

Don Carlos Whitney

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: Doncarlos Whitney

Age: not listed

Son of Alonzo & Henryetty Whitney

Deceased: Nov. 27, 1846

Disease: Not listed

Birth Place: Waren Co., State of Ohio

Birth Date: Not listed

No. of Grave: 14

Birth Date: July 27, 1842

Death Date: Nov. 27, 1846

Cause of Death: unknown

Burial Place: Winter Quarters grave #14

Father's Name: Alonzo Wells Newcomb Whitney

Mother's Maiden Name: Henrietta Keyes

Which Winter Quarters Ward or Iowa Branch was the family: winter quarters 15th and 16th wards

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Alonzo was dead, Samuel at age 10 is living with Ira and Melissa Willis in Great Salt Lake County house #566, p.107. Henrietta is staying with James and Drusilla Hendricks in Great Salt Lake County, house #1, p.24.

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? Henrietta and Samuel went with the Abraham Smoot-George Wallace Company which left from the Elkhorn River June 18, 1847 and arrived Sep. 25 ,26, 29 1847.

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

-His father, Alonzo, died in Feb. 4, 1845 in Nauvoo, Illinois. (winterquarters.com)

-Alonzo was born in Canandaigua, Ontario, New York on Dec. 27, 1818. (Family Group Record) He was baptized March 22, 1841. (Family Group Record) He and Henrietta were married in Union, Ohio on Oct. 30, 1839. (Family Group Record)

-Henrietta was baptized Nov. 23, 1841. (p.541-542, a page from the emailed information)

-Henrietta married a second time to Newell Kimball Whitney Jan. 26, 1846 in Nauvoo, Illinois after the death of her husband, Alonzo. (Winterquarters.byu.edu) Just before Henrietta's marriage to Newell in 1846 he stood proxy for her prior husband, Alonzo, so she could be sealed

to him. Then she married Newel for time only. (Nauvoo Sealings 1846-1857, Book A p. 555, 557) They had no children together. (P. 543 unknown emailed source)

-Henrietta's second husband died and she married a third time to Stephen (Samuel) Hales. (Family Group Record)

-Don Carlos' older brother was Samuel Alonzo Sr. who was born in Nov. 10, 1840 in Milford Center (Palmyra), Union, Ohio. (Family Group Sheet)

- Alonzo wrote an autobiography about his life.

-On April 10, 1843 at a special conference of the quorum of the twelve Alonzo was ordained as an Elder and called on a mission to Dublin, Ohio with J. Goodale. (Journal History)

-President Brigham Young spoke at Alonzo's funeral in Concert Hall in Nauvoo on Feb. 6, 1845. (Journal History)

-Alonzo was called home from a mission early and died of lung fever shortly afterwards. Don Carlos may have died of exposure. (unknown emailed source)

-Don Carlos was ill when the family fled Nauvoo and his mother switched off between carrying him and his 4-year-old brother Samuel. (email from Kenneth Chase, sent May 19, 2004)

-Samuel Whitney, Don Carlos' older brother learned to speak an Indian language as a child. When he was 14 he lost his left arm in threshing machine accident. Because of this his Indian friend called him "Burrowit" which means one arm gone. In 1862 while heading cattle for the church in Cache Valley Samuel was great friends with the Indians there. Heart Throbs of the West, Vol 2, p. 454.

-Henrietta and Samuel arrived in Salt Lake in 1847, a year before her second husband Newel. (An Enduring Legacy, Vol 4, p.117)

-In the 1900 U.S. Census in Utah Henrietta is once again widowed. At the age of 79 she is caring for two of her granddaughters, Edna and Alta Wellman ages 15 and 13. (Kaysville Precinct, ward 2, household #114, sheet 6B).

-Samuel had 8 daughters and 2 sons with his first wife Fannie Mariah Wall. He later married Pauline Campbell and the couple named their first child Don Carlos, likely after Samuel's deceased brother. Unfortunately, their son died as an infant also. Samuel lost a foot in 1890 but still successfully farmed. (Pioneers and Prominent Men of Utah photographs, page 111 Pioneers and Prominent Men of Utah, page 1244, <https://www.geni.com/people/Samuel-Whitney-Sr/6000000000821687555>)

-Samuel carried the first mail between Cache Valley and Brigham City. No one except for Samuel was allowed to travel for a time because of Indian violence. Samuel was the exception though because the Indians loved and trusted him. Once Chief Washakie came to confer with a bishop in Logan. After listening to the government interpreter for a few minutes the chief insisted on waiting for Samuel before continuing as he said he did not understand the government's interpreter. Chief John was a Sioux chief who had converted to the LDS faith. He

was a good friend of Samuel and when Samuel's right leg was amputated at age 50 after a load of timber rolled over it, Chief John spent hours with him praying for his life. (<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=33550846>)



-Samuel settled Clarkston, UT with fourteen other families in Cache Valley.

-At his funeral Bishop Joh Ravsten of Clarkston talked about how Samuel like to give away pocket dictionaries. James Jenson added that only one or two days after moving to Cache Valley from Sweden Samuel spoke with him in his native tongue. Samuel had a gift for languages and could speak 8. (Logan Journal, March 21, 1923, <https://familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/1098342>). Some say he could speak 13 languages. (http://www.brighamcityhistory.org/wiki/Samuel_Alonzo_Whitney)

-In his later years he was also known as Peg Leg Sam. (<https://beta.worldcat.org/archivegrid/collection/data/55944899>)

-Henrietta's father snuck over from Ireland in a barrel on a ship because he was part of the King's Guard in Ireland. Her mother died when she was only 11. In her husband's autobiography he wrote concerning her, "In the year 1839 in April, there was a young lady came to the place where I lived, Her name was Henrietta Keyes. The first sight of her caused sensations in my breast that I never shall forget, and I am now convinced that god, in his infinite goodness and mercy, sent that lovely angel to me for a helpmate through life." (copied from the original manuscript by his Granddaughter Mary Whitney October 14, 1901, (<https://familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/6179791>))

-Before hearing of the church Alonzo was Methodist and Henrietta was Presbyterian. One day one of Alonzo's uncles came by. He had joined the church some time before and was serving a mission. Alonzo told him he could stay with them but that he better not preach Mormonism to them. Alonzo was curious though and asked questions. One morning while his uncle was building a fire downstairs Alonzo rushed in and told him he was a Mormon and wanted to be baptized at once. His uncle asked if they should wait until after breakfast, but Alonzo insisted on getting baptized immediately. Afterwards he told his wife she could keep attending her church, but Henrietta was soon baptized herself. (<https://familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/6179791>)

-Her granddaughter says that she heard that Henrietta beat Porter Rockwell at target practice on the trek from Nauvoo to Winter Quarters. (written by Mary W Stringham granddaughter, <https://familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/6179791>)



At <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=121137>

-Henrietta always celebrated her birthdays with pigeon pie.
(<https://www.geni.com/people/Henrietta-Whitney/6000000010763260723> citing "Pioneer Women of Faith and Fortitude" by the Daughters of Utah Pioneers. Info retrieved online from <http://www.myfamilysearch.net/getperson.php?personID =I2600&tree=2005217a>)