

JAMES WOOLF

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James Woolf was born on 22 July 1836 in Westchester, New York. He was the son of John Anthony Woolf, Jr. And Sarah Ann Devoe. When he was 7 years old his family moved from New York to Nauvoo, Ill. He remembered the martyrdom of the Prophet Joseph Smith in 1844. The next year the family was driven out of Nauvoo. They journeyed westward across the state of Iowa and settled at Winter Quarters. In the spring of 1847 they left there and traveled westward again with the Saints in Capt. Edward Hunter's Co. They arrived in Salt Lake City 6 Oct. 1847.

James's boyhood days were spent going through all of the trying scenes the Saints had to endure during this period of time. He remembered the clouds of crickets and the wonderful work of the seagulls.

In 1858 Pores. Brigham Young called on Apostle George A. Smith and 58 others to go south and settle Iron Co. James's father was one of those chosen to go. They started their journey but the Indians drove away their oxen. They stayed in Provo for a while and then went on, locating in Willow Creek, Juab Co. Utah. The Indians got so bad that they had to move into Nephi for safety. It was here that James met and married Malinda Euphemia Bradley in 1857. In 1860 James and Malinda moved from Nephi to Moroni, Sanpete Co. They lived there for 2 years and then moved to Hyde Park, Utah .

James and Malinda had 4 children. They were Orlettie, Orilla, Joh Anthony, and James Bradley. 2 of these children, Orlettie and James Bradley died in infancy. Malinda also died shortly after James Bradley was born.

In 1868 James was called to meet the church emigrants crossing the plains. He went as far as Laramie, Wyo. He was driving a 4 horse team under the direction of Captain Chester Loveland.

In Dec. 1869 James married Emma Hurren. They lived in Hyde Park for 15 years, where 7 of their 11 children were born. In 1883 they moved to Riverdale, Id. Their last 4 children were born here. The Riverdale Ward had just barely been organized upon their arrival, and James helped to build it up. He was a hard worker and was willing to do whatever was asked of him. He believed in being honest, true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous, and doing good to all men. He was a good man and deserved all the credit he received.

In Oct. 1918 James came down with the terrible Spanish Flu, which killed 21 million people across the world. The United States numbered its dead at 548,452, and it finally took the life of James. There was no funeral held because people were afraid of contracting the flu.
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JAMES WOOLF from Book on Woolf Families

James Woolf, the 3rd child and 2nd son of John Anthony Woolf and Sarah Ann DeVoe, was born 22 July 1836 in Pelham, Westchester, New York. When James was 5 years old, his parents accepted membership in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which event dominated all the years of James' future life. 2 years later (1843) the family left the comforts of their eastern home to join the members of their new faith, who were building the rapidly growing city o Nauvoo in the State of Illinois.

The following year, when James was 8, lawlessness and persecution ran rampant and the Prophet Joseph Smith was murdered in Carthage Jail, a few miles from Nauvoo. James remembered both Joseph and his brother, Hyrum Smith, throughout his lifetime and the tragedy of the martyrdom left a deep impression on his mind.

In early 1846, James, now approaching the age of 10, his family, and fellow members of the Church were driven from their homes in Illinois to seek life in the little-known wilderness to the west. James' father fortunately was able to sell his farm at a sacrifice, but for enough money to buy wagons and oxen for the westward trek.

A difficult winter, plagued by cold and sickness, was spent in a log hut built by James' father at Winter Quarters on the Missouri River. With the return of the sun in the spring, health also returned, and the family resumed their journey westward as members of Bishop Edward Hunter's Company, arriving in Salt Lake on 6 Oct. 1847.

James was baptized in Salt Lake City at the age of 11. He spent his boyhood days performing tasks beyond his years in the trying times incident to an impoverished people establish themselves in a dry and sterile land. James remembered well the onslaught of the crickets and their destruction by the seagulls.

In the spring of 1852, Pres. Brigham Young called Apostle George A. Smith and 50 families to settle Iron County. James' father was among those chosen. James accompanied his father on this trip and shared in its trials and achievements. He joined in herding oxen, building bridges, standing night guard, clearing land, and planting crops. Due to prairie dogs and other pests, very little grain was grown, which James' father harvested with a show knife.

James returned to Salt Lake in the fall with his father for the purpose of removing the family to Iron County. On the return to Iron County, while encamped on the Jordan River, thieves stole the family cattle. The delay caused by this incident prevented the completion of the journey. The family built a log cabin on the Provo River, where they spent the winter. The next sporing, as a result of a change in their Church call, the family settled on Willow Creek in Juab County, Utah. Due to the outbreak of an Indian War, the family was forced to flee for safety to the fort in Nephi.

At the age of 21, James married Malinda Euphemia Bradley in the Endowment House in Salt Lake City, Utah. From this union came 2 boys and 2 girls; two died in infancy and two reached maturity. Malinda died in 1864, shortly after the birth of James Bradley and after only 7 years of marriage, leaving James with a great sadness at the loss of the wife of his youth.

Shortly after his marriage, James served with the Utah forces against the approaching Johnston's Army.

In 1868, he was called to help immigrants crossing the plains. He drove a 4 horse team as far east as Laramie, Wy. Serving under Captain Chester Loveland.

In 1869, James married Emma Hurren, daughter of James Hurren of handcart fame. They lived in Hyde Park for 15 years, where 7 of their children were born. They eventually had 11 children, 9 of whom reached maturity and married.

The James Woolf family lived in Hyde Park, Cache, Utah, from 1862 to the 1870's, when they moved to Riverdale, Idaho, where the family made an outstanding contribution to civic, economic and religious affairs.

James passed away 15 Oct. 1918, at the age of 82, following a paralytic stroke. He had enjoyed good health all his life, and in fact, had attended the October General Conference in Salt Lake City the week previous to his death. He had practiced honesty throughout his long and useful life and had been true to himself, his God, and his family. His passing was a great loss to the Riverdale Ward, where he had lived in harmony with his fellowmen and had supported Church leaders. He has left a large posterity to whom he has been a good example, and who are pleased to honor his memory.

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John Anthony Woolf and Sarah Ann DeVoe their children and their grandchildren

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