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We all strive for perfection but sometimes because of the circumstances fall a bit short. This book may not be perfect but to the best of our knowledge correct. Laugh at the errors in typing and enjoy the good intent. May you enjoy the effort put forth.

We regret that every picture could not be identified but we nearly wore out the picture as we used magnifying-glass and about thirty members tried to recall the name of the handsome young man or beautiful girl to no avail. Sorry.

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# HISTORY

We, the people of the Thirty-first Ward, were commissioned this 27th day of January, 1974, by Ogden Stake President Glen V. Holley in Ogden Stake Conference to write a ward history.

What is a history? The definition given in the dictionary is: "A narrative of events, a systematic written account of events, particularly of those effecting a group of people."

What then is the history of the Thirty-first Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints located in Ogden, Utah?

Is it the development in spirituality and righteousness of the members of the Thirty-first Ward?

Is it the growth in love and compassion for one another?

Is it the development of character of teachers and leaders of organizations that shows up in the development of character in each individual under their influence?

Is it the humility and service given by bishoprics that is proof that they are chosen and called of God to lead His people toward eternal progression?

Is history simply a record of the children of God obeying His will in service to others?

"For when ye are in the service of your fellow men, Ye are only in the service of your God." Mosiah 2 2:17 Book of Mormon

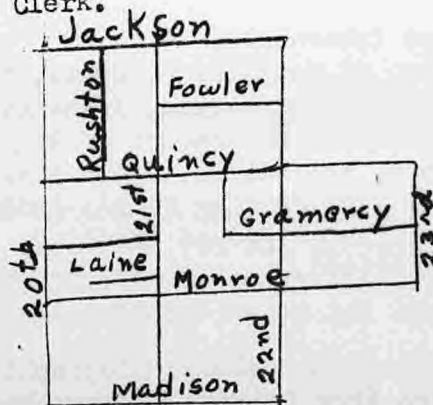
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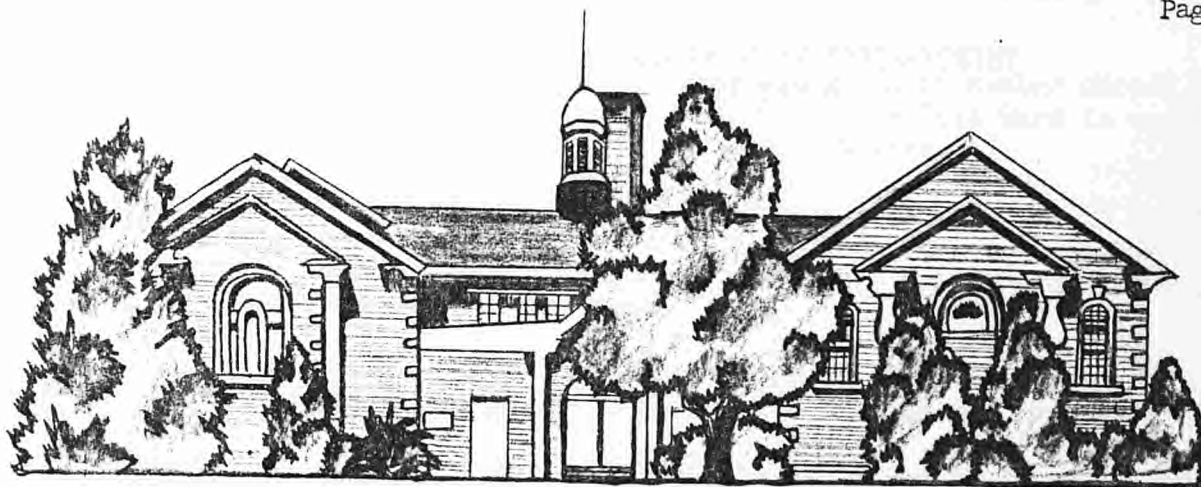
## THIRTY-FIRST WARD ORGANIZED

On the 18th of August, 1946, the Thirty-first Ward was organized from four blocks of the Twentieth Ward (20th to 22nd, Monroe to Jackson), one block from the Sixth Ward (22nd to 23rd, Monroe to Quincy), and one block from the Fourth Ward (20th to 21st, Madison to Monroe).

Volney B. Belnap was chosen bishop; Eugene Wiggins was chosen first counselor, Glen R. Clark second counselor, with James R. Scoville as Ward Clerk and Frank B. Carruth as assistant Ward Clerk.

Our First Boundaries =





OGDEN 31st WARD 1042 21st Street Ogden, Utah

The new Thirty-first Ward would share expense and occupy the building with the Twentieth Ward, 18 August 1946.

A meeting was called the 26th of February 1949, for all of the Priesthood men (who were former members of the Ogden Fourth Ward now residing in the Thirty-first Ward) to meet. President David O. Mc Kay was present, and he informed those men that the Presidency of the Church and the Council of the Twelve Apostles had approved their return to the Fourth Ward. Those holding positions were to remain until the position had been filled. Those who wished to remain in the Thirty-first Ward could do so. Many families stayed. This required the transfer of fifty families.

April 12, 1952, Ogden Stake President Laurence S. Burton and Counselor Lawrence H. Evans met the members of the Thirty-first Ward in Sacrament Meeting and presented for their approval the proposition of the Thirty-First Ward sharing the Fourth Ward Building. This movement was brought about by the proposed division of the Twentieth Ward and the Thirtieth Ward. The proposal was accepted.

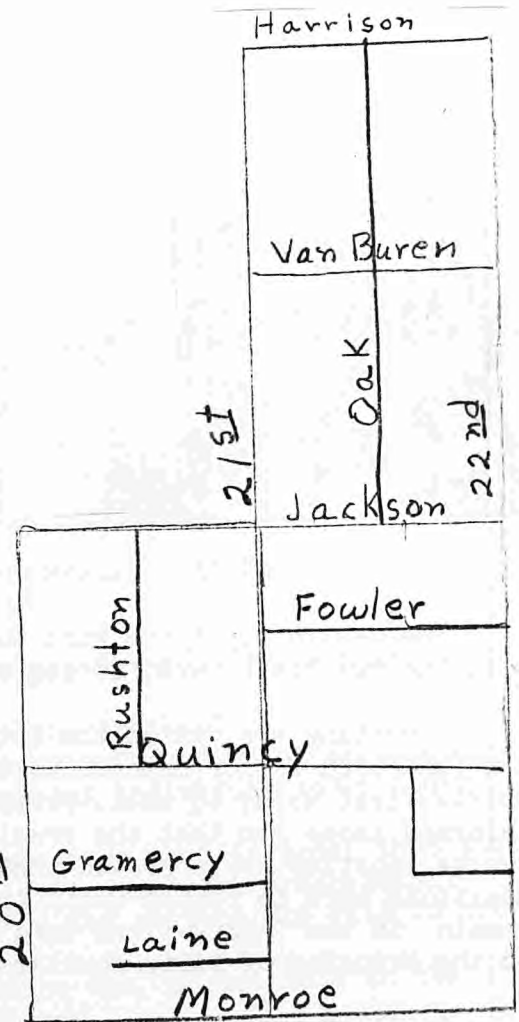
April 27, 1952, the new ward created from the 20th was to be known as the 36th Ward. The new ward created from the 30th Ward was to be known as the 35th Ward.

On May 4, 1958, there was a re-organization of the Ogden Thirty-first Ward Bishopric. The following are some of the changes made;

1. Meeting place of the 31st Ward was changed from the 4th Ward to the 20th Ward building.
2. Release of the bishopric.
3. A new bishopric was sustained.
4. The 31st Ward boundaries were changed to include two additional blocks from the 20th Ward (21st to 22nd Street, Jackson Avenue to Harrison Avenue). One block was lost-- returned to the 6th Ward (22nd to 23rd Street, Monroe Avenue to Quincy Avenue.)



THIRTY-FIRST WARD BOUNDARIES  
4 MAY 1958



School for  
the Blind  
personnel  
living there  
belong to  
the 31st  
Ward.

May 23, 1971, the decision to build a new church building was made, with the building to be shared by the 31st, 13th, and 20th Wards. The 31st Ward was to raise \$45,314.80. October 7, 1973, we had our quota collected. On the 21 October 1973, we held our first meeting in our beautiful new building. A chapter of the history book will be written on the new building. The dedication will be when the grounds are planted and beautified.

Informantio on the ward history was obtained from the Thirty-first Ward records.

OUR NEW BUILDING





"Bishop" is the name bestowed upon a Latter-Day Saint member chosen to lead a ward. A ward might be compared to a diocese. The 31st Ward is composed of 284 families or 812 members, but the number fluctuates.

A Bishop is a member of the ward from which he is chosen. He is chosen by the Presidency or an Apostle of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints; chosen by inspiration and by the record of his priesthood service, which is reported by his Stake President.

The position of bishop is a time-consuming service without pay of money, but rich with the Lord's pay, which is personal blessings and joy of service.

The bishop is considered the father of the ward. The ward members seek counsel in temporal as well as spiritual needs. A bishop is chosen because of his spirituality and is blessed with the gift of discernment and wisdom from the Lord.

Through the L.D.S. Welfare Plan, the bishop may assist the ward members in need of food, clothing or household furnishings. From the fast offerings donated by members, a cash fund is available in extreme needs. However the members are taught to be self-supporting and to store food and clothing for emergencies and to keep their families out of debt.

The training for a bishop does not come from attending a clergy college. Training begins at the age of twelve if he is worthy to receive the Aaronic Priesthood as a Deacon. He receives this priesthood by the laying on of hands by one who has the authority. The many priesthood and auxiliary organizations that he serves in further develop his ability. From a mission to teach the gospel, paid for by his family, he may receive training. A missionary is called after a boy is age nineteen. Serving as a counselor to a ward bishop gives experiences that bring development.

An L.D.S. ward bishop has two counselors to assist and counsel with him. They help carry responsibilities of leadership assigned to them. The Ward Clerk and assistant Ward Clerk keep records and make reports, which are sent monthly to the presidency of the church. The Executive Secretary assists the bishop making appointments and helping lighten his work. A financial clerk and assistant are in charge of financial records and accounts. This money comes from the members voluntarily paying tithing, fast offerings, or donations for maintenance of church buildings or for building new church buildings.

These persons are to aid the bishop with the work of serving and guiding the ward members and the ward organizations. All of these persons serve without monetary pay.

There have been ten 31st Ward Bishops : Volney B. Belnap, Orson P. Millet, Wilford D. Harris, LaMar Mumford, Warren N. Shurtleff, Hal G. Ferguson, David E. Tanner, Lorin Dwight Pincock, Clyde Gary Suttlemyre and David Van Peterson.

"OUR FRIENDLY BISHOP" by Derryl Herring (Primary Song Book)
I see our bishop every week      Our bishop is both kind and good;
He always smiles and stops to speak.      He helps us do the things we should.
He loves the children in our ward      He takes the time to say, 'Hello',
And shows us how to serve the Lord.      And shake my hand. I love him so.

OGDEN 31st WARD BISHOPRICS

	<u>SUSTAINED</u>	<u>RELEASED</u>
<b>FIRST</b>		
Bishop Volney B. Belnap	18 Aug 1946	30 Nov 1952
<b>1st Counselor:</b>		
Eugene H. Wiggins	18 Aug 1946	30 Nov 1952
<b>2nd Counselors:</b>		
Glen R. Clark	18 Aug 1946	15 Jan 1950
Orson P. Millet	15 Jan 1950	30 Nov 1952
<b>Ward Clerks:</b>		
James R. Scoville	18 Aug 1946	8 Mar 1948
Frank B. Carruth	8 Mar 1948	15 Jan 1950
Frank W. Call	15 Jan 1950	30 Nov 1952
<b>Assistant Ward Clerks:</b>		
Frank B. Carruth	18 Aug 1946	8 Mar 1948
John Snow	15 Jan 1950	30 Nov 1952
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<b>SECOND</b>		
Bishop Orson P. Millet	30 Nov 1952	6 June 1954
<b>1st Counselor:</b>		
Wilford D. Harris	30 Nov 1952	6 June 1954
<b>2nd Counselor:</b>		
Warren N. Shurtleff	30 Nov 1952	6 June 1954
<b>Ward Clerk:</b>		
John Snow	30 Nov 1952	6 June 1954
<b>Finance Clerk:</b>		
Harvey R. Schwitzer	30 Nov 1952	6 June 1954
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<b>THIRD</b>		
Bishop Wilford D. Harris	6 June 1954	4 May 1958
<b>1st Counselor:</b>		
Warren N. Shurtleff	6 June 1954	4 May 1958
<b>2nd Counselors:</b>		
Harvey R. Schwitzer	6 June 1954	8 May 1955
Russell W Carruth	8 May 1955	29 Apr 1956
J. Roland Stagg	29 Apr 1956	4 May 1958
<b>Ward Clerks:</b>		
John Snow	6 June 1954	30 Dec 1956
Alfred G. Crabtree	30 Dec 1956	4 May 1958
<b>Assistant Ward Clerks:</b>		
Alfred G. Crabtree	4 July 1954	30 Dec 1956
Leona Condie	1957	4 May 1958
<b>Finance Clerks:</b>		
Sterling Campbell	4 July 1954	10 Mar 1957
Everett N. Browning	10 Mar 1957	4 May 1958

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SUSTAINED

RELEASED

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FOURTH

Bishop LaMar W. Mumford	4 May 1958	30 Aug 1959
1st Counselor:		
Warren N. Shurtleff	4 May 1958	30 Aug 1959
2nd Counselor:		
Robert T. Critchlow	4 May 1958	30 Aug 1959
Ward Clerk:		
Ernest Lee King	4 May 1958	30 Aug 1959
Assistant Ward Clerk:		
Ray Elwin Nielsen	14 Dec 1958	30 Aug 1959
Finance Clerk:		
Evern W. Draney	13 July 1958	30 Aug 1959

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FIFTH

Bishop Warren N. Shurtleff	30 Aug 1959	26 May 1963
1st Counselors:		
Robert T. Critchlow	30 Aug 1959	22 May 1960
Milton E. Christenson	22 May 1960	10 Sept 1961
Norman Vaughn Larsen	10 Sept 1961	26 May 1963
2nd Counselors:		
Milton E. Christenson	30 Aug 1959	22 May 1960
Evern W. Draney	22 May 1960	10 Sept 1961
David E. Tanner	10 Sept 1961	26 May 1963
Ward Clerks:		
Ernest Lee King	30 Aug 1959	11 Oct 1959
Walter F. Mudrow	11 Oct 1959	26 Aug 1962
Karl A. Steinacker	26 Aug 1962	26 May 1963
Assistant Ward Clerks:		
Evern W. Draney	30 Aug 1959	22 May 1960
Ray E. Nielsen	30 Aug 1959	21 Feb 1960
Finance Clerk:		
Eugene H. Wiggins	22 May 1960	26 May 1963

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SIXTH:

Bishop Hal G. Ferguson	26 May 1963	7 June 1964
1st Counselor:		
Larry Price	26 May 1963	7 June 1964
2nd Counselor:		
Peter J. d'Hulst	26 May 1963	7 June 1964
Ward Clerks:		
Karl A. Steinacker	26 May 1963	16 June 1963
J. Leland Archibald	16 June 1963	7 June 1964
Assistant Ward Clerks:		
Douglas S. Price	3 Nov 1963	7 June 1964
Finance Clerks:		
Eugene H. Wiggins	26 May 1963	3 Nov 1963
Alfred G. Crabtree	3 Nov 1963	2 Feb 1964
Seymour Y. McAllister	2 Feb 1964	7 June 1964

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## SEVENTH:

Bishop David E. Tanner	7 June 1964	24 Jan 1971
1st Counselors:		
Larry G. Price	7 June 1964	29 Mar 1970
J. Leland Archibald	29 Mar 1970	21 June 1970
Benjamin V. Hunt	21 June 1970	24 Jan 1971
2nd Counselors:		
Peter Jack d'Hulst	7 June 1964	4 Feb 1968
J. Leland Archibald	4 Feb 1968	29 Mar 1970
Benjamin V. Hunt	29 Mar 1970	21 June 1970
Dwight D. McConnell	21 June 1970	24 Jan 1971
Ward Clerk:		
Seymour Y. McAllister	7 June 1964	24 Jan 1971
Assistant Ward Clerks:		
Douglas Price	7 June 1964	26 Nov 1967
Dennis C. Davis	21 June 1964	8 Nov 1964
J. Roland Stagg	26 Nov 1967	30 Aug 1970
Finance Clerks:		
R. Eugene Sellers	8 Nov 1964	13 June 1965
Volmer Miller	13 June 1965	24 Jan 1971

## EIGHTH:

Bishop Lorin Dwight Pincock	24 Jan 1971	9 March 1975
1st Counselor:		
Benjamin V. Hunt	24 Jan 1971	9 March 1975
2nd Counselors:		
Dwight D. McConnell	24 Jan 1971	12 Sept 1971
Floyd Poulsen	12 Sept 1971	9 March 1975
Ward Clerk:		
Seymour Y. McAllister	24 Jan 1971	9 March 1975
Assistant Ward Clerks:		
John Snow	22 Apr 1973	9 March 1975
David Van Peterson	2 Sept 1973	27 Oct 1974
Finance Clerks:		
Volmer Miller	24 Jan 1971	9 March 1975
Richard Sobers	25 Mar 1973	9 March 1975
Executive Secretary:		
Dennis Davis	24 Jan 1971	24 Oct 1971
R. Eugene Sellers	28 Nov 1971	July 1973
William A. Hicks	22 July 1973	27 Apr 1975



## NINTH:

Bishop Clyde Gary Suttlemyre	SUSTAINED 9 March 1975	RELEASED 28 Dec 1975
1st Counselor: David Van Peterson	9 March 1975	28 Dec 1975
2nd Counselors: Randy Layne Moore Parker Robinson	9 March 1975 7 Sept 1975	7 Sept 1975 28 Dec 1975
Executive Secretary: William A. Hicks Warren N. Shurtleff	9 March 1975 20 Apr 1975	20 Apr 1975 28 Dec 1975
Ward Clerk: Keith Topance	9 Mar 1975	28 Dec 1975
Assistant Ward Clerk: John Snow	9 Mar 1975	28 Dec 1975
Finance Clerks: Volmer L. Miller Richard Sobers	9 Mar 1975 9 Mar 1975	28 Dec 1975 28 Dec 1975

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## TENTH:

Bishop David Van Peterson	28 Dec 1975	
1st Counselor: Parker Robinson	28 Dec 1975	
2nd Counselor: Allan Brent Stephens	28 Dec 1975	
Executive Secretary: Warren N. Shurtleff	28 Dec 1975	
*Ward Clerk: Keith Topance Richard Sobers	28 Dec 1975 19 Sept 1976	19 Sept 1976 14 Nov 1976
Assistant Ward Clerks: Bartley Ray Hansen Benjamin V. Hunt	18 Jan 1976 27 June 1976	27 June 1976
Finance Clerks: Volmer L. Miller Richard Sobers R. Eugene Sellers	28 Dec 1975 28 Dec 1975 19 Sept 1976	19 Sept 1976

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* Ward Clerk: Raymond Vander Does	14 Nov 1976	
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AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF VOLNEY B. BELNAP  
( first bishop of the 31st Ward)

I, Volney Bryan Belnap, was born the 9 September 1895 at 3219 Orchard Ave., Ogden Utah, to Hyrum and Anna Constance Bluth Belnap. When I was three months old, we moved to the 4th Ward. When I was eight, father bought Patriarch John Smith's home. He gave me a Patriarchal Blessing, telling me that I would "sit in council and preside as common judge in Israel" and would "feed many with temporal and spiritual food."

Father ordained me a Deacon the 25 November 1907, and I was president of the Deacons Quorum. At 14, I became a ward teacher and after 65 years I still hold this calling. When ordained a Teacher on 24 January 1910, I taught a Deacons class. I was scoutmaster of the 2nd scout troop organized in Ogden (in the 4th Ward). As a Priest, 22 March 1914, I was secretary of the Quorum.

I enjoyed participating in drama under Moroni Olsen and under Earl Pardoe at Weber Academy. I was good at sports and won medals in track--broke the record for the 440 yard dash and tied it for the 100-- was captain of the basketball, baseball and track team.

After being ordained an Elder on July 25, 1915, Rose Marie and I were married on the 18 August 1915 in the Salt Lake Temple.

In 1916 we moved to Preston Idaho where I managed the Preston Lumber Co. I became a scoutmaster of a large troop, then a scout commissioner, and the M.I.A. Superintendent in the Preston 4th Ward. I was also in civic sports.

Returning to Ogden, I was active in the 13th Ward in M.I.A. and in Drama. I managed the Belnap Lumber Co. at 229 24th Street. In the 9th Ward I was a counselor in the Elders Quorum and when the ward was devided, I was Elders president in the new 17th Ward. While there Russell Croft and I worked out a ward budget system which was later incorporated into the all-church budget system.

We moved in 1931 to the Ogden 20th Ward and again I served as M.I.A. Superintendent and then was Sunday School Superintendent. On December 23 1943, I was sustained the 20th Ward Bishop. I worked well with the Senior Aaronic, and at one time we took 13 families to the Salt Lake Temple to be sealed for time and all eternity.

In August 1946, the 20th Ward was to be devided. They had planned to name it the 30th Ward, but because it was the Belnap's 31st wedding anniversary and Counselor Eugene Wiggin's 21st Wedding anniversary, the ward was named the 31st Ward. The ward was to know heartache. In the third year, world War II took over 100 boys and 3 girls into the service-- 3 boys were lost and 3 more wounded. Letters of encouragement were a never-ending task. There were no young people to work in the ward. How they were missed. While bishop I conducted 160 funerals. I was released 30 November 1952 after more than six years as 31st Ward bishop.

In November 1952, we moved to South Ogden Stake where Marie and I served one year on the M.I.A. Stake Board. I also taught an adult class for four years and was on the High Council under President William J. Critchlow. Then we moved back to the 31st Ward and I served on the Ogden Stake High Council.

On the Bishops Council, William J. Galbraith and I were in charge of purchasing a ranch for the Ogden Stake. The ranch was selected but the price was \$55,000.00. We secured it for \$47,000.00 with the help of Denzel Williams and Ernest Mc Kay. From the 28 December to 7 May 1958, I managed the Ogden Stake Welfare Ranch and intermittently over a period of 12 years. We built up the pedigree of the cattle; pure-bred calves were given by priesthood quorums and the Relief Societies. As director of the ranch, I was a director in the Huntsville South Bench Canal Co. I learned that the water rights title could be lost from lack of water use. We the priesthood members, constructed temporary piping, dirt fills, and new head-gates. We saved our water rights.

In Ogden I was partner with my brother Arias Belnap in the Belnap Lumber and Associated Builders Supply. I have been in the Lumber business for 49 years. I was secretary of the Ogden Lumbermen's Club and President of Intermountain Lumber Dealers Assn. I am a former president of the Ogden Optimist Club of Ogden, a member of the Ogden Chamber of Commerce, and a charter member of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers Club of Ogden. In 1956 I was appointed to the Ogden City Planning Commission and served without pay until 1971. In 1957 I served as Inheritance Appraiser for the State of Utah until 1963.

While in the Ogden Stake High Council, I was Stake High Priests President until the church ruling that the Stake President serve in this capacity.

We moved from the Ogden Stake in the fall of 1964 to the 27th Ward in the Mount Ogden Stake. Here I served as High Priests Group Leader for 3 years. I am now teaching the Adult Sunday School Class. As supervisor of the New Deseret Industries, I conduct many visitors through the buildings and explain the Church Welfare program.

I have had many faith promoting incidents. When I was a young man and had been an Elder but a few weeks, we went to the Salt Lake Temple to be married. One of the brethren called on me to administer to a young woman who had come several hundred miles to be blessed in the temple. She was very ill and was carried into the annex of the temple. After her administration she walked from the room.

When our first grandchild was born, we were informed that he would not live. But at a family prayer circle, through inspiration, I was able to inform his parents that he would live. He is a fine healthy man.

At another time I administered to a three year old girl who was in a coma, and as we took our hands from her head, she sat up and put her arms around her father's neck and said, "My daddy."

I am grateful that the spirit of healing has come through my hands.

P.S. On the 18 August 1965, Bishop Volney B. Belnap and wife Marie celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Bishop Belnap said, "It did not take 50 years to make our marriage 'golden'. It was 'golden' from the very beginning." They are proud parents of four sons: Robert V. Belnap, N. Blaine Belnap, West Belnap (deceased), and Darell Belnap (deceased).

SECOND BISHOP OF THE OGDEN 31ST WARD  
AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF ORSON PAUL MILLET



I, Orson Paul Millet, was born 1 Nov 1910 in Provo, Utah, the fourth child of Paul Alma and Effie Burr Millet. My parents were very devoted to the gospel principals. Both were very active and held many responsible positions throughout their lives. My parents were blessed with 12 children.

My great-grandparents on both sides were converts and early pioneers in the church. My great-grandfather, Artemus Millet Sr. was one of the first 30 church members sent to build Fort Las Vegas in 1855.

From my early childhood, I found the value of prayer, since each of us in our large family would take turns praying night and morning. Prayers have been of greet importance throughout my life. I testify that the better and closer we live to our Heavenly Father's teachings the more He will help us by answering our prayers.

During my grade school years, we moved to Darlington, Idaho, then to Burley, Idaho. In 1923 we moved back to Provo, where I gained my junior and high school education.

Norma Rowena Allen and I were married in 1931 in the Salt Lake Temple. We have been blessed with 7 fine healthy children--5 girls and two boys. Presently, February 1974, we also have 24 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. They are all in excellent health ,a great gift from Heavenly Father.

We have been active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter\*Day Saints all of our lives. My first church position was as a Sunday School Superintendant. I was ordained a Seventy by Elder S. Dilworth Young. In January 1950 Glen Clark, 2nd Counselor in the 31st Ward Bishopric moved from the ward and I was called as 2nd Counselor to Bishop Volney B. Belnap. Apostle Ezra Taft Benson ordained me a High Priest the 19 Ferruary 1950.

Bishop Belnap moved from the ward in 1952 and I was honored to be sustained bishop the 30 Nov 1952 and set apart 1 Feb 1953 by Elder Marion G. Romney.

During my service as counselor and bishop, there were many experiences which came to us. I learned much from Bishop Belnap. He had great love and compassion for his fellow beings. He was an excellent leader and outstanding example to everyone and a joy to work with.

Eugene H. Wiggins was a very devoted and dedicated servant of the Lord, and I gained much from his wisdom. To Wilford D. Harris, Warren N. Shurtleff, Harvey R. Schwitzer and John Snow I extend my thanks for their devotion and work.

Bishop Belnap was called to administer to my wife, Norma, in Oct 1952. She was eight months pregnant and had been very ill. I shall always remember the blessing he gave her: "You will have a good healthy child who will be a blessing and a comfort in your latter years." This blessing has certainly proven true for Christene is preparing for a mission to Switzerland, and she is a joy and blessing to us as are all of our children.



The financial condition of the 31st Ward was excellent with all obligations either paid or pledged for a year ahead when I became bishop. It was impressive to meet together each March and September to go out in the ward on collection drives. We met in the chapel for prayer and sang "Put Your Shoulder to the Wheel." We went in twos to visit the homes of the members. The ward membership was very devoted, and we enjoyed a close spirit of congeniality.

We hold a tender spot in our hearts for Ogden and the 31st Ward. While living there five of our children graduated from Ogden High School, Leon was called on a mission to Western Canadian Mission and three of our daughters were married.

We enjoyed the Ward Birthday Picnics in Liberty Park held on August 18th. Norma and I enjoy the beautiful table lamp given us when I was released as bishop on the 6 June 1954. We shall always cherish those years, experiences, and wonderful people we learned to love in the Ogden 31st Ward.

Due to my employment we moved to Murray, Utah then to Roy, Utah in 1955 where I served on the High Council in Lakeview Stake.

In March 1958, we moved to Anchorage, Alaska. On 13 August 1961, I was called to serve as the 1st Stake President of the Alaskan Stake and set apart by Elder Mark E. Peterson. This was a choice experience since we had many of the General Authorities stay at our home. Their prayers were answered in our behalf, since our home was not damaged in the Alaska earthquake in March 1964. We were protected in spite of the fact that within 75 feet the earth opened up and engulfed the school.

While Alaskan Stake President, we built a new Stake Center and our membership grew from 1,850 to 3,300 members.

We moved to Las Vegas, Nevada, in January 1968, and are enjoying the warm sunshine. I am serving on the High Council here and Norma is a Sunday School teacher. We travel to the St. George Temple regularly and are both well and happy. Our testimony of the divinity and the truthfulness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is firm.

To quote the Ogden Stake Theme of 1950: "I, the Lord, am bound when ye do what I say, but when ye do not what I say ye have no promise."

May God bless our friends in Ogden.

Always

Orson P. Millet

### 3rd BISHOP OF THE OGDEN 31ST WARD AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF WILFORD D. HARRIS

I have been asked to write a brief history of my life and I hope and pray that I can fulfill my assignment.

I was born in Harrisville, Weber County, Utah on 29 April 1898. My family moved to Ogden when I was six years of age. I had three brothers and three sisters. I was baptized in the old 4th Ward meetinghouse that was situated on Madison Avenue across from Liberty Park. I vividly remember our Saturday bath; I can still smell the tar soap we washed with as we got ready for church on Sunday. Sunday was a special day for

our family. It laid the groundwork for the moral and spiritual concepts that have ruled my life, and I am grateful for them. I have fond memories of my childhood and look back upon those days with nostalgia-- in spite of the Saturday baths.

I remember vividly when I was ordained a Deacon. I was delighted because now I could pass the Sacrament on Sunday.

Our Ward Teacher who came once a month was an elderly gentleman. He would talk about his Rhode Island Reds (hens) and what good layers they were and my mother would brag about her Wyndots. I learned a lot about chickens from him and looked forward to his visits.

We kept a horse and a cow for a few years after we moved to Ogden. A load of hay was delivered each month; it was my job to help unload the hay. The farmer would bring it during lunch period so I could help him unload it while I was home at noon hour. Our home on 22nd Street is still standing.

In 1922, I was called on a South African Mission to work among the white people there. We went on the Walmer Castle Steamship from South Hampton, England to Capetown, Africa. We were on the ocean for fourteen days. I enjoyed a wonderful trip and the many missionary experiences while there. I returned home in 1925.

After my return, I was called to serve in the Sunday School Superintendency..In 1946, when the 31st Ward was organized, I served as Counselor to Orson P. Millet in the Sunday School and as one of the Presidents of the Seventies Quorum.

I married a wonderful girl, Mary Ferguson. She was converted by the Stake Missionaries before I met her. We were blessed with five children, four of whom are still living and all active in the church.

Three years after we were married, 19 Sept 1928, we moved to Promontary Point, Utah where for three years I was supervisor of the airport there. I was transferred to Granger, Wyoming and were there for three years. Then we moved back to Ogden where after passing the police examinations, I was appointed as a police officer by Mayor Harmon Peery.

I was ordained a High Priest on 1 Feb 1953 and set apart as 1st Counselor to Bishop Orson P. Millet. On the 6 June 1954 I was sustained as the 31st Ward Bishop and set apart by Elder Spencer W. Kimball on the 10 Oct. 1954. I enjoyed the work and appreciate the devotion of my counselors and ward clerks and also the wonderful ward members so dedicated.

My wife, Mary, was very ill and called home the 28 Dec 1957. During her illness I learned anew that the Lord does hear and answer prayers if we are humble. We learned to love all the Saints in the 31st Ward.

I was released as Bishop on the 4 May 1958.

In 1962 I met Vivian Silvester and we enjoyed a short cortship. We were married in the Logan Temple in July 1962 and moved to Roy, Utah where we are active in the Roy 9th Ward.

Written 26 Febuary 1974 Wilford D. Harris.





FOURTH BISHOP OF THE 31st WARD  
AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF LAMAR WARDELL MUMFORD

I know now the wisdom of keeping a written history of one's life, I must now write a few things from memory.

I, LaMar Wardell Mumford, was born to Thomas Mark and Rhoda Ann Wardell Mumford on the 9 March 1908 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Preschool days were spent enjoying life in the country in the southeast Salt Lake area called East Mill Creek. There I attended the first and second grades at the Sherman School.

In 1916 the family moved to Weston, Idaho. We had purchased a 65 acre farm north of town. I attended class in a two room schoolhouse through the eighth grade, then I went one year in the new Weston High School. Due to breakage of the water canal several years in a row, crops were short, and my father could not meet payments on the farm. The owner could not extend the time of payment although the payment was only a few hundred dollars. He reclaimed the farm.

We moved to Salt Lake the summer of 1923. I went to Granite High School 1923 -1924 and started to work for Keeley's Ice Cream Co. the fall of 1924. Then I came to Ogden in the fall of 1928 when Keeleys opened the Ogden Cafe.

I met Bessie LaVon Crezee, an employee of Keeleys. We were married the 18 June 1930 in the Salt Lake Temple. We have been blessed with two children: Sharen born in 1932 and Jay born in 1933.

In July 1936 I changed work to Bennett Glass and Paint Co. We were living in the Ogden Ninth Ward, where I served as Elders Quorum counselor. In 1937 we moved to 1027-21st Street then in the Ogden 20th Ward.

The death of my father in December 1938 was a great shock to the family. The year of 1939 brought great concern to all because of the beginning of World War II. We fared well and were encouraged by our good Bishop Arias G. Belnap. My age kept me out of the service, although at the end of the war I was 1A. In 1946 I went in business for myself in paint and glass.

In 1953, while Denzel Williams was 20th Ward Bishop, our son, Jay was called on a mission to Finland. I was called as an alternate to the Ogden Stake High Council on the 30 April 1949 and as a High Councilman on 1 Feb. 1958. We were now living in the 31st Ward and on the 4 May 1958, I was sustained as the fourth Bishop of the 31st Ward with Warren N. Shurtleff and Robert T. Critchlow as my counselors. They were a great help in the work of the Lord.

Many economic and spiritual blessings came to us as a ward in the 16 months I was bishop. We were meeting in the 20th Ward building, and two additional blocks from the 20th Ward (21st to 22nd and Jackson to Harrison Ave) had been added to the 31st Ward, but one block (22nd to 23rd Street, Monroe to Quincy) had been returned to the 6th Ward.

The Cub Scout program was getting a good start. This was to strengthen the family relationship. It required that parents cooperate and work with their Cub Scout sons. All the family attended the Pack Meetings, then under Pack Leader Bert Felt of the 13th Ward. The Den Mothers were wonderful, and parents and boys enjoyed the Cub Scout program directed by the Primary Association. I appreciated the help of Lavell H. Johnson as Ogden Stake

Primary President and then as our 31st Ward Primary President.

I shall always be grateful to the church for the wonderful Welfare Program and the help of the 31st Ward Relief Society President Ella A. Anderson in administrating the program in the 31st Ward to help those in need.

On June 1959, Denzil Williams and Lolovi Hilton of the Ogden Stake High Council spoke concerning the Welfare Program of the Twelve Stake Region. A unanimous sustaining vote was recieved from the Priesthood brothern to purchase additional land to support the Ogden Stake Welfare Program (to enlarge our ranch). All ward members labored hard, putting on dinners and contributing to pay off the indebtedness, and we succeeded in this. Also Fast Offerings and Tithing increased. We have all rejoiced in the good works and our faith was strengthened.

There were 13 deaths and through this sorrow the Lord blessed and comforted these families.

The blessings we recieved by doing the Lord's work are many. Among these blessings is the inspiration through meeting the General Church Authorities. We were married by Joseph Fielding Smith. We felt the influence of and knew President David O. Mc Kay, Harold B. Lee, Levi Edgar Young and S. Dilworth Young.

I appreciate the growth I have recieved while holding offices in the Decons, Teachers, Priests, Elders, Seventies and High Priests Quorums, as Ward Clerk, Bishops Counselor, Bishop and High Councilman. I also enjoyed M.I.A. as secretary and counselor.

On the 30 August 1959 I was released as bishop, because we were moving from the ward. We had contracted for the building of our home two years before. We are now living in this home at 4218 College Drive in the Ogden 55th Ward in Weber Heights Stake.

Oh how time flies! We shall always remember the good people of the 31st Ward. May the Lord's blessings be with you. All our love.

LaMar W. Mumford

FIFTH BISHOP OF THE 31st WARD  
AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF WARREN NELSON SHURTLEFF



On the 5 Sept. 1923, I Warren Nelson Shurtleff, was born to Haskill Warren and Glenna M. Nelson Shurtleff. My father died when I was 13. Mother gave me my early foundation of the gospel and church attendance. I went to the Ogden Schools, graduating from Ogden High School.

I had a paper route from age 11 to 17 and also picked cherries and strawberries and rasberries in local gardens. Eugene H. Wiggins was interested in me as a boy and I was called to Aaronic Priesthood Presidences.

I was baptized 6 Sept. 1931, ordained a Deacon the 8 Dec 1935 and a Teacher the 1st January 1939 by Henry Noorda; a priest the 10 Nov 1940 and an Elder the 30 Sept. 1942 by Arias G. Belnap. On February 1, 1953 I was ordained a High Priest by Marion G. Romney and set apart as a bishop by William J. Critchlow on September 23, 1959.

On October 12, 1942, Leda June Dunn and I were married in the Salt Lake Temple. Our greatest blessing has been our 7 children: Richard, Carolyn, Jean, Darla, Celesta, Charles and Tim.

I entered the service in Jan 1943 and was in a Tank Destroyer Battalion. I served in the European Theater of operations and was a gun commander of my tank. The "Silver Star" medal for gallantry in action was awarded to me.

Returning from service, I was scoutmaster and learned much about Scouting. Henry Cheney helped to strengthen me in this calling. I was a counselor to the first Sunday School Superendent Orson Millet, of the 31st Ward. Then Sunday School Counselor in 1951 to Wilford D. Harris. Under three bishops I was trained as a counselor--Bishop Orson P. Millet, 30 Nov. 1952 to 6 June 1954; Bishop Wilford D. Harris, 6 June 1954 to 4 May 1958; Bishop LaMar W. Mumford, 4 May 1958 to 30 Aug 1959. What fine humble bishops these brethren were, and I appreciate their training me for my calling as bishop on the 30 August 1959 to 26 May 1963.

How I appreciated our dear Brother Eugene H. Wiggins, who had lifted me up from boyhood and taken an interest in me. He helped me so much in my new calling as bishop. He was now serving as Ward Finance Clerk and I loved him for his diligence and advice. I'm thankful also to Relief Society President Ella Anderson for her service in the ward. Good counselors made the load lighter---Robert T. Critchlow, Milton E. Christensen, Norman Vaughn Larsen, Evern W. Draney and David E. Tanner. They were diligent in the Lord's work.

Ward Clerks Ernest Lee King, Walter F. Mudrow, Karl A. Steinacker, Evern W. Draney kept the records faithfully. Finance was handled by Rae E. Nielsen and Eugene H. Wiggins.

I loved the older people of the ward for their wisdom and strength and their support. I have spoken at over 100 funerals of our dear ward members. Love for the young people for their vitality and support in all church work, I cherished. As a mail carrier for the Ogden Post Office, I have through the years enjoyed meeting and learning to know people.

When released as bishop 26 May 1963, I worked as General Secretary of the Adult Aaronic Priesthood. This work was very rewarding, and through the excellent teachings of Brother Jack d'Hulst many brothers advanced in the Priesthood.

I was called to the Ogden Stake High Council 29 Oct 1967 and served for five years until 12 Aug 1973. Beside the joy of visiting and becoming acquainted in other wards with their problems and accomplishments, I enjoyed the challenge of the Ogden Stake Priesthood parties as chairman and working with the brethren who fulfilled their assignments so well.

I served as Aaronic Priesthood Secretary in the 31st Ward sustained 2 Aug 1973. Then the 28 Dec 1975 was sustained as Executive Secretary. I have also enjoyed serving in the Ogden Temple in baptism work. We have always participated at the temple and appreciate a temple in Ogden.

With all these wonderful opportunities to serve and develop and the wonderful experiences I have had, I have cultivated a deep love for our Heavenly Father and for His children. I know our Heavenly Father loves us and my hope is that we may all find through our service the way back into His presence.



SIXTH BISHOP OF THE 31st WARD  
BIOGRAPHY OF HAL GEORGE FERGUSON

Hal George Ferguson was born the 23 April 1928 in Salt Lake City, Utah to George F. and Millicent Stewart Ferguson. He was baptized 12 Feb. 1939 by Joseph Johnson. His ordinations in the priesthood were: Deacon-23 Feb 1941, Teacher-9 May 1943, Priest-29 April 1945, Elder-22 Sept 1946 by O Merlin Terry, Seventy-27 Sept 1953 by Adam S. Bennion, High Priest and Bishop-30 June 1963 by Thorpe B. Isaacson.

While receiving his education, he was assistant superintendent of the Sunday School in Pioneer Ward, Utah Stake, 1948--1949.

When 21 years old, in 1949, he received his mission call to Japan and was Branch and District President in various places in the mission field. He was released in September 1952.

He said, "I always felt as though life had a special meaning and mission for me. The Gospel has been truly a great blessing to me. I have known its truthfulness for as long as I can remember. My mission was a great occasion for spiritual development and changed the whole course of my life from a profession of status and wealth to one of dedication and service-- from dentistry to Seminary."

On the 11 March 1953, Hal and Carma Joyce were married. The Lord has blessed them with a large family. They lived in Malad, Idaho where he was the Principal of the L.D.S. Seminary from 1955 to 1958. The church positions he held were: Sunday School Teacher for two years, Assistant Scoutmaster in Malad 1st Ward for a year then Advance Scout Commissioner, and one of the Seven Presidents of the Seventies.

They then lived in Tucson, Arizona where he was Associate Director of the L.D.S. Institute of Religion from 1958 -1959, after which he was the instructor of Sociology at Brigham Young University. His church service in Provo was with the Institute Senior Aaronic Priesthood, July 1959- Oct. 1960 and as General Secretary of the Senior Aaronic Priesthood in Provo 3rd Ward Nov 1960 -August 1961, a Sunday School Teacher, and Seventies Quorum Secretary.

The family moved to Ogden, Utah for the new position as principal and instructor of the Ogden High School Seminary in 1961. Again his talents with the Senior Aaronic Priesthood were used as General Secretary and Teachers Quorum Advisor. He was sustained as bishop 26 May 1963. He was a spiritual dedicated worker and well-liked by 31st Ward members. His wife Carma was a devoted capable M.I.A. President whom every one loved.

Bishop Ferguson said, "The various times I have received blessings and ordinations through the Priesthood have been my richest experiences. On these occasions the Lord has spoken to me through his servants and said the very things I had been hoping to hear in my heart. My experiences in the church have been such that my understanding of the Gospel has consistently increased and have kept my faith vital, fresh, alive, and growing. My desire to serve and do His will has increased because my desire for outward praise or fame has decreased."

Note: Bishop Ferguson has extended his education and is teaching at Ricks College in Rexburg, Idaho.--Information from biographical sketch, Office of the Church Historian, 1963.



I, David Edwin Tanner, was born 7 September 1912 at Grouse Creek, Box Elder County, Utah. I was the ninth and last child of Allen Newman and Mary Emily Barlow Tanner. My family consisted of 5 brothers and 3 sisters. My early days were spent on a ranch where I was a carefree boy. I was the proud owner of a horse and saddle, and my dog was a constant companion. I loved every moment of my boyhood days.

As there were no educational opportunities beyond the 9th grade at Grouse Creek, we moved to Ogden until my sister and I finished school. City life was a drastic change, and school days at Central Junior High were different, but I adjusted quickly, and soon enjoyed my studies.

Conditions were deplorable during the dark days of the depression. Our family did not have to concern themselves about sufficient food or clothing, or shelter, but it was almost impossible to find employment although I had finished school and had a desire to get ahead in life.

With brighter days, a series of events took place that changed my life. On the 8 July 1940, I was called to fill a mission in the Northern States with head quarters at Chicago. I experienced many glorious events.

While at the Mission Home in Salt Lake City, I received my Patriarchal Blessing and was ordained a Seventy. Getting my Patriarchal Blessing made me late for a meeting where I was to be set apart for my mission. All the seats except one were occupied. The seat belonged to one of the Twelve Apostles who was absent, so President Heber J. Grant conducted me to the seat. Can you imagine how insignificant and humble I felt sitting in front of the whole group in the seat of an Apostle? What a wonderful introduction to my missionary life!

Five short weeks after arriving in the mission field, I was called to be president of the Galesburg, Illinois, Branch. This was a challenging and humbling experience. There had been no missionaries stationed there for 17 years and lack of direct contact with Church Headquarters had created some procedural problems.

I had the opportunity to spend three days in Nauvoo and Carthage, Illinois. Sacrament Meeting was held in the Carthage Jail each Sunday. How thrilling it was to be the speaker one Sunday there.

After serving ten months as Galesburg Branch President, I was transferred to Cincinnati, Ohio to be Supervising Elder of the South Ohio District. Seven months of hard work followed with many rich blessings and experiences. Among the missionaries assigned to this district was Elder Marion D. Hanks. My associations with him have proven to be enjoyable and enlightening.

Along with serving as president of the South Ohio Branch, I was fortunate in having the opportunity of giving illustrated lectures to various service clubs in Cincinnati. One lecture at the Chamber of Commerce meeting opened up more appointments than we could handle. Usually we attended two dinners a day. My companion operated the slide projector, I gave the lecture. Then we had question and answer discussions. Some of these busy businessmen would remain a long time asking questions about our church and scenic spots in Utah. The subject of polygamy never failed to be mentioned.



I recieved a call to serve as president of the Saginaw, Michigan Branch while I was supervising elder in Chicago. Enroute I stopped at mission headquarters in Chicago where President Leo J. Muir told me that the decision to make a branch in Saginaw or to close it down was to be mine. He would make available any help needed.

Five months of hard work and prayers resulted in an average attendance of about 90% at Sacrament Meetings. Although small the Saginaw Branch would continue. How gratifying that this branch later became a ward. There is now a stake located in this area. It is a little frightening to think of the members who would have been adversely effected had the decision been made to close the branch.

