

SLY PARK RECREATION AREA

5 MILES SOUTH OF POLLOCK PINES
OFF HIGHWAY 50 ON SLY PARK ROAD
East of Placerville, Calif.



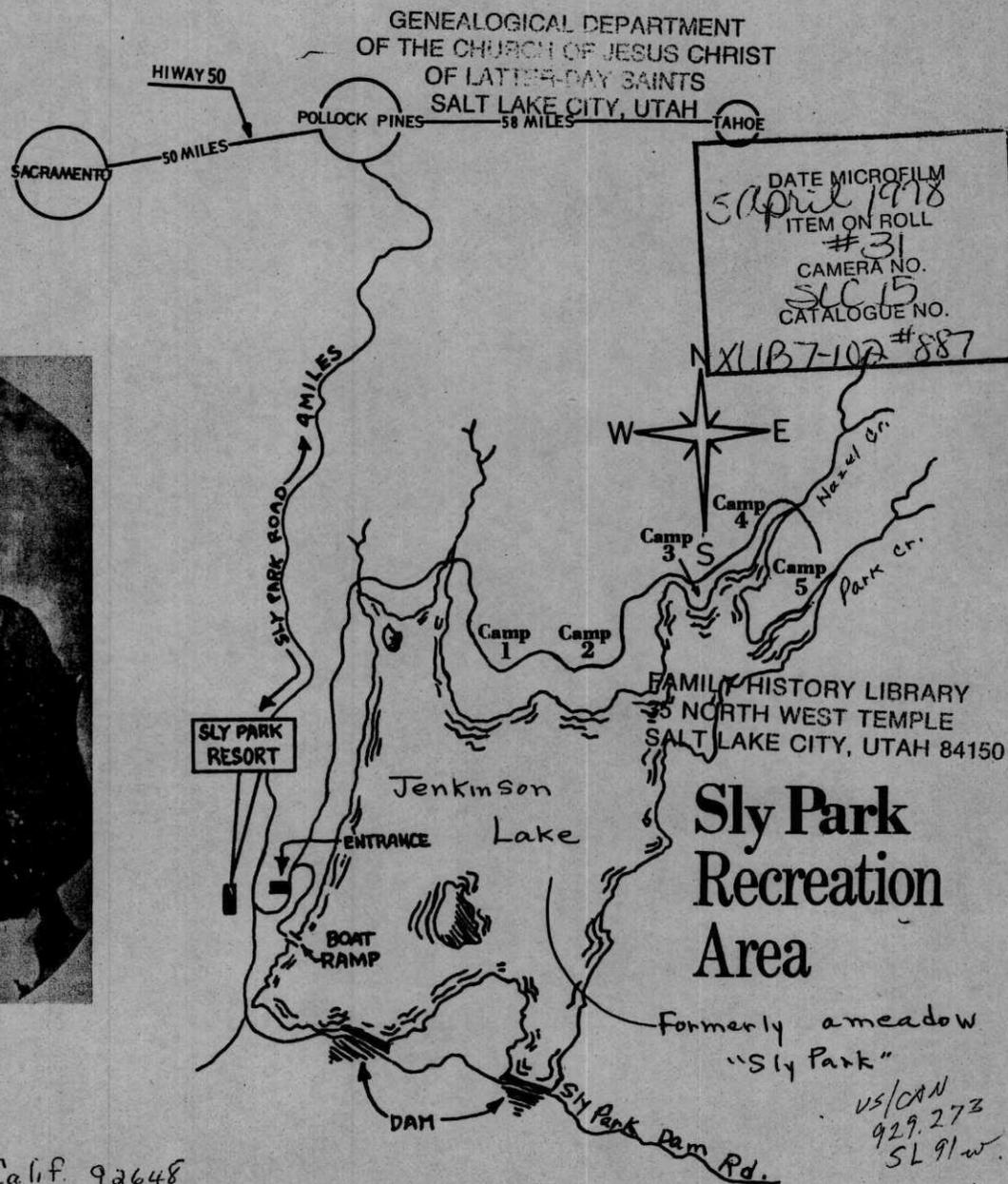
Operated by
EL DORADO IRRIGATION DISTRICT
In cooperation with
U. S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Q927.213
#1496

James
Calvin
SLY
Story
1807 - 1864



by
Lenore Sly Waite
1718 Park St.
Huntington Beach, Calif. 92648



THE STORY OF JAMES CALVIN SLY AND SLY GENEALOGY

JAMES CALVIN SLY was born the 8th of August 1807 in the town of Sodus, Wayne County, New York. (originally Ontario County). He was the son of Joshua F. Sly and his second wife Eliza Hill. 1 - 2

It is unknown just where he was born as that part of New York was opened up to settlement about 1779. Several settlements sprung up along a large bay called Sodus Bay on Lake Ontario. The settlements were called Sodus on the Bay, Sodus Springs, Sodus, etc. Five settlements in all and surely five cemeteries. The following poem may be of interest:

SODUS BAY

How sweet to stroll on the shaded shores
Of the Bluff at Sodus Bay.
And dream the dreams of other years
As they come to me today.
Or think of friends along the lake
In the years of long ago,
And I shout to the gentle sea-green waves,
Hail Old Ontario!

.....L. M. Stratton

The family evidently came to Sodus with the opening up of the frontier. Joshua married first Lucretia Calkins. Their first child was SOLOMON, born about 1794 in New York. Solomon married twice. There are records in Canada that Solomon was a "Canadian refugee of the Patriot War . He had eight children and an aged mother to take care of (1838)". He was involved in the Rebellion of 1837 and discharged in 1838, and he came to the United States about 1839 living in New York, Michigan and Ohio. We do not know the name of his first wife, but his second wife was Huldah Wilson. They lived in Michigan about 1840 and had at least three children. We list some of his children. THOMAS H. SLY, born 2 Oct. 1818. He was a farmer in Michigan. He died 4 March 1902 in Sanilac, Michigan. Sons of Solomon:

(ASA MORRISON SLY or Morrison Asey Sly was born about 1825-26 in Canada. He married Rhoda Campbell and they had several children. They lived in Ohio and their descendants are throughout the west. There were six other children from first wife. Asa died 10 May 1900.

(WILLIAM W. SLY married three times. First, Emma Weldon; second Calista Sawtelle and third to Mary E. Kennedy (Canady) Sloan. This family resided in Michigan. William was born 19 Dec. 1844 and died 20 Oct. 1920.

(CHRISTOPHER E. L. SLY of Michigan, son of Solomon, married Clarissa Miller and secondly Mary Jane ____.

1. Susannah Gustin Sly Ollerton's letter

2. James C. Sly's Diary

Solomon...Archivist, Dept. of Public Rec., Toronoto, Can. etc

by C. Lenore Sly Waite

BENJAMIN, second child of Joshua and Lucretia, was born January 10, 1796 in New York. He married three times. First, Mary Reed in 1818. She was the daughter of John and Dolly Reed of Lincoln Co., Maine. She is the mother of his twelve children. He later married Polly Nichols after 1863 and Matilda Abbey 31 Dec. 1879. His children were: Henry Harrison; Ransom Dansell; George A.; Hamilton; Andrew; Solomon Sylvester; Warren Reed and five daughters. A Mrs. George Horton; Mrs. Boyington; Rosetta and two others. These children were born in New York. They lived for some time in Michigan and they are found there in the 1845 Census which must have been taken early in the year. As the following is a record from Illinois, Warren Reed Sly married Jane Butler. He died in the city of Commerce in Illinois (Nauvoo) July 25, 1845. His brother Solomon Sylvester Sly, age 22, died there August 18, 1845. The mother, Mary Reed Sly and Warren's wife Jane and the daughter Rosetta had Patriarchial Blessings in Nauvoo in the fall of 1845. It is probable that most of the family were there together and that some of them belonged to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. (Mormon). After the Mormons left Nauvoo in 1846-47 they are found in Wisconsin. They lived in Lewis Valley, LaCrosse Co., Wisc. many years and Benjamin and Mary are buried there. He died 2 April 1885. 3

After Benjamin and Solomon were born JOSHUA must have gone to Canada. In records in the Canadian Archives, we find that "On June 20, 1798 Joshua petitioned for land. He brought his wife and two sons (and had been lying (or living) on the beach four (for) days". He obtained 190 acres in Markham Township patented to him in 1803. He was on petty Jury at York (Toronto) in 1801.

