This is where we will begin to trace the Utah Maxfield family history. John Maxfield was born June 14, 1761 in Full Sutton, Yorkshire, England. Hannah Appleton was born about 1763 in Daletown, Yorkshire, England. They were married in Full Sutton on July 26, 1791. They had 11 children: Richard, James Appleton, Ann, Robert, John Ellison Jr., Timothy, Hannah, Frank, Sarah, William, and Mary. In 1818 they set sail for Australia. However, they were shipwrecked on the way and rescued by a ship that took them to Bedeque, Prince Edward Island, Canada. This is where they settled and became very prosperous. When three of their sons joined The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 1844, their family was split apart. Richard, John Ellison, and William left in 1850 with their families to join the “Mormons” in Salt Lake City, Utah.

What became of these three sons and their families? They all arrived in Council Bluffs, Iowa on July 9, 1850. Unfortunately, John Ellison lost his 16-year-old son, Jesse, in a drowning in the Missouri River on the day they arrived and his 13-month old son a few days later. John Ellison left his brothers and their families (who planned on joining him later) in Iowa and headed towards Salt Lake. He did take one of Richard’s sons, John Ellis, with him. Unfortunately, William, Richard, and Richard’s 13-year old son passed away not long after John Ellison left. Their widows and families remained in Iowa. (One of Richard’s sons, Abraham, (AW) eventually made his way to Colorado and settled the town of Rifle.) John Ellison and his family (and nephew) soon arrived in Salt Lake, and the story of the Utah Maxfields began!

John Ellison was born in 1801. Sarah was born in 1811. They were married in Prince Edward Island in 1827. They had 11 children, their youngest being born near Ham’s Fork, Wyoming on the journey across the plains to Salt Lake City. They were doing very well in Bedeque, P.E.I. when in 1844 John met and listened to two missionaries from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He came home and told his wife, “I’ve heard the thing my soul has longed for all my life.” He prayed the whole of the night. When his wife awakened the next morning, he told her he wanted to liquidate his estate and go west with the Mormons and that he was willing to give his all to the cause of the restored Church of Jesus Christ. They were unable to leave until 1850. In the meantime, he was persecuted for joining the Church. He sacrificed a lot. Along the journey, he lost his two brothers, two sons, and a nephew—but he never wavered. He arrived in the Salt Lake Valley on September 14, 1851. He wintered near Murray and eventually settled in what was then known as “Cottonwood”—near 6400 South and 1000 West on the East side of the Jordan River. He helped build the magnificent “Mormon” temple and tabernacle in Salt Lake City. He was never as wealthy as he had been in Canada.

In February, 1875 he became ill. On his deathbed he was asked by one of his children, “Dad, after all you left in Prince Edward Island to come to this forlorn place, was it really worth it?” John sat up in bed and in the energies of his soul said, “The finest thing John Ellison Maxfield ever did was to join the Lord’s restored Church and bring his family to the tops of these mountains.” Those were his last words. He laid back, heaved a sigh and passed away. He and Sarah are buried in the Murray City Cemetery.
Robert Quorton was the oldest son of John Ellison and Sarah Maxfield. He was born on P.E.I. and migrated with his parents to the Salt Lake Valley. He ended up owning a sawmill in Big Cottonwood Canyon, known as “Mill A.” After valuable ore was discovered on the property in about 1860, he and his brother, Richard Dunwell, developed the mine and called it the “Maxfield Mine.” It was very successful. He had three wives: Emma Jane Smith (whom he had married in P.E.I.), Sarah Cahoon, and Mary Jane Cahoon. Robert and Emma had 4 children: Jesse Smith, Robert Quorton Jr., Willis, and Emma Jane (who died at 4 months). Robert and Sarah had 7 children: Mary (Hawley), Sarah (Kinder), Daniel Stiles, James Appleton (who died at 6 months), Sophia (no children), Martha Ellen (who died at 15 months), and John Amos. Robert and Mary Jane had 6 children: Mary (Hawley), Hyrum Adheimer, Charles Henry (who died at 7 months), Jane Elizabeth (who died at 8 months), Ann Marie (Webb), and Julia May (who died at 10 months). Along with Robert, his following children are buried in the Murray City Cemetery:

