

Life of Solomon Stone

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Solomon Stone, Grandfather of Heber George Stone, son of William Stone and Jane Spicer Stone was born in Marlborough, Wiltshire, England, 18 July 1822. [document says 1872! Four years after his grandson] There was thirteen (13) brothers and sisters; four of whom died leaving ten (10) in the family. Among these were Alfred H. Stone and Sarah Stone Spendlove of Littleton, Weber Co., Utah.

As a boy he took advantage of all the schooling the district afforded besides home study. As he grew older with a large family on his hands he did any kind of work that he could get; such as farming gardening and even taught school in a district nearby.

One day while working for a gardener, who was a professor in a nearby college, carrying fire from one green house to another, he fell down the steps and onto the fire he was carrying. He was badly burned and the doctor had to be called. The doctor asked the grandmother for his payment; she told him to go get the employer. As a result of this, it was hard on Solomon to get work. Some days he, as well as others, had to walk several miles to and from work, five miles morning and evening was common.

When Heber C. Kimball was preaching in that district, Solomon Stone became interested and later, he, his wife and three of the children were baptized by Bother Kimball.

For some time after baptism there was no Elders in his locality until W.W. Willey of East Bountiful came to see them in 1877. He counceled the Stones to be rebaptized which they did in 1878 or 79. Others baptized were John Spackman and wife, Richard Stagg, Thomas Stevens and Wife, and others. Solomon Stone was ordained an Elder and appointed to Presiding Elder over a small branch including saints from Ogden, St. Andrew, Axford, Burbridge And Tarrant's Farm. (The latter town was Spackmans and Stevens' home.)

He emigrated to Utah in 1882 coming first to Logan where they met by team driving by Thomas Stevens. There were in this emigrant party of Stones, Father and Mother and two grandsons, Heber George and Fred Stone.

Solomon and George worked for Bp. Wm. F. Rigby and Son in Newton, living for two weeks in town and driving back and forth. They then moved upon the Littlewoods farm, as it was at the time called. After 1 1/2 years they moved into a house located where Heber George now lives.

Now being up in years Brother Stone did only light work but passed away 6 March 1891, age 69.