James Hardy

James Hardy was the son of William Manning Hardy & Rebecca Osbourne, born 3 Sep. 1832 in the parish of Mauch Hadham, Hertfordshire, England. My father was a shoemaker in that parish, carrying on business, some of his oldest sons worked for him. He married his 1st wife, Hannah, daughter of Wm. & Sarah Taddar, who had 4 sons & 4 daughters. Our grandfather Taddar died at 93 years. My father afterwards married Rebecca Osbourne, who had 6 sons & 6 daughters. 2 sons & 3 daughters are still alive. I was sent to school at 6 years & continued to go until I was nearly 15, & on Saturday & other times was an errand boy to a baker of the village named Randall, was one of the 12 boys at the National School to be chosen to learn a trade, money being left from gentlemen to have one boy from the school apprenticed to some trade each year. I was sent by my father to try the trade of cooper for one month on trial. I must say I did not like the business, but my father insisted upon me to follow the same, & I was bound to serve 5 years apprenticeship at the town of Stortford, 5 miles from my birthplace to a man named Robert Patmore, & I was an outdoor prentice. I was to receive one shilling a week for the first year, & raised higher every year. I received 1.25 for the time named. He was of dissipated habits & lost his business & I was to learn the best I could.

I was at that time a member of the Church of England, being confirmed as the Stratford Church by the Bishop of London after answering questions. I was about 16 years old & some time later I became acquainted with a young woman named Susan Easter, who was a member of the LDS Church, who gave me tracts, called the Kingdom of God, written by Apostle Orson Pratt. I read those tracts, but did not receive any impression in relation to the new sect. I afterwards was lent a book called “The Voice of Warning” by P. P. Pratt, which I read very carefully, & I began to reflect & desired to learn more of this new sect, & I made up my mind to attend their meeting, & I took my Bible with me, so I could refer to scripture, & prove them to be false. I was however surprised to hear illiterate men speak as they did. I asked a great many questions, & I continued to attend these meetings. Secretly, & I again read “The Voice of Warning” & as I used to go to the Church of England I did not feel right & I began to see they had a great deal of truth, & in fact, more than all the sects, & they taught doctrines of Jesus Christ & his Apostles. I became more & more interested, but one thing I could not get to understand, the doctrine of new revelation, but I was promised if I would comply with the ordinances of baptism & repent of my former sins, & seek the Lord with full purpose of heart, I should receive a knowledge of its truth & I told the elder I desired to become a member of the church, & was baptized in the River Lee at Stratford about 10 at night 2 Oct. 1851 by Elder Henry David Hall, & I was confirmed shortly after by him, shortly afterward I was ordained a priest, & was called upon to go with traveling Elder Wm. Fowler, to preach at a Village 3 miles distant (Starested in Essex) this was the summer months after my work was done & I was then past 19.

I encountered some opposition from my master R. Patmore, who used to watch me, & he used to treat me very badly & jeeringly, & on one occasion he accused me before a magistrate saying I was keeping company with the lowest & worst kind of people called Mormons. This did not avail, altho the gentleman advised me to leave those wicked people, & he appealed to my father, who was present to see to me, as I was subject to him, not being 21 years old. My father stating I was keeping good company, he knew, & very shortly after I was released from this man,
having nearly finished my time, & I went home for a short time, & then started to seek work. My
father went with me about 3 miles giving me advice & good counsel. I walked on before I left
my father, he told me not to get into bad company, for I would be thrown into all kinds of
temptations. I got to Edmonton about 7 miles from London & stayed over nights with my
brother, Thomas. Next day went to London & found my brother, Wm. In Beach St. Phiswell
Street & stayed there. I went in search for work & found some at Middleton Cooperage on
Worship Street. I worked there a short time & left for London Docks & got work as a wine
cooper, & then I boarded with a family of Saints in Jewin Street. I joined the Finsbury Branch
presided over by Elder John Maiben. I used to go out with the brethren to preach in the open air.
I afterwards moved over to Bermondsey & lived there with Brother & Sister Spicer & married
my wife, Mary Ann Hyde at Horsleytown Church on 4 Feb. 1856. I lived with them until they
emigrated the following year. I then took a house in the Marlborough Road Old Kent Road, with
a man named Harding. I joined the Aralworth Common Branch presided over by Elder Wm.
Horote, where I labored for a long time preaching & distributing tracts, then I was still working at
the London Docks.

My wife was confined of a son 19 Feb. 1857, blessed Jes W. Hardy. I was called
sometime later to preside over the Lambeth Branch in 1858 by Elder Charles Penrose. I moved
from Marlborough Road & took rooms with Brother & Sister Thorne, & my daughter was born.
I then moved to St. Arms Terrace Cobury Road, & at this place I first met Brother F. M. Lyman, James L. Chalmers came and took my upstairs rooms & in this house my son, Lorenzo Harold
was born & blessed. In the same year F. M. Lyman labored in London & came to my house. I
labored as pres. Of the Lambeth Branch in St. Goerges (St. George’s Hall) for over 3 years, when
I was succeeded by Elder Joseph I. Barfoot, & there I became acquainted with Elder George
Reynolds.

