

Henry G. Van Velsor

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: Henry G. Vanvelsor

Age: 6y; 4m; 0d

Relationship: Son of Stephen & Fanny Vanvelsor

Deceased: May 17th, 1847

Disease: Scurvey

Birth Place: New Rochelle, N. Y.

Birth Date: Jan. 20, 1841

Grave No. 153

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Death Date: May 17, 1847

Cause of Death: Scurvy

Burial Place: Winter Quarters Grave #153

Father's Name: Steven Van Velsor

Mother's Maiden Name: Frances "Fanny" Cronk

Which Winter Quarters Ward or Iowa Branch was the family: Unknown

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Unknown

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? Mary Jane Van Veslor lived with the William Pickett, Sr. family and Catherine with the

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

Simeon Shaddon, Frances "Fanny" Cronk's first husband left her after she had a daughter, Mary Jane, probably for joining the Mormon church. She met Steven Van Velsor who was a staunch Mormon and defender of the Prophet Joseph Smith. He was also from New York. They were married in about 1836. They had a daughter named Catherine born in 1836, and a son named Robert born in 1839. Robert died at the age of 1. Henry G., another son, was born on January 20, 1841 in New Rochelle, New York. The family moved to Nauvoo after Henry G. was born.

Steven Van Veslor died in 1845 in Nauvoo which left Fanny with two little girls and a son. When persecution came to Nauvoo, she left with a company of kind folks who helped her get a wagon and supplies. Fanny became ill and died in Montrose, Iowa. The children were then orphans. Mary Jane was taken into the William Pickett family and Catherine by the Abigail

Sasson Demont Smith. Abigail's husband, Jeremiah Smith had died in 1842. Catherine eventually married one of the Smith's sons, Jesse Willard Smith. It is not clear who took Henry G. but he died in Winter Quarters.

Mary Jane married William Holmes Walker in 1850 in Salt Lake City and lived there with her husband and 9 children.