PUEBLO

A Brief Summary/Database of the Mormon Battalion Pueblo Detachments and Mississippi Company

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(Detachments resided in a community outside of Fort Pueblo in what was called "Mormontown."

For more detail on the Mormon Battalion, go to https://mormonbattalion.com/. To view the Thomas Bullock roster documenting those who arrived in the SL valley in July 1847, go to https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/ab774142-989d-4df6-a024-1f3a90e5bbd3/0/1.



Sketch of Mormontown as interpreted by David Jamiel (2017); View is to the east with 'chapel' in background. The Arkansas River would be on the left (north) in this view. Ruxton related there were about 50 cabins in total which housed about 300 persons.

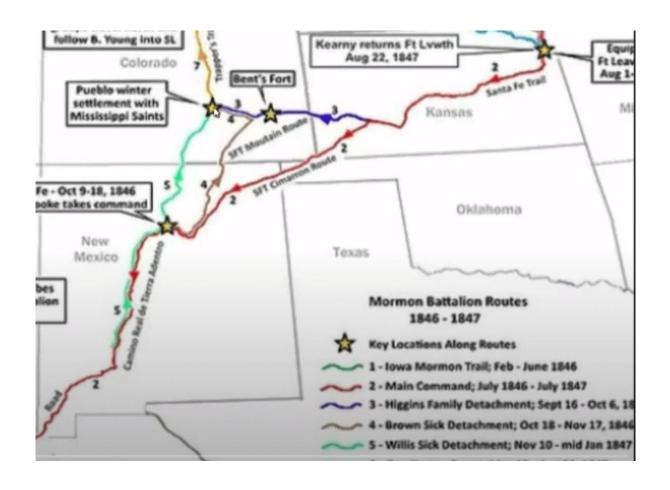
As the Mormon Battalion approached the Arkansas River in September 1846, they met a small group of men who had left a company of Mormons from the south at Pueblo and were traveling back to get their families. This provided an opportunity for acting commander, Lt A J Smith, to relieve the main command of the large number of women and children who were allowed to travel and caught up with the Battalion at Fort Leavenworth. None of these women were original laundresses who left Council Bluffs with the Battalion. On September 16, 1846 Smith gave orders to Captain Nelson Higgins of Company D, assisted mostly by the spouses of the women, to escort the majority of families to Pueblo where the Mississippi Company was waiting to follow Brigham Young when he started west the following year. Traveling along the Arkansas River, they could stop at Bent's Fort on the way to equip themselves with supplies. The **Higgins detachment** included 11 soldiers, 1 adult officer servant, 9 women, 33 children (four of them officer servants), and one adult son. The men were told to rejoin the Battalion at Santa Fe.

When the main command arrived at Santa Fe in two groups, the new commander of the Mormon Battalion, Lt Col Philip St. George Cooke, gave orders on October 17 for all sick and feeble men to join the others in Pueblo under the command of Captain James Brown of Company C who directed the 2nd or **Brown detachment**. Cooke also ordered the remaining 25 women to join those in Pueblo, acknowledging the uncharted and difficult terrain going forward would be difficult. Five women and one child were eventually allowed to continue to California with their spouses who were officers. The other 20 women, most of them original laundresses, and a few children, were escorted by their spouses who convinced Colonel Doniphan to allow them to depart with their families. Hired to assist with medical needs, Dr. McIntyre was also sent with the Brown detachment. While in Santa Fe, the soldiers received their first pay covering six weeks of service from July 16 to August 31. However, the soldiers from the Higgins detachment received their pay later. Sent to collect the pay at Santa Fe, John D Lee and Howard Egan carried much of the pay back to families. Roswell Stevens, who was detached from the Brown detachment by Captain Brown, joined up with Lee and Egan on October 22 per Lee's account. Former quartermaster, Samuel Gully who resigned at Santa Fe, also traveled with Lee, Egan, and Stevens. A total of 88 soldiers after Stevens left, 20 women, 7 children/siblings, Dr. William McIntyre, and 2 adult officer servants traveled to Pueblo. The detachment retraced their trail a little and headed north along the east side of the mountain range passing near Bent's Fort to retrieve supplies and then on to Pueblo.

