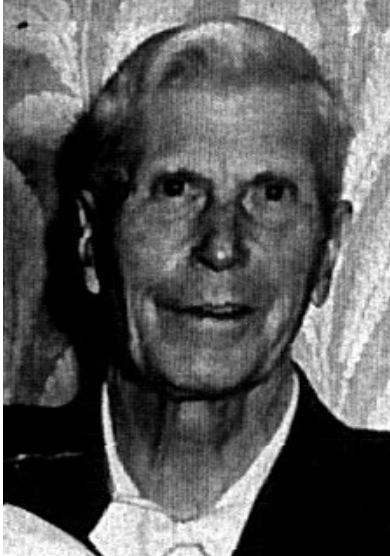


## JOHN JAY WOODRUFF



**Born:** 14 Aug 1873, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah, son of Wilford Woodruff and Sarah Delight Stocking

**Died:** 1 Nov. 1964, Boise, Ada, Idaho

He was named after his grandfather, John Jay Stocking. He served an LDS church mission to the Eastern States. Following the sale of the family farm in 1892, John's mother, Sarah Delight, made her home with her son for some time. She passed away in 1906. John Jay bought a farm in the Cottonwood area of Salt Lake, where he lived most of his life. Much of that time he lived near to his brother, Ensign, who was also a farmer.

He was 29 when he married Annie Lenore Elizabeth Nielsen on June 24, 1903 in the Salt Lake Temple. Annie was 20. They had six children. Three died young at the ages of 4, 2, and 1 month, leaving them with three girls that grew to maturity, married and had families of their own. In the 1910 census we find John and Annie in Cottonwood with their oldest daughter Helen at 5 years

of age. John lists his occupation as farmer. In 1920, he is still in Cottonwood as a farmer with Annie and 3 daughters. In 1930, he lists his occupation as gardener/general landscaper. The family is the same, except that their 2<sup>nd</sup> daughter had married David Dougal, who is also living with the family. He is working as a welder in a boiler factory. Annie, John Jay's wife preceded her husband in death passing away May 31, 1936. John does not remarry. The 1940 census finds John Jay, at age 66, still in Cottonwood. He lists his occupation as church janitor. Also living with him is his son-in-law, Arthur Conrad Hadean and his family. Arthur is a stone mason working for the WPA. Ensign and his wife are still living the next house away.

John Jay spent the last 10 years of his life as a Boise, Idaho resident. His daughter, Lela (Mrs. Lee Hardman) was also a Boise resident. He died of natural causes in a Boise hospital at age of 91. At the time of his death he had three surviving daughters, 10 grandchildren, and 26 great grandchildren. His burial was in Murray City Cemetery.

He was the youngest son of Wilford Woodruff, and although he had three sisters or half-sisters born after him, he was the last surviving child of Wilford Woodruff.

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