

Caroline Rosealy Hunter

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: Caroline Rocealy

Age: 6d

Daughter of Edward & Laura Alvina Hunter

Deceased: Oct. 22, 1846

Disease: Blank

Birth Place: Blank

Birth Date: Oct. 16, 1846

No. of Grave: 32

Name of Deceased: Caroline Rosealy Hunter

Birth Date: Oct. 16, 1846

Death Date: Oct. 22, 1846

Cause of Death: unknown

Burial Place: Grave #32 Cutler's Park

Father's Name: Edward Hunter

Mother's Maiden Name: Laura Lovina Shimer Kaufmann

Which Winter Quarters Ward or Iowa Branch was the family: Winter Quarters 1st Ward

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Edward Hunter is listed as living with his first wife Ann and their daughter Ann in Great Salt Lake County according to page 168, at house 5. At the time he was a farmer. In the 1850 Census Laura went by her maiden name of Shinar. She was living with her mother Elizabeth and her 3-year-old son Rodolph (Great Salt Lake County, page 89, house #309.) The third wife, Susannah was living in Great Salt Lake County with her two children Mary, age 2, and Edward, age 0. Her name is listed as Susannah Shimar. (U.S. Census 1850, page 168, house #7). This last name is nearly identical to Laura, the second wife's maiden name.

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? Mary Ann, Edward's 1st wife and Susannah his 3rd wife were in the Edward Hunter Company which left June 19, 1847 from 27 miles west of Winter Quarters and arrived Oct. 1. Laura left with the Edward Hunter Company on June 29, 1850 from Kanessville, Iowa and arrived Oct. 13, 1850. She traveled with her husband and son, Rodolph Edward who was 2.

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

- Caroline's little brother Rodolph Edward was born one day short of a year after her death at Winter Quarters, Nebraska. (<http://winterquarters.byu.edu/portals/121//PAF/ward1/pafg12.htm#391>)

- Laura, Caroline's mother, was the second wife of Edward under polygamy. A few months after Caroline's death he married his third wife, Susanna Wann on Jan. 29, 1846. (<http://winterquarters.byu.edu/portals/121//PAF/ward1/pafg12.htm#391>)

- Laura was 34 years younger than her husband Edward.

- Edward joined the church in 1840 when Orson Hyde baptized him. He received his patriarchal blessing from Hyrum Smith in 1843 (Patriarchal Blessings Index, 4:405).*

- Edward served as presiding bishop of the church. ("Utah, Obituaries from Utah Newspapers, 1850-2005," database, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QVSF-52ZG> : 8 October 2015), Laura Cofman Hunter in entry for William W Hunter, 01 Jun 1934; citing Pleasant Grove Review, The University of Utah. J. Willard Marriott Library, Salt Lake City.)

-Edward was a personal friend of Joseph Smith. He often sheltered him in his house. Before joining the church Edward spoke with Joseph. He gave much of his wealth to build the Nauvoo temple and to support Joseph and Hyrum Smith. After Joseph and Hyrum's martyrdom Edward, along with three other men, buried them at midnight. That night they created weapons and prepared to be attacked. (Our Pioneer Heritage, vol. 6, p. 322-324)

-Before joining the church Edward was a wealthy farmer. His community asked him to build a school/meeting house. He did so on the condition that for 99 years any sect would be allowed to preach there. Edward believed strongly in God but had never been pulled to join any specific religion. Members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints wanted to preach at this meeting house and members of the community tried to stop them. Edward insisted that they be allowed or he would take back the building. They relented and Joseph Smith himself taught there and at Edwards home. In October of that year Edward was baptized. (Our Pioneer Heritage, vol. 6, p. 321-522.)

-Just after Joseph Smith's death Edward was set apart as a bishop of the Nauvoo 5th ward by Brigham Young. He was bishop for two years before the saints had to leave. (LDS Biographical Encyclopedia, vol. 1, p. 231.)

-During his life Edward was a tanner, currier, surveyor, business man, cavalry man, county commissioner, and farmer. (LDS Biographical Encyclopedia, vol. 1, p. 228.)

-Edward's first contact with Mormons came when he heard that one would be teaching nearby. He got on his horse and rode over to hear. While the missionary was teaching someone in the audience got up and interrupted him, telling him to stop preaching. Edward jumped up and chastised the audience telling them that this stranger deserved justice and respect. He added that after the missionary finished speaking the interrupter could speak. He was told that many in the congregation hated Mormons but he decided that he would fight them all if he had to in order to protect the Mormon. That night he surprised himself by his defense of the missionary. When he prayed and asked if the missionary was a servant of God a light appeared at the top of his door so bright that he couldn't look at it. (LDS Biographical Encyclopedia, vol. 1, p. 229.)

-The first three of Edward's plural wives were from Pennsylvania. (Family Group Records)

*There are two Edward Hunters about the same age. One served in the Mormon Battalion and the other led the Hunter-Foutz company at the same time. The one in the Battalion was married to Mary Ann Whitsides and is the Wrong one. The one who is the father of Caroline was married to Ann Standly/Stanly (1st wife).