

The Life History of Henry Rampton

Written in his hand after the year 1896

An exact transcription by Carol V. Merrell, great-great-granddaughter

(Note: Missing letters and words* from the original document have been extracted from other writings of Henry Rampton and are typed in blue)

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Henry, son of William and Elizabeth Rampton Born in Old Alresford Hants [England](#) on Sepr 8th – 1829 . my Father's [family](#) consisted of 5 children 3 boys & two Girls as follows . Sarah Born [Octr 28th](#)- 1822 . William born July 6th [1824](#) Elizabeth Born April 28th 1826 Henry, Born Sepr 8th 1829 Charles, Born August 12th 1831. . . my mother died in old Alresford July 28th 1833 aged 42 years .

Father married Sarah Balchin in 1834 . an esteemed Mother in Law to us all .

I, Henry Rampton, worked at my trade as a Blacksmith with my father sometimes and others in different [places](#) untill 20 years old then went into Business for myself in Botley in Hampshire I there received the Gospel Feby 6th 1853

I married Catherine Harfield [march 9th](#) 1850 . and we were both Baptized on the above date Febr 6th 1853 . in her [29th](#) year by Elder William Budge were [confirmed](#) about 1 week afterward [but](#) have lost the date of [confirmation](#) by Wm Budge on the 31 of July [1853](#) ordained Priest by Elder Wm Bramwell, president of the Southampton Conference.

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On the 9th of Nover I had a [application](#) for my business on the following [day](#) I gave it up to Adams & Knight commenced on the following [morning](#) it took about 2 weeks to settle up [my](#) Business affairs I sold my tools for [33 pounds](#) my object in giving up my business [was](#) to emmigrate with the saints to Utah after leaving Botley I went to Swaraton and stayed with my wifes Father and [Mother](#) while there enquired after the ages of My Wifes Relatives Father John Harfield was born in year 1787 married Sarah Kill 1815 at the [age](#) of 28 years . Sarah Kill was born in the year 1793 married in 1815 age 22 years when [married](#) Children of the above Elizabeth was Born [1816](#)

Son George	in 1818
Mariah	1820
James	1823
Caroline	1824
Mary Anne	1826 deceased in 3 months
Mary	1837

Thomas Wake married Elizabeth Harfield and lived in London. Thomas died Novr 22nd 1869 aged 78 years Elizabeth Wake died [Sepr 3rd](#) 1870.

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I left Home to Emmigrate to Utah 5 Febry 1854 went to Basingstoke took train for Reading in Berkshire staed during the night next day arrived at Liverpool in the evening at half past seven.

Stoped at 63 Great Cross Hall Street with a Mrs. Powels a Boarding House for the Saints and there found Eli Whitear who had preceded me without his Luggage and sent me word to bring it along to Liverpool What with staying a week in Liverpool and being very much strained for means We were sorly put about and had to resort to every possible way even in disposing of my wattach and Catherine hers and other things we had about us we disposed of to get sufficient means to go and purchase tin ware & cetra (etc.) we set sail on Sunday, 12th day of March 1854 on the Ship *John M Woods*

The weather was very rough in the Channel for 6 days before we cleared I seemingly was more sea sick than Catherine and it lasted longer after I recovered sea sickness I employed myself in mending the Tin Whare for fellow emmigrants and it remunerated me some Elder Robert Cambell president of Ships company . Elder Jabes Woodard an McDonald his counselors the ship was divided into 8 Wards a president over each we had a good time on the 6th day of April being the 24 year the Church had been organized . and on the 24th of April we held a conference on Board and each President of the Wards Reported on the condition of his ward.

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on the 22nd of April we had quite a time on Board a tea party or dinner. Was about 80 sat down to a good meal afterward singing and a theatrical performance as I ought to have said in seating at a meal on account of room we had to sit down 2 wards at a table . we held meetings on each Sabath in the morning on the Deck and in the afternoon in our respective Wards altogether we had a prosperous Voyage . we arrived in New Orleans May 2nd 1854 we shifted our luggage on to the steam boat *Josiah Lawrence* we was 12 days coming to St Louis from New Orleans the Ship's Company was detained on Quaratine 5 days we went into Quaratine on Sunday. I asked permission of the Doctor to go up into St Louis to get work on the monday morning he favored me I therefore started and succeeded in getting work and returned across to the opposite bank of the River the same evening but too late to cross with the Boat had to sleep on the Banks all night in the morning the doctor sent a boat over for me my dear Wife Catherine was very much frightened at my not returning the evening before on Thursday the Ferry Boat came to take the passengers to St Louis We took our Luggage to a Room I had procured on Biddle Street on Saturday I worked in a Shop on Gratroit Street . and on Monday I went to work in the Missipi Foundry I worked there 2 weeks and then to work for a Mr Dunn on Gatroit