MARTHA LAVINA SLY was the third child of Joshua and Lucretia. She was born about 1797. She married Isaac Root. We find them in the 1850 census of Fairfield Co., Ohio. Isaac Root, laborer age 54, born in New York. Lavina, 53 born in Canada; James 21, born in New York and Lavina 29, born in Ohio.

Joshua and Lucretia were evidently divorced as she married Joseph Thorton and had children by him. They appear to have remained in Canada. (Pickering, Brougham). Records show that Mr. Thorton left his own church and joined a cult named Mormons.

Joshua married ELIZA HILL and their first child was JAMES CALVIN SLY born August 8, 1807 in Sodus, New York. (Joshua Sly was accused July 14, 1810 by Scarborough Path Masters for failing to perform Statute labour).....Canadian records.

3. Will

Military papers

Canadian Archives

LODEMIA SLY was Joshua and Eliza's second child and she was born 21 April 1810 in Scarborough, Ontario, Canada. She married Samuel Barnett 28 August 1828. They had a son Samuel born 12 July 1834 and a son William. They came across the plains with the Mormons. They later came to California with a group of Mormons and settled in San Bernardino, from there they went to Ventura, Calif. Both died there. Lodemia 29 Sept. 1894 and Samuel 9 Feb. 1884. Samuel married Sarah Rich Warner 1 June 1856 in San Bernardino. She died in Ventura 10 April 1913 and He died in Phoenix, Ariz. 6 Nov 1910.

Eliza must have died as Joshua married a woman named SARAH. We only know that they had some children and one girl,¹ There may have been two girls. We have the following children: Ammer Jane Sly born 15 Feb. 1820 in Bristol, Ontario, New York. She lived in Summit Co., Ohio in 1849.

JOSHUA, JR., born 3 March 1833 in Freeport, Livingston, New York never married. He died in Ohio 17 July 1848 after being released from the service of the Spanish American War. "Joshua, Jr., died at the poor house of Sciota Co., Ohio. He was brought there July 8, and died the 17th, dressed in uniform with no baggage or money". He left the steamboat at Portsmouth, his partner(?) stayed aboard. Joshua sold property in Ohio in Dec. 1849 so this must have been Joshua, Sr. He stated from Ohio in 1849 in a letter that he was 76 years old. In the 1850 Census Joshua is not listed. We found a Gideon, wife Jane and an older woman, Sarah, in Pickaway Co., Ohio. Joshua must have died before 1850.⁴

CALEB B. SLY was born 16 April 1825 in Phelps Township, Ontario, New York and he died in Mexico City as a soldier 2 Nov. 1847. He never married.

GIDEON SLY, youngest son, was born 4 Feb. 1827 in Perrington, Monroe, New York. We know very little of him. Lodicia Sly married Hezekiah Fisk in Kirtland, Ohio in 1837. Joshua was there in 1837. So were the Mormons. Also a Lodicy is mentioned elsewhere. We wonder who Lodicia or Lodicy is.

Joshua Sr. was the son of BENJAMIN, SR of Groveland, Ontario Co., and Honeye, New York and is mentioned in the 1790 census. Benjamin had power of attorney for Gideon, his son, when he died in 1812. Joshua and Gideon's wife Polly, were named administrators of his estate. It named Joshua as his brother and Polly as his wife.

According to the census Benjamin had five sons. Joshua was born about 1772-73 (76 in 1849). Gideon died Dec. 11 or 12, 1812 leaving a wife Polly. Christopher was born about 1779. He married Lodama Mack and his descendants lived in Michigan. Benjamin, Jr. was born in 1781 and died 8 Oct. 1851 in Indiana.

4. Land Warrant of Joshua, Jr., #66192

Was Elisha also a son?

Benjamin, Jr. married Joanna _____, and Tilbetha Green on 2 Nov. 1843 in Hardin Co., Kentucky. He left a very large family and there is quite a bit of information on file about him and his descendants. Records state that he was born in Vermont. Little is know of Elisha.

Joshua, Sr., is found in Bristol and Phelps Townships in Ontario Co., New York. in 1814 in 1825. In Kirtland, near Cleveland, Ohio in 1837, in Avon Township, Oakland Co., Michigan 1841 and in Summit Co., Ohio in 1849.

Benjamin, the father, could have been the Benjamin from Vermont. Some Sly's migrated to Novo Scotia before the Revolutionary War. This is being researched.



LODEMIA SLY AND SAMUEL BARNETT



LODEMIA SLY BARNETT

James Calvin Sly was born in New York State and his siter, Lodemia, was born later in Canada. The family must have moved back and forth from Canada to the United States frequently.

James Calvin married Mary Bassett, born 19 April 1808, when he was 22 years old in Manchester, Ontario Co., New York. Their baby son, Neamiah Sly was born 19, Nov. 1829 in Sandinia, Erie Co., New York. Mary was the daughter of Neamiah and Mary Bassett of Rancleville, New York. It must have been very difficult for him to have his wife die the next year on 25 July 1830 in Lockport, Niagra Co., New York. It was even more difficult when a month later on August 25 his nine month old son, Neamiah, died in Lockport. We can find no record of the above except the brief notations in his diary. After these sad experiences he went to Canada.

In Granthim, Upper Canada, he married Margriet J. Fuller on Sept. 1, 1831. She was born Feb. 28, 1805 in Niagra Province, Upper Canada, the daughter of David and Elizabeth Fuller. Here he had another sad experience. A son, David C. Sly was born April 6, 1832 in Granthim, Upper Canada and he died August 18, 1832 in Niagra, Canada West.

Later we find James Calvin Sly and his wife Margaret in a census in Missouri with their daughter, Mary Sly. In the census of 1860 in Idaho, Mary was 33 and from Atchinson Co., Missouri so she was born in 1827. Mary was four years old when her mother married James Calvin Sly, so she was probably raised as his daughter and took his name. In 1844 Mary had a son, she was 16, and was married to James Departee. Her son was Joseph Calvin Departee born 8 Oct. 1844 in Pottawatami Co., Iowa and he married Mary Jane Holden daughter of William R. Holden and Jane Gustin (sister of Susannah Gustin). The Departee's reside in Idaho.

Later, a record is found where James Calvin Sly visited her^{Aunt Jane Sly (Margaret Jane Fuller Sly)} and her brothers, one David Fuller in Utah after he married Susannah Gustin. Pearl Gummere married Joseph Calvin Departee's son, Charles Eugene Departee. Her second marriage was to Alpheus J. Gustin, nephew of Susannah Gustin and also grand nephew of Margaret Jane Fuller Sly. (Mary Maria Fuller, daughter of David Fuller and Elizabeth and sister of Margaret Jane, married Daniel Cook. Their daughter Catherine Ursula Cook married Amos Gustin, brother of Susannah Gustin Sly. Their son, Alpheus Jefferson Gustin married the widow of Charles Eugene Departee, Ida Pearl Gummere).

5. History of N. Idaho p. 727; 1845 Census of Atchinson Co., Mo.; Mary Departee's death certificate=Sly. Gallup Diary in S.L. Library.

