Genealogical Research Report of
Peter Hughes Ancestry
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Peter Hughes emigrated from Llandudno, Carnarvon, North Wales to Salt Lake City, Utah. His wife Elizabeth Evans and three daughters namely: Mary Elizabeth Hughes, Martha Maria Hughes, and Annie Lloyd Hughes, sailed with Peter Hughes 30 March 1860 on the ship "Underwriter" for America.

Peter Hughes learned a trade of joiner. He was also a professional farmer and learned this from his father. He did farming at Tanygraig, Denbeigh, North Wales. After his arrival in Salt Lake, he died from consumption, the same disease that caused the death of his mother, Mary Lloyd.

Thomas Hughes, the father of Peter Hughes, was born 28 March 1779 in Garthorffraid, Llanddoget, Denbeigh, North Wales to Hugh Owen "Farmer" and Margaret Jones. At the time of his marriage to Mary Lloyd the record states that his name was Thomas Jones, widower of Ruthin, Denbeigh, North Wales. From this we find he had been married previously.

The Hughes family used patronymics in the family name. We note the name of Thomas Jones used at the time of his marriage to Mary Lloyd. Another proof is taken from the burial record of his older brother as follows: "John Hughes son of Hugh Owen, of this parish, Farmer, by Margaret his wife (formerly Margaret Jones) died 21 April and was buried 24 April 1783." A third possible proof is with the record of the marriage of Hugh Owen to Margaret Jones, in the name of a witness, namely: Hugh Hughes. This Hugh Hughes could be a relative of Hugh Owen.

Hugh Owen, father of Thomas Hughes and grandfather of Peter Hughes was buried 15 February 1813, in the Hamlet of Garthorffraid. The Welsh name Garthorffraid means in English "Priest's Garden," and was near the Rectory Church of Llanddoget. Mary Lloyd was buried there 5 June 1849. All of Peter Hughes brothers and sisters were born there. Another burial entry of Garthorffraid states, "Margaret Owen of Garthorffraid, buried 6 March 1819, age 1 year." I am inclined to believe this is a daughter of Thomas Hughes and Mary Lloyd. A letter to the Rectory of Llanddoget could clear this question up. This little baby died before it was christened, leaving this the only entry. Garthorffraid is the most recent ancestral home of our family. In tracing the moves of our family, it has been found the Owens came earlier from Garthorffraid, Denbeigh, Wales, which is located about 4 miles south of Llanwst. Llanddoget is located about 2 miles northeast of Llanwst.

Mary Lloyd wife of Thomas Hughes was born 13 April 1779 at Llangernyw, Denbeigh, Wales to David Lloyd and Catherine Davies.

I have found and compiled about four or five family group sheets relating to the brothers of Thomas Hughes. The family group sheets of Peter Hughes and Elizabeth Evans; Robert Roberts and Catherine Hughes; and Thomas Hughes and Mary Lloyd, have been sent into the Salt Lake Genealogical Society Records Office for examination and clearance for temple ordinance work.

I have located and compiled two other family groups which I think may be the 1st great grandfather and 2nd great grandfather of Peter Hughes. These two family group sheets are pending until further research can either prove or disprove them.

In Wales a person could not become a citizen of that country unless they submitted a pedigree of his or her family for nine generations back. These pedigrees are housed in a library in North Wales. There are so many pedigrees that they occupy one entire library. These are also on film in the Salt Lake Library. The pedigrees start around 1720 AD and go back to about 1000 AD. There is some caution here however, as names as we know them now, were not in use then. In most cases people only had one name.