



# Samuel Bush 1821-1898

Mormon Emigrant

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Memories of Alice May Bush Norris (Granddaughter)

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**On 1821 Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>**, Samuel Bush's parents, James Bush and Anne Churchyard Bush were delighted when their first child was born. When Samuel was just 3 days old his parents had him baptized in the Worlingworth Parish Church at Suffolk, England, naming him Samuel Bush, his father James was listed as a labourer. (087032).

Samuel would have three younger siblings, but each would live for a few short weeks before they died; James (1 Aug. 1823-12 Oct. 1823), a little sister they named Sarah (17 July 1825-16 Sept. 1825), another brother they again called James (22 Dec. 1826) but alas, little James died on 1827 Jan. 13.

**1827 Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>**, When Samuel was just 5 ½ years old his father James, just 28 years old, died and was buried at Worlingworth, Suffolk. James left his pregnant wife to awaiting the birth of yet another child, to care and fend for themselves.

**1828 Jan 4<sup>th</sup>**, Just 4 months later another little boy was born and they decided to call him James, after his newly deceased father.

**1830** Ann was extremely lonely and made some unwise choices, perhaps to help support her family. She gave birth to an illegitimate son who she named William, born July 17, 1830 and at age 5 weeks was buried Aug. 19<sup>th</sup> at Worlingworth.

**1832 May 1<sup>st</sup>** A happy day for Anne and son's! Samuel 11 years old, and little James was 4 years old, their mother, Anne married John Bridges, a bachelor, with witness: Edward Bridges & Sarah Bridges (likely his mother and older brother), a family once again with a father to help support the family.

**1834 Apr. 6<sup>th</sup>**, A little half sister, Sarah Bridges was born, but again, she died 17 May 1834.

**1835 Aug. 9<sup>th</sup>**, A half brother, John Bridges was born and managed to live! How Samuel loved him!

**1837 May 26<sup>th</sup>**, Another half brother, Walter Bridges was born and survived for a whole 6 months before dying on 14 Nov. 1837. So many sad times of loss for the family.

During the years of growing up, Samuel learned the trade of shoemaker and made and repair beautiful shoes.

**1841 May 24<sup>th</sup>**, As time passed Samuel grew into manhood and fell in love with a sweet girl named Hannah Godbold from the nearby village of Wilby, just 2.12 miles away. They were married on 24 May 1841, in Worlingworth, Suffolk England, Samuel was a 19 years old, bachelor, a shoemaker, residence Worlingworth and his (deceased) father James Bush, a labourer. His new bride, Hannah Godbold was 20, a spinster with residence at Worlingworth, the daughter of Sutton Godbold, a shoemaker (and Elizabeth Smith). Witnesses: William Youngs and the X of Maryanne Sparrow.

Very little is known about the childhood of the new Mrs. Hannah Godbold Bush. Hannah was born at Wilby, Suffolk on the 20 Jan 1822 and christened 24 Feb. 1822 at Wilby Parish. She is the daughter of Sutton & Elizabeth Smith Godbold..

**1841 June 6<sup>th</sup>, Census** at Worlingworth, Suffolk, found Samuel and Hannah staying with his step father John Bridges 30 - Bricklayer laborer

... Ann Bridges, 40,

...John Bridges 6

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...George Bridges 35

Saml Bush, 19 Shoemaker, born Suffolk

...Hannah, 19, born Suffolk

James Bush, 10, (Samuel's brother), born Suffolk. (1)

**1842 March 29<sup>th</sup>**, Samuel & Hannah's first son, James was born at their home in Worlingworth, Suffolk, in the registration district of Hoxne, Denningham, England. Samuel's occupation listed as a shoemaker.

**1845 March 15<sup>th</sup>**, Samuel & Hannah had a baby girl! Elizabeth was born at their new location at 22 Little Edward Street, Regent Park, St. Pancras, Middlesex, England. Samuel again listed as a shoemaker (087032).

During this time frame the 'Mormon' missionaries came into the area...one was stated to have been Charles Penrose, who help teach the family about eternal life as a family unit. They were very impressed.

