

John Knowles

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: John Knowals

Age: Not listed

Husband of Hannah Knowals

Deceased: April 8, 1847

Disease: Scurvy

Birth Place: Not listed

Birth Date: Not listed

No. of Grave: 128

Birth Date: 6 August 1817

Birth Place: Manchester, Lancashire, England

Death Date: Apr. 8, 1847

Cause of Death: Scurvy

Burial Place: Winter Quarters grave #128

Spouse's Name: Hannah Webb

Father's Name: Richard Knowles

Mother's Maiden Name: Sarah Rostern

Which Winter Quarters Ward or Iowa Branch was the family: Winter Quarters 4th ward

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Hannah is living with the Farnham family, Great Salt Lake, Utah, house 6, p.87

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? Unknown

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

-The couple did not have any children before John's death.

(<https://winterquarters.byu.edu/portals/121//PAF/ward4/pafg02.htm#45>)

"The Ship *Brooklyn* Story - Volume 2" by Richard H. Bullock

The "Knowles" family name goes back to Cork, Ireland. The name can be found in the 1659 census. John Knowles had 6 brothers and sisters: Sarah born 1816, Dennis born 1818, Margaret born 1819, Thomas born 1823, Caroline born 1828, and Alice born 1829. John's sister Sarah joined the LDS Church in 1840. His parents were baptized in 1841 in Manchester. The parents were re-baptized in Bristol, England on 7 November 1841.

The parents sailed to New York in late May 1845 to join the Saints in Nauvoo. His parents sailed on the ship *Brooklyn* to California. His parents settled in Yerba Buena. They had insufficient food and shelter for a time. They built a cabin. Richard purchased a lot that he sold 2 years later to the Church of England. Richard and Sarah sent money to England for their children to immigrate to California. Knowing that Brigham Young had established Salt Lake as the Gathering Place, Caroline, John, and Thomas chose to sail to San Francisco and then travel to Utah. On April 8, 1847, John died at Winter Quarters. In 1851 in San Francisco, Richard and Sarah were again re-baptized.

Richard and Sarah became quite well-to-do. Sarah died 21 January 1856 of abscess of the liver. In July 1859, John's sister Sarah Appleton asked the courts to declare Richard Knowles incompetent. Caleb Burbank was appointed guardian of Richard Knowles. Anne G. Pilling took care of Richard Knowles and convinced him to will his property to her. Eventually, the property was returned to Sarah Knowles Appleton. It sold for \$9250. The buildings constructed on Knowles' property were destroyed by the 1906 earthquake in San Francisco. Both Richard and Sarah were buried at Laurel Hill Cemetery. Their remains were moved to Cypress Lawn Memorial Park in Colma. In 1946, their remains were placed in a vault at Laurel Hill.

Family Search adds 2 additional brothers for John:

James born 1832

Richard born 1837