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Augustus Alwin [6 SmartMatches](#) Farnham* [1](#)

Birth: 20 May 1805 in Andover, MA

Death: 2 May 1865 in Farmington, Utah

Sex: M

Father: [Peter Farnham*](#) b. 1752 in Andover, MA

Mother: [Chloe Wilson*](#) b. 9 Feb 1766 in Andover, MA

Burial: 5 May 1865 Brigham Young's family cemetery in Salt Lake City, UT

Reference: 836

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Mary Jane Pottle* (Wife) b. 20 Apr 1817 in
Rock farm, Exeter, NH

Marriage: 5 JUL 1840 in Boston, MA


Children:

1. Alwin Augustus Farnham b. 19
Apr 1841 in Lowell, Massachusetts
2. Ann A. Farnham b. 6 Apr 1842 in
Morgan City, Illinois
3.  Sarah Farnham b. 23 Jan 1845 in
Nauvoo, Illinois
4. Mary Jane Farnham b. 27 Jun
1847 in St. Louis, MO
5. Ruth Farnham b. 15 May 1849 in
Jefferson City, MO
6.  Emma Cogswell Farnham* b. 14
Oct 1850 in Salt Lake City, UT
7.  Fenton Farnham b. 2 Jan 1852 in
Salt Lake City, Utah

Caroline Pill (Wife) b. Oct 1821 in St Peters
Port, Isle of Guernsey, Channel Islands

Marriage: 7 FEB 1858 in Salt Lake City,
Utah

Children:

1.  Alice Jeannette Farnham b. 5
Aug 1859 in Bountiful, Utah

Hannah Reese (Wife) b. 21 Nov 1844 in
Australia

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Marriage: 22 FEB 1860 in Salt Lake City,
Utah

Children:

1. Joseph Levi Farnham b. 19 Sep
1862

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Notes

Individual:

Augustus Farnham was one of the Mormon leaders. He went all the way across the country from New York State to Nauvoo, Illinois, to Missouri, and all the way to Salt Lake City. When he died, he was buried in Brigham Young's Burial Lot--later the Salt Lake Cemetery in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The Census of 1850 shows him age 46, a joiner, \$900 in property, born in Mass. Mary is 33, Sarah 6, Mary 4, Emma 6/12 born in Deseret. Sarah was born in Ill and Mary in Missouri. With them is Hannah Knowles, 25, b. in England.

Our Pioneer Heritage shows that Augustus was indeed the missionary to the South Sea Islands that the family story indicated. He went to Australia and New Zealand in April 1853. He was president of the Australian and Australasian Mission from 1853-56. He also published a periodical called Zion's Watchman serving as editor and publisher. The main cause of stopping the publication was the return to Utah of the Elders in 1855. The New Zealand Mission was originally an outgrowth of the Australian Mission. As early as 1854 at a conference held in Sydney, New South Wales, it was decided that Augustus Farnham, president of the Australian Mission, should open up a mission in New Zealand. In company with William Cooke, an Australian convert, he left Sydney Oct 20 1854 for Auckland where they arrived Oct 27th. On Dec. 11, 1854 President Farnham sailed from New Zealand, leaving Elder Cooke in charge of the work in New Zealand. By the end of March 1855 Elder Cooke had baptized ten persons at Karori (near Wellington) and

organized a branch of the Church--the first branch in New Zealand.

"28 May 1856 President Augustus Farnham and Josiah Fleming sailed from Sydney per sailing vessel Jenny Ford with a company of emigrating Saints on board, bound for Zion." The Mormon Ancestral File shows his father as Peter Farnham, son of Gad Farnham.

Research done at the New England Historical Genealogical Society shows that his father was the son of John Jr. Farnum. Further inquiry shows that Gad was from Connecticut, not North Andover.

"Our Pioneer Heritage" Vol 1 says that he was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on 21 April 1843 and he and his brother, John W., were endowed in the Nauvoo Temple December 1845. John was killed during the persecutions in Nauvoo. Augustus was "ordained a Seventy" 17 Aug 1845 and called to fill a mission to Australasia arriving in Sydney 1 April 1851 on the ship Pacific. [dates conflict] this is from Biographies Presidents of Missions.

