

Jerome Wiltse writes about it to a monthly bee journal that I take. In a recent number he says:

"Enclosed I send you evidence that I think must remove all doubts as to whether the honey bee of this part of the country is of a ferous or native race. * * Before the waters of this section of country found an outlet, the biggest bluffs must have been submerged; as it subsided a layer of rock formed on the tops of some of the bluffs that now border the bottom lands of the Missouri and Nemaha Rivers, composed principally of the shells of fresh water insects, suddenly sinking to low levels, the waves beating against the sides of the bluffs, formed one shelf after another so well defined that they can be traced by the eye from bluff to bluff half a mile or more away. Three layers of rock were formed, with intervening layers of earth 25 or 30 feet thick. The lower one is but a few feet above the surface of the bottom land or flats of the rivers, the second some 30 feet higher, on the up stream side of a bluff, that formerly sloped down to the waters of the Missouri, a horizontal layer of rock of the middle course eleven or twelve inches thick formed, composed to a great extent, of fresh water shells. On the upper surface of the rock were several inches of shale, and above this two or more feet of earth. The formation of the bluff was such that the water striking against it would form an eddy: here we procured the rock, imbedded in which Mr. Murphy and I found the petrified honey bee. The shale scaled off, leaving the whole upper part of the bee bare; the position of the bee and its surroundings would indicate either that it had fallen into the water at this point, or that it had drifted here with the current from above and been caught in the eddy, and held by it until the water, thick and turbid, had deposited sediment around it, and held it in the same position in which it was when first drowned; its head was a little depressed, and its wings a little opened upon the back. Two legs on each side were clearly to be seen, the thorax, the upper part of the head and eyes and the outlines of the wings were as clearly defined as in the living honey bee."

Here is what Mr. Murphy has to say on this matter:

"In the interest of science, I hereby state that in the fall of 1879, while cutting stone for Mr. Wiltse, we found imbedded in the rock a petrified honey bee in perfect condition, resembling in all respects the native honey bee of this section of country. JAMES MURPHY."

And this is what Mr. K. Metcalf says of the Mexican bee: "There is a wild bee here that is striped, it is a brown bee, they are very quick. I have killed many of them and find their honey sack quite as large as that of our bee. The Mexicans say they always build in the rocks. I have never found but one den of them. I was making a long march across the mountains, without water and did not stop to examine them, our horses and mules stirred them up by starting some loose rocks down the hill, that rolled over their den. They swarmed out in great numbers. The Mexicans, whom we had with us wanted to stop and smoke them and get the honey. I am sorry we did not."

Other evidence might be produced, but I consider the case fully established. Jerome Wiltse, Rulo, Nebraska.

The editor of the Bee Journal, Mr. A. J. Root, says: "I confess this subject is deep water for me, and I wish some of those in whose line it strikes would give us more light."

In this same journal, page 220, vol. 8, 1880, I find the question asked, "Where did our honey bees come from?" also asking.

"Ist, Is Bryant correct in saying that the bee was brought by man across the eastern deep (Atlantic). 2nd, If so, at what time and from what part of Europe did it come? 3d, How many different kinds of the busy bee are known? 4th, Are our common black bees found in Europe? If not, this would argue against Bryant's statement. Bryant poetically says, 'The bee, a more adventurous colonist than man, with whom he came across the eastern deep,' etc. Our editor, Mr. A. J. Root, replies to the above:

"I think, friend T., that Bryant is correct, but I am unable to say just when the bees were first brought over, neither from what part of Europe they came, but of this we are pretty certain, the bees brought over

were the common black bees found all over our land before the advent of the Italians."

Now, I wish, for the benefit of our friend, Mr. A. J. Root, and all others concerned, to quote a portion of the Book of Mormon in regard to the introduction of the honey bee on this continent about 600 years before the coming of our Savior in the meridian of time. On page 518, old edition of the Book of Mormon, is found the following words:

"And they did also lay snares and catch fowls of the air. And they did also prepare a vessel in which they did carry with them the fish of the waters. And they did also carry with them Deseret, which is by interpretation a honey bee; and thus did they carry with them swarms of bees and all manner of that which was upon the face of the land, seeds of every kind."

Hence the petrified honey bee of Rulo, Neb., which, in all probability, was deposited more than 1,500 years ago, corroborating the history of those colonists, and furnishing another additional evidence of the divine origin of this most useful history of the builders of those ancient ruins discovered on this continent since the translation of the Book of Mormon, and so often spoke of in its pages, from whence sprang those various Indian tribes, of which no account can be given or traced unless by this record and history. Then without this history, in the words of friend A. J. Root, all must say it is "deep water and mystery."

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He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of said land, viz: William F. Moss, of E. T. City, Tooele Co., Utah; Joseph Griffith, of E. T. City, Tooele Co., Utah; Thomas C. Patten, of Salt Lake City, Utah; Frederick E. Kesler, of Salt Lake City, Utah.

H. W. MCMASTER, Register. STAYNER & SIMMONS, Atty's for Claimants. w 5 t

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In the Probate Court of the County of Davis, Territory of Utah.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN A. BARTON, JR., DECEASED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE undersigned, Administratrix of the Estate of John A. Barton, Jr., Deceased, to the Creditors of, and to all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice, to the Administratrix, at her residence in South Weber, County of Davis, Territory of Utah.

JANE BARTON, Administratrix of the Estate of John A. Barton, Jr., Deceased. CHARLES E. PEARSON, Attorney for Administratrix. Dated May 20th, 1881. w17 4t

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