After the main command left Santa Fe, some men from the Higgins detachment arrived to report to duty only to be told by military leaders at Santa Fe to return to Pueblo and continue on detached duty. However soldier Thomas Woolsey who was with the Higgins detachment continued on to catch up with the main command on November 4, providing a report to Colonel Cooke about the situation. The travel became increasingly difficult and some men started suffering from the demand. Located at the Rio Grande River on November 10, Cooke decided to send another detachment back to Sante Fe, many seriously ill. Under the direction of Lt Willis, the Willis detachment with 59 soldiers began its way back to Santa Fe, several dying within days of leaving. Arriving at Santa Fe on December 1, Colonel Sterling Price, commander of the post, ordered them to continue to Pueblo. Traveling along the west side of the Sangre de Cristo Mountain range with little supplies, they traveled through major winter conditions. Leaving some supplies and a mule with instructions for those left behind to make their way to Turley's Ranch, the main company continued, renting quarters and buying some food at a Spanish town along the way. The group voted to attempt to travel uphill through a mountain pass with deep snow and reached Pueblo on December 20. Some men were sent back to assist those who remained behind and arrived in Pueblo in January. Thomas Woolsey and John Tippets left Pueblo in late December and they arrived in Iowa in January 1847, carrying letters and news of the Battalion's whereabouts. Woolsey, Tippets, and Roswell Stevens who arrived earlier with Lee and Egan, traveled with Brigham Young's vanguard company and were assigned to escort church leader Amasa Lyman to the detachments after they left Pueblo in May 1847. Reaching them on June 11, Lyman instructed them to follow the vanguard company into Salt Lake. More details of this story can be found in various publications. A total of 158 soldiers were with the three detachments - nearly 1/3 of the Battalion force of 496. Company D was largely affected by the number of women and their accompanying spouses who were sent to Pueblo in

the first two detachments. The soldiers in Company C apparently had the most sick and feeble men since it had a high percentage of men who left with the Brown and Willis detachments. Detachment members from Company A had the most combined deaths en route or at Pueblo although the Willis detachment suffered the most deaths en route to Pueblo. Company B was the most intact company arriving in California which may have been why they were detached to San Diego. In fact, all of those who remained at San Luis Rey for an extras few weeks in late March were sick and were all from the other companies.

Company	A	В	C	D	E	
Original #	105	99	104	101	87	496 total soldiers/Battalion
Numbers by Company						
Higgins	3	0	2	5	1	11
Brown	15	11	24	27	12	89
Willis	12	<u>10</u>	<u>16</u>	10	11 (1 dupl)	59 - 1 duplicate (Woolsey)
Total	30	21	42	42	23	158
Percentage	28%	21%	42%	42%	23%	31.8% in detachments
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Prior Deaths/Resign	-1				-2	Phelps, Hampton, Gully
Arrived in California	74	78	62	59	62	335
Deaths while detached						
Higgins				1		
Brown	3		2	2		
Willis	2	2	1		1	
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HIGGINS DETACHMENT (55 left Arkansas River crossing on 16 September 1846 - 54 arrived at Pueblo on October 6)

11 soldiers (includes Woolsey who was also in Willis) (3 A, 0 B, 2 C, 5 D, 1 E)

*family with him

- 1. Brown, James [2nd] "Polly"* (D)
- 2. Button, Montgomery G* (D)
- 3. Hendrickson, James (no spouse) (C)
- 4. Higgins, Nelson* (D)
- 5. Hunt, Gilbert* (A)
- 6. Huntington, Dimick Baker* (D)
- 7. Kelley, Nicholas* (A)
- 8. Sharp, Norman* (death en route) (A)
- 9. Shelton, Sebert Crutcher* (A & D)
- 10. Mowrey, Harley (C)* (no spouse initially, later married widow Martha Jane Sharp on trail to SL)
- 11. Woolsey, Thomas Andrew (E) (Rejoined main command after Santa Fe) (no spouse)

1 adult officer servant (death at Pueblo)

Kelley, Milton* (A)

9 women (8 with children/young siblings, 1 with no children), **29 children/siblings** (one married in Pueblo), **1 adult son/teamster**, **4 young officer servants with family**, 5 births (4 in Pueblo and 1 on trail to SL), 1 child death/1 newborn death in Pueblo