**1849 Jan. 16 & 22<sup>nd</sup>**, Hannah, age 27, and Samuel joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and were baptized and confirmed by Elder Wm Booth, during the London Conference, N. London Branch residing at 2 Rochester Mews. Church records were also received from NottingHill to Somerstown July 7, 1850, with residence listed at 12 Caroline Street, Camden Town (2)(087032) .

**1849 Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>**, Elizabeth was given a name and a blessing in the LDS Church, by Elder Booth at Camden Town/Somerstown, while living at 16 Aldenham Street.

**1850 Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup>**, Samuel was ordained to the office of a Teacher at age 27, residing at 12 Caroline Street, East. Church records were removed July 7, 1850 (2) (087032)

**1850** Son James was baptized at 8 years of age into the LDS Church (026609).

**1850 July 7<sup>th</sup>**, Church records were received by letter at Somerstown Branch (087032)(2)

**1851 Census** at Worlingsworth finds Hannah's parents

Sutton Godbold, head, male, 62, born Laxfield, Suffolk,

...Elizabeth, wife, female, age 63, born Laxfield, Suffolk

...Benjamin, male, 17, born Wilby, Suffolk

...Thomas, male, 12, both born at Wilby, Suffolk.

Still living on Caroline Street in 1851 is Samuel and family.

Bush, Samuel, head, married, male, 29 years old, Cabdriver, born Worlingworth, Suffolk

...Hannah, wife, married, female, 29 years, born Wilby, Suffolk

...James, son, male, 9, born Worlingworth, Suffolk

...Elizabeth, dau., female, 6 years, born St. Pancras, Middlesex

Godbould, Walter, Brother-in-law, unmarried 21, General labourer, born Wilby, Suffolk

(1851 Census, Camden Town, 12 Caroline Street St., Pancras, Middlesex, Eng. film # 087830, page 158

**1851 Apr. 13<sup>th</sup>**, Samuel was ordained to the office of a Priest at the age of 27, while living at 2 Rochester Mews.

**1852 Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>**, Son James, now age 10, was re-baptized by Elder Norton at the London conference, residence 2 Rochester Mews.

**1854** At Somertown Branch (087032) of the L. D. S. Church, son James is 15 years of age while Elizabeth is listed as 12.

**1855 June 24<sup>th</sup>**, Elizabeth was baptized by Elder Ferguson at the London Conf., age 11, residence 2 Rochester Mews (087032).

**1857 Mar. 15<sup>th</sup>**, The family was re-baptized (Re-affirmation) at the Holborn Hill font; Samuel (age 35) by James William Harris and confirmed by Geo. C. Fergeson. Hannah (age 35), by J. Tuddenham and confirmed by Thos. Bullock. James (age 15) by Elder Harvey and confirmed by Wm. Moss. Elizabeth (age 12) baptized by John Tuddenham and confirmed by Thos. Bullock, all residing at 2 Rochester Mews,

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Camden Town, Somerstown conference (087032).

**1859 April 9<sup>th</sup>**, Samuel was excited when another son was born at 2 Rochester Mews, Camden New Town, Kentish Town, St. Pancras, Middlesex, England. They named him Frederick Charles, Samuel was listed as a cab proprietor at this time (087032).

**1861 Census #25**, at 13 St. Paul Terrace, Kentish Town, St. Pancras Parish

Samuel Bush, Head, Mar., 39, Cab Driver, Born Suffolk

...Hannah, wife, Mar., 39, born Suffolk

...James, son, Unmarr. 19, Waiter, born Suffolk

...Frederick C., son, 1, born Mdx, St. Pancras

Middlesex, England, St. Thomas, 1861 Census, Film 542576, 9/119, Ed #1, folio 54, page 4

**1861 April 13<sup>th</sup>**, Son James's church records were removed to Barking and in less than 2 years later he was home.

**1863 Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>**, Oldest son, James (single), church records were received from Barking back to Somerstown Branch.

