

## Julia Ann West

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: Julia Ann West

Age: 1y; 5m; 14d

Relationship: Daughter of \_\_\_\_\_ & Sharlott Amelia West

Deceased: Aug. 16<sup>th</sup>, 1847

Disease: Consumption

Birth Place: Nauvoo, Il.

Birth Date: Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1846

Grave No. 199

Birth Date: March 2, 1846

Birth Place: Nauvoo, Hancock, Illinois

Death Date: August 16, 1847

Cause of Death: Consumption

Burial Place: Winter Quarters Grave #199

Father's Name: Ira Enos West

Mother's Maiden Name: Charlotte Amelia Van Orden

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

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

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? Went west with the Brigham Young Company of 1848.

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

Less than eight months after coming to Nauvoo, and only two weeks after the martyrdom, Charlotte's father died at age 39 on 14 July 1844. One month later on 15 August 1844, her three-year-old brother, William Arthur Van Orden also died. The cause of death for both was listed as bloody flux. They are buried at Nauvoo. Early in 1845 Charlotte married Ira Enos West. They both received their endowments in the Nauvoo Temple on 12 January 1846, and at age eighteen, Charlotte was sealed to Ira on 28 January 1846. Two months later on 2 March 1846, she gave birth to a daughter, Julia Ann West. Her widowed mother married Dr. John M. Bernhisel in January 1846. Persecutions were worsening, and the exodus from Nauvoo began in February of 1846. The Saints were encouraged to sell their property and prepare to gather in the Rocky Mountains of the west. Grandfather Caleb sold his land in May of 1846. The Van Orden family sold both pieces of their property on July 13, 1846. The newly formed families, along with other

Saints, were forced to flee their beautiful Nauvoo, suffering the trials and hardships of the winter of 1846-47 at Winter Quarters. It is likely that Charlotte was a source of comfort, strength and service to her mother, who gave birth to a son, John Milton Bernhisel, under most difficult circumstances on 21 December 1846 at Winter Quarters. The first pioneer company, led by Brigham Young, left Winter Quarters, Nebraska on April 14, 1847 and arrived in the Salt Lake Valley on July 24, 1847. Grandfather Caleb, Isaac and his wife and children, and other family members were part of the second company to leave, the Daniel Spencer Company. This company left Winter Quarters on June 17, 1847 and arrived in the Salt Lake Valley September 22, 1847. Charlotte and Ira were still in Winter Quarters during the summer of 1847, as was her mother. On August 16, 1847, little Julia Ann West died of consumption at the age of seventeen months. She is buried at Winter Quarters, Nebraska, and her name is listed on the L. D. S. monument there. Charlotte lost many members of her family during the time they lived in Nauvoo and Winter Quarters, including her baby daughter; her grandmother; her father; her brother; her father-in-law; her mother-in-law; a brother-in-law; her two-week-old cousin, the infant son of Isaac C. Haight; and most certainly others.