

Hyrum Turner

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: Hyrum Turner

Age: 3y; 0m; 27d

Son of Nalson & Lucyndey Turner

Deceased: Mar. 27, 1847

Disease: Not listed

Birth Place: Nauvoo, Hancock Co., Ill.

Birth Date: Feb. 28, 1844

No. of Grave: 199

Birth Date: Feb. 28, 1844

Death Date: Mar. 27, 1847

Birth Place: Nauvoo, Hancock County, Illinois

Cause of Death: unknown

Burial Place: Winter Quarters grave #119

Father's Name: Nelson Turner

Mother's Maiden Name: Lucinda Morgan

Which Winter Quarters Ward or Iowa Branch was the family: unknown

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Lucinda and Martha were in Iron County, Utah, house #3, p. 18

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? Lucinda and her daughter Martha took the last name Howd and came with the Jedediah M. Grant – Joseph B. Noble Company, left Elkhorn River Jun. 19, 1847 and arrived Oct. 2

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted

-Nelson was living along in Preparation, Monona County, Iowa in the 1860 U.S. Census. He was working as a basket maker. (Ancestry.com. *1860 United States Federal Census* [database online]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2009. Images reproduced by FamilySearch).

-“Preparation Canyon was founded on September 11, 1853 (3).

50 to 60 families that were a part of an expedition of Mormons that crossed Iowa on their way to Utah left the main group and decided to follow Charles B. Thompson, who was a former follower of Joseph Smith. They settled in the Soldier River valley and the Loess Hills because

they found that area very fertile for farming and they determined it was the perfect place to establish their new town. They called their settlement “Preparation” in order to further their schooling “in preparation for the life beyond.” Thompson even published Morona County’s first newspaper (4).

Thompson “...gathered fifty to sixty followers around him, whom he instructed in his ‘School of Preparation’. Thompson named his church the Congregation of Jehovah’s Presbytery of Zion, and his followers were often called Baneemyites because of Thompson’s claim to the title” (5). The Mission of Baneemy was to “First...prove that Joseph Smith was never to have a successor in the Church. Second, that he was to have a successor in the Priesthood and Prophetic Gift. Third, that through him (Joseph) the Lord would appoint that successor. And fourth, that Baneemy is that successor appointed and endowed” (6).

Charles B. Thompson was able to convince his followers that he had been appointed by the spirit “Baneemy” and that he was the chief steward of their natural goods. Those who were faithful gave all their land deeds and worldly possessions to Thompson. Their settlement thrived until 1858, when “...several began to doubt Mr. Thompson’s credibility and demanded he ‘render an account of his stewardship’”. He left the community for a few days when his account failed to satisfy those who had accused him. When he returned, he narrowly avoided being hung (7). In October 1858, Thompson’s followers ran him out of town (8). Soon many of them headed west to rejoin the Mormon settlement in Utah and “the community of Preparation was doomed to disunion” (9).” (Preparation Canyon, <https://winterquarters.byu.edu/Settlements/MononaCounty.aspx>).

-Nelson was living in St. George and was rebaptized on Aug. 23, 1868.

(<https://history.lds.org/overlandtravel/pioneers/69295451447946183390/nelson-turner>)

-Nelson died and was buried in St. George Utah in 1872. (Ancestry.com. *U.S., Cemetery Index from Selected States, 1847-2010* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2015.)

-Lucinda married Simeon Fuller Howd on March 16, 1847. She must have divorced Nelson prior to this. Geni.com actually says that Nelson, her first husband died in 1844.

(<https://www.geni.com/people/Nelson-Turner/6000000010851476546>). Perhaps this is true but it seems more likely that Nelson left the church for a while as the Nelson Turner described above did. (geni.com, <https://www.geni.com/people/Lucinda-Howd/6000000010851512226>; <https://www.geni.com/people/Simeon-Howd/6000000010394179407>)

-Before their marriage ended Lucinda and Nelson had Martha Jane, Elie, and Hyrum. Only Martha Jane lived to adulthood. Nelson left Lucinda and Martha just after the prophet’s death. (<https://sites.google.com/site/lottphilip/home/rt01/morgan-lucinda>)

-Lucinda’s new husband, Simeon, traveled with the 1847 Brigham Young Company and planned to return for his new wife and daughter. However, Lucinda took the initiative and surprised him by arriving just two months after he had having crossed the plains without him.

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-While trying to survive those first few years in Utah Simeon brought home a crow for Lucinda to cook. She said it was so tough a fork could hardly pierce it and it smelled so bad that it stunk up the whole house. (<https://sites.google.com/site/lottphilip/home/rt01/morgan-lucinda>)

-The family helped settle Parowan but shortly after arriving there Simeon Howd led a group to settle Beaver. (<https://sites.google.com/site/lottphilip/home/rt01/morgan-lucinda>)

-Lucinda was president of the Beaver State Relief Society for over seventeen years. She was set apart as president just a year after Simeon's death.
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