

## MOTT

Following are different spellings of the Mott Family in ancient times: Motte, Mots, Moth, Mote, Motts, La Mott, De La Mott, De La Mothe, de la Mote, La Mothe.

Various branches of this family have appeared at different periods.

Some of the de Motts are said to have come to England in 1066 with William the Conqueror and were granted lands in Essex for services rendered. From there, the family spread into the counties of Suffolk, Norfolk, Buckingham, Oxford, York and Cambridge, and later into Scotland and Ireland.

The Huguenot family de la Motte appears in the 16th and 17th centuries.

The lords De La Mothe ranked among the highest of the French nobility. Several branches of the house embraced the Protestant faith and suffered great persecution. General De La Mothe Fouquet, an officer in the French Army, took refuge in Prussia at the Revocation. Madame De La Mothe Guion (usually known as Madame Guyon) was a devotional writer of the Reformation period, and her works were translated into many languages, and had a wide circulation in America a generation or two ago.

There were De la Motts among the Huguenot settlers west of the Susquehanna River. Jean Henry De la Mothe (1705-1794).

The first Mott we have on actual record of our family is James Mott, born in Smarden, Kent County, England, 27 Nov. 1803. He emigrated to America in 1821, landing in New York. He then went to Sacketts Harbor, New York, learned cabinet making, and was married there (at the home of her parents) Jan. 9, 1830 to Amanda Maria Brown, who was born 18 March 1813 at Woodstock, Vermont. They had 3 children: two died there, and they moved with one son, in 1834 to Cleveland, Ohio. They went from there to St. Louis by water, thence to Jacksonville, Ill., in a wagon and after visiting some relatives in Cass County, came to Springfield, arriving 1 Jan, 1836 where one child was born. In 1838 they moved to Menard County, near Petersburg, thence to Athens 20 Feb. 1843, where twelve children were born, nine of whom died under five years of age. James Wellington was the one child born at Sacketts Harbor who lived. James Mott was a judge in Menard County, Illinois.

Amanda Maria Brown lived 91 years and in the margin of the Methodist Church record book in Athens, Illinois, is written this inscription "Mother in Zion". It is said even though she was small, she was a very proud woman and when she reached the time she could not walk without a cane, she would not leave her home. The children all loved her and she always carried peppermint candy in her pocket for them.

James Wellington Mott became a skilled cabinet worker and established the Mott Mortuary in Athens which was prominent for several generations. He married 18 April 1856, Millie J. Hurt and they had one son who died as an infant. His wife died 24 June 1857 when they had been married for only one year. On 15 May 1859, he married Mary Ann England (her first husband died one month after their marriage.) James Wellington and Mary Ann (England) Mott had eight children: Allen, Edgar, Agnes, Margaret, James, Charles, Milam, and Eugene. Mary Ann died while Eugene was still a young baby. James Wellington then married a cousin of Mary Ann, America (England) Shenneman. James Wellington Mott died 24 Sept. 1873, leaving his eight children alone as their step-mother deserted them and returned to live with her father, Jesse England. At this time, Milam (grandfather to Margaret Irene Loutensock Stone) was only 3 years of age. The court appointed a legal guardian over the estate and children and they managed to take all the business property and money from the children leaving Allen to raise his other seven brothers and sisters. He soon married and together they looked after the family.

After Milam graduated from high school, Allen sent him to Valparaiso University which had just opened. Milam stayed for one year and then left and went to Denver where he met and married Tena May Rybicka. Tena was born near Prague, Czechoslovakia and had come from Germany about two or three years earlier. She was living with her half-sister, Mary, who was married to "Charlie" Rudolf Steinke.

Most of Milam and Tena May's children were born in this area where he was a bookkeeper for the railroad. They moved to

Salt Lake City where their last son George Mott was born. Milan was a bookkeeper for the railroad. It was here that their daughter, Myrtle, met and married Hyrum William Loutensock. Milan and his family left Salt Lake City and moved to Southern California where both "Grandpa and Grandma" died and are buried in San Gabriel, California. Most of their family stayed in Southern California except for the oldest son Harry, who married and stayed in Denver with his family. Myrtle and Hyrum (parents of Margaret Irene Loutensock Stone) returned to Utah after many years in California and are both buried in St. George, Utah.