Job Welch
1808~1897

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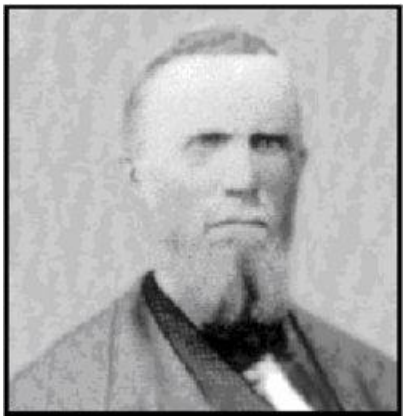

Christened: June 4, 1808 at Pilsdon, Dorsetshire, England[1]

Son of: Elizabeth Hallet and Benjamin Welch Jr.[1]

Married: Charlotte Rawlins on June 17, 1829 at Whitechurch, Canonicorum, Dorsetshire, England. Charlotte was the daughter of Mary Loving and Robert Rawlins of Dorsetshire, England.[1]

Father of: Charlotte Honor (1829-1904)[1]
Gaius (son – 1831-Unknown)[1]
Harriet (1833-1850)[1]
Jonas (1835-1835)[1]
Ruth (1835-1835)[1]
Job Welch (1841-1841)[1]
Uriah 'Ury' (1842-1891)[1]

Job and Charlotte were baptized and became members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on May 27, 1849 while living in England.[1]

Job and his family left their homeland of England and immigrated to America sailing aboard the ship "North Atlantic' on September 4, 1950. They were among 357 Latter-day Saints who were under the direction of David Sudworth and Hamilton G. Park. The ship's records show the family as follows:

Job Welch (40) carpenter, Charlotte Rawlins Welch (47), Honor (20), Uriah (8), and Ann (44) who was Job's sister.[2]

The ship docked at New Orleans November 1, 1850. From New Orleans they continued their journey up the Mississippi River on a smaller vessel to St. Louis, Missouri.[2]

It is believed that in the early spring of 1854, the Welch family made arrangements to travel west with a Mormon wagon train. In the same company were other English immigrants including Charles and Elizabeth Wilkins.[3] They had a two year old daughter named Lillian, who had been born May 9, 1852. The Welch family adored her. While crossing the plains Elizabeth became sick and died of cholera. Elizabeth was buried along the trail near Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. The Welch family helped Charles care for Lillian during the rest of the journey. After arriving in the Great Salt Lake Valley, Job and Charles stayed close to each other and their families continued their friendship and were a great support to each other. Later Charles married Job's daughter Ury. Both families eventually settled in the area named South Cottonwood, Utah Territory.[4]

Job was a farmer.[5]

Job Welch died January 16, 1897 at South Cottonwood, Salt Lake, Utah Territory and was buried in the South Cottonwood/Murray City Cemetery, Murray, Utah.[1]

1 Family History Records in the possession of Karla Knapp Oswald. Dates, locations and other vital facts have been compared to and verified with records preserved within the FamilySearch data base maintained by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints available at FamilySearch.org.

2 Mormon Migration, Liverpool to New Orleans 4 Sep 1850 - 1 Nov 1850 http://mormonmigration.lib.byu.edu/Search/showDetails/db:MM_MII/t:voyage/id:306/keywords:John+J+Boyd#.VDVRsmwqIOs.email

3 Records have not been found to determine when the Welch family traveled west nor with which wagon train. The following note is found on the official website for Mormon Overland Travel under Unknown Companies. "The Welch family came to Utah between 1851 and 1860. They likely came in 1851. But the first documentation to place them in Utah are church ordinances performed in May 1861, which was prior to the arrival of that season's emigration. Further research is needed to narrow the year of their travel." It is noted that Job was 43 when he traveled to the Great Salt Lake Valley. Charles, Elizabeth and Lillian Wilkins are also found in the Unknown Companies list. Mormon Overland Travel, http://history.lds.org/overlandtravels/companyDetail?lang=eng&companyId=474

4 *"A Life Sketch of Charles Wilkins Jr.,"* compiled by Karla Knapp Oswald – November 2014

5 "United States Census, 1880," index and images, FamilySearch (https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/MNSK-GB5 : accessed 25 Oct 2014), Job Welch, South Cottonwood, Salt Lake, Utah, United States; citing sheet 273D, NARA microfilm publication T9.

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