

Grandfather Ephraim Monarch Denison and Grandmother Mary Ellen Johnson

Written by their daughter Ellen B. Nielson

Ephraim Monarch Denison and his wife Mary Ellen Johnson

Ephraim M. was the son of Hans Denison Sr. and Johannah Christofferson. He was born on the ocean in the ship Monarch. When it landed in New Orleans, Louisiana Harbor, he was named after the ship Monarch, so they called the place of his birth New Orleans, Louisiana, date March 19, 1859. (my pedigree chart says 1853?).

Mary Ellen was the daughter of Robert Johnson and Elizabeth Clark Johnston. Ellen was born at Stockport, Chelshire, England, August 16, 1851, one hundred years ago today.

Both parents were original pioneers. Mother had her second birthday coming across the plains, with her parents in Captain Brown's Company in the year 1853.

They both spent their childhood in Manti, Utah, they were married January 12, 1873. They lived in Manti until June 1875, then moved to Sterling. Father had a \$5.00 wedding stake when they were married.

They were among the first pioneers to settle the little town of Sterling. At that time it was located west of the present town site and called Pettivile (?). They lived together here for forty-five years. After father passed away, mother lived here her remaining years, which made it her home for over sixty-five years.

They endured hardships of pioneer days. Father was Bishop Counselor of the Sterling Ward from 1892-1910.

They were the parents of nine children, two preceded them to the grave. Their son, Joseph preceded mother 14 years. Father was a faithful church member and a good citizen. He died October 19, 1921 at Salina Hospital at the age of 68.

Notes:

1. Typed by Lori Glancy, Highland, Utah from a copy of the hand written manuscript. 5 August 2008
2. Author, Ellen Hannah Denison Bradley Nielson was daughter of Ephraim Monarch Denison. She was born 18 Aug 1884 and died 19 Jul 1977. She had several children from her first marriage to Jefferson Bradley who died on 8 Jan 1919. She married Niels Christen Nielson late in life on 19 Dec 1945.