- 1. Eunice R Brown (Co D) Accompanied by soldier/spouse James P Brown (birth on trail to SL from Pueblo) Children: Mary Ann, Sarah, Robert, Neuman
- 2. Mary Bittles Button (Co D) Accompanied by soldier/spouse Montgomery Button Children: Louisa, Samuel, James, Jutson
- 3. Sarah Blackman Higgins (Co D) Accompanied by Captain/spouse Nelson Higgins (birth in Pueblo)

Children: Druzilla, Carlos Smith, Heber Kimball

Daughter Almira Higgins married in Pueblo

Nelson Daniel (servant)

- 4. Celia Mounts Hunt (Co A) Accompanied by soldier/son Gilbert Hunt Children: Harriett, Jane, Mary, Hyrum, Joseph, John, Parley (death)
- 5. Fanny Maria Allen Huntington (Co D) Accompanied by soldier/spouse Dimick Huntington (birth/death in Pueblo) Child: Martha Zina

Clark Allen and Lot (servants)

- 6. Sarah Kelley (Co A) Accompanied by soldier/spouse Nicholas Kelley Children: Betsy Bathrick, Parley Bathrick
- 7. Malinda Allison Kelley (Co A) Accompanied by officer servant/spouse Milton Kelley who died (birth in Pueblo)
- 8. Elizabeth Trains Mayfield Shelton (Co D) accompanied soldier/spouse Sebert Shelton,
 - 1 child from Elizabeth's 1st marriage: Sara
 - 2 children from Sebert's 1st marriage: Emily Carolyn, Marion Jackson Shelton
 - 3 children from their marriage: Abraham Cooper, Thomas, Mary Elizabeth Shelton

John Mayfield (servant), Andrew Jackson Mayfield (18 year old family teamster)

9. Martha Jane Sargeant Sharp (Co D) Accompanied by soldier/spouse Norman Sharp (birth in Pueblo) Young Sibling: Caroline Sargeant

BROWN DETACHMENT (121 left Santa Fe October 17, 1846 - 119 arrived at Pueblo on November 17)

89 soldiers - (15 A, 11 B, 24 C, 27 D, 12 E)

- *wife with him
- 1. Abbott, Joshua C* (D)
- 2. Adams, Orson B* (C)
- 3. Allen, Franklin (B)
- 4. Allred, James T. S. * (A)
- 5. Allred, Reuben W* (A)
- 6. Averett, Jeduthan (D)
- 7. Beckstead, William E (C)
- 8. Bingham, Erastus (B)
- 9. Bird, William (B)
- 10. Blanchard, Mervin S (A) died in Pueblo
- 11. Brown, Alexander (C)
- 12. Brown, James Capt* (C)
- 13. Brown, Jesse S (C)
- 14. Calkins, James W (A)
- 15. Calvert, John H (C)
- 16. Carpenter, Isaac J (C)
- 17. Carpenter, William H (C)
- 18. Casto, William W (D)
- 19. Chase, Abner (D) died in Pueblo
- 20. Chase, John D (B)
- 21. Clark, Albert (E)
- 22. Cummings, George W (E)
- 23. Davis, James (D)
- 24. Douglas, Ralph B (D)
- 25. Durphey, Francillo (C)
- 26. Garner, David (A)
- 27. Garner, Phillip (B)
- 28. Gifford, William B (D)
- 29. Glazier, Luther W (E)
- 30. Glines, James H (A) went straight to Iowa from Pueblo
- 31. Gould, John C (C)
- 32. Gould, Samuel J (C)
- 33. Gribble, William* (D)
- 34. Hanks, Ebenezer J* (E)
- 35. Hess, John W* (E)
- 36. Hirons, James P * (D)
- 37. Holden, Elijah E (A)
- 38. Hopkins, Charles A (E)
- 39. Hulett, Schuyler (A) went east before arriving in SL
- 40. Jackson, Charles A (A) went east before arriving in SL
- 41. Jacobs, Bailey (E)
- 42. Johnson, Jarvis (C)
- 43. Karren, Thomas (E)
- 44. Kenney, Loren E (D)
- 45. Lake, Barnabas (A)
- 46. Lamb, Lisbon (D)
- 47. Larson, Thurston (C)
- 48. Laughlin, David S (D)
- 49. Luddington, Elam* (B)
- 50. Messick, Peter I (D)
- 51. Miller, Daniel M (E)
- 52. Nowlin, Jabez T (C)

