

## Rebecca Mayberry

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: Rabecca Mabery

Age: 0y;8m;10d

Relationship: Daugh David & Rabecca Mabery

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

Disease: Lung complaint

Birth Place: Bonepart, Van Buren Co.

Birth Date: 23 Sep 1846

Grave No. 163

Birth Date: September 23, 1846

Birth Place: Bonepart, Van Buren, Iowa

Death Date: June 6, 1847

Cause of Death: Lung Complaint

Burial Place: Winter Quarters Grave #163

Father's Name: David Mayberry

Mother's Maiden Name: Clarissa Rebecca Frances Hall

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? Rebecca married Samuel Joseph Campbell and is found in Utah, Family #60 Weber, Utah Territory

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

The mob violence continued upon the Saints and they circulated all manner of falsehoods against the Saints in order to create a misunderstanding and to arouse the whole country against the Saints. This they succeeded in doing in the middle part of August, 1846. The mob came 1800 strong and fired upon them with the intention of driving them from their homes in Nauvoo. They had no place to go as one place was as bad as another for the day been driven from one place to another. They took up their guns in defense and 125 able bodied men who were left to protect those sick, crippled and poor who had been left in their care, drove the mob back three successive times although the mob outnumbered them many times and each time the mob advanced. The city was bombarded by the mob with machine guns and heavy artillery for several days and it is recorded to be one of the hardest battles fought. After the Saints gathered a few of their belongings and had to flee for their lives. During this terrible battle, David and his brother Joseph were taken by the mob and thrown in the State Prison of Illinois. The Saints having been

driven out of the State, David and Joseph remained in prison in different cells. To make it much more unbearable, neither one knew if the other one was alive. They remained there until Brigham Young upon returning to Winter Quarters in the fall of 1847 and learning that Joseph and David Mayberry were not with the Saints, ordered their release. This is recorded in Church History dated February 4, 1848 under the direction of Brigham Young and Dr. Willard Richards, who dictated a petition to Governor Augustus C. French for the release of Joseph and David Mayberry from prison. Governor French was Governor of the State of Illinois at that time. We find David now sacrificing liberty for eighteen months in prison for performing his duty trusted upon him by those in authority. After their release, they went to Iowa where the Saints were located. They found their parents had a temporary home there. Rejoicing was almost beyond measure in being reunited with their family again. They were making all preparations to gather with the Saints who had gone on before them to the west. One morning they found that their horses had been stolen from them. David and Joseph started out in an effort to find them. At last they came upon them in a corral together with eight or ten other horses. There was no one they could appeal to for help and there was no other way but to try to separate them from the other horses and take home their horses. They tried repeatedly, but each time there were two of the horses that were not theirs that would not be separated. They were of the impression that the mob would return and if they were there, it might mean certain death to them and they decided to drive the horses to a place where they could be separated and turn the other horses loose. But they were surprised by the mob who had stationed themselves along the way in the fork of the road. David and Joseph were there without any means of defense. Without any further warning, the mob took a lasso rope from the horn of the saddle, threw it around the neck of David Mayberry and hung him on the nearest tree saying he was only a "Mormon." Joseph pleaded for his brother but was silenced by the mob with curses and threats saying that his turn would come next if he did not get out of the city. This ended the young life of usefulness of David being only twenty-five years old. He died a martyr to the cause of truth, sealing his testimony with his life. He was murdered in cold blood. The Saints there knew his worth. They said "David was as good a man as ever lived."

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