

Brigham James Lund

Brigham James Lund was born 14 December 1854 in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah Territory.¹ He was the fifth of ten children of Wilson Lund and Eliza Ann Brace. His parents were from England where they joined the Mormon Church in 1840-1841. Brigham's father was a stone cutter by trade and worked on the Nauvoo Temple. The family crossed the plains to the Great Salt Lake Valley in 1849. Here Brigham's father worked on the Salt Lake Temple. He took a second wife who bore him eight more children.

Brigham was listed on the 1856 Utah Statehood Census Index as living in the 15th Ward in Great Salt Lake.² The family farmed in Salt Lake City until 1861³, when they were sent south by President Brigham Young.⁴ They settled in St George, Washington, Utah Territory.⁵ Although schooling was somewhat limited, Brigham took every opportunity for education for his future career in business.⁶ In 1870, the family was in St George, where Brigham's father served as a stone cutter⁷ for the St George Temple and cut a stone box as a time capsule for the Tabernacle. The box contained the Deseret News, standard Church works, coins, and a bottle of wine.⁸

On the 1870 census, Brigham was a laborer, living with his mother and two sisters in St George (his father was recorded as living with his second wife and family).⁹ Brigham married Rosilla Polly Branch in 1881 in St George. They had ten children. For a short time, Brigham drove the mail from St George to Mesquite, Nevada (now Arizona). He made the trip in way day, to and from, carrying a lunch from St George and another one from Mesquite. He had a hard time tolerating eggs, even when mixed in cookies from his Aunt Hepsie Branch.

Brigham and Rosilla made their home in Silver Reef and started their family.¹⁰ The first six of their ten children were born in Silver Reef. Brigham used the lessons he learned in business at his brother's store and became a partner in the cattle business. His partner fronted the cattle and pasture lands around Parashant and Cainan. His partner then used some legal aspect to break the partnership. Brigham was disheartened and his wife Rosilla told him not to worry, that he had been faithful and honest in his dealings. She told him to wait for justice, which surely came because in a few years that man was on the streets and died a very poor man.¹¹

Brigham worked in his brother and brother-in-law's store, the Woolley, Lund & Judd Mercantile Establishment¹², in Silver Reef. His brother Robert was the Lund part and his brother-in-law Thomas Judd was another part of the trio.¹³ The store was housed in the south side of the Wells Fargo building on Main Street in Silver Reef.¹⁴ It was a mercantile and mine supply store¹⁵ and they served

¹ St George 1st Ward, St George Stake Membership, SLGL film #27334; Utah Death Certificates, 1904-1964.

² Utah, Compiled Census and Census Substitutes Index, 1850-1890.

³ United States Census, 1860.

⁴ Utah Statehood Census Index, 1856.

⁵ *Salt Lake Herald*, 8 September 1900, p. 2.

⁶ History of Brigham James Lund by Lamar Lund, at *Familysearch.org*

⁷ United States Census, 1870.

⁸ Wilson Lund and the Stone Box under the St George LDS Tabernacle, at *Familysearch.org*

⁹ United States Census, 1880.

¹⁰ *Salt Lake Herald*, 1 April 1881, p. 2; 30 July 1884, p. 8.

¹¹ History of Brigham James Lund by Lamar Lund, at *Familysearch.org*

¹² The first Woolley, Lund and Judd store was in St George, then in 1878 other stores was started in Silver Reef and Grand Gulch, Arizona (a copper mining town).

¹³ History of Brigham James Lund by Lamar Lund, at *Familysearch.org*

¹⁴ *Saga of Three Towns*, by Marietta M. Mariger, 1951, p. 97.

¹⁵ Historic American Building Survey, National Park Service, 1968, p. 4.

as the official representatives of Wells, Fargo & Company.¹⁶ The newspaper described their merchandise as all the “furnishings for a quartzmill, down to a ball of twine”. One of the exotic items was a “fine lot of white, gray, mottled and vicuna blankets”.¹⁷

In the early 1890s, Brigham and Rosilla moved back to St George where he worked as a farmer in the Washington fields. He served as water master for the area. Much of his pay was wheat and molasses (in 50-gallon containers), which he then traded for other commodities. When the first railroad to Southern Utah came, Brigham started a venture that lasted a half a century. He began freighting from the railroad terminal in Modena to St George, Pioche, and Delamar areas.¹⁸ In 1897, he held part of the mortgage of the La Virken Fruit and Nursery company, a debt of \$3,000.¹⁹

