

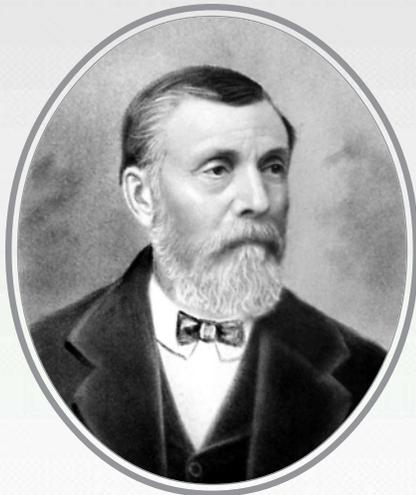
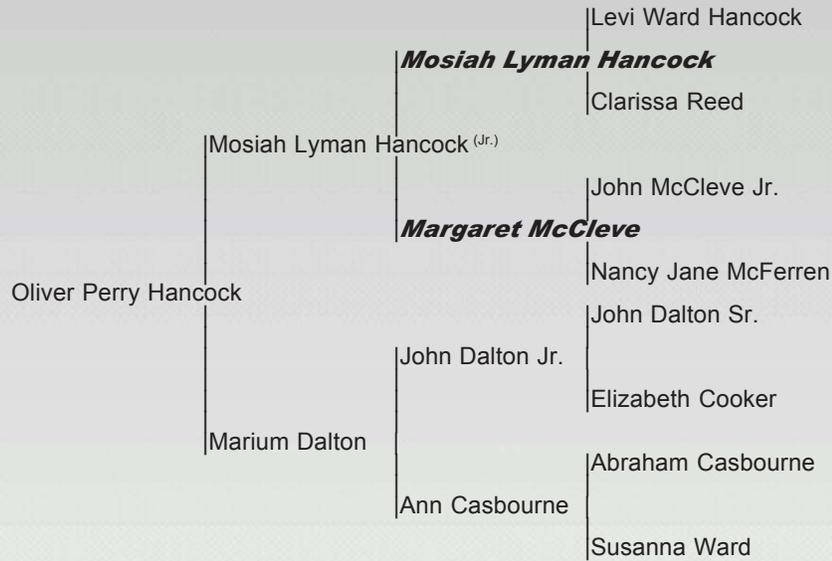
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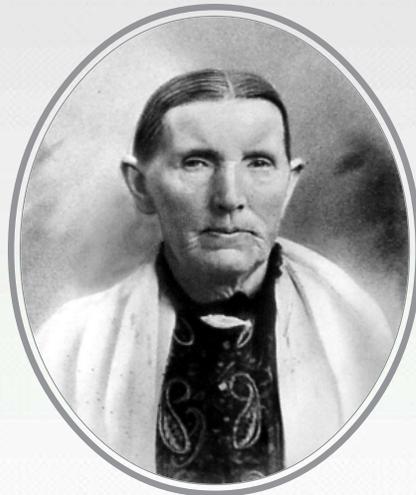
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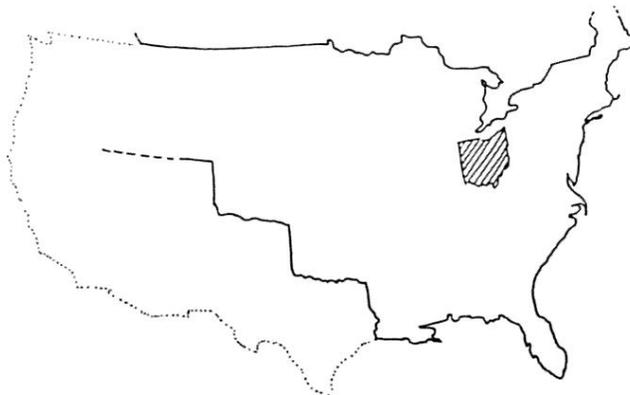
# Third Generation Ancestors



Mosiah Lyman Hancock  
 Born: 1834 Ohio



Margaret McCleve  
 Born: 1838 Ireland



# Mosiah Lyman Hancock & Margaret McCleve

**Mosiah Lyman Hancock**, son of Levi Ward Hancock and Clarissa Reed, was born on 9 Apr 1834 in Kirtland, Geauga, Ohio. He died on 14 Jan 1907 in Kimball, Graham, Arizona.

Mosiah married (2) **Margaret McCleve**, daughter of John McCleve Jr. and Nancy Jane McFerren, on 9 Jan 1857 in Payson, Utah, Utah. Margaret was born on 17 Sep 1838 in Belfast, Down, Ireland. She died on 4 May 1908 in Taylor, Navajo, Arizona.

They had the following children...

