

Paul, Edmund¹ 1840-1926

Birth

Edmund Paul, son of William and Elizabeth (Goyne) Paul, was born February 6, 1840 at Saint Agnes, Cornwall, England. He was baptized into the LDS Church in England when he was 8-10 years old.

When he was eight years old he started serving his apprenticeship as a carpenter, that being his father and brothers' trade. His father, William Paul, was an architect and builder.

→ America, Utah

Edmund came to Utah in 1854 with his parents. When they landed in St. Louis they discovered that Edmund's brother, John, had cholera. There was an epidemic of it at this time.² People were dying off like flies. He was taken to the hospital, and Edmund was given instructions to return to see his brother buried in the morning as the doctors said he could not possibly live through the night. The family could not believe that he would die though, as they were promised by the elders before they left England that they would all reach Utah in safety. His father administered to him and he recovered.

They endured many trials of faith while crossing the plains³. Among the many hardships they had to go through was famine. During that time they practically lived on segos and milk. Making the trek across the plains with Edmund were his father William, age 51, his mother, Elizabeth Goyne Paul, age 50, two brothers, Walter, 20, and John, 18, and, two sisters, Susan Rebecca, 12, and Priscilla, 16. (Edmund was the youngest of the boys, at age 14.)

Paul, Edmund (14)
 Paul, Elizabeth Goyne (50)
 Paul, John (18)
 Paul, Priscilla (16)
 Paul, Susan Rebecca (12)
 Paul, Walter (20)
 Paul, William (51)

¹ For more information on Edmund Paul, see Family Tree sketches for William Paul (Edmund's father) and Martha Z. Huntington, (Edmund's first wife).

² William A. MacMaster recorded in his daily journal that 53 had died of cholera by the time they started the overland before they started the journey. (lds.org/churchhistory/library/source/1,8016,4976-5171,00.html) Also William Empey, in a letter updating Brigham Young of the status of various pioneer companies mentioned **"There has been considerable mortality among the Saints this season, about 200 have died belonging to the aforesaid companies."** That number referred to deaths among many companies, not only that of Daniel Garn.

³ Mary Jane, Edmund's eldest sister, had married a man by the name of James Linforth. They started across the plains two years later, in 1856, the hardships proved too much for them, so they did not stay in Utah, but continued on to California where they lived out their lives.

Upon their arrival in Utah, Edmund worked for Mr. Woodmancie for his board. The first white biscuits they were served, he asked if he might take his share to his father. They told him to eat what he wanted and that they would give him some to take to his father.

Edmund's mother died soon after reaching the Salt Lake Valley.

Patriarchal Blessing

In 1857 Edmund Paul received the following Patriarchal Blessing:

Patriarchal Blessing given [in] Pleasant Grove Aug. 24, 1857 by John Young upon the head of Edmund Paul, son of William and Elizabeth, born Feb. 6, 1840, Cornwall, England.

Brother Edmund, In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon your head to bless you and to seal upon you the blessings of the everlasting gospel and of the priesthood which you have received and a fullness of it is yours in the own due time of the Lord.

You are a lawful heir entitled to the blessings of the Fathers, even of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and you shall be blest with wives and children and natural life; you shall live to a good old age to do good. You shall assist in the redemption of Zion, in avenging the blood of the Prophets and you shall be called upon in the own due time of the Lord to proclaim the gospel of salvation, [and] become a mighty man in Israel famous for good works, and your name shall be heard declaring the everlasting truths of heaven to those who sit in darkness in the shadow of death.

You shall live on the earth to do much good, to understand the principles of the gospel, even the celestial law, and if you will abide it you shall have celestial glory and blessings and no enemy shall have power over you to destroy you but in all times of danger and difficulty not a hair of your head shall fall to the earth, and though you may be wafted from Island to Island it is necessary that you should be faithful, and though many may fall upon your right hand and upon your left you shall be preserved and you shall remember the words that I speak to you this day and they shall be a comfort to you.

You shall be a Savior upon Mount Zion to help to redeem a lost world. Follow the counsel of your Father and always seek to do good, and to follow your file leaders and you shall overcome and be numbered among the great and glorious company which John saw.