In the mission notes of James Calvin Sly, he mentions that he visited priest Able Parker and two brothers Fuller in Canboro, Haldim Co., whom he had baptized in 1846. He also baptized the Cosseys in Perth Co., Canada in 1846 who were relatives of Fullers. Margreit or Margaret Jane or Mary Jane and also known as Aunt Jane Sly outlived James Calvin. Were they legally divorced?? She lived with the Fullers and perhaps her daughter Mary Departee.

James Calvin was baptized a member of the Church of Latter Day Saints in March 1844. 6

"1844, April 27, On this day a branch of the church consisting of nine members was organized in Lewiston, Niagra, Co., New York by Elder Walter N. Nurd; Elder John Small chosen President of Branch and James C. Sly, Clerk". 7 He must have been on a mission or perhaps dwelling in Canada in 1846 as he baptized the above mentioned Parker, Fullers and Cossey. (see Mission)

In the beginning of 1846, James Calvin emigrated to Nauvoo, Illinois and moved west with the church later that year in the General Exodus of the saints from Illinois. 8 "Having reached the Missouri River he enlisted in the Mormon Battalion and marched as a private in Company B to California". 8 He served in the Mormon Battalion 1847-48. 9

Because of the war with Mexico, a Captain Allen went to Council Bluffs, Iowa where Brigham Young and many members of the church were, after being run out of Illinois. He proposed that 500 men form a Battalion and go against the Mexicans and take California. He was sent by Col. Kearny, who was instructed by President of the United States, James K. Polk. The Mormons accepted the proposal, as they needed money and probably was somewhat patriotic.

The Battalion was made up of five companies, A, B, C, D, and E. One hundred men in each Company. Some wives went to cook and to help out. James C. Sly was attached to Company B, Jesse D. Hunter, Capt. as was the historian Henry Bigler. The battalion was mustered into service July 16, 1846. The Mormons were allowed to make their own officers from among themselves.

They were issued equipment and food at Fort Leavenworth August 1. Provisions were not ample for the long march and they suffered a great deal and there were some deaths.

They marched to Santa Fe, New Mexico to Rio Grande, to the border of Arizona just into Mexico, up to Tucson, to the Gila River and to Warner Hot Springs in California. Then to San Luis Rey (Mission) and back down to San Diego January 29, 1847. They went to Los Angeles in July and then to Kern Lake, then north going east of the San Joaquin River and on to the American River near Placerville. They marched more than 2,000 miles from Iowa to California.

6. Bio. Ency. Vol 3, p 514; 7. Times and Seasons Mag 5568; 8. same as 6; 9. Journal of History 1848 LDS Libr.

In San Diego, the Mission San Diego de Alcala (which was founded in 1769 and is in Mission valley) had not been used for some time except by Indians. They spent the first two days cleaning it and getting rid of the fleas. Here they had three nice vineyards and olive trees. They stayed here briefly, and were ordered to go to San Luis Rey Mission, 40 miles north as the ships with supplies did not come in. This mission was in good condition, large, with vineyards, olive and peach trees. They had to clean it also, but it had good barracks. Some men obtained supplies in Los Angeles and the ship came in from the Sandwich Islands (Hawaii). In March Company B, James Calvin's company, went to San Diego, C, D and E to Los Angeles and A stayed at San Luis Rey.

On July 4, 1847 at daylight, five pieces of cannon were fired to salute the day of American Independence. James Sly, whom they had selected for their Captain for the occasion, ordered them to shoulder their muskets, marched in order and gave the people of San Diego a salute.

On July 9 they marched to Los Angeles and were mustered out of the service July 16, 1847. They went north toward the Bear River as they thought they might meet Brigham Young there as they did know exactly where he would settle. They must have gone through Placerville (called Hangtown then) as they went through a beautiful valley near Pollock Pines. They named this valley Sly Park. James C. Sly carved Sly Park on a tree and this carving is now preserved in the museum at Coloma.

They travelled to a valley that is believed to be near Donner Lake as they found a shanty and remains of people. Near here they met a party. Some say Sam Brannan, others say someone else. They received the message that Brigham Young had arrived in the Great Salt Lake Valley and that they were to stay in California and work if possible, as they were destitute in Utah. They were given instructions on how to get there. They were to bring back clothing, stock and provisions in the spring. Other historians say that the trails were bad and winter was coming and they had to turn back.

They turned around and camped near Mr. Sutter's Ranch. He gave a great many of the battalion boys employment. He was going to build a mill at Coloma. Some worked at the mill at Natoma.

Gold was discovered in January 1848 at Coloma on the American River. According to the writings of Henry Bigler, James C. Sly was working at the mill at Natoma at the time. The battalion boys hunted for gold and worked in the diggings and were in on the excitement of the discovery of gold. However, the members of the battalion were anxious to proceed to the valley of the Great Salt Lake as soon as spring should open. A previous arrangement had been made that a company of eight persons would start May 1, 1848. Sgt. David Brewet was elected Captain, to pioneer, if possible, a wagon road over the Sierra Nevada Mountains eastward. The Truckee River route being impractical at that time of the year because of high water and numerous crossings.

This Company consisted of David Brewett, Captain; Ira J. Willis, James C. Sly; Isreal Evens; Jacob G. Truman; Esra Allen; J. R. Allred; Henderson Cox and Robert Pixton.



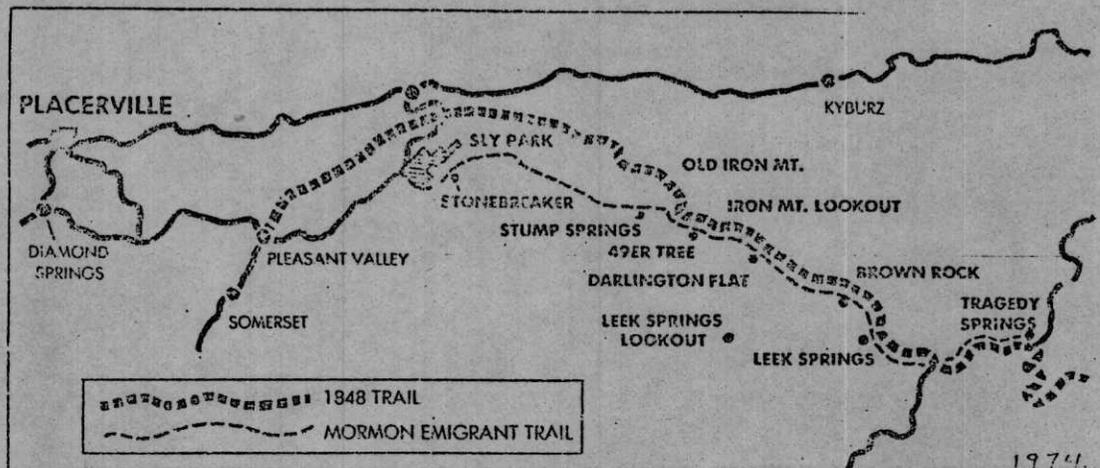
The Mormons were at an advantage as it was easier to follow a ridge from west to east. Once on a ridge they could follow it to the top of the range. It was very difficult from east to west as you couldn't find a possible canyon or ridge to follow from the east side to the valley below. Thus, the road the Battalion boys made was used for many years by the miners going to California. They went South of Placerville and then over mountains.

Three days travel brought this Company to Iron Hill where they found snow so deep they could travel no further, a donkey belonging to one of the men was completely buried in the snow except his ears. "On this occasion, these appendages were not to be dispised, ugly and unique as they usually appear. For one of the men got hold of them and dragged Mr. Donkey out and saved his life. None of that Company will be very likely to wonder why those animals are made with large ears." (J of H)

Brothers Willis, Sly and Evens ascended to the summit of the mountain seeing nothing but snow-capped mountains in front of them. It was decided not to abandon but to postpone the enterprise until a later period. So far as they could judge a wagon road would at least be possible and perhaps a success. One days' travel in descending took them back from the cold snow regions to the warm valley, where flowers bloomed and vegetation was growing. (J of H 1 May 1848)

1848, 1 May, a number of Battalion brethren and others in Sacramento valley, California subscribed \$512.00 and bought two brass cannons off Captain John A. Sutter to be taken to Great Salt Lake for the benefit of the Church of Latter Day Saints. (Names and amounts listed) James C. Sly subscribed \$10.00.

