

HISTORY OF CHARLES LAMBERT

Charles Lambert, son of Charles & Sarah Lambert was born August 30 1816 at Kirk Deighton about 12 miles from the city of York Yorkshire England was regously inclined although my parents made no pretentions but was named amoungst the establish Church of England I prayed much when young and received many blessings I went to a school at Wetherby but my mothers uncle George Greaves he dying when I was about 11 years old ended my further going to school before I was 12 I went as apprentice to my fathers Brother Thomas then residing in Leeds. He soon afterwards married a second wife his first been dead which made thing so disagreeable he beating and abuseing me so that I left and my Father said I should not go back to him hearing of a good chance to learn to Quarry stone and rive slate and also to hew as a great deal was done for the City of London which was conveyed by boats This was at Woodhous Moor near Leeds I worked there until I was about 16 when I was pronounced proficent and told I had learnt all I could there I resolved to seek another place all this time I was supporting myself been about 16 miles from home I went home nd spent a little time when I resolved to go to Harrogte as there was considerable fine buildings in course of erection after working there awile and doing well but my object was improvement so I thought as I might do better by binding myself for some time to a Mr Charles Favil Builder and Contractor so I agreed to serve him for three years at a stipulated sum per month and furnished everything I needed. He was building

a Gentleman Mansion at Starrbeck near Knaresborroug after that was finish he contracted for 8 miles on the Preston and Wiggan Rail Road spent some time on that line making our quarters at Leyland about 6 miles from Preston but fate was against us and he Favil lost the job thus he had nothing to do I did not like to be idle and so expressed myself and that I did not want pay and do nothing so he set me free. I then went to Preston to work for one Dewhurst who was building a Catholick Church a good job I got a place by the best work man in the place who promiced to be my friend and learn me what he could I shall never forget his kindness.

I was one of six who comenced the great Ribble R. R. Bridge. here I attended a night school I was one of the first Teetotalers in Preston & a teacher in a Methodist Sunday School also secretary in the oppreative Masons Lodge I lef Preston a short time before the Saints arrived there I went to Manchester from there to Warrington and worked on the Quay Bridges from there to Birtles Hall near Macclesfield Cheshire from there to Peter Langforce Brooks esqr MoreHall Cheshire a very good job I there gained the goodwill of the foreman Harry Giles considered one of the best in England worked on that when the main of the building was done the workmen where discharged excepting 14 I was one of those kept on I then went to Mr Giles and told him my object was to learn all I could and would allow him so much a week for Instructions he promised he would but would not charge me anything as he wanted me for a companion for Harry his nephew a few months younger than meself it was very fine work we was doing and had to do. After

this I went to work at Stael Hall some very nice work, after this I went to work on the Birmingham & London R. R. at Coventry and neighbourhood after that I went to London but I did not like the place and left after spending my money traveling by way of St. Albans Peterborough Falkingham to Sleaford Lincolnshire there I went to work at Overham Priory the Seat of Lord Willchelsen. This was a very good job after that for Mr Baker Sleaford. After that was done I went home for a season I then went and worked awile in Leeds & Chapp between when I herd of the York and North Midland R. R. commencing I went & contracted for some Bridges takeing two partners these proving a hiderence more than a help I had to dispose of them I been the responsible one I finished my contract and done well giveing full satisfaction the Inspector stating mine the best on the line this to me was considerable after this I went to Grimestone park the Seat of John Craddock Lord Howden was there manageing foreman fill my place with credit. At this time I was much persecuted for my Releigeous view as I did not believe in any of the Sects and Creeds they not bee in accordance with the Scriptures as I understood them. I fasted and prayed for the gifts and blessings and the faith once delivered to the Saints even went so far as to agree with a companion that we would baptize each other I desired to know what to do and was so impressed to go East that I exclaimed I will Lord when I told Mother she cried and felt bad but I started the first day I walked about 25 miles The next day I got to Grinsborough There wasa new church in course of erection There was an old mate of mine there who made a great fuse

