

Horace Martin Alexander

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: Not listed

Age: Not listed

Relationship: Not listed

Deceased: Not listed

Disease: Not listed

Birth Place: Not listed

Birth Date: Not listed

Grave No. Possibly #66 with his mother

Birth Date: January 1, 1847

Birth Place: Winter Quarters

Death Date: January 31, 1847

Cause of Death: Unknown

Burial Place: Winter Quarters

Father's Name: Horace Martin Alexander

Mother's Maiden Name: Nancy Reeder Walker

Which Winter Quarters Ward or Iowa Branch was the family:

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Horace M. Alexander was listed as household #5 on the 1850 U. S. Census in Greater Salt Lake, Utah Territory.

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? The Horace M. Alexander Company of 1847 was a small company of returning Mormon Battalion veterans traveled from Los Angeles north to cross over the Sierra Mountains and then to Salt Lake. It was composed of only five men and one boy.

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

Horace Martin Alexander, Sr. was in the Mormon Battalion. As he was on his way to San Diego, back at Winter Quarters on January 1st, 1847, Nancy in the crudest of log huts, gave birth to a son Horace Martin Alexander, Jr. The weather was bitter cold. There was not sufficient bedding to keep the mother and babe warm and dry. The little lady was lonely. She called for her husband's riding boots, which was all she had of him, and would hug them to her and weep. On the 28th of January she died. Three days later the month-old infant died too. Nancy was attended to during her illness was Catherine Houston, then an orphan girl of fifteen years. After that the children went to live with Nancy's sister, Mrs. Henry Rollins. Catherine was also taken along to

care for the children who loved her. Together they crossed the plains. Horace, now a Corporal in the Battalion, received word of his wife's death months later at San Diego. He could not go to his children until his term of enlistment expired July 16th. When he was mustered out of service, he did not wait for his company to march, but with four other men and a boy, set forth on July 24th on horseback for the Great Salt Lake. They arrived in Salt Lake about October 16th, 1847. He had bartered the shirt off his back to get a pint of beans to keep himself and his companions from starving, had to half bury himself in the straw of Brother Hamilton's stable, while his companion went to the house of Hamilton's to explain his plight. That night Sister Hamilton made him a shirt out of an old skirt. Grandfather here received word that his children, with one of the Parley Pratt Companies, were well on their way to the Valley. So, with a few other brothers he hurried forth again on horseback to meet them. It is thought that he sighted the emigrant train somewhere in Wyoming. It was touching, this meeting of the father and his motherless girls. It is small wonder that Grandfather learned to love this young Catherine when he first met her thus, mothering his children. The party reached Utah early in November. On November 6th, Grandfather began to work for Madison Hamilton. Catherine still continued to live with the Henry Rollins family and to take care of the little Alexanders. On February 15, 1849, Horace and Catherine were married and they became the parents of ten children. At the same time, in obedience to the advice of his friend and leader Brigham Young, he married Martha Burwell, whom he had met in Salt Lake. They had many children.

Corporal Horace Alexander was buried in Springville, Utah County, Utah in 1881.