I seal all these [blessings] according to the holy order and sealing power of the kingdom, and the anointing which I have received, authorizing me to bind on earth and in the heavens, and in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, even so, Amen

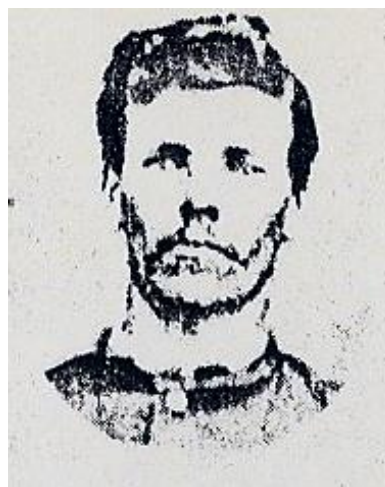
J.W. Long, Reporter

S.H. Long, Recorder



On July 16, 1864, Edmund married Martha Zina Huntington in the Endowment House. She was the daughter of Dimick Baker Huntington, a well-known interpreter and missionary to the Indians of Northern Utah.

Left: Martha Zina
Huntington Paul
Right: Edmund Paul



Their first child, a girl, was born a year later, on July 29, 1865. They were living in the 20th Ward at the time. [That child, Fannie Elizabeth Paul, was the writer of most of the material in this sketch. She became known as "Aunt Fannie" to many of us who were fortunate to know her.] The following are Fannie's recollections of her parents:

Father and Mother's first home was in the 21st Ward, Salt Lake City. They used to walk over to the arsenal hill and practice shooting at a mark. They both became very good marksmen. When Fort Douglas was built, William Paul was one of the architects and Father was a carpenter. William had a lovely home at Fort Douglas. During the time they were plastering at the Fort, Father slept there at nights, keeping a fire so the plaster would dry. He contracted a very severe cold which turned to dysentery. He nearly lost his life through it. This was the only severe illness he had had up to this time.

Both Father and Mother were full of life and were good company. They were always surrounded by young people. Father grew old in years but not in feelings or actions. He was always one with the young people.

In 1878 they moved to Mendon, Cache Valley, Utah. Father built a comfortable little home there. One room was built of logs and the other of frame. He spent a great deal of time working in the Logan Temple. He and his wife took part in home dramatics and played in the old Social Hall. They also traveled from one town to another with their plays, earning money for the Ward in this way. Many a good time was enjoyed on these trips.

When I was thirteen years old we moved to Mendon, Cache Valley, Utah. There my mother was President of the Primary. She organized a martial band with flutes, piccolos and a drum. A Brother Williams trained the band. Mother and Father were both keenly interested in dramatics. They took the band to different settlements for purposes of entertaining as well as to raise money to buy band instruments. Mother taught my brother, Ted, and me to recite. I liked elocution. When I was about thirteen years old I learned a piece entitled, "Two Dimes," which, by written request I gave in the Logan Tabernacle, as well as other places. I still remember every word of it.

We built a comfortable home in Mendon; even we children helped. Mother taught young ladies throughout the surrounding settlements to do fancy work. She earned all the lumber for our house, barn, chicken coop, pig pen and fence. Father was called by the Church to help settle Rexburg, Idaho. While father was there making a new home for us, tragedy came into our lives. Our dear mother, at the age of thirty-nine, died in childbirth. The baby, Dick, lived. Needless to say what a blow that was to all of us. After burying her in Salt Lake City we moved to Rexburg where I kept house for father until he married Mary Ellen Westover. They were married in the Endowment House in Salt Lake City.

When Bingham Stake was organized, President Thomas E. Ricks was called to preside over it and build up that part of the country. It was necessary to cross the south fork of the Snake River in order to reach Rexburg, which was the center of the Stake. Father was called to go supervise the building of the ferry. He hated to leave just at that time as mother was expecting a new baby. Aunt Zina Young,⁴ in whom we all had such confidence, came to stay with mother until after her confinement and she was well again. We then intended to move to Rexburg. One night [at the ferry site] when the men were sitting around singing songs after work, they started to sing, "There's Sweet Rest in Heaven." Father said, "Oh, boys, don't sing that." He was so anxious about mother, as it was just about time for her to be sick.

They were quite a distance from a railroad, and there was no telephone or any ready means of communication. Just then a messenger rode up with the news of mother's death.

This was a terrible blow to Father. All had been done for her that possibly could be done.

The baby lived but mother had internal hemorrhage, which caused her death. Father arrived just in time to accompany the body to Salt Lake for burial. Mother had requested that we name the baby Dimick Huntington Paul, so we did. Emma Paul, having a new baby herself nursed ours.

