

Tidbits about Newel's Posterity

Newel was the father of 8 children who lived beyond infancy. His first wife Sally also gave birth to three other babies that died at birth or within a few days of birth. Newel's eighth child was born six months after his death.

Seven of the 8 children of Newel and his wives Sally and Lydia who survived infancy, lived to marry and have children of their own. Newel had 69 grandchildren, four of whom were given the first name of Newel or in the case of one, Newell. And one "adopted" daughter named a son Newell as well.

1. Samuel, whose mother was Sally, was father to 16 children by two consecutive wives. All of Newel's other children are from his second wife, Lydia Goldthwaite.
2. Sally Knight Palmer married to Zemira Palmer as a first wife, was the mother of 12 children, including a son named after her father, Newel Knight Palmer.
3. James Philander Knight, father of 14 children, all with his first wife, Elizabeth Jones, Including son Newel James Knight, born 1862.
4. Joseph Ether Knight was the father of 7 children with wife Jane Judd
5. Newel Knight, Jr. married Jane Loveless and they had 7 children, including A son, Newell James Knight, born in 1863, who added a second L to his first name
6. Lydia Knight who married John Ray Young as the 2nd of his 4 wives, had 7 children, Including a son Newel Knight Young, born in 1877.
7. Jesse Knight who married Amanda McEwan was the father of 6 children
8. Hyrum Helaman Knight died at the age of 33 leaving no wife or children.

Several years after Newel's death, his wife Lydia remarried to John Dalton, Jr. She had one child from that marriage, Artemesia Dalton, who used the last name Knight after her mother divorced John Dalton. On the death certificate of Artemesia [or Artimesia] White, when she died in 1922, her father's name is listed as Newel Knight, born in Vermont. Artemesia as an adult married Lewis White and had a son born in 1882 that they named Newell Knight White.

Newel and Lydia's two daughters, Sally and Lydia, each had husbands who practiced polygamy. Two sons, James and Joseph each fathered children with only one wife but appears to have married a plural wife later.