**1863 Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>**, Samuel is still listed as an ordained Priest in the Somertown Branch (087032).

**1866 Apr 2<sup>nd</sup>**, Samuel was excited when his only daughter, Elizabeth, married her sweetheart, George W. Bird.

**1868 Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>**, Frederick C. was baptized at London by Elder H. Debenham and confirmed by H. L. Cornell (087032)

**1868** Somertown Branch of the church states Samuel (listed as a priest) was living at 12 Lewis Street, Kentish Town along with Hannah, James and Elizabeth Bird, his married daughter, whose residence is listed at Nottingham.

**1871 Census # 27**, 19 Canal Terrace

Samuel Bush, Head, Married, Male, 40, Cab Driver, born Suffolk, Woolingworth

...Hannah Bush, Wife, Married, Female, 49, born Suffolk, Wilby

...James Bush, son, Unmarried, 29, Printer Labourer, born Suffolk, Woolingworth

...Frederick C. Bush, Son, Unmarried, Male, 11, Scholar, born Middlesex, St. Pancras

Elizabeth Motts, Niece, Unmarried, Female 28, Cook unemployed, born Suffolk, Weighbridge

Kentish Town, St. Pancras, London, RG 10/234 ED1, Folio 5, page 4, Film 824904, 13th April 1871 Census

**1873 Mar 30** Remember the Elizabeth Motts in the 1871 census? Ever wonder why she was with the family? She decided that Samuel's son, James looked pretty good! Elizabeth Motts married James on 30 Mar 1873. This makes the information from church records fall into place...which state: Elizabeth Mott (Motts) listed at Somerstown London, Conf. Married to Mr. Bush, residing at 12 Lewis Street, Kentish Town. (N. London scattered member-found, Md J. Bush #film 0415451) Elizabeth (Mott) Bush baptized Nov 8, 1848 by Elder Bradshaw at Woolwich, London Conf. Age 36, residence High Street, Woolwich (415445).

**1877 Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>**, Samuel, James, Frederick Charles, all residing at 12 Lewis Street, Kentish Town, LDS church records state all three were 'cut off'. Being 'cut off' usually signified that the person was excommunicated however, during the early church years there were many who were 'cut off' due to a disagreement with the bishop over small or large matters. It could also mean they moved somewhere else.

**1881 April 3, Census** at St. Pancras, London Middlesex, 32 Quadrant Gr.

Samuel age 59, was a cab driver,

...Hannah, age 59

...Fredrick C. unmarried son, age 21, who was a waiter at St. Pancras Middlesex.

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At the same address lived his oldest son

Bush, James, age 39, a cab driver born at Worlingworth, Suffolk

...Elizabeth (Motts), wife, female, age 38, born Weybread, Suffolk

...James E.R.S. (James Ernest Robert Samuel - called 'Ernie', grandson, 2 year old, born at St. Pancras, Middlesex

William Higgs, nephew, 14 years old, at Pianoforte le, he was born at Halestin, Norfolk. (8)

(St. Pancras, London, Middlesex, England 1881 Census, Film 1341047 Pro. Ref RG11 Piece 0214 Folio 111 page 28)

**1882 Aug. 18<sup>th</sup>**, Samuel's dear wife Hannah, at age 60 died from Anemia and Gradual decay while living at 29 Lowfield Road, Kilburn, Hampstead, Middlesex, Samuel listed as a boot and shoe maker.

**1882 Dec 14**, Another blow to the family came when daughter Elizabeth's husband George Bird, died from Cerebral disease, leaving her a widow with 3 children.

**1883 Jul 30<sup>th</sup>**, Elizabeth Bush Bird, finds someone to share her life with and marries Edward Barrett at Denham in Buckinghamshire.

Over the years, the family had discussions concerning the gathering to Zion, Salt Lake City, and to America. James, Elizabeth decided that they wanted to go.

**1888 Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>** It was a happy, sad day for Samuel, when James and Elizabeth took his grandson (James ERS "Ernie"), leaving Liverpool for America. They arrived safely in SLC Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>, 1888 (8)

Happy times over the next few years as the English family discussed and prepared to go to the USA!

