

SECOND GENERATION

William Jamieson

William was born September 29, 1831 at Chapel en le Frith, Derbyshire, England, the first child of Gilbert and Jane (Smith) Jamieson. His baptism, recorded at Churley Chapel in the Parish of Glossop, is listed in the 'non-conformist' register which means something other than the Church of England. At the age of 10, he sailed with his parents to the United States where the family settled on a farm in South Moline Township, Illinois.

William likely worked on the family farm and in 1852 was in charge of construction of a stone house for Erskine Wilson, located near-by. In 1854 he returned to England and married Ann Cocker in Stoney Middleton, England on October 18, 1855. The couple returned to America where their first child, Anna, was born in 1858. They returned to England where their second child Edmond Gilbert was born in 1860.

The family returned to the United States where William resumed farming in South Moline Township. Six additional children were born, Walter Scott (1861), Alexander Fergus (1863), Stanton Lincoln (1865) Harry Wallace (1866), Arthur Bruce (1868) and John William (1870). William became active in local politics. He discovered coal on his land and started mining in 1865. William died in April 1870 just before his youngest child was born in July.

William's wife Ann and most of the children moved to Rossville, Kansas in 1879. An 1883 History of the State of Kansas shows Ann owning 140 acres with 90 acres under cultivation and twenty-two head of cattle. She died in Rossville in 1908.