Moroni Hancock	14 Oct 1857	Payson, Utah, Utah
Margaret Clarissa Hancock	7 Dec 1858	Payson, Utah, Utah
Mosiah Lyman Hancock <sup>(jr.)</sup>	12 Sep 1860	Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah
Levi McCleve Hancock	31 Aug 1862	Harrisburg, Washington, Utah
Eliza Jane Hancock	28 Mar 1864	Harrisburg, Washington, Utah
John Taylor Hancock	21 Mar 1866	Harrisburg, Washington, Utah
Joseph Smith Hancock	28 Dec 1867	Hurricane, Washington, Utah
Sarah Catherine Hancock	23 Feb 1869	Harrisburg, Washington, Utah
Mary Hancock	9 Jan 1872	Leeds, Washington, Utah
Amy Elizabeth Hancock	29 Dec 1873	Leeds, Washington, Utah
Thomas Hancock	18 Nov 1875	Leeds, Washington, Utah
Rebecca Reed Hancock	14 Dec 1877	Leeds, Washington, Utah
Annie Minerva Hancock	30 Aug 1880	Taylor, Apache, Arizona

Mosiah also married (1) Mary Dunn on 31 Jan 1846 in Nauvoo, Hancock, Illinois.

He also married (3) Sarah Tew on 26 Jul 1862.

He also married (4) Martha Mariah Myer on 10 May 1878 in St. George, Washington, Utah.

He also married (5) Esther Caroline Myer on 10 Nov 1881 in the St. George, Washington, Utah.



# Life Sketch of Mosiah & Margaret

**Mosiah Lyman Hancock**  
1834 Ohio - 1907 Arizona

**Margaret McCleve**  
1838 Ireland - 1908 Arizona

## ***Mosiah's childhood...***

Mosiah was born in Kirtland, Ohio, to Levi Ward Hancock and Clarissa Reed on April 9, 1834. He was the eldest of eight children. Little Mosiah tried his hand at chopping wood but cut his ear and foot which sent him running to his mother.

Just before his second birthday, Mosiah attended the dedication of the Kirtland Temple on March 27, 1836. Children in arms could not attend, but the Prophet Joseph Smith said, "Mosiah will not cry." Mosiah's joy was indescribable as he stood upon the bench and waved his handkerchief and said the hosannas.

## ***Far West home...***

When Mosiah was two years and nine months old, he moved with his family to Far West, Caldwell, Missouri. They traveled with the Prophet Joseph Smith. Although Mosiah was very young, he learned to love the noble course of the Prophet on that road to Far West. Mosiah was barefooted, yet walked at times. When they arrived on March 20, 1838, eight inches of snow covered the



Early homes of Mosiah Hancock. For map of early homes of Margaret McCleve, see her parent's section in this book.



Present day Ireland, native land of Margaret McCleve.

ground. Having no tent, they camped in the open until Mosiah's father built a log cabin. Here Mosiah's mother gave birth while a mob outside was swearing they would kill all the Mormons.

As a child in Far West, Mosiah witnessed and experienced the cruelty of a mob. He saw the mob grab an infant from its mother's arms and dash its brains out against a tree and violate a young girl. Mosiah was beaten until his spirit left his body. A personage dressed in white said to him, "Mosiah, you have to go back to the earth, for you have a work to do."

Mosiah's parents were driven from Far West in early February 1839. Barefoot Mosiah, age four and nine months, followed behind his mother stepping in her tracks, for the snow was to the middle of his thigh. His only clothing was a long shirt she had made in Kirtland. The mob had made it impossible for her to spin and weave to clothe her family. Mosiah became very malnourished and thin on this journey.

When they reached the Mississippi River they didn't know how to cross the river. The next morning the river was frozen over with ice. The ice began to break up as they crossed over to Quincy, Illinois. Mosiah's father cried out to his little son, "Run, Mosiah!" They just made it when the ice started to snap and pile up in great heaps and the water broke through!

## ***Nauvoo home...***

The family camped in Commerce (now Nauvoo) on their lot which was two blocks from the home of the Prophet Joseph Smith. Mosiah's parents became very

sick at times and the children were so hungry they ate grass, basswood buds, and elm bark.

Mosiah was baptized on April 10, 1842, by John Taylor who later became the third president of the Church.

On June 10, 1844, the anti-Mormon newspaper, *The Nauvoo Expositor*, was declared a nuisance by the Nauvoo City Council. Ten-year-old Mosiah marched along shouldering his little gun, and saw it destroyed. Falsehoods regarding this incident circulated to other towns and mobs began to gather under arms.

The Prophet Joseph was martyred on June 27, 1844. Mosiah saw him depart Nauvoo for the last time and went out to meet his body when it returned. As he lay in state, Mosiah's father instructed him to place one hand on Joseph's breast and to raise the other and swear that he would never make a compromise with any of the sons of hell.