Julia May--#4

Richard Dunwell was the second child of John Ellison and Sarah Maxfield. He was born on P.E.I. and migrated with his parents to the Salt Lake Valley. He selected and cut timber for the round roof of the Salt Lake Tabernacle. With his brother, Robert, he developed the Maxfield Mine and four sawmills in Big Cottonwood Canyon and built the first roadway up the Canyon. He returned, years later, to the Winter Quarter area to find his cousins who had remained in the area. Richard had two wives: Artemissa Ann Harris and Ellen Diadema Thompson.

Richard and Artemissa had 9 children: Emily Elizabeth (Brinton), Mary Ann (Walls and Marlow—no children), Richard Dunwell, John Abraham, William Albert, Lillian (died as infant), Harris Timothy, Robert Burns, and Elis Montague.

Richard and Ellen had 11 children: Sarah Ellen (Irving), George Spaulding, Jacob (died as infant), Elijah Osaro, Lewis Bedeque, Joseph Clinton, Marion (died as infant), Edah Eveline (Allred), Archie Obed, Jessie Earl (died at 2), and Laura Vilate (Aldrich).

Richard and his wife, Artemissa, are buried in the Murray Cemetery, along with the following children:

Harris Timothy--#7 and wife, Emily Orilla Brown--#8
Elis Montague--#9 and wife, Ellen Adell Brown--#10
Lewis Bedeque--#11 and wife, Emma Artemissa Butler--#12
Jessie Earl--#13
ELIJAH HIETT MAXFIELD
Helen Alcy Tanner

Elijah Hiett was the third child and son of John Ellison and Sarah Maxfield. He was born in P.E.I. and migrated with his parents to the Salt Lake Valley. Elijah was well-educated and made the trip East to bring the books for Utah's first public library. He made trips from Salt Lake to California as scout and guide for wagon trains. He took part in the Civil War, in the Utah Indian Wars, was a Pony Express rider, drove stagecoach, and went on a mission back east to build stations, make farms, and raise hay and grain. He had lots of dangerous adventures. He was also well acquainted with “Mark Twain.” He received two arrow wounds from Indians in his leg. In 1878 he moved his family to Wayne County, Utah and made their home in Loa. He married Helen Alcy Tanner.

Elijah and Helen had 9 children: Hiett Elijah, Helen Alcy (Hansen), Nathan Tanner, Juliette (Blackburn), John Schureman, Francis Quincey (died as an infant), Junetta (died 3 yrs.), Archelaus Warren, and Ethel Mae (Chappell).

Helen and Elijah are buried in Wayne County. However, the following child is buried in the Murray City Cemetery:

Junetta--#14

JESSE MAXFIELD
(No picture available)

Jesse was the fourth child and son of John Ellison and Sarah Maxfield. He was born in P.E.I. and migrated with his parents towards the Salt Lake Valley. However, the day they arrived at Winter Quarters, Nebraska, Jesse died in a tragic drowning accident in the Missouri River as he was fetching water for his sick baby brother. He was 16 years old.

QUINCY BENJAMIN MAXFIELD
(No picture available)

Quincy Benjamin was the 9th son and 10th Child of John Ellison and Sarah Maxfield. He was born in P.E.I. and migrated with his parents towards the Salt Lake Valley. On the day they arrived at Winter Quarters, Nebraska, he was very ill. His older brother, Jesse, drowned in the Missouri River as he was fetching water for Quincy. Sadly, Quincy died of his illness 7 days later. He was 13 months old.
James Appleton was the 5th son and child of John Ellison and Sarah Maxfield. He was born in P.E.I. and migrated with his parents to the Salt Lake Valley. James owned the first meat market in Murray, was Deputy Sheriff of Salt Lake County, furnished the lumber to build the Beehive House, Lion House, and Tabernacle, and owned a sawmill in Tooele and Big Cottonwood Canyon. He spoke the Indian language. He hauled granite rock from the quarry in Little Cottonwood Canyon to the Salt Lake Temple and was a blacksmith. He married Dorthe Sophia Marcussen Jensen. After she passed away, he married Ann Clifton.

