

Joseph Smith Turley

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: Joseph Smith Turley

Age: -; 3m; -

Son of Theodore & Sarah Ellen Turley

Deceased: March 5, 1847

Disease: Water in Brain

Birth Place: Winter Quarters

Birth Date: Dec. 5, 1846

No. of Grave: 95

Birth Date: Dec. 5, 1846

Death Date: March 5, 1847

Cause of Death: Water on brain

Burial Place: Winter Quarters grave # 95

Father's Name: Theodore Turley

Mother's Maiden Name: Sarah Ellen Clift

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

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Utah County, Utah, house #65. (Household included Ruth 32, Mary Ann 23, Frederick 19, Sarah 15, Isaac 14, Charlotte 10, George 9, Joseph 5, Frances K. 1).

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? Theodore and his wife Mary Clift with their children came with the Silas Richards Company from Kaneshville on July 10, 1849 and arrived Oct. 25-29.

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

-Joseph Smith Turley was born as a twin to Hyrum Smith Turley. His twin, Hyrum died one month after him on April 29th. Their mother, Sarah Ellen also died at Winter Quarters shortly after the twins on May 4, 1847. Theodore and Sarah Clift's only other child, Princetta died the same year as her mother and brothers at age two while living at Winter Quarters also. She died on Sep. 2, 1847. Thus, Joseph Smith Turley's only immediate family to make it to Utah was his father, Theodore. (<https://winterquarters.byu.edu/Portals/121/PAF/ward15/b26.htm#P920>).

-Sarah Ellen was Theodore's fourth wife. Her older sisters Mary and Eliza Clift were Theodore's second and third wives respectively. (<https://winterquarters.byu.edu/Portals/121/PAF/ward15/b26.htm#P920>).

-The 1850 U.S. Census reports that Theodore was a gunsmith. (U.S. Census, Utah, Utah County, household #65).

-Theodore and Sarah Ellen were both born in England. (Nauvoo Endowment Register, Dec. 1845, first and third company);

-Theodore was converted in Ontario Canada and on March 1, 1837 he was baptized by Parley P. Pratt. (Theodore Turley, p. 936, emailed file).

-Theodore was a Methodist Preacher who immigrated from England to Canada in 1818. In 1839 he served a mission to Great Britain despite being sick. While there he was imprisoned for preaching. (Theodore Turley, p. 937-38, emailed file).

-Both Theodore and his son Theodore Jr. served in the Nauvoo Legion. One as a Captain and one as a Lieutenant Colonel. (John Sweeney, Jr., A History of the Nauvoo Legion in Illinois, MA thesis, BYU).

-Theodore moved to San Bernardino, California shortly after coming to Utah. While in San Bernardino he oversaw some gold digging with the goal of paying off the ranch debts. He also worked as school commissioner and treasurer. He also helped locate a lead and silver mine. He returned with his family to Utah when the Saint's peace was threatened. (Our Pioneer Heritage, Theodore Turley, p. 492).

-While in Nauvoo Theodore made the Nauvoo City Seal and was paid for that work. He also obtained the Prophet Joseph's permission to build a brewery. (City Council Minutes, Sep. 26, 1842); (DHC 5:300, March 10, 1843) emailed file.

-Theodore died in Dec. 1859 in Beaver, Utah. (Turley, Ella Mae. "Theodore Turley, Biography and Autobiography." Typescript. BYU).