



Robert Parker

1820 Burnley, England
1901 Washington City, Utah

Ann Ruth Hartley Parker

1819 Marsden, England
1899 Washington City, Utah



Maxmilian Parker

1844 Accrington, England
1938 Circleville, Utah

Martha Alice Parker Woodbury

1846 Accrington, England
1925 St George, Utah

Margaret Ann Parker

1848-1848 Accrington, England

Arthur Hartley Parker

1850 Accrington, England
1869 White Pine, Nevada

Emily Parker

1852-1852 Accrington, England

Ada Parker McMullin

1855 Preston, England
1930 Leeds, Utah

Robert Parker

1858-1859 Beaver, Utah

Ellen Parker Westover

1860 Beaver, Utah
1939 St George, Utah

Ruth Caroline Parker

1862 Beaver, Utah
1945 Leeds, Utah

Maximilian “Max” Parker Life

By Dixie Diane Miller

Max was the first-born child of Robert Parker and Ann Ruth Hartley. Born in Accrington, Lancashire, England on June 8, 1844 where his father worked in the woolen mills as a warper. His parents had just joined the Church of the Latter-day Saints and by 1853 the church had asked Robert to move his family to Preston to be President of the Preston Mission. It was Max's job to polish all the shoes of the missionaries who boarded with his family. Robert became a master weaver and when Max turned 10, he apprenticed at the local woolen mill. Max disliked this work and would run away. It was about this time his grandfather Thomas Parker passed away leaving a small inheritance, enough to allow the family to migrate to America.

In March of 1856 the family sailed aboard the “Enoch Train” landing in Boston in April they then traveled by train to Iowa City. Here they purchased a handcart, purchased supplies and joined the Daniel MacArthur Company. Max age 12 helped his parent pull the handcart, his sister Alice age 10 was assigned to watch Arthur age 6 and baby Ida rode in the cart. This journey took 9 weeks and covered over 1400 miles. They arrived in the Great Salt Lake Valley on Oct 15, 1856.

Max had learned a lot on his trip across the plains and was asked to work as a scout making several trips from St. Louis, Missouri to the Salt Lake Valley. By 1860 he had settled in with his parents in Beaver finding work where he could. He helped with the construction of Fort Sanford in Garfield County just north of Panguitch.

At age 21 Max married Anna Campbell Gillies in Salt Lake in the Old English House. The newly weds settled in Beaver near both their parents. The Blackhawk War was just starting and Max served in Captain Edward Dalton's company and was away when his first-born Robert Leroy Parker was born April 13 1866, Max was discharged from service in June.

Max began working the mail route from Panguitch to Beaver and helping his father haul logs to different mining camps. They continued to live in Beaver and their family continued to grow. Daniel Sinclair 1867, Arthur H 1869, Jean Ann 1871, William Moroni 1874 and Susan Knell 1876. In 1878 Max homesteaded some land in Circleville and the family made the move. After building a log cabin and laying in the crops, Max continued with the mail route, Ann sometimes worked for near by ranches as a cook tending the younger children. Robert age 12 and Daniel being age 11 worked as cow hands on ranches in the valley. During the next few years more children arrived, Ebenezer Maximilian 1879, Blanche Alice 1881, Lula Christina 1884. They had out grown the one room cabin in Circleville and homesteaded in Panquitch where they built a tree room cabin, two stables, dug a well, built corrals and stock yard. Here Mark D'Lafiet 1886, Nina Grace 1889, Leona Hartley 1893 and Joseph Rawlins 1894 were born. Max's older sons had left home by now. Robert Leroy became “Butch Cassidy” Daniel Sinclair became “Tom Ricketts”, a stagecoach robber. Arthur went off to Telluride to work in the mines but killed when a horse fell on him during a 4th of July horse race.

By 1887 Max received his citizenship paper and his homestead was finalized. In 1900 they had moved to Orton, Garfield County and where his two older girls married. Sadly his wife Ann died in May 1905 and was laid to rest in Circleville Cemetery. Their daughter Lula married in 1906 and help care for the 5 younger siblings still at home.

In Aug 1908 Max now age 64 made a trip to Leeds to visit his sister and family. In 1917 when World War 1 broke out two of his sons Mark and Joseph entered the service. The 1920 and 1930 census show Max and three grown sons at home, they were listed as farmers and ranchers living in Circleville.

The town of Circleville gave a Birthday party for Max on his 94th birthday, they talked of him being an early settler, his service in the Blackhawk War and raising a large family. Many still lived close by. After a daughter, Leona Parker Wiley passed away in 1937 Max heart seem to fail, he died July 28 1938 in Circleville and was laid to rest next to his wife and several of his children.