

Minor Winn (Dwelling # 706)

Minor Winn was born December 17, 1798 in Abbeville, Greenwood County, South Carolina. His parents were Minor Winn and Rachel Cook. In 1820, he married Nancy Wilson. Nancy was the daughter of James Wilson and Ellender Shelfer. She was born in Trenton, Jones County, North Carolina or Tennessee on December 27, 1798.

Minor and Nancy had nine children, eight of which were born in Bedford County, Tennessee. The family moved from Bedford, Tennessee to Illinois after they joined The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. They started for Missouri, but troubles which came upon them, changed their course to Adams County Illinois. Minor owned property in St. Albans which was south of Nauvoo. Their last child, Alma Winn, was born on April 4, 1837 in Albion, Edwards County, Illinois.

After traveling with the Saints through Iowa in 1846, their son, Dennis Wilson Winn, born December 11, 1826, enlisted as a Private in Company A in the Mormon Battalion. James Franklin Winn, born July 26, 1822, died on September 8, 1847 in Stillwell, Hancock, Illinois.

Some of Minor's children, Thomas, Elias, John, and Alma were listed as members of the Macedonia, Iowa Branch. By the 1850 U. S. Census, Minor was living next to John Winn (dwelling #705). Listed were: Minor, age 50; Nancy, age 52; Thomas, age 21; Elias, age 19; Jane, age 17; Alma, age 14; and Mary, age 12.

Minor and his family joined the Henry Bryant Manning Jolley Company which departed from Kanesville on June 15, 1852. Listed among the Winn family were: Minor, age 53; Nancy, age 53; Thomas Green, age 22 and his wife Phoebe Jane Orton, age 20; John, age 28 and his wife Julia Ann Akes, age 25 and their children Lucretia Christine, age 7; James Thomas, age 6; Mary Jane, age 3; and Minor, an infant; Elias Stillwell, age 20; Jane, age 18; Alma, age 16; and Mary, age 23.

After their arrival in the Valley, they were sent to Fort Alpine and then Miles and Nancy went to Summit, Iron County, where Nancy died. Miles then went to Richfield, Sevier County where he died on February 19, 1877.