

Historical Note about the 1864 emigration of George Burch Jr. Author Unknown

George Burch sailed from England, 3 June 1864, on the ship "Hudson", with the one hundred twenty ninth Company of Saints. It was the last ship chartered for the L.D.S. emigration in 1864.

The Captain of the ship was Isaiah Pratt, and the ship sailed from _____ with 863 emigrating Saints, and a few other passengers. John M. McKay presided over the Saints assisted by his counselors. The voyage occupied 46 days, an unusually long period.

The Company was composed largely of Saints of the British Isles, but included about 100 from Switzerland, Germany, and Holland, and some missionaries returning to their homes. Measles broke out on the ship, being brought on board by a Jewish family, and spread among the children, and from this and other causes, nine children died and were buried at sea. One more died at Castle Gardens soon after landing. One Sister from Switzerland died and three babies were born during the voyage.

The ship "Hudson" reached New York, 19 July, when the immigrants immediately continued the journey to Wyoming, Nebraska, where they arrived 2 August 1864.

Most of them crossed the plains in Capt. Warren B. Snow's ox train. While enroute Pres. John M. McKay died near Ft. Laramie, *Wyo.*

The list of the passengers of the ship may be found in Mss. History of British Mission under date of 3 June 1864. (*Millaneal Star*).

George Burch sailed from England, 3 June 1864, on the ship "Hudson", with the one hundred twenty ninth Company of Saints. It was the last ship chartered for the L.D.S. emigration in 1864.

The captain of the ship was Isaiah Pratt, and the ship sailed from _____ with 863 emigrating Saints, and a few other passengers. John M. McKay presided over the Saints assisted by his counselors. The voyage occupied 46 days, an unusually long period.

The Company was composed largely of Saints of the British Isles, but included about 100 from Switzerland, Germany, and Holland, and some missionaries returning to their homes. Measles broke out on the ship, being brought on board by a Jewish family, and spread among the children, and from this and other causes, nine children died and were buried at sea. One more died at Castle Gardens soon after landing. One sister from Switzerland died and three babies were born during the voyage.

The ship "Hudson" reached New York, 19 July, when the immigrants immediately continued the journey to Wyoming, Nebraska, where they arrived 2 August 1864.

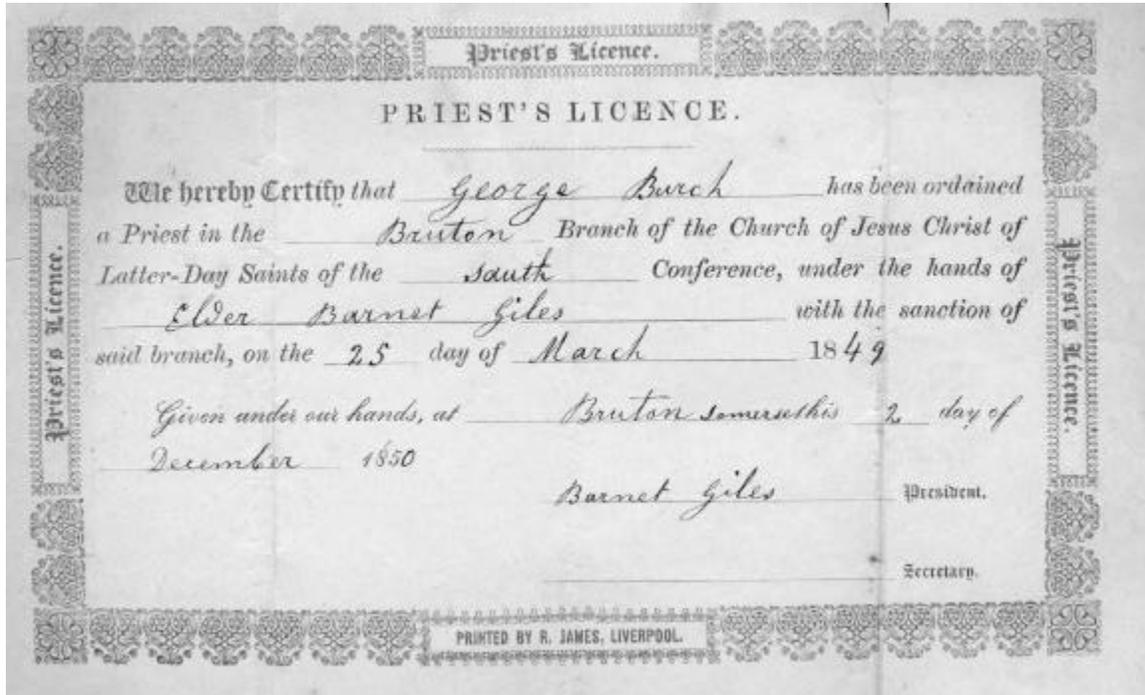
Most of them crossed the plains in Capt. Warren B. Snow's ox train. While enroute Pres. John M. McKay died near Ft. Laramie, Wyoming.

The list of the passengers of the ship may be found in Mss. History of British Mission under date of 3 June 1864.

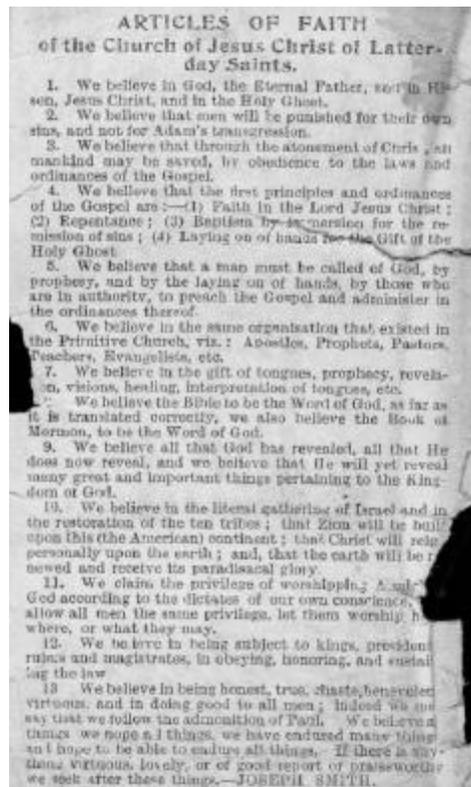
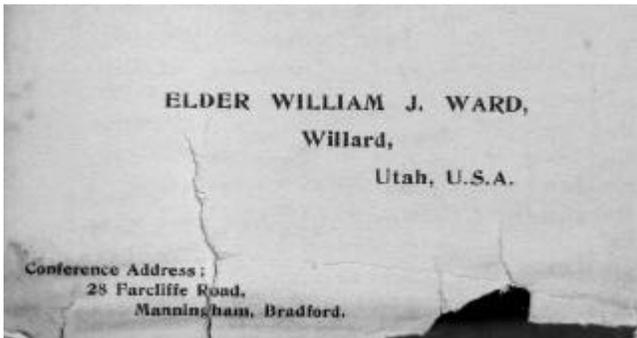
Notes from a phone call from Kaye Giles 3/26/01 to Gene Burch of Idaho Falls, ID (grandchildren of [George Burch Jr.](#))

[George Burch Sr.](#) joined the church in 1848. Came to Utah in 1879. Lived in Utah one year before he died in 1880. He lived with his son George Jr. in Springville, Utah. George Burch Jr. joined the church in England in 1864 just before coming to Utah.

George Burch Sr. Priest License 1849



Articles of Faith Missionary Card of an Elder that George Burch was apparently familiar with



Letter to George Burch Jr. likely from Chrissie
February 7th, 1866 (?)

Patwell Street
Bruton
February 7th /66

My dear Brother,
it is such a very long time since we last heard of you that I write to know the reason I fear your last letter must have been lost we have no answer to my last – which was posted here the first of August we received your last the 16th of June that [page 2] nearly 8

<p>good health. we are pretty well at present but have all had colds. I suppose you have heard of some Rawlings is dead there have been some sudden deaths lately. I think you would miss many in Bruton among the cool & large and J Couzens are both dead we have another Jack but we are here still but I expect by the time your next letter is sent to you we shall be moved but I will remember you then with a few lines I fear you would get but short letters if I did not write as father has so little time</p>	<p>Patwell Street Bruton February 7th /66</p> <p>My dear Brother it is such a very long time since we last heard of you that I write to know the reason I fear your last letter must have been lost; we have no answer to my last which was posted here the first of August we received your last the 16th of June that</p>
--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

months I cannot think you would neglect us so long I beg you to write directly you get this we are anxious to hear from you, ever day we wonder if it will bring a letter form you.

