

## **Lorenzo Dow Driggs (Dwelling #701)**

Lorenzo's parents were living in Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania when he was born on March 14, 1822. His parents were Urial and Hannah Ford Driggs. Lorenzo's brother, Shadrach, was also living in Big Pigeon (dwelling #678).

Lorenzo's family traveled from Pittsburgh to the Mississippi River, and then to Nauvoo. Urial bought a piece of land at Upper Nauvoo, where they built a home overlooking the Mississippi River and the Nauvoo Temple site. They planted a garden and raised crops to provide food for themselves. Urial assisted his sons, Shadrach and Lorenzo, both being wagon makers by trade, in building wagons to supply the people as they left Nauvoo.

Lorenzo married the sister of Shadrach's wife. Her name was Malinda White, the daughter of Henry Harvey and Rebeckah Smith White. Melinda was born September 5, 1828 in Underhill, Chittenden County, Vermont. The couple was married in Nauvoo on November 10, 1845.

By the time the families were ready to leave, the seasoned wood was used up, so they gained permission to make their own wagons out of abandoned carts used during the temple construction. It was late May 1846 when they took what few possessions they could load into the covered wagon and crossed the Mississippi River to begin their move to the West. Urial and Hannah were 68 years old and their health was failing. The wagon train made their camp on the west side of the Mississippi River where Urial's health failed him and he became bedridden. One morning while the company was breaking camp, word came that Urial could go no farther. His children gathered around, and he gave them a father's blessing, and asked them to remain true to the faith and take care of their mother. He passed away on September 14, 1846, in Van Buren County, Iowa. That day the company remained in camp while Shadrach, Lorenzo, and Starling, his sons, fashioned a coffin from a log grove near a large walnut tree.

Hannah decided she would not be able to make another long journey to the Salt Lake Valley. The children deemed it best that she remained in Big Pigeon. Hannah passed away in February of 1848 as did her daughter, Hannah. They are both buried at Big Pigeon.

Lorenzo and his wife, Malinda White and their children, also stayed in Iowa. Harvey was born on September 30, 1846 and Don Carlos was born on June 30, 1848 at Big Pigeon. The 1850 U. S. Census enumerated the following: Lorenzo, age 28; Malinda, age 25; Harvey, age 4; and Carlos, age 2. Rebecca White, Malinda's mother was also living with them. A few weeks after the census was taken, Jeremiah was born on October 22, 1850. He died on August 28, 1852 in Harrison County.

By 1853, the family had moved to Little Sioux, Harrison County, Iowa. Four more children were born there, Lorenzo Dow, Jr.; Charles Aaron; Caroline; and Harrison A. Lorenzo died on January 13, 1880 at the age of 57. Malina lived to be 79 years of age and died on May 7, 1906. Lorenzo, Malinda, Harvey, Lorenzo Dow, Jr., Caroline, Harrison A., and Jeremiah are buried in the Fountainbleau Cemetery in Harrison County.