

James Thomas Hampton (Dwelling #675) (Thos. Hampton)

Thomas Hampton was the son of John and Sarah Gilberts Hampton. He was born on June 5, 1824 in Toronto, York, Canada. Martha Ruth Bracken was born on January 14, 1820 in Colerain, Hamilton County, Ohio. She was the daughter of Levi and Elizabeth Clark Bracken. Thomas and Martha were married on April 3, 1843 in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois.

John Thomas was born in Quincy on November 9, 1843. Levi Martin was born across the river in Lee County, Iowa on October 30, 1845 as was George Fredrick who was born March 26, 1848. The family did not go with the main body of Saints to the Middle Missouri Valley. However, the next child, James Bennett, was born in Big Pigeon on July 22, 1850.

The 1850 U. S. Census enumerated the following: Thomas, age 26, born in Canada; Martha, age 30, born in Ohio; John, age 6, born in Illinois; Levi, age 4, born in Iowa; and George, age 3, born in Iowa. Their first child, John Thomas, died on July 29, 1850 in Big Pigeon.

The 1851 Iowa State Census listed: Thomas, age 26; Martha, age 27; Levi, age 4; George, age 2; and James B., age 6 months. Sarah Elizabeth was born on March 15, 1853. They are listed again in the 1854 Iowa State Census with 4 males and 2 females. Twins were born on July 25, 1855---Emily Jane and Lucretia Charlotte. The twins must have died as they don't appear on the 1856 Iowa State Census. They may be buried in the Big Pigeon Cemetery.

Rockford Township on the 1856 Iowa State Census listed: Thomas, a miller, age 32, born in Canada; M. R. (Martha Ruth), age 36, born in Ohio; L. M. (Levi Martin), age 4; G. F. (George Fredrick), age 8, born in Iowa; J. B. (James Bennett), age 6, born in Iowa; and S. E. (Sarah Elizabeth), age 2, born in Iowa. Martha Ann was born on January 4, 1857 in Pottawattamie County, Iowa

Thomas contracted influenza and died March 8, 1858. He is probably buried in the Fairview Cemetery in Council Bluffs, Pottawattamie County, Iowa. After Thomas' death, Martha decided to go to Salt Lake City. She joined an unknown Company in 1859. The 1860 U. S. Census placed Martha's family in Payson, Utah County, Utah. It listed Martha, a seamstress, age 40; Levi M., age 14; George F., age 12; James B., age 10; Sarah E., age 7; and Martha A., age 3. Martha married William Henry Rogers on December 1, 1865 in Salt Lake City. There is no information about William. On the 1900 U. S. Census, Martha is living in Glendale, Kane County, Utah. In the 1910 U. S. Census, she is living with her daughter who is married to Luther Ramsay. Martha Ruth died in Glendale on November 4, 1914 and is buried there.