

## Joseph G. Redden

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: Joseph G. Reding

Age: 1y; 5m; 24d

Relationship: Son of Jackson & Martha Reding

Deceased: Aug. 17<sup>th</sup> 1847

Disease: Bowel complaint

Birth Place: Sugar Creek, Ioway

Birth Date: Feb. 24, 1846

Grave No. 203

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Birth Place: Sugar Creek, Lee, Iowa

Death Date: August 17, 1847

Cause of Death: Bowel complaint

Burial Place: Winter Quarters Grave #203

Father's Name: Return Jackson Redden

Mother's Maiden Name: Martha Maria Hurlburt

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

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Listed as family #5 Great Salt Lake, Utah Territory

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? Brigham Young Vanguard Company in 1847

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

It has always been claimed and tacitly acknowledged by authorities, that he was really the first of the advance party of "Mormon" pioneers to gaze upon the beauties of the great Salt Lake Valley, on the 23d day of July, 1847. He was hunting for some of their driving stock that had strayed away during the night. Arriving on the top of the mountain, which afterward was called Little Mountain, he beheld that strange and wonderful body of water. Great Salt Lake. On looking back toward the camp, he is said to have discerned Orson Pratt coming up toward his view-place on the crest of the mountain. When Pratt came up, the two stood and gazed upon and admired the exquisite panorama spread out in a marvelous scenic expanse. He then went on and drove in the stock, and with them returned to camp. He afterward found that Pratt had had Thomas Bullock record him as the first to see the valley. The characteristic of the man was duty before glory or notoriety, and the incident seemed forgotten, as proper credit was never rendered. It was always

said that Heber Chase Kimball acknowledged that Redden was the first of the advance company of "Mormons" to see the valley.