Garrett Walls Mikesell (Dwelling #671)



Garrett was born May 15, 1810 in Cynthiana, Harrison County, Kentucky. He was the son of John Aylor and Catherine D. Mikesell (maiden name was Mikesell also).

Ruth Cunningham was born January 9, 1811 in Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio. They married June 7, 1830 in Clark County, Indiana. Their first four children were born in Indiana—Louise Catherine,



George W., Delilah, and John Cunningham. Independence was born in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois. The next three children were born as they moved to Nauvoo—Cynthia Ann; James M., and Frances Moranda.

After leaving Nauvoo, the family wintered in the Winter Quarters Twenty-Second Ward. It is here that Garrett Walls was born on April 3, 1847. The next move was to Big Pigeon and the birth of Brigham Young, Heber Kimball, and Willard Richards on April 3, 1849, January 2, 1851, and January 18, 1853, respectively.

The 1850 U. S. Census listed: Garrett, age 40; Ruth, age 40; Louisa, age 19; George, age 18; John, age 13; Independence, age 11; Cynthia, 8; James, age 6; Frances, age 4; Garrett, age 3, and Brigham, age 1. The 1860 U. S. Census enumerated the family in Silver Creek, Pottawattamie County, Iowa.

Garrett and his family didn't come west until 1863. They left from Florence, Nebraska on June 19, 1863. They settled in Morgan County, Utah Territory and Ruth died on November 10, 1869 in Richville.

Garrett remarried on February 1, 1881 to Mary Ann Carter. Garrett died in Porterville, Morgan County, Utah Territory on April 20, 1888.