Augustus was taken violently ill while working on either the Tabernacle in Brigham City or the LDS Church at Willard, Utah. He died 2 May 1865 and was laid to rest in the burial grounds of his long time friend, President Brigham Young. Later the body was removed to the City Cemetery. (From Our Pioneer Heritage, Volume I)

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Volume 1

Their Contribution To Utah
New Zealand Mission

A second volume was commenced, and at least three numbers (16 pages in each) were published, of which No. 1 was dated May 15, and No. 3, June 18, 1855. Thus only 20 issues of "Zion's Watchman" were published, but most of the issues contained 2 numbers each, aggregating 312 pages. The size of the periodical was the same as the Millennial Star, published in England, the

reading matter on each page measuring 4 1/4x7 inches. Augustus Farnham was editor and publisher of all the numbers. The mission office was part of the time, during the publication, at 103 Paramatta, Sydney and at 25 Bank Street, Chippendale, Sydney. During its brief existence Zion's Watchman represented the Cause of Zion which it advocated in an able manner; it contained some well written articles on the Gospel and gave some interesting details of the introduction of the same into Australia. The main cause of stopping the publication, was the return to Utah of the Elders in 1855. The subscription price to Zion's Watchman was six pence per number.

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Ships Sailing From the Islands

May 28, 1856, President Augustus Farnham and Josiah Fleming sailed from Sydney per sailing vessel Jenny Ford with a company of emigrating Saints on board, bound for Zion.

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Their Contribution To Utah

On the Ship, Julia Ann—1855

In the year 1855, the mother and her six young children sailed from Sydney, Australia on the American ship Julia Ann for the New World, leaving behind them their father and older brothers and sisters. Caroline Annie was fourteen at this time and with her mother, three sisters and two little brothers, she sailed in the company supervised by Augustus Farnham. They left Sydney, Australia on the 29th of May arriving at San Pedro, California on August 15th, 1855. From there they went by team to San Bernardino where they stopped for a short time; then, in 1857, traveled on to Beaver, Utah where they settled with other families who had come here as converts to the Church.

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Augustus A. Farnham—Joseph H. Ridges

Augustus Alwin Farnham was born May 20, 1805 at Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts, the seventh child of Peter and Chloe Wilson Farnham. He was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on the 21st of April, 1843 and he, and his brother, John W., were endowed in the Nauvoo Temple December, 1845. John was killed during the persecutions in Nauvoo.

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Their Contribution To Utah

Augustus A. Farnham—Joseph H. Ridges

When Augustus returned from his mission the Brigham City tabernacle was under construction. It was built of adobe with walls three feet thick and presented a difficult roofing problem. Twice following completion the roof was blown off. Bishop John Stoker called for a carpenter who could "put the roof on to stay." Augustus A. Farnham took the job and rebuilt the roof which has endured all the tests of time.

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Andrew Jackson Stewart

Mr. Dowdle, with his family and other families, arrived in Salt Lake Valley with Captain James Brown's detachment of the Mormon Battalion which followed a short distance behind the original pioneers of 1847. Not long after Elder Dowdle was called to fill a mission to Australia arriving at Sydney April 1, 1852. When Augustus Farnham was released of his duties as president of the Australasian Mission, he left Elder Dowdle in charge. He presided until June 27, 1857 when he sailed for America on the ship Lucas homeward bound.

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Volume 5

The Mormons in St. Louis

Utah and the Civil War—No. 270

A Tribute

1849: February 11th Elders Augustus Farnham and Alexander Robbins were sustained as counselors to Elder N. H. Felt. May 3rd. At a council meeting held in St. Louis the propriety of procuring some place

as a rendezvous for the Saints emigrating from Europe was discussed, so that the poor might have some place to stay until they were enabled to get houses. Appointed a committee to investigate and report.

