

Robert Helaman Pixton

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: Robert Haleman Pixton

Age: 0y; 1m; 15d

Son of Robert & Elisebeth Pixton

Deceased: Nov. 18, 1846

Disease: Inflemetion lungs

Birth Place: Winter Quarters Camp of Iseral

Birth Date: Oct. 3, 1846

No. of Grave: 6

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Birth Place: Winter Quarters, Nebraska Territory

Death Date: Nov. 18, 1846

Cause of Death: Inflammation of the lungs

Burial Place: Winter Quarter's grave #6

Father's Name: Robert Pixton

Mother's Maiden Name: Elizabeth Cooper

Which Winter Quarters Ward or Iowa Branch was the family: Winter Quarters 16th ward

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Family #252 in Great Salt Lake, Utah Territory

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? Robert went with the Mormon Battalion and his family came with the Brigham Young company which left Winter Quarters, Nebraska June 5, 1848 and arrived 20-24 of September.

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

-Robert and Elizabeth had 10 children together. Charlotte, George, Mary, John Helaman, Robert Jr., Elizabeth, Willard, Sarah, Joseph Cooper, Sariah Hankinson. Robert also married Martha Silcock on Jan. 25, 1869 and together they had 5 children: Alma, Nellie, Seth, Jane, Olivia. Martha was 17 when they married.

-His father, Robert, was born in Manchester England. He and Elizabeth were married May 5, 1839. Two years later they left England and three months later arrived in Iowa Territory. There they were baptized by Lyman White.

-Robert received his patriarchal blessing from Hyrum Smith in Nauvoo. March 19, 1843

-From 1862-66 Robert served a mission to England. In his pension file he's described as 5'8" with light blue eyes and light brown hair.

-Robert got his first job at age 9. When he was 12 his hand got caught in an industrial machine accident. When he was 17 his mom died and he moved into a boarding house. He was friends with his future wife Elizabeth at this time and when he was 20 he started thinking about marrying her and did so. The next year he learned that his landlord had joined the church and asked him about his new beliefs. He then immigrated to America with his landlord and wife but could not afford passage for Elizabeth. He sailed two days before the birth of his second child. He saved up the money to bring his wife and daughter over by working in a brickyard and on a plantation.

-While in the Mormon battalion Robert was the company cook. He got to see the first gold at Sutter's Mill but left to be with his family after two years apart.

-Elizabeth was relief society president in southern Utah for over 20 years before she died. (Woman's Exponent, Obituary of Elizabeth Pixton, volume 32, p. 85.)