

## Uriah Curtis (Dwelling #698)

Uriah Curtis was a younger brother of Benjamin Gardner Curtis. He was born on May 5, 1805 in Stephentown, Rensselaer County, New York. He married Phoebe Martin on January 20, 1825 in Pleasant, Brown County, Ohio.



Phoebe was born May 7, 1806 in Pleasant, Brown County, Ohio to Fielding and Anna Hall Martin. The couple had two children that were born in Brown County, Elsa Ann and Erastus. The family then moved to Indiana where two more children were born, Elia Jane and Lehi. While they were living in Indiana, they joined The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

The Curtis family moved with the Saints to Clay County, Missouri. Two more children were born, Uriah Martin and Mary Malinda. Because of the persecution in Missouri, the family moved to Golden Point, Hancock County, Illinois. It was there that their last child was born, Emeline Phoebe Curtis.

The 1850 U. S. Census placed the Curtis family in Big Pigeon. Listed were Uriah, age 45; Phoebe, age 44; Lehi, age 18; Uriah, age 14; Mary, age 11; and Emaline, age 5. Uriah is also listed on the 1851 Iowa State census.

In 1852, Uriah was asked to be the Captain of the sixteenth emigrating company. It consisted of roughly 260 individuals with 50 wagons when it began the journey from Kanesville, Iowa. Members of the company arrived in the Salt Lake Valley between 29 September and 1 October 1852.

Uriah's family settled in Springville, Utah County, Utah Territory. The death notice for Uriah appeared in the November 4, 1863 issue of the *Deseret News*. He died of lung fever after being ill for nine days. The notice states, "Mr. Curtis has been a faithful laborer in the vineyard of the Lord for many years and will be remembered by many. He died in the faith of a glorious resurrection, leaving a large family and many friends to mourn his loss."