

## Susannah Ogden Bigler

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: Susannah Bigler

Age: 61y; 5m; 3d

Wife of Mark Bigler deceast

Deceased: Mar. 14, 1847

Disease: Consumption

Birth Place: Charles Co., Mareland

Birth Date: Oct. 11, 1785

No. of Grave: 100

Birth Date: Oct. 11, 1785

Death Date: Mar. 14, 1847

Cause of Death: Consumption

Burial Place: Winter Quarters grave #100

Spouse's Name: Mark Bigler

Father's Name: Jonathan Ogden

Mother's Maiden Name: Nancy Ann Howell

Which Winter Quarters Ward or Iowa Branch was the family: Winter Quarters 15<sup>th</sup> ward

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Jacob and his family were in Pottawattamie county, Iowa, house #103, p. 71. Melissa was married to Alfred Lambson, and blacksmith, and with their three young children they lived in Great Salt Lake County, Utah, house # 172, p.36. Bathsheba was married to George Albert Smith as a plural wife and lived with her two small children in Great Salt Lake County, Utah, house # 155, p. 35.

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? Jacob says in his autobiography that he came in the Gardner company. Davis Clark says that Jacob was a counselor in the William Lane company in 1852 though. Both companies arrived in Salt Lake in Sep. of 1852. Bathsheba came with the George A. Smith/Dan Jones Company which left Kanesville July 14, 1849 and arrived Oct. 26-30. Melissa came with the Daniel Spencer/Perrigrine Sessions Co which left Elkhorn River June 18, 1847 and arrived Sep. 24-25.

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

-Together Mark and Susannah had the following children: Jacob G, Melissa Jane, and Bathsheba W. All three of their children married and made it to Utah.

(<https://winterquarters.byu.edu/Portals/121/PAF/ward15/b4.htm#P221>).

- Jacob G. Bigler- "He came to Utah in 1850, remaining in Salt Lake City until 1852, when he came to Nephi and established his permanent home. He participated in the Walker and Black Hawk Indian wars, was bishop of Juab, was six times a member of the territorial assembly and was mayor of Nephi in 1861. From 1854 to 1876 he was probate judge in Juab county and in 1869 was a member of the territorial council. When the settlements of Juab county were organized into the Juab stake, he was chosen as its first president. He was ordained patriarch in 1878 and retained that position in the Church until his death. Elder Bigler performed a mission to Ireland, where he was in charge of the branch of the Church and was in charge of the European mission in 1862." (*Nephi, Funeral of Jacob G. Bigler*, Deseret Evening News, Feb. 27, 1907).

-Bathsheba was 15 when the missionaries, including George Albert Smith, taught her and her family the gospel. She was baptized. She and George decided to marry when she was older. (LaRene Porter Gaunt, Church Magazines, July 2005, [https://www.lds.org/ensign/2005/07/bathsheba-w-smith-witness-to-history?lang=eng#footnote17-25907\\_000\\_011](https://www.lds.org/ensign/2005/07/bathsheba-w-smith-witness-to-history?lang=eng#footnote17-25907_000_011)).

"Two years later, it was finally time for George to lead his family west. He widened and heightened Bathsheba's wagon substantially. She carpeted the floor, put four chairs in the center in which to ride, and hung a looking glass, candlestick, and pincushion. Once, while fording a stream, Bathsheba's awkward wagon threatened to wash downstream. Unruffled, she yelled, 'Behold, Noah's Ark!'"

"Bathsheba's younger sister Melissa lived nearby, and Melissa's daughter Julina spent many hours playing with Bathsheba's daughter. Melissa considered Bathsheba's caring for Julina as a great help to her. By the time Julina was seven, she lived with her aunt but went daily to see her mother."

"Indians had killed her son George Jr. Only three bones and a lock of hair were found to bring home for burial. Two months later her daughter married."

"In these later years of their lives, George and Bathsheba traveled together to various branches of the Church throughout the territory, where bands and children carrying banners frequently met them. This was a sweet culmination of their 34-year marriage. Bathsheba wrote: 'I love my husband dearly. I believe but few in this wide world have been as happy as we have been.'"

"In October 1888, general Relief Society president Zina D. H. Young selected Bathsheba as her counselor. When beloved "Aunt Zina" died in August 1901, Bathsheba was called as president." (LaRene Porter Gaunt, Church Magazines, July 2005, [https://www.lds.org/ensign/2005/07/bathsheba-w-smith-witness-to-history?lang=eng#footnote17-25907\\_000\\_011](https://www.lds.org/ensign/2005/07/bathsheba-w-smith-witness-to-history?lang=eng#footnote17-25907_000_011)).

-Joseph F. Smith married Julina and later Edna, Melissa Jane Bigler Lambson's two daughters. (Frank Esshom, *Pioneers and Prominent Men of Utah*, p.1168 (Salt Lake City, 1913)).

