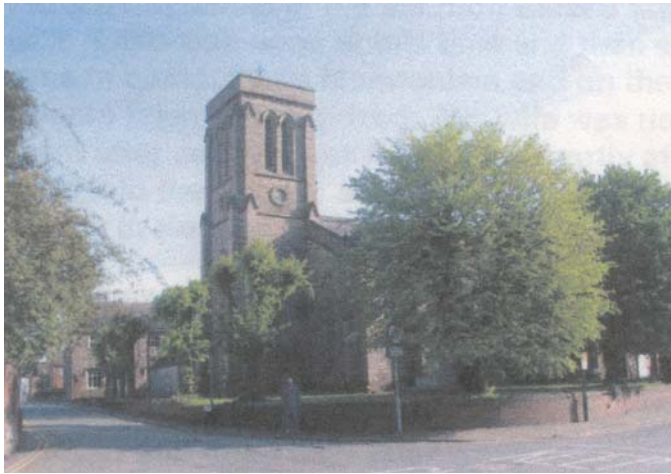


**JOHN PHILLIP KELLY**  
**1814 - 1897**

John Phillip Kelly was born on September 14, 1814 at Bromyard, Herefordshire, England. He was the fourth child of Timothy Kelly and Lucy Lindeman. His mother died on 26 December 1814 when John Phillip was only three and one-half months old.



It was hard for Timothy to be the father and mother of three small children. He married Francis (Fanny) Eckley on 26 December 1815 and it was she who mothered John and his three siblings plus eight of her own born to this union.



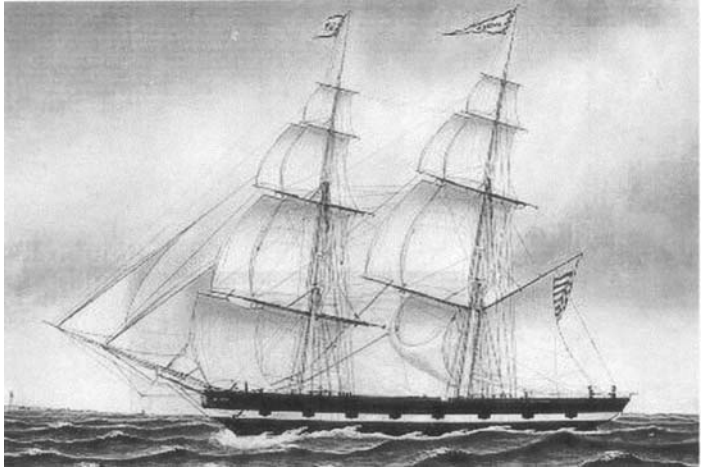
St Nicholas Church in Hereford, England

John Phillip grew up in the small town of Bromyard and there he learned and worked at the shoemaking business. Little is know of him until he married Eliza Long, the daughter of Thomas Long and Ann Taysum on 31 Dec 1838. They were married in the St. Nicholas Church located in the town of Hereford, Herefordshire, England, which is about 6 miles from Bromyard.

There were eight children born to this couple. It seems that John and Eliza wanted to spread the births to different locations because they had two children born in four different towns in the county or shire of Hereford. Eliza born in 1839 and Charles in 1841 in the town of Hereford, Mary Ann or Polly in 1843 and Emily in 1845 born in Hampton Bishop, John in 1847 and Elizabeth in 1849 born in Marden and Ann in 1851 and Eliza in 1855 born in Ullingswick.

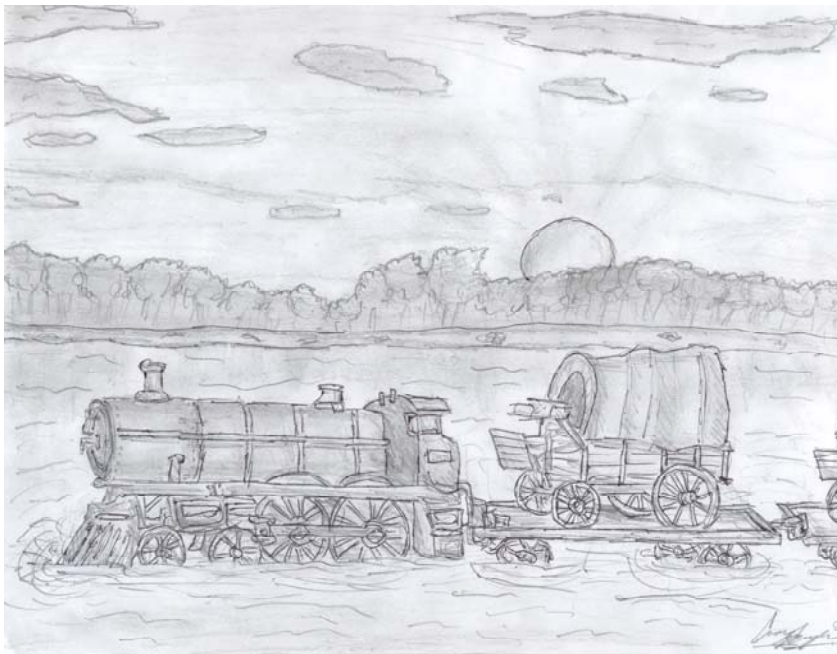
About 1847 a Mormon Elder called at the home of John Phillip Kelly and John became very much interested in the Mormon Elder's story about Joseph Smith and the Book of Mormon. Little was done at this time and then about five years later, while living in Ullingswick, he again came in contact with the Mormon Church. On 4 May 1852 he was baptized a member of the Church. His wife, Eliza, was not baptized until eight years later. She was baptized 4 May 1860, and all the children were baptized shortly thereafter, while they were living in Ullingswick, Hereford, England.

