday, 22nd . Southwesterly wind. Fair weather. Almost everyone well.

Tuesday, 23. Same weather. We get our provisions today. We are 1600 east miles from Liverpool.

Wed., 24. Wind and fog. Everything going well.

Thursday, 25th. Same wind and weather. Passed an iceberg today. A boy fell on the deck and broke his leg, thigh. Evening a high sea so the ship rolled. A Scotch sister fell and broke two ribs. Saw another iceberg.

Friday, 26th. West wind not so strong. Passed two more icebergs. People are dissatisfied with food and cooking.

Sat., 27th. Cold fog - no wind. Because of bad feeling the first "Semmemand" tried to poison two English sister by giving them a piece of cake with Spanish flies in the raisins. But, a crew member saw a gave warning.

Sunday, 28th. West wind, cold fog. Passed many icebergs. President Christensen spoke to us about now and hereafter. Very interesting.

Monday, 29th. Very cold. Saw icebergs about 1 miles away. In the evening the wind was northeast. [p.4]

June, Tuesday the 30th. North wind, beautiful weather. We saw many fishing boats. One came aboard with fish, codfish, haddie, and halibut; which were bought and we had a very delicious dinner. Saw many whales.

July, Wed. 1st. West wind and fine weather. Passed fishing boats which were anchored.

Thursday, 2. We are about 700 miles from New York.

Friday, 3. West, southwest wind, nice weather. About 4 o'clock we saw land, Nova Scotia ten miles away.

Saturday, 4. The U. S. A. Independence Day was celebrated. We, the passengers were awakened at 4 a.m. and 14 brothers with guns marched around the deck and saluted the captain and leaders of the brothers, then up on the afterdeck where they fired 13 shots. When the flag was raised a 9 time hurrah was given. After that we sang a Psalm. Fireworks in the evening.

Sunday, 5th. Westerly wind, fog and cold. Had a meeting in the forenoon and in the evening on the lower deck. Everything alright.

Monday, 6th. Good wind - east, northwest. Good weather. Everyone busy washing clothes and cleaning everywhere. Getting ready for the train trip and getting rid of the big trunks to have luggage as light as possible.

Tuesday, 7th. Same weather. Scrubbed both decks. Quiet afternoon.

Wed., 8th. North wind and fog. A couple of children have a light case of measles.

Thursday, 9th. Same wind and weather. Concert of deck this evening. [p.5]

July, Friday 10th. North wind, nice weather, fog. About 200 miles left to New York. We passed a ship that had left 3 weeks ahead of us from Liverpool with emigrants.

Saturday, 11. Westerly wind - nice weather. Concert in evening. Things alright.

Sunday, 12th. Same weather. 4 o'clock the pilot came aboard. We [had] two meetings. One on the lower deck for the Scandinavian people.

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Monday, 13th. Same weather.

Tuesday, 14th. 9 a.m. we dropped anchor in New York. At 11 a.m. we left the *John Bright* and boarded a steamship which took [us] to Castle Garden where the luggage was weighed. Later we crossed the river to the railroad station and where we spent the night. During the night one of the brothers drowned - - he walked out over the pier.

Wed., 15th. We went sight seeing in town and bought a few things for the trip. We left New York on the train at 9:30 p.m.

Thursday, 16th. At 9 a.m. we changed trains, and traveled again at 12 noon - kept on all night. We passed Utica and Rochester.

Friday, 17th. Passed through Albion, Lockport, and stopped at suspension bridge for 4 hours. Many of us looked at Niagara Falls. We changed trains and started at 3:00 p.m. and traveled on through many beautiful places.

Saturday, 18th [19th]. During the night we passed Hamilton in the morning, London. At 11 o'clock [p.6] we arrived in Detroit. Crossed the river, took a bath and bought food.

Sunday, 19th. At 2 p.m. we arrived in Chicago. Left at 7:30. We had seen the town. We traveled all night.

