

Amy Pritchard Gardner

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: Emma Gardner

Age: 47y; 3m; 10d

Wife of Elias Gardner

Deceased: Nov. 24, 1846

Disease: Chills fever

Birth Place: Tenningham Berkshire Co., Mass

Birth Date: Aug. 14, 1799

No. of Grave: 10

Birth Date: Aug. 14, 1800

Death Date: Nov. 24, 1846

Cause of Death: Chills and Fever

Burial Place: Winter Quarters grave #10

Spouse's Name: Elias Gardner

Father's Name: Benjamin Pritchard

Mother's Maiden Name: Ann Vaughn

Which Winter Quarters Ward or Iowa Branch was the family: Winter Quarters 5th Ward

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Elias and his wife Betsy were in Utah County house #65.

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? Heber C. Kimball Co. left from Winter Quarters June 7, 1848 and arrived Sep. 24. (Diantha Hanchett age 17, Elizabeth Markham age 33, Henry Erastus age 7, Ira Walter age 0, Martha Ann Tuttle age 19, Mary Amelia age 13, Nancy Maria age 11, Walter Elias age 20)

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

-Together the couple had Mary A (died before 1st birthday), Mary Amelia, Nancy Maria, Henry Erastus Stanley, and Permelia F.

-Elias remarried to Betsy Elizabeth Markham on Dec. 9, 1846, 15 days after Amy's death. After Amy's death through plural marriage Elias had 7 wives.

-Elias was baptized in 1841. He led a brass band in New York, made shoes, and was a dance master. He often played the drums in the brass band.

-Elias once infiltrated a planning session the mob was having by pretending to be drunk and then passed out. He brought the information to Brigham Young and it allowed the saints to leave Nauvoo faster.

-Elias served a 3-year mission to England beginning in 1852. One of his plural wives was a woman he taught in England. Annie English. He bought all of his wives the same thing, a large, plaid, shawl. He lived to age 84 and had 44 children. (Martha Jane Gardner Kearns, Biography of Elias Gardner)

-In the 1850 census the family was in Utah County, in 1860 Payson, 1870 Piontown Utah County, 1880 Annabella Sevier county. Later in life Elias raised stock and farmed. (U.S. Census 1850-1880)

-Elias and the prophet Joseph Smith enjoyed wrestling each other.

-In two separate instances Elias married a mother and her daughter (Ruth Markham and her oldest daughter Ellen Elizabeth Abbott from a prior marriage as well as Martha Todd English and her daughter Ann Elizabeth English all became wives)
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-A friend of the family reported observing four of five of Elias' wives care for one fussy baby even though they each had their own children to look after. It was said that Brother Gardner's polygamous family was one of the happiest there was.
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