

Sarah Alley Nobles

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: Sarah Nobles

Age: 27y; 3m; 9d

Wife of Joseph B. Nobles

Deceased: Dec. 28, 1846

Disease: Not listed

Birth Place: Town of Lynn Essex Co., State of Mass

Birth Date: Oct 19, 1819

No. of Grave: 46

Birth Date: Oct. 19, 1819

Death Date: Dec. 28, 1846

Cause of Death: unknown

Burial Place: Winter Quarters grave #46

Spouse's Name: Joseph Bates Nobles

Father's Name: John Alley

Mother's Maiden Name: Mercy/Marcy Buffam

Which Winter Quarters Ward or Iowa Branch was the family: Winter Quarters 20th ward

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census?

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? Jedediah M. Grant/Willard Snow Company. They departed Elk Horn River on 19 June 1847 and arrived on 4 October 1847

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

-Sarah and Joseph were married April 5, 1843 in Nauvoo, Illinois. Their children were Anna and George Omner. Sarah was Joseph's second of eleven wives. (Joseph Bates Noble, <https://winterquarters.byu.edu/Portals/121/PAF/ward20/b3.htm#P98>), (emailed notes, p.768)

-Both Sarah and her husband were from Massachusetts. (family group sheet, emailed file)

-Joseph was a part of Zions Camp. For work he farmed, raised stock, and ran a mill. (Notes, p. 770)

-Joseph was a major in the Nauvoo Legion (John Sweeney, Jr., "A History of the Nauvoo Legion in Illinois," Members of the Nauvoo Legion, MA thesis, BYU.)

-Joseph was a patriarch and performed the first plural marriage in the church. He helped settle the Bear Lake area in Idaho and died in Wardboro, ID. (Pioneers and Prominent Men of Utah, p.1072)

-When Joseph and his family were forced to leave Nauvoo, they transferred their home to Lucy Mack Smith for her use as she was unable to cross the plains. (The Noble-Smith Home, ch. 36, Nauvoo Restorations, unknown book emailed in file.)

-Joseph first heard the gospel in the fall of 1832 from Brigham Young, Joseph Young, and Heber C. Kimball. He felt from the start that they taught truth and was baptized at that time. The next year he traveled 250 miles to Kirtland where he met with Joseph Smith and while helping him work in the hayfield was taught by him. He stayed nine days and worked with the Prophet for six of those. (Autobiography of Joseph Bates Noble, p. 2)

-While in Zion's Camp Joseph almost died from Cholera. He was saved when Brigham Young, Joseph Young, Heber C. Kimball, Orson Hyde, and Peter Whittmer among others gathered around him and prayed for him. (Autobiography of Joseph Bates Noble, p. 3)

-Joseph's first wife, Mary Beman, first introduced the Book of Mormon into the neighborhood and believed it to be true. She convinced Joseph of its truthfulness, although she was not baptized until later. (Autobiography of Joseph Bates Noble, p. 5)

-While establishing Nauvoo Joseph was one of those struck with bilious fever. Two of his children died from it and his wife tearfully asked him if he was dying. Joseph Smith came to his sick bed and said, "Brother Noble, you have been too long with me to lie here." He then took Joseph Noble's hand and commanded him to arise and walk in the name of Jesus Christ. (Autobiography of Joseph Bates Noble, p. 6)

-Joseph accompanied Joseph Smith part of the way to Carthage Jail but had to turn back when he got sick. Joseph Smith gave him his legion sword and asked him to give a note to his wife Emma. (This Week in Church History: Bishop Noble – Friend of the Prophet, Jan. 15, 1966, Arnold Irvine)

-Sarah and Joseph's child Anna was orphaned when John and Elizabeth Quamsby died and subsequently adopted by Joseph and Sarah.

(<https://history.lds.org/overlandtravel/pioneers/1481/anna-noble>)

-George Omner Noble, the only child born to Sarah and Joseph was the first child in this dispensation born under polygamy. (A Nobleman in Israel: A Biographical Sketch of Joseph Bates Noble, by: Hazel Noble Boyack, pioneer printing company (Cheyenne, WY 1962), p. 31).