

# Charles HARPER \*FILE\*-17357

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Event	Date(s)	Place	Description
Born	27 Jan 1817	Schuylkill, Montgomery, Pennsylvania	
Christened			
Died	24 Apr 1900	Holladay, Salt Lake, Utah	
Buried			
Baptized	10 May 1842		
Endowed	31 Dec 1845	NAUVO	
SealPar			
Nickname:	AKA:		Married Name:
Sex: M	ID:		AFN:
Last Changed: 31 May 2003			

## Marriages

MRIN	Spouse	Marriage Date/Place	Sealed Date/Place
5399	Lovina W DILWORTH *-27677	19 Dec 1839 Pennsylvania	22 Mar 1852

## Notes

### PROPERTY:

Hibbard 2: Block 6, Lot 2, pt NE Corner

### NAUVOO RECORDS:

Nauvoo Temple Endowment Register, p 78  
70's Record, p 330

### HISTORY/HISTORIES:

Pioneers and Prominent Men of Utah, p 46  
Biographical Encyclopedia, p 707  
Our Pioneer Heritage, pp 464, 613-615

### BIRTH PLACE VARIANT:

Upper Providence, Montgomery, PA

### COMPLETE NAME:

Charles Alfred HARPER

### FATHER:

Jesse HARPER

### MOTHER:

Eleanor EVANS

### SPOUSES:

#2 Harriet TAYLOR

#3 Mary Ann COLLS

#4 Ane Mary Catherine NELSON



**NAUVOO TEMPLE ENDOWMENT REGISTER**  
 (Chronological Listing)

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First Company (Continued)

Name	Priest-hood or sex	Birth Data				Temple Ordinance Dates		Comments and Additional Information
		Date	Town	County	State	Washing and Anointing	Endowment	
1. Leonard, Abigail	f	11 Apr 1795	Burlington	Bradford	Pennsylvania	31 Dec 1845	31 Dec 1845	Abigail Calkins in slg rec.
2. Harper, Charles A.	sev	27 Jan 1817	On the Schuy /lkill	Montgomery	Pennsylvania	31 Dec 1845	31 Dec 1845	Charles Alfred Harper in
3. Harper, Lovina W.	f	5 Nov 1818 <sup>1</sup>	Cuckleshop	Chester	Pennsylvania	31 Dec 1845	31 Dec 1845	Lovina Woollerton Dilworth
4. Bigler, Henry W.	sev	28 Aug 1815		Harrison	Virginia	31 Dec 1845	31 Dec 1845	
5. Merrill, Albert	sev	17 Jul 1815	Southhold	Long Island	New York	31 Dec 1845	31 Dec 1845	
6. Merrill, Margaret Ann	f	15 Nov 1816	New York	New York	New York	31 Dec 1845	31 Dec 1845	Margaret Ann Richison in s
7. Merrill, Mary Ann	f	2 Jun 1819		Long Island	New York	31 Dec 1845	31 Dec 1845	
8. Bishop, Adelia Ann	f	5 Nov 1825		Essex	New York	31 Dec 1845	31 Dec 1845	
9. Hamblin, Adeline	f	18 Sep 1823	Munson	Geauga	Ohio	31 Dec 1845	31 Dec 1845	Adaline Hamblin in slg rec.
10. Meeks, Sarah	f	12 Dec 1801 <sup>2</sup>		Hardin	Kentucky	31 Dec 1845	31 Dec 1845	Sarah Mahurin in slg record

Second Company

Ballantyne, Richard	eld	15 Aug 1817 <sup>3</sup>	Merton	Roxburgh	Scotland	31 Dec 1845	31 Dec 1845	
Ballantyne, Anne	f	Oct 1791 <sup>4</sup>				31 Dec 1845	31 Dec 1845	
Davenport, James	sev	1 May 1802	Danville	Caledonia	Vermont	31 Dec 1845	31 Dec 1845	James Davenport in slg record
Davenport, Almira	f	23 Jan 1805	Canajoharie	Montgomery	New York	31 Dec 1845	31 Dec 1845	Almira Phelps in slg record
Whipple, Edson	h.p.	5 Feb 1805	Dummerseton	Windham	Vermont	31 Dec 1845	31 Dec 1845	

Washing and anointing; slg: sealing; apse: apostle; h.p.: high priest; sev: seventy; eld: elder; f: female; m: male  
 1: 5 Nov 1819 - slg record. 2: 12 Dec 1802 - slg record.  
 3: 26 Aug 1817 - slg record. 4: v-a record only.

