



*LDS Emigration
Dunsdon
6th February 1849
"Ashland"
Liverpool to New Orleans*

Surname	Dunsdon
Given Names	James
Birth Year	1803
Age on Entry	46
Gender	Male
Occupation	Farmer, Widower
Native Place and County	Steeple Ashton, Wiltshire
Parents	William Dunsdon and Hester Foord
Name of Ship	Ashland
Port of Departure	Liverpool
Date Sailed	6 Feb 1849
Port of Arrival	New Orleans
Arrival Date	18 Apr 1849
Name of Overland Company	N/A
Set Out From	N/A
Date Set Out	N/A
Date of Arrival In Utah	N/A
Town of Settlement	N/A
Relatives in	
Remarks/Description of Entrant	<p>Brother of Thomas Dunsdon (1804) Uncle of James Dunsdon and Mary Ann Dunsdon who emigrated in 1864. Died of dysentery shortly after arriving in Council Bluffs Married: Mary Rose, 23 Jun 1825, Steeple Ashton Died: May/June 1849, Council Bluffs, Iowa Buried: Council Bluffs, Iowa</p>

Surname	Dunsdon
Given Names	Jane
Birth Year	1825
Age on Entry	23
Gender	Female
Occupation	
Native Place and County	Steeple Ashton, Wiltshire
Parents	James Dunsdon and Mary Rose
Name of Ship	Ashland
Port of Departure	Liverpool

Date Sailed	6 Feb 1849
Port of Arrival	New Orleans
Arrival Date	18 Apr 1849
Name of Overland Company	Henry Bryant Manning Jolley
Set Out From	Kanesville (Council Bluffs), Iowa
Date Set Out	15 Jun 1852
Date of Arrival In Utah	9 Sep 1852
Town of Settlement	Council Bluffs, Iowa; Malad, Idaho
Relatives in	
Remarks/Description of Entrant	Twin sister of John Dunsdon (1825) Married: William Bradbury Jr, 2 Oct 1849, Council Bluffs, Iowa Died: 12 Feb 1882, Cherry Creek, Idaho Buried: Malad City Cemetery, Malad, Idaho

Surname	Dunsdon
Given Names	John
Birth Year	1825
Age on Entry	23
Gender	Male
Occupation	
Native Place and County	Steeple Ashton, Wiltshire
Parents	James Dunsdon and Mary Rose
Name of Ship	Ashland
Port of Departure	Liverpool
Date Sailed	6 Feb 1849
Port of Arrival	New Orleans
Arrival Date	18 Apr 1849
Name of Overland Company	N/A
Set Out From	N/A
Date Set Out	N/A
Date of Arrival In Utah	N/A
Town of Settlement	N/A
Relatives in	
Remarks/Description of Entrant	Twin brother of Jane Dunsdon Died: May 1849, Council Bluffs, Iowa Buried: Council Bluffs, Iowa

Surname	Dunsdon
Given Names	Hester
Birth Year	1828
Age on Entry	20
Gender	Female
Occupation	
Native Place and County	Steeple Ashton, Wiltshire
Parents	James Dunsdon and Mary Rose
Name of Ship	Ashland
Port of Departure	Liverpool
Date Sailed	6 Feb 1849
Port of Arrival	New Orleans
Arrival Date	18 Apr 1849
Name of Overland Company	James W. Cummings
Set Out From	Kanesville (Council Bluffs), Iowa

Date Set Out	1 Jul 1851
Date of Arrival In Utah	7 Oct 1851
Town of Settlement	Ogden, Utah
Relatives in	
Remarks/Description of Entrant	Travelled overland with sister Anna Maria Married: John Broom, 27 May 1849, Council Point, Iowa Died: 13 Jun 1989, Ogden, Utah Buried: Ogden City Cemetery, Ogden, Utah