James and Dorthe Sophia had 4 children: James Benjamin, William Appleton, Emma Jane (Johnson), and Chauncey Franklin (who died at 1).

James and Ann had 9 children: Mary Elizabeth (who died at 1 yr.), Hannah Rebecca (who died at birth), Esther Ann (who died at 2 yrs.), Sophia Ellen (Thomas), Sarah Edith (Baxter), Robert Monteque, Enos Clifton (died at 1 ½ yrs.), Ira Arthur, and Henry.

James and Ann are buried in the Murray City Cemetery, along with their following children:

- William (son of James and Dorthe) --#17 & his wife, Harriet Ann Smith Maxfield --#18
- Enos Clifton --#19 Esther Ann Maxfield--#20
- Hannah Rebecca (Infant) --#21
- Robert M.--#22 & wife, Annie Ellen Ottley Maxfield--#23
- Mary Elizabeth--#24

William was the 6th son and child of John Ellison and Sarah Maxfield. He was born in P.E.I. and migrated with his parents to the Salt Lake Valley. William and his family went to Wayne County, Utah to live with his brothers, Elijah Hiett and Henry Aldheimer. He settled in Loa. He made friends with the Indians in the area. He married Elizabeth Caldwell. William died when he was only 39 years old, leaving his wife with several small children.

William and Elizabeth had 7 children: William Henry, Isaac Bennett, Hannah (who died at 3 months), Ida Maria(Blackburn), James (who died at 3 months), Jesse Everett (who died at 14), and Elijah Everett.

None are buried in the Murray City Cemetery.
John Ellis was the 7th son and child of John Ellison and Sarah Maxfield. He was born in P.E.I. and migrated with his parents to the Salt Lake Valley. He built his first house on the corner of 1300 East 5900 South. He belonged to the 72nd Quorum of the Seventies in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

He married Wilhelmina Marcussen Jensen. He died when he was only 33 years old, leaving “Minnie” a widow with small children.

John and Wilhelmina had 3 children: Joseph Hiett (who died at 17 months), John Franklin, and Alice Sophia (Brinton).

John and Wilhelmina are buried in the Murray City Cemetery, along with their following children:

John Franklin --#27  and his wife, Lucy Ann Tripp Maxfield--#28  and their son, Baby A (Arthur) #29

Alice Sophia Maxfield Brinton--#30 and her husband, Hyrum Bradeson Brinton --#31

Sarah was the 1st and only daughter and 8th child of John Ellison and Sarah Maxfield. She was born in P.E.I. and migrated with her parents to the Salt Lake Valley when she was 6 years old. She well remembered the suffering of the Saints when first coming to the valley. She married George N. Stager, and the moved to Butte, Montana where she ran a boarding house. They later divorced, and she married William H. Lemon. They resided at 1700 East and 6400 South.

Sarah and George had 3 children: Elizabeth Stager (Chinn), Henry Hyrum Stager, and Minnie Ellen (who died at 8 years.)

Sarah is buried in the Murray City Cemetery. Neither of her husbands nor any of her children is buried there.
Joseph Smith Maxfield was the 8th son and 9th child of John Ellison and Sarah Maxfield. He was born in P.E.I. and migrated with his parents to the Salt Lake Valley. He was only 3 years old. He eventually had a saw mill and a farm in East Canyon. He hauled pine ties for the railroad to Park City. He was an excellent horseman, and he loved to dance. He married Matilda Ann Turpin. They later moved to Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Joseph and Matilda had 13 children: Joseph (who died at 2 months), James Ambrose, Jessie LeRoy, Andrew (who died at 19 from lightning), John, Asa Lewis, Eliza Ann (Smith), Raymond (who died at 15 of heart trouble), Matilda (Proctor), William (who died at 2 months), Gerald (who died at 15 from an acid accident), Estella Virginia (Kemp—No children), and Curtis Wayne.

