

Alvah Lewis Tippetts

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: Alva Tibits

Age: 38y; 7m; 15d

Relationship: Husban of Carolin Tibits

Deceased: Oct. 24, 1847

Disease: Not listed

Birth Place: Laurence Co., N Y

Birth Date: Mar 12th, 1809

Grave No. 254

Birth Date: March 12, 1809

Birth Place: Lewis, Essex, New York

Death Date: October 24, 1847

Cause of Death: Unknown

Burial Place: Winter Quarters Grave #254

Father's Name: Joseph Tippetts

Mother's Maiden Name: Abigail Lewis

Spouse's Name: Caroline Beard

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

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Benjamin Barney's family was listed as #1037 in District 21, Pottawattamie County, Iowa

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? Came west with the Henry Bryant Manning Jolley Company in 1852. About 340 individuals and about 64 wagons were in the company when it began its journey from the outfitting post at Kanessville, Iowa. This company arrived 9-15 September 1852.

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

Caroline Beard Tippetts Barney, the daughter of Christen and Margaret Almenroad Beard, was born in Salmon County, Virginia, January 15, 1826. She lived in there until she was nine years old, when she moved with her parents to Indiana. In 1842, probably the early part of the year, they were proselyted by Alva Lewis Tippetts, a missionary of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Most of the Beard family was baptized members of the Church by him at that time. Caroline would have been sixteen years of age. Alva was apparently smitten by Caroline.

Late in 1843 he returned to her parent's home in Indiana and asked her hand in marriage. They were married in October of that year in her parent's home and, shortly thereafter, moved, with her parents and family, to Nauvoo, Hancock County, Illinois.

They travelled in the Heber C. Kimball's company, and were among the first of the Saints to cross the Mississippi River and leave Nauvoo. They made their first camp at Sugar Creek, on the Iowa side of the river, and suffered through the extreme cold which froze the river allowing many more of the Saints to cross on the ice. They remained there until the spring thaw, when they continued their journey as far as Council Bluffs, Iowa. They crossed the Missouri River and located at Winter Quarters, later crossing back to the east side to secure better feed for their cattle. As the Saints began to prepare to leave for the valley of the Great Salt Lake, Caroline and Alvah were asked to remain at Winter Quarters to plant and tend crops for use of those who would follow. The advance company left Winter Quarters 14 April 1847. As the year progressed through Summer and Fall, Alvah fell ill, probably of malaria. The area was found to be infested with malaria carrying mosquitos.* He died October 30, 1847. Five weeks later, December 7, 1847, Caroline delivered their third child, whom she named for his uncle, Alvah's brother, Joseph Harrison Tippetts. Two and a half years after the death of her husband, Caroline met Benjamin Franklin Barney, with whom she completed the journey to Utah in 1852. They were married April 27, 1849, at Council Bluffs, Iowa. While on their journey they had many experiences conquering the deserts, mountains, and the elements. They had to burn buffalo chips, as fire wood was very scarce. Their progress was limited to one hundred miles a week. At times only a mile or so a day was traveled because of mud and lack of roads. Forging rivers, building roads and the search for forage made travel very slow. One day while traveling, the oxen ran away and tipped the wagon over, but no one was injured. When they crossed the Horn(?) river, they swam the cattle across and took the wagons across on rafts.

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