

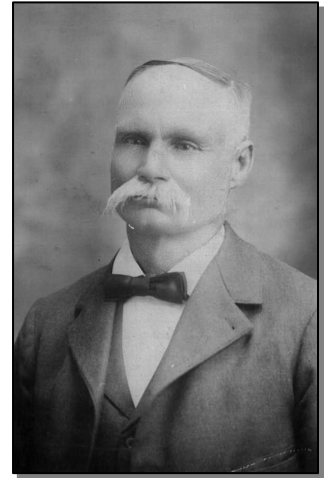
Charles Alfred Harper Jr.

Arrived in Utah, August 1848

By Anna Harper Winslow

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Charles Alfred Harper Jr. was born of goodly pioneer parents while crossing the plains in 1848. He was born July 23, 1848, at Fort Laramie, Wyoming. He was the second son of Charles Alfred Harper Sr. and Lavina Wollerton Dilworth (from Chester County, Pennsylvania). Charles Sr. and Lavina moved to Nauvoo, Illinois in the year 1840.



Charles Jr. spent his boyhood days in Big Cottonwood, now known as Holladay, Utah. He loved horses and learned the black smith trade. He helped his brothers herd cows and sheep in Parley's Canyon. They also helped their mother take care of the family farm.

When Charles was eighteen years-old, he married Mary Boyes (October 26, 1866, Sealed in the Endowment House August 22, 1870). She was the daughter of George and Elizabeth Taylor Boyes. Charles and Mary's first son, Charles Alfred, was born May 9, 1871 at Holladay Utah. He died January 23, 1872.

In the year of 1872, the family went to Southern Utah to assist in pioneering. Their second son, George Boyes, was born December 1, 1872 at Levan, Juab County, Utah. They remained only a short time before returning to Holladay.

Their second son, George Boyes, died September 14, 1886 at Holladay, Utah. Their third child, Mary, was born December 8, 1874 in Holladay.

About this time the Church was establishing a settlement on the Bear River in Idaho and Utah. Charles' elder brother Harvey, and his family, had been called to settle the town of Randolph. Charles took his wife and family and joined his brother in their settlement. They had a thriving industry—a saw mill and shingle mill. Charles and Mary's fourth child, Joseph Boyes, was born April 4, 1877, at Randolph, Utah.

They returned to Holladay in 1878, where Charles bought a fifty acre farm, or homestead. He worked to bring it up to a high state of cultivation and prosperity. It was well cared for and the buildings were all substantial and of modern architecture. Charles lived here until his death.

The following children were born at the homestead in Holladay: Lavina, their fifth child, March 3, 1879, Edwin B. was born June 15, 1881. John was born December 27, 1883. He died February 13, 1884. William was born April 14, 1885. James was born June 14, 1887, and died the same day. Elizabeth was born May 28, 1890, and died June 2, 1891. Chester Aubrey was born May 14, 1893 and died the same day.

In the year 1890 Charles went on a mission to the Sandwich Islands. He had to return on account of the climate before his mission was finished.

Charles and his boys were among the first to introduce the threshing machine in the Salt Lake valley. Their first machine was run by horse power. Later they used the steam engine. They were known far and wide.

He was a member of the Democratic party, to which Charles Alfred Sr. also belonged. He had taken a prominent role in the affairs of the LDS Church.

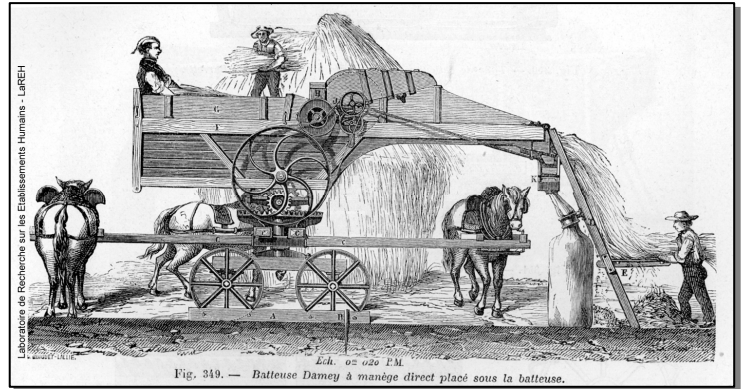
Charles was the president of the quorum of elders, forty years. He was also the president of the one-hundred and thirty-fourth quorum of the Seventies.

