

## Martha Reeves

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: Marthy Reeves

Age: 17y; 11m; 4d

Wife of Seely Reeves

Deceased: Feb. 24, 1847

Disease: Not listed

Birth Place: Town of Hartland, Niagra Co., State of N.Y.

Birth Date: Mar. 20, 1829

No. of Grave: 88

Birth Date: March 20, 1829

Death Date: Feb. 24, 1847

Cause of Death: unknown

Burial Place: Winter Quarters grave #88

Spouse's Name: Seeley Reeves

Father's Name: Asher Busenbark

Mother's Maiden Name: Hannah Manning

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

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? unknown

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? unknown

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

- It appears that Martha and Seeley had a son, James Seeley Reeves, who died Aug. 15, 1847 at Winter Quarters grave #198 from summer complaint.

Seely Reeves married Polly Dusenbark on 23 March 1844 in Des Moines, Iowa.

*Ancestry.com. Seely Reeves in the Iowa, Compiled Marriages, 1835-1850*

According to *Family Search Family Tree*, Martha Polly's last name is Busenbark. Her father is Asher Busenbark. It lists her mother as Eunice Manning, but this is not correct, because Asher and Eunice Manning did not get married until 1835.

According to *Family Central Family History Services*, Asher Busenbark married in about 1820 in Seneca, Seneca, New York to Hannah Manning born about 1794 in Sudbury, Middlesex, Massachusetts.

Eunice Manning and James Reeves are supposed to be parents of Seeley Reeves so, Martha Polly was probably his stepsister.

After Martha died, Seeley Reeves married Susan Permelia Fowler. They were married in 1848 in Missouri.

*Ancestry.com. Seeley Reeves in the U.S. and International Marriage Records, 1560-1900*

In the 1850 U.S. Census, the family lives in District 38, Holt, Missouri.

They are listed as:

Celey Reeves 29

Susan Reeves 22

Sarah Reeves 11

James Reeves 1

In Find a Grave, Seeley Reeves, Sr. and Susan Permelia Fowler Reeves are listed. Seeley and Susan had 12 children. Susan's mother died when Susan was 6 years old. Susan's father was a Methodist preacher who joined the Mormon church. He and his family moved to Iowa and then Missouri. Susan married Seeley Reeves on July 9, 1848. He died September 23, 1893. Susan died April 8, 1908 in Oregon, Holt County, Missouri. This information originally came from the *Holt Sentinel* - April 17, 1908

*Find a Grave* has the names of some of Seeley and Susan's children.

The family never went west.