

History Question of the Month

Who homesteaded the land on the north sided of today's Fort Union Boulevard between 1700 East and 2000 East?

Answer

George Washington Stevens was born April 4, 1839, in Nuevo Laredo Mexico to an African American father and a Spanish mother. He came to Utah in 1860. He served in the U S Military under Post Commander H. A. Morrow at Camp Douglas, Utah Territory, where he was released from duty in November of 1870. While freighting through Salt Lake City in 1872, he met Lucinda Violate Flake, at a square dance gathering. They were married on July 3, 1872. Lucinda known as Cinda, was the daughter of Green Flake, a black slave, that accompanied Brigham Young's group into the Salt Lake Valley. Cinda's mother was Martha Ann Morris Crosby. She was a black slave who came to Utah in 1848 as part of the 2nd group of Mississippi Saints. The Stevens homesteaded property in Union on the north side of today's Ft. Union Boulevard from about 1700 east to 2000 east. About 1896, they left Union and moved to Box Elder County, where they lived, before moving to the Idaho Falls area prior to 1903, where Cinda's father was living.