His wife, Mary, died on November 24, 1910. She was buried in the Holladay cemetery next to all of her children.

On April 14, 1911, Charles married his sister-in-law, Ann Elizabeth Boyes Smith. They lived together for twenty years. No children were born to this union. She died February 23, 1931. She was buried in the Holladay cemetery.

Charles' wives were valuable members of the Relief Society in the Big Cottonwood Ward. They were both Presidents for a long time. Mary Harper, his first wife, was a school teacher. They were active in Primary. All his sons and daughters were active in the Mutual Improvement Association, Sunday Schools and other ward affairs. The Harper family is one of the most prominent in that section of Utah, and especially in the affairs of the LDS Church. They have been intimately associated with the heads of the Church, both through the paternal and maternal side of the family. The prominent part which their immediate associations took in the development of Salt Lake County and in the building up of that section of the valley, have been carried on by their descendants. Today, there is no more highly respected name in the LDS Church and in the Holladay wards of Salt Lake County, than is Mr. Harper and his descendants.

Charles Harper died May 9, 1935 at his old homestead, which he had enjoyed for over fifty years. He was buried beside the graves of his wives in the Holladay cemetery.



1. Father: Charles Alfred Harper
Born: 23 July 1848, Ft. Laramie, Wyoming
Father: Charles Alfred Harper
Mother: Lavina Wollerton Dilworth
Death: 9 May 1935
Married: 22 August 1870

Mother: Mary Boyce
Born:
Father: George Boyce
Mother: Elizabeth Taylor
Death: 24 November 1910, Holladay, Utah.

Issue names

1. Charles Alfred Harper
Born: 9 May 1871, Holladay, Utah
Death: 28 January 1872, Holladay, Utah
2. George Boyce Harper
Born: December 1872, Levan, Juab Co., Utah.
Died: 14 September 1886, Holladay, Utah
3. Mary Harper
Born: 8 December 1874, Holladay, Utah.
Married: Albert George Marchant, September 7, 1898, Salt Lake Temple
Death: 24 June 1936, Holladay, Utah.
4. Joseph Boyce Harper
Born: 4 April, 1877, Randolph, Utah.
Married: 1st Emily Z, Lirnell, 11 April 1906, Salt Lake City, Utah,
2nd. Grace Abogail Erickson, 11 March 1936, Salt Lake Temple.
3rd.
5. Lavina Harper
Born: 3 March 1879, Holladay, Utah
Married: Jessie T. Moses Jr., 23 September 1903, Salt Lake City, Utah.
Died: Blackfoot, Idaho
6. Edwin Boyce Harper
Born: 15 June 1881, Holladay, Utah,
Married: Sarah Jane Wagstaff, 15 April 1908, Salt Lake City, Utah.
Death: Holladay, Utah.

7. John Harper

Born: 27 December 1883, Holladay, Utah.

Died: 13 February 1884

8. William Harper

Born: 14 April 1885, Holladay, Utah.

Married: Frances Leavitt, 26 September 1929, St. George, Utah.

Two children: Murray and Ruth

9. James Harper

Born: 14 June 1887

Died: 14 June 1887

10. Elizabeth Harper

Born: 29 May 1890

Died: 2 June 1891

11. Chester Aubrey Harper

Born: 14 May 1893, Holladay, Utah.

Died: 14 May 1893, Holladay, Utah.

Charles Alfred Harper had 11 children, 26 grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Copied from several family histories written by Norma H. Morris and Mary Marchat, and from biographical records of Salt Lake City, printed in 1902.