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COLLETT, DANIEL (son of William Collett of Gloucestershire, Parish of Corse, Eng.). Born Dec. 9, 1809. Came to Utah 1849.

Married Esther Jones, who died 1858, Lehi, Utah. Their children: Sylvanus, m. Lydia Karren; Rhoda, m. John Eldridge; m. Philemon C. Merrill; Ruben, m. Elthurah Roseltha Merrill; Mary Ann, m. William Wamsley; Mathilda, m. Ralph Teancum Merrill; Julia Ann., m. James Cantwell; Charles C. m. Anna Merrill; James Jones, m. Tidwell.

Married Mary Empey in 1860 (parents pioneers of 1847). Only child; Eliza, m. Robert Jones

Married Elizabeth Gordon in 1859 (parents pioneers 1857, Edward Martin headcart company). She died 1859. Only child; William Gordon, m. Ada Rich.

Married Betsy Burke 1861. Their children; Thomas; Daniel.

Families home Smithfield, Utah. High Priest. Pioneer to Smithfield, 1850.. Wheelwright and farmer. Died May, 1896.

COLLETT, REUBEN (son of Daniel Collett and Esther Jones). Born July 19, 1839, Gloucestershire, Parish of Corse, Eng. Came to Utah 1849.

Married Elthurah Roseltha Merrill Jan. 19, 1861, Smithfield, being first marriage performed in this place (daughter of Samuel B. Merrill and Elizabeth Runyon of Smithfield, pioneers of 1851.) She was born Sept. 8, 1841. Their children: Reuben Samuel, m. Flora Elsie Colton; Sylvester Daniel, d. while on mission to Mexico; Sylvanus, m. Sarah Simpkins; m. Ethel Winnie Stringham; Julia Ann, m. William Postma; Adelbert T., m. Perrellie Goodrich; Charles M., m. Elnora Munk; Princetto, m. Albert Bills; Clarence J., m. Margaret Watkins; Roseltha, m. Albert W. Nielsen; George, Family home Smithfield.

High Priest; missionary to Salmon River 1858 59; counselor to Bishop Thomas Jones of Lehi, Ariz.; member High Council of Maricopa Stake, Ariz., and also of Uinta Stake; assisted in bringing immigrants to Utah. Pioneer to Lehi, Escalante, Vernal and Smithfield, Utah; Bennington, Idaho, and Cokeville, Wyo. Active in school and public enterprises. Indian war veteran.

Page 1318 March, 1859, Plain City, Weber Co., Utah, was settled by Jeppe G. Folkman, Christopher O. Folkman, Jens Peter Folkman, Joseph Skeen, Daniel Collett, John Spiers, John Carver, Wm. Geddes and others.

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MERRILL, SAMUEL (son of Jared Merrill and Abigail Phelps of Sansbury, N. Y.). Born Sept. 28, 1780, Sansbury, N. Y. Came to Utah July 29, 1847 with Capt. James Brown and his detachment of Mormon Battalion.

Married Phoebe Odell (daughter of Jones and Lucy Weaver Odell), who was born April 29, 1788.

MERRILL, SAMUEL B. (son of Samuel Merrill and Phoebe Odell). Born Jan. 4, 1812, Smithfield, N. Y. Came to Utah 1849 with Captain Gardner Company, Mormon Battalion.

Married Elizabeth Runyon, in 1836, Utica, Mich. (daughter of Ralph Runyon and Rachel Gardner), who was born Aug. 16, 1818. Their children: Adelbert Owen b. Aug. 16, 1837; Cynthanah R. b. Nov. 10, 1840, m. William Douglass Nov. 9, 1862; Elthurah Roseltha b. Sept. 8, 1842, m. Reuben Collett, Jan. 19, 1861; Samuel Adams, b. April 2, 1846, m. Elnora Noble Feb. 3, 1865; Ralph Teancum, bn, June 13, 1849, m. Matilda Collett, May 23, 1869, Sarah E. b. Oct. 22, 1852, m. Joseph Gold; Orrin Jackson b. June 22, 1855, m. Elizabeth White Feb. 15, 1875; Caroline b. June 12, 1858, died; Princetta R. b. May 2, 1861, m. James Christenson. Family home Mill Creek and Smithfield, Utah.

Counselor to Bishop John B. Smith, Smithfield, Utah for a number of years; High Priest. Farmer.

Merrill, Phelemon C. (son of Samuel Merrill and Phoebe Odell). Born Nov. 12, 1820, Byron, N. Y. Came to Utah July 29, 1847.

Married Cyrena Dustin, who was born Jan, 6, 1817. Their children: Sabina Ladena b. Aug. 21, 1841, died; Phelemon Alisandra b. Nov. 18, 1843, m. Lucinda Rowe; Lucy Cyrena b. April 7, 1846, died; Melissa Jane b. Sept. 10, 1848, died; Morgan Henry b. Feb. 17, 1850, m. Emma Fenemaker; Albina Altamira b. Oct. 31, 1851, died; Thomas B. Stephen b. Jan 3, 1853, m. Ester Collett; Seth Adelbert b. Aug. 10, 1859, m. Lucy Ann Merrill. Family resided in Utah, Idaho and Arizona.

Married Mary Jane Smith. Their children: John Smith b. March 5, 1853, m. Rebecca Weaver; Jedediah Grant b. Dec. 14, 1857, m. Harriett A. Dunn; Hannah Ann b. Jan 24, 1860, m. Charles C. Collett; Cyrena Imorjean b. Nov. 5, 1861, died; David Elmore b. May 4, 1863; Joseph Lott b. June 4, 1865; Henry Morgan b. March 4, 1867, m. Amy Welker; Peter Herbert b. June 6, 1869, died. Family resided in Utah, Idaho and Arizona. Patriarch. Worked on construction of first railroad in Utah. Died August, 1903.