

Sarah Ann Covington

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: Sarah A. Coventon

Age: 1y; 8m; 14d

Daughter of Robert & Elisebeth Covengton

Deceased: Oct 16, 1846

Disease: Chill fever

Birth Place: Oxford Co., Miss

Birth Date: Feb. 2, 1845

No. of Grave: 25

Name of Deceased: Sarah Ann (Elizabeth) Covington

Birth Date: Feb. 1, 1845 (or May 4, 1845 (Family Group Sheet))

Death Date: Oct. 16, 1846

Cause of Death: Chill Fever

Burial Place: Grave #25 Cutler's Park

Father's Name: Robert Dockery Covington

Mother's Maiden Name: Elizabeth L. Thomas

Which Winter Quarters Ward or Iowa Branch was the family: Winter Quarters 7th Ward

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census?

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? Edward Hunter Company left Elkhorn river June 19, 1847 and arrived Sep. 25.

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

-Robert grew up on a large cotton and tobacco plantation in North Carolina. He was college educated. After his marriage to Elizabeth they moved with his family to Missouri where they ran plantations worked by slaves. In 1843 Benjamin Clapp was preaching in the course of his mission in a town 10 miles from the Covington plantation. A family member of Sarah's mother Elizabeth, Daniel Thomas, was interested and brought home a Book of Mormon. A few weeks later Robert and all of his wife's family were baptized. Robert's family was angry and disinherited him. When Robert and his family moved to Nauvoo in 1845 at least one of the slave families came with him. (History of Robert Dockery Covington, pp. 1-2.)

- Robert was the bishop in Washington, UT in the St. George Stake where he eventually died. He held the office for eleven years. He was ordained a bishop by George Albert Smith. (Biographical Encyclopedia, Vol. 4, p.592.)

-Sarah was the third of four children.

-Robert married two other women later, Nancy Roberts and Malinda Allison.

-Elizabeth died about two months after arriving in Salt Lake on Dec. 7, 1847. She was frail from the trek and giving birth. During this time Robert was a school teacher and was called Professor Covington. (History of Robert Dockery Covington, p. 3.)