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Liverpool to New Orleans

Ship: [Berlin](#)
 Departure: **5 Sep 1849**
 Arrival: **23 Oct 1849**
 Church Leader: **James G. Brown**
 # LDS Passengers: **287**
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A Compilation of General Voyage Notes

". . .The ship Berlin sailed for New Orleans on the 5th day of September, carrying 253 souls of the Latter-day Saints. . . ."FORTY-FOURTH company. -- Berlin 253 souls. The ship Berlin sailed from Liverpool for New Orleans with two hundred and fifty-three Latter-day Saints on board, September 5th, 1849, under the presidency of James G. Brown. (Millennial Star, Vol. XI, page 363.) The company had a tedious voyage, during which the passengers suffered much from cholera and forty-three deaths occurred on board, of whom thirteen adults and fifteen children belonged to the Saints. The other deaths were among passengers and apostates of where there were a number on board.This was the greatest loss of life that up to that time had been experienced among the Saints wending their way to Zion, since the emigration from Europe commenced in 1840. As some of those who died had no relatives on board, their property was left with Elder McKenzie, the church agent, at New Orleans, subject to orders from their relatives in England. Their bedding and other goods that was thought affected with cholera were thrown overboard. The Saints were well pleased with Brother Brown as their presiding officer, but were highly dissatisfied with Captain Smith's conduct toward them. (Millennial Star, Vol. XI, page 363.) On the twenty-second of October, 1849, on the same day that the James Pennell reached port, the Berlin arrived at New Orleans, with that part of the company who had escaped a watery grave. The largest portion of the Saints emigrating in the Berlin was sent up the Mississippi River by the church agent, Thomas McKenzie, but some stopped at New Orleans, where they found employment for the winter. (Millennial Star, Vol. XI, page 284, 363; Vol. XII, page 14.)" "Wed. 5. [Sep. 1849] -- The ship Berlin sailed from Liverpool with 253 Saints, under James G. Brown's direction, bound for G. [Great] S. [Salt] L. [Lake] Valley; it arrived at New Orleans Oct. 22nd. Twenty-six died on the voyage, of cholera."

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Autobiographical sketch of Henry Dinwoodey

. . . I remained in Warrington until September 5th, 1849 when I, together with my wife and my brother, John, emigrated to America, sailing from Liverpool on that date in the ship *Berlin*.

My wife at this time became very sick. The doctor gave very little hope of her recovery, giving her only 10 days to live. I assisted her every day to come up on deck for a time which did her much good.

During the voyage cholera broke out on board, forty three persons dying from its effects and were buried in the sea. I assisted a great deal to attend the sick and also to bury those that died. I did not myself feel any effects of it. Neither did my wife which was somewhat [p.3]

Passenger List

- [Eliza AMER](#)
- [Fanny AMER](#)
- [Richard AMER](#)
- [James ASHTON](#)
- [William ASHTON](#)
- [Esther BAMFORD](#)
- [Eve BAMFORD](#)
- [John BAMFORD](#)
- [Mary BAMFORD](#)
- [Mary Jane BAMFORD](#)
- [Sarah BAMFORD](#)
- [John BARLOW](#)
- [Adam BARTON](#)
- [Helen BARTON](#)
- [Margaret BARTON](#)
- [Alfred BEAYLEY](#)
- [Ellen BIRCH](#)
- [Richard BIRCH](#)
- [William Harrison BIRCH](#)
- [Ann BOOTH](#)
- [Ann BOOTH](#)
- [Esther BOOTH](#)
- [Henry BOOTH](#)
- [Agnes BRADSHAW](#)
- [Frederick J. BRADSHAW](#)
- [Harriet BRADSHAW](#)
- [John BRADSHAW](#)
- [Julia M. BRADSHAW](#)
- [Mary BRADSHAW](#)
- [Eliza BRINDLEY](#)
- [James BRINDLEY](#)
- [William BRINDLEY](#)
- [Hugh BROWN](#)
- [James BROWN](#)
- [James G. BROWN](#)
- [Janet BROWN](#)
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- [James BURNETT](#)
- [Andrew BURT](#)
- [Andrew BURT](#)
- [Isabella BURT](#)
- [Susannah CHERRINGTON](#)
- [Elizabeth CLARKSON](#)
- [Kitty CLARKSON](#)
- [Thomas CLARKSON](#)
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- [Robert COOPER](#)
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- [Margaret CORR](#)
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- [Mary CORR](#)
- [William CORR](#)
- [John CRABB](#)
- [James DAWSON](#)
- [Jeremiah DAWSON](#)
- [John DAY](#)
- [Alice DINSDALE](#)
- [George DINSDALE](#)
- [Owen DINSDALE](#)
- [Ellen DINWOODEY](#)
- [Henry DINWOODEY](#)

remarkable owing to her delicate state of health, but my brother took it. However, with good attention and strong perseverance, with a vigorous application of cayenne pepper, both inside and out, of which I fortunately had some 4 pounds, I succeeded in arresting the disease and he ultimately recovered.

We experienced some rough weather at sea being also once becalmed, for three weeks, but on the whole our voyage was a fairly good one and after the expiration of forty five days from the date of sailing, we arrived safely in New Orleans on the 20th of October. My wife's health was much improved.

