Eveline B. Golden Conover

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: Eveline Connover

Age: 39y; 5m; 21d

Relationship: Wife of Peter Connover

Deceased: Nov. 11th, 1847

Disease: Typhus fever

Birth Place: Maizevill, Kentuckey

Birth Date: May 20, 1808

Grave No. 260

Birth Date: May 20, 1808

Birth Place: Maysville, Mason, Kentucky

Death Date: November 11, 1847

Cause of Death: Typhus fever

Burial Place: Winter Quarters Grave #260

Father's Name: Abraham Golden

Mother's Maiden Name: Sarah Ann Houghton

Spouse's Name: Peter Wilson Conover

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

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Listed as family #39 in Utah County, Utah Territory

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? Came west with the Heber C. Kimball Company in 1848. He was a widower with ten children and served as Captain of 4th Ten in the Kimball Company. He crossed the plains again in 1857 with the Loveland Company, this time serving as Captain of the Guard.

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

Peter Wilson Conover was of Dutch descent. His great-grandfather came to America in the days of William Penn. He was the son of Peter and Hannah Combs Conover, and was born near Princeton Woodford County, Kentucky on September 19, 1807. He worked on the farm until 1822, then went to Morgan County, Illinois where he carried the chain in laying about Jacksonville. About this time he became acquainted with Eveline Golden of Morgan County and on February 14, 1827 they were married. While in Morgan County, father was made the captain

of the company in the state militia and in the Black Hawk War of 1832 he and his company were enlisted in the service and co-operated with the United States forces in the suppression of that war. Father and his company were in actual service for six months and were with the command when the great chief was captured. In 1835 he moved about six miles below where Nauvoo was founded by the Mormons in 1838. Two years later on May 17, 1840, father and his wife became members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He had not been long a member of the church until he was chosen a member of Joseph Smith's body-guard. He was with the Prophet shortly after his arrest at Dixon, Lee County, Ill. It will be remembered that the Prophet Joseph was here arrested illegally by Joseph H. Reynolds, sheriff of Jackson County, Missouri and constable Harmon T. Wilson of Carthage, Illinois. They arrested the Prophet on the requisition from the Governor of Missouri on the State of Illinois which had never been presented to the Governor of the latter state, and attempted to carry him across the state line. While on the way they were met by father and W. S. Cutler of Nauvoo. At the sight of these friends who had come to meet him, Joseph said to the kidnappers, "I am not going to Missouri this time. These are my boys." The officers stricken with fear, consented to the Prophet's return. On the way back they stopped at a farm house near Monmouth where the Prophet was placed in a room under guard. Here the officers conspired to drive to Monmouth, raise a mob, and return in the night to seize the Prophet and take him to Missouri. Father had lain down at the corner of the house outside and had overheard their plans which he at once communicated to the Prophet. Thus their designs were frustrated. Such were the events of his life while body-guard to the Prophet. In these days he became acquainted with Daniel H. Wells, another military spirit, with whom he associated in the later years in the Indian Wars in Utah. This acquaintance grew into a fast and enduring friendship. The morning after the martyrdom of the Prophet Joseph and his brother Hyrum, father and others went to Carthage and assisted in forwarding the remains of those who were martyred and in bringing back to Nauvoo Elder John Taylor who was wounded. When the saints moved west, father accompanied them to Winter Quarters where he was placed in charge of the militia. While camped there, the wife of his youth died, November 11, 1847, leaving ten motherless children. In the spring of 1848 he crossed the plains in Heber C. Kimball's company. A few days after his arrival in Salt Lake City, he with others, was called to make a settlement on Provo River in Utah Valley. He drove the second wagon that was driven over Provo River. They located in a fort in what is now known as the "Old Fort Field". When the city of Provo was surveyed, father carried the surveyor's chain.

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