

Abishai Wyer/Ware (Abisha Wayne)

Abishai Wyer was born to John and Susannah “Ann” Harrison Wyer on September 5, 1791 in Stephenson, Frederick County, Virginia. Not much is known about his early life but many of his ancestors came from Virginia.

Abishai married Delilah Rogers on February 13, 1816 in Harrisonburg, Rockingham County, Virginia. Delilah was the daughter of Rhodam and Mildred Nelson Rogers. She was born in Loudon County, Virginia. Her father was a soldier in the Revolutionary War.

While living in Harrisonburg, Abishai and Delilah had five children: Richard, Elizabeth, Rebecca, Susannah, and Robert. The couple’s children died at a very young age except Rebecca who was born January 20, 1818. In about 1824, Abishai, Delilah, and Rebecca moved to Jones Run, Harrison County, West Virginia—property owned by Delilah’s father. Here Ellender Ellen was born on December 1, 1825. Three more children were born here: Asa, Dorcas, and Meriha. The last three children died early in childhood.

The family was converted to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in September 1836. In 1837, they left their home and moved to Kirtland, Ohio to gather with the Saints. Eventually, they moved to Nauvoo where they were baptized for some of their dead ancestors and then on to the Middle Missouri Valley.

Abishai and Delilah are listed in the 1850 U. S. Census in dwelling #684. They are listed next to Solomon McIntosh. They are enumerated as: Absha Wyre, age 61, and Delia, age 64, both being born in Virginia. Ellender had married Richard Stubbs in Lee County, Iowa on June 21, 1843.

Abishai Wyer was listed on the Big Pigeon Branch Record. It was transcribed wrong as Abisha Wayne. The Big Pigeon Tithing Record listed Abisha Wayre on July 11, 1848 and continued until July 1852.

Abishai, and Delilah, joined the Uriah Curtis Company which left for the west on June 28, 1852. Ellender Wyre Stubbs, her husband, and two children were in the same Company.

When they arrived in the Salt Lake Valley in September, they settled in Provo, Utah County, Utah Territory. Abishai passed away on October 25, 1853, and according to the Provo Daughters of the Utah Pioneers, he was the first person buried in the Provo City Cemetery.

Delilah married Samuel Vincent, a widower, from England. She passed away on November 24, 1876 and is buried next to her husband.



Abisha Ware tombstone