

WILLIAM JOSEPH AND ELIZA SARAH (SAUZE) KILLPACK

William Joseph Killpack was born 7 February 1832 at Dunton Bassett, Leicestershire, England. He was converted to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in July 1851 and ordained a priest on 17 December 1851. The very next day, at the age of 19, he was called to preach the Gospel. William Joseph and his brother, James Killpack immigrated to America on the ship, "The International," in 1853.

William Joseph's wife, Eliza Sarah (Sauze) Killpack, was baptized in England in 1852. Her parents were also converts. They came to America on the ship, "The International," in 1853. They did not know the Killpack brothers who were on the same ship. William Joseph Killpack and his brother and the Sauze family crossed plains by ox-train with the Jacob Gates Company. William Joseph did not at that time become acquainted with Eliza Sarah, but he walked part of the way with her older sister, Harriet.

On 6 Aug 1854 William Joseph and Eliza Sarah Sauze were married in the Salt Lake Endowment House. In 1858 they were called to move to Sanpete County. They first went to Manti and then helped to settle Glenwood on the Sevier River. They were in Glenwood through the Indian War and lost everything they had. They returned to Manti, where William Joseph was a farmer and stock raiser. He owned a fine 100 acre ranch there.

William Joseph and Eliza Sarah were the parents of 13 children, 12 of whom lived to maturity, married and reared families. The names of their children and spouses are John David Killpack (Helen Eugenia Peacock), Samuel Killpack (Ingri Marie Funk), William James Killpack (Melinda Ephemina Henrie), Mary Elizabeth Killpack (Amasa Edwin Merriam), Frederick Arthur Killpack (Jane Ann Richards, Emma Richards and Catherine Richards Stevens), Jonathan H. Killpack (Mary Adelaid Bradley), Edward Albert Killpack (Myra Gertrude Perry), Frank Henry Killpack (Mary Adelaide Snow), Charles Rudolph Killpack (Mary Henrietta Forbush), Eliza Grace Killpack (Lewis Madsen), Jessie Mahonri Killpack (Llewellis Fugate), and Clara Amy Killpack (Lawrence Austin Tuttle).

Five of William Joseph and Eliza Sarah's sons moved to Ferron and Emery County in the late 1800's: William James Killpack, Frederick Arthur Killpack, Jonathan H. Killpack, Charles Rudolph Killpack, and Jessie Mahonri Killpack. All five reared large families and became prominent members of the community.

After William Joseph's death on 13 Feb 1911, Eliza Sarah moved to Ferron. She lived comfortably in a small home built for her by her sons on property owned by her son, Charles Rudolph. She died in Ferron on 13 Nov 1918.

William Joseph Killpack was a man of great faith. He was a friend to all who knew him. Eliza Sarah Killpack was a queenly type, very neat and clean.