In 1899 he took two very close friends, E M Brown and Joe Price as partners and started the forwarding business.²⁰ A freight forwarder organizes shipments for individuals or corporations to get their goods from the manufacturer to a market. Another business was a Feed, Livery Stable, and Hack Line. The first office was a very large tent which stood near the railroad water tanks.²¹ Soon the office was moved into the Utah and Pacific Railroad Company depot. He also built a hotel in Modena, perhaps to house all his employees.²²

Brigham was appointed postmaster for Silver Reef in March 1892. He was paid \$75.83 for the year 1895.²³ In 1900, he was listed as a Ford Company agent, living with his wife and six children in St George. He was also captured alone on the State Line Precinct in Iron, Utah census this year, presumably traveling for his work as a forwarding agent.²⁴ He was awarded the Star Service mail contract in Nevada in 1903, for which he was paid \$350.54. He served again in 1905 for \$600 and in 1906 and 1907 for \$900 each year.²⁵

Brigham bought the interests of his partners in 1903 and incorporated the business B J Lund & Company, a general mercantile and hotel which is standing in Modena today. The capital stock was fixed at \$6,000 and the officers were Brigham as president and his nephew Robert C Lund as secretary-treasurer.²⁶ The Democratic primary for the precinct was held at Brigham’s store in the fall of 1904.²⁷ Brigham moved his family to Modena in 1904 but moved back to St George seasonally for the school year.²⁸ That year, his horse was stolen by a young man claiming to be a book agent. The man, new in town, was caught at Urban, about 30 miles away, and claimed that it was a mistake and he was planning on returning the horse.²⁹

¹⁶ Wilson Lund Family History, by Russ Bateman; *The Banker’s Almanac and Register*, 1883, p. 91; *The Merchants’ and Bankers’ Almanac for 1885*, p. 258; *Salt Lake Herald*, 8 September 1900, p. 2.

¹⁷ *Silver Reef Miner*, 30 September 1882, p. 3.

¹⁸ *Ibid.*

¹⁹ *Salt Lake Herald*, 26 November 1897, p. 7.

²⁰ *Salt Lake Herald*, 30 November 1899, p. 5.

²¹ History of Brigham James Lund by Lamar Lund, at *Familysearch.org*

²² *Daily Spectrum*, 22 June 1966, p. 1.

²³ US Appointments of US Postmasters, 1832-1971; Official Register of the United States, Containing a List of the Officers and Employees in the Civil, Military, and Naval Service Together with a List of Vessels Belonging to the United States, Vol. 2, p. 370.

²⁴ United States Census, 1900.

²⁵ US Register of Civil, Military, and Naval Service, 1863-1959.

²⁶ *Ogden Standard*, 6 November 1903, p. 8; *Daily Spectrum*, 22 June 1966, p. 1; *Eureka Reporter*, 13 November 1903, p. 2; History of Brigham James Lund by Lamar Lund, at *Familysearch.org*

²⁷ *Salt Lake Herald*, 19 August 1904, p. 7.

²⁸ *Salt Lake Tribune*, 21 March 1904, p. 3; 8 September 1905, p. 8.

²⁹ *Salt Lake Tribune*, 9 June 1904, p. 3; *Eureka Reporter*, 17 June 1904, p. 2.

The Southern Utah Telephone company of St George incorporated in March 1904 with directors named as Brigham and his brother Robert, along with E H Snow and C S Wilkinson.³⁰ Brigham had supervision of the sheep shearing in Milford in 1905. About 80,000 sheep were shorn and nearly 600,000 pounds of wool were shipped back east. The finer grade of wool obtained higher prices than in previous years. Brigham also claimed that the local raisins were superior to the California product.³¹

Brigham and Rosilla had an odd occurrence in front of their home in August 1905. Five Indians and their squaws arrived in the afternoon. Among them was an educated Indian who stationed himself in their yard and began an informal religious sermon. He announced himself as Presbyterian but not a missionary, and spoke of faith, truth and charity. The nearby Mormons³² listening caught the spirit of his discourse and interspersed their own hymns.³³

In 1905, Brigham was starting arrangements for the formation of a company to dry farm in the vicinity of Modena. Dry farming had been done previously near Milford and in Enterprise and was considered quite profitable.³⁴ About six weeks later, Brigham's brother Robert arrived in Modena in route to St George for the winter. Brigham accompanied his brother on his journey home, stopping at Chadburn's Ranch near Veyo. The brothers stayed up talking until about 2:00 in the morning. The next morning when they were called for breakfast, they found that Brigham had passed away in his sleep.³⁵ He had been ailing for several days but his condition was not considered serious. He died of angina pectoris on 18 September 1905 and was buried in the St George Cemetery.³⁶

