

William Henry Head & Mary McClellan

The Pottawattamie County Marriage Index recorded the marriage of William Head and Mary McClellan on January 17, 1850 in Big Pigeon. William was born to Anthony and Catherine Maggard Head. He was born June 29, 1824 in Huntsville, Randolph County, Missouri. His parents had seven children who were all born in Missouri. At some point they joined the Church and moved to Nauvoo where they owned property.

William's father, Anthony, died September 25, 1843 in Nauvoo, Hancock County, Illinois. His mother, Catherine, remarried in 1847 to Elisha Whiting, Jr. When the Saints traveled west through Iowa, both Catherine and Elisha died in Mt. Pisgah in route to the Middle Missouri Valley.

Mary Jane McClellan was born August 22, 1831 in Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee. She was the third child of the twelve children of James and Cynthia Stewart McClellan.

On the 1850 U. S. Census, dwelling #1277, William, age 25 and Mary, age 18 were listed. William's name also appears on the Big Pigeon Branch Records and on the Tithing Records.

The couple came west with an unknown company in 1851. Their first three children were born in Utah County, Utah Territory. They moved to Iron County where Henry Alvaro was born on September 30, 1859.

The 1860 U. S. Census listed the family in Cache County, Utah Territory. By 1861, when Jasper Jason was born on February 10, they had moved to Franklin, Oneida County, Idaho Territory. There they had five more children.

John died on May 3, 1891 in Preston, Franklin County, Idaho. Mary Jane married John Winters Lusk in 1896. She died on January 24, 1916 in Preston, Oneida County, Idaho.