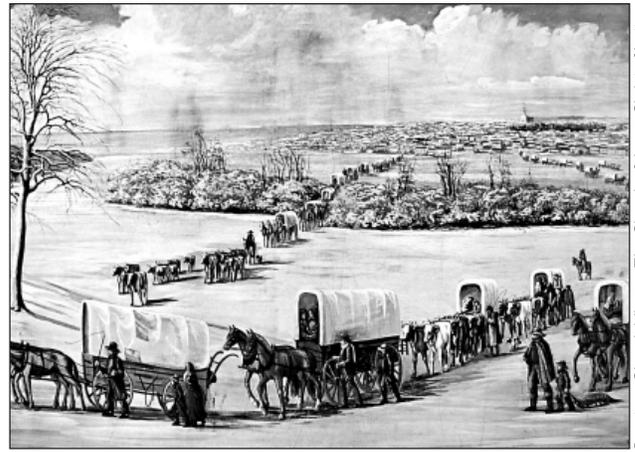
On August 8, 1844, although Mosiah was only a boy of ten, he saw the mantle of the Prophet Joseph rest upon Brigham Young; and Brigham arose lion-like to the occasion and led the people forth. "I saw in him the look of Joseph and the voice of Joseph; and it seemed to me that he was as tall as Joseph."

After the death of the Prophet, the brethren pushed to complete the Nauvoo Temple. Although very young, Mosiah was on guard many a night. There on January 10, 1846, he was sealed to a lovely young girl about his age with the understanding that they were not to live together as man and wife until they were sixteen.

The family home and everything in it was burned by a mob—even the feather bed Mosiah's mother was trying to get out of the house. When mobs drove them from Nauvoo, they crossed the Mississippi on ice. Later,



Youthful Margaret McCleve.



Courtesy Church Library, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

When driven from Nauvoo, Mosiah and his parents, crossed the Mississippi River on ice.

some of the family swam back across the icy river and picked their fruit and saved the pits for future planting.

### **Separate journeys to Salt Lake...**

Mosiah's father joined the Mormon Battalion on July 20, 1846, and Mosiah stayed with his mother in Indian Mills, Pottawattamie, Iowa, where she waited for a wagon. Even though Mosiah had helped his father build wagons at Sugar Creek—a temporary camp across the river from Nauvoo—there just were not enough.

Mosiah's mother and children started west on May 14, 1848. When they passed through Winter Quarters, Mosiah saw his little bride. She wanted to go with them, but there was no room. He never saw her again.

Mosiah's father reached Salt Lake first, and not finding his family went in search for them on the plains. They were reunited after two years of being apart. When they reached Salt Lake City on August 3, 1848, Mosiah was fourteen years old.

On his eighteenth birthday, April 9, 1852, Mosiah was ordained a Seventy in Salt Lake City.

### **Margaret's childhood...**

Margaret McCleve, daughter of John McCleve Jr. and Nancy Jane McFerren, was born in Belfast, Ireland, on September 17, 1838. She was the third of ten children. Her father was one of the caretakers of a large estate situated near the ocean. Margaret spent a happy childhood roaming the beautiful grounds and enjoying the nearby sandy beach. These pleasant memories sustained her through the trials in the years to follow.

When her parents joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, persecution followed. Margaret and three of her sisters were baptized August 26, 1850,



Margaret McCleve was a handcart girl. Handcart Pioneer Monument on Temple Square in Salt Lake.

in the Irish Sea after dark.

Her parents finally took their family to America for religious freedom. Margaret's two older sisters went first; then the rest of the family followed. They landed in Boston, Massachusetts, on May 23, 1856; then traveled by rail to Iowa City, Iowa. There they joined the second handcart company and started for Zion on June 11, 1856.

When only seventeen years old, Margaret walked 1300 miles across the plains pushing the back of the handcart. She also helped care for her sick baby brother and shared her small portion of food with him. Margaret's dear father succumbed to the hardships of the trek just two days from their destination. The fatherless family arrived in the Salt Lake Valley on September 26, 1856.

### **Marriage and family...**

Margaret's mother moved the family to Payson, Utah, and remarried the following year. Mosiah met Margaret in nearby Spanish Fork. As she arose from her chair to shake hands with him, he heard a voice say, "Mosiah, behold your wife." They were married on January 9, 1857.

Margaret gave Mosiah thirteen children. Sadly, her first baby died at birth. This was a great sorrow, for she had spent many hours dreaming of her firstborn while stitching by hand his little clothes. At the time, Mosiah was away protecting against Johnston's Army which had come to make war on the Mormons in Utah.

Mosiah and Margaret accepted two mission calls to help colonize the west. The first was in southern Utah and the second in northern Arizona. They never

questioned these calls from the Lord.