- 53. Oakley, James (D)
- 54. Oyler, Melchior (A) died in Pueblo
- 55. Park, William A (E)
- 56. Perkins, David M (C)
- 57. Perkins, John (C) died in Pueblo
- 58. Pierson, Harmon D (B)
- 59. Pierson, Judson A (C)
- 60. Pugmire, Jonathan Jr (E) went east before arriving in SL
- 61. Richards, Joseph W (A) died in Pueblo
- 62. Roberts, Benjamin M (D)
- 63. Rowe, Caratat C (A)
- 64. Rowe, William (D)
- 65. Sanderson, Henry W (D)
- 66. Sargent, Abel M (D)
- 67. Sessions, John* (A)
- 68. Sharp, Albert (D)
- 69. Shupe, Andrew J (C)
- 70. Shupe, James W* (C)
- 71. Smith, John G (D)
- 72. Smith, Milton (C) died en route to Pueblo
- 73. Smith, Richard D (C)
- 74. Steele, John* (D)
- 75. Stevens, Arnold (D) died in Pueblo
- 76. Stevens, Roswell (E) left w/John D. Lee for Iowa on Oct 22, rejoined detachments June 11, 1847
- 77. Stevens, Lyman (B)
- 78. Stillman, Clark* (D)
- 79. Stillman, Dexter (B)
- 80. Tanner, Myron (D)
- 81. Terrell, Joel J (C)
- 82. Tindell, Soloman (C)
- 83. Walker, William H (B) waited for family, arrived SL/Sept
- 84. Whiting, Almon (D) went east before arriving in SL
- 85. Whiting, Edmond W (D) went east before arriving in SL
- 86. Wilkin, David* (C)
- 87. Williams, Thomas S* (D)
- 88. Wright, Charles (B) went west before arriving in SL
- 89. Wriston [Clifford], John P (A)

Note: Gully resigned at Santa Fe and headed to Iowa - not part of detachments

20 women (5 with children/young siblings, 15 wives/no children), 7 children/siblings, Dr. William McIntyre, 2 adult officer servants, 2 births in Pueblo

- 1. Abbott, Ruth Markham (Co D) Accompanied by soldier/spouse Joshua Abbott
- 2. Adams, Susan Smith (Co C) Accompanied by soldier/spouse Orson Adams
- 3. Allred, Eliza Manwaring (Co A) Accompanied by soldier/spouse James T Allred (possible miscarriage)
- 4. Allred, Elzadie Ford (Co A) Accompanied by soldier/spouse Reuben Allred
- 5. Brown, Harriett St John (Co E) (spouse Daniel Brown in Willis detachment)
- 6. Brown, Mary McCree Black (Co C) Accompanied by spouse/Capt James Brown Child: George D. Black
- 7. Gribble, Hulda Sophia Smith (Co D) Accompanied by spouse William Gribble
- 8. Hanks, Jane Wells Cooper (Co E) Accompanied by soldier/spouse Ebenezer Hanks
- 9. Hess, Emeline Bigler (Co E) Accompanied by soldier/spouse John Hess
- 10. Hirons, Mary Ann Jameson (Co D) Accompanied by spouse James P Hirons
- 11. Hunt, Matilda Nease (Co A) Young siblings: Ellen, Peter
- 12. Luddington, Mary Eliza Clark (Co B) Accompanied by soldier/spouse Elam Luddington Child: Angeline
- 13. Luddington, Jane Tibbets Bliven (plural wife and mother of Mary Eliza Clark)
- 14. Sessions, Mary Caroline Emeline (Co A) Accompanied by soldier/spouse John Sessions
- 15. Shupe, Sarah Coats Prunty (Co C) Accompanied by soldier/spouse James Shupe (birth in Pueblo)
- 16. Smith/Burns, Rebecca (Co E) teamster's wife, Elisha Smith died after Santa Fe, married Thomas Burns in Pueblo
- 17. Steele, Catherine Campbell (Co D) Accompanied by soldier/spouse John Steele Child: Mary
- 18. Stillman, Phoebe Lodema Merrill (Co D) Accompanied by soldier/spouse Clark Stillman
- 19. Wilkin, Isabella McNair (Co C) Accompanied by soldier/spouse David Wilkin (Isabella left off Bullock roster)
- 20. Williams, Albina Marie Merrill (Co D) Accompanied by soldier/spouse Thomas S Williams (birth in Pueblo) Children: Caroline Marie, Ephraim

