

Shadrach Ford Driggs

On June 1849, Shadrack (sic) Driggs is listed in the Big Pigeon Tithing Record.



Shadrach Ford Driggs was born August 28, 1813 in Ashtabula, Ashtabula County, Ohio. His parents were Urial and Hannah Ford Driggs. Most of his boyhood was spent in the vicinity of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. His father moved the family to Licking County, Ohio. There, Shadrach met Benjamin Woodbury from Connecticut who taught him how to make wagons.

Shadrach married Eliza Elizabeth White in June 1836 Fredonia, Licking County, Ohio. Eliza was born on July 14, 1812 in Chester, Windsor County, Vermont. The couple had eleven children. The first two were born in Licking County, Ohio—Benjamin Woodbury Driggs (named after the wagon maker); and Hannah Jane.



Shadrach's family moved to Nauvoo in 1840. His family had a house a few blocks from his father's family. Three children were born in Nauvoo—Apollon Griffin; Isaac Ashton; and Parley Pratt. As the Saints prepared to move west, Shadrach built a two-story wagon shop. Because he provided others with wagons to move, his family did not leave Nauvoo until May of 1846.

Shadrach and his family settled in Big Pigeon. According to family history, Shadrach built a log cabin and a wagon shop there. There were three children born: Charles Barnum, Ruth, and Mark. In August of 1851, the *Frontier Guardian*, named Shadrach Driggs newspaper agent from Big Pigeon. (28)

The 1850 U. S. Census enumerated the Driggs family in dwelling #678: Shadrach, wagonmaker, age 37; Eliza, age 37; Benjamin, age 13; Jane, age 11; Apollon, age 10, Isaac, age 9; Parley, age 7; Charles, age 3; and Ruth, age 6 months. Shadrach is also listed in the 1851 and 1852 Iowa State Census.

On June 28, 1852, Shadrach's family joined the Uriah Curtis Company in Kaneshville to go west. They arrived in the Salt Lake Valley between September 29 and October 1, 1852 and settled in Kaysville, Davis County, Utah Territory. Here Eliza was born on October 11, 1852.

The family relocated to Pleasant Grove, Utah County, Utah Territory where Shadrach built a wagon shop. He continued to repair wagons and plowshares and was known to make coffins.

Eliza died on February 10, 1896 and Shadrach on October 26, 1898. Both are buried in the Pleasant Grove City Cemetery.