

**Margaret Hutchinson Sheets and Margaret Sheets (daughter)**

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: Margerett Sheets

Age: 27y; 6m; 28d

Wife of Elizah F.

Deceased: Feb. 1, 1847

Disease: Canker

Birth Place: New Radner, Herefordshire, England

Birth Date: July 3, 1819

No. of Grave: 68

Name: Margaret Sheets

Age: 3m 19d

Relation: Daughter of Elizah F. & Margaret Sheets

Birth Place: Winter Quarters; Camp of Israel

Deceased: April 14, 1847

Disease: Not listed

Birth Place: Winter Quarters

Birth Date: Dec. 25, 1846

No. of Grave: Buried in 68 with its mother

Birth Date: July 3, 1819

Death Date: Feb. 1, 1847

Cause of Death: Canker

Burial Place: Winter Quarters grave #68

Spouse's Name: Elijah Funk Sheets

Father's Name: unknown

Mother's Maiden Name: unknown

Which Winter Quarters Ward or Iowa Branch was the family: Winter Quarters 14<sup>th</sup> Ward

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Both in Great Salt Lake County, house #5 and Iron County, house #37. His wife Susanna and son Nephi appear in both locations too.

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? Daniel Spencer/Perrigrine Sessions Company left Elkhorn River June 18, 1847 and arrived Sep. 24-25

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

-Elijah was baptized July 5, 1840. After Margaret's death he married Susanna Musser, Elizabeth Leaver, and Emma Spencer while practicing polygamy. He had a total of 27 children. (70's Record, 2 Qrm., 1845, LDS Archives, pg. 21).

-Elijah was ordained a member of the Seventy on April 7, 1845 by Wilford Woodruff while serving a mission in Manchester England. (70's Record, 2 Qrm., 1845, LDS Archives, pg. 21).

-Margaret and Elijah were married on the first day of their voyage from Great Britain to America by Wilford Woodruff. Their child died shortly after Margaret's death in Feb. 1847. (emailed summary of sources, comment #6, p. 936) Their child was named Margaret Hannah and was about four months old when she died.

(<https://winterquarters.byu.edu/portals/121//PAF/ward14/pafg20.htm#645>)

-In 1888 Elijah turned himself in as a polygamist and served 80 days in the Utah State Penitentiary. (emailed summary of sources, comment #6, p. 936). When he was released the members of the 8<sup>th</sup> ward greeted him with an ovation. (LDS Biographical Encyclopedia, Andrew Jenson, Vol. 1, p. 614, <https://familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/2353715>)

-Elijah was orphaned when he was 6 years old. After living with his grandparents for two years he lived with Edward Hunter who was a wealthy farmer at the time. (emailed summary of sources, comment #6, p. 936)

-From ages 17-20 Elijah was a blacksmith apprentice. During this time, he learned about the gospel from Edwin D. Woolley, Elisha Devis, Erastus Snow, and Lorenzo D. Barnes. He quickly joined the church and worked on the Nauvoo temple for 6 months without pay. (emailed summary of sources, comment #6, p. 936)

-All four of Elijah's wives died before him. He presided over the Eighth Salt Lake Ward for about 45 years and was the oldest acting Bishop in the church at one point. (LDS Biographical Encyclopedia. Andrew Jenson, 1951, vol. 1, pp. 614-616)

-Dec. of 1850 Elijah and his family left on a mission to help settle Iron County with George A. Smith's company. He helped in Parowan for 6 months before returning to Salt Lake City. In 1868 he was again called to help settle, but in Provo this time. (LDS Biographical Encyclopedia, Andrew Jenson, Vol. 1, p. 614, <https://familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/2353715>)

-Wilford Woodruff cared for Margaret the last few hours before she died and then spent the morning comforting Elijah. (Monday, February 1, 1847, <http://www.crockettclan.org/pioneers/021847.html>)