1848, 26 June, making preparations to start for Great Salt Lake. Broke temporary encampment on American River, California and commenced eastward. Some went to the mines to get tires set. (J of H)



Newly named trail in California is indicated on this Deseret News map, honoring Mormon Battalion.

1848, 27 June, Journey continued.

1848, 28 June, advanced Company arrived pleasant Valley. 50 miles.

1848, 1 July, wagons which had gone to the mines to get tires set arrived in general encampment in pleasant Valley

1848, 3 July, Asariah Smith, journalizes, "we packed up and travelled 25 miles; came upon wagons started a couple of days ago. Two more miles - we came to a Valley, found by brother J. C. Sly. We found good feed for our animals. We built a corral. This place came to be known as Sly's Park." (J of H July 3, 1848)

1848 July, Bro. Addison Pratt returning from a mission in Society Islands joins the group in Pleasant Valley. He writes, "having brought with us two brass cannons, 6 pounders which we bought off Captain Sutter. We saluted the day which made the mountains ring. Went into Camp and remained 10 days. (J of H)

Scouting, making roads and fixing their equipment filled their time. There were 45 men and one woman, (William Corry's wife). 17 wagons, 150 horses and about 150 cattle.

"There is beauty and fertility of Sierra Nevada Range pines," according to A. Pratt, "They produce a large burr which is full of seeds which taste like beach nut. White gum, when, dry, tastes something like manna, slight turpentine flavor. Ate freely, found them to have a purgative quality". (J of H)

1848, 16 July, a short drive was made to a creek which the brothers named Rock Creek. Brewett, Allen and Cox had gone on to find the best pass. Not heard from. Noted Indians with what looked like the three men's clothing.

1848, 19 July, Wednesday, we made a move and in passing through a snow bank, one of the wagons broke down. We soon reached the supposed Indian grave, (mentioned earlier in the text of the Journal) and as soon as Brother Sly saw it he exclaimed, "Our brethren are in that grave". Tools were at once taken from the wagons and the ground opened. We were shocked at the sight. There lay the brethren, naked. One with face turned upward, the other 2 downward. A hatchet evidently used in Brewett's face and a shot penetrated his eyes. Allen was next and Cox underneath, all were in a shallow grave. (A detailed account was given as to the possibility of the Indians travelling with the brethren and the brethren retiring for sleep; unaware that they were hostile and they came upon them by surprise. Evidently Cox and Brewett killed instantly, but Allen got behind a rock and was shooting in self-protection when he was struck over the head with a large rock as such a weapon was found near with hair and blood stains and Allen's money pouch, (which the brethren had seen him make) which he wore around his neck was there. It was assumed that the deed was done in the dark or they wouldn't have left his money bag. It had gold dust as well as \$200.00 in coin. (This pouch was taken to Salt Lake and helped save the lives of his wife and children.....see Improvement Era (LDS) Oct. 1965.



Sly
park

They called this place Tradey Springs which it is still known by today. That evening they re-organized themselves, appointing Captains over ten men. James C. Sly was one of these Captains, he was known throughout the Battalion and this march as a leader of men.

James C. Sly

page 10

They had trouble losing their stock and then they had to spend time finding them. Wagons would break down and they had to be fixed. It was about the first of August when they came from the canyons into the sagebrush valley. They could move more rapidly now. They had some problems with Indians and they felt they had gone far enough east to avoid the Truckee Canyon with its many dangerous crossings. They saw a gap that looked promising so about the middle of August they left the river they had been following and after a long pull they came to the emigrant road about where the west-going wagons came to the Truckee River. Their road that they had made is believed to have become the "Carson Route" because of the river that they followed somewhat.

When they reached the Humbolt Sink they met 18 wagons. They were believed to be the Clyman Company. One man interested the Mormons. He was Hazen Kimball, who had been in Salt Lake until March 2. He had apostatized from the Church, but could give them some news of Brigham Young and their families. He also told them of a new route.

They met 25 more wagons. They tried to find the new routes that these pioneers talked of. Scouts were sent out. Stock was lost. They had trouble with Indians. They found hot springs, but had trouble finding good water. They had problems finding feed for the livestock and many died.

They were going to go to Fort Hall and then to Salt Lake but they met a Captain Hensley and decided to follow his cut-off. They were led astray by others they met, but they seemed to have gone north into what is now Idaho. They crossed the Malad (or Muddy Creek) River September 23. They later reached the Bear River. They camped there where they had much singing and rejoicing.

On September 25, they reached the first small settlement where Ogden City now stands.

"September 27, they ate ears of corn, melons, mended wagons, washed clothes, trimmed hair, shaved and dressed up as they were about 30 miles from Salt Lake. Some scattered from here, but most arrived in Salt Lake Sept. 29."
(A. Pratt)

1848, 28 Sept., Addison Pratt records the joyous home-coming and how as they came into Weber Valley many of the men though tired, got horses and rode the remainder of the distance to Salt Lake so they wouldn't be delayed in reuniting with families there. He, however, indicated that he'd had too many disappointments in the past five years to want one more. He didn't want to go into Salt Lake City and watch his brethren be greeted by wives and children and him find his not there.

He waited until the next morning and on his way from Ogden to Salt Lake City he met a friend who told him he was in the same Company with his wife and children and they had arrived in Salt Lake a week ago. When he found his children they wouldn't claim a "pa" who would stay away five years and they weren't about to accept him. His wife, a mid-wife, had delivered a baby the night before and she was asleep in one of the wagons. She received him warmly. He noted her hair and gone through scurvy. The children accepted him after much tact and diplomacy in giving them gifts telling them he thought of them as he made the purchase in each of the far off lands.

(His wife, Sara Barnes Pratt, is burried in Beaver City, Utah in the same cemetery as James C. Sly's wife, Susannah Gustin is burried)

GENEALOGICAL DEPARTMENT
OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

1849, 25 March, James C. Sly married Susannah Gustin. She was the daughter of Mary Peterson and Thomas Gustin, born 23 May 1832, Vernon, Brown Co., Ind. (He was 43 and she was 18.)

1849, 2 June, the Council, (Brigham Young met with them in Salt Lake City) resolved that John Barnard, Sen. S. Willis, James C. Sly, Dr. Morse and Dr. Ezckiel Lee should go to the south pass to examine for gold. (J of H)

From James C. Sly's Journal:

"On June 25th I left the Grate Salt Lake City in company with Father Thomas Gustin and Willmer Brunson as a guide for a train of wagons from the United States to go to the Sacramento, James Stuart Captain. (One source called them Pittsburgers).

The first night the 25th we camped at Herd Creek about 28 miles.

