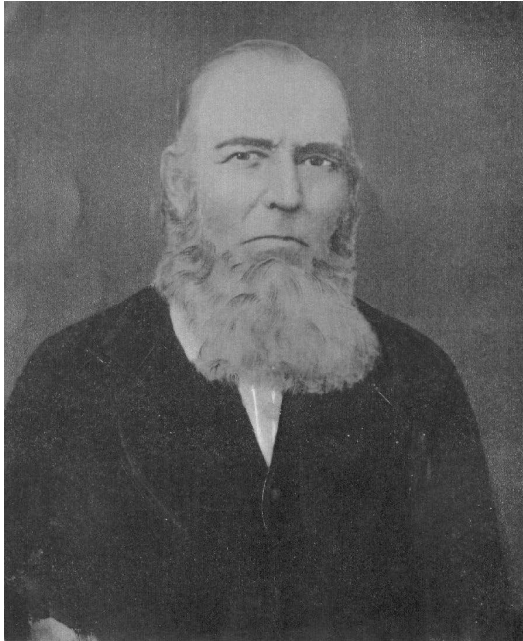


Jehu and Sarah Riddle Pyle Cox

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Jehu Cox

Jehu Cox was the son of Thomas and Rachel Carr Cox and the grandson of Solomon and Naomi (Amy) Hussey Cox. Jehu's parents did a lot of moving, finally reaching Knox County, Kentucky, where Jehu Cox was born in 1803.

The family moved to Green River, Ohio County, Kentucky when Jehu was three weeks old. They lived there six years, then moved to Salt Creek, Vinton County, Ohio. There is a town by the name of Cox, which may be named for Thomas Cox who settled there in 1809.

In 1815, the family moved to Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana. In 1820, they moved twelve miles east to Salt Creek.

Jehu met Sarah Pyle, daughter of Edward Gant [Some records write it Grant] and Rosannah Mary McMahan Pyle. She was the oldest child in a family of twelve, born July 22, 1807, in Bracken County, Kentucky.

Jehu and Sarah were married January 13, 1824. They rented a farm in Salt Creek. Three children were born there: Rosannah [23 Jan 1825], Edward 22 Nov 1826], and Thomas 30 Apr 1828]. The family had many sicknesses there, and the two youngest children died.

They moved to Wabash River, Warren County, Indiana (100 miles south of Chicago) in December, 1827. Henderson was born there November 6, 1829. In 1830, the family moved just across the state line to Vermillion River, Vermillion County, Illinois. A disease killed so many of his horses and cattle that they moved in 1831 to Greencastle, Putnam County, Indiana. Jehu bought a thirty-acre farm in Greencastle. Three more children were born there: Sarah [28 Feb 1832], Mary Jane [19 Sep 1833], and Elias [15 Jan 1835]. Jehu had good health there, but Sarah's health was still poor, so they moved again.



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They moved to Crawford County, Missouri, in the heart of the Ozark Mountains. The family was healthy there.

Three more children were born there.

Rachel [17 Mar 1836], Jehu Jr. [15 Jun 1837], and our ancestor— Isaiah born May 18, 1839.

In November 1839, the family moved to Adams County (south of Quincy) Illinois and rented a farm. Lucretia was born there [23 Dec 1841].



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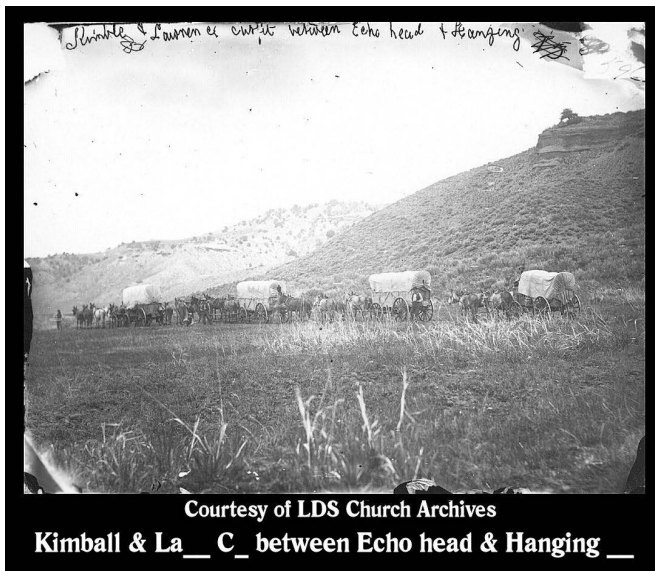
In the spring of 1842, Jehu moved into Hancock County about three miles from Nauvoo, Illinois. Their twelfth child, Emma was born on 16 Jun 1844. Jehu did not write in his journal about the events in Nauvoo. He did mention the thirteenth child being born and named Nephi born 20 Mar 1846.

Because of Nephi's impending birth, the Cox family was the very last of the first groups to leave Nauvoo. They crossed the Mississippi River, May 20, 1846 and went to Mount Pisgah. They remained there long enough to plant a field of corn and then they moved to Council Bluffs. Their two month old child, Nephi died of cold and exposure while the family was traveling west through Iowa.

Their son Henderson, joined the Mormon Battalion during the Mexican War and went to California, but was killed by Indians on his way back to the Utah Territory.

The place where he and two others were killed was then named Tragedy Springs. They had brought several bags of gold dust with them from Sutter's mill and were bringing it to Utah. The gold was never found. (The family probably did not learn of his death until they reached the Great Salt Lake Valley.)

