



Robert Easton

July 27, 1821 - May 25, 1887

In memory of Robert Easton

Robert Easton was born the 27th of July, 1821 in Dykehead Oldmonkland, Scotland. He was the 3rd child of 10 children born to Robert and Elizabeth Laird Easton.

It would have been nice if Robert Easton had left some written record of his own life. But, because he didn't, it is my purpose to piece together as much as I can from the few facts that we do have.

Few of us are renowned enough to have our name on a monument. But, Robert Easton has his on a monument in Greenville, Beaver County, Utah.

On the 22nd of October 1842, Robert married his first wife, Margaret Lindsay. To this marriage was born a daughter, Jennette, on the 7th of December 1842. From his obituary, we learn of two other children that he and Margaret Lindsey had. But, who are they? John Miller mentions that Robert only had Jennette when they started across the plains to Utah.

We hear no more about Margaret. Could it be that she died in child birth?

We find that Robert was baptized a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on the 24th of March 1842. Other members of Robert's family accepted the Gospel: John and his twin sisters, Margaret and Jane. They also immigrated to Utah.

Robert immigrated to the United States evidently sometime in 1849 ending up in the St. Louis, Missouri area. His future wife, Mary, and her family were there. The men were working in the coal mines just outside of St. Louis. Robert might have been working there also.

Sometime in 1850, he married Mary Miller. Mary was



Robert Easton, First Bishop of Greenville



Robert Easton Family
Margaret Agnes, Mary Easton Morris, Jennette George, Mary Miller Easton, Rosetta, Robert Easton, Lorenzo, Agnes Miller Easton, William



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the oldest child of the Miller family. Her parents had died just a few months before of cholera leaving Mary and her older siblings as guardians of the younger siblings.

**The Miller Sisters,
Mary, Ellen, Agnes,
Elizabeth, Margaret**

Robert's obituary gives a good overview and a few more facts of his life.

Robert Easton Obituary

Robert Easton died in Greenville, Beaver County, Utah on May 25, 1887, after a protracted attack of asthma. He suffered greatly the last six weeks of his life. He was a native of Scotland and was born on the 27th of July, 1822. He embraced the Gospel in his youth. In the year of 1850, he arrived in Salt Lake City and the following year went with others to build up the Southern settlements. He settled in Cedar City where he labored hard with others to establish the Iron Works. During this time he met with a serious accident, breaking his back, from which he lay helpless for many months, suffering greatly. He moved from Cedar City to what was then called lower Beaver, having taken up some land four miles west of Beaver. He and others located there and founded the town of Greenville. In 1872, he was chosen and set apart by the Stake Presidency, as the Bishop of the Greenville Ward, which position he held for many years. In 1873 he performed a mission to his native land but on account of ill health, was obliged to return home the following year. In 1886, Brother Easton was arrested under the Edmund's law. He pleaded not guilty and stood trial. Strange to say the jury acquitted him. He was a staunch defender of the principles of the Gospel. Full of integrity and faith. He leaves two wives and 7 children, 3 sons and 4 daughters, to mourn his loss, with many grandchildren, friends and acquaintances.

He had 3 children by his first wife.

1 child by his second wife

9 children by his third wife

13 children all together

At the present time no one knows the burial site of Robert Easton

He died in Greenville, Beaver County, Utah on May 25, 1887.

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