## **Ebbert**

Louis Ebbert was born on July 17, 1801 in Hessen, Germany and raised by Baron Rothschild in Frankfort. He married Frederica Beck

and they had nine children; only four of them grew to adulthood. Louis and his family traveled to America before William was born in 1833. They eventually moved to St. Louis, Missouri.

The Ebbert family story starts in 1848 or 1849, when Martin Ebbert, their oldest son, left his parents and siblings in St. Louis and ventured west to El Dorado County. It has been reported that he made three trips west with Kit Carson before he worked in the gold fields. His main occupation was driving mule trains from Sacramento to Virginia City.

In 1852, Martin returned to St. Louis to bring the rest of the family west. Louis and Frederica Ebbert came west in the same wagon train as the Kloepfer family. The wagon train guide for the trip was Martin Ebbert.

The passage was not an easy one. The wagon train was "attacked" by stampeding buffalo herds, and suffered an outbreak of cholera. At one point, Elizabeth "Lizzie"

