GEORGE PECTOL & SARAH REASOR

Persons #22 & #23 on chart #2

Sarah Reasor, daughter of Frederick Reasor and Sarah Kester was born April 8, 1810 in Shelby Co. Kentucky. She died the 7 Jan., 1861 in Manti Utah. She moved with her father and family from Kentucky to Floyd Co. , Indiana Nov. 2, 1828

She married George Pectol, son of Peter Pectol and Elizabeth Lidica (Lidikay). The ceremony was performed by the bride's father who was a Baptist minister. George Pectol was born Dec.17, 1805 in Sullivan Co. Tenn. He moved to Floyd Co. Indiana, where he met and married Sarah Reasor. For the next five years they lived in Indiana. Mary Jane was born during this time. She was born Mar. 24, 1836 in Indiana. She was the Pectols fifth child and also the fifth daughter.

The family then moved to Madison Co. Missouri, where George Pectol owned and ran a store. While running the store, George Pectol secured a Book of Mormon and became interested in Mormonism. He and his wife made a trip to Nauvoo, Ill., to hear the gospel of Mormonism preached by Elder Serine. On Mar. 29, 1846, and they were both baptized in the Mississippi River, with many others. On Mar. 31, 1846, they started for home and on the way became aquainted with Augustine Fordham, a Mormon Elder, who pursuaded George Pectol to be ordained a Mormon elder at St. Louis, Mo. From there George and his wife, Sarah, took a boat to St. Genevieve, Mo. From there they walked to their home in Missouri, and preached the gospel, but did not disclose to their neighbors that he was a Mormon. However later, it became known that he was a Mormon and persecution began. In 1848, they decided to leave Madison Co., Missouri, and the last night they were there, they held a meeting in their home, which was largely attended. A mob of eight men, led by Henry Shock, a former friend, hid in the thicket nearby and intended to horsewhip George Pectol after the meeting was over, but seeing the Pectols had so many friends, they did not molest them.

The Pectols moved to Jackson County, Missouri, baptizing William Correll, a son-in-law on the way. Mary Jane Pectol was 12 years old when she moved with her family to Jackson Co. Missouri. There was considerable persecution in Jackson County, and the Pectols moved to Council Bluffs, Iowa, where they remained until June 2, 1850. Mary Jane was now 14 years old. It was on this day that the family started for Utah with 100 wagons and ox teams. They arrived in Salt Lake City on August 26, 1850. Their journey West had taken two and a half months. They then moved to Manti, Utah, arriving there Sept. 6, 1850. Many cases of healing occurred on this trip.

The first winter in Manti, they lived in a dugout, where they were bothered with snakes in the spring. In May, 1851, according to an engraving on the fireplace, they completed a comfortable home.

George Pectol was the first city clerk of Manti, and a member of the first High Council. He won first prize for having the finest field of grain in that part of Utah. President Brigham Young called him to take charge of the Experiment Station at St. George, Utah by reason of his ability and experience as a cotton grower.

George Pectol made the headstone that marks the grave of Sarah Reasor at Manti. Sarah was an industrious and ambitious woman, who raised a successful family. After her death George Pectol moved to Washington, Utah where he married a Mrs. Blazard with whom he lived until his death on Sept. 28, 1869.