

## Ellen Harper

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: Ellen harper

Age: 1y; 4m; 2d

Relationship: Charles & Lavinier harper

Deceased: Aug. the 27, 1847

Disease: Summer Complaint

Birth Place: Nauvoo

Birth Date: April 24, 1846

Grave No. 212

Birth Date: January 25, 1846/April 24, 1846

Birth Place: Nauvoo, Hancock, Illinois

Death Date: August 27, 1847

Cause of Death: Summer complaint

Burial Place: Winter Quarters Grave #212

Father's Name: Charles Alfred Harper

Mother's Maiden Name: Lavina Wollerton Dilworth

Which Winter Quarters Ward or Iowa Branch was the family: Winter Quarters Ward 21

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Listed as family #50 in Iron, Utah Territory

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? Charles first traveled to the Salt Lake Valley with Brigham Young's 1847 company, but as explained in his 1848 letter to William Wollerton, he shortly after returned to Winter Quarters to retrieve his wife, Lavina, and son, Harvey John. They traveled together in Heber C. Kimball's 1848 company. Lavina gave birth to another son, Charles Alfred Jr., en route. Several years later, Charles Sr. captained his own company, bringing back a group of pioneers in 1855.

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

Charles Alfred Harper was born Jan. 27, 1817 in Montgomery Co. Pennsylvania. His people were among the early settlers of America. His father and grandfather were born in Pennsylvania. His mother was a Quaker lady. He was baptized a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 1841 at Nauvoo, Illinois. He was acquainted with the Prophet Joseph Smith and shared in the trouble and exodus of the saints in Nauvoo. He was married to his first wife—Lavina Wollerton Dillworth—in 1839 in Pennsylvania. Two of the children were born there and two were born in Nauvoo. They received their endowments in Nauvoo in 1845. He came across

the plains in 1847 with the band of original pioneers. He was one of the scouting party sent ahead of the company and who entered the valley July 22, 1847. My great grandfather was a wheelwright by trade and was able to assist very materially in repairing wagons etc. while crossing the plains. His wife and children came to the valley in 1848, one child being born in a covered wagon at Laramie, Wyoming. He made many trips across the plains as captain of a company—assisting others to emigrate.

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