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The Mormons in St. Louis

The Rex Family

A Tribute

In the year 1850, Brother Felt moved with his family to the valley. Brother Alexander Robbins was appointed to succeed him in the Presidency of the Saint Louis Branch. I was called to act as first Councilor to Brother Robbins and Brother John Galigher was Second Councilor. In the year 1849 the twenty-seventh day of February, I was ordained an Apostle and Seventy under the hands of Presidents A. P. Rockwood, Augustus Farnham, Loren Babitt, P. Henery and N. H. Felt. Brother Robbins presided one year and in 1851 moved to Great Salt Lake City with his family and effects. Brother Orson Hyde appointed me as Robbins successor to preside over the Saint Louis Conference which numbers about three thousand souls; men, women, and children. I filled that office one year. About the tenth of April, 1852, I was taken sick with inflammatory rheumatism but on the twelfth of May (I was) so sick that I had to be carried out of my room to a carriage. I left Saint Louis on the steamboat Robert Campbell for Kanesville and landed on the twenty-second of May.

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Mormon Emigration 1840–1869

Emigration From South Africa

A Tribute

On June 16, 1852, the ship Calao sailed from Tahiti; June 2, 1852, the ship Harmony; November 24, 1852, the barque Abyssinia left Sydney Australia, all carrying Saints to the New World. April 6, 1853, a company of thirty converts with Elder Wandell in charge sailed on the ship Envelope; the Julia Ann sailed March 22, 1854 from New Castle with sixty-three souls aboard under the direction of William Hyde; April 27, 1855, a company numbering seventy-two sailed from Melbourne, Australia on the brig Tarquenita; the Julia Ann made another voyage September 7, 1855, dashed against a coral reef with a loss of five adults and three children; May 28, 1856, the Jenny Ford sailed from Sydney with a company of emigrating Saints under Augustus Farnham; June 27, 1857, the American ship Lucas, sailed from Sydney with sixty-nine Saints, Elder William Madison Wall, president; September 14, 1857, a company of Saints bound for Utah left Sydney with Joseph A. Kelting in charge; January 1, 1859, about thirty converts sailed from Sydney on the ship Milwaukee, Elder S. Johnson, supervising, and on October 17, 1865, the barque Albert sailed from Melbourne for San Francisco with a small company in charge of Elder J. D. Spencer. Missionary labors continued in the South Sea Islands, Australia, and New Zealand, and many more converts, during the next few years, made their way to Utah by sea and land.

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The Great Mormon Tabernacle

The Organ Builder

Mission—1856

Possessed of an adventurous spirit, the family left England in November of 1851 for Australia where they planned to make an interesting and productive life. Five months were passed on the sea before they landed

at Sydney. Among the ship's passengers was the Luke Syphus family with whom Joseph and Adelaide became close friends. In Sydney they became neighbors, and soon the Ridges discovered their friends were members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and Luke taught them the gospel. Later, they were visited by the missionaries and converted to the new religion, both being baptized November 15, 1853, by Elder Augustus Farnham.

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Volume 12

Sailing Vessels and Steamboats

From 1850–1859

Company E

May 28th. A small company of Australian Saints, under the direction of Augustus Farnham, sailed from Port Jackson, New South Wales, bound for Utah. The ship arrived at San Pedro, Calif. Aug. 15th.

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Volume 14

Mormon Temples

The New Zealand Temple

Christian Christianson Handcart Company

As early as 1854, at a conference held at Sydney, New South Wales, it was decided that Augustus Farnham, President of the Australian Mission, should open up a mission in New Zealand. In company with William Cooke, an Australian convert, he left Sydney Oct. 20, 1854, for Auckland, where they arrived Oct. 27th. In December 1854, Pres. Farnham sailed from New Zealand, leaving Elder Cooke in charge of the work there. By the end of March, 1855, Elder Cooke had baptized ten persons at Karori (near Wellington) and organized them into a branch of the Church—the first branch in New Zealand.

