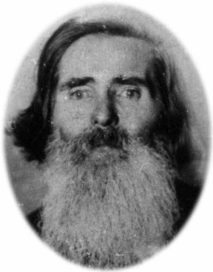


Joshua Lorenzo Ferris

Joshua Lorenzo was born 7 March 1815 at Landaff, New Hampshire.(ref F-N. H. part 254 red number 3663. Vital records of Landaff N. H.)

He is the son of Samuel E. Ferris and a Miss Smith called at the time of their marriage 5 Jan 1812. His father Samuel Ferris was born 24 Feb 1790 also at Landaff N. H. son of Gideon and Azeneth Royce Ferris.

Joshua's father must have left Landaff, soon after his birth because no other births of children to him are registered in the town records, although, the gradition of the family of Joshua's granddaughter, Mrs. Daniel Black, (Hazel Murrer Tryon) says he had eight brothers and one sister, a family of ten children. Samuel, his father is listed in the tax rolls there for years 1814 and 1815 but not later, although Joshua's grandfather Gideon is listed up to and including 1824. Whether he left or died at that time has not been determined. He would have been 60 years in 1820 /1821. He could have been a son of Samuel, brother of Joshua or even a cousin of theirs. Just where Samuel, and his family including his son Joshua, lived next is not known but it is evident that at least Joshua, was moving west. He probably was married by the time he was 21 because his son Samuel, was born 20 Oct. 1837, in Michigan (so say the cemetery records of this child Samuel, at Salem, Utah. He died there 30 Apr 1897).



Samuel Ferris

The name of his first wife was Elizabeth Odell and she died when her son Samuel was born.

The 30 of October 1842, he and his wife, Elizabeth Marry, were given a recommend from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints branch at 20 mile Grove, Porter, Indiana to the church organization at Nauvoo, Illinois. From the descendants of Elizabeth Marry it has been learned that her sir name was Nelson. Just how long they stayed in Nauvoo, Illinois is not known but they would have known the prophet Joseph Smith, and suffered the persecution and probably would have been driven out with the saints. They did not come west immediately because they were in Wisconsin in 14 Sept. 1847, when their daughter Mary Louise Ferris, was born. The mother , Elizabeth Marry Nelson died 10 days later.

Joshua married some time later Elizabeth Gardner, and their son Thomas was born 28 September 1851 at Keokuk, Iwoa. This wife started across the plains with him and died on the way or shortly after they arrived in the Salt Lake Valley in 1852. (Aunt Eliza, says buried between Springville and Spanish Fork.) (Richard Wood, found ward records for Joshua living in West Jordan Utah in 1853 and was ordained a teacher in 1856. So I believe that he was on the way to Utah, that she died.)

Joshua, married in May or June 1854, Emma Beckstead by whom he had 2 children. Joshua Lorenzo Ferris Jr. born 4 March 1855, at Murray, Utah and who died in Idaho in 1937, and Emma Ferris who married Nephi McCleery in Salt Lake.

It seemed from family tradition that Emma Beckstead Ferris showed partiality between his children and the two of theirs. Joshua Lorenzo, was away from freighting with his horses and wagon and kept his oldest son Samuel, with him most of the time, but the two younger children were left at home with their stepmother, Emma (Beckstead). On one occasion an uncle of little Thomas by the name of Gardner, visited the children during the father's absence and found they were driven out of the house, in the cold much of the time and sometimes were even hungry. He told the father of this treatment the first time he came home. There was trouble and Emma, took her two babies and left, taking everything of value, including the keep sakes and baby clothing and dishes that had been brought across the plains belonging to Joshua, and his three children.

While living in this area he had been engaged in hauling stone for the Temple foundation. A receipt for hauling 12 loads 32.32 tons to the Temple block was found in his possessions after he died. This was dated the 28th of June 1862. There was also a receipt for tithing in full to and including 1858 in Salt Lake area. He also hauled much timber and fire wood from the mountains for the buildings and comfort of the pioneers.

