

# CALL, ANSON

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CALL, ANSON, born at Fletcher, Franklin County, Vermont, May 13, 1810; son of Cyril and Sally (Tiffany) Call; moved with his parents to a farm near Madison, Geauga (now Lake) County, Ohio, when he was 7 years of age; married (1) Mary Flint at Madison, Ohio, October 3, 1833; children, Anson Vasco, Meroni, Chester, Christopher, Hyrum and Mary Vashti (Mrs. Ira Parks); (2) Ann Maria Bowen at Salt Lake City, April 16, 1851; children, Israel, Anson Bowen, Vilate, Vententia, Viola (Mrs. James George) and Harriet Louisa (Mrs. William C. Mann); (3) Margaretta Clark at Salt Lake City, February 7, 1857; children, Willard, Aaron, Mary (Mrs. Thomas Waddoups), Cylista (Mrs. Mark Waddoups), Samantha E. (Mrs. William C. Mann), and Cynthia (Mrs. Thomas Waddoups); (4) Emma Summers at Salt Lake City, February 24, 1857; children, David, Ann (Mrs. Kepler Sessions), Fanny (Mrs. Truman H. Barlow), Lucina (Mrs. Jasper H. Perkins), and Sarah (Mrs. Truman H. Barlow); and (5) Henrietta (Williams) Call, widow of his brother Josiah.

Became a prosperous farmer near Madison Ohio; baptised to the Mormon faith at Kirtland, Ohio, May 21, 1836; moved from Kirtland to Far West, Caldwell County, Missouri, March 20, 1838; driven out of Missouri with other Latter Day Saints and went to Nauveo, Illinois, where he remained until May 15, 1846; crossed the Plains in charge of 20 wagons of the Brigham Young Company and arrived in Salt Lake Valley, September 19, 1848; settled about 10 miles north of Salt Lake City and was appointed Bishop of Berth Canyon Ward, in September, 1849 where he served for ever a year;

Designated in December, 1850, to take a group of settlers to Parowan Valley in southern Utah; one of the founders of Fillmore, Millard County, Utah, November 24, 1851, where he became President of the L.D.S. Stake; appointed Probate Judge when Millard County was first organized in 1851

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and was elected to the Territorial Legislature from that County in 1852.

Greatly assisted in recovering the instruments, note books and other property of Capt. John W. Gunnison, U.S. Topographical Engineer, who, with 7 others of a Pacific Railroad Survey Party, was massacred by Pah-Ute Indians near the Sevier River, Utah, Oct. 26, 1853; resided in Fillmore until March 5, 1854, when he returned to Davis County; founded a settlement known as Gall's Fort, Box Elder County, Utah, 1855; with his sons Anson V. and Chester participated in the Echo Canyon expedition which prepared to resist the entry into Utah of United States troops under command of Colonel Joseph E. Johnston and passed the winter of 1857-58 in the mountains.

Left Salt Lake City, November 15, 1864, with companions for St. George, Utah, to pursue an exploration of the Colorado River and surrounding territory; built a warehouse and laid out the town of Callville, Arizona Territory, on the Colorado River 16 miles west of the mouth of the Virgin River, December 2, 1864, which was established pursuant to a plan to bring Church immigration from Europe to Utah via Panama, the Gulf of California and up the Colorado River; the steamboats "Emeralda" and "Hina Tilden" made somewhat regular trips with freight from the mouth of the Colorado to Call's Landing; the Act of the 24 Arizona Legislature creating the County of Pah-Ute, approved December 23, 1865, designated Callville as the County Seat; construction of the Union Pacific Railroad caused its abandonment as a river port in 1869; the site of Callville is now covered by the waters of Lake Mead, created by Boulder Dam.

Again served as Bishop of North Canyon Ward at Bountiful, 1873-77; was Counselor in the Presidency of Davis Stake at the time of his death at Bountiful, Davis County, Utah, August 31, 1890, aged 80.

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