After finishing my two years, plus an extra three months, in the mission field, I returned to Ogden and new adventures. The next four years I had some interesting experiences serving in the Sunday School Superintendency of the 3rd Ward, M.I.A. President and one of the Seven Presidents of the Seventies. I have worked nineteen years at the Navy Depot.

My wife, Edna May Maw Tanner and I were blessed with two children: Lynn Edwin was born the 25 June 1944 and Karen Diann was born the 25 Sept 1945.

On the 12 January 1947, I was called as Counselor to Bishop Thomas L. Checketts of the 3rd Ward and served twelve years. I learned to love and respect Bishop Checketts. I gained many wonderful friends, along with a lot of hard work, busy schedules and gratifying experiences. By invitation I represented the 3rd Ward Bishopric in a special session of conference held in the Salt Lake Temple by the First Presidency. The sacrament was administered by the First Presidency and passed by the quorum of the Twelve Apostles, before going into the business of the conference. This meeting was held yearly for several years in lieu of General Conference, in was years.

Upon moving to the 31st Ward, Ogden Stake, I imagined how nice it would be-- free of worries and cares of bishopric work. I was disillusioned. This was the most unsettled period of my life, even though I was serving in various capacities in the stake and ward.

My vacation from the bishopric was short lived as on the 10 September 1961, I was called as counselor to Bishop Warren N. Shurtleff. 1st Counselor was N. Vaughn Larsen. Now came new friends, new experiences and fond memories.

On April 14, 1963 I was called to the Ogden Stake High Council and the 7 June 1964 sustained Ogden 31st Ward Bishop, a position I held until the 24 Jan 1971--nearly seven years. Larry G. Price, Jack d'Hulst, J. Leland Archibald, Benjamin V. Hunt, and Dwight D. McConnell were dedicated counselors.

To me the bishop's work is one of the most challenging positions in the church, as well as one of the most rewarding. I accepted my call with humility as I realized there was a great deal of work to be done. I felt that my first task was to convince the ward members that they could be the best and leading ward in Ogden Stake. This required many long hours of effort, planing and follow-up, changes in administration, adoption of new policies and procedures and the cooperation of everyone. How gratifying as the years passed to see the ward a leading ward in Ogden Stake. Great is the responsibility of a bishop as he shares the sorrows of his members and how rewarding as he rejoices with them in happy times. Every bishop remembersthose times when he had a part in helping someone find happiness or the way of life.

On the 3 January 1971, I was again called to serve on the Ogden Stake High Council. Ward Conference was to be held in three weeks so I was asked to also remain as bishop until after Ward Conference. I was released the 24 January 1971.

On the High Council, I was advisor over the Indian Placement Program and Social Services. Later I was over the High Priests, temple assignments and genealogical program. I enjoyed this assignment immensely and rejoiced in the accomplishments of the Ogden Stake in temple work.

From the time the Ogden Temple opened in March 1972 until I was released from the High Council in August 1973, the Ogden Stake led all other stakes in the Ogden Temple area except for the first month.

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On the 12 August, I was called to be 2nd Counselor to Glen V. Holley in the Ogden Stake Presidency. Robert E. Froerer was called as 1st Counselor. I have found this calling to be challenging, interesting, time-consuming as well as rewarding.

I do not know what the future holds, but I do know who holds the future. I hope the Lord will continue to be patient with me and continue to bless me in my calling.

David E. Tanner

EIGHTH BISHOP OF THE OGDEN 31st WARD  
AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF LORIN DWIGHT PINCOCK



I, Lorin Dwight Pincock, was born on the 23 October 1938 in Salt Lake City General Hospital to Lorin and Lorna Jensen Pincock. In 1946 my parents were divorced. My father never remarried. My mother married Charles Gene Slack and lives in California.

As a child I recall vividly frequent visits with a bucket of chicken to Salt Lake's Liberty Park. Father carried me around on his shoulders, and we played hide-and-seek. While we lived in Murray, Utah, I stumbled over a broom on the floor with a glass of water in my hand. The glass broke cutting the cord on my smallest finger and the next two fingers were cut in half. The glass had gone completely through to the bones in the back of my hand and severed those tendons. My mother wrapped my hand in a towel and took me to the hospital.

I had lost a lot of blood and the tendons had drawn back into my wrist. The doctor had to cut back up into the wrist to get the tendons and tie them. My hand was in a cast for 8 months. The doctor told us that I would never use that hand again, and it would be stiff. Father forced me to squeeze a rubber ball, and I am able to use my hand without much of a problem, surely a blessing from the Lord.

We lived in Washington Terrace for five years during World War II and had a victory garden. It was a block below Harrison Avenue, we walked from Washington Terrace to care for it.

While sledding I saw something green in the snow. It was a \$5.00 bill. My sisters, my friends and I had candy and ice cream. I still had most of the money left. Mother chastised me for not bringing the bill to her first so we could find the owner--my first lesson in honesty.

My mother and stepfather bought an old Buick for \$10.00 and the six of us moved to Yuba City. For the next year we lived in a tent while he was working in nut orchards and factories around the country. From there we moved to Bend, Oregon, back in the wooded area. Often the only food we had was rabbit or whatever we could kill. A farmer near by gave us some milk and potatoes.

Then we moved to a farm in Madras, Oregon, where I learned responsibility and farm work. In the woods I heard a funny sound, almost like a baby crying. I was scared and ran home. The next day we saw bear tracks there. The Polish people there hunt bear like we hunt deer.

We had a teacher for all 8 grades in a one-room schoolhouse in Pennsylvania. She taught about the Mormon pioneers and polygamy. She said Mormons had horns. I raised my hand and said, "Your wrong I'm a Mormon". She said, "How dare you question my judgement? She stretched me across her desk and broke a ruler over my backside. "Don't ever sas a teacher."

My only recollection of church in my early days was when my sister was not expected to live. The Elders came and we knelt in prayer as they administered to her. I remember Primary and helping collect pennies for the Primary Childrens Hospital, also the Relief Society sisters called.

While we lived in Chenango Forks, New York, the welfare people came and took my three sisters and me to foster homes. We learned where each other lived and sneaked visits. For over a year we lived in foster homes. Then my father was given custody of his five children. My mother has since had five more children.

The flight by plane to Utah was thrilling. Father and Aunt Martha cared for us. I was in the ninth grade at Central Jr. High. My father baptized all of us on the 5 December 1952 in the Ogden 3rd Ward and Elder Orrin N. Loftus confirmed me.

From my newspaper route I bought all of my clothes. I also set up bowling pins at the Ogden Bowling Alley. I graduated from Ben Lomond High in 1956. On the 6 Dec 1956 I joined the navy for four years.

I was stationed on a heavy cruiser, USS St Paul. While our ship was in Guam, the president of the Chamber of Commerce and the L.D.S. Branch president met us. I was in charge of the L.D.S. group on board ship. He handed me his car keys so we could drive to his home for dinner.

"Would you give a stranger your car keys?" I asked.

"Well, you hold the Priesthood, don't you? That is good enough for me."

Four of the L.D.S. boys were active. We would seek out the missionaries in ports and take them American items. We held Sacrament meetings, and each sipped from a single cup for the sacrament. One fellow, whose family had waited 15 years for his baptism, went back to California to be baptized.

As part of the Admiral's staff, I maintained the movie projector and showed films. In 1960 President Eisenhower was touring the Farr East, and our ship took him from Manila, Phillippines to Formosa. For two weeks I showed his staff movies and spent time with them. I treasured this chance.



Released November 1960, I went to work as an instrument technician at Thiokol.

I discussed going on a mission with Bishop J. Wayne Noble. Then Brother Gardon B. Hinkley called by phone to ask if I had been a good boy while in the Navy. I was proud to say I had lived church standards. He said that he was on his way to Japan and would see me there. Next day I recieved my official call for a Northern Far East Mission. On the 6 December 1962 I left for Japan. Many glorious experiences made my testimony solid.

An old woman fell on icy steps; the doctors were unable to help her. We Elders administered to her and in two weeks she and her son came to our place. Her quick healing was my first experience as witness to the power of the Priesthood.

Through fasting, prayer and study (from 4 am to 7 am when the others arose) the language came, and I could communicate with the people. Two girls were ready for baptism, but because of the frozen rivers we baptized them in a public bathhouse. I worked hard to pray correctly in Japanese and at 4 am we baptized them.

Later, in Kyoto, we projected 1000 baptisms for President David O. Mc Kays 90th birthday; four hundred more than ever done in one year. Each Tuesday we fasted asking for the Lord's help, and we succeeded--1000 new converts. As I left Yamagata by train, members sang in Japanese, " God Be With You Till We Meet Again " I left part of my heart there.

In Okinawa, a new chapel was being built where a Chinese temple once stood, which the people resented. The Navy Sea Bees sent heavy equipment to dig the footings in the solid coral. I was the translator and the Elders did the landscaping. While proselyting, we asked people for trees and for flowers, saving about \$4,000. In June 1965 I was released and stopped to visit my mother in California on my return trip to Utah.

On the 22 Oct 1965, Vellis Gae Buck and I were sealed in holy marriage.. We live at 1170 Oak. On March 1967 Mindy Gae was born; 18 Feb 1969 Todd Dwight was born and died; 23 Sept 1970 a stillborn son was born, then a special gift from God, Deborah born 9 Nov 1970--sealed to us one year later in the Logan Temple; 6 Nov 1972 we had twin girls, Misti Lyn and Christi Lee. ( later another baby girl arrived) These lovely girls are very precious to me.

I was thankful for the leadership of Bishop Thomas Checketts and David E. Tanner in the 3rd Ward as I became Elders Quorum President Nov. 1966 to 24 January 1971.

My wife and I met with Ogden Stake Pres. Jensen who said that the First Presidency would like to call me as bishop. This seemed impossible as I was attending Weber College.

President Jensen said, "We know you can do it with some arrangements with your schooling." I worked graveyard shift at Hill Air Force Base so I could go to school in the morning and attend to church responsibilities in the eveng. After 2½ years, June 1973, I graduated from Weber College with my Bachelor's degree in Communication and minors in Sociology and Psychology.

There were 650 members and many non-members in the ward. The older people were a source of strength because of their exemplary lives, devotion and testimonies. Grateful I am for those who served the Lord. I pray my humble contribution may have helped better some persons life.



NINTH BISHOP OF THE 31st WARD  
AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF CLYDE GARY SUTTLEMYRE



Clyde Gary Suttlemyre is a life-long Ogdenite, In fact his maternal and paternal grandparents lived in the 1900 block of Eccles Ave at the time of his birth. He spent his first  $1\frac{1}{2}$  years on the same block.

Gary's father, a railroader, moved his family, which included four very active boys to a small farm. There they learned to enjoy animals and had room to roam. After much discussion the family decided that the land was too much to handle with father holding down a fulltime job.

The early school years were experienced at Madison, Central Junior High and Ogden High School, after which Gary spent a year at Weber College. A career had not been decided upon so Gary decided to spend a few years experiencing Uncle Sam's Navy. He trained in San Diego as a Hospital Corpsman. In San Diego Gary was very active in the church. He had some success in spreading the Gospel to family and friends in the area.

After discharge, Gary returned to Weber College, spending his nights working in Psychiatric Ward at the Dee Memorial Hospital. But his education was again interrupted in 1961 that he might serve a mission to the Cook Islands. The language was Maori. He had many faith promoting experiences while on his mission. One was when he was miraculously able to swim to an island when he had been swept out to sea during a storm. Another time, his group found an island just in time, when they had been lost and adrift at sea for three days. Gary had the privilege of helping with the translation and preparing of the Book of Mormon for Maori speaking Saints.

Upon his return from the mission field, Gary was greeted by his high school sweetheart, Roberta (Bobbie) Lue Murray, who was conveniently living with his aunt and had a job teaching in Ogden. They were married two months later 22 November 1963 in the Logan Temple, the day Pres. Kennedy was killed.

Gary worked nights at St. Benedict's Hospital while he finished classes at Weber College. He was then given a study grant to do graduate work in speech Pathology, at the Utah State University.

In 1966 Gary went to work as speech Pathologist at the LDS Primary Childrens Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah. After two years he accepted a position as Dean of Students at Utah School for the Deaf in Ogden, Utah. The family, which includes five children, live on campus where he works.

He is on the National Ski Patrol, and with his children and many deaf students enjoys skiing during the winter months.

Gary was sustained the 1 April as 31st Ward Seventies Group Leader. He was ordained by Elder L. Tom Perry. There were only four Seventies in the group, Fred Coolbear, Robert Lee Bishop Jr., Dennis Davis and himself. He tried as Seventies Group Leader to do his part to support the ward and he enjoyed the spiritual growth which he gained.

The Ogden Stake sustained as Assistant to the High Council, Clyde Gary Suttlemyre the 3 November 1974 and ordained him a High Priest. This was a new challenge enjoyed until the 9 March 1975 when he became the 31st Ward Bishop and was released the 28 Dec 1975 after diligently serving the ward and gaining their love. The members miss Gary and Bobbie who were devoted spiritual leaders and their sweet children.

TENTH BISHOP OF THE 31st WARD  
AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF DAVID VAN PETERSON

In San Mateo, California, 15 August 1944, I David Van Peterson was born to Cullen Seegmiller and Frederick H. Peterson. I was raised in a religious family. My father was a bishop and mother was Stake Relief Society President. We moved to Santa Rosa, California where I gained experience as a paperboy, and in a foundry.

After finishing high school, I served in the United States Navy for four years from 1961 to 1965. Then I attended the medical school for ambulance work and for three years worked in that capacity.

My sister was attending B.Y.U. in Provo, Utah and was instrumental in my coming to Utah. She was a great influence on me religiously.

I worked at construction in Ogden, Utah. While attending a Weber State College Ward, I met Christine Smart. We dated from July until November and were married and sealed for all eternity in the Logan L.D.S. Temple. We have been blessed with three healthy vigorous children. Val arrived the 19 September 1973, Troy made his presence known the 6 November 1974, then a dainty daughter Marla Christine the 11 March 1976. They keep us busy and happy.

My life has been spared several times. The scars upon my back are proof of the vicious tines of the pitchfork. While in the Navy I fell into the water and barely missed being crushed between a ship and the pier. I learned that my time was not yet to depart this earth, when I was so very ill while on the servay ship. I was yet to travel all of Asia and South America and give service to the work of the Lord.

I was called as Ward Clerk (Assistant) the 2 Sept 1973 to 27 Oct 1974. I was also sustained as a Sunday School Teacher the 10 March 1974.

When Christine and I were interviewed by the Stake President the 9 March 1975 we were surprised thinking the call might be for Ward Clerk. I enjoyed the challenge as Counselor and the association with Bishop Suttlemyre, Randy Moore and Parker Robinson.

The call as Bishop the 28 December 1975 was very humbling and I knew my strength must come from the Lord. As I begin my service, I was grateful for the calling. I love the Gospel with all my heart and love each of you brothers and sisters. As our Heavenly Fathers appointed servant, I want to serve you. I pray that we may all engage ourselves in the Lord's work as we have been commanded. I am thankful for a spiritual wife who strengthens me.

Romans 1:16 says: "For we are not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ; for it is the Power of God unto Salvation to every one that believeth."

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF BENJAMIN VERNO HUNT  
BISHOPS COUNSELOR

At Aurora, Sevier County, Utah on the 13 September 1917, I, Benjamin Verno Hunt was born to Willis Lafayette and Rua Ett Watson Hunt, the third of nine children. Shortly after my birth we moved to Canesville and then Hanksville in Wayne County, Utah where Grandfather Jonathan Hunt had been asked by church authorities to go and settle.

We raised all of our food as there were no stores within miles. My dad would make five barrels of sauerkraut and pickles, peppers and other foods were stored for the winter. We grew sugar cane and made molasses. It was very good. We had no doctors. Dad carried mail by Pony Express from Canesville to Greenriver, Utah.

After three years, we moved to Greenriver, Utah, where I lived most of my childhood. I graduated from Greenriver High in 1937. We did not have a church-house to meet in. We took turns holding Sunday School in each other's homes. We arose early Sunday mornings and traveled three or four miles and back by team and wagon. On the 6 June 1926, I was baptized in a spill-way from the canal that ran through Greenriver.

The depression brought difficult times. We moved to Randolph for one year, living eight miles from town. We had church in a one-room school. All summer I straddled a horse to herd sheep and cows. When I was in the fourth grade, the school bus could not run because of the deep snow. We traveled eight miles by bobsleigh and felt that we would freeze before we arrived. After school I hunted rabbits for something for lunch the next day. We moved back to Greenwood where I was active in sports. It took every boy in town to make a basketball squad.

I always tried to attend church and take care of my priesthood duties. Father was away most of the time making a living so he was not very active. but mother encouraged and kept me interested. We were a happy close family.

Father died in 1937, leaving five little sisters to be raised by mother and I. I drove for Colby Truck Lines in Delta, Utah and between Delta and Salt Lake City and the CCC camps.

In 1940 I was drafted and sent to Fort Lewis, Washington, but recieved a medical discharge in three months because of a hernia. I visited a cousin in Yakima and stayed and worked that summer on their farm. I went to Seattle Washington to find work. On the 7 December 1941, Pearl Harbor Day, a big fire was set on the waterfront. People thought it was a signal for the Japanese to bomb Seattle. I spent two years in Seattle and have choice memories of activity in Queen Ann Ward there. I could hardly wait for Tuesday evening and Sunday to be with church members.

In 1942 I was called back to Utah by the draft board. After a hernia operation, basic training in Camp Barklet, Texas, and the infantry training at Camp Gordon, Georgia, I was sent overseas. On the ship we held LDS services. The Lord watched over me many times; when an airplane carrier got out of controll and rammed the ship; when German subs torpedoed; (but we out maneuvered them); when the enemy zeroed in on a truck in which we were riding ( we jumped and the truck-driver stopped); when the enemy, (frightened by the noise the 21 of us made pulling guns and jeeps through the mud ) ran to the woods thinking a whole division was comming. It really made me wonder what the results have been without the promptings of the Lord. We waited at Leipzig three weeks for the Russians and could have been in Berlin long before.



About a month after the victory in Europe we were sent home. At Fort Douglas we were given a ten-day leave. I had been writing to my buddy's sister-in-law, a blond beauty who lived on a dairy farm in Hoytsville. I was on my way to meet her. Very impressed, I decided to keep writing.

While I was on leave, the atomic bomb was detonated over Hiroshima, Japan and soon the war was over. I was sent to Camp Swift, Texas, for more training and then to Ft Houston, San Antonio, Texas, to learn to cook. One day a mess officer saw me cutting meat and assigned me to do all the meat cutting. This started my life-long job of meat cutting. I was discharged the 27 April 1946.

My interest from then on was Hoytsville and marriage. On the 4 June 1946, I had a wonderful blessing bestowed upon me as I took that "beautiful blond", Glenna Sargent, to the Salt Lake Temple where we were sealed for time and all eternity. That same day my whole family was blessed for we went back through the temple and did Father's work and had Mother and Father sealed and most of the children.

Glenna and I spent the summer in Greenriver, Utah, where I worked on the state road. We helped Mother get settled in another home. In the fall we lived at Arsenal Villa, Utah. We had a branch of the church there. I was counselor in Sunday School, then branch finance clerk until the branch was dissolved and made part of the Roy Third Ward.

We have been blessed with 5 children: Louise, Joyce, Martha, Dean B., and Mark S.. Joyce was born deaf. We are grateful to our Father in Heaven for permitting us to have her. There have been hardships in raising her, but they have been blessings to us. We bought a home near the school for the Deaf, so she could be a day student. Karen Hines and Cathy Toponce have played a wonderful part in her life, including her in all activities and making her life normal.

The boys both are Eagle Scouts. We are a close family, spending our vacations together and camping, fishing and doing things together. I cherish memories of these family outings. We are proud of our children's church activity and of the activity of the fine husbands our girls have chosen. We love our five grandchildren.

We have been blessed for having participated in the Indian Placement Program. We had Iva Mae Dale one year and Thomas Benally for two winters. We have grown and learned a great deal from having them live in our home.

It has been a wonderful experience and a blessing to serve our Father in Heaven as a member of the Ogden 31st Ward bishopric for the five years. I was called as 2nd Counselor to Bishop David E. Tanner on the 29 March 1970 and when J. Leland Archibald moved from the ward, I was sustained the 21 June 1970 as 1st Counselor and Dwight McConnell was 2nd Counselor. I was retained as 1st Counselor to Bishop L. Dwight Pincock on the 24 Jan 1971 and was set apart by Elder Stephen L Richards on the 7 Feb 1971. Floyd Poulsen was 2nd Counselor. I have received much inspiration from these men, as they are truly men of God. During my time in the bishopric the new building was constructed by the 13th, 20th and 31st Wards and was dedicated 21 July 1974. I was released on the 9 March 1975.

Before serving in the bishopric, I was 1st Counselor in the Elders Quorum with Blaine Dopp as president. I served an Ogden Stake Mission from 26 March 1964 to 15 July 1966 and was one of the Seven Presidents of the Seventies of Ogden Stake. I was ordained a High Priest by James H. Bischoff of the Ogden Stake Presidency and soon after, I was called by Bishop David E. Tanner to be General Secretary of the Aaronic Priesthood in the 31st Ward. I was sustained as Assistant Ward Clerk the 27 June 1976.

The Lord has blessed my family and me while serving in these capacities. I have grown very much. Serving our Father in Heaven has been a real blessing and help. I give the credit for the progress and advancement I have made to my mother, my wonderful wife and family. I hope that life will continue good for me, and I may have good health so I can serve the Lord and my fellowmwn.



AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF FLOYD HENRY BEAL POULSEN  
BISHOP'S COUNSELOR

I was born at Marysville, Idaho, 7 September 1903, to Magdalane Nielson and Christian Poulsen, the eighth child in a family of eleven. Mother and Father were both Danish. Father was a convert, born in Denmark. I was born prematurely and was a sickly child with bad teeth, ear aches and neuralgia. I left school every day crying because of headaches. Mother was ill and was administered to; then they administered to me and the pain stopped and I fell asleep immediately. I finally out-grew this condition.

My father was a polygamist with two families. Marysville was timber and sagebrush country with long and better winters. The crops froze every year. My mothers family moved to a log house in Lewisville, Idaho. The health of my mother and father was broken early by rigors of pioneer life. Dad, after being bedfast for eighteen months, died when I was seventeen. I now felt responsible to support my mother and sisters. When I was twenty I rented an 80 acre farm. My brother Vern, helped me get started and we prospered. We added 50 head of sheep and I rented 800 acres of grazing land from the government.

That fall the bishop asked me to go on a mission. Mother wanted me to go. The bishop granted me a year to prepare. The sheep had doubled in number. I offered the sheep for sale and when no sale came, I prayed to the Lord for help because time was near for me to leave. My prayers were answered. That day a man purchased all my sheep, He offered me \$1.00 a head to take back my sheep, when I delivered them. The depression had started. He kept his bargain and paid me.

At the mission home in Salt Lake City on the 5 January 1930, I was set apart by Elder Stephen L. Richards. He promised that I would return to see all my loved ones. My mission was filled with wonderful experiences. I was called to Brother Martin's home as his wife was ill. She had lost her eyesight and the doctor said that she would never see again. We had a family prayer circle then we the Elders, administered to her. The next day Sister Martin had fully recovered her eyesight and was busy fixing dinner. Thus proving that the power and blessings of the Lord work through the power of the Priesthood.

When I returned home, the depression was in full swing. My loved ones were all alive as promised. Within eighteen months my sister, my mother and my brother died.

I met Carmen May Stephens at a church dance. After a short courtship we were married the 5 April 1933. We weathered rough going for a few years, losing four babies. I nearly lost my wife. After six weeks in the hospital the doctor gave me no hope. I was in the bishopric at the time. President Joseph Call administered to Carmen. He promised her she would get well but to be patient as it would take a long time. We adopted a beautiful twelve day old baby girl, the joy of our lives.

These experiences happened while I was working for the Union Pacific Railroad. We moved around a lot for eight years. I finally quit the railroad because of Sunday work. We were living in Salt Lake City then. In 1946 we sold the Idaho farm and moved to Ogden. We built a six-unit house apartment at 645-26th Street. In December 1956 we bought our present home at 1123- 21st Street. I was district manager of American National Life Insurance but quit to work at the Utah School for the Blind, retiring in 1969. I have been a school crossing guard for seven years.

In 1945 we took an eight year old boy. He lived with us for 16 years. We are proud of our two children. Both are active in church and were married in the temple. We have eight wonderful grand-children who fill us with joy. Our cup runneth over.

I have served many times in Adult Aaronic Priesthood Work. In 1962 I served as counselor on the Ogden Stake Sunday School Board with Wes Westbrook and John Lot; on the MIA Stake Board as Speech Director the 15 May 1957 under Paul Thompson; and then from the 3 June 1962 for two years as 31st Ward Sunday School Superintendant. Again in Adult Aaronic I served two years. On the 12 September 1971, I was sustained as second counselor to Bishop L. Dwight Pincock. I enjoyed this labor until the 9 March 1975 when a new bishopric was sustained.

We have been active in church work all of our lives and have recieved many blessings for which we are thankful. The many healing experiences have added fuel to the spark of testimony I had at age eight. I know that the same power that Jesus demonstrated and gave to his disciples is here on earth today. Joseph Smith Jr. was given this power and authority, and in turn that power is given worthy male members of the Priesthood in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day- Saints.



AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF SEYMOUR Y. MCALLISTER  
WARD CLERK, 7 June 1964 to 9 March 1975

In Kanab, Utah on the 17 May 1888 I was born to Angeline Brown and William James Frazer McAllister. Father had two wives, so we lived in Fredonia from the time I was one year old until I was six. My mother's mother was a daughter of Lorenzo Dow Young, youngest brother of Brigham Young. My father was a son of Richard Wesley McAllister, an early convert to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day-Saints.

In Kanab I served as President of the Deacons and the Priests Quorums. After graduating from grade school, I worked five years before I was able to go to high school. Then I went to the Branch Normal School in Ceder City, Utah, for four years. I boarded at various homes during the School year. Then I went back to the saw mill on the Kaibab Forest for the summer.

After graduating in 1912, I taught the 4th grade in Kanab one winter. That winter I was a counselor in M.I.A.. In September of 1913 I was chosen



as 2nd Counselor to Bishop Chamberland in the Kanab Ward. I served there for three years. Edwin J. Ford was 1st Counselor. That winter I taught School in Mt. Carmel, Utah and was Principal of the school. I had to ride horseback to Kanab 18 miles every Friday night to be with the bishopric on Sunday. Then back to Mt. Carmel on Sunday night. In the fall of 1916 I was released from the Bishopric and went to the University of Utah in Salt Lake City.

I returned to the saw mill on the Kaibab Forest the next spring, but soon joined the Forest Service Regiment and was sent to France. The World War I was on and I spent eighteen months in France sawing up forests of timber that was needed by the army.

I returned home in February of 1919 and was given the job as Town Marshall, because they needed one just at that time. The flu was very bad, and every one that came into the town was quarantined for four days. Part of my job was to see that the quarantine was carried out. At the end of the first month an engineer with two surveyors drove into town from Salt Lake City. I found them a room to board while being quarantined. It turned out to be a crew sent down to survey the State Road from Panguitch to Kanab. I found them some helpers and put myself first on the list. So I spent my summer running the surveying instrument, because the surveyor was called home for another job. I had taken surveying at the U of U two winters before.

Back to the U. of U in Salt Lake City, in September. I left before the school year was over, to Arizona to raise cotton with my uncle. I located at Gilbert, a little town seven miles South East of Mesa, Arizona. We raised a good crop of cotton that year, but when ready for market, the Government had flooded the market with tires ( in which all long staple cotton is used ) and the market dropped to nothing. I started another crop on a 300 acre farm, but by the time we were ready to irrigate, we could not raise the money for water. We walked off and left it. I was broke and then some. I came back to Utah, Arizona sun was too hot.

I had met Mary Cederlund in Salt Lake City while waiting at Ft. Douglas to be sent to France. We married in the Salt Lake Temple the 8 June 1921. We went to Parowan, Utah for the summer. Then I taught school in Paragoona, Utah in 1921 to 1923. I was given a place in the Cedar City Junior High School 1923 to 1925. I worked in the mountains for the Forest Service in the summer. The summer of 1925 we moved to Lehi. I farmed for Mary's mother. I took a school at Wattis ( a small mining town west of Price) teaching three years.

We moved to Ogden in 1929, I was employed by the Railway Mail Service. I retired in 1958 after 29 years service.

We first lived in the 6th Ward. I worked nights so worked with the scouts most of the seven years we lived there. We bought our home at 1176-22nd Street ( in the 20th Ward in 1937). I was chosen Chairman of the High Priests Group. I also taught Sunday School, the Gospel Doctrine Class.

Early in 1962 I was 2nd Counselor to Edward T. Saunders who was the President of the Ogden Stake High Priests. I held this position until late October 1962.

Mary and I filled a mission to Texas from Oct 1962 to 21 December 1963. We labored in Plainview Branch as President of that branch. We did little proselyting, but made many friends with whom we still correspond.

On a pleasure and genealogy trip in 1958 we visited all the old LDS Church cities in Missouri, Illinois, Ohio and New York. We also enjoyed Niagra Falls, Boston, New York City, Philadelphia, Washington D.C., James Town, Virginia. We contacted relatives in Massachusetts, Connecticut, West Virginia and Kentucky. We recieved a good deal of genealogical information from them. In Covington, West Virginia we met some McAllisters who were distant relatives, but their ancestors had left Scotland 100 years after my people did. We visited his estate with a typical Southern Mansion. He gave us two books full of McAllister names for genealogy.

On our travels we have gone from Atlantic Coast to Pacific Coast, and from Canada to Mexico. We have enjoyed sessions in the Idaho Falls Temple, Cardston Temple in Canada, Los Angeles Temple and the St. George Temple.

We had the priviledge of going through the Salt Lake Temple with a family we converted in Texas. The husband had been training as a Baptist Minister, but he became dissatisfied with the doctrine. He came to visit our branch. I introduced him to the missionaries. He was baprized two weeks later. A year later he was branch president. They were happy to recieve their Endowments and the blessings of the temple.

After returning from the Texas Mission, to the Ogden 31st Ward. I was sustained as Finance Clerk to Bishop Hal Ferguson on the 2 February 1964. When Bishop David E. Tanner was sustained bishop in June 1964, I was sustained Ward Clerk and served with him until Bishop L Dwight Pincock was sustained the 24 January 1971. I was released 9 March 1975, after 11 years as ward clerk. For 36 years I have been a Home Teacher.

Because I have a firm testimony of the gospel, I have been happy to work many hours in the work of the Lord. I know the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints is the only truch church on earth today. That is why I have been able to accomplish the work I have been asked to do.

#### LIFE STORY OF JOHN SNOW WARD CLERK

I was born the 8 August 1912 in Yorkshire, England to Sarah Mellor and Patrick J. Snow. I attended school at age three and left school at fourteen when I went to work in the coal mines in England. I worked in the mines for twenty-two years.

Olive I'anson-Holton and I were married the 26 December 1933. Our daughter Shirley was born the 19 July 1935 and our son Paul the 27 Aug 1943.

I had been impressed by the LDS missionaries who spoke on infant baptism. I was also greatly impressed by Olive and her family and the way they lived the gospel. The influence of the branch members as they set a good example, helped me become converted to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints 19 Apr 1934.

As a Deacon my responsibilities were : to clean the corrigated metal building two miles from home, build a fire in the pot-belly stove to warm the building for meetings, spread clean table clothes and prepare the sacrament table.

In 1934, we celebrated the 100th year of the British Mission. I was a M-Man and had been chosen by the M-Men to be their representative from the entire British Mission at this youth meeting. Many of the General Authorities were present to see the placing of a marker on the spot in Rockdale on the River Ribble, where the first British baptism into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints took place. At the youth meeting President Heber J. Grant and I were the only speakers. This was a memorable time.

I served in most of the offices of the Church in the British Mission, including the Branch President in Rawmarsh Branch and in the Sheffield Branch. When the war came, the missionaries were recalled, several small branches merged. Three branches met at Sheffield. Here I was Sunday School Superintende

The meeting house was a long distance from home and we changed conveyance three times. We walked a distance between each conveyance. Money had to be saved for this. We had priesthood Meeting while the women had chorus practice. Sunday School began at 2:30 P. M.. We brought a picnic lunch and visited until Sacrament Meeting at 6 P. M.. Many Sundays the four of us arrived home at 10 P. M. so tired that we went right to bed.

During the war, I was called as a part-time missionary, to give (after my day's work) all the time I could to preach the gospel. This was in 1943.

We emigrated to Utah in January 1949. We lived first in Farr West, then North Ogden. In October 1949, we became members of the 31st Ward. I served as Finance Clerk with Bishop Volney B. Belnap the 15 January 1950. Then I was Ward Clerk with Bishop Orson Millet and then with Bishop Wilford Harris. I was released after six years of service on the 30 December 1956.

As MIA Superintendant from the 1 February 1959 to May 1960, then as Sunday School Superintendent from the 26 July 1964 to May 1967, I was kept busy. Previously, I served as one of the Seven Presidents of Seventies in the 31st Ward and enjoyed the many socials we had.

Music has always been my interest, and I served as Ogden Stake Choir President for two years. I have been a Home teacher ever since I was baptized 42 years ago. My Ogden Stake Mission 1957 to 1959 was enjoyable, and I was partly responsible for a number of conversions during that period.

Olive and I served as Fellowship Couple for a while. We recieved a list of the new people in the ward and visited them and called for them to go to meetings, making them welcome in the ward.

I was sustained as Assistant Ward Clerk the 22 April 1973, and released the 28 December 1975. I taught a Sunday School class of 19 to 22 year olds. I enjoyed this challenge.

The Lord has blessed me with a singing voice which has helped me spread the gospel in song.

The gospel of Jesus Christ changes one's entire life and outlook on life. We have received many blessings from church activity. Without a strong testimony one could not willingly put forth the effort required of the members of the Church.



AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF RICHARD SOBERS  
ASSISTANT FINANCE CLERK

At Berwyn, Cook County, Illinois on the 13 June 1937, I, Richard Sobers was born. I was the oldest and only son of Mary Parsons and Rex Warren Sobers, from my father I inherited British, Irish and Dutch ancestry and mother added English, French and Polish.

My first year we lived on the north side of Chicago. Then we moved to the suburban town of Villa Park, Illinois. Here I was rescued twice by neighbors. When three years old, I was found running toward a railroad track when lights were flashing. In winter, without coat or cap, I ran away and was found nearly frozen crying in a snowbank.

In 1943 my father was drafted into the Navy and assigned to the Navy Hospital, Mare Island, Vallejo, California. After the war, in October 1945, father was discharged and worked in the Navy Yard. We joined him in Vallejo. I graduated from high school there in June 1955.

I became interested in religion in 1952 and started attending the First Baptist Church and was baptized by Revern Jesse Parker the 11 May 1952. I was happy because now I was "SAVED", but I was worried because my Jewish friends could not go to heaven. I was not fully satisfied.

In the summer of 1953 the Spirit was moving me to become interested in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day-Saints. I visited a friend's home and <sup>read</sup> LDS tracts left by missionaries. From these I decided the teachings were scripturally sound. I went to the Vallejo 2nd Ward in October. The missionaries were teaching the investigators class from "A Marvelous Work and a Wonder". I felt so very good after hearing them speak. I was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints the 30 January 1954 by Elder Herbert Morris at Santa Rosa, California, chapel and confirmed by him the next day.

The first thing I did was start gathering genealogy. I had a grandmother and a great-aunt who were old but able to get me started. They died shortly after giving me all the information they could. I think they were perserved to help me.

I started at BYU in Provo in 1955 and graduated in June 1959, then I came to Ogden. Ethel Lou Scott and I were married in the Cardston Temple in Canada the 28 June 1961. After we were married, we came to Ogden to live.

When Nathan was born in February 1963, we were happy th have the Priesthood to bless him before surgery. Richard Scott was born the 6 July 1964, and twelve days later we moved to our present home on Laine Ave. Nancy Jeanette arrived the 19 November 1966 and James the 4 December 1969.

My church service has been: regional missionary with the Lamanites in Weber County for two years (released 2 June 1968), counselor to Allen Reeves in the 31st Ward MIA, counselor to Edward Shaffer one year in the Elders Quorum, Sunday School teacher and counselor in Sunday School to President Lawrence Anderson (June 1968--April 1970), 70's Group Leader, then I was ordained a High Priest the 23 February 1973.

I know the gospel is true. I am thankful for the priviledge of belonging to the true church of Jesus Christ. Amen.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF VOLMER L. MILLER  
WARD FINANCE CLERK

I was born the 1 February 1922 in Logan, Utah, the son of Atella Larsen and Otto V. Miller. When I was four, we moved to a farm near Weston, Idaho. For three years we lived in a pioneer log house with a dirt roof, and attended a one-room church, one room for chapel, cultural hall and classrooms.

I grew up in a home where the gospel was taught. After serving my country in World War II, I served the Lord in the Central States Mission with headquarters in Independence, Missouri.

On the first day of July 1948, shortly after completing my mission, I married Naydene Sant in the Logan Temple. I was attending Utah State Agricultural College in Logan (now Utah State University). After graduation, I worked on a farm in Idaho for a year before moving to Ogden. Two children a boy and a girl, have blessed our home.

Church positions I have held include: teaching four different Elders Quorums; both adult and youth Sunday School classes; teaching MIA, teacher training class; and a Senior Aaronic Priesthood group. I was a counselor in the Elders Quorum Presidency. In the 31st Ward I was a counselor in the Genealogy Committee and one of the Seven Presidents in the 75th Quorum of Seventies in Ogden Stake. I was set apart as Ogden Stake Missionary the 18 April 1963 and served until 1965 May 23. For the last nine years I have been Finance clerk in the 31st Ward.

My entire life has centered around the gospel-- learning its principals to apply in my life, teaching them to my family and to others. Through the gospel our lives are richer and have meaning. God lives. We are brothers and sisters and Gods children.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF EDWARD KEITH TOPONCE  
WARD CLERK

I was born the 16 June 1924, the first born of four children, to Zella Lavina Jones and Rufus Cullen Toponce. I have two brothers, Ralph Cullen and Dennis Wayne, and a sister, Faye Toponce Wise. I was given the name Edward Keith Toponce but I did not know I had the name Edward until I was in the sixth grade.

Ogden was always my home. I attended Washington School from the 1st through the 10th grades, then to Ogden High School for the last two years, graduating in June 1942. I turned eighteen on the 16 June and registered for the draft with the first group of 18 year olds on the 30th of June. I entered the marine Corps on the 9 December 1942 and received my discharge the 23 November 1950. I was recalled in July 1950 and discharged 23 Nov. 1950.

While on leave in November 1944, my brother, his friend and I dated three lovely girls. I asked my date if she would like to celebrate my Golden Wedding Anniversary with me and she said that she would. Little did I know then, but on the 30th of December 1944, she became my wife. It looks as if she is going to keep her promise because December 1974 Reba La Rue Hart has been Mrs. Toponce for thirty years.

La Rue spent the last eleven months of my service with me in San Diego, California. We returned to Ogden, lived in two apartments, then purchased

a home at 1337- 22nd Street where we lived for sixteen years. We then moved to our present address where we have been since 1963. We have four wonderful children born to us: Viron Hart Topance in November 1946, Cathy in July 1950, Carla born and died May 1953, and Kent Cullen Topance in January 1958.

My early years in the church were very dear to me. I loved every part of it. Although my parents were inactive, I had 100% attendance until my sixteenth year. Then I bought a car and had to support it. I started breaking the Word of Wisdom because I thought those things made me look older. It was not long before my habits started choosing my friends for me.

After moving to 22nd Street, we started going to church a little, and soon I was neighborhood commissioner in the Boy Scouts. I was then the Explorer Advisor, Cub Scout Master, Activity Counselor in the MIA, plus Ward Teacher, Sunday School Class President and District Commissioner for the Cub Scouts.

We moved into the 31st Ward on a Tuesday and on Thursday Bishop Warren N. Shurtleff called at our house to ask me to be Cub Master for the 31st and 13th Wards. When Kent graduated into Boy Scouts, I decided to give it up. I tried my hand as Explorer Advisor again. I was also District Commissioner for the Cub Scouts.

It was while lying in my hospital bed after a back operation, that I decided it was about time that I became active again. I gave up my bad habits and started attending my meetings. I was called to be Youth Executive Secretary in the Aaronic Priesthood and this position was changed to include Superintendent of the MIA. I left this position to do just the Secretary work. I found that attending my meetings, paying my tithing and doing the things that I should chose my friends for me. I have since served as President of the 31st Ward Elders Quorum, and as Counselor in the Sunday School Presidency of the 31st Ward. I have been ordained a High Priest.

On May 28th 1971, I had the privilege of taking my wife and family to the temple to be sealed for time and all eternity. I bear witness that only through activity and study in the church may a person gain a testimony of this Gospel. That is why we are told that "faith without works is dead."



#### PERSONAL HISTORY OF WILLIAM ARTHUR HICKS BISHOPS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

I, William Arthur Hicks Jr., was born November 14, 1913 in Mountain View, Wyoming, the first son of Anna May Myrick and William Arthur Hicks, descendants of Pioneer families in the area. My mother's father was the last military Commander of old Fort Bridger. My grandparents on fathers side came across the plains with the pioneers to Spanish Fork, Utah. At the age of two years, I moved with my parents to a homestead in the Hoback County, south of Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

My church activities in the early days were nil, as the closest settlement was 50 miles away. After finishing grade school (in a one room log building) I attended high school in Rock Springs, Wyoming. There I



started attending church with my cousins and was baptized in 1927. However, due to some mixup, the records were lost. When I moved to Phoenix, Arizona, I was re-baptized and became an active member, attending services whenever I could.

During the war and upon my return from nearly five years service in the Air Corps, we attended services in La Barge, Wyoming. My three children were the only ones in Jr. Sunday School. Three towns met together in those days, now there is a ward in each town.

During the 1930's I worked on various ranches, did construction work and made Rodeos. That is, I roped steers, calves and bulldogged steers for about 9 years. I had enlisted in the Air Force in 1940 and discharged in 1945. During this time I married a girl from Rock Springs, Wyoming. We had three children: Sheila, Jim and Dick. After the war, we leased my folks ranch in Big Piney, Wyoming until 1951. We bought a grocery store, locker plant, hotel and meat market there and sold them in 1953. We moved to Laramie, Wyoming, where I became affiliated with the Wyoming Farm Bureau. There we had a string of Quarter Horses and some show cattle which took up most of our time. With showing them and judging horses we thought we were too busy for church. But I had a guilty feeling every Sunday when we would go out on these activities. While in Laramie I spent eight years at the Wyoming Legislature, then we moved to Phoenix, Arizona, to work for the Arizona Farm Bureau. After  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years we moved to Reno, Nevada, where I was in charge of the State Farm Bureau programs.

By this time I was an active member of the church, having served as Ward Clerk, Finance Clerk, Ward Teaching Supervisor and as Elders Quorum for five years.

During this time I had divorced. Later I married Neilen Hansen, whom I respected and love very much. After being released as 2nd Counselor of the Bishopric, I was a member of the Reno Stake High Council. I enjoyed being a temple worker at the Oakland Temple in California for  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years. We drove 200 miles in one way, stayed over night, worked that day, then drove back home-- a rewarding experience.

I retired from the Nevada Farm Bureau in 1971 and entered a farming venture with others. Due to health we sold out and moved to Ogden May 30 1973. We chose Ogden because we had many relatives here and Neilen's daughter and family lived in Mountain Green, up Weber Canyon.

We are glad that we settled here, as we enjoy the ward and friends we have made. I work five days a week in the Ogden Temple, which is very rewarding. I enjoyed my work as Executive Secretary and Sunday School Superintendent in the 31st Ward, and hope that I make a worthwhile contribution to the Lord's work.

#### AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF ALLAN BRENT STEPHENS BISHOPS COUNSELOR

On August 28, 1937 in a little house just outside Ogden, Utah, (Uintah), I was born the sixth and youngest child of Aldo R. and Emma L. Stephens.

The next nine years of my life were spent in Uinta. I was in the fourth grade, when my father started a garage and service station in Ogden, which made it necessary for us to move nearer to his work. On Chester Street we moved into a house where my mother still lives.

During this time I attended Mound Fort, Ogden High School for one year and graduated from Ben Lomond High in 1955. I was active in church work and in scouting. As a scout I attained the rank of Eagle Scout.

After graduation I worked in a canning factory until November 1955. In January 1956 I started to attend Weber College. I worked part-time for Sears at the old Washington Blvd. location. In February 1958 I was able to go to work at Hill Air Force Base where I am still employed.

On May 8th, 1958, I was married to Karla Sparrow in the Salt Lake Temple. We have been blessed with three fine children, all of whom we are proud. Of the seventeen years of married life, two years were spent in Sunset, Utah and all the rest have been in Ogden.

I enjoyed serving as sports director and have served as Deacons advisor, Scout advisor and Sunday School teacher.

My calling as 2nd Counselor to Bishop David Val Peterson came the 28 December 1975. It is a humbling but rewarding experience to serve the people of the 31st Ward in this position.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF EVERN WELKER DRANEY  
COUNSELOR 1960-1961



I was born December 26, 1926 in Tygee Valley, Idaho, a son of Samuel E. Draney and Elma Welker Draney. I was the tenth in a family of 16 children, and my father jokingly called me the "TITHING CHILD". I grew up on a large dairy and sheep ranch in Tygee, and attended Star Valley High School and LDS Seminary at Afton, Wyoming.

I served in the military service one year during World War II and two years of over-seas duty during the Korean conflict.

I married Cherril Bagley April 21, 1948 in the Salt Lake Temple. We lived on a ranch in Tygee for one year, and then moved to Pocatello, Idaho, where I worked for Kraft Cheese Co. When I was inducted into the service, my wife moved to Ogden, Utah to live with her folks and upon my return, we made our home there in the 31st Ward.