WILLIS DETACHMENT (59 soldiers left Rio Grande River on Nov 10, 1846 - 55 arrived in Pueblo between Dec 20 and mid January (12 A, 10 B, 16 C, 10 D, 11 E) - one duplicate, NO women

- 1. Babcock, Lorenzo (C)
- 2. Badham, Samuel (D)
- 3. Bevan, James (A)
- 4. Bingham, Thomas (B)
- 5. Blackburn, Abner L (C)
- 6. Brazier, Richard B (E)
- 7. Brimhall, John (C)
- 8. Brown, Daniel (E) Wife in Brown det
- 9. Buchanan, John (D)
- 10. Burns, Thomas R (E) Married Rebecca Smith in Pueblo, both went to lowa before SL
- 11. Burt, William (C)
- 12. Bybee, John M (B)
- 13. Calkins, Alva C (A)
- 14. Camp, James G (B)
- 15. Carter, Richard H (B) died en route to Pueblo
- 16. Cazier, James (E)
- 17. Cazier, John (E)
- 18. Church, Haden W (B)
- 19. Clark, George S (B)
- 20. Coleman, George (A) died en route to Pueblo
- 21. Compton, Allen (D)
- 22. Curtis, Josiah (A)
- 23. Dalton, Edward M (C)
- 24. Dalton, Henry "Harry" (C)
- 25. Dodson, Eli (A) died in Pueblo
- 26. Dunn, James (C)
- 27. Earl, James C (A)
- 28. Eastman, Marcus N (B) went east before arriving in SL
- 29. Frederick, David I (A)
- 30. Freeman, Elijah N (B) died en route to Pueblo
- 31. Green, John W (C) died en route to Pueblo
- 32. Hewitt, Eli B (A)
- 33. Higgins, Alfred (D)
- 34. Hinkley, Arza E (B)
- 35. Hoaglund, Lucas (D)
- 36. Johnston, Jesse W (C)
- 37. Maxwell Maxie (A) likely went west before arriving in SL
- 38. McClelland, William C (E)
- 39. Mecham, Erastus D (D)
- 40. Richardson, Thomas (E)
- 41. Richmond, Benjamin B (C)
- 42. Rust, William W (C)
- 43. Scott, James A (E) died in Pueblo
- 44. Shipley, Joseph (C)
- 45. Skeen, Joseph (E)
- 46. Squires, William H (C)
- 47. Stewart, Benjamin (D)
- 48. Stewart, James (D)
- 49. Thomas, Hayward (C)
- 50. Thomas, Nathan T (C)
- 51. Tippets, John H (D) traveled to Iowa, then Vanguard, rejoined detachments June 11
- 52. Tubbs, William R (D)
- 53. Welch, James M (C)

- 54. Whitney, Francis T (B)
- 55. Willis, William W (A)
- 56. Wilson, George D (E)
- 57. Woodworth, Lysander C (A)
- 58. Woolsey, Thomas (E) (duplicate) traveled to Iowa, then Vanguard, rejoined detachments June 11
- 59. Wriston, [Clifford] Isaac N (A)

DETACHMENT SUMMARY:

Higgins - 55 (54 arrived in Pueblo)

11 soldiers

9 women

29 children/young siblings (one married in Pueblo)

1 adult child/family teamster

5 officer servants (4 of those teenage family members)

Brown - 121 (119 arrived in Pueblo)

89 soldiers (includes Roswell Stevens who was detached and left for Iowa)

20 women

7 children

2 officer servants (one was a child, Elroy Root)

1 other (Dr. McIntryre) Unsure if John Edmunds was initially with them, shown as "black" on Bullock roster.

Willis - 59 soldiers (Woolsey duplicate) - no women or children (55 arrived in Pueblo)

159 SOLDIERS in detachments (11 Higgins, 89 Brown, 59 Willis)

- 1 duplicate (Thomas Woolsey in two detachments)
- 1 left for Iowa with Lee shortly after leaving Santa Fe (Stevens)
- 7 died en route (Sharp, Smith, Chase, Green, Freeman, Carter, Coleman)

150 soldiers arrived in Pueblo

- 2 leave Pueblo for Iowa (Tippets/Woolsey)
- 7 died at Pueblo (Richards, Perkins, Scott, Oyler, Dodson, A Stevens, Blanchard)
- 2 stayed in Pueblo after detachments left/returned to Iowa (Glines, Burns) shown as deserters on Bullock roster