## 70's RECORD

Allen, Margaret  
Calkins, Nancy  
Calkins Lucy  
Haze, Lovina  
Shaw, Laura Ann  
Ordained: 1835  
Quorum: Q1; Presidency of Q11  
Early Civil Data: Kirtland, Ward 4 Nauvoo  
Early Church Data: Baptized by 1835  
In Original 1st Quorum of Seventy (Kirtland)  
Endowed Nauvoo Temple 12/16/45 (Seventy)  
Post-Nauvoo Civil Data: Farmer  
Holden UT

Sources: Susan Black, Early LDS Members Rec 20:845; Index, Nauvoo Land and Record Files 293;  
Index, 70s Bk B Sel, pg. 27; 70s Rec, Qrm 11; 70s Rec, Qrm 1

### HARMON [HARMAN HAMON (COPIED HAYMOND)], OLIVER NORTON

Birth: PA 1826  
Death: ID 1901  
Parents: Harmon, Oliver  
Norton, Sarah  
Wives (Number of Children): Rodeback, Sarah Jane (9)  
Ordination: 1845  
Quorum: Q18  
Early Civil Data: Nauvoo  
Early Church Data: Baptized 1836  
Endowed Nauvoo Temple 1/3/46 (Seventy)  
Mormon Battalion  
Post-Nauvoo Civil Data: Salt Lake City UT 1850's  
Clifton ID

Sources: Susan Black, Early LDS Members Rec 20:897; Index, Nauvoo Land and Record Files 294;  
Index, 70s Bk B Sel, pg. 55; 70s Rec, Qrm 18

### HARPER [(MISCOPIED HOOPER)], CHARLES ALFRED

Birth: PA 1817  
Death: UT 1900  
Parents: Harper, Jesse  
Evans, Eleanor  
Wives (Number of Children): Dillworth, Lovina Woolerton (11)  
Taylor, Harriet (9)  
Colls, Mary Ann  
Nelson, Ane Mary Catherine  
Quorum: Q27  
Early Civil Data: Nauvoo  
College Graduate  
Early Church Data: Baptized 1841  
Endowed Nauvoo Temple 12/31/45  
Post-Nauvoo Civil Data: Farmer  
Wheelwright  
Salt Lake City UT  
Sources: Susan Black, Early LDS Members Rec 20:913; Index, Nauvoo Land and Record Files 294;  
Index, 70s Bk B Sel, pg. 92; 70s Rec, Qrm 27

**Harper, Charles Alfred**

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| s0      Harper, Charles Alfred            Male    #            Print-Date: 1-8-88  
 Reference: Nauvoo Temple Endowment Register 1845-46  
 Pioneers of 1847. Easton, S.  
 LDS Missouri Petitions of 1830's Johnson, Clark  
 Index to the Mormon Pioneer Genealogy Library.  
 Call, Michel  
 Temple Index Bureau  
 Family Group Sheet-Self  
 Family Group Sheet-Father  
 Mormons and Their Neighbors. Wiggins, Marvin  
 Utah Federal Census; Year: 1851, 1860, 1870  
 Our Pioneer Heritage. Carter, Kate. 1958  
 Volume: 2    Page: 613-14  
 LDS Biographical Encyclopedia. Jenson, Andrew. 1951  
 Volume: 4    Page: 707  
 Roster of Pioneers of 1847  
 Diary of Charles Alfred Harper

| s1      Birth-Data

Birth-Date: January 27, 1817  
 Reference: Nauvoo Temple Endowment Register 1845-46  
 Family Group Sheet-Self  
 Temple Index Bureau  
 Index to the Mormon Pioneer Genealogy Library.  
 Call, Michel  
 Family Group Sheet-Father

Birth-Place: on the Schuylkill, Montgomery, PA, USA  
 Reference: Nauvoo Temple Endowment Register 1845-46  
 Temple Index Bureau  
 Family Group Sheet-Self  
 Utah Federal Census; Year: 1851, 1860, 1870

Birth-Place-Variant: Upper Providence, Montgomery, PA, USA  
 Reference: Pioneers of 1847. Easton, S.

| s2      Parents-Data

Father's-Name: Harper, Jesse  
 Reference: Pioneers of 1847. Easton, S.  
 Temple Index Bureau  
 Family Group Sheet-Father  
 Family Group Sheet-Self

Mother's-Name: Evans, Eleanor  
 Reference: Pioneers of 1847. Easton, S.  
 Temple Index Bureau  
 Family Group Sheet-Father  
 Family Group Sheet-Self

| s3      Marriage-Number: 1

Spcuse's-Name: Dillworth Lovina Woollerton  
 Reference: Nauvoo Temple Endowment Register 1845-46

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Index to the Mormon Pioneer Genealogy Library.  
Call, Michel  
Family Group Sheet-Father

Marriage-Date: December 19, 1839  
Reference: Pioneers of 1847. Easton, S.  
Family Group Sheet-Father  
Family Group Sheet-Self

Family-Reference for Children: Family Group Sheet-Self

Children's-Data:

Child-Number: 1  
Harper, Susan (twin)  
Birth-Date: July 28, 1841  
Birth-Place: Montgomery, PA, USA

Child-Number: 2  
Harper, Ann (twin)  
Birth-Date: July 28, 1841  
Birth-Place: Montgomery, PA, USA

Child-Number: 3  
Harper, Harvey John  
Birth-Date: November 10, 1842  
Birth-Place: Nauvoo, Hancock, IL, USA