Positions I held while living in the 31st Ward were: Elders Quorum Secretary to Pres. Melvin Hines 1956 to 1958, Finance Clerk to Bishop Lamar Mumford 1958-1959 and Bishop Warren N. Shurtleff 1959- 1960, then 2nd Counselor to Bishop Warren N. Shurtleff 1960- 1961.

In 1962 we moved into the 36th Ward. One year later it was devided, creating a new 67th Ward, and I was called as 2nd Counselor to Bishop Glen V. Holley. I later served as Bishop of the 67th Ward for a total of 9 years. I am presently serving as High Councilor in the Ogden Stake.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF PARKER ROBINSON  
BISHOP'S COUNSELOR

Several years ago--25 years, 3 months, 18 days and seven hrs. ago to be exact, this being written October 3, 1976 at 8P.M., a very special and important occasion happened in my life. To others this went unnoticed but to me it was one of the biggest steps in my life. It was my birthday in this mortal existence. The presents I received were of such fine quality. Mom and Dad gave me a body, the doctor gave me a slap the nurse gave me a bath, and the Lord gave me Life. If the sun was shining I can't remember. However for as long as I can remember the sun has shined in my life. Even through dark clouds of discouragement, the sun has shined to give me warmth and happiness.

I do not think I would have had the warm secure feeling all my life had it not been for choice parents: Keith Oliver Robinson and Afton Parker Robinson. Together they taught me the gospel and gave me the most perfect example to follow. Dad blessed me in the 34th Ward August 5, 1951; confirmed me a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints after baptizing me August 2, 1959, he ordained me with the Priesthood of a Deacon, then Teacher 20 June 1965, Priest June 18, 1967. Also under the hand of my Dad I was ordained an Elder Nov. 8, 1970 and again I received the office of High Priest from my father Sept. 7, 1975.

As a young boy I became involved in Scouting. I loved camping, even cooking over an open fire regardless of the results. I became more enthused as I was being inducted into the Order of the Arrow where I served in several offices for a year. I passed several tests to gain Brotherhood membership. These two years I served as Chapter Chief of Mt. Ogden Chapter and as Lodge Chief of the Bonneville Council, the Indian name being Oala Ishadalkalish. I participated in National Conferences and Area Conferences geared to train boys to be leaders among men. Then June 21, 1969 I received one of the highest honors in the Order of the Arrow, the Vigil Honor. Several of us started an Indian Team we named Haupa Wiyaka meaning moccasins and feathers. We put on several programs for court of honor, banquets and programs.

At the same time I remained active in the 34th Ward Scout troop. Mom encouraged me to work hard for merit badges, which eventually led me to the honored Eagle Badge on June 24, 1969. Although I was busy with scouting, I did not forget my church obligations. I worked diligently in the Deacon and Teachers Quorum earning achievement awards each year. These awards soon led me to another honored award the Duty to God Award August 24, 1967. In the Priests Quorum, I was taught and prepared for a mission.

I was never pushed nor persuaded to go on a mission. It was the desire of my heart to serve the Lord in spreading the gospel. I graduated from Ogden High and attended one year at Weber State College. Then the great day came that I had prepared for all of my life. On October 16, 1970, I received a call to the Brazil North Mission. Mission President Hal Johnson was from Idaho Falls. I was set apart by Keith Wilcox November 19, 1970. I received my Patriarchal Blessing under the hands of Patriarch Vernon Lorinzo Stromberg. I will not go into detail as to what transpired, it is recorded in my missionary journal. I will say, I could never have made better use of those two years than working the streets of Brazil and teaching the true restored gospel to those who would listen. Baptizing those who would accept those teachings. Never has my life changed and been affected as much as it did there. I came home with only one desire, and that was to find a good woman, be sealed to her in the temple and start a choice family like the one I was raised in.



During the next two years, I worked with my brother-in-law Wade Hurd installing sprinkling systems. I took some tests in that field and soon received a licience as a Journeyman Sprinkling and Irrigation Fitter.

Then at the end of March in the year of 1974, I met the woman with whom I desired to ask for a temple marriage. She accepted and on June 13, 1974, Christine Louise Kilburn became Christine Louise K. Robinson. We were sealed in a joint sealing with my sister and her new husband in the Manti Temple.

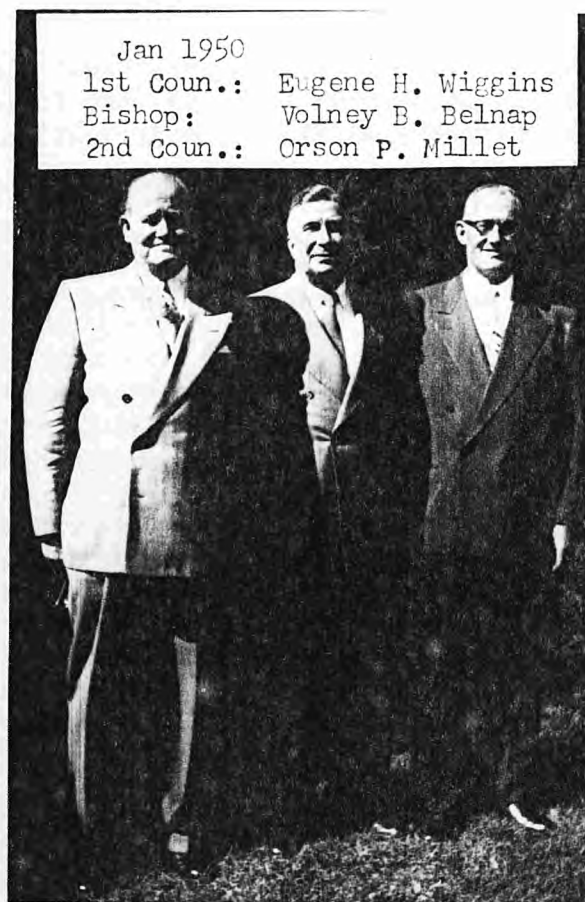
From that time the same sun that shone on me before has shined with even greater warmth and the love given me more purpose in life. Christine has meant more to me than anyone can discribe. Although many have critized us because of our short engagement, and others thought it would not last; our love came from God because it was a fine love, a sacrificing love, and a dedicated love. Nothing could ever break our bond and covenant because we both want to and are willing to sacrifice to make our lives a success.

On January 5, 1976, as a result of our love an addition was brought to our family. A sweet child who strengthened our bond of love all the more. Seeming an angel to us, we gave her the name Angel Louise Robinson.

After my mission my desire to serve the Lord in any position was even greater. Anything the Bishop would ask. Just as a record and not seeking any credit myself, I have served in these positions: Venture Advisor in 34th Ward, Venture Advisor in 21st Ward, Aaronic Priesthood Secretary in 31st Ward and Scout Master, 2nd Counselor to Bishop C. Gary Suttlemyre and 1st Counselor to Bishop David V. Peterson in the 31st Ward.

My life has been surrounded by the gospel that is why I'm so religious. There has been oportunities to follow other paths. I've had plenty of friends who tried their plans not in accordance with the Lord. I've been invited to join in their mischevious activities and undesirable parties. But something inside stopped me from following wrong groups, to refuse these youthful experiences. I have not avoided all temptations. If I had that would mean I was perfect. That's not so. There has been an invisable hand guiding me and leading me closer to the Lord, this has been the Holy Ghost. Perhaps that has been the sunshine of my life that where ever I go it does shine. I know there is a purpose to this mortal life. It is not a mere existance but a testing and proving ground. It is to help those willing to become successes. Only through the Holy Ghost can we be guided to pass this test. I will always set my actions and make my plans to this. I bear witness that Jesus Christ gave his life that we may live. He is the Savior of the world. I testify that His church has been restored through the Prophet Jospeh Smith.

This knowledge I have gained through studying the Pearl of Great Price, the Book of Mormon, Doctrine and Covenants, and the Bible. They all are nearly the the gospel of Christ in action and recorded by His servants. I have gained a spiritual testimony of these facts through the power of the Holy Ghost. All of this is fact and not simply a religious fanatic feeling. We must face truth and act accordingly. We must change where necessary and improve continously until we pass the test here before us. I write this and testify to it in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Master. Amen.



2nd Bishopric Nov. 1952  
 Ward Clerk--John Snow  
 1st Coun. Wilford D. Harris  
 Bishop-- Orson P. Millet  
 2nd Coun.--Warren N. Shurtleff



1. Sterling Campbell  
finance clerk
2. John Snow  
ward clerk
3. Harvey R. Schwitzer  
2nd counselor
4. Wilford D. Harris  
Bishop
5. Warren N. Shurtleff  
1st Counselor
6. Alfred G. Crabtree  
asst Ward clerk



Ward Clerk: Walter Mudrow  
1st Coun.: Milton Christensen  
Bishop: Warren Shurtleff  
2nd Coun.: Evorn Draney  
Finance Clerk: Eugene H. Wiggins  
June 1960



Sept. 1961  
1st Coun.: N. Vaughn Larsen  
Bishop: Warren N. Shurtleff  
2nd Coun.: David E. Tanner  
Ward Clerk: Karl A. Steinacker



*PRESIDING OVER the Thirty-first Ward of the Ogden Stake are Bishop Hal G. Ferguson, Larry G. Price and Peter J. d'Hulst Jr., counselors (left to right). Retiring bishop was Warren M. Shurtleff. Clerks renamed with the new bishopric are Karl Steinacker and Eugene Winnings*



June 1964  
1st Coun. Larry G. Price  
Bishop David E. Tanner  
2nd Coun. Peter Jack d'Hulst



Feb. 1968  
1st Coun. Larry G. Price  
Bishop David E. Tanner  
2nd Coun. J. Leland Archibald



June 1970  
1st Coun. Benjamin V. Hunt  
Bishop David E. Tanner  
2nd Coun. Dwight D. McConnell





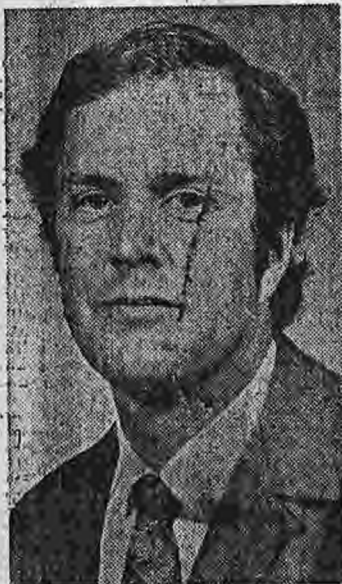
Jan. 1971  
 1st Coun. : Benjamin V. Hunt  
 Bishop : Lorin Dwight Pincock  
 2nd Coun. : Dwight D. Mc Connell



March 1974  
 1st Coun. : Benjamin V. Hunt  
 Bishop : Lorin Dwight Pincock  
 2nd Coun. : Floyd Poulsen

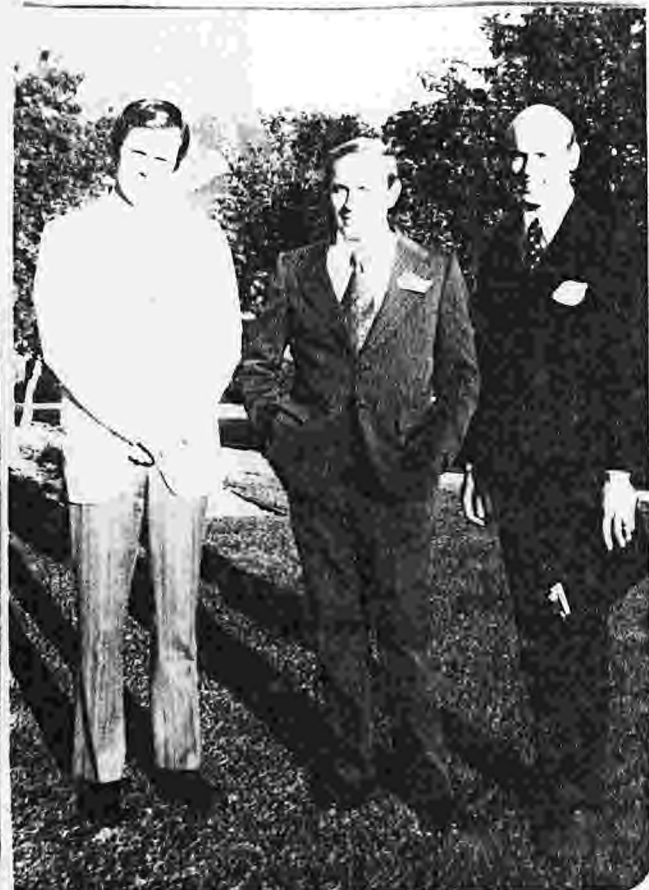
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## 31ST WARD LEADERS

Gary Suttlemyre is the new bishop of the Ogden 31st Ward of the Ogden Utah LDS Stake. His counselors are David Peterson and Randy Moore (top to bottom). L. Dwight Pincock was released as bishop, along with his counselors Benjamin B. Hunt and Floyd H. Poulsen. New ward clerk is Keith Topance.



Parker Robinson  
 Bishop Suttlemyre's  
 2nd Counselor



28 Dec. 1975

### 31ST WARD LEADERS

Leaders of the LDS 31st Ward of Ogden Utah Stake are David V. Peterson, bishop; Parker Robinson, first counselor, and A. Brent Stephens, second counselor (left to right). Released was Bishop C. Gary Suttlemyer. His counselors were Elders Peterson and Robinson.



Six bishops attended ward birthday and bishops honor night.

7th Bishop David E. Tanner  
 5th Bishop Warren N. Shurtleff  
 4th Bishop LaMar W. Mumford  
 3rd Bishop Wilford D. Harris  
 2nd Bishop Orson P. Millet  
 1st Bishop Volney B. Belnap

## MISSIONARY SERVICE

Missionary activity began as soon as the revelation was given concerning the restoration of the gospel. From this beginning has developed the vast missionary system of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day-Saints.

Full-time missionaries are called by the First Presidency of the Church on recommendation of the ward bishop and the stake president. Stake missionaries are called by the stake president to labor in their own stake. Missionaries are the legally commissioned servants of the Lord. They are set apart by those holding the proper authority. Full-time missionaries were until recent years, set apart by a General Authority. As the number of missionaries increased, this responsibility was given to the stake president. This was authorized by the First Presidency of the Church. Stake missionaries are also set apart by the stake president.

Over the years there have been helps for the missionaries: tracts, pamphlets, reference books, etc.. Now there are systematic lessons, film strips, outlines, flanel boards illustrations, etc. Missionaries are admonished to study, fast, and pray for guidance that they might teach by the Spirit. Jesus Christ is the example and leader of this vast army of dedicated missionaries. They study books written by the General Authorities and the Scriptures, using the information gained as missionary tools. Especially is this true of the Book of Mormon.

All expenses of the missionary are paid by the missionary, his family or friends. There is no monetary assistance from the church.

Lillian W. Cheney

People are like stained glass windows. They glow in the sunshine. When the sun goes down, they glow only if they have the inner glow-- the glow of a missionary.

M	EKNESS	July 20, 1952, Nathaniel Clark, Ogden Stake
I	MAGINARY	High Councilman announced that the First
S	INCERITY	Presidency requested 1% the stake population
S	EARCHING FOR CONVERTS	be active in stake missions.
I	MPACT OF TESTIMONY	
O	BEDIENCE TO COMMANDMENTS	On the 13 Feb. 1953 the 31st Ward held a
N	CESSARY TOOL OF GOD	dance to honor all missionaries of the ward,
A	GENT OF GOD	past and present.
R	EVERENT	
Y	OU	The 70's Group are responsible for missionary
		work replacing stake missionaries.

### 31st WARD MISSIONARIES SERVING WEBER COUNTY MINORITY MISSIONS

Annette Crabtree..Jan 1961---Jan 1962  
 Raymond Sellers..Jan 1962--- June 1963  
 George Vanderwerff. 13 Apr 1960--July 1962  
 Richard Sobers..16 May 1966--2 June 1968  
 Henry Noorda..20 Oct 1951--15 Oct 1953 and 20 Dec 1944 to 24 Dec 1946  
 Sally Wilbur... 1965---1966  
 Floyd Byington... 13 Jan 1959---  
 Elaine Yssel..... May 1955 ---9 Jan 1958  
 Annette Dickmore.. 3 March 1968---



OGDEN STAKE MISSIONARIES FROM THE 31st WARD

	<u>SUSTAINED</u>	<u>RELEASED</u>
Marie Nielsen	10 June 1946	7 June 1948
Nephi Hyrum Nielsen	10 June 1946	7 June 1948
Keith Saxton	5 Sept 1945	
James R. Scoville	9 Mar 1948	19 Feb 1950
Elmo Rhead (moved from stake)	6 Mar 1950	25 Nov 1950
James A. Little	6 Mar 1950	30 Mar 1952
Mae McFarland	6 Mar 1950	27 Apr 1952
John J. Massey	Nov 1951	1953
Leonard Knight	1 Feb 1949	17 Sept 1952
Elmer Rippon	20 Feb 1950	13 Apr 1952
Fritz E. Johanson	3 Nov 1952	Nov 1954
Robert W. Jones (Mission Sec.)	19 Aug 1951	27 Aug 1953
Robert W. Jones	14 Oct 1953	7 Dec 1955
George T. McKenzie	18 Feb 1953	1955
Anna H. McKenzie	18 Feb 1953	1955
Sarah Y. Monson	9 Sept 1953	21 Mar 1956
Eugene H. Wiggins (Pres. Stake Mission	1 Feb 1953	17 Apr 1960
Lillian W. Cheney (served 18 years)	13 Apr 1953	15 Aug 1971
Elsie Wagstaff	12 Aug 1953	17 Aug 1955
A. Reed Larsen	10 Mar 1954	7 Mar 1956
Christina C. Eames	2 Aug 1950	30 Aug 1952
Joseph L. Eames	16 Aug 1950	Jan 1956
William J. Norton	31 Oct 1954	Dec 1956
Pearl Bowen Norton	31 Oct 1954	Dec 1956
Laman P. Green	Dec 1954	June 1955
Veda W. Green	Dec 1954	June 1955
Elvira McCarrel	11 May 1955	Aug 1957
Lizzie H. Saxon Rhead	1 Feb 1956	Jan 1957
Richard H. Messenger	7 Nov 1956	Nov 1958
Albert M. Oborn (Mission Sec.)	16 Feb 1956	Feb 1958
Deon Poulsen	7 Nov 1956	1 Apr 1957
John Snow	13 Jan 1957	14 Jan 1959
John Kunz (died while serving)	13 Feb 1957	30 Dec 1957
Elva Kunz	13 Feb 1957	Feb 1959
Walter Fritz Mudrow	7 Aug 1957	26 Aug 1959
Ida Mudrow	7 Aug 1957	26 Aug 1959
Douglas Price	23 Oct 1957	Oct 1959
Orlin Blaine Dopp	9 Apr 1958	17 Apr 1960
Orlin Blaine Dopp	1 Jan 1964	1 June 1965
Alfred G. Crabtree	7 May 1958	17 Apr 1860
Melvin Hines	6 Apr 1960	
John Barnard White	7 Sept 1960	1 Jan 1961
David Arthur Malan, Jr.	6 Apr 1960	1 Feb 1961
LaRene Anderson	24 Aug 1960	30 Dec 1963
Jennette Brown	9 Jan 1963	23 May 1965
Volmer L. Miller	18 Apr 1963	23 May 1965
Larry Price (rel. to be in bishopric)	9 Jan 1963	26 May 1963
Ardella K. Smith	9 Jan 1963	4 Apr 1965
Patricia A. Morrison	28 Aug 1963	17 Oct 1965
Benjamin V. Hunt	26 Mar 1964	15 July 1966
Dennis A. Davis	4 Nov 1964	11 Nov 1966
Richard Elwood Carruth	5 Sept 1945	31 Oct 1946
Ira Lee Brady	5 Sept 1945	30 Sept 1947
George Boekweg, Jr.	5 Sept 1945	31 Aug 1947

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF EUGENE HOWARD WIGGINS  
 OGDEN STAKE MISSION PRESIDENT 7 YEARS, BISHOPS COUNSELOR 7 YEARS

I was born the 28 Dec 1900 to Thomas Ebenezer Wiggins and Caroline Folkman in a house my father built, 2240 Grant Ave., Ogden, Utah. My father died when I was four. Mother had three boys to raise so used father's insurance money to have a house built next door. The two houses she made into sleeping rooms and started a boarding house. My job was to wash dishes and make beds. Some of the men were not honest and left without paying their board bill. When I was 12, I worked out our grocery bill by delivering with horse and buggy for J.S. Carver Grocery. I also helped pickle eggs and age cheese.

Mother could not give me money so I had all kinds of jobs. I passed handbills, cleaned yards, picked fruit, and had an early morning paper route. Mother taught me the importance of punctuality at Priesthood meetings and accepting church responsibility. My free time was budgeted. I was catcher on a baseball team and swam and fished.

The old Grant School was across from our home. For 4 years I attended school in a one-room frame school heated by a stove, with one teacher for four grades. Grades 5,6,7, were in the brick school vacated in 1970 and now torn down. I graduated from 8th grade at Central Junior, 25th and Adams and recieved my first long pants--the happiest day of my life. Previously, I had worn knee-length knickers and long sox. I felt grown-up. In 1915 I attended Weber State Academy on Jefferson Ave. I enjoyed many field trips with Professor Lund to study faults and minerals. In 1916 and 1917 I lived in Blackfoot, Idaho and attended high school. I worked in a pharmacy before and after school for my keep. I also spun sugar in the sugar factory 1918.

I moved back to Ogden for my senior year at Weber State Academy. I played guard on the ALL STATE BASKETBALL TEAM. We won all games. I still earned my own way and helped mother. I worked from midnight to 8 A.M. at the Amalgamated Sugar Co., changed my clothes and was in school by 9 A.M., with the help of my bicycle. After graduation from Weber, I worked at the American Can Co. unloading tin plate. This really built muscles. Attending night classes and U of U extention courses, I accumulated 3 years college credits. I worked at Ogden Iron Works as time-keeper. I was president of the 3rd Ward YMMIA and in 1921 North Weber Stake MIA Secretary.

On May 12, 1921 I was called to fill a Southern States Mission under President Charles Callis. The last six months I was Virginia Conference President. On release all missionaries were called to meet in Palmyra, New York, to attend the 100th Anniversary of the revealing of the Book of Mormon, the first celebration held at Joseph Smith's farm. Now a pagent is presented yearly. Mother borrowed money for the trip and met me there. Arriving home Sept. 1923 to pay back the loan, I serviced cars at the Union Depot, then clerked at Skaggs Cash Grocery (now Safeway), where I became manager in 10 months with a salary of \$23.00 a week plus one-third of the profits.

After a one-year courtship, I married Delores Hokanson, 18 Aug 1925 in the Salt Lake Temple. Our first home was 858-23rd St in the 6th Ward. Then July 1926 Keith joined the family. I transferred to Cedar City and managed a Safeway Store for 6 years. In February Lorin was born, 1929.

Beside my long store hours, I was superintendent of the Sunday School and helped raise money to build the 1st Ward's beautiful rock church. It is a tourist stop.

This was the year the depression struck, 1929, I remember selling eggs for 10¢ a dozen, doughnuts 10¢ a dozen and hamburger for 5¢ a pound.

In 1933, we moved to Ogden and bought a home at 2173 Quincy Ave. We were transferred to Pocatello, Idaho, to manage the cash and carry department of the Western States Wholesale Grocery. While there, 1933 to 1937, I was Sunday School teacher, Seventies class leader and Ward teacher.

March 1936, David joined the family. My wife's sister Lavell H. Johnson, came to help bringing 4 month old Gwen. They tried to wash the whole house and everything in it. I marvel at how much women accomplish.

In 1934, we were transferred to Salt Lake division of Western States Grocery. Business was so slow that I began selling insurance, but found it was not for me. I was a salesman for Globe Mills, using my own car Traveling from Tooele to Provo. I got \$140.00 and monthly expenses. The family moved back to Ogden, but I boarded with a aunt in Salt Lake City and went to school nights taking U of U extension classes. I received my degree in Personnel and Business Management.

In March 1941, Marvin was born. Back in Ogden, I worked as salesman for the Ogden Egg Co. until 1960 when I took a medical retirement.

In the 20th Ward I was adult teacher in MIA, Ward Teacher, Aaronic Priesthood Secretary until called as 2nd Counselor to Bishop Volney Belnap the 26 Dec. 1943. I served 2½ years in this capacity. When the 20th Ward was divided 18 August 1946, I was chosen as 1st Counselor to Bishop Volney P. Belnap and served until 30 Nov 1952. On 1 Feb 1953 I was sustained as Ogden Stake Mission President serving for 7 years until 17 April 1960. We averaged 25 missionaries and 25 baptisms per year. Poor health made it necessary to take church assignments with less physical demands. I was sustained 31st Ward Finance Clerk, 22 May 1960 and released 5 Nov. 1963, due to the loss of both legs through surgery. However, I never gave up attending Priesthood or Sacrament Meetings when able to go in a wheelchair. I bore testimony many times to the truthfulness of the Gospel, thankful for my blessings. I had enjoyed research and doing hundreds of temple endowments.

I blessed all our boys, ordained them into the Priesthood and helped set them apart for missions. They have all served in bishoprics, except Marvin, who is a successful stake Missionary in Provo.

I have tried to be a living example for my family. I feel this is why I have been greatly blessed, my life being spared, and I have been able to accomplish much. I appreciate all my blessings, especially my family, who are such shining examples as worthy active church members. We appreciate our son's wives who have been real companions encouraging them in all that is righteous.

We love and appreciate our 16 grandchildren and 8 great-grand children. They are choice spirits, and we expect great things from them.

From NEWS-N-NOTES of the 31st Ward 6 Nov 1968:

"The 31st Ward members mourn the passing of Eugene Howard Wiggins, age 67, who has been such a stalwart exponent of the Gospel. His exemplary life will long be remembered by all who knew and loved him."





Autobiography of LILLIAN PEARL WIGGILL CHENEY  
Ogden Stake Missionary for 18 years

I was born 15 Oct 1901 at Kaysville, Utah, to Louie Evelyn Bybee Wiggill and Eli Francis Wiggill. At birth I weighed  $1\frac{1}{2}$  pounds, and at 1 year I weighed 13 pounds.

In March of 1911 the family moved to Kimball, Alberta, Canada. It was not a good year for farmers. Early frosts took much of the grain crops; by February of 1912 my father decided to return south. While we were in Canada, I had my first opportunity to take part in a church meeting. I was nine years old and gave the sacrament gem in Sunday School.

My schooling began in the Davis County district school -- one room, one teacher, and as many grades as the ages of the children required. When I was in the fifth grade, we lived in Battle Creek, Idaho, and attended school and church in the Winder Ward. Our grandmother, Elizabeth Pilcher, came to visit us. I asked her to find me a place in Ogden to work for my room and board so that I could attend school there. She did and I attended the seventh and eighth grades in the Dee School, a junior high school in Ogden.

The family returned to Davis County, so my ninth grade was at Davis County High at Kaysville. We also lived in Layton. If we lived three miles or more from school we were given tickets to ride on the Bamberger train to school. The summer of 1918 I earned enough money at the Woods Cross factory at Layton to pay my expenses at Weber Academy. My junior and senior years I worked at the Union Pacific laundry. I worked the 5 to 11 o'clock shift after attending day classes. I graduated from Weber in June 1921, having completed a four-year commercial course.

I am most grateful and thank my Heavenly Father for the privilege of living on the earth when the complete Gospel of His Son is among the children of men. I am sure that much of my personal development is due to my membership in the LDS Church. I was baptized 4 June 1910 in the Weber-Davis Canal and confirmed by William Nalder. My first church position was secretary to the North Weber Stake Religion Class Board. After school the religion class teachers came to give us spiritual lessons once a week.

In 1926 I received a call to serve in the Central States Mission. I was set apart by Stephen L. Richards. He stressed, "Once a missionary, always a missionary." This concept stated by President David O. McKay was "Every member a missionary." I served from 29 August 1926 to 27 Jan 1929, ten months in the field and 19 month in the mission office as mission bookkeeper. I enjoyed living in Independence, Missouri, near many of the places mentioned in church history.

Other church positions have afforded many opportunities to further the missionary cause. Sunday School classes are a fruitful field. It has been satisfying to see some class members go on fulltime missions and many hold responsible positions in ward and stake.

For twenty years I served in different positions in the YWMIA, twice as ward president. I also taught the Junior Gleaners and received my Silver Gleaner Award along with several members of my class. Twice I served on the Ogden Stake YWMIA Board and was also attendance secretary of Ogden Stake.

On 13 Apr 1953 I was set apart as stake missionary by Ogden Stake Pres. Lawrence S. Burton. Eugene H. Wiggins was mission president. I was released 15 Aug 1971 by President Keith G. Jensen. During those eighteen years my companions and I taught many people the gospel; some received baptism, others did not. It was always a thrill to witness a baptism, especially if the baptism completed a family circle in the church. Twice we had the joy of seeing an entire family baptized at the same time. Any baptism is a joy to the missionaries involved.

Serving as chairman of the Girls' Committee was another choice experience, working with dedicated sisters to serve the girls of the ward. Some inactive girls were brought into activity through the efforts of the committee.

After my retirement I began attending Relief Society. I had been a member since the Centennial Year but because of work, just a silent member. I was sustained as Social Relations class leader, 1 Dec 1968 to Oct 1971. I gained a much closer relationship with the sisters of the ward.

In October of 1971 I was interviewed to take part in the work at the Ogden Temple. During the showing of the temple before the dedication, I helped with ushering of the throngs who came. During the dedication services we were assigned to seat those attending in the temple and tabernacle. I now serve with a group under the direction of Temple Recorder Paul E. Lindeman.

My workday activities: Union Pacific Laundry from 1919 to 1926. (I quit to go on a fulltime mission.) In May 1929 I secured parttime work in the county treasurer's office; David W. Evans was county treasurer. I worked for Carl Blaes, Utah Plumbing and Heating and for R. B. Raat Company, wholesale plumbing. In Oct 1935 I went to work fulltime for County Treasurer Arias G. Belnap, where I worked until March 1966 and in other county offices until I retired 31 Oct 1967.

On 18 Dec 1935, I was married to Henry Watson Cheney in the Salt Lake Temple by Temple President George F. Richards. For twenty-two years we had a very congenial life together enjoying the same church activities and hobbies. For 5½ years, beginning in August 1945, we had two boys in our home. We thought it was for keeps, but when they were old enough to work they went back to their grandmother's home to live.

We had many good vacation trips and often took others with us. On Jan 28, 1958, Henry passed away from a heart ailment. He was in the Southern Pacific Hospital in San Francisco, California.

Since I have been alone I have kept busy. I have been thankful that I had a job and church activity, so that I have not had time on my hands to feel sorry for myself. I am also service chairman for the Weber County Cancer Committee.

What does my membership in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints mean to me? It is impossible for me to imagine what life would be without membership. I am sure that the gospel as taught by the Church is the same as taught by the Savior and His apostles in the meridian of time. Since this is the restoration of all things since the beginning of time, we have more privileges and therefore more responsibilities than any other dispensation. I accept the president of this church as a prophet of God.





### Autobiography of ROBERT W. JONES

Served three Ogden Stake missions and  
as mission secretary.

I, Robert W. Jones, was born 31 Oct 1895 in Maeser, Utah, to James N. and Mary Ann Bodily Jones. I was the fourth child in a family of 11. We enjoyed our home life very much. We walked two miles to school. I attended church and was advanced in the priesthood according to age after being baptized in a cold canal 1 Nov 1903. I began working for my grandfather during the summer in his apiary (bees) and on his farm. I worked doing farm work for others and lived with them.

In 1913 I worked and lived with Phillip Stringham. On his sheep ranch and apiary I worked for three summers. His two boys leased the ranch, and I worked as foreman for them until 1918. In 1917 I was called on a mission to Germany but because of World War I the Church stopped sending missionaries before I was to go. In 1917 I tried to enlist but was turned down because of fallen arches. That entire battalion of which I would have been one was cornered in a French forest and mowed down to the last man. In 1918, Jan I was drafted and turned down again.

I quit working for Stringhams (where I had made a good record while handling their sheep.) I started to travel the southern states and Canada. On the way I stopped off at Kaysville to visit my grandfather's brother. He talked me into helping him build a house. The next day two girls came in a buggy to visit his daughter. One of the girls was Hattie E. Rouech, my future wife.

While here I received a call into limited service in the army. I went back home, then to Fort Logan, Colorado, where we received some training. We prepared to go to France to serve as laborers, but the "flu" broke out in our group which stopped our going. Soon after the armistice was signed, 21 Dec, we were discharged with 82 days service. To be a veteran required 90 days service, so we were not considered war veterans.

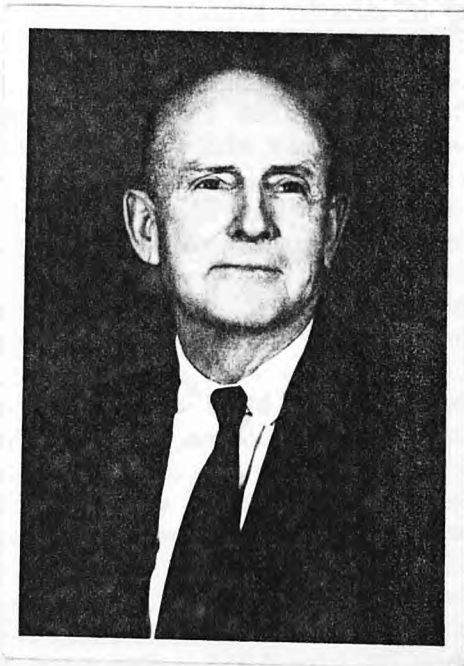
Hattie invited me to stop in Kaysville and spend the Christmas holidays at their home. This I did. The following summer she visited at our home in Vernal. We were married 1 Oct 1919 in the Salt Lake Temple. We lived mostly in Kaysville and Layton until 1936. We were active in genealogy research and made many trips to the Salt Lake Library and to the Salt Lake Temple for endowments for the dead. I was a Sunday School teacher and a ward teacher.

We moved to Ogden in August 1936; our daughters, Reva and Leora, finished their schooling here. They are now happily married with four children each. One has two grandchildren and the other one.

I began teaching Sunday School in Nov 1938 and the Elders Quorum. I was released when called to an Ogden Stake mission 22 Jan 1940. We lived in the 4th Ward then. On 18 August 1946 we became part of the newly formed 31st Ward. On 29 Sept 1946 I began teaching Sunday School; Orson P. Millet was superintendent. I was ordained a Seventy 7 Feb 1940 and began teaching the 373rd Quorum of Seventies 6 Feb 1949 and on 29 Jan 1950 was set apart as secretary of the quorum. My second Ogden Stake mission call was 19 August 1951 until 27 August 1953. The third Ogden Stake mission call was 14 Oct 1953 to 7 Dec 1955. I served as mission secretary part of this time. Since then I have served as home teacher and have continued in research and temple work. I was ordained a High Priest 21 Nov 1954. I retired from the Southern Pacific Co. 31 Oct 1960.

By studying and teaching the scriptures and experiencing many faith-promoting incidents, I bear witness to the truthfulness of the Gosepl of Jesus Christ.





Sellers a Missionary Family  
Eugene Sellers-North British  
Rosella Sellers- North British  
John Sellers- Northern Mexican  
Raymond Sellers- Central American  
Eva L. Sellers- Ontario Canadian





# Biography of ALBERT MILLGATE OBORN

Albert Millgate Oborn was born 14 July 1897 in Ogden, Utah, the son of Emily Millgate and Heber C. Oborn. There were nine in the family, Albert being the fourth child. He was raised in an LDS family who were very musical. His father led choirs and his brother was an organist. Albert was a happy and congenial person and was called "Hap." His beautiful voice added to his attitude for he loved to sing, and church music helped build his testimony.

He lived all of his life in Ogden and attended Ogden schools. He graduated from Weber Academy in 1916. He worked as a newspaper delivery boy.

He attended church and was baptized 14 July 1905 by his father. He was ordained a Deacon 13 Sept 1909, a Teacher 13 Jan 1913, and a Priest 27 Mar 1916.

The call to the U.S. Army was received and Albert sold his clothes and left for training, but the armistice was signed and he was sent home. He felt lost -- no job or clothes.

On 21 Nov 1932 he married Mildred Lewis in Salt Lake City. The marriage was later solemnized in the Logan Temple 27 June 1955. Two sons blessed their home, Charles Gordon and James Roger. They have six lovely grandchildren.

He worked for the Railway Express Agency for 41 years, retiring as cashier in 1962. When he had worked 38 years, the following appeared in the Ogden Standard-Examiner in Nov 1957: "Pins were presented by the Railway Express to seven local employees, among them A. M. Oborn, for 38 years service. All seven started to work for the Railway Express back in the days when a horse and wagon were tools of the trade. All seven are active in church and community affairs."

He was blessed with a beautiful singing voice and was a member of the Southern Pacific Male Chorus for ten years. He belonged to the Ogden Stake Choir, serving as vice president and president.

He served as president of Toastmasters International, Mount Ogden, No. 1614 and was past president of the Express Lodge of Brotherhood of Railway Clerks.

He was ordained an Elder 8 Feb 1956 and a High Priest by James H. Bischoff 3 Nov 1968. On 19 Feb 1958 Ogden Stake President Laurence S. Burton called him to a 2-year Ogden Stake mission, and he was set apart by Ogden Stake Mission President Eugene H. Wiggins. He was sustained 4 Jan 1956 as Ogden Stake Era Director. The High Priests enjoyed his well-prepared and well-presented priesthood lessons in the 31st Ward. He was 31st Ward Sunday School Counselor to Lawrence D. Anderson from July 1969 to April 1970. His beautiful command of English was enjoyed as he conducted Sunday School opening services.

He loved to play golf and enjoyed the exercise he derived from it. He was proud of his hole-in-one.

From 31st Ward NEWS-N-NOTES, August, 1974: "We extend sympathy to the family of Albert Oborn, who died recently. He was a warm and witty gentleman and will be greatly missed."

Albert was called home 18 July 1974, his work finished here on earth. He will be missed by his friends and priesthood brethren. His love and understanding of the gospel was expressed in the lessons he presented to the High Priests.

## HISTORY OF ELMER JONES RIPPON THREE STAKE MISSIONS

In Coalville, Summit County on September 1, 1902, Elmer Jones Rippon was born to Amelia Jones and Frank Rippon. He was the oldest son and had 5 brothers and three sisters.

His first year of school was held in the old Rock School house which was the first L.D.S. Church in Coalville. His second and third years were spent in the red brick school where the Summit County Hospital now stands, which is next door to his mother's home. He enjoyed his high school days and attended for one year the Utah State Agriculture College in Logan, Utah. His father died that summer of 1923. Elmer had worked with his father in his trade of contractor and builder and this was his life work. He built homes throughout Summit County. He went to work for the U.S. Government at Utah General Depot as a carpenter foreman, where he worked until he retired in January 1966. He started there in 1941 so that was 25 years.

He was baptized September 1, 1910 by Charles R. Jones. He was ordained to the Office of a Deacon December 6, 1914 by Charles R. Jones and ordained a Teacher February 24, 1918 by his father who had joined the church in 1915. He became a Priest Oct. 31, 1920 and was ordained an Elder. He recieved the ordination of Seventy by Richard R. Lyman on January 13, 1935, Bishop Volney B. Belnap ordained him a High Priest August 4, 1957.

His callings and activities in the church were: Secretary of Summit Stake Y.M.M.I.A. 1925 and 1926; many years Counselor and Superintendent of the Coalville Sunday School; he filled a 2 year mission in Summit Stake beginning December 30, 1934; Set apart as ward geneological 1st Counselor in the 14th Ward in South Ogden Stake, then as 1st Counselor on the Stake in geneology. He was a President of the 70 Quorum of the South Ogden Stake set apart by Elder Oscar A. Kirkham. President William J. Critchlow called him on a Stake Mission April 8, 1945. He also filled a Ogden Stake Mission from Feb. 20, 1950 to April 13, 1952 and set apart by Lawrence Evans. Then President of 70 Quorum # 225 released Jan. 12, 1954. From 1955 to May 1959 he was counselor in the 31st Ward Sunday School. He was the Ogden Stake High Priest Quorum Secretary and then became second counselor to President of High Priests Edward T. Saunders from 1965 to his death Nov 6, 1966. He worked on the Ogden Stake Ranch repairing the house and barn. He helped lay new flooring in the Ogden 4th Ward and Stake house.

He suffered from cancer for 11 years but he had such faith that when he was administered by the Elders, he would be relieved of his great pain and would sleep free of pain for 4 or 5 hours. The doctor said that he took less pain killing medicine than any other cancer patient he had doctored. This was because of the power of the Priesthood in his behalf.

He took two trips to the East where he visited Palmyra, New York, and enjoyed the sacred grove, Joseph Smith home, Hill Comorah and Niagra Falls. He also enjoyed a trip to Canada to the Cardston Temple.

He was married to Hulda Brown on the 18 June 1925 in the Salt Lake Temple and sealed for time and all eternity.





WIGGINS FAMILY- A MISSIONARY FAMILY

Eugene H. Wiggins

Missionary  $2\frac{1}{2}$  years  
Southern States.

Bishopric 7 years

Ogden Stake Mission  
President 7 years.



Delores H.  
Wiggins

Teacher in  
all organizat-  
ions.

Temple Worker,



Keith E. Wiggins

Southern States Mission  
1946- 1948



Lorin D. Wiggins

Spanish American Mission  
1948-1951



David G. Wiggins

Missionary Calif.  
1959-1961



Marvin E. Wiggins

Southern States Mission  
1961-1963  
Provo Stake Mission

HANSEN FAMILY- MISSIONARIES

Wendell Le Roy Hansen  
Southern States Mission



Betty Ann Young Hansen  
Southern States Mission



Marilyn Hansen  
Austrian Mission

Mark E. Hansen  
South Carolina-Georgia



David Y. Hansen  
Denmark Mission



Glen V. Hansen  
Texas Mission

OGDEN 31st WARD MISSIONARIES SERVING ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

	<u>MISSION</u>	<u>CALLED</u>	<u>RELEASED</u>
Keith Eugene Wiggins	Southern States	27 Mar 1946	22 Mar 1948
Robert Orval Vowles	Western States	16 Oct 1946	12 Mar 1949
Russell Carruth	Canadian	17 Oct 1946	31 Oct 1948
Betty Crandall	Spanish American	1946	7 May 1948
Russell William Carruth	Canadian	30 Oct 1946	29 Oct 1948
Donald Eggington	French	12 Mar 1947	27 Nov 1949
Doyle Perkins	Southern States	12 Mar 1947	1 Mar 1949
David R. Dinsdale	North Central States	10 Dec 1947	11 Dec 1949
Lorin D. Wiggins	Spanish American	30 June 1948	31 Jan 1951
Norman Blaine Belnap	Netherlands	26 Feb 1948	15 Aug 1950
Carl Richard Saunders	New Zealand	5 July 1948	10 Aug 1950
Bergliot Dinsdale	Central Pacific	23 May 1949	20 Mar 1949
David J. Carruth	North Central States	15 Dec 1948	15 Apr 1951
Robert William Crandall	Eastern States	11 Feb 1949	27 May 1951
Ray E. Neilson	East Central States	18 July 1950	24 Aug 1952
John J. Massey Jr.	Central Atlantic States	11 Nov 1951	Sep 1952
A. Jack Graviet	Texas-Louisiana	19 Jan 1951	18 Jan 1953
Orson Leon Millet	Western Canadian	8 Jan 1951	20 Jan 1953
Fritz Johansen	Swedish	15 June 1956	Jan 1959
Ingra Lisa Johansen	Swedish	15 June 1956	Jan 1959
Frank Charles Johnson	Danish	8 Jan 1956	21 Sep 1958
Clifton B. Rippon	French	8 Aug 1954	6 Mar 1957
Jeorgen Mudrow	German	28 Sep 1958	15 Sep 1960
Raymond Sellers	Central American	21 June 1959	21 Dec 1961
E. Clair Howes	Northern British	16 Oct 1960	16 Dec 1962
David Brown Sneddon	Netherlands	19 Mar 1961	20 Oct 1963
Richard H. Messenger	Eastern States	26 Mar 1961	18 Apr 1963
LaRene Anderson	British	11 June 1961	15 Dec 1962
Marvin E. Wiggins	Southern States	25 June 1961	15 Jul 1963
Melvin T. Smith	East Central States	27 Aug 1961	29 Aug 1962
Ardella Keyes Smith	East Central States	27 Aug 1961	29 Aug 1962
Linda Kay Hill	Northwestern States	11 Mar 1962	6 Oct 1963
Seymour Y. McAllister	Central Texas	14 Oct 1962	22 Dec 1963
Mary McAllister	Central Texas	14 Oct 1962	22 Dec 1963
David Arthur Malan, Jr.	Southern Far East	18 Aug 1963	13 Mar 1966
Lynn Edwin Tanner	Southern Australian	28 Aug 1963	10 Oct 1965
Jennette Brown	Berlin	30 Oct 1963	5 Dec 1965
Richard Kay Gemar	Austrian	18 Jan 1965	21 Apr 1967
Eva Louise Sellers	Ontario Canadian	6 June 1965	20 Dec 1966
Barry Jelllette Brown	Great Lakes	27 Mar 1964	24 Apr 1966
John A. Sellers	Northern Mexican	27 June 1966	11 Sep 1968
Craig Rindlesbach	German Swiss	June 1968	June 1970
Michael Reeves	Ontario Canadian	10 Nov 1969	6 Nov 1971
Eugene Sellers	North British	16 May 1970	20 Nov 1971
Rosella Sellers	North British	16 May 1970	20 Nov 1971
Lawrence D. Anderson	Alaskan Canadian	11 Mar 1970	1 Nov 1970
Virginia T. Anderson	Alaskan Canadian	11 Mar 1970	1 Nov 1970
John Wiggill	Japan East	15 Apr 1972	28 Apr 1974
Mark E. Hansen	South Carolina-Georgia	5 Aug 1972	16 Aug 1974
Marilyn Hansen	Austrian	4 Aug 1973	Feb 1975
David Young Hansen	Denmark	9 Mar 1974	12 Mar 1976
Dale Doxey	Germany	4 Jan 1975	
Daniel I. (Brad) D'Hulst	Philippine Manila	24 Mar 1975	
Glen Hansen	Texas	29 July 1976	
Carol Spencer	Mexico	1975	
Dean Hunt	Brisbaen-Australia	20 Jan 1976	



DEVOTED MISSIONARIES

La Rene Anderson



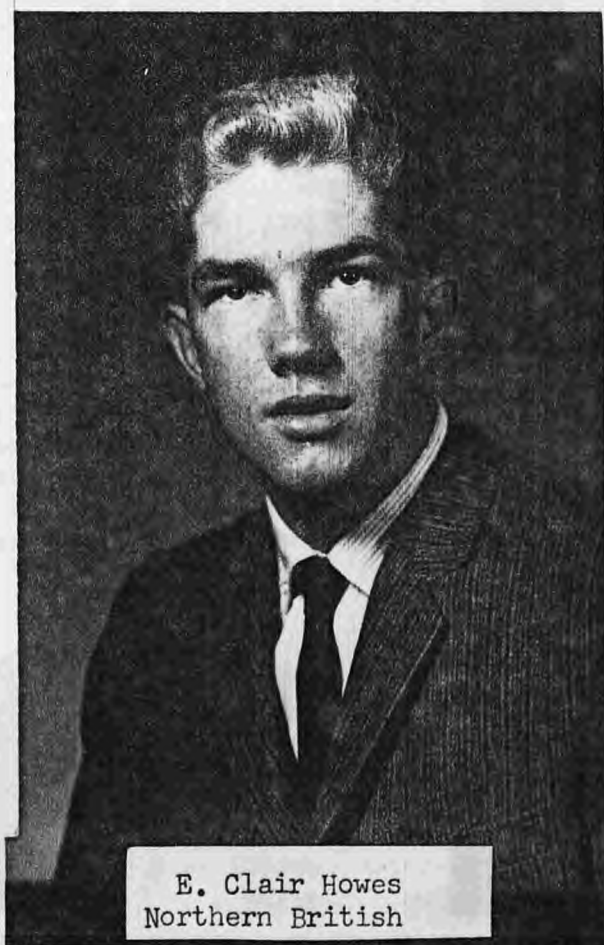
Melvin & Ardella Smith



Seymour Y. & Mary  
Mc Allister  
Central Texas Mission



Dean Hunt  
Bisbain-Australian  
Mission



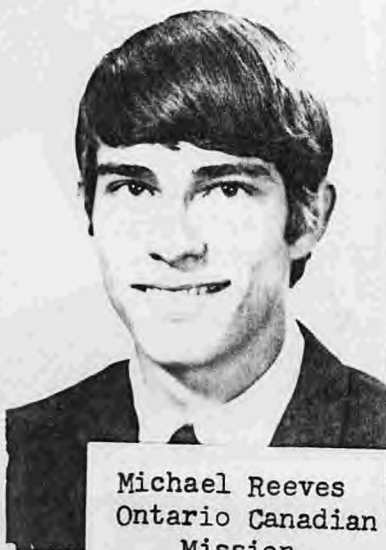
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Jennette Brown  
Berlin Mission



Brad D'Hulst  
Philippine Manila Mission



Michael Reeves  
Ontario Canadian  
Mission



Elder Clifton Rippon  
in Orleans, France



Barry Brown  
Great Lakes Mission



David R. Dinsdale  
North Central States  
Mission



Carrol Spencer  
Mexican Mission

## MILITARY SERVICEMEN

We do not think of war as a time of spreading the gospel, but our servicemen are missionaries. As in all generations when one is in great danger and needs help, he becomes humble and turns to the Lord. In this humble state all are susceptible to the truths of the gospel. Many converts are made by LDS servicemen and soon another country is opened to the preaching of the truths of the gospel.

