

Janet Gardner

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: Genet Gardner

Age: 3y; 2m

Daughter to Wm. and Jenet Gardner

Deceased: September 14, 1846

Disease: Blank

Birth Place: Blank

Time: July 1843

No. of Grave: 2

Name of Deceased: Janet Gardner

Birth Date: July 1843

Death Date: Sep. 14, 1846

Cause of Death: Unknown

Burial Place: Grave #2 Cutler's Park

Father's Name: William Gardner

Mother's Maiden Name: Janet Livingston; Jennette (temple ordinance card)

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

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Great Salt Lake County, Utah Territory, family #6, page 96.

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? Edward Hunter – Joseph Horne Company departed 17 June 1847 from the outfitting post on the Elkhorn River about 27 miles west of Winter Quarters, Nebraska and arrived 29 Sep., 1847.

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

- Janet's grandfather on her father's side, Robert Gardner Sr., was born in Scotland and although he did not join the church until much later in life he came to Utah with his family. It was only after their arrival in Utah when Robert became very ill that he got baptized. He had them take him on a stretcher down to the river where he was baptized. He later recovered. ("Histories attached to application for membership in the society of Daughters of Utah Pioneers for Cheryl Gardner Pearson" p. 1)

- After establishing the family in Utah, William and his son John went in search of work or food. They trekked towards Missouri on foot. They had to survive off of rosehips and a couple wolves that William

killed. During this journey they swam the Platt river while it still had chunks of ice floating in it. Eventually they returned with wagons of food.

- Her brother, John, returned to see his parents in Wellsville but froze to death before he could reach the house. His body was found a week later. (Grant Gardner's record 24th Dec. 1884)

- Her mother, Jennette was born and raised in Quebec Canada. Jennette was William's sister in law before they married as his brother, Archibald was married to Jennette's sister.

- Her parents were married in Detroit Michigan and then lived in Canada where their first three children were born. Janet was the third child born to them. Here they were taught the gospel by a missionary and the extended Gardner family was converted. They 24 converted Gardner family members moved to join the saints in Nauvoo.

- In 1861 the family moved to California. Janet did not like California and prayed daily that they could return to Utah. After living here about 6 years William came home and announced they were moving back to Utah. When Janet asked him why he said he felt they were too far away from the body of the church.

- William married Mary as a second wife but she divorced him in California and remarried there.

- Janet's sister referred to her as a sweet blue-eyed baby.

- William found a fawn at the beginning of the trek west and fed it. It became the family pet and went all the way to the Salt Lake Valley with them.

- Janet (mother) was born the day after her family arrived in Canada, having just immigrated from Scotland. ("history of Janet Livingston Gardner" by her granddaughters Janet Edna Gardner, Finlayson Hogan, and Genevieve Gardner, p. 1)

- Janet had known the Gardner family before going to work in Detroit but at that time William was married. William's wife later died and he was reacquainted with Janet when he took a trip to Detroit with his brother Archibald in order to buy mill stones. Archibald's wife, Margaret came with the brothers. Margaret spent time with her sister and in the process Janet and William fell in love and were married in Detroit. When the group left Janet left with her new husband. Janet's mother was initially disappointed that her daughter married a widower but came to love William and his children.

- Janet and William Gardner had 10 children together. Three of their children married cousins.