

Eli Curtis & Sarah Ann Barnett



Eli Curtis married Sarah Ann Barnett on January 30, 1851. Eli was the son of Benjamin Gardner and Maria Dunn Curtis. Eli was born on June 3, 1828 in Washington, Brown County, Ohio. Sarah “Sally” Ann was born on January 2, 1830 in Posey, Washington County, Indiana to Thomas and Mahala Hodge Barnett.

One child was born in Big Pigeon—Jane Mariah Curtis on November 27, 1851.

The couple went with the Uriah Curtis Company. Uriah was Eli’s uncle. The Company left Kanesville on June 28, 1852.

After reaching the Salt Lake Valley, the couple settled in Springville, Utah County, Utah Territory where they had two more children. Several years later, Eli and Sarah separated. Eli married Eliza King in 1868 and Rachel Rebecca Harris in 1891. Eli moved to Levan, Juab County, Utah.

On April 27, 1898, an article in the *Salt Lake Herald* published the following: “News is just here that one of the remaining two children of Eli Curtis at Levan died this morning of scarlet fever. The mother and three children have died within nine days, and the remaining child is not expected to live.” (30) Rachel Rebecca Harris Curtis, age 26; Rebecca Curtis, age 5; Eliza, age 2, and Edwin Gardner, age 1 day died. Leroy Curtis lived and when his father Eli died in 1899, he went to live with his half-sister.