From the Relief Society Magazine, June 1915, page 286: "The European War has had a marked effect in turning the thoughts of the people to the subject of religion. This is noticeably true in France. It is commonly noted that along the great battle lines men in the trenches are becoming religious where they never thought before of religion. Through America, as well as in Europe, there is shown a marked renewal of interest in religion. The situation thus presented affords an opportunity to promulgate the principals of Christianity."

Not only do we give thanks to our brave servicemen of the 31st Ward for defending and protecting our liberty, but for the fine examples they are to other servicemen and the people with whom they come in contact. Also we thank them for the truths of the gospel they give in word and deed -- true missionaries:

James L. Bailey  
Robert D. Black  
Wayne Stevenson  
Joseph D. Smith  
Robert Hadley  
Walter Hokanson  
Robert D. Black  
Boyd Applegarth  
Glen W. Johnson  
Eldon E. Evans  
Wallace Hilton  
Malcolm Dalton  
Larry Anderson  
Jay Stromberg  
Robert Furness  
Clarence Olsen  
Gary Messenger  
Gerald Engstrom  
Russell Kennedy  
Clifton Rippon  
Arthur Faulkner  
Alfred Jay Bird  
Earl S. Denver  
Robert C. Lunt  
Richard Beazer  
Robert Fleming  
Dennis Andrews  
John Sellers  
Frank Davis  
Dan Hansen  
Paul Snow  
Ed Phelps  
John R. Lee  
Ray Rocco  
Fred Coolbear  
Keith W. Thomas  
John Wiggill  
Vodean Miller

Carl Rackham  
Jay Thompson  
Melvin Owens  
Duane Hadley  
Carl W. Pont  
Vern Hokanson  
E. W. Drainey  
Ralph Carrol  
DeVon Jensen  
James Oborn  
Larry Wood  
Ralph Carrol  
Guy Waddoups  
Clark Cherry  
Steven Baker  
Clair Beazer  
Wayne Manning  
Sid Camomile  
Bennett Glow  
Roger Tucker  
Viron Toponce  
Roger Mower  
J. Kent Brown  
Robert Bergen  
Paul Anderson  
James Walker  
Russell Howard  
Scott D. Lee  
Ray Nielsen  
Boyd Baker  
Al Sandman  
Lex Baker  
Lynn Tanner  
Boyd Coombs  
David A. Malan  
C. La Mar Walker  
Alan Wiggill

Arthur Rackham  
Dale S. Young  
Jay McBride  
Donald Hanson  
Ronald Tucker  
David Carruth  
Jackie Poulsen  
Raymond Rhead  
Gerald Hadley  
Thomas Hilton  
Donald Wilson  
Gene Thurston  
David Jackman  
Delore Powell  
Paul Williams  
Larry Woodland  
Jack Eggington  
Joseph Drysdale  
Raymond Hillan  
George Heiner  
Kenneth Bybee  
Wayne Hanzlik  
Corey Fleming  
Harold Martin  
Kennard Bybee  
Gerald Hunter  
Brent Frost  
David Sneddon  
Lee Taylor  
Leon Jensen  
Jay Poulsen  
Eddie Hymas  
Dean Baker  
Fay Rippon  
W. Keith Walker  
Paul Wiggill  
Curtis Baker

Kenneth L. Allen  
Blaine Christensen  
Bradford A. White  
Virgil M. Stratford  
Donald L. Woodland  
Keith E. Wiggins  
Lorin D. Wiggins  
Blaine Anderson  
Seymour Hoskins  
Kenneth M. Morley  
Thomas Gilchrist  
Terrance McCarrel  
Archie McFarland  
Richard Burnsides  
Richard L. Anderson  
Kenneth Vanderwerff  
Henry O. Gemar, Jr.  
Richard Messenger  
Richard Shurtleff  
Wm. Raymond Colvin  
Charles Stevensen  
Arthur D. Malan, Jr.  
Jack LeRoy Butler  
Dennis V. Singleton  
O'Neil Richardson (killed  
1950)  
Marvin Hogansen  
Rodney Saunders  
Steve Crowley (killed in  
action)  
Jerry F. Faulkner  
Paul Wiggill  
David Hardy  
Jeff K. Griggs  
Elwyn S. Walker  
Terry Wiggill  
Dean Baker



# WARD MEMBERSHIP

In the beginning August 1946, the 31st Ward had a total membership of 1,031. In August 1974, we had 597.

	AUGUST 1946		AUGUST 1974	
HIGH PRIESTS	43		41	
SEVENTIES	39		3	
ELDERS	111		45	
AARONIC PRIESTHOOD	UNDER 21	OVER 21	UNDER 21	OVER 21
PRIESTS	17	24	32	15
TEACHERS	28	22	18	15
DEACONS	23	19	10	8
TOTAL OF MALES HOLDING THE PRIESTHOOD	326		187	
TOTAL MALES NOT HOLDING THE PRIESTHOOD	101		33	
CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE	157		75	
FEMALE ADULTS	447		302	

Some changes in the number of members have come about through the boundry changes. A block from the 4th Ward (20th to 21st St.--Madison to Monroe) when given permission returned their membership to the 4th Ward, requiring transfer of 50 families, 26 Feb. 1948. On May 1958 (22nd to 23rd Monroe to Quincy ) was returned to the 6th Ward. At this time, two blocks (Jackson to Harrison--21st to 22nd) from the 20th Ward was added to our ward, but there were not as many families.

In 1959, Bishop LaMar W. Mumford reported 292 families and a membership of 814. Bishop Mumford made 570 visits to the homes. There was a 5% increase in tithing paid, and there was an 8% increase in fast offerings in the previous year. 154 persons held temple recommends.

In 1962, Bishop Warren N. Shurtleff reported membership of 823 with 273 families. By Sept 1964, Bishop David E. Tanner reported 727 members 282 families. Bishop L.Dwight Pincock reported in 1972 membership of 635 with 283 families. A tithing increase of 12% and fast offering 13% over 1971.

The explanation of decrease in numbers of members is easily explained. The families have decreased in number as children married and moved out of the ward where no housing was available. Older members died. In 1971, there were 92 widows, and in 1971 there are 87 widows. Some non-members have bought homes, splendid opportunity for missionary work. The few rental units are small, so many young married couples have enriched our ward and received good training in responsible positions. We have appreciated their enthusiasm and dedication.

One year - will moved out and the same number moved in. The Priesthood Quorums are a great help to the bishopric. They visit each home once a month or more and are concerned with the health of the families, both physical and spiritual. A family needing help is reported to the Bishop.

## PRIESTHOOD

The priesthood members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day-Saints have been given the authority to act in God's name here on earth. these keys of the priesthood were bestowed upon Joseph Smith Jr. and Oliver Cowdery by John the Baptist for the Aaronic Priesthood. Peter, James and John came and bestowed the keys of the Melchizedek Priesthood and ordained them Apostles.

The priesthood is conferred by the laying on of hands by one who holds the authority. The fullness of the Gospel was restored. The key gives the privilege of communication with God. The priesthood is like a blueprint. The Lord, the architect, gives the plans by which man's development and the Lord's work is to be carried out here on earth. The priesthood is the channel through which mankind may receive the instructions to carry out the work of the Lord.

### AARONIC PRIESTHOOD

When boys become twelve years of age, they are deemed old enough if they are worthy to hold the priesthood. Priesthood is divided into two groups. The lesser is called the Aaronic and the greater called the Melchizedek. The Aaronic has 3 groups -- Deacons, Teachers, and Priests.

Responsibilities of Deacons are: Messenger for the bishop, passing the sacrament, collecting fast offerings, and helping anyone in need.

"As advisor of the Deacons for many years, I have gained much admiration and respect for our young people. They are truly choice spirits of our Father in Heaven, sent to us in these latter days to train for the upbuilding and leadership of the Church. Generally eager to assume and handle responsibilities, they do a marvelous work. All they need is to be shown how it is done. They are an inspiration to me, and I appreciate the opportunity of working with them," says Kirt G. Wiggill.

The Teacher assists in all duties of the Deacon if needed, goes with a member of the Melchizedek Priesthood home teaching, and helps the bishopric in any assignment. He prepares the sacrament and acts as usher.

The Priest also goes home teaching, may administer to the sacrament, baptize, and fill assignments as asked by the bishopric.

The Elder holds the Melchizedek Priesthood and may perform any duty of the Aaronic Priesthood. He may confirm a churchmember by the laying on of hands and conferring the Holy Ghost, ordain other Priests, Teachers, or Deacons and is to home teach and strengthen members, as well as conducting meetings when asked.

The Seventy is especially called to preach the gospel and be a missionary. He performs all priesthood duties when needed.

The High Priests' special assignment is temple and genealogical work.

Every Elder, Priest, Deacon, or Teacher is to be ordained according to the gifts and callings of God unto him, and he is ordained by the power of the Holy Ghost from the one who ordains him. No one is to be ordained to any church office where there is a regularly organized branch or ward without the vote of the members.

Great blessings come through honoring and magnifying the priesthood, but the change and growth of the individual as he partakes of the ordinances and fulfills the covenants is the greatest.

To the many devoted men who diligently taught the quorums throughout the years, we express our thanks. Now, Sept 1974, under the direction of 2nd Counselor Floyd B. Poulson, the advisors and teachers for the Deacons are Kerry Tobin and Kirt G. Wiggill. Under the direction of 1st Counselor Benjamin V. Hunt, the advisors for the Teachers are Kent Horspool and Roger Sawyer.

The Priests Quorum is under the direction of Bishop L. Dwight Pincock with Alan Wiggill class group leader, Sec Charles Shurtleff. We are proud of the Priests as they administer the sacrament and carry out their part. Those who are Priest's age are: Alan Wiggill, Dean Hunt, Terry Wiggill, Earl d'Hulst, Kent Toponce, Glen Hansen, David d'Hulst, Mathew Hansen, Ronald Reddish, Charles Shurtleff, Michael Reddish, Jeffery Allen, Steven Albright, Mark Albright, Dale Hanzlik, Donald Evans, Kevin Klinglesmith, Kevin Allen, Monte Jackson, Douglas Longfellow, Randy Jackson, and Kevin Milligan.

# PRESIDENCY OF THE DEACONS QUORUM, 31st WARD

	<u>1946</u>	<u>1947</u>	<u>1948</u>
PRES.	Leon Millet	Darrel Saunders	Clifton Rippon
COUN.	Paul Nixon	Larry Bergen	Mac Stratford
COUN.	Glen Saunders	Clifton Ripton	W. Edwin Wright
SEC.	Robert Bergen	Mac Stratford	Keith Vowles
	<u>1949</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1951</u>
PRES.	Frank Johnson	Jay Thompson	Jay Thompson
COUNS.	Don Hansen	Von Buxton	Gary Hogensen
COUNS.	Ronald Bergen	Gary Hogensen	Charles Millet
SEC.	David Wiggins	Alan Applegarth	Harmon Probst
	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>
PRES.	Charles Millet	David Johnson	Michael Shulz
COUNS.	Allen Beazer	Dirk Raat	Dennis Nelson
COUNS.	David Johnson	Duane Hadley	Jackie Singleton
SEC.	Lowell Gary Hunting	Kendall Probst	Gary Coy
		Sec. Arthur Malan, Jr.	
	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>
PRES.	Marvin Wiggins	Dennis Nelson	Donald Hansen
COUNS.	Glen Johnson	Donald Hansen	Richard Shurtleff
COUNS.	Edward Gemar	Michael Green	Richard Jensen
SEC.	David Sneddon	Paul Snow	Richard Anderson
	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>1959</u>
PRES.	Monte Applegarth	Steven Harris	Steven Baker
COUNS.	Richard Gemar	Michael Murphy	David Crabtree
COUNS.	Barry Brown	Robert King	Dennis Shiner
SEC.	Darwin Green	Steven Baker	George Wright
	<u>1960 (1st Quorum)</u>	<u>1960 (2nd Quorum)</u>	<u>1961</u>
PRES.	David Crabtree	Russell Pincombe	Steven Crowley
COUNS.	Robert King	Steven Crowley	Lex Baker
COUNS.	Russell Pincombe	Lex Baker	Robert Hines
SEC.	Gary Lee	Gary Lee	John Lee



1962

PRES. Robert Hines  
 COUNS. John Lee  
 COUNS. Wayne Hanzlik  
 SEC. Verne Brown  
 " Edward Hymas

1963(1st Quorum)

John Lee  
 Wayne Hanzlik  
 Verne Brown  
 Michael Reeves

1963 (2nd Quorum)

Verne Brown  
 Michael Reeves  
 Charles Fife, Jr.  
 Kent Brown

1964

PRES. Paul Wiggill  
 COUNS. Charles Fife  
 COUNS. Carey Dopp  
 SEC. Steven Waddoups

1964

Michael Reeves  
 Charles Fife  
 Kent Brown  
 Paul Wiggill

1964

Paul Wiggill  
 Charles Fife  
 Carey Dopp  
 Steven Waddoups

1965

PRES. Carey Dopp  
 COUNS.. Steven Waddoups  
 COUNS. Ray Moser  
 SEC. Steven Morrison

1965

Steven Waddoups  
 Ray Moser  
 Steven Morrison  
 John Wiggill

1966

Steven Morrison  
 John Wiggill  
 Kurtis Bell

1966

PRES. John Wiggill  
 COUNS. Mark Hansen  
 COUNS. Steven Hines  
 SEC. Kurtis Bell

1967

Mark Hansen  
 Kurtis Bell  
 Dennis Price

1967

Dennis Price  
 Kurtis Bell  
 David Hansen  
 Dale Doxey

1968

PRES. Dale Doxey  
 COUNS. Gene Price  
 COUNS. Brad d'Hulst  
 SEC. Alan Wiggill

1969

Gene Price  
 Brad d'Hulst  
 Alan Wiggill  
 Lynn Archibald

1969

Brad d'Hulst  
 Lynn Archibald  
 Alan Wiggill  
 Charles Shurtleff

1969

PRES. Lynn Archibald  
 COUNS. Alan Wiggill  
 COUNS. Charles Shurtleff  
 SEC. Steven Albright

1970

Charles Shurtleff  
 Steven Albright  
 Dean Hunt  
 Terry Wiggill  
 Sec. Earl d'Hulst

1971

Terry Wiggill  
 Dean Hunt  
 Kent Toponce  
 Robert Price

1971

PRES. Kent Toponce  
 COUNS. Dean Hunt  
 COUNS. Robert Price  
 SEC. Daniel I. d'Hulst

1971

Matthew Hansen  
 Ronald Reddish  
 Robert Cox  
 Mark Albright

1972

Tim Shurtleff  
 Robert Cox  
 Michael Wiggill  
 Vodean Miller

1973

PRES. Paul Hansen  
 COUNS. Todd d'Hulst  
 COUNS. Michael Allen  
 SEC. Brian Davis

1973

Paul Hansen  
 Michael Allen  
 Phillip Albright  
 Brian Davis

1974

Todd M. d'Hulst  
 Douglas Stephens  
 Jerry Reddish  
 Nathan Sobers

1975

PRES. Douglas Stephens  
 Couns. Nathan Sobers  
 Couns. David Jones  
 Sec. David Griggs

1976

Nathan Sobers  
 David Griggs  
 Timmy R. West  
 Scott Sobers



LIFE SKETCH OF KIRT G. WIGGILL  
Advisor to Deacons Quorum, 31st Ward

I, Kirt G. Wiggill was the first of two children born to Francis E. and Nora Gardner Wiggill. I was born 3 Nov 1924 in a small house my father built in Layton, Utah. We were always moving as I was growing up because my father was a timberman. We lived in logging camps in the summer and in Layton, Syracuse, and Blackfoot, Idaho in the winter. Dad converted a Model T. car into a truck and added a trailer house onto the back, so we always had a home to live in. It was a great life for a young boy. I could fish, hike, watch wild life and learn to help my father skin logs. I love the mountain streams and wildlife because of my early childhood. I remember going to school one winter in a camp in the Uintah Mountains. My brother and I skied about 1½ miles every day in 40 degree below zero weather to go to school. We attended school with 7 other children in one room. I also attended school at Syracuse, North Davis, and graduated from Davis High. I loved school and received 100% attendance awards all three years at high school.

My family bought a home in Syracuse when I was 13, and we settled down. I was always active in church as a youngster but very shy and would not participate in talks, etc. I was counselor in the Deacons and Teachers Quorums and active in the Priests Quorum.

I worked at Hill Field as a hydraulics mechanic a few months before I graduated from high school. Then one month after graduation I was drafted into the U. S. Air Force. Just before I left for overseas duty, I was ordained an Elder. The next two years were very eventful. I progressed in rank to Tech Sergeant and was an aerial gunner on a B-26 in the European Theater. I flew 65 missions over Italy, France, and Germany. When the war ended I settled in Davis County once more. I started working at Hill Field again as a security policeman, then as an accounting clerk.

I married a girl I met while in the air force. She was from Louisiana. We lived at Sahara Village, Utah, and had two children. We had many problems and our marriage ended in divorce.

Two years later I married Ruth Elaine Bolander in the Logan Temple. We belong to the Sahara Branch. It was very small, and as a consequence we were very busy. I served as a ward teacher, ward clerk, counselor in Elders Quorum, scoutmaster, superintendent of the Sunday School, and Priests Advisor.

We moved to Ogden in 1953. I became a computer operator at Hill Field and have 31 years of service there now. I continued to work in the 53rd Ward as scoutmaster, Deacons then Priests advisor. At one time our 17 Deacons held the all-church record of 100% attendance at all meetings for 18 weeks in a row.

In 1961, we built our home at 1145 21st Street in Ogden in the 31st Ward. We have had nine children, 5 boys and 4 girls. I am so grateful for always having a steady job to support my family.

In the 31st Ward I have served as Sunday School teacher, cubmaster, troop committee man, home teacher, and Deacons advisor.

I was ordained a Seventy in 1971 and a High Priest 20 March 1973. I have enjoyed temple work and serving in our ward, also the friendship of our ward members. I have a great admiration for the youth and appreciate the privilege of working with them.

Autobiography of KERRY N. TOBIN  
Advisor to the Deacons Quorum, 31st Ward

I was born to two of the best parents a boy could ask for. It was on March 18, 1951 in Salt Lake City, Utah, and I don't remember the name of the hospital. My parents, John and Wanda Tobin, raised me properly as an L.D.S. child, and I was baptized in May of 1959. We lived in a brick house in a subdivision of Salt Lake called Rose Park. It was a good place to live and grow up for there were many good kids in the neighborhood, and we had a good time. We broke a few windows playing baseball in the street, just like most kids in America do, but we always paid the debt to our kind neighbors.

I went to Rose Park Elementary School, Northwest Jr. High, and West High School. These were all good schools. Even though the latter has a bad reputation, I wouldn't trade what I learned there for any experience in any other school. Even though my brother, who is three years older than me, tried hard to give all the teachers and the principal a bad time, most of them forgave me for being his brother and treated me pretty square. I was certainly not the model student and caused my own good share of trouble, but I still managed to graduate in June of 1969 with a "B" average and was a runner-up in Industrial Arts as a Sterling Scholar.

During the years that followed high school, I started at Weber State College, and after graduating in a technical two-year program, I entered the Manufacturing Engineering Technology course where I am presently enrolled.

When I became old enough to choose my own way of life, I became fairly inactive in the Church. I still played Church basketball and attended some meetings, but I slowly became disinterested in the life of a good Mormon, until I met the person who completely changed my entire lifestyle; my "Punkin", or Shanna. She lit a flame in me that I can testify will never burn out.

I was ordained an Elder this spring, was called to the position of counselor in the presidency of the Ogden, Utah, College Stake's 9th Branch Sunday School, and we were married in the Ogden Temple on August 13, 1974. This was an even happier day than when I told her we were to be married in this temple about 1½ years ago.

I know now that if I had my life to live over again, I would never stray from the Church and its teachings. There are too many things that I didn't learn in my "fairly inactive" days that I am just now learning. I always have known that God lives and that the Latter-day Saints have the correct and true religion; I only pray I can show the rest of the world what I know as being true.



## OGDEN 31st WARD AARONIC PRIESTHOOD: TEACHERS PRESIDENCIES

	<u>1946</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1962</u>
PRES.	Blaine Christiansen	David Johnson	John Sellers
COUNS.	Kent Wheelwright	Gary Messenger	Lex Baker
COUNS.	Boyd Applegarth	Dirk Raat	George Wright
SEC.	Ray Nielsen	Clark Cherry	Russell Pincombe
	<u>1947</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1963</u>
PRES.	Kent Wheelwright	Gary Messenger	Robert Hines
COUNS.	Boyd Applegarth	Clair Howes	Lex Baker
COUNS.	Ray Nielsen	Duane Hadley	Steven Crowley
SEC.	Jack Graviat	Marvin Wiggins	Russell Pincombe
	<u>1947</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1964</u>
PRES.	Paul Nixon	David B. Sneddon	Robert Hines
COUNS.	LeRoy Peterson	Glen W. Johnson	Roger Tucker
COUNS.	Seymour Hoskins	Michael Shulz	John Lee
SEC.	Darrell Saunders	Marvin Wiggins	Verne Brown
	<u>1948</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1965</u>
PRES.	Leon Millet	Clair L. Beazer	John Lee
COUNS.	Paul Nixon	Leonard Clausen	Verne L. Brown
COUNS.	Glen Saunders	Edward H. Davis	Michael Reeves
SEC.	Robert Bergen	John Dykster, Jr.	Kent Brown
	<u>1949</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>1965</u>
PRES.	Larry Bergen	Orien Dalley	Verne Brown
COUNS.	Seymour Hoskins	Donald Hansen	Michael Reeves
COUNS.	Clifton Rippon	Norman Howes	Kent Brown
SEC.	Mac Stratford	Boyd Putnam	Paul Wiggill
	<u>1950</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>1966</u>
PRES.	Clifton Rippon	Lynn Tanner	Charles Fife
COUNS.	Frank Johnson	Barry Brown	Michael Reeves
COUNS.	Darrell Cheney	Richard Anderson	Kent Brown
SEC.	Delbert Thompson	Clifford Anderson	Paul Wiggill
SEC.		Monty Applegarth	Steven Morrison
	<u>1951</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1967</u>
PRES.	Frank Johnson	Barry J. Brown	Paul Wiggill
COUNS.	David Wiggins	Monty Applegarth	Steven Morrison
COUNS.	Alan Applegarth	Richard Gemar	Steven Hines
SEC.	Darrell Cheney	Kenneth Packer	John Wiggill
	<u>1952</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1967</u>
PRES.	Harmon Probst	Monty Applegarth	Steven Morrison
COUNS.	Boyd Baker	Richard Gemar	Steven Hines
COUNS.	Von Buxton	Kenneth Packer	John Wiggill
SEC.	Fred Malan	David Crabtree	Mark Hansen
SEC.	Jay Thompson		Corey Fleming
	<u>1953</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1968</u>
PRES.	Jay Thompson	David Crabtree	Steven Hines
COUNS.	Charles Millet	Steven Baker	John Wiggill
COUNS.	Allen Beazer	Robert King	Mark Hansen
SEC.	Lowell Jensen	John Sellers	Corey Fleming
SEC.		Gary Lee	
		Lex Baker	

1968

PRES. Corey Fleming  
 COUNS. Dennis Price  
 COUNS. David Hansen  
 SEC. Dale Doxey

1969

PRES. Mark Hansen  
 COUNS. Corey Fleming  
 COUNS. Dennis Price  
 SEC. David Hansen

1969

PRES. David Hansen  
 COUNS. Dennis Price  
 COUNS. Kent Reddish  
 SEC. Dale Doxey

1970

David Hansen  
 Brad d'Hulst  
 Kent Reddish  
 Dale Doxey

1971

Dale Doxey  
 Brad d'Hulst  
 Kent Reddish  
 Gene Price  
 Glen Hansen  
 Allan Wiggill  
 Kent Toponce

1971

Allan Wiggill  
 Charles Shurtleff  
 Glen Hansen  
 Michael Reddish

Charles Shurtleff  
 Glen Hansen  
 Michael Reddish  
 Terry Wiggill

1973 & 1974

Mark Hunt  
 Neil Hansen  
 Tim Shurtleff  
 Charles d'Hulst

## PRIESTHOOD ATTENDANCE AWARDS

To encourage attendance and thus develop the youth attendance awards were presented yearly. The boys strived to meet the requirements and proudly accepted their certificates. This is a sample of awards received a few of the years:

1947

Robert Bergen	Robert D. Hadley	Jay Poulsen	David Malan	Jack Graviat
Leon Millet	Boyd Applegarth	Clifton Rippon	Robert Hadley	Lorin Wiggins
Larry Bergen	Glen Saunders	Ray Neilsen	David Carruth	Vern Carlson
Paul Nixon	Kent Wheelwright	Jay Carlson	Dale Stratford	Carl Saunders
Kenneth Morley	Darrell Saunders	John Hayden	Marvin Hokanson	Robert Grandall
Blaine Christiansen				

1948

Frank Johnson	Lowell Jensen	Ronnie Bergen	Leon Jensen	Clemence Martin
Delore Powell	Gary Hokanson	Larry Bergen	Fred Malan	Alan Applegarth
David Wiggins	Darrell Cheney	Mac Stratford	Arlin Cheney	Marvin Hokanson
Leon Millet	Jay Thompson	Clifton Rippon		

24 Feb 1952

Clifton Rippon	Harmon Probst	Alan Beazer	Gary Hunting	David Rose
Kendall Probst	Delore Powell	Leon Jensen	Clark Cherry	Boyd Baker
Darrell Cheney	Gary Hogensen	Lowell Jensen	Frank Johnson	Dirk Raat

23 Feb 1958 Special 100 % Attendance Award

Richard Shurtleff, Paul Snow, Richard Anderson, Marvin Wiggins, and Glen Johnson

May 13, 1958, the 31st Ward Aaronic Priesthood boys and their leaders commemorated the Restoration of the Priesthood at Como Springs in Morgan, Utah. They enjoyed skating, swimming, a barbecue, ice cream, and pop.

24 Feb 1963

Steven Baker	Verne Brown	Robert Hines	Barry Brown	David Crabtree
Gary Lee	Lynn Tanner	John Sellers	Lex Baker	

13 Feb 1966

Steven Morrison	Curtis Baker	Stephen Hines	Ray Moser	Mark Hansen
Steven Waddoups	Verne Brown	Michael Reeves	Kent Brown	Paul Wiggill
John Wiggill	David Crabtree	Carey Dopp	John Sellers	

## OGDEN STAKE AARONIC PRIESTHOOD ATTENDANCE TROPHIES

On 9 June 1968 Bishop Tanner presented an Ogden Stake trophy for the highest attendance in the Stake at Priesthood Meeting to the Deacons Quorum of the 31st Ward and another to the Teachers Quorum for the highest in May.

On 11 Aug 1968 three Ogden Stake trophies for attendance were presented to the Aaronic Priesthood quorums and their advisors. On 13 Oct 1968 Stake High Councilman, Ralph Wiggins, presented the stake attendance trophy to the 31st Ward Priests Quorum for the fifth time.

### PRIESTHOOD ATTENDANCE AWARD - 3 Nov 1968

R. Dale Doxey	Dennis F. Price	Steven P. Hines	Daniel I. d'Hulst, Jr.
Mark E. Hansen	David Y. Hansen	Charles L. Fife	Lynn F. Archibald
J. Kent Brown	Paul B. Wiggill	John K. Wiggill	Steven E. Morrison
Gene H. Price	Alan Wiggill	Michael A. Reeves.	

### CERTIFICATES OF PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

A new program has been introduced. The ward bishop interviews each Aaronic Priesthood member each year near his birthday. The youth makes his own goals for that year. At his next birthday he is again interviewed to check on his attainment of these goals and a new set of goals are set by him.

On 2 April 1972 Certificates of Achievement were presented to the following:

Dean Hunt	David d'Hulst	Earl d'Hulst	Kent Toponce
Gene Price	Daniel I d'Hulst		

Bishop Dwight Pincock took the boys to the temple to do baptisms for the dead.

### DUTY TO GOD AWARDS

This special award presented for achievement in living and performing duty to God was earned by Gary Lowell Hunting (1956), Marvin E. Wiggins (1957), Arthur D. Malan, Jr. (1957), Glen W. Johnson (1957), Paul Snow and Richard Shurtleff (1957), Boyd Putnam and Lynn Tanner (1960), Viron Toponce and John Sellers (1963), David Crabtree (1965), Kent Brown, Michael Reeves, and Paul Wiggill (1968), John Wiggill (1968), Steven Morrison, Stephen Hines, and Charles Fife (1969), Dean Hunt, Mark Hunt, and Kent Toponce (1975), Charles D'Hulst (1976), (Earl d'Hulst, Glen Hansen Paul Hansen Robert P. Hines

#### Autobiography of KENT ALAN HORSPOOL Teachers Quorum and Venturer Advisor

My life started at the old Dee Hospital in Ogden, where I was born, the 7th of nine children, on the 30 March 1947, to wonderful parents, Frank L. and Mava Davis Horspool.

Memories of my childhood are pleasant, growing up with three brothers close the same age and with older brothers and sisters who helped raise us. I was blessed with parents who were always around to provide love and understanding during my growing-up years. Our home was at 21st and Grant next to Farr's Ice Cream Co., I attended the 3rd Ward, where I was baptized on 28 April 1955. Unfortunately the scouting program was not too good when I became twelve years old since I only advanced to second-class scout, but it picked up a little when I became an Explorer.

I attended Grant Elementary, Central Junior, and Ben Lomond High, where I graduated in 1965. I attended two quarters at Weber College, then Uncle Sam called me to service. I enlisted for four years with the air force and learned that it was a wise decision. I was stationed, after basic training, at Davis



Monthan Air Base in Tucson, Arizona. I was sent to Vietnam twice. The second trip almost disrupted our wedding plans. I had known Linda since high school.

I made it back and on 5 Jan 1968 I married my precious wife, Linda K. Hocking. We lived in Tucson for three months then I was transferred to Bitburg, Germany, which was a special experience for us because our testimonies were strengthened here. I was not very active in the church before this time, and the love and fellowship of the members of the Bitburg Branch brought me closer to the church. It was as though I was sent there for this reason. My wife and I were sealed for time and all eternity in the Swiss Temple on 18 Oct 1969. I also had the opportunity to visit my brother on his mission in England while over there. Linda and I traveled a lot in Europe and we hated to see our two-year vacation end. I was discharged in March 1970. There was an airline strike on, but we managed to make it home.

We moved into the 31st Ward in Aug 1970. Sadness came to us the following June when our first daughter, Jennifer Lee, was stillborn. We moved to Jackson Ave. and 21st St., and I became scoutmaster of Troop 68 in March 1972. We were blessed with our second daughter, Janna Lee, in July 1972. After moving twice more in the 31st Ward boundaries, we bought our home on Quincy. I became Teachers Quorum and Adventure Advisor early in 1974. Then the Lord did not want me to be out-voted in our family so he blessed us with our son, Jason Alan, in May 1974.

The Lord has surely blessed me and my family, and I am thankful for these blessings. I enjoy working with these young men and hope some of the things I teach them will help them in their lives, because they will be our leaders of tomorrow.

#### Autobiography of ROGER F. SAWYER Assistant Advisor to Teachers Quorum and Ventures

I, Roger F. Sawyer, was the first child of seven, born to Norman F. and Betty Venable Sawyer, 6 Feb 1848. We lived mostly in South Ogden. I had four brothers and two sisters. My father is the out-of-door type. By my 11th birthday, I had been twin-backpacking in the Cook Lake Primitive Area. Backpacking is one of my choice hobbies. I was raised in an L.D.S. home. I was active in the Deacons and Teachers Quorums, but when I became a Priest, I became less active.

I had my own apartment at 17. I was working and a Junior in high school. I graduated from Bonneville High, then became an apprentice at the Marveon Electric Sign Corp., which is my primary trade. For two years I worked eight hours a day and attended Weber Trade School at night. I learned welding and sheet metal and worked at this trade for five years, which involved sheet metal, welding, concrete-finishing, truck-driving, crane-operating, electric sign construction and service.

I became involved in remodeling a home, and my friend and I went in business for ourselves. After six months it fell through. I had learned carpentry, roofing, siding, and general contracting. To pay the bills incurred in business I worked as a carpenter.

I had become very inactive at church. I returned to my hometown discouraged with life and people. I felt so down and prayed that I would find an answer to my problems.

A short time later, I met a nice girl and she invited me to attend the LDS Church with her. We attended, and this became a habit. I prayed, and it became easy to attend church. I was getting converted to the religion I had moved so far from since my youth.

Five months later, 8 Feb 1974, Pamela Wilks and I were married in the 71st Ward by Bishop James P. Clements. We have become closer through attending church. I began reading the Book of Mormon and praying to know if it was true. After a short time, I knew it to be the word of God.

I enjoy my work with the boys. I know that God hears and answers prayers, that Jesus is the Christ, and that this is the true church. We are looking forward to my becoming an Elder and going through the temple.

#### MELCHIZEDEK PRIESTHOOD

Just as the rings of growth on a tree show development each year, so the years from 12 to 19 in the Aaronic Priesthood show yearly growth and development. If the boy has honored his priesthood and taken advantage of opportunities given, at 19 he is qualified to receive the Melchizedek Priesthood. When ordained an Elder, he holds the keys of all spiritual blessings in the Church. He may qualify to receive a recommend to the temple to do work for himself and the dead.

The assignments of the Elders are many. Quorum members are assigned to home-teach and activate all prospective Elders. Many dinners and socials were sponsored to raise missionary funds. Christmas cards and gifts of money are sent to missionaries. They are called to administer to the sick in hospitals. For the benefit of ward-members needing blood transfusions, they furnish a blood bank in each hospital with 25 pints a year. On 27 May 1967, the Elders completed some painting at the Deseret Industries. Welfare ranch assignments are filled by the Elders. In 1956, 100 hours were spent renovating the Bwell home. In Sept, 1960, the bishopric assisted the Elders in roofing Sister Cowles' home. They helped at Old Folks' Day in Lorin Farr Park by hawling and setting up tables, chairs and awnings. These are just a few of the many good works of the Elders.

The Elders Quorum as of Oct 1974 consists of the following:

Leland Anderson	Dale Doxey	LeRoy Hansen	Lawrence Holbrook
Joseph Anderson	Darrell Doxey	David Hansen	Roger Lucas
Ray (Rex) Anderson	Blaine Downs	Mark Hansen	Arthur Messenger
Alan Barnett	Joseph Drysdale	Wendell Hansen	Steve Morrison
Robert Calder	Robert Eves	Kent Horspool	Randy Moore
Don Christianson	Glyve Findlay	Edwin Howes	David Peterson
David Crabtree	Larry Garner	Dennis Hansen	Joseph Powell
Golden Cunningham	Evan Green	Wade Hurd	Kendall Probst
Verlin Reddish	Richard Snow	Brent Stephens	Wm Hodson Thompson
John Woodland	Kerry Tobin	Jim Carpenter	Edward Chadwick
Dennis Jackson	Ralph Lee	Roger Sawyer	Orville Peterson
Bryan Scott Downs	Robert Cox	Blaine Downs	Charles Shurtleff

#### 8th QUORUM OF ELDERS

##### SUSTAINED

##### RELEASED

1st Pres. - John H. Vanderwerff	8 Sept 1946	4 May 1947
Couns.- Wander C. Bouwhuis	8 Sept 1946	1 Dec 1946
Couns.- Dale J. Pulaipher	8 Sept 1946	4 May 1947
Couns.- Frank W. Call	1 Dec 1946	4 May 1947
Sec. - Delmar E. Hillstrom	8 Sept 1946	4 May 1947
2nd Pres. - Elden Wade	4 May 1947	7 Dec 1947
Couns.- Kenneth C. Porter	4 May 1947	7 Dec 1947
Couns.- Frank W. Call	4 May 1947	7 Dec 1947
Sec. - Loyal West, Jr.	4 May 1947	26 Oct 1947
Sec. - Linden Larsen	26 Oct 1947	7 Dec 1947

3rd Pres. - Kenneth C. Porter	7 Dec 1947	
Couns.- Frank W. Call	7 Dec 1947	22 Jan 1950
Couns.- James C. Daley	7 Dec 1947	6 Feb 1949
Couns.- Melvin Hines	6 Feb 1949	
Couns.- Harvey R. Schweitzer	13 Nov 1949	30 Nov 1950
Couns.- Linden Larsen	22 Jan 1950	
Sec. - Linden Larsen	7 Dec 1947	6 Feb 1949
Sec. - Don Arrowsmith	13 Feb 1949	8 May 1949
Sec. - Arthur Malan, Sr.	22 Jan 1950	19 May 1952
Sec. - Robert Ellis	19 May 1952	24 Feb 1953
4th Pres. - Lynn White		Mar 1953
Couns.- Arthur D. Malan, Sr.		Mar 1953
Couns.- Sherman Thompson		Mar 1953
Sec. - Chris Bouwhuis		Mar 1953
5th Pres. - Melvin Hines	Mar 1953	15 Mar 1959
Couns.- Linden V. Larsen	Mar 1953	8 Aug 1954
Couns.- Preston J. Garn	Mar 1953	5 June 1955
Couns.- Arthur D. Malan, Sr.	8 Aug 1954	19 May 1955
Couns.- Howard P. Vance	19 June 1955	18 Dec 1955
Couns.- Ernest L. King	18 Dec 1955	4 May 1958
Couns.- Derlin Hadley	24 Nov 1955	15 Mar 1959
Couns.- Evan Green	4 May 1958	15 Mar 1959
Sec. - Garth Woodward	Mar 1953	10 Jan 1954
Sec. - Lynn White	10 Jan 1954	10 Sep 1954
Sec. - Fay Rippon	13 Sep 1954	5 June 1955
Sec. - Kenneth Vanderwerff	19 June 1955	3 June 1956
Sec. - Evern W. Draney	3 June 1956	13 July 1958
Sec. - Robert L. Paulsen	13 July 1958	15 Mar 1959
6th Pres. - Harry L. Hansen	15 Mar 1959	22 May 1960
Couns.- Douglas L. Orton	15 Mar 1959	22 May 1960
Couns.- Darrell W. Doxey	15 Mar 1959	22 May 1960
Sec. - Robert L. Paulsen	15 Mar 1959	22 May 1960
7th Pres. - O. Blaine Dopp	22 May 1960	5 July 1964
Couns.- Arlo L. Wilson	22 May 1960	20 Nov 1960
Couns.- Douglas L. Orton	5 June 1960	4 June 1961
Couns.- Martin Yssel	20 Nov 1960	5 July 1964
Couns.- Charles Gibson	4 June 1961	11 Mar 1962
Couns.- Dennis Davis	11 Mar 1962	20 Oct 1963
Couns.- Benjamin V. Hunt	4 June 1961	5 July 1964
Sec. - Bruce Hess		5 July 1964
8th Pres. - Allan Kap	5 July 1964	
Couns.- Ronald Dean	5 July 1964	
Couns.- Allen Reeves	5 July 1964	
Sec.		
9th Pres. - Ronald Dean		25 July 1965
Couns.- Martin Yssel		25 July 1965
Couns.- Del Ray Wadman		25 July 1965
Sec. - Jerry Baxter		25 July 1965



## 8th QUORUM OF ELDERS

	<u>SUSTAINED</u>	<u>RELEASED</u>
10th Pres. - Edward Schaffer	25 July 1965	Nov 1966
Couns.- Richard Sobers	25 July 1965	May 1966
Couns.- Richard Messenger	25 July 1965	Nov 1966
Couns.- Irvin Jensen	May 1966	Nov 1966
Sec. - Don Forsgren	25 July 1965	Nov 1966
11th Pres. - Lorin Dwight Pincock	Nov 1966	24 Jan 1971
Couns.- Richard Messenger	Nov 1966	24 Jan 1967
Couns.- Steven Barnett	Nov 1966	23 Feb 1969
Couns.- Robert Cox	22 Jan 1967	Oct 1968
Couns.- Scott Harman	Oct 1968	May 1970
Couns.- Robert Kershaw	23 Feb 1969	24 Jan 1971
Couns.- Dennis Faulkner	5 July 1970	
Couns.- Richard Snow	1970	24 Jan 1971
Sec. - Dean Black	Nov 1966	Mar 1967
Sec. - Irvin Jensen		
Sec. - Richard Gemar	10 Oct 1967	
Sec. - David Crabtree		Oct 1968
Sec. - Dennis Checketts	Oct 1968	
Sec. - Richard Snow	1970	1970
Sec. - Blaine Y. Downs	1970	24 Jan 1971
12th Pres. - Robert Kershaw	24 Jan 1971	Sep 1972
Couns.- Byron Call	24 Jan 1971	7 June 1971
Couns.- Dennis Faulkner	23 May 1971	7 June 1971
Couns.- Clark Tucker	7 June 1971	May 1972
Couns.- Scott Hansen	May 1972	Sep 1972
Couns.- Richard Don Snow	5 Dec 1971	Sep 1972
Sec. - Richard Don Snow	24 Jan 1971	5 Dec 1971
Sec. - Blaine Y. Downs	5 Dec 1971	Sep 1972
13th Pres. - Keith Toponce	Sep 1972	21 Oct 1973
Couns.- Scott Clark Hansen	Sep 1972	21 Oct 1973
Couns.- Richard Don Snow	Sep 1972	21 Oct 1973
Sec. - Blaine Y. Downs	Sep 1972	21 Oct 1973
14th Pres. - Scott Clark Hansen	21 Oct 1973	19 May 1974
Couns.- Edward Craig Thorstead	21 Oct 1973	19 May 1974
Couns.- Randy Moore	21 Oct 1973	19 May 1974
Sec. - Robert Eves	21 Oct 1973	19 May 1974
15th Pres. - Robert Eves	19 May 1974	30 Sep 1974
Couns.- Randy Moore	19 May 1974	30 Sep 1974
Couns.- Layne E. Cook	19 May 1974	30 Sep 1974
Sec. - Kendall Probst	19 May 1974	30 Sep 1974
16th Pres. - Randy L. Moore	30 Sep 1974	23 March 1975
Couns.- Mark E. Hansen	30 Sep 1974	23 March 1975
Couns.- David Van Peterson	27 Oct 1974	23 March 1975
Sec. - Kendall Probst	30 Sep 1974	23 March 1975
Ex. Sec. - Robert Eves	30 Sep 1974	Feb 1975
17th Pres. - Jim Carpenter	23 Mar 1975	28 Sept 1975
Counselor-Mark Hansen	23 Mar 1975	28 Sept 1975
Coun. - Wayne Welling	23 Mar 1975	28 Sept 1975
Sec. - Charles Shurtleff	23 Mar 1975	28 Sept 1975
Ex Sec. - Kendall Probst	23 Mar 1975	28 Sept 1975

18th Pres.- David Welling  
 Coun.- Eugene Wagstaff  
 Coun.- Kendall Probst  
 Sec. - Charles Shurtleff

SUSTAINED	RELEASED
28 Sept 1975	27 June 1976
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19th Pres- Lawrence Hess  
 Coun.- Bartley Hansen  
 Coun.- Paul Mc Kay  
 Sec Kent Topance

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Elders Quorum Presidency

1. Arlo L. Wilson
2. Pres. Blaine Dopp
3. Robert Loftis, Sec.
4. Douglas L. Orton



PRIESTHOOD PROJECTS

A blood bank is maintained by donation by the Priesthood brethren. When the quota is filled once a year, the members of the 31st Ward who need blood transfusions may receive this blood without charge. The blood bank is maintained in both hospitals. Elders are in charge of this project.

