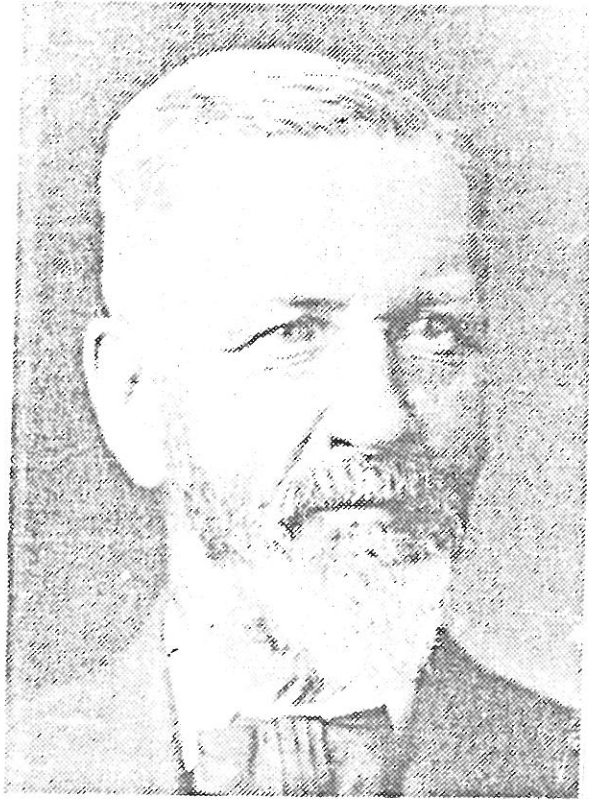


JOHN DRUCE



HISTORY OF JOHN DRUCE

John Druce was born June 18, 1818, in the Parish of Mitcham, Merton, Surry, England. His father, John Druce was an engraver, with an establishment of his own where his sons were taught in that art. In 1840, the son John was employed in the McEntire engraving department of the Ducie Print works in Manchester. He was very much respected by his employers and fellow workmen, and was connected with that establishment as long as he remained in his native land. He was baptized a member of the Church, August 4, 1841, by Parley P. Pratt, then presiding in Great Britain. He was soon called into the ministry, and presided at different times over the branches of the Church at Stackport, Crossmore, Salpord, and Middleton. He married Julia Ann Jinks, June 19, 1842, in the old Colligate Church in Manchester, England.

They came to America in August.

John was employed at the Garnerville Print works at Haverstraw, New York, for fifteen years, where he presided as Branch President. With his wife and seven children, a cook and two teamsters, he left Haverstraw, Jun 11, 1861, arriving in Salt Lake, on September 16, 1861, in Ira Reed's independent Company. They purchased a home in the Twelfth Ward, on 5th East Street, where they resided until the time of his death.

John learned the carpenter trade after coming to Utah and became a building contractor. He helped to erect the Salt Lake Theater and other notable structures. He finished a mission to the Eastern States in 1876-1877, and presided over the States of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. Returning home, he was chosen,

June 21, 1877, first counselor to the bishop of the 12th Ward, which position he held for twenty years, under Bishop Alexander C. Ryper and Hiram B. Clawson. He was ordained a Patriarch September 29, 1897 and died October 7, 1897.