

Jacob Bankhead

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: Jacob

Age: 17y; 6m

Servant of John Bankhead

Deceased: April 7, 1847

Disease: Winter fevour

Birth Place: Monroe Co., Missipee

Birth Date: Oct., 1829

No. of Grave: 126

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Birth Place: Monroe County, Mississippi

Death Date: April 7, 1847

Cause of Death: Winter fever

Burial Place: Winter Quarters grave #126

Father's Name: unknown (Servant/freed slave of John Bankhead)

Mother's Maiden Name: unknown

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

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Sam 50, Nancy 27, Alexander 23, Thomas 18, Nathan 22, Miram 17, Sam 1, Rolly 4, and Howard 1 were in Great Salt Lake county, house #502, p.58.

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? Heber C. Kimball Co., left Winter Quarters June 7, 1848 and arrived Sep. 24, 1848.

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

-Jacob was one of 11 black slaves listed as John H. Bankhead's property when he left his Tennessee plantation to come to Utah. (<https://www.deseretnews.com/article/489392/SLAVES-EX-SLAVES-HELPED-BUILD-UTAH.html>)

-Nathan and Susan Bankhead acted as patriarch and matriarch of the black pioneer community. (http://www.cachevalleydaily.com/news/local/article_4fd2b86e-3f34-11e7-893a-379a102b4d7a.html)

-Nate Bankhead was a member of the handcart rescue group in 1856 and served with the first wave of rescuers. (<http://bwardlehistory.blogspot.com/2015/09/mormon-handcart-rescuer-and-wellsville.html>)

-In 1859 John Bankhead, Nate's owner, traveled with him to Cache Valley to help with threshing. Nate stayed and settled in Wellsville with his family and several other of John's slaves. Nate had a large garden. He was caller and he and his family helped provide music at the local dances. (<http://bwardlehistory.blogspot.com/2015/09/mormon-handcart-rescuer-and-wellsville.html>)

-George, Nate's son, was an excellent student and after learning Ute he became an interpreter. (http://www.tellmystorytoo.com/member_pdfs/nathan-bankhead_200_208.pdf)

-Celia and Odell Bankhead, daughters of Dan Bankhead, attended the Presbyterian church. They were beautiful singers. Celia was quoted as saying that she did not know that she was different from her white neighbors as a child. (http://www.tellmystorytoo.com/member_pdfs/nathan-bankhead_200_208.pdf)