

The following information was among the papers, received 26 February 1993 from:

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Warren Smith

A history of Warren Smith, as much as we have to date (June 1969).

Warren Smith was born October 8, 1808, near Nashville, Tennessee to Charles Smith and Rachel Warren.

In some of our research it was found that Greatgreatgrandfather Charles Smith was killed in the battle of New Orleans. (I have written a letter to the National Archives at Washington, D. C. asking for any information or help they might have in connection with this.)

Warren Smith married Lydia Alexander in Weekly Co., Tennessee.

Warren joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in 1830. Moving with his family to Far West in 1837. After the Saints were driven out in 1839, they established camp on the banks of the Mississippi River, here due to the hard cold winter and severe hardships endured by the Saints, Warren lost his wife, Lydia, leaving a family of two girls and three boys, Melissa 8, Charles 7, Martha Selinda 6, Benjamin Mark 5, Abinadi J. a baby of less than a year. The mother Lydia was buried at Montrose, Missouri.

Warren Smith met and married the widow of another Warren Smith who was killed in the Haun's Mill Massacre, her son Sardis Smith had his head blown off in the same mob episode, and other son of Amanda Barnes and Warren Smith (1) Alma Smith was left for dead with a shot through the hip joint. Amanda the mother of Alma cleaned the wound as best she could and prayed for guidance from the Lord as to what she was to do to heal her son's hip, having faith God would answer her prayer. She was impressed to make a solution of ashes and water and wash the wound then make a poultice of slippery Elm and put on the wound. This she did and Alma was healed and was able to walk. the family made their way to Quincy, Illinois. It was here Warren Smith (2) met and married Amanda Barnes Smith.

Grandgrandfather Warren Smith worked for many years as a policeman and during the course of his life was a very good friend of the Prophet Joseph Smith, often serving as his personal body guard. He also aided in the construction of the Nauvoo Temple. His son Benjamin Mark was one of the first children to be baptized in the Nauvoo Temple, in 1847.

Warren Smith had four wives, Lydia Alexander, Amanda Barnes Smith, Sarah Blackburn, and Mahalia Dudley.

Due to mob violence against the men who were practicing polygamy and the disapproval of Amanda at the wife Sarah Blackburn, Warren put Sarah and his two children by her into a boat with provisions and sent them back to her people. We have no way of knowing if they ever arrived safe or not.

Warren (2) and Amanda had two girls, Amanda Melvina and Sarah Marinda, and one boy, Warren Barnes Smith.

Amanda Barnes and Warren Smith (1) two girls Alvira, twin of Alma and Hortensia, and three boys, Willard Gilbert, Sardis Washington, Alma Lamoni all of these were sealed to the Prophet Joseph Smith.

Warren Barnes Smith, son of our Greatgrandfather Warren Smith, was a Stake President in American Fork, and later a Patriarch.

I have been told Alma Smith was Stake President of Coalville, Utah.

Warren Smith crossed the plains bringing his family to settle with the Saints in what was known then as Desseret, or Valley's of the Rocky Mountains helping to settle the areas as he was called. Warren Smith went to Carson, Nevada, where his two sons Charles Eldridge and Abinadi J. made their homes. Moving later on to Willets, California where Abinadi made his home. Charles Eldridge moved to Reno, Nevada. We need more information on these two families.

The following Patriarchal Blessing:

Nauvoo, Illinois, March 7th, 1842

A blessing given by Hyrum Smith, Patriarch, upon the head of Warren Smith, son of Charles Smith and Rachel () Smith, born Sept. 7th, 1809, Montgomery Co., Tennessee.

Brother Warren: I lay my hands upon your head in the name and by the authority which is given me of Jesus Christ and Jacob, for your lineage can be traced into those Patriarchs, And you are to be blessed in their lineage according to the promises they obtained for their children, which giveth a right unto the Priesthood and unto all the promised blessings, which saveth in thee and in thy seed, which is the literal seed of Abraham; or in thee and in thy seed, which is the literal seed of Abraham; or in thee or on thee and in thy priesthood, which was the priesthood even the same priesthood which was given unto him by which all the families of the earth should be blessed, teaching them obedience, and their redemption both of the living and of the dead, for thus are families of the earth blessed. And unto you as a literal descendant and having been baptized and put on Christ.

Therefore you are Abraham seed, and an heir unto the fullness of the everlasting covenants, and shall receive an inheritance according to you lineage and tribe. Which

