

## Elizabeth Bailey Willey

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: Elizabeth Willey

Age: 2y; 5m; 1d

Daughter of Jeramiah & Samanthy Willey

Deceased: Dec. 21, 1846

Disease: Canker

Birth Place: Warsaw, Hancock Co., Ill

Birth Date: July 20, 1844

No. of Grave: 42

Birth Date: July 20, 1844

Death Date: Dec. 21, 1846

Cause of Death: Canker

Burial Place: Winter Quarters grave #42

Father's Name: Jeremiah Willey

Mother's Maiden Name: Samantha Call

Which Winter Quarters Ward or Iowa Branch was the family: Winter Quarters 14<sup>th</sup> Ward

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Pottawattamie County, Iowa Jeremiah, Samantha age 36, William age 9, Jeremiah age 3, David age 1, and Abigail age 17.

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? John G. Smith Company which left Kanessville, Iowa May 1, 1851 and arrived Sep. 15, 23.

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

-Before his marriage to Samantha Jeremiah was married to Bashabe Stevens who was from Massachusetts. She died Sep. 3, 1838 in Indiana. Together they adopted Abigail from a neighbor whose wife had died and could not care for her.

(<https://winterquarters.byu.edu/portals/121//PAF/ward14/pafg25.htm#805>)

-In April 1839 Samantha and Jeremiah were married in Warsaw Illinois. Together they had Samantha Elin on Mar. 15, 1840 in Illinois but she died the following year. Next, they had William Wallace on Oct. 1841 in Illinois. Then Elizabeth was born and died. Jeremiah Russell was born Feb. 17, 1847 in Omaha, Nebraska. David Orson followed Sep. 26, 1849 in Iowa. (<https://winterquarters.byu.edu/portals/121//PAF/ward14/pafg25.htm#808>) The following children were born in Bountiful, UT: Cynthia Armenia May 3, 1852; Parley Pratt Dec. 17, 1854; Willard Cyril June 10, 1857; Joseph May 17, 1859. (emailed pages 411, Susan Easton Black?)

-Jeremiah left with the Mormon Battalion and so was absent when Elizabeth died and baby Jerimiah was born. (Emailed excerpt from the Autobiography of Samantha Call Willey) He was a private in Company A. (Members of the Mormon Battalion. Easton, Susan W. Roster of Mormon Battalion)

-Jeremiah also married Sarah Ann Sanders, Sarah Ann Ward, Hannah Pressa, Electa Parker, Lucia Irena Call, Emma Jane Call, and Elvira Burnham under polygamy. The last five wives were sealed to him Nov. 5, 1871, which was three years after his death. (emailed 70's Record and file notes)

-Jeremiah was Chaplin of the first Utah Territorial Legislature. (Pioneers and Prominent Men of Utah. Esshom, Frank. 1913. P. 1249)

- In 1842 Jeremiah served a mission to Ohio, Vermont, and Maine. This mission was a year or less. (Mormon Battalion Biographies. Black, Porter, Johnson, Bloxham. BYU)

-While in the Mormon Battalion Jeremiah was ordered to retrieve a piece of luggage that fell into an icy river. Somehow during the retrieval, he was injured and for the rest of his life he suffered fits. These fits caused him to become red in the face, his eyes would bug out, grit his teeth, and his mouth would fill with water. At first the fits lasted a minute or two but by the end of his life they were lasting 10 to 15 minutes. He eventually died when he was struck with a fit while crossing a shallow stream. The fit caused him to drown in two feet of water. (Pension File), (Mormon Battalion Biographies. Black, Porter, Johnson, Bloxham. BYU)

-When Jeremiah was 22 he got Typhoid. This caused him to think about his life and he promised God that if he lived he would serve Him the rest of his life. He did live and from then on began searching the Bible. His first wife was a Methodist, but he disagreed with their teachings. He also looked into Catholicism but was disappointed. His wife heard Orson Hyde preach while she was in Lowell and got baptized. He read the Book of Mormon and was converted too. When the young couple moved to Kirtland they both got patriarchal blessings from Joseph Smith Sr. (History of Jeremiah Willey, copied from original by Eva J. Hanks in 1950)

-Samantha lived to age 91. (<https://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=26098169>)

-It appears that Abigail married Gurshom Culver Norris May 2, 1856 in Salt Lake, UT. However, it appears that by 1860 her and her husband had moved back to Iowa as they appear in that census in Lee Co. West Point Twp. With the children Margaret E., William C., and Ira G. In the next census, 1870, It looks like she has remarried to D.B. Hudnut and is still in the same town. By 1880 she is in the same town, Lee Co. West Point Twp. But is married for a third time to Nicholas Klopfenstein from France. (<http://worldconnect.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=ldshistorical&id=I198701>)

-William Willey was a member of the Utah militia for years. He also haled wood, fruit, and vegetables to the mines. He taught school and helped build the Salt Lake Temple for 40 years. He lived to see it dedicated as well as the Logan temple's dedication. He contracted for the railroad and made a path through Weber Canyon for which he was well paid. He served a

mission to England. He was also sentenced to 5 months in the state penitentiary for practicing polygamy. His head was shaved and he was forced to wear the striped prison uniform.  
(<https://familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/2747014>)

-Jeremiah Russell Willey married and had 9 children. Prior to his marriage he fought in the Black Hawk War. He farmed. At age 51 he died from a heart attack.  
(<http://callcapsule.weebly.com/jeremiah-russell-willey.html>)

-David lived in Bountiful. He was the sheriff for a while and later served as the second mayor. He mostly farmed. He and his wife had 11 children.  
(<https://familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/9764073>)