

Percis Butterfield

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: Percis Butterfield

Age: 1y; 8m; 7d

Relationship: Daughter of Abel & Caroline Butterfield

Deceased: August 27th, 1847

Disease: Unknown

Birth Place: Unknown

Birth Date: Unknown

Grave No. 213

Birth Date: December 20, 1845

Birth Place: Winter Quarters, Nebraska Territory

Death Date: August 27, 1847

Cause of Death: Unknown

Burial Place: Winter Quarters Grave #213

Father's Name: Abel Butterfield

Mother's Maiden Name: Caroline Sprout

Which Winter Quarters Ward or Iowa Branch was the family: Winter Quarters Ward 1

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Listed as family 189 Great Salt Lake, Utah Territory

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? Traveled with Brigham Young Company in 1848

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

Abel Butterfield, the 3rd was born in Farmington, Maine on December 1, 1812, the son of Abel Butterfield Jr. and Persis Kemp. They were members of the Methodist Church except Abel. The reason Abel gave for not joining was "They were not like the primitive church in the days of the Savior." Abel Senior was a strong athletic man until he had what they call "numpalsy". He became an invalid and remained so for twelve years. The boys were obliged to hire out and help make a living for this large family. He and Jacob Kemp were working about 20 miles from home. Two Mormon Elders came to him while he was chopping wood, the three of them sat upon the logs while the two of them preached the gospel to him and before they finished he was converted and told them he was ready to be baptized that night. They advised him to wait until he could give it more thought. He answered, "Does not the sheep know the Shepherd's voice". He was the first member of the family to join the Mormon Church. He was baptized September

18, 1833 at Searboro, Cumberland County, Maine. On October 10, 1833 he was ordained an Elder and appointed to watch over the church there.

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