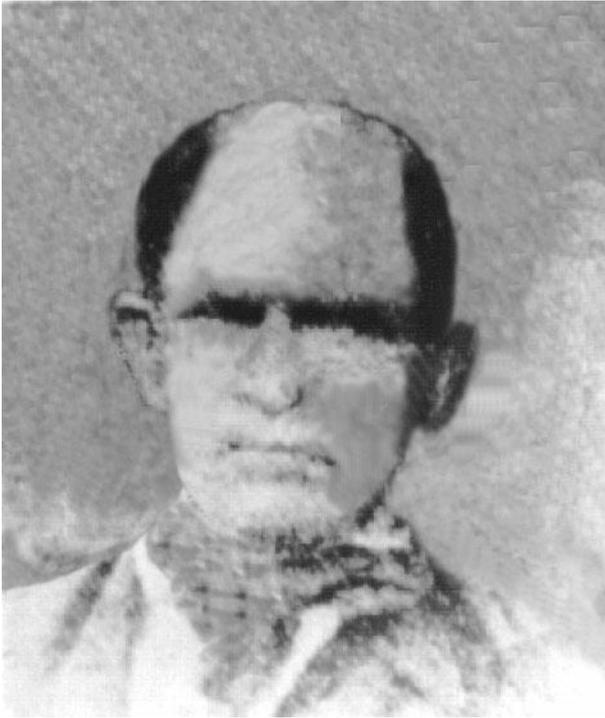


## JACOB ISRAEL CASTEEL



Jacob Israel Casteel was born 1797 in Knox County, Tennessee to Francis Casteel and Mary Peck. Married Sarah Nowlin. They had seven children: three sons and four daughters. Died May, 1860 in San Bernardino, San Bernardino, California.

From the journal of Jacob's son-in-law, William Decatur Kartchner:

“. . .my father-in-law was called on a mission in company with Alfred D. Young to go to Tennessee.”

About one year later Jacob Casteel and his family members were involved in an unfortunate expedition, lead by Captain James Emmett and John L. Butler. They claimed to have been called by the Prophet to take a group of people up the river to plant crops, to be ready for the eventual arrival of the Saints on the journey westward. This captain was greedy, unworthy and disloyal to Brigham Young, and disobedient to the cause of righteousness, for he soon began to show a tyrannical spirit over the company of one hundred thirty people, and demanded that all provisions be placed in common stock, in

provision wagons, then dealing them out in such small amounts that they were reduced almost to starvation.

Jacob and his family were taken in by the Ponca Nation where they were given food and shelter.

From his son-in-law's journal: I went back to Emigration Canyon to meet father-in-law and family. I met them on Big Mountain. The family settled in Salt Lake until 1849 when they went to the Sanpete valley.

In 1851 Jacob took his family and went with his son-in-law's family to colonize in Southern California. In 1857 President Young called for the Saints to return to Utah.

They received little money for their places and Jacob and his sons felt they could not sacrifice everything they had, so they stayed in California. All who stayed became “cool in the Gospel”.

Jacob died two years later. He was 63 years of age.