

Gardner Godfrey Potter

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: Gardner G Potter

Age: Not given

Relationship: Son of Gardner G. and Eveline Potter

Deceased: March 13, 1848

Disease: Still born

Birth Place: Winter Quarter

Birth Date: March 13, 1848

Grave No. 298

Birth Date: March 13, 1848

Birth Place: Winter Quarters, Nebraska Territory

Death Date: March 13, 1848

Cause of Death: Stillborn

Burial Place: Winter Quarters Grave #298

Father's Name: Gardner Godfrey Potter

Mother's Maiden Name: Evelina Maria Hinman

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

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Listed as family #61, Sanpete County, Utah Territory

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? Came west with the Brigham Young Company of 1848.

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

Gardner Godfrey Potter was a close friend and associate of Hosea Stout, the stalwart Mormon leader and diaryist who was constable of the Nauvoo Legion in Nauvoo and Winter Quarters. He was later Attorney General of the state of Deseret and the Territory of Utah. He was United States District Attorney for Utah, and President of the House of the Utah Territorial Legislature. Gardner himself was a member of the Nauvoo Legion, the largest military body of the time, second only to the United States Army. Since both Gardner and William Potter were murdered in Utah in the 50's and left no written record, we are dependent on the diaries and journals of others and the public records for information about them. Hosea Stout makes several entries about Gardner in his journal. They were associated together in Nauvoo, Winter Quarters, crossed the plains in the same company and for a while together in Salt Lake. The Journal History also

makes a number of references to the Potters. The Potter families endured all the hardships and disruption of their lives connected with the murder of Joseph Hyrum Smith, and the violence and destruction perpetrated by the mob, resulting in the Saints being driven from their homes and having to cross the ice on the Mississippi River during the winter of 1846, and struggling across Iowa to Winter Quarters. Brigham Young hired eight or ten good men to go to the Ponca Camp to raise a group for the Indians of the Omaha Nation to keep them away from Winter Quarters that fall. Gardner and his wife Evalina were left at Pawnee on the Ponca River near Winter Quarters. On October 8, 1846, the Potter brothers offered to herd the cattle of members of the Mormon Battalion for \$200 [this seems wrong] a head and be responsible for the loss. This was accepted by Brigham Young. On June 3, 1847, Hosea Stout sent G. G. Potter out in his place to meet some Indians and conduct them into Winter Quarters with fifteen other men, with twelve horsemen and two wagons to meet the pioneers who were returning from the Rocky Mountains, to put them on guard against the Indians, to take them supplies and assist them in case they needed help. Gardner was listed as having one round of shot. On Sunday October 17, 1847, while on the Platte River, four of the men killed a buffalo. When Brother Potter and Glines came up, they said the buffalo was too poor to eat, which they did not believe until they opened him and found that it was so.

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