

Allen Mathis, Sr. (Mathew) (Dwelling #659)

Allen Mathis was the fourth child of Isaac Benjamin and Elizabeth “Betsey” Ross Mathis (dwelling #657). He was born on September 8, 1827 in Carroll, Madison County, Tennessee. He was also the brother of John Mathis (dwelling #658).

Allen married Martha Ann Clark in Big Pigeon on September 8, 1849. Martha Ann was born in about 1830 in Alabama. Nothing is known about her heritage.

The couples’ first child, Allen Mathis, Jr., was born in 1850 in Big Pigeon and died within a few months. The 1850 U. S. Census listed Allen, age 23; and Martha, age 19.

Another child was born in Big Pigeon just before they left with the Uriah Curtis Company. Martha Elizabeth was born on April 8, 1852. The Company departed from Kanesville on June 28, 1852. After a month of travel, cholera broke out in the Company, Martha Ann was the first victim of the disease. She died on July 10, 1852. Her three-month old infant was taken care of by her grandmother, Betsey Mathis.

Allen married Anne Meredith in about 1854. She was born on September 28, 1836 in Wales. They had one child, Allen Henry, in 1855. Both father and son died in 1856 in Payson, Utah County, Utah Territory.