

William James Lance

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: William J. Lance

Age: 2m; 27d

Son of Jacob & Mary Jane Lance

Deceased: April 12, 1847

Disease: Not listed

Birth Place: Winter Quarters

Birth Date: Jan. 16, 1847

No. of Grave: 130

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Death Date: Apr. 12, 1847

Cause of Death: unknown

Burial Place: Winter Quarters grave #130

Father's Name: Jacob Lance

Mother's Maiden Name: Mary Jane Marsh

Which Winter Quarters Ward or Iowa Branch was the family: Harris Grove Branch and Browning's Camp (Big Bend)

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Pottawattamie county, Iowa, house #5, p. 64

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? Henry W. Miller Co. left Kanesville Jul. 8, 1852 and arrived Sep. 10, 1852.

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

In addition to William Jacob and Mary Jane had Hannah Melissa, Orson Hyde, Myron Rice, and Olive Lucretia. (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/31599959/jacob-lance>)

-Mary Jane was baptized by the Prophet Joseph Smith himself in 1838. She was a third cousin to Joseph Smith. (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/31599986/mary-jane-thompson>)

-The family settled in American Fork upon arriving in Utah. While traveling to Salt Lake City to sell lumber or produce Jacob's wagon crashed, killing him. Mary Jane was left a widow with four small children. (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/31599986/mary-jane-thompson>)

-After Jacob's death Mary Jane married Cornelius White. Cornelius died when struck by lightning near their Midway home. (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/31599986/mary-jane-thompson>)

-Mary Jane married for a third time to Samuel Thompson as his second wife under polygamy on Aug. 20, 1867. (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/31599986/mary-jane-thompson>)

-When Mary was sick she would plead, "Joseph, please come and get me" to a picture she kept of the Prophet Joseph Smith by her bed.
(<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/31599986/mary-jane-thompson>)

-Hannah Melissa married Moroni Blood Jan. 1863 in Midvale, Utah.
(<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/43212958/hannah-%22melissa%22-blood>)

-Orson Hyde worked on the railroad and was present when the Golden Spike was driven thus joining the Union Pacific and Central Pacific. In 1880 Orson and his family were called to settle St. John, Apache, Arizona. They lived for six years here before being released and returning to Utah. Shortly after returning the Utah they settled in Giles (Blue Valley), Utah where Orson took great joy in farming and later raised cattle in Duchesne, Utah.
(<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/30969544/orson-hyde-lance>)

-Olive Lucretia's first husband William Coffin died and she remarried to Thomas (Tommy) Williams. The following newspaper story best describes how her second husband tricked her and left her.

"From The Park Record (Park City, UT) 10 Sep 1898

A CRUEL DECEIVER

Tommy Williams Skips Out with \$500.00 of his Wife's Money.

HAS GONE TO SOUTH AFRICA

Evidently Commenced Laying His Wires as Soon as the Nuptial Knot was Tied.

Tommy Williams, a well-known member of the band, married Mrs. Lucretia Coffin on last Presidential election day and last Sunday pulled out bag and baggage for South Africa kissing his wife and family good bye and telling them he was going to Butte to seek employment. Before leaving Salt Lake Tuesday night, he drew from a bank there \$500.00 which belonged to his wife though it was deposited in his own name.

The Wife's Story.

From the story related by Mrs. Williams, it is very evident that her lord and master had wooed and won her for the express purpose of securing what property and money she had and then doing just what he has done. That he did not get away with \$1000.00 instead of \$500.00 is due solely to the fact that his wife became uneasy several months ago and got the latter amount out of his clutches.

After they had been married a few days he persuaded his wife that the money she had on deposit in Salt Lake was liable to be lost to her as there was legally no such person as Mrs. Lucretia Coffin. Accordingly, she drew out the \$1000.00 she had on deposit and directed Williams to deposit it under her new name. This he represented to her he had done, but several months ago

when he was over in Cherry Creek, Nevada, she thought she would draw out \$500 in case anything should happen - evidently having a faint suspicion all was not right. When she tried to get her money, she discovered the entire amount was deposited in the name of Thomas Williams. She then wrote to his lordship and told him she wanted the money and demanded an explanation. He wrote and told her that she had possible made the mistake of trying to get the money under the name of Mrs. Lucretia Williams when it should have been Mrs. Thomas, however, he would write the bank and have the money sent to her, which he did, thus allaying her suspicions. When he came home he told her she need not worry about the other \$500 as it could not be drawn from the bank without her consent and all went well. For several months past he has been trying to persuade her that the property that she owns here should by rights be in his name and he partially succeeded.”

(<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/72237/olive-lucretia-williams>)