

WILLIAM BOARDMAN'S FAMILY

The following are excerpts from the "Millennial Star", the "Church Emigration" and "Journal History" regarding the immigration from England to Utah in the year 1866. Grandmother Margaret Boardman Clark, her parents William Boardman and Mary Marshall Boardman, also her sisters Mary, Ellen, Jane and Elizabeth Boardman. The shipping list of May 30, 1866 included their names on the ship Arkwright.

JOURNAL HISTORY

10 July 1866

"The New York Evening Post" of this date published the following: The Mormon Emigration movement from Europe to Utah is now in full progress and within a month past, four vessels laden with the "Saints" have arrived at this port. They were all sailing vessels as follows: The "John Bright" from Liverpool with 753 Mormons; the "Carolina" from London with 382 on board; the "American Congress" from London with 354 and the "Arkwright" from Liverpool with 150 nearly 2,000 in all.

The vessels in which these Mormons have come were chartered by Brigham Young, Jr., licensed passage broker. These numbers are printed on the passage tickets he issues at £ 4 - 11^s good for a trip to New York and £ 7 - 11^s for a journey from Europe to the Plains. The tickets are in the usual form of such papers printed in England; there is a picture of the crown on one end and many regulations are included. The supplies, etc., given by Brigham are as follows for each adult: 3 qts. water daily, besides that used for cooking and provisions for a week are: 3½ lb. bread or biscuit, 1 lb. flour, 1½ lb. oatmeal, 1½ lb. rice, 2 lb. potatoes, 1 lb. beef, 1 lb. pork, 1 lb. peas, 1 lb. sugar, ½ oz. mustard, ½ oz. pepper, 2 oz. salt and 1 gill vinegar.

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"The "American Congress" is the third ship which has left these shores this season bearing the Saints of the Most High - flying like a cloud to the promised land. The Almighty has blessed His Saints and servants thus far during the immigration beyond their most sanguine expectations, for He has controlled the winds and the waves and made them subservient to His purpose. The ship "Carolina" which cleared from London on the 5th of May met with westerly winds which detained her in the channel nearly a week, but after that time she got away nicely. Those

winds which were unfavorable to her brought the Vessel we were expecting to, and did charter, to sail from this port on the 30th ult.- from New York harbor to this port in 18 days. Immediately on the arrival of this ship "Arkwright" the wind veered around to the east and what is almost unprecedented at this time of year has continued to blow steadily from that quarter for two weeks and vessels which sailed about the same time as the "Carolina" have been spoken of by steamers, far on their journey across the Atlantic."

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Departure of the Fourth Ship "Arkwright", the 137 Company to cross the Atlantic Ocean.

"The fourth ship "Arkwright", chartered for the immigration of a portion of the Latter-Day Saints cleared from the port of Liverpool for New York on the 30th of May, having on board 450 souls as passengers. Elder Justin C. Wixom was appointed President and Elders Harry Luff and Hyrum P. Folsom, his counsellors. These appointments were unanimously sustained by the vote of the passengers. The Captain of the ship, D. P. Calkin and other officers called their crew to order, when general instructions from several of the Elders were imparted to the Saints who were exhorted to preserve good order and cleanliness, to live prayerful and upright lives; to be patient and forbearing one towards another; to render assistance to the weak and feeble; and to hearken diligently to council of those appointed to preside over them. On condition of their faithfulness they were promised protection and safety throughout the great journey which was before them. Immediately upon the sailing of the ship a fresh breeze sprang up from the east and the vessel was wafted swiftly upon her voyage towards the promised land.

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CORRESPONDENCE, AMERICA, SHIP ARKWRIGHT 6 July 1866

Pres. Brigham Young, Jr.:

Dear Brother, as our voyage is now at an end we write to inform you how we got along. Everything has gone along well with us, and although it has taken us 36 days, we realize that God has been with us and abundantly blessed us. The Saints on board are a good people, humble, obedient and grateful to God for their emancipation from Babylon with very few exceptions. Provisions have been served

out weekly and their quality has given general satisfaction. The only difficulty has been that the people sometimes have found it hard to get sufficiently cooked. The first ten or twelve days we had good weather, but since then had winds and squalls which have lengthened our voyage, although we have not had any very rough weather. Seasickness affected nearly all on board for the first few days and a few have been ill all the voyage, but on a whole we have enjoyed general good health. Meetings have been held each Sabbath on the upper deck, when weather permitted and when not so - below. They have been held also twice in the week days and oftener when necessary. At them we have enjoyed ourselves by the outpouring of the good spirit which has enabled us to speak what was necessary for the comfort and convenience of the Saints. In the week evenings when the weather was fine we got up concerts and other entertainments on deck, and we had a very good brass band so that our time was passed merrily. On the evening of the 4th of July, the Captain celebrated the day by letting off some fireworks, rockets, guns, etc.

How far our labors have been for the good of the Saints we will leave others to say. We will conclude with kind love to yourself and all the brethren laboring with you in the ministry.

J. C. Wixom, President of the ships company.
Harry Luff,
H. P. Folsom, Counsellors
Charles Smith, Clerk of the Ship.

P. S. We have just landed at Castle Gardens, 6 O'clock P.M. and met with Elder Cain and Stenhouse, (Elder Taylor being at Wyoming) who have made arrangements for us to proceed on our journey this evening, per steamer New Haven.

A note written to Brigham Young, Jr., by the Captain of the "Arkwright"---:
"I never went a voyage with less responsibility so far as passengers are concerned, and I shall only be most happy to convey another load of Latter-day Saints on my ship at your earliest convenience."

Daniel P. Calkins

Captain of the Arkwright

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Elder Thomas Taylor informs us that the immigration traveled from New York this season by a new route by New Haven through Connecticut into Massachusetts to

Vermont and by the Vermont Central line into Canada; thence West. This route although longer proved healthier than that usually traveled by our immigration, while the cost of the transportation was \$5.00 per head cheaper than by any other line. Brother Taylor speaks in very high terms of Lansing I. Miller, Esq., of the Vermont Central Lines, who contributed in every way he could to make the passengers comfortable and expedite their progress.

AUG. 25, 1866

The Millennial Star of this date published the following:-- "We are pleased to announce on information that all the Ships bearing the Saints of this years immigration across the ocean have arrived at New York in safety. We expect that before this reaches the eyes of our readers all the Saints will have left Wyoming and have made considerable progress on their journey across the Plains. Peace and safety be with them. May they live long to enjoy the blessings of Zion and by faithfulness help to enlarge her borders!"