Child-Number: 4  
Harper, Ellen  
Birth-Date: January 28, 1846  
Birth-Place: Nauvoo, Hancock, IL, USA

Child-Number: 5  
Harper, Charles Alfred  
Birth-Date: July 23, 1848  
Birth-Place: Nauvoo, Hancock, IL, USA

Child-Number: 6  
Harper, William B.  
Birth-Date: July 10, 1851  
Birth-Place: Laramie, UT, USA

Child-Number: 7  
Harper, Alfred  
Birth-Date: July 7, 1856  
Birth-Place: Holladay, Salt Lake, UT, USA

Child-Number: 8  
Harper, Edwin  
Birth-Date: July 31, 1858  
Birth-Place: Holladay, Salt Lake, UT, USA

Child-Number: 9  
Harper, Park  
Birth-Date: September 16, 1860  
Birth-Place: Parley's Park, Summit, UT, USA

Child-Number: 10  
Harper, Chester (twin)  
Birth-Date: April 15, 1864  
Birth-Place: Holladay, UT, USA

Child-Number: 11  
Harper, Lavina (twin)  
Birth-Date: April 15, 1864  
Birth-Place: Holladay, UT, USA

| s4 Marriage-Number: 2  
Spouse's-Name: Taylor, Harriet  
Reference: Family Group Sheet-Self  
Temple Index Bureau

Marriage-Date: December 2, 1855  
Reference: Family Group Sheet-Self  
Temple Index Bureau

Family-Reference for Children: Family Group Sheet-Self

Children's-Data:  
Child-Number: 1  
Harper, Harriet  
Birth-Date: January 1, 1857  
Birth-Place: Carson City, NV, USA

Child-Number: 2  
Harper, Elizabeth  
Birth-Date: January 18, 1858  
Birth-Place: Holladay, Salt Lake, UT, USA

Child-Number: 3  
Harper, Emmeline  
Birth-Date: August 19, 1861  
Birth-Place: Holladay, Salt Lake, UT, USA

Child-Number: 4  
Harper, Parkarette  
Birth-Date: May 4, 1863  
Birth-Place: Parley's Park, Summit, UT, USA

Child-Number: 5 Harper, Nathan  
Birth-Date: March 2, 1866  
Birth-Place: Parley's Park, Summit, UT, USA

Child-Number: 6

Harper, George  
Birth-Date: January 24, 1868  
Birth-Place: Parley's Park, Summit, UT, USA

Child-Number: 7  
harper, Eleanor  
Birth-Date: November 27, 1870  
Birth-Place: Parley's Park, Summit, UT, USA

Child-Number: 8  
Harper, Alma  
Birth-Date: July 10, 1877  
Birth-Place: Parley's Park, Summit, UT, USA

Child-Number: 9  
Harper, Rachel (adopted)  
Birth-Date: April 7, 1885  
Birth-Place: Holladay, Salt Lake, UT, USA

| s5 Marriage-Number: 3  
Spouse's-Name: Colls, Mary Ann  
Reference: Temple Index Bureau

| s5 Marriage-Number: 4  
Spouse's-Name: Nelson, Ane Mary Catherine  
Reference: Temple Index Bureau

| s6 Death-Data:  
Death-Date: April 24, 1900  
Reference: Pioneers of 1847. Easton, S.  
Temple Index Bureau  
Family Group Sheet-Father

Death-Place: Big Cottonwood, Salt Lake, UT, USA  
Reference: Pioneers of 1847. Easton, S.

| s7 Church-Ordinance-Data:  
Baptism  
Baptism-Date/Place: 1841  
Reference: Family Group Sheet-Self  
Family Group Sheet-Father  
  
Baptism  
Baptism-Date/Place: May 10, 1842  
Reference: Temple Index Bureau

| s8 Temple-Ordinance-Data:  
Endowment  
Temple: Nauvoo, Hancock, IL, USA  
Date: December 31, 1845  
Reference: Nauvoo Temple Endowment Register 1845-46  
Temple Index Bureau

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Family Group Sheet-Self  
Family Group Sheet-Father

Sealing-to-Parents

Temple: Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, UT, USA

Date: February 26, 1903

Reference: Family Group Sheet-Father

Sealing-to-Spouse #1

Temple: Endowment House in Salt Lake City, UT

Date: March 22, 1852

Reference: Family Group Sheet-Self

Sealing-to-Spouse #2

Date: December 2, 1855

Reference: Family Group Sheet-Self

Sealing-to-Spouse #2

Date: April 18, 1856

Reference: Family Group Sheet-Self

Sealing-to-Spouse #3

Temple: Endowment House in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, UT, USA

Date: January 17, 1863

Reference: Temple Index Bureau

Sealing-to-Spouse #4

Temple: Endowment House in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, UT, USA

Date: January 17, 1863

Reference: Temple Index Bureau

| s10 Residency-Data:

