

## Anna Mary Felshaw

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: Anna M Felshaw

Age: 8y; 0m; 18d

Relationship: Daughter of William & Mariah Felshaw

Deceased: January 15, 1848

Disease: Winter fever

Birth Place: Nauvoo, Il

Birth Date: December 28, 1839

Grave No. 289

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Death Date: January 15, 1848

Cause of Death: Winter fever

Burial Place: Winter Quarters Grave #289

Father's Name: William Felshaw

Mother's Maiden Name: Mary Harriet Gilbert

Which Winter Quarters Ward or Iowa Branch was the family: Winter Quarters Ward 21

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Listed as family #746 in District 21, Pottawattamie, Iowa

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? Came west with the John G. Smith Company in 1851

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

William Felshaw was born February 3, 1800 at Granville, Washington County, New York. His parents were Lemuel Felshaw and Sarah Hicks. In his youth he received a fair education considering the conditions that prevailed at that time. For six years he was apprenticed out under a trained carpenter and builder. Family tradition is that this carpenter was called, "Old Father Hitchcaught". This apprentice received his board and clothing but very little or no money. Mother Hitchcaught made his clothes such as they were. Some years later while doing carpentry work he stopped at a tavern located in a small town fifteen or twenty miles from Albany, New York. While there he met a young woman by the name of Mary Harriet Gilbert. This was the beginning of a romance that developed into her marriage with William Felshaw in the year of 1826. Mary Harriet Gilbert and her twin sister Rachel Betsey Gilbert were born June 5, 1808, in

Osego County, New York. Her parents were Josiah Gilbert and Susannah Hyde. It is family tradition that Harriet Gilbert was a very beautiful girl with auburn hair. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church. The first four children born to this couple died in infancy. When William and his wife were contacted by the Mormon Elders, they both joined this new founded religion. They were baptized in the town of Spafford, Ondago County, New York on May 20, 1832 by Orson Hyde. Their next child, named Julia, was born June 27, 1832 at Spafford, New York. A son, named William Alma, was born in the year 1834. He died before reaching maturity. In June 1835 William Felshaw and his family moved to Kirtland, Ohio. Kirtland at this time was the gathering place of the Mormons. Here they built the Kirtland Temple—the first temple erected by the Mormons. William Felshaw was one of the chief carpenters in the erection of this building until its completion. This Temple was dedicated March 27, 1836, by Joseph Smith. It is said that the dedicatory prayer was given the Prophet by revelation. On the 23 day of November 1836, at Kirtland, a son, John Felshaw was born. A daughter, Anna Mary Felshaw, was born December 28, 1839. While at Kirtland, Ohio, William Felshaw was ordained to the lesser priesthood in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and shortly after was ordained an elder and subsequently was ordained to High Priest Quorum. During the time that the main body of the Mormons was located at Kirtland, dissension of considerable magnitude occurred against the church authorities. Many traitors, many who were dishonest were active in this rebellion against the church. When the body of the church left Kirtland, the William Felshaw family moved to Caldwell County, Missouri in the year 1838. Missouri mobocrats drove the members of the church from Caldwell County. These people suffered great privations and many deaths at the hands of these mobocrats. The next move of the William Felshaw family was to Nauvoo, in Illinois. The Nauvoo Temple was started April 6, 1841. William Felshaw was a foreman doing the woodwork on this building. When the leaders of the Church were driven from Nauvoo by the mob in 1846, William Felshaw was one of the number who covenanted to labor on the temple until the lower rooms were finished even if they had to live on bread and water. The baptismal font in the temple was dedicated on November 8, 1841. Before the Nauvoo Temple was completed the Prophet Joseph Smith and his brother Hyrum had sealed their testimony with their blood at Carthage jail in Illinois. The Nauvoo Temple was privately dedicated by Joseph Young, President of the First Quorum of Seventies on April 30, 1846. This was done privately due to the mob's terrible activities. The temple was officially dedicated on May 1, 1846, by Apostle, Orson Hyde and Wilford Woodruff. Endowments were begun in the Nauvoo Temple in December 1845 and continued for several months. A large number of endowments were had for a few months. It is said that many of the members of the church received spiritual strength that gave them the power to endure the excessive hardships that followed. In the months of February and March of 1846, most of the Mormon people left Nauvoo for the west. They crossed the Mississippi River on the ice. They crossed the barren plains of Iowa and suffered terrible hardships. Many died during this pilgrimage. William Felshaw accepted with full sincerity and devotion the message of Joseph Smith, the prophet. He also accepted the doctrine of plural marriage. He married as plural wife, Charlotte Walters, an early English convert to the church, on July 28, 1843 at Nauvoo, Illinois. Charlotte Walters was born at Gloucestershire, England November 28, 1826. Her father's name was John Walters and her mother was Mary Walters. At the time William Felshaw married into plural marriage the Edmund – Tucker Law prohibiting plural marriage had not been

passed by congress. On May 3, 1845, Mary Harriett Felshaw gave birth to a child, afterwards named Caroline Felshaw, at Nauvoo, Illinois. The next move of this family was in May 1846, where they went to Winter Quarters, Iowa. Winter Quarters was a few miles north of what is now Council Bluffs, Iowa. This family suffered great hardships while there. Their poverty was extreme, having been driven from their home at Nauvoo, Illinois. William had to leave his family in very poor circumstances to procure work so that they could exist. In the spring of 1848, he moved his family to Galland's Grove, Pottawattamie County, Iowa. While here, daughter Julia married a man by the name of Lorenzo D. Rudd. On November 2, 1850, a daughter was born to his first wife named Olive at Galland's Grove, Pottawattamie County, Iowa. Sarah and Susannah (twins) were born on February 3, 1851 at Galland's Grove. Sarah died in her youth.

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