In 1859, so tradition goes, he was called by Brigham Young to help settle Manti, and to assist with his hauling to help build up that area. There is a receipt from Hermin N. Scovil dated 9 Feb 1857 to Joshua L. Ferris of Payson City for \$400.00 worth of horses, wagons, furniture, calf, plow and work tools that he consecrated to the Lord at that time. So whether he went to Manti, or had a change of plans is not known, but in 1864 he was in Provo where he had married Dorothy Sarah Jennison, Litchfield Baptist Ferris.

This version of Joshua's life is from Elizabeth Scholes, CD.

Joshua Lorenzo Ferris

Joshua Lorenzo Ferris was the eldest child of Samuel E. and Nancy Smith Ferris. He was born 7 March, 1815, in Landaff, Grafton, New Hampshire. His family then moved to Ovid, Seneca, New York and lived near Joshua's great-uncle Samuel.

Joshua grew up in New York and probably married his first wife Elizabeth Odell there. This couple moved with Joshua's line of work as a freighter. Their only child Samuel John was born in Michigan. His mother died shortly after the birth.

It is probable that Joshua then returned to his parents for help supporting the child. When his father moved to Niles Township, Cook, Illinois, Joshua would have helped in transporting the household.

Joshua married a second time about 1840 to Elizabeth Mary Nelson. This couple had at least one child, a daughter, Mary Louise Ferris. Ten days after the birth of Mary, Elizabeth Mary died. This daughter says that Joshua had a long bright red beard, which he would tuck into his trousers when he worked.

Joshua joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints while married to Elizabeth Mary. On 30 October, 1842, they were recommended by the 20 Mile Grove, Porter, Indiana branch to the saints in Nauvoo. Whether they went to Nauvoo or not, cannot be determined.

On 26 June, 1849, Joshua married a third time to Elizabeth Gardner in Keokuk, Lee, Iowa. They would have two children: William Wilson and Thomas.

In 1852, Brigham Young made a push to have all the saints gather in the Salt Lake Valley. Joshua and Elizabeth gathered their belongings and headed west. Elizabeth was very sickly so along the way Emma Beckstead cared for the children and baby. Elizabeth died sometime during the journey or shortly after they arrived.

When Joshua arrived in Salt Lake City, he settled in the West Jordan-Murray area near where the Beckstead family lived. He was rebaptized in early 1853, and ordained a teacher in 1856.

In about June 1854, he married Emma Phoebe Ann Beckstead. They had two children together: Joshua Lorenzo Jr. and Emma Catherine. The marriage did not last.

Joshua spent much of his time, freighting materials to Utah. In 1857 he even had to ask for money from the Perpetual Emigration Fund. When Joshua would go on long freighting expeditions, he would take his oldest son who was about ten with him, and leave the other children at home with their stepmother. During one of these trips an uncle of Thomas, Alonzo



Alonzo Pearce

Pearce who lived in Provo, stopped by for a visit. He found the older children were obliged to stay outside in the cold much of the time and sometimes went hungry. When Joshua returned home, he told him what was happening during his absence. Emma became upset and left with her son and a baby on the way, and returned to her parents home taking anything of value with her. They were officially divorced in Utah County in 1858. Joshua had moved to Provo and had bought property from Alonzo Pearce on which he had settled.

That Joshua was engaged in freighting is evident when he consecrated his possessions over to the church. The material consisted of horses, tools, wagons, and a calf.

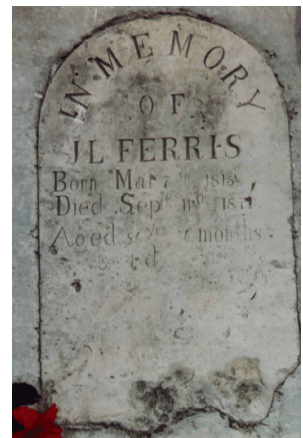
He also was called to help in the settlement of Manti in 1859. He did not stay there very long. At his death was found a receipt for his hauling twelve loads of temple stone in 1862. He also must have hauled much timber and firewood for the settlement.

