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Biographical Sketch

of

Joseph Wild

by Susan Wild Miller, his daughter

Pioneer Year 1859

Born 1 May 1834 at Bury, Lancashire, England

Married Mary Shuttleworth in 1854

Died 23 Mar 1911 in Ogden, Utah

Buried in the American Fork Cemetery

Joseph Wild was born May 1, 1834, at Bury, Lancashire, England. He was the son of John or James and Sarah Wild.

We know very little of his early childhood. He was baptized a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, on the 12th of July, 1849, being fourteen years of age.

During the following years of his life he met a great deal of opposition from his father and other members of his family; as he was the only one of them who seemed to see the light of the gospel, verifying the oft repeated statement, where “one of a family and two of a city” would be gathered to Zion. The attitude of his parents, brothers and sisters toward him, for the step he had taken, did not lessen his faith in the gospel nor his interest in his church duties.

He was ordained to the office of a Deacon in the year 1850. After laboring in the Deacons Quorum for three years, he was ordained a Teacher, and in one year and a half was ordained an Elder. After magnifying this calling for two and one half years was called to preside over the Bury Branch, in Lancashire. He labored as Branch President until March, 1857.

The spirit of gathering to Zion was very prevalent amongst the Saints at this time. Joseph, like many other, was imbued with the spirit of gathering. Although his desire to leave his native land on account of his religious conviction, his ability to finance his transportation had caused him a great deal of worry and anxiety. When in a very unexpected manner, the way was opened and an opportunity presented itself for him to take passage with a company of Saints, on the Ship Washington. Bidding adieu to family and friends and country for America, and leaving his wife and her aged mother, who was 86 years old, in England until he could send for them.

After a long and tedious voyage he landed in Boston and located in Lawrence, Massachusetts for two years where a few Saints had also located there.

T. B. H. Stenhouse was presiding over the Eastern States mission at this time and organized a branch of the church in

Lawrence. Alexander Steele was chosen president, Joseph Warburtun, counselor and Joseph Wild, presiding teacher.

While located in Lawrence he was employed in a dyeing factory. It was while engaged in this work that he met with a very serious accident, being scalded with a kettle of boiling dye. His suffering was intense and his life was almost despaired of; but through the untiring efforts and faith and prayers of this little group of saints, he was restored to his health after thirteen weeks of suffering.

Leaving Lawrence, Mass., he came up to the frontiers in May 1859 and arrived in Salt Lake City on the 16th of August, 1859.

[Mary and her mother joined Joseph in Massachusetts and in May, 1859 they left Lawrence and arrived in the Salt Lake Valley in August.]

In 1862, there was a camp of Morrisites who had settled South Weber County. Joseph Wild, with others, was called to go and break up this camp. Judge Benny's orders were to take Morris and in the struggle Morris was shot, also John Banks, two men and two women.

While in Salt Lake City, he was ordained a seventy under the hands of Stephen Goddard. Some years later the family moved to American fork. He was ordained and set apart to fill a mission to his native land, under the hands of John Taylor, George Q. Cannon and Joseph F. Smith. He left for his mission May 7, 1882. His conference head quarters were at Leeds, and during his labors there was president of the Branch. While there he buried his father and sister. Returned home in 1884.

He was made a citizen of the United States on August 26, 1873. Soon after taking up his residence in American fork he began the business of brick burning. He carried on this business quite successfully for a number of years, many of the older homes being constructed from the bricks made at this yard. He also followed farming for a number of years. He was City Marshall in the early history of American Fork. He was ordained a High Priest under the hands of William Hunter in American Fork in the year 1908.

When the city water works were installed in American Fork, and the City Fathers saw fit to have our streets sprinkled, Joseph Wild had charge of the sprinkler for a number of years. He was well read and well versed in the Scriptural Doctrine. He was married to Mary Shuttleworth about 1853, and to them were born the following children: Algernon Albert, born December 25, 1854, and died in infancy. Joseph Shuttleworth born October 2, 1860. Edwin James born August 25, 1862. Moroni Alma born Feb. 19, 1864. John Thomas born April 18, 1866. Mary Mariam born August 17, 1868 and died in infancy. Heber Daniel born April 15, 1870. Sarah Eliza born May 2, 1873. Walter James born 21, 1875.

He was married to Hannah Binns Singleton January 11, 1868, and to this union was born five children: Eliza Wild born October 11, 1868. Earnest Ablert born march 25, 1870. Joseph Reuben died in infancy. Elizabeth Celestia also died in infancy. Susan Wild born April 27, 1874.

His wife Hannah died Feb 1, 1905.

On Jan. 1905, he married Jane Crowther. After this marriage he and his wife resided in the old home for several years when his health began to fail. His wife's home had previously been at Ogden, and he was taken to that city where she could have help from her daughters in caring for him. He lived about two years there and passed away March 23, 1911, in Ogden and was buried in the American Fork Cemetery.