

Nancy Reeder Walker Alexander and Horace Martin Alexander (son)

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: Nancy Alexander

Age: 29y; 1m; 20d

Wife of Horace M. Alexander

Deceased: Jan. 28, 1847

Disease: Not listed

Birth Place: Dayton, Montgomery Co., Ohio

Birth Date: Dec. 8, 1817

No. of Grave: 66

Name: Horace Martin Alexander was not listed in the sexton's record

Age: 30d

Son of Horace M. Alexander and Nancy Reeder Walker Alexander

Deceased: March 2, 1847

Birth Place: Winter Quarters, Camp of Israel

Birth Date: Jan. 31, 1847

Birth Date: Dec. 8, 1817

Death Date: Jan. 28, 1847

Cause of Death: unknown

Burial Place: Winter Quarters grave #66

Spouse's Name: Horace M. Alexander

Father's Name: Oliver Walker

Mother's Maiden Name: Nancy Cressy

Which Winter Quarters Ward or Iowa Branch was the family: unknown

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Great Salt Lake county, UT, house #5, Horace M age 39, Martha age 21, Francis E age 14, Sarah age 10, Dionysia age 7, James age 1, Catherine Houston age 20.

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? Willard Richards Company left Winter Quarters, Nebraska July 3, 1848 and arrived Oct. 10, 1848.

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

-Nancy taught Horace the gospel. He accepted it and they were married. (Treasures of Pioneer History: Stories of the Mormon Battalion, p. 450)

-together they had Francis Eveline Sep. 1, 1836; Nancy March 24, 1839; another daughter March 5, 1841; Dionitia Oct. 15, 1843; Horace Martin Jr. Jan. 1, 1847 (passed away 3 days after his mother Nancy did at Winter Quarters). (Treasures of Pioneer History: Stories of the Mormon Battalion, pp. 450-51)

-Other sources say their children were Frances Eveline, Nancy Maria, Sarah Malinda, Dianette Emily, and Horace Martin Jr. (mailed information from Paul Bandlely, 4864 S. 3040 W. Taylorsville, UT 84118, dated Feb. 21, 1997)

-Horace was serving in the Company B of the Mormon Battalion when Nancy died. The children were left without parents and so moved in and crossed the plains with the Henry/James Rollins (Rawlins) family. (Treasures of Pioneer History: Stories of the Mormon Battalion, pp. 450-51)

-Horace heard of his wife's death while in California but could not leave until his enlistment expired. He was a Corporal in the Battalion. As soon as he could, he left with one or two others for Utah and did not even wait for a company. He had to barter his shirt for a jar of beans for food. He rode out to greet his girls on their arrival to Utah with Brigham Young's Company in 1848. (Treasures of Pioneer History: Stories of the Mormon Battalion, pp. 450-51)

-On February 15, 1849 Horace married Catherine Houston who had cared for his daughters after Nancy's death and across the plains. In accordance with polygamy he married Martha Burwell at the same time. (Treasures of Pioneer History: Stories of the Mormon Battalion, p. 451)

-Horace and his family helped settle Parowan, Utah for eight years before moving back to Springville. Catherine and her family moved with Horace to Provo eventually while Martha stayed in Springville. (Treasures of Pioneer History: Stories of the Mormon Battalion, p. 451)

-Sarah Malinda Alexander first married John Louder who was reportedly killed in the Indian Wars shortly after their marriage. On Feb. 8, 1856 she remarried to Dr. Calvin Crane Pendleton as a polygamous wife. Sarah was unhappy in her second marriage. One night she caught a ride from Parowan to Salt Lake City in the tithing wagon. Once there she told Brigham Young about her marriage and he arranged a divorce for her. John Green, a British immigrant, asked her to marry him later. She asked Brigham Young for advice and told him that she loved her first husband John Louder more. Brigham Young recommended that she marry John Green and that she would learn to love him. She did marry him and together they had 12 children. Later John Louder knocked on her door having found her house after contacting her father. Her granddaughter later said this visit "caused her much regret and many hours of unhappiness." In 1884 Sarah and John separated and divided their Mona homestead. Nine years later Sarah moved back to Parowan, where she grew up, and married Hans Jorgen Mortensen, her deceased sister Dianetta's husband. Together they lived in Parowan until their deaths. (By Lucile Harvey Walker, Sketch of the life of Horace Martin Alexander, March 1934. Daughters of Utah Pioneer files).

-Horace originally encountered Mormons with the intent to torment them but instead was converted and joined them. (History of Sarah Malinda Alexander, Lane R. Pendleton, Aug. 1996).

-Horace worked as a police officer in Salt Lake City from 1850 to 1853. (by Lucile Walker, <https://familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/3617646>)