The Rawlings have had several letters but they do not mention you I think it strange as we always knew each other William Rawlings is on the GW Railway and is here at our station Policeman [page 3] and lodge with us did you get my letters and the papers relating to the Accident here? We have not had a paper from you since the one with your master name on it

<p>nearly 8 months I cannot think you would neglect us so long I beg you to write directly you get this we are anxious to hear from you, every day we wonder if it will bring a letter from you. The Rawlings have had several letters but they do not mention you I think it strange as we always knew each other William Rawlings is on the GW Railway and is here at our station Policeman</p>	<p>and safe with us did you get my letters and the papers relating to the Accident here? We have not had a paper from you since the one with your brother name on it for which we had to pay 1/6 you must send the original thing in the papers or we shall have to pay. did you get some B--- -roshman paper I sent you I thought you would see you were not forgotten. Mrs Linis Uncle Burch and all of us hope to hear from you soon I trust you are enjoying [page 4] good health we are pretty well at present but have all had colds. I suppose you have heard Frank Rawlings is dead, there have been many sudden deaths lately. I think you would miss many in Bruton among the best – L tinger and J Couzens are both dead. We have another faith st----- m----- we are here still but I expect by the time your next letter is sent to you we shall be moved but I will remember you then with a few lines I fear you would get but short letters if I did not write as father has so little time</p>
---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

for which we had to pay 1/1 ½ your must never send the slightest thing in the papers or we shall have to pay. did you get some B--- -roshman paper I sent you I thought you would see you were not forgotten. Mrs Linis Uncle Burch and all of us hope to hear from you soon I trust you are enjoying [page 4] good health we are pretty well at present but have all had colds.

I suppose you have heard Frank Rawlings is dead, there have been many sudden deaths lately. I think you would miss many in Bruton among the best – L tinger and J Couzens are both dead. We have another faith st----- m----- we are here still but I expect by

the time your next letter is sent to you we shall be moved but I will remember you then with a few lines I fear you would get but short letters if I did not write as father has so little time

**Letter to George Burch Jr. from his sister Anna
September 6, 1866**

Bruton Sept 6th 66

My dear brother i at last take my pen to write to you but i hope it will not be the last time i shall do so it seems so long since you went away that we want to see you very badly I hardly think you would know me now i am grown such a woman i am five feet 3½ and a great deal stouter than mother I intend having my likeness taken soon and i will send it to you now my dear George do you really like it out there or would [page 2] you sooner be at home do you like it well enough to wish us to come out now my dear brother tell the truth i know you had a good character for that when you were at home I shall expect a little note to tell me when you send home i only wish you were coming back to tell us all about it dont you think it would be a very good plan to come back and convert us all and

*Somebody else now dont think
i am a flirt but britons never
shall be slaves i hope you
remember that but now i
must stop i s'pose you will
say that is enough of that
trumpery i thought i would
write you know i was never
very wise so you must forgive
me i think i am about as
silly as ever i dont think you
would see any difference in
mother but stop you must
tell me if your whiskers grow
and if you shave now my
dear brother i must wish
you goodbye from your
loving sister A*

*I hope that you
like my pen to write to you
but i s'pose it will not be the
last time i shall do so it seems
so long since you went away
but we want to see you very
badly i hardly think you
would know me now i am grown
such a woman i am five feet
3½ and a great deal stouter
than mother I intend having
my likeness taken soon and
i will send it to you now
my dear George do you really
like it out there or would*

let us go back with you or if you get married come as your wedding tour that would be very nice dont you

[page 3] think so i do, poor Emma she cant seem to get anybody to have her couldnt you have pity on her but as for myself i shall mean to be a maiden aunt now you mustnt think it is because i cant get anybody to notice because it isnt bless you i have two or three after me one poor fellow was going away to America if i wouldnt go with i would not like to break his heart which i think i shall do someday but i go walking with him sundays sometimes till i shall get tired then i must look out for

*you sooner be at home do you
like it well enough to wish
us to come out now my dear
brother tell the truth i know
you had a good character for
that when you were at home
I shall expect a little note
to tell me when you send
home i only wish you were
coming back to tell us all
about it dont you think it
would be a very good plan
to come back and convert us
all and let us go back with
you or if you get married come
as your wedding tour that
would be very nice dont you*

*think so i do, poor Emma
she cant seem to get anybody
to have her couldnt you
have pity on her but as for
myself i shall mean to be
a maiden aunt now you must
think it is because i cant
get anybody to notice because
it isnt bless you i have
two or three after me one
poor fellow was going away
to America if i wouldnt go
with i would not like to break
his heart which i think i shall
do someday but i go walking
with him sundays sometimes
till i shall get tired
then i must look out for*

[page 4] somebody else now dont think i am a flirt but britons never shall be slaves i hope you remember that but now i must stop i s'pose you will say that is enough of that trumpery i thought i would

amuse you know i was never very wise so you must forgive me i think i am about as silly as ever i dont think you would see any difference in mother but stop you must tell me if your whiskers grow and if you shave now my dear brother i must wish you goodbye

from your loving sister A

Letter to George Burch Jr. from his sister Elizabeth Merrett 1866

My dear Brother I asked you a lot of questions in my last letter, among the sort wether you had a sweetheart. I must tell you Anna have got a young man follow her about Henry Jones at the mill. She is rather short with him but he gave her a beautiful book for which he gave 12-6 so it seems he is struck with her. I hope when I write again I shall be able to send you her portrait. She is grown very much since you left. She is at Mr Amos' still they have this week given her a new dress. She sends her very kind Love, and Anna too she must not be forgotten. She sends her love and says she is waiting for you my dear boy to write directly you get this and ease our anxious minds. We talk of you by day and dream of you by night. Mother dreamt very plainly one night you stood by her bedside and said Mother which woke her up. Father hopes you will be a good boy and do right. My dear I want you to have your ----- taken and send to us. I expect we shall see a change in you nearly two years since you left us

I have not much more to say now but you shall have a good dish full next time, Ernest says he wonder George don't come down and and see us and even the twins want to see George

now with all our love and good wishes

I conclude and remain your very loving sister

Elizabeth Merrett

Patwell Street

Bruton

Somersetshire

England

with see us
and even the twins want
to see George
now with all our love
and good wishes
I conclude and remain
your very loving sister
Elizabeth Merrett
Patwell Street
Bruton
Somersetshire
England

My dear Brother I asked you
a lot of questions in my last let-
ter among the sort whether you
had a sweetheart. I must
tell you Anna have got a
young man follow her about
Henry Jones at the mill. She
is rather short with him
but he gave her a beautiful
book for which he gave 12-6
so it seems he is struck
with her. I hope when I
write again I shall be able
to send you her portrait.
She is grown very much
since you left. She is at
Mr Amos' still they have
this week given her a new
dress.

She sends her very kind
Love, and Anna too she
must not be forgotten. She
sends her love and says
she is waiting for you
my dear boy to write
directly you get this and
ease our anxious minds.
We talk of you by day
and dream of you by
night. Mother dreamt
very plainly one night
you stood by her bedside
and said Mother which
woke her up.

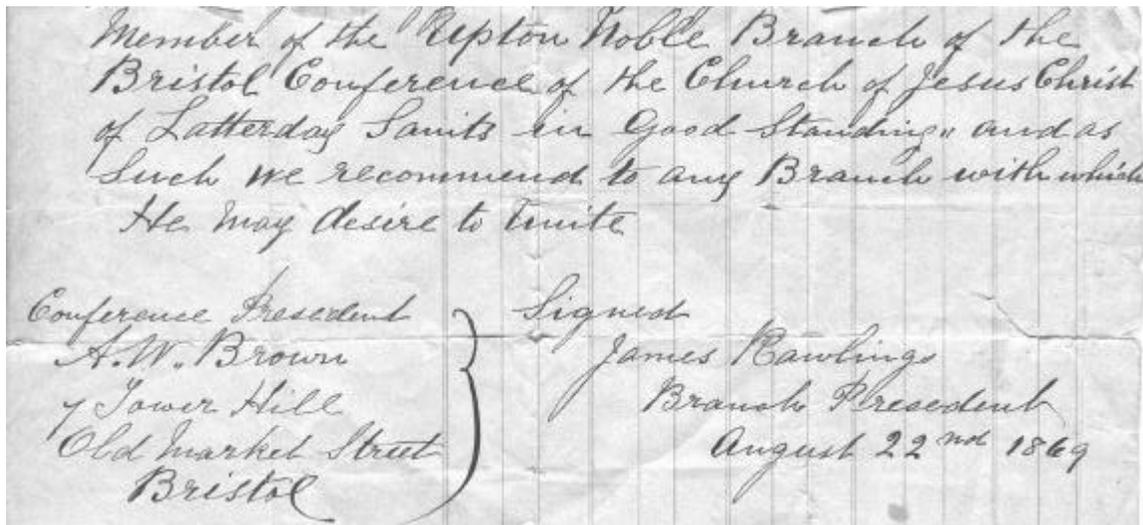
I have not much more
to say now but you shall
have a good dish full
next time. Ernest
says he wonder George
don't come down and
see us and even the
twins want to see
George.

