

Subj: Re: More name ideas and family history
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I'm in a rush, but here are two new ones: How about Jackson Wheeler? I think that has some interest to it. Zina's ancestor, James Jackson, Jr., was born 6 Feb 1826 in Sheffield, Kent, Eng. and was a thatcher and butcher.

He joined the Church 6 Jan 1856 at age 29. Crossed ocean on the George Washington and crossed the plains to Utah in 1857 in the Israel Evans Co. His sweetheart broke his heart and married another man. He settled in Lehi,

UT and married a convert from England named Annis Bedford who taught school

and was boarding where he worked. They were married 26 Nov 1859 and were

called by Brigham Young to settle Dixie. Their first baby died in New Harmony, and they settled in Toquerville. He was prosperous and hard working and was one of the few there to enter polygamy. The other two he married were Martha McFate and Sarah Ann Stapley in 1868. His three wives

bore him 25 children, and he provided well for them with his sheep business.

He also farmed and hauled and sold fruit. In 1872 he went on a mission to England and baptized eight immediate members of his family and 75 other kindred, many of whom came to Utah. He was called to be a Democrat and was

extremely loyal to that call, even when their policies hurt his business.> He was a strict tithe payer and generous to any worthy cause. He died 5 Sep

1897 at age 71, eight children and two wives having preceded him in death.

We went to visit Toquerville a couple of years ago, and the town historian took us all around and showed us the graves of James Jackson and his father in the Toq. cemetery. He also showed us part of town that to this day is called "Jackson Estates." He told us that when the United Order was established in Toquerville, James Jackson Jr. was made president of the Order--one of the reasons being that he was the most prosperous in town and therefore had the most to lose under the new system. The house he built his wife is still standing, as is an empty lot next to it. Rumor is, said this historian, that because there was no bank, James buried gold in this lot that he got on his business ventures (he traded as far away as Salt Lake City). When he died, his wives couldn't find it, so the teenagers are always digging around there, trying to get it. We are descended from his daughter, Rose Ellen, after whom Mom Hall is partly named and Rose Ellen Wood is named. From what I hear, she was a cute, spunky little redhead, who intimidated her sons, even after they were grown enough to tower over her. She would take no nonsense from anyone!

One history says that James was a butcher when he first got to Utah, and for pay, he would take the heads of the beasts and make soup out of it in order to survive, until he could get better established. This history also says that he first butchered in London. This perks my interest, because I found a James Jackson on the rolls of a branch record in Leicester Co. (which is not that far from London) when I was searching for and found the branch records of our ancestors, the Burdetts, Shentons. Our ancestors are in that branch, and the big thrill was finding out that the branch president was Dan's ancestor, James Mellor. The James Jackson on the same branch membership roll is listed as age 21 or 23, as I remember--and the interesting thing I noticed when searching this out, is that his age on the branch record matches his birth date. If this is the same James Jackson (and it is a very common name, there--but what are the chances there would

be a Mormon of the same age with that name back then?), then he did not join the Church the same year he emigrated, as the family record says, and there is the possibility that he had a family there in England who would not join the Church and so, as many did, he simply up and left. However, I have also learned that a lot of young men married quite late because the economic conditions there and overcrowded housing were such a problem, so it would not be unusual for the times if he were not yet married when he joined, supposedly at age 29. Anyway, I want to check out that James Jackson in Leicester Co. Wouldn't that be something if Hall, Langford, and Bartholomew ancestors were all in that small branch in Leicester County? There, you could always name him Leicester and cover all of the bases! Leicester Wheeler. Hmmmm.

So, just thought I'd pass on that name. I have a picture of a bearded James Jackson Jr. on my ancestral tree. He has a high forehead, with a widow's peak like I have, fair skin, and Mom says the Jacksons were red-headed. His beard looks pretty grizzled, but he has a nice nose and high cheekbones, fair skin--Mary and Zina might take after him a little. Actually, quite a lot.

I like the sound of Jackson Wheeler. Actually, Laura, that would not be bad with Woodruff. Jackson Woodruff. Very American frontier--big stuff in my book. No this is not an announcement to the rest of you, though Laura and Brandon keep hinting that I would do such a good job of taking care of a baby if they had one earlier than planned, and I keep telling them no way, Hosea. Not that they would dare let me loose with their posterity, anyhow. I would tell that baby all these horrible stories about his/her ancestors.

Another name that is not in the family that sounds great with Wheeler, I

think, is Ariel. That could be either a male or female name, though I prefer it for females. Taken alone, I was not that crazy about the name Laura, but when said with "Bartholomew," it seemed to just belong. So with all my genealogy interest, I named Laura that, simply because it sounded musical and I liked the way the whole name flowed together. I tried to tell her it had the same letters as Charlotte, so I was really naming her after her Grandma Langford, but she never bought that. Ho. So think about Ariel Wheeler for a girl. It is a biblical name, but I can't remember what it means. So long for today. Love, Aunt Sherlene
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