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## GENEALOGY.

## WOODRUFF FAMILY.

Surname of Woodruff, or Woodrenne, O riginated in Eleventh Century-Woodrenes Were Guardians of the Great Royal English Forests-Men All Hunters-Stern Integrity the Keynote of Character-John Woodraff of Southampton in 1640 First Emigrant-Matthew Woodruff of Farmington. Conn., Constable in 1672-Odd and Universal Christian Names an Indication of This Family's Originality-Prest. Wilford Woodruff a Mighty Hunter After Men-His Profound Interest in Temple Work. 



DESERGET EVENING NEWS SATURDAYAmerica. The searcher after genealors<br/>by for this family will find compara<br/>tively little in printed records. For<br/>were they very prolific. A few count<br/>the families did not spread much a bond with spectral time. In England still have families at<br/>their genealogies. The mame is un<br/>to the day will come when some of<br/>doubt the day will come when some of<br/>doubt the day will come when some of<br/>the families of the spectral time. And the compare<br/>to the day will come when some of<br/>the families of the spectral time. And the compare<br/>to the come when some of<br/>the families of the spectral time. And the compare<br/>to the day will come when some of<br/>the day will the day of list while the day will come when some<br/>the day will not be compared to the day will be data<br/>the day will be data<br/>the day will not be compared to the day will be data<br/>the day will be data<br/>the day will a do the day will be data<br/>the day will be data<br/>the day will be data<br/>the day will be data<br/>the day will be data will be data<br/>the day will be data will be

two acres of land, parity of John War-ner, and parity of Thomas Upson, in February, 1653. But no one has escer-tained whether these two. John and Matthew, were related, nor from what part of England they emigrated. Mat-thew built a home in Farmington near-by opposite to the present ravings bank of that quaint old-fashiore! New Eng-land town. Matthew was appointed constable in March, 1872, and after rear-ing a family of six children, he died in 1852, leaving his wife Hannah, and her sturdy family of boys and girls. His son John was elected to the office of tomsman in 1654, and he held other public offices. He left a family of seven children. The lines branch out from Matthew's son John, who had one son named Joseph, born 1672. This son married Hannah Clark, and after her death. He married Elizabeth Curtis He had nine children among whom was Joslah. President Wilford Woodruff did not know of these facts just stated until a few months prior to his death, when a relative compiled the foregoing information and sent it to him along with many descendants of Matthew he a type-written manuscript. In an old volume of Tullidge's Magazine No. 1, vol 3. President Woodruff sivee the following information concerning his ancestry: ancestry

was born in the north part of the

town of Fermington, now called Avon, Cona. I assisted my fathet in attend-ing to the Farmington mills until I was 29 years of age."

was 29 years of 4ge." One might well imagine how na urally the descendants of these old English forest rangers, the Woodreves, were built upon iron principles, and could live to the age of a tree. Hardy of limb, quick of eye and motion, excellent sportsmen, most of them, they carried on the traditions of their forefathers. Who that ever went fishing with Prest. Woodruff, will forget how he could hypnotize fish into his pool, and string them by the score on his line, while other longing fishermen sat by with nary a bite, and wondering what was the marvelous secret of his power. And yet, these sporting proclivities have not made these Woodruffs warlike or con-tentious. We have all heard Prest. Woodruff's qualat explanation why his grandfather did not take part in the Revolutionary struggle: It was because they had to stay at home, he said, and grind flour for those who did go. But these were sturdy men and true. Accu-racy and integrity is the keynote of their characters. And such unlimited powers of endurance is surely hot sur-passed in the history of this Church. And withal these splendid traits, there was and is coupled with their ma-All controls we have all heard pression of the same to accepted of the same to accepted of the same to accepted of the same to the three distribution, and pression before the same true from the other who guarded the forest with the true same of boodward is the same true. The summer of Moodward is the first Morter William the Conquere, the Layder. This officer was much and heard the forest and the best for the same true from the days of the minipage. The same true formed and true constraints conduct the true same true for the same true formed and true constraints conduct the forest with the days of the minipage. The same true formed and the same true constraints conduct the pression and pleasaure of the nobles and housing. Then, there was mout of pression and pleasaure of the nobles and housing. Then, there was mout of pression and pleasaure of the nobles and housing. Then, there was mout of pression her true same true formed and housing. Then, there was mout of pression here and pleasaure of the nobles and housing. Then, there was mout ad hear and pleasaure of the nobles and housing. Then, there was mout ad pleasaure of the nobles and housing. Then, there was mout ad pleasaure of the nobles and housing. Then, there was mout ad pleasaure of the nobles and housing. Then, there was mout ad hear and pleasaure of the nobles and housing. Then, there was mout ad hear and pleasaure of the nobles and housing. Then, there was mout ad hear and pleasaure of the nobles and housing. Then, there was mout ad hear and pleasaure of the nobles and housing. Then, there was the brais define the was control of poochers and the base of the many who warded or guard.

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## THE FAMOUS BENBOW RESIDENCE.

Above is a picture of the famous Benbow house, in Worcester, England, where President Wilford Woodruff did his first remarkable work of wholesale conversion. John Benbow came to Utah, and scores of his neighbors accepted of the gospel at the same tirte. The house is still standing.

he had had in the temple, several days | ruff's have that wealth of virtue and

ruff's have that wealth of virtue and power of exertion which marks them as firm friends, true citizens, splendid workers, and delightful associates. They are genuine. No Woodruff ever minced his speech, strutted in his walk, boasted of his provess, or gloated over a friend's misrortune. If you have se-cured the confidence of a true-born Woodruff, rejoice and be at peace for the rest of your life; you have a friend who will never desert you, not even though death and dishonor marked you for its own. From eternity to eter-nity, the Woodruffs are the friends of man, and the beloved of God.

We have just received a new sup-ly of fancy wedding stationery. Call and see samples. THE DESERET NEWS.



