

Jeremiah Bingham (Dwelling #682)

Jeremiah Bingham was listed as the agent for Big Pigeon for *The Frontier Guardian* in 1850. Jeremiah was born June 15, 1806 in Cornwall, Addison County, Vermont to Jeremiah L. and Mary Ives Bingham. Jeremiah married Abigail Harrington on February 2, 1829 in Brockville, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Upper Canada. Abigail was born January 25, 1812 in Leeds, Ontario, Upper Canada. She was the daughter of John and Charlotte Brown Harrington.



The couple had five children while living in Canada, Augustus, born 1830; Perry Calvin, born 1831; Amos Oscar, born 1832; Clarinda, born 1834, and Lucinda Abigail, born 1837. The couple moved to Illinois and about that time joined The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Three children were born while living in Illinois, Margaret Melvina, born 1840; Polly, born 1842; and John, born 1843. Polly and John died in Nauvoo as did their mother Abigail, leaving Johan a widower with six children. An additional child died in Nauvoo in 1845, Clarinda.

Jeremiah married Sarah Keele on February 15, 1846. Sarah was the daughter of Richard John and Nancy Eleanor McCullough Keele. Sarah was born on April 10, 1820 in Bedford, Bedford County, Tennessee. The couple had a son, Jeremiah Myron, on January 10, 1848. Another child, Abigail Aurora, was born on August 19, 1848. Depending on when the family established it residence in Big Pigeon, one or both of those of the children could have been born in Big Pigeon. The 1850 U. S. Census listed the following: Jeremiah Bingham, age 44; Sarah, age 30; Lucinda, age 13; Margaret, age 10; Jeremiah, age 3; Abigail, age 2 and, Sarah, age 6 months.

The next two children of Jeremiah and Sarah were born in Big Pigeon. Sarah Ellenor, born on April 15, 1850 and, Augustus, born on February 8, 1852. Augustus and his mother, Sarah, died on February 8, 1852. Both may be buried at Big Pigeon.

According to the Pottawattamie County Marriage Index, Jeremiah Bingham married Susan Keele on January 17, 1852. Susan was born September 15, 1832 in Greene County, Illinois. Susan was the sister of Sarah and the daughter of Richard John and Nancy Eleanor McCullough Keele. From the 1850 U. S. Census and the 1851 and 1852 Iowa State Census, there were other Bingham children living with Jeremiah. They were the children of his brother Reuben and his wife, Sarah Susannah Marks Bingham. These five children lived and traveled west with Jeremiah's family

The family left the Kaneshville area in 1853 and traveled west with the Daniel A. Miller/John W. Cooley Company. The Company consisted of 282 individuals and 70 wagons. They left Six Mile Grove on June 8, 1853 and arrived in the Salt Lake Valley on September 9, 1853. Jeremiah was a blacksmith by trade. Each night on the trail he fixed wagon wheels.

The family first moved to Ogden, Weber County and then to Payson, Utah County where he helped build a fort to protect them from the Indians. On July 18, 1853, Alexander Keele, brother-in-law of Jeremiah Bingham, was the first white man to be killed by the Indians in Payson. He left

a widow and five small children. The bishop came later to Jeremiah and asked him to marry and support the widow and her family which he did. Seven children were born to Minerva Dixon Keele and Jeremiah Bingham.

While hauling gravel, Jeremiah was caught in a cave-in and suffered a broken leg from which he never fully recovered. He was an invalid, for two years, and died May 6, 1890 at Payson at the age of 84. He is buried in the Payson City Cemetery, Payson, Utah County, Utah.