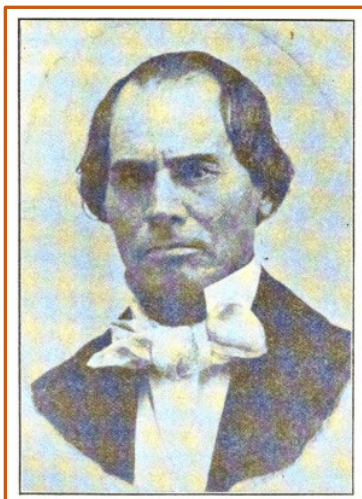


## William's Wheel of Fortune

Decide if William's choices created an overall positive or negative result. These are your opinions. Place a plus sign next to the positive results and a minus sign next to the negative ones.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Profited from the hunting of buffalo
- \_\_\_\_\_ Traded internationally with England, Italy, Mexico, China, etc.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Provided goods which various Native American nations desired
- \_\_\_\_\_ Traveled in trade caravans through Native American lands
- \_\_\_\_\_ Served as Army scout for Kearney during the U.S./Mexican War
- \_\_\_\_\_ Traded guns to Native American nations
- \_\_\_\_\_ Learned to speak various languages
- \_\_\_\_\_ Extracted a large amount of natural resources
- \_\_\_\_\_ Built the first permanent trading post in Colorado territory
- \_\_\_\_\_ Received buffalo robes from the Cheyenne and Arapaho for trade
- \_\_\_\_\_ Enslaved Charlotte, Dick, and Andrew
- \_\_\_\_\_ Worked toward creating peaceful relations with Native American tribes
- \_\_\_\_\_ Served as government representative for the Treaty of 1865 which limited Native American lands
- \_\_\_\_\_ Gave Army of the West quarter and supplies as they prepared to invade Mexico
- \_\_\_\_\_ Warned Cheyenne/Arapaho encampment about smallpox outbreak
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cautioned against revenge with those involved in Charles Bent's assassination



William Bent managed business at Bent's Fort alongside Mestaahéhe (Owl Woman) during a difficult time in a remote location. He had to weigh his choices carefully.

### Point to Ponder

How do you determine whether or not a past decision is a good one?