Iron County, UT, USA; 1850

Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, UT, USA; 1860

Parleys Park, Summit, UT, USA; 1870

Reference: Utah Federal Census; Year: 1851, 1860, 1870

| s11 Vocation-Data:

Farmer; 1850-1870

Reference: Utah Federal Census; Year: 1851, 1860, 1870

| s12 Comments: #1

1. In 1850, Charles had a household of 4, a real wealth of \$1000 and no personal wealth.

2. In 1860, Charles had a household of 8, a real wealth of \$2500, and a personal wealth of \$2500.

3. In 1870, Charles had a household of 11, a real wealth of \$1750, and a personal wealth of \$1520.

Reference: Utah Federal Census; Year: 1851, 1860, 1870

| s13 Comments: #2

1. The diary of Charles includes biographical sketch. First part of

diary is partial record of journey from Nauvoo to vicinity of birthplace in Pennsylvania and of visit there with mother, 1842. Bulk of diary is account of journey from Winter Quarters to Salt Lake Valley. April to August 1847. Wheelwright. Kept wagons and outfits in repair. Routine entries, terse and precise. Summaries of sermons. Also "An account of the work done for the Camp of Israel while on its Journey to the West." Also lists work as wheelwright performed for individuals. Lists wagon and buggy parts he made or repaired, for whom work done, and prices charged. Also notations of transactions with neighbors, in Holladay, Utah, the last recorded sale being 1895.

Reference: Guide to Mormon Diaries & Autobiographies. Bitton, Davis  
Diary of Charles Alfred Harper

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Comments: #3

1. Charles was one of the original pioneers of Utah, and was born January 27, 1816, at Upper Providence, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. He was a college graduate and dealer in fine carriages, became a member of the Church in the early days of Nauvoo and was well acquainted with the Prophet Joseph Smith and the early leaders of the Church. After his arrival in Great Salt Lake Valley in July, 1847, with the pioneer company, he returned to Winter Quarters, but came back with his family in 1848. He helped to establish colonies in southern Utah and Arizona and finally located in Cottonwood, Salt Lake County, Utah, where he died April 24, 1900, survived by a large family.

Reference: LDS Biographical Encyclopedia. Jenson, Andrew. 1951

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PIONEERS AND PROMINENT MEN OF UTAH—1847

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OLIVER B. HUNTINGTON  
Born 1825 in New York. Came to Utah  
July 24, 1847, Brigham Young Company.  
Patriarch. Farmer and Stockraiser.



GEORGE W. HUNTINGTON  
Son of Oliver B. Huntington and Mary  
Mellisa Neal. Born Sept. 18, 1848, Cam-  
bria, Niagara Co., N. Y. Elder. Farmer.



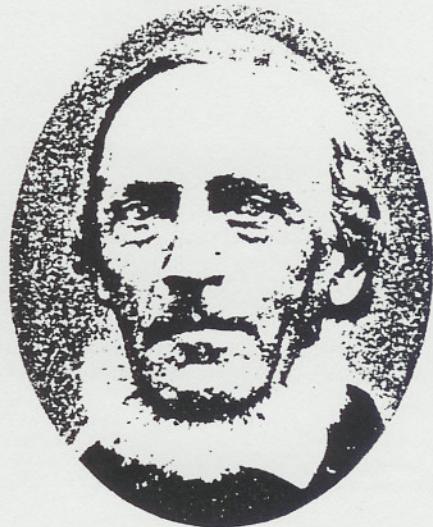
GEORGE AUGUSTUS HUNTINGTON  
Son of George W. Huntington and Sarah  
Elizabeth Spouse. Born Nov. 1, 1872,  
Salt Lake City. High Priest. Sunday  
School Superintendent. Justice of Peace.



BURR FROST  
Born March 4, 1815, Westfield, Conn.  
Came to Utah July 22, 1847, Brigham  
Young Co. Pres. 70th Quorum Seventies.



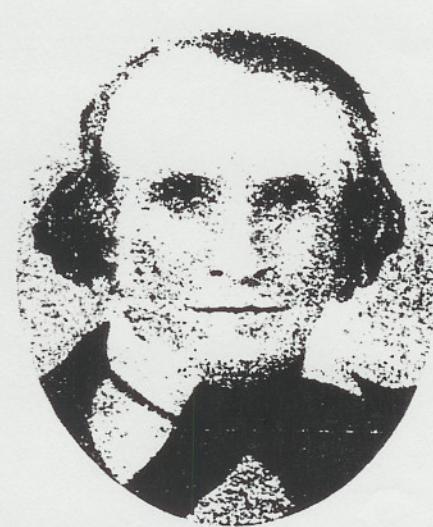
CHARLES A. HARPER  
Pioneer, July 24, 1847, Brigham Young  
Company.



LEVI JACKMAN  
Born July 28, 1797, Corinth, Vt. Came to  
Utah in 1847, Brigham Young Co. Member  
of High Council; High Priest; Elder.



