

## Charles Harper Bringhurst

From the original Sexton Records:

Name: Charles H. Bringhurst

Age: 0y; 8m; 0d

Son of William & Ann Bringhurst

Deceased: Dec. 28, 1846

Disease: Not listed

Birth Place: Nauvoo, Hancock Co., Ill

Birth Date: April 23, 1846

No. of Grave: 43

Birth Date: April 23, 1846

Death Date: Dec. 28, 1846

Cause of Death: unknown

Burial Place: Winter Quarters grave #43

Father's Name: William Bringhurst

Mother's Maiden Name: Ann Dilworth

Which Winter Quarters Ward or Iowa Branch was the family: winter quarters 21<sup>st</sup> ward

Where was the family in the 1850 U. S. Census? Iron County, UT, William age 32, Ann D. age 27, Joseph age 3, house #67, p. 22.

Which Pioneer wagon train took the family west? Jedediah M. Grant/Willard Snow Company. They departed Elk Horn River on 19 June 1847 and arrived on 4 October 1847

Any interesting facts or stories that might have been submitted.

-William and Ann married Mar. 25, 1845 in Chester Penn. Together they had Charles Harper, William Joseph, Eliza Jane, Ann Dillworth, Deseret, Clara Olivia, and John Frank. On Sep. 20, 1875 William married a much younger woman, Ellen Wiscombe who gave birth to Ferris W June of 1877. (Rootsweb.com, according to emailed information.)

-William spent almost two years as the president of a mission in Las Vegas, Nevada. Here he helped establish a fort, preached to the local Paiute Indians, and teach the natives to farm. They left for the mission in June of 1855. The fort they built out of adobe was two feet thick at the base and one foot thick at the top. The walls were 14 feet high. At first plants grew well but soon they died due to the alkaline soil. Due to their inability to grow food well the Paiutes began stealing crops. Lead was discovered nearby. In 1856 Nathaniel Jones arrived and claimed Brigham Young wanted men to work the mines rather than preach to the natives. William

refused. Jones returned to Salt Lake but came back a short time later with a letter from Brigham Young stating that William was “dropped from the mission and disfellowshipped from the church.” The next week William left for California but later returned to Utah and was reinstated into the church. (<http://www.reviewjournal.com/news/william-bringhurst>)

-Brigham Young chose William to serve as one of the six founding trustees for Brigham Young Academy which later became BYU. (<https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Bringhurst-54>, citing "William Bringhurst", by A.D. Hopkins, Las Vegas Review Journal, February 7, 1999)

-William was a director of the Provo Woolen Mills Company. (<https://dp.la/item/547457a77c6d4959423c5ff1c9174919>)

-The family eventually settled in Springville, UT where William was called as a bishop until his death. (<https://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=85088>)

-William’s second wife under polygamy, Ellen Wiscombe, was from West Sussex England. After William’s death she married Luke Golightly who was 13 years her junior. William had been 37 years her senior. (<https://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=55441792>)