

Joshua Sawyer Holman

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: Joshua S. Holman

Age: 52y; 6m; 19d

Husband of Rebecca W.

Deceased: Nov. 1, 1846

Disease: Blank

Birth Place: Templeton, Worcester Co., Mass

Birth Date: Apr. 12, 1794

No. of Grave: 44

Name of Deceased: Joshua Sawyer Holman

Birth Date: April 12, 1794

Death Date: Nov. 1, 1846

Cause of Death: unknown

Burial Place: Grave #44 Cutler's Park

Spouse's Name: Rebecca Whitcomb Greenleaf

Father's Name: Jonathon Homan Jr.

Mother's Maiden Name: Zilpha Sawyer

Which Winter Quarters Ward or Iowa Branch was the family: Winter Quarters 20<sup>th</sup> Ward

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Utah County, house #6, p. 120. (John 22, Nancy (John's wife) 21, Ezekiel 16, Abigail 15)

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? John Greenleaf came first with the Brigham Young Vanguard Company which left from the Platte River April 16, 1847 and arrived July 21, 1847. He later returned to Winter Quarters and together John, Jonathan Ezekiel, and Abigail traveled with the James Lake Company which left in early June 1850 and arrived Sep. 4-5.

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

-Joshua and Rebecca's first two children died before reaching the age of 1 (Petter and Mary). (<https://winterquarters.byu.edu/Portals/121/PAF/ward20/b2.htm#P64>).

-Rebecca died July 6, 1849. Her oldest daughter living with her, Rebecca, died 5 days later, on July 11. Her oldest living son, Joshua Franklin, followed Rebecca in death less than a week later on July 17, 1849. Parmelia Greenleaf, the sixth child, did make it to Utah. Additionally, the children John, Ezekiel Jonathan,

and Abigail survived the trek west.

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-Rebecca, the daughter, was Brigham Young's 23<sup>rd</sup> wife. (The Glory of Mormonism, p. 111).

- Rebecca, Joshua's widow, taught at an Indian school once he died in order to feed her family. Rebecca, both mother and daughter, and Joshua died of cholera. (The Holmans, Joshua Sawyer Homan, Autobiography David Homan, youngest brother of Joshua, p.1).

-In 1851 the James Holman family (Joshua Sawyer Holman's brother) was called and moved to Santaquin. They built the first home in town. Two years later they were forced to abandon their home and move to Payson for two years in order to escape the Indian threat. In 1858 the first Santaquin ward was established and James was called to be the bishop. (The Holmans in America, emailed document, p. 4).

-John and his family helped settle Pleasant Grove. There were Indian problems but John visited them in their village and became friends with them. They gave him the nickname Mapage. He served a 3 year mission to England from 1862 until 1865. In the late 1870's he worked as a lumberman at a saw mill. This mill was almost destroyed by a forest fire but John saved it by starting a fire to meet the larger fire. In 1883 he and a stepson bought land in Rexburg, Idaho. (The Holmans in America, emailed document, p. 4).