Rosilla lived on her own income in St George and raised her children to adulthood.³⁷ She served as president of the literary and social club organized by the ladies of Modena. Known as M. S. T. P., the secret name was unknown. The proceeds from initiations and monthly dues went towards the purchase of the best and latest books to establish a circulating library.³⁸ Rosilla died of a stroke on 19 July 1933. She was buried beside Brigham in the St George Cemetery.³⁹

Brigham's nephew Robert C Lund Jr served as manager of the B J Lund & Company mercantile until 1907, when he sold out his interest to Brigham's heirs and started his own forwarding and mercantile business at Bullionville and Pioche.⁴⁰

³⁰ *Salt Lake Telegram*, 28 March 1904, p. 8.

³¹ *Salt Lake Tribune*, 15 February 1905, p. 11; 23 February 1904, p. 3; 17 March 1904, p. 11; 20 July 1904, p. 8; 13 May 1905, p. 6.

³² It is to be noted that Brigham was baptized in the Mormon faith as a child in 1863.

³³ *Salt Lake Herald*, 30 August 1905, p. 5.

³⁴ *Salt Lake Tribune*, 19 January 1906, p. 3.

³⁵ History of Brigham James Lund by Lamar Lund, at *Familysearch.org*; *Deseret Evening News*, 27 September 1905, p. 9.

³⁶ Utah Death Certificates, 1904-1964; Utah Death Registers, 1847-1866; Utah Death and Military Death Certificates, 1904-1961; US Cemetery Index from Selected States, 1847-2010; *Salt Lake Tribune*, 19 September 1905, p. 8; *Salt Lake Telegram*, 19 September 1905, p. 3; *Salt Lake Herald*, 19 September 1905, p. 7.

³⁷ United States Census, 1910, 1920, 1930.

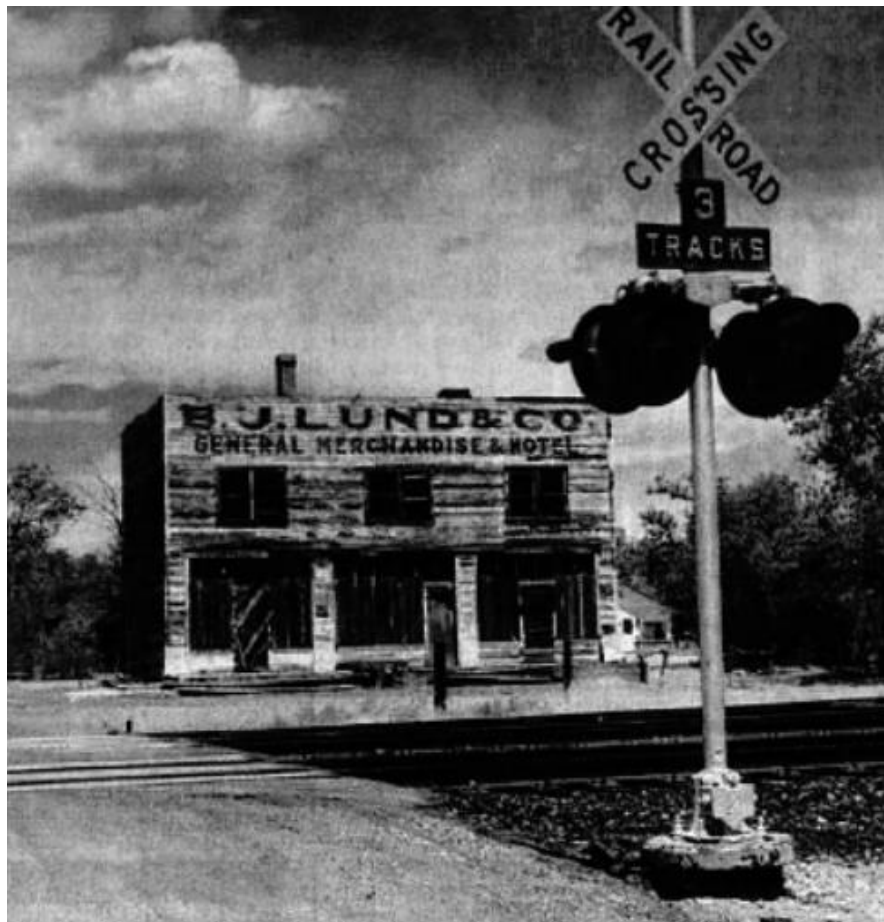
³⁸ *Salt Lake Tribune*, 6 June 1904, p. 3.

