

James Clayton

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: James Claton

Age: 23y; 6m; 5d

Relationship: Husband of Lydia Claton

Deceased: Nov 28, 1847

Disease: Winter fever

Birth Place: England, Farington,

Birth Date: May 22, 1814

Grave No. 271

Birth Date: May 22, 1814

Birth Place: Penwortham, Lancashire, England

Death Date: November 28, 1847

Cause of Death: Winter fever

Burial Place: Winter Quarters Grave # 271

Father's Name: Thomas Clayton

Mother's Maiden Name: Ann Critchley

Spouse's Name: Lydia Ann Moon

Which Winter Quarters Ward or Iowa Branch was the family: Winter Quarters Ward 17

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Listed as family #947 in District #21, Pottawattamie, Iowa.

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? Lydia came west with the David Wood Company in 1852. She was the widow of James Clayton who died at Winter Quarters. Lydia then married her brother-in-law John Clayton. Both of these husbands were brothers of William Clayton. She crossed the plains with 1 male and 3 females but her husband John was not with them. In Utah she married Thomas LaFlesh Munjar; in the 1856 Utah census she is Lydia "Mungar" of Tooele. She is buried in Plumas County, California.

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

William Clayton mentions in his journal that he intended to marry Lydia Ann Moon. She told him that she had no intention to marry anyone. She "says she has promised her mother not to marry while her mother lives and she thinks she won't," writes William. At this point of time Lydia was 17-years old, and William was 30-years old and already married to two of Lydia's

older sisters. Then William writes later, "My sister-in-law Lydia is in the way of apostacy. She went to Burlington last year but previous to her going she agreed to be sealed to me for time and eternity ... While at Burlington she wrote pledging herself to her contract. When she came home she went out to father's where she got entangled with my brother James and has resolved to marry him. She has lost her faith in the Church and is on the road to ruin, but so determined that no argument is of any use. The family feels sorry but cannot change her feelings. Her mother frets much about it." November 27, 1847, Saturday. "During the last 4 weeks I have spent part of the time writing and part attending on my family. Gloomy prospects seem to thicken around my family and it requires a constant effort to keep pace with crowding scenes of suffering and sorrow. I have killed an old Ox of Church property to sustain us. We have had 2 rain storms which beat into the houses and wet everything. James has been very sick for 3 weeks past and now is low indeed, in fact but small hopes for his recovery. I have got a mission to England as soon as I can arrange to go." November 29, 1847, Monday. "This day James was buried. His age is 23 years 6 months and 5 days."

NOTE: Three years later, Lydia is found as the wife of John Clayton (younger brother of both William and James Clayton) with two young children in the 1850 US Census living in Pottawattamie, Iowa. The first child is listed as "Hyrum Clayton, age 4, born in Omaha, Nebraska." The second child listed is "Lydia Clayton, age 1, born in Illinois." Since John Clayton and Lydia were married on 13 May 1848 in Winter Quarters, Hiram/Hyram is more than likely the son of James Clayton (John's brother that died in 1847) and Lydia Ann Moon. But little Lydia, age 1 year old in the 1850 Census would have been John Clayton and Lydia Ann Moon's daughter. By 1852, John disappears. Lydia with her two small children and John's brother Joseph Clayton (age 13) embark on the Pioneer exodus to the Salt Lake Valley in the David Wood Company and John is not listed with Lydia and family. So he must have died also sometime between 1850 and 1852. Shortly after (in 1852) Lydia marries again to a man named Thomas LeFlesh Munjar in Utah.

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