

Henry Lafayette Utley

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: Henry L. Utley

Age: 7y; 4m; 8d

Relationship: Son of Samuel & Maria Utley

Deceased: Oct. 3, 1847

Disease: Canker with measles

Birth Place: Alabama Pery Co.

Birth Date: May 25th, 1840

Grave No. 242

Birth Date: May 22, 1840

Birth Place: Marion, Perry, Alabama

Death Date: October 3, 1847

Cause of Death: Canker with measles

Burial Place: Winter Quarters Grave #242

Father's Name: Samuel Walton Utley

Mother's Maiden Name: Mariah Berry

Which Winter Quarters Ward or Iowa Branch was the family: Harris Grove Branch, Iowa

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Listed as 729 in District 21, Pottawattamie, Iowa

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? Went west with the Robert Wimmer Company of 1852. Approximately 71 wagons and 140 adults were listed on the Wimmer company report, which was compiled just before the company began its journey from the outfitting post at Kaneshville, Iowa in early July. Including children and additional family members, approximately 250 people total traveled in the Wimmer company.

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

A terrible misfortune befall our family while we lived in Winter Quarters. We all contracted measles and five of our family died from its effects, leaving father, my youngest brother Gabriel and myself to start on the long journey to the Rocky Mountains. Before starting on our journey to Utah, father taught school and did some farming. He also secured some hardwood, seasoned it and built it into a wagon by himself.

We started on our journey once more in 1852. We had the wagon father had made, two milk cows for our team, and the neccissities [necessities] we needed. We made good progress until we reached the alkali-beds, and then one of our cows died. The captain of the company had some extra animals and he let father have a yoke of oxen. Shortly after this occurrence [occurrence] cholera broke out among the company while at Platte River. My father was one of its unfortunate victims. He was laid to rest without a coffin on the plains with other members of the pioneer company.

A man without a team volunteered to drive my team after father died, so I did not have to worry about that. Up to this time we had plenty of bedding to keep us warm, but due to the health measures practiced in those days we discarded all of our bedding, and was only able to secure one pillow from the captain of the company, the epidemic of the cholera surely proved to be a severe hardship on us. We managed with the few things we had, but suffered much from the cold.

When we reached Salt Lake City we felt like strangers in a strange land.

(<https://history.lds.org/overlandtravel/sources/10163/carter-harriet-utley-autobiographical-sketch-224-25-in-histories-and-biographies-written-by-members-of-camp-sunflower-daughters-of-utah-pioneers-of-center-utah-county-provo-utah-vol-3-part-1>)