

PIONEER HISTORY OF Robert Gordon

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Robert Gordon

Born: 27 March 1853, Sacriston, Wilton Gilbert, Durham, England.

Baptized: 1861

Died 21 October 1916 at Huntington, Emery, Utah



ROBERT GORDON BIOGRAPHY (b: 1853)

Robert Gordon was born 14 March, 1853, at **Sacriston, Wilton Gilbert, Durham, England**. He was the third child of John and Hannah Hudson Gordon. He was very young when his parents joined the Mormon Church in England and came to the United States in a sailboat taking six weeks to cross the Atlantic Ocean.

SACRISTON, ENGLAND



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Application Number 46800

REGISTRATION DISTRICT CHESTER LE STREET

1853 BIRTH in the Sub-District of Chester Le Street in the County of Durham

No.	When and Where Born.	Name, if any.	Sex.	Name and Surname of Father.	Name and Maiden Surname of Mother.	Rank or Profession of Father.	Signature, Description and Residence of Informant.	When Registered.	Signature of Registrar.	Registered Place, if added after Registration of Birth.
197	Fourteenth March 1855 Spariston Witton Gilbert	Robert	Boy	John Gordon	Hannah Gordon formerly Hudson	Pitman	Hannah Gordon Mother Spariston Witton Gilbert	Twenty eighth March 1855	William Crossbell Registrar	

CERTIFIED to be a true Copy of an Entry in the Certified Copy of a Register of Births in the District above mentioned, including the marginal notes.

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John Henry his family and his parents joined the LDS Church in England
 Father, John Henry, his wife Hannah and 4 children {Frances Jane (b: 1848), Foster (b:1850) Robert (b: 1853) and John Henry (b:1855)} left England, crossed the Atlantic in a sailboat. It took them six weeks to cross.

They settled on a farm in Ohio, near where Columbus is now. They lived there awhile then joined Captain Murdock's ox train at Florence, Nebraska and traveled to Utah.

NOTE: Emigration – (Parents and children: Frances Jane, Foster, Robert and John Henry)
 Son, John Henry, was **born 23 Sept. 1855** at Castle Eden, Durham, **England**
 and Son, Samuel, was **born 1857** at Salt Lake City, **Utah**.

Between late 1855 and early 1857 the family emigrated from England to Utah. I have been unable to find them aboard any ship or listed as being with any particular wagon train.
 Family records say they were with the “Captain Murdock’s company”. Captain John Murdock was captain of five wagon trains between **1861 and 1868**. However, the family was in Salt Lake City at the birth of son, Samuel, during **1857**.



The family first settled in the [Salt Lake] 10th Ward.

Robert’s **Grandparents**, Foster & Sarah Frances Gordon, came to Utah during 1863.

Then they all moved to Hoytsville. His father and grandfather were stone masons by trade and built a flour mill in Coalville.

His Grandparents moved to Skull Valley, Utah as caretakers at the Park Ranch. However, on 22 Oct 1865, they were both murdered at their home on the Park Ranch.

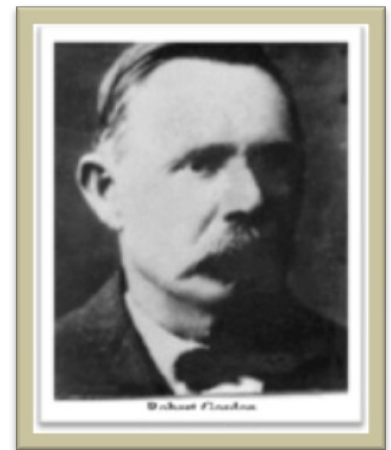
Blackfoot, Idaho



Robert's father hauled freight and after settling his family and establishing himself in Salt Lake he secured a good team and wagon and started back across the plains by way of the Oregon Trail. He was last heard from [in 1868] at **Blackfoot, Idaho**. It is thought he was killed by Indians or other foul means.

