

Percis Mitchell

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: Percis Mitchel

Age: 0y; 11m; 22d

Daughter of Benjamin & Lovina Mitchel

Deceased: Nov. 19, 1846

Disease: Inflammation of lungs

Birth Place: Nauvoo, Hancock Co., Ill.

Birth Date: Nov. 26, 1845

No. of Grave: 7

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Burial Place: Winter Quarter's grave #7

Father's Name: Benjamin Thomas (Trotter) Mitchell

Mother's Maiden Name: Lovina Buckwalter

Which Winter Quarters Ward or Iowa Branch was the family:

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Benjamin with other wives: Great Salt Lake County, house #289. Lovina: Davis County, house #80 with six children ages 14 to 1.

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? Heber C. Kimball Company left June 7, 1848 from Winter Quarters and arrived Sep. 24, 1848. He made this trip with his three wives at the time and was a captain of 10.

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

-Benjamin was also married to Caroline Conrad. Lovina was his second wife and was married ten months after his marriage to Caroline by Charles C. Rich. Both were married in Nauvoo.

-Other wives included first Sarah Treisbach, fourth Lois Judd, fifth Maria (Mariah) Day, sixth Katrine Frederikke Jensen, seventh Susanna Houston, Catharine Johnson, Catharine Yanson.

-Benjamin and Lovina were both born in Pennsylvania.

-Benjamin was one of the early church members being baptized in 1830. He was a stone cutter and helped plan the Salt Lake City temple. He had 42 children. He served a mission to Nova Scotia Canada 1851-1853.

-His first child was named Joseph Smith. Percis was his second child. Hiram Heber was his third child. All who were born to Lovina.

-Benjamin also helped construct the Deseret National Bank and the old Salt Lake Jail. He had a share in the ZCMI stores and established paper mills. (LDS Biographical Encyclopedia, Jenson, Andrew, 1951 Vol. 2, pp 369-370)

-Benjamin cut stone for the Nauvoo temple too. His first wife died Aug. 23, 1843 from measles leaving him with three young children so in Oct. he married Lavina. (his journal p.1)

-On the way to his mission in Canada Benjamin's train was derailed without any damage and later that same night they hit a cow and the last two cars of the train were derailed again. No one died and they continued on after clearing the track. (his journal, p.2) He was sent on his mission with two letters signed by Brigham Young giving him authority as a missionary.

-After returning to Utah Benjamin spent years cutting stone for the temple and since this labor was unpaid was forced to sell his ZCMI stock in order to feed his family. (his journal p.3)