⁴ Aunt Zina was Zina Diantha Huntington Young, wife of Brigham Young who was deceased. Aunt Zina was also the President of the Relief Society of the LDS Church at that time.

In June we moved to Rexburg. There were only three houses there at that time and ours was one of them. Uncle Walter and Aunt Emma with their family moved with us. I kept house for father and the children until he married Mary Ellen Westover, a girl about my own age (I was 17 when mother died). She [Mary Ellen] has always been a dear pal to me. Father was a carpenter by trade. He was a good rustler and worked at anything he could get. Whatever he undertook he did well. He was always handy doing things around the house.

Father was Stake President of the Bingham Stake Mutual for about ten years. He was then chosen as a member of the High Council. He labored as a home missionary for some time. He first entered into the Livery Stable business, then into the Butcher business.

Later when Father moved to Tetonia, he had a beautiful ranch with springs of both hot and cold water. Here he had a fine herd of Durham stock. He lived there some time, then he turned it over to his oldest son, Edmund Paul, who with his new bride lived there for several years.

Father moved to St. Anthony and worked at his trade as a contractor and builder. He assisted in building the Yellowstone Stake House. He then moved to Rexburg and assisted in building the Ricks Academy. He made the sash and door frames for most of the doors and windows. He made sash and door frames for many of the large stores in town. That kind of finish work was his specialty. He then built a good sized home for himself and family. He rented the upstairs room to students attending the Academy.

At the age of sixty, father was quite an athlete, He wouldn't let anyone outdo him at turning cartwheels and hand springs. At one time he challenged the men he worked with. Brother Harris took him up on it, but father outdid him

Father was the soul of hospitality. His home was like a street car, always room for one more. In those days of traveling by team, he always had hay on hand for his guests' teams. He was very kind to dumb animals. He never used profane or unclean language, although he worked in mining camps and rough places at different times.

He was as honest as a gold dollar, never taking advantage of anyone. In later years his eyesight failed him and he was not able to work for the public as he formerly

PAUL—April 5th, in Mendon, Cache county, Utah, of internal hemorrhage, consequent of child-birth, Martha L. Huntington Paul, daughter of the late Dimick B. and Fanny Allen Huntington, niece of Aunt Zina D. H. Young, and wife of Edmund Paul, late of this city. Deceased was born in Nauvoo, January 19th, 1844, and was in long clothes when carried by her mother to see the Prophet Joseph as he lay in the city, after the assassination at Carthage; the child was a traveler with the famed "Mormon" Battalion as far as Pueblo, in Mexico, and from thence to this city, arriving in Utah in the fall of 1847.

Through the kindness of Mr. Jennings, the remains were brought to this city for interment with the family. Funeral services were held at the old home of the deceased, when Elder H. W. Naisbitt, Bishop Thomas Ricks, of Logan, Bishop Kesler, 16th Ward, Bishop Hughes, of Mendon and Brother Wm. Paul, jr., were the speakers. The united testimony of those who knew Sister Paul best, was perfect satisfaction with her in all the relationships of life. She was a good wife and mother, a true Latter-day Saint, a recognized influence by her Bishop in his Ward, and in one of her conversations with Aunt Zina, who was with her in her last sickness, she feelingly said, that she felt clear in regard to all her labors among the Saints at Mendon. There as elsewhere, her example and counsel ran together as becomes a Saint of God.—COM.

Obituary Notice from Utah Journal, April 20, 1883

had, but was able to do little jobs for the family. He was always so interested in his work and loved it very much.

After many years residence in Rexburg he moved to Ogden, where his oldest son by his second marriage lived. Also, he had a sister, Susan Brooks, who lived there. She was his chum of childhood days and together they lived over those early memories of bygone days. They were a source of great comfort to each other. Sometime later several of his children moved to Los Angeles, California. They kept writing to father and [step]mother to visit them, which they finally did, and remained there as they liked it so well. They were very happy and father's health was so much better there. He built my sister, Grace, a nice four-room modern home and a two-room little place for himself and his wife at Montebello, California.

Father died January 29, 1926 at his home after a short illness. He was eighty-six years old, the father of seven children by his first marriage and eight by his second. At the time of his death he had twenty-three grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

He was loved and admired by all who knew him.

