

Elizabeth Miller Neeley

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: Elizebeth Neeley

Age: 38y; 9m; 28d

Wife of Lewis Neeley

Deceased: Feb. 2, 1847

Disease: Not listed

Birth Place: Colerane Co., N. Y.

Birth Date: April 4, 1808

No. of Grave: 73

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Death Date: Feb. 2, 1847

Cause of Death: Not listed

Burial Place: Winter Quarters grave #73

Spouse's Name: Lewis Neeley

Father's Name: Oliver Miller

Mother's Maiden Name: Sophronia/ Cynthia Nobles

Which Winter Quarters Ward or Iowa Branch was the family: Kanesville Branch (Miller Hollow)

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? They do not appear as this was the year they moved from Iowa to Utah

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? Warren Foote Company left Kanesville, Iowa June 17, 1850 and arrived Sep. 17-18, 26, 1850

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

-Elizabeth was baptized in 1832 in Vermillion County Illinois. (emailed file)

-Elizabeth and Lewis had 12 children. She died just 8 days after the birth of her **eleventh** child. Only five of those children lived until they made it to Utah. Both of her parents joined the church and moved to Missouri but died before the trek to Utah. (Daughters of Utah Pioneers, p.2112, emailed sheet) (this source says they had 12 children, but all other sources say 11 children)

-Elizabeth's baby Elizabeth Ann followed her to the grave. The Neeley's received their temple work during the last week it was open in Nauvoo. Lewis was left with eight children when Elizabeth died. (letter from Alicia Moon, June 2, 2004.)

-Orson and Parley P. Pratt taught first in Elizabeth's family home when they arrived in Vermilion County. Both her parents and her and her husband were converted at that time.

-Lewis and his son William were present when Brigham Young spoke after the prophet's death and appeared and sounded like Joseph Smith. (Research by Harriet Strong Speirs, Orpha H. and Meltrude H. Stohl, 1948, <https://familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/9541376>)

-Lewis remarried to Sophronia Parsons Ketchum on June 22, 1847. She was widowed and brought 4 children from her earlier marriage. Other sources say Sophronia divorced her husband when he joined a splinter group called the Strangites (Research by Harriet Strong Speirs, Orpha H. and Meltrude H. Stohl, 1948, <https://familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/9541376>)

-A family friend said that once Lewis took two men who were acting up at a dance and threw them both out as if it were "all in a day's work." Lewis was a handsome man with dark curly hair and a clear complexion. He had a powerful build. He was a high priest at the time of his death in Salt Lake City in November of 1857. (Research by Harriet Strong Speirs, Orpha H. and Meltrude H. Stohl, 1948, <https://familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/9541376>)

-Lewis Jr., a son, worked as a stage coach and freight driver for many years. He also became deputy sheriff in Salt Lake City in 1882. (Pioneers and Prominent Men of Utah, Frank Esshom, p.1065)

-Lewis' second wife, Sophronia was a quarter Cherokee. (<https://user.xmission.com/~psneeley/Personal/Dedicat.htm>)

-Elizabeth went by Betsy. (Armenius Miller Neeley, <http://welshmormon.byu.edu/Resources/pdf/18532.pdf>)

-Armenius inherited his father's black curly hair. Additionally, he had blue eyes and played the violin well. He and his family helped settle Cache Valley in what is now Hyde Park. He also interpreted for the Indians sometimes. (Armenius Miller Neeley, <http://welshmormon.byu.edu/Resources/pdf/18532.pdf>)