

Joseph Fairbanks

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: Joseph Fairbanks

Age: 68y; 64; 10d

Relation: Not listed

Deceased: Feb. 25, 1847

Disease: Not listed

Birth Place: Worcester Co., Mass

Birth Date: Oct. 15, 1778

No. of Grave: 89

Birth Date: Oct. 15, 1778

Death Date: Feb. 25, 1847

Cause of Death: Unknown

Burial Place: Winter Quarters grave #89

Spouse's Name: Mary or Polly Brooks

Father's Name: Joseph Fairbanks

Mother's Maiden Name: Asenath Osgood

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

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Great Salt Lake County (Polly house #60, John B house #61, David house #9)

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? Jedediah M. Grant – Willard Snow Company leaving from the Elkhorn River June 19, 1847 and arriving Oct. 4, 1847. John came west with the John Taylor Company and arrived Oct. 6, 1847.

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

Joseph and Mary or Polly had the following children: Joseph Brooks Fairbanks, Maria Fairbanks, Jonathan Wilder Fairbanks, William David Fairbanks, Mary Ann Fairbanks, Nathan Fairbanks, Sally Fairbanks, John Boylston Fairbanks, Harriet Fairbanks, Silas Church Fairbanks, Artimus Howe Fairbanks, Nathaniel Fairbanks, Henry Fairbanks. Of these children only William David is known to have come to Utah.

(<https://winterquarters.byu.edu/Portals/121/PAF/ward15/b10.htm#P341>)

-Joseph's son David was a bishop of the Winter Quarters ward where the Mormon battalion family members lived. (Douglas Voy Fairbanks, The Fairbanks Family in the West: Four Generations)

-Polly continued on to Utah where she died in Payson Utah in 1860. (Genealogy of the Fairbanks Family in America, 1633-1897, p39).

-Joseph and Polly's three oldest children did not join the church with the rest of their family and continued to live on the east coast. Their children David, John Boylston, and Harriet continued on to Utah. Nathaniel died in Sacramento California March 29, 1853 likely having gotten caught up in the gold rush. Of the thirteen children that the couple had three died within a year of being born. (Modified Register for Joseph Fairbanks-197, First Generation).

- During the summer of 1844 those of the Fairbanks family who joined the church moved to Nauvoo. This included five of Joseph and Polly's children: David John Boylston, Harriet, Nathaniel, and Henry. Polly's parents also joined the church and traveled to Winter Quarters with the family. However, they both died at Winter Quarters. (The Fairbanks Family in the West)

-John served a mission to England from 1871-73. He was also a bishop in Payson for 10 years. He was a city councilman, merchant and farmer too. (David Sullivan, An Enduring Legacy: Pioneer Art and Artists, Vol. 3).

-David was one of the first elected Justices of the Peace in Utah territory. He also served as a city Marshall and helped found Salem Utah. (Lorenzo Sayles Fairbanks, Genealogy of the Fairbanks Family in America, 1633-1897, p. 394, 626-631).