LEVI HARMON JACKMAN  
Son of Levi Jackman and Lucinda Har-  
mon. Born Sept. 6, 1853, Palmyra, Utah  
Co., Utah. Clerk of Quorum of Elders;  
Clerk of Salem Ward 1870.



NORTON JACOB  
Born Aug. 11, 1804, Sheffield, Berkshire  
Co., Mass. Came to Utah July 22, 1847.  
Presiding Elder at Snake Creek 1863-64.



JOSEPH JACOB  
Son of Norton Jacob and Emily Heaton.  
Born May 20, 1845, at Nauvoo, Ill. Capt.  
Utah Militia 1863-66. Indian War Vet'rn.

and was baptized by Daniel Stanton at Mayfield, Ohio, in 1830. In 1834 he was chosen a member of Zion's Camp, and on the way from Kirtland, Ohio, to Clay County, Mo., he acted as a hunter and was known as "Joseph's Nimrod" on that account.

With others of that company he was taken sick with cholera, but was healed under the hands of the Prophet. Bro. Hancock hauled rock for the Kirtland Temple and endured persecution with the saints in Missouri. When the Prophet crossed the Mississippi river from Nauvoo in 1844 he put up at Joseph Hancock's house. After the martyrdom of the Prophet and his brother and the exile of the saints from Nauvoo, Bro. Hancock located with them at Winter Quarters and being chosen as one of Pres. Brigham Young's company of pioneers, was actively engaged in hunting on the way, doing his best to keep the company supplied with game. He is said to have killed the first deer above Ensign Peak. He accompanied Pres. Young back to Winter Quarters in the fall of 1847, but returned to the "Valley" in 1852. He was a faithful member of the Church, but liked a roving life and spent much of his time traveling back and forth between Utah and California. He died July 4, 1893, at the home of his nephew, George W. Hancock, in Payson, Utah.

**HANKS**, Sidney Alvarus, one of the original pioneers of Utah, was born Aug. 16, 1820, at Madison, Lake Co., Ohio, a son of Benjamin Hanks and Martha Knowlton. After his arrival in Great Salt Lake Valley with the pioneers he did his part to establish homes for the companies of saints who should follow, and in 1852 responded to a call to fill a mission to the Society Islands. From this mission he returned in 1860 and on June 1, 1862, married Mary Ann Cook, who became the mother of one son and two

daughters. The family located at Snyderville, near Parley's Park. In March, 1870, having lost a cow, he set out to look for her and froze to death. His body was not recovered until a month later.

**HANSEN**, Hans Christian, one of the original pioneers of Utah, was born Nov. 23, 1806, in Copenhagen, Denmark. He went to sea as a boy and during some of his voyages visited America. On one of these occasions he became converted to the restored gospel and was baptized in Boston, Mass., during the summer of 1842 by Elder Freeman Nickerson. When the pioneer company was organized, Hans C. Hansen was the only Scandinavian chosen. He was an expert violinist and rendered service in the early days of the settlement of Great Salt Lake Valley with his music. He made his home at Salina, Sevier Co., Utah, but, it is believed, never married. He died at Salina Oct. 10, 1890. (Bio. Ency., Vol. 2, p. 766.)

**HARMON**, Appleton Milo, one of the original pioneers of Utah, was born May 29, 1820, at Conneaut, Pa. Being a mechanic, he constructed the famous roadometer invented by William Clayton and used by the pioneer company to measure distances on the road. He married Elmeda Stringham in Nauvoo, Ill., was a member of the 11th Quorum of Seventy and, after establishing his family in Great Salt Lake Valley in 1848, he filled a mission to England in 1850-1853. He assisted to erect sawmills in Salt Lake, Millard and Washington counties, Utah, and as a contractor he built a furniture factory at Toquerville and a woolen mill at Washington, and also assisted in setting up the machinery in all of these undertakings. He made his home at Holden, Millard Co., Utah, where he died Feb. 27, 1877, survived by several married sons and daughters.

**HARPER**, Charles Alfred, one of the original pioneers of Utah, was born Jan. 27, 1816, at Upper Providence, Montgomery Co., Pa. He was a college graduate and dealer in fine carriages, became a member of the Church in the early days of Nauvoo and was well acquainted with the Prophet Joseph Smith and the early leaders of the Church. After his arrival in Great Salt Lake Valley in July, 1847, with the pioneer company, he returned to Winter Quarters, but came back with his family in 1848. He helped to establish colonies in southern Utah and Arizona and finally located in Cottonwood, Salt Lake County, Utah, where he died April 24, 1900, survived by a large family.

**HENRIE**, William, one of the original pioneers of Utah, was born Sept. 11, 1799, in Pennsylvania, a son of Daniel Henrie and Sarah Mendel. He was baptized by Andrew Lamoreaux July 17, 1842, in Hamilton Co., Ohio, and became one of the famous band of Utah pioneers in 1847. After his arrival in Great Salt Lake Valley, he assisted in locating the saints in the old fort and adjacent country. In April, 1849, he was one of the speakers at the stand at the old bowery in Salt Lake City and later the same year was appointed a member of an exploring committee to locate suitable places for settlement in the region of Utah Lake. He established residence at Bountiful, Davis County, where he died Dec. 18, 1883, survived by a large family.

