

William Spears

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: William Spears

Age: 53y; 10m; 3d

Husband of Genett Spears

Deceased: Mar. 7, 1847

Disease: Black leg

Birth Place: Scotland

Birth Date: May 4, 1793

No. of Grave: 97

Birth Date: Mar. 4, 1793

Death Date: Mar. 7, 1847

Cause of Death: Blackleg or black scurvy

(<http://www.myfamilyonline.com/getperson.php?personID=I452&tree=0027>); (March 7, 1847, <http://www.crockettclan.org/pioneers/031847.html>).

Burial Place: Winter Quarters grave #97

Spouse's Name: Janet/Jennety Brown/Broom

Father's Name: Adam Speirs

Mother's Maiden Name: Mary Tait

Which Winter Quarters Ward or Iowa Branch was the family: Winter Quarters 22nd Ward

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Pottawattamie County, Iowa, house #480 (Moses Vince 44, Jeneta 38, William 14, Betsy 1).

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? David Wood Co left Kaneshville, Iowa June 6, 1852 arrived Sep. 20-Oct. 1.

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

-The couple had a daughter, Mary who was born Nov. 2, 1845 but died one year later on Nov. 7, 1846 at Winter Quarters also.

(<https://winterquarters.byu.edu/portals/121//PAF/ward22/pafg09.htm#318>).

-William's brother, George, also died at Winter Quarters and was buried at Cutler's Park.

(<http://www.myfamilyonline.com/showmedia2.php?mediaID=36574&medialinkID=32069>); (George Spear,

<https://winterquarters.byu.edu/Deaths/PioneerCemeteriesintheWinterQuartersArea/CutlersParkMap>).

-When Jennety was baptized she was married to Alexander Hill. He was bitterly opposed to the church even, so she left him and came to America. Jennety brought her son William Hill with her. At Winter Quarters she married William Spears. After Williams death she remarried to Moses Vince. With Moses she had Betsy and Rebecca. Moses died in 1859 and Jennety once again married to Abel Matthews. (Phil Stradling, <https://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=94698>).

-Jennety died and was buried in Lehi Utah. (<https://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=94698>).