

Appleton Milo Harmon

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: Appleton Harmon

Age: 1y;0m; 0d

Relationship: Son of Appleton & Elmira Harmon

Deceased: Sep. 22, 1847

Disease: Bowl Complaint

Birth Place: W. Quarters

Birth Date: Sep. 22, 1846

Grave No. 231

Birth Date: October 22, 1846

Birth Place: Winter Quarters, Nebraska Territory

Death Date: September 22, 1847

Cause of Death: Bowel complaint

Burial Place: Winter Quarters Grave #231

Father's Name: Appleton Milo Harmon

Mother's Maiden Name: Elmeda Stringham

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

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Appleton M. Harmon, a blacksmith, was listed as family #5 in Great Salt Lake, Utah Territory

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? Initially, Appleton traveled to the Salt Lake Valley in the Brigham Young Pioneer Company in 1847 and was Captain of the 10th Company of Ten. On June 15, 1847, Brigham Young decided that a group of brethren should stay at the North Fork of the Platt River Upper Ferry, near Casper, Wyoming, where a commercial ferry could be established. The hope was that they could assist all companies with ferrying across in order to collect provisions that could be used to sustain the next company of saints. Appleton, along with nine others, was chosen to stay and help operate the Platte River Ferry. They were instructed to join the next company of Saints on into the Salt Lake Valley. Thomas Grover was appointed as the captain of those staying behind.

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

Many diaries of those in the company indicate the above findings.

According to his journal, he remained at the Platte River Ferry until the pioneers from Utah returned, heading east to Winter Quarters. On his way to Winter Quarters, he stopped at Fort Laramie for a few months where he worked as a blacksmith before continuing on to Winter Quarters in March 1848.

In June 1848, he prepared for a trip from Winter Quarters to the Salt Lake Valley, with his wife, Elmeda Stringham, father, Jesse Pierce Harmon, father in law, and two brothers, Amos Washington and Ansel Perce. They joined the Heber C. Kimball Company, and set off for the Salt Lake Valley in June 1848. Appleton was in charge of the hunting department of the company.

At the end of a mission, Appleton traveled home as captain of the Appleton M. Harmon Company in 1853. At some point, Appleton's company and John Brown's company traveled together as indicated in correspondences between them and Brigham Young. The two companies contained individuals traveling by way of the Perpetual Emigrating Funds.