- 26th - Camped on Augdin (Ogden) 20 miles.
- 27th - at Cleare Springs 25 miles.
- 28th - at Bear River 12 miles, being 85 miles from Salt Lake City.
- 29th - at the Blue Spring 25 miles. The water brackish.
- 30th - at the Twin Springs 32 miles.
- 1st of July, on Cash Creek 27 miles.
- 2nd - at Goose Creek 25 miles.
- 3rd - at a Spring at the foot of the valley of the Wells. 32 miles.
- 4th - at the Warm Springs. 25 miles.
- 5th - forks of the Humbolt 40 miles. From Bear River 206 miles.
- 6th - to the 2nd Fork 25 miles.
- 7th - to the 2nd Canyon 30 miles.
- 8th - to the 3rd Canyon 6 miles, across the hill 12 miles., across the next hill 10 miles.
- 9th - to the Big Bend 24 miles. Camped in the Bend 18 miles.
- 10th - at the 4th canyon 30 miles.
- 11th - at the Sand Hill 32 miles.
- 12th - around the Bend 27 miles.
- 13th - down the River 25 miles.
- 14th - at the Sink 44 miles. Which being from the forks 283 miles.
- 15th - we crossed the Sandy Plains and camped on Carson River 30 mil.
- 16th - up the River to the Big Bend 20 miles.
- 17th - to the next Bend 18 miles.
- 18th - at the Big Bend of pilot fork 25 miles.
- 19th - in Smoke Hollow 10 miles.
- 20th - at the Great Canyon 10 miles.
- 21st - at the head of canyon 5 miles.



SUSANNAH GUSTIN SLY OLLERTON

- 22nd - at the foot of the Cierez Nevada 10 mi.
- 23rd - in Lake Valley 5 miles and camped at rock valley 11 miles.
- 24th - at Leek Springs 16 miles.
- 25th - at Sly's park 25 miles. Here we lay by two days and prospected for gold but not finding enough to suit us we continued our journey and on the 28th we camped at (wenon or Wevon) Town 20 miles. On the 29th to Dayley's Ranch 25 miles. Making the distance from Grate Salt Lake City to Dayley's Ranch on the Sacramento city 810 miles.
- * Being from the Sink of Humbolt to dayleys ranch 236 mi.

During this journey I suffered graittly with canker in the mouth - eat scarcely ennything.

During the Journey on the 1st August a Company of 9 men prevailed upon me to go and prospect for gold and agreed to board me. I led them to a bar on the Cossummis River to a mine that had never been opened before,

where we were giting considerable gold, but a friend of theirs having told them that on the Macabinna River about 100 miles distance was a place where it could be picked up in large chunks but that the indians had killed three men that went there and no boddy dare go there. Everyone of them was up in arms to go to the place where they could make their fortune. i told them it was nothing but a gold tale and they had better stay weare they were but Father Gustin was almost angry and said i must be foolish if i wouldn't go. i at last concented to go and on the 9th of August we took up our journey for the grate prize and on 10th we arrived at the Big Bar 50 miles below the grate prize and i told them as we could git no further with the wagon that if 2 men would go with me we would go and see the place accordingly - 2 of them volintiered and on the 12th we started. We followed up the river, climbed rocks and mounttains until we came to the Spot. but to our great astonishment we found no dead men and worse than all no gold and my 2 friends turned about very humble and said i wish we had taken your advise.

We mite have had two or three hundred dollars in our pockets. We then started back and arrived in camp on the 18th after a tedious journey of six days. On the 20th we started back to the Cossummis. We arrived there on the 23rd and the Company broke up and father Gustin and Willmer Brunson and myself in company with two other men went to work.

On friday the 8th of September, father Gusttin was taken sick with a fever. On Tuesday 12th he seemed much better and talked of going to work, but on Wednesday 13th he got so much worse that i cauled a doctor and on Sunday 17th he died.

At 15 minits before 8 oclock in the morning on the 18th^{of October}/we left that place and moved 12 miles up the river. Willmer and myself was taken sick and i began to think that all sorts of bad luck attended us.

About the 12th of November the rainy seison commenced and we were without a tent or anything to cover us. We moved down the river 15 miles and i left Willmer with some friends and went to the City for a tent and our winters provisions. It was a very rainy time and all the creeks were high and after fording some six streams. Some of them to my waist there and back again i arrived on the Cossummis again on the 23rd of November. The rain continued to the first of December and all the miners is idle on acount of the high water.

15 Feb. (1850) - We had our gold stole from us which reduced us to poverty.

1st March - i was taking sick with the scurrvy, very sick.

On the 12th Father (Bar...) was taken sick and died on 17th, 1850."

(THE END)

(He arrived later in Salt Lake City)

(Note this entry;)

"Holly Matrimony in the House of the Lord - James Calvin Sly son of Joshua and Eliza Sly was married and sealed for time and eternity with Susannah Guston Dauter of Thomas Guston and Mary Guston by Orsen Pratt one of the Twelve Apostles of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints on the 1st August, 1851.. and Also with Nancy Gustin on the 19th January 1856 by Isaac Morley, patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Nephi, City, Juab County, U.T.

(Note under marriages it says:) James C. Sly married Susannah Gustin March 25, 1849 in great Salt Lake City, Utah Territory.

JURNEL OF
JAMES CALVIN
SLY in
possession
of Thurland
Sly, Milford
Utah.(1975)



(Under Marriages in Diary:)

"James C. Sly was married to Mary Bassett Jan. 25, 1829 in Manchester, Ontario County, New York.

"James C. Sly was married to Margariet J. Fuller Sept. 1, 1831 in Granthim Upper Canada."

Copy of Letter from Susannah Gustin Sly Ollerton (wife of James C. Sly) to her daughter Susie Barnum:

(Joshua)

Beaver, Jan. 12, 1912

"Susie, I will tell you all I can about your fathers family. He/was married three times had three children by the first wife, Sol and Ben and Martha. I don't know what their Mother's name was. His second wife was your fathers mother and your aunt Lodemia's. Her name was Eliza Hill. They was all she had by him. I don't know whether she died or not but he was married to the third wife but I can't tell you anything about them only they had some children and one girl her name was Ammer Jane that is all that I can tell you about the third families. Benjamin Sly was the one I wrote to he lived in Burlington then but the last letter I got he said he was going to Oregon and then I wrote again but got no answer. This is all I can tell you about them only they lived in Canada.

Now I will tell you when your father was born. He was born in eighteen and seven, August the eighth and died eighteen and sixty four in August the thirtyth and your aunt Lodemia was born in eighteen and nine I don't know the month. She had three children. She died in Nineteen hundred I think.

I will tell you the ages of your brothers and sisters. Amos Sly, born Jan. 19, 1850 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Lodemia Sly born in Aperl 15, 1852. James Calvin Sly was born March the twentieth November eighteen and fifty Four in Nephi. Mary C. Sly was born August the 30, 1950 in Sanlia (Salina) Utah Territory. Thomas Gustin*Sly *(Jefferson)? was born Sept. the sixteenth eighteen and fifty nine. Susannah Sly was born March the fifteenth eighteen and sixty one in Meroni, Sanpete, Co., Utah (Susie) Danial Samuel Sly was born in Chicken Creek, Juab Co., Utah November the Seventh eighteen and sixty 3 was three years and six month oald. Elisa Sly born december twenty fifth in eighteen and sixty in Santiquin, Utah terr. Solimman Sly was born february second in Meroni, Sanpete Co., Utah. Calvana Sly was born Aperlle the Ninth eight eighteen sixty too. Mary Jane Sly born August the first eighteen sixty 4. (Eliza, Soliman, Calvana and Mary Jane were children of his other wife, her sister Nancy Gustin)

edward allerton was born May the 20 in levan in eighteen sixty eight and died January the twenty six Ninteen 11. (these are children by her second husband Seth Ollerton). Jane Ollerton was born November the eigh in Chicken Creek eighteen and sixty six, died in May Sixty Nin. (George died as a baby--she didn't list him)

Susie I don't as you can reat all this but it is the best i cand . We are all well and hope this May find you all well .

from Mother"

(Tradition told and retold from generation to generation to me (Lenore Sly waite) and to Elaine Sly Johnston in Flint, Michigan. She is descendant of Christopher, brother of Joshua, father of James Calvin Sly.....

"A Sly came to Canada from "old country" very early and married an Indian girl, Cherokee")

James C. Sly

page 14

The following is from an article published in El Dorado County, Calif. publication. Since this was written the story of James Calvin Sly, his picture, etc. has been given to the Historical Society there and to the museum at Colusa, by Lenore Sly Waite.

