

JEREMIAH MACKLEY AND SARAH OYLER (MACKLEY)

Jeremiah Mackley: Born 6 June 1799
Died 18 February 1841
Sarah Olyer: Born 8 December 1800
Died 8 January 1866

Both Jeremiah and Sarah were born in Pennsylvania, each living within 7 miles from each other. They were of Pennsylvania-Dutch background. They married on 9 May 1822 at Arendtville, Pennsylvania, the town where Sarah was born.

Shortly after their marriage, they moved to Medina County, Ohio. Jeremiah, Sarah and family members of Jeremiah became members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day-Saints in Norton, Ohio. It's been mentioned that Jeremiah and his older brother John knew carpentry, and probably worked on the construction of the Nauvoo Temple.

During the years of 1823 to 1840, Jeremiah Mackley and Sarah Olyer (Mackley) had 8 children:

Barbara, 22 February 1823
Elizabeth 13 November 1824
Mary Ann 13 September 1828
John 24 January 1831
Deborah 10 August 1833
Sarah 10 January 1836
Julia Ann 11 July 1838
Alvina 5 March 1840

In 1833, Sarah Olyer (Mackley) became a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day-Saints. She was baptized by Parley P. Pratt, a leader in the church.

On 15 March, 1834, Jeremiah Mackley was also baptized by Parley P. Pratt. On 14 May 1836, Sarah Oyler (Mackley) received her Patriarchal blessing from the Prophet Joseph Smith Jr.'s father Joseph Smith Sr.

On 2 August 1838 in Caldwell, Missouri, Jeremiah and his family purchased 80-acre parcel of land.

On 27 October, 1838 the Extermination Order 44 by Governor Lilburn Boggs of Missouri caused Jeremiah, Sarah and their family to leave behind their home, land and were only able to take what they could carry.

On 9 May 1839 Jeremiah Mackley submitted a written petition in the Quincy, Illinois for redress in proportion to their loss. Below is an excerpt:

“An account against the State of Missouri for debt
And damage Sustained in consequence of the
Extermination Order”

80 Acres of Land With the Improvements	\$500
Loss of Crop and other Property	\$400

I Certify the above account to be Just and true according to the best of My Knowledge

Jeremiah Mackley

(Sworn to before C. L. Woods, C.C.C. Adams County, Illinois, 15 May 1839)”

On 6 June 1840 Jeremiah purchased a 40-acre parcel in Nauvoo, Illinois for \$150.00 at 3% interest, with \$50 due in six months and \$100 in 12 months. The mortgage deed was released on the 4 May 1841 after a payment of \$102.75, nearly 3 months after his death. The 40-acre parcel is located about 1 ½ miles due east of the Nauvoo Temple.

On the 9 April 1839, Julia Ann, the youngest daughter of Jeremiah and Sarah died in Nauvoo, Illinois.

In the year 1840, Barbara, the oldest daughter of Jeremiah and Sarah died in Nauvoo, Illinois.

With the six remaining children, Sarah Oyler (Mackley) along with the saints in Nauvoo, were eventually driven out by the mob in February 1846. The following was written by Bishop John Lytle death in 1886, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah (Jeremiah and his older brother John, were always closely associated with brothers Andrew and John Lytle) at the time of Sarah Oyler (Mackley). *“The widow and her children crossed the river to the sickly camp of the Saints near Montrose, stayed there for a short time, and then with the Saints journeyed westward. While at Farmington, Iowa, the four older children, three girls and a boy, through poverty, had to go out to work in different families, for board and clothing.*

The mother and her two youngest little daughters, Sarah and Alvina, continued on toward Kaneshville, but while en route, following up the trail of the driven Saints, when near Mount Pisgah, this poor, afflicted, bereaved and poverty-stricken widow had to pass through the terrible ordeal of having her little daughter stolen from her. Diligent search was made by the frenzied mother and sympathizing co-religionists, but without avail; and this noble woman, with un-faltering faith in God, continued her journey westward, having now with her but her youngest little darling, who had never known a father. . . .”

