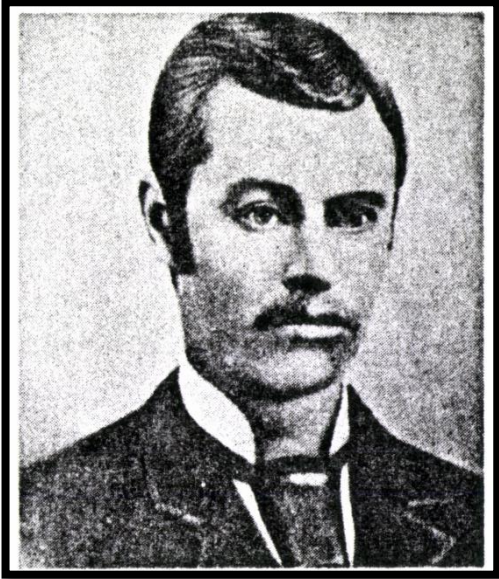


Sketch of William Frederick Rigby, Jr.



William Frederick Rigby, Jr.

Born 9 October 1859, Lehi, Utah Co., Utah

Blessed

Baptized and confirmed by Thomas Beck, 1868

Ordained a Deacon

Ordained a Teacher

Ordained a Priest

Re-baptized by Wm. H. Griffin on 24 April 1881

Re-confirmed by Wm. F. Rigby Sr. on 24 April 1881

Ordained Elder 24 April 1881 at Newton

Ordained a Seventy 25 Oct. 1885 at Newton

Ordained a High Priest 27 March 1893 at Newton

Endowed and Married 28 April 1881 to Sarah Angeline Clarke, in Endowment House, Salt Lake City, Utah

Sealed by Daniel H. Wells

Librarian Young Men's Association 10 Dec. 1882

Set apart as a Missionary 24 Feb. 1883 by Apostle Albert Carrington to Southern States Mission.

Sustained President Y.M.M.I.A. 8 November 1885 of the Newton Ward, Cache Stake.

Set apart as 2<sup>nd</sup> Counselor to Bishop Wm. H. Griffin on 5 February 1893.

Released 17 May 1903.

Death 5 Feb. 1907, Cache Junction, Cache Co., Utah

Burial 8 Feb. 1907, Newton Cemetery, Newton, Utah

William Frederick Rigby Jr. was born in Lehi, Utah County, Utah on 9 October 1859, the third child of William F. Rigby and Mary Clark. His parents were born in England where they accepted the gospel as taught by Mormon missionaries. Soon after their marriage they left England on the steamship "Camillus" and came to Utah so they could associate with the Saints in Zion.

His parents pioneered first in the Salt Lake Valley where his brother John, the first child was born and died the same day. Soon after this sad event they moved to Lehi, Utah County,

Utah. While living at Lehi his sister, Mary Jane, was born 28 June 1857 and two years later 9 October 1859 he, William Frederick Rigby Jr., was born.

During the time this small family lived in Lehi the grasshoppers came and wiped out their crops until food was so scarce that it was hard to get anything to eat.

In 1861 the family moved to Wellsville, Cache County, Utah, where they endured the hardships incident to pioneering. Although they were very young, William and his sister, Mary Jane, helped fight grasshoppers, saving a small piece of grain for seed by means of a lariat. This was accomplished by one standing on either side of the strip of land, walking back and forth continuously from early morning until night, dragging the rope over the grain, thus keeping the grasshoppers from moving. The ground was hard and dry and their bare feet became chapped and bleeding. William often thought Mary Jane's side was the softest and would want to change sides with her.

A visit from President Brigham Young to Wellsville was looked forward to and great preparations were made. William and Mary Jane washed their feet in bran and water prepared by their mother to get them cleaned and healed for the occasion [sic].

While living in Wellsville, three more children were born – George, Margaret, and Lavinia.

In the fall of 1867, his father, William F. Rigby Sr., was called by Ezra T. Benson and Brother Maughan to be the first bishop of Clarkston, so they again made a move. The following May a brother, Martin C., was born. Due to climatic conditions it was decided to move the townsite southeast of Clarkston, which was later called Newton. William Jr. attended the schools provided there as he had done in Clarkston.

When William F. was about fourteen years old, he broke his leg and he spent several weeks recuperating from this injury. The injured leg was placed in a box, so that the leg could be held straight and mend properly. While he was very young he worked at Promotory Point with the cattle. While he was working with the horses, he was thrown off, but luckily escaped injury.

When William was twelve, a terrible blow hit his family. His mother died in childbirth, leaving a new baby sister, Sarah, who lived for fourteen months.