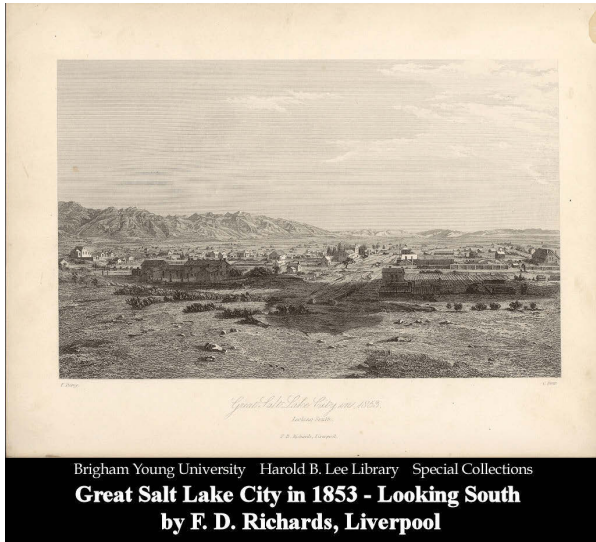
**Mormon-Emigrant Trail
and
Tragedy Springs**
How They Got Their Names



The family lived in Winter Quarters for ten months, then in the early spring of 1847, moved across the Missouri River to the Cambell farm where they planted a crop. Joshua was born there, but died the same day [14 Jul 1847].

On April 28, 1848, the family moved back to Winter Quarters to prepare to go to Salt Lake Valley in Heber C. Kimball's Company. They began their journey on May 18, 1848. On May 28, 1848, Jehu was appointed a captain of one of the units.

On June 15, 1848, six-year-old Lucretia was run over by a wagon and killed. The company stopped and a very simple funeral was held.



They arrived in the Great Salt Lake valley, September 24, 1848. Winter was coming on and they had no home.

The pioneers had suffered severe losses due to the grasshoppers, so the food supply was extremely low.

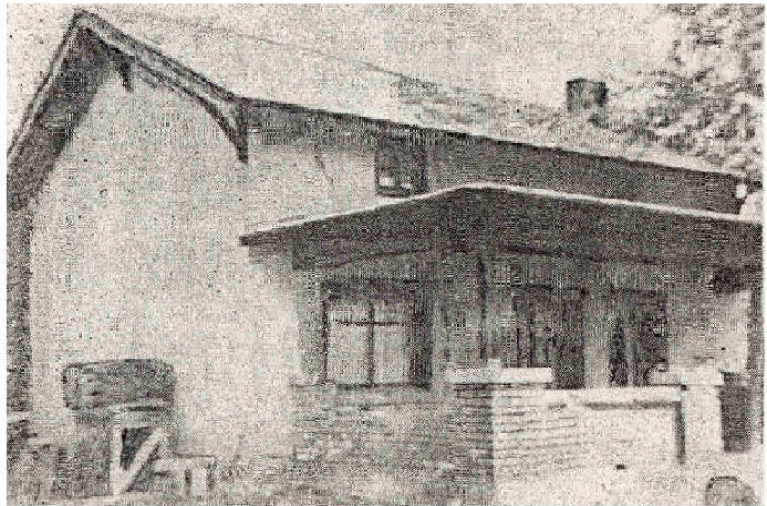
Jehu and Sarah and their nine children survived the winter in spite of the unfavorable conditions.

In the spring of 1849, the family settled on the south bank of Little Cottonwood Creek, known today as Union. Martha was born there 2 August 1849.

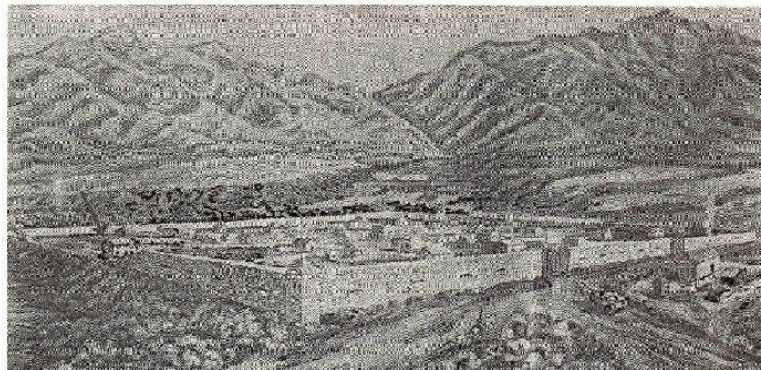
Their sixteenth and last child, Elisha, was born and died the same day on July 5, 1851.

In 1854, Jehu donated ten acres to the town of Union to build a fort as protection against the Indians. The residents built a wall twelve feet high and remained in the enclosure until the troubles with the Indians were over.

In 1859, Jehu and two of his married sons and families moved farther south in the Utah Territory. They stopped long enough in Mt. Pleasant for Jehu's grandson, Isaiah Junior to be born, then they moved north to North Bend, Utah (which became Fairview.) Isaiah was a carpenter, Jehu a farmer and Elias a scholar. They raised sheep and farmed the land. Their farm later became the site where the Co-op and tithing office was built.



Jehu Cox built the 1st home in Little Cottonwood [Later Fort Union], in 1849. [porch was added after their move to Sanpete in 1859. Jehu gave 10 acres to build the fort. [Photo was taken in 1955.]



Fort Union with Jehu Cox's home- upper left corner. The wall on the North near Jehu's home was never finished. Church was in the Cox home at first.

In 1864, Jehu's sons were herding sheep when Indians attacked them and took their sheep. The Indians fled when they saw Jehu and his son Elias coming with rifles. Jehu's son-in-law, David Jones had already been killed by Indians. The Black Hawk war began soon after.

By 1866, the circumstances were dangerous enough, that the families moved to Mt. Pleasant and built a high fort around Fairview.

In August, the families moved into the fort where they lived until the end of the war.

Sarah Pyle Cox died in Fairview, Utah, August 25, 1891.

Jehu died in Fairview, Utah, December 26, 1893.