By **1891 June 7<sup>th</sup>**, James Bush and family was received from the SLC 1<sup>st</sup> Ward (026,740 pg 304)

**1891 Census** Eaton, St. Mary's Parish, Denham Village #32

Samuel Bush, Head, Wid. 71, Boot & Shoe Maker, Neither Employer or employed, born Suffolk, Worlingworth

...Fredk Charles Bush, son, Marr. 31, Painter, Employed, born London, Camden Town

...Martha Bush, Daur-in-Law, Marr., 32, born St. James Westminster

...Clara Alice May Bush, Grand Dau., 5, born London, St. Giles

...Sam. Edwin, Holly Bush, Grand Son, 3, born Denham, Bucks

...Elizabeth M. R. Bush, Grand Dau. 1, born Denham, Bucks

(Eaton, St. Mary's Parish, Denham Village, Bucks, England, Fiche 6096243 #1of4 ; 1891 Census RG 12/1133 Ed3, Folio 25, page 5)

**1892** Family worked together to prepare for the event of moving to America as his son Frederick Charles and grandchildren had decided to migrate to America the coming June 1893. Samuel decided to go with them. He shipped his shoe makers equipment along with some household goods and he left word at the Denham Village, near Uxbridge Railroad station, to leave any packages at the station to be called for later. He was anxious to get his cobblers bench set up and start his shoe repairing business when they reached Salt Lake City, Utah.

**1893 Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>**, In America James and Elizabeth are received from 21<sup>st</sup> Ward (026,740 5 pg 324).

**1893 June 3<sup>rd</sup>**, Finally the great adventure for Samuel and the Fred C. Bush family in England. Leaving from Liverpool to immigrated to America on the SS Arizona 1893 June 3 was: Fred C. Bush, painter, 34 years, Martha, 34, Samuel, 59, Gent., May 8, Samuel H. 4, Rose 3. (1,027,712)

They arrived in SLC, Utah and his 3 yr. old granddaughter Rose asked Samuel where she was going to stay and he said jokingly, "On your thumb". They all spent their first night with Samuel's son James, Elizabeth and Ernie. Samuel continued to lived with his son James on 2nd Ave. K Street, and attended church in the Ensign Ward.

**1893 Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>**, Sadness again struck the Bush family! Samuel's James died at SLC with his obituary

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stating: (3) *“Born Wallingsworth, Suffolk on 29 Mar 1842, baptized at 8 years of age. For 28 years a haosom cab driver in London, an active member in a North London branch and clerk of same. He left Liverpool Oct. 19, 1888 and arrived SLC on 9 Nov 1888. He was employed as a night watchman at Deseret News office and was faithful in his duties. While on Duty Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, Sat. Evening as usual, he had great interest in the parade and assisted the boys in the fire displays. At noon on Sun. Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, he was stricken with paralysis while apparently quite well and while at the office in the discharge of his duty. Tue. Nov 7<sup>th</sup>, he passed away at the age of 51 yrs. 7 mo. 6 days. Elder Bush will be remembered by many missionaries in England who were warmly welcomed and cared for at the home of James.”* (026,609)

**1895 Mar. 4<sup>th</sup>**, Samuel was ordained an Elder at the 21st Ward in Salt Lake City, Utah, by L. M. Iverson. More troubles happened when his son, Frederick Charles, (who had become quite an artist and painted many pictures) was working. The News clipping explains it best: *“Tuesday, 19 Nov. 1895, 3 workers were hurt when the scaffold on the South side of the Temple building gave way and hurled them to the ground. The injured were: James B. Walkley of the Seventh ward; Mat Wilson of the Nineteenth ward and Fred Bush of the twenty-first ward.”* Frederick couldn't work and had to use crutches, so Samuel moved in with Fred's family and helped his daughter-in-law, Martha White Bush, learn the art of shoemaking. Samuel was very fond of Martha and they were very close during the next, hard, 7 years and Samuel helped as best he could. Frederick always walked with a limp afterward as one leg was shorter than the other. It is possible that during the long time Frederick Charles couldn't work, he painted a big 2' x 3' oil painting of Samuel sitting in a big chair.