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Volume 15
Eight Pioneer Biographies
Silas Richards—Pioneer 1849
Christian Christianson Handcart Company

About this time I was appointed Counselor to Elder Moses Clawson who was President of this branch of the Church; also counselor to Daniel Miller and shortly after a member of the High Council of Pottawattamie County, and in 1848, I was appointed Bishop. In the spring of 1849, I prepared to move to the Great Salt Lake Valley and was appointed by Brother G. A. Smith and E. T. Benson to lead a company to the Valley. We started for Winter Quarters, July 10, 1849. Fully organized Captains of ten were: Isaac Clark, Wm. B. Huntington, Elam Ludington, Augustus Farnham, Moses Clawson and A. P. Rockwood, Marshal. We had seventy-two wagons heavily loaded with our families, provisions, merchandise, household goods, farming and merchandise tools, etc. After a long and weary journey of hardship and fatigue through a dreary wilderness without any inhabitants except Indians, we arrived in Great Salt Lake Valley October 25th, a distance of over one thousands of miles, without any very serious accidents. There was only one death, that of a little sickly child. There was very little sickness on the route, though we encountered heat, cold, rain and snow. In one snowstorm in Willow Creek, the snow fell 18 inches deep and we lost sixty-two head of cattle; pigs and chickens froze to death. Winter being near, I lost little time in locating my family on Little Cottonwood Creek twelve miles south of Salt Lake City, where I bought a small improvement for \$150.00 or two yoke of oxen and \$30.00 in merchandise. We raised our tent on the premises on November 4th, in a snowstorm. My first job was to put in five acres of wheat, and prepare for winter by arranging every comfort I could and buying provisions.

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Volume 17

The General Epistles

Eleventh General Epistle—1854

Weber County

From Australia we have the most cheering accounts. Elder Wandell has arrived at San Bernardino, and Elder Augustus Farnham, of this city, was chosen to preside in that mission. A paper, called Zions' Watchman, had been established at Sidney, New South Wales, with a very fair prospect of being well sustained, and accomplishing great good.

The Saints in the various Conferences numbered several hundreds, and were constantly on the increase. Elder Burr Frost was at Melbourne, and the other Elders scattered over the colony at various places. Elder Farnham expected to send from Sidney a mission to Hobart Town, Van Dieman's Land, and New Zealand.

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COMMISSION DATE

A.A.Farnham 1st Lieutenant 19 JUL 43
1battalion,1regiment,3artillery., 2cohort. 28
OCT 43

On 12 February 1857 ground was broken for Bountiful's landmark five-spire LDS tabernacle. It was built at a cost of approximately \$60,000 using local materials and local labor. Augustus Farnham drew the plans for the 86-foot by 44-foot structure. The best artisans and craftsmen were

employed in executing the plaster casting, hand carving, and the winding stairways. It was constructed on a rock foundation, and featured adobe walls with a red pine roof attached with wooden pegs. Bountiful was evacuated and its citizens sent to central Utah during the Utah War (1857-1858). As Johnston's Army approached, construction on the tabernacle was halted and grain was stored in its foundation. It took six years to complete the structure. A two-day dedicatory service on 14 and 15 March 1863 brought more than 150 visitors, including many dignitaries. Brigham Young presided while Heber C. Kimball offered the dedicatory prayer. The Bountiful tabernacle remains the oldest chapel in continuous use in the state of Utah.

On 14 December 1892 Bountiful

It is told in the history of Ann Arnold West by Inez Rich Bennet that Ann Arnold and her family sailed from Australia to California on the 'Lucy Ann'. It is now known that the Arnold family actually sailed to California on the 'Jenny Ford'. Following is information gathered from several sources on the 'Jenny Ford' and her voyage from Australia to California in 1856. Thanks to Steven Passey in the state of Washington for providing this information to Richard Wolff, who provided it to me.