Joseph and Matilda are buried in the Murray City Cemetery, along with their following children:

Andrew--#35
Asa Lewis --#36 and his wife, Elva Labrum Butler
Maxfield--#37
Raymond --#38
William-- #39
John--#40

Henry Adheimer Maxfield was the 10th son and 11th child of John Ellison and Sarah Maxfield. He was actually born in Ham's Fork, Wyoming—as his parents were crossing the plains to the Salt Lake Valley. He grew up and settled in Wayne County, along with two of his brothers. They were very poor as they tried to settle the area. He spent much time working in Pole Canyon to get logs and have them sawed into lumber, which he would then take to Salina to sell. Henry married Sarah Ellen Morrell.

Henry and Sarah had 14 children: Henry Dillworth, Sarah Elizabeth (Nelson), John Albert, Jessie (who died at 4 months), Millie Frances (Ellett), Lillith May (who died at 1 month), Ella Dean (Jensen), Edna Lavern (who died at 13), Olive Luella (Jensen), Silas Adheimer (who died at 11), Prudence Iva (who died at 4), Floretta (who died at 2 months), William Arthur, and Lillian (who died at birth).

Neither Henry or Sarah—or any of their children are buried in the Murray City Cemetery.
John Ellis Maxfield was born to Richard Maxfield and Eliza J. Parrott in P.E.I. His father, Richard, was one of the three Maxfield brothers (Richard, John Ellison, and William) who joined The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and decided to migrate to the West to join the Saints. They made it as far as Winter Quarters when one of the brothers, William, passed away. Richard agreed to stay back with William’s widow and children, while John Ellison went on ahead towards the Salt Lake Valley. It was decided that John Ellis, Richard’s 15-year-old son, would go with John. However, within months after John Ellison left, Richard and his 13-year-old son, William S., took ill and died. His widow and remaining children never made the trek West.

John Ellis remained active in the Church and was a member of the 72nd Quorum of Seventies, which was organized at Little Cottonwood. He married Rebecca Welsh in 1861. Unfortunately, John Ellis died just 7 years later at the age of 33.

John and Rebecca had 3 children: Eliza Ann (Curtis), John E. Maxfield, Jr. (who died as an infant), and John Abraham Maxfield.

John and Rebecca are not buried in the Murray City Cemetery, but one of their children is:

John Abraham Maxfield -- #41 and his wife, Luella May Smith Maxfield -- #42

Many additional grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great great grandchildren (and their spouses) are buried in the Murray Cemetery. Here are those we know of:

#43 Benjamin Willard Maxfield—Grandson of Richard Dunwell Maxfield, son of Lewis Bedeque Maxfield.
#44 Mary Myrtle Beckstead Maxfield—Wife of Benjamin Willard Maxfield.
#45 Eula L. Blaine Maxfield—Wife of Nathan Doyle Maxfield, who was the son of Nathan Grand Maxfield, who was the son of Nathan Tanner Maxfield, who was the son of Elijah Hiett Maxfield.
#46 Gerald L. Maxfield—Grandson of Joseph Smith Maxfield, son of Asa Lewis Maxfield.
#47 John Richard Maxfield—Grandson of Richard Dunwell Maxfield?
#48 John Leo Maxfield—Grandson of John Ellis Maxfield, son of John Franklin Maxfield
#50 Virginia Mackay Maxfield—Wife of Shirl Lewis Maxfield
#51 Thomas Stanley Maxfield—Grandson of Richard Dunwell Maxfield, son of Harris Timothy Maxfield.
#52 Kenneth Lee Maxfield—Grandson of Richard Dunwell Maxfield and son of Richard Dunwell Maxfield.
#53 Edith Zachrison Maxfield—Wife of Kenneth Lee Maxfield.
#54 Lewis B. Maxfield—Great grandson of Richard Dunwell Maxfield, grandson of Lewis Bedeque Maxfield, son of Benjamin Willard Maxfield.

#56 Mary Emily Maxfield—Granddaughter of Richard Dunwell Maxfield, who was the son of Richard Dunwell Maxfield.

#57 Nathan Doyle Maxfield—Great grandson of Elijah Hiett Maxfield, grandson of Nathan Tanner Maxfield, son of Nathan Grant Maxfield.


#59 Charles Perry Maxfield—

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