

# **JAMES GOUGH.**

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

James Gough was born January 14, 1840, in Clifford, Herefordshire, England. He was the second child and oldest son of James Gough and Ellenor Jones Gough. When he was seven years old, his parents moved to Monmouthshire, Wales.

He was baptized a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints November 19, 1857, by Thomas Morgan and confirmed by David Howells. He was ordained to all the offices in the Aaronic priesthood and later sent out as a traveling elder, which lasted for one year and seven months, after which he was called to preside over the Bryn Mawr Branch.

Mr. Gough left Wales for Utah April 26, 1862, and was five weeks and three days on the sea. He walked all the way from Florence across the plains to Salt Lake City in Captain Harmon's company, where he arrived October 4, 1862, taking six months to make the journey.

He was met in Salt Lake City a few days after his arrival by his old friend Joseph J. H. Colledge who had presided over the conference in which Gough had labored as traveling elder. With his old friend he came to Lehi.

On October 17, 1863, he married Charlotte Crocket, to whom he had been engaged in England. She came to Utah in October, 1863. They have lived in Lehi continuously, Mr. Gough working in the mines, on the railroad, and at farming.

Mr. Gough's public work has been in the church, to which he has

always been very devoted. At the time of his departure for Utah, a number of the Saints of the branch over which he presided also emigrated to Zion. These looked to him as their leader during the entire journey.

Since coming to Utah, he has held the positions of seventy and high priest. He has been a Sunday School teacher almost all the time and also a block teacher, which position he still holds.

Mr. Gough moved "over the creek" in 1868, being the first one to locate in that district and has been one of the main pillars of the church in this part of the community.