

Elizabeth Adamson Melville

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: Elisabeth Melvil

Age: 26y; 11m; 21d

Wife of Alexander Melvil

Deceased: Nov. 14, 1846

Disease: Chils, Canker

Birth Place: Fife Shire, Scotland

Birth Date: Dec. 20, 1820

No. of Grave: 62

Name of the Deceased: Elizabeth Adamson Melville

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Death Date: Nov. 14, 1846

Cause of Death: Chill, Canker

Burial Place: Grave #62 Cutlers Park

Spouse's Name: Alexander Melville

Father's Name: Andrew Cunningham Adamson

Mother's Maiden Name: Margaret Cunningham

Which Winter Quarters Ward or Iowa Branch was the family: Browning's Camp (Big Bend)

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Pottawattamie County, Iowa, house #33, p.66.
Alexander is remarried to Jane and is occupied as a cooper. (Alexander, Jane, Margaret)

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? Henry W Miller Company which left Kaneshville, Iowa July 8, 1852 and arrived Sep. 10. (Alexander, Jane Ann Dutson, Margaret, James Andrew)

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

-Both Elizabeth and her husband Alexander were born in Scotland. They were married Jan. 3, 1844. Together they had two sons named Joseph Alexander (the first died one month before the second was born) and a daughter named Margaret. (Family Group Record)

-By 1860 the family was settled in Fillmore City, Millard County, Utah where they would live the rest of their lives. (1860 U.S. Census, Fillmore City, Utah, p.101)

-Alexander farmed until his sons took over the farm by 1900. They lived next to his brother in law, John Dutson who also farmed. (U.S. Census, Millard, ED 109 Fillmore Precinct Fillmore city, sheet 2B.)

-In his early years Alexander worked on a whaling ship as a cooper. Once they were frozen in solid ice for eight days before a heavy storm came in and broke up the ice. (Michael Scott Melville, The Father of the Greater Delta: James Andrew Melville, <https://familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/2936362>)

-In 1843 he met with the missionaries and joined the church. He said his family was angry when they found out but he knew the gospel was true. He said his knowledge made his ears tingle, and his heart swell up inside of him. Late that year he married Elizabeth Adamson who also joined the church along with her family. In Jan. 1844 they set sail for America from Liverpool on a ship called Fanny Of Boston. (<https://familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/2936362>)

-Alexander was a member of the Nauvoo Legion. Most of the saints had left Nauvoo but Alexander and his small family could not afford to having spent all their money to reach America. He along with 250 other members of the Nauvoo Legion tried to defend the city against the mob. He said after the mob fired cannons at them the women would gather the still hot balls fired at them and they would fire back with those cannon balls. There were about 100 saints holding off 1,700 to 3,000 mobsters. They held the town for three days before surrendering their rifles and leaving. (<https://familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/2936362>)

-After Elizabeth's death Alexander needed help caring for his daughter Margaret. He got Ann Dutson who delivered Margaret to care for her while he went to St. Louis to work. When he came back for Margaret he met Ann's daughter Jane and they fell in love and were married in 1848. Jane had lost a spouse previously too. (<https://familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/2936362>)