

Mary C. Blanchard Burnham

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: Mary C. Burnham

Age: 19y; 1m; 7d

Wife of Jacob D. Burnham

Deceased: Mar. 27, 1847

Disease: Scurvy

Birth Place: Winsor, Hartford Co., Con

Birth Date: Feb. 20, 1828

No. of Grave: 117

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Death Date: Mar. 27, 1847

Cause of Death: Scurvy

Burial Place: Winter Quarters grave #117

Spouse: Jacob D. Burnham

Father's Name: Simeon Blanchard

Mother's Maiden Name: Eunice Squires

Which Winter Quarters Ward or Iowa Branch was the family: Winter Quarters 14th ward

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Her parents and two younger brothers were in Great Salt Lake, Utah, house #72

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? Jacob traveled with the Brigham Young Company in 1847 which left from the banks of the Platte on April 16, 1847 and arrived July 21, 1847. Her parents and brother Benjamin came with an unknown company in 1850.

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

-Jacob died in California in 1850. (70s Record, emailed file)

-Jacob and Mary had one child: Mary Lowery Burnham born Nov. 27, 1846. Mary, the child also died at Winter Quarters on July 31, 1847.

(<https://winterquarters.byu.edu/portals/121//PAF/ward14/pafg04.htm#130>)

-Jacob left for Utah only one month after his wife's death and three months before his daughter died. (<https://history.lds.org/overlandtravel/companies/1/brigham-young-vanguard-company-1847>)

-On the trek to Utah Jacob became the designated cook for his assigned Ten. On July 3, 1847, two and a half months into their journey, Jacob did Wilford Woodruff's laundry for him. Wilford Woodruff said that it was the first time his laundry had been done since leaving Winter Quarters. (http://historytogo.utah.gov/salt_lake_tribune/mormon_trail_series/060397.html)

-The Blanchard family took in two orphan children for the trip to Utah. The children were Mary Ann and Samuel Payne. (<https://history.lds.org/overlandtravel/pioneers/33325245562175367300/mary-ann-payne>)