Census records

Census records exist for the Edmund Paul family for 1880, 1900, 1910 and 1920. The data is revealing:

1880 United States Federal Census	
Name:	Edmond Paul
Age:	40
Birth Year:	abt 1840
Birthplace:	England
Home in 1880:	Mendon, Cache, Utah
Race:	White
Gender:	Male
Relation to Head of House:	Self (Head)
Marital Status:	Married
Spouse's Name:	Martha Paul
Father's Birthplace:	England
Mother's Birthplace:	England
Neighbors:	
Occupation:	Carpenter
Cannot read/write:	
Blind:	
Deaf and Dumb:	
Otherwise disabled:	
Idiotic or insane:	
Household Members:	
Name	Age
Edmond Paul	40
Martha Paul	36
Fanney Paul	15
Yina P. Paul	12
Edmond A. Paul	10
Georeanne Paul	6
Martha P. Paul	1m

1880 United States Federal Census for Edmond Paul					
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1	Martha P. Paul	Daughter	at school	at school	at school
2	Fanney P. Paul	Daughter	at school	at school	at school
3	Edmond A. Paul	Son	at school	at school	at school
4	Yina P. Paul	Daughter	at home	at home	at home
5	Georeanne P. Paul	Daughter	at home	at home	at home
6	Martha P. Paul	Wife	at home	at home	at home
7	Edmond P. Paul	Head	at home	at home	at home

In essence, in 1880 Edmund (Edmond?) was forty years old, living in Mendon, UT. His wife, Martha, was 36 and they had 5 children: Fanney [Fanny], 15, Yina P., 12, Edmond A "Ted" 10, Georeanne [Georgianne or Georgina] 6 Martha, one month. We have no idea who "Yina P." Paul might be. Fanny was the oldest child and the second child, Zina Presinda lived only two years 1867-1869, so she wouldn't appear on the census. The next living child was the Edmund A. Paul noted on the census.

Edmond or Edmund?

The spelling of Edmund's name is a curious thing. This census lists him and his son as "Edmond"—no doubt the best educated guess of the census taker. However, elsewhere, his eldest son spelled his name Edmund on official documents. That might suggest how Edmund, the father, also preferred to write his name. In addition, on an 1890 bill of sale for a piece of property, the father appears to have signed his name "Edmund Paul."

THIS INDENTURE, Made the 28th day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety between Edmund Paul and Mary B. Paul his wife the parties of the first part, and Allen Charles of Rexburg Bingham County Idaho the part of the second part,

WITNESSETH: That the said parties of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Five Hundred DOLLARS, lawful money of the United States of America, to them in hand paid by the said part of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do by these presents Grant, Bargain, Sell and Convey and Confirm unto the said part of the second part, and to her heirs and assigns, forever:

The following described Real Estate, to wit:
Beginning at a point twelve rods from the N W corner of
lot (18) City of Rexburg, 38, thence running three rods east
thence running three rods south, thence three rods west, thence twenty
rods north to place of Beginning
The same being situated on the corner of Rexburg in the same
appears on the plat of said town may be full in the Records or
Office of Bingham County State of Idaho

Together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, and the rent, issues and profits thereto.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD all and singular the said premises, together with the appurtenances and privileges thereto incident, unto the said part of the second part, and to her heirs and assigns, forever. And the said part of the first part, and her heirs, the said premises in the quiet and peaceable possession of the said part of the second part, her heirs and assigns, against the said part of the first part, and her heirs, and against all and every person or persons whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same, shall and will warrant any, and by these presents forever defend.

And the said Mary B. Paul wife of the said Edmund Paul hereby releases all her rights of dower in and to said premises.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The said part of the first part have hereunto set her hand and seal, the day and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in Presence of
P. H. Boggs
J. W. R. Whitney

Edmund Paul
Mary B. Paul

State OF IDAHO,
 County of Bingham ss. On this 28th day of July 1890
 personally appeared before me, P. H. Boggs a Notary Public Recorder
 in and for said County, Edmund Paul and Mary B. Paul
 His wife, known to me to be the identical persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and who acknowledged to me that she executed the same freely and voluntarily, and for the use and purpose therein mentioned.
 And the said Mary B. Paul having been by me first made acquainted with the contents of said instrument, acknowledged to me, on examination apart from and without the hearing of her husband, that she subscribed to the same freely and voluntarily, without fear or compulsion, or undue influence of her husband, and that she has no wish to retract the execution of the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at the day and year in this certificate first above written.

(L. S.) P. H. Boggs
Notary Public
in and for Bingham County

Recorded at the request of Edmund Paul this 30th day of July 1890, at 7 minutes past 7 o'clock A.M.

