

Morgan Milican Thomas

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: Morgan M Thommas

Age: 20y; 2m; 1d

Son of Daniel S & Martha P. Thomas

Deceased: Feb. 2, 1847

Disease: Consumption

Birth Place: Sonor Co., Midle Tenessee

Birth Date: July 23, 1845

No. of Grave: 77

Birth Date: Dec. 7, 1826

Death Date: Feb. 8, 1847

Cause of Death: Consumption

Burial Place: Winter Quarters grave #77

Father's Name: Daniel Stillwell Thomas

Mother's Maiden Name: Martha Paine Jones

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, Utah, house #2, p. 85

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? Allen Taylor Company left July 5-6, 1849 and arrived Oct. 12-20, 1849

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

-A Daniel Thomas died Jan. 28, 1848 from consumption and was buried at Winter Quarters in grave #290.

(<https://winterquarters.byu.edu/Deaths/PioneerCemeteriesintheWinterQuartersArea/WinterQuartersPioneerCemetery>)

-Martha and Daniel had one other child, Matilda Ann Thomas who married Israel Evans. (email from Scott Steffensen, steffen100@sisna.com, May 19, 2004).

-Martha and Daniel joined the church in 1834 while living in Callaway County, Kentucky. They were taught the gospel by Wilford Woodruff. (Martha Thomas, History of Martha Paine Thomas)

- When the family was driven from Far West they lost their home and farm. All they had were their children, a yoke of cattle, one old wagon the clothes they were wearing and one pair of

shoes. At that time the father, Daniel was imprisoned along with other church leaders. Martha also gave birth on this journey to Joseph Alma. (Martha Thomas, History of Martha Paine Thomas)

-Morgan and Daniel cut stone for the Nauvoo temple. (Martha Thomas, History of Martha Paine Thomas)

-When Matilda's husband Israel Evens was called to serve a mission to England the family moved down to his farm in Lehi to help manage it in his absence. Upon his return they stayed there and helped build up Lehi. Martha served as first councilor in the relief society there for many years. (Martha Thomas, History of Martha Paine Thomas)

-Martha and Daniel had nine children: Morgan, Matilda Ann, Malinda S, Isaac, Emma Smith, Joseph Alma, Daniel Wight, Martha Jane, Sarah Phylinda, and John Jones. (Martha Thomas, History of Martha Paine Thomas)

While in Far West Martha's husband had been arrested and she and her family were staying with the Pattens. The mobsters heard they were out of food and told her they could have some from their camp. Martha told them that she had plenty of food at her house. They asked if she knew anyone who could go get it from their farm. She said she could send her boy Morgan but was afraid he would get shot. The man in charge said to send her son to his office and he would write him up a pass. Martha was furious. She told the man that she was raised in a slave state and had seen dozens of passes written for her stepfather's slaves. She told him, "before I would go to you for a pass to go to my farm for something to eat, I would eat dead dog." He responded with, "Captain, there is grit for you." The captain agreed and Martha recounts that they stopped bothering them and soon left. (Cheryl Thacker, <https://familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/599866>)

-Martha wove cloth at Winter Quarters in order to feed her family while her husband helped drive a wagon for Brigham Young. In one season she wove 200 yards. Her plaids were particularly popular. (Cheryl Thacker, <https://familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/599866>)

-Martha and Daniel let Isaac and Matilda travel to Utah with other families in earlier companies. It was hard for Martha to let her children go but her health bad since she was just getting over a fever and she worried about what would happen to them if she died. So she allowed the families to take them to Utah on the condition that if something happened to her they would treat those children as their own. (Cheryl Thacker, <https://familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/599866>)

-The last place the family visited before leaving for Utah was Morgan's grave. (Cheryl Thacker, <https://familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/599866>)