

Lyman Stoddard (Lymon Stoddard)

Lyman Stoddard came from Woodbury, Litchfield County, Connecticut. He was born on February 8, 1795 to Ichabod and Mary Mitchell Stoddard. In 1806, his parents moved to Bastard Township, Leeds County, Ontario, Canada. At that time, it was called Upper Canada.

Ruth Wright married Lyman in Upper Canada in 1819. She was born October 13, 1805 in Earlington, Bennington County, Vermont. She was the daughter of Benjamin and Mary Ingersoll Wright.

Five children were born to Lyman and Ruth while they were living in Upper Canada: Harriet Marie, born August 13, 1820; Judson Lyman, born April 13, 1823; Mary Jane, born July 27, 1826; Ester Ann, born 1828; and Elizabeth Ruth, born September 12, 1834.

In 1836, Elder John Page and Elder Blakesly taught and baptized the Stoddard family into The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. In January of 1837, they left for Kirtland, Ohio with others in the community that had also been converted. Lyman took his family overland, driving the cattle, while the others sailed up Lake Ontario to Cleveland, Ohio where they met.

In about 1840, the family relocated to Nauvoo. It was there that their daughter, Harriet Marie, passed away in 1840. Another daughter, Aurelia Jane, was born on September 20, 1841. Three weeks after her birth, Lyman was called on a mission to Wisconsin. Another son, Enoch Mahonri, was born December 22, 1845. The family left Illinois and went to the Missouri River.

Lyman helped to develop Kaneshville. Their last child, Alavan Moriancum, was born March 5, 1849.

Lyman appeared in the Big Pigeon Branch Records and on the Tithing Records recorded on October 1849. His family was listed in the 1850 U. S. Census in dwelling #263—Lyman, age 55; Ruth, age 46; Elizabeth, age 16; Aurelia, age 8; Enoch, age 5; and Alavan, age 2.

Lyman, Ruth, Elizabeth, Aurelia, Enoch, and Alavan came to the Salt Lake Valley in either 1851 or 1852. The Company they came with isn't known.

The family resided in the Farmington, Davis County, Utah Territory. Alavan died at the age of 3 on February 3, 1852. Then Elizabeth Ruth died on May 14, 1853. Lyman had ill health since leaving Iowa. He died on December 12, 1854. Ruth went to Ogden to live with her daughter, Aurelia Jane, and son-in-law. She passed away on September 22, 1877.