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In 1851, Sarah Oyler (Mackley) and Alvina, her youngest daughter, were in Pottawattamie, Iowa based on the 1851 State Iowa Census collection, 1836-1925.

In 1852, Sarah Oyler (Mackley) and Alvina, who were part of the 19th Eli B. Kelsey Company, leaving Kaneshville, Iowa on 4 July 1852 and arriving in the Salt Lake Valley, Utah on 14-16 October, 1852.

Alvina Mackley, the youngest of their children eventually became the 4th wife of John Daniel Thompson McAllister.

On 8 January 1886, Sarah Oyler (Mackley) died in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah.

CHILDREN OF JEREMIAH & SARAH MACKLEY

Barbara (1823-1840)

Died at age of 16

Elizabeth (1824-1880)

- Departed Nauvoo 1846 with her mother
- Montrose, Iowa 1846-47
- Farmington, Iowa 1846-47 (departed the family to work)
- Washington, Kansas, 1876 married Charles Robbins
- Washington, Kansas, 1880
- Strawberry, Washington, Kansas

Mary Ann (1828-1929)

- Departed Nauvoo 1846 with her mother
- Montrose, Iowa 1846-47
- Farmington, Iowa 1846-47 (departed the family to work)
Marries Benjamin Goddard and has 9 children
- Whiteside, Illinois, 1850 with husband and family
- Quincy, Iowa, 1856 with husband and family. Sarah A Mackley, her younger sister is living with them
- Jefferson, Kansas, 1860 with family (husband in military service).
Her younger sister Alvina Mackley is living with her.
- Jefferson, Kansas, 1865 with family. Her younger sister Alvina Mackley is living with her.
- Jefferson, Kansas 1880 living with her daughter May Bates
- Kansas City, Missouri 1900 living with her sister Susanna
- Pasadena, California 1910 living with her daughter Sarah A
- Los Angeles, California 1920 living her daughter Sarah A

John (1831-1884)

- Departed Nauvoo 1846 with her mother
- Montrose, Iowa 1846-47
- Farmington, Iowa 1846-47 (departed the family to work)
- Whiteside, Illinois, 1850
- Keokuk, Iowa, 1860 living with his younger sister Deborah Mackley and both are living with the Howard family
- Clifton, Kansas, 1870 married to Deborah Huff and have 3 children
- Strawberry, Kansas, 1875 living with his wife and family
- Strawberry, Kansas, 1880 living with his family

Deborah (1833-1890)

- Departed Nauvoo 1846 with her mother
- Montrose, Iowa 1846-47
- Farmington, Iowa 1846-47 (departed the family to work)
- Keokuk, Iowa 1850 living with Robbins family
- Keokuk, Iowa 1860 living with her older brother John Mackley and both are living with the Howard family
- Omaha, Nebraska 1900 living with husband

Sarah (1836-1887)

- Departed Nauvoo 1846 with her mother
- Montrose, Iowa 1846-47
- Farmington, Iowa 1846-47
- Mount Pisgah, Iowa is abducted, not found and her mother Sarah Mackley continues onto Utah without her
- Keokuk, Iowa, 1880 living with her sister Deborah Mackley and her brother-in-law Charles Phillips

Julia (1838-1839)

Alvina (1840-1895)

- Departed Nauvoo 1846 with her mother
- Montrose, Iowa 1846-47
- Farmington, Iowa 1846-47
- Mount Pisgah, Iowa 1848
- Kaneshville, Iowa 1848
- Pottawattamie, Iowa 1851
- Kaneshville, Iowa, July 1852 departs to Utah with her mother
- Salt Lake City, Utah October 1852
- Jefferson, Kansas 1860 living with her older sister Mary Ann Goddard (maiden name Mackley)
- Jefferson, Kansas 1865 living with her older sister Mary Ann Goddard (maiden name Mackley)