

## JOHN PACK AND JULIA IVES (Parents of Ward Eaton Pack)

Born: 20 May 1809

St. John. New Brnswck, Canada

Died: 4 April 1885 (76 years)

Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah

Married: 10 October 1832

Parents: George Pack and Phylotte  
Greene

8 March 1817

Watertown, Jffrsn, New York

23 June 1903 (86 years)

Kamas, Summit, Utah

Erastus Ives and Lucy Paine

I have historical information  
on only two sets of my great, great  
grandparents, the Packs and Cravaths.  
Perhaps you can locate more. John Pack  
Was a very colorful pioneer ancestor.



John and Julia were living in New York State when his parents were converted to The Church. Not long after, being taught By Heber C. Kimball and Joseph Smith, Sr., John and Julia were baptized, and a year later they moved to Kirtland. They suffered there through many persecutions and moved with the Saints to Nauvoo. John was a major in the Nauvoo Legion. At one time the Prophet was seized by a gang of men who carried him off in a wagon. John rode furiously at the head of 24 horsemen to catch the wagon. They were able to escort the Prophet safely back to Nauvoo.

John was chosen to be in the first pioneer company to go West to the Salt Lake Valley. He left his family at Winter Quarters. He was an advance scout for the party and participated in buffalo hunts. He had never shot a buffalo but was chosen for the hunt because, in his own words, "Brigham Young thought I could do anything!" John entered the Salt Lake Valley ahead of Brigham Young, who was sick. John was



one of eight men who went into the valley on July 22 to begin planting crops and deciding where the people should settle. On the 24<sup>th</sup> he led the small rear company which included Brigham Young into the valley. His statue is on the "This Is the Place Mounument" at the mouth of Emigration Canyon.

Julia was only fifteen years old when she married John. After their move to Kirtland, they endured the mob persecutions against the Church. One time, she and John were riding by wagon to visit his ill sister. A company of about 30 armed men began passing them when the leader wheeled about, rode up to the wagon and asked if they were Mormons. John said they were. The leader of the gang, a Protestant minister, ordered John to take his valise and follow them, saying, "We take you for a spy." He told Julia, "You can bid your husband goodbye. You will never see him again. Julia replied, "If my husband dies, I will die with him." But John whispered to her that she must stay there and he would be back soon. The mob took him a ways off and the leader said, "We are going to kill you unless you will deny Joe Smith." John replied: "Joseph Smith is a Prophet of God. You profess to be a preacher of righteousness and so do I. I'll meet you at the Day of Judgment." None of the men in the mob seemed willing to pull the trigger. Finally a man called out, "Let that damned Mormon go!" John returned and they continued their journey.

Because of mob activity, John and Julia moved to Far West where they built a one-room house. It was the last house of the city. There were twenty people staying in that one cold room.

In 1850 the University of Deseret, which later became the University of Utah, was organized in their Salt Lake home. John had seven wives and a large posterity.