"WATER BEHIND SLY PARK DAM CONCEALS SITE OF HISTORIC HOTEL AND SAWMILL"

"POLLOCK PINES El Dorado Co., - Few of the hundred of visitors to Jenkinson Lake behind the Sly Park Dam are likely to guess the reservoir basin once was the site of a two story hotel building and a sawmill.

Nor do many imagine the location ever was a post office. Park Stark who was born there, says it was a pretty place, almost like a park. "That's how it got its name," he continued. The place was as pretty as a park and the first settler there along about 1849, was a Mr. Sly; hence, Sly Park.

'Sly Park was a post office for about 20 years. My sister, Hazel, and a brother Henry both of Sacramento, and all were born in Sly Park. Stark now lives in Placerville, El Dorado County and-----'
'A Mr. Cutter acquired Sly Park from Mr. Sly (?) and Cutter established the hotel and sawmill and also raised cattle' Stark recalls, 'Sly Park was one of the old emigrant roads leading westward from the Kit Carson Summit in what is now Amador County'.

'The road left the present Highway 88 about two miles east of Corral Flat and came down through Stump Springs to Sly Park and then on to Pleasant Valley.'

'My father, Henry Stark was born in Diamond Springs (El Dorado County) and was adopted by Mr. Cutter. On Mr. Cutter's death he left the place to my sister, my brother and me.'

Stark recalls the snow reached depths as great as 7 feet in Sly Park. During the summer season there were as many as 40 for dinner in the hotel dining room. The movement of cattle and sheep to and from the mountain ranges was a spring and fall event and the stockmen always planned to stop over night in Sly Park.'

'Blair Brothers Lumber Company once had a sawmill about where the dam is,' Stark continued. 'The hotel was a two story frame building and had one large bed room in which 15 or 20 teamsters and stockmen could be accommodated dormitory style. There were 15 bed rooms, 1 bar and a dining room and the post office was in a smaller building, which adjoined the hotel on the east'.

Stark said he and his brother and sister are happy that the pioneer name of the location has been perpetuated in the naming of the Sly Park Dam."

I, Lenore Sly Waite, my husband, Noble and three children visited Sly Park and stayed overnight in one of four campgrounds in 1971. Sly Park can be reached by leaving Highway 50 at Pollock Pines east of Placerville, and taking Sly Park Road to the Sly Park Recreation area and Jenkinson's Lake. The lake offers big browns, rainbow and Kamloops trout, kokanee salmon and small mouth black bass. There are many campsites and beaches. The beaches slope very quickly and the water is cold mountain water. There are boat landings, boating and water skiing are popular sports. Also in the winter there is skiing on Sly Slope.



(Lenore at Sly Park
1971)

(The following is a list of happenings in James C. Sly's life after he returned from the Gold Fields. Please note that the Thomas Gustin that died in the search for gold, was his father-in-law.) Info. taken from his Journal.

- 1850 19 Jan. Amos Sly, son of James C. and Susanna G. Sly was born in Salt Lake City.
- 1850 2 Oct. James C. Sly visited Aunt Jane Sly on first day in Rock Creek. (it is believed that Aunt Jane Sly who was living with the Fuller brothers, is Margriet J. (Jane) Fuller second wife of James Calvin Sly).
- 1851 1 Aug. James C. Sly and Susannah Gustin Sly were sealed in the Endowment House in Salt Lake City by Orson Pratt.
- 1851 14 Aug. James C. Sly called on us, took dinner and went on to San Pete. (Luke Wm. Gallup Diary).
- 1852 15 April, Lodemia Sly daughter of James C. and Susanna G. Sly was born in Manti, Sanpete Co., Ut.
- 1852 3 July, Sanpete nomination for Precinct Officer - James C. Sly.
- 1852 16 Sept. Brothers James C. Sly and Amos Gustin gave us a call in going to Salt Creek (Gallup Diary)
- 1854 27 Mar. James Calvin Sly, Jr. born to James C. and Susannah G. Sly in Nephi, Juab Co., Utah
- 1854 7 April. James C. Sly called on a mission to Canada by Brigham Young at General Conference.
- (See next pages for account of his mission)
- 1855 Sept. 12, James C. Sly left for the Great Salt Lake Valley in the Isaac Allred Co., 42 men, 13 women, 7 children, 38 wagons, 234 oxen, 1 horse, 1 mule. (There was an asterisk by his name, but no explanation. He was evidently returning from his mission).
- 1855 Nov. 13, James C. Sly in the Isaac Allred Co. arrived in Salt Lake City.
- 1855 Nov. 18, James C. Sly visited, being on his return home to Nephi from his Upper Canada Mission, and preached here in the Springville evening". Gallup Diary p. 187)
- 1855 Nov. 29. Returned Missionaries Party Social Hall Tuesday 29th, Parley P. Pratt, Orson Pratt, Ezra T. Benson, Wilford Woodruff and George Albert Smith, Jedidah Grant presided. 58 or 60 missionaries. (Index noted James C. Sly on that page, but couldn't find it. There were to have been 4 pages of data on that date and only 3 were microfilmed in S.L. Gen. Libr.)
- 1856 Nov. 19, James Calvin Sly, Jr., died in Nephi, Utah
- 1856 Aug. 30, Mary Catherine Sly (Cash) daughter of James C. and Susanna G. Sly born Nephi, Juab Co., Utah.
- 1856 Jan. 19, James C. Sly married Nancy Bruster Gustin in Nephi, Utah by Orson Pratt. She was daughter of Thomas and Mary Gustin, sister of Susanna. She was born March 21, 1842, Vernner, Vanburin Co., Iowa. (two wives)
- 1857 Dec. 5, Nancy Elizabeth Sly, daughter of James C. and Nancy was born in Santaquin, Utah. (Eliza)
- 1858 Feb. 22, Santaquin Citizens met in mass meeting to fully sanction the sentiments of Gov. Young to the legislative assembly, 15 Dec. 1857, signed by many including James C. Sly. (J of H. 22 Feb. 1858). (this was when Utah was threatened by Army)
- 1858 Sept. 16, Thomas (Jefferson) Gustin Sly, son of James C. and Susanna G. Sly was born in Nephi, Juab Co., Ut. (Thomas said his name was Jefferson, but in the letter his mother said Gustin).
- 1860 Feb. 21, Soloman Sly born at Moroni, Sanpete Co., Utah son of James C. and Nancy G. Sly
- 1861 March 15, Susannah Sly daughter of James C. and Susannah born in Moroni, Sanpete Co., Utah.
- 1862 April 9, Calvana Sly daughter of James C. and Nancy B. G. Sly born in Moroni, Utah.

1864 June 15, Mary Jane Sly, daughter of James C. and Nancy B. Gustin Sly born Moroni, Utah.

1864, James C. Sly failing to give a correct signal (countersign) was accidentally shot by a guard. (History of Juab Co., by McCune p 67) was not fatally shot.

1864 Aug. 31, James C. Sly died at Chicken Creek, Juab Co., where he had resided. Brother Sly left a large family to mourn his loss. He died a faithful Latter Day Saint beloved and respected by relatives and friends. (Ency. Biog. Vol 3, pg 514)

1865 Jan. 22, Susannah Gustin Sly married a widower, Seth Ollerton, formerly of England. H had several children. They were married at Chicken Creek, Utah.

(I, Lenore Waite, wrote to the County Clerk of Juab Co. in 1971 to see if James C. Sly's grave could be located, I received the following letter from Earl L. Warner, Nephi, Utah:

"I have been checking with different people concerning the place called Chicken Creek. It seems that the small body of water 4 miles south west of Levan was once called Chicken Creek Reservoir. There used to be a few homes at the north east of the pond known as Chicken Creek. Also, this stream of water flowing from this reservoir goes through a small town three miles away. Now called, Mills, Utah - three miles west of this town is a small cemetery off to the side of the road having about eight or ten graves. There are still two or three old timers in this area that have pretty good memories, sometime when you are in this area you might gain more information from them."

