

Daniel Wood

By His Grand-Daughter
Nora Wood Carter



Daniel Wood's grandparents were Jonathan and Sarah Wood who lived in Littleton Mass., until after their first two children were born, and then they moved to Lunenburg, Mass. where John Wood, the father of Daniel, was born 2 Feb. 1744.

John Wood married Sarah Thurston, daughter of John Thurston and Hepzibah Burpee 24 Nov 1767 at Fitchburg, Worcester Co. Mass. Sarah was born 12 June 1748, Fitchburg, Mass.

They lived in the “era of Acadian simplicity when the New England homestead was the self sufficient unit of social life.” They had a deep religious faith and a sense of justice for all. John's interest was in a provision for the future welfare of his wife and children. John had a large family in which there were two pair of twins.

Six children were born in Lunenburg, Worcester Co., Mass., John Wood and family moved to Jaffrey, Chesire Co., New Hampshire before 1780, when he was chosen highway surveyor. He settled on the Jonathan Butterfield farm. He exchanged 28 acres of land with Enoch Wellington for 21 3/4 acres in the south end of the adjoining field, including buildings. This made it convenient for both of them. In 1782 and 1796 John was a tithing man; and a highway surveyor in 1787 and 1795.

While they were living in Jaffrey, the family was increased until there were nine sons and three daughters.

Daniel Wood was a twin. He and David were born 27 June 1788 in Jaffrey, New Hampshire. He was told that at birth he was so small he could have been put in a quart cup, but he grew to be a large man. He had blue eyes and brown hair.

Daniel's father John, died 5 July 1799. He showed his deep concern for his family by making a will the day before he died. His signature denotes extreme weakness.

When Daniel Wood was a young man, he farmed and raised cattle. At the time, the people of Jaffrey took their produce to Boston the nearest market and brought back salt, sugar

and other necessities. Wild fruits were abundant, fish was found in all the streams, and wild animals roamed among the trees. Land had to be cleared of forests to prepare it for later barley, wheat, oats and potatoes. The soil was fertile and for a long time crops were good; but when the land became less productive, people sought new homes.

Daniel Wood was associated with the young people of the community. A neighbor, Abby M. Wellington, was one of his friends.

His friendship with Abby M. Wellington ripened into love and they were married 13 Sept. 1813. Abby was the daughter of Enoch Wellington and Sarah Richardson. She was born in Jaffrey, N. H. in Aug. 1788. Her ancestors came from England to Watertown, Massachusetts before 1636. Roger Sherman, one of her near relatives was a U. S. Senator from Connecticut. And was one of the signers of the Declaration of independence.

Daniel Wood paid his first tax in Jaffrey, N. H. in 1811. Daniel and Abby Wellington Wood moved to New York before 1822. They had seven children: Paulina born 6 July 1814: Phidelia born 17 Aug. 1815: Hannah born April 1817: John born 27 Dec. 1819: Harriet Louisa, born Nov. 1824, Royal Oak, Oakland Co., Michigan; and Abigail born 6 July about 1827, Oakland Co., Mich.

After making their home in Niagara Co., New York for a number of years, (exact time not known) Daniel and Abby and their children moved to Oakland Co. Michigan where Louisa and Abigail were born.

Their courage was like that of all pioneers when moving from one state to another and making new homes. They had to suffer hardships in trying to better their conditions and finding suitable places to live.

Abby did not live long to enjoy their new home. She died 8 Dec. 1834 at Royal oak, Oakland Co., Mich.

On 2 April 1837, Daniel Wood married Sarah Sweet Warren, the widow of Zenos C. Warren. She had five children; four boys and one girl as follows: John W. Warren born Nov. 1824, New York; Charles Wesley born 3 Jan 1826 Penfield, Monroe Co., N. Y.; William James born 11 March 1829, Penfield, N. Y.; Amos Sweet born 10 June 1831, Hartland, Niagara Co., N. Y., and Mary Dorcas born Somerset, Niagara Co., N. Y. 7 May 1833.

Sarah Sweet was the daughter of Amos and Dorcas Sweet. She was born 13 Jan 1799, Hoosick, Rensselaer, N. Y.

Daniel Wood and Sarah Sweet Warren Wood had one child, Wellington Wood born 17 Aug. 1841, Royal Oak, Oakland Co., Mich.

Daniel and Sarah probably joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints before 1845, because Daniel Wood received a patriarchal blessing at Nauvoo, 5 April 1845. They

endured many hardships for the sake of their religion, but were faithful and assisted in any way they could. When flour or other provisions were scarce, they shared with others who were in need as long as they had anything.

Daniel and Abby Wood's family remained in Michigan. Daniel and Sarah Sweet Warren Wood, their son Wellington; also Charles Wesley Warren, William James Warren, Amos Sweet Warren and Mary D. Warren crossed the plains in 1850 and settled in Springville, Utah. Zephaniah Warren, a brother of Zenous C. Warren, and his wife Cornelia Ann accompanied them across the plains and also settled in Springville.

Daniel, Sarah and Wellington Wood, Charles Wesley and Mary D. Warren were baptized 30 March 1851 Springville, Utah. It may have been re-baptisms for Daniel and Sarah.

Zephaniah and Cornelia Ann Warren were baptized 3 July 1853.

While they were living in Springville, Daniel Wood proved his loyalty to the L. D. S. Church by signing over all of his property to the church.

After living in Springville a few years he moved to Spanish Fork where he spent the rest of his life. The most of the time Daniel, Sarah and Wellington lived, first, in an adobe house and later, in a frame house on the corner of 2nd South and 1st West, 88 West, 2nd South.

On 30 May 1856, Daniel and Sarah Sweet Wood had their endowments in the Endowment House, and were sealed to their first partners in life the same day.

It was a great sorrow for Daniel Wood to be separated from his children and grandchildren in Michigan. He corresponded with his son Cyrenus to keep in touch with them. Cyrenus pled with him to return to Michigan and let him take care of them so they would not have to go through so many hardships; but they preferred to remain in Utah and share in the hardships for the sake of their religion.

Three of the grandchildren of Daniel and Abby Wellington Wood were soldiers in the Civil War. They were George Hascal son of Cyrenus and Mary Wallace Wood; Andrew Jackson son of Nahum and Paulina Wood Capen; and Orville L. son of Aaron D. and Louisa Wood Sabin. Andrew and Orville lost their lives in the Civil War.

Daniel Wood was a soldier in Captain R. Spalding's Company in the war of 1812. When he became blind, he received a pension of eight dollars per month. He received these payments from August 1872 until his death.

Daniel's wife Sarah died 4 July 1863 and was buried at Springville, Utah. Daniel later married a widow, Elizabeth Wright Whittemore, who preceded him in death.

He loved children and when he was blind, a little granddaughter led him around and was his constant companion.

Daniel Wood lived to be ninety years 3 months and 15 days old. He died 12 Oct 1878 and was buried in the Springville Cemetery. He lived a useful life. Like his father, he was of a quiet nature. He was honest and industrious. He left to his descendants an example of loyalty to his country and keeping firm in the faith of the everlasting Gospel and the mission of Jesus Christ which was again taught to the world by the prophet Joseph Smith.

Daniel Wood is buried in the Springville, Utah, Utah Cemetery. The location is Block 29, lot 3.

The following documents were obtained from the National Archives by Cathie W. Owens. Some of the other documents were obtained from Ancestry.com.