**HIGBEE**, John S., one of the original pioneers of Utah, was born March 7, 1804, in Tate township, Clermont Co., Ohio, a son of Isaac and Sophie Higbee. He was a cabinet maker by vocation and after his marriage to Sarah Voorhees of Palestine, Ohio, he made his home in Lewistown, Ohio, where he was baptized in May, 1831,

by Calvin Wilson and confirmed by Lyman Wight. He moved to Jackson County, Mo., where he was ordained to the Aaronic Priesthood by Lyman Wight. He was appointed assessor of Caldwell County, Mo., while many of the saints were located in that county. On April 4, 1841, he was ordained a High Priest by Isaac Higbee and was ordained a Bishop in Nauvoo, Ill., March 24, 1845, under the hands of Amasa M. Lyman, Orson Pratt and John E. Page, and set apart to preside over the First Ward of that city. After the martyrdom of the Prophet and the exodus of the saints from Nauvoo, he became one of the pioneer company and traveled with them as far as the upper Platte river, when he and nine other brethren were appointed to operate a ferry until the next large company of saints should arrive to relieve them. There he remained until Aug. 10, 1847, when he started east to meet his family, who was traveling with one of the west-bound pioneer companies, which arrived in Great Salt Lake Valley Sept. 26, 1847. From 1849 to 1852 he filled a mission to England. In 1865 he moved to southern Utah, and died at Toquerville, Washington Co., Nov. 1, 1877, survived by a large family.

**HOLMAN**, John Greenleaf, one of the original pioneers of Utah, was born Oct. 18, 1828, at Byron Center, Genesee Co., N. Y., a son of Joshua Sawyer Holman and Rebecca Greenleaf. He was baptized when eight years old and moved with his parents to Kirtland, Ohio. There he became closely associated with the Church and was chosen as one of Pres. Brigham Young's band of pioneers in 1847. He returned east with Pres. Young in the fall of 1847 and did not come back to the "Valley" until 1850, when he brought his wife, Nancy Clark, whom he had married in 1849. Bro. Holman resided successively at Pleas-

he was born to Thomas and Amy Ward Hancock March 17, 1800, the sixth in a family of nine children. Joseph and his wife, the former Betsey Johnson, were baptized by Elder Daniel Stanton into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Mayfield, Ohio. She died a few months after her baptism leaving several small children. After her death Joseph moved to Kirtland, Ohio with the children where they were cared for by a sister, Clarissa Alger. Joseph was a brickmaker by trade and engaged in this occupation until he was called to join Zion's camp. During the subsequent migrations of the Church to Nauvoo, Illinois he followed his leader faithfully.

In the spring of 1848 Joseph, then in his forty seventh year, was called to be one of the vanguard to the regions of the Rocky Mountains. He gladly accepted this mission, leaving his wife, Experience Wheeler Rudd, and family, while he shouldered a musket and started on the westward trek. Along the route eleven men were selected as foot hunters among them Joseph Hancock. A notation from the movements of the camp on May 2nd states "that the weather was cold in the pioneer camp, half an inch of ice having formed on the water. During the night a buffalo and calf had come near the camp and the guard had wounded the calf in the hind leg; it was caught alive but afterwards killed. Joseph Hancock killed a buffalo over the bluff behind the camp and had to stay with it all the previous night to protect the carcass from the wolves. He had made a fire and scattered a little powder around the buffalo to keep off the wolves. Three of these, smelling the blood, visited him during the night, but were awed by the sight of the fire. Joseph shot one of them and the rest got away. After fencing his game with stakes he started for camp but could not find it. He, therefore, lay down on the prairie for the night and came into camp early the next morning. After he had eaten breakfast he started out in company with four others to bring in the meat on horseback, as no wagons could get over the bluffs to it. They found the wolves had devoured much of it but the balance the brethren brought along into camp. On the way back they added two antelope to the supply of fresh meat. The pioneers then busied themselves cutting up the buffalo meat into strips, partly drying it over the fire to preserve it for future use. The hides were cut up into ropes stretched with stakes. This made twelve buffalo which the hunters had killed in one day which was considered a very good showing, especially as the men were nearly all strangers to that mode of killing."

As the pioneers neared their journey's end and had arrived at East Canyon the meat supply was practically exhausted. Joseph Hancock left the camp early one morning in search of game. He climbed to the top of a high ridge which loomed up in the distance in the clear mountain air, weary from his climb over sharp rocks and dense underbrush, he reached the summit and there for the first

time was able to see a portion of the Great Salt Lake Valley. On top of this ridge, late in the evening he was successful in killing a large elk. To make it lighter he removed the entrails and then, with difficulty, he finally got the elk on his back and tried to walk. As he continued on he came to a creek which was too deep to wade but a short distance away was a dam made by some beavers. He attempted to cross but the dam broke through and he found himself astride a large log with his legs in the water. He was thus relieved of his burden as it slipped from his tired shoulders, in the fall, onto the log at his back. Joseph was so exhausted that he leaned his head resting it upon the elk and went to sleep. The company had passed by during the day not seeing the hunter from the road below and had camped at the fork. At day break he resumed his journey and soon discovered some of the men from the camp who helped him bring the elk in and prepare it for the hungry travelers.