Soon after we landed I succeeded in obtaining work at a trade of carpenter, receiving three shillings per day cash. I could not help from comparing this with its equivalent with English shillings and I was struck with the comparison received at the rate of twelve instead of three shillings per day. I thought at this rate I should not be long in getting rich. Provisions also were very cheap.

A short time after this I, with a person named James Stevens, commenced to manufacture cisterns for rainwater tanks, it being used for culinary purposes, no other water being obtainable except the muddy water of the Mississippi River.

In April of 1850 I left New Orleans for St. Louis, journeying up the Mississippi River in a steamboat and arriving in a few days. Upon my arrival I rented a small store, corner of Sixth and Washington Avenue where my wife opened a notion and dry goods business and I obtained a good situation at Mr. Dowdell's Foundry as head pattern maker. [p.4]

On the 3rd of April, 1852 I was ordained to the office of elder by Thomas Rigley, president of the St. Louis Branch and in this same year my brother, William, in company with the Needham family, arrived in St. Louis. He afterwards married Miss Sofia Needham, and on April 8th of the following year 1853 my mother and stepfather, John Evans, arrived bringing with them my brother, James, who was then in his eighteenth year. They sailed from England February 14th.

Shortly after their arrival my brother, John, who had obtained a situation on board a steamboat running from St. Louis to New Orleans on one of her downward trips, accidentally fell overboard and was drowned. His body never was recovered.

Having in the spring of 1855 decided to leave St. Louis for Salt Lake City, I spoke to my employer, Mr. Dowdell, with reference to my giving up my situation with him for that purpose, but he used every inducement to persuade me not to do so and wished me to remain with him. He would sit for hours by my bench talking to me upon the subject, telling me he felt sure the Mormons were deluded and misguided in their beliefs. However, when he found my decision to go was firm, he said that should I ever repent my action and would like to return to let him know and he would send me the money to do so which was certainly a very kind act on his part and which I could fully appreciate.

. . . I started on my journey in May for Salt Lake City, Utah, taking a passage for myself and wife on board a steamboat to Atchison, landing there in a few days. This was one of the first boats that had landed there. I halted here for two or three weeks in order to purchase a wagon and cattle for the rest of my journey which I made in the Independent Company then starting under command of Captain [p.5] John Hindley

. . . After a journey of between four and five months, we arrived in Salt Lake City about the middle of September. . . . [p.6]

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Letter from Thomas McKenzie - November 8, 1849

New Orleans, November 8th, 1849.

Brother Pratt,--Dear Sir, in a former letter I sent you the number that died on the ship *Berlin*, and I would have given you the particulars then, but I had not received them. As there were some Saints died who had no relations on board, I wanted to ascertain what disposal had been made of their property, so that their friends could have it. I have called on those that had their property, and they have placed it at my disposal; I therefore send you their names, and await your counsel how to dispose of it.

- [John DINWOODEY](#)
- [Agnes DUNCANSON](#)
- [David DUNCANSON](#)
- [Elizabeth DUNCANSON](#)
- [Benjamin EADS](#)
- [Ann Jane ELLISON](#)
- [Christiana ELLISON](#)
- [John ELLISON](#)
- [John ELLISON](#)
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- [John HIBBERT](#)
- [John HINDLEY](#)
- [Mary HINDLEY](#)
- [Francis HODGKINSON](#)
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- [Elizabeth MORRISON](#)

William Fielder, died September 25th, aged 21; from Sheerness.

Charles Timmings, died September 26th, aged 22; from West Broomwich.

John Buckley, died September 29th, aged 28; from Derbyshire.

The above three are all of whose property I can ascertain anything about. I would here observe that a great quantity of their goods were thrown overboard. The following are the names of the rest of the Saints that died and their children:

Ellen Stoddart, died September 13th, aged 27.

Eliza Hopkins, died September 16th, aged 23, and two children.

William Smith, died September 17th, aged 50; from Derby.

William Brindley, died September 18th, aged 46; from London.

Patience Smith, died September 18th, aged 2 years.

John Mason, died September 22nd, aged 63; from Staffordshire.

William Harrison Birch, died September 22nd, aged 2 years.

Agnes Smith, died September 23rd, aged 10 months.

Martha Stoddart, died September 23rd, aged 9 months.

Mary Anne Wilson, died September 23rd, aged 18 months.

Ellen Fife, died September 24th, aged 5 years.

William Farnsworth, died September 24th, aged 18 months.

Thomas Warburton, died September 25th, aged 53; from Crewe.

John Fletcher, died September 26th, aged 26; from Chesterfield.

Sarah Anne West, died September 27th, aged 2 years.

Ann Farnsworth, died September 27th, aged 42, from Leeds.

James Dawson, died September 29th, aged 28; from Oldham.

James Corr, died September 30th, aged 9 months.

F. J. Bradshaw, died October 4th, aged 6 years.

Mary Bradshaw, died October 5th, aged 8 years.

Ann Whale, died October 6th, aged 12 months.

Agnes Bradshaw, aged 5 years.

Richard Lester, died September 28th, aged 25; from Leister.--Total 28.

The Saints in New Orleans have been organized, and we have formed a branch here for the winter. We have good meetings and have baptized several, and many are enquiring into our belief. The Saints generally who have remained in New Orleans, have procured work.

Praying God to bless you, I remain yours, respectfully,

Thomas McKenzie [p.14]

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