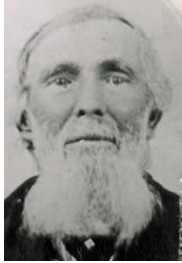


John Winn (Dwelling #705)

John Winn was the son of Minor and Nancy Wilson Winn. He was born January 29, 1824 in Rockcreek, Bedford County, Tennessee.



Julia Ann Akes was born June 5, 1827 in Carinville, Macoupin County, Illinois. She was the daughter of Peter and Susannah Harris Akes.

Both John and Julia Ann's families had joined The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and migrated to Nauvoo, Hancock County, Illinois to be with the main body of the Church. John and Julia Ann were married there on March 7, 1844.

After the death of Joseph Smith, James Emmett decided that he should lead a company to North Dakota where there was land to homestead. John's family decided to follow him. Emmett turned out to be a cruel taskmaster and the company was now in a deplorable condition. John had discovered some honeycombs and brought it back to camp. Emmett had heard about it and had ordered that John be shot because he didn't turn it into the commissary.

Emmett nor his son could carry out the execution so instead he ordered that John, Julia Ann, James Wilson (John's cousin) and his wife, Elizabeth be left in the wilderness without supplies to die. After several days, the two men saw a band of Indians and ran to catch them. The couples related their stories and the Indians were ready to take revenge until Julia Ann, who was pregnant, pleaded that the company not be killed.

As they were fed and then slept, the Indians quietly left them in a wickiup. When they awoke, they found the Indians gone but had left them supplied with the two ponies and a pack horse and supplies.

With the generosity of the Indians, the two couples were able to make it back to Nauvoo. John Winn made a vow that he would help his Indian brothers from that time on if every he had the occasion.

John and Julia Ann's first child, Lucretia Christine was born there on March 27, 1845 in Nauvoo. Another child was born on February 26, 1846 which they named James Thomas Winn. He was probably born in Nauvoo.

The family then crossed Iowa and settled in Big Pigeon. Another child was born, Mary Jane, on April 22, 1849.

The 1850 U. S. Census listed John, age 26; Julia Ann, age 24; Lucretia, age 5; and Mary, age 1. Another child was born on August 30, 1851 before they left for the west. His name was Minor Winn.

The family joined the Henry Bryant Manning Jolley Company which departed from Kanessville on June 15, 1852. John's father and mother were also in that Company. They arrived in the Salt Lake

Valley on September 9, 1852. They traveled further to settle in Richmond, Cache County, Utah. It was here that Julia Ann passed away in 1853.

John married twice more. Elizabeth Caroline Pugh and Eliza Ann Stephenson became his wives. Elizabeth bore nine children and Eliza seven.

By 1870, John and his families had moved to Beaver County, Utah Territory and by 1880 to Oneida County, Idaho Territory. He died on February 5, 1899 in Richfield, Sevier County, Utah and is buried there.