

## Mary Nichols Corbitt

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: Mary Corbit

Age: 82y

Relationship: Wife of James Corbit

Deceased: Sep. 1<sup>st</sup>, 1847

Disease: Chills

Birth Place: Lestershire, England

Birth Date: Not listed

Grave No. 218

Birth Date: November 25, 1865

Birth Place: Leicestershire, England

Death Date: September 1, 1847

Cause of Death: Chills

Burial Place: Winter Quarters Grave #218

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_Nichols

Mother's Maiden Name:

Which Winter Quarters Ward or Iowa Branch was the family: Thomas Corbitt (Mary's son) was a member of the Winter Quarters Ward 17

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Thomas was listed as family #180 in Great Salt Lake, Utah Territory

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? Thomas Corbitt came west with the Heber C. Kimball Company of 1848

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

Thomas and his Mother, Mary Nichols Corbitt were early English converts to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Leaving their homeland in 1846 to follow a Prophet of God. Thomas and Mary traveled to Nauvoo, where they owned a lot within the town limits, Spears: Block 2 Lot 3, T6 R 8 Sec 6, When Brigham Young told the Saints that they would have to leave behind, the city and Temple they held so dear, Thomas and his mother immediately prepared to leave. They would have crossed the Mississippi River in the bitter cold of winter and camped with the rest of the Saints organizing to leave for the unknown West. He crossed Iowa during the winter and spring of 1847 with the first companies of Saints. They would break trail, build bridges and plant crops for those that would follow. Mary was 80 years old, but could not be

parted from the Saints of God. She died 1 Sep 1847 and was buried at Winter Quarters, Nebraska. She died a martyr for her courage and faith in the Living God. Thomas was to leave his only remaining family member in a grave that he would never see again. Thomas married Sophronia Kelley at Winter Quarters and took her son George Washington Eldridge as his own. ([https://www.familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/12561375?p=13176339&returnLabel=Thomas%20Corbitt%20\(LKVB-3S4\)&returnUrl=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.familysearch.org%2Ftree%2Fperson%2Fmemories%2FLKVB-3S4](https://www.familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/12561375?p=13176339&returnLabel=Thomas%20Corbitt%20(LKVB-3S4)&returnUrl=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.familysearch.org%2Ftree%2Fperson%2Fmemories%2FLKVB-3S4))