

Alva "Alvy" West

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: Alvy West

Age: 51y; 4m; 26d

Husband of Sally West

Deceased: Nov. 17, 1846

Disease: Fever

Birth Place: Town of Leo Birkshire Co., Mass

Birth Date: June 21, 1795

No. of Grave: 5

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Death Date: Nov. 17, 1846

Cause of Death: Fever

Burial Place: Winter Quarter's grave # 5

Spouse's Name: Sally Benedict

Father's Name: Daniel West

Mother's Maiden Name: Elizabeth Tracy (Lacy)

Which Winter Quarters Ward or Iowa Branch was the family: Ira West (son) and his family lived in the 15th Ward.

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Chauncey had his two youngest siblings Alvin and Adelia living with his family in Great Salt Lake.

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? Ira traveled with the Brigham Young Company which left Winter Quarters June 5, 1848 and arrived Sep. 20-24, 1848. Chauncey and his wife Mary brought their baby and Chauncey's 5-year-old sister, Adelia, with them in the Edward Hunter – Joseph Horne Company which left from the Elkhorn River on June 17, 1847 and arrived Sep. 29, 1847. Israel came without family at age 16 in the Jedediah Grant – Joseph Noble Company which left the Elkhorn river June 19, 1847 and arrived Oct. 2, 1847. Lewis "Alvin" left with the Daniel Spencer/Perrigrine Sessions Company which left Elkhorn river June 18, 1847 and arrived Sep. 24-25, 1847.

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

-Alvy was born in Leo Birkshire Co., Massachusetts.

-Sally died three months after her husband in Feb. 1847 and was buried in grave 49, just three rows away from her husband's grave. One of their sons, Joseph West is buried here too.

-Their children were: Eliza born 1818 Chenango NY; Aaron Benedict born 1820 Lenox, Berkshire, MA; Joseph born 1822 Cortland, NY; Ira born 1824 Cortland, NY; Chauncey Walker born 1827 Crawford, PA; Israel born 1829 Ossian, Livingston, NY; Lewis "Alvin" West born 1833 Ossian, Livingston, NY; Adelia Maria born 1841 or 1842 Enterprise, Warren, PA

-"Then, of course, there was the matter of Ira E. West, who was fined \$100 and disfellowshipped for "lying, stealing and swindling." Whatever West's precise crime seems not to have been made public or even discussed in private journals. But it was foul enough to have raised the question of a death sentence. In a meeting of church authorities in March 1849, at which Brigham Young was present, John D. Lee reported, "Some were of the opinion that to execute [West] publicly-- would not be safe. But to dispose of him privately would be the most practicable and would result in the greatest good."

After much debate, it was decided to put West in chains and on March 12, the day of an election of officers for the Mormon State of Deseret, he would be offered for sale to the highest bidder, handed over to anyone who would pay his fine and take him until he had worked off the debt. Hosea Stout commented in his journal for that day, "No one took him and for awhile the prospect was fair for him to lose his head." At what seemed the last moment, West's brother came to his rescue and posted the fine." (Crime and Punishment, By: Hal Schindler, June 28, 1995, Salt Lake Tribune, http://historytogo.utah.gov/salt_lake_tribune/in_another_time/052895.html)

-After this incident Ira participated in the Indian War in Utah before divorcing his wife and settling in Arizona where he lived 40 years or more and eventually died. (<https://johnngturner.com/2012/09/15/cemeteries-and-mysteries/>)

-Chauncey was ordained as a member of the seventy at age 17 in 1845. He served a mission to Siam, eastern Asia in 1852. He was a bishop in Weber County for quite a few years. He was a missionary and later mission president of the European mission in 1863. He participated in driving the "Golden Spike" at Promontory Point, UT. In 1870 he died in San Francisco, CA during a business trip. (<http://chaunceywalkerwest.blogspot.com>)

-Through plural marriage Chauncey had 9 wives and 35 children. Farr West was named to honor his contributions to Weber County. (<https://www.geni.com/people/Chauncey-West-Sr/6000000011367153501>)