In June 1961 Darrel Doxey and Douglas Orton were bubbling over with enthusiasm over the softball schedual for the Elders.

After roofing the house of Ellen Cowles July 1962, the Priesthood of the 31st Ward celebrated with a picnic in the park. After the project of painting at the Deseret Industries was completed a picnic was held for the Priesthood Quorums and their partners in the Lester Park 27 May 1967. Martin Yssel and Verlin M. Reddish were declared champion "horse-shoe-pitchers. Edd Wright was chiel hamberger cook.



Autobiography of RANDY LAYNE MOORE  
Pres. 8th Quorum of Elders

Born in April, 1951, the eighteenth day began my stay here upon the earth. Loving parents, Shirley Hardman and Karl T. Moore, raised me as number three of nine children. To my fortune I was raised in a strong gospel oriented home where my testimony has been able to grow from childhood. Baptized at eight years of age and given the gift of the Holy Ghost, my quest to study the gospel and teach others its concepts has never left me. Oh, how I remember the hours spent preparing myself in Primary and Sunday School so that I might be worthy to hold the priesthood.

I deemed it such a privilege to hold the priesthood of God that I never missed a meeting or passed up the opportunity of any assignment. A principle learned from my parents was to never say "No" to the Lord by refusing to accept an assignment or calling made through his leaders.

Following in my brother and sisters footsteps, I sought the privilege of missionary work with the Germanic people. After four years of studying German, scriptures, attending seminary classes and finally awaiting approval of my draft board, my mission call was received to serve two years in central Germany. Two of the most trying yet exciting years of my life were experienced with these choice people. Talking with people day after day gave me an insight into life, as to how they believe, govern, and take care of themselves. As missionaries do, I wished I were an angel and could cry repentance unto these people that they might partake of the fullness of the gospel. Leaving a part of me with these wonderful people, I journeyed home to a new mission field.

Six months home, the Lord decided I should meet my companion for life to be and three months later I decided the Lord was right, thus my bachelor days were numbered. Emma D. Spencer and I were married for time and all eternity August 10, 1973, in the Ogden LDS Temple.

We have since resided in the 31st Ward in Ogden Stake. It has been our pleasure to serve with these fine members whom we consider to be our eternal friends, true brothers and sisters. We both love and really appreciate these fellow-saints who lovingly help us over our imperfections. May 19, 1974, we were blessed with Shelby Layne, our first son of a hopefully large family. We cherish the stewardship of this beautiful spirit for we love him very much, and I love with all my heart his beautiful mother.

I have made many mistakes in my life and pray for the Lord's forgiveness. If I have ever offended a person, I should like to apologize for it is not my desire to hurt anyone.

I do have a strong testimony of the gospel for I know that God does live. He is our Father in Heaven. I know that Christ is the redeemer of this world and has atoned for our sins. Joseph Smith was a prophet of God and we have living prophets today. The Book of Mormon is truly an inspired volume of scripture. God's church has been restored and blesses our lives daily. I know these things to be true for I have pondered these truths in my heart, fasted, prayed, tried to obey and live according to the teachings, and I have received a witness that they are indeed true by the power of the Holy Ghost. My desire is to be a true friend of Christ, to serve Him and my fellow-men. This testimony I bear in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen

—Randy Layne Moore





AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF MARK E. HANSEN  
8th QUORUM OF ELDERS COUNSELOR

I was sent to earth on 15 June 1953, being born of goodly parents, Betty Ann Young and Wendell L. Hansen. I was the third child and oldest son. I have enjoyed many friends in the 31st Ward, being active in the Priests Quorum and various activities, holding many positions in the Quorums.

I am a convert to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints of two years, for everyone must be converted to the gospel. My conversion came as I entered the mission field. The many doctrine and principles which were taught me by my parents and teachers were challenged by many ministers of the south. This caused me to question and gave me a desire to find out for myself if the gospel I was sent out to preach was really true. As I opened the Book of Mormon and began to read, putting the promise found in the 10th Chapter of Moroni to test, a testimony of the gospel was given to me through the power of the Holy Ghost.

All my questions and doubts were answered through studying this divine record; everything fit into place. Since that time I have not found one flaw, not one conflicting doctrine. If there had been conflicting doctrine, I would have left the mission field. I could not teach false doctrine, knowing that God would condemn me at the judgement day.

Many experiences came to me as I prayed, studied, worked, and fasted, and increased my love for the people of the south. The hardest thing I have had to do was to leave the mission field. I spent two of the best years of my life and left part of my heart in Georgia and South Carolina.

The Lord has many more experiences awaiting me on one condition, that I serve Him 100%, obeying commandments and trusting Him with all my heart, might, mind, and strength. I know now what I want out of life, and I know what it takes to get it-- so my goals are set, aimed for the sky. I thank my Father in Heaven for the wonderful choice ten brothers and sisters I have, and for the relationship David, Marilyn and I have established through being in the Lord's vineyard together.

I have many things yet to learn and many weaknesses to overcome, but as I rely on the Lord, I know He will rely on me, for God is and Jesus Christ lives, is real and awaits our return to His kingdom, providing we live worthily. May it be our desire to do these things in the name of our creator, savior, redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen. Mark E. Hansen

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF ROBERT LEO EVES  
EXEC. SECRETARY 8th QUORUM OF ELDERS

I was born June 12, 1950 in American Fork, Utah. My father, Jasper Eves, was a native Utahan and was raised in Pleasant Grove. My mother, Sarah Edith Clarke, was born and raised in American Fork. When I was four, the family moved to San Gabriel Valley in Southern California. My dad recognized the financial opportunities there and decided to join the bulk of his family who had moved there.

I went through school in Southern California. I had many opportunities in the gospel. I was president of several Aaronic Priesthood Quorums and

attended early morning Seminary. After graduation from high school and Seminary in 1968, I enlisted in the Air Force National Guard. On my way home from basic training, I stopped in New Mexico to visit my missionary brother. We talked about my plans, and he convinced me to go on a mission before I started school.

While preparing for my mission, I started dating a girl in my ward named Patricia Rogers. She was young and beautiful, and I fell in love with her. I received my call in Sept. 1969 to the New Zealand North Mission. Two weeks after I arrived, I was transferred to the Cook Islands District. This is a group of islands in the South Pacific with a population of approximately 20,000. There were never more than 16 Elders in the district at once. I learned Raretongan Maori and hated to leave. In fact I finagled an extra six weeks out of my president.

When I arrived home in November, Patricia had moved to St. George, Utah. A great pilgrimage began. By December I had made so many trips there, that my dad advised me to either marry the girl or he would adopt her. We were married September 1972.

I attended one year of college in California and one in St George. Then we came to Ogden. I am presently attending Weber State College.

Since living in the 31st Ward, I have worked almost exclusively in the Elders Quorum--first, Secretary to Scott Hansen, then as quorum president, now as executive secretart to Elders President Randy L. Moore.

I know that God lives and that Jesus is the Christ. My activity in the church is a great joy to me.

LIFE SKETCH OF BLAINE YEAMAN DOWNS  
SECRETARY 8th QUORUM ELDERS ( 1970 to Oct. 1973)

Blaine Yeaman Downs was born the 24 April 1927 in Ogden, Utah, a son of Samuel E. and Verna Yeaman Downs. He resided in Ogden all his life and attended Ogden City Schools.

He enlisted in the Marine Corps and served about two years and then he attended Weber College for two years.

For 23 years, he has worked for the Ogden City Fire Department. He was at the Weber State College photography department for 13 years.

He has four children by a former marriage, one of which is Bryan, a member of our ward. Bryan has muscular dystrophy and resides at Weber Memorial Hospital in Roy, Utah, but is attending Roy High School and Seminary.

Blaine has been in the YMMIA Superintendency and a MIA teacher; in the Elders Quorum presidency, and secretary of the 8th Quorum of Elders when L. Dwight Pincock, Robert Kershaw, and Keith Toponce were presidents. He was released 21 Oct 1973. He has also been Elders Quorum instructor and is now serving as Sunday School teacher.

On 11 Sept. 1970 he married LuAnn Jenkins, and this marriage was later solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple 4 April 1974. They reside at 2162 Monroe Avenue and teach the Family Home Evening Course in Sunday School.

LIFE STORY OF BARTLEY RAY HANSEN  
COUNSELOR IN ELDERS PRESIDENCY

I was born in Brigham City, Utah on June 9, 1953, a son of Wesley Ray Hansen and Darlene Rader Hansen. I was the first boy in a family of four and the third child. Carlene and Peggy were my two elder sisters. My brother Trae, was born in 1958. I was blessed and given a name by my grandfather, Alfred Henry Hansen.

We lived in West Corinne, Utah, at the time in a small house that my father built. Dad ran a dairy farm at the time. Our family moved to Rupert, Idaho, when I was only one-year-old to farm a homestead. We ran a dairy farm and raised potatoes.

Rupert was the first home I could remember, and we left there before I was four to move back to Utah.

In Corinne, we built another house next to my grandfather Rader in the town, and this is the home my parents still live in. I went through grade school and high school while living in this home. My first six grades were at the Corinne Elementary School. I finished 7th and 8th grades at Box Elder Junior High in Brigham City. The next four years of school were at Box Elder High School which was also in Brigham City. I graduated in 1971.

During most of high school, I worked in Corinne for Ted Burt on his dairy farm. I quit working there to attend Stevens Henager College in the fall of 1971. After working through the next summer, I received a call to the Australia East Mission. I worked up to the last of October, and then entered the mission home on November 25, 1972.

I spent Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in the Mission Home, and then on Thursday, I left for Australia. On December 1, 1972 I landed in Sydney, Australia, and then flew that evening to Newcastle.

After serving for two years, I left Australia on the 27th of November 1974. I stopped in New Zealand and visited the temple. Our next stop was in Hawaii, and I was impressed with the temple there also. We arrived home about 10:30 P. M., Saturday, the 30th of November 1974.

In January 1975, I went back to school. I started working as an Accountant at the Farmers Grain Coop in September of that same year. I completed enough school to get an Associates Degree in Accounting and continued to go to night school.

While attending school, I met Denise Rae Child in March 1975. Later, I married her in the Logan Temple on November 14, 1975. Before we were married, we picked out a house at 820- 21st Street in Ogden. Denise was originally from Layton and was working as a medical transcriber at the Mc Kay-Dee Hospital. Because of work and school, we decided that it would be most convenient to live in Ogden where we still reside.

( He has served in the 31st Ward as Assistant Ward Clerk and is now a counselor in the Elders Quorum with President Lawrence Hess, Paul Mc Kay and Kent Topance as Secretary.)





## LIFE SKETCH OF GLEN VIRGIL HANSEN

At the Thomas Dee Memorial Hospital March 11, 1957, I, Glen Virgil Hansen was born to Betty Ann Young and Wendell Le Roy Hansen. Mother says as a child I was very active and always taking things apart and putting them together. After John Glen made his trip to outer space, she called me her John Glen because I was always exploring.

I attended Lorin Farr, Central Jr. High and Ogden High School graduating in June 1974. I worked at Washington Jr. High as a janitor while attending school. Before graduating I got a job working Saturdays and at night until 10 P.M. at Boyle Furniture Store. After graduating I worked full time. I surprised Mother and bought her a new Fridgidare Electric Dryer, which she needed badly.

David taught me to repair cars, he had taken courses at Ogden High School. I rebuilt a motor and put it back in a car.

I had always attended to my Priesthood duties and church participation. I was President of the Deacons Quorum in 1973 and received my Duty to God Award. I received my ordination as Elder in 1975. I decided I had a strong desire to fulfill a mission and asked Bishop David V. Peterson if I could go? After the Bishop found me worthy, I filled out the papers. I received a call for two years to the San Antonio Texas Mission. I left July 31, 1976.

I am now laboring here in Waco, Texas. I've had the great blessing of seeing two of our investigators come into the Church. One was an elderly lady and a man. Each day I enjoy my mission more. I know that the Gospel is true. I am grateful for my family and my parents. I know if we keep His commandments He will bless us. In the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

## HISTORY OF CHARLES LLOYD FIFE JR.

I was born in Ogden, Utah on March 8, 1951 and lived here all of my life. I attended Lorin Farr, Central Jr. and graduated from Ogden High School in 1969. I was always active in church and was in the Deacons Quorum Presidency in 1963 and President of the Teachers Quorum in 1966. I received my Duty to God Award in 1969.

I started the hobby of square dancing in 1969 and have been dancing ever since. When I was 21, I married Debbie Bitton. We had a little girl we named Amy Lynn. Our divorce was final about six months later. In 1973 in October I went square dancing at the "Single Swingers" beginning class. I met my wife, Loraine Johnson. She was visiting as she could not go to her group. She liked our group so joined us. I started to date her, then she dropped me for another guy. Later I was engaged to another girl but found she was stepping out on me. I got my ring back. I started going with Loraine again in May. She said she had no interest in getting married as she had been hurt before. That made me want her all the more. There was something a bit different about her, that I had not found in another girl. Two weeks after our worst argument, it seemed like her attitude changed over night.

We had been talking very seriously when she took my class ring off my finger and put it on hers. That is the night we decided we really did love each other and wanted to get married. One month later in her home ward in South Ogden 14th Ward, we were pronounced man and wife. At exactly 6:36 P.M. on Thursday August 29, 1974. We had an Open House one week later. We have been happy and been married over two years.

BIOGRAPHY OF MELVIN HINES.  
Elders President, Mar. 1953 to Mar. 1959

Melvin Hines was born the 9 March 1917 in Blanding, Utah, a son of Herman and Mary E. Burtenshaw Hines.

He held a perfect attendance throughout grade school, junior and high school, and was never tardy. He played on the San Juan basketball team. He arose early to perform many chores and to assist his grandfather on a dry farm. Later, he attended and graduated from Utah State University, where he worked a night shift to finance his education.

In 1942, he was drafted into the Army Air Force, leaving shortly thereafter for England. He was stationed at Kennington Air Force Base.

Desiring to attend church, he located the nearest branch, Leicester Branch, where he met Marian Parker, whom he married on 10 February 1945 in the L.D.S. Handsworth Branch, Birmingham, England. Their ceremony was performed by acting mission president, Norman Dunn. President Hugh B. Brown was to have officiated but he was flown to the United States for jaw surgery. Leicester Branch and its president were not licensed for a marriage ceremony so the entire wedding party traveled many miles to Birmingham. The huge cake was baked by the air force mess personnel as a wedding gift and was as unusual sight in war-torn Britain.

After an honorable discharge and many letters of recommendation, Mel found work and acquired a home in Ogden, Utah. His wife and baby daughter joined him on Christmas Day 1946.

As a member of the 31st Ward, he enjoyed his activity in the Elders Quorum, serving as counselor to Kenneth Porter from 6 February 1949 to 1953 and as President of the 8th Quorum from March 1953 to 15 March 1959. He was well loved and appreciated for his humble approach to the Lord's work. His finest memories were association with his counselors: Linden V. Larsen, Preston J. Garn, Ernest Lee King, Derlin Hadley and Evan Green, and the Secretaries who served: Fay Rippon, Lynn White, Kenneth Vanderwerff, Evern W. Draney, and Robert Poulsen.

He was assigned as a Sunday School teacher, served an Ogden Stake Mission the 6 April 1960 for two years, and during his illness accepted the position of scoutmaster, taking the boys to camp. His last assignment was as counselor to Lawrence D. Anderson in Sunday School, 11 February 1968 to 30 June 1968.

As a plumbing and heating contractor, he received the contract for the new Ogden Tabernacle. He was later employed as assistant superintendent of buildings and grounds at Weber State College. He helped many men and boys secure part time jobs on the campus. In his spare time he assisted ward members and friends who needed a craftman's help.

He was blessed with six children who revere his name and memory. He was released from earth life on September 29, 1968, after a life dedicated to hard work and service, with love and kindness to his family and his fellowmen.





Autobiography of ORLIN BLAINE DOPP  
7th Pres of 8th Quorum of Elders (22 May 1960 - 5 July 1964)

I, Orlin Blaine Dopp, was born 25 July 1926 to Lydia Ann Bowden and Sidney Moroni Dopp. I received my schooling in Lewiston, my birthplace. I was baptized when eight in the Logan Temple. I lived on a farm until I was 16, then the family moved to Ogden, Utah.

At age 18 I served in the army on active duty in the South Pacific from 1944 to 1946. I was on active duty in the navy from 1948 to 1950.

I was not active in the church until I turned 28 when Martin Yssel brought me into activity. I was as frightened as my father to participate in front of others. I decided it was necessary to do everything, so I told Bishop Wilford Harris, "I will do anything you think I can do, but I'm scared to death. I will do my best, and when I am bad enough, you'll just quit calling on me, and I'll understand." I was given every opportunity to participate.

Dorlus Barrus and I were married 24 Nov 1950 and have been blessed and kept busy with 9 children. We received endowments and our marriage was sealed in the temple on 12 Dec 1955. I worked at the Arsenal until it closed in 1954. I attended the Salt Lake Barber School and have made this my profession. I have my own barber shop at 3545 Quincy Ave. in Ogden, Utah.

In the 31st Ward I was Elders Quorum advisor for two years. I received my first Ogden Stake Mission call 9 Apr 1958, serving till 17 Apr 1960. My second was 1 Jan 1964 until 1 June 1965. The 4 years between missions I enjoyed the call as 8th Quorum president, 22 May 1960 to 5 July 1964. We enjoyed experiences, opportunities, and friendships as 31st ward members. We hope we left our small mark for good in the ward.

We moved in 1965 to the 37th Ward of the Weber Heights Stake. We have been active in the work of the Lord. I was secretary to the Senior Aaronic Priesthood and have been secretary off and on for 8 years for the Seventies Group, where I now serve. I'm 1st Couns in the Sunday School and have always been a home teacher. I know the Gospel is true, and say it in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Autobiography of VERLIN MAURICE REDDISH

I was born 15 May 1923 in Jersey Co, Illinois, son of Elmer and Lilly Hensler Reddish. My early years were spent on the Illinois River fishing and shelling. I would get mussels, boil them, clean the shells and sell them to make pearl buttons. One of my first jobs was lighting lights that guide river steamboats. Since polio left me lame at an early age, I was unable to join the military so worked in apple-packing sheds and service stations. I attended Hardin High School in Calhoun County and graduated from vocational school in Alton, Ill. where I learned the machinist trade.

On 15 Jan 1945, I married Dimple Brown. We both worked at the Western Cartridge Co in East Alton, Ill. During the war we lived in Hillsboro, Ill., where I owned and operated the Victory Cab. After World War II, I sold out and moved back to E. Alton and drove one of dad's cabs. I took a whirl at farming which I disliked. We left the farm in Jan 1949 to move to Ogden, Utah, so that my wife could be near the LDS Church.

Jan 30, 1953 I was baptized, and on 27 Mar 1957 we were sealed in the Logan Temple and had our first four children sealed to us. Four more children were born under the covenant.



In the last 25 years, I have worked on construction as laborer, mechanic, and operating engineer. I also worked in the rental business. For the last six years I have operated RED'S BACK-HOE AND HAULING SERVICE.

We have returned three times in 25 years to Illinois, but I love Utah. It is our home and we have many friends here.

(P.S. The 31st Ward Elders Quorum appreciate the years of willing service that Brother Reddish has given to the work at the Ogden Stake Welfare Ranch. His equipment and his labor has helped lighten the ward assignments.)

#### AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF STEVEN ELLIS MORRISON

My life began late one Sunday evening, August 24th 1952. My parents are Ralph Morrison of Heyburn, Idaho and Alyce Christensen of Ogden, Utah. I am the last of four children and only male. My sisters Patricia, Kathy and Judith seemed from the start to be wiser than I.

Although I do not remember the members of the Ogden 3rd Ward, North Weber Stake, many remember me. My family moved to Dillon, Montana for a nine month period. There we rented a friend's home. Cold winter nights where the temperature dropped below zero and a coal-burning stove helped to provide the incentive for us to return to Ogden.

I lived with my uncle, James Morrison for a short time. My family moved to our present home 953-21st Street in April 1961. We became very active in the Ogden 31st Ward. I was baptized in the old 31st Ward font, in the building now torn down, in September 1961. Dad's health made it impossible for him to bestow any priesthood authority upon me but his humility and character have meant a lot to me.

I soon became active in scouting. Receiving the Aaronic Priesthood actively serving in the true church of Jesus Christ has meant a great deal to me. I have fond memories of activities in the priesthood quorums and in the scouting program, working with close friends and fine leaders. I deeply appreciate their time and efforts in guiding my life in the right direction. I also love my parents and appreciate their support and their guidance.

I graduated from Ogden High School and LDS Seminary in 1970 and went to Weber College to increase an understanding of electronics which my uncle had helped me to develop a slight knowledge in.

Late in 1971 I was interviewed and later ordained an Elder. Although given an opportunity to serve a mission, I could not get the right feeling about leaving home and decided to stay home to give my parents the support I felt was needed. I have some regrets for doing this but feel that it was the right decision to make.

My father and Uncle James have both passed away, but I am grateful for their guidance and know that I will see them again.

I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the members of the 31st Ward for all that they have done for me. Truly we are doing the work of the Lord. A scripture that I remember from Seminary is Mosiah 2:17 "For when you are in the service of your fellowmen, you are only in the service of your God."

## LIFE SKETCH OF ARTHUR RICHARD MESSENGER

I, Arthur Richard Messenger, was born the 29th of December 1909 to Sarah Harriet McFadden and Harry Albert Messenger in Santa Cruz, California. When I was seven years old we left Santa Cruz and moved to White Hall, Montana. I had three brothers and one sister. We lived on a farm there for six years then moved back to Santa Cruz where I finished grade school. We moved to San Jose and later San Mateo, California where I finished High School. While I was in high school, I delivered both morning and evening news-papers.

For one year after graduating from high school, I worked for a magazine distributor. My dad decided to leave California, I quit my job to go with to Jerome, Idaho. After we had worked on farms for a year, my father decided to go back to his carpenter trade and he taught me to be a carpenter. We built homes and churches in Idaho as well as some remodeling of homes.

I met LaVelle Forsberg who was visiting with her sister. We were married in Jerome, Idaho the 8th of September 1935. We lived in Jerome where I continued my carpenter work. We had three children: Patsy, Richard and Gary when we moved to Ogden, Utah.

I met Volney B. Belnap who was Bishop of the 31st Ward at that time. I have always admired and loved him.

We bought a home on Monroe Ave. After we had lived there awhile Brother Edvalson and his missionary companion came to our house and gave us the missionary lessons. We were baptized the 29 December 1945, as members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day-Saints.

On our twentieth Wedding Anniversary the 8 Sep. 1955, we took our own endowments and were married for time and eternity in the Salt Lake Temple.

We had four more children: Candy, Judy, Jill and Melanie and now have fourteen grand-children.

I have been a Home Teacher and have worked in the Scouting program. I have enjoyed working with the boys and the leaders very much. I know that this is the true church. I say these things in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

## AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF JOHN KAY WIGGILL

I, John Kay Wiggill, the son of Kirt G. and Elaine Bolander Wiggill, was born in Ogden, Utah on the 6 March 1953. My family was living in the Sahara Villiage by Hill Field Airforce Base at the time. I am the third child of nine. When I was eight months old, we moved to 3256 Van Buren Avenue in Ogden. In 1961 we moved to 1145-21st Street in the Ogden 31st Ward.

I was a typical boy and had great fun as I was growing up. I attended Ogden City Schools and loved sports and music. I was on the varsity teams at Central Junior High and at Ogden High School in football and basketball. I enjoyed singing in the Acappella Choir and played the French Horn and the Guitar. I took ROTC for three years and was commanding officer my last year at Ogden High. I enjoyed Seminary and held class officer positions. I attended Weber State College on a R.O.T.C. scholarship.



Scouting always interested me. In Cub Scouting I was a Weblo then worked to become a Life Scout. I cherish my Duty to God Award.

I have always been active in the church. I was baptized when I was eight years old. As a member of the Aaronic Priesthood I performed my duties and served in the presidencies of the quorums. I was ordained an Elder in March 1972 and went through the Logan Temple to receive my endowments the 10 March 1972. I received my call to the Japan East Mission on March 1st and left the 15th of April 1972. Two months were spent in Hawaii at the Language Training Mission. I arrived in Sapporo, Japan at the mission home the 15th of June.

I served my mission to the best of my ability and loved it, serving as a junior and senior companion, then District Leader. The language was a big challenge, but with the help of the Lord I was able to manage it fairly well. I came home the 15th of April 1974, with a deep love for the people of Japan, their language and customs. They are wonderful people, and the church is growing there.

I lived in Salt Lake City, Utah, working and attending school at the University of Utah.

I have always tried to be a good Latter-Day-Saint and be active in my ward and stake. I have a testimony of this gospel and know that Jesus is the Christ; our leaders are true Prophets of God. I love the gospel with all my heart and am grateful for the blessings I have received, for my parents and brothers and sisters, and the mission I have completed--serving the Lord. I pray for the strength and courage I need to always live the Gospel and to be a good Latter-Day-Saint always. Amen.

#### AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF ROBERT DALE DOXEY

I, Robert Dale Doxey, was born the 12th of April 1955 to Darrell W. and Marlene Widdison Doxey. As I grew up in the city of Ogden, Utah, I have been blessed with many friends to associate with and learn from.

I enjoyed playing basketball and baseball. I attended the Ogden Schools where I participated in sports for three years. I have been attending Weber College, where I have been studying law.

As I have grown up in the church, learning the gospel, I have grown to know the truthfulness of this great and mighty work. The various positions that I have held, such as President in the Deacons, Teachers, and Priests Quorums, have been a challenging experience through which I have grown spiritually. I know that through prayer that the heavens will open and your prayers will be answered. Through these experiences we will know the truth and if we have the spirit of the Holy Ghost with us, we will be guided on the narrow path of righteousness.

Now the Lord has blessed me with the opportunity to serve a mission in Munich, Germany. This has been my goal all of my life. Learning the German language will be a challenge. I have been blessed with a great sister and great parents. They have been an example to me throughout my life. While preparing for my mission I have learned to respect and honor them.

I would like to thank the 31st Ward members for the love and support they have given me, for through association with you I have learned to respect and to better serve my fellowmen.



## LIFE SKETCH OF DONALD CHRISTENSEN

Having been born in Gallup, New Mexico, I was raised there for five and one-half years by good parents who loved me and my two older brothers and my younger sister. Daddy Reo was strict with us but loved and taught us many things. Dad owned a service station there.

Things got bad between Mom and Dad, so we moved to St. George, Utah to live with Mom's parents. After we had been there about a year, Mom bought Dad a new airplane for his 40th birthday. He took off for Provo where he and his brother were going to buy the Provo Airport and go into business together. He never made it to Provo and was found dead three days later with his wrecked plane. This happened when I was 6½ years old.

It was then that Mom decided to go back and complete college. We moved to Provo where Mom enrolled in school. She met my stepfather who was the manager of the photo studio on campus, and married him 1½ years later. When I was eight years old, we moved across town to a bigger home because Mom was expecting a baby. Richard was born in 1962 and Tami-li in 1963.

August 1968 found the family moving again, but this time to Watertown, Wisconsin. The next two years were fairly good ones. My Junior year in high school found me running cross country at #7 of the Varsity squad. That was also the year I was #2 in wrestling in gym class. The senior year was my best, I ran cross country, low and high hurdles, was Primary Teacher to the Guide Patrol and Sunday School teacher to the 7 & 8 year olds. I graduated in June 1970.

I entered the Mission Home the same month. I fulfilled a great mission in Oregon. I had many great experiences with the Lord for two years. I returned home in June 1972, only to help the family move to Madison, Wisconsin.

There I started truck driving. I met my future wife there at church, three months after returning from my mission. While going to college in 1973 I decided I wanted to marry Christine Warwick, so on January 1st 1974, I asked her to marry me. After 1½ hours she said "YES". We were married in the Manti Temple the 13th of June 1974 and moved to 904- 21st Street in the 31st Ward, Ogden, Utah.

JAMES TIMOTHY CARPENTER  
( PRIESTS QUORUM ADVISOR)



I, James Timothy Carpenter, was born on August 14, 1952, in Hayward, California. My parents are James Henry Carpenter and Gladys Virginia Ricketts. I was the last of four children, the only boy.

In my younger years, I was juggled between California and Oklahoma as my parents tried to decide where to settle; my father being from Oklahoma. At the age of five, we settled in San Francisco East Bay area. When I was seven years old my parents were divorced and I lived with my mother in Hayward, California.

I saw Kerry Lynn Egbert for the first time at Sacrament Meeting on Sept. 1, 1970 and met her at a party the next weekend. We dated until I enlisted in the United States Air Force on the 17 Dec. 1970. I was sent to Texas for 12 weeks basic and technical training. Transferred to Travis Air Field Base, California, I was just sixty miles from home. Kerry and I were engaged 22 May 1971 and married March 17, 1972 in the Oakland Temple.

Two weeks later, I left for my new Air Force assignment, the Island of Okinawa, Japan. One month later Kerry joined me there. On March 2nd, 1973 our son, Jerrod Neil was born. On Friday the 13th of July 1973, Kerry and Jerrod flew back to the United States. I followed on the 7th of Oct. 1973.

We then moved to Ogden, Utah, where I was stationed at Hill Field AFB. On August 22nd 1974, our second child, a daughter, Jill Jae, was the first girl born in the new Air Force Hospital at Hill Field. I am presently a Sargent in the 2952 Combat Logistics Support Squadron at Hill Field.

We enjoy our callings in the 31st Ward. We are grateful also for our good friends and neighbors here and anticipate a long stay.

#### AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF BRYAN SCOTT DOWNS

I was born November 3, 1956, at the Dee Hospital in Ogden, Utah, a son of Darlene McIntire and Blaine Downs. I had one brother, Michael, and a sister Kathy, waiting for me at home. My parents took me to the Ogden Eighth Ward where my father gave me a name, Bryan Scott Downs, and a blessing. My parents were proud of me and so were my sister and brother, who played with me. I had a strange habit of eating June bugs when I was small. I guess it was because of the pretty red color.

When I was small I learned to walk, but I developed some problems and would fall down a lot. My parents took me to Dr Swindler who told them that I would be in a wheel-chair in three weeks. Dr Swindler knew what he was talking about.

My mother was a very special person to me. She took good care of me, keeping me neat and clean. Mother was a small lady and had a lot of "get-up-and-go". I remember her working in the yard. She had a green thumb, because everything she planted grew beautifully. Mother pushed me to the store so I could enjoy nature.

Dad was always a real buddy to me. He took us all to Flaming Gorge where we had fun catching fish. We had many fun trips, mountain trips and picnics. Dad would take Mike and I camping when the Boy Scouts would go and we slept in a tent. We all went to Bear Lake once.

They tell my I was a miserable little kid in grade school. I disliked everything and everybody. A very special teacher at Gramercy was Mrs. Verda Williams. She and Mrs Barrett helped me in my favorite subject, science. I had a hot temper and would get mad and throw my spelling book on the floor. I was put in the office and the door closed. I hated that and would yell to the top of my lungs.

In January 1969, I was invited to attend Wahlquist Jr. High, that foggy day changed my whole outlook on school. Mrs. Barker and Mrs. Cottrell greeted me with such warmth, I knew things would be better. I felt in place at last. My teachers made me mind them, but told me how they cared for me too, and I learned a lot. I had shop from Mr. Egan, and Boys Glee from Mr. Curtis. I learned to read and write better. I also enrolled in Seminary.

My second year at Wahlquist School started great but later a few problems developed. Mom had been in the hospital and had a hard time caring for me. Dad could not care for me and hold down a job. We had a man-to-man talk and decided that the best thing for all concerned was for me to stay at the Weber County Hospital. I was not crazy about the idea, but it had to be.

Dad hated me away from him and although Mom wanted me home, she was physically unable to care for me. I was a spoiled brat but found out that the nurses did not jump every time I yelled, so I shaped up and acted like a man. Now I feel that going to the Weber County Hospital was one of the best things that could happen to me. I have met so many people who took time to talk and joke with me. Older people take time to care. It is too bad younger people have to be in such a hurry, but I understand.

I was not alone at the hospital. My Grandpa Downs was already living there. I admire him, he is a remarkable independent person. He was determined he would, and he got up and waited on my grandmother for many years before she died. I have many friends and we had fun.

I am thankful for Sister Violet Cottrell, our Seminary teacher at Wahlquist. She told us God loves us and it was not because he did not love us that we are handicapped. Handicaps can also be blessings, if it humbles us and teaches us the will of our Father in Heaven. She said that life is eternal. We did not happen without great planning from God. There is a purpose for our being here, and many things we can do to further the work of God. She told us that when we leave this world, our earthly bodies will be perfect. This wheelchair is an earthly material thing, and thank goodness, I have had enough of it here. Just because I'm handicapped, God will not excuse me from doing things that are wrong. I must be kind and good to others and be a peace-maker.

I consider myself lucky having two mothers. My Dad remarried in 1970, to a lovely lady named Lou Ann Jenkins. Lou Ann is a school teacher. She cares for me and shows her love in many ways.

I was ordained an Elder in the 31st Ward in November 1974.

P.S. We miss seeing Bryan at Sacrament meeting, but the Lord has called him home.

*Nothing*

is as important as my membership  
in the Church of Jesus Christ of  
Latter-day Saints!



## QUORUM OF SEVENTY

A full quorum of Seventy consists of 70 members of which seven are chosen as Presidents. The senior president presides over the quorum council, although all seven presidents are co-equal in authority and responsibility. A quorum may be organized whenever there are enough members holding the office of Seventy residing in a Stake or Mission. When there are not enough Seventies to operate a quorum there may organized a UNIT of Seventy. Quorums are given a number but Units are not numbered. (From Melchizedek Priesthood Handbook 1956.)

The 31st Ward has belonged to the 373 Quorum in 1946. Then to the 225 Quorum consisting of the 4th and 31st Wards 70's. This quorum became part of the 186 Quorum, but in 1975 became the 75 Quorum of Seventies.

The Melchizedek Priesthood Quorums and Units are not ward of branch organizations, but a stake or mission organization. Each Quorum is under the jurisdiction of the Presidents of the Quorum and the First Council of the 70's. The presidencies of the stakes ~~or~~ missions are called upon to collaborate with the First Council of the 70 in keeping the quorums and well organized.

After a prospective 70 has been recommended by the Stake Melchizedek Priesthood Committee and approved by the First Council of 70. The General Priesthood Committee then presents the name for approval of the Council of the Twelve Apostles. Because of the tremendous growth of the church and the heavy demand on the General Authorities, the authority to ordain a 70 has been deligated to the Stake Presidency.

## 31st WARD SEVENTIES

The Seventies Quorum is assigned to make the missionary contacts in the ward. In a constant effort to find interested people, the 70's group has been attending 7:30 A.M. sessions on Sunday mornings to better learn the missionary lessons. The Ogden Stake has been developing the idea of having specialized teaching missionaries who would teach the investigators referred to them by the 70 group.

Another program being worked out is that of block monitors. Every member of the ward is in reality, a missionary, with this in mind, the one person on each block would report on the people moving into the ward. Thus new people can be welcomed, helped and fellow-shipped in a loving way. The ward map would aid in the program. The 70's group is anxious to share this wonderful Gospel and to bring new members into the circle of happiness and blessings we all enjoy as Latter-Day-Saints.

(Written August 1974 by C. Gary Suttlemyre)

## ACTIVITIES THRU THE YEARS

On August 12th, 1951 a special meeting for bishoprics of wards and Presidents of 70's was held at 9 A.M. Sunday. This was in connection with the call issued by the First Presidency of the LDS Church, to the 70's Quorum to furnish missionaries in foreign fields because the younger men are being called into the armed forces by our country.

On September 19th, 1956 it was reported that 483 Book of Mormons had been sold by the Ogden Stake 70's Quorums. This was a missionary program where the Book of Mormon was placed in suitable containers in motels, gas stations, grocery stores, or any business establishment. By November 1956 seventy-five more had been sold in three weeks. In the 31st Ward Lawrence R. Hill and Clifford W. Johnson installed the containers and kept them stocked with books.

Projects to earn money to help missionaries in the field were carried out. Besides selling Christmas cards, fruit cakes, a Ogden Stake Birthday Calendar was sold, (a family paid a donation to have their families names entered on the date of their birth). What fun to call an acquaintance and wish them a Happy Birthday. Ogden Stake dinner parties were held. Then a family was challenged to buy ten Books of Mormon and give them all to non-members.

The Bee and Honey Project was successful. Honey was sold 10# cans for \$2.25 in 1958. The 20th Ward was the Super Beekeepers, but Robert Jones of the 31st Ward was also an experienced bee-keeper.

Do you know how fast cucumbers grow? Overnight they seemed to burst forth from blossoms to sweet midget size pickles. This was found out by the pickers on the 70's Pickle Project of the 31st Ward. The Storey Pickle Co. planted the huge cucumber patches on 29th, below Pacific Ave. and the O.U.R. & D. Railroad tracks. Lawrence B. Hill contracted to pick the cucumbers as a 70's project. The members of the quorum watered and weeded faithfully but when the picking time came it was an all day continuous task and as backs ached from bending, the task became a bit neglected. Then the Wiggins (Marvin, David and Delores) and the Johnsons (Clifford, Gwen, Glen and Lavell) and Lawrence Hill were the faithful daily pickers. Before one field was finished, it was time to pick the other field. The Lord surely blessed this project. At first it was fun but finally the coming of frost and fall was welcomed.

Sunday, January 5, 1975, Bishop L. Dwight Pincock announced that Utah would be a missionary state, with missionaries called to work full time in this new mission field. The Seventies would be called to work with the full time missionary when called upon.

#### SEVEN PRESIDENTS OF 70

The following members of our ward served as President of 70 and Secretary of the Quorum. The Senior President presided and will be listed with the years he served. The other Presidents of 70 listed as serving with him may have served only part of the time.

#### 373 Quorum of 70

(Sept. 1946 to Dec 9, 1947)

Senior Pres.: Ira L. Brady  
Willard V. Holt  
Wilford D. Harris  
H. Vernon Hill  
Don Carlson  
Dave Dinsdale

(Dec. 9, 1947 to Aug. 25, 1948)

Senior Pres.: Lawrence D. Anderson  
John H. Vanderwerff  
Lawrence B. Hill  
Oral Evans  
Willard V. Holt  
Secretary: Albert Orvil Vowles  
Raymond Farr

## 373 Quorum of 70

(Oct. 31, 1948 to Feb. 4, 1951)

Senior Pres.: Keith L. Saxton  
 George Boekwey Sr.  
 Albert Orval Vowles  
 George Buckway Jr.  
 John H. Vanderwerff  
 H. Vernon Hill  
 Ray B. Ferrin  
 Orson P. Millet  
 Lawrence B. Hill  
 Secretary: Raymond Farr  
 Robert Jones  
 Oral J. Evans

## 225 Quorum of 70

(12 Jan. 1954 to 1955)

Senior Pres.: Archie Reed Larsen  
 Lawrence B. Hill  
 Raymond W. Farr  
 Ray Blaine Ferrin  
 Secretary: Oral J. Evans  
 Pres. H. Vernon Hill

## New Quorum from 4th &amp; 31st Ward

## 225 Quorum of 70

(4 Feb 1951 to 12 Jan 1954)

Senior Pres.: John H. Vanderwerff  
 Elmer J. Rippon  
 Keith Saxton  
 Lawrence B. Hill  
 H. Vernon Hill  
 Raymond W. Farr  
 Ray Blaine Ferrin  
 Robert W. Jones  
 Secretary: Oral J. Evans

## 225 Quorum of 70

(1955 to 3 May 1959)

Senior Pres.: Lawrence B. Hill  
 Elmer J. Rippon  
 Clifford W. Johnson  
 Everett N. Browning  
 Alfred G. Crabtree  
 Secretary: Oral J. Evans  
 Raymond W. Farr  
 Walter F. Mudrow

(The 225 Quorum was combined and the new group called 186 Quorum of 70)

(3 May 1959 to 8 June 1963)

Senior Pres: Clifford W. Johnson  
 Alfred G. Crabtree  
 John Snow  
 Volmer Miller  
 Secretary: Alvin Anderson

(When there were none of the Seven Presidents of 70 living in the ward or when the Presidents were called on the Ogden Stake Missions or assigned to church work and could not function in the group, a GROUP LEADER was chosen).

(The 186 Quorum was combined and the new group called 77 Quorum of 70)

(8 June 1963 to 5 Jan 1967)

Group Leader: Charles Gibson  
 President: Volmer Miller  
 J. Leland Archibald

5 January 1967 a meeting of Ogden Stake 70's, President S. Dilworth Young of the First Council of 70 combined the 77 and 75 Quorums, new quorum the 75th.

## 75 Quorum of 70

(5 Jan 1967 to August 1969)

Senior Pres.: Benjamin V. Hunt  
 Secretary: Melvin Hines  
 Charles Gibson  
 Acting Sec.: Richard Sobers

## 75 Quorum of 70

(August 1969 to 23 Feb 1973)

Group Leader: Richard Sobers  
 Secretary: Charles Gibson

## 75 Quorum of 70

(1 April 1973 to Nov 1974)

Group leader: Clyde Gary Suttlemyre

The 70 group in the 31st Ward consists of two members: Robert E. Bishop Jr. & Dennis Davis.



AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF ROBERT LEE BISHOP JR.  
31st WARD SEVENTY 's GROUP LEADER

I, Robert Lee Bishop Jr., was born the first child of Eileen C. Forder and Robert L. Bishop Sr. on September 5th, 1946 in Anderson, Indiana. My father was in the Army Air Corps during World War II and met my English-born mother in London. A year later they were married and she came to the United States. After the war my parents lived in Utah for a short time, then they moved to Indiana where my mother's sister had moved.

My early childhood was spent in humble conditions. At the age of five we moved to Ogden to stay. I attended Mound Fort Elementary for two years and finished my elementary school years in North Ogden.

We moved into the 13th Ward in Ogden when I started Junior High School. My family was Southern Baptist and I had only brief encounters with the Mormon religion up to this time. However, through the friendship of Terry Hanson and a few other neighborhood friends, I began to attend MIA and church frequently. I became such a regular visitor that people thought I had been baptized and wanted to give me assignments such as passing the Sacrament and collecting Fast Offerings.

When I was a Senior in High School, someone submitted my name to the Ogden Stake Missionaries and soon two wonderful lady missionaries, Sister Ardella Smith and Patricia Morrison, came to teach me the lessons. Many of the concepts I already knew and accepted readily. In May 1964 I was baptized and confirmed a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day-Saints. In two months I was ordained a Priest and then left Utah for California. This was because after graduation, I turned down two scholarships and enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve. I attended six months boot camp in and near San Diego, Calif. then returned home to my family and Church.

I began college soon after and with one major interruption, I graduated in 1974 with a degree in English Education. I had to work my way through College so that is why it took so long. The major interruption was a 2½ year mission to Italy. I studied the language and preached the Gospel. For the last six months I traveled the country as a Public Relations Representative and Editor of the mission publication.

In June 1970, in the Salt Lake Temple, I married a wonderful, capable girl, Louise Diane Stirdivant. We continued to live in the 13th Ward for two years and then moved into the 31st Ward. On November 21st, 1971, our son Shayne, was born already half grown 9 pounds 5 ounces. He grew rapidly and healthy. Two years and two days later Jeremy came weighing two more ounces than Shayne. "Football here we come,"

I am now teaching English and am the advisor for the newspaper publications at Morgan High School. I am also a member of the Army Reserves, where I am Training NCO: which means I am in charge of all the training the company does. I am also an instructor in military subjects, and assistant in charge of church services.

My church duties have included Sunday School Counselor and Teacher, and Priesthood teacher, YMMIA Counselor in ward and Ogden Stake, Athletic Director and Scouting Committee. I am a Seventy and a Home Teacher.

Ever since my conversion, I have known that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day-Saints is true and is led by inspired leaders. I have been blessed with a wonderful family and many friends. I pray that we may all stay happy and healthy in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

# GENEALOGY AND TEMPLE PARTICIPATION

" The greatest responsibility in this world that God has laid upon us is to seek after our dead" Prophet Joseph Smith Jr.

(Quote from June 1915 Relief Society Magazine, page 287)

Viscular of Special Genealogical Work, Ogden Relief Society, Winter 1915  
 "During January, February and March the Special Genealogical work must take precedence over every other work; except care of the poor and sick. The purpose is to collect material that can be used in compiling a permanent Genealogical Record of our Stake."

(Page 288) " Remember, we are making history for all future time and every scrap of genealogical data we can secure will be of untold value to the future generations.

