

# Martha Bromley Alvord

Feb. 28, 1833—Sept. 27, 1882

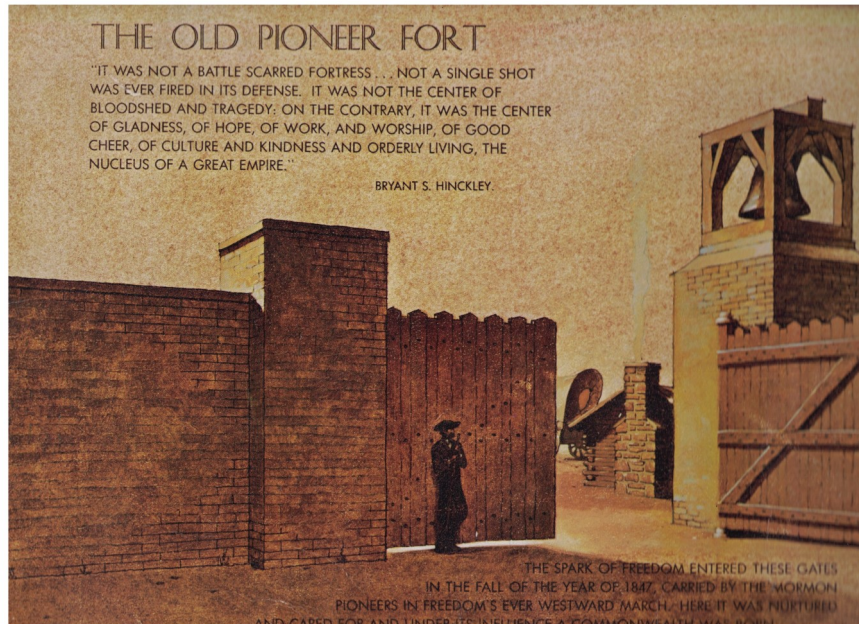


Martha Bromley Alvord was the only daughter out of six children born to Thaddeus Alvord and Sally Celestina Briggs. She was born at Waterford, Michigan on February 28, 1833.

Her father joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 1834 and the family moved to Missouri in 1835. After being there for two years they moved again to Far West in Missouri. When Martha was six years of age the family moved to Nauvoo, Illinois. They did not stay right in Nauvoo, instead they crossed the Mississippi River and located on a farm in Lee County, Iowa. In 1844 they moved back over to Nauvoo, Illinois and began to get ready to come with the rest of the Saints on their westward trek. They left Nauvoo in the Spring of 1849 enduring many hardships on their journey west. Martha and her family came west with the Smith company. A man named Lovington was the captain of the ten with George Smith being the captain of the hundred.

In the summer of 1849 William Strong had been called to go assist a wagon train coming toward the Salt Lake Valley. When William got to the wagon train he met up with his father and mother and siblings and assisted them the rest of the way into the valley of the Great Salt Lake.

On the journey to Salt Lake William met and fell in love with a beautiful young lady by the name of Martha Alvord. He first met her washing clothes in a stream while the wagon train was stopped for the night. William went right up to her and said he had dreamt of her doing just what she was doing and had been inspired to know he would marry her. Martha was sixteen when they crossed the plains arriving in Salt Lake City October 28, 1849. One month later, November 28, 1849, she and William Strong were married. They lived in the old Fort in Salt Lake City that winter.



William and Martha moved to the Ogden area some time in 1850. They moved to Harrisville, near Ogden and there on April 23, 1853 Harriet Louisa Strong was born to the couple. Louisa was among the first Caucasian children born in Weber County.



Harriet Louisa Strong

The Strong house in Ogden was “poorly made”. William had built swinging shelves from the ceiling to hold food stuffs. Snakes would come through the willows on the roof and hang by their tails and drink the cream from the pails of milk set up there.

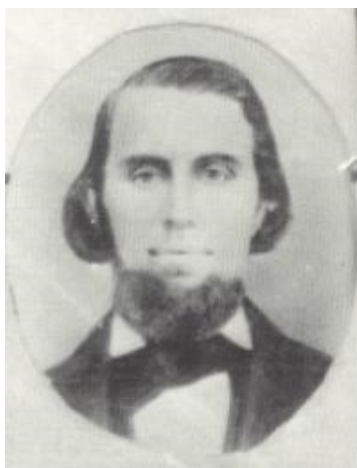
During their time in Harrisville the couple met and became friends with a young lady by the name of Harriet Neeley. William was a firm believer in plural marriage, Martha, his wife, was not. Martha divorced William in the Fall of 1855. Martha had her brother, Ben Alvord, drive to Salt Lake to pick her and her daughter up and take them back to Ogden to live with her Father.

