

**THE
ANCESTORS
AND
DESCENDANTS
OF
JOB WELLING**

**Utah Pioneer from England
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F O R E W O R D

Job Welling and his first wife, Frances Elizabeth Yeoman, came together directly from England. Frances Elizabeth was the daughter of Robert Yeoman and Meriah, (or Maria Brett) who resided in Southhampton, Hampshire, England. Efforts to research the Yeoman, Yoeman line has been difficult. Hopefully the new system of research will aid in this work.

Job Wellings ancestors were settled in Audlem, Cheshire, England, where Job was born, in Astley, Shropshire, England, where his father John was born, and in Shrewsbury, Shropshire, England where his grandfather John was born.

The ancestors of Job Wellings' three plural wives, whom he married in Utah, were all the same as the wives were sisters. They were daughters of Jonathan Harriman Holmes and Elvira Annie Cowles Smith. After the death of Job's first wife, Frances Elizabeth Yeoman, 29 Dec. 1854, he married his second wife Marietta Holmes. His third wife was Phebe Louisa Holmes. Emma Lucinda Holmes became his fourth wife. The Holmes and Cowles records are all found in very good civil and church records in the New England States of New York, Massachusetts, Vermont, and Rhode Island.

Most of these families were early colonists who had come to America from England generations earlier. (There is a printed packet of twenty-five pages of pedigree charts on these lines in the Welling packet and is available through the Job Welling Family Organization.)

This research has been done by some of the sons and daughters of Job Welling. This book will follow the English and American lines as they come together in the family of Job Welling and his family in Utah.

Jonathan Harriman Holmes and his wife, Elvira Annie Cowles Smith, each had extremely interesting experiences before they came to the quiet little pioneer town of Farmington, Utah where they raised their four daughters. Three of these daughters became the wives of Job Welling.

In researching personal writings of this family history, we found two ways of spelling names. Yeoman - Yoeman; Beeman - Beaman; Pheobe - Phebe, (Aunt Phebe Welling signed her name Phebe,); Key - Keay; Madsen - Madson; Welling - Wellings. These names are used as recorded.

Many of the Welling family members have copies of Job Welling's Journal. Excerpts taken from this journal show Job's command of the English language, his love of God and family, and his sense of humor. These excerpts are taken from the time he left home in Utah until he reached Melbourne, Australia where he served his mission. He was a missionary all the way.

The Genealogical section of this record will begin with our ancestors and follow Job and each of the four mothers and their children. Each of Job's sons and daughters will then be followed by the record of each family.

THE ANCESTORS OF
MARIETTA HOLMES, PHEBE LOUISA HOLMES
AND EMMA LUCINDA HOLMES, DAUGHTERS
OF JONATHAN HARRIMAN HOLMES AND
ELVIRA ANNIE COWLES SMITH

Jonathan Harriman Holmes married first Marietta Carter on the 13th of April 1837 in Rowley, Mass. He was 31 years old. They were in Kirtland, Ohio when their first little girl Sarah Elizabeth Holmes was born in 1838. They were in Nauvoo, Ill. when their 2nd baby girl Mary Emma Holmes was born on the 25th May 1840 and died at the age of four months 10 Sept. 1840. Jonathan H. Holmes wife died in Nauvoo on the 20th Aug. 1840 (Marietta Carter Holmes).

(Following family history written by Job's son Milton H. Welling 1/25/38)

" My grandfather, Jonathan H. Holmes, was a near associate of Joseph Smith, the Prophet, but his service was probably as disciple rather than as counselor. He was a body-guard of the Prophet.

When Joseph Smith was martyred, my grandfather, true to his character as a faithful retainer, with a half dozen other men, buried his body and later moved it to a more secure resting place. Certain it is that after the Prophet's death, probably at his direction, my grandfather married one of his (Joseph Smith) plural wives, Elvira Annie Cowles Smith.

Another conspicuous service rendered by my grandfather lifted his life entirely out of the commonplace. In July of 1846, while he and his young wife were living in a temporary shelter in Council Bluffs, Iowa, by direction of Brigham Young, he volunteered his services in the United States Army as a member of the Mormon Battalion. The Mormon Battalion arrived on the West Coast, January 1, 1847, after leaving Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, in July, 1846. Jonathan Harriman Holmes served until his term of enlistment expired in the following July, 1847. After being discharged, he immediately started east, taking with him a mule and side arms generously furnished by the United States Government to honorably discharged men. For this year of service he had received \$120 in advance. The cash, so earned, no doubt made the trip across the plains possible for his wife and child. He joined them in Salt Lake City in the fall of 1848."

(Jonathan Harriman Holmes kept a day by day diary of the traveling and experiences while he was in the Mormon Battalion. It is copied in print and available.)

I somehow have a great opinion of my Grandmother Elvira Annie Cowles, who died before I was born. The Prophet Joseph Smith appointed her the first Treasurer of the Relief Society of the Church, Which was organized March 17, 1842. She crossed the plains in 1847 without the aid of her husband and was ready to join him in Utah upon his return from California, in the fall of that year, 1848.