

William Lovell

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: William Lovell

Age: 0y; 0m; 18d

Son of John & Ann Lovell

Deceased: Feb. 23, 1847

Disease: Not listed

Birth Place: Winter Quarters, Camp of Iseral

Birth Date: Feb. 15, 1847

No. of Grave: 93

Birth Date: Feb. 15, 1847

Death Date: Feb. 28, 1847

Cause of Death: unknown

Burial Place: Winter Quarters grave #93

Father's Name: John Lovell

Mother's Maiden Name: Ann Parson

Which Winter Quarters Ward or Iowa Branch was the family: Big Bend, Henry W. Miller Company

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Pottawattamie County, Iowa, house #28. John age 38, Ann age 41, George age 15, Joseph age 6, Martha age 1.

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? Orson Hyde Company, Henry Miller Captain, left from Kanesville on July 8, 1852 and arrived Sep. 21, 1852.

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

-Ann was John's first wife. In 1852 Ann died from exposure and he married Elizabeth Smith and in 1857 he also married Ann Anderson/Pederson. (Susan Black, p.620) John was a stone mason on the Nauvoo temple. (70's record).

-John and Ann were born in England. They later immigrated to Whitby, Ontario, Canada where they joined the church. John Taylor and other taught them the gospel. (Susan Black, P. 615, 620).

-Together they had George in 1835, Sylvia in 1837, Edmond in 1841, John in 1843, Joseph Hyrum in 1844, William in 1847, and Martha in 1849. (Susan Black, p. 616).

-John worked for three years as a hired hand at a dairy where Ann Parsons was the head dairy maid. They decided to marry. John tried to work his own land for a year, but the crop failed. John finally convinced Ann to move to Canada. (History of John Lovell, p.1, Dec. 1954.)

-As part of John's father's final farewell, he told him to be sure and join a church first thing upon arriving in Canada. (History of John Lovell, p.2, Dec. 1954).

-John and Ann heard John Taylor preach and Ann immediately felt the church was true. Later Joseph Smith came to visit. At first John was upset because some of the company were polishing their shoes on Sunday and he heard Joseph Smith telling some of his companions where he purchased horses. Initially John felt that these actions broke the Sabbath but once he heard their message it made up for the initially unfavorable impression. One night, John heard a voice say "See this" and then witnessed a bright light cross the room. He believed this was a sign and was baptized Feb. 1837. (History, pp.3-4.).

-Sylvia, the second child, died shortly after the family moved to Ohio when she pulled some furniture down on herself and broke several bones. John stopped keeping a journal after this incident. (History, p.5).

-John Jr. only lived two weeks and Edmond, age 2, died in Nauvoo also. (History, p.5).

-Ann contracted consumption while at Winter Quarters and she died here on Dec. 4, 1851. (History, p.5).

-Three months after Ann's death John married again to Elizabeth Smith. The children grew to love their new mother. That same year the family traveled to Utah with the Martin Company (?). They settled in Fillmore. (History, p.5).

-While living in Oak City a recently immigrated Danish family encountered trouble when the husband, Jens, died. The widow, Anna Anderson, spoke no English. A year and a half later John married Anna as well in 1857. (History, p.6).

-The family was called to help settle Deseret. Anna was the first white woman to live in Deseret. They stayed for 8 years but were not able to irrigate successfully and helped settle Oak City in 1868. Here John built two houses, one for each wife. In his new ward John served as first presiding elder and later as first counselor to the bishop. (History, p.6).

-John died of dropsy Jan. 13, 1881 in Oak City. (History, p.6).

-George Lovell, William's oldest brother, married Martha Dutton and together they had many children. George died in the Oak City which he helped establish. (Geni, George Lovell, <https://www.geni.com/people/George-Lovell/6000000004840950642>).

-Joseph Hyrum married Leah Ellen Radford. Joseph was only 7 when his family made the trek to Utah. He returned two more times to Winter Quarters to lead other families west though. Joseph and Ellen grew up near each other in Oak City. Ellen was only 16 years old when she and Joseph were married. Together the couple had 11 children. The family decided to move to and settle Star Valley Wyoming with Leah's family. They stayed in Etna Wyoming for two years. The extended

family moved to present day Ririe, Idaho a year earlier but Joseph and Leah stayed another year in Wyoming because Leah's mother was too sick to travel. Later they joined Leah's family in Idaho with her mother. Joseph died in 1892 from inflammation of the bowels and Leah died less than a year later. (Life History of Joseph Hyrum Lovell and Ellen Radford Lovell, <http://macsheep.tripod.com/Morgan/id223.html>).