

Abigail Whitely/Whitley Hatch

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: Abigail Hatch

Age: 48y; 2m; 0d

Wife of Iseral Hatch

Deceased: Feb. 12, 1847

Disease: Not listed

Birth Place: Town of Elisebeth, Co. of Seats, Upper Canady

Birth Date: Dec. 12, 1798

No. of Grave: 83

Birth Date: Dec. 12, 1798

Death Date: Feb. 12, 1847

Cause of Death: Not listed

Burial Place: Winter Quarters grave #83

Spouse's Name: Ira Stearns Hatch

Father's Name: John Whitley

Mother's Maiden Name: Margaret Hagerman

Which Winter Quarters Ward or Iowa Branch was the family: Winter Quarters 15th Ward

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Ira age 39, Mary age 36, Ira age 16, Ephraim age 14, and Ausie age 12. Davis County, UT, house #201. Next door at house #202 was Melaliah age 25, Permelia age 24, and their two sons.

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? Taylor Allen Company left Winter Quarters July 4, 1849 and arrived Oct. 10.

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

-Abigail was Israel's second wife, his first was Wealthy Bradford. On Sep. 3, 1857 he married Elizabeth Roe. (emailed notes)

-Ira had the following children with his first wife, Wealthy: Meltiah, Ransom, Orin, Rhoana, Ira, Ephraim, and Ancil. (emailed notes, p. 608)

-Abigail and Ira were married March of 1842, after his first wife's death. Abigail and Ira had no children of their own together. On Nov. 24, 1852 Ira married his third wife Jane Bee McKechine in Salt Lake City. Jane gave birth to Stearns, Philander, Abram, Reuben, Lucinda Janett, Lenard,

Alvin Willard, and Iretta Elizina. Ira took his first plural wife, Jane Ann Stuart, in 1857. (emailed notes, p. 608-09)

-Ira was a member of the Mormon Battalion and the Nauvoo Legion. He was baptized in 1832. (Pioneers and Prominent Men of Utah, pp.923-924).

-Ira's first wife, Wealthy, read the Book of Mormon first and wanted to be baptized. He advised her to wait until the persecutions against the church subsided. Several months later she was baptized in a hole chopped in the ice in winter of 1832. The couple brought money to Kirtland to help build the temple there even though Ira was not a member yet. He wanted to meet the Prophet Joseph Smith. Upon arriving they were told that the Prophet was helping cut timber in the nearby woods. As Ira approached a group of men working one stopped, approached him, and calling him by name said that he had been expecting him and his money for the last three days. Joseph Smith added that he would use it to build a pulpit in the temple. Ira's testimony of the church remained firm from that point on. (Hatch Family History, Ira Stearns Hatch, pp. 17-18).

-Ira was baptized on June 1, 1834. In 1840 the family moved to Eaton's Creek, Illinois which was about 20 miles from Nauvoo. Here Wealthy died from cholera fever on Nov. 3, 1841. (Hatch Family History, Ira Stearns Hatch, p. 18).

-Meltiar and Orin both enlisted with the Mormon Battalion. They were 21 and 16 years old at the time and were placed in Company C. (Hatch Family History, Ira Stearns Hatch, p. 20).

-Ira and his family rented a farm at Bonary Lake which was just south of Winter Quarters. Here Abigail and her baby boy died just after giving birth. The family also had 7 horses stolen from them that winter. Shortly after Abigail's death the family ran out of food. Ira left 15-year-old Rhoana in charge for three weeks while he went to get more food. On Feb. 25, 1848 Ira was sealed by Brigham Young to Abigail as well as his new wife Mary Hazelton. After coming to Utah Mary left Ira and likely went to California. (Hatch Family History, Ira Stearns Hatch, pp. 20, 22).

-Ira worked well with the Utah natives and was called "Bobuke" by them which means "Truly a Great Man." (Hatch Family History, Ira Stearns Hatch, p. 22).

-Ira was sealed to several women as was the practice during that time period but he only lived with a couple as his wives. In fact, two more wives were sealed to him after his death. During his life Ira's wives after Abigail were Mary Hazelton, Jane Bee, and Jane Ann Stewart, both Jane's were Scottish. Both of the women sealed to him after his death were relatives of Jane Bee McKechine. He was living in Panguitch when he died. (Hatch Family History, Ira Stearns Hatch, p. 23).

-Ira and his first wife Wealthy were taught the gospel by Oliver Cowdery, Peter Whitmer, Zeba Peterson, and Parley P. Pratt. (Nina F. Moss, Life Sketch of Ransom Hatch, p.5).

-Ransom was baptized when he was 16. (Nina F. Moss, Life Sketch of Ransom Hatch, p.5).

-Brothers Meltiah and Orin served in the Mormon Battalion. Ransom did not as he was still recovering from a terrible illness. (Nina F. Moss, Life Sketch of Ransom Hatch, p.7).

-The Hatch family lived in what became Woods Cross for many years. (Nina F. Moss, Life Sketch of Ransom Hatch, p.9).

-After completing their time with the Mormon Battalion Meltiah and Orin went to Utah and staked out a claim for the family. They then returned to their family in Winter Quarters and helped them come to Utah. (A Sketch of Ira Sterns Hatch, p.3).

-Ira Hatch Jr. served extensively among the Indians of the west and spoke 13 Indian languages. (A Sketch of Ira Sterns Hatch, p.4).

-Ephraim Hatch fought in the Black Hawk War and ran a prosperous brickyard. (A Sketch of Ira Sterns Hatch, p.4).

-Meltiah helped found three towns in various states: Hatch, UT; Frankton and Genoa, NV; Eagleville, NV (became Ursine)

-Ira and his sons helped establish the Deseret Livestock Co. (Thelma Wyss, Sons of Utah Pioneers, vol. 2, p.1043-44.)