



Membership of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1830-1848

Name:	Thomas Jefferson Thurston
Gender:	Male
Relationship to Primary Person:	Self (Head)
Father:	Peter Thurston
Mother:	Hannah Butler
Birth Date:	12 Dec 1805
Alternate Birth Dates:	Feb 12, 1805 or Feb 12, 1805
Birth Place:	Fairfield, Franklin, Vermont, USA
Alternate Birth Places:	Fletcher, Franklin, Vermont USA
Death Date:	4 May 1885
Death Place:	St. George, Washington, Utah, USA
Burial Date:	11 May 1885
Burial Place:	St. George, Washington, Utah, USA
Residences:	Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah, USA; 1850
LDS Church Ordinance Data:	Baptism Date: 1846 Ordained Seventy Ordained Bishop
LDS Temple Ordinance Data:	Baptism Date: November 28, 1967 Temple: Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, UT, USA Endowment Date: December 25, 1845 Temple: Nauvoo, Hancock, IL, USA Sealed to Parents Date: October 20, 1965 Sealed to Spouse Date: September 4, 1853
Vocations:	Farmer, 1850
Comments:	In 1850 Thomas had a household of 11, a real wealth of \$1500. Comments: #21. Thomas served as counselor to Bishop Hickenlooper of 6th ward, Salt Lake City, 1847; he also served as Bishop of Morgan county for many years; president high council of Morgan stake. He was sent by Brigham Young on the first exploring expedition in Cache valley in 1848, and later moved to Centerville, where he took up 80 acres of land and engaged in farming. He, together with Charles S. Peterson and their sons, built the first road through Weber canyon, and they were among the first settlers of Weber valley. Moved to St. George. William W. Potter, himself and others built the first boat and made the first known trip on Salt Lake, exploring all the islands. The boat was named "Mud Hen." While on the lake they were overtaken by a storm in which they almost lost their lives. He also established the first ferry on Bear River. Comments: #31. Thomas served as the first Bishop in Morgan County, Utah. He came to Salt Lake Valley in 1847, having crossed the plains in Jedediah M. Grant's company. He acted as a counselor to

Bishop Wm. H. Hickenlooper of the Sixth ward, Salt Lake City, for a number of years. Subsequently he served as a member of the High Council of the Morgan Stake. He was sent by President Brigham Young on the first exploring expedition to Cache valley in 1848, and later settled at Centerville, Davis county, Utah, where he took up 80 acres of land and engaged in farming. Together with Chas. S. Peterson and their sons he helped to build the first road through Weber valley. With William W. Potter and others he built the first boat and made the first known trip on the Great Salt Lake, exploring all the islands. The boat was named "Mud Hen," and while navigating the lake the party were overtaken by a storm in which the members of the expedition came near losing their lives. Brother Thurston also established the first ferry on the Bear River. Later he became a resident of St. George, Utah.

Household Members:	Name	Relation
	<u>Thomas Jefferson Thurston</u>	Self (Head)
	<u>Rosetta Bull</u>	Spouse
	<u>Harriet Elizabeth Thurston</u>	Child
	<u>George Washington Thurston</u>	Child
	<u>Smith Butler Thurston</u>	Child
	<u>Sarah Ann</u>	Child
	<u>Hannah Marie Thurston</u>	Child
	<u>Ruban Johnson Thurston</u>	Child
	<u>Julia Rosetta Thurston</u>	Child
	<u>Caroline Rosalia Thurston</u>	Child
	<u>X Hulda Cordelia Thurston X</u>	Child
	<u>Thomas Jefferson Thurston</u>	Child
	<u>Peter Franklin Thurston</u>	Child
	<u>Elizabeth Smith</u>	Spouse
	<u>Rozetta Thurston</u>	Child
	<u>Elizabeth Thurston</u>	Child
	<u>Mary Thurston</u>	Child
	<u>William Henry Thurston</u>	Child
	<u>Frederick Thurston</u>	Child
	<u>Jedediah Morgan Thurston</u>	Child
	<u>Edward Thurston</u>	Child
	<u>Leah Helen Thurston</u>	Child
	<u>Rebecca Thurston</u>	Child
	<u>Leroy Thurston</u>	Child
	<u>Harris Thurston</u>	Child
	<u>Helen Maria Davis</u>	Spouse

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