

Thomas Callister

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: Thomas Callister

Age: 0y; 7m; 25d

Relationship: Daughter of Thomas and Caroline Callister

Deceased: May 8th, 1847

Disease: Serious cough

Birth Place: Cutlers Park

Birth Date: Sep. 13th, 1846

Grave No. 149

Birth Date: September 13, 1846

Birth Place: Cutlers Park, Nebraska Territory

Death Date: May 8, 1847

Cause of Death: Summer complaint

Burial Place: Winter Quarters Grave #149

Father's Name: Thomas Callister

Mother's Maiden Name: Caroline Clara Smith

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

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Thomas Callister was listed as family #173 in Great Salt Lake, Utah Territory.

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? Came west with the Daniel Spencer/Perrigrine Sessions Company in 1847. 185 individuals and 75 wagons were in the company when it began its journey from the outfitting post on the Elkhorn River about 27 miles west of Winter Quarters, Nebraska.

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

In Nauvoo, Thomas endured the persecutions and hardships of the Saints. On August 31, 1845 at Nauvoo, he married Caroline Clara Smith, daughter of John and Clarissa Lyman Smith of Illinois, a cousin of the Prophet Joseph Smith. On December 16, 1845, at Nauvoo, he married his second wife Helen Mar Clark. She was the daughter of Russell Kilburn Clark and Elizabeth Towne originally from the town of Michigan. Together they struggled until they established a home. It was not long after this that the persecution of the Saints was so great they were forced to abandon their home. They tried to sell it, but in vain. Finally, Thomas succeeded in trading

their house and furniture for a log chain and six chickens, and they left to make another home. This was the beginning of their long trek across the plains to Zion.

February 1846, they left Nauvoo and crossed the Mississippi River on rafts that was a most perilous trip. The Saints crossing in the morning went on the ice, but by afternoon the ice had melted and broken so they had to make rafts. The current of the stream was so strong that the rafts were knocked from one ice block to another. With difficulty they reached the other side. They traveled to Winter Quarters, where they made their home and lived for more than a year. While at Winter Quarters, two babies were born in the family. A baby boy named Thomas was born to wife Caroline Clara, September 13, 1846 and died May 8, 1847. He was buried there. A baby girl, Helen Mar, was born to wife Helen Mar, September 26, 1846, in a covered wagon. Thomas later built a small log house to protect them from inclement weather. There he left his family and went into Missouri to obtain provisions. He sold a beautiful broadcloth coat which was the workmanship of his own hands, for one hundred bushels of corn. This corn he willingly shared with others. (Written by Laura Callister Wightman—a granddaughter).

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