Martha did not have much luck with romance. She went with a man from Springville who she cared for deeply. Unfortunately he was shot and killed by cattle rustlers. She grieved over him for a long period of time. She used to go horse back riding in the foothills around Ogden for hours at a time thinking about her lost love.



Ogden about 1870

In 1865 Martha married Aboil Campbell in the Endowment House in Salt Lake City,. . She and Aboil had three children together: Sylvia Celestia b. April 25, 1862; Martha Albina b. April 1, 1869 and Oran Aboil b. 1872, who only lived 16 months. Martha was a very industrious and devoted wife and mother. She worked hard caring for her family. She would collect wool after it had been sheared, spin it into yarn and then dye it with dye which she had made for this purpose. She made all of the family's stockings and had the yarn woven into cloth to make clothes with.



Aboil Campbell

Martha and Aboil had a fine orchard consisting of apples, peaches, raspberries, strawberries and wild currants. The apples and peaches were cut and dried and those she did not use she sold to the stores. Many times other people were given the privilege to come and get fruit to dry or share. She was very generous and kind to the poor and always shared with others.

Martha was a good hand with the sick and did a lot of good as every one depended a lot on their neighbors for help in times of death and sickness. As the only light to be had in your home was by candle light Martha made her own candles. She made them by placing a twisted cord in the center of a mold and pouring the tallow around it. She also made her own lye from wood ashes and made her own lye soap from the ashes. As matches were very scarce, if a persons fire went out they would have to go to their neighbors and get some red coals to start their fire again.

After Aboil's death on December 29, 1875 she married Benjamin Harrington. They had one child, Larona, she died as a child. "Harrington used to get drunk and was very mean to his wife. He was so cruel that she left him. The couple divorced.

Martha then married Augustus Short. They were married for a few years and he became discontented and went to Montana. This left Martha with two little girls.



Augustus Short

After Augustus Short left Martha she decided to build a brick house. She dug the place for the foundation herself, but never lived to see it finished. She suffered a hernia while digging the foundation and died a week later. The house was finished by her son-in-law, B.E. Chatelain, where he and his family lived for a number of years. -

Martha lived a very trial filled but useful life and died at the age of 49, on September 27, 1882 in North Ogden, Utah..

Martha Bromley Alvord Strong Campbell  
Harrington Short tombstone.



# Family Group Record

Husband <b>William Strong<sup>4</sup></b>			
Born-5,6,7,8	30 Oct 1827	Place	Strongstown, Indiana, Pennsylvania, USA
Christened		Place	
Died-9,10,11	24 Dec 1888	Place	Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah, USA
Buried-12		Place	Salt Lake City Cemetery, Salt Lake City, SL, Utah, USA
Married-13,14,15	28 Nov 1849 (Div)	Place	Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah, USA
Other Spouse	Harriet Neeley <sup>17,18</sup>		
Married-19,20,21	17 Apr 1856	Place	Endowment House, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah, USA
Other Spouse	Sarah Garlick <sup>25,26</sup>		
Married-27,28,29,30	18 Apr 1856 (Div)	Place	President's Office, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah, USA
Husband's father	Jacob Strong <sup>31,32</sup>		
Husband's mother	Sarah Hill <sup>33</sup>		
<b>Wife Martha Bromley Alvord<sup>35,36</sup></b>			
Born-37	28 Feb 1833	Place	Waterford, Oakland, Michigan, USA
Christened		Place	
Died	27 Sep 1882	Place	North Ogden, Weber, Utah, USA
Buried	Sep 1882	Place	North Ogden, Weber, Utah, USA
Wife's father	Thaddeus Alvord <sup>38</sup>		
Wife's mother	Sally Celestine Briggs <sup>39</sup>		
<b>Children</b> List each child in order of birth.			
		LDS ordinance dates	Temple
<b>1 F</b>	<b>Harriet Louisa Strong<sup>41,42</sup></b>		
Born	23 Apr 1853	Place	Harrisville, Weber, Utah, USA
Christened		Place	
Died	18 May 1937	Place	Coltman, Bonneville, Idaho, USA
Buried	21 May 1937	Place	Coltman, Bonneville, Idaho, USA
Spouse	Abiol Campbell		
Married-43	3 Feb 1865	Place	
		LDS ordinance dates	Temple
		Baptized-1	Jul 1842
		Endowed-2	7 Feb 1846 NAUVO
		Sealed to parents-3	12 May 1905 SLAKE
		Sealed to spouse-16	18 Apr 1856 POFFI
		Sealed to spouse-22,23,24	18 Apr 1856 EHOUS
		Sealed to spouse	12 Jan 1869
		Sealed to parents-34	25 Oct 1944 ARIZO
		Sealed to spouse-44	11 Sep 1996 LANGE