About 1 April 1862 they left their home in Ullingswick and moved to Pencombe, Herefordshire and lived there with their son Charles who at that time was working at his trade as a shoemaker, also. Just a few weeks later it was time to move again. They decided to leave their home in England and join the Mormons in America. They set sail from Liverpool on 23 April 1862 on the ship John J. Boyd, and landed in New York six weeks and three days later on June 1<sup>st</sup>.



**Ship John J. Boyd**

From New York, they went directly to Florence, Nebraska where they rented rooms for thirty days. They were accompanied at this time by a young missionary by the name of Edward Pugh, who later married John's daughter, Elizabeth. While they were in Florence, John Phillip and Edward Pugh went to Council Bluffs, Iowa where John Kelly bought four yoke of oxen, a wagon, a cow and a charter oak stove as well as flour, sugar and other supplies for their long journey. Edward Pugh bought two span of mares and a threshing machine. This machine was hauled all over the Salt Lake Valley each Fall for years to do the threshing for the farmers.



**Picture drawn by Cody Bringham,  
the Great, Great, Great, Great Grandson of John Phillip Kelly**

After thirty days at Florence, they left for Salt Lake City, Utah with an independent company with ox teams. James Warren was their captain. This was a time of high water and Indian uprisings. The Civil War was on and when they left Florence, they loaded their cattle and goods on cattle cars and were taken several miles on a train. The tracks were under water and after they unloaded the cars, the soldiers burned the cars.

There were many exciting days and nights on the trail but with the Lord's help and a lot of hard work this company arrived in Salt Lake City on 27 September 1862, five months and four days after the Kelly family left Liverpool.

From Salt Lake City John Phillip Kelly went directly to American Fork in Utah County where he and his family settled. John engaged in the shoe making business



**The Endowment House in Salt Lake City**

and later in farming. He was industrious, thrifty and an honest man. He was also a very religious man. They were not in Utah but a short time until he and his wife Eliza Long went to the Endowment House in Salt Lake City to have sealing ordinances done on 11 February 1865. Then in 1892, when his family was all together once more, they went to the Logan Temple where sealing work for the entire family was performed.

On 17 August 1867 John Phillip married Elizabeth Clark Wagstaff, a widow, as his second wife. From this union two sons and three daughters were born. They are: Mary Ellen, John Elijah, Lucy, Martha and George Henry. Martha and John Elijah later moved to Shelley, Idaho. John Elijah lived two houses south of where my wife, Leona, grew up. His son, Floyd, lived across the street.

John Phillip was arrested for living in polygamy and was fined \$300 and sentenced to six months in jail. This happened when his son, Charles Kelly, was on his mission in England. John felt terrible about it, but he knew the judge pretty well so he went to Provo and talked to the judge. The judge used to come to the house to eat and visit at different times and he told John to pay the fine and "we will fix it someway". John didn't have enough money so his family helped him out.

John Phillip was a clean, tidy, hard-working man all his life with a kindly disposition that would provide him with many friends. He was well thought of in the community. His word was as good as his bond. He was blessed as a wonderful teacher of the gospel in the High Priests Group.

On 6 March 1891 Eliza Long died in American Fork, Utah and during this same year John Phillip suffered a paralytic stroke. When he suffered the stroke, he was on his way to a church meeting, but as he passed by the window of the house, he staggered and would have fallen had not his daughter, Emily, caught him. He said that he was dizzy and she could see that something was the matter with him. She got him on the lounge and asked her husband if he would stay with her father while she went to get

someone to administer to him. She ran all the way to the meeting house on top of the hill to get brother Barrett. After the blessing was given, the doctor came to the home and told the family that John could have another stroke right away or, if the Lord

figures he has more to do here on this earth, he might live a few more years. For the next six years he was cared for by his second wife, Elizabeth, and his daughter, Emily. On the day he died he had told his daughter that an eggnog would make his upset stomach feel better. After she made it she left him for a while to prepare supper. When she came back to his room to check on him, he had passed away. This was on Sunday, 27 April 1897. He was buried in the American Fork cemetery beside his wife, Eliza Long.



**Ray Kelly at the grave site of his Great-Great Grandparents, in the American Falls, Utah Cemetery**



**John Phillip Kelly**



**Eliza Long Kelly**



**This history of John Phillip Kelly came from a number of sources including a story told by their daughter, Emily Kelly Adamson, in April of 1925. My Aunt, Chloe Hunter Kelly, and my wife, Leona Kelly, verified many of the dates and locations in the history. We are so grateful that a number of our ancestors kept records where we, who would come many years later, could feel of their faith and testimony of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I pray that we of this generation might do as well for our children and grandchildren**

**After the deaths of John Phillip and Eliza, Elizabeth, the remaining wife changed the spelling of the name from Kelly to Kelley. We have been told that she did this to save confusion because there was another Elizabeth Kelly living in American Fork at the time. All of her descendents use the Kelley spelling. That also explains why the tombstone for John Phillip says Kelley. We do not know who this other Elizabeth Kelly was. Elizabeth later moved to Shelley, Idaho, where several of her children were living. That is where she died and was buried.**

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