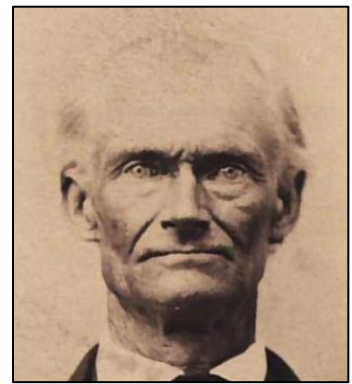




Robert Richey

Robert Richey had been a school teacher in Ohio and Indiana. His ancestors emigrated from Ireland in 1763. They settled in the remote western section of Virginia. It was in Ohio, where Robert Richey was born and where he married Elizabeth Gwinn.

Mormon missionaries were preaching in the area and came in contact with Robert & Elizabeth Richey. The Richey family endured the trials as a result of the martyrdom of Joseph and Hyrum Smith. They came to Utah in 1853.



A month after his arrival in Salt Lake City, he took a second wife Sarah Ann Hollister. It would be just three months later at the October General Conference that Brigham Young would announce the calling of twenty-one men to serve as Indian Missionaries to southern Utah. They would begin their trek to Harmony, Utah Territory. They immediately began the task of building a fort as a protection from possible Indian raids.

Not long after Brigham Young's visit to Harmony to settle the jurisdictional issues between John D. Lee and Captain Rufus C. Allen, Captain Allen took seven other missionaries and on June 7, 1854, began a settling of the Washington County area, including Santa Clara. Mountain Meadows, Pinto Valley. On February 24th, 1855, in Santa Clara "A mass meeting was held to choose men for the organization of Washington county.

Robert Richey was appointed Justice of the Peace. "Robert Richey, Lorenzo Roundy, and Jehu Blackburn built a sawmill in Pine Valley in 1855." The decision was made in the fall of 1856 to move the headquarters of the Southern Indian

Mission from Harmony and dividing it into two groups, one to Santa Clara, and the other to Pinto.

We can **infer** from those called to go to Pinto, that Robert Richey settled in Santa Clara. Jacob Hamblin was appointed as President of the Indian Mission by President Brigham Young. Robert was asked to leave Santa Clara where he was living, and eventually he became a resident of Mountain Meadows. Robert spent the next 15 years of his life developing the acreage He died in 1875.