

William Calvin Fausett

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: William Fausett

Age: 3y; 0m; 0d

Relationship: Son of William & Matilda Fausett

Deceased: Oct. 5, 1847

Disease: Canker

Birth Place: Nauvoo, Il.

Birth Date: Oct. 6th, 1844

Grave No. 243

Birth Date: October 6, 1844

Birth Place: Nauvoo, Hancock, Illinois

Death Date: October 5, 1847

Cause of Death: Canker

Burial Place: Winter Quarters Grave #243

Father's Name: William McKee Fausett

Mother's Maiden Name: Matilda Caroline Butcher

Which Winter Quarters Ward or Iowa Branch was the family: Winter Quarters Ward 6

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Listed as family #909 in District 21, Pottawattamie, Iowa

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? Went west with the Easton Kelsey Company of 1851. 100 wagons were in the company when it began its journey from the outfitting post at Kaneshville, Iowa (present day Council Bluffs). They originally departed about June 10, but turned back due to Indian trouble. They left again June 29. Luman A. Shurtliff was captain of the 1st Fifty and Isaac Allred was captain of the 2nd Fifty.

The company arrived in Salt Lake City between September 22 and October 7, 1851.

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

While yet in Maury County, Tennessee, Matilda Caroline gave her heart to William McKee Fausett and they were joined in Holy Matrimony by her father, still a Minister of the Baptist Church, 2 Mar 1826. William McKee Fausett was a son of Richard and Mary McKee Fausett, born 6 Jan 1807, in Sumner County, Tennessee. It was in Columbia, Maury County, Tennessee, where Matilda Caroline, with her husband began to till the soil and prepare to establish a home.

The following July, 1827, their first daughter, Nancy Mariah, was born, followed by Martha Jan (1828), Narcissus Rebecca (1830), Mary Ann (1831), and Harriet Catherine (1833). These dates can more fully be seen in the Family Record. Matilda Caroline supported her husband's desires for new frontiers and new lands, never questioning. Adventure was in their blood, like that of their fathers. The new lands of Illinois and Missouri opened up and beckoned them. Sometime between 1833 and 1835 Matilda Caroline and William, with their little family of five girls, the eldest of whom was only six, uprooted themselves and turned their eyes again to new conquests. They arrived in Macoupin County, Illinois, and tarried there but two years where Sarah Louisa was born in 1835, followed the next April by Amanda Caroline. It was about this time that the Holy Spirit bore witness and touched the hearts of this family and they were caught up in the precepts of the Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ. They cast their lot with the persecuted Saints, and moved to Caldwell County, Missouri, where their first son and eighth child, Joseph Smith, was born 24 Jan 1838, and named after their beloved Prophet. Violence and persecution found them in Far West, Missouri, where tragedy struck by the death of Amanda Caroline, age three. The year 1844 found them in Nauvoo, Hancock County, Illinois, where a second son and ninth child, William Calvin, was born. The great Nauvoo exodus had begun and Matilda Caroline buried this little three year old son at Winter Quarters, Nebraska, in that tragic year of 1847. Little William Calvin's name appears on the Memorial erected to those who gave their lives that year in that great movement. Winter Quarters is now called Florence, Nebraska. Undaunted by such tragedies and hardships imposed upon her, Zion was finally reached and in 1853, at Provo, Utah, Matilda Caroline saw her third son and tenth child, Isaac Romanzo, come into the world. Matilda Caroline Butcher Fausett never looked back, but always forward and upward. She lived her fifty eight years to fulfillment through the trials and sufferings of frontiersman and pioneers par excellence. I suppose she found much happiness, however, in her family and home, temporary as they were, until she arrived in Zion. Wrinkled by toil and sweat; battered by wind and rain and sun; scourged by drouth; persecuted by mobs and violence, all strengthened her love of God and faithfulness to righteousness. She departed this lit 3 Oct 1867 at Provo, Utah and is buried beside her chosen helpmate and dear beloved husband at the Provo City Cemetery.

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