

Joseph W. Higham

Joseph Higham, April 23, 1859, was the youngest of seven children born to Charles and Jane (Thompson) Higham. His parents were Mormon immigrants from England to Salt Lake City in 1856. Some time thereafter they made their home in Ogden for about ten years before moving north to Soda Springs, Idaho, for a short time and then on to Blackfoot. The father died there in 1891. Joseph worked the family ranch with his brother from age twenty to twenty-six.

On July 27, 1885, he married Margaret Jones, daughter of William and Ann (Haddock) Jones. They were natives of Wales who had crossed the plains on their way to Utah with six oxen teams in 1855 and settled in Farmington, Utah for a time before moving to Ogden where they lived until 1861. They then settled in the northern part of Davis County.

After their marriage, Joseph Higham took full charge of his father's estate and devoted his attention to grain and cattle raising. The ranch was located less than six miles northeast of Idaho Falls. He specialized in superior cattle breeds: Shorthorn, Durham, and Hereford.

The family was blessed with two living children, Anna May and Joseph L. Sadly, their twins, Flora and Pearl died.