Monday, 20th & 21st. Tuesday at 12:00 noon we crossed the Missouri River to Omaha, Nebraska where we bought food. Many were sick from the heat. One sister died of sunstroke.

Wednesday, 22. At 8:00 a.m. we passed Grand Island, a big station and many houses. We saw two prairie fires. Also saw a large Indian camp. At 7:00 p.m. We passed the river to North Platte.

Thursday, 23rd. We saw several Indians. Also antelope. Here the country didn't look as good as the country we passed through yesterday. We saw big Indian camps. Many animals too. In the evening we came to the station at Laramie City but stayed in cars during the night.

Friday, 24th. In the morning at 4:00 o'clock we were told to get up, take our baggage out of the train and load it on the mule train we followed about one miles. There we camped by the river, washed our clothes and bathed. It was very pleasant.

Saturday, 25th. Each persons baggage was weighed separately and loaded on the wagon to which we were assigned. We were gathered in groups of ten to fifteen. One child died.

Sunday, 26th. It rained all night. For those who had no tents it was very uncomfortable. Lovely weather today.

Monday, 27th. We were called out at 4:00 a.m. to get ready. Traveled 18 miles and camped by little Laramie. [p.7]

July, Tuesday 28th. We traveled about 20 miles, climbing continually. One child was buried.

Wednesday, 29th. Continued our travels over a very rocky country, always more hilly and upward. Here were lots of antelopes and therefore, called Antelope Hills.

Thursday, 30th. Very bad road - many became impatient.

Friday, 31st. Came out of Antelope Hills in the evening to Platte River. Waded over and camped on the other side.

August, Saturday 1st. Traveled along the Platte River over many hills. Bad and rocky road. We camped by Bridger Canyon. Very cold during night.

Sunday, 2nd. Kept on over Bridger Flat and camped at noon by Pacific Spring; about 5,700 above sea level. Here the air was very pleasant. Snow was down in the mountain clefts. Night cold. I stood my first watch here.

Monday, 3rd. Kept along the same creek until we came out of the pass. The road was very uneven, overgrown with thistles, grass very poor.

Tuesday, 4th. The road was mostly even again. Naked prairie without water, grass or firewood. We camped by a little creek where there was enough water.

Wednesday, 5th. Kept along on Bitter Creek. Water bitter with minerals, alkaline salt. The creek runs through desolate and bleak. But road was hard and even. Vegetation, mostly sagebrush, greswood, with very little grass between. We saw many antelope, eagles, and several kinds of birds. [p.8]

August, Thursday 6th. The road became sandy and uneven. Part ran along the new railroad. Water was bad and many suffered from diarrhea and became weak.

Friday, 7th. We continued along the same creek and railroad, over the same desolate

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country. The air was light and clear, very pleasant, warm during the day but very cool at night. We traveled about 25 miles a day.

Saturday, 8th. Along the same creek the road was very difficult and the water bad. In the evening we came to a spring (mountain) where we also found "rundgrass" which is good for cattle.

Sunday, 9th. Traveled upwards about 3 miles and then down until we reached Green River in the evening. There we found all conveniences for a camp. Good water, firewood and grass.

Monday, 10th. Today the company had rest since the wagons had to be brought over the river. The emigrants had an opportunity to wash and do other necessary things. In the afternoon I crossed the river and was then in Utah Territory. In the evening all who wanted to dance could do so. So far three English and one Swedish child had died. The rest of us were well.

Tuesday, 11th. We traveled as far as Blackfork by noon and camped. In the afternoon we continued up along the same river until we crossed the Hanesfork. In the evening we made camp on the bank.

Wednesday, 12th. Today it rained so hard we couldn't travel along the Blackfork.

Thursday, 13th. Traveled on. All well.

Friday, 14th. Road uneven. Many were weak mostly from the water in Bitter Creek. [p.9]

August, Saturday 15th. Continued the journey under the same conditions.

