

**Alexander and Mary Hutchison Adamson:** Alexander was one of the Scotsmen who, they say, had a hand in naming Highland. He was born in 1837 in Boreland Fifeshire, Scotland to Henry and Margaret Nicholson Adamson. He began working in the coal mines at an early age and therefore received little schooling. In 1848 he was baptized a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints by missionaries. He met Mary Hutchison, daughter of David and Janet Crookston Hutchison of Dysart, Scotland who was also a member of the Church. She was born in 1839 and had been baptized at the age of eight. They were married on April 12, 1861, and left for America in May of the same year.

After crossing the ocean they traveled by train to the Mississippi river, joined the John Murdock company and, leaving Florence, Nebraska about July 1<sup>st</sup> , they arrived in Salt Lake City on September 12. They lived with Mary's family in American Fork for the winter then went to Moroni. Alexander served as an Indian fighter in the Black Hawk war. They moved back to American Fork in 1867 and he worked as a miner in American Fork canyon. He built a home in American Fork but homesteaded 120 acres in the northwest area of Highland, in Section 27, next to Peter Smith, another Scotsman.

Other histories say that he never lived in Highland, but the patent affidavit shows he built and moved into his Highland home in February of 1877 and continued to live there in August, 1892, when his patent was granted.

Alexander didn't live long in Highland but five of his ten children did (three sons, two daughters) and many of his descendants were an integral part of Highland's history, with one of them, Eric, serving as the second Mayor (1982 - 86) and another, Jess (Eric's cousin), served as the sixth Mayor (1998 - 2005). Their ten children were: Janet, Mary Jane, Katherine Hutchison, Thomas Hutchison, Henry Louis, Marguarite, Nora, David Hutchison, Peter L., and Elizabeth Helen.