On 6 April 1863 I lost my son, Nephi Charles Henry of measles of the worst kind. He
was blessed by Elder Joseph Barfoot of the Lambeth Branch, London Conf. On 27 May 1863,
my wife was confined with a son. I had paid the deposit for my wife & 3 children & baby,
making fourth? & took passage in the sailing ship “Amazon” which sailed from London Docks 4
June 1863. My wife, Mary.....

(This sentence was never finished by Grandpa Hardy. It was left undone in his own
history, which he compiled himself.)

James Hardy Patriarchal Blessing

A Patriarchal Blessing given by G. W. Brimhall 27 April 1894 upon the head of James
Hardy, son of Wm. Manning Hardy & Rebecca Osborn (Osbourne) 3 Sep. 1832 in the Parish of
Great Hadburn, Hertfordshire, England.

Brother James by the authority of the Holy Melchezedek Priesthood, I stretch forth my
hands upon they head as one of the patriarchs. Thou are of the tribe of Joseph and of his brother
Benjamin the children of Rachel the beloved of Jacob. I confirm upon thee all thy former
blessings under the Holy Priesthood and say unto thee, thou shalt be ownership of the same and
inherit the same forever. Let not thy heart be troubled, neither thy faith fail thee. Keep the
commandments of the Lord and thy shelter shall be with the saints. Well supplied with food,
with clothing and that which is convenient and dependent. I bless thee with health of body
strength and vitality and vigor of mind that thy hand may weld (wield) the pen of the ready writer
to inscribe and indite the thoughts and words of men. Thou shalt preside with dignity in every
department where the priesthood doth place thee. Thou shalt teach the gospel to the young and
administer wisdom to the old for their salvation in the kingdom of God: Thou shalt use the
ordinance of the gospel by the power of the holy priesthood in the name of the Lord. Thou shalt
stretch forth thy hand in faith and heal the sick and clean the lepers even many of our brothers
and sisters from the Isles of the sea that are afflicted there with. Thou shalt cast out devils and if
it be to the glory of God thou shalt raise the dead and arrest the hurricane in its fierce rage and
stay the waving of the sea and turn back the hands of wicket men from shedding blood. Thou
shalt bless the desert land and it shall become a fruitful field, a food for men and beast shall grow
there from. The choice fruit of the land of Canen the husbandman, the wife and the children
shall gather abundantly therein and thy joy shall be full. I seal upon thee eternal life and eternal
progression and wisdom to come forth clothed upon with power and imperial majesty and self
government and all that pertaineth unto thee and stand upon Mt. Zion in the light of the glory of
the Lord, even so,
Amen.

Application for Citizenship

In the matter of the application of James Hardy to be admitted a citizen of the United
States. The said applicant submitted the following to wit

I, James Hardy do declare on oath that it is bonafide my intention to become a citizen of
the United States, and to renounce and adjure forever all allegiance and fidelity to all and any
foreign Prince Potentate State or Sovereignty whatever, and particularly to Victoria Owen of
Great Britain and Ireland of whom I am a subject.

Sworn to before me at my office at Provo City this 22nd day of March A. D. 1866.
John McEwan Clerk of the U. S. Ist Judicial District Court, in & for the Territory of Utah.

As proof of having made his declaration of intention to become a citizen of the United
States from which it appears that said declaration was made more than 2 years previous to this
date, and has proved that he has resided in the United States for 5 years last past, and in the
Territory of Utah for one year last past, by the oath of John W. Turner & Isaac Bullock citizens,
and also that for and during the period of said 5 years he has behaved as a man of good moral
character, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and well disposed to
the good order and happiness of the same, and having made in open court the following
declaration on oath, to wit:
I, James Hardy do declare on oath that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and that I do absolutely and entirely renounce and forever abjure all allegiance and fidelity to all and every Foreign Prince Potentate State or Sovereignty whatever to Victoria, Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, whose subject I heretofore have been.

Signed James Hardy

It was therefor ordered by the court that the said James Hardy, be and he if hereby admitted a citizen of the United States.

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MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE

We, James Hardy of Provo City, Utah Co., Territory of Utah, and Elizabeth Smith of Provo in Utah Co., Territory of Utah, do hereby certify that on the 29 day of August A. D. 1887 at Provo City, county and territory, performed the marriage ceremony, and that we did in his presence, and in the presence of the witnesses whose names are attached to this instrument, mutually agree to respect, love and cherish each other as husband and wife, as long as we should both live.

Signed
James Hardy
Elizabeth (X) her mark Smith

Witness by Henry White and Henry E. White
And John E. Booth a Justice of the Peace for Utah County, Territory of Utah, do also certify that on the day and year named in the above certificate, I united in marriage the said James Hardy and Elizabeth Smith and that the nature of the marriage ceremony who set forth in the certificate above and I further certify that upon due inquiry, I found no legal impediment to said marriage.

John E. Booth
Justice of the Peace

Dated Provo 29 Aug A. D. 1887
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