**Recommend letter for George Burch Sr.
1869**

Member of the Upton Noble Branch of the Bristol Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints in good standing and as such we recommend to any branch with which he may desire to unite

Signed
James Rawling
Branch President
August 22nd 1869

Conference President
A.W. Brown
7 Tower Hill
Old Market Street
Bristol



Letter to George Burch Jr. from George Burch Sr.
February 20, 1876

are so to Remember me kindly to any of my old neighbours you may see tell them I should like to hear from them I should hope by this time you are no longer an old Bachelor also that your striving to live ~~your~~ the Religion of heaven again I ask for a letter you have never given us much information.

From your Affectionate
Father
G Burch

Feb 20 1876 | 23 North Street
Shropesbury
Salop
England

Dear Son George

We have long been waiting to get a letter from you but failing to get one I have at last resolved to write to you again thinking if you are gone asleep to try and wake you up I am still getting my living in the same place as when I first came into this County - tho I have a fresh master wages £1 per week but every thing is very

Dear in these Parts we have Chrissie only at home Ernest is in the employ of the Great Western Railway Company he first learned the telegraph work as soon as he had learned it they sent him in to south Wales for a time then to Gloucester and now in Wales again (as goods Clerk for a time) but is now ticket Clerk Tynenydd G.W.R.

Ogmore Vale S Wales £50
Joe is with his Sister Anna Jones Bridg mills Bruham Evercreech Bath Somerset

Chrissie thinks to be a School Mistress or Governess she is now Pupil Teacher has served her first ^{year} in April for nothing £8 next year if she passes her examination and 2 pounds a year rise after Now when you read all this you wake up and arise and shake yourself and sit down and write us a good long letter and then we will write again and send E&C's likenesses but Joes we have not got yet We are all well at Present and hope you

Feb 20, 1876 23 North Street
Shrewsbury
Salop
England

Dear Son George

We have long been waiting to get a letter from you but failing to get one I have at last resolved to write to you again thinking if you are gone asleep to try and wake you up I am still getting my living in the same place as when I at first came into this county. tho I have a fresh master wages 1 per week but every thing is very *[page 2]* dear in these parts we have Chrissie only at home Ernest is in the employ of the Great Western Railway Company he first learned the telegraph work as soon as he had learned it they sent him in to South Wales for a time then to Gloster and now in Wales again (as goods Clerk for a time) but is now ticket Clerk Tynewydd G.W.R. Ogmere Vale S Wales 50 a year

Joe is with his sister Anna Jones Bridg mills Bruham Evercreech Bath Somerset *[page 3]* Chrissie thinks to be a school mistres or governess she is now pupil teacher has served her first year in April for nothing 8 next year if she passes her examination and 2 pounds a year rise after Now when you read all this you wake up and arise and shake your self and sit down and write us a good long letter and then we will write again and send E&Cs likeness but Joes we have not got yet

We are all well at present and hope you *[page 4]* are so to remember me kindly to any of my old neighbours you may see tell them I should like to hear from them I should hope by this time you are no longer an old Batchelor also that you striving to live ~~you~~ the religon of heaven again I ask for a letter you have never given us much information

from your affectionate Father

G Burch

Letter to George Burch Sr. from son Ernest William Burch
December 20, 1879

Tynewydd December 20th/79

My Dear Father

It is with a mingled feeling of pain & sorrow that I write these lines to you where you are

(nearly 8000 miles from home & in the midst of a wilderness surrounded on all sides by vice of the most hideous nature ... & Rebellion against the laws of God).

I was quite stunned when I heard you were really gone & left the home where you had been loved & cherished for nearly 40 long years. Oh Dear father the tears of sorrow & grief are dropping fast & thick upon this paper as I write. never never did I think for a moment that you would really sever the bond of love between yourself & family by a stretch of nearly 8000 miles for nothing. were you compelled to do it as some men are I would have said nothing but as it is it nearly breaks my heart to think of it. who could have thought eight years ago when I was home & all was going so happy & comfortable that now we should be so miserable & all because you have received a false detestable & disreputable doctrine - (the doctrine of Joseph Smith) why not receive the only true doctrine the doctrine of our Lord Jesus Christ who came into the world to save sinners from the uttermost parts of the Earth. not from one place or two but from all the world. why what will the millions that Utah cannot contain do - perish! No - we can be saved & reap life eternal as well & even better in the British Isles than we can where you are now. We have more privileges

My Dear Father
It is with a mingled feeling of pain & sorrow that I write these lines to you where you are (nearly 8000 miles from home & in the midst of a wilderness surrounded on all sides by vice of the most hideous nature viz. Iniquity & Rebellion against the laws of God.)
I was quite stunned when I heard you were really gone & left the home where you had been loved & cherished for nearly 40 long years. Oh Dear father the tears of sorrow & ~~sorrow~~ ^{grief} are dropping fast & thick upon the paper as I write. Never did I think for a moment that you would really sever the bond of love between yourself & family by a ~~stretch~~ stretch of nearly 8000 miles for nothing. were you compelled to do it as some men are I would have said nothing but as it is it nearly breaks my heart to think of it - who could have thought 8 years ago when I was home & all was going so happy & comfortable that now we should be so miserable & all because you have received a false detestable & disreputable doctrine - (the doctrine of Joseph Smith) why not receive the only true doctrine the doctrine of our Lord Jesus Christ who came into the world to save sinners from the uttermost parts of the earth - not from one place or two but from all the world - why what will the millions that Utah cannot contain do - perish! No - we can be saved & reap life eternal as well & even better in the British Isles than we can where you are now. We have more privileges

here than you have there - I have seen your letter
 & after summing it up I find that you dont
 like Utah - you have not found it such a
 heaven upon earth as you thought. Oh Father you
 have been deceived & deceived ^{yourself} pray the Lord of
 Heaven to open your eyes & let you see your
 folly for ever leaving the hearth of your home
 of your loved ones to go into a strange land
 where you will spend all your substance & then
 be ready to eat the husks which the swine refuse
 like the prodigal son & when you see the error
 of your way return at once & be the wiser for your
 lesson because I know full well you are not
 happy there - What are you going to build a
 house for (going to get married I presume) I should
 very much like to see my stepmother but if once
 you get married again while my mother is living
 dont call me your son please because I
 would be ashamed to own you but come back
 as you have gone out. undefiled I shall be
 only too glad to see you & honor & love you again
 I received the paper you sent me but I have not
 had time to read it - I read John Taylor's discourse
 & think he ought to be imprisoned for trying
 to stir the people up to mutiny - he would take
 care to make himself scarce if you were to go to fight.
 how many wives has the rascal got I wonder
 Oh I wish you could read my feelings at
 this moment I am sure it would bring the tears of
 repentance to your eyes -
 Dear Father you do not give us much history
 in your letter only about the horses. let us know in your
 next what you get to eat where the nearest
 town is where Georges wife is from.

[page 2] here than you have there. I have seen your letter & after summing it up I find that you dont like Utah. you have not found it such a heaven upon earth as you thought. Oh Father you have been deceived & deceived yourself pray the Lord of Heaven to open your eyes & let you see your folly for ever leaving the hearth of your home & of your loved ones to go into a strange land where you will spend all your substance & then be ready to eat the husks which the swine refuse like the prodigal son & when you see the error of your way return at once & be the wiser for your lesson because I know full well you are not happy there. What are you going to build a house for (going to get married I presume) I should very much like to see my stepmother but if once you get married again while my mother is living dont

call me your son please because I would be ashamed to own you but come back as you have gone out. undefiled. I shall be only too glad to see you & honor & love you again. I received the paper you sent me but I have not had time to read it. I read John Taylor's discourse & think he ought to be imprisoned for trying to stir the people up to mutiny - he would take care to make himself scarce if you were to go to fight. how many wives has the rascal got I wonder. Oh I wish you could read my feelings at this moment I am sure it would bring the tears of repentance to your eyes.

Dear Father you do not give us much history in your letter only about the horses. Let us know in your next what you get to eat where the nearest town is where Georges wife is from

& what her excellent qualities are. What stock
George has on his farm & how you like it you
dont seem to think about these things - glad
to hear you have such a fine horse - what do you
intend doing with him & how do you intend
to get your living. What sort of a place is
Springville & how many inhabitants & what nation
do most of them belong to.

I dare say Mother & Chrissie will feel your absence
very much this Christmas time more than I
shall because I am away from home - When
I go home I shall miss you - I have
tried for a removal but cannot get one I am
enjoying better health than I have been but suffer
from bad colds in the head continually, owing
to my desk being in such a draughty place -
I think I have nearly finished my letter but
before I close let me ask you to let me know
at your earliest convenience your reason
for leaving home now at your advanced age.
I should think it would be much better to
let your grey hairs go down in honor &
peace to the grave in the land of your Fathers
not that it makes any difference at the last
day because the sea shall give up her dead & the
earth her dead & we shall all stand
before the Judgment seat of God who will
judge us according to our deeds (no false evidence
there) & the good shall be rewarded with
life everlasting (not Bya...sts mind) & the
wicked shall be cast into hell where
there will be weeping & wailing & gnashing
of teeth oh how awful let us all flee from the
wrath to come. or that at the last when

[page 3] & what her excellent qualities are. What stock George has on his farm & how you like it you dont seem to think about these things. Glad to hear you have such a fine horse what do you intend doing with him & how do you intend to get your living. What sort of a place is Springville & how many inhabitants & what nation do most of them belong to.

