

# Wilford Woodruff on Mummies and “Book of Abraham”

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Wilford Woodruff Daybook, MS 5506, Image 298, LDS Church History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah.

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Wilford Woodruff Journal, MS 1352, Image 061, LDS Church History Library.

Woodruff recorded for November 29, 1836: “Wrote two Letters one to my Parents & the other to Brother Asahel Woodruff.”

Wilford Woodruff Journal, LDS Church History Library.

I visited the house of the Lord & its [illegible] & saw that which I did not expect to behold in my generation & among these things I [saw?] the Egyptian mummies & also the Book of Abram written by his own hand in ancient times

Letter, Wilford Woodruff to Asahel Woodruff, November 29, 1836, MS 5506, Image 365, LDS Church History Library.

## **Abram O. Smoot recorded in his journal:**

From their [there] we visited the upper or second room where we had the privilege of beholding the great wonders of Egypt, the mummies that were taken from the Calicomes [Catacombs] in Egypt; these were the greatest wonders I ever saw. I had also a view of the records that came with them, the Book of Abraham which was written by his own hand in Hyroglyphics [sic].

Abram O. Smoot, Journal, November 25, 1836, L. Tom Perry Special Collections, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.