

# **Fletcher Jarvis Lineage**

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On or about 1 May 1876, John C. Jarvis, the oldest son of Fletcher and Anne Jarvis, together with his family consisting of his wife Indiana and eight children, namely Frank, Dora, Laura, George, Hershal, Mary, Josephine, and Pearl, started on the trip west from Sedalia, Missouri with two covered wagons drawn by teams of mules.

Incidentally, these mules were the largest and finest animals of their kind that ever came west of the Rockies. The largest team was 18 hands in height and weighed over 3,600 pounds.

The eldest son, Fletcher, remained in Missouri but came west about one year later to join the family. They had many hardships during their journey, most especially in crossing through the Rockies and desert before they arrive at Salt Lake. At times they were 50 miles from water and on arriving at Salt Lake, the people as well as the animals were exhausted. The people who were settled there were all Mormons. They were very kind and friendly, but informed them that should they decide to settle there that they would expect them to join their faith. However, they allowed them two weeks to rest and recover.

After leaving Salt Lake, they traveled on a southwest course in order to bypass the mountainous country, and finally arrived at Walla Walla, Washington.

From there they continued on until they reached the locality where Spangle, Washington is located. It was then sometime in September 1876, and as they were very much impressed with the surrounding country they decided to settle there.

But the following year, their crop was a failure, so they moved on to the Colville Valley and rented lands at Chewelah, Washington, where Charles and Barton were born. They resided there for about three years then moved to Valley, Washington, where they filed on and purchased lands.

John C. and his son Frank, in order for survival of the large family, freighted goods from Walla Walla, Washington to what was then known as the Little Dalles, which was near where Northport is now located. They received \$2.50 per hundred weight. It took about three weeks to make the round trip.

This family has lived in this vicinity since their arrival. They have all lived a happy and contented life and have been instrumental in the creation of this great Inland Empire.

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