

John Edwin Lawrence, Sr.

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: John Lawrance

Age: 43y; 5m; 22d

Husband of Rhody Lawrance

Deceased: Dec. 13, 1846

Disease: Not listed

Birth Place: Dutchess Co., New York

Birth Date: June 21, 1803

No. of Grave: 39

Birth Date: June 21, 1803

Death Date: Dec. 13, 1846

Cause of Death: unknown

Burial Place: Winter Quarters grave #39

Spouse's Name: Rhoda Sanford

Father's Name: John Lawrence

Mother's Maiden Name: Lucretia Willey

Which Winter Quarters Ward or Iowa Branch was the family: Winter Quarters 14th and 21st wards

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Pottawattamie County, Iowa house #1287. Rhoda was married to John Jasper as she had a 1-year old daughter, Charlotte, but her and her children were living in a separate house and went by the last name Lawrence.

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? John G. Smith wagon train left Council Bluffs May 1, 1851 and arrived Sep 15-23, 1851. Rhoda remarried to John Loveless and traveled with her children Emma age 22, Maria 14, Mary Ellen age 11, Hyrum Smith age 5, John age 2, Mary Loveless age 13, Parley age 11, Rachel age 10, Charlotte infant, William age 8

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

-John and Rhoda were married in 1830 in Ontario Canada. Together they had Arminta, Sarah Jane, Mariah, Emma, Mary Ellen, Angeline Elizabeth, Rhoda Almira, and Edwin John. (Nauvoo Baptisms for the Dead, 2161), (emailed document, p.559-560)

-In 1847 after John's death Rhoda remarried to John Loveless and on Feb. 6, 1855 she married a third time to Joseph Skeen.

-Arminta married Thomas Ashton who was born in England. They were married Feb. 17, 1851 in Council Bluffs, Pottawattamie, Iowa. He was 17 years her senior and had previously been married. (Family Group Record, emailed file)

-Their last three children: Angeline, Rhoda, and John Edwin all died at Winter Quarters. The first two died in Oct. of 1846 and the third died March 25, 1847. This must have been incredibly trying for Rhoda. (Family Group Record, emailed to us)

-See Angelina Elizabeth Lawrence's sheet for more family member stories.