

## Ashbell Dewey

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: Ashbell Dewey

Age: Blank

Relationship: Blank

Deceased: Oct. 6, 1846

Disease: Canker

Birth Place: Blank

Birth Date: June 18, 1795

No. of Grave: 19

Name of Deceased: Ashbell Dewey

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Death Date: Oct. 6, 1846

Cause of Death: Canker

Burial Place: Grave #19 Cutler's Park

Spouse's Name: Harriet Adams

Father's Name: Solomon Dewey

Mother's Maiden Name: Esther

Which Winter Quarters Ward or Iowa Branch was the family? Winter Quarters 14<sup>th</sup> Ward

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Great Salt Lake County, house 615, page 110

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? His wife Harriet and their children Albert, John, and Maria left Winter Quarters June 18, 1847 with the Abraham O. Smoot company and arrived 25, 26, 29 Sep. 1847. Their other child, Benjamin Franklin Dewey, was chosen to accompany the original company with Brigham Young at age 17. However, he became sick with rocky mountain fever and had to be temporarily left just outside the valley with two other sick men.

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

- Ashbell was born in Westfield, Massachusetts. His wife was born in Hartford Connecticut. They were married in 1819 in Westfield Massachusetts.

- Him and his wife were taught the gospel and baptized by Edwin D. Wooley while living in Massachusetts in April 1843. ("Utah, Obituaries from Utah Newspapers, 1850-2005," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QVSF-KCS4> : 8 October 2015), Harriet Adams

Dewey, 24 May 1871; citing Deseret News 3, The University of Utah. J. Willard Marriott Library, Salt Lake City.)

- Her oldest daughter, Maria Lucy married John Wooley who was the brother of the man that taught the Dewey's the gospel, Edwin D. Wooley. (Frank. Pioneers and Prominent Men of Utah: Comprising Photographs, Genealogies, Biographies ... the Early History of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Volume 2, p. 1262, Salt Lake City: Utah Pioneers Book Pub. Co, 1913. Internet Archive. <https://archive.org/stream/pioneersprominen02essh#page/1262/mode/2up>, accessed 12 Aug. 2016.) In 1860 and 1870 Harriet was living with her daughter, now Maria Lucy Wooley and their family. (1860 Census, Great Salt Lake County, p. 79 and 1870 Census, Salt Lake City Ward 9, p. 4.)

-John H. Dewey mined in the Salt Lake Valley. He had seven children. "Death Calls Utah Pioneer Mine Man; Came here in 1847," *Salt Lake Herald*, 6 Nov. 1916, p.14.

-Albert P. Dewey was one of the first police in Salt Lake City. Later in life he farmed in Idaho near Soda Springs but frequently returned to be with his family in Salt Lake. ("Death of Albert P. Dewey," *The Deseret Evening News*, Feb. 9, 1900, pg. 1)

- Benjamin Franklin Dewey left for the California goldfields shortly after reaching Salt Lake. He returned to Utah two years later and was called to serve a mission in India. He did so but with no success. After his mission he was asked to help settle San Bernardino, California. There he married Alzia Smithson but when he returned to Salt Lake from California the couple separated. He helped build the Salt Lake temple and eventually he ended up mining in Arizona where he died. (<https://www.geni.com/people/Benjamin-Dewey/6000000010425270226>, accessed Aug. 12, 2016.)