Ezra Leonard

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: Ezra Leonard
Age: 1d
Son of Truman and Ortentia Leonard
Deceased: Nov. 4, 1846
Disease: Still born
Birth Place: Winter Quarters, Camp of Israel
Birth Date: Nov. 4, 1846
No. of Grave: 48
Birth Date: Nov. 4, 1846
Death Date: Nov. 4, 1846
Cause of Death: still born
Burial Place: Cutler’s Park grave #48
Father’s Name: Truman Leonard Jr.
Mother’s Maiden Name: Ortentia White

Which Winter Quarters Ward or Iowa Branch was the family: unknown
Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Davis County, Utah, house #35. Truman 29, Ortentia 26, John 18.
Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? William Snow/Joseph Young Co. left Kanesville June 21, 1850 and arrived Oct. 1-4, 1850.

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.
- The family also had their child Truman Milton die at Winter Quarters. (https://history.lds.org/overlandtravel/pioneers/6916/ortentia-white-leonard).
- On Jan. 6, 1857 Truman married his second and third wives; Margaret Bourne and Mary Ann Meadows. (Truman Leonard Jr File, emailed document, p. 1).
- Ezra and Truman were Truman and Ortentia’s first two children and they both died before the family arrived in Utah. Once they arrived in Utah they had Sarah, Helen Mar, Benjamin Franklin, Mary Moselle, Julia Ortentia, John Carlos, Clara Amelia, and Hattie Adelle. (Truman Leonard Jr., pp. 984-85, emailed source).
- Truman was re-baptized on June 1, 1851. (Truman Leonard Jr., p. 986, emailed source).
- Truman and Ortentia were the first couple ever married in the Nauvoo Temple. This was a privilege given them because of special service Truman gave in building the temple. Ortentia was given a lock of Heber C. Kimball’s hair to memorialize the occasion. (Treasures of Pioneer History, p. 224).

- The couple’s third child also died just after being born, but their 4th child Helen Mar lived to have 7 children of her own. (Treasures of Pioneer History, p. 224).

- In 1852 Truman was called to serve a mission to India, which lasted 4 years. While he was gone Ortentia supported her family by sewing. She, along with 7 other women, offered sewing classes. Her business included making drapes for caskets. (Treasures of Pioneer History, p. 225).

- On the boat and handcart trek back from his mission to India Truman met Margaret and Mary Ann who would become his plural wives. (Treasures of Pioneer History, p. 225).

- Although Truman knew Margaret and Mary Ann he told Brigham Young that he did not court them more than 3 hours each until after he reunited with his wife Ortentia. (Truman Leonard: Pioneer Mormon Farmer, by Glen M. Leonard, p. 249).

- Because polygamists were being persecuted Truman moved with his wife Margaret and one of Mary Ann’s daughter’s Amy to Canada for 8 years. During this time Ortentia and Mary Ann were without a husband and became very close. (Treasures of Pioneer History, p. 225).

- Ortentia was a wonderful singer. She and her daughters bought an organ. She also sang in a quartet and was said to be an excellent soprano. (Treasures of Pioneer History, p. 226).

- Only 3 of Ortentia’s 10 children lived to adulthood. (Treasures of Pioneer History, p. 258).