

Livingston [or Leivingston] Moore

Sixth Plate Ambrotype of Leivingston Moore

Salt Lake City: 1859

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A hand-colored sixth plate ambrotype portrait of a young man wearing what appears to be a battle shirt, identified on the verso of the plate and in pencil on the paper lining behind the image as “Leivingston Moore. Salt Lake” and dated April 22nd, 1859. Slight tarnish along perimeter of image; some tarnish on mat; lacking half of the leather covered case.

According to Census records, Livingston Moore was born in 1840 in Jamestown, Missouri, lived in St. Louis, and finally died in Moran, Missouri in 1911. Likely a Mormon, Livingston Moore lived most of his life in Missouri, which had a large Mormon population until The Missouri Mormon War took place in 1838 and forced more than 10,000 Mormons to leave the state. Many settled near or in the city of Nauvoo, Illinois. Moore's census records do not indicate why he was in Salt Lake City in 1859, but it is possible that he was sent there as a member of the Nauvoo Legion, a militia employed by LDS leaders for protection of the community. Between May 1857 and July 1858, a confrontation between the Mormon settlers in the Utah Territory and the U.S. Federal Government took place, referred to as the Utah War. This armed dispute stemmed from an attempt by President James Buchanan's administration to replace Brigham Young as governor of Utah Territory. Although the conflict was over by April 1859, it is conceivable that Moore may have been stationed in Salt Lake in case any additional uprisings occurred against the Mormons. [BTC#423474]



