

John Smith

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: John Smith

Age: 9 h

Son of Geo. A & Bathsheba W Smith

Deceased: April 4, 1847

Disease: Not listed

Birth Place: Winter Quarters

Birth Date: April 4, 1847

No. of Grave: 124

Birth Date: April 4, 1847

Birth Place: Winter Quarters

Death Date: April 4, 1847

Cause of Death: Unknown

Burial Place: Winter Quarters grave #124

Father's Name: George Albert Smith

Mother's Maiden Name: Bathsheba Wilson Bigler

Which Winter Quarters Ward or Iowa Branch was the family: Winter Quarters 15th ward

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Great Salt Lake, Utah, house #155, p.35 (Bathsheba 27, Bathsheba 8, George A. 6). George A. Sr. was living in Iron County with another wife Zilpha.

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? George and Dan Jones were the captains of the company that his family came with. They left Kanessville, Iowa July 14, 1849 and arrived Oct. 26-30.

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

-George Albert and Bathsheba had two children besides John. The children were named George Albert and Bathsheba after their parents.

(<https://winterquarters.byu.edu/Portals/121/PAF/ward15/b23.htm#P817>)

-Bathsheba (mother) was the fourth general president of the Relief Society. She also served as matron in the Salt Lake City temple and helped lead the women's suffrage movement in Utah.

(http://eom.byu.edu/index.php/Smith,_Bathsheba_Bigler)

-During the 1870's George Albert was first counselor to Brigham Young. As such he traveled frequently around Utah. Bathsheba joined him in his travels until his death in 1875.
(http://eom.byu.edu/index.php/Smith,_Bathsheba_Bigler)

-George met Bathsheba when she was 15. He was serving a mission in her area. They agreed that if the circumstances were right they would get married in three years. Three years from that date he was on a mission in England. He returned from his mission in 1841 and ten days after his return they married. (<http://www.ldschurchnewsarchive.com/articles/50543/Fabric-of-history-Geo-A-and-Bathsheba-Smith-artifacts-donated-to-Church.html>)

-Bathsheba lived for another 35 years after George's death.
(<http://www.ldschurchnewsarchive.com/articles/50543/Fabric-of-history-Geo-A-and-Bathsheba-Smith-artifacts-donated-to-Church.html>)

-It said that during hot stake conferences George would take off his toupee which speaking and wipe the sweat off his face with it. Regarding this tendency it was said that "he did not have a pompous bone in his body." (<http://www.ldschurchnewsarchive.com/articles/50543/Fabric-of-history-Geo-A-and-Bathsheba-Smith-artifacts-donated-to-Church.html>)

-Bathsheba wholeheartedly supported her husband George in plural marriage. She said "being thoroughly convinced ... that the doctrine of plurality of wives was from God; and having fixed a determination to attain to Celestial glory, I felt to embrace the whole gospel."
(<https://www.lds.org/callings/relief-society/relief-society-presidents/bathsheba-w-smith?lang=eng>)

-George Albert (son) left for a mission with Jacob Hamblin at age 18. They served among the Navajo Indians in the New Mexico/Arizona area. About two months into the mission George's horse wandered away. He followed it only to stumble upon a band of Indians who had found the horse. They grabbed his pistol and shot him with three arrows and four bullets. There were about 300 Navajo warriors. They were angry because about 1,000 of their women and children had just been murdered by United States soldiers. Jacob Hamblin and the seven other healthy men put George on a mule and ran for their lives. George died in the course of the chase and they were forced to leave his body by the way in order to escape with their lives. In recording the death George (father) describes his son as having poor health but a warm heart and determination to teach the Indians the gospel in their own language. (The Latter-day Saints' Millennial Star, 23:58-59, January 26, 1861, Correspondence,
<http://contentdm.lib.byu.edu/cdm/compoundobject/collection/MStar/id/22276/rec/23/>)