

Brief Account of the life of Charles Short - written by his granddaughter
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Charles Short was born August 17, 1843, London, Middlesex, England (Tuesday morning)

Parents: William John and Elizabeth (Curtis) Short

Baptized April 7, 1867 by J. Francum, confirmed same day by J. Wareham.

Married December 28, 1874 to Ane Kristine Heilesen, in the Salt Lake Endowment House

Married February 28, 1880 to Joann Doxford Cram

Spent his young childhood in London, England. While still young (dates unavailable) went with his family to Capetown, South Africa. Came to America when he was 17 or 18 years old. Came to Glenwood, Utah (date and year unavailable) and helped build the town. Served in the Blackhawk Indian War.

Sunday School was organized at Glenwood Ward, Sevier Stake, May 14, 1871 with Isaac W. Pierce as Superintendent, John Oldfield and George P. Pectol as assistants and Charles Short as Choristor.

His Wife, Ane Kristine, died November 6, 1879 at the birth of her second child. He had two children by this marriage: Matilda, born October 5, 1877; and Kristine, born November 5, 1879.

When he married Joann (Doxford) Cram she had two children: Joseph William Cram and Violet Charlotte Cram. One child was born to this marriage - Elizabeth Short, December 5, 1880.

He lived the rest of his life in Glenwood, Utah. Occupation: farmer
Charles Short died December 17, 1919 of pneumonia. He was burried December 19, 1919 at Glenwood, Utah.

Since my grandfather died while I was still a child, I do not have much detailed information on him. However, I do remember him well as a quiet, humble, man. He left no record of his experiences although I am sure he had many interesting ones both in England and in South Africa, as well as after he came to America as a convert to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. His parents and brothers and sisters came later.

He talked with me while I was a child and said his short stay in South Africa was most interesting and educational. How I wish I had asked him to write it down for me. Grandfather was well educated and loved to read. I have happy memories of him as a loving grandfather and loved to go to their home which was two blocks north of our home. As children we went there each day to get milk and grandmother would usually give us a treat.

I remember happy family dinners at their home with lovely food. Also a farewell party and another welcome home party for Uncle Will when he went in the service in World War I.

I believe grandfather carried a torch all his life over the loss of his first wife who passed away when she was so young and while they were still very much in love. I remember sitting on the woodpile talking with him and listening to him tell me what a wonderful woman she was and telling me that she was my other grandmother. He told me about the Indians in the early days of Glenwood and of the Blackhawk Indian War.

Charles Short had two brothers--William Stephen and Samuel Joseph; and two sisters: Elizabeth Dobney (Short) Brown, and Mary Ann (Short) Bull, Moore, Palmer (three marriages).

One thing that stands out in my memory is an experience the day after my father's burial