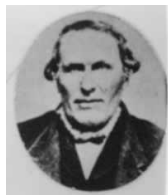


Alfred Bosworth Child (Dwelling #694)



Alfred Bosworth Child was the son of Mark Anthony and Hannah Benedict Child. He was born on November 15, 1796 in Milton, Saratoga County, New York. He married Polly Barber on March 19, 1817 in Greenfield, Saratoga County, New York.

Polly Barber was the daughter of Ichabod and Anna Deake Barber. She was born on March 30, 1798 in Greenfield, Saratoga County, New York. Albert and Polly were members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. They sold their farm and possessions and followed the Saints to Kirtland, Ohio and then to Missouri and finally to Nauvoo.



The couple had twelve children. The first three children, Ichabod, Mary, and Joseph died the same day they were born. Their fifth child, Mark Alfred, joined the United States Army at Fort Leavenworth, Missouri at age twenty-one. He fought in the War with Mexico and was one of General Kearney's staff. He was short in the neck and in the foot. He was discharged at the end of the war. After recovering from his wounds, he went to California during the gold fever. He purchased a ranch and raised cattle and horses. A band of Indians came and drove off several head of cattle and horses. Going after the Indians proved fatal as he and others were killed. He was twenty-four years old.

On the 1850 U. S. Census, the family was living in Big Pigeon. Listed were Alfred, age 53; Polly, age 52; Warren, age 15; and Orville, age 13. The twelfth child, Asa Thomas died on March 8, 1847 possibly in Big Pigeon.



John Lonson Child was born on October 26, 1830 in North Hammond, Saint Lawrence County, New York. He was the eighth of the twelve children. The Pottawattamie County Marriage Index indicated that he married Eliza Jane Curtis, the daughter of Uriah Curtis, on January 24, 1850. Both were from Big Pigeon. The 1850 U. S. Census placed them very near his and her parents. John was age 22 and Eliza, age 20. The couple's first child, Sarah Ann, was born November 8, 1850 and their second, John Columbus, was born March 3, 1852. Both were probably born in Big Pigeon.