

Horace Datus Ensign

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: Horas Ensign

Age: 49y

Husband to Mary B. Ensign

Deceased: Sept. 28, 1846

Disease: Chillfeever

Birth Place: Westfield, Massachewietz

Birth Date: Sept. 28, 1797

No. of Grave: 15

Name of Deceased: Horace Datus Ensign

Birth Date: Sep. 28, 1797

Death Date: Sep. 28, 1846 age 49

Cause of Death: Chill Fever

Burial Place: Grave #15 Cutler's Park

Father's Name: Isaac Ensign

Mother's Maiden Name: Lydia Noble

Spouse's Name: Mary Bronson (Brunson)

Which Winter Quarters Ward or Iowa Branch was the family? Winter Quarters 15th and 14th Wards

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Mary and her four youngest children were living in Great Salt Lake County. They were in house number 608, page 110. The oldest son Horace Jr. went by his middle name Datus and was living with his wife in Weber County, house number 150 in 1850, page 158.

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? The family left with the Daniel Spencer / Ira Eldredge Company which departed from an outfitting post 27 miles west of Winter Quarters, Nebraska on June 17, 1847. The company arrived in Salt Lake between September 19 and 22. Horace Jr. went with Brigham Young's company but once they arrived he headed back and met up with his mother and younger siblings in the Ira Eldredge Company.

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

- Horace and Mary had seven children together. After Horace's death their children Luman, John Calvin, Rufus, Lydia, and Martin traveled west with Mary.

- Horace was born in Westfield Massachusetts. He married his wife Mary in Connecticut where she was from but their first four children were born in Massachusetts with the last three being born in Connecticut.

-Mary, Horace's wife, was the first of the family to be baptized and did so May 1844. It appears that Horace was never actually baptized before he died. However this could be a mistake as he is recorded as being a very religious man and embracing the faith in 1842. (Ann Somerville email, iamateacher5@peoplepc.com, May 27, 2004.) Three years after Mary's baptism her oldest son Horace Jr. was baptized. He was the first of the children to be baptized but over the next eight years all of the children were baptized except for Elijah who died as a child. All of the children immigrated to Salt Lake before choosing to be baptized. Some of the sons were in their twenties before they were baptized. (Family Group Record) The family was taught the gospel by Edwin D. Wooley.

- One of his sons, Martin Luther, was a great carpenter and helped build the Logan temple.

-John Calvin was a pony express rider for several years.