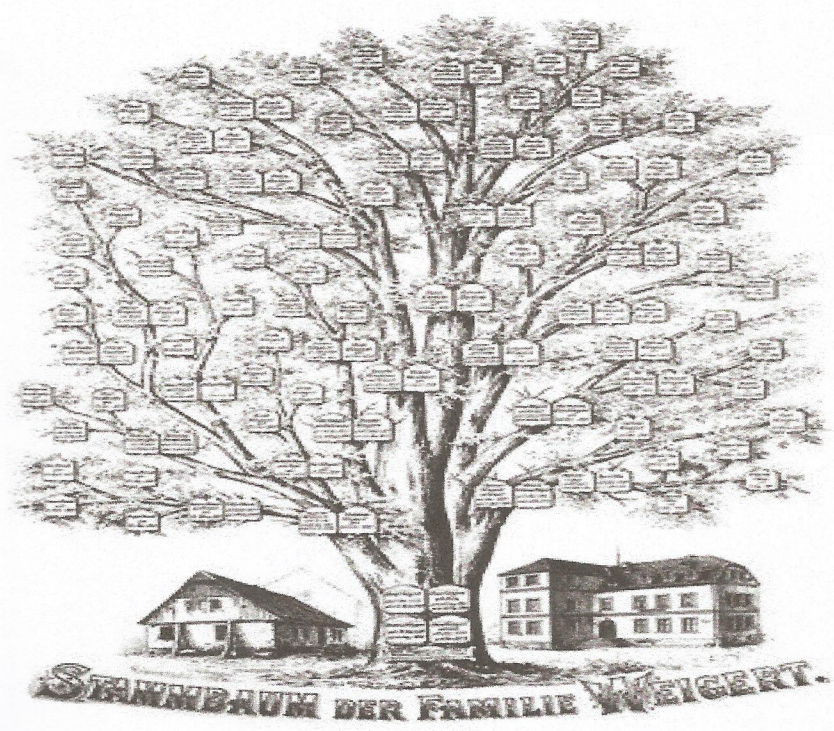


My Ancestor,
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Imagine having nine wives and forty-six kids. That's what my great great grandfather's family, Nathaniel Gardner, had to do. His family came across the plains with Brigham Young. After he was born, he began being loved by the Shoshone Indians. After Nathaniel got married, he and his family traveled to Idaho in a wagon, with horses, and only twenty dollars.

Nathaniel's family were strong believers and members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. His whole family packed up everything they owned and left their home. They traveled the plains to get to Salt Lake City, Utah. Nathaniel's family went to Salt Lake City with Brigham Young and then traveled to Payson where Nathaniel was born.

As he grew up he was loved by the Shoshone Indians. Nathaniel spent a lot of time with them and he did a lot of things with them. He would go hunting, he ate with them, and he slept with them. He started to be known as the Skitiwampreses kid. Because he was friends with the Shoshone Indians when they went on a warpath he was able to warn his family in time before they attacked. His brother was the only man there at the time. Because they were brave and fearless they rode back towards the Indians. They stopped on top of a hill before the Indians. They stood on top of a hill and Nathaniel's brother undid his shirt and ran his fingers through his black hair. He made the Indians think he was the great white spirit and he scared the Shoshone Indians away.

After Nathaniel was married, he decided to take his family up towards Idaho. They had three children. Two girls and one boy. It was a very challenging journey. They took all of their belongings which was only a wagon, a few horses, and twenty dollars. Imagine having to feed a family of five with only twenty dollars.

In conclusion, I love that my great great grandfather was so brave and kind towards his family. I hope that as I grow older I can be just like my great great grandfather. I want to love my family just as much as he did and be brave and courageous just like him.