139 soldiers left Pueblo with detachments

- + 3 rejoined detachment on June 11 (Woolsey, Tippets, Stevens)
- 2 went west along trail before arriving in SL shown as deserters on Bullock roster (Wright, Maxwell)
- 6 went east on furlough before arriving in SL (Eastman, Pugmire, Edmund/Almon Whiting, Jackson, Hulett)
- 1 stopped to meet family who was arriving with larger companies (Walker)

133 soldiers arrived in Salt Lake in July

29 WOMEN in detachments - all arrived in Pueblo (9 Higgins, 20 Brown)

- +2 a daughter and Mississippi Saint married soldiers (Almira Higgins Chase, Lydia Gibson Hunt)
- 1 widow of teamster married soldier and traveled to Iowa (Rebecca Smith Burns)

30 women arrived in Salt Lake in July

OTHERS with detachments

- 2 adult officer servants (Kelley, Bliven)
- 5 child/youth officer servants (Higgins, Clark/Allen Huntington, John Mayfield, Root)
- 1 adult family teamster (Andrew Jackson Mayfield)
- 1 doctor (William McIntyre)

36 children

45 others arrived in Pueblo

- 1 child who married and designation changed to "woman" (Almira Higgins)
- + 6 births
- 2 child/infant deaths (Parley Hunt, Betsy Prescinda Huntington)
- 1 officer servant death (Milton Kelley)

47 others left Pueblo

- + 1 birth on trail (John Taylor Brown)
- 1 Dr. McIntrye waited behind for family
- + 1 John Edmunds identified as "black" on Bullock roster entering valley (unknown story/origin)

48 others arrived in Salt Lake in July

211 TOTAL ARRIVED IN SALT LAKE IN JULY 1847

MISSISSIPPI COMPANY

Under the direction of William Crosby and John Brown, a number of families from several southern states attempted to join Brigham Young along the trail to the west in 1846, not realizing he and the body of the Church had stopped in Council Bluffs. Often referred to as the Mississippi Saints, they eventually found a place to stay near Fort Pueblo which provided some protection and supplies. Several men traveled with the group without their families before returning back east (based on John Brown journal). Besides Crosby and Brown, the others included D. M. Thomas, William Lay, James Harmon or James Smithson, and George Bankhead. John Daniel Holladay who was with his family, left east with this group. The families spent the winter of 1846-47 in what became known as Mormon Town. As the small group of men were returning east, they crossed paths with the officers of the detachments. Between September and November, military leaders eventually sent three detachments to join the Mississippi Company.

Based on Howard Egan's journal, a small group left Pueblo early in April 1847 and camped near Fort Laramie for two weeks waiting for Brigham Young. What was referred to as the Crow Company, the group was comprised of Robert Crow's family including a married son and wife and a married daughter and her spouse and two children. Robert's child Elizabeth Jane Crow's name appears to have been left off of Howard Egan's journal which stated there were seventeen people, but only sixteen names were listed. Three others were included in Egan's journal. Lewis B Myers, a non-member mountain man who was living at Pueblo, traveled with them, likely acting as a guide. Two others named in the journal were Archibald Lytle and Albert Chesney. It is unknown how these two men were related to the Crows. This group joined up with the Vanguard Company on June 1 and several of them are mentioned in Howard Egan's journal on July 13 describing the advanced company, headed for the Salt Lake valley to help get the land ready for crops. It included the names of Robert Crow, Benjamin Crow, John Crow, Walter Crow, George W. Thirlkill, James Chesney, and Lewis B. Myers. Journal of Church history also notes that the women and children from the Crow family were with the advanced group. They arrived in the valley on July 22 according to the Journal of Church History records.

Robert and Elizabeth Brown Crow

John McHenry Crow
Benjamin Brown and Harriett Brunt Crow
Walter Hamilton Crow
William Parker Crow
Ira Minda Almarene Crow
Isa Vinda Exene Crow
Elizabeth Jane Crow (accidently left off in Howard Egan's journal)

George Washington and Matilda Jane Crow Threlkel

Milton Howard Threlkel James William Threlkel

Two families, the Gibson and Roberds, remained at Pueblo as the remaining members of the Mississippi Company left with the detachments for the Great Basin. Except Lydia Gibson who married Gilbert Hunt in Pueblo, these families then traveled to Salt Lake in 1848.

