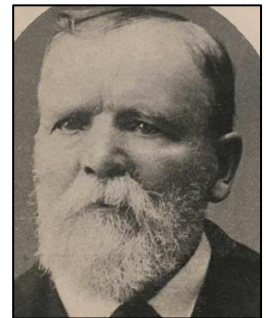




## Isaac Riddle

Isaac Riddle was born on the 22nd day of March, 1830, in Boone County, Kentucky. His parents were John Riddle and Elizabeth Stewart Riddle.

During Isaac's growing up years the family moved frequently; from Kentucky to Tennessee, then back to Kentucky, where they met Mormon missionaries. John and Elizabeth and three of their children were baptized in 1833, and Isaac in 1844, when he was fourteen. They then moved to a place near Nauvoo. They suffered many hardships. Finally, in 1850 they were able to make the trip to Utah.



On the trip John contracted cholera. Many died, but John was a doctor and had had cholera before and he recovered. The family arrived in Salt Lake City on the 15th day of September, 1850. Isaac was then twenty years old. They stayed only briefly in Salt Lake City, then traveled north to Ogden and settled there.

Isaac married Mary Ann Levi in Ogden on March 6, 1853. Their first child was born just a year later, on March 6, 1854, but only lived a couple of weeks. While his wife was still very ill a call came from Brigham Young asking him to fill a mission to southern Utah. Isaac accepted the call and traveled with Jacob Hamblin and others to the southern part of Utah to work among the Piute Indians. His wife and family were allowed to be with him during his mission, which lasted ten years. The men's missionary work was done by making trips into Indian territory. These trips lasted from a week or two to a couple of months. They traveled together in a group on horseback. They followed old trails and sometimes used

Indian guides. They traveled extensively over most of southern Utah, even crossing the Colorado River at times, and on other trips going into Nevada.

Isaac mentioned coming in contact with Navajo and Apache Indians. They found many friendly Indians and had some encounters with unfriendly tribes. During these years Isaac had to make a living for himself and his family, which he did successfully. In between missionary trips he farmed, ranched, and some freight hauling between southern Utah and California, did some building and whatever else needed doing. In June of 1855 Isaac was helping move some cattle and one cow strayed. Even one cow was too precious to lose, so Isaac followed her tracks higher and higher into the hills until suddenly before him was a beautiful green valley. This little valley was located some thirty miles north of St. George, and was called Pine Valley. Ultimately Isaac took up a homestead there. His son, Isaac J. was born at Pine Valley in 1858. Isaac returned to Ogden, sold his farm there, and with the proceeds bought materials and built a saw mill on the Santa Clara River.

Isaac was released from his mission in the spring of 1864. By then he had three wives and eight living children. He had first-hand knowledge of most of the country in Southern Utah, so he chose to stay in that area.

Isaac went to St. George and was active in helping to build the temple. He donated several hundred head of steers to feed the laborers there, as well as working himself. When the St George temple was finished, he moved his family to Manti and worked on the temple there.

During his years in Manti he bought a little home in Provo, so his children could attend the Brigham Young Academy. He lived three years in Provo, and like other polygamous men of his time served time for having multiple wives.

He passed the last years of his life in Provo. In the spring of 1899 his wife, Mary Ann Pagles died, and shortly thereafter his health began to fail. He suffered with rheumatism and paralysis, and for the last five years of his life he was an invalid. He also lost his eyesight, and when he died he was totally blind. His will was dated the 22nd day of March, 1905, and was signed with an X.

He lived with his daughters the last years of his life. He passed away on September 1, 1906.