

CHARLES BALMFORTH

Dorothy Balmforth Fielding is the oldest daughter of Lorenzo, who is the youngest child of Charles Balmforth and Hannah Hepworth. She writes:

Charles Balmforth was an early pioneer to the Salt Lake Valley, coming from Yorkshire, England, in 1865.

My father likes to tell about Grandfather singing in the first tabernacle choir at Salt Lake City. He sang bass and is supposed to be in the picture of the choir that hung in the baptistry of the tabernacle.*

Lorenzo also said that his father owned 80 acres in East Mill Creek and traded it for a team of mules.

Grandmother Hannah helped in the family store and took care of Grandfather Charles who had a dropsy condition. The doctor frequently came and "tapped" Grandfather's lungs for the removal of fluid.

Grandfather was rated for his easiness and generosity with people. So many owed him for groceries that it was hard for Grandmother to make ends meet.

Grandfather Charles died June 26, 1904.

* Ray Balmforth checked on this with the LDS Church Historical Society. He was told that in those early days of the choir, no records were kept of the membership. However, there is a picture of the choir but it lists no identification of members.

He will examine the picture and try to identify Charles from the only two pictures which he has in his possession.