

History of Jacob Cloward, Sr.

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Jacob Cloward was born May 17, 1790 in North Milford, Cecil, Maryland. His father's name was William and his mother's name we do not know at this time. He was the first one in his family to be baptized in the L.D.S. Church. From that time on he was a stalwart and devoted member. He fought in the War of 1812.

Jacob was married to Ann Pluck about February 17, 1815. Her father's name William and her mother's name we do not know except the name of Melane. Ann was from Montgomery, Bucks County, Pennsylvania. All of the children, except three were born in Pennsylvania and these three were born in New Castle Co., Delaware. The children's names were Catherine Ann, who married William Oscar Sperry; Charlotte, who married Elias Harmer; Daniel Henry, who married Ruth Logan Bailey; William, who married Rebecca Searles; Thomas Paulson who married Mary Page and Mary Amelia Gardner; James Mason, who married Ellen Adelia Redding; Jacob who married Susan Mendenhall; Albert Wilson, who died as child, February 9, 1831; Hannah Jane, who married George Baum; Ann Eliza, who married William Oscar Sperry. (Catherine Ann died February 1835, and so her husband married her youngest sister, Ann Eliza, two years later, May 3, 1855.)

From Delaware we do not know where they Traveled but we know after Jacob joined the Church, he must have gone where the Church leaders were forced to go. The news of the new church traveled as fast as possible in those days of poor communication. So the Jacob Cloward family finally lived in Nauvoo, Illinois. Thomas Poulson Cloward told of listening to the last public address of Lt. General Joseph when he was dressed in his uniform. There are pictures of this event which can be seen today. It could be that other members of Jacob's family could have been there to hear the Prophet make his last address. Jacob Cloward's son Thomas Poulson was with the Brigham Young Company of pioneers. He was one of eight scouts who came to the Salt Lake Valley July 22, 1847, looked over the country and reported their findings to Brigham Young. After two days Brigham Young and his party of saints arrived at their destination -- the Great Salt Lake Valley, July 24, 1847. It had taken them 110 days to make the trip.

Brigham Young stayed a very short time in the valley and then in August started back to Winter Quarters with 108 men. Thomas Poulson was included with these men. He was anxious to get back to his wife, Mary Page, whom he had been married to such a short time, when he was chosen by Brigham Young to go to Zion and find a place for the Saints to live. He was married March 25, 1847 and he left with Brigham Young in April 1847.

On the way back to Iowa, they met the second company of Saints on the Sweetwater River and in the Bad Lands of Wyoming. During the first year there were 2,000 Saints in Utah.

Brigham Young arrived back at Winter Quarters, Nebraska the latter part of October. They held a conference, December 1847. Brigham Young was the President of the Twelve Apostles and he had taken over the leadership of the Church. It had been three and one half years since the death of the Prophet Joseph Smith. So now the Lord had made it clear to the people who attended this conference that Brigham Young was the true leader of the Church. Many had left and even now were not convinced that Brigham Young should be the President.

The following year a company was made with other leaders and Brigham Young. There were 2,500 men, women and children. Other companies followed until there were 5,000 in Utah by 1851. Orson Pratt writes that there were 30,000 and 35,000 people in Utah by 1853.

Jacob Cloward and Ann Pluck came to Utah from Iowa in 1851. He was 61 years old. This trip must have been hard on these older people, and especially on Jacob. At the time of the arrival of the Clowards in Salt Lake most of the pioneers were leaving to settle in Provo, and so Jacob and Ann decided to go along with other pioneers and make their home in Provo. Jacob died soon after their arrival, December 5, 1851. Ann lived there until her death, May 5, 1878. They are both buried in the Provo Cemetery.

We find information that Jacob and Ann came with the 1851 pioneers in the "Heart Throbs of the West," Vol. 12. This information was gathered from many biographies and registration papers filed in the office of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers.

Major Glannin A. Cloward has given to us a document which he was able to obtain while in Washington, D.C. This is a very interesting document and gives much information into Jacob's life. Jacob was a soldier in the War of 1812.

(Note: We do not want to get confused with the Jacob Cloward of Maryland and the Jacob Cloward who was born January 17, 1778 at Peterborough, England and was mentioned in the Eliza R. Snow diary and who came with the Second Company of Pioneers in 1847.)

