

Samuel Eggleston

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: Samuel Eggleston

Age: 0y; 7m; 7d

Relationship: Son of Samuel & Lurania Eggleston

Deceased: Aug 23rd, 1847

Disease: Summer complanit

Birth Place: W Quarters

Birth Date: Jan. 16th, 1847

Grave No. 208

Birth Date: January 26, 1847

Birth Place: Winter Quarters, Nebraska Territory

Death Date: August 23, 1847

Cause of Death: Summer complaint

Burial Place: Winter Quarters Grave #208

Father's Name: Samuel Eggleston

Mother's Maiden Name: Lurania Powers Burgess

Which Winter Quarters Ward or Iowa Branch was the family: Winter Quarters Ward 5

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Listed as family #36 in District 21, Pottawattamie, Iowa

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? Came west with the James Wareham Company in 1862. There were 250 individuals and 46 wagons were in the company when it began its journey from the outfitting post at Florence, Nebraska.

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

Lurania married Samuel Eggleston, son of Samuel Eggleston and Elizabeth Hill, August 23, 1827 in Sempronius. He was born in Marcellus, Onodaga County, New York, which is just east of Cayuga County, on the other side of Skaneateles Lake. The Eggleston family moved to Springwater, Livingston County when Samuel was 13.

Then when he was 19 he returned to live with his brothers-in-law to learn the tanner's trade. He married Lurania in 1827 when he was 23 and she was 19 years old. They were married by a Baptist preacher by the name of Gordon. Lurania and Samuel had a son Dwight, born August 9, 1828 who died the following year August 2, 1829. The family Bible indicates that he was born in

Sempronius and died in Springwater, Livingston County. Samuel as well as his father Samuel Sr. and father-in-law Harvey Burgess are listed on the 1830 Census in Springwater, so they apparently lived there with both families for a short time. Their next child Benjamin was born April 6, 1830, back in Sempronius, the same day the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was organized by a small group of people only a short distance away in Fayette. Benjamin lived only a few weeks. He died April 27, 1830. It must have been very difficult for Lurania to lose her first two children. While living in the Sempronius area Lurania had four other sons: Reuben Burgess born July 24, 1831; Edwin, born October 25, 1833, Harvey Burgess born February 8, 1836; and Orson Hyde born October 3, 1841. In 1833 Sempronius was divided and a new town Niles was formed. The family Bible lists Orson's birth in Niles and the others in Sempronius. The family may have moved a short distance or they lived in the part of Sempronius that became Niles.

A few months after their baptism, October 3, 1841, another son was born to Lurania and Samuel. They named him Orson Hyde Eggleston. They must have been very impressed with Orson Hyde to name their son after him. It is interesting that he was born only a few weeks before Apostle Orson Hyde dedicated the Holy Land. In 1842 Samuel and Lurania, with their four sons, moved to Nauvoo. Their home in Nauvoo was located on Lot 3 of block 62 on the corner of Wells and Cutler Streets, only a few blocks north of the Temple site. They were involved in the activities and witnessed the events of that time in Nauvoo. Samuel worked on the Temple and was a member of the Nauvoo Legion. Samuel was ordained an Elder and a Seventy while there. They both signed the Redress Petition in support of those who suffered losses in Missouri. Lurania and Samuel received their endowments January 9, 1846, and were sealed January 28, 1846 in the Nauvoo Temple. They left with the exodus of the Saints from Nauvoo and went to Winter Quarters. Another son, Samuel, was born to Lurania in Winter Quarters, January 16, 1847. Patty Sessions was her midwife and recorded the birth in her diary. The birth of this child must have brought great joy to an otherwise bleak existence at that time. This joy was turned to sorrow however, as this child lived only until August 2, 1847. He was buried in the cemetery in Winter Quarters. The Egglestons moved back across the Missouri River to Council Bluffs after the first of the Saints left for the Salt Lake Valley. They stayed in the Council Bluffs area for 13 years, long past the time most of the Saints had gone to Utah. Family traditions says that Samuel was asked by Brigham Young to remain to make shoes for the saints who would be traveling west. Samuel's occupation was given as "cordwainer", or shoemaker in the 1850 Census of Pottawattamie County. County Histories and Newspapers mention Samuel Eggleston as having one of the first businesses in Crescent City, and advertising in Council Bluffs and Kaneshville as Boot and Shoemaker. They first lived in Council Bluffs, then later in Crescent City, a new town formed nearby. Samuel was elected justice of the Peace in the first election held in Pottawattamie County, which office he held for 10 years. He served as Postmaster and Notary Public. ([https://www.familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/19618000?p=7370260&returnLabel=Samuel%20Eggleston%20\(KWJ5-VLZ\)&returnUrl=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.familysearch.org%2Ftree%2Fperson%2Fmemories%2FKWJ5-VLZ](https://www.familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/19618000?p=7370260&returnLabel=Samuel%20Eggleston%20(KWJ5-VLZ)&returnUrl=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.familysearch.org%2Ftree%2Fperson%2Fmemories%2FKWJ5-VLZ))