

## Wealthy Lovisa Richards

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: Welthy Lovisa Richards

Age: 2y; 10m; 12d

Daughter to Franklin D. and Jane S. Richards

Deceased: September 14, 1846

Disease: Not given

Birth Place: Nauvoo, Ill.

Birth Date: Nov. 2, 1843

No. of Grave: 1

Name of Deceased: Wealthy Lovisa Richards

Birth Date: She was born Nov. 2, 1843

Death Date: On Sep. 14, 1846 at age 2 years, 10 months, 12 days

Cause of Death: The cause of her death was unknown

Burial Place: Grave #1 Cutler's Park

Father's Name: Franklin Dewey Richards

Mother's Maiden Name: Jane Snyder (Snyder)

Which Winter Quarters Ward or Iowa Branch was the family: Winter Quarters 8th

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? F. D. Richards was serving as mission President in England at the time. Jane Richards age 28 and Franklin Richards age 1 found in Great Salt Lake, Utah Territory, family 344.

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? The Willard Richards Company consisted of 568 persons. The Company departed on 3 July 1848 and arrived in the Salt Lake Valley on 10 October 1848. Franklin D. Richards initially traveled to the Valley with his wife in 1848, when he served as a captain of a hundred. This initial trip is confirmed by his wife's obituary. He crossed the plains at least two more times as missionary returning from Europe, once in 1856 and again in 1868.

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

- Wealthy was the oldest child of Franklin D. Richards and Jane Snyder (Snyder).
- On March 22, 1861 another daughter born to Franklin D. Richards was named Wealthy. Both were named after his mother Wealthy Dewey.
- Franklin D. Richards went on to be called as the president of the quorum of the twelve and was a Brigadier-General of the Nauvoo Legion. (Pioneers and Prominent Men of Utah, p. 160)

- Franklin D. Richards served as church historian for the last ten years of his life. (Pioneers and Prominent Men of Utah, P. 22)
- He was also a Probate Judge in Weber County, a territorial legislator, and regent of what would become the University of Utah. (Prominent Men of Utah, p. 22)
- He participated in the very first prayer circle held in the Nauvoo temple. (Samuel Whitney Richards journal)
- Franklin D. Richards was sealed to fifteen women during the era of polygamy in the church. (family group sheet, p.617)
- Franklin D. Richards was converted in 1836 after receiving a Book of Mormon from Elders Joseph and Brigham Young at age 17. (LDS Biographical Encyclopedia. Jenson, Andrew 1951 vol. 1, p. 115.)
- Franklin also founded and acted as editor for the newspaper the "Ogden Junction." ("President Franklin Dewey Richards," The Utah Genealogical and Historical Magazine 1 (January 1910), 5)
- Franklin met and eventually married his wife while serving his mission in Indiana. The Snyder family nursed him back to health. He visited the next summer while suffering from Typhoid Fever and was again nursed back to health by the family at which point he married the youngest daughter Jane. (Latter Day Saint Biographical Encyclopedia, p. 116.)
- Jane Snyder, Wealthy's mother, gave birth to a baby boy who died that same day shortly before Wealthy's death. During this time her husband was serving a mission in Great Britain. She was sick for much of the journey to Utah. (Latter Day Saint Biographical Encyclopedia, p. 116-117.)



Franklin D. Richards



Jane Snyder Richards