

## **John Winters Lusk & Mary Elizabeth Park**

John Winters Lusk was born on June 12, 1829 in Madison, Madison County, Illinois. He was the son of Samuel and Elizabeth Maria Dixon Lusk.



Mary Elizabeth Park was born in Yorkville, Gibson County, Tennessee on January 20, 1833. She was the daughter of John Miller and Matilda Stewart Park. The marriage records indicated that Mary Elizabeth was from Farmersville. They were married on May 19, 1851.

The family joined the Daniel A. Miller/John W. Cooley Company at Six Mile Grove and left for the west on June 8, 1853. There were 282 individuals and 70 wagons in the Company. They reached the Valley between September 9-17, 1853. They went on to Provo, Utah County, Utah Territory.

The couple had one child, James Park Lusk, born in 1853. Mary Elizabeth died on November 20, 1853 in Provo, Utah County, Utah Territory. John then married Mary Elizabeth's sister, Esther Catherine Park and they eventually had eight children.

A few years later, John married Martha Tidwell. Together they had ten children. John was a farmer and raised stock. They moved to Malad City, Oneida County, Idaho where there was plenty of food for the stock.

John died in Malad City on September 21, 1899. He is buried there.