

## **Benjamin Rush Lamb (Sexton)**

Birth Date: August 23, 1821

Birth Place: Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Death Date: May 1849

Cause of Death: Unknown

Burial Place: Unknown but he died in Jefferson City, Cole, Missouri

Father's Name: John Lamb

Mother's Maiden Name: Mary Rush

Spouse's Name: Elizabeth Dubois

Which Winter Quarters Ward or Iowa Branch was the family: Winter Quarters Ward 15

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Listed as Family #394 in Great Salt Lake, Utah Territory.

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? Came west with the Benjamin Hawkins Company in 1850. She was traveling with John Isaac (age 6); Benjamin Rush (age 3); and Elizabeth (infant), her children. Elizabeth Dubois Grant was born August 25, 1823, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, daughter of Robert and Jane Johnson Dubois. With her parents they moved to Centerville, Salem County, New Jersey. At the age of seventeen she returned to Philadelphia and lived with a family by the name of Lutz.. Here she heard the Mormon Elders preaching the Gospel of Life and Salvation, and was baptized in the Delaware River by Elder Erastus Snow. About this time, at a Latter Day Saints meeting, she met Benjamin R. Lamb and was married to him September 26, 1842, and started for Nauvoo the next morning, traveling by canal boat, arriving there in October 1842. A son was born to them on September 23, 1843, named John I. They resided in Nauvoo until the saints were driven from their homes, locating at Winter Quarters, where she buried a son, Robert. In 1847 they went back to Philadelphia, living there until 1849, when they traveled by steam boat down the Ohio River, and up the Missouri River to Jefferson City, Missouri, where she was called to part with her husband in May 1849, who died with cholera. Continuing her journey by water to St. Joseph, Missouri, where another child was born, named Elizabeth and with her two boys, John and Benjamin stayed until spring, when they started West by Ox team, which were furnished by Amos Davis, arriving in Utah, on September 1850. Soon after reaching Utah, a tragic thing happened in her family. Her two children Elizabeth and Benjamin were accidentally burned so badly that they died from the effects. In 1851 she married George D. Grant. For a short time they lived in Salt Lake City, where the Z.C.M.I. now stands. From there they moved to their farm in Woods Cross, where she lived for many years. For a time she lived in Weber, where her husband owned a farm, here she cooked for the farm hands on a small sheet iron stove with an oven only large enough to hold biscuits, but as fast as one pan was baked another was put in until all was satisfied. She was a good cook and enjoyed making things for her family and friends. She was an expert at making Dutch

cheese, having learned the art in Pennsylvania where so many Dutch people lived. It is what we call cottage cheese now. she was the first to introduce it in Utah.

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

150 wagons were in the company when it began its journey from the outfitting post at Kaneshville, Iowa (present day Council Bluffs). James Lake may have been Captain of the Second Division but at some point his "fifty" moved on ahead as its own company.

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