They struggled with the poverty of southern Utah. Mosiah worked like a slave but barely got along. His family shared his privations uncomplainingly. While in Harrisburg, Utah, Mosiah and a brother-in-law and their families lived in willow rooms that joined. In summer 1862, Brigham Young came through Dixie and stopped for dinner at their willow home and enjoyed a meal of buttermilk with bread crumbled into it. Eventually Mosiah had a rock house. He took all the stones off of his land, fenced it, and planted fruit trees and vines.

### **Indian encounters...**

On October 25, 1862, Mosiah was called on a mission among the Moquis Indians in Arizona. The souls of his old boots wore through on the trail. One foot became so frozen that three nails came off. After three days of thirst, he prayed and thanked the Lord for endurance. That night he found pools of water in limestone holes for the missionaries and their horses.

Mosiah went on many expeditions to the Indians. He won their respect when he beat their fastest runner in a seventy-five mile race. For this they named him Elk. One cold day, he baptized 300 Indians.

On December 27, 1866, Mosiah saw three Indians as he rode out of Pine Valley, Utah, in search of his work horse. Thinking they were friendly, he called to them. They thought he was pursuing them to recover the horses that they had stolen. Mosiah escaped an arrow by doing a somersault over the rump of his horse. He dashed into the underbrush and ran for town. The Indians and a shower of arrows followed. One arrow lodged in his arm and many others stuck in his clothing and beard. When the Indians saw a wagon coming, they abandoned the chase.

### **Arizona Days...**

On their second colonizing mission, the family went to Taylor, Arizona. They traveled in late 1879 and suffered cold and hunger. The load became so heavy for the horses, that furniture was left by the way and

BIRTH	BAPTISM	ORDINATION
Mosiah H. Hancock, Jr. 5/22/1856 Spanish Fork, Utah	Dec 27, 1866 Pine Valley, Utah	Jan 11, 1867 Spanish Fork, Utah

The Seventies Roster for the 33rd Quorum showing Mosiah's birth, baptism, ordination. Note that he was baptized by John Taylor, third president of the Church.

Once as an adult, Mosiah was so hungry that “when his rawhide moccasins wore out, he burned the hair from them, scraped, washed, soaked, and cooked them overnight in the coals, then ate them.”

—Amy Hancock Baird, daughter

the older children walked.

Government officials had a warrant for Mosiah’s arrest for living the principle of plural marriage. He moved his three families into separate towns and went into hiding. He eventually served time. He never revealed during his lifetime that he was responsible for the burning down of the Beaver Jail in Utah where he and others were held. His hope was to free his brethren to care for their poverty stricken families.

Margaret stayed in Taylor where she was called and set apart for a mission to the sick and afflicted in the community. Since there were no doctors, her services as a midwife were badly needed. For twenty-five years, she devotedly administered to the needs of the sick, the suffering, and those in distress, no matter what the hour.

### **Farewell Mosiah & Margaret. . .**

During her last illness, Margaret received word of her husband’s death on January 14, 1907. At the time of his death, he was at the home of their son in Kimball, Arizona. Mosiah lived seventy-two years. He did not precede Margaret long.

Before her death, Margaret asked her married children to each bring one more little spirit into the world. After getting a promise from her children, she passed away on May 4, 1908, one year and three months after her husband. She was sixty-nine years old. The following year, all of her married children had babies.

### **Tribute to Mosiah...**

Mosiah had a kind charitable heart and relieved poverty and distress. He had a great love for his ancestors and did temple work for many of them. His heart belonged to the Lord; and whenever and wherever he was called to serve, he willingly did so. His prolific writings of his life history and his example of faithfulness have endeared him to his descendants.

“When Father was at home, he used to gather the

little ones around him and teach them to sing. . . . He was a good public speaker and a splendid dancer. . . . [He] was naturally gifted in many ways, as a carpenter, brick layer, mortar masonry, surveyor, nurseryman, and mercantile manager. . . . He could mix well in company of high dignitaries of church or state, or could sit in a wigwam preaching and making peace with the Indians.”

—Amy Hancock Baird, daughter.

### **Tribute to Margaret...**

She was a natural born nurse and an excellent midwife, delivering over 1500 babies into this world. Her interest in these children continued, and she claimed them as her own.

“Though her trials were many, she was always firm in her faith and found comfort in bringing comfort to others. She had a very kind and sympathetic nature, charitable to those in need or in trouble. She was loved and trusted by all who knew her. It can truly be said of her that the world was a better place by her having lived in it.”

—Rhoda P. J. Wakefield, granddaughter.

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Name	Age	Sex
Mosiah L. Hancock	40	Male
Margaret	31	Female
Mary	7	Female
John	4	Male
John	11	Male
Joseph	4	Male
John	10	Male

Family of Mosiah L. Hancock listed in the 1870 Census in Leeds, Washington, Utah.



*Mosiah Lyman Hancock*



*Margaret McCleve*