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Alternative Name Daniel Hanmer Wells

D. H. Wells 27 OCTOBER 1814–24 MARCH 1891

Gender Born 27 Oct. 1814 at Trenton, Oneida Co., New York.[1]

Male Son of Daniel Wells and Catherine Chapin.[2] Married Eliza R.

Birth Date Robison, at Commerce, Hancock Co., Illinois, 14 Mar. 1837.[3]

27 October 1814 Served as justice of the peace at Commerce, 1838.[4] Baptized a

Death Date member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 9


24 March 1891 Aug. 1846.[5] Migrated to the Salt Lake Valley with the Brigham Young pioneer company, serving as aide-de-camp; arrived by 24

Father Sept. 1848.[6] Appointed attorney general of the provisional

Daniel Wells state of Deseret, 12 Mar. 1849.[7] Served as lieutenant general of

Mother the Nauvoo Legion in Utah Territory, 1849–1871.[8] Served on

Catherine the University of Deseret board of regents, 1850–1869, and as
Chapin chancellor, 1869–1878.[9] Elected as a judge for the Supreme

 [View this person in FamilySearch](#) Court of Deseret, 1850–1852; admitted to the territorial bar, 18

Oct. 1851.[10] Served as a member of the territorial legislative council, 1851–1858, 1882, and as president, 1859–1864.[11]

Appointed as the superintendent of public works, Apr. 1852.[12]

Married EBW, 10 Oct. 1852, at Salt Lake City.[13] Ordained as

an apostle and appointed as second counselor to President

Brigham Young, 4 Jan. 1857.[14] Presided over the European

mission, 1864–1865, 1884–1887.[15] Served as mayor of Salt

Lake City, 1866–1876.[16] Presided over the work at the

Endowment House, 1868–1876.[17] Appointed counselor to the

Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, 6 Oct. 1880.[18] Appointed to

preside over the Manti temple at its dedication, 16 May 1888.

[19] Died 24 Mar. 1891 at Salt Lake City.[20]

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