

Enoch Wright

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: Enoch Wright

Age: 18d

Son of Jonathan C & Rebecca Wright

Deceased: Dec. 5, 1846

Disease: Spasms

Birth Place: Winter Quarters, Camp of Isarel

Birth Date: Nov. 16, 1846

No. of Grave: 27

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Death Date: Dec. 5, 1846

Cause of Death: Spasms

Burial Place: Winter Quarters grave #27

Father's Name: Jonathan Calkins Wright

Mother's Maiden Name: Rebecca Wheeler

Which Winter Quarters Ward or Iowa Branch was the family: 10th, 15th, and Harris Grove Brach

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Great Salt Lake County, house #3. Johnathan C age 42, Cynthia age 35, Amos age 11, George age 9, David age 7, Joseph Sascton age 63.

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? Edward Hunter Company left Kanessville June 29, 1850 and arrived Oct. 13, 1850. Jonathan was a captain of 10.

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

-His mother Rebecca died in Kanessville, Iowa on May 30, 1850 before she had a chance to come to Utah just after giving birth to Lyman Van Wright who followed her to the grave 5 days later. (winterquarters.byu.edu) Before dying she was confined to her bed in Winter Quarters for 23 months. The family was living in a small dugout. (email from Jo Ann Farnsworth, sent Nov. 11, 2004 from JoFarnsworth@cs.com)

-Enoch's father, Jonathan married Sarah C. Boyce as a plural wife in May 1847 at Winter Quarters but the marriage ended in divorce. (winterquarters.byu.edu) He married the following women: Cynthia M Nichols (1850), Mary Jane Neeley (1852), Lois Susannah Moran (1857), Caroline Olsen (1857), Prudence Swallow North (1863).

-Together, Rebecca and Jonathan had eight children. Four of them lived to adulthood: Amos Russel born 1840 in Exeter Illinois, Virginia Ann Charlotte born 1842 in Exeter Illinois, King David Darwin born 1843 in Exeter Illinois, and Jonathan born 1848 in Harris Grove. (winterquarters.byu.edu)

-in 1850 Jonathan was working as a clerk in Salt Lake. (1850 U.S. Census, Utah, Great Salt Lake County, p.98) Later he was a probate Judge, county clerk and recorder, and prosecuting attorney. He was a member of the Utah territorial legislature for 21 years. (Frank Esshom, Pioneers and Prominent Men of Utah (1913), p.1265; Andrew Jenson, LDS Biographical Encyclopedia, Vol. 3, (1951), pp.287-288)

-Jonathan was asked to stay behind and help encourage the saints to go west to Utah. He visited with Emma, Joseph's wife but said she was cool in her reception of him. He completed this mission April 23, 1850. (email from Jo Ann Farnsworth, sent Nov. 11, 2004 from JoFarnsworth@cs.com.)

-By the end of his life Jonathan had 34 children: 24 sons and 10 daughters. (Andrew Jenson, LDS Biographical Encyclopedia, Vol. 3, (1951), pp.287-288)

-Originally Jonathan was a Methodist. He was even encouraged by friends to become a minister. However, after fervent prayer he traveled to Nauvoo, Illinois and met Joseph Smith. While there he was converted by decided to study more before he was baptized. He bought some literature by the church and started home. On the way he was struck with a seemingly deadly illness. He became convinced that only by being baptized could he be healed. So, he returned to Nauvoo and was baptized and confirmed by Hyrum Smith in the Mississippi River. After this he moved his family to Nauvoo. (Andrew Jenson, LDS Biographical Encyclopedia, Vol. 3, (1951), pp.287-288)

-While in Nauvoo Jonathan acted as Marshal and was a city council member. (Andrew Jenson, LDS Biographical Encyclopedia, Vol. 3, (1951), pp.287-288)

-Jonathan and Rebecca became acquainted when he stayed at her father's house during one of his travels. He was looking for a wife. The next morning before leaving he told her he would like to marry her and asked her to take the next week to consider his proposition. He would return in a week for her answer. When he returned she agreed and they were married without the consent of her father. (Rebecca Wheeler, <https://familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/4781122>)



Jonathan Wright, taken in 1860's (<https://history.lds.org/overlandtravel/pioneers/5712/jonathan-calkins-wright>)

-Jonathan was a large man and weighed 325 pounds. (written by grandson Jonathan Calkins Hunsaker in Feb. 1947, <http://www.gandeogilvie.org/HistorySites/Weaver/Histories/WrightJonathan.htm>)

-After settling in Big Cottonwood Utah Brigham Young asked him to help settle Box Elder County. He was Lorenzo Snow's first counselor in the stake presidency. It was said that when he spoke it was very loud and plain. His style was described as listening to thunder and lightening. He would wipe the sweat off of his face as he talked and pound the pulpit with both fists. He also taught school in Brigham City for years. (written by grandson Jonathan Calkins Hunsaker in Feb. 1947, <http://www.gandeogilvie.org/HistorySites/Weaver/Histories/WrightJonathan.htm>)

-before dying Jonathan was sick in bed for two years. He said he was glad for the suffering since he felt like it allowed him to reconcile for his sins. This way he said he could get ahead in the next life. (written by grandson Jonathan Calkins Hunsaker in Feb. 1947, <http://www.gandeogilvie.org/HistorySites/Weaver/Histories/WrightJonathan.htm>)

-Amos Russell Wright, Enoch's oldest brother, died Feb. 24, 1915 in Bennington Idaho. He was married to Catherine Roberts and Martha Loella Weaver. ("Amos Russell Wright," Eastern Idaho Death Records, BYU-Idaho, <http://abish.byui.edu/specialCollections/famhist/Obit/searchDetail.cfm>)

-Sarah Boyce divorced Jonathan in 1848 and Cynthia Nicholas divorced him in 1850 or 1851. (Amos Russell Wright by his son Charles Coulsen R. Wright, <https://familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/1559774>)

-Amos farmed, but not well. He also taught school in Bennington, Idaho (near Bear Lake). He served his first mission when he was 15 or 16 to Fort Lemhi, Idaho where he worked with the Shoshone Indians. Throughout his life he served several missions among the Indians since his Shoshone was perfect and he knew some universal Indian sign-language. His English was good too as his vocabulary was larger than most people's. He had 12 children with Catherine and 12 children with Loella. Two years after engaging in plural marriage he was arrested and fined \$500 which his friends and family helped pay. (<https://familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/1559774>)

-Virginia married Alan Nichols May 29, 1857. Together they had a daughter they named Virginia. (<http://www.genealogy.com/ftm/n/i/c/Raymond-H-Nichols/WEBSITE-0001/UHP-1153.html>)

-King David Darwin married Casandra Whitaker. He died in Blackfoot Idaho in 1894. (<https://www.geni.com/people/King-Wright/6000000001583476770>) Together the couple had three children. (<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=53972706>)