In 1863, Joshua's oldest son was married and Joshua's family took up residence with the family in Provo. The daughter-in-law was very sickly, so when she had a son, help was brought in to assist in the care of the child and household. The help was a recently divorced lady, Mrs. Dorothy Sarah Jennison Litchfield Baptist. She had three children of her own and was trying to make enough money to support the family. When Joshua learned of her plight, he offered her marriage. She accepted and they were married 3 May 1864. It was a marriage mainly of convenience. They would have two children: Daniel Dean and Charles. Joshua also adopted her daughter Millicent.

In about 1865 the families moved to Salem and bought a farm. About this time the Tintic mining district opened up and Joshua took to freighting again. His son Samuel took over the farm and let Thomas and Mary live with him. Joshua and Dorothy moved their home to Goshen.

When Goshen was relocated, do to the swampy, disease infested conditions of its original site, the Ferris's were given a large piece of property under the name of Charles. There were no commodities. The shelters were meager and there was very little in the way of clothing, shoes, food or wood. The plight of the family became even worse when Joshua suddenly passed away in 11 September, 1871, possibly due to food poisoning. He was buried in Payson.

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From the website

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~delnapowell/id19.htm> This site had the history of the James McGaw company that Joshua L., Elizabeth (B.) Gardner, Samuel, Mary and Thomas

Ferris came across the plains with (the Eleventh Pioneer company 1852). The following is taken from this website. Pages 27, 28, 112-113.

Joshua Lorenzo Ferris was born March 15, 1815, in Landaff, Grafton, New Hampshire. He is the son of Samuel E. Ferris and Nancy Smith. He married Elizabeth B. Gardner June 26, 1849, in Keokuk, Lee, Iowa. Her parents are probably Nelson Gardner and Sarah Ann Roach, but no Elizabeth is listed on the Family Group Sheet. She was born 1824 in Ohio and was 25 years old when she married 34-year-old Joshua Ferris. He possibly could have been married before as there are two earlier children, Samuel born in 1840 and Mary born in 1848. The 1850 Federal Census locates lists Joshua Ferris and family in Lee County, Iowa. The child Samuel born in Missouri and Mary (S.) born in Iowa. They are living next door to Alonzo Pearce. Joshua Ferris married Emma Phoebe Ann Beackstead abt 1845 in Hancock, Illinois, and Sarah Ann Nelson, March 4, 1847, in Des Moines County, Iowa. There is no marriage record for either of these marriages. Some Family Group Sheets have these marriages at later dates. A son William Wilson Ferris was born to Joshua and Elizabeth July 1850 in Keokuk, Lee, Iowa, where he died the same year. Son Thomas Ferris was born Sept 28, 1851, in Des Moines River, Iowa. Elizabeth Gardner Ferris died of cholera while they were coming west in the McGaw Company.

In 1856 Joshua Ferris is living in West Jordan, Salt Lake, Utah. He married five times. He died Sept 11, 1870, in Goshen, Utah, Utah.

He is listed as Joshua L. Ferris age 37, wife Elizabeth age 28, and children, Samuel age 12, Mary age 4, Thomas inf[ant].