I dare say Mother & Chrissie will feel your absence very much this Christmas time more than I shall because I am away from home. When I go home I shall miss you. I have tried for a removal but cannot get one. I am enjoying better health than I have been but suffer from bad colds in the head continually, owing to my desk being in such a draughty place. I think I have nearly finished my letter but before I close let me ask you to let me know at your earliest convenience your reason for leaving home now at your advanced

age. I should think it would be much better to let your grey hairs go down in honor & peace to the grave in the land of your Fathers not that it makes any difference at the last day because the sea shall give up her dead & the earth her dead & we shall all stand before the Judgment seat of God who will Judge us according to our deeds (no false evidence there) & the good shall be rewarded with life everlasting (not Bya...sts mind) & the wicked shall be cast into hell where there will be weeping & wailing & gnashing of teeth oh how awful let us all flee from the wrath to come. or that at the last when

we come up before the Judge he will say well
done good & faithful servant enter thou into the
Joy of thy Lord - In conclusion I would ask
you if you can remember the vow you made
in the church at Sherborne some 39 years ago
when you said I will take this woman to be
my wedded wife & will love & cherish her
to till death do us part. Now this
parting is not death/ remember you made
that vow before man & before God who will
require an explanation why you parted -
Let me entreat of you then Dear Father to
return at once & end your days in peace
with your beloved wife & children May the
Lord help you to see your folly & give you
strength to undertake the journey back Amen

Hoping these few lines will find you enjoying
good health all of you believe me Dearest
Father to be with best love to all.

Your Ever Loving & Affectionate Son

Ernest William Burch

To Mr George Burch Senior
Springville
Utah
North America

Excuse the bad writing I have been crying
all the time I have been writing & can hardly
see the paper

[page 4] we come up before
the Judge he will say well
done good & faithful servant
enter thou unto the Joy of thy
Lord. In conclusion I would
ask you if you can remember
the vow you made in the
church at Sherborne some 39
years ago when you said I will
take this woman to be my
wedded wife & will love &
cherish her & c till death do us
part. Now this parting is not
death/ remember you made
that vow before man & before
God who will require an
explanation why you parted.

Let me entreat of you then
Dear Father to return at once
& end your days in peace with
your beloved wife & children
May the Lord help you to see
your folly & give you
strength to undertake the
journey back Amen

Hoping these few lines will
find you enjoying good health
all of you believe me Dearest
Father to be with best love to
all.

Your Ever Loving &
Affectionate Son.
Ernest William Burch

To Mr George Burch Senior
Springville
Utah
North America

Excuse the bad writing I have been crying all the time I have been writing & can hardly see the paper

Letter to George Burch Jr. from his sister, Chrissie
October 15, 1880

23 North St
Shrewsbury
Salop.
Oct 15/80

My dear brother

I cannot describe our feelings last Saturday when we received your letter, containing the sad news of dear father death. I need hardly tell you of our grief and what a blow it was to us. It was only on the 5th of Sept he wrote telling us how well he felt, & reminding mother that the 40th Anniversary of their wedding day would soon come, little did he think that he would be dead & in his grave before that.

It is very comforting to us to remember that he always tried to do what he thought to be right.

We are very thankful he received so much kindness in his illness which although so short, must indeed have been very painful.

Mother has been very poorly since we had your letter, she says she hopes you will be able to send her some money or she does not know what she shall do, for you will see by our last letter what expenses we have

We are very glad to think we have such an excellent likeness of father. Have you his photo if not we will send you one

I can write no more now, Mother joins with me in love to yourself wife & little ones

I remain

Your affectionate
sister Chrissie Burch

We are very glad to think we have such an excellent likeness of father. Have you his photo if not we will send you one

I can write no more now, Mother joins with me in love to yourself wife & little ones

I remain
your affectionate
sister Chrissie Burch

23 North St
Shrewsbury
Salop.
Oct 15/80

My dear brother.

I cannot describe our feelings last Saturday when we received your letter, containing the sad news of dear father death. I need hardly tell you of our grief & what a blow it had

to us. It was only on the 5th of Sept he wrote telling us how well he felt, & reminding mother that their 40th Anniversary of their wedding day would soon come, little did he think that he would be dead & in his grave before that.

It is very comforting to us to remember that he always tried to do what he thought to be right.

We are very thankful he received so much kindness in his illness which although so short, must indeed have been very painful.

Mother has been very poorly since we had your letter, she says she hopes you will be able to send her some money or she does not know what she shall do, for you will see by our last letter what expenses we have

Letter to George Burch Jr from mother Susan Burch
January 19, 1881

23 North St
Castle Fields
Shrewsbury
19-1-81

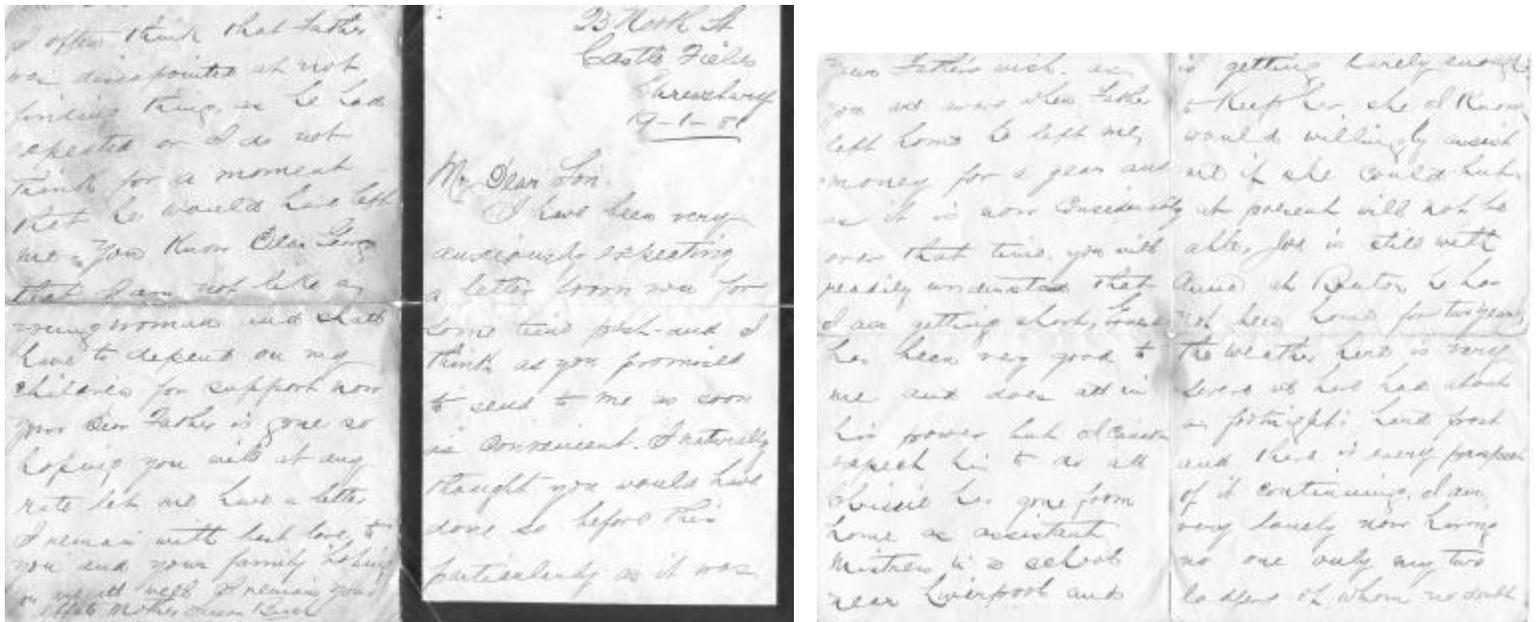
My Dear Son,

I have been very anxiously expecting a letter from you for some time past - and I think as you promised to send to me as soon as convenient. I naturally thought you would have done so before this particularly as it was your Father's wish. as you are aware when Father left home he left me money for a year and as it is now considerably over that time, you will readily understand that I am getting short, Ernest has been very good to me and does all in his power but I cannot expect him to do all Chrissie has gone from home as assistant mistress in a school near Liverpool and is getting barely enough to keep her she I know would willingly assist me if she could but at present will not be able, Joe is still with Anna at Bruton he has not been home for two years, the weather here is very severe we have had about a fortnight; hard frost and there is every prospect of it continuing. I am very lonely now having no one only my two lodgers of whom no doubt you have heard Father speak. I often think that Father was disappointed at not finding things as he had expected or I do not think for a moment he would have left me - you know Dear George that I am not like a young woman and shall have to depend on my children for support now your Dear Father is gone so hoping you will at any rate let me have a letter

I remain with best love to you and your family hoping you are all well

I remain your affect Mother

Susan Burch



George Burch Jr. Patriarchal Blessing
Given February 4th, 1881

Springville Utah County U.T.
February 4th, 1881

A blessing given by John Smith, Patriarch upon the head of George Burch son of George and Susan Burch born in Sherburne Dorsetshire England June 10th 1844.

