

Cynthia Soule Dykes

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: Synthy Dikes

Age: 46y; 11m; 5d

Wife of George P. Dykes

Deceased: Jan. 11, 1847

Disease: Childbed

Birth Place: Saretague Co., NY

Birth Date: Feb. 6, 1800

No. of Grave: 50

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Death Date: Jan. 11, 1847

Cause of Death: Child bed

Burial Place: Winter Quarters grave #50

Spouse's Name: George Parker Dykes

Father's Name: Peleg Soule

Mother's Maiden Name: Betsey Jane Warren

Which Winter Quarters Ward or Iowa Branch was the family: George and his first wife Dorcas lived in the 5th ward with their children. Cynthia probably lived with them even though she's not recorded.

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Pottawattamie Iowa, house #1451 Dorcas Dikes age 35, Lehi age 13, Nephi age 12, Rhoda age 11.

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? Ezra Benson Company, 1852 (emailed source, comment 4, p. 896) According to <https://history.lds.org/overlandtravel/companies/315/cyrus-h-wheelock-company-1853> George traveled with the Cyrus Wheelock Company which left Keokuk, Iowa on June 1, 1853 and arrived Oct. 6, 1853. His first wife Dorcas and their three children came with the Allen Weeks Company which left July 13, 1852 from Kanessville, Iowa and arrived Oct. 12, 1852.

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

-Cynthia Soule Durfey, a widow of James Durfey had 19 children before her death at winter quarters. George also married Cynthia's 14-year-old daughter Alicina Durfey. (Dorcas Keeling Dykes: Wife of George Parker Dykes and William Burgess Sr., <https://familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/6816077>)

-In July 1846, George left with the Mormon Battalion. In September his mother wrote him about difficulties between his three wives. In response he wrote a reprimanding letter to all three wives. (Dorcas Keeling Dykes: Wife of George Parker Dykes and William Burgess Sr., <https://familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/6816077>)

-Dorcas, George's first wife, got her sealing to him canceled because he believed the Saints should settle in California and apostatized from the church. (Dorcas Keeling Dykes: Wife of George Parker Dykes and William Burgess Sr., <https://familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/6816077>)

-George was a First Lieutenant in company D of the Mormon Battalion. (emailed source, p. 895)

-George was baptized June 9, 1826 to reinstate his standing in the church. (emailed source, p. 895)

-He served a 10-year mission to England, Holland, France, Sweden, and Denmark. (emailed source, p. 896)

-While serving his mission in Germany George translated the Book of Mormon into German for the first time. (George P. Dykes, Helps Translates Book of Mormon into German, <https://familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/7757243>)