

Janet Gardner

From the original Sexton Records:

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From the Life of Archibald Gardner by Delila Hughes, "About the same time Janet, daughter of my brother William, died and was buried there." This death was recorded as Genet Archibald. "There was so much sickness when little Janet died, that the care of the living left no time for mourning for the dead and so our baby was laid away hurriedly and unceremoniously. But when general health returned we grieved for the loss of our little one and have never ceased to mourn for her."

Birth Date: April 9, 1845

Birth Place: Brooke, Kent, Ontario, Canada

Death Date: October 10, 1846

Cause of Death: Bowel trouble

Burial Place: Winter Quarters, Unknown Grave

Father's Name: Archibald Gardner

Mother's Maiden Name: Margaret Livingston

Which Winter Quarters Ward or Iowa Branch was the family: Winter Quarters Ward 11

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Family #471, Great Salt Lake, Utah Territory

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? Came west with the Edward Hunter/Joseph Horne Company in 1847

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

"I was born in Kilsythe, which is twelve miles east of Glasgow on the main road to Edinburgh, Scotland, on September 2, 1814. "My father's name was Robert Gardner. He was born March 12, 1781, at or near Huston, Renfrewshire, Scotland, in the same locality as were his forefathers. My father was the son of William Gardner and Christine Henderson.

Father with brother William and sister Mary emigrated to Canada in the spring of 1822. Mother, sister Janet, Robert, and I remained behind, expecting to follow the ensuing spring. No report came but what would tend to discourage mother. Nevertheless, she sold out all remaining possessions and started for America.

Robert Gardner wrote of the Mormons stop at Winter Quarters in 1846, "Because they had to stay there that winter and use up their provisions, many had to go to Missouri to work and trade for provisions and seed to take with them across the plains." David and Ann Brooks Park stayed

in Missouri for three years to raise money to go west. All of the Gardners and the two other Parks brothers traveled to Utah, leaving June 21 in the Edward Hunter Company and arriving October 1, 1847. On their way Robert Gardner Jr.'s five-yr. old son Robert was run over by a wagon. Archibald wrote, "For 500 miles his father held him and drove the oxen onward, shaking with ague himself every other day. His mother had 3 other small children to care for and was sick part of the time herself. (The boy) lived until he was nothing but skin and bones. He died and was buried on the bank of the Platte River." "The next year, (1848) William Gardner and his son John returned to Missouri to get work. When they came to the place on the Platte where little Robert had been buried, they found that the wolves had uncovered the grave and his bones were scattered about. The sight was too much for kind-hearted John. He wept and wailed and tore his hair. They tenderly gathered up the bones, reinterred them and sadly journeyed on." William Gardner and his son lived with David and Ann Brooks Park for two years somewhere in western Missouri. Archibald and Margaret arrived in the Salt Lake Valley in October 1847 and after living in the Big Field through the winter they settled in Big Cottonwood next to Robert Gardner Sr. and Jr. and their old friends Hamiltons.

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