

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.