

## Halmagh John Van Wagoner

From the original Sexton Records:

Not listed

Birth Date: November 21, 1788

Birth Place: Wynockie, Passaic, New Jersey

Death Date: December 4, 1846

Cause of Death: Unknown

Burial Place: Winter Quarters, Calculated as Grave #25 from death date

Spouse: Mary Ann VanHouten

Father's Name: Johannes Helmigh Van Wagenen

Mother's Maiden Name: Ann Vandervoort

Which Winter Quarters Ward or Iowa Branch was the family: Winter Quarters Ward 21

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Both husband and wife died before 1850

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? Both husband and wife died in Winter Quarters

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

Halmagh John Van Wagenen and Mary (Polly) Van Houghten were both of Dutch descent. They were married December 22, 1810 at the Horseneck Dutch Reformed Church, Bergen County, New Jersey, by Reverend John Duryee.

Halmagh and Mary settled in Wanaque, Pompton Township, Bergen County (now Passaic County), New Jersey. Here they became the parents of five children: John, Henry, Hanna, Ann, and Sarah. They were a happy, industrious, thrifty, hard-working family. Halmagh was a farmer. He grew a variety of crops, including flax. From the flax, Mary wove linen tablecloths, sheets, towels, and materiel that she colored for her children's dresses. As the children grew, Mary taught them to mend, darn, patch, and care for their belongings. She taught her daughters to card, spin, weave, and sew.

On the 25th of April of 1846, they left their home and the beautiful city of Nauvoo for the West where they hoped they could worship God according to the dictates of their conscience. They crossed the Mississippi River in May and traveled to Winter Quarters. Here they were to spend the winter. Again, they built a home. They made their own furniture, beds, tables, benches, etc. But, due to the severe hardships they encountered, and the lack of necessities, Mary died in October 1846 and Halmagh died soon after, on the 4th of December, 1846. They were laid to rest in the Pioneer cemetery, on the bench above the winter Village. Their children came to Utah.

They became stalwarts in the Church, remaining true and faithful. They raised up a noble posterity, full of faith and devotion and an honor to their courageous ancestors.

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