Surname	Dunsdon
Given Names	Sarah Ann
Birth Year	1834
Age on Entry	15
Gender	Female
Occupation	
Native Place and County	Steeple Ashton, Wiltshire
Parents	James Dunsdon and Mary Rose
Name of Ship	Ashland
Port of Departure	Liverpool
Date Sailed	6 Feb 1849
Port of Arrival	New Orleans
Arrival Date	18 Apr 1849
Name of Overland Company	Milo Andrus **See Remarks
Set Out From	Kanesville (Council Bluffs), Iowa
Date Set Out	3 Jun 1850
Date of Arrival In Utah	30 Aug 1850
Town of Settlement	Brigham City, Utah; Mendon, Utah
Relatives in	
Remarks/Description of Entrant	**Not listed on overland company roster but reported to have travelled with future husband Charles Bird. Second wife in a polygamous marriage. Married (Polygamous): Charles Bird, 15 Feb 1853, Utah Died: 5 Dec 1899, Mendon, Utah Buried: Mendon City Cemetery, Mendon, Utah

Surname	Dunsdon
Given Names	Anna Maria
Birth Year	1836
Age on Entry	13
Gender	Female
Occupation	
Native Place and County	Steeple Ashton, Wiltshire
Parents	James Dunsdon and Mary Rose
Name of Ship	Ashland
Port of Departure	Liverpool
Date Sailed	6 Feb 1849
Port of Arrival	New Orleans
Arrival Date	18 Apr 1849
Name of Overland Company	James W. Cummings
Set Out From	Kanesville (Council Bluffs), Iowa
Date Set Out	1 Jul 1851
Date of Arrival In Utah	7 Oct 1851
Town of Settlement	Moroni, Utah; Nephi, Utah

Relatives in	
Remarks/Description of Entrant	Travelled overland with sister Hester Married: George Armstrong Chappell Sr, 1851-3, Mill Creek, Utah Married: Peter Christensen, 4 Jan 1858, Mill Creek, Utah Died: 28 Nov 1919, Salt Lake City, Utah Buried: Nephi City Cemetery, Nephi, Utah

Surname	Dunsdon
Given Names	Thomas
Birth Year	1840
Age on Entry	8
Gender	Male
Occupation	
Native Place and County	Steeple Ashton, Wiltshire
Parents	James Dunsdon and Mary Rose
Name of Ship	Ashland
Port of Departure	Liverpool
Date Sailed	6 Feb 1849
Port of Arrival	New Orleans
Arrival Date	18 Apr 1849
Name of Overland Company	Unknown
Set Out From	Unknown
Date Set Out	Unknown
Date of Arrival In Utah	Before 1860. **See remarks
Town of Settlement	Ogden, Utah; Silver Creek, Nevada
Relatives in	
Remarks/Description of Entrant	**There is no record of Thomas travelling overland. A Thomas Dunsdon Jr is living with a Maria Dunsdon in Alpine City in 1856 (possibly his widowed aunt) Married: Emily Matilda Hill, 9 Nove 1860, Ogden, Utah Died: 3 May 1919, Silver Creek, Nevada Buried: Austin, Nevada

Surname	Dunsdon
Given Names	Thomas
Birth Year	1804
Age on Entry	45
Gender	Male
Occupation	Farmer
Native Place and County	Steeple Ashton, Wiltshire
Parents	William Dunsdon and Hester Foord
Name of Ship	Ashland
Port of Departure	Liverpool
Date Sailed	6 Feb 1849
Port of Arrival	New Orleans
Arrival Date	18 Apr 1849
Name of Overland Company	N/A
Set Out From	N/A
Date Set Out	N/A
Date of Arrival In Utah	N/A
Town of Settlement	N/A
Relatives in	