George Washington and Mary Ann Sparks Gibson

Robert Poluski Gibson
Francis Abigal Gibson
William Gilbert Gibson
Laura Gibson
Moses Washington Gibson
Manomas Lovina Gibson
Joseph Smith Gibson
Lydia Ann Gibson Hunt (married to soldier), went with detachments

John and Mary Tucker Walpole Roberds

Lodesky Ann Roberds Richard Thomas Roberds Mary Bell Roberds Harriett Roberds Francis Eleonora Roberds William Brown Roberds (born in Pueblo, 24 Dec 1846)

William Mathews and his family likely traveled with the detachments and remaining Mississippi Company until Fort Laramie but stopped there for a short time. They are documented arriving in Salt Lake with the Spencer/Sessions company on September 22, 1847.

William and Elizabeth Henderson Mathews

Thomas Marion Mathews
Elizabeth Jane Mathews
John Lynn Mathews
Ezekiel Cunningham Mathews
Maria Celeste Mathews
Elvira Narcissus Mathews
Emma Louisa Mathews

The remaining families traveled with the detachments all the way to Salt Lake. They are the only names that appear on the Thomas Bullock roster reflecting those who arrived on July 29, 1847, five days behind the Brigham Young Vanguard company.

Absalom and Sarah Ann Dowdle (had another child shortly after arriving in SL, 2nd birth in the valley) Sarah Catherine Dowdle

William Cox and Lucinda Wilson Smithson (William and Allen shown below were brothers.)

Sarah Elizabeth Smithson John (or William) Bartley Smithson Elzira [Eliza) or Susan Smithson Martha Serilda Smithson Almira Smithson Elvira Smithson

Allen and Letitia Holladay Smithson

John Bartley Smithson Sarah Catherine Smithson James Daniel Smithson Mary Emma Smithson

John and Catherine Beasley Higgins Holladay

Caron Holladay
Keziah Donnell Holladay
David H. Holladay
Thomas N. Holladay
Lenora Holladay
John Daniel Holladay (returned with John Brown and came to SL in 1848)

George Washington and Luana Roberds Sparks

William Thomas Sparks Mary Ann "Polly" Sparks

James and Mary Ann Blanks Smithson Harmon (Mary Ann/children last name Reer on Bullock roster)

Paralee Harmon (last name shown as Reer on Bullock roster)

James Bartlett Harmon (last name shown as Reer on Bullock roster)

Josephine Smithson Harmon (last name shown as Reer on Bullock roster

John Taylor Harman (born in Pueblo) - missing on Bullock roster

William D and Margaret Jane Casteel Kartchner

Sarah Emma Kartchner

William Christopher and Sarah Ann Lowery Ritter

William Taylor Ritter (shown as Anderson Taylor on Bullock list) - born in Pueblo

Benjamin and Temperence Mathews

Sarah Jane Mathews Mary Elizabeth Mathews Sally S Mathews (born on trail to SL)

William Terrill traveling alone

NUMBER TALLY

92 total traveled with Mississippi Company, stopping at Pueblo

7 returned back east after arriving (based on John Brown journal)

Crosby, Brown, Thomas, Lay, James Harmon or James Smithson, Bankhead. John Daniel Holladay

85 spent winter in Pueblo (including Lydia Gibson and excluding John Daniel Holladay who returned east)

+3 born in Pueblo

88 in Pueblo

+ 1 mountain man joined group

89

-17 Crow Co left Pueblo in April/joined BY vanguard June 1 including mountain man (Egan journal)

72 still in Pueblo in May

-17 Stayed back at Pueblo (8 Roberds and 9 Gibsons) and traveled to SL in 1848

55 Left Pueblo with detachments

+ 1 born on trail to SL

56 on their way to SL

-9 stopped at Fort Laramie (William Mathews family) and arrived in SL in September 1847

47 on Bullock list

+1 who was left off (newborn, John Taylor Harmon)

48 arrived in Salt Lake with detachments on July 29, 1847

*Note Lydia Gibson Hunt was listed twice on Bullock - appeared in both Mississippi Company and detachments. See https://catalog.churchofjesuschrist.org/assets/ab774142-989d-4df6-a024-1f3a90e5bbd3/0/1

For more detail on Mississippi Company, go to https://mississippisaints.org/.