The Jenny Ford

Bark: 397 tons: 133' x 30' x 11'

Built: 1854 at East Machias, Maine

A three-masted wooden bark out of San Francisco, the Jenny Ford was towed out of the harbor by steam tug and then sailed from Sydney, Australia, with a company of Saints on 28 May 1856. Elder Augustus Farnham presided over the Mormons, probably no more than thirty. Shipmaster was Captain S. F. Sargent, about whom little is known. Apparently a religious man, he

composed several hymns that were sung by the Saints during the passage. He was kind and hospitable to his passengers, who honored him with a testimonial before the end of the trip.

The voyage was pleasant with little seasickness. The Saints held regular services and conducted themselves well. On 22 June the bark reached Tahiti, intending to pick up any remaining passengers from the wrecked Julia Ann rescued some months earlier. It was learned, however, that the shipwrecked Saints had already departed. Elder Addison Pratt, a missionary in the Society Islands, greeted the Australians and visited with them. On 26 June the Jenny Ford left Tahiti and on 16 July stopped briefly at Honolulu. There President Silas Smith, Elder John T. Caine, and several other missionaries in Hawaii called on the emigrants. Except for a young man who fell overboard and was rescued by a boat lowered from the vessel, the rest of the voyage was uneventful. After a passage of about eighty days, including stops at Tahiti and Hawaii, the vessel arrived at San Pedro, California, on 15 August.

The Jenny Ford was owned by three San Francisco merchants. She had one deck, a square stern, and a figurehead. In 1862 her registration was surrendered at Port Townsend, Washington.

(Ships, Saints, and Mariners: A Maritime Encyclopedia of Mormon Migration, 1830-1890 by Conway B. Sonne)

Ship: Jenny Ford

Henry Mower Jr. (1824-1902) son of Henry Mower Sr. and Mary Amick
Henry MOWER (Jr.) was listed as an immigrant in 1849 crossing the plains in the 3rd Company with Captain Silas RICHARDS. Henry was listed as age 24,

Susan 22, and John A. age 1. This company was outfitted at Kaneshville, Iowa on the Elkhorn River on 10 Jul 1849. About 100 individuals were in the company and arrived about 27 Oct 1849.

Since Henry Mower Jr. did not keep a journal of his trip across the the plains we must go to other sources for a day-by-day account of this journey. The following is from the journal of Silas Richards:

72 wagons in camp left Winter Quarters on July 10th, having been organized by Bros. George Albert Smith and Ezra Taft Benson. Captains of Ten were: William B. Huntington, Elam Luddington, Augustus Farnham, Isaac Clark, Samuel Clark, Moses Clawson, Albert P. Rockwood (Marshall of Camp), Lyman Stevens (Captain of Guard) and Bro. Harvey (Captain of Herds).

July 10--- Traveled twelve miles, camped on prairie.

This next passage concerning the relationship of Augustus Farnham and Hannah Reese no longer comes up when searching his name on Ancestry.com. From Our Pioneer Heritage, Vol 1 Their Contribution to Utah:

"On the return voyage from Australia Elder Farnham was put in charge of a company of Saints emigrating to Utah and among them was a twelve year old girl, Hannah Reese, and her brother who, after their arrival in Utah, went on to California where they stayed for some two years. Hannah returned to Salt Lake City where she again met Augustus. Not long after he took her to see Brigham Young, requesting that he marry them, but President Young said, "She's a nice little girl, Brother Farnham, take her home, take care of her and be a father to her." However, on February 11, 1860 he did marry Hannah and on September 19, 1862, a son, Joseph Levi Farnham, was born to

them. At that time she was nearly eighteen years of age, having been born in Australia on November 21, 1844.


Sources

1. Title: Andover, Mass, Vital Records to 1850, Vols 1 and 2
Media: Book
2. Title: Our Pioneer Heritage, Vol I, Their Contribution to Utah
Media: Book

SmartMatches

Individuals from other files that are believed to be the same person:

- [Augustus Alwin Farnham](#) of [Crist & Brown Family 7-30-05](#)
- [Augustus Alwin Farnham](#) of [Kinship of Caroline Eunice Cooper](#)
- [Augustus Alwin FARNHAM](#) of [New England Roots](#)
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