

## Joseph Carter Woodruff

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: Joseph Woodrief

Age: 1y; 3m; 29d

Son of Wilford & Pheby W. Woodrief

Deceased: Nov. 14, 1846

Disease: Canker

Birth Place: Liverpool, England

Birth Date: July 12, 1845

No. of Grave: 58

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Burial Place: Grave #58 Cutlers Park and later moved to Winter Quarter's Cemetery grave #34

Father's Name: Wilford Woodruff

Mother's Maiden Name: Phebe Whittemore Carter

Which Winter Quarters Ward or Iowa Branch was the family: Winter Quarters 14th, 15th wards

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Great Salt Lake County, house #231, p. 40. Wilford age 43, Phebe age 43, Wilford age 11, Phebe age 9, Susan age 6.

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? Wilford Woodruff went first to Utah with the Brigham Young Company which left from the Platt river on April 16, 1847 and arrived July 21-24 1847. He returned and made the trip again with his family in his own company which depart Kanessville, Iowa June 16, 1850 and arrived Oct. 14, 1850.

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

-Wilford Woodruff married Phebe Carter in 1837 when they were both 30, Mary Ann Jackson in 1846, Emma Smith in 1853, and Sarah Delight Stocking in 1857.

-Wilford died as President of the church while visiting friends in San Francisco, CA but was buried in Salt Lake City, UT. He was baptized Dec. 31, 1833 in New York.

-Wilford and Phebe were married in Kirtland, OH. Their children were Sarah Emma, Wilford, Phebe Amerlia, Susan Cornelia, Joseph, Ezra, Sarah Carter, Beulah Augusta, Aphek (of these 9, 4 died as infants). With Mary Jackson Wilford had James Jackson. With his third wife Emma they had Hyrum

Smith, Emma Manella, Asahel Hart, Ann Thompson, Clara Martisha, Abram Owen, Winnifred Blanche, Mary Alice. With Sara Brown they had David Patten, Brigham Young, Phebe Arabell, Sylva Melvina, Newton, Mary, Charles Henery, and Edward Randolph. With his fifth wife, Sarah Stocking he had Marion, Emeline, Ensign, Jeremiah, Gosanna, John J., Julia Delight. Wilford had a grand total of 33 children.

-In the 1850 census Wilford is listed as a merchant. In the 1860 census he is farming. Later he was the president of ZCMI and Zion's savings bank.

-Wilford was the first president of the Utah Horticulture Society. In 1881 he became the church historian. When the St. George temple was dedicated in 1877 he was the temple president. As president of the church he issued the manifesto discontinuing plural marriage in the church and changed fast day from the first Thursday to the first Sunday of the month.

-Over the course of Wilford's life he served missions to Southern States, Fox Island, England, Eastern States, Missouri, Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky, New York, Canada, Maine, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio,

-Wilford was Assistant Chaplin in the Nauvoo Legion.

-Phebe, one of Joseph's sisters later married Lorenzo Snow.

-Wilford and his wife Phebe received their patriarchal blessings from Joseph Smith Sr.

Wilford was president of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association until his death. (LDS Biographical Encyclopedia, p. 25.)

-during his life he broke nearly every bone in his body but concluded the Heavenly Father had a work for him to do here.

-Phoebe joined the church in 1834 and left everyone she knew to join the saints in Kirtland, OH. Her mother was so distraught she said she would rather see her buried than going out into the world alone. She was afraid if she said her good byes in person she would decide not to leave so she left notes for everyone and just ran out the door. (Autobiography of Phoebe W. Carter Woodruff, In Edward W. Tullidge, The Women of Mormondom, NY 1877, pp 399-400, 411-414.)

-Phoebe said that she though polygamy "the most wicked thing I ever heard of" initially but after prayer found peace about it. In a talk to the women of the church Phoebe in speaking of polygamy said that if the prophets and men of the church were going to be jailed they would have to build larger prisons and incarcerate the women of the church too. (Autobiography of Phoebe W. Carter Woodruff, In Edward W. Tullidge, The Women of Mormondom, NY 1877, pp 399-400, 411-414.)

-Only one month after Phoebe and Wilford's wedding he left on a mission. During Wilford's mission he baptized his father, step-mother, and sister. When his companion returned home he had Phoebe join him back East.

-After his wife's death Wilford wrote the following poem in her honor. "Sleep on Dear Phebe, but ere long from this; The conquered tomb shall yield its captive prey; Then with thy husband, children, friends and Prophets and Apostles; Thou shall reign in bliss as wife, queen, mother, and Saint to an eternal day." ([http://familypedia.wikia.com/wiki/Phoebe\\_Whittemore\\_Carter\\_\(1807-1885\)](http://familypedia.wikia.com/wiki/Phoebe_Whittemore_Carter_(1807-1885)).)

-On another trip to the Eastern States Wilford baptized both of Phoebe's parents too.

-Wilford was not even able to attend his wife, Phoebe's funeral when she died in 1885 due to plural marriage persecutions.