Presidency Ogden Stake Relief Society  
 Isabel B. Folger  
 Nellie Becraft  
 Vincy R. Baker

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"Total names recorded in genealogical records 22, 876 in Ogden Stake ten wards."

Ogden, Utah  
 31 March 1915

"1. Committee in all 10 wards to accumulate and compile a permanent genealogy record of our stake."

"2. Temple excursions are arranged by the Priesthood, not the Relief Society."

"Chairman Genealogical Committee  
 Vincy R. Baker "

The above quotations were found in the June 1915 Relief Society Magazine and submitted by Dennis Davis.

Frank Taylor, 31st Ward Genealogical Chairman (1963)

Frank Taylor wrote for the 31st Ward NEWS-N-NOTES the following;

"August 1963: This work, more than any other work in the church, is a matter of record keeping, research, Temple Ordinances and service to our fellowmen."

" One million endowments were done in all Temples in 1960. The largest number performed in one day was 2,169 on 22 February 1956 in the Logan Temple of which 2,054 were male. The most baptisms performed in one day was 4,120 on 11 July 1925. The sealing record was 2,419 on 7 February 1959."

"Of the 64,470,333 ordinances performed in all Temples since the organization of the church, it is interesting to know that 13,000,000 or 20% have been performed in the Logan Temple. "

## ACTIVITY IN THE OGDEN STAKE

18 January 1951: A Genealogical Convention was held in the Ogden Sixth Ward Chapel. Elder Archibald F. Bennett, Secretary of the Genealogical Society of the L.D.S. Church and three General Board Members were present.

30 June 1915: A pageant was given by the Genealogical Committee and was presented in the 31st Ward.

24 January 1954: For 20 Sundays lectures by Genealogical Society of the L.D.S. Church with demonstrations on KDYL Television will be given.

16 July 1950: Ogden Stake High Councilman Nathaniel Clark asked the 31st Ward to do 146 more endowments by 31st of December 1950.

April 1964: Bishop Hal Ferguson spoke on the new organization of genealogy in the stake and ward and released the 31st Ward Genealogy Committee: Frank Taylor, Charles Parry, Glenn A. Jorgensen and Secretary Nettie M. Cherry. The responsibility now lies with the High Priests.

#### OGDEN 31st WARD GENEALOGICAL COMMITTEES

1946-1947	1948-1953	1953
Chairman: Henry Noorda John Vanderwerff Elmer Raat	Chairman: Elmer W. Raat Thomas Rhodes Terry H. Tate	Chairman: Vernon Probst Elmer Raat Elmo Read
Secretary: None listed	Secretary: Nettie Cherry	Sec.: Nettie Cherry
1954	1954-Nov. 1956	Nov 1956-28 Feb 1960
Chairman: Elmo Read Elmer Raat	Chairman: Fritz Johanson Frank Taylor Harold Unander	Chairman: Frank Taylor Robert Jones Terry Tate
Sec.: Nettie Cherry	Sec. Nettie Cherry	Sec.: Nettie Cherry
Feb 1960-25 Nov 1962	25 Nov 1962- April 1964	26 April 1964
Chairman: Frank Taylor Volmer Miller Derlin Hadley Lewis Linderman	Chairman: Frank Taylor Charles Parry Vernon Probst Glen A. Jorgensen	High Priests assigned the responsibility of research & Temple work.
Sec.: Nettie Cherry		

#### ACTIVITY IN 31st WARD TO 1964

Seek the Golden Blessings of the Temple from the Lord for yourself and your family, and your kindred dead.

28 July 1947: The 31st Ward Primary Children participated in the Salt Lake Temple in baptism for 200 dead.

1 December 1951: The 31st Ward Primary Children participated in an Ogden Stake Primary excursion to the Salt Lake Temple, 301 baptisms performed.

7 April 1953: (From Primary History book) Mildred Anderson and Garnet Porter, Primary Teachers, took 14 boys and girls to the Salt Lake Temple for baptisms for the dead. They toured Temple Square, This Is The Place Monument, Daughters of the Pioneers Museum, and Roof Gardens of Hotel Utah. Surely fun.

1952: Lester Scoville was Genealogy teacher in the 31st Ward.

1952: Eleven girls were baptized for 110 dead in the Salt Lake Temple. Then toured Salt Lake places of interest. They were: Barbara G. Davenport, Janice Winkler, Annette Crabtree, Dorothy Hardy, Joyce L. Arnold, Patricia L. Cahoon, Janet L. Cahoon, Janet I. Chugg, Janice Lee, Alleene A. Cahoon and Evelena Price. They were escorted by Valere Jean Bailey and Alan Scott Bailey.



1952: Baptisms for the dead in the Salt Lake Temple were performed for 137 persons by Glen W. Johnson, Ronald Clauson, Marvin Wiggins, Edward Gemar, Joyce Arnold, Janice Winkler, Ann Cahoon, Annette Crabtree, Evelyn Price and Janet Chugg.

31 January 1954: There was a Temple excursion with 47 Primary children being baptized for 500 persons who are dead.

7 July 1954: The Ogden Stake Primary sponsored a baptismal taking all of the older Primary children who desired to go by bus to Salt Lake Temple. 460 baptisms were reported as being done by the children.

1955: Ogden Stake Genealogical sealing mission to the Salt Lake Temple, where 332 sealings were performed.

25 March 1955: Verna Morley, YLMIA President of the 31st Ward, sponsored a Salt Lake Temple baptismal for 10 girls and 9 boys: Barbara Davenport, Janice Winkler, Clark Cherry, Glen W. Johnson, Isabelle Dickerson, Carolyn Hunting, Lou Jean Crezee, Julie Simonsen, Barbara Bell, Jeanette Brown, Irene Winger, Richard Shurtleff, Eddie Freestone, Richard Jensen, Donald Hansen, Brent Hadley, Roger Porter, Lee Olsen and Clair Beazer.

18 August 1955: 17 boys and 20 girls were baptized for 200 persons.

9 September 1955: 30 girls and 17 boys were baptized for 532 persons.

25 February 1956: A baptism in the Salt Lake Temple was arranged by MIA President Verna Morley of the 31st Ward. These participated in 190 baptisms:

Candis Messenger	Nancy Reeves	Richard Anderson	Paul Snow
Rheumina Winkler	Barbara Bell	Richard Shurtleff	Brent Hadley
Ellen Simonsen	Jeanette Brown	Eddie Freestone	Roger Porter
Tamara Jorgensen	Irene Winger	Richard Jensen	Lee Olsen
Julie Simonsen		Donald Hansen	Clair Beazer

15 February 1958: Ardella Smith, MIA Teacher, took her class of 12 girls to the Logan Temple for Baptisms.

12 April 1959: Genealogical graduation certificates were issued and presented to Nettie Cherry, Olive Williams, Frank Taylor, Walter Mudrow, Ardella Smith, Enid Crabtree and Harriet Preece upon completion of the class.

9 April 1960: In the Logan Temple 13 boys and 12 girls of the 31st Ward Primary were baptized for 463 persons, arranged by Primary Pres. Lavell Johnson.

20 November 1960: Bishop Warren N. Shurtleff reports Temple work increased by 192 endowments over last year. Total endowments were 823, the 65 females did the largest amount 512. Attendance of  $17\frac{1}{2}\%$  of the ward attended the Temple during the year was good. 1,425 hours were spent in research. 25 Primary children participated in excursions to the Logan Temple doing 463 baptisms.

17 November 1962: Lavell H. Johnson took her Sunday School class to the Logan Temple for baptismal services. Six girls and 5 boys did 504 baptisms.

John Albert Sellers	Lex Dee Baker	Louise Hunt	Linda M. Leetham
Barry Jellet Brown	Gary Roy Lee	Jean Shurtleff	Chana D. Shultz
David Gareth Crabtree		Carolyn Shurtleff	Janet F. Bingham

1961: Frank Taylor, Chairman Genealogical Committee, reports an increase in Temple attendance in the High Priests group. 40 High Priests attended, 8 Seventies, 22 Elders and 114 females, in 1961. This was a total increase of 21 over last year.

March 1962: NEWS-N-NOTES) Elders have cars going every Monday night to either the Salt Lake or Logan Temple. Contact Brother Charles Gibson for ride,

July 1962 NEWS-N-NOTES) Keep track of the hours spent in research and report to Nettie Cherry, Secretary of the 31st Ward Genealogy Committee.

October 1962: A Genealogy Training Class will be held every Friday evening at Eugene Seller's home for 14 weeks.

14 July 1963: Lavell H. Johnson was sustained the MIA Genealogy Teacher.

7 September 1963: The Aaronic Priesthood boys were baptized for 120 people.

1963: The High Priests report for 1963: 20 High Priests did 165 endowments, researched 331 hours with 11 doing the research.

December 1963: Isabell Rhodes is Class Instructor in Sunday School.

April 1964: New Genealogy Program: The High Priests are responsible for research, temple work assignments and teaching. The High Priests leader is Vernon Probst.

7 September 1964: At the Logan Temple 5 girls and 5 boys were baptized for 400 persons who have died.

#### THE FOUR GENERATION FAMILY GROUP SHEET PROGRAM

On the 11 April 1965 Vernon Probst, the High Priest Group Leader of the 31st Ward, explained the new assignment. Every person is to submit 7 family group sheets: their own, their parents, 2 grand-parents, and 4 great-grand-parents. The sheets were to be made out and checked by the Ward Checkers: Isabell Rhodes, Elvira Mc Carrel, Rosella Sellers, and Lavell Johnson. Two checkers are to examine each sheet and initial them. When correct the sheets were to be given to Brother Probst to be sent to the Ogden Stake High Councilman, Nathaniel Clark, to be placed permanently in the LDS Genealogical Library in Salt Lake City, Utah for a perminate record. The program was accepted with enthusiasm.

A Priesthood Genealogy Class was started the 11 April 1965 in Sunday School with Lavell H. Johnson as instructor. Assistance in filling out sheets was taught. A 31st Ward Committee to assist ward members at their homes was appointed. They were: Vernon Probst, Lavell H. Johnson, Isabell Rhodes, Elvira Mc Carrel, Naydene Miller, Verna Morley, Rosella Sellers, Mary Mc Allister, Edith Johnson, Alice Waddoups, Colleen Johnson, Betty Hansen, Viola Barnes, Violet Campbell, Delores Wiggins, Nettie Cherry, Ella Anderson, Hulda Rippon, Hattie Preece, Rose Hallen, Edna Tanner, Isabell Paul, Walter Mudrow, Pairlee Smith. Delores Wiggins assisted members by typing finished and corrected family group sheets for those who could not type. Anita Shaffer also worked on the committee.

To encourage participants; before entering the Chapel for Sacrament Meeting, the number pinned on each ward member showed the number of family group sheets completed and turned in by them. Everyone was eager to wear #7 to show they had completed the project. Then Bishop David E. Tanner wore the total number of sheets turned in by the entire ward. By July 1965 the number was 551 sent in and in September 1965 the Bishop wore number 800 at Sacrament Meeting. The real thrill was that 35 family group sheets had been sent in for temple work. By the time that the project was finished the 31st Ward had sent in 1,105 family group sheets, the most sent in by any ward in the church. And 174 family group sheets had been sent in for temple work to be done. The big accomplishment was encouraging ward members to prepare and submit their own sheets for temple work. The hours of research grew from 1733 hours in 1965; 2,470 hours in 1966; 3,045 hours in 1967; 1,624 hours in 1968. May we keep up the good work.

The members became more interested in doing temple work, 1963--165 endowments; 1964--472 endowments; 1965--364 endowments; 1966--290 endowments; 1967--459 endowments; 1968--681 endowments; 1969--886 endowments; 1970--1071 endowments; 1971--1,020 endowments; 1972--2,353 endowments; 1973--3,353 endowments.

The Church Leaders knew where we needed nudging when they launched the Seven Generation Group Sheet Project. We learned how lax most of us are in keeping our family records. We should keep and record birth, baptism, church positions sustaining and releasing dates, marriage and death dates up to date. Let us make correct records complete and available for future generations.

6 June 1965: The remodeling of the Old Pioneer Tabernacle in Ogden to house the Genealogy Library, brought research closer to home. Now the 7 Generation Sheets are available there for us to use.

17 January 1967: A special day at the Logan Temple was called by the L.D.S. Presidency. The 31st Ward was assigned 60 Endowments. All recommend holders were asked to attend. It was not as successful as it should have been but many enjoyed a day, staying through two or three sessions.

3 December 1967: Rosella Sellers sustained as Priesthood Genealogy teacher.

8 October 1967 to 7 July 1968: Eugene Sellers had served as High Priests Group Leader in the 31st Ward, and recieved an honorable release. Douglas Price was sustained and accepted the responsibility for research and for temple assignments.

27 October 1969: Larry Price and John Lee took in cars fifteen Aaronic Priesthood boys for baptism at the temple.

1969: Bishop David E. Tanner asked all recommend holders to attend the Logan Temple and complete 32 endowments. The challenge was met with enthusiasm. The older sisters especially enjoyed the journey to the temple for two sessions. Lillian Cheney, Clifford Johnson, Eugene Sellers and Douglas Price were always ready to furnish cars. Temple participation grew. One year the women reported over 1000 endowments for the dead.

22 February 1969: Saterday Priesthood session 20 men participated at the Logan Temple.

21 February 1970: Thanks to the 31st Ward members who did 28 endowments.



15 February 1970: Douglas Price was thanked for his diligent work and released. Clifford W. Johnson was sustained as High Priests Group Leader.

21 July 1970: Thanks to the Elders for doing 164 Initiatory ordinances at the Logan Temple. Also for the 101 Initiatory done by six Elders last month.

21 November 1971: Maggie Herbert released as Priesthood Genealogy Teacher.

August 1972: Ogden Stake report shows the 31st Ward leading in the Ogden Stake, 1071 endowments done last year.

March 1972: March report was 97 endowments, 197 baptisms, 164 initiatory, 197 sealings, 464 names sent in for temple work.

June 1972: Bishop Pincock reported that the 31st Ward is leading the other wards in Ogden Stake. How grateful we are for a temple in Ogden.

23 March 1972: Ogden Stake Day, the first day the 31st Ward participated since the opening of the Ogden Temple. We turned out in goodly number and 95 endowments were done by ward members that day.

18 May 1972: Bishop L. Dwight Pincock took a group of boys to the Ogden Temple for baptisms.

1972: In April Ogden Stake was 2nd highest in endowments done in the Ogden Temple. In May Ogden Stake was the highest. Let us keep up the good work and prove that we are worthy to have our own temple in Ogden.

May 1972: Report for May was 149 hours spent in research, in sealing 234, and the youth participated in 210 baptisms.

9 July 1972: Clifford W. Johnson was released and Martin Yssel was sustained as High Priests Group Leader. He accepted responsibility of temple work.

September 1972: Temple baptisms by Ann Wilkerson, Natalie d'Hulst, Mary d'Hulst, A'Layne Wiggill, Martha d'Hulst, Melanie Messenger.

1972: Temple work report was 3,267 endowments, 700 baptisms, 4,785 names submitted, 1,162 hours research and 3 temple marriages.

26 May 1973: Sister Rosella Sellers, Genealogy Instructor and her class toured the Ogden Genealogy Library, now located in the new Ogden Stake Tabernacle, to see the methods of research they were studying about.

1973: High Priest Leaders Martin Yssel, Lawrence Anderson, Wilford Mc Bride, and Arthur D. Malan Sr. have diligently worked to fulfill the numerous temple assignments given the 31st Ward. In 1973: endowments done were 3,353, sealing and initiatory assignments were also filled. Congratulations.

Harriet Preece, who was sustained 28 March 1965 has kept the records of research and temple work accomplished.

1974: This summer a new genealogy class leader, Pairlee Smith was sustained. The very active class is held during Sunday School.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF ADA ROSELLA PATE SELLERS  
GENEALOGY INSTRUCTOR

I was born the 4 January 1902 at Union, Salt Lake County, Utah to Ezra G. and Ada Rosella Sharp Pate. I was the third child and first daughter among their 13 children. I was taught to pray by parents who needed the Lord's help daily. My parents were Pioneers homesteading in Wyoming and we were not near an organized branch of the church, but they taught us the Gospel, daily prayers, sacred Sabath, Word of Wisdom, scripture study and the ten commandments.

I attended school at Sage, Wyoming; Randolph, Utah; Brigham Young College at Logan, Utah; and a few courses at B.Y.U.. I taught Elementary School at Sage Creek, Rich County; and White Rocks, Uinta, Utah.

"Your life and mission are precious in the sight of the Lord" said Patriarch Hyrum G. Smith. "A tender watch care has been over thee since thy birth... In due time thou shalt rejoice in a comfortable and happy home where thy children shall grow up to bless and honor thee... and be found in the service of the Lord."

It was August 25, 1926 and I was leaving for a mission to the North-western States. These words became my guide from that time forward. In the spring of 1930 I went with my sister Ora to Rock Springs, Wyoming where she would teach music for a time. It was here I met my future husband. After his mission to Eastern Canada, we were married the 10 April 1933 in the Salt Lake Temple. I became Mrs. Richard Eugene Sellers.

Four sons and four daughters were born to us. Our first son died in infancy. Seven children have grown to adulthood "in the service of the Lord." Missions, temple marriages, and church activity have been their way of life.

I have been honored with many church responsibilities: Primary teacher, President and Stake Board member; Sunday School teacher in several departments; Relief Society Counselor, President and class leader; and always an assignment in Genealogy.

We were called to North British Mission the 16 May 1970 where my husband was Branch President and I was Sunday School Superintendant.

A TESTIMONY: One Sunday morning my husband said, "You are the speaker in Sacrament Meeting tonight." The speaker previously assigned was unable to be there. After our morning prayer I picked up the recent Ensign. "What are you going to talk about?" he asked. "I think I'll give the President's Editorial message from the Ensign," I said. He said, "That is what I was going to suggest." I turned to the editorial.

"Oh no!" I said. The subject was Genealogy and every adult member in the Branch except one was married to a non-member. Each was the only convert in his or her family. They could not even go to the temple. I turned through the Ensign looking for another subject, and then the "still small voice" said plainly, "You were commanded to give the President's Messare."

Humbly I bowed my head and asked, "How?" Then the plan lay open before me. These God's Children had been called, one of a family, to be "Saviors! They had access to the records, They must identify their own people and have the work done. Later when the way should open for them to recieve their own blessings, they would each have a family to whom they could be sealed for eternity.

I did as commanded and with tears of joy the work is continuing. One Deacon and two mothers in the Branch make regular visits to the London Temple and have been baptized for many ancestors. The endowments and the sealings are being done by temple workers and the work is going on.

Ada Rosella Pate Sellers.

#### LIFE SKETCH BY HARRIET PREECE SECRETARY FOR GENEALOGY

I, was born in Cove, Utah to Ann Lane and Mark Preece, in a family of seven, but four died as babies. I was the middle child. My schooling was recieved at Cove. Our home was on a farm where I milked cows, fed chickens, pigs, and cows, besides gardening, putting up hay and other farm work.

My father died when I was twelve years old and mother died ten years later. My sister was ill and I took care of her for seven years before she died.

I learned to sew and remember making a wedding dress, a graduation dress and a burial dress for others. I have enjoyed sewing and have made appliqued quilts and given for gifts.

I remember our first radio purchased just before I came to Ogden in 1938. I was Primary Secretary for 15 years and Secretary of the MIA for four years. I recieved my Temple Endowments the 26 May 1926.

When I came to Ogden in 1938 I worked at the canning factory putting up tomatoes. Then for twenty years I worked for the Ogden School for the Deaf and blind, in the kitchen. Ten of these years I was cook. I retired in 1958 and moved to 849-20th Street, where I now live.

On the 26 March 1962 I joined the Daughters of the Pioneers and became the Historian May 1966, this position I now hold.

I enjoyed four interesting tours, three weeks each to Mexico, the North West and two trips East, also a Temple tour beginning at the Oakland Temple.

I was called in 1958 as a Relief Society Visiting Teacher and am still acting as such. I was set apart the 11 December 1958 on the Genealogical Committee and on the 28 March as Secretary in charge of keeping record of the research and temple work done in the 31st Ward.

I have engaged in research and temple work since retiring in 1958. I have done 1,041 endowments to date and sent in about 800 family names for temple work.

Bishop David E. Tanner asked me to be secretary for Vernon Probst, the High Priest Leader, who was responsible for research and temple work. I was to keep account of the number of endowments, sealings and initiatory done by the 31st Ward members in the Temple. I was also to keep record of the research hours and the number of family names sent in for temple work. In 1966 I recieved a call to work at the Ogden Genealogical Library now in the renovated Pioneer L.D.S. Tabernacle at 22nd and Washington Ave. (since torn down) I enjoyed one year of work there.

I have a personal testimony that the first steps in doing genealogy is doing research on our own direct lines. It is a personal responsibility.. a commandment to do this work. To seal the family together. We cannot be made perfect without our forefathers, and they can not be perfect without us. I



fell a great satisfaction and enjoy both research and temple work. I go often to enjoy the spirit of peace in the Ogden Temple.

(Written 27 February 1974)

(P.S. Sister Preece has finished her work here and she has been called home. We miss her and her devotion shown by the many endowments she did that added to the 31st Ward accomplishments in temple work.)

# CHURCH ACTIVITIES OF DELORES H. WIGGINS AND LIFE SKETCH

Born: Hyrum, Utah, 8 May 1903  
 Parents: Hyrum and Sarah Irena Jenson Hokanson .  
 Blessed and named in the Hyrum 1st Ward by my father.  
 Baptized: 23 April 1912 in the Logan Temple.



First church activity: Sunday School Teacher, Ogden 3rd Ward 1919 -1925.  
 MIA Assistant Secretary 1924 to 1925.

Married in the Salt Lake Temple to Eugene Howard Wiggins, 18 August 1925.

Church Positions:	Primary Teacher--Cedar City 1st Ward	1927--1929
	Sunday School Teacher	" " 1931--1933
	MIA teacher	" " 1933--1934
	Member Choral Group	" " 1933--1934
	Primary Teacher Ogden 20th Ward	1941--1944
	Primary Teacher Ogden 31st Ward	1946--1951

She was the first Guide Teacher when the 31st Ward was organized. The eleven year old boys said that she was the best teacher they ever had.

Junior Sunday School	Ogden 31st Ward	1951--1953
Sunday School Teacher	(10 years)	1953--1964
Relief Society Visiting Teacher	"	1957--1976
	(19 years still acting)	
Relief Society Homemaking Lessons	"	1965--1969
Ogden Stake Guide Leader		1959--1960
Sunday School Teacher	Ogden 31st Ward	1969--1970

Her Genealogical Research began in 1947 and encreased Temple participation.

The devoted care and devotion of her husband from 1963 to his death on the 6 November 1968 was administered with patience and love.

Her time was then devoted to Temple work which, with the opening of the Ogden Temple, became her way of life. For example: in 1973 she performed 402 Endowments for the dead. As the temple is open about 200 days a year and she walked 13 blocks to the temple and back, this is really a record. Many other times she did Initiatory and Sealing sessions. This is a Testimony of the devotion she has to the work designed by the Lord.

She has had time to raise four special sons who have filled missions and served in bishoprics and all other church positions on the way. All of her sons are musicians and have graduated from college. Keith, Lorin, David, and Marvin have been active in the 31st Ward and their parents good example of temple work has become a part of their lives also.

Surely such devotion should bring the words, "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

## AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF VIOLA MAY GARNER BARNES



In Clifton, Oneida County, Idaho I, Viola May Garner Barnes was born the 12 May 1900 to Mary Emma Tolman and William Henry Garner. I was the second of eleven children, 5 girls and 6 boys. We moved several times, finally moving to father's birthplace, North Ogden. While living in Deweyville I taught Sunday School. From there we moved to Parry, just south of Brigham City.

I went to Salt Lake City to work, then came to Ogden, where my sis, Elva and I worked at John Scowcroft & Sons, overall factory. I lived with two girls, one of them introduced me to Horace Archie Barnes in June 1920 and we were married in Brigham City the 18 January 1921. We had two children before we went to the temple. On the 30 November 1927 we all went and were sealed for time and all eternity in the Salt Lake City Temple.

We were blessed with five children: Horace Archie Barnes Jr., Florence Idonia (who died at six months), Elva La Von, Jean La Voyle and Coleta. Our son joined the army in 1942 and was gone for three years.

We lived in the 2nd Ward, Weber Stake where I worked in Genealogy, MIA and Primary. I took Idonia with me to Primary. She was a good baby and she would stay in her buggy. We raised our family in the Second Ward. My husband enjoyed his work with the scouts. We did not want to leave the ward, we had many good times there and enjoyed our church activity.

I started to work at the Ogden Utah Knitting Co. in 1944 and worked there 17 years. In May 1953 we moved here to 1051 Oak Street. At first we were in the 20th Ward but the boundaries changed and now we live in the 31st Ward. In January 1964 I started to teach in Junior Sunday School. I know the Lord helped me as I could not do it on my own. I knew I must be humble and prayerful. I enjoyed the Junior Sunday School calling for 1½ yrs.

The 14 February 1965 Bishop David E. Tanner asked me to be Relief Society Work Director. I did not feel qualified but had always been taught to accept all church callings. Ella Anderson was Relief Society President and she asked me to be a Visiting Teacher with Nellie Anderson. We went teaching together for many years. I was released as Work Director the 5th of June 1966.

My husband passed away the 17 September 1963.

I began going to the Logan Temple on the temple bus or in private car every time I could. When we had our own Ogden Temple, I try to attend three or four times a week and also do some Initiatory and Sealings. I enjoy temple participation very much. I have a testimony of the truthfulness of the Gospel and have had my prayers answered many times. I know I have been blessed to be able to go to the temple. In 1972 I was able to do 239 Endowments and in 1973 do 372. IN 1974 I did 413 Endowments, 183 Initiatory, and 106 Sealings. I have been blessed, my health is better since going to the temple. If I feel ill in the temple, I offer a silent prayer and am able to finish the day.

One of my greatest blessings is the joy recieved from my four living children, 21 grandchildren (one grandson was killed in Viet Nam) and 1 great-grandchild. Two grandsons are on missions, one in Spain, one in Arizona. I am thankful for the goodness of the Lord to me and the many blessings that I have been given.

(written March 1974)



## LIFE HISTORY OF VERNA PICKFORD WEST

In North Ogden on the 17 August 1896, I, Verna Pickford was born to Emma Douel and Edwin James Pickford.

When I was very young I worked during the summer picking peaches and pears. When I was sixteen I worked for Shupe-Williams Candy Co. packing chocolates.

In Ogden on December 7th, 1918, I was married to Loyal Allen West. At the time a dreaded disease (flu) was raging and people were dying by the hundreds. Nearly every home was affected. All public buildings were closed, even the Temple. We were married by civil law. The next year we went to the Salt Lake Temple. Since then I have spent a lot of time in temple work.

I have taught Primary for many years, while in the North Ogden, 4th, 20th, and 31st Wards. I have taught Primary over 25 years and was presented a 25 year Primary Service Award. I have served as Relief Society Visiting Teacher for over 50 years.

We had three children: Mildred West Clay, Maurine West Keyes and Loyal West Jr.

I love the Gospel and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day- Saints and know they are true. I will remain faithful until the end of my life. I now spend much of my time doing endowments in the Ogden Temple. I try to go every Wednesday and Friday and stay two or three sessions. I enjoy this work.

## AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF ROSELLA CHENEY BOWEN

In Rexburg, Idaho on the 30 June 1898, I, Rosella was born to Wells Ezekiel and Rosella Smith Cheney, the fifth of nine children. We lived on a farm at Salem, Idaho and I attended the Sugar City School until I was twelve. We moved to Ririe after selling our farm. My cousin, Idona, was my dearest friend and we were dressed like twins. I had a healthy, happy childhood. When I was six I broke my nose while playing. Mother plastered it to straighten it. I was teased alot, teasing was one way our family had of showing love for each other.

I was baptized in Salem canal the 8 September 1916. I walked two miles to Sunday School and two miles back.

At nine years I started taking music lesson and my teacher struggled along for three years. I did not accomplish much. I'd rather sew doll clothes or draw or play. At age 12 my pal Idona died with appendicitis. Dad sold our home and brought us to a farm at Perry Ward, Idaho that he had bought. I soon assumed adult responsibilities, cutting my own patterns and sewing the family clothes. My brother and I were sent to high school in Rigby, Idaho, 10 miles away. For three years we boarded with Mrs. Cook, eating one meal with her.

In the summer when I was 14, I was assistant teacher in Primary. The children all made wooden doll furniture and upholstered it. We put it on exhibit and our little class won State Prize at the fair. I was proud of them. I belonged to the MIA Baseball Girls Team. We had real team competition. I was left-handed and a pitcher. Mr Walter Adams who ran the Ririe Press, a weekly newspaper, enjoyed me as a typist. I liked this interesting work.



I loved to dance and had plenty of admirers and dates. In 1916 I became engaged to Fredrick Merlin Ellis. We were married at home by Bishop Dave Ririe the 1st of January 1917. Mother gave a lovely wedding supper, inviting friends and relatives. Sister Marler gave me a shower for 30 guests at the Marler Hotel. Then a week later my husband gave a wedding dance for everyone. We made our home in Clark Ward (half way between Rigby and Ririe). We built a new home on the farm his father gave us.

He was in the MIA Superintendancy and I taught a Bee Hive class in MIA. We lived there five years. On the 14 July 1918 Veral Merlin was born. He was a fuzzy headed baby with a tremendous bass voice. What a thrill areal boy to sew for. We moved to North Ogden and in 1924 Arlene was born. We were proud to have as many kinds of children as anyone else. We moved to Ogden in 1924 and lived in the 10th, 6th, 17th Wards. In 1929 we bought a home in the Ogden 4th Ward. In 1930 Mother died of a heart attact while visiting us. It was a great shock but I recovered. I was instructor in sewing and art work for three years.

In 1933 we took our two children to the Salt Lake Temple for sealing to us for time and all eternity. Soon after my husband died. On the 30 June 1956 I married William Powell Winslow in the Salt Lake Court House. We lived in the rear of 866-22nd Street. I worked with him to become worthy to recieve his Temple Endowments. Which he did. We were proud and happy. I learned to fish and we traveled. George Wright asked me to help teach others to sew and upholster at the Deseret Industries. I worked there for eight years before I retired. William died the 29 May 1965.

I married Hubert Bowen in the Logan Temple the 4th of August 1966. We have traveled doing temple work and giving lectures on the Book of Mormon. Hubert gave 93 talks in one year in Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Yellowstone, California, Nevada, Arizona and along the Mexican border. We spent three winters in Mesa, Arizona doing Temple work.

I am a visiting teacher now and while in the 4th Ward recieved my 30 year pin for service. For four years Amy Vowles and I taught a Junior Genealogy class in the 4th Ward. All of the youth recieved a four year certificate of graduation and built their own books of family records. Every Friday night I went to Salt Lake Genealogy Library to research, then through one session at the temple.

I have always had a testimony. My grandmother was a pioneer. At 17 I studied the history of the Islands and the Genealogical history of these people came alive. This also strengthened my testimony. Seven of my progenoyors were pioneers. The Gospel is just part of my life.

#### BIOGRAPHY OF ELIZABETH ANN ROBINSON LIPROT CONVERT AND TEMPLE WORKER

I was born the 9th of August 1888 in Weston Point, Runcore, Cheshire, England to James and Mary Elizabeth Robinson. We moved from the country when I was eight to Leight, Lanchister, England. Here at age eleven I went to work in a weaving mill, ten hours a day.

When seventeen we girls had heard how handsome the Mormon missionaries were, so we attended a street meeting. I belonged to the Wesleyan Methodist Church. After attending street meetings for two months, I decided that I wanted to be baptized. Mother was bitter, Father was more understanding.

I could not be baptized without parent consent. I noticed that my church books had been moved; Father had been checking them. Father consented after I said, "Father if you will give your consent for me to be baptized in the Mormon Church, I promise that the first time you can see that I am not better for it, I'll never go again."

At church meetings I found another convert, Oswald Liptrot, whom I had known at school and at the weaving mill. I married him the 12 March 1912. We joined in the Missionary Street Meetings and were molested and persecuted. My family turned against us. There were 500 working in the mill, no one spoke to either of us.

We saved and skimped to send my husband to Utah with the returning Elders. I remained with our baby and worked to help save money for my passage. Then the war came, no passages to be booked through the LDS Church. The Elders left our town. I learned that an Elder Dunford, an LDS Missionary from France was returning to Idaho. He would help me if I could get a berth on the same ship. I got passage, quit work Wednesday and by Saturday at 7 A.M. I was at the American Exchange in Liverpool ready to board ship.

My people would not bid me good bye. They said, "Your husbands letters have lied; that he did not dare tell the truth as his letters were opened by the church in Salt Lake City. Oswald probably had several wives by now." My father did take my daughter and I to Liverpool the forty miles. Father said, "No crying now leave with a smile."

I put a red ribbon on my lapel, as Brother Dunford did. In New York City Elder Dunford sent a telegram to my husband, who did not know that I was in the U.S.A.

My husband warned me not to speak to strangers, nor to tell of Mormonism. I was afraid I would be taken and sold as a "white slave". A lady from Travelers Aid finally convinced me that I would be safe so we went by cab to a hotel to stay all night. I put the baby to bed but sat and cried all night. I had left my family, and my husband did not know where I was. Next morning I saw children in the street playing, they all had short Dutch cut hair. My child had long black curls and would be laughed at, so I cut her beautiful hair.

When we arrived in the Ogden Depot, there was Oswald. We lived in a two-room basement apartment in the 6th Ward. My husband's first pay-check was for \$75.00. What will we do with all that money, I thought.

Fifty-three years ago, we bought this home at 957-21st Street. The 13th Ward was being built; we helped and later with the 20th Ward and again with the new church building.

My husband worked construction on railroad tracks then was foreman for the Ogden Depot mail and baggage when he died in 1951. One year later, I went to work at Saint Benedict's Hospital as house mother to the single interns and worked until I was 75 years old.

Our six children, my testimony of the Gospel, and the privilege of doing temple work for our families, none of which joined the church, makes me very thankful for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I try to pay my debt by doing temple work. I did 193 endowments in 1973, although I was 85 years old. I gave up my family, but God blessed us with children and friends. You missionaries never know the good you do. The Elder who brought me the Gospel never knew I came to this wonderful country.

# AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF HUBERT BOWEN GENEALOGICAL RESEARCHER AND TEMPLE WORKER

In Beaver Dam, Box Elder County, Utah on the 4th of December 1892, I Hubert Bowen was born to Florence Annettie Thorp and Charles Mc Bowen. It was a small farm village and I worked for other farmers. There were 13 children in the family. I recieved my schooling in Beaver Dam and Fielding. I was baptized the 20 June 1900 in Bear River.

On the 12 April 1916 Mable Alice Gardner and I were married in the Logan Temple. We met in Mendon, where I was painting a house for her brother. She worked at the county store there. We lived with her mother until spring when I built us a house in Garland, Utah. We had one girl and one boy born to us there. For ten years I did painting and paper-hanging while living there. We moved to Fielding where we lived for eight years. I also sold stocks and bonds through established offices in Tremonton and Ogden. I sold my home and contracting painting business to move to Ogden. At the end of ten years in Ogden we moved to Torrance, California, where we bought an apartment house. Here I sold real estate and paper hanging. When my wife died in April 1965, I sold the apartment house and moved to Ogden.

I was always active in Church. I have been a Ward Teacher for over 60 years, taught Sunday School, active in the Elders and Seventy's Quorum and Secretary in the High Priests Quorum. As young as 12 I was interested in the genealogy research and family histories. I have spent my life gathering genealogy and have one of the largest personal collections in the world. My name is listed for reference in the Genealogy Who's Who. I have worked in the Salt Lake Temple, St. George Temple and the Los Angeles Temple at the fonts baptizing. Through out the years I have baptized over 150, 000 times for the dead. I have also enjoyed doing Temple endowments having done 1,200 endowments in the 40 years I have gone to the temples. I have gathered genealogy by writing letters to all Bowen names found in the telephone books as we traveled.

I had met Rosella Cheney Ellis at the Salt Lake Genealogical Library many years ago. I met her at the dance at the Woodmans Hall in February 1966 and we were married the 1st of August 1966 in the Logan Temple. We live at 866-22nd Street in the rear.

I have been interested and collected Book of Mormon artifacts and have an exceptional collection which I show and lecture about. In the last forty years I have traveled and lectured in Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Yellowstone, California, Nevada, Arizona and along the Mexican border. I gave 93 talks in one year. I was interested in the Book of Mormon Indians and their tribal history. I have talked to many of the historians of Indian Tribes. I have collected every type of article mentioned in the Book of Mormon that was used by the Nephites, Jeredites and the Lamanites: gold, silver, hardened copper (a lost art), many articles over 2,000 years old. All these are proof of the truth of the Book of Mormon. I have an effigy of the Savior 2,000 years old, a gold breast plate, a Nephite pocket knife, cement from pyramids of Mexico, a piece of water pipe, yucca root which when pounded to remove the juice, leaves the fiber used for shoes and straps, a mamoth tusk and a skull which shows that brain surgery had been preformed.

My testimony has been the major moving force in my life from the time I was ordained a Deacon to the present. I testify to the importance of Genealogy research and temple work and the blessings that come from participating in this work.



## HIGH PRIESTS OGDEN 31ST WARD

August 1946 to February 23, 1947

Group Leader: John F. Young  
 Counselor: John Kunz  
 " Robert Ray Nixon  
 Secretary: William A. Norton

February 23, 1947 to August 28, 1949

Group Leader: John Kunz  
 Counselor: R. Ray Nixon  
 " William A. Norton  
 " Myron Crandall  
 Secretary: Myron Crandall  
 " Charles Clark

August 28, 1949 to January 1950

Group Leader: Joseph E. Eames  
 Counselor: John Kunz  
 " Charles Clark  
 " William A. Norton  
 Secretary: Oswald Liptrot

January 1950 to May 25, 1958

Group Leader: John Kunz  
 Counselor: William A. Norton  
 " Keith Saxton  
 " Elmer Rippon  
 " Joseph L. Eames  
 Secretary: John F. Young  
 " Oswald Liptrot  
 " Glen A. Jorgensen

May 25, 1958 to February 17, 1963

Group Leader: Glen A. Jorgensen  
 Counselor: Frank Taylor  
 " Seymour Y. McAllister  
 " George W. Taylor  
 " Vernon H. Probst  
 Secretary: Elmer Rippon  
 " Daniel W. Jackman  
 " Arthur D. Malan Sr.

February 17, 1963 to October 8, 1967

Group Leader: Vernon H. Probst  
 Counselor: Luman P. Green  
 " Lawrence B. Hill  
 " Alvin Anderson  
 " R. Eugene Sellers  
 Counselor: Walter Mudrow

October 8, 1967 to July 7, 1968

Group Leader: R. Eugene Sellers  
 Counselor: Douglas S. Price  
 " Alfred G. Crabtree  
 Secretary: Walter F. Mudrow

July 7, 1968 to February 15, 1970

Group Leader: Douglas S. Price  
 Counselor: Alfred G. Crabtree  
 " Clifford W. Johnson  
 Secretary: Walter F. Mudrow

February 15, 1970 to July 9, 1972

Group Leader: Clifford W. Johnson  
 Counselor: Alfred G. Crabtree  
 " Martin Yssel  
 Secretary: Walter F. Mudrow

July 9, 1972 to

Group Leader: Martin Yssel  
 Counselor: Lawrence D. Anderson  
 " Wilford H. McBride  
 " Daniel W. Jackman  
 Secretary: Arthur D. Malan, Sr.

## High Priests

We have a good lively group in our ward with an enrollment of forty-six, forty-four are active. There is a good attendance at Priesthood meetings with a 72% average and 58% attendance at Sacrament meeting.

The Temple work has been excellent, and we are leading in the Ogden Stake.

The group has been blessed through the years with good strong leadership. The present group leaders are: Martin Yssel with Lawrence Darrell Anderson and Wilford H. McBride as counselors and Arthur D. Malan, Sr. as Secretary. J. Roland Stagg and Richard Sobers are class instructors.

Throughout the years the High Priests have had excellent instructors, among those are Lester Scoville, Wendell Hansen, Luman Green, Douglas Price, Jake VanderWerff, Albert Oborn, Richard Sobers, and J. Roland Stagg.

The moral is high, and at the lessons we have a lively and good discussion of the subject material. No material is ever presented that would be controversial, but some scientific material has been presented as a comparison to the laws of the Gospel. This is never allowed to come up for any arguments.

It is amazing and surprising at times the vast and excellent knowledge of the gospel this group possesses, and it is used to good advantage at the class period where the younger members benefit.

Many of the group would like to participate more in the activities, but, due to age or infirmities, are restricted. The trouble is physical, and not spiritual. The members are faithful in carrying out light assignments at the Ogden Stake Ranch, also burning off weeds on vacant lots owned by widows.

The High Priests do a commendable job of conducting meetings for the shut-ins at the Golden Hour Center once a year for a month.

Most of this group of High Priests have reached the "Golden Age" and are benefiting from retirement, enjoying their spiritual activities when their health permits, remembering their younger days when nothing impeded them in their spiritual duties.

We hope and pray that the younger maturing High Priests will continue in our group to uphold or surpass the fine work of this present group.

Comment made by Wilford H. McBride: "There is a very good spirit in our group. I wish to commend my companions in the leadership and also the secretary and class instructors for the fine job they do."

J. Roland Stagg

## TEMPLE WORK

On the 26th of April 1964, the High Priests were assigned the responsibility of genealogical research and temple work. Under the High Priests' supervision, classes in research and recording have been taught. A bus was scheduled on Ogden Stake Temple Day and filled for the trip to the Logan Temple. Many filled their automobiles for the trip. With the dedication and opening of the Ogden Temple, temple participation increased. August 1970 the Ogden Stake report showed the Ogden 31st Ward leading the wards in the Ogden Utah Stake. 1,071 endowments were done that year! By 1972 work had increased and the report was: 3,267 endowments, 700

baptisms, 4,785 names had been submitted for temple work, 1,162 hours of research and 3 temple marriages.

# Autobiography of VERNON HUBER PROBST

(High Priest Group Leader from February 1963 to October 1967)

On a farm in Midway, Wasatch County, Utah on 17 January 1897, I, Vernon Huber Probst, was born to Mary M. Huber and Jacob Probst. I was the second of five children. My Dad was Bishop for 33 years. I received my schooling in Midway and at Wasatch High School in Heber City, Utah before attending Agricultural College in Logan, Utah for one quarter, and Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah for one quarter.

During World War I, from September 1918 to February 1919, I trained at Camp Kerney. We were to go over-seas November 18 but the Armistice was signed the 11 November 1918 so I saw no combat. Returning home I herded sheep and cattle and also worked at Park Utah Mine digging silver and lead. The mine produced five cars of sixty tons each, so shipped out 300 tons every day.

I had a wonderful Swiss German Mission. I left October 1925 for two and one-half years. I hesitated to leave because my brother was teaching school and Dad was running a store. I could not see how they could also manage the farm and cattle. When my parents took me to Salt Lake City, at the Church Office Building, Brother Charles S. Hart set me apart for my mission. When he put his hands upon my head he blessed me saying that because of the sacrifice of my business, he would promise me that the business would go on and I would not lose a dollar by my going. How did he know about my business? We had not told him. This came true. Part of the mortgage on the farm was paid and \$1,200 was sent to me for my mission expenses. And the condition of the sheep and cattle was a big increase. The promise had come to pass. We had been blessed both temporally and spiritually.

When I came home I returned to farm work and to church work. I was Wasatch Stake Sunday School Superintendant and in Midway 2nd Ward I was one of the Seven Presidents of Seventy in Wasatch Stake.

Elna (Melba) Duke and I were married in the Salt Lake Temple the 10th of November 1930. We have three children: Gayle, Harmon and Kendall. We lived in Midway and I worked for Utah Power and Light Company at the Snake Creek Station. Then I was transferred to the Ogden Pioneer Station on 12th Street in 1943 where I worked two years. For eight years we rented an apartment at 2438 Madison Avenue. In July 1950 we purchased our home at 935 - 20th Street in Ogden, Utah.

While in the 5th Ward in Ogden, I was one of the Seven Presidents of Seventy and served a Mount Ogden Stake Mission for two years. I also did Senior Aaronic Priesthood work for two years. In the 31st Ward I taught the Seventies class.

We moved to Riverdale, Utah in 1953 where I worked at the Power Plant. While there Melba and I served a Riverdale Stake Mission and I again worked in the Aaronic Priesthood. I enjoyed teaching a Priests' class of 29 boys and 14 of the boys went on missions.

In December 1961 we moved back into the 31st Ward and on the 25 March 1962 I was called as a counselor to Glenn A. Jorgensen in the High Priests' Quorum and served until called as High Priests' Group Leader on 17 February 1963. During this call the assignment of the Four Generation Genealogical



Sheet Program began. With the help of Sister Lavell H. Johnson, the genealogy teacher, and twelve other workers, we succeeded in submitting 1,071 family group sheets. (Genealogy Record, August 1970)

Trips to the Logan Temple were made weekly by bus or in a car with Frank Taylor and Thomas Rhodes. Brother Taylor was the Genealogical Chairman and he was so eager to fulfill the temple assignments that two cars arrived at the Logan Temple on a bitter-cold morning before the temple was open. Melba and I now attend the Ogden Temple weekly and enjoy the work.

I was released from the High Priests' Group Leader calling the 08 October 1967 because of a heart attack, but have been blessed and am much better.



### Autobiography of RICHARD EUGENE SELLERS

(High Priest Group Leader from October 1967 to July 1968)

I, Richard Eugene Sellers, was born the 04 January 1904 at Raymond, Alberta, Canada to Katherine Emma Fowkes and James Albert (Dale) sellers. My parents had six children, five boys and one girl. I was the third child. My parents left Canada and moved back to the United States, to Cumberland, Lincoln County, Wyoming. My father worked in the coal mines there.

It was in Cumberland that I received my first testimony of the Gospel. My elder brother, James Albert, was a deacon and in their class they were studying the life of Joseph Smith by George Q. Cannon. Every time James wanted to study his lesson I was reading the manual. I read and re-read it. I was so thrilled because I knew it was true, even though I was only ten years old.

