

Solomon McIntosh (Dwelling #685)



Solomon Parks McIntosh was born August 28, 1813 in Elkton, Todd County, Kentucky. His parents were Cornelius and Sarah Davidson McIntosh. He was the fifth of six children. His father died when he was five years old. After that his mother moved the family to Illinois.

Solomon married Mary “Polly” Latham. She was born on February 6, 1813 in Union County, Illinois. The couple had three children. Sarah Ann McIntosh was born November 27, 1837 in Hancock County, Illinois. Melinda Jane McIntosh was born October 14, 1844 in Hancock County. The next child, William Moultire was born after the Saints were driven out of Nauvoo. It may have been in Big Pigeon. Mary “Polly” and baby died. FamilySearch.org lists Winter Quarters as birth and death place but the sexton records don’t have any record of this death.

While at Big Pigeon, Solomon met Elizabeth Jane Stump where they were married on March 9, 1851. Solomon, his two daughters and Elizabeth Jane joined the David A. Miller/John W. Cooley Company. This Company departed Six Mile Grove on June 8, 1853. Elizabeth and Solomon had three children all in Salt Lake City. None lived to adulthood. Elizabeth and Solomon separated.

Solomon crossed the plains five times. He carried rolls of paper on a couple of occasions. He met his third wife on his last trip. Mary Elizabeth Bancroft was the widow of William Taylor. He had two children with her. She was born on February 21, 1832 in Oldham, Lancashire, England to Richard and Jane Harper Bancroft.



According to family legend, Mary “Polly,” Solomon’s first wife, saw this widow in a dream just before she died. She told Solomon that she had seen his future wife in a dream and that he would know her when he saw her. She would be standing with her back to him and a child would be standing on each side of her. This happened when on one of Solomon’s trips across the plains. She stood by a wagon washing her hands, a child on each side of her, with her back to him just as Mary had told him.

Solomon married Mary Elizabeth Bancroft on December 21, 1860 in Grantsville, Tooele County, Utah Territory. Together they had nine children. The couple was instrumental in establishing Grantsville, Utah and Basin, Cassia County, Idaho.

Solomon died in Basin on January 6, 1902. Mary died on November 19, 1907. Both are buried in the Basin Cemetery.