

When Richard Hewitt and his family left the Brigham Young caravan they went to Texas and joined the Lyman Wight faction of the Latter Day Saints; then after a year or so the family moved to Talequah, I.T. where some of Richard's children had gone "over the trail of tears" some years before, that is, the children had gone to Indian Terr from Tennessee and Richard wanted to see them again.

Arriving at Talequah, I.T. Richard helped with the building of the first school in what is now the state of Oklahoma. He was hauling a load of stones for the foundation one day when he was caught in a cold rain. In a few days Richard came down with Pneumonia fever and died a few days later on September 15, 1854.

I know of only one child born to Richard Hewitt and Jerusha Parker, one Rebecca Maria Hewitt, My grandmother. Scanning the Cherokee rolls at Muskogee, Oklahoma might set the family of Richard Hewitt in their proper order. I am a registered Cherokee, as the descendant of Richard Hewitt through Rebecca Hewitt. I am sure all the children of Richard Hewitt were duly registered on the Indian Rolls as Cherokees. Richard was buried on a farm near Talequah, I, T.

Jerusha Parker: Born in Ohio near Cincinatti. Later moved to Cincinatti with her mother a Mrs. Harding-Parker. Jerusha's mother Rhoda? Harding was born in New Jersey, as <sup>was</sup> were the Parker she married. They moved to Ohio during the opening of North-West Territory and homesteaded land. Mrs. Harding was of Indian descent. Most of the Parkers left Ohio and moved to Texas, settling near Athens, Texas. One of Jerusha's nieces was captured by the Indians and she married an Indian and she had one son, Quanah Parker, who became a famous chief and died at or near Lawton, Oklahoma. *Very famous!!*

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Jerusha was a dressmaker at Cincinatti, Ohio when she wed Richard Hewitt. When Richard Hewitt died at Talequah, I.T. Jerusha, her <sup>and</sup> daughter, Rebecca, and her step-son, William moved to Kansas. Rebecca attended the Methodist Mission school nearby. Jerusha died in Kansas near the Methodist Mission, supposedly in Wyandotte County, though some disagree and say she died and was buried in Potawatomie County Kansas near Wamego.

*What makes him think step-son?*

*{she was age 28 when wed}*

I saw Richard Hewitt II once at Niangua when he came to visit my grandma Bradley, 1909, I think it was.