

## **EDWARD WM. EDWARDS.**

### **Biography from the Lehi Centennial History**

**Edward William Edwards was born in Carmarthenchere, Wales, March 3, 1831. He joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints September, 1849. He moved from Carmarthenchere to Llanelly, where he was appointed counselor of that branch of the church. In the spring of 1854 he left his native home for America, landing in New York in June, 1854. In August, 1854, he moved west to Illinois.**

**In the spring of 1855 he moved to Saint Louis, Missouri, and a company of fifty, under the direction of Erastus Snow, went to Fort Riley to build the fort. He was appointed teacher of the camp by Bishop Charles Chord. The camp broke up, and they went in the fall of the same year to Saint Louis, where he acted as nurse in the cholera plague, and secured means by which to cross the plains.**

**The spring of 1856 he moved to Florence, Nebraska, and remained there until the camp was ready to move out on the plains, which was with the first handcart company, in charge of Captain Edmond Elsworth. They arrived on the public square, Salt Lake City, October 3, 1856.**

**He hired out to Bishop Woolley to work in the sawmills in Little Cottonwood canyon. The latter part of 1857 he moved to Spanish Fork and worked for Bishop Butler until the move south before the arrival of Johnston's army. When he returned, he went to the White Mountains on an exploring expedition. After the army had arrived, he moved to Camp Floyd and worked at his trade tailoring for the soldiers.**

**While employed at Camp Floyd he was shot in the leg by an intoxicated soldier, who, after finding out what he had done, did everything**

**in his power to shield himself, paying all expense of doctors and medical treatment.**

**After his recovery he moved to Lehi in the spring of 1859, and married Amanda Evans, April 29, 1859, who was the daughter of the late Bishop David Evans of the Lehi ward. She was born April 21, 1844, at Hancock County, Illinois. She passed peacefully away on March 25, 1881. They had born through their union eleven children, eight boys and three girls.**

**He was ordained in the Fiftieth quorum of Seventies, at Spanish Fork, and was transferred to the Sixty-eighth quorum, in Lehi. He was a block teacher for many years in the Lehi Ward, and was ordained a high priest about two years before his death. He died in American Fork, November 29, 1903.**

**The funeral was held at Lehi, December 1st, Counselor A. R. Anderson having charge of the meeting.**

**Singing, "Heaven is my home."**

**Prayer, William Southwick.**

**Singing, "O my Father."**

**The speakers were: Thomas R. Jones, William Clark, John Austin, Sr., and A. R. Anderson.**

**Singing, hymn 406, "Rest, Rest."**

**The deceased was laid to rest in the Lehi cemetery, the grave being dedicated by Joseph Kirkham.**

**He was assistant chorister in the Lehi ward for many years.**