**1897-98** From the Salt lake City Directory, Pg 174 verifies the Bush family living in Salt Lake:

Bush, Elizabeth, (Wid James), res 707 2d.

Bush, Ernest, carrier Deseret News, bds 707 2d.

Bush, Frederick C, painter, res 715 4<sup>th</sup>

...Samuel, shoemkr, 715 4<sup>th</sup>, bds same

**1898** Samuel continued to make and repair shoes in the Salt Lake area and had plenty of work. Nine year old granddaughter Rose, as was her morning custom, little went upstairs early on the morning of 4 Jan. 1898 to climb into bed with Samuel for a little while. She found him cold, for he had died in his sleep.

**1898 Jan 4<sup>th</sup>**, *Samuel Bush, birthplace Suffolk, Eng., died at home residence 715 4th Street, Salt Lake City, 76 years 22 days, widower, shoemaker, died of old age* (Coroners Records at SLC 475,535)

Samuel was buried in the family plot (01-06-1898 intern# 21939 R-21-12-W-2-1) in Salt Lake City Cemetery, Utah. He was a grand old shoemaker man and dearly loved by all.

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Sources:

- (1) 1841 Worlingworth, Suffolk, England 1841 Census 1026, book 13. OR Worlingworth Parish, Hoxne District, Suffolk, England, 1841 Census, 474639, HO 107/1026, ED 6, Folio 19, pg 2
- (2) 087032 Somerstown Branch, London, England
- (3) Book 979.2258 V3S Vol 1, pg 207
- (4) # 485,535 Coroners Records of Deaths in SLC. Page 1.
- (5) # 026,740 LDS Records of members 1849-1940, 18<sup>th</sup> ward (Utah)
- (7) 1881 Census Fiche
- (8) #026,609 Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>, 1888, Deseret Weekly, Vol. 21, Pg 672.
- (9) #0415451, 415445 Minni Margaret, Early church membership
- (10) #1,027,712 Emigration Records (at end of film) "SSArizona"

**CHILDREN:**

James - 1842 March 29<sup>th</sup>, born at Denningham, Worlingworth, Suffolk.

- Baptized Feb. 3, 1852 by Elder Norton at London conference. Rebaptized Mar. 15, 1857 by J. Tuddenham. Moved to Barking branch Apr. 13<sup>th</sup>, 1861. Rebaptized Oct. 15, 1882 at N. London by W. W. King, ordained an elder Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, 1885 by Elder Lyman.
- Married Elizabeth Motts living at 12 Lewis Street, Kentish Town, Middlesex, England.
- Emigrated Oct. 19, 1888, settled in S L City.
- James Died at SLC Nov. 5, 1893, both he and Elizabeth are buried in an unmarked grave in Salt Lake City Cemetery. L-3-2

Elizabeth - 1845 March 15<sup>th</sup>, born at Regent Park, Middlesex, England

- Married George W. Bird April/June 1866 St. Pancras, London, Middlesex, England. He died 14 Dec 1882
- Had 2 children according to 1881 census' Unable to verify information on them thus far.
- 'Here say' states there was a 'Birdie Bird' that belonged to Elizabeth...died as infant.
- Elizabeth married Edward Barrett 30 Jul 1883, Denham, Buckingham, England.
- Elizabeth died 3 May 1929, Aylesbury, Buckingham, England

Frederick Charles - 1859 Apr. 9<sup>th</sup>, born at Camden New Town, Kentish, St Pancras, Middlesex, Eng.

- Baptized Feb. 1, 1868
- Married Martha White Aug. 10, 1884
- Emigrated June 3, 1893
- Had 4 children: Clara Alice (May), Samuel Edward (Holly), Elizabeth Mahala (Rose), Florence Lilac Bush.
- Frederick died Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>, 1938 at SLC, buried Salt Lake City Cemetery R-21-12-4&5 west