when he saw me as did some others the foreman wanted to know who I was when Luke Harvey told him I was the best workman in England they wanted me to stay but I told them I would think about it, in course of the evening I was told that Mr Baker of Sleaford was just commencing a new Hall for Squire Peacock at North Rosby that settled me I told those with me that as where I was going I got there in the Evening next morning I went to the Hall there met Mr Bakers Son I told him I was come to work if they wanted me he thought I was ajoking but when he found I was in earnest wished me to take hold I had no tools but the men proposed to furnish me all I wanted so I commence I was soon placed in charge I wrote home for tools which was sent there I received a letter from William Watson Stone Cutter and Carver who worked with me at Lord Howden's stateing that the Lord had again restored the Gospel and that he had been Baptized I had a Vission previous that prepared me for this but the joy I was full of thanks-giveing I wrote ammediately to know where to go to find some who had been so blessed an answer came stating there had been a Branch Oranised at Louth, Linconshire about 3 weeks this was about 40 miles from where I then was. I soon up and went there it being Saturday the Market day I been a Stranger did not know where to go. I met a man seling milk asked if he knew such a people as Latter day Saints or Mormons he looked at me a strange look exclameing why they pretend to raise the dead and work miracles if you belong to that class I will have nothing to do with you. The next was a respectable looking Man a butcher which proved to be a Methodist Preacher we had quite a discushon in

the market place I had the best of it and he said I was too far learned for him but he wished me to dine with him the next day Sunday directing me to a temperance house where I would find some of those I was seeking B. Atkins now liveing in Tooele well remembers my visit to Louth there was about 8 members at that time but no Elder but I enjoyed that meeting I wished them to send the first Elder that came and I would get a Chappel to speck in and provide far his wants Br. Henry Ceuerdon came this was about July 1, 1843 I was pleased to see him and as I was alone asked would he share my bed or would he choose to be by himself he prefered to stay with me when we retired I waited for him to make a move he waiteing for me so me said our prayers to ourselves in the morning I told him if he would come down at 7 o'clock I would wish to be baptized we was at that time makeing 7 days per week he came and says he I have not preached to yet I told him if he had got the authority I wished to be baptized after some talk and prayer he baptized me before leaving me he said he could not leave me until he had Ordained me a priest I felt well I was talking to the keeper when he told me he believed in the principals I remember us two going to the wood to pray. A few days after this an occourance took place I must relate I had got the voice of warning which he the game keeper to read while reading it one evening his wife a stout well built woman with red hair acosted him thus Tom Tom he told her to be quite and not bother him she retaliated saying if that D... Latter day devil was here there would have plenty to say that he told her to let me alone and angry words was exchanged when

he not suspecting knocked him over chair and all at that he jumped up struck her betwixt the eyes bruseing her and blacking both eyes at this she cried out Murther when the neighbours rushed to her assistince I had just gone to bed a meeting was held when it was agreed to drum me out of the village with kettles and pans next morning at 8 o'clock I sent word for someone to ring the bell for me for theme to commence work and I would be there at quarter time 9 o'clock so according to appointment they the women began to muster when a number had collected I went to them and asked what I had to do with the affair the woman said nothing she alone was to blame she knocked Tom over and it made him mad and he had blacked her eyes for her but he had served her right This set me free but when walking up or down the street I was pointed out as the man who caused them to fight. This though came into my mind and seemed to rest there if they persecute thee in one city flee unto another so I resolved to go to Ammerica to Nauvoo hearing of some of my old shopmates was working at a new hall near Pocklington I sped my way thither as some of them joined the Church. One sister the wife of William Watson had been confined to her bed 9 months was promiced if she would yeald obedience to the Gospel she should be healed. She was helped out of bed and taken to the river as soon as baptized she told them she was better and walked home She told me saw a light all arround her and felt it go through her whole sistem she crossed the sea in the same vessel with me leaving Liverpool on January 13, 1844 and never complained more about it as long as I was with her when I got to Pocklington I was well received and went

to work with William Watson assisting to cut 10 capitals of the Ionick order when they where done I went to Liverpool Rhubert Hadlock was Presideing Thomas Ward was working in the Office been at considerable expence I spent my last penny I wrote to Father to send me 1.00 Pounds but not one penny came I had paid my passage also assisting William Watson and family and gave my bed & bedding to a sister whise husband was in S Louis she had two childeren with her I had a dream showing me I should go through all right. This I told before I left Liverpool we left Liverpool January 13, 1844 in the Bark Fanny of Boston William Kay was President of the Company I had to deal out the provisions to the Co. we arrived at Orleans March 6 there was the Maid of Ioway Dan Jones Captin this belonged to the Church but when I saw the boat and engines & I said it would not do for me but Brother Kay thinking to gaine favor by takeing her engaged the company no. 208 though my fare was paid to Nauvoo I told them I would go to work until I got money to go in a deacent vessel a Brian Enginere said he would not trust his family on board resolved to go on a boat named the Henry and if I would go he would lend me the money and I go with them I excepted he apostatised soon after he got there in ten days we was up there but the company was more than 5 weeks and suffered much. The day after I arrived as I had some business to transact with the Prophet Joseph I went and had an interview with him and William Clayton I felt good I went up to the Temple I saw there was work for me but my dress and general appearance [he was in good clothes and a tall silk hat] did not bespeak that of a working man I enquired for