Brother George, According to thy desire I place my hands upon thy head & in the name of Jesus Christ seal the blessings of thy father upon thee. for he has left thee to continue his work & become a saviour unto his house with many of thy Kindred For thou art now the Legial heir to this privelege therefore be diligent in the discharge of Every duty and let thy faith fail not & thy mind shall expand, thy faith shall increase for thy pathway shall be made clear. thy duty shall be made known & thou shalt comprehend, the will of the Lord concerning thee & thy name shall become honorable in the Land & be handed down with thy posterity from generation to generation & thou shalt be remembered with the fathers in Israel and receive thine inheritance among the Saints be prudent listen to the counsel of the Servants of God. & thou shalt become an instrument in the hands of the Lord in doing much good, & thy days and years shall be many. & thy fame shall be known far and near. Thou shalt council wisely among thy brethren & shall exhort the Saints to faithfulness thou shalt be prospered in the labor of thy hands & gather of this worlds goods around thee all which shall be necessary in life. Thou shalt have power over the adversary & health and peace shall reign in thy dwelling Thou art of Ephraim & entitled to the blessings of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Therefore be upon thy guard & it shall be well with thee. This blessing I seal upon thy head & I seal thee up unto eternal life to come forth in the morning of the first resurrection and many of thy kindred & friends even so Amen.

*Patriarchal Blessing
George Burch
Recorded in Book*

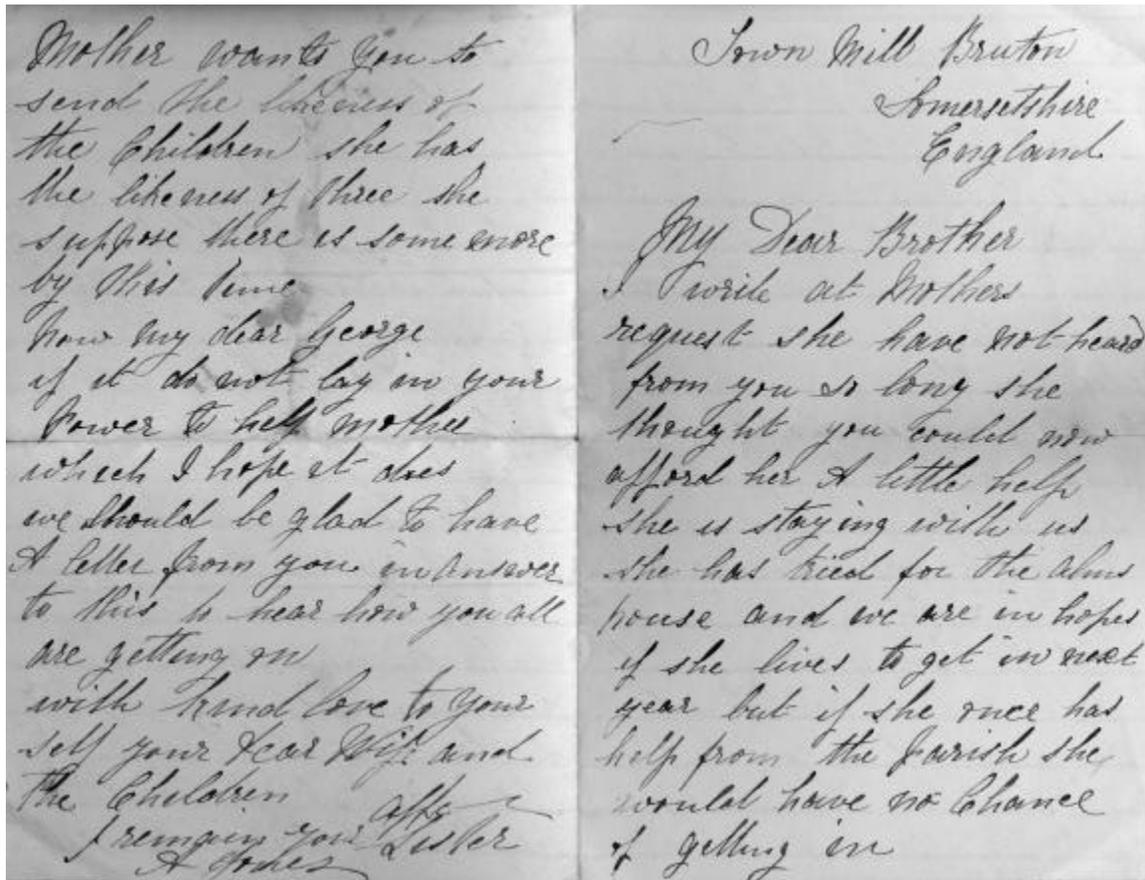
Springville Utah County U.T.
February 4th 1881
A Blessing given by John Smith
Patriarch upon the head of George
Burch son of George and Susan
Burch born in Sherburne
Dorsetshire England June 10th 1844
Brother George, According to thy
desire I place my hands upon
thy head & in the name of Jesus
Christ seal the blessings of thy father
upon thee. for he has left thee to
continue his work & become a
saviour unto his house with
many of thy Kindred For thou art
now the Legial heir to this privelege
therefore be diligent in the

discharge of Every duty and let
thy faith fail not & thy mind
shall expand, thy faith shall
increase for thy pathway shall
be made clear. thy duty shall
be made known. & thou shalt
comprehend, the will of the Lord
concerning thee & thy name
shall be come honorable in
the Land & be handed down
with thy posterity from generation
to generation & thou shalt be

numbered with the fathers
in Israel and receive their
inheritance among the Saints
be prudent, listen to the counsel
of the Servants of God, & thou
shalt become an instrument
in the hands of the Lord, in
doing much good. Thy days
and years shall be many. Thy
fame shall be known
far and near. Thou shalt
counsel wisely among thy
brethren & shalt exhort the
Saints to faithfulness. Thou
shalt be prospered in the labor of
thy hands & shall gather of this

worlds goods around thee all
which shall be necessary in
life, Thou shalt have power
over the adversary. & health
and peace shall reign in thy
dwelling. Thou art of Ephraim
& entitled to the blessings of
Abraham Isaac and Jacob.
Therefore be upon thy guard,
& it shall be well with thee.
Thy blessing I seal upon thy
head & I seal thee up unto eternal
life to come forth in the morning of
the first resurrection with many
of thy kindred & friends even
so Amen

Letter to George Burch Jr. from his sister, Anna Burch Jones
Estimate 1881 or 1882



The image shows two pages of a handwritten letter. The left page contains the following text: "Mother wants you to send the likeness of the children she has the likeness of three she suppose there is some more by this time. Now my dear George if it do not lay in your power to help mother which I hope it does we should be glad to have a letter from you in answer to this to hear how you all are getting on with kind love to your self your dear wife and the children. I remain your sister A Jones". The right page contains the following text: "Town Mill Bruton Somersetshire England. My Dear Brother I write at Mothers request she have not heard from you so long she thought you could now afford her A little help she is staying with us she has tried for the alms house and we are in hopes if she lives to get in next year but if she once has help from the Parish she would have no chance of getting in".

Town Mill Bruton
Somersetshire
England

My Dear Brother

I write out mothers request she have not heard from you so long she thought you could now afford her A little help she is staying with us she has tried for the alms house and we are in hopes if she lives to get in next year but if she once has help from the Parish she would have no chance of getting in

[page 2]

I hope you will not fail to send Mother A little I would not trouble you myself but my Husband is in Delicate Health and we have five Children the Oldest – 13 years & the youngest six months 4 girls & one Boy and times are not as they were once in England

I hope you will not fail
to send Mother A little
I would not trouble you
myself but my husband
is in delicate health
and we have five children
the oldest 13 years & the youngest
six months 4 girls & one boy
and times are not as they
were once in England
I do not think I have anything
I can tell you about Bruton
that would interest you
Old Mr Longman is still
alive and Mr Fred
is married and has
two sons he always
ask for you when he
sees mother
we shall be very pleased
to have A letter from you
My Dear Brother do you ever
think of dear old home
when we were boys & girls
together though we have
been parted so long we are
still Brother & Sister
though we shall never see
each other in this World
I trust & pray we may in
the better land above
I have been married 14 years
and have got A very good
husband indeed
I am got very stout
half so big again as mother

I do not think I have anything I can tell you about Bruton that would interest you Old Mr Longman is still alive and Mr Fred is married and has two sons he always asks for you when he [page 3] sees Mother

We shall be very pleased to have a letter from you my Dear Brother do you ever think of dear old home when we were Boys & girls together though we have been parted so long we are still Brother & Sister though we shall never see each other in this World I trust & pray we may in the Better land above I have been married 14 years and have got a very good husband indeed

I am got very stout half so big again as mother [page 4] Mother wants you to send the likeness of the Children she has the likeness of three she suppose there is some more by this time

Now my dear George

if it do not lay in your power to help mother which I hope it does we should be glad to have A letter from you in answer to this to hear how you all are getting on

with kind love to yourself your dear Wife and the Children

I remain your affect Sister

A Jones

Citizenship Papers of George Burch Jr.

