

## James Crookston

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: James Crooston

Age: 61y; 8m; 7d

Husband of Mary Crooston

Deceased: Dec. 28, 1846

Disease: Not listed

Birth Place: Tunnen, Scotland

Birth Date: April 21, 1785

No. of Grave: 47

Birth Date: April 21, 1785

Death Date: Dec. 28, 1846

Cause of Death: unknown

Burial Place: Winter Quarters grave #47

Spouse's Name: Mary Young

Father's Name: George Crookston

Mother's Maiden Name: Katherine Hastie

Which Winter Quarters Ward or Iowa Branch was the family: Winter Quarters 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Mary was living with their son Robert and his family in Savannah, Andrew, Missouri, house #415. George, the older son, was still in Scotland with his family.

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? Betz Company (all we know is that they departed in 1852 and arrived that same year. There were 18 people in the company.) Robert age 30, Ann Welch age 25, Caroline Holland (adopted daughter) age 12, George age 3, William age 2, and John infant. George and his family came over in Milo Andrus Company which left Mormon Grove and arrived Oct. 24, 1855 in Salt Lake.

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

-Mary died Sep. 29, 1851 in Glenwood, Mills, Iowa.  
(<https://winterquarters.byu.edu/portals/121//PAF/ward2/pafg01.htm#4>)

-Their family joined the church in Scotland. They sailed over in 1841. James was quite wealthy, so he paid for his sister Sophia and her daughter Maggie's boat tickets. Sophia's estranged husband wanted to come too although he was not LDS so James and his family smuggled him

aboard and kept him hidden since he could not afford a ticket. Later, in Nauvoo, William (the smuggled uncle) did join the church. Joseph Smith was waiting to greet the travelers as they arrived in Nauvoo. (Autobiography of Robert Crookston, <https://mormonmigration.lib.byu.edu/mii/account/1161>)

-James and his son Robert mined coal together in Scotland. James would sing while he mined. Robert began mining at age 14. (Autobiography of Robert Crookston, [http://www.rcrookston.com/More%20Crookston/robert\\_crookston.htm](http://www.rcrookston.com/More%20Crookston/robert_crookston.htm))

-The first time that Robert heard the LDS missionaries teach he was converted and baptized that very evening. (Autobiography of Robert Crookston, [http://www.rcrookston.com/More%20Crookston/robert\\_crookston.htm](http://www.rcrookston.com/More%20Crookston/robert_crookston.htm))

-George Crookston, Robert's older brother, traveled with his family to Utah three years after Robert did. (Biography, <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Crookston-110>).

-Eventually Robert and his wife Ann Welch eventually settled in Logan, Utah. Together they had ten sons and one daughter. There he had a rock quarry and helped build several rock houses in Logan. He ran the quarry until he was 80 years old. (Recollections by Granddaughter, Emma C. Dunn, [http://www.rcrookston.com/More%20Crookston/robert\\_crookston.htm](http://www.rcrookston.com/More%20Crookston/robert_crookston.htm))

-Robert lived to be 95 years old. He had good health but by the end of his life he lost his sight and hearing. (Reflections on Grandfather by Larn E. Crookston, [http://www.rcrookston.com/More%20Crookston/robert\\_crookston.htm](http://www.rcrookston.com/More%20Crookston/robert_crookston.htm))