

Genealogical Data on John Wesley Powell 1834-1902

Father: Joseph Powell (parents George Powell and Charlotte W [her last name unknown])
Major Powell's father and his father's parents are of Welsh heritage
B. Shrewsbury, England, about 1805 (exact date unknown)
D. Cedar Point, Kansas, Dec. 28, 1871 Buried at Wheaton, Illinois
One brother Walter Scott born circa 1814; came to America with Joseph and Mary
Married Ellen (last name and date unknown) Son Clement born 1850

Mother: Mary Dean
B. Kingston-upon-Hull, England November 11, 1803 to Joseph Dean and Ann Pickering (Ann died shortly thereafter)
D. Wheaton, Illinois March 12, 1871
Had seven step-siblings by her father's second marriage in 1805
Deans were Catholic though Mary converted to Methodist at age 12.

Joseph, 23, and Mary, 25, were married at the Anglican mother church of St. Martin's in Birmingham, England on January 31, 1828; emigrated to America in 1830

While both were firmly committed Methodists, they saw themselves as part of the established Church of England when it came to marriage. They lived in Wolverhampton, a suburb of Birmingham where Joseph was a tailor and his brother Walter learned to make and repair clocks.

Their Children:

1. Martha Ann
B. Nov. 11, 1828
M. John Davis -- May 8, 1851
D. date unknown
2. Mary Pickering
B. 1829 or 1830
D. date unknown
M. William Wheeler, 1851
3. William Fletcher
B. 1832 (summer)
D. infancy 2 years old
4. John Wesley (Wes)
B. March 24, 1834 Mount Morris, New York
D. September 23, 1902 Haven, Maine
M. Emma Dean - November 28, 1861 in Detroit, Michigan at the home of her father.
Died March 13, 1924 in her home at 910 M Street NW in Washington, D.C.
5. William Bramwell (Bram)
B. Dec. 22, 1836
M. Minnie Paul - May 28, 1865 Peru, Illinois
D. date unknown
6. Eliza Dean (Lida)
B. March 1838
M. Charles Garlick date unknown
D. April 9, 1903
7. Ellen Louella (Nellie)
B. 1840 in Jackson, Ohio
M. Professor Almon Harris Thompson -- July 8, 1862 Wheaton, Illinois
D. 1909

8. Walter Henry (served in Union Army during Civil War; on first river expedition in 1869)
 - B. 1842 in Jackson, Ohio
 - D. date unknown
 - Never married
9. Juliet Felicia
 - B. 1844 in Jackson, Ohio
 - M. Lemuel Rice -- date unknown; settled in southern California
 - D. March 6, 1927 Corona, Calif.

Next Generation:

Numbers correspond to numbers above for Joseph and Mary Dean Powell's nine children

1. Children of Martha Ann Powell and John Davis published in separate genealogy
2. Benjamin Wheeler
 - Dell M. A.C. Forbes
 - Marian M. _____ Hamilton
 - Lida no information available
3. No descendants. Fletcher died about age 2 after being kicked by a horse according to family history.
4. Mary Dean, only child of John Wesley and Emma Dean was named for Wes's mother)
 - B. September 8, 1871 in Salt Lake City, UT.
 - D. Washington, D.C. June 25, 1959 according to family genealogy
 - She had suffered a "nervous" illness and was in France with her mother for recovery when her father had suffered a severe stroke in late January 1902 caused by arteriosclerosis. As doctors feared the news of her father's breakdown might push over the edge. they did not return until May. The family then traveled on May 28 to their summer home in Brooklin, Maine. Both Mary and her mother was at Powell's side when he died at 6 p.m. on September 23, 1902 of a cerebral hemorrhage in his bungalow bed (which was given in 1969 to the John Wesley Powell Memorial Museum in Page, AZ)
5. Maud Powell B. August 22, 1867 Violinist
 M. H. Godfrey Turner Sept. 21, 1904
 D. Uniontown, PA January 8, 1920
- William Paul B. 1871 Book publisher
 D. date unknown
6. Mary Dean (Mamie)
 - B. date unknown
 - M. Richard Parsons date unavailable
 - D. date unknown
7. No children
8. No children
9. Roy Powell Rice
 - B. 1874 in California
 - D. date unknown

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