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St. Louis in a Horse Shoeing shop where I worked for 2 years but We had not been there over 6 weeks before my dear Catherine was taken Sick she was sick 3 weeks. I took her to a more cool part of the town to a Mrs. Pattersons I moved her there on the first day of Augst and she died on the second 1854 . her Body lies intered in the Wesleyan Cemetry 2 ½ miles out of St Louis her great great loss I will not attempt to describe for I felt I was alone in a strange country whose costumes were so different from what we had been used to . But a consolation to me she died testafying of my great love for her and

calling on Mrs. Patterson as a witness . I continued to work for Mr Dunn attended the meetings and passed the time as best I could in attending the meetings I became acquainted with Frances Dinwoody who crossed the Sea in the same Ship with me and my wife . and I spent my evenings at her house on Washington Avenue and thus passed the time until the 25 of Decr 1854 we were married by Elder Milo Andrus, President of the St Louis Stake in a Tea Party given in the Church on Washington Avenue . we lived with her step Father & her Mother in St Louis until the following June When Father Evans and my wifes mother emigrated to Utah

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I myself while staying in St Louis held several important positions in the Priesthood 1st I was called to be a counselor to the President of the Priest Quorum afterward ordained an Elder under the hands of Bp Chas Card 28 of June 1855 I acted as his second Counselor . I afterward was called to act as first counselor to Bishop Lowe and then the same for President Lee and the same for Bishop Turner.

Henry James

my first child was Born in St Louis Novr 4th 1855 . he was Blessed on the 9th Decr 1855 by Elder James H Hart all the time we were striving to gather a little for our emmigration which we finally accomplished and started on the 2nd of June 1856 arrived at Florence on the 14th of the same month and laid there until the 6th of July and then started across the plains John Banks captain of the company after 3 months travel arrived in Salt Lake City 5th of Octr 1856 all well and glad to see the place after so much loss and anxiety We attended the conference in Salt Lake on the 6th on the 8th I went to Sessions settlement (Bountiful) and got work from a man by the Name of James Udy I worked for him about 3 months I then rented a set of tools of Henry Dinwoody for \$95.00 per year I bought an adobie House& Lot of Evan Smith for \$240.00 in Sessions settlement and _____ of J. K. Crosby and started work

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pretty hard times stared us in the face but thanks to God my heavenly father he Gave us the victory over hard times and we got along very well . Jan'y 17 . 1858 William was born he was born on my fathers Birth day so I named him William after him I was continually looking around for tools of my own during this time . I Bought a small horse of Sydney Kent and sold it Alexander Daft for a anvil . I got John H Handiferd to make the woods of a pair of Bellows and I leathered them and put them together and I also made me a pair of Vice and then returned the set hired, back to Henry Dinwoody and paid him for the use of them

In the fall of 1859 the President of the United states sent several thousand of the United States Troops to Utah to chastise us but they were not permitted to Come into the Territory a great many of our peoples went out into Echo Kanyon to dispute their pass. I staid at home and shod teams to have out provisions the Army of the United States Wintered at Bridger and Fort Supply . as a people we all went south in different parts our settlement located on Provo Bottoms we left a few guards to look around we stayed about 7 weeks in wagons and Brush Shantys . and then we came to return home . in the spring of 1859 William Dinwoody his wife and 2 children William and Alice and Mr Needham left for the states

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The general instructions at this time is for all families that cannot sustain themselves here in the old Settlements is that they go to Cache Valley as they began to settle there in 1859 . the paper called *The Mountainer* started during the Summer of the same year . 1859 Capt Hooper sent to congress in the place of Dr. Barnhusel.

Charles Hyrum Born March 30 – 1860 - 15 minutes past 10 – O clock. . . Received our Endownments in the Endowment House in 1860

the War with north & south broke out Abraham Lincoln, President .

The telegraph was completed in 1860

A daily mail established during - 1860 and 1861 the poney express ran through from the states to Salt Lake - The Theatre was commenced and went up Briskly

the Morrisites raised up in 1862

William Rampton my father died march 25th 1861 aged 66 . James Rampton Born June 2 – 1862 .

March 29th - I took to Wife Eliza Stratford formerly from Malden Essex England We were married 13 months and on saturday evening half past eight O clock April 25th 1863 Dear Eliza died in child bed and her Baby also a fine little fellow a Boy he was buried in the same coffin with his mothers arms and Buried in east Bountiful - on the following Friday may 1st my Son James a dear little fellow died having been Blessed by Elder William Henry Lee April 30th 1863 .

Gold fever raging in the North ____d__t ____of our people g _____

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In 1864 Bear Lake was began to be settled a few families went from here the same year I bought the adjoining Lot to mine of William Jackson for \$150.00 - Arthur was born March 12th - 1864 about 9 O clock in the morning

John F Kinney was sent to congress as delegate he made quite a speech there in 1866 was sent to Washington

in the fall of 1865 the struggle between the north & south ceased - The Eastern people are feeling very bitter at this time against the Saints -

The new Tabernacle in salt Lake City commenced - 1865

in 1866 a great deal of freighting to the northern mines flour and other provisions .

Also in 1866 a great many Stores started in the different Settlements one was started in East Bountiful by Anson Call & Co . in a Brick building built for that purpose

the same year we sent 500 teams to the Missouri River for the Emigration . I sent 2 horses for the same purpose 1 was lost and 1 returned

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In 1866 I built a Shop down by P G Sessions also a small Cottage for Father Hall on my Lot .

