

# Benjamin Pitman

Born in Trowbridge in on 24<sup>th</sup> July, 1822

Died in Cincinnati, Ohio, USA on 28<sup>th</sup> December, 1910

Biographer and pioneer of shorthand in the USA.



Brother of Sir Isaac Pitman. In 1852 he emigrated to the United States and the following year established the Phonographic Institute in Cincinnati. In 1855 he invented an electrochemical process of relief engraving.

Pitman attended the trial of the men charged with conspiring to assassinate Abraham Lincoln. His book, *The Assassination of President Lincoln and the Trial of the Conspirators*, was published in 1867. Benjamin Pitman also taught at Cincinnati Art School.