By Geo. W. Robertson Deputy, Recorder.

1900 Census

The 1890 census information is unavailable; apparently a fire burned most of the records. However, the Edmund Paul family appears again on the 1900 census. This time, the majority of the children are from the second wife, Mary Ann Westover. (It will be recalled that Edmund's first wife, Martha Z. Huntington died in 1883.)

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	Walter	15	1895	England	England	White				
	Grace	9	1891	England	England	White				
	Edith	6	1884	England	England	White				
	Findley	5	1895	England	England	White				
	Okley	1	1894	England	England	White				
	Dimmick	17	1893	England	England	White				
	Edmund Paul	60	1840	England	England	White				
	Mary E Paul	35	1875	England	England	White				

1900 United States Federal Census about Edmund Paul		
Name:	Edmund Paul	
Age:	60	
Birth Date:	Feb 1840	
Birthplace:	England	
Home in 1900:	Rexburg, Fremont, Idaho	
Race:	White	
Gender:	Male	
Relation to Head of House:	Head	
Marital Status:	Married	
Spouse's Name:	Mary E Paul	
Marriage Year:	1883	
Years Married:	17	
Father's Birthplace:	England	
Mother's Birthplace:	England	
Occupation:	View on Image	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Edmund Paul	60
	Mary E Paul	35
	Walter R Paul	15
	Grace Paul	9
	Edith Paul	6
	Findley W Paul	5
	Okley Paul	1
	Dimmick H Paul	17

The 1900 census shows Edmund and family still living in Rexburg, Idaho. Edmund is sixty years old and has a “new” wife, Mary E. [Ellen Westover] Paul who is thirty-five. They have six children living at home: Walter, 15, Grace, 9, Edith, 6, Findley, 5, Okley 1, and Dimmick H. [Huntington], 17. Dimmick is the last child of the first union of Edmund and Martha. The rest of the children are products of the second marriage. Walter and Dimmick list their occupation as “Day Laborer.”

1910 Census

By 1910 Edmund and Mary have “lost” only one child, Grace. She would be nineteen years old and may have married or moved elsewhere for employment or schooling. It is a bit surprising that Dimick, age 27, and Walter, age 25, are still living at home. Also, Edmund and Mary have added one additional child, Eugene, who was born about 1905. Edmund, in 1905, was sixty-five years old.

Death of Edmund

Shortly after the 1920 census, Edmund and “Mame” moved to the more temperate climate of southern California. Edmund was now in his eighties and lived a quiet, sedate life. About the middle of January, 1926, Edmund took ill and lingered for about two weeks. He died 29 Jan 1926. His death certificate states that the cause of death was “acute mycarditis” in other words, heart failure. A contributory condition was “acute Nephritis.” Nephritis is a condition affecting the kidneys that allows red blood cells to pass into the urine of an individual.

Edmund was 85 years, 11 months and 23 days old at the time of death. He was buried in the Inglewood Cemetery 1 Feb 1926.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CERTIFICATION OF VITAL RECORDS
 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES • REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

PLACE OF DEATH, DIST. No. 1077
 County of Los Angeles
 City of Montebello Gardens
 on Road No. Montebello (No. _____ St. _____ Ward) _____

California State Board of Health
 Standard Certificate of Death
 State Index No. 879
 Local Registered No. 6

FULL NAME Edmund Paul

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS			MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
SEX M	COLOR OR RACE Cauc	SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED, OR SEPARATED MARRIED	DATE OF DEATH Jan 29 1926	TIME OF DEATH 10:30 a.m.
If deceased, married, or divorced Name of Spouse Mary E Westover			If Hospital, County, That I attended, deceased (Check)	
DATE OF BIRTH Feb 6 1845			DATE OF DEATH Jan 29 1926	
AGE 85 years, 11 months, 23 days			PLACE OF DEATH Montebello, Cal	
OCCUPATION Retired			CAUSE OF DEATH Acute Nephritis	
PLACE OF BIRTH England			PLACE OF DEATH Montebello, Cal	
RESIDENCE Montebello, Cal			PLACE OF DEATH Montebello, Cal	
LENGTH OF RESIDENCE 11 months			PLACE OF DEATH Montebello, Cal	
THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE (Signature) WIFE			PLACE OF BURIAL OR CREMATION Inglewood, Cal	
FILED MAR 10 1926			REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK LAUREN R RICE	

NOT A VALID DOCUMENT TO ESTABLISH IDENTITY

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