³⁹ Utah Death Certificates, 1904-1964; Utah Death Registers, 1847-1966; Utah Cemetery Inventory, 1847-2000; Utah Death and Military Death Certificates, 1904-1961; US Cemetery Index from Selected States, 1847-2010.

⁴⁰ *Salt Lake Herald*, 1 June 1907, p. 5.



Brigham's parents and their five living children (Image from *Familysearch.org*)



B J Lund & Company merchandise & hotel (image from *The Daily Spectrum*, 22 June 1966, p. 1).



(Image from *BillionGraves.com*)

Brigham James Lund Jr

Brigham James Lund Jr was born 18 October 1882 in Silver Reef. He died at eight months old in June 1883 and was buried in the St George Cemetery.⁴¹

William Lund

William Lund was born 16 June 1884 in Silver Reef.⁴² He married Alice Ann Knell in 1906 in St George; they had one son.⁴³ It was noted on his draft registration that his hearing was defective. He was described as five feet seven inches tall, 175 pounds, with brown eyes and brown hair. He served as the general manager for his father's business, B J Lund & Company, in Modena and as commissioner for Iron County.⁴⁴

William worked as a merchant in Modena⁴⁵ most of his life but retired and moved to Enterprise before 1930.⁴⁶ He died 18 May 1942 and was buried in Enterprise.⁴⁷ Alice remarried and died in 1968 and was buried next to William.⁴⁸

⁴¹ Utah Cemetery Inventory, 1847-2000; US Cemetery Index from Selected States, 1847-2010; BillionGraves Index.

⁴² US WWII Draft Registration Cards, 1942; Utah Death Certificates, 1904-1964.

⁴³ Utah County Marriages, 1887-1937; Utah Select Marriages, 1887-1966; Utah Marriages, 1887-1935.

⁴⁴ US WWI Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918; US WWII Draft Registration Cards, 1942.

⁴⁵ United States Census, 1910, 1920.

⁴⁶ United States Census, 1930.

⁴⁷ Utah Death Certificates, 1904-1964; Utah Death and Military Death Certificates, 1904-1961; Utah Death Registers, 1847-1966; US Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007.

⁴⁸ *Findagrave.com*

Minnie Lund

Minnie Lund was born 20 April 1886 in Silver Reef. She died at age five months in September 1887 and was buried in the St George Cemetery.⁴⁹

Rosilla Lund

Rosilla Lund was born 12 April 1888 in Silver Reef.⁵⁰ She married George Ernest Hills in 1912 in St George; they had five children.⁵¹ She lived in St George until 1920 when they are living in Lincoln, Wyoming.⁵² They moved to Modena, Utah, before 1930.⁵³ George died in 1947 in Modena and was buried in Cedar City.⁵⁴ Rosilla died 29 March 1967 Cedar City and was buried there.⁵⁵

Eliza Lyle Lund

Eliza (known as Lyle) Lund was born 1 August 1890 in Silver Reef.⁵⁶ She lived in St George and was a member of Dixie Academy's first graduating class in 1914.⁵⁷ She moved to Salt Lake City before 1930. She married Arthur Richard Nielsen in 1938 in Salt Lake City.⁵⁸ Arthur died in 1944 in Salt Lake City and was buried in Draper.⁵⁹ Lyle worked as a saleslady at ZCMI in the dry goods department. She died 9 April 1964 in Salt Lake City and was buried in Draper.⁶⁰

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⁴⁹ Utah Cemetery Inventory, 1847-2000; US Cemetery Index from Selected States, 1847-2010.

⁵⁰ *Findagrave.com*

⁵¹ Utah Marriages, 1887-1935; Utah County Marriages, 1887-1937.

⁵² United States Census, 1920.

⁵³ United States Census, 1930, 1940.

⁵⁴ Utah Death Certificates, 1904-1964; Utah Death Registers, 1847-1966; Utah Death and Military Death Certificates, 1904-1961.

⁵⁵ *Findagrave.com*; *BillionGraves.com*

⁵⁶ Utah Death Certificates, 1904-1964.

⁵⁷ United States Census, 1900, 1910, 1920, *Familysearch.org*

⁵⁸ Utah County Marriages, 1887-1940.

⁵⁹ Utah Deaths and Burials, 1888-1946; Utah Salt Lake County Death Records, 1849-1949; Utah Deaths and Burials, 1888-1946; Utah Death and Military Death Certificates, 1904-1961; Utah Death Registers, 1847-1966.

⁶⁰ Utah Death Certificates, 1904-1964.