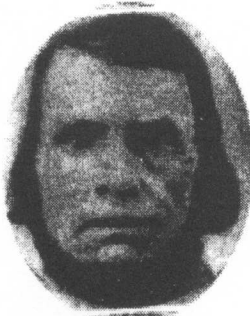


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Jabez Durfee migrated from Nauvoo, Illinois in 1850, by ox team. He was a farmer and fruit grower. He owned a big home on the Main Street in Springville. This home is still standing and being used and it is now the year 1955 (Still in use in 1998). He moved later to Aurora Sevier County where he lived until his death the 27th of December 1883. He was an active Church Member. He was the first bishop of Aurora Ward.

The following was copied from the Deseret News Death Notice. Jabez Durfee of Aurora, Sevier Co., Utah, died 27th Dec. 1883 of pneumonia. He was Bishop of Aurora Ward. He was born in Williams town, Oswego Co., N.Y. He migrated to Utah in 1850. He was called to Cedar City, Iron Co., in 1854, was released from there and moved to Springville in 1859. He lived there until 1865 when he moved to Aurora, Sevier Co., Utah. On the 27 Feb. 1881 he was ordained a High Priest and set apart as Bishop of Aurora Ward. This information I got from the Church Office. (I, Leora, do not know who the individual was who got this information. It might have been Mom, Cecelia Arthema Durfee Tolman.)

From the Latter-day Saints Biographical Encyclopedia Vol. 4 I find the following in the Historian's Office. Jabez Durfee, Bishop of Aurora Ward, North Sevier Stake, from 1881 to 1883. He was born 10 May, 1828, in Williamstown, Oswego Co., N.Y., Son of Edmund Durfee and Laney Pickle. He was ordained a High Priest in Aug. 1880 by Albert K. Thurber, and a Bishop 27, Feb. 1881. He died 27, Dec. 1883.

Source of information of the following: Pioneers and Prominent men of Utah. Men who came by wagon tra and handcart, 1847-1868.

History of Jabez Durfee: Son of Edmund Durfee and Laney Pickle of Nauvoo, Illinois. Born 10 May 1828, New York. Came to Utah in 1850 by Ox Team Company. Married Celestia Curtis the 25 Dec. 1850, Salt Lake City, Utah, daughter of Enos Curtis and Ruth Franklin of Pennsylvania