I was baptized in the Cumberland Ward by Bishop George F. Wilde. Becoming a Deacon was a great thrill. We helped scrub the building and start coal fires in two stoves for Sunday meetings. There were nearly four hundred in the ward.

From Cumberland in 1918 we moved to Ammon, Idaho, then in the fall of that year we moved to Magna, Utah in the Pleasant Green Ward. Here I was ordained a Teacher. My brother and I went to Salt Lake City and saw our first Aero Plane. Later we saw President Woodrow Wilson, the first President of the United States we had seen.

My parents moved to Evanston, Uinta County, Wyoming, where I was ordained a Priest. When we moved to Rock Springs, Wyoming I became an Elder. Then I was ordained a Seventy my Melvin J. Ballard and a High Priest by Albert E. Bowen.

In 1930 I was Sunday School Superintendant and it seemed we were always a teacher or two short, so we would ask in the Senior Class for a volunteer teacher. Ada Rosella Pate would always volunteer. I thought that is the kind of person I want to marry. I was called on a mission to Canada.

On the 10 April 1933 Ada Rosella Pate and I were married in the Salt Lake Temple. We wanted to set our goals high churchwise. The two outstanding objectives in our lives were a Temple marriage and missions. We have 100% Temple marriages and four of our children went on missions. We were blessed with four sons and four daughters.

I was Bishop twice, a member of the Stake High Council twice, Ward Clerk twice, and Branch President twice. I was a counselor in the 31st Ward High Priests' Quorum and sustained as High Priest Group Leader the 08 October 1967, serving until the 07 July 1968. We went to the United Kingdom on a mission the 07 July 1968 until 16 May 1970.

(Written 08 March 1974)

## Autobiography of DOUGLAS S. PRICE

(High Priest Group Leader from July 1968 to February 1970)

On a farm in Paradise, Cache County, Utah, on the 14 July 1896, I, Douglas S. Price, was born to Henerette Sinfield and John Lloyd Price. There I grew up, learning daily hard work of farm life. After attending the eight years of school in Paradise, I went into the Army from September 1918 to March 1919 at Camp Kearney. I was not in combat.

In the Logan Temple 28 June 1922, Martha O'Bray became my bride. We purchased the Price family farm and farmed for a living. In January 1942 I worked at the Arsenal, then transferred to the Ogden Defense Depot in 1944 and remained there for 20 years before retiring. I commuted from Paradise to Ogden from 1942 to 1956. We then moved to Ogden, purchasing our home at 919 Rushton Street in the 31st Ward.

In Paradise I had served as counselor in both the Sunday School and M.I.A. I had completed two Hyrum Stake missions, been ordained a High Priest and served as High Priest Group Leader.

Bishop Wilford D. Harris of the 31st Ward called at our home and asked me to be an Ogden Stake missionary. He left before I could say no. I did enjoy the many wonderful missionary experiences from 23 October 1957 to October 1959. Then, as assistant Ward Clerk, 03 November 1963 to 07 June 1964 I learned to admire the sincerely righteous man, Bishop Hal G. Ferguson. For six years I served in the Adult Aaronic Priesthood Program. I have also enjoyed Home Teaching for 50 years. When in 1958 I became one of the 31st Ward High Priests, I was impressed with the righteous men in the Quorum. The lessons and people were very inspiring. I was a High Priests' Counselor to Eugene Sellers the 08 October 1967, then the 07 July 1968 to 15 February 1970 was High Priests' Group Leader. Clifford W. Johnson and Alfred G. Crabtree were my counselors and Walter F. Mudrow was Secretary. I love and respect the wonderful High Priests.

The project to submit the four generation group sheets was responsible for my beginning in genealogical research. I have enjoyed this pursuit. My car often journeyed to the Logan Temple, filled with good temple workers. We also went by Ogden Stake chartered bus. Brother Hershey kidded me because I would be the only man with eight to ten widows waiting for the Temple bus. "Here comes the polygamist!"

We never grow spiritually or gain a testimony of the Gospel unless we get involved in the work of the Lord. It is the problems and challenges that develop faith. Folks that are deeply religious depend on the Lord and never expect life to be easy. I am grateful for the opportunities I have received to develop a strong testimony of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I am grateful for the blessings our family have enjoyed while living the Gospel.

## Life Sketch of CLIFFORD WILLIAM JOHNSON

(High Priest Group Leader from February 1970 to July 1972)



Clifford W. Johnson was born the 17 November 1902 to Hansine Marie Peterson Hansen and William Oscar Johnson in Ogden, Weber, Utah. He contracted, while an infant, spinal meningitis, followed by cholera infantum. The doctor said that he could not live, but good nursing, prayers and administering by L.D.S. Elders proved the doctor wrong.

Clifford helped on a three-acre farm as he grew up. Because he was an only child his home was always open to friends. His mother holds the only honor for stuffing and baking 35 sparrows. Clifford's venture into business was making fly traps, then collecting from Ogden City the bounty of 10¢ a



quart for dead flies. He also killed rats and collected ten cents a tail. There were ample flies and rats then.

He also trapped musk rats along the Ogden River, checking traps morning and evening. After stretching and curing the skins, he sold them or Greenband Junk Yard. The river was also the swimming hole. Scouting was his love and he became Assistant Scout Patrol leader. His father took all the boys camping and hiking. Bean picking, then tomato picking to buy a bicycle; then cherry picking to buy a motorcycle.

Sports did not take the place of church activities. He was baptized 07 March 1912 in the 2nd Ward; ordained a Deacon 16 January 1916; a Teacher 20 January 1918; a Priest 08 April 1921; an Elder 11 April 1926; a Seventy 11 September 1940; a High Priest 08 April 1963. Besides Scouting, he was Secretary of the M.I.A., Ward Teacher, and on the 7th Ward Basketball Team before he was married.

At age 16 he made boxes for lids, slit tin and made cans at the American Can Co. In 1925 he joined his father's profession as painter and paper-hanger. Later, he and his father formed their own company, contracting painting and decorating.

In the Logan Temple, 07 June 1929, he and Lavell Hokanson were married and sealed for time and all eternity. They honeymooned in Canada for three weeks. The cost of hotels was \$42.95, traveling costs were \$47.72 for 2810 miles, plus a tire for \$13.50, meals and extras were \$30.80 --- a grand total for three weeks came to \$135.00!

Clifford loved children and adopted two, Gwen and Glen William. Gwen arrived an hour before Clifford was to pick up friends in his truck to go deer hunting. He is teased because he was no hunter, all he wanted to do is go home to see his little "dear". He extended a father's love to an 8-month old handicapped child who lived in their home for a year. Then LuDene, a 12 year old, made her home with them for seven years. Beginning church training is so important, the children were all taught to honor the Lord, to pray, and to live the gospel standards and to attend church regularly. Clifford took Glen with him when he went Home Teaching. On a 70's pickle project one summer, the whole family picked cucumbers every day. He took Glen to the Ogden Stake Ranch to dig post holes, repair and paint the house and barn. Clifford and his Dad had painted ward buildings. The custom was to donate one day a week for each week worked while painting a building of the Church.

As one of the Seven Presidents of Seventy, he arranged all rides for the 31st Ward Old Folks' Day. As Counselor to High Priest Group Leader Douglas S. Price for 2½ years, he was trained for his call as High Priest Group Leader 15 February 1970 to 09 July 1972. He accepted the challenge of assigned temple work, scheduling rides on bus and by car, and he learned to appreciate the diligent temple workers of the ward.

His parents lived with him when they became ill, receiving loving care.

In civic life he was active in Junior Chamber of Commerce, United Commercial Travelers, and as President of the Rocky Mountain Council of Painting and Decorating Contractors of America. They traveled all over the United States, to Bermuda, and to the Bahamas. Gwen was living in California and trips there were frequent. When Glen and Colleen were married in the Logan Temple and Glen was serving in the U.S. Air Force and stationed in Japan, Clifford and Lavell planned a month stay in Japan. Then they spent two months going around the world visiting: Japan, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaya, Ceylon, Siam, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Egypt, Lebanon, The Holy Land, and Israel. Then to Greece, Turkey, Venice, Italy, Germany, Switzerland, Holland, France, England, and the U.S.A. They especially enjoyed The Holy Land. They can



testify to the beauty of the world, to the truth of the Gospel, and of the blessings of the Lord to their family which has grown by eleven grandchildren.



### Autobiography of MARTIN YSSEL

(High Priest Group Leader 09 July 1972 --- )

In Bolsward, Holland 07 July 1903, I, Martin Yssel, was born to William and Anna Van Mannen Yssel. I had a very good childhood. My father was an engineer on the railroad and we were well provided for. Our home was comfortable, but no bathroom. We bathed in a canal in the summer and the bath house for 25¢ in the winter. In the city of 7,000 people there was no dentist and only one doctor. The people were very healthy.

I was the youngest in a family of eight children. Father died when I was six years old, and mother was a widow for 34 years. Mother was religious but father never attended church and discouraged the children from attending church. We had seven grades in the schools. Mother knitted our socks and our underwear. In the winter it was 30 degrees below zero. We put on woolen knit underwear, then wrapped our body with newspaper for insulation before putting on wool trousers, shirts, and coats, all homemade. We skated everywhere in winter. In summer I rode a bicycle.

During World War I in 1912 we knew hard times. At age eleven I worked at a newspaper for \$2.00 a week, six days, as a messenger boy and putting names and stamps on newspapers for mailing. When I was fifteen I went to Amsterdam, Holland and rented a room. There I worked on the ship docks for ten years, loading and unloading cargo from ships.

When I was 26 two boyfriends and I came to Hoboken, New Jersey by ship. There I worked on a farm, then I moved to Indianapolis and worked at the Wilson Packing House. My sister lived in Ogden, Utah and had joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. She persuaded me to come to Ogden. I arrived one year later, during the Depression of 1930. I worked at a canning factory owned by my sister Nellie's friend. Then, as a janitor and maintenance man for First Security Bank.

On the 23 May 1935 I married an L.D.S. girl, Jane Vanderpool, and lived in the Geffes Apartments on 27th and Grant. I was caretaker of the apartments and received our apartment and telephone free and \$30.00 a month. I was also working for the bank. Our daughter, Barbara, was born 1938 and son William in 1941. Later, I worked at the Royal Laundry, doing maintenance, repairs and laundry.

I was baptized a member of the L.D.S. Church 13 December 1946 and was converted to the gospel by the Ward Teacher, Bishop Cramer.

With the divorce in 1947 the home, furniture, and savings account went to the wife and \$60.00 a month child support. I was now working at the Arsenal (in 1940) and painted there for 12 years, then was transferred to Hill Field; after 18 years I retired.

While painting at Mrs. Gray's Beauty Shop I met Elaine Hulse. A year later I had a blind date and was I surprised ... it was Elaine! We were married 27 September 1948, and have been happy ever since.

We bought our home at 856-21st Street. The Home Teacher, Brother Nielsen, persuaded me to attend Priesthood Meeting and the teacher, Jake VanderWerff, through his splendid lessons, caused me to become active. I was ordained a Priest 02 March 1952; later an Elder. We received our Temple Endowments and were sealed as man and wife for time and all eternity on the

13 April 1964.

In 1953 I was Secretary of the Senior Aaronic Priests over 21 years of age. I served as counselor of the Elders with Blaine Dopp and Benjamin V. Hunt and was released 05 July 1964. As a Home Teacher I have served for fifteen years. In the High Priests Quorum I was counselor to Clifford W. Johnson from 15 February 1970 to 09 July 1972, when I was sustained as High Priest Group Leader. Lawrence D. Anderson and Wilford McBride are counselors and Arthur D. Malan, Sr. is the Secretary. We have had harmony, held our weekly meetings for planning and prayer meetings before Priesthood meeting. We have been successful filling all of the Ogden Temple assignments. I take a car full to the temple every week. I also enjoy visiting the sick. The High Priests of the 31st Ward conducted Sacrament Meeting the month of February at the Golden Hour Rest Home. They enjoyed the music, talks, Sacrament and the friendship.

My daughter, Barbara, lived with Elaine and I when she was eighteen for two years. My son, William, stayed with us before he went on his mission to Peru and Chili.

Since our Temple marriage we have been very happy. I am thankful for the freedom and prosperity the United States provides. We have good health, which is received from living the Word of Wisdom. We have done research and Temple work for my family. We gathered names and dates while on our trip to Holland. We are blessed: no debts, health, happiness, and five darling grandchildren.



Autobiography of LAWRENCE DARREL ANDERSON  
(Counselor High Priests 09 July 1972 ---)

On 04 January 1903 at 2327 Eccles Avenue, Ogden, Weber, Utah, I, Lawrence Darrel Anderson, was born to Sarah Farrow and Alma Anderson, who were converted to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

I carried milk house to house for Milton Purdy and picked fruit and vegetables when young. Father had a bad leg and was laid up for one year and I helped support the family. I also worked for Humphrey Mills delivering lumber and doing millwork and at the American Can Co. When I was sixteen I worked for Union Pacific Railroad washing cars and windows, filling tanks with water. At eighteen I went to work for Utah Power and Light Co. from groundman apprentice, lineman, gang-foreman and general foreman. I retired after 45 years.

My education was at the old Madison School, Lorin Farr, Junior High at 25th and Adams, Weber Academy, and I took some classes at night school.

Lawrence (Barney) Hill called, asking me if I would go with him to visit the Adult Aaronic Priesthood members. How clever Bishop Arias Belnap was to suggest this as I was totally inactive. We contacted all Adult Aaronic between 22nd Street and the Ogden River, Monroe Avenue to the mountains, then the 20th Ward boundaries. We succeeded in getting six men to join our class. We had Thomas Clark and Leland Monson speak to the men. Then Alvin Gish, also Adult Aaronic, became our teacher. He was a very good teacher.

I had been baptized at the age of eight years old in the old Fourth Ward on Madison near 22nd Street. I was ordained a Priest when about 28 and one year later I was ordained an Elder. I served as a counselor to Orson Hart in the 20th Ward M.I.A. I was ordained a Seventy on 09 December 1947 by Levi Edger Young and set apart as one of the Seven Presidents of Seventies.



Harold Johnson was called to the High Council; I was asked to serve with him on the Ogden Stake as Assistant High Councilman with the Senior Aaronic Priesthood. On 15 August 1948 I was ordained a High Priest by George F. Richards and set apart for this calling by Ezra Taft Benson. Harold Johnson and I formed a Stake Adult Aaronic Priesthood Chorus and went to many wards to put on the Sacrament meeting program.

I married Mildred Mathias 31 March 1927 in the old Weber County Court House on 24th Street hill (torn down years ago). We were blessed with six children: Gwen, Blaine, Boyd (died at age 3), LaRene, Connie and Richard. We were sealed 25 June 1941 in the Salt Lake Temple.

While alternate High Councilman, the assignment to renovate the old U.T.C. Heating Plant building on 17th Street near Wall Avenue was given to me. This building was part of the old car barns. First there was a large 50 foot smoke stack to be taken down. The Senior Aaronic Priesthood men helped me take it down and clear it away. Then we wired the building. John Applegarth brought several men and re-roofed. They donated their labor. The interior was fixed up.

Ephriam Tillotsen, the owner of a successful broom factory on 24th Street, gave advice and helped me obtain used machinery that was in good condition. He advised me where to get broom straw in Southern Utah and in procedure in making the brooms.

Lloyd Pope and Robert Sneddon and I spent a total of 500 hours helping with wiring, plumbing, and installing machinery. A road and gate were put in on the north side by other Aaronic Priesthood (Senior). I stayed about six months helping the men get started in producing brooms, then turned over the operation to Vernon Beck. Later, Reed Hodgkinson was manager. (01 August 1949 Lawrence D. Anderson of 31st Ward is honorably released as Supervisor of the Broom Factory. Stake records.)

Another interesting assignment while on the High Council was Camp Atoka in the mouth of South Fork Canyon. Several men helped me wire, renovate and re-build the lodge, and we also wired the grounds, trimmed the trees and cleaned the grounds every year. I was released from the High Council 29 October 1967.

I had lost my wife, Mildred, 17 July 1967. I was enjoying the friendship and companionship at the Golden Hour on 25th Street between Jefferson and Madison. There I met Virginia Peterson Tinbrink on the 18 February 1968, and married her 09 December 1968 in the Salt Lake Temple.

As counselor to J. Leland Archibald in the 31st Ward Sunday School, I served from 17 December 1967 until 11 February 1968, when I was sustained as Superintendant. I served until 05 April 1970. Virginia and I were called to serve an Alaskan-Canadian Mission 11 March and released 01 November 1970. We worked in a branch in Seward, Alaska, strengthening the members and assisting the Branch. Upon our return we were Magazine Directors in December 1970. Then 09 July 1972 I was sustained as Counselor to Martin Yssel in the High Priests' Quorum. I am enjoying this new calling.

I belonged to the Ogden Industrial Club for ten years, serving as President 16 October 1957 and served for 1½ years.

Activity and church work in the L.D.S. church has changed my life for the better and has given me a new outlook on life. I know that Joseph Smith was a chosen prophet of God for this dispensation. We get out of the Gospel just what we put into it. The satisfaction of knowing that my wife and children are sealed to me for Eternity is worth any amount of work and service I can give to the Lord. I sustain the leaders of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in all of their endeavors.

(Written 10 March 1974)



Autobiography of WILFORD HENRY MCBRIDE  
(Counselor High Priests 09 July 1972 to July 4, 1976)

In Ogden, Weber County, Utah on 14 October 1906, I, Wilford Henry McBride, was born to Agnes Elizabeth Marston and George Owen McBride. A mid-wife attending at my birth. We lived at 3131 Adams Avenue. There were eight children: four boys and four girls. When I was three we moved to 364-23rd Street, near father's business. Then to 2256 Ogden Avenue where I lived until I married.

I attended Grant, Dee, Madison, Central Junior High, North Junior High, and Ogden High schools in Ogden. I graduated from High School. I have never had very robust health, but have had a reasonably satisfactory and happy life. Mother died when I was twelve years old. I delivered papers for the Deseret News to earn spending money.

When eighteen I went to work for Southern Pacific Railroad as a carman apprentice, starting 28 May 1925. I served for four years apprenticeship. After serving as a carman several months I was cut off because they reduced forces. I signed on as a student Brake-man. After a month I was O.K'd for the job. My seniority started August 1929 and I held the position of brakeman and conductor until my retirement 17 May 1972. I have worked 46 years for the S.P. Railroad.

I have been a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints for all of my life, and was baptized 07 February 1915. I received my endowments 14 November 1930 when Beatrice Shaw and I were sealed for time and all eternity in the Salt Lake Temple. We had been married 24 January 1929. We have been blessed with five wonderful children (four living): Donal Wilford, Doris May, JoAnne, Lynette Jean, and Dorothy Rae.

I have held various church positions: Secretary of the M.I.A. for one year, Genealogy and Temple work, research, two stake missions, one year in the Adult Aaronic Priesthood program, and 48 years as Home Teacher.

While working up my seniority on the S.P. Railroad we lived in Indio, California and San Francisco, California. Then we moved into the 6th Ward until 1933, when we moved to the 4th Ward; then 01 December 1969 we moved to the 31st Ward.

I have always been church oriented, loving to go to Sunday School and listen to the teachers' lessons. Because of my work I may have drifted sometimes, but something has always drawn me back. The railroad made it impossible to attend church. At work I was strongly tested on the truth of the Gospel and often stood up and told to outsiders the proof that Joseph Smith was a true prophet of God. I have been greatly blessed, the Lord has provided me with a wonderful wife and children.

(Written 22 April 1974)

Autobiography of ARTHUR DAVID MALAN, SR.  
(High Priest Secretary 09 July 1972 ---)

On 19 May 1895 in Piedmond, Italy, I, Arthur Malan, was born to Katherine Bonnett and David John Malan. This was a mountainous country on the border-line of Italy and France.

When I was four years old, we came to America, arriving in Provo, Utah about November 1899, where we lived until 1912. Then I lived in Salt Lake for three years and Kemmerer, Wyoming for 1½ years. Printing was my life's work.

I worked delivering papers and as an apprentice printer in Provo, Utah at the Provo Herald. My parents were not L.D.S., mother went to the Congregational Church and father attended the Salvation Army when he attended.

We moved to Ogden and here I met my wife, Myrtle Mae Oram, and we were married 07 June 1922 in Salt Lake City, Utah. On our 26th Wedding Anniversary we were sealed for time and all eternity in the Salt Lake Temple.

We were living at 21st and Quincy. I have been converted to the Gospel by Stake Missionaries: Elder Beckstead and Elder LeRoy Rodgerson, and was baptized 09 November 1938 by Elder Rodgerson and confirmed by Bishop Arias G. Belnap.

I went to work for the Ogden Examiner 05 July 1917, later the name was changed to the Ogden Standard-Examiner. After working there for 53 years I retired 31 December 1969. I was working nights and Sundays and could not attend church for a time. I was ordained a Priest 04 January 1948 by Harold R. Johnson. Bishop Volney B. Belnap ordained me an Elder 25 April 1948. I enjoyed the Elders' Quorum. Kenneth C. Porter was the Elders President. I was sustained his Secretary 22 January 1950 and served until 19 May 1952. Then I served as Era Director for one year on the Ogden Stake; then Ogden Stake Secretary for the M.I.A. for fourteen years. At the same time I also served as 31st Ward M.I.A. Secretary from 07 December 1958 to 22 May 1960. I had been ordained a High Priest 18 October 1953 by Edward T. Saunders and was serving as 31st Ward High Priests Secretary from 15 November 1959 to 29 December 1963. I was holding three Secretary positions at the same time. Later on 09 July 1972 I was again High Priest Secretary, which I am now serving as.

I have served as counselor in the Elders Quorum Presidency under President Lynn White in 1953 and counselor to Elders President Melvin Hines 05 January 1959 to September 1959.

Even in civic life I was secretary and served 17 years for the Typographical Union.

I have spent most of my church years as Secretary and writing minutes has kept me alert mentally and out of mischief. My blessings have been many. I am thankful for the Gospel and for the blessing of good health. I appreciate our family.



#### Autobiography of WALTER F. MUDROW

(High Priest Secretary February 1963 to 09 July 1972)

Like Nehpi, I can say "I, Walter F. Mudrow, having been born of goodly parents ..." I was born on 03 October 1911 in Dratzig (Posen) Germany, the third child of Emilie Henriette Jordan and Demetrius Jacob Mudryk. I was christened in the Lutheran Church. I have five brothers and four sisters. We lived at that time in Dratzig, part Abbau, in an apartment house of the farmer Bennert.

On May 16, 1913 my father legally changed his name from Demetrius Mudryk to Gustav Mudrow. In 1916 we moved into a farm house owned by farmer Otto Kaatz, which was in the same part of the city. All of the children helped with home chores.

After the foolish 1st World War, and the Establishment of the Republic Poland, parts of the province of Posen and of West Prussia were given to Poland. The parts left over became Province Grenzmark Posen-Westprussia. The town Dratzig also given to Poland. The part of Dratzig Abbau was left to Germany and

was given to the city Kreuz.

From April 1918 to March 1922 I went to the Elementary School in Kreuz, Posen, and from April 1922 to August 1926 to the Real School (Jr. College) in Kreuz.

I remember the Depression when the German Mark lost its value. My father came home with an armful of paper money and it would only buy a small package of food.

From August 1926 to 1931 I worked as a bookkeeper and accountant with the architect and general building contractor Oswald Jager. In 1931 I received from the chamber of Trades and Industry my diploma as Bookkeeper and Accountant.

I was interested in sports, especially soccer and handball. I played soccer for almost 20 years for different teams, and played handball for an Army team which was the champion in that league. I was also a member of the Track team. I ran 660m (660 yards) in one minute thirty seconds, and 800m (880 yards) in one minute fifty-six seconds. I was champion in these distances in my home town.

After my confirmation in the Lutheran Church, I investigated the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. The missionaries invited us (my parents, brothers and sisters) to read The Book of Mormon and to study the Bible and compare the books. On July 31, 1927 I was baptized in a lake in the forest by Elder Morton M. Goodmann; also my mother and a younger brother. Father joined in 1945. I was confirmed by Elder Goodmann who was ordained by Elder David O. McKay, who was ordained by Brigham Young, who was ordained under the hands of the Three Witnesses. I was ordained a Deacon in the Aaronic Priesthood 14 May 1929. I was active in the church as Secretary of M.I.A., counselor in M.I.A., assistant Scoutmaster, and Scoutmaster.

From 1932 to 1945 I was in the German Army. Last rank: Liertenant. Most of the time I was in charge as officer in a training camp.

On 25 September 1937 I married Ida Elisabeth Zapick in Kreuz. On 25 June 1938 Juergen Gustav Otto was born; 08 August 1941 Monika Irmgard was born. I was discharged from the German Army 29 June 1945 and moved to Luebeck, Schles Holstein, not knowing where my family, my parents or brothers and sisters were. Later, I found my wife and children were still in Eastzone, what is now Poland, which at the time was under the Russian Military Government. With this also went my home, my birthplace, Dratzig, my hometown, Kreuz, as well as my last home, Stolp. All these areas now in Poland.

There was no church during the 2nd World War. After my discharge from the army I was again active in the church and I was assigned to help distribute food which came from the United States to the mission. I was secretary, later Superintendent of the M.I.A. in the Luebeck Branch (about 200 members). Still a Deacon, I was set apart as First counselor in the Luebeck Branch of the Hamburg District. On 18 August 1946 I was ordained a Priest, and on 11 May 1947 I was ordained an Elder in the Melchizedek Priesthood. Other callings in the church at this time were teacher in Sunday School and M.I.A.

On 01 February 1951 we moved to Offenbach, Frankfurt District and I was set apart on the 4th as Branch President of the Offenbach Branch, Frankfurt District, and was released 26 September 1954, as we were making preparations to emigrate to the U.S.A. We stayed a few days in Langen/Hessen with my parents and departed from Muenchen Airport 06 October 1954. We journeyed from New York to Ogden by bus, arriving in Ogden, Utah five days later.

From October 1954 to April 30, 1956 we lived at 275-33rd Street in the Ogden 1st Ward, Weber Stake. In February 1955 I received my Patriarchal Blessing from William Z. Terry. On March 25, 1955 we received our endowments and were sealed as husband and wife, by A. Geroge Raymond, for time and all eternity.



In December 1956 we moved to 973 Rushton, then in 1959 we moved to 921-20th Street., in Ogden. At first we found the 31st Ward unfriendly; we only knew Brother Everett Browning, the Finance Clerk, who we paid our obligations to. I was ordained a High Priest 12 February 1961.

Our son, Jeurgan, served a mission in the West-German and South-German Missions. My wife and I served as Ogden Stake Missionaries. I have baptized 17 persons, confirmed 10 persons, ordained 5 persons, and blessed 4 children. Church activities in Ogden: 2nd Quorum of Elders' Secretary in Weber Stake, Ward Clerk and Secretary in High Priest Group in 31st Ward.



### Autobiography of ALFRED GARETH CRABTREE

(High Priest Counselor 07 July 1968 to 09 July 1972)

In Providence, Utah on 17 November 1909, I, Alfred Gareth Crabtree, was born to Enid Lynette Mathews and Alfred Brigham Crabtree Jr. I was the oldest of six children. We lived on a farm in Providence and I attended school there until I was eight when we moved to Ogden, Utah. I was born with a crippled leg and at age twelve it was necessary to have the leg removed. For two years I had to use crutches and feeling inferior kept me from attending church and being advanced in the priesthood. Then the boys were younger than me so I did not go. I had been baptized the 11 July 1919.

After the eighth grade I quit school and worked at the monument shop owned by Mr. Hansen on 20th and Jefferson Avenue. The Depression came and Mr. Hansen sold his shop. Then there was not year-around work. We managed a motel for a year. In January 1941 I began to work for Williamsen Inc. and have worked there ever since.

I had met a wonderful girl, Olive Ann Ossmen, and after dating for eight months we were married at father's parents' home in Providence, Utah 03 August 1933. We were blessed with three wonderful children: Sylvia Sharron, Annette, and David Gareth.

I had attended church with Olive and the girls, but when David was born in 1946 I decided that my son would not be sent to Priesthood meeting, but would go with me. I began attending Priesthood meeting in the Adult Aaronic class and enjoyed and learned. We had fun parties and I worked with the other members of the class as I could understand their problems. I was encouraged by Bishop Volney B. Belnap, Laurence Anderson and Lawrence Hill. I was ordained a Priest 30 June 1946 by Russel Pulsipher; an Elder 25 April 1948 by Harold R. Johnson; a Seventy on 30 January 1951 by Levi Edgar Young. I was set apart as one of the Seven Presidents of Seventies 08 February 1959 and served there until 28 April 1963, when I was ordained a High Priest. How enjoyable was the association with the men in the Priesthood. When Olive and the girls and I went to the Temple for our endowments and sealing of the children, Harold R. Johnson and Bishop Volney B. Belnap went with us, 28 May 1948. When David was over the mumps we took him to the Temple to be sealed to us in June of 1948.

My Ogden Stake mission call came 07 May 1958 until 17 April 1960. This was a new experience which I enjoyed very much. I was sustained as 31st Ward Clerk 30 December 1956, serving with Bishop Wilford D. Harris until 04 May 1958. Then I was called as Finance Clerk by Bishop Hal G. Ferguson from 03 November 1963 to 02 February 1964. I was introduced into Sunday School service as counselor to Lloyd A. Pope 14 December 1952 to 16 September 1953; then as counselor to Sterling H. Campbell until 28 July 1954; and again 26 July 1964 to 22 May 1966 as counselor in the Sunday School to John Snow. Serving in the High Priests' Group I was counselor from 07 July 1968 to 15 February 1970 to Douglas S. Price; then as counselor to Clifford W. Johnson until 09 July 1972.

I have gained from the experience of singing with the S.P. Men of Song Chorus. I have been singing with them for over 25 years and have enjoyed the wonderful Sacrament meetings that we have participated in throughout the State.

I have received encouragement and confidence from Olive and my mother which helped me advance in the Priesthood. I am thankful to all those who built my confidence and helped me to accept responsible positions. I have enjoyed the closeness and friendships of the brethren.

Our children and grandchildren have been our greatest blessings and I have enjoyed our fishing trips. David and I enjoy hunting trips. I am grateful for my good wife. I know that the Gospel is true and that Joseph Smith was a true prophet. There is a prophet of God on earth today to guide us. I love the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the privilege to serve Him has been a blessing. My desire is that our family may live worthy to return to our Heavenly Father's presence.

#### Autobiography of LUMAN PETER GREEN

(High Priest Counselor and Teacher)

I, Luman Peter Green, was born in Plain City, Utah 25 November 1887 to Dinah Maw and Peter Bertelsen Green. There were seven children: five boys and two girls. School in Plain City was held in a one-room gray adobe building - all grades with one teacher.

I knew the many chores of a farm from planting, watering, weeding, topping beets, and harvesting crops, as well as milking cows and feeding farm animals. My grandfather was a truck gardner and I helped clean, tie, and prepare the vegetables for markets in Ogden and Salt Lake City. How well I learned the hard work at the canning factory in Plain City, where apples, peaches, green gage plums, and tomatoes were canned each year.

At fifteen I drove the team and wagon and collected the large milk cans. Then I delivered the load to the creamery about two miles south of Farr West Church. Burt Taylor, the owner, made cheese from the milk and cream. One day the team was frightened by the first auto owned in the county. I managed to drive the team against a sturdy fence. The car owner called "Is it safe to pass the team of horses now?" I told him that I had the team under control. That team always shied away from that corner and seemed to remember and be looking for that auto every time we passed that spot after that.

Father bought a farm in Lewisville, Idaho and moved there. But Mother and I stayed in Plain City until I had harvested the beet crop, before we moved in November of 1906. We had 120 acres and years of hard work. The 8th and 9th grades of education were received in the new rock school in Lewisville, Idaho.

My mission call to the Southern States was under Mission President Benny Rich. I was sent to the Mississippi Conference where I became Conference President in March 1910. I enjoyed my mission and was released 16 December 1910.

One month later, 18 January 1911, Veda Jane Walker became my bride in the Salt Lake Temple. After a wedding dinner at relatives in Plain City, we left by train for home. The snow had been two feet high but a thaw came and washed out the train tracks. We were stuck for 36 hours in McCammon, Idaho. In a large warehouse in big boilers, potatoes in the jackets and heads of cabbage were boiled for us to eat, the only food provided for us to eat in the 36 hours. This did not appeal to Veda so she lived on a 5¢ box of vanilla crackers. We sat in the trail and tried to sleep. On the train the porter had sold me a



book titled "The First Mortgage" which I gave to my bride as a wedding present. The train finally reached Fort Hall and we were fed at our Aunt's home before going on to Lewisville. In Lewisville I was Superintendant of the Sunday School and on the Rigby Stake M.I.A.

We bought a farm in Roberts, Idaho. There, as a counselor to Bishop Horace Grow, I held many other positions in the newly organized ward. Veda and I went from home to home gathering the information and making the membership record of every member in the ward. Later, a Ward Clerk was sustained to carry on the work.

While in Idaho Falls a friend advised me to sell insurance. As a small salary was paid while one learned, I applied and received the commission to sell for Metropolitan Life Insurance. I was to open a new agency in Burley, Idaho on 31 March 1925. I retired 30 years later. We sold the farm, moved to Burley and then in June of 1927 we moved to Boise, where I became the assistant manager there. In 1935 we moved to Ogden because I was transferred to the Ogden District.

I was once again Sunday School teacher to the Adult Class in the 20th Ward in Ogden. Also, the High Priest Group teacher. I have been a Ward teacher since 1919, 55 years. I was counselor to Volney B. Belnap in the 20th Ward Sunday School. Don Felt was the 2nd counselor.

When Vernon H. Probst was sustained as Group Leader of the High Priests, 17 February 1963, I was 1st counselor and Lawrence B. Hill was 2nd counselor.

My hobbies have been fishing and pheasant hunting with my two fine hunting dogs. In November 1971, while in Las Vegas, Nevada visiting our daughter, Maude, I was intrigued with a rock tumbler in a window. As a surprise, Veda bought the tumbler for my birthday. I have enjoyed making jewelry, book ends, and desk-pen sets.

We have enjoyed traveling. In May of 1952 we went to Atlanta, Georgia to visit our daughter, Mary. After my retirement in 1954 we traveled to Georgia, Florida, Mesa, Arizona and lived for six months in Riverside, California. For our 50th Wedding Anniversary our children gave us a trip to Hawaii. We have traveled to the many temples to do endowments and sealings: Logan, St. George, Mesa, Manti, Los Angeles, and Idaho Falls.

We enjoyed a Stake Mission from December of 1954 to June of 1955, when Veda became ill and we were released.

Our 60th Wedding Anniversary we celebrated at David and Leola Merrill's home in Farmington. Our 63rd Anniversary was celebrated at a family dinner in Bountiful at Phillip and Jeaneen Merrill Anderson's (granddaughter).

I have been blessed with a testimony to the truthfulness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the good health to enjoy living and teaching the Gospel.

(Written 27 February 1974)

## Autobiography of JOSEPH ROLAND STAGG

(High Priest Instructor)

In Richmond, Cache County, Utah on 09 February 1904, I, Joseph Roland Stagg, was born to Stella Andrews and Joseph William Stagg on a small farm. When I was three years old Dad obtained work on the Railroad so we moved to Ogden, Utah. Educated in the Ogden schools, I graduated from Ogden High where I did post graduate work in banking and accounting.

I had worked at Tillotsen Grocery, Utah-Idaho Central Railroad as the maintainance welding foreman, Williamson Auto Body as welder, Weber County Schools



as welder from which I retired in 1969.

I was baptized in the Ogden River just below the Grant Avenue bridge while living in the 3rd Ward in 1912. Traveling on the railroad kept me from church attendance and activity, but I was ordained a Priest 20 March 1949 by Volney B. Belnap. I had been made a Home Teacher in 1947 and became active in the Adult Aaronic Priesthood work. I was called as Secretary to the Ogden Stake Adult Aaronic Priesthood Committee on 19 September 1949. I was sustained as counselor to Bishop Wilford D. Harris on 29 April 1956, serving until 04 May 1958. Again with the Adult Aaronic Priesthood as vice-chairman. In 1960 a new experience as Assistant Clerk for the Stake with the assignment of responsibility of slides of pictures and song slides and sound on the Stake. Then as Alternate High Councilman I was assigned the Elders of the Stake, Stake Welfare, Relief Society Organization of the Stake and sound control at Stake Conference, and carried on with the same when appointed on the High Council 16 April 1967, until when released 29 October 1967. I enjoyed the next four years as Senior Aaronic Priesthood instructor. The call as Assistant Ward Clerk was from 26 November 1967 to 30 August 1970...the High Priest Instructor was my next assignment from which I have recently been released. I was ordained a High Priest on 10 June 1956 by Arias G. Belnap.

I had married Verna Farley in 1925, May 27th, and we received our endowments and were sealed in the temple 03 March 1954.

Any work with Senior Aaronic or High Priests is a pleasant work. I enjoyed teaching and the association with them. I know the Gospel is true and I enjoy living the Gospel and teaching these truths.

#### Autobiography of LESLIE D. BLACK

On a farm in Deseret on 07 June 1902, I, Leslie D. Black, was born to Adah Western and Joseph Smith Black. My grandfather was one of the first settlers and was the first Bishop serving for 25 years. I knew hard farm work. My family, being very religious, kept me in tow. I was baptized 12 August 1911. I was in the Deacon and Teacher Presidencies.

My early schooling was in Deseret, then to Millard Academy in Hinckley, three miles away. We road by buggy or horseback, except in winter when the snow was deep, then we rented a room and "bached it".

For four years I was a mail-carrier in Millard County, then we moved from Deseret in 1937 to Eureka, Utah. Here I mined silver and lead for Tintic Standard Mines. In Ogden in 1941 of December we lived in the 6th Ward. I was working at the Arsenal and in March they sent me to Rock Island, Illinois to learn warehousing. I was gone for two months. I worked at the Arsenal until the war was over, then I was transferred to U.S. Navy Supply Depot. I went to the Ogden Business College and studied accounting. I worked as a supervisor until it closed down. Then I worked in Hydrographics, drawing maps and charts. I retired from this work in February of 1970.

Arvilla Teeple and I were married 03 March 1924 in Fillmore, Utah. We have been blessed with three children. We received our endowments and were sealed 06 July 1960 in the Logan Temple.

We had bought our home in the 31st Ward in 1945. The Adult Aaronic Priesthood men, Alfred G. Crabtree, J. Roland Stagg, with Jake VanderWerff and Lawrence (Barney) Hill, encouraged me to become active. I was called as Secretary in the Elders Quorum when O. Blain Dopp was President in 1960. I taught a Sunday School class of 17-year olds and have been a Home Teacher for 20 years.

I have always been a church member, not too bad and not too good. I have always known and attended church. Mother was a convert and very faithful. My people were very good, religious people and set the right example.

(Written 24 April 1974)

### Life History of JOSEPH EDWARD ROBBINS

I, Joseph Edward Robbins, was born 22 September 1887 to Martha Rebecca Arbon and Cyrus Robbins. We lived on a fruit farm (apple) in Snowville, Utah and raised our own food and had cows, horses and other farm animals. I received my schooling there.

In Brigham City, Utah on the 02 December 1912 I married Rosetta Neilsen. We had two children. A girl lived but my wife died in July of 1915 and the son lived only long enough to be blessed and named.

In 1918 I left Snowville and went to Cosmo, Utah to work in the pot-ash ponds for Presiding Bishop of the Church, Charles W. Nibley. We pumped the pot-ash into evaporating ponds for the sun to evaporate the water, after running it through several ponds the pot-ash was all that remained.

When the pot-ash was shut down in 1920 I came to Ogden and lived with Dad, a brother and two sisters. It was here I met Kate Helen Johnson, who I married 29 November 1925 in Reno, Nevada. We have five living children (one died).

I had been through hard times during the Depression with no work for two years. In April of 1922 I went to work for the Southern Pacific Railroad, going out on work trains. I retired 35 years later in 1957. We went out in outfit cars and did carpentering, painting, plumbing, built section houses, and tore down houses, built and repaired railroad bridges. For 17 years I was just in on the weekend. In 1941 I came into Ogden and worked for the Bridge and Building again.

My work had kept me from church activity, but for two years as the 31st Ward custodian I spent much of my time in the church building. The Lord has blessed me with good health and I have enjoyed gardening and can keep house and do a bit every day.

(Written 31 March 1974; Died 16 October 1974)

### Life Story of CHARLES ELMER SMITH

I, Charles Elmer Smith, was born 02 April 1905 in Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee, the son of John William and Margaret Elizabeth Waldran Smith. I was the youngest of eleven children, and lived most of my young life in Tipton County, Tennessee. I lived a short time in Mississippi County, Arkansas. My father was a farmer and a blacksmith. He died when I was six years old. I was baptized and confirmed 14 July 1913 by Elder George W. Beard near Popular Grove, Tipton County, Tennessee.

At the age of 16 I moved with my mother to Baker, Oregon, where my mother's two sisters lived and there I lived about five years. I was ordained a Deacon 20 August 1922 by J.R. Smurthwaite in the Baker Ward, Union Stake. James W. Bardley was Bishop a number of years. I was given my Patriarchal Blessing 31 December 1922 by Joel Hills Orton. I was ordained a Teacher 21 October 1923 by John W. Wild in Baker Ward.

About 1926 I went back to Memphis, Tennessee. I went to Barber College in the spring of 1928, when I set up my Barber Shop in Bassett, Arkansas. Here two sons were born: Charles Thomas 29 April 1931 and William Elmer 05 May 1934. Charles Thomas Died in September of 1934. We moved back to Baker, Oregon. I met and married Pairlee Tackett in Bassett, Arkansas 26 April 1929 at Osceola, Mississippi County, Arkansas.

I was ordained an Elder the 27 January 1935 by Carl George Johanson in Baker Ward where James W. Earley was still Bishop. We came to Conference in April of 1935 and went through the Salt Lake Temple and were sealed 11 April 1935. Our first daughter, Ruth Lorene, was born 28 October 1935. After Christmas in 1935 we came to Ogden, Utah to live. Here four more daughters were born: Lottie Bell 23 September 1937, Sandra Lee 12 May 1939, Carolyn Marie 13 July 1942, Joyce Ellenora 06 July 1944 and 15 July 1947 a stillborn son was born.

On 03 November 1968 I was ordained a High Priest by James H. Bischoff in the Ogden Stake. We have lived in the 31st Ward about 10 years. I have served as a Ward Teacher in the 31st Ward and in the Baker Ward. I have farmed in Arkansas, and have been a printer in Oregon and Utah.

It is told in the family that my mother's youngest sister, Julia Smith, lay on a quilt on the floor on a hot summer day to rest. She saw a book come down, but not close enough to read. About a month later the first Mormon elders came in the neighborhood and held their first meetings in her, Aunt Mahala Corbitt, aunt's home in Tipton County, Tennessee in the mid 1890's. After the meetings Aunt Julia said, "That is the book I saw. It was the Gospel on its way." It is said that mother's oldest sister, Aunt Fannie Smith, and sister-in-law, Aunt Alma Waldran, were the first converts to be baptized in Tipton County, Tennessee.

I believe that this is the true gospel and I am happy to be a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. I am glad that my family are all members.

(Written 06 May 1974)



#### Autobiography of EDWIN WILLIAM WRIGHT

In Kalamazoo, Michigan on 22 March 1906 I, Edwin William Wright, was born to George F. and Maud Haliday Wright. One year later we moved to 875-21st Street in Ogden, Utah. My parents were Baptists, but as I grew up I attended church with the neighborhood boys in the 13th Ward. At 17 years of age I decided to be baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

I worked to put myself through school, but quit the last year in High School. I worked at Anderson Lumber, Ogden Coal & Clay for Tulen White, and Sears. These are the only places that I was employed. I retired from Sears in 1967.

I met Ruth Anderson at a canning factory. We were married at Bishop Edward T. Saunders' home 06 February 1935. We received our endowments and were sealed as husband and wife for all eternity on 07 January 1946. We were blessed with three children.

We lived in a cabin in Huntsville's Winter Grove. I thumbed a ride to Ogden to work until I bought an old Ford. It did not have enough power to climb a hill in the canyon. My friend, a State Highway Patrolman, pulled me over the hill in the morning and again at night. He patrolled the canyon and was always there to help.

I have kept myself busy as Scout master and Cub master and on the building committee for the new church. I was always available as "Santa Claus" for every ward in Ogden, civic clubs, Weber College. I auditioned for the Father Flanagan Christmas Party in Salt Lake City. A band of the boys had come from Nebraska to advertize for donations and the party was to be for them. I was chosen and a Taxi from Salt Lake City called for Ruth and I and brought us back home. I was the first Santa to come to Ogden in a helicopter and to turn on the Christmas lights in Ogden. I was picked up at the old Ogden Airport and the Helicopter landed on the Tabernacle grounds. I have been Santa for over 20 years.



For over 20 years I have affiliated with the 24th of July Parade and 40 years with the Rodeo. This year I am honored to be chosen Grand Marshall of the parade. The 31st Ward scouts have assisted me as ushers at the rodeo. When I had the accident and broke my pelvis, leg and hipbone the Doctor said it would be doubtful if I would walk again. The blessing given me by the Priesthood was that I would walk again and it would not be too long. As rodeo time approached I lined up the helpers and was ready. When I asked the doctor if it would be alright to go to the rodeo I'm sure he did not know that I would be in charge of some of the functions. The Police called, lifted me into the car and upon arriving, lifted me into my wheelchair. The wonderful scouts, Terry Wiggill and Vodene Miller, pushed me around to do my job. I surely was blessed, although there is some pain. I can get around and care for myself. The Scout troop in the 31st Ward have helped with the ushering and passing out programs for years and I have been proud of their work.

I have held every office in the Weber County Wild Life and am now serving as President. For two years I have been elected to the Board of Directors for the Blind. For one year I have served on the Board of the Humane Society.

