

## ANN EVANS TOVEY

Ann Evans Tovey was born December 25, 1837 at Merthyr Tydfil, a distinguished town in Glamorganshire, South Wales. Ann's mother died when she was small. Some time before Ann passed her teens she moved eight or ten miles east of Merthyr to a settlement known as Briery Hills, near which an uncle and aunt lived. They were Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Evans, who lived in a district named Victoria named after the Queen of England. Here she found a job working for Mr. and Mrs. Thomas in a mercantile store. Like her uncle and aunt, she became a devoted member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Here also she met her future husband Daniel Tovey. Daniel Tovey was born March 17, 1838 at Llyn Dele, South Wales. While she was living on Briery Hill, Daniel Tovey lived in New Town Pencare. (Pencare means- end of field). where he worked in the subterranean coal fields. His father died when he was young leaving him the only child unmarried to support his mother: He and his mother saved and came to the new world and settled in Pennsylvania when he was only twenty-one. After about two years, he sent to Wales for his wife to be, Ann Evans, and his brother Francis' wife who had recently buried her husband. Daniel Tovey and Ann Evans were married on June 23, 1860 at Johnstown, Pennsylvania. He remained in the east two years then with his wife and mother emigrated to Willard, Utah where they lived until the spring of 1865. Daniel having learned music in the old country led the Willard Choir for several years. They then relocated to Cherry Creek, Idaho. He was one of the founders of Cherry Creek, Idaho in the spring of 1865. Then Daniel Tovey and a stone and rock mason named Shadrach Jones built many stone houses in Cherry Creek, Idaho.

Daniel held county office twice. First he was elected county treasurer in 1888 or 1890, position he held for two terms. In 1900 he was elected county commissioner. They had six children Daniel, George, David, Margery, Morgan, and Mary Ann. Ann Evans Tovey died January 5, 1901. She died of an ulceration of the stomach and was buried in the cemetery in Cherry Creek, Idaho. Daniel Tovey died October 15, 1911 at the home of his daughter Margery Tovey Jones, and husband John L. Jones at St. John, Idaho. Funeral services at the opera house, in Malad, Idaho Tuesday starting at noon. The funeral was under the direction of the Odd Fellows lodge. The funeral included a ritual ceremony, and short addresses were made, by Rev. Williams, Pres. Richards, and David P. Jones. He was buried in the Cherry Creek Idaho cemetery beside his wife.

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