

## Brief History

John Christopher Pettingill was born November 23, 1795 at Rome, Oneida, New York to Elihu and Susan Walworth Pettingill. He married Pauline Spink in about 1818 at Ellisburg, Jefferson, New York. Pauline was born December 20, 1800 to Colonel Christopher and Clarissa Carpenter Spink. Pauline was also from Jefferson county, New York.


John and Pauline were the parents of three children, all born in Jefferson county, New York. Clarinda was born August 11, 1819, Elihu Ulysses April 3, 1821 and Eliza Jane March 28, 1824. The family heard the Gospel and were baptized Latter Day Saints in 1837. They were persecuted by the mobs, forcing them to move about to find employment and peace to worship as they believed.

I assume he lived close by his son, Elihu, as his history states that his father was a cripple caused by a fever sore on his leg and his son, Elihu, was the family's main support. They lived in Columbia, Ohio; Nauvoo; Farmington, Illinois; Des Moines, Iowa; and Indiana ... not necessarily in that order.


Their daughter, Eliza Jane, married John Pursel in 1842. She died September 14, 1844. Their other daughter, Clarinda passed away March 31, 1845, having never married as far as I've determined. This left John and Pauline with only one child, Elihu, who had married Jane Clotilda Marsh in 1849.

In 1852, they determined to cross the plains to be with the Saints in Zion. They traveled in the 18th company of that year. James C. Snow was the Captain for the 250 Saints with their 55 wagons. The Warner family who also settled at Willard were in this company. They left the middle of June, arriving in the Salt Lake Valley October 9, 1852. They settled at Bountiful, Davis, Utah for three years with his son, Elihu, running a sawmill. They lived in Ogden for a time, finally settling at Willow Creek, now Willard, Box Elder, Utah in 1856 or 1857.

Times were hard and not much to eat, Sego roots and whatever they could scrape up. John Christopher Pettingill passed away on December 20, 1863 at Willard, having lived in Zion only eleven years. He was buried in the old Pioneer Cemetery. Later when the new cemetery was opened, the family moved him (disinterred) to this new location at the foot of the beautiful Willard mountains. Pauline Spink Pettingill passed away December 8, 1885, also at Willard. She is buried in the new cemetery by her husband.


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