

James Clinger

1813 - 1885

James Clinger was born at Bedford Township, Bedford County, Pennsylvania on February 3, 1813 to Henry Klinger Clinger and Nancy Reader (Ann) Ashcom. He died at Pleasant Grove, Utah County, Territory of Utah, September 6, 1884. He was seventy-one years, seven months, and twenty-four days old.

He married Harriet Chapin on December 7, 1845 in Illinois. She was the daughter of Adolphus Chapin and Katherine Billings of Illinois.

In 1844 James was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints by William Smith. William was the brother of Joseph Smith, the Prophet. This was the same year that the Prophet Joseph Smith and his brother, Hyrum were martyred in the Carthage jail.

He assisted the saints in making wagons in preparation to go west to Utah.

James Clinger left Council Bluff, Iowa and arrived in Ogden Utah on September 27, 1852 in the Captain Whitehead Company.

There was much sickness on the way to Utah. One of his baby daughters died and was buried along the side of the road

While James and his family lived in the area where Ogden now is, he and a Mr. Richard Kingsford built the first two houses. They also helped in making canals and bridges and other improvements which were necessary in settling a new country and colonizing the city of Ogden.

He was also a guard in the Walker War. This was a war with settlers, Chief Walker, and his Indian tribe.

He was a member of the 34th Quorum of Seventies.

James was a farmer and also raised stock..

James was five feet six inches tall. He weighed one hundred and seventy pounds. He had blue eyes and reddish-brown hair. During his lifetime he enjoyed good health.

Material taken from the history of Harriet Chapin Clinger written by her daughter, Martha A. Boren.