

## Woodhull Genealogy: The Woodhull Family in England and America

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Children (Three):

- 635.** I. Cornelia Eugenia Woodhull, 8th gen., born July 13, 1849, of whom later.
- 636.** II. William **Henry** Woodhull, 8th gen., born September 15, 1851, of whom later.
- 637.** III. Mary Pamela Woodhull, 8th gen., born January 2, 1857, of whom later.

### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH XXXIII.

**HENRY ISAAC** WOODHULL, seventh generation from Richard Woodhull I., Patentee of Brookhaven, Long Island, was the eldest son of Samuel Woodhull and Mary Ann Bull. He was born June 19, 1824.

In 1869 he joined his two brothers, Sereno Dwight and William Sturges, at Salt Lake City, Utah, where for two years before they had started a mining venture.

The three brothers opened an office, set up a mill and smelting works, and built a cabin up in the mountains, about twenty miles from Salt Lake City.

After their claim was staked out they employed about one hundred miners and other workmen, and started the mining business under the firm name of "Woodhull Brothers."

They sent out the first bullion ever produced in the State of Utah. It was taken from Gordon's Big Cottonwood Canyon. For a time they were greatly encouraged, but the venture was no easy one. All the ore had to be hauled by mule-team down the mountain and through the valleys for 20 miles to Salt Lake City.

The death of **Henry Isaac** Woodhull in August, 1870, in a great measure, broke up the enterprise, the two remaining brothers abandoning the work soon after.

**Henry Isaac** Woodhull was a man much respected and beloved, and his death was keenly felt among his friends. He was a man of Christian character, a kind and indulgent father, and a devoted husband. He was also a staunch Free-Mason.

He married, July 25, 1848, Mary W. Tyrrell. They had four children.

(See Genealogy, No. **375.**)

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375. HENRY ISAAC WOODHULL, m. Mary Wilson Tyrrell, Jul. 25, 1848, Utica, N.Y.

Mary was the daughter of Elijah Tyrrell and Permelia Wilson and was born Oct. 16, 1822 and died on Jul. 21, 1884. Henry's occupation in 1860 (census) was Merchant Tailor. Henry was in partnership with William Judson under the firm JUDSON & WOODHULL. Henry was murdered by a Mr. Nathan Springer on Aug. 14, 1870 at Little Cottonwood Canyon, Utah in a dispute over a mining claim. Henry and Mary were both buried in the Forest Hill Cemetery, Utica, Oneida County, New York, Plot 11

635. Cornelia 'Nellie' Eugenia Woodhull, b. Jul. 13, 1849, d. Aug. 10, 1936 NY

636. William Henry Woodhull, b. Sep. 15, 1851, d. Oct. 11, 1936

637. Mary 'Minnie' Pamela Woodhull, b. Jan. 21, 1857, d. Dec. 1920

THE LATE MR. H. I. WOODHULL.—  
The remains of this gentleman were taken, last evening, to the U. C. R. R. Depot. They were escorted there by the Utica Lodge of Free Masons formed in procession. The remains will be taken to Detroit, Michigan, where the family of the deceased reside.

The Deseret News, Salt Lake City, Utah, Thursday, August 18, 1870, page 3

MATERIAL for this department this week is taken from the weekly edition of The Deseret News for August 24, 1870:  
Two homicides are reported this week, one in Little Cottonwood canyon and the other in the settlement of Milton on the Weber. In Cottonwood canyon Henry J. Woodhull of Detroit, Mich., was shot and killed by one Nathan Springer. It was reported that Woodhull, who was of the firm of Woodhull Brothers, attempted to jump a mining claim belonging to Springer's employer. An inquest was held before Coroner H. S. Beattie. The jury consisted of John Cunningham, J. M. Orr, Fred Auerbach and Henry Sadler. In addition to finding that Woodhull's death "was caused by a gun shot wound from a weapon in the hands of Nathan Springer," the verdict stated that death "was hastened by injury received from a fall during the scuffle with F. H. Bruner." Springer was held without bail; Bruner was released under bond of \$2,000.

Deseret News, Salt Lake City, Utah, Saturday, August 21, 1920, page 32  
(Compiled From the Files of The Deseret News of 1870)

SENT HOME DEAD. — On Thursday evening last, the body of the late Henry J. Woodhull, who was shot in a mining scrimmage in Little Cottonwood Canon, on 13th inst, arrived in Ogden per Utah Central, and was conveyed East on Friday morning, by U. P. train on its way to Detroit, Michigan, where the family of the deceased reside.

The Ogden Junction, Ogden, Utah, Saturday, August 20, 1870, Page 3

CORONER'S INQUEST.—The coroner's jury impanelled to investigate the killing of Henry J. Woodhull met yesterday at the City Hall, at 3 p.m. From the testimony given they returned the following verdict:  
Territory of Utah, Salt Lake County,  
City Hall, August 17th, 1870.

We the Jurors having been duly impanelled and sworn to inquire into the cause of the death of Henry J. Woodhull, on our oaths do say, from the testimony before us, that the death of Henry J. Woodhull was caused by a gun shot wound from a weapon in the hands of Nathan Springer, and that his death was hastened by injury received from a fall during the scuffle with F. H. Bruner, all of which occurred in Little Cottonwood Canon, County and Territory above mentioned, on Saturday, August 13th, 1870.

JOHN CUNNINGTON,  
J. M. ORR,  
FRED AUERBACH,  
HENRY SADLER.

H. S. BEATTIE, Coroner,  
Salt Lake County.

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