those in charge Renholds Cahoon presented himself and some others they tried me very much and sought to make game of me they took me for a crank and enthusiast R. Cahoon as last said if you can work we can do with your work but we have nothing to give you I replied sharply I have not come here to work for pay I have come to help to build that house pointing to the Temple then they laughed at this time I had not one penny and an entire stranger. [As a contactor and skilled joiner in the old country, he had brought no tradesman's clothes with him, so he hung his hat on a peg while he donned a workman's cap. The imposing hat was soon cut to pieces by stones thrown at it out of spite or jest. Charles was a marvel of physical strength. Once when fellow workers did not at once respond to his call for assistance, this young man moved all by himself the huge stone from which he was carving the figure of one of the twelve oxen on which the baptismal font would rest. This was a feat which would ordinarily require several men to perform.] I went to work but how I lived for 3 weeks I cannot tell I saw the press type of the Expositor burnt. I was present when the Prophet was taking to some Indians that had come to see him I attended his weekly meetings regularly never missed I appreciate the instructions I received. I will here relate a circumstance a Brother William Blood that crossed the sea in the same vessel fell sick he sent for me said he wished to ask a favor I promised says he I know I am going to die and I want you to promise before these witnesses that you will be a councilor to my family and that you would get Brother Hyrum Smith to seal me and my wife before I die

I went and saw Brother Hyrum he promised as soon as he got back from Carthage he would attend to it he never came back alive but that has been attended too since. I worked faithfully on the Temple by day and guarded the city by night I was Ensign for the first company of 4th regiment of the Nauvoo Legion John Kay was Captain I was Ordained an Elder in the Elders Quorum soon after my arrival I was asked if I would be one of 12 to go and preach to the Indians and equip my self with a gun one pound of powder a Blanket and one dollar I answered yes I was afterwards told I was not to go my labors was wanted on the Temple that was settled on. I was called to be and was ordained a Seventy in the Eleventh Quorum which was called Brigham Quorum, I was now considered worthy to draw my rations with the other men been told that a Widdow with a family needed help and would like a boarder I felt led to go I did so and felt at home about this time a man by the name of Watt came there full of religion said he wanted to find that pure and undefiled religion before God I jokingly said to him I was enjoying that. What do you mean why does not it say to visit the fatherless and the Widdow and to releive them in their distresses is pure and undefiled religion before God I live with a widdow and am helping to support her and her childeren he had to be baptized and is now liveing in St. George. Now Nauvoo was the worst place for a single man I ever lived in I went and got me a house and lot in case I should find some one to share with me my lot. It so hapened that one evening I met with a young girl in the house of Edwin Mitchel with a nice sun bonnet on I looked and the more I became

interested that she is to be my wife and it stuck to me she was
going up the river to a place she had been spending some time
previous and I confess it was the longest 3 weeks I ever lived.
She came back and it was soon settled she had a dream and I was
shown to her as her husband and not only that but it was shown to
her that I was to be guardian for her brothers and sister our
courtship was but a short one I have frequently remarked we got
married and done our courting after and had not got through with it
yet and wished to continue we was married by President John Taylor
her Uncle by marriage his first wife being sister to George Cannon
Father to George Q. Cannon this took place November 1844 we
afterwards was sealed in the Nauvoo Temple by President J. Taylor
but not at the alter it been taken down we received our washings
and annointings in the Nauvoo Temple I was called upon to be
adminsterator to George Cannons Estate and went to Carthage to take
out bills of Administration General Demins was Sherrif at the time
I called upon him I never shall forget the kindness shown me by him
at that time I went to see Judge Greenleaf the County Judge he
received me kindly and wish to have a talk with me, we went to an
upper room in the Court house shut ourselves in and had a talk for
2 hours he then and there promiced he would never fight against the
Mormons I believe he at that time was a baptist Minister. He gave
bills of administration and then said that family needs a guardian
and I wish you to assume that responsibility I could no other but
consent Brother Thomas Harrington was with me and went my bonds
whene I asked for my bill he reply nothing you are welcome for what