DECLARATION OF INTENTION
TO BECOME A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES.

George Burch do declare, on oath,
that it is his true and lawful intention to become a Citizen of the United States; and to renounce
and abjure for ever, all allegiance and fidelity, to all and any Foreign Prince, Potentate,
State and Sovereignty whatever, and particularly to *Victoria Queen of Great Britain & Ireland*
of whom I am a subject.

Seen before me, at my office, at *Provo City* this *15th*
day of *January* A.D. 18*70*.

John McEwan Clerk of the U.S. *Third* Judicial District
Court, in and for the Territory of Utah.

I, *John McEwan* Clerk of the *Third* Judicial District
Court of the United States, in and for the Territory of Utah, do certify that the above is a
true copy of the original Declaration of Intention of *George Burch*
to become a Citizen of the United States of America,
remaining on record in my office.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereto subscribed my
name, and affixed the Seal of said Court, at my office, at
Provo City in said *Utah*
this *15th* day of *January*
A.D. 18*70*.

John McEwan Clerk.

Handwritten portions:
George Burch

Victoria, Queen of Great
Britain and Ireland

Provo City
Fifteenth January 1870

John McEwan first
John McEwan (or
Elvan) first

George Burch

Provo City District
Fifteenth January 1870

Signed John McEwan
(or Elvan)

Certificate of Citizenship.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  TERRITORY OF UTAH--SS.

Be it Remembered, That on the *12th* day of *Sept* in the year of our
Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty *two*, *George Burch*
late of *Surrey*, in the Kingdom of *Great Britain & Ireland* at present of
Utah County in the Territory aforesaid, appeared in the Third Judicial District Court of the
United States, in and for Utah Territory, and applied to the said Court to be admitted to become a Citizen of the United States
of America, pursuant to the directions and requirements of the several Acts of Congress in relation thereto.
And the said *George Burch* having thereupon produced
to the Court such evidence, made such declaration and repudiation, and taken such oath as are by the said Acts required; thereupon
it was ordered by the said Court, that the said *George Burch*
be admitted, and he was accordingly admitted by the said Court to be a
Citizen of the United States of America.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Seal of the said Court is hereunto
affixed, this *14th* day of *Sept* in the year
One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty *two* and in
the year of our Independence the One Hundred and *seventh*.

By the Court. *J. Avenell* Clerk.
By *J. Avenell* Deputy Clerk.

Handwritten Portions:

12th September
two George Burch
England, Great Britain
Utah County

George Burch
George Burch

12th Sept

two
seventh
OJ Avenell

Partial Letter from Susan Burch to George Burch Jr.
Addressed to Mr. George Burch
c/o Mr H Jones
Town Mills
Bruton
Somerset

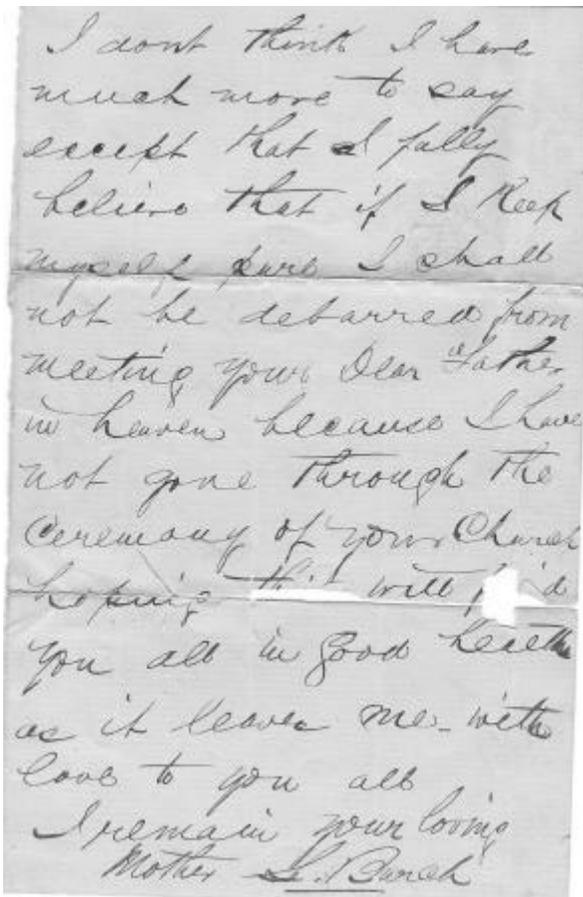
(postmarked May 13, 1905, although Susannah Burch had died in 1904)

I don't think I have much more to say except that I fully believe that if I keep myself pure I shall not be debarred from meeting your Dear Father in heaven because I have not gone through the ceremony of your church hoping this will find you all in good health as it leaves me with love to you all

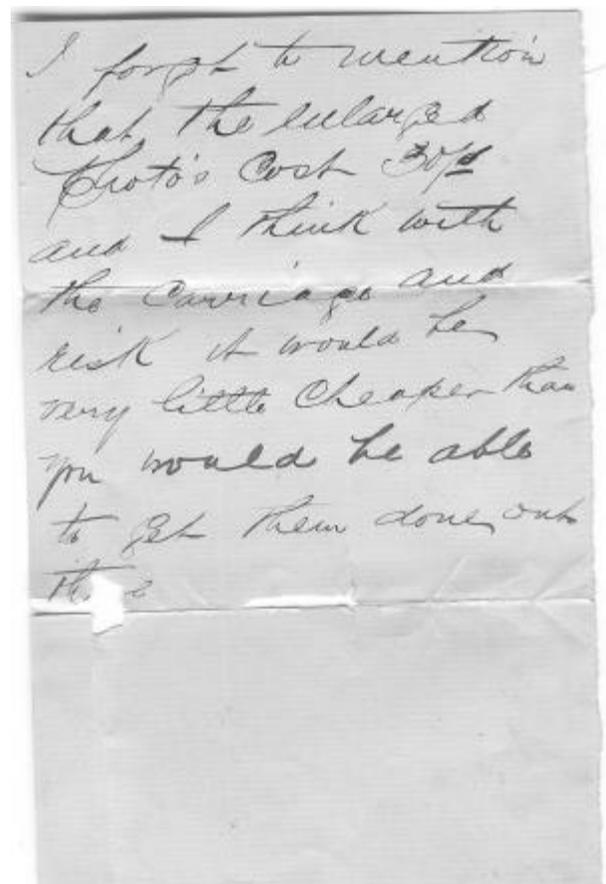
I remain your loving Mother
S. Burch

[back of page]

I forgot to mention that the enlarged photos cost 30?? and I think with the carriage and risk it would be very little cheaper than you would be able to get them done out there



I don't think I have
much more to say
except that I fully
believe that if I keep
myself pure I shall
not be debarred from
meeting your Dear Father
in heaven because I have
not gone through the
ceremony of your church
hoping this will find
you all in good health
as it leaves me with
love to you all
I remain your loving
Mother S. Burch



I forgot to mention
that the enlarged
photos cost 30??
and I think with
the carriage and
risk it would be
very little cheaper than
you would be able
to get them done out
there

**Parital letter likely to George Burch Jr., postmarked May 27, 1905, possibly from
his mother Susannah Burch who had died in 1904
Addressed to Mr EW Burch
"Lorna"
Stroud Road
Gloucester**

Have cashed the order all right for which I am very thankful. I feel very lonely here by myself but am still in the

[fragment page 2]