Remarks/Description of Entrant	<p>Brother of James Dunsdon (1803). Uncle of James Dunsdon and Mary Ann Dunsdon who emigrated in 1864. Never travelled to Utah. Died of a fever in Iowa. Married: Maria Crook, 4 Dec 1832 Died: 12 Jan 1850, Council Bluffs, Iowa Buried: Council Bluffs, Iowa</p>
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Surname	Dunsdon (nee Crook)
Given Names	Maria
Birth Year	1800
Age on Entry	48
Gender	Female
Occupation	
Native Place and County	Steeple Ashton, Wiltshire
Parents	William Crook and Jane Miles
Name of Ship	Ashland
Port of Departure	Liverpool
Date Sailed	6 Feb 1849
Port of Arrival	New Orleans
Arrival Date	18 Apr 1849
Name of Overland Company	Unknown ** See remarks
Set Out From	Unknown
Date Set Out	Unknown
Date of Arrival In Utah	1854
Town of Settlement	Alpine, Utah
Relatives in	
Remarks/Description of Entrant	<p>Aunt of Jane (Bailey) Smith who emigrated in 1850 ** The only overland company that left Council Bluffs in 1854 was the Perrigrine Sessions Company (23 May 1854 - 4 Aug 1854) – there isn't a complete roster. Married: Thomas Dunsdon, 4 Dec 1832, Steeple Ashton Married: Richard Carlisle, 27 Apr 1869, Utah Died: 3 Jul 1882, Alpine, Utah Buried: Elysian Burial Gardens, Millcreek, Utah</p>

Surname	Dunsdon
Given Names	Jane Maria
Birth Year	1838
Age on Entry	10
Gender	Female
Occupation	
Native Place and County	Steeple Ashton, Wiltshire
Parents	Thomas Dunsdon and Maria Crook
Name of Ship	Ashland
Port of Departure	Liverpool
Date Sailed	6 Feb 1849
Port of Arrival	New Orleans
Arrival Date	18 Apr 1849
Name of Overland Company	Unknown ** See remarks
Set Out From	Unknown
Date Set Out	Unknown
Date of Arrival In Utah	1854

Town of Settlement	Alpine, Utah; Brigham City, Utah
Relatives in	
Remarks/Description of Entrant	Cousin of Jane (Bailey) Smith who emigrated in 1850 ** The only overland company that left Council Bluffs in 1854 was the Perrigrine Sessions Company (23 May 1854 - 4 Aug 1854) – there isn't a complete roster. Jane died 7 weeks after the birth of her daughter Jane, who died aged 4 weeks. Married: Lars Rove Jenson, Alpine, Utah Died: 23 Dec 1863, Richmond, Utah Buried: Alpine City Cemetery, Alpine, Utah

OPC Note:

James' and Thomas' nephew James Dunsdon, niece Mary Ann Dunsdon, and sister in law Mary Dunsdon (nee Blake) emigrated in 1864.

The house of Thomas Dunsdon (1804) in Bullen Hill, Steeple Ashton was registered with the Diocese of Salisbury as an LDS meeting place. It was one of three in the village – the others belonged to Robert Berrett and John Kingman.

The Saints By Sea transcription of the ship's ledger lists the surname as Dunsan instead of Dunsdon.

An Ellen Dunsan (presumed Dunsdon) also travelled on the Ashland (a seamstress aged 26), she is listed separately and cannot be connected with the Steeple Ashton Dunsdons.

The Berretts, also from Steeple Ashton, were on the same voyage as this group of Dunsdons.

When the Ashland arrived in the United States, New Orleans was in the midst of a cholera outbreak. To try and avoid the disease, the emigrants hurriedly arranged a place on a steamer to take them up the Mississippi/Missouri River.

Two members of the Dunsdon family caught cholera on the trip up the Mississippi/Missouri and died along the way, or shortly after arriving in Council Bluffs. Another member died a year after reaching Council Bluffs. Four members of the Berrett family also perished.

The children of James Dunsdon became orphans soon after their arrival in the US. Most found their separate ways to Utah over the course of the next five years. One family biography relates how Sarah Ann reunited with her sisters Hester and Anna Maria in Utah when they all attended a church event wearing shawls which their mother Mary Rose had made for them.

James Dunsdon (1803) had another daughter, Mary Ann (b. 1831), who for some reason did not emigrate with the rest of her family. Mary Ann remained in Steeple Ashton but disappears from the records after the 1851 census.

Maria (Crook) Dunsdon's niece Jane (Bailey) Smith emigrated with Charles Smith in 1850 – Maria, daughter Jane Maria, and Jane and Charles Smith were all living together in Iowa in 1850