Robert, being next to the oldest son, had to help provide for the mother and other six children. The hardships that this family endured during pioneer times without the support of their father is one that is hard to imagine. **One thing is sure -- they grew up on hard work.**

Robert married Agnes Maria Catherine (Kate) Davis, 3 June 1870, near Pinoche, Lincoln County, Nevada. She was the daughter of Catherine Kirby and was raised by her step father, James Bailey Davis.
Agnes Marie Kate Davis Birth: 3 Jun 1851, London, Middlesex, England

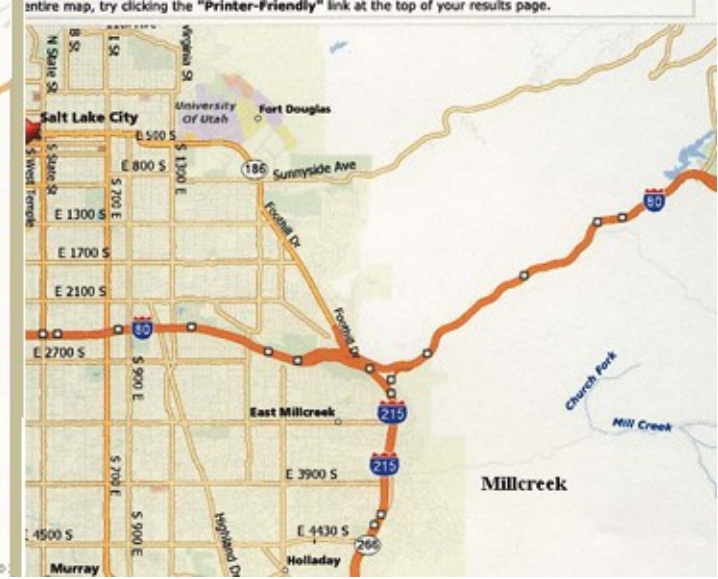


They resided in St Johns, Tooele County, Utah. Their main occupation was burning of charcoal which he and his brother, Foster, hauled into Salt Lake City and sold for use in the blacksmithing trade.

ST JOHN



MILLCREEK



In 1879 they moved to **Mill Creek, Salt Lake County**, where he homesteaded 40 acres of land and built a one room house of pine logs which had been hauled from the canyon above. They all helped clear the land of the sagebrush and a few acres were planted. Robert earned some money to support his family by hauling logs from the canyons to a sawmill. In the Fall of 1879, they moved back to **St Johns** where he farmed and burned charcoal.



HUNTINGTON

In 1884 he moved his family to **Huntington, Emery County, [Utah]** and took up 60 acres of land just north of the town. Their first home in Huntington was a dugout which they lived in for a while.

He made his living farming and was a stockman. He was a stockholder in the Co-op Store and on the Board of Directors. He was a School Trustee, Town Marshall 1906-1908, an Elder in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and Sunday School Superintendent. He owned and operated the Gordon Hotel in Huntington.

Robert GORDON

Twelve children were born to Robert and Agnes.

1 The oldest, John William, was born 3 May 1871 and died that same year.

2 The second child, Robert James, was born 5 July 1872 at St Johns and married Gertrude Estell Sherman on the 18th of October 1894. He died 29 July 1936 at Huntington.

3 Agnes Catherine was born 27 December 1875 at St Johns. She married Orlo Lionil Sherman 18 October 1894. She died 16 November 1937.

4 Joseph Henry was born 25 February 1878 at St Johns, married Augusta Johnson 22 October, 1897. He died 25 August 1929.

5 Samuel Raymond was born 3 July 1880 at St Johns. He married Catherine Johnson 12 December 1906 and died 2 February 1948.

6 George Edward was born 10 August 1882 at St Johns and married Eliza Elizabeth Burgess 23 December 1901 and died 10 February 1949.

7 Hannah Francis was born 11 August 1884 at St Johns, married George A. Johnson 21 March 1902 and died 8 February 1971.

8 Rose Ellen was born 28 October 1886 at Huntington, did not marry and died 11 November 1908.

9 Kate Hudson was born 21 February 1889 at Huntington. She married Alvin Eugene Leonard 4 February 1909 and died 25 November 1971.

10 Emily Jane was born 11 November 1890 at Huntington, married Lawrence W. Leonard 2 March 1908 and died 2 September 1953.

11 Ruth was born 8 August 1893 at Huntington. She married Maeser Dalley 29 June 1914. She lives in Cedar City, Utah, the only child still living.

12 Clarence was born 21 June 1897 at Huntington. He married Velma Bailey 29 September 1915 and died 6 August 1950.

Agnes Marie Kate Davis Died; 29 Jun 1909, Huntington, Emery, Utah **Burial:** Jul 1909, Huntington, Emery, Utah

Robert Gordon married Rowberry Mary Ann Brown on 7 Apr 1910 at Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah

Robert Gordon died 21 October 1916 at Huntington, **buried** on 23 October 1916 in the Huntington City Cemetery.

Rowberry Mary Ann died: 12 Feb 1943