(Margariet Jane Fuller, James Calvin Sly's second wife, was 26 when she married him in 1831. 12 years later, her daughter Mary Ann Sly DePartee, had a son. In 1860 census Mary was 33 in Atchinson Co., Mo. Her death certificate in Idaho says Sly. James C. must have raised her. Katy Jean Sly Horgan, his grand daughter says James C. and Margariet Jane were divorced. She came to Utah with her brothers, the Fullers and lived with them. James C. visited her there. She out-lived him. She was known as Aunt Jane Sly.



Aunt Nancy - Nancy Bruster Gustin

born 21 Mar 1842 (sister of Susannah)
 married: James Calvin Sly 19 Jan 1856 (he died--
 married: Agers, 1869 (1 year)
 married: Curles Shim Appleby, 28 June 1872
 died: 20 Dec. 1926

"Deaths"

"Died on the 25th of July 1830 Mary B. Sly wife of J. C. Sly and daughter of Nemiah and Sariah Bassett in the Town of Lockport St. N. Y. Niagria County.

On the 25th August 1830 Nemiah Son of J. C. & Mary Sly in town Lockport, Niagria Co., N.Y.

On the 18th August 1832 David son of Margrit J. & J. C. Sly in the Town of Niagara Canada West.

Died on the 19th November 1856 James son of James C. & Susanah Sly in Nephi City, Juab Co., U.T."

(an addition)

James C. Sly died at Chicken Creek, Juab Co. U. T. Aug. 31st, 1864. Aged 57 years.

Daniel Sly died on the 28th of May 1867 at Chicken Creek. Aged 3 years 7 months and 21 days.

Died on the 17th of May 1868, Jane Ollerton. Aged 2 years 5 months and 22 days.

Died on the 13th February 1875, George son of Susanah and Seth Ollerton. Died in Levan, Juab Co., Ut.

Died on the 15th of October 1876 Eliza Dale at Ophir City, Utah. Aged 19 years.

Mary Jane Sly died on the 27th of September, 1865 daughter of James C. and Nancy Sly.

Died on the 18th of October 1865, Mary Gustin. Aged 60 years.

Susanah (Gustin) (Sly) Ollerton J. C. ^{Sly's} 3rd wife died June 18, 1919 age 87 years 1 mo. at North Creek, Beaver Co., Ut. Burried at Beaver Cemetary.

Cathrine B. Sly died Dec. 3, 1924 age 71 years 4 mo. at McCormick, Millard Co., Ut. Burried at Beaver Cemetary.

Thomas Gustin Sly died Aug. 23, 1927 age 68 years 11 mo. Died at Milford, Beaver Co. Ut. Burried at Beaver Cemetary.

Susanah Banks (Sly) Waters daughter of Catherine & Thomas Sly died Mar. 10, 1914. Age 22 years died at Richfield, Sevier Co., Ut. Burried at Beaver Cemetary.

Seth Ollerton died Oct. 26, 1897.

(End of Journal)

James Calvin Sly

From Biographical Ency. Vol. 3 p. 514 by Andrew Jensen

"James Calvin Sly, a member of the Mormon Battalion was born in the town of Sodus, Wayne Co., New York, Aug. 8, 1807 the son of James Calvin Sly. (should be Joshua Sly). Becoming a convert to "Mormonism" he was baptized Mar. 9, 1844. Emigrated to Nauvoo, Ill. in the beginning of 1846 and moved west with the church that year in the general exodus of the Saints from Illinois. Having reached the Missouri River he enlisted in Mormon Battalion and marched as a private in Company B. to California. After receiving an honorable discharge he joined his co-religionists in Salt Lake Valley in the fall of 1848. At a General Conference of the Church held in 1854 he was called on a mission to Canada which he filled successfully and returned to the mountains in the fall of 1855. After which he resided in Utah until time of his death which occurred at Chicken Creek, Juab Co., Utah Aug. 31, 1864. Brother Sly left a large family to mourn his loss. He died a faithful LDS beloved and respected by relatives and friends."

(This information taken from the Mormon Battalion Monument in Salt Lake)

"James C. Sly, Private - Company B - Capt. Jesse D. Hunter"

(an addition)

Names & Births of Seth Ollerton's Family

Jane Ollerton Born on the 28th of Nov. 1866 daughter of Seth and Susannah Ollerton.

Edward Jossiah Ollerton Born on the 20th of May 1868. Son of Seth and Susann Ollerton.

George Ollerton Born on the 11th of February, 1875 son of Seth and Susannah Ollerton.

--
Laura Bithell Born on the 12 of September 1875 daughter of Eliza and Thomas Bithell.

John C. Dale Born on the 9 of October 1876 Son of Eliza and John W. Dale.

Frank C. Ollerton son of Craigie and Ed was born April 9th, 1895 Was blessed by Bro. Clausen the first Thursday in June 1895.

Edward William son of Craigie and Edward Ollerton Born Sept. 23rd, 1897. Blessed by Winnifred Moody April 3rd 1898.

"Names and Births of James C. Sly's Family"

"James C. Sly son of Joshua & Eliza Sly was born Aug. 8, 1807 in Sodus, Wayne Co., New York State.

Mary Bassett Born April 19th, 1808 dauter Nemiah & Mary Bassett in the town Ranclerville, State of New York.

Neemiah Sly born Novermber 19th, 1829 in the town of Sardinia, Erie Co., State of New York.

Margriet J. Fuller dauter of David & Elizabeth Fuller was born February 28th, 1805 in the town of Niagara Province Upper Canada.

David C. Sly born April the 6th, 1832 in the Town of Granthim, Upper Canada.

Susanah Guston born May 23, 1832 in the Town of Try, Fountain Co. St. Indiana. Dauter of Thomas & Mary Guston.

"Amos Sly born January the 19th, 1850 in great Salt Lake City, Salt Lake Co., Utah Territory son of James C. & Susanah Sly.

Lodemia Sly, dauter of J. C. & Susannah Sly was born April 15, 1852 in the City of Manti, San Pete County, Utah.

James C. Sly, Junior was born March 27, 1854 in the Town of Nephi, Juab Co., Utah Territory.

Mary Catherine Sly born August 30th, 1856 in Nephi City, Juab Co., daughter of J. C. & Susanah Sly.

Nancy Bruster Daughter of Thomas and Mary Gustin was born March 21st, 1842 Town of Vermen, Van Burin County, Iowa State.

born
Nancy Eliza daughter of James Calvin and Nancy Sly/in the City of Santequin, Utah County, Utah Territory on the 5th of December 1857.

Thomas Gustin son of James C. and Susanah Sly born Sept. 16th, 1858 in Santaquin, Utah County, Utah Territory.

Solloman, son of James C. & Nancy B. Sly was born Feb. the 21st, 1860 in the town of Moroni, San Pete County, Utah Territory.

Susanah Daughter of James C. and Susanah Sly was born March 15th, 1861 in the town of Moroni, San Pete County, Utah Territory. "

(an addition)

Calvana Daughter of James C. and Nancy Sly born April the 9th, 1862.

Mary Jane daughter of James C. and Nancy Sly born the 15th, June 1864.

Daniel Samuel son of James C. & Susanah Sly born Sept. 7, 1864 at Chicken Creek, Juab Co., Utah.

(Mission)

page 19
James Calvin Sly

1854 7 April. On the 2nd day of the General Conference of the Church of Latter Day Saints the following missionaries were called to Upper Canada; George P. Waugh, James C. Sly and Amos Gustin.

