

George Spears (Speirs)

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: George Spear

Age: 47y; 1m; 0d

Husband of Sarah N. Spears & son of Hiram & Mary Spears

Deceased: Nov. 12, 1846

Disease: Chills & Dysentery

Birth Place: Kirkshire Co., Scotland

Birth Date: Oct. 1799

No. of Grave: 59

Name of Deceased: George Spears

Birth Date: Oct. 17, 1799

Death Date: Nov. 12, 1846

Cause of Death: Chills & Dysentery

Burial Place: Grave #59 Cutler's Park

Spouse's Name: Sarah Ann Churchfield

Father's Name: Hiram Spears

Mother's Maiden Name: Mary Tait

Which Winter Quarters Ward or Iowa Branch was the family: Winter Quarters 22nd ward.

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Unknown, likely still in Pottawattamie.

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? They never went west.

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

-George was born in Scotland. In 1836 he married Sarah who was born in Pennsylvania.

-In Nauvoo in 1841 they had a child die upon being born.

-He and his wife had the following children: William, Margaret, Agnes Jane, and Joseph George.

-In the 1860 census William age 23 and Joseph age 15 are living with the Sweet family in Kane Township, Pottawattamie, Iowa (1860 U.S. Census, p.72). In 1865 William married Lurina (Lovina) and together they had Daisy, Myrtle, Harrison, Eva, and Cora. (1900 U.S. Census, Minden, Pottawattamie, Iowa, sheet 7B). By 1900 William was farming and had two farm hands living with the family. (1900 U.S. Census, Minden, Pottawattamie, Iowa, sheet 7B).

-William lived in Nebraska from 1846 to 1848 before returning to Iowa for good. He served as justice of the peace for a time. George was a blacksmith before his death. (History of Pottawattamie County, Iowa: Containing a History from the Earliest Settlement to the Present Time, John H. Keatley, O.L. Baskin & Co., Chicago, 1883., pp. 179-180).

- Sarah Ann died in Iowa in 1894. (Nauvoo Land and Records Office PAF Database (: Nauvoo Land and Records Office, 2011), RIN #27265.)

-Margaret C Spears married Isaac Maurice Atkins and together they raised 5 children in Iowa. (http://www.ancestry.ca/genealogy/records/margaret-c-spears_2185883)