

Joseph Lorenzo Allen

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: Joseph L. Allen

Age: 0y; 5m; 22d

Relationship: Son of Joseph S. & Lucy D. Allen

Deceased: Aug 17th, 1847

Disease: Chills & Canker

Birth Place: Rush Bottim above W Q

Birth Date: Feb. 25, 1847

Grave No. 201

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Birth Place: Rush Bottom

Death Date: August 17, 1847

Cause of Death: Chills and Canker

Burial Place: Winter Quarters Grave #201

Father's Name: Joseph Stewart Allen

Mother's Maiden Name: Lucy Diantha Morley

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

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Listed as family #36 in Sanpete, Utah Territory.

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? Probably went west with the Brigham Young Company of 1848.

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

He was married to Lucy Diantha Morley, the second-daughter of Isaac and Lucy Gunn Morley, September 2, 1835. Lucy was born in Kirtland, Geauga County, Ohio, October 4, 1815. Her father and mother, Isaac and Lucy Gunn Morley, had moved to Kirtland in 1812 and built the first house in Kirtland. She and her parents belonged to the Campbellite faith, led by Sidney Rigdon and others. In the fall of the year 1830 four Mormon Missionaries visited Kirtland and the Morleys were converted and baptized into the Mormon Church. Lucy was baptized by Parley P. Pratt, Nov. 15, 1830, seven months after the Church was organized. That year the Prophet Joseph and his wife came to Isaac Morley's home in Kirtland and lived with them during that winter. A warm friendship grew up between his family and that of the Prophet which lasted through life. When spring came Brother Morley put up a small frame house for the Prophet and his family to live in while he stayed in Kirtland. The Prophet and Emma's twins were born in this house and father Morley's girls did her work. In this way Lucy became intimately acquainted with the Prophet and has borne testimony many times that he was a man of God, full of love and kindness to all. She went with her parents to Jackson County. They were driven by the mob into Clay County. While here

the family all took sick as their house had been built in a sickly place on the Missouri bottoms. Her father was called on a mission to his native state, Massachusetts. He went leaving his family in this condition. It was at this time that she became acquainted with Joseph S. Allen, who came where they were living and seeing their condition rented a farm in a more healthy place and moved the family there. They lived on this farm a year and Lucy was married to Brother Allen during the father's absence. Brother Allen's history thereafter was closely linked with that of his wife's father in their moves and drivings from place to place. He lived at Log Creek five miles south of Far West. This probably is the place where he first lived with the Morley's during the father's absence on his mission. Joseph Allen and his brother Daniel and Isaac Morley and families later took up some land three miles north of Far West. On February 6, 1839 on account of mob violence and persecution, they left Far West and after camping out twenty-one nights arrived at Quincy, Ill. They started a settlement which grew rapidly. It was called Morley Settlement. Here they lived five years of blessed peace and prosperity.

In September 1845 the Morley Settlement was burned by the mob and their stock taken possession of and driven away. The Morleys and the Aliens then went to Nauvoo where they lived that winter and in 1846 they left Nauvoo and started west, going as far as Mt. Pisgah, Iowa. After resting awhile they went on to Winter Quarters on the west bank of the Missouri River. Here Lucy's mother died of Black Canker, and was buried near where the city of Omaha, Nebraska now stands. The company they crossed the plains with was called Brigham Young's Company as he and a company of 108 men (including himself) had started from Salt Lake Valley to meet this company which was organized on the Elk Horn River in June 1848. Lucy's father was one of the organizers