1854 April, The brethren collected money to purchase a horse for James C. Sly and Amos Gustin who have been called on a mission to Upper Canada. (Old Nephi Ward records minutes).

1854 20 April, James C. Sly and Amos Gustin and wife and a Wolf, (likely George P. Waugh), passed the night with us. Sly and Gustin are missionaries from Nephi, going to Upper Canada.

1854 27 April, John Hayes preposed to make shoes for Brother Sly's family in his absence. (old Nephi Ward minutes).

1854 19 May, James C. Sly, Amos Gustin, George Waugh, missionaries going east left in company with Benj Olappect.

1855 24 April, Following is the full text of the letter, Canboro Haldim and Ont. Canada 24 April 1855 from George P. Waugh, James C. Sly and Amos Gustin.

"The council of the north British American Mission of the Church of Latter Day Saints appointed by the General Conference of said church at Great Salt Lake City, Utah Territory, U.S. on the 6 of April 1854 met pursuant to notice, time and place above stated as underwritten George P. Waugh, High Priest, President; James C. Sly, High Priest and Elder Amos Gustin of 15th Quorum of Seventy. Resolution 1st that we draw a brief statement of the progress and general features of the Mission to be forwarded to George Albert Smith of the Quorum of the Twelve, Church Historian's office, Salt Lake City. On the 8th of May 1854, we left said city and arrived at old Fort Kearney on the Missouri River on the 30th of June following and on the day after our company of 21 missionaries took their respective routes. The north British American Mission thereafter met in the house of Brother Alexander Dow on Market Street, St. Louis, Missouri. On 30th of July and early in Aug. we proceeded via Alton, Illinois; Chicago and Detroit to Windsor, Canada West. Elder Waugh went westward to Toronto, Highland Creek, etc. where branches of the church had previously been

organized but had fallen into apostacy and being obstructed in every direction, he returned again to Toronto where he rebaptized a Brother George Hodge a Priest newly arrived from Glasgow, Scotland with his wife and family, whom after 10 weeks trial ordained him an Elder in said church to labor in the North British American Mission in connection with the Saints in Utah. Elder Waugh proceeded from Toronto to London and on the 8th of Nov. he met in council with Elders Sly and Gustin, his Coagustors in the said church mission, who having proceeded from Windsor 18 miles east of Chatham where they preached in Windsor, laboring with their own hands for support, but no prospects of success. They proceeded via London and Woodstock to Shakespeare, Perth Co., where they found Elder William Cossey and Sister Eliza Cossey baptized by Elder Sly in 1846. Here they continued to preach and labor to support themselves for the space of a month, most of the time Elder Gustin was indisposed from fever and ague.

In Easthope they baptized Aquila Bennet. From thence they proceeded to South Zora where they baptized and ordained Adam Shadwick, late from Utah, where they also baptized Samual Martin and ordained him an Elder. Brother Sly left Bro. Amos Gustin in Zora and went east by Hamilton, St. Catherine and Theorold to Niagara, preaching and laboring as heretofore. Proceeding by Theorold and Smithville to Canboro Haldim and Co., where he found Priest Able Parker and two brothers Fuller, whom Brother Sly had also baptized in 1846 where he continued to preach and labor alternately for his support for two weeks and return to Shakespeare via Brantford and Woodstock, where he met with Brother Gustin, improved in health considerably, about the first of Nov.

Thence they went to Brother Shadwick in So. Zoro on the 7th of Nov. and the next morning met in council with Father Waugh, Richmond, St. London. Brother Sly having stated the above progress of his and Brother Gustin, should continue to follow labors in Canboro and that Father Waugh should proceed to Shakespeare and labor there and about London, Middlesex Co. During winter Brother Sly and Gustin returned again to Canboro and the surrounding country preaching and laboring for their support as usual and they held regular meetings at Brother Parker's in Canboro at least twice a week during the winter and elsewhere as often as circumstances and weather would admit. Father Wough, pursuant to above resolution, labored in Shakespeare, Easthope, Zora and in London

said much opposition, and met in Canboro in council with said brethren in the hall of Brother Parker 24 April 1855. The total baptisms by Sly and Gustin 12; 8 males and 4 females and 2 rebaptisms. 12 others found professing to be firm in the faith. The obstructions that has hither to impeded our mission in Canada and continues to do so arises from various causes, vis; the influx of apostates of all sorts from the U.S. who continue to publish vituperative statements received the truths of the gospel (Ferris book termed) "Utah and the Mormons", is so generally appreciated, seems to (have) up every avenue for our dissemination of the gospel in these regions unless we were efficiently supplied with the tracts in refutation of those falsehoods daily ushered forth against the Saints from Satonic pen of said exfugative, Sec. of Utah, together with our being surrounded by no less than nine of Stang's apostles and seventies whose missionary efforts have proceeded and intercepted our labors and always have undermined the authorities of the Church of Latter Day Saints in Utah by introducing the Gov., Brigham Young and the presidency there as the direst of direst of apostates. These use every strategem to seduce and strangle those few saints who have obeyed the principles of the gospel and draw off their minds from the simplicity of the truth in order to believe a lie and be damned for which purpose they have visited every Saint in these regions endeavoring to establish themselves as the legitimate Mormon Church and James J. Strang as the real and only successor to the martyr Prophet Joseph Smith as Prophet, Seer and Revelator to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

In matured consideration of said premises, we have come to the annexed conclusion that where as Elders Sly and Gustin having, from extreme labors, become considerable impaired in their health proceed to Utah as soon as they obtain means to do so and that Elder George Waugh continue to labor in British North American Mission and to open his way by publishing the gospel in simple tracts that cannot be gainswayed by the doctrines and commands of men. He, having claims of land due to his late Father, termed head right, amount to 200 acres and 100 acres in his own right which he obtained, will enable to clear his own way.

In United love to presidencies and Saints in Zion, your faithful servants, George P. Waugh, James C. Sly, Amos Gustin, Canboro Haldim and Ont. 24 April 1855. (J of H 24 April 1855)

1855 June 2, St. Louis, Mo., Elder James C. Sly wrote as follows to the editor of the Luminary. St. Louis, Mo.,

"Dear Brothers:

"Having lately arrived in this City from Canada I have thought a brief description of my late field of labor and the general prospects of the mission in Canada. Elder Waugh proceeded immediately to Toronto. Elder Gustin and myself to Shakespeare where we found Elder Cossey, whom I had baptized and ordained in 1846. We stayed in that vicinity some four or five weeks. Brother Gustin was sick and unable to travel.

"After baptizing Samual Martin and rebaptizing Adam Shadwick of Zora and Aguala Bennet, I traveled through the country and found many, of what some folks called, cold Mormons, who professed to believe in ancient Mormonism, but repudiated modern Mormonism. I found another class who, through poverty or misfortune, have been unable to gather with the Saints but have been true and faithful according to their circumstances. Some say if they listen to us they are sure to be deluded. The Brethren that are to leave Canada for the West will organize in the vicinity of Council Bluffs between now and next spring, when we hope to have a goodly company to cross the plains to join our branch in the Valley of Epheriam. I propose leaving this city in a few days and shall proceed up the River if your counsels should not direct me otherwise.

I am Sir, your humble servant and brother in the everlasting gospel,

James C. Sly" (J of H 2 June 1855)

1855 June 13 (From the Luminary St. Louis)

Elder Lamoreaux arrived, President of the French Mission (details of his illness). Elder James C. Sly stayed with him nearly all day on Tuesday the 12th instructing, administering to and blessing him with all the powers of his body and spirit. He left between 5 and 6 o'clock fully satisfied that he would not recover and told us about 6 o'clock that Elder Lamoreaux had finished his mission and the Lord wanted him in another sphere and he felt to resign him to the Lord knowing he had finished his course and kept the faith and there was a crown of Righteousness laid up for him, that would not fade away. (J of H 13 June 1855)