

Sarah Elizabeth Packer

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: Sarah Elisebeth Packer

Age: 1y; 1m; 20d

Daughter of Jonathan T. & Angelina Packer

Deceased: Dec. 9, 1846

Disease: Chills

Birth Place: Nauvoo, Hancock Co., Ill

Birth Date: Oct 19, 1845

No. of Grave: 32

Birth Date: Oct. 19, 1845

Death Date: Dec. 9, 1846

Cause of Death: Chills

Burial Place: Winter Quarters grave #32

Father's Name: Jonathan Taylor Packer

Mother's Maiden Name: Angelina or Avilda Champlin

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

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Great Salt Lake County, house #5, Jonathan T age 33, Angelina age 32, Nephi age 12, Alonzo age 10, Lorenzo age 7, Caroline age 5, William age 2, and Deseret age 1.

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? Willard Snow left June 1 and arrived 1848 (according to email from Orva Cluff but unsubstantiated by the church pioneer database)

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

Sarah's living siblings at the time of her death were as follows: Nephi age 9, Alonzo age 6, and Lorenzo age 4. After her death William Jefferson, Pleasant Deseret, Mary Angeline, Avilda Verona, Laverna Sonora, and Eva Ellen were born. Lorenzo, Avilda, and Eva all died as children. (Family Group Record, emailed, p.1-2)

-Avilda's family was converted and baptized by Martin Harris just 2 years after the church was organized. (John A. Freestone, The Life and Times of Alonzo Hamilton Packer and his wife Lydia Ann Packer, p. 14.)

-Alonzo was 7 when the family made the trek and herded sheep all the way to Utah. He was barefoot the whole way too. (John A. Freestone, The Life and Times of Alonzo Hamilton Packer and his wife Lydia Ann Packer, p. 14, 17.)

-Jonathan was married to Sarah Ewell who died before his marriage to Alvilda. Later, he also married Helen Linnquist. (John Taylor Packer, written by himself)

-Jonathan was a merchandiser in Brigham City and later ran a store in Thatcher, AZ. (John Taylor Packer, written by himself)

-In 1877 he helped lay out the town of Cannonville and was ordained the bishop there. (John Taylor Packer, written by himself)

-Jonathan's family were Quakers. His father actively participated in the monthly meetings. Jonathan's older brother Nathan was the first baptized into the LDS church and Jonathan was baptized three years later on March 10, 1836. A third brother, William Hamilton, was baptized in 1850. (Paul L. Crandall Jr, The Pioneer History of Jonathan Taylor Packer, p.1-2)

-Two months after he was baptized 18-year-old Jonathan walked to Missouri. He walked because he gave away his fine horse to a veteran. ((Paul L. Crandall Jr, The Pioneer History of Jonathan Taylor Packer, p.3)

-Jonathan was a member of the Caldwell Militia who attacked the mobsters in order to free church members that they were holding prisoner. At the battle he used a sword. The skirmish came to be known as the battle of Crooked River. (Paul L. Crandall Jr, The Pioneer History of Jonathan Taylor Packer, p.4)

-One family legend claims that when forced to leave Nauvoo Alvilda cut potato eyes and carried them all the way to Utah where they grew. (Paul L. Crandall Jr, The Pioneer History of Jonathan Taylor Packer, p.7)

-Jonathan helped explore south of Salt Lake. (Paul L. Crandall Jr, The Pioneer History of Jonathan Taylor Packer, p.11)

-In 1852 Jonathan was sealed to his former wife Sarah, his current wife and three other dead women who were likely his wives' dead sisters. (Paul L. Crandall Jr, The Pioneer History of Jonathan Taylor Packer, p.13)

-Jonathan and his family befriended the local Indians. During the winters the Indians would bring Jonathan's families food. (Paul L. Crandall Jr, The Pioneer History of Jonathan Taylor Packer, p.1-2)

-Lorenzo Snow established the Co-Op Mercantile in Brigham City and Jonathan was the first manager with his wife Christina working as a clerk.

-While guarding the courthouse Jonathan was shot in the thigh by a prisoner attempting to escape. After this Jonathan walked with a limp. (Paul L. Crandall Jr, The Pioneer History of Jonathan Taylor Packer, p.17)

-After helping settle Cannonville the Packer family moved back to Brigham City. By 1882 Jonathan was running a fruit and lunch stand at the railroad depot. (Paul L. Crandall Jr, The Pioneer History of Jonathan Taylor Packer, p.20)

-By 1883 however, Jonathan moved to Arizona. Their sons William and Alonzo and daughter Sonora and her husband were all called to colonize Arizona. The family all eventually settled in the Gila Valley. Jonathan and Alonzo opened a merchandizing store that specialized in meat. One year after the move Avilda joined the family in Arizona too. (Paul L. Crandall Jr, The Pioneer History of Jonathan Taylor Packer, p.21)

-Lorenzo and Seth both died in Arizona. They were shot by Indians while out looking for horse thieves. ((Paul L. Crandall Jr, The Pioneer History of Jonathan Taylor Packer, p.22)

-Avilda died in Mexico where she was living to escape persecution for practicing polygamy and Jonathan died shortly before her in Arizona. (Paul L. Crandall Jr, The Pioneer History of Jonathan Taylor Packer, p.23)

Avilda and her family were living at Haans Mill when the massacre occurred there. She and her mother and sisters ran for the safety of the woods. She said that they were being shot at and she found bullet burns in her sleeve and skirt of her dress afterwards. None of her family members were wounded or killed. Her dad survived by laying under a man who was dead and playing dead. The mobsters realized he was dead as they searched for valuables to take but he was saved when someone yelled that more Mormons were coming and the mobsters ran away. (History of Angelina Avilda (Champlin) Packer, Delia Ann Freestone Allen, p.1-2)