

Jane Holmes Benbow

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: Jane Bembo

Age: 54y; 10m; 16d

Wife of John Bembo

Deceased: Nov. 28, 1846

Disease: Chills feavor

Birth Place: Parish of Ashberton Co., of Herisford, England

Birth Date: Jan. 12, 1792

No. of Grave: 15

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Death Date: Nov. 28, 1846

Cause of Death: Chills Fever

Burial Place: Winter Quarters grave #15

Spouse's Name: John Benbow

Father's Name: Francis Holmes

Mother's Maiden Name: Hannah Drew

Which Winter Quarters Ward or Iowa Branch was the family: Winter Quarters 14th

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Living with Thomas and Sarah Benbow (likely a nephew, also from England) in Great Salt Lake County, house #412, listed as a farmer

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? Brigham Young Company, John was a captain of 50. They left June 5, 1848 from Winter Quarters and arrived Sep. 20-24.

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

-Jane was 8 years older than her husband. They were both from Herefordshire England.

-John remarried to a Agnes Taylor, and later to Rosetta Wright on Dec. 3, 1851 in Salt Lake City. (email source) In the end he was married 6 times.

-John was ordained as a high priest by Hyrum Smith. (High Priest Record, p.5)

-John was baptized in July of 1840 by Wilford Woodruff. (Family Group Sheet)

-John donated 250 pounds in England towards publishing the first hymnal and Book of Mormon there. (The Men of Nauvoo, by Faye V. Bell, Salt Lake UT, 1986.)

-John and Jane owned 300 acres in England on Frome Hill and were part of the United Brethren. They were wealthy but childless when Wilford Woodruff came with John's brother William to visit the area. The Benbows hospitably housed the missionaries and on their first night stayed up talking until 2 a.m. The next day the Benbows hosted a meeting for Wilford Woodruff to preach at in their home and went around inviting their friends to attend. The following day, March 6, he preached more and baptized six people including John and Jane Benbow. Several of their relatives were baptized and eventually most of the United Brethren were baptized in a pool on their farm. (The Men of Nauvoo, by Faye V. Bell, Salt Lake UT, 1986.)

-John paid for 42 other British converts to travel to Nauvoo from England. He frequently gave the prophet Joseph Smith personal and church loans. (The Men of Nauvoo, by Faye V. Bell, Salt Lake UT, 1986.)

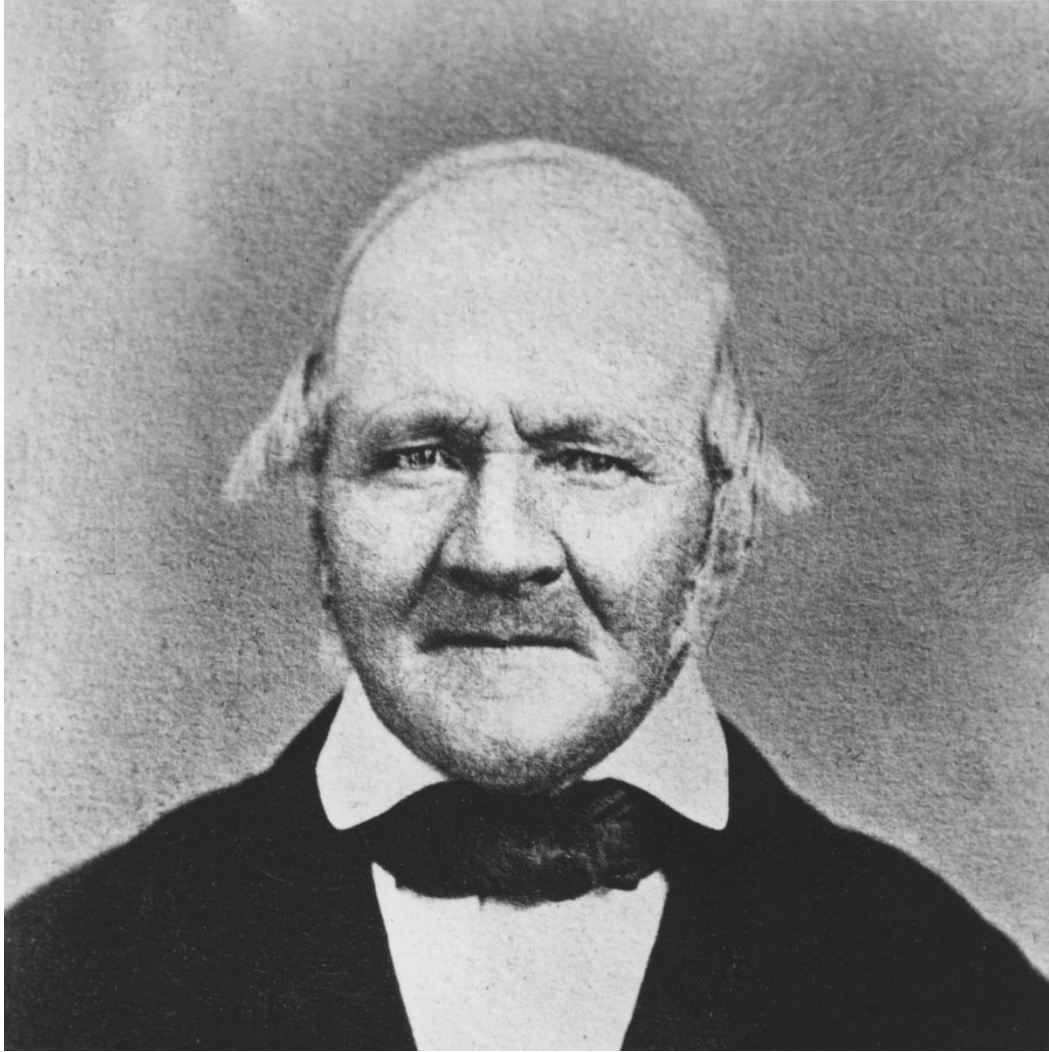
-Within one year of moving to Nauvoo the Benbows had a beautiful farm that Wilford Woodruff said looked like a Garden of Eden. (The Men of Nauvoo, by Faye V. Bell, Salt Lake UT, 1986.)

-Another time the Benbows paid a \$7,500 bond set for Joseph Smith's release. (Profiles from the Past: devoted Englishman, by James Kimball, Church News, 1980) (The Men of Nauvoo, by Faye V. Bell, Salt Lake UT, 1986.)

-July 17, 1846 John Benbow was chosen to serve as a bishop as well as help sell farms and property the saints had to leave behind. (The Men of Nauvoo, by Faye V. Bell, Salt Lake UT, 1986.)

-John was not even able to attend the burial of his wife two days after her death because he was so sick. (The Men of Nauvoo, by Faye V. Bell, Salt Lake UT, 1986.)

-Once in Salt Lake he helped build 6 meeting houses over his lifetime and sent several hired teams back to help pioneers on their trek. (The Men of Nauvoo, by Faye V. Bell, Salt Lake UT, 1986.)



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