

Louisa Conlee Tanner

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: Louisa Tanner

Age: 35y; 7m; 24d

Wife of Sidney Tanner

Deceased: Sept. 29, 1846

Disease: Feever

Birth Place: Wasington Co., N.Y.

Birth Date: Feb. 5, 1811

No. of Grave: 16

Name of Deceased: Louisa Conlee Tanner

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Death Date: Sep. 29, 1846

Cause of Death: Fever

Burial Place: Grave #16 Cutler's Park

Father's Name: James Conlee

Mother's Maiden Name: Alcy (Elsie) Coles, Phebe Warding (step mother)

Spouse's Name: Sidney Tanner

Which Winter Quarters Ward or Iowa Branch was the family? Unknown

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Unknown, likely they missed the census as they were traveling to California at the time.

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? The family went west with the Willard Richards Company. This company included 24 Tanner family members. They left Winter Quarters July 3, 1848 and arrived Oct. 19, 1848. In 1857 Sidney traveled with the Amasa Lyman/Charles C. Rich Company which brought saints from San Bernardino California to Salt Lake. This group left April 18, 1857 and arrived between June 3rd and 9th in Salt Lake. Sidney led his own company of 9 people which left July 20 from Florence, Nebraska. This mule train arrived September 1861.

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

- Both her and her husband were born in Greenwich, New York. Together they had eight children before her death: Allen, Lydia, Emma, Mary Louisa, Elsie, Sidney, James, Mason

- He was called to settle San Bernardino, California in 1849 and returned in 1857. While in California he served as a water commissioner in the county. Our Pioneer Heritage, p. 436.)

- Sidney was part of the company on the trip back from California who brought the pipe organ. (Our Pioneer Heritage, vol. 4, p. 436.)
- Later he served in the Beaver, Utah bishopric. And was called as Patriarch in which calling he served for the last 10 years of his life. (Our Pioneer Heritage, p. 437.)
- Louisa's parents were very opposed to her joining the church and moving to Nauvoo. When Sidney wrote to tell her parents of her death they replied with displeasure. He responded by writing a letter sharing her love of the gospel and her testimony. (Kate B. Carter, An Enduring Legacy, Vol 12 pp 314-315.)
- Within five months of each other Sidney's wife and two of his children died.
- Sidney married again on Dec. 1, 1846 to Julia Ann Shepherd who was only 17.
- Sidney did freight work for much of his time in California.