

Herman Krause

Herman Krause was born 18 June 1831 in Bojanowo, Posen, Prussia. He immigrated to America, sailing from Hamburg, Germany, on the ship *Matausa*, arriving 15 August 1851. By 1854, he was a retail dealer in wines, liquors, tobacco, and sundries. 1861, he owned the Premium Stereoscopic Ambrotype Gallery in Forest Hill, California. His establishment featured a German and English library and a billiard hall.¹

From 1864-1867, Herman had a gallery in Austin, Lander, Nevada. His brother had a wholesale business next door, tobacco, stationery, and notions.² He was an ambrotypist (an Ambrotype was a positive photograph on glass used in the 1850s, and superseded by the tintype³), photographer, and dentist.⁴ On the 1870 census, he was a photographer, living in White Pine, Nevada.⁵ He moved to Pioche, Lincoln, Nevada, where he had a photography shop on La Cour Street.⁶ He was made a naturalized citizen 4 August 1874 at Pioche, Nevada.⁷

He was a merchant in Storey, Nevada, in 1875.⁸ He moved to Silver Reef, Washington, Utah Territory, where he was appointed US postmaster on 18 April 1879.⁹ He was also a stationer (someone who sells stationery and other paper supplies) but his business burned in the 1879 Silver Reef fire.¹⁰ As postmaster, he was paid \$1,200 for the year 1881.¹¹ He was a member of Pioche Lodge No 23 of the International Order of Odd Fellows in 1883.¹²

By 1890, he had moved to Ogden, Utah, Utah Territory, where he was the manager of the Kansas City Liquor House in Ogden, Utah Territory.¹³ He was elected treasurer of the International Order of Odd Fellows Lodge No 5 in Ogden.¹⁴ From 1892-1909, he lived in Kansas City, Missouri, where in 1900 he was a hotel clerk.¹⁵ In 1903, he was a hotel manager, and went abroad for a year. On his passport application, he was described as 71 years old, 5 foot 4 inches tall, with blue eyes and gray hair. In 1909, he was a bookkeeper and went abroad again for three years.¹⁶

No further record of Herman has been found; it is not known when or where he died. It does not appear that he ever married.

¹ Pioneer Photographers of the Far West, 1840-1865, by Palmquist and Kailbourn, 2000, p. 354.

² US IRS Tax Assessment Lists, 1862-1918; Pioneer Photographers of the Far West, 1840-1865, by Palmquist and Kailbourn, 2000, p. 354.

³ *Wikipedia*: Ambrotype.

⁴ Pioneer Photographers of the Far West, 1840-1865, by Palmquist and Kailbourn, 2000, p. 354.

⁵ United States Census, 1870.

⁶ Pioneer Photographers of the Far West, 1840-1865, by Palmquist and Kailbourn, 2000, p. 354.

⁷ U.S. Passport Applications, 1795-1925.

⁸ Nevada State Census, 1875.

⁹ U.S., Appointments of U. S. Postmasters, 1832-1971; United States Census, 1880.

¹⁰ *The American Stationer*, Vol 7, 1879, p. 62.

¹¹ Official Register of the United States, Vol 2, 1881, p. 581.

¹² *Nevada State Journal*, 6 June 1883, p. 3; *Reno Gazette-Journal*, 5 June 1883, p. 3.

¹³ US City Directories, 1822-1995.

¹⁴ *The Standard* [Ogden, Utah], 15 November 1890; *Salt Lake Tribune*, 17 November 1890, p. 8; 20 April 1891, p. 8.

¹⁵ United States Census, 1900; Pioneer Photographers of the Far West, 1840-1865, by Palmquist and Kailbourn, 2000, p. 354.

¹⁶ U.S. Passport Applications, 1795-1925.