On July 26th, Joseph Hancock and Lewis Barney went into the east mountains of Salt Lake Valley to explore for timber. They returned on the 28th and reported an abundance of good timber, principally pine, balsam, fir, and cottonwood, but they also said it would be difficult to get out. President Young encouraged the brethren to explore the surrounding country and predicted: "Explore all you like but you will come back converted that *this is the place.*"

In the division of property, Joseph was given a lot not far from the temple site as his inheritance and soon after he returned to Missouri for his family; but through sickness and poverty he was unable to bring them back for two years and his property was given to someone else. When he finally returned he was given a tract of land near Provo, Utah.

In the spring of 1852 Mr. Hancock left Utah for California. During his absence he was accused of leaving the Church but President Young said, "No, Joseph will never leave the Church, he will come back." After ten years in California and the East he returned to Utah where he lived three years. The latter part of 1867 he returned to Council Bluffs and there visited his children. In 1882 he again returned to Utah. In all his travels he was a faithful member of the Church defending it on every occasion against unbelievers. On July 5, 1893 he passed away and was interred in the Payson cemetery.

—Aurora Hancock Duncan

#### CHARLES ALFRED HARPER—WHEELWRIGHT

Charles Harper had learned the trade of wheelwright and carriage maker and was considered an almost indispensable man to the leaders of the Church on this westward trek in 1847, and to the persecuted Saints in Nauvoo previous to their expulsion from that city and

later in Winter Quarters. Wagons for the migration were hard to obtain and many had to be made without delay, so Charles was kept busy at this important trade almost day and night.



Charles Alfred Harper

days. In the covered wagon of Charles Alfred and Lovina Wollerton Dilworth Harper the birth of their second son and fifth child took place. One little daughter had been buried in Nauvoo.

Charles Alfred Harper was a man of striking personality and leadership. He was born in Upper Providence township, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, the second child of Jesse Harper and Eleanor Evans. After his arrival in Utah he held many responsible positions in Holladay Ward where he was instrumental in starting the first public school in that area. Harriet Taylor became his second wife in 1855. The following was taken from a newspaper clipping (1897):

"Charles A. Harper, one of the 1847 pioneers, is still alive. His home is near Holladay, Big Cottonwood, where he lived for many years. Mr. Harper made a pleasant call at the Tribune office, and though in his eightieth year, is hale and hearty. Mr. Harper remembered many of the details of the great trip perfectly, and is an entertaining man in his recital of incidents of the journey. He was born in Montgomery, Pennsylvania, January 27, 1817. By his trade he was a carriage maker and in this work was a handy member of the pioneer band, remaining in Nauvoo until the very last to assist the Saints to outfit themselves for the trek . . . Mr. Harper said that Salt Lake Valley at that time was a most desolate country with only a patch of green

here and there along the banks of the creek, and the prospect was not inviting."

Charles Harper did considerable missionary work at home and abroad. He was a lover of music and dancing, his favorite dance being the Virginia Reel and his best loved tune "Leather Breeches." He was found dead in his home in Holladay April 24, 1900, apparently from a heart attack.—Norma H. Morris

#### STEPHEN MARKHAM—COLONIZER

Stephen Markham was born February 9, 1800 in Avon, Livingston county, New York. His father was David Markham and his mother Dinah Merry Markham. When he was two years of age his father was accidentally killed and his mother afterwards moved to Chester, Geauga county, Ohio where Stephen first heard the Gospel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and was baptized by Elder Abel Lamb in July 1837. He followed the body of the Church to Nauvoo, Illinois and when they were exiled from that city, President Brigham Young appointed Stephen captain of two hundred pioneers taking them to Council Bluffs, Iowa.

In the spring of 1847 he was chosen to accompany the pioneer vanguard to Utah to help in the building of roads. While breaking in a pair of young cattle for this journey his forefinger was caught in a hook on the chain and torn from his hand. En route he was appointed captain of the guard. He returned to Winter Quarters, and seven days after arriving was put in charge of one hundred and forty persons at Council Bluffs. In 1850 he returned to Utah in charge of a company of fifty wagons. He spent upwards of two years on the frontier. Soon after his arrival in the valley for the second time he located in Utah county. In the fall of 1851, he, with approximately seventeen other families, settled in the Spanish Fork district and formed a settlement.