Sunday, 16th. Better road. Everyone satisfied because we neared the end of our journey.

Monday, 17th. We passed through Echo Canyon and through Vibor [Weber] where we refreshed ourselves with milk.

Tuesday, 18th. Continued on down the canyon. Everything all right.

Wednesday, 19th. At 12:00 noon we arrived at Tiendegarden in Salt Lake City. Everyone happy and satisfied. In the afternoon I brought my baggage over to Brother L. Borg in the 3rd Ward and there I took my first lodging in Salt Lake State. . . . [p.10]

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Interview of Celestial Roberts Knight

. . . [She] came from England in a sailing vessel. *John Bright*, an emigrant ship carrying over 700 passengers, all Mormons from various European countries; Sweden, Norway and Denmark, etc.

Celestial was seasick before the tug boat went back. It lasted from shore to shore. Every morning she was brought a hot jug of coffee, with heavy cream and sugar bread and butter, which she handed to her mother or sister or some of the older women.

There were two stowaways: one a man and a small child of about 13 years old. They had seen them as the ship was getting ready to sail. They used such foul language that the captain threatened to throw them overboard.

June 4, 1868. Six weeks on the sea. [p.131]

Castle Garden in New York.

July 1868. Took train to Ft. Leavenworth (it may have been Ft. Laramie) by way of St. Louis, Chicago, Detroit, etc. That was before the Chicago fire. They bought their food on the way. They had to wait in Leavenworth (Laramie) for a train. The people came in a mob to see them and stared at them as if they were cattle. They acted as if they had never seen a person before. The reason was that they were Mormons and one well dressed woman with some girls acted so impudent that Philip her brother who was on guard, had to put her out of the enclosure. The mob became so abusive that the men in charge loaded them on cattle cars and started them westward.

John Murdock and a man named Warner.

Mule teams and horse teams. They could see Indians ahead and in the distance, and Captain Murdock counseled them to drive out around the railroad camps and do not stop day or night till they got out of the way of the camps and thus they would avoid the rough element that is generally found around the railroad camps as well as the Indians which might be hanging around them. No [-] was to walk. "The Scandinavian were great for walking and that was for them more than for any of the others, as there [were] to be nobody away from the wagons. Sometimes women would waylay them and beg them to come to the camp and get warm or get some food. But they never did." They reached Salt

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Papers of Anthon Lorentzen Skanchy

. . . [Spring, 1868.](#)

In the spring of 1868, through the help of President C.C.A. Christensen, I succeeded in borrowing enough means to emigrate to Zion. I had then been in the Church a little more than seven years, the first two of which had been devoted in part, and the last five wholly, to missionary service. I married at this time Anna Christina Krogero, an assistant in the mission office, who was a widow with four children. After bidding farewell to the many Saints in Christiania, we traveled to Copenhagen and thence to Liverpool, where we boarded the sail ship, *John Bright*, which has carried many of our people across the ocean. After a voyage of six weeks, mostly in the face of a strong headwind, we reached New York on the 15th of July, 1868, during a spell of very warm weather. There were over 700 immigrants in our company.

We spent a few days in New York and then were sent westward by railway. The terminus of the railway was Laramie, which was left about 600 miles to Salt Lake City. At Laramie there was a company from Utah with horses and mules to conduct the immigrants onward. We were organized into companies, with Hector [p.34] C. Haight as captain, and we began our journey over the plains along the banks of the Sweetwater.

We reached Salt Lake City the first week of September, 1868, after a six weeks' march from Laramie over the dry and warm plains, immersed in a cloud of dust from morning until night. The children and the weak mothers were allowed to ride in the wagons, while all the men were obliged to walk the whole distance in dust by day, and keep watch against the Indians at night. We were pretty well supplied with meat, flour, fruit and other food for our journey over the plains. When we camped in the evening, we cooked our food, and made our bread. All went fairly well.