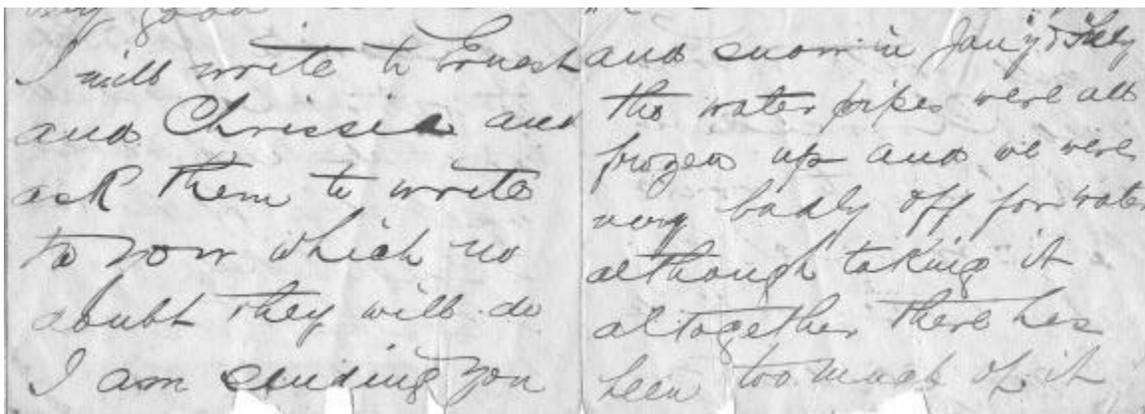
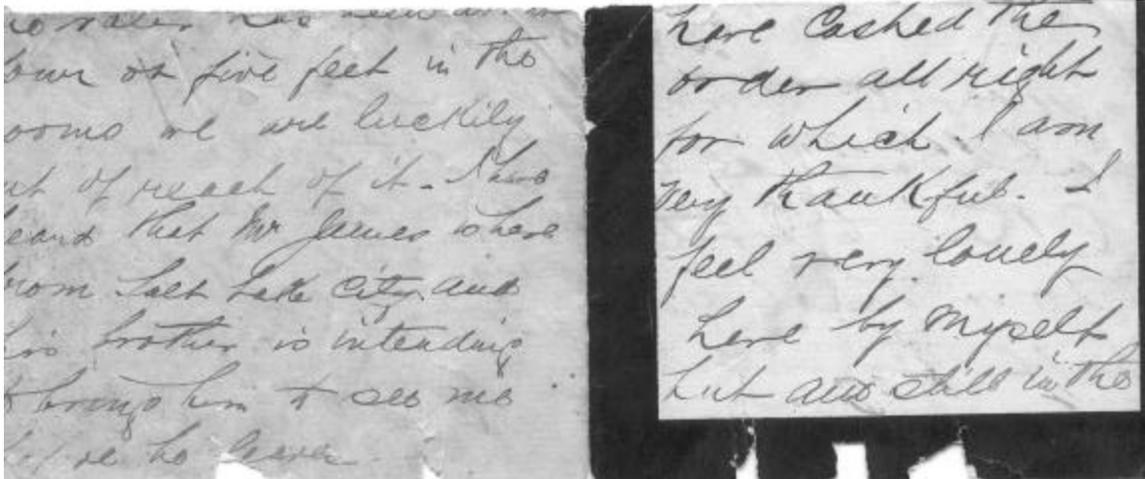
very good health I will write to Ernest and Chrissie and ask them to write to you which no doubt they will do I am sending you

[fragment page 3]

we had dreadful frost and snow in Jan & Feb tho water pipes were all frozen up and we were very badly off for water although taking it altogether there has been too much of it

[fragment page 4]

four or five feet in the rooms we are luckily out of reach of it. I have heard that Mr. Jeeves is here from Salt Lake City and his brother is intending to bring him to see me before he leaves



**Funeral Note of Susannah Burch
Who Died January 7th, 1904**

**"My flesh and my heart falleth; but God is
the strength of my heart and my portion for ever."**

Her ransomed spirit has reached the shore,
Where they suffer, and fear, and die no more.

In Loving Memory
OF
SUSANNAH BURCH,
Who fell asleep in Jesus, January
7th, 1904.
AGED 80 YEARS.

Interred in Bradon Churchyard, January 11th.

**"Waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus
Christ."—1 Cor. 1, 7.**

Letter to George Burch Jr. from His Sister, Chrissie
May 16, 1905

60 Salisbury Rd
Wavertree
Liverpool

May 16, 1905

My dear Brother,

We received a letter this morning from Anna to tell us you were at Bruton. How delighted we should have been to have met you at the landing stage and welcomed you after your voyage.

We are looking forward to your coming to us & spending a nice time with us before you return to America

We have two children – George who will be eight years old tomorrow, & Ella a little girl of four.

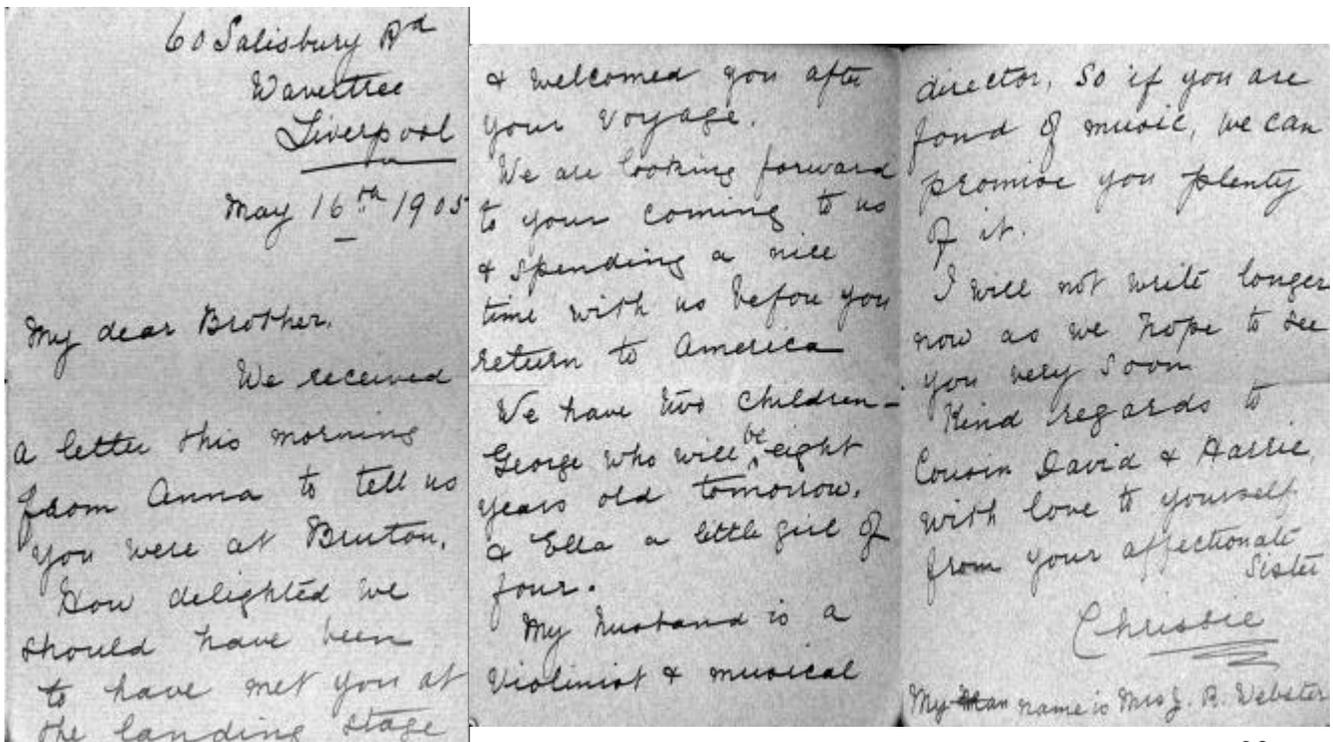
My husband is a Violinist & musical director, So if you are fond of music, we can promise you plenty of it.

I will not write longer now as we hope to see you very soon.

Kind regards to cousin David & Harrie, with love to yourself from your affectionate sister

Chrissie

My name is Mrs J. R. Webster



Letter to George Burch Jr.'s Children from Their Father
Probably May 15, 1905
(written while he visited England)

