

## Stephen Sylvester Sargent (Dwelling #669)

Stephen Sargent was born May 19, 1809 in Amesbury, Essex County, Massachusetts. He was the son of Christopher and Jane “Jennie” Patton Sargent. He married Martha Louisa Elmer, the daughter of Squire and Lucy Chase Elmer. They were married in Newfane, Windham County, Vermont.

Martha Louisa was born on July 4, 1813 in Hartford, Windsor County, Vermont. The couple had two children after they had moved to Rushville, Schuyler County, Illinois. Their names were David Elmer who was born on May 11, 1842 and Moses Harry who was born on January 20, 1844. Moses lived until September 1844 and died.

The family moved to Lee County, Iowa where their next child was born. Louisa Jane was born November 17, 1845. The family moved with the Saints when they left Nauvoo and took up residence in Big Pigeon, Pottawattamie County, Iowa.

The 1850 U. S. Census listed the following: Stephen, a wagon maker, age 40; Martha, age 36; David B., age 8; and Louisa, age 5. Another child, Henry Franklin, was born in Big Pigeon on April 22, 1852.



Sargent tombstone

The family stayed in Big Pigeon until they joined the Moses Clawson Company which had departed from Keokuk, Iowa on May 16, 1853 but organized in Kaneshville, weeks later. They arrived in the Salt Lake Valley on September 15, 1853.

The couple settled and remained in Payson, Utah County, Utah Territory. The 1860 and 1870, enumerated them in Payson as well. Stephen passed away on September 4, 1875. Martha remarried in 1884 to Ira Bartlett Elmer. She died on September 7, 1897 in Payson.