The following notations concerning his later life were taken from family history:

Sunday, December 21, 1851. The first Church organization was made in Spanish Fork with Stephen Markham as president. The organization was reported at the general conference in Salt Lake City. It was accepted and ordered on record March 15, 1852. The town of Palmyra was located in the fall of 1852 by Apostle George A. Smith. Stephen Markham was ordained bishop. There were some seventy families in Palmyra during the winter of 1852-53. A petition was sent to the Territorial Legislature asking for a city charter, which was granted. Stephen Markham was influential and assisted in every way he could to help build a city. He held many offices of trust in civic affairs. He helped build ditches, bridges and gave liberally of his time and means for every good cause. In the spring of 1853 he took all the money he could of his own and all he could borrow with which to buy seeds and loaned it to the people who were in need.

than during previous seasons. From the best dates we now have, it is estimated there are now over 30,000 inhabitants in the Territory.

Elders Ezra T. Benson and Jedediah M. Grant returned August 11th, from their mission to Pottawattamie, which they left almost entirely vacated by the Saints, who are now in the Valley; many of whom began to prepare to come over the plains, with hand-carts and wheel-barrows, but when the Lord saw they were determined to come home, at all hazards, He opened their way to have wagons and teams, even to the last family that wanted to come; and so will it continue to be with the Saints who are determined to come home to Zion according to counsel. The Saints were late in their emigration this year, and for the last two or three weeks, have suffered from occasional snow storms in the mountains, which retarded their progress, and helped to make them short of provisions; but some two hundred or more teams and wagons went from the Valley to their assistance, taking to the various camps some forty or fifty thousand pounds of flour, and large supplies of vegetables, which enabled them to come in, in safety.

Elders John Taylor, Erastus Snow, and Franklin D. Richards, arrived also August 11, on return from their missions to Europe; Elder Taylor having brought apparatus for an extensive sugar factory, which he is locating at Provo, Utah County; and Elder Richards brought two large globes, three feet each, to present to the University of Deseret. The *Book of Mormon* is now in print in the English, Welsh, French, German, Danish, and Italian languages; and preparations are making to translate and publish it in Chinese, Burmese, Spanish, and other languages.

A special Conference of the Elders was held at the Tabernacle, on the 28th and 29th of August, which was fully attended, and a most animating spirit prevailed, when many Elders were selected and set apart for their various missions as follows:

*Europe. England*:—Daniel Spencer, Charles A. Harper, Isaac Allred, John Van Cott, Millen Atwood, Chancey G. Webb, Charles Smith, Sylvester H. Earl, David Grant, Thomas W. Treat, Benjamin Brown, James T. Park, Perrigrine Sessions, Osmyn M. Duel, John A. Hunt, James Pace, William Burgess, Jun., Levi Nickerson, William Glover, Edward Martin, Levi E. Riter, John S. Fullmer, Richard Cook, John Oakley, William Clayton, William Pitt, John C. Hall, William Woodward, James G. Willie, Daniel D. McArthur, Moses Thurston, John Perry, William Empey, Spicer Crandall, John Mayer, Elias Gardner, Noah T. Guyman.

*Ireland*:—Daniel Toner, John McDonald. *Wales*:—Dan Jones, Daniel Daniels, Thomas Jeremy. *France*:—Andrew L. Lamoreaux. *Germany*:—George Mayer, George C. Riser, Jacob F. Secrist, William Taylor. *Berlin*:—Orson Spencer, Jacob Houtz, Moses Clough.

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HARPER, CHARLES ALFRED, 1817-1900  
Diary (1842-1847)

THE DIARY OF CHARLES ALFRED HARPER (n.p., 1971).

Includes biographical sketch. First part of diary is partial record of journey from Nauvoo to vicinity of birthplace in Pennsylvania and of visit there with mother, 1842. Bulk of diary is account of journey from Winter Quarters to Salt Lake Valley. April to August 1847. Wheelwright. Kept wagons and outfits in repair. Routine entries, terse and precise. Summaries of sermons. Also "An account of the work done for the Camp of Israel while on its Journey to the West." Also lists work as wheelwright performed for individuals. Lists wagon and buggy parts he made or repaired, for whom work done, and prices charged. Also notations of transactions with neighbors in Holladay, Utah, the last recorded sale being 1895.

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Family Group Sheet-Father

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LDS Biographical Encyclopedia. Jenson, Andrew. 1951

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Diary of Charles Alfred Harper

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Diary of Charles Alfred Harper

HARPER, CHARLES ALFRED, 1817-1900

Diary (1846-1895)

Photocopy of holograph. 52 pp. BYU [Lee Library] (MSS 1007)

Wagon repairs in Nauvoo. 1846-47 trek across plains. Settled at Holladay, Utah, 1847. A few scattered entries of business transactions, the last dated 1895.

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HARPER, Charles Alfred

Born: 27 January 1817 in Upper Providence, Montgomery,  
Pennsylvania

Son of Jesse Harper and Eleanor Evans

Married: 19 December 1839 to Lavina Wollerton Dillworth

Died: 24 April 1900 in Big Cottonwood, Salt Lake County, Utah