Bruton May 15

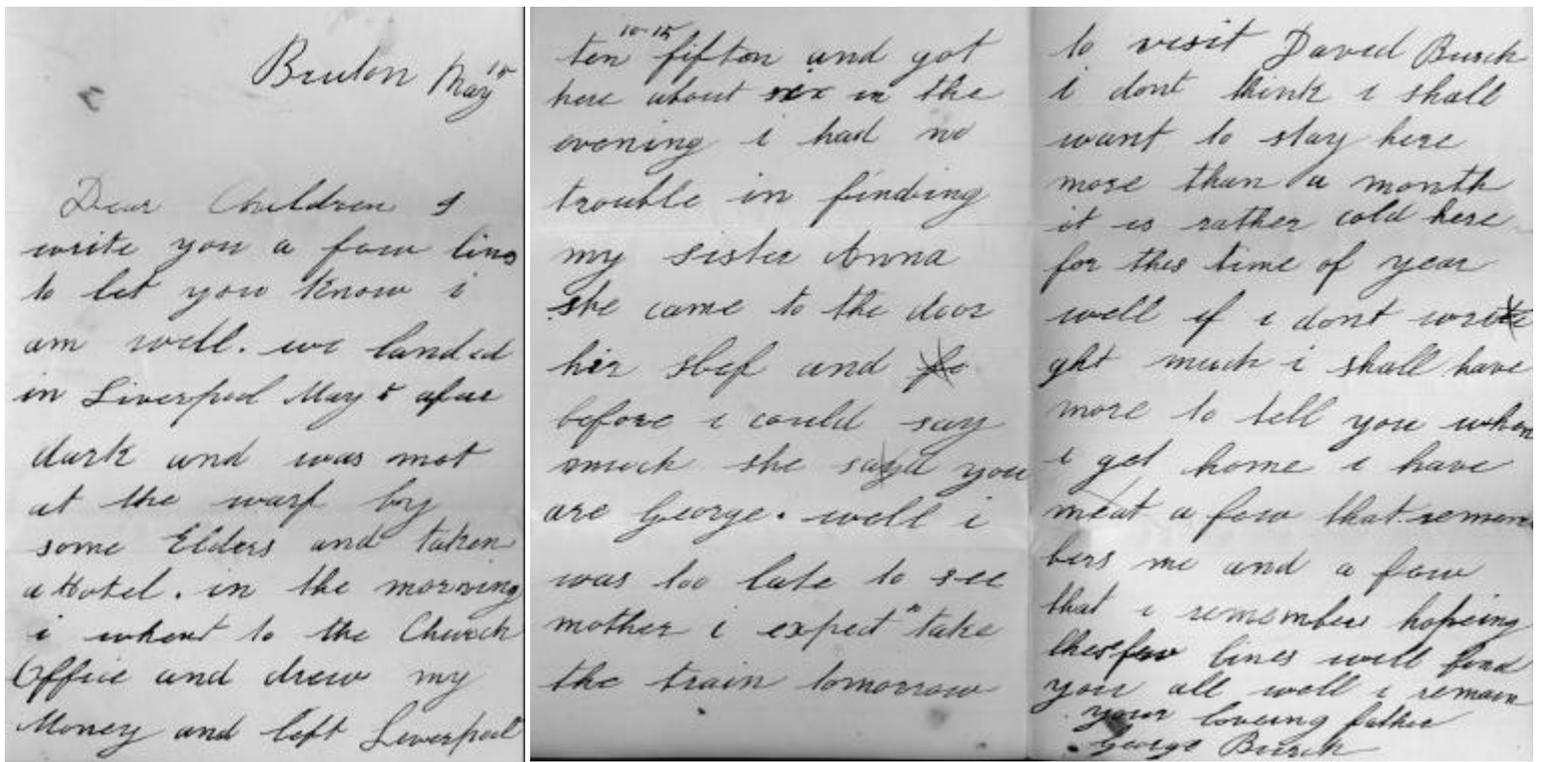
Dear Children

I write you a few lines to let you know i am well. we landed in Liverpool May 5 after dark and was met at the warf by some Elders and taken a Hotel. in the morning i whent to the Church Office and drew my Money and left Liverpool [page 2] 10-15 ten fifteen and got here about six in the evening i had no trouble in finding my sister Anna she came to the door hir slef and before i could say much she sayd you are George. well i was too late to see mother i expect to take the train tomorrow to visit David Burch i dont think i shall want to stay here more than a month it is rather cold here for this time of year

well if i dont wright much i shall have more to tell you when i get home i have meat a few that remembers me and a few that i remembers

hoping these few lines will find you all well

i remain your loving father
George Burch



Bruton May 15

Dear Children I write you a few lines to let you know i am well. we landed in Liverpool May 5 after dark and was met at the warf by some Elders and taken a Hotel. in the morning i whent to the Church Office and drew my Money and left Liverpool

ten¹⁰⁻¹⁵ fifteen and got here about six in the evening i had no trouble in finding my sister Anna she came to the door hir slef and before i could say much she sayd you are George. well i was too late to see mother i expect to take the train tomorrow to visit David Burch i dont think i shall want to stay here more than a month it is rather cold here for this time of year well if i dont write ght much i shall have more to tell you when i get home i have meat a few that remembers me and a few that i remembers hoping these few lines will find you all well i remain your loving father
George Burch

Letter to George Burch Jr. from his cousin David
December 5, 1905

Newton House
Wylie
12/5/05

My Dear Cousen

It will give us great pleasure to receive a visit from you I have many times thought of you since we last met which is now a long way back can remember very happy times in the old ..an house cottage many changes has come into our lives since then many more to you than to me – I have never been long out of Wiltshire at a time. We shall hope to see you Tuesday or Wednesday which day will be the most convenient to you will meet you at Wylie Station if you let us know by what train you come

The 2-45 from Bruton is the best connection from Westbury arrive at Wylie 4-16 but any time in the day will do for us we are only two minutes from station

Mrs Burch is suffering from a bad cold but hope it will be better before then. She will be very pleased to see you having heard me speak of you

Give our very kind love to Mr & Mrs Jones & Family hope they are all well. we shall have a lot to talk about when we meet beleive me to remain your loving
Cousin David

Newton House
Wylie
12/5/05

My Dear Cousen

It will give us great pleasure to receive a visit from you I have many times thought of you since we last met which is now a long way back can remember very happy times in the old ..an house cottage many changes has come into our lives since then many more to you than

to me I have never been long out of Wiltshire at a time. We shall hope to see you Tuesday or Wednesday which day will be the most convenient to you will meet you at Wylie Station if you let us know by what train you come

The 2-45 from Bruton is the best connection from Westbury arrive at Wylie 4-16 but any time in the day will do for us we are only two minutes from station

Mrs Burch is suffering from a bad cold but hope it will be better before then. She will be very pleased to see you having heard me speak of you

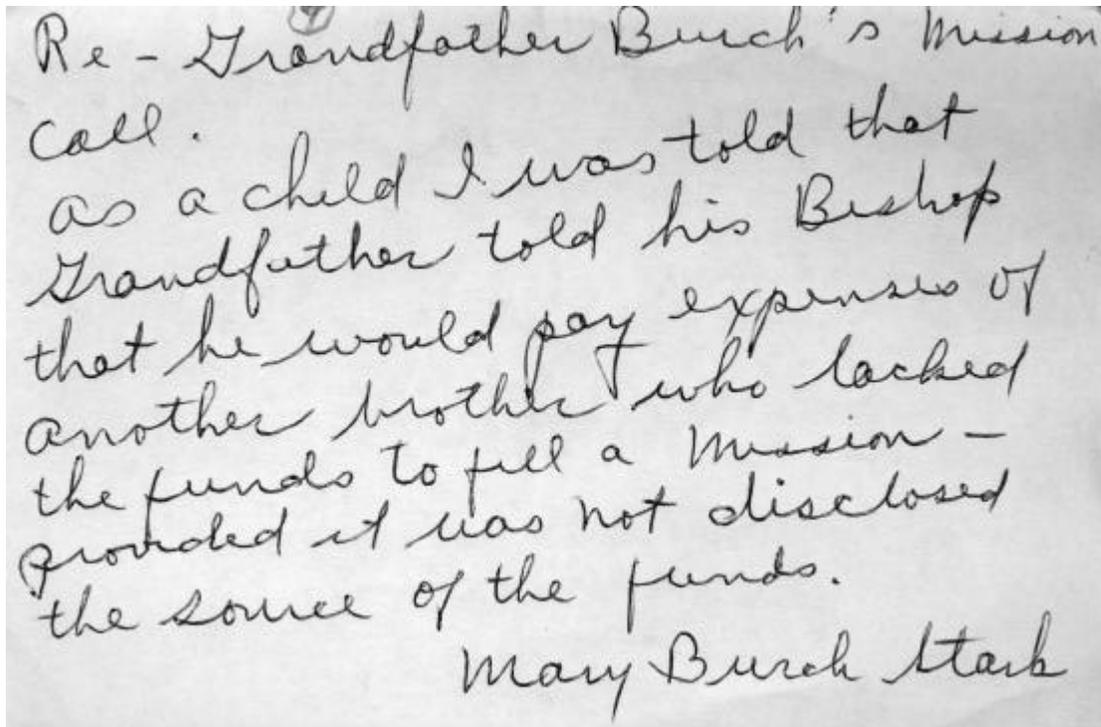
Give our very kind love to Mr & Mrs Jones & Family hope they are all well. we shall have a lot to talk about when we meet beleive me to remain your loving
Cousin David

A Handwritten Note about Grandfather Burch by Mary Burch Stark

Re – Grandfather Burch’s mission call.

As a child I was told that Grandfather told his Bishop that he would pay expenses of another brother who lacked the funds to fill a mission – provided it was not disclosed the source of the funds.

Mary Burch Stark

A photograph of a handwritten note on a light-colored background. The text is written in cursive and matches the typed transcription above. The note is enclosed in a thin black border.

Re - Grandfather Burch's mission
call.
as a child I was told that
Grandfather told his Bishop
that he would pay expenses of
another brother who lacked
the funds to fill a mission -
provided it was not disclosed
the source of the funds.
Mary Burch Stark