

Elizabeth McFate Richards

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: Elisabeth Ritchards

Age: 17y; 5m; 1d

Wife of Franklin Ritchards

Deceased: Mar. 29, 1847

Disease: Scurvy

Birth Place: State of Pennsylvania

Birth Date: Oct. 28, 1829

No. of Grave: 121

Birth Date: Oct 28, 1829

Birth Place: Pennsylvania

Death Date: Mar. 29, 1847

Cause of Death: scurvy

Burial Place: Winter Quarters grave #121

Spouse: Franklin Richards

Father's Name: James McFate

Mother's Maiden Name: Elizabeth Williams

Which Winter Quarters Ward or Iowa Branch was the family: winter quarters 8th ward

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Utah county, house #48, p.122 (under surname Foote) (James 47, Matilda 25, Thomas 17, James 15, Joseph 6, Aurelia 5, Nancy 1, Luther Cranmer 70).

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? An unknown company in 1850 brought the McFate family to Utah which included James, Matilda Bracken, James Jr., Thomas William, Joseph Smith, Orilla, and Nancy. Franklin D. Richards came with the Willard Richards company which left Winter Quarters July 3, 1848 and arrived Oct. 10, 1848.

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

-Elizabeth's husband Franklin was serving a mission in England in 1847 when she became sick and died. His first wife, Jane, was the one who cared for Elizabeth during her last days on earth. (<https://www.lds.org/ensign/1980/01/they-served-the-richards-legacy-in-the-church?lang=eng>).

-See Lucky Lisk McFate for more stories about the McFate family.

-Jane Snyder was the first wife of Franklin Richards. Elizabeth McFate was the second wife. Jane writes about Elizabeth in her diary. Jane had 2 children with Franklin Richards: Wealthy and Isaac Phineas. Jane states, "This wife Elizabeth was young (about 17 and pretty) and amiable very considerate and kind to me Never in our associating together was there an unkind word between us. I was in delicate health and from the time she first entered my home three or four days after her marriage she seemed only concerned to relieve me of trouble and labors. She was ready to take hold and do any-thing always asking me for direction." (Elizabeth McFate On FamilySearch from Jane Snyder's Diary on the Mormon Trail)

-There is mention of Jane, Franklin D. Richards other wife, raising Elizabeth's child in place of Jane's two children who died but there is no record of Elizabeth having a child. If she had a child it died within that same year, 1847. (<https://www.lds.org/ensign/1980/01/they-served-the-richards-legacy-in-the-church?lang=eng>)