

JOSEPH HYRUM WOOLSTON

Lehi Centennial History 1850-1950

Joseph Hyrum Woolston, son of Jonathan and Asenath Mary Mellard Woolston, was born November 23, 1866, in Sheffield, Yorkshire, England. He was baptized a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints February 12, 1882.

In his native land he learned the cooper trade, a leading one in that country. It was also a trade that brought good financial returns.

At the age of twenty-one, he emigrated to America, settling in Ogden, Utah. There he worked at his trade for several years, saving sufficient to bring his parents, a brother, and a sister to Utah. As the cooper trade was not in sufficient demand, he moved to Sandy and worked in the smelter there.

When the Lehi Sugar Factory was built, he moved to Lehi with his parents. He married Mary Ann Elizabeth Worlton in the Salt Lake Temple January 17, 1894.

Shortly thereafter, he became the owner of a small farm supplementing his income by acting as night watchman at the People's Co-op Store.

He became the father of twelve children, seven of whom are now living. He held a number of positions in the church, the Gospel being a "Pearl of Great Price" to him. He loved America and the opportunities it offered to him and his descendents.

His death occurred March 12, 1916, at his home in Lehi, Utah.