

# HISTORY OF DOLPHUS BABCOCK

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Dolphus was born under the name of Adolphus. When he came to manhood he left off the A and went by the name of Dolphus. Dolphus was born in Middlefield, Hamshire Co., Mass. to Daniel and Jerusha Taylor Babcock, on 23 February 1800. When Dolphus was six Daniel and Jerusha moved to Mina, New York.

It was in Mina where Dolphus grew to manhood, at the age of seventeen Dolphus took up land at Mina, he built a log cabin, he lived as a batchlor for the next four years. Then in eighteen twenty one Dolphus met Jerusha Jane Rowley, it was in the same year they were married. Jerusha was the daughter of John and Roxann Westland Rowely. Jerusha was born in Schendectady, Schendectady County, New York. They lived in Mina until 1833. Their first five children was born there.

Dolphus and Jerusha was converted to the church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in 1833 and moved to Caldwell, Illinois. Dolphus was first baptized in 1835 by Elder John Gould and confirmed by John Gould. They have been baptized many times since this date came from the High Priest Quorum of Spanish Fork. He was baptized just six years after joseph Smith, Joseph was baptized in 1829. Their sixth child was born at Caldwell, shortly after Nauvoo was completed in 1840 they moved their family there, two more children were born in Nauvoo, then their first endowments was done in the Nauvoo Temple on the third day of February eighteen hundred and forty six. The day before the first Saints left Nauvoo. The first Saints left Nauvoo the fourth day of February eighteen forty six, they camped along the bank of the Mississippi River.

The Babcock Family had a important decision to make, the decision would put a hardship on thirteen members of the Babcock family that ever way it might be. The question at hand was: Should they stay in Nauvoo and try to salvage their earthly belongings they had worked so hard to get?, and take their chances with the raiders. This would mean giving up ever thing they believed in, even their belief in God. The only other alternative was to go with Brigham Young on this venture in search of a land where they could worship God in their own way without the fear of persecution, to the land of opertunity? In the end the later won out, they sadly left Nauvoo behind and went in search of their promised land. It was after February of eighteen forty six they left Nauvoo, for Lorenzo and Amy Ann Marble Babcock (the oldest son of Dolphus) had their first son which was listed as being born while camping on the Mississippi River, though this is just speculation on my part. The Latter Day Saints was camped there for a time preparing their equipment before they moved on. The next I find them they are at Winter Quarters (Council Bluff. This was prior to July 1846. Records show they were there at this time, but at the time of writeing I find no records stating when they left Council Bluff. The oldest daughter of Dolphus and Jerusha, (Sophronia) died in Council Bluff 26 August 1847 as did her small son who was born on that day. The Babcocks arrived in the Great Salt Lake Velley with the Abraham O. Smoot Company 29 September 1847, after their arrival they set up house keeping in their wagon. Their last child was born in this wagon box home, William Henry was born 15 July 1848. The Babcock's arriving at that time was as follows: Dolphus Babcock, Jerusha Babcock, John Babcock, Albern Babcock, Lucy Babcock, Pamela Babcock Young.

There was others when they left Nauvoo, but I can not say when the others arrived, except Lorenzo who will be in another sketch.

Dolphus got gold fever, he left his family in charge of Brigham Young and with others went to California. He left for California in eighteen forty nine, he was gone about two years. While he was away Jerusha died in Salt Lake, Salt Lake County, Utah. She died 25 September 1850, she had contacted consumption because of the hardships she suffered when crossing the plains from Nauvoo to Salt Lake.

When Dophus returned he gathered his family together and moved to Palmyra, Utah where the town of Spanish Fork now stands. He took up forty acres and started to raise his family with out a mother's care. He later married Hannah Alice Chapman. Hannah had been married before to Joseph Goodworh. Dolphus had one child who they called Hannah Alice. They did not get along well together. They were married 25 May 1858 and Hannah Alice was born 8 April 1859 shortly after this Hannah took their daughter and ran off with a man from a wagon train. Hannah Alice daughter married Edward Campbell. They had one child, Alva Glaydes born 11 May 1901 at Soda Springs, Idaho.

Alva married Earl French. Five years after Alva Glaydes was born Hannah Alice Babcock Campbell died in Soda Springs, Idaho, 10 July 1906.

Shall we now return to Paymyra, Utah? After Dophus acquired his forty acres he payed his neighbors in food and grain which they needed, to build a fence around his property. It was constructed with mud. It was four feet high and eighteen inches thick, on top of the fence he planted mock orange trees.

Fortune seemed to favor them, the next years crops were in abundant, but the winter was hard causing a great loss in live stock. On the farm he built adobe house with three rooms down stairs and two rooms up. Dolphus played a big part in settleing the territory in the Spanish Fork area. He lived a life of fulfillment, with a dedication to his God that no other man could change. Proof of this lies in the hardships they enduoured on their venture from Nauvoo to Salt Lake and even before they left Nauvoo.

Dolphus died in Spanish Fork, Utah County, Utah 15 March 1872. There he was buried.

#### Issue of Dophus and Jerusha

Sophronia born 14 July 1822 at Mina, New York. Mar. Dominious Carter, died 26 Aug. 1847 at Council Bluff, Iowa. Lorenzo following. Eliza born at Mina 8 Oct. 1828 Mar. John Groves. George born at Mina, New York 7 Feb. 1831 Mar. Molly Easton. Died 11 Feb. 1902. Lucy born at Mina, New York 30 Nov. 1832. Mar. William Wood 4 Mar. 1849 died 16 Dec. 1863 at Mineralville, Beaver County, Idaho. Pamela born Caldwell, Illinois 6 Oct. 1837 Mar. Johnson Bryon Branch Youong 10 Mar. 1853 died at Mona 5 July 1916. Albern born at Nauvoo, Ill 28 Jan. 1841 Mar. Mary Conover, died 2 Jan. 1917 at Moore, Butte, Idaho. John born at Nauvoo 13 Dec. 1842 Mar. Harriet McKee, died 24 Apr. 1888 at Spanish Fork, Utah, buried there. William born at Salt Lake City, Utah 15 July 1848, Mar. Mary Jane Parsons 21 Dec. 1868, died 17 Mar. 1928 at Springville, Utah. Bur. There.

I will repeat myself on Dophus Babcock records, due to the loss of records and the manner in which the Church kept records in the old days. Some of these were obsolete. May I mention them again? Dolphus was first baptized in 1835 by John Gould. He was ordained High Priest 31 January 1869 by President David H. Davis. This was taken from the High Priest records of Spanish Fork, Utah.

While in Nauvoo Dolphus received his Patriarchal Blessing under the hands of John Smith. This record is recorded in the Church Historians Office, Volume Nine Page Four Hundred Three. The only information given to the public from the blessing is the genealogical information and lineage. The date of the blessing was 21 November 1845. His lineage was of Judah. He received another when in Palmyra, Utah date of this blessing was January 1856 and lineage Abraham. This blessing was given by John Young, it also recorded in the Historians Office in Volume Twenty Five Page Twenty Nine.

All children were sealed to Dolphus and Jerusha Babcock by Ray Curtis Cook. Family in the Salt Lake Temple on June tenth nineteen hundred thirty eight. His wife was sealed to him on the fifth of October eighteen hundred seventy. This completes all the work of the family. For as much as this work was done in the past we can rest assured their work is now complete.