In 1866 the Militia of Davis Co was reorganized in Farmington . Lot Smith promoted to be a Brigadier General of Davis and Morgan Counties quite a time training now the Indians in the Southern Settlements seems stirred up to commit depredations on our Brethern and killed quite a few Sandpete seems to suffer the most .

In the states in 1866 quite a stir about a Society Call Fenians

William - Henry James and Charles May 3, 1868 Henry & William was rebaptism & Charles rebaptism Henry Lee officiated.

Walter Rampton was born June 18th 1866 . Blessed march 7th 1867 .

Catherine Rampton Born wednesday June 9th 1869 .

In 1868 I took Ada MacDuff to wife on the first day of Novr 1868

George Albert Rampton was born on Tuesday 15 Day of March 1870

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April 15th 1872 the supreme court decided Judge McKeens rulings were illegal .

John Rampton son of Henry and Ada born May 16 . 1872 Thursday 5 O clock in the morning -

Jane Rampton daughter of Henry and Ada born Friday April 3 = 1874 8 O clock in the morning -

Thomas Rampton Son of Henry and Ada born July 19th 1876 wednesday night half past 12 O clock

Chester Call ordained Bishop and the wards divided 1877 -

The Temple of St George finished in the spring of 1877 –

Logan Temple in the summer of 1877 -

Brigham City Factory Burned down in the Winter of 1878

John Duncan Buried in a snow slide in Mill Creek Canyon in the spring of 1878

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Built the Barn in 1877 -

President Young died 29 Augst = 1877

Bought John Pormans House and lot 1877 . for \$400.00.

Built 2 school Houses one in 1876 and the other 1877 -

Richard Rampton died Novr 25th 1876

Martha Burns wife of Chas Burns died Febr . 1878 Hot Springs .

Henry James Son of Henry and Frances Rampton Married Luna Smith of Centerville & went through the House March 1st - 1878

Nelly Eliza Daughter of Henry and Ada Rampton born Oct 14 . 1878 monday 1 . O clock in the day

William married to Charlotte Park of Centerville in Novr 1878

James Rampton Son of Henry James Born Decr = 1st 1878 this is my first Grandson -

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Called to go on a mission to England 29th . Novr = 1878 - Started Jany 5th 1879 - I labored in the South Coast 10 months - then removed to the mansfield District in the Nottingham Conference returned in 1880 - enjoyed good health during my mission had a good time with my relatives

I have Laboured in East Bountiful as a Ward Teacher over 25 years . I acted as School Trustee several years .

I was ordained seventy in the 29 Quorum of Seventies Augustus Farnham President

Afterwards on Decr 11th – 1882 - ordained High Priest and set apart as alternate in High Counsel of the Davis Stake served about 1 year ordained High Priest by Joseph F. Smith

Then called by Bishop Call to act as his 2nd counselor in the place of William Thurgood deceased set apart as counselor by President J. Taylor

served 14 years untill Bp Call resigned to go to Portney on the 18th of Jany 1896 .

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Work to be attended to [in the house](#) of the Lord -

Aunt Harriet Holoway died Feby 16 - 1862 aged 64 years – not Baptised for

Uncle John Holloway died Octr 23 - 1865 aged 75 years – has been Baptised for May 3rd 1892 in Logan Temple These has to be sealed -

Uncle John Rampton died Sept 11 . 1827 has been Baptised for but not endowed

Uncle James Rampton died Sepr 9 = 1836 Baptised for but not endowed

Uncle George Rampton died Augst 27 . 1842 Baptised for but not endowed

Thomas Rampton died Sepr 5 - 1841

Granfather Jonathan Rampton died June 9 1845 to be baptized for

Granmother Frances Rampton died Sepr 10 – 1857 . has been Baptised for in Logan Temple May 8 – 1892 to be sealed

Ann Mayhew Baptised for in Logan temple May 3rd 1892 but not endowed for

George Page Baptised for in the endowment House Augst 23 – 1860 but not endowed for

Mrs George Page died Octr 14th 1830 to be Baptised for and both to be endowed and sealed -

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Bishop David Stokes set a part as Bishop of East Bountiful Ward 18th of Jany 1896

Henry Rampton set a part as first counselor to Bp Stokes Feby 3 = 1896. by Apostle Franklin Richard

(Attached Newspaper Clippings)

DIED. In the 3d Ward of this city, June 1, 1881, at 10:20 a.m., of old age, ELIZABETH EVANS, wife of John Evans, and mother of Henry and James Dinwoodey, of this city. She was born Dec. 21st, 1795, in Somersetshire, England; baptized in the Liverpool Conference, August 31, 1841, and emigrated to St. Louis in 1853, and to Salt Lake in Sept., 1855. She was an affectionate wife and mother, beloved by all who know her, and died in full faith.

Funeral at the 3rd Ward Schoolhouse, on Friday, at 10 a.m.

Friends are respectfully invited.

LIGHT. – On the 20th of April, while travelling, within eighteen miles of “Katherine Waters.” Overland Telegraph Line, Australia, from fever, William Henry, eldest son of Daniel Light, of Preston Candover, in his 33rd year.

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