



Ira Hatch

Ira Hatch was born on August 5, 1835 to Ira Stearns Hatch and Wealtha Bradford in Farmersville, New York. The family joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and moved from New York to join the gathering of the saints, ultimately arriving in Utah.

Ira was eighteen years old when he went on his first mission among the Indians. He continued his labors among them for the remainder of his life.



He had many thrilling experiences, barely escaping with his life on numerous occasions.

Ira spoke eight Indian languages, some more fluently than others. He could also speak Spanish. He frequently served the government as an interpreter.

Ira married and was widowed in a very short time. He was later advised to marry an Indian woman to facilitate his relationship with the Indians. He married a young woman who had been orphaned at age 7, and raised by a white family. She was called Sarah Maraboots. She became the mother of his four children.

He died at his home in Fruitland, New Mexico on September 30, 1909.