

JOHN KIRKMAN.

John Kirkman, one of the members of the present city council of Salt Lake City, was born in Manchester, England, November 1st, 1830. He is the son of Henry Kirkman and Sarah Holmes. In 1836, his parents moved to Dublin, where his father put up some of the first steam-power looms worked in that city. Having accomplished this and set them going the family returned to Manchester.

Councilor Kirkman's own business when he was a boy was in calico printing and weaving. He worked for the firm of Woolley & Sons until he left England. He came into the Mormon Church in Manchester, in 1849, and was a leader of the Manchester choir for five years. He emigrated to America in November, 1855, and arrived in Salt Lake City October, 1856, having crossed the plains in John Bank's company. He settled in Nephi, Juab County, immediately on his arrival, and on the 13th of December, 1856, he was married to Elizabeth Jackson, a native of Manchester, who came in Edward Marlins handcart company. In the year 1860, he moved to San Pete County, and settled at Moroni. There he taught school two or three years, and about the year 1866 he was appointed county treasurer. At the organization of the city council of Moroni, he was elected city recorder, which position he held till he moved to Salt Lake City in 1871. He was commissioned notary public for San Pete County, by Governor Durkee and he also held the position of postmaster for Moroni. After his removal to Salt Lake City he was appointed by the presiding bishop one of the principal clerks of the Tithing Office, his labors being in the receiving and disbursing department, in which position he still remains. At the last municipal election of Salt Lake City, in February, 1886, John Kirkman was elected to the city council as councilor from the first precinct.