Following are true extract copies of four documents which form the Service Record of Jacob Cloward, War of 1812 soldier. These documents are files in the Adjutant General's Office, national Archives, Washington, D.C.

C--3--Pa (LeFevre's Militia. JACOB CLOWARD -- Pvt., Capt. William Steel's Co. of Infantry, 3 Rgt. Pa. Militia. WAR OF 1812 appears on Company Pay Roll For: Sept. 5 to Dec. 5, 1814.

Roll dated ...

Commencement of service Sept. 5, 1814
Expiration of service or of this settlement Dec. 5, 1814
3 months pay per month 8 dollars
Amount of pay 24 dollars.
Pay due from Sept. 5, 1814 to Dec. 5, 1814
Remarks
Signed Ripley, Copist

(LeFevre's Militia. JACOB CLOWARD. Pvt., Capt. William Steel's Co. of Infantry. 3 Pa Reg't, Pa. Militia. War of 1812 appears on Company Muster Roll For: Oct. 31 to Dec.

Roll dated Dec. 1814

Date of first muster: Oct. 31, 1814
Expiration date of Service Dec. 5, 1814

Place of rendezvous York
Distance 60 miles
Where discharged Baltimore
Distance from place to residence 108 miles

PAY CERTIFICATE TO WIT: No. 6617 \$16.00 Washinton 30 Dec. 1814
I HERBY CERTIFY., That there is due from the United States to JACOB
CLOWARD, a Private in Captain Steel's Company, 3 Regiment of
Pennsylvania Militia in the Service of the United State ... Sixteen
dollars, being the amount of his pay from the 5th of Cct. 1814 to the
5th of Dec. 1814 as appears from the Muster Rolls of said Company now
in my possession, payable to him or his order. Pay ... \$16.00.
Subsistance ... Forage ... Clothing ..

X X X Pay Master 10th Military District

(Note. The above was signed with three large crosses. The following was written on the
reverse side in script. "Sir, I do empower Capt. William Steele to draw contents of the within
bill JACOB CLOWARD". Signed William Steel.)

New Castle County, Delaware 1800 Census and 1810 Census do not list the name of
Cloward. New Castle County, Delaware. 1820 Census lists the name of John Cloward. The
1830 Census does not list the Cloward name in New Castle County, Delaware.

New Castle County, Delaware 1840 Census lists Thomas Cloward and Jacob Cloward:

Jacob Cloward 40 to 50 years old. Mill Creek, Page 251.
2 males under 5 yrs., 1 male 10 to 15 yrs., 1 male 20 to 30 yrs.,
1 female under 5 yrs., 1 female 10 to 15 yrs., 1 female 20 to 30 yrs, 1 female 30 to 40 yrs.
New Castle Count, Delaware 1850 Census shows only Thomas Cloward.

November 20, 1850 Census of Pottowattamie County, Iowa, Dist. 21, page 280 shows Jacob
Cloward, 60, farmer born: Maryland. Ann, 50, born Penn. James, 24, Penn. Jacob, 22, Penn.
Hanna, 16, Penn. Eliza Cloward, 13.

The following is from the pension file of Jacob Cloward, Adj. Gen. Office National Archives,
Washington D.C.: William O. Sperry (husband to Catherine Ann) stated he is the custodian
of the family record and lists the following dated 22 June 1795:

Jacob Cloward born 17 May 1790 in Md.
wife Ann Pluck born 18 June 1795, Pa.

Children:

F. Catherine Ann born 19 May 1816, Chester Co., Pa.

F. Charlotte born 1 Oct. 1818, Chester Co., Pa.

M. Daniel born 30 May 1820, Pa.

M. William born 4 Mar. 1822, Pa.

M. Thomas P. born 10 Dec. 1823, Pa.
M. James M. born 18 Oct. 1826, Pa.
M. Jacob Jr. born 19 July 1828, Pa.
M. Albert W. born 19 Jun. 1830, New Castle Co., Del.
F. Hanna Jane born 12 Oct. 1833, Del.
F. Ann Eliza born 11 Oct. 1836, Del.