William Isaac Busenbark

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: William I. Busenbark

Age: 1y; 1m; 14d

Relationship: Son of Isaac & Abigal

Deceased: February 8, 1848 Disease: Inflamation bowels

Birth Place: W. Quarters

Birth Date: December 25, 1847

Grave No. 292

Birth Date: December 25, 1847

Birth Place: Winter Quarters

Death Date: February 8, 1848

Cause of Death: Inflammation of the bowels

Burial Place: Winter Quarters Grave #292

Father's Name: Isaac Busenbark

Mother's Maiden Name: Abigail Manning

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 Isaac Boozenback, family #1219, in District #21, Pottawattamie County, Iowa.

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? Came west with the David Woods Company in 1852. About 288 individuals and about 58 wagons were in the company when it began its journey from the outfitting post at Kanesville, Iowa.

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

The first one of the family in our line to be born in America was John Busenberger, who was born in Amwell Ts., Hunterdon Co., N.J. about 1730. Next in line was William Busenberry, or Busenbark, born about 1775 in New Jersey. William moved to New York State as a young man. He first married a woman named Rhoda who died at the birth of her first child. He later married Sarah and they were the parents of 15 children. Their names and birthdates follow: Asher, 1796, Harland, Niagra, New York; John, 1798; Isaac, 19 Nov. 1801, Romulus, Seneca, New York; George, 1803; Sarah (twin), Harry (twin), 1805; John, 1806; Annie, 1807; Rebecca, 1808; Peter, 1809, Daughter, 1810; Elizabeth, 1811; Jane, 1813; Polly, 1815; Peter, 1816. The father of this family died in New York about 1845. The mother also died in New York in 1846. In 1824 Isaac

married Abigail Manning, who was born in New Jersey in June of 1807. Her parents were Nathan Manning and Sara Leech (or Leach). The family lived just four miles south of the Peter Whitmer farm where the L.D.S. Church was organized, so they were some of the first to hear the true gospel. Isaac and his wife Abigail and three children were baptized into the Church by John Smith, uncle of the Prophet Joseph Smith, in May 1842. The next four children were baptized in the years 1848 and 1849. There were twelve children in the family as given here: Sara Jane, 2 Mar 1825, Romulus, Seneca, New York; Louisa, 25 May 1827; Mary 14 Aug 1827; Henry Daniel 14 Dec 1831; Harriet, 2 Aug 1834, Hartland, Niagara, New York; Margaret Alice, 19 Dec 1836; Lucinda, 29 Apr 1839; Elizabeth, 1840; Martha, 1842; William Isaac, 25 Dec 1845, Winter Quarters, Nebraska; Ammie Eliza, 7 Sep 1849, Honey Creek, Pottawattamie, Iowa; Isaac, 18 Dec 1851, On the Plains, Iowa.

On June 18th, 1852, the wife died and the six months old baby, Isaac, died, and were buried in the old church cemetery at Winter Quarters. In the last part of June, 1852, Isaac and seven children started for Utah. Two of the children had died and the three oldest daughters had married and had gone west previously. Seven children and no mother to care for them made for a trying time for all concerned. We can now only imagine all the hardships they went through on crossing the plains and mountains to Utah. They arrived in Salt Lake Valley on 17 September 1852 and were advised to settle in North Ogden, Weber Co., Utah.

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