

## **Elijah Shaw I & Lydia Bowen SHAW**

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### **BIOGRAPHY OF JOHN RILEY SHAW**

(OF PLEASANT VIEW, WEBER COUNTY, UTAH  
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A delightful biography of Elijah Shaw and Martha Ann Thomas has been written by Jeanette Shaw Greenwell, a great-great granddaughter. This 33-page history expertly traces their ancestry back to Wales through the Bowen: family. The Bowens arrived in America during the winter of 1639-1640, landing in the colony of New Plymouth. Dan Bowen II then moved to Deerfield, New Jersey.

Dan Bowen II's daughter, Lydia, married Elijah Shaw I who was born in New Jersey about 1782. They decided to go to the Ohio Territory. Elijah Shaw II was born there on 15 February, 1822. They settled in a town called Mechanicsburg, later called Chilo. The family later moved to Daviess County, Missouri. They could have migrated to Nauvoo, Illinois, with the Saints.

Elijah Shaw II married Martha Ann Thomas (Shupe) on 6 April, 1850. They farmed in Kaneshville, Iowa, and later migrated to Utah. They arrived on 7 August, 1853. They settled in Centerville on a farm. Elijah II was baptized a member of the Church on 29 September, 1856, and he was ordained an Elder on 20 March, 1859 in Centerville, Utah. Then they moved to the North Ogden area. Their membership in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was recorded there 16 April, 1859.

Read Jeanette Greenwell's masterful biographies of Elijah and Martha Ann, it will bring tears to your eyes as it did to mine to read of their hardships and joys. Jeanette concludes in these words: As I look at my great-grandfather and great grandmother's pictures hanging on the wall, I think of what a wonderful contribution they made in the settling of this valley here in the mountains.

We, their posterity, know the results of their labor. We should do all we can to make them proud of us because they left us a wonderful heritage.

John was two years of age when Martha Ann died and 13 when Elijah II died. (See photo reprint of the family and home, Appendix A-14).