At least we came to Emigration Canyon, and had our first glimpse of Salt Lake City. We were glad and grateful to our Heavenly Father for His fatherly care of us during our journey. On arriving at the Tithing Yard in Salt Lake City, our captain was released. I pitched our little tent and remained there during eleven days awaiting an opportunity to go to Cache Valley, where I had some Norwegian friends of earlier days. . . . [p.35]

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Reminiscences of Annie Batt Bird Caffall

I was born in South Wales on August 22, 1864, the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Bevan Batt. I was christened Annie Batt. In May [p.35] of the year 1868 we left Wales to emigrate to the Territory of Utah. I was four years old and my sister was five. My mother was too ill to make the journey; but father and I, and my sister, set sail on the *John Bright*, with a prayer that mother could join us the next year. However, she died before this wish was realized. The *John Bright* had been discarded as unsafe for ocean travel, but with persuasion and the skillful efforts of the crew and passengers, she made the voyage in forty-two days. It is interesting to note that this boat sank, with all on board, on her return to sailing. My father was a ship's carpenter, and his services were continually demanded. Of necessity, we two little girls were left in the hands of sympathetic strangers. A storm arose, our fright mounted, and on more than one occasion, we were lashed to the mast to secure our bodies from being washed overboard. These experiences, together with our loneliness, lack of sufficient food, and grief to at parting from our mother, tended to so reduce our weight that father carried both of us little girls across the plains on his shoulders. I became very ill and as a result lost my eyesight for two years. However, the kind ministrations of friends in Kaysville aided my recovery. We arrived in the Salt Lake Valley on August 24, 1868, having traveled under Captain Horton D. Haight.

As one of the numerous honors heaped upon living emigrant pioneers in the Centennial Year, 1947, the United Airlines became host to six men and women over the pioneer route to Nauvoo and return to Salt Lake City. At age 83, I enjoyed to traverse the plains via the air as a contrast to my journey in the arms of my father at four years of age, seventy-nine years ago. [p.36] —Annie Batt Bird Caffall

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I, William Henry Bradfield, son of George and Sarah Vockins Bradfield, was born November 7, 1859, at Newbury Berkshire, England. We belonged to the Latter-day Saint Church and it was our desire to come to Zion. By the year 1865, enough had been saved to send Charles, Thomas and Elizabeth with some Saints coming over. Father was working very hard to get fixed to bring the rest of us when he got sick. In August 29, 1866, he died in Ealing, England, at the age of 45. His wishes were that Mother should still come to Zion; so, for the next two years we all worked hard and saved our money to help out.

With money we saved and made out of selling our belongings, and whatever my brother Charles sent us from Salt Lake City, Mother, Mary, Joseph, Caroline, Jane, Eliza and I left Liverpool, England, June 4, 1868, on the sailing ship *John Bright*. We left my brother, George, who was married. I remember how mother cried when we [p.60] left my brother standing there saying, "My son, I'll never see you again on this earth, but we will meet in heaven!"

There were 760 on board ship, 660 being Latter-day Saint converts. We were on the water six weeks, nearly all the time the sea was wild and stormy. One night Captain McGaw told the Saints they had to give up the ship; so, if they believed there was a God, they had better ask for help. We children were clinging to mother's dress and crying. If ever there were prayers offered up, it was that night, and they were answered! Next day was a beautiful day and we children went on deck where we could see the rigging all torn away and the masts cracked.

We arrived in New York harbor July 13, 1868. Our things were put on a platform and while we children watched them, Mother went into town and got some bread and cheese. We were then put in cattle cars for the train trip west to Laramie, Wyoming. The cars were so crowded we could hardly sit down. There was little food or water for the next ten days. When we got to Laramie, we were met by wagons and mules. There were 50 wagons for six hundred immigrants. Joe Rogers, of Fillmore, drove our wagon. We reached Salt Lake City in late September, 1868. [p.61]

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