

## Ellen Aurelia Williams

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: Elin Aurilia Williams

Age: 1y; 6m; 25d

Relationship: Daughter of Gustivus & Maria Williams

Deceased: July 6<sup>th</sup> 1847

Disease: Conjestion chills

Birth Place: Nauvoo, Il.

Birth Date: Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, 1845

Grave No. 167

Birth Date: December 11, 1845

Birth Place: Nauvoo, Hancock, Illinois

Death Date: July 6m 1847

Cause of Death: Congestion and chills

Burial Place: Winter Quarters Grave #167

Father's Name: Gustavus Williams

Mother's Maiden Name: Hannah Maria Andrews

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

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Listed as a saddler, family #7, Great Salt Lake, Utah Territory

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? Came with the Brigham Young Company in 1848. 1220 individuals were in the company when it began its journey from the outfitting post at Winter Quarters, Nebraska.

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

Hannah Maria Andrews and Gustavus Williams were married in 1832 at Berkshire, Mass. For a short time they lived in Berkshire and three of their children were born there. The names of these three children were Mary Ann, born the 4th of September 1833; Elizabeth born the 3rd of May 1836; and Gustavus born the 8th of October 1839. All three children died in infancy. Hannah and Gustavus were converted to the gospel and joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 1840. They were disowned by their relatives for doing so. Soon they joined the Saints at Jackson County, Missouri, where their fourth child, Louisa J., was born on the 20th of February 1841. Due to intense persecution, they were finally driven out of Jackson County and joined the Saints at Nauvoo, Illinois where they build a comfortable home. Together with their many other

church activities, grandfather (Gustavus Williams) was called to help in constructing the Temple. Grandmother (Hannah Maria) was called to visit the sick and home-bound, and to take food and clothing to the poor and needy. Grandmother used to tell us that when they churned butter, instead of using it for the family, they saved it for those who were working on the temple. Grandmother was a practical nurse and midwife, and spent much of her time with the sick. Two of their children were born at Nauvoo. They were Hyrum Andrews born on the 4th of March 1843; and Ellen Amelia born on the 11th of December 1845. Grandmother and Grandfather were acquainted with the prophet Joseph Smith and were present at the last meeting where they heard him speak to the saints. They also saw the prophet and his brother Hyrum after they were martyred. They were also present at the meeting where they witnessed the transfiguration of Brigham Young, and grandmother testified throughout her life that he truly had the appearance of and spoke in the voice of the prophet which convinced all who were present that he had been chosen of God to be their leader. Before leaving Nauvoo, they received their endowments in the Temple and were baptized there for many of their relatives. Before starting the journey across the plains, each of the sisters were set apart by Brigham Young for the performance of certain duties. Among these duties was listed taking care of the sick and the laying out of the dead. They crossed the Mississippi with others of the saints in the Spring of 1846. Their first stop was at Sugar Creek, and they also spent some time at Council Bluffs, Garden Grove, Mount Pisgah, and Winter Quarters where they planted crops for other companies to harvest at a later time. The winter of 1847 and 1848 was spent at Winter Quarters. Early in May of 1848, they left Winter Quarters in Heber C. Kimball's company headed for the Salt Lake Valley.

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