

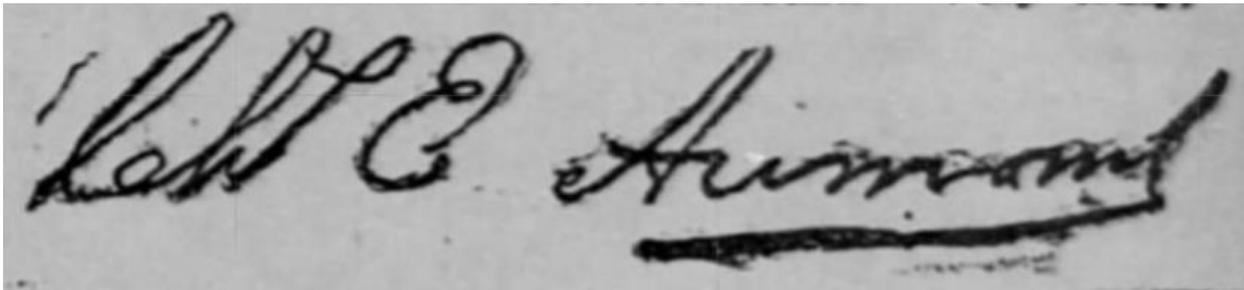
Charles E Aumond

Charles E Aumond was born about 1842 in Canada. He immigrated to America, where we find him keeping a livery stable in Silver Reef, Washington, Utah Territory, in 1880¹ and in 1886.² In 1896, he and August L Simondi patented 50 acres of land near Ophir in Tooele, Utah,³ including the Wachusett and the Royal Gorge in the Ophir mining district in Tooele County. These properties were well equipped with boarding houses, assay office, blacksmith shop, etc. They sold the lot for \$20,000 in 1897.⁴

In 1897, Charles was spotlighted in a newspaper advertisement about a cure for his deafness. He explained: "I am an old-timer here and for many years have followed mining. I have mined in Utah, Nevada, California, British Columbia and Alaska, and traveled all over this country. During my trips from place to place, I have been considerable exposed to all sorts of weather, and I contracted catarrh, which resulted in deafness. I found that my right ear was entirely deaf, and the other but little better... have not heard the clock ticking for many years... My friends had to shout at me to make me hear, and I grew so embarrassed over it that I shunned companionship."⁵

Then he testifies of his cure: "I have treated with Drs. Shores & Shores for nearly two months, and I must say I never anything quite so wonderful as the way they have helped me. I am confident my hearing is 50 per cent better than it was, as I can now hear ordinary conversations without much trouble... I refused an offer the other day to take charge of a mine because I am determined to stay by this treatment... I would not give it up for one thousand dollars a month."⁶

Charles died by accidental drowning in a ditch, as reported by the sheriff, on 27 May 1918 in Tooele, Tooele, Utah. He was buried in the Tooele City Cemetery.⁷

A black and white photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature reads "Charles E Aumond" and is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The signature is written in a fluid, connected style typical of the late 19th century.

Signature of Charles E Aumond for a testimonial advertisement
(*Salt Lake Herald*, 4 April 1897, p. 6)

¹ United States Census, 1880.

² Utah Gazetteer and Directory, 1884, p. 312.

³ thelandpatents.com/patents/ututaa-006969; ewg.org/mining/owners/overview.php?cust_id=1203536; glorerecords.blm.gov

⁴ *Salt Lake Herald*, 12 March 1897, p. 3.

⁵ *Salt Lake Herald*, 23 May 1897, p. 5; *Salt Lake Tribune*, 4 April 1897, p. 6.

⁶ *Ibid.*

⁷ Utah Death Certificates, 1904-1964.



Charles E Aumond (image from the *Salt Lake Herald*, 23 May 1897, p. 5)

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