Alonzo Pearce was born October 20, 1813, in Beekmantown, Clinton, New York. He is the son of Perry Horton Pearce and Betsey Owen. He married Esther Angel March 5, 1837. Esther Angel was born April 10, 1816, in Shirdington, Gloucestershire, England. The daughter of William Angel and Esther Collingbourne. Their first son William Alonzo Pearce was born November 1837 in Porter, Niagara, New York. John Angel Pearce was born October 15, 1839, in Granger, Allegany, New York. Walter Amos Pearce was born May 18, 1841, in Niagara County, New York, and Sylvester Henry Pearce born March 13, 1843, in Grove, Allegany, New York. The family was in Burlington, Des Moines, Iowa December 13, 1846, when Perry Pearce was born. He died nine days later, and his mother Esther died seventeen days after he was born. Alonzo Pearce married Mary Ann Gardner Hayden March 22, 1848, in Des Moines County, Iowa. Family records state they were married January 30, 1848. She was born 1822 in Ohio the daughter of Nelson Gardner and Sarah Ann Roach. She is the probable sister of Elizabeth Gardner Ferris (above). Possibly this is the Mary Ann Gardner born September 1822 Tuscarawas, Tuscarawas, Ohio. No parents are listed. Mary Ann Gardner married Nelson Hayden about 1841 of Johnson, Franklin, Missouri. One daughter is listed on Family Group Record. She is Ermina Elizabeth Haden or Hayden born March 23, 1842, in Johnson, Franklin, Missouri. The 1850 Federal Census of locates Alonzo Pearce in Lee County, Iowa, age 37, born in New York, Mary A. age 28, born in Ohio, William A. age 12, and Sylvester age 7, both born in New York, Adeline E. Heydon, age 8, and Nelson P. Heydon, age 6, both born in Missouri.

There is a picture of Alonzo Pearce in Pioneers and Prominent Men of Utah.

Traveling in the company with them is Thomas Nelson (Hayden) born 1844 and Agnes Milsworth born 1836.

Thomas Nelson Hayden is the son of Mary Ann Gardner and Nelson Hayden of Johnson, Franklin, Missouri.

Agnes Milsworth has not been identified. She could be Agnes Pearce listed in the 1856 Utah State Census in Salt Lake County 10th ward.

He is listed as Alonzo Pearce age 38 with wife Mary A. age 30, children William Alonzo age 14, Sylvester age 9, Adeline H. Inf., Thomas Nelson (Hayden) age 8, and Agnes Milsworth age 16.

From an email Oliver Wood sent to Vickie Beard Thompson and then forwarded it to Cathie, it reads:

I saw the Nelson Gardner family on the Rootsweb posted by this lady without Elizabeth in it. I e-mailed her and told her that I thought Elizabeth was probably part of the family. It was her idea to look for the record of the Wagon Train Company. A couple of days after I e-mailed the information to you she sent this additional information to me and I thought you might be interested.

I did just copy and paste the information I sent you from the web site.

Also, I think I may have found a marriage record for Lewis Leyshon & Alice Jones except Lewis' name was spelled 'Lison'. I sent to England for a marriage certificate. When I get it I will send you a copy and you can tell me what you think.

Love, Oliver

"Vickie Beard Thompson" familyquest1958@yahoo.com

Oliver,

Great minds think alike. I was in Salt Lake today and went to the Historical Offices and checked the company that Alonzo Pearce and Mary Ann Gardner Headen Pearce crossed with in 1852. Low and behold who is in the some company of 10 none other then Joshua and Elizabeth. Here is the abstraction I did as you can not copy anything from this roll of microfilm. I read through the entire journal for this company and there were quite a few that died of the cholera but Elizabeth was not one of those named. There was a couple of times where the clerk David CANDLAND was absent for a few days running



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errands for Capt. McGAW and she might have died while he was gone and he did not get her name recorded. I did not think until now, but when I go to Salt Lake again I will look at the Deseret News of Sept 1852 and see if she is listed as coming into the valley with the company. When the companies arrived in the valley.

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PEARCE, Alonzo age 38

PEARCE, Mary A. age 30

PEARCE, William A. age 14

PEARCE, Sylvester age 9

HAYDEN, Nelson age 8 (his name was like this Hay--- then it was crossed out and changed to Pearce)

PEARCE, Adeline age 11 (This is Ermina Elizabeth Hayden)

MILLCROSS, Agnes age 16 (She was living with Nelson & Sarah Gardner on the 1850 census and the census said she was born in Canada.)

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FERRIS, Joshua L. age 37

FERRIS, Elizabeth age 28,

FERRIS, Samuel J. age 12

FERRIS, Mary L. age 4

FERRIS, Thomas age 9 months

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