

**JANE (JENNY) FIELDS CARLISLE**  
**1795 - 1851**

Jane Fields, daughter of Matthew Jr. and Dinah Fields was christened November 20, 1795 at Willingham, Lincolnshire, England, which is a small parish with 158 people on it. She was the seventh child and third daughter of eight children, three girls and five boys, all born in Willingham. They were in order of birth, Ann christened Feb. 20, 1780, John christened Dec. 15, 1781, Matthew christened Feb. 11, 1784, Joseph christened May 21, 1786 and was buried May 15, 1790, Alice christened Nov. 25, 1792, Jane christened Nov. 20, 1795 and Benjamin May 5, 1799.

Nothing is know about her early life until she met and fell in love with a young man, somewhat her junior. It was love at first sight, since Jane was two and a half years older it was rather difficult for them to marry at the time of his proposal. So he asked her if she would wait five years for him. She replied, "Why certainly I'll wait, and not only five years, Richard, but ten if you wish it."

They were married June 22, 1822, at St. Helen's Church at Willingham, Lincolnshire, England. There was no happier couple in the world than they.

To them were born twelve children which included a set of twins and a set of triplets. Since triplets were very unusual they received many beautiful gifts. Even the Queen of England sent them quite a sum of money.

Children of Richard and Jane Field Carlisle:

Names/Spouse	Birth date		Death date
Thomas Field Fanny Hoquard; Sarah White	10Apr1823	Stow, Lincoln, Eng	7Jul1904
Mary John James James Healey	10Sep1824	Sturton, Lincoln, Eng	2Sep1902
Joseph Isabella Sharp, Sarah Ann Lord Nottingham, Eng	21Jul1826	Sherwood on the Hill,	17Mar1912
Benjamin	10May1828	Snenton, Nottingham, Eng	17May1828
John	10May1828	Snenton, Nottingham, Eng	young
Matthew	3Jun1829	Snenton, Nottingham, Eng	4Oct1829
Richard	3Jun1829	Snenton, Nottingham, Eng	28Jul1834
Jane	3Jun1829	Snenton, Nottingham, Eng	4Oct1829
Martha	6Mar1831	Snenton, Nottingham, Eng	8Apr1836
John Elizabeth Hoquard	9Feb1833	Snenton, Nottingham, Eng	27Nov1893
Alice Jane David Wilkin; George Freestone	9Oct1835	Nottingham, Eng	4Dec1868

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Richard Matthew Mary Hannah Wright	21Jun1840,	Kexby, Lincoln, Eng	22Feb1922
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Jane found herself very busy trying to care for the large family, however five of them died as infants and small children. This must have been a very hard ordeal to go through.

Richard worked in the lace mills of Nottingham for a few years. However, as his boys grew older, he could see that it was not the place for them. They returned to Lincolnshire and settled at Kexby where Richard Matthew was born Jun 21, 1840. Upon returning to Lincolnshire, Richard was employed as farmer and gamekeeper for a very wealthy English Lord, brother to Sir Robert Peel of the English Parliament. This gave the children greater educational opportunities - a real blessing - since schooling was difficult to obtain then.

Jane was a very refined and noble character. She always loved those things in life that would make her a better person, so when Elder Joseph Edward Taylor preached the Gospel to them, they readily accepted it and were baptized by him. Richard was baptized July 30, 1849 and Jane August 11, 1849.

A branch of the Church was organized and he was appointed presiding Elder and kept an open house for the Elders who came that way.

Since going to church, they had a great desire to emigrate to Zion in America and started to save for that purpose. This opportunity came much sooner than they had ever hoped for. With the help of two years wages donated by their eldest daughter, Mary, they were soon to start. Mary had been working as a cook for a lady not of their faith but a very fine woman, who though a great deal of Mary. Not long after Mary joined the Church, this lady died and in her will she left Mary a years wages in advance. Then Mary, who had been planning to get married, had saved a years wages, but when she joined the Church, he deserted her. She now felt that this was the most important step to take to help her parents get the family to America.

Perhaps that day as she said good-bye to loved ones and left her home, she was somewhat confused, happy with the thought of going to Zion, where they could worship as they so desired and yet sad with the thought of leaving her home and all her ties there.

The Millennial Star listed the family as Richard Carlisle age fifty-two, Jane (Jenny) age fifty-five, Joseph, son, age twenty-four, John, son, age seventeen, Mary, daughter, age twenty-six, Alice, daughter, age fourteen, Richard, son, age ten.

They sailed on the good ship "Ellen" 52nd Co from Liverpool Jan. 6, 1851, with James W. Cummings, Crandall Dunnard and William Moses as leaders and with 466 souls aboard. The ship remained anchored in the river opposite Liverpool, waiting for favorable winds, until Wednesday January 8, about 11:00 AM when anchor was weighed and the saints were soon under way with a fair wind. These two days in harbor must have been trying ones as they were so anxious to be on their way. The ship ran at a rate of seven miles an hour until 11:00 PM when it struck a schooner in the fog and was compelled to stop for repairs. The following day the captain put into Cardigan Bay, North Wales, to repair. In a few days the ship was ready for sea again. On the very day the big vessel put into port the wind changed and they were forced to

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stay there for three weeks. They were grateful for this, as outside the port was a bad storm which wrecked many vessels and many lost their lives. All the children came but Thomas Fields, the oldest son who came later. This trip was a long and eventful one.

Finally the captain became impatient and although the wind continued unfavorable the "Ellen" again weighed anchor on January 23 and put to sail, but the wind was blowing the wrong direction so they made very little progress for several days. Finally, on February 1st, the wind changed and the passengers soon lost sight of the Irish coast. From that time on they enjoyed pleasant weather and fair winds. On the night of March 4 they anchored in the Mississippi River off New Orleans, making passage from Liverpool in about seven weeks.

The measles broke out among the emigrants the day they left the dock and nearly every child on board had them, beside some of the adults. Some children suffered from "tropical cough" similar to whooping cough. During the voyage ten deaths occurred, eight were children.

During the voyage, six marriages were solemnized and one birth took place. When they left the port, the presidency divided the company into twelve divisions or wards, allotting twelve births to each division and appointed a president over each. Then these twelve divisions were divided into two with a president appointed and with a president over the whole steerage.

The second class cabin was organized in like manner. The Priesthood was also organized. A president was appointed over them to see that they attended to their duties. This complete organization helped a great deal in preserving peace and good will, order and comfort to the Saints on board. Men were appointed to visit every family twice a day and administer to the sick and report any troubles.

At New Orleans they boarded the steamer "Alexander Scott" to St. Louis which was chartered by the Company. They paid \$2.50 a head for adults and half fare for children and all luggage was included. The Company left New Orleans on the morning of March 19, 1851 and landed in St. Louis on March 26, after a good trip.

A number of emigrants were not prepared to continue the journey right away, they found employment in St. Louis while the others preceded on their way to the Bluffs. The Carlisle family remained in St. Louis where they found various employment for a year while awaiting Thomas' arrival.

While in St. Louis Jane did a washing for a friend who had cholera and came home that night, took sick and died, leaving the family without a mother. She passed away on June 24, 1851 age fifty-five years and was buried on the banks of the Mississippi River.

Richard and the children greatly grieved at the loss of their wife and mother. They stayed in St. Louis a year to work when Thomas joined them. and then came on to Salt Lake City, September 15, 1852. He first settled in Mill Creek or Cotton Wood.

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