

Martha Ann Webster Hovey & Martha Jane Hovey

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: Martha A. Hovey

Age: 32y

Wife to Joseph Hovey

Deceased: September 16, 1846

Disease: billious fever

Birth Place: Ports mouth, N.H.

Birth Date: 1814

No. of Grave: 5

Name: Jane Hovey

Age: 2y 7m 2d

Daught of Joseph & Martha Hovey

Deceased: Jan 19, 1848

Disease: measles

Birth Place: Nauvoo, Il.

Birth Date: Jan. 17. 1845

Note: in grave 5 in old ground

Name of Deceased: Martha Ann Webster Hovey

Birth Date: 24 Dec 1814

Death Date: Sep. 16, 1846

Cause of Death: Bilious fever

Burial Place: Grave #5 Cutler's Park

Father's Name: Josiah Webster

Mother's Maiden Name: Hannah Grant

Spouse's Name: Joseph Grafton Hovey

Which Winter Quarters Ward or Iowa Branch was the family: Winter Quarters 3rd Ward

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Iron County, Utah, family #29, Page 3

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? Heber C. Kimball Company left from the Winter Quarters outfitting post 7 June 1848 and arrived Sep. 24, 1848.

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

- Martha Ann was buried in the same grave as her daughter Martha Jane.

- To honor his dead wife her husband changed the name of their 7th child from Hannah Adelaïd to Martha Jane.

- Her husband, Joseph was born in Cambridge Massachusetts. In the 1850 census he's listed as a stone cutter.

- The couple moved from Massachusetts to Illinois because business was poor in the east and Joseph's brother asked him to come practice medicine with him. Joseph did so for two years before joining the church and moving to Nauvoo.

- Both Martha and her husband were very sick shortly before she died. Her last words were concerning the care of her sick baby and sick husband. He recovered enough to sit with her during her last few hours and commented that she looked very peaceful.

- After Martha's death Joseph married three other times.

- on the trip from Nauvoo to Winter Quarters Brigham Young drove the Hovey wagon for a day because both Joseph and Martha were too sick to drive. Brigham Young let Martha and the two children ride in the buggy wagon and shared his tent with the family as well. This occurred about two weeks before Martha's death.

- After Martha died Joseph boarded the baby Martha Jane, originally named Hannah, for a dollar a week with sister Dunlap.