

## Olive Snyder

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: Olive Snyder

Age: 1y; 3m; 12d

Relationship: Daughter of Chestr & Catherine Snyder

Deceased: June 6<sup>th</sup>, 1847

Disease: Inflammation in the bowels

Birth Place: Nauvoo, Il.

Birth Date: Feb 26<sup>th</sup>, 1846

Grave No. 162

Birth Date: February 26, 1846

Birth Place: Nauvoo, Hancock, Illinois

Death Date: June 6, 1847

Cause of Death: Inflammation of the bowels

Burial Place: Winter Quarters Grave #162

Father's Name: Chester Snyder

Mother's Maiden Name: Catherine Montgomery

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

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

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? Church ordinance records suggest he arrived in Utah in 1851. Additional research is needed to determine the name of the pioneer company with which the family traveled.

Chester later participated as one of the rescuers that were sent out in the winter of 1856 to assist the members of the Church stranded in Wyoming.

In the 1850 census the surname is spelled Snider. Listed as family #781 in District #21 in Pottawattamie County, Iowa

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

Chester Snyder was the son of Isaac Snyder and Louisa Comstock. He was born 10 June 1815, at Camden (now Bath), Midland Upper Canada. He died of pneumonia after an illness of five days at Snyderville, Summit County, Utah, on the 22nd day of March 1888. He was 72 years, 8 months, and 19 days old. Catherine was born 1 June 1819, the daughter of Mary Snyder and

Stephen Montgomery, at Ernestown, Kingston, Ontario Canada. I have not been able to find anything concerning their early years of their lives. I suppose they grew up as normal children in those days. Chester fell in love with the charming daughter of Stephen Montgomery, and they were married in Canada in June 1838. Their first child, Eliza Snyder, was born the 28th of February 1839. In the spring of 1839 Chester embraced the Gospel as presented to him by missionaries of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. His brother Robert baptized Both he and Catherine 11 Apr 1839. They received their endowments 22 Jan 1846 in the Nauvoo Temple. This family was one of the first to join the Church in Canada. Catherine apparently took part in the activities and travels of the church with her husband at Nauvoo and the exodus to Utah. In the fall of 1839 Chester, along with his father's family, started from Camden to gather with the Saints in Missouri; however, due to a severe illness of one of their number, they were detained at LaPort, Indiana, about three months. They then accompanied his brother Robert to Nauvoo, Illinois, and located between Nauvoo and La Harpe, until the general exodus of the Saints in 1846. Their second child, Isaac Sydney Snyder, was born in February 1841 at Camp Creek and died in 1842 of whooping cough. Chester assisted with his labor and means to build the Nauvoo Temple, and they received their ordinances therein. Their third child, a little girl they named Mary Snyder, was born 26 December 1843 while they were in Nauvoo. Chester was one of the Prophet Joseph Smith's body guards at Carthage jail. He was in the process of mounting his pony to ride into town when he heard gun shots. He dismounted and remarked, it's too late I don't need to go. The days which followed were very trying times for the Saints. After the martyrdom of the Prophet there was much danger, with mob violence, and threats to their lives and homes. In 1845 little Olive Snyder was born. In the spring of 1846 Chester and his family left Nauvoo in company with the Saints and journeyed west, suffering much from sickness and privations, also the attacks of the Indians. The journey was hard and tiresome. Chester helped many on the journey from the Mississippi River, leaving Catherine to drive the team and care for three little children to Winter Quarters. There Brigham Young had him return to Nauvoo to help bring other Saints to Winter Quarters. While he was away on one of these trips little Olive died and was buried in Winter Quarters. This was a great heartache to Catherine. Chester continued to help move Saints until 1850, when they left with Orson Pratt's company to cross the plains. They arrived in Utah in October 1851. In 1849 their fifth child, Hannah Maria Snyder, was born at Ferryville, Iowa. One day while crossing the plains and when they had camped for the night, the children were having a game of hide and seek. Mary was missed and a search was made when at last she was found fast asleep on the back of one of the oxen. Somewhere along the way a wagon train passing through, headed for Canada, invited Catherine to go with them and visit her parents. She was so terribly homesick and discouraged that Chester told her to go and that he would take care of the two little girls. Time passed, and no word came back from Catherine. Of course, Chester had no assurance that she would ever return, due to the fact that there would be plenty for her at home with her folks. Under the circumstances, Brigham Young advised him to take a second wife. I believe this was the time he married Malinda Wood. In time Catherine did get back to her family. However, finding another wife was more than she could take, and she could not live in polygamy at that time, so she divorced Chester. However, there is record of their last child being born in 1849 at Ferryville. Shortly after their arrival in the Salt Lake Valley, Chester became an early settler of Provo, where he made a comfortable home for his family. Catherine

and the girls spent most of their time in Salt Lake City. I find no record of them in Provo. Chester remained in Provo for about five years. Subsequently he located at Parley's Park in Summit County and assisted in establishing the settlement which was after words called Snyderville.

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