

Leaving Liverpool

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This session aims to reveal the importance of the spiritual, physical and emotional journey taken by early converts to the restored gospel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, who travelled from Liverpool to the USA. A variety of useful records and resources will be given, to aid looking for ancestors emigrating from the UK to the USA to follow their faith, alongside inferences that can be made from DNA testing and collaborating with matches.



The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints was formally organised in America on 6 April 1830

- Joseph Smith (23 December, 1805 - 27 June, 1844)
- Church members went to Great Britain in 1830s to preach the message of the Restored Gospel

Liverpool

- city in northwest England, located where the River Mersey meets the Irish Sea
- a key trade and migration port from the 18th to early 20th centuries
- Liverpool seen as the 'gateway' for introducing the Restored Gospel in Great Britain
- 19 July 1837 - 7 missionaries arrived on board the Garrick

The first 7 missionaries:

1. Heber C. Kimball [Letter from Heber C. Kimball, 9 July 1840, Page 861 \(josephsmithpapers.org\)](http://josephsmithpapers.org)
2. Orson Hyde
3. Joseph Fielding
4. Isaac Russell
5. Willard Richards
6. John Goodson
7. John Snider

Could research their biographies and autobiographies

- archives
- bookstore
- library
- websites
- Wikipedia



National Library of Scotland <https://maps.nls.uk/>

- side by side maps
- old and present day maps

52 Bold Street

the meeting place for the Saints in the early 19th century, the city's Music Hall - 52 Bold Street, is still in use, although commercially

- Elder John Taylor was the first to preach the restored gospel in Liverpool from July 1840 there
- it is the city's only remaining building from the mid-19th century that was used by the early Church members in England
- between 1840 - 1860, tens of thousands of Latter-day Saints embarked from the Liverpool docks on ships that carried them from their homeland to gather with other members in the United States

The "Three Graces"

On the waterfront now, the iconic mercantile buildings known as the Three Graces - on the Pier Head:

- Royal Liver Building
- Cunard Building
- Port of Liverpool Building

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Maritime Museum, Royal Albert Dock, Liverpool

[Archive sheet 29 - Mormon emigration](#) | [National Museums Liverpool \(liverpoolmuseums.org.uk\)](http://NationalMuseumsLiverpool.org.uk)



The harbour-side Crossing statue, which depicts a family preparing to board a ship, leaving Liverpool for America, reflects the Handcart family statue at Salt Lake City's Temple Square



Provisions

The cost of crossing the Atlantic was £3 to £5 per adult. British law required that the fare include for each adult passenger *passengers were free to add any extra food they would need*:

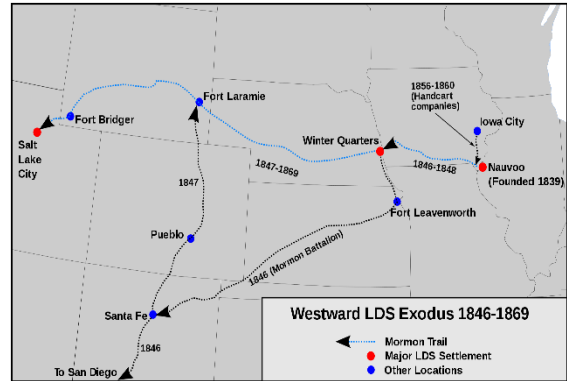
- 33 pounds bread
- 10 pounds rice
- 10 pounds oatmeal
- 10 pounds flour
- 10 pounds peas and beans
- 35 pounds potatoes
- 10 Pounds pork
- 60 gallons water
- 1 pint vinegar

Emigration to USA

Family Search Latter-Day Saint online genealogy records

[FamilySearch](#) • [Free Family Trees and Genealogy Archives](#)

- Vital records
- Archives and libraries
- Biographies
- Cemetery records
- Censuses
- Church history
- Church records
- Compiled genealogies
- Court and criminal records
- Diaries and journals
- Early Latter-day Saint members
- Immigration records
- Land records
- Military
- Newspapers
- Periodicals



The Welsh Saints Project [The Welsh Saints Project \(byu.edu\)](#) - Welsh converts to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints who immigrated to the United States in the 19th century.

The Joseph Smith papers [The Joseph Smith Papers: A comprehensive digital collection of the papers of Joseph Smith](#)

- documents
- journals
- administrative records
- revelations and translations
- histories
- legal records
- financial records
- other contemporary papers

Recorded Testimonies [The Story of the British Saints in Their Own Words, 1900–50 | Religious Studies Center \(byu.edu\)](#)

- testimonies, experiences, and explanations of the history of the Church in the British Isles from the early 1900s until 1987 - narratives allow members to share, in their own words, their experiences in the Church - joys and sorrows, successes and failures

Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild [Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild](#)

- 20,000+ Passenger Manifests in 21 volumes, plus other passengers listed in Special Projects

MyHeritage - Collection catalog - Latter Day Saints

1. Vital records

2. Archives and libraries
3. Biographies
4. Cemetery records
5. Censuses
6. Church history
7. Church records
8. Compiled genealogies
9. Court and criminal records
10. Diaries and journals



DNA

- specific regions, for example Wales
- numbers in community
- matches
- relationship predictors
- *collaboration*



Devising ancestors' narratives

- 'micro histories'
- oral histories
- proud of 'worthy' ancestors - pioneers
- notion of homelands
- sankofa - 'go back & fetch it'

Crossing the Atlantic Ocean: A Reminiscence

*"In January, Fifty-three, we left our English home,
Determined for the Gospel's sake, to Zion's land to come.
Our family was very small, its members numbered three,
Yet strong in faith of Israel's God, and full of hope were we.
'Twas not to us an easy task to bid old friends adieu,
To take a long farewell of those who always had been true,
To leave for aye, the cozy home we made but just before,
And take a last fond look of things we should behold no more;
The wind blew keen, as out we went into the cold gray dawn,
But keener far the chill we felt within our hearts that morn.
The stars were shining over us, but brighter in our breast
Was the star of hope that lured us on to the distant West."*

Hannah L. Cornaby, *Autobiography and Poems* (Salt Lake City: J. C. Graham & Co., 1881), 65

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Books available on Amazon, paperback or kindle:

- *'Ethical Dilemmas In Genealogy'*
- *'The Psychology of Searching'*

Other RTC 2022 sessions:

- *The 1921 England and Wales Census*
- *Damnatio memoriae - condemnation of a person's memory*

