

Hezekiah Thatcher, Jr.

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: Hesikiah Thatcher Jr.

Age: 15h

Son of Hesikiah & Abby Thatcher

Deceased: Mar. 11, 1847

Disease: Not listed

Birth Place: Winter Quarters

Birth Date: Mar. 11, 1847

No. of Grave: 98

Birth Date: March 11, 1847

Death Date: March 11, 1847

Cause of Death: Not known

Burial Place: Winter Quarters grave #98

Father's Name: Hezekiah Thatcher

Mother's Maiden Name: Abby/Alley Kitchen

Which Winter Quarters Ward or Iowa Branch was the family: Winter Quarters 1st ward

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Salmon Falls, El Dorado, California, house #4, p.384. Hezekiah 41, Alley 42, Joseph 20, John 15, Aaron D 14, Harriett N 12, George W 10, Moses 8, Hiram 6.

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? Daniel Spencer/Perrigrine Sessions Co left from Elkhorn River June 18, 1847 and arrived September 24-25, 1847.

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

-Hezekiah Jr. was the youngest child. His older siblings were Abraham, Catherine Mary, Mary Ellen, John Bethuel, Aaron Dunham, Harriet Ann, George Washington, Moses, and Hyrum. Abraham, Mary Ellen, and Hyrum all died before they reached adulthood.
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-While in Salmon Falls, CA the family ran a hotel in conjunction with Henry Green. The oldest son, Joseph, mined. (1850 U.S. Census, Salmon Falls, El Dorado, California, house #4).

-Hezekiah Sr. died in 1879 and was buried in Logan, Utah. Ten years later his wife Alley died in Salt Lake City. (Family Group Record, emailed file).

-Moses was a member of the Council of the Twelve from 1879 to 1896. He was a store clerk and served a mission to Mexico and England. (Moses Thatcher, compiled by Susan Easton Black, BYU Religious Studies Center, emailed file).

-Moses's mission to Mexico was to find a settlement for the Saints. He served with Erastus Snow for a while until Elder Snow returned due to illness. He returned from his Mexico mission in February 1883 and five months later left for a mission to the Northern Indians. For this Indian mission they traveled through Yellowstone and visited many Crow Indians. Additionally, he went to D.C. to help the Utah representative and visited Mexico again with President John Taylor. (Moses Thatcher, compiled by Susan Easton Black, BYU Religious Studies Center, emailed file).

-Moses lived in California with his family when he was baptized. While watching the cows he would find nuggets of gold in rock crevices. He was known to ride wild horses and lasso wild calves. On Dec. 29, 1856 Moses was baptized and four months later he was asked to serve a mission at age 15. He was so scared he felt sick. For the first few weeks he did not speak publically. However, one night, a Methodist minister began vilifying the Prophets Joseph and Brigham. Moses was the only Latter-Day Saint present and after saying a prayer and feeling moved by the Holy Ghost Moses stood up and without any hesitation disproved and confounded the minister. At this meeting he bore powerful testimony. After this experience Moses often preached earnestly and fearlessly. (Moses Thatcher, compiled by Susan Easton Black, BYU Religious Studies Center, emailed file).

-Hezekiah Sr. was a man of few words. Alley, his wife, often engaged traveling ministers in discussion while they lived in California. Moses reported that his mother's knowledge of the scriptures was extensive, and she generally left the ministers dumbfounded. (Moses Thatcher, compiled by Susan Easton Black, BYU Religious Studies Center, emailed file).

-John, Aaron, and George Washington joined the Utah Militia. Moses was a member of the special police force in Salt Lake City for a short while. During one winter, Moses studied under Orson Pratt at the University of Deseret. That spring Brigham Young performed Moses' marriage to Lettie Farr. He built the first frame home in Logan, Utah. Moses worked with his father at their company Thatcher & Son which eventually combined with other companies to become Z.C.M.I. (Moses Thatcher, compiled by Susan Easton Black, BYU Religious Studies Center, emailed file).

-Moses spent considerable time in Mexico and on one trip met extensively with the country's leadership. He was not sustained as a member of the 12 due to a lack of harmony with the other members of the twelve. However, he remained a faithful member of the church. (Moses Thatcher, compiled by Susan Easton Black, BYU Religious Studies Center, emailed file).

-Harriet Ann, while living in California, made a bet with an Eastern orthographer. She out-spelled him and won a silk dress. She was said to always have a strong opinion on public questions and be an excellent teacher. She was a great lover of books. She spent the first 7 years of married life mostly alone since her husband was called on a mission to Britain and led immigrant and supply trains. She started the first school in Logan. She had four children, three

of whom lived to adulthood. (Jas. T. Jakeman, Daughters of the Utah Pioneers and Their Mothers, p.181.)

-When the Thatcher family made the trek to Utah they brought four well-equipped wagons. (Jas. T. Jakeman, Daughters of the Utah Pioneers and Their Mothers, p.181.)

-Hezekiah stayed with a friend on his way to a business meeting in Salt Lake City once. He was asked by the friend to give the blessing at breakfast. He was so uncomfortable with the request that he asked the rough miner seated next to him to say it instead. The miner refused. Hezekiah turned back to his host and told him to ask his own blessing. (Our Pioneer Heritage, Vol. 4, p.200).

-When Brigham Young asked church members to donate money to help European saints immigrate Hezekiah donated more than anyone else. He was always respectful of his priesthood leaders and followed their counsel. (Our Pioneer Heritage, Vol. 4, p.201).

-Hezekiah married his second wife, Jane Amy Baugh in Logan in 1869. (Hezekiah Thatcher, p. 52, emailed source).

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