

EARLY HIGHLAND SETTLERS

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PETER and ELLEN SMITH The Smith's were both born in Scotland and were married in 1875. It is not known when they joined the Mormon Church but they migrated to America in 1882 and settled in Salt Lake City.

They came to Highland around 1890 with their three youngest children: James, Jane and Joseph. They had three older children, one had died and the other two were living elsewhere. Their youngest, Hyrum was born in Highland in 1891.

Peter is one of three men from Scotland who has been given credit for naming Highland.

The Smiths homesteaded the 160 acres at the far northwest corner of highland. Their home was on the West side of Dry Creek and would have the approximate address of 11100 N 6850 W.

They had to carry their household water from the creek in barrels on a horse-drawn cart.

As a young boy Hyrum worked for the Beck family in Alpine, herding and feeding pigs.

On the 1900 census, Peter was listed as a farmer and his son, James was shown as a "day laborer", working for Jacob Beck and the two youngest were listed as "away to school".

Peter died in 1907 but Ellen continued to live here with 2 of her sons, Hyrum and Joseph.

She had a two-room addition built on the west side of the home for her son, Joseph and his wife and new baby to live in. On December 28, 1915, before the family went to bed they placed a tub of hot coals in their bedroom to provide a little warmth for the new child. The next morning when Ellen went to awaken Joseph to help with the chores she found that all three were dead of asphyxiation from the lack of ventilation. The Christmas season would never be the same for the grief-stricken mother. She died in 1925.