It took me a long time to realize the importance of the church in my life and I appreciate Lawrence D. Anderson's encouragement to full activity. Now we do not miss a Sunday School or Sacrament Meeting and enjoy hearing the Gospel. For the many blessings from the Lord we are thankful.

(Written 12 May 1974)

### Autobiography of ORSON HART

I, Orson Hart, was born the 06 August 1900 in West Weber, Utah to Isaac and Inez Wright Hart. There were nine boys and one girl and I was the third child born. I had plenty of relatives, as my grandfather, the first Bishop in West Weber, had seven wives. When I was five, father rented a farm in Starr Valley, Idaho. I started school at Muddy Stream School (named correctly as the roads were chuck holes and muddy) with eight grades and one teacher in one room. We lived there two years. I was baptized the 06 September 1908 in West Weber.

Mother was ill so we returned to be near a doctor. We lived on a farm in West Weber until 1910, when Dad sold the farm and took up a homestead of eighty acres in Starr Valley. We grubbed sage brush, quaking asp trees, sarvas berries to get enough land to plant grain. Four years later we sold and moved back to Ogden. It is 180 miles to Ogden from Starr Valley. I rode my bicycle while the others came by wagon. It took eight days to make the trip. We lived on West Patterson. I attended school three weeks and was kicked out for being a smart-aleck. I went to work for Uncle Wilford Hart in his flour mill. Again we moved to Starr Valley; this time we shipped the furniture and horses in a boxcar. We rode in the boxcar, my brother and I to Montpelier, Idaho, then by sled. Starr Valley cheese is famous. We had built in Thayne. I hauled freight, including cheese, to Montpelier. I also worked on farms and milked cows and made cheese for Mutual Creamery.

At a church dance I met Reba Eddins and began dating her. We were married in 1919 in Thayne. I worked at the Mutual Creamery until 1921, when we moved to Georgetown, Idaho with our son, Bert, born in April of 1920. There we ran a creamery for Mutual Creamery. In 1922 we moved to Ogden where I worked the fall of 1922 at Pierce Canning Co. In November 1922 I began working for O.U.R. & D, retiring the 29 May 1966, or 44 years later. Our daughters were born in Ogden: Larue the 25 November 1925, and Noring, the 04 December 1927. We received our endowments the 01 April 1937 and were married in the Temple for time and all eternity. For four winters I operated the ski lift at Snow Basin.

Our home was in the Ogden 20th Ward where I served as Explorer Leader for two years, counselor in the M.I.A. for one year, and then President of the M.I.A. for seven years. I have been a Ward Teacher off and on all my adult life. I was released from M.I.A. to serve an Ogden Stake Mission for two years.

I had played on the M.I.A. basketball team in Georgetown, Idaho. I played guard and we won every game we played. After a game the town's people where we played had a banquet in their homes for the players. While President in the 20th Ward M.I.A. we had another winning basketball team. They won every game. Charles Foley was the coach.

We built our own cabin in two years at West Yellowstone. We added to the cabin after each payday, paying as we built. We did buy our logs from the saw-mill there. We used 30 penny nails, so long that they went through the logs with the help of a strong arm and a sledge hammer. Just as when I freighted "not on a Sunday". This became our motto. Fish? Yes, but not on a Sunday! Sunday was the day to ride to the L.D.S. meetings on Island Park. After the Priesthood meeting I drove home to bring all of the family to Sunday School and to Sacrament meeting.

I have enjoyed every day of my life. Living the Gospel is the main thing that has kept me healthy. The reward for good, clean living is health, good health. And faith in our Heavenly Father is a vital part of my life. We are enjoying our course in Genealogy research from Sister Rosella Sellers.

(Written 15 May 1974)

#### Life Sketch of VERNIE H. RACKHAM

I, Vernie H. Rackham, was born the 18 May 1900 in Harrisville, Ogden, Utah, the oldest of nine children of Henry (Harry) Rackham and Martha Mayberry Rackham. We lived in an adobe brick home and I remember screaming for help as I clung to the sides of the well. I was rescued before I fell down the well. Dad built this house at 924 Rushton. I was small, but did hand nails and boards to Dad as he built.

As I grew up I thinned beets, picked peaches, pears and apples in the orchards. I drove the horses as the old sprinkling wagon dampened down the dust and washed the paved streets. When the street-cars were electric I was a street-car conductor on the 22nd Street and Ogden Canyon runs. On the Ogden Canyon run in the winter we always carried a pick and shovel and used them to keep the tracks clean as we went up the canyon. I also worked for the Ogden City Streets Department. Orson Taylor and I owned and ran a restaurant on 25th Street where the government building now stands. I worked as caretaker for the First Security Bank. The last 20 years I worked for the Ogden Defense Depot on 2nd Street, retiring in 1960. While there I had a leg and foot smashed when a pile of boxes fell while the operator of a lift was trying to pick them up. I still have trouble with that leg, but walk to keep it limbered up.

I remember being baptized in the cold water in the Second Ward. We also lived in the Third Ward when we lived on West Oak for 12 years. We always went to church, Dad was very strict about that. I was a Ward Teacher in the 3rd Ward as soon as I was ordained a Teacher and am still serving in that position.

Gracy Cherry and I were married in the Ogden Court House in 1924 and went to the Temple in 1925 for our endowments and to be sealed for all eternity. We lived in Shelly, Idaho for a few years doing farming, then to Sugar City and then back to Ogden, where we lived in a Wheelright house back of where the lumber yard now is on Quincy Avenue. Then we bought the home at 924 Rushton from the folks and built a small house for them on the lot. We had seven children and adopted two boys, so we had two girls and seven boys. One child drowned in Pine



View Dam, but the others live in Ogden. My wife, after these many happy years, died 16 February 1973. How I miss her. I keep busy raising rabbits and growing a garden and keeping house for myself. My daughter is so good to me. She comes every day and after Priesthood meeting on Sunday I spend the Sabbath and mealtime with them. Then I attend Sacrament meeting with them, too.

We were so thrilled to go with our daughter and family to the Temple for their endowments and sealings. I know the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints is the only true church. My wife and I went to the Temple together but I am not able to attend now.

(Written 17 May 1974)

#### Autobiography of THOMAS DAVID RHODES

Thomas David Rhodes was born 23 April 1887 in Willow Glen, Deer Lodge County, Montana to Joseph Rhodes and Mary Ann Jones Rhodes. He was baptized the 19 October 1897. His parents were farmers living in Montana, then in Liberty, Utah and then back to Montana, then to Utah again. He received a Patriarchal Blessing from Hyrum G. Smith the 15 December 1917. In Montana his mother helped get a Sunday School started and taught the children.

He entered the Navy the 14 December 1917, serving in World War I. He was on the convoy that took President Woodrow Wilson to France. He was on the Battleship Pennsylvania that led the convoy, then the ship the President followed with destroyers on both sides and following. That made up the protecting escort. He also went to Cuba, South America, San Salvador and the Island of Trinidad. The ship stopped to refuel at the Azore Islands but they were not allowed to go ashore until they arrived in Brest, France. It took five days to cross the ocean going over. It took seven days to cross the ocean coming back to the U.S. because the ocean was so rough that they were locked below deck some of the time. They spent one winter (three months) on the Pennsylvania, anchored in Guantanamo Bay, off the coast of Cuba. On the Island of Trinidad they saw the Leper Colony fenced in but they begged the sailors for money. He was in many states of the United States while in the Navy. Released the 30 May 1919 and returned to Liberty, Utah.

On the 03 December 1919 he and Isabel Montgomery were married in the Salt Lake Temple. Four children were born to them: Gale Dee, Maurice J., LaMont M., and Norma. He farmed until 1940, when he went to work at the Defense Depot in Ogden, Utah. He was allowed to work in the Engineer's Department until he was 72 years old. He was released after meeting with an accident. Some heavy equipment he was carrying was let down on his fingers and smashed two of them. He was never very well after he retired.

He had a great sense of humor - always telling jokes on himself. He was a reader of the scriptures and church books.

He had always been attentive to his church duties. He was ordained an Elder the 02 November 1919, a Seventy 12 March 1922, and a High Priest the 22 September 1940. In the 31st Ward he served as counselor in the Genealogical Committee from 1948 to 1953. He did over 200 endowments and many sealings in the different temples: Logan, Salt Lake, St. George, and Manti. He was the Secretary of the High Priest Quorum. He was a Home Teacher many years.

(Written 15 May 1974; Brother Rhodes died 12 January 1965)



## A SHORT LIFE SKETCH OF DENNIS "C" DAVIS (by Louise V. Davis)

Dennis was born August 5, 1936 in Brigham City, Utah to Dan Perry Davis and Ida Marie Christensen. When he was about 10 years old a move was made to Burley, Idaho, where he remained for a short time, and then in 1948 moved to Ogden, Utah.

His family are all inactive Church members. When he was 18 years old, he joined the U.S. Navy for four years. It was while in the Navy that he became an active church member and really learned about the truthfulness of the Gospel. He advanced in the Priesthood to Elder while still in the service and did a lot of missionary work, assisting the President of the Northern California Mission. He also received his Patriarchal Blessing during this time. This was a great source of strength to him. He has seen his blessing unfold and fulfilled in many ways.

His former teachings at home actually discouraged him from going on a mission and marrying in the temple. But the Lord had other plans for him. He met Louise VanBeuge while in San Francisco, California. She was a convert from Holland. They were married in the Salt Lake Temple on February 11, 1959. Before Dennis left California the Mission President at that time interviewed both of us and told me that I could not have Dennis until he released him from his mission. He also served Ogden Stake Mission from 1964 to 1966.

Since his release from the service, he has lived in Ogden and has served in several different positions in the Church. At present he is the Gospel Doctrine Instructor in the Sunday School.

The Lord has blessed us abundantly. We have nine children -- 5 boys and four girls.

Kathleen Tuley was our first little Indian girl from Shiprock, New Mexico. She stayed with us while she went to school here. She came in August of 1972 and left May 1973 to stay with her parents for the summer. We had her for a year.

Joey Lee came to us in August of 1974. He went to school here and during the summer vacation, he stayed with his parents in New Mexico. Then he came back in 1975 and stayed until the end of the school year. We had him two years.

It has been an interesting experience to have these two Lamanite children in our home. We have learned from them and we hope they have learned from us.

## HISTORY OF BRIAN RALPH DAVIS

I was born July 7, 1961 to Louise Van Beuge and Dennis "C" Davis. I have lived in Ogden all of my life. I was baptized when I was eight years old in the 31st Ward baptismal font. I have always been active in Church.

After I was baptized, I began taking piano lessons. I took lessons for four years and stopped in 1972. I went to Lorin Farr Elementary, Central Jr. High and am now a Junior at Ogden High School.

After I graduate I plan on going on a mission. I also plan on getting married in the Temple. I am thankful for my family and parents. I know that this church is true and that we have a true prophet living today.

## LIFE HISTORY OF WENDELL LE ROY HANSEN

Wendell was a native son of Ogden, Utah being born 4th of September 1925 to David Newell and June Lenore Hansen. He is the younger of two sons his brother is Virgil Marlow Hansen.

He attended Ogden schools and studied accounting and business administration at high school. He worked at Southern Pacific and U.I.C rail roads and the General Depot.

He is a Veteran of the Pacific Theater of Operation in the United States Navy. Wendell participated in five campaigns and three major battles. He was awarded the Bronze Star Ribbon and a Naval Citation for action on his aircraft carrier "Cisco Bay" with a Kamikaze bomber. He graduated from United States Navy Radar School in San Diego, California.

He received a call to serve in the Southern States Mission, where his father had also served. He served under Heber Meeks and Albert Choals. After his mission release, his folks came to get him in Georgia and they had a nice trip up the East Coast to New York and then cross country to Utah.

Arriving home, he visited with his folks two weeks then headed for California. He had met Sister Betty Ann Young a missionary while on his mission and asked to visit her. He courted her and proposed marriage. They came to Ogden obtained a marriage license from Lawrence Malan and were married the 10th of December 1948 in the Logan Temple.

He began his government service with Weber County, where he served for 14 years as Deputy Assessor, Chief Deputy Clerk, Auditor and Assistant Purchasing Agent. He was elected Weber County Clerk in 1962, 1966, 1970 and 1974. He has served as a Utah Stake Commissioner on the Golden Spike for Governor Rampton, to recreate and react the joining of the transcontinental railroad. He served on the Board of the National Association of County Clerks & Records, as a member of the Mental Health Advisory Council, as a member of Health and Education Committee, of the National Association of County Officials and a member of the Legislative Committee of the Utah State Association of Counties.

He is the father of eleven children: Susan Kay born 28 November 1949, who married Leslie Charles Peterson May 21, 1971 in the Logan Temple. They are parents of two children: Derek Charles and Melissa Tracy Peterson. Marilyn born April 4, 1952, Mark Edward born June 15, 1953, David Young born Nov. 18, 1954, Glen Virgil on March 11, 1957, Matthew Charles 1958, Neil Aaron on April 6, 1959, Paul Raymond 1960, Julie born 29 April 1963, Barbara 1968 and Bill Richard April 2, 1967.

He has had experience in many church positions including a counselor in the 20th Ward Bishopric, Weber Stake Mission, Counselor in Ogden Stake Sunday School, ward Gospel Doctrine class teacher, teacher of Adult Aaronic Priesthood Program. He found his labor as Sunday School Teacher at the Utah State Industrial School both challenging and rewarding, to work with young people that really needed help and see their lives change, served 14 years.

His testimony is strong of the divinity of Christ and His true church. He is a loving father and devoted husband. He has held all of the offices in the Priesthood and is now a High Priest. He has read his extensive library of church books. He has the love of his family. His testimony is an inspiration to his family. He knows that Jesus is the Christ, the Redeemer of the World and that lives and will soon return to His children to take over His Kingdom here and reign forever. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

## Autobiography of VERAL MERLEN ELLIS

In Rigby, Idaho on a farm the 14 July 1918 I, Veral Merlen Ellis, was born. My parents, Fredrick Merlin and Rosella Cheney Ellis, were religious and taught me to attend church and know the Gospel. When I was six years of age, we moved to North Ogden, Utah and then to Ogden, Utah. I was baptized the 09 September 1926 in the Ogden Tenth Ward.

I attended the Dee, Madison, Central Jr., and Ogden High schools, then Weber College for two years.

I worked for the Ogden Standard-Examiner Newspaper for over 30 years until 1973.

I have lived in the following wards in Ogden: 10th, 4th, 27th, 13th, 30th, 52nd, and 31st. I have served as Scout Leader, Aaronic Priesthood teacher, Home Teacher and filled an Ogden Stake mission. I was ordained a Deacon the 03 January 1932, a Teacher in January of 1933, a Priest in January of 1934, an Elder in April of 1939, a Seventy in February of 1947, and a High Priest 23 September 1973.

On August 9, 1939 I was married to Lorene Ritter in the Salt Lake Temple. We had four children: Veral Brent, Vonda Lee, Lynn Dee, and JaNean. This marriage ended in a divorce the 16 December 1949.

On 22 April 1951 I married Barbara June Fairless Kraft. We had one daughter: Christena Ann Ellis. This marriage ended in divorce the 29 August 1970.

In the 31st Ward I served as Home Teacher and as Ward Representative to the Ogden Stake Special Interest Group.

The more I participate in church activities the more my testimony grows. I know that the gospel is true and that the true church has been restored to the earth. I pray that I might have the strength to follow the teachings of the Gospel, that I might enjoy the blessings.

(Written May 1974)

## Autobiography of HARRY JONES

In Littlebrought, Lanchester, England on the 03 November 1886, I, Harry Jones, was born to Sarah Ann Hill and William Jones. There were six children, three boys and three girls. We lived in a small village where there were no religions. Because mother and father belonged to different churches, we attended the Primitive Methodist one week and the Church of England the next week, until we were old enough to choose for ourselves. Three children belonged to each church.

I went to school through the 8th grade. When I was 9 my father died and mother had six children to raise. I was the youngest. At age 11 I took an examination to work 1/2 a day, but mother found out and made me wait until I was 12 to go to work in the cotton mills. I was a spinner and received \$4.20 a week.

When I was 19 I took May Davies to a cricket game one Saturday afternoon. I picked up some papers from the floor. One was "The Godhead" and the other was "The Plan of Salvation". They were Mormon missionary tracts. We discussed them with May's mother for three hours and compared them to the Bible. We began attending meetings as the address was on the pamphlet. The Elders called and talked to us at May's home. All three of us were baptized in 1908 at the Public Bath in Rockdale, and began attending M.I.A. and Sunday School. We also started tracting evenings with the Mormon missionaries. Once, while I was preaching on the square, I was carried to the watering trough and dunked.



On the 23 June 1910 May Davies and I were married in Rickdale Methodist Church. The church was crowded by our curious acquaintances who thought they would see a Mormon wedding, but we were married by a Justice of the Peace.

When the war started in 1914 I enlisted in the Army and was in the front lines for 29 months. Home on leave for two weeks, I was worried because so many friends were killed or wounded. I prayed to God to reveal what was going to happen to me. My prayers were answered. A voice called me by name and told me that I would be wounded, then the voice repeated three times: "Don't let them take it off." As I jumped from bed the light faded from the room. When I left the family at the depot, I told them that I would be back in England in two weeks and would be in the hospital near home. The hospital was three miles from home. The doctor said that my arm was so bad that it must be taken off. Three different days he insisted that the arm must be removed, but I remembered the voice had said: "Don't let them take it off". Finally, the doctor said that he would wait just one more day. I prayed and prayed and the next day the arm was better. The doctor asked what kind of religion did I belong to? Was it Christian Scientist or Seven Day Adventist? I told him it was neither, that I was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

I was discharged in November of 1916. The first week I was home the L.D.S. conference President asked me to be the President of our L.D.S. Branch. I told him that I would do my best. There were 14 members of the Branch and when I left England there were 34 members. I was class leader in M.I.A. and Sunday School.

A month later, while talking religion at the cotton mill, one of the fellows asked me to talk at the Bible Class in the Methodist Church. I talked for the next three weeks. Later, the boss at work asked if I was paid for the converts I made. I laughed and said that I had not been paid for any. That Friday in my pay envelope I received a note saying "Your services are no longer required." The next day I found work in a calico printing mill, stamping the color design on cotton material, which was a much better paying job.

My wife and I converted a Roman Catholic girl and her family disowned her. One Aunt let her live at her home. This Aunt (a Catholic) was dying of cancer and had screamed with pain for 24 hours. The girl asked me to administer to her aunt, that the pain might be relieved. I asked if the aunt had asked for the Elders, but was told that she was not rational. One of the aunt's three daughters objected and went outside. The others said that it could do no harm. After the administration all was quiet. The daughter rushed in the house, thinking that her mother had died. The prayer had been answered. The pain was gone and she died several days later in peace. Within three months all three daughters left their Catholic religion and were baptized in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. One of these daughters is a worker in the Los Angeles Temple. Again my testimony was strengthened.

Another time, a woman wished baptism but needed to obtain her husband's permission. David O. McKay was at the meeting and we asked him how was the best way to get the permission. President asked if the husband drank all of the time and was told no, only on weekends. He advised us to go to the husband for permission on Wednesday evening. The consent was given. The woman was baptized and later the husband attended church with her.

My wife died in 1921, leaving me to raise two boys. I hired the lady next door to care for my sons and to fix meals for us. When I came to Ogden, Utah my 11 year old son came with me. (He is now a reporter and writes a column for the Deseret News.) My 16 year old was the youngest professional soccer player and stayed in England. We lived in the 5th Ward for a few years, but I became inactive for four years because of disappointment.

I met Marie Winters Lowther and after eight months we were married in Preston, Idaho in 1944. We moved into the 31st Ward and became active again.

Two years later we went to the Logan Temple for our endowments. I was sealed to my first wife and then Marie was sealed to her first husband in 1968.

I have enjoyed being a Home Teacher and do a 100% teaching job.

The Gospel has meant alot to me. I have gained friends and have lost many that I thought were friends. I lost my job, but was blessed the next day by getting a better job. The conversion of the four Catholic girls greatly built my testimony.

(Written May 1974)

Autobiography of DANIEL WELLS JACKMAN  
(High Priest Group Counselor)

I, Daniel Wells Jackman, was born 23 September 1908 at Mountain View, Wyoming, the first child born to Jane Graham and Henry Osborn Jackman. I had three brothers and three sisters younger than me.

My parents were early settlers in that part of Bridger Valley, clearing land and planting crops in spring and summer and finding work elsewhere in the winter. So I lived in Cumberland and Robertson, Wyoming.

As a child we held Sunday School and Sacrament Meeting in a one-room school house, three miles south of Mountain View. We traveled by team and covered wagon four miles to attend school in Mountain View, where I graduated from High School in 1926.

After High School, I worked cutting cedar posts and in the timber earning the money for my first new car, a 1928 Chev Coupe. A cheese factory was built in Mountain View, and I went to work there in 1928. I learned the cheese-making and dairy business.

In 1928 I was married to my school-day sweetheart, Dixie Virginia Brown. We have three sons: Dee, David, and Dale, born eight years apart.

Dixie was a member of the Presbyterian Church and for the next ten years we attended both the L.D.S. and the Presbyterian Churches. When our eldest son, Dee, was nine, he and Dixie were baptized the same.

I have been manager of cheese factories in Cokeville, Wyoming; Geneva, Idaho; and Randolph, Utah. Since 1950 I have been employed by Beatrice Food Co., Dairy Division, living in American Fork, Salt Lake City, and Ogden, Utah.

My first church assignment was as counselor in the Elders' Quorum, then as Superintendant of the M.I.A.. I served as Ward Clerk of the Randolph Ward for six years, then as Secretary of the Stake Senior Aaronic Priesthood Committee. After being Secretary of the M.I.A. and Secretary of the High Priest Group, I was Ward Clerk for the 10th Ward in Salt Lake City. I next served as General Secretary of the Ward Senior Aaronic Priesthood for five years.

I am thankful to my Heavenly Father for the many blessings He has bestowed upon me and my family and for the happy home life we have enjoyed.

(Written July 1974)

Autobiography of LLOYD BRIGHAM BEAZER

I, Lloyd B. Beazer, was born in Syracuse, Davis County, Utah, the fourth child and the third son of William Ephriam Beazer and Emma Adelaide Cook. My second name was in memory of my Uncle who had died. I was blessed by my father



29 March 1914, and baptized by an Uncle Mark Beazer and confirmed by my father 15 June 1922.

My early life was that of an average boy. My education was begun at Syracuse and I graduated from Davis High School in Kaysville in 1933. I attended Weber College one year, then entered CCC Camp for two years. It was Depression time and the United States President demised the CCC program to give youth supervised employment in Forest Conservation.

On 06 June 1937 I was ordained an Elder by Asa Smedey in North Davis Stake. On 22 June 1937 I married Helen Marjorie Lund for time and all eternity in the Salt Lake Temple by Elder George F. Richards. To this union was born six children: Allen Lloyd, Clair Lund, Linda Kay, Mary Ann, Susan Ellen, and William Richard.

On 18 April 1971 I was ordained a Seventy by Elder Bernard P. Brockbank. In April of 1973 I was ordained a High Priest of the Ogden 31st Ward by Elder Clarence F. Bathke.

At the McKay-Dee Hospital 09 February 1972, after a heart attack, I received a wonderful blessing from Bishop L. Dwight Pincock and recovered sufficiently to be released in two weeks, but was off work for approximately 2½ months.

I have been employed at Tribe Furniture Co., the Ogden Union Railway & Depot Co., and presently with the Union Pacific Railroad Co. I also had employment with the Pine View Water System, formerly the Ogden River Water Users Association.

We are proud grandparents of 17 grandchildren and one great-grandchild, which will increase by two grandchildren and one great-grandchild this year.

#### LIFE SKETCH OF EDWIN LORENZO HOWES

Edwin Lorenzo Howes was born in Chelltenham, England April 17, 1907, the son of Lavinia Gregory and Edwin Howes. At the age of four, he came to the United States with his father and older brother, A younger sister and his mother and a brother were left behind. On April 17, 1912, his fifth birthday they arrived in the United States.

They came to Salt Lake City where they stayed with his father's brother, until his father could secure employment and rent a house for them to live in. In about six months his father had saved enough to send for his mother and the other children.

In 1919 they moved to Roy where they bought several acres of land and established a landscaping and nursery business. Edwin worked at the nursery helping his father and they became very successful in raising plants and doing landscaping. Many of the beautiful surroundings are a memory to his skill in this field.

On November 30, 1938, he and Ella S. Stanger were married in the Salt Lake Temple. From this union there were born three children.

During the war years, the nursery business was very slow, so he secured a position with the Ogden Union Railway Dept in September 1942. He worked there and with the Union Pacific until he retired May 30, 1972.

He loved the out-of-doors, enjoyed camping and fishing. He played baseball with the C Circuit, for the Farm Bureau League for several years. He was a member of the Southern Pacific Bowling League where he was successful in winning



many beautiful trophies.

He was an Elder and Ward Teacher in Roy and in the 31st Ward.

He spent many hours after retirement helping friends and neighbors beautify their yards. He died July 9, 1975 and was buried in the Aultorest Memorial Park, which was one of the places he helped to plant and make beautiful.

### LIFE STORY OF LEO EVANS BAKER

I was born October 18, 1913 in Hooper, Utah. The second son of Omer Leo and Eliza Jones Baker.

We lived in Roy, Utah until I was three years old then we moved to Paul, Idaho. I received my schooling in Paul and Shelly, Idaho. My father was engaged in farming, he also owned and operated three thrashing machines. As a boy I worked for father helping with the thrashing at neighbors farms. My first job was running the water wagon. My father taught us to give an honest days work for an honest days pay, and it has been a benefit to me all of my life. As I grew older I helped on the farm and in potato cellers, sacking potatoes and sorting potatoes for storing or shipping. Idaho is a great potato growing state.

When the depression hit in 1929, my father lost everything. We were unable to sell our potatoes, many hundreds of pounds were dumped in the Snake River. Some were sold to sheepmen for 10¢ a hundred pounds.

Later we left Shelley and went to Phoenix, Arizona in search of employment. We worked in the field in the lettuce harvest. This only lasted a few months. My father decided to build a trailer house and we moved with another couple to Ogden, Utah. I worked with my father on construction jobs for the Union Pacific for one summer.

On February 8, 1934 I was married to Ella Lythgoe by Bishop John Gibson of the 16th Ward. We lived in West Ogden for six years before we bought our home at 928 Rushton. We have a family of which we are very proud. A lovely daughter Gayla Ruth, and four sons: Boyd, Steven, Lex and Curtis. We have lived in the 20th and 31st Wards for 35 years.

I have served on the Cub Scout Committee when our three youngest sons were Cub Scouts. I have helped on the Ogden Stake Ranch many times with my sons and I have enjoyed the association of our friends and good neighbors. I was ordained a Priest in the 31st Ward and I appreciate the council of our many bishops.

Ella and I were Presidents of the Lorin Farr P.T.A. which was an enjoyable experience. We are proud of our family and the love we share form each other. We have good times together.

I retired from the Defence Depot Fire Dept. in 1970 after 30 years service. I also worked on my days off from the Fire Dept. for Waterfall Construction as a heavy duty machine operator.

Our residence in the 31st Ward has been home for all of our family. The association of our many friends and neighbors have been a rich experience to all of us. Our beautiful grandchildren have brought much joy to us. Our children have added to our family 4 daughter-in-laws and 1 son-in-law, 10 grandchildren, 4 step-grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. We have been richly blessed.

## LIFE SKETCH OF CLYDE ENGLAND

I was born in 1903 in Plain City, the son of Ismilda Thueson and William England. I learned to love farming and also helped milk 30 cows morning and night. We walked  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles to school but thought nothing of it in those days. There were four boys and two girls in the family.

In 1920 I came to Ogden where I worked in a bakery. It was located where Continental Baking Co. now stands.

In 1925 Virginia Allen and I were married in Salt Lake City. Three sons were born to us. We went back to a farm. I decided to start trucking produce. As the Ogden Trucking Co. I trucked fresh produce in Californis, Arizona, Utah, and Idaho, alone until the boys grew up. I quit then to work for 21 years at Hill Field where I trucked, stored and loaded missiles.

My folks were very active L.D.S. and I was active when I was young and was ordained a Priest in the Aaronic Priesthood.

I retired four years ago in 1972 but have kept myself busy. I love to garden and landscape and spend a lot of time caring for and enjoying our yard. I have enjoyed owning and restoring antique cars. Rocks have always had a fasination and I have collected beauties as we have traveled.

(P.S. His latest accomplishment is a pile of sawed wood for winters use one might saw his wood storage which measures 9 foot by 9 foot and is ten feet high.)

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF DAVID YOUNG HANSEN  
MISSIONARY IN THE DANISH MISSION

Near the capitol of Utah, nestled between two jagged peaks, is the beautiful city of Ogden. There on a crisp November night in 1954--the eighteenth, I was born. I was a typically Mormon lad reared in a typically Mormon home and influenced by a typically Mormon atmosphere. There I developed the characteristic qualities of Mormon people--industry, thrift, love of God and country-- the qualities that have helped make me a missionary.

I was the fourth child in a family of eleven children-- four girls and seven boys. My father is Wendell L. Hansen and mother Betty Ann Young. Our family consists of Susan Kay (married to L. Charles Peterson); Marilyn (recently returned from the Austria Mission; Mark (returned from the Georgia South Carolina Mission) married October 28, 1976 to La Dean Memmott in the Ogden Temple; Glen (serving a mission in Texas; Mathew, Neil, Paul, Julie, Bill and Barbara and myself (recently returned from the Danish mission). In our family there is organization, priesthood authority, and devided responsibility. Life at home is always full of fun and teaching. I have many happy memories of those early days at 1041 Oak Street. My father serves the public and consequently the family has "open house" alot of the time. We frequently set extra places at the table, or have family and friends stay over night or join with us at Family Home Evening every Monday night.

The members of the family pride themselves in a worthy ancestry that they have traced back to the sixteenth century, from the courageous Dane to the home-loving and chivalrous Anglo-Saxon. These stocks have combined to make our heritage, successful colonizers, thrifty merchants, productive farmers, and

skilled craftsmen. At the age of six, I went to the Lorin Farr School and early evidenced a liking for people and the learning of the responsibilities of life. I did daily tasks at home and about the yard and took an active part in the 31st Ward. When I was eight years old, I was baptized on December 1962 and confirmed a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day-Saints the same day. My attendance at Sunday School, Cub Scouts, and Primary was regular. I graduated from Cub Scouts November 17, 1965 and from Primary November 27, 1966.

My education continued through Central Jr. High School and Ogden High School where I graduated on 31 May 1973. While in junior and high school, I felt the need for more religious training and successfully completed the Seminary program of the church, graduating the 16 May 1973. During this period, I advanced in the various offices of the Aaronic Priesthood--being ordained a Deacon on December 4, 1966, a Teacher December 8, 1968 and a Priest on November 22, 1970.

In addition to these activities, I loved being busy and have held many jobs in my young life. I took advantage of the opportunities available and acquired a newspaper route, worked in a donut shop, was part of a janitorial crew at the Washington Jr. High School, and I was putting together Big Mac hamburgers at the time of my mission call. I was awarded a Certificate of Service for being a junior baseball umpire in the Ogden City Recreational Department. Among other sports, I like to hunt, fish, water ski, swim and play base ball. Listening to music and tinkering with cars are among my favorite hobbies.

The highlights of my life began to appear as I was given the Melchizedek Priesthood. I was ordained an Elder May 6, 1973. From that point on I started to plan for a mission. My call to Denmark came from the Prophet of the Lord, Spencer W. Kimball, January 22, 1974. This pleased me immensely as my great-grandparents had been converts from this beautiful land and later immigrated to Logan.

It was my privilege and blessing to be endowed in the new Ogden Temple on March 1, 1974. As my departure for the Mission Home approached, I was set apart as a Missionary by Ogden Stake President, Glen V. Holley, on March 8, 1974, the evening before leaving for Salt Lake City. My stay in the Mission Home was both informative and spiritual and helped prepare me for future training--especially in learning the Danish language--at the Language Training Mission at Ricks College in Rexburg, Idaho.

We left for Language Training Mission school on March 14th and we were there for almost two months, then we departed by Jet airplane from Salt Lake Airport. After a thrilling but rather long air flight, I arrived in Copenhagen to take up my labors under the direction of President Grant R. Ipsen. I have proselyted in Jaerspris, Roskilde, and Ronne on the island of Bornholm in the Baltic Sea. I served in Odense. I was released March 12, 1976.

Throughout my life the opportunities to serve in the above mentioned positions have come because of a strong ward, stake and mission leaders. Friends have played a big part in my life too. Presently four friends are serving the Lord on missions and another friend to leave soon. So I can truthfully say that I have had great examples to follow. I am particularly appreciative to have had the opportunity to teach the gospel to the wonderful people of Denmark. I love them dearly and have had many marvelous experiences and learned a lot from it. I bear my testimony to the truthfulness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I know Jesus lives and God lives, and they restored the Church of Jesus Christ on earth through the Prophet Joseph Smith. The Lord continually leads the Church through a living Prophet. God hears and answers prayers. This witness I proclaim as I humbly pray God's blessings upon all of you in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen



## BRIEF HISTORY OF J. ELLWOOD CARRUTH

John Ellwood Carruth was born the 12th Day of March 1883. His parents were William Carruth and Emma Wilde. He was the 3rd boy and 7th child in a family of 11. His early days were spent on his father's farm a few miles north of Coalville, Utah. The farm is now covered over with water from Echo Reservoir.

Ellwood went to school at the Grass Creek School, until he finished the eighth grade. At that time he had to help his father on the farm. His father was a carpenter and farmer by trade. He learned these trades and helped his father in both until he went on his mission. He was called to labor in the California Mission. He had attended Brigham Young University in Provo for a short time before he left in July 1904, laboring in San Francisco, California and San Jose. He also worked in Arizona which was part of the Calif. Mission. He finished his work in Los Angeles and returned home in July 1906. He went to work in a store in Grass Creek.

On October 27, 1909 Ellwood married Eliza Jane Branch in the Salt Lake Temple. They had eight children 4 girls, and 4 boys. One of the girls died when only a few days old, one was born dead and one died when 16 years of age. Five children are living and active in the church, Louise, Richard, Frank, Russel & David.

Ellwood worked for the Coalville Co-op, Alma Eldredge Store and then his cousin in Echo. In 1908 he was elected to the office of County Recorder where he stayed for two terms until 1912. He again went into the grocery business for the Summit Furniture and Mercantile Co. From this time until he retired in Dec. of 1952, he stayed with this trade most of the time. He moved his family to Devil Slide in 1914 and then back to Coalville in 1919. He worked for the Red Devil Store while he lived at Devil Slide.. When he moved to Ogden in 1928, he opened his own store, on Monroe Blvd until his retirement. He did close his store down for a few years in the thirties and worked for his Uncle doing construction work in Wyoming. In the fall of 1939, he opened his store again. During 1942 through 1945, he worked at the Utah General Depot in Ogden during the day and in the store in the evening. Running the store during the day was left to his wife Eliza and son David. At the close of 1945, Ellwood suffered a heart attack and was advised by his doctor to cut down on his work. He quit the work at the depot and just managed the store.

Ellwood and Eliza were very active in the church all of their life, and they taught their children the same. They accepted any and all callings and responsibilities given them. He was 2nd Counselor in the Summit Stake Presidency set apart by Apostle James E. Talmage. He also held other ward and stake callings in both Coalville, Devil Slide, and Ogden Stake. He liked to sing and was in choirs of the wards that he lived in and was often chorister.

After his retirement, he and Eliza spent several winters going south to do temple work. At one time Ellwood had done over 1300 endowments for the dead. They were able to go to all temples in Utah, Idaho, Arizona, and Canada. They then went to the Los Angeles Temple. Eliza died in November 1965 and after that he did not do as much temple work.

How he enjoyed fishing, hunting and out of doors. In his youth his favorite places for these activities was in the head-waters of the Bear River. He enjoyed a good game of baseball and played for a team in Coalville for several years. He was blessed with good health through out his life. He enjoyed people and was always friendly. He was never mad at any one. This characteristic of his could be practiced by every one.

BRIEF HISTORY OF FRANK B. CARRUTH  
31st WARD CLERK 1948 TO 1950

Eliza Jane Branch and John Ellwood Carruth were the parents of Frank Branch Carruth born July 6th 1921. He was the second son and the 6th child in a family of eight children. He was born in Coalville where he lived until 7 years old.

The family moved to Ogden in 1928 when his father bought a grocery store on Monroe Ave. Frank started school in Coalville but only went one year. He attended Lorin Farr, Central Jr. High three years and Ogden High from which he graduated in 1939. He went to Weber College one year.

Frank started working for the U.S. Government at the Ogden Post Office in 1941 and was there until he retired. He had a break from the Postal Service for 39 months during World War II, which he spent in the service of his country. He had only been 14 months at the Post Office when he entered the service.

Frank was in the U.S. Army from August 10, 1942 until his discharge 13 Nov. 1945. He attained the rank of sergeant. After basic training at Camp Wolters, Texas, he was assigned to the 35th Infantry Division. He was chosen to go to the Army Training School in 1943 and went to Syracuse University in New York and the University of Illinois. After these two schools he was again assigned to the 104th Infantry Division in their Postal Section. His division was sent to Europe in August of 1944 and participated in combat until the European War came to an end. Frank returned to the Ogden Post Office after his discharge.

On October 8, 1947 in the Salt Lake Temple, Frank and Mary Lovendale Roskelley were married. He had met Mary while serving in the Army in California. They have four children, 1 boy and three girls. Frank and Mary have been active in the church and have taught their children to be the same.

Frank has served two Stake Missions. He has held many other positions in the church. He has been on the High Council in the Ogden Utah East Stake, a Counselor in the 35th Ward Bishopric, a Ward Clerk and an Assistant Ward Clerk in the 31st Ward of the Ogden Stake. He has also held ward positions in the Sunday School, M.I.A. and Priesthood. His latest calling is an Ordinance Worker in the Ogden Temple. This he enjoys very much.

His activities in the Post Office were many. He started as a clerk and through the years worked his way up to the supervisor ranks. He worked both inside in the office and outside as a carrier at times. In 1964 he was promoted to a supervisor which position he held until his retirement. He worked in all branches and offices in the Ogden area. At one time he was superintendent of the Hill Field Barnch. Another time he was relief Foreman and replaced all supervisors as they would go on vacation. At the time of his retirement this year 1976 in July, he was Facility Analyst and had charge of the main stamp stock. One time he held the main stamp stock and had to furnish stamps to post offices as far away as Jackson and Rock Springs, Wyoming. Frank had a total of 35 years in the Postal Service and saw many changes during that time.

Frank enjoys sports of all kinds and has played on ward teams in basketball, softball and volleyball. He played on Industrial Teams in Basketball and Softball. He was on the ward softball team which won the championship of Ogden area. They played the Taylorsville, Utah team that has won the Salt Lake area. They won the game and won the Church Championship. He enjoys playing tennis and golf and since retiring has enjoyed this activity more. He has good health, a good sence of humor and enjoys a good time with his children and his brothers and sister and their families. The family gets together at least twice a year for fun times.

BIOGRAPHY OF FRANK TAYLOR  
CHAIRMAN GENEALOGICAL COMMITTEE



In Henefer, Summit County, Utah, on August 23, 1884, Frank Taylor was born to John and Ester Rebecca Britton Taylor. He was the seventh child in a family of twelve. He had a happy childhood.

He attended school and finished the eighth grade. He often repeated the following incident in his life which he was proud of. He was exceptionally good at spelling. When in the fourth grade he spelled down the whole school including the eighth grade. He won his first dollar and thought he belonged to the captolists.

As a child he had certain chores to do. Besides his chores he had to take care of his baby sister and pick up coal along the side of the railroad track for his mother to use.

At age sixteen, he got his first job as sheepherder. He was paid \$5.00 per month which he gave to his mother to help run the house. As each boy went to work he gave his money to help support the family. From the age of sixteen to his retirement day at the age of 69, he was only without work for six weeks.

While he was herding sheep he learned to play the coronet, and became the manager of the town band. His family was musical. Each summer for a number of years, Brother J.C. Fones, composer of "Beautiful Zion Built Above," (in our hymn book) spent two weeks with Frank's grandfather Britton and his daughters and their families. Each night they would gather together and sing and play the banjo and mandolin and had fun. Their sweet voices traveled from the side of the mountain, across the river and into a town a mile away.

He married Ada Marshall in the Salt Lake Temple and they were blessed with three girls and two boys. They lost two girls and one boy in death.

Frank worked on the coal shutes in Utah for six months and then they went to Wyoming where he worked in the coal mines. He also worked as a fireman on the Union Pacific Railroad, in the silver mines in Nevada and as a truck driver from Ogden to Kemmerer Wyoming.

He was Genealogy Chairman for eight years in the 31st Ward. For a number of years he went to the Logan Temple every week, and he would take someone with him each time.

Other positions that he held in the church was 2nd Counselor to the Elders 9th Quorum--one of the Seven Presidents of Seventies--Ward Teacher-- a member of the General Committee on Ward Teaching for the 20th Ward. He was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day-Saints and added much to his ward.

He was kind, good and friendly. He loved and respected his wife and mother. He taught his family love, respect, love of church, love of music and to be good at whatever they undertook to do.



## HISTORY OF PAUL DAVID MC KAY

I was born on March 22, 1954 in Ogden, Utah. The son of Norma Jane Vowles and Byrant P. Mc Kay. A few days later I made my first trip to Huntsville. At that time, we were living in the home which had been built by my Mc Kay grandparents. I lived there until I was five years old. We moved down into Huntsville in the John Newey home for about 1½ years and then moved into our new home a few days before Christmas in the year 1961.

I attended school at the Valley School, then went to Weber High School in Ogden and graduated from there in 1972. I enjoyed school but I had to study hard and give it my all to finish. I enjoyed many of my school teachers. My favorites were La Verna Newey and Betty Janiak. My hobbies have been music, outdoor sports, football, basketball and horses.

My first job was working for the Engstrom Dairy Farm, then I worked at Lucas Lumber Co., and Anderson Lumber Co. before I went on my mission.

I was called on a Spanish American Mission in Arizona and New Mexico in April of 1973. I left my girl-friend, Nancy Larkin, with an engagement ring. She was going to finish her college education while I was gone.

I enjoyed my two years in the mission field, and the Lord truly blessed me while I was serving as a missionary. I returned in April 1975. A month later Nancy and I were married in the Ogden Temple. I was so happy that she waited for me, and I am very thankful to the Lord for the happiness we share.

Our daughter, Tara, was born on April 2, 1976, and we love her very much.

At the present time we are living in the Ogden 31st Ward at 2050 Laine Avenue. I am serving in the Elder's Presidency. I am employed at the Anderson Lumber Co. again. We plan to start building a home in Huntsville next spring. We hope to have a small farm where we can have our horse, a cow and a garden spot to raise some of our own food.

I feel I have many blessings to be thankful for, and I pray I will always live the way I should and set the proper example for others.

## HISTORY OF CHARLES GLASS GIBSON

I was born in Nephi, Juab County, Utah, October 14, 1928, the second child of Charles Leon and Mable Gibson. Father was a native of Nephi and mother was born Driffield, East Yorkshire, England. Mother came to this country in 1922, worked in Downey, Idaho for a while then moved to Salt Lake City. She shared a room with one of my aunts who was also working in Salt Lake City. She introduced my mother to my father and in December of 1925 they were married in the Salt Lake Temple. My sister was born in Logan where dad was going to college. My other two sisters and a brother were born in Nephi.

My father was blinded at age four as the result of an accident. He had to have one eye taken out at the time and later went blind with scar tissue in the other eye. He attended the school for the blind in Ogden from 1905 to 1917. Then he ran a hot dog stand in Salt Lake City for a while, sold magazines and did what ever he could to make a living. After he married he moved his stand to Nephi and had a good business until the depression in the 1930's.

In the fall of 1934 as I was coming home from school, I saw a man come out of our house to cut up some wood for the winter. I took a short cut through a field of plowed ground, lost my balance and fell, pushing a sharp stick in to my left eye. I seemed to get over this all right, but in the spring in a routine eye test at school, I found that I had to move to the front of the room to see the eye chart. My parents took me to the doctor in Provo and discovered I had glaucoma in my eye.

Father enrolled me in the the Utah State for the Blind in Ogden, Utah, 18 years after he had left there. He wanted me to learn Braille and other things before my eyes got worse. I would go to school in September, come home for two weeks at Christmas, then back til the end of May. I hated every minute of it.

In July 1937, I was operated on for Glaucoma in the St. Marks Hospital in Salt Lake City. I could see fine out of my right eye but very little with my left. After the operation I could see nothing from either eye the doctor called it sympathetic blindness. This was a good word, it meant I could not see. My folks bought me a second hand bicycle for \$2.00, without sight I could ride pretty good. I could stay on the side walk a full block.

That year I did not go back to the school for the blind until after the Christmas hollidays. My sister Mary Alice died in the spring of 1936, after having Scarlet Fever and Nephritis. I was at school. I also had Scarlet Fever. When I recovered they told me they had burried her a week before.

I missed home , my folks could not afford the money for me to come home more often. I made leather belts and wallets and sold them in Ogden. With the money I went home several more times a year. Things seemed better then.

In 1943 just before time to go home for Easter, I was riding on the bar of another boys bicycle. He had a brace welded to the front wheel and was telling me about it. I reached down along the brace to feel how they had fixed it. He hit a bump which caused my hand to get into the spokes. My hand was badly cut, and mangled. At the hospital they dressed it. I took the bus home, on the porch with the bandage oozing blood, I stood mother nearly flipped. By Sunday it started to swell. I went back by buss. Monday my arm was swollen to the elbow and I was sick to the stomach. The doctor wanted to take my hand off. It was a bas blood-poison. We had no phone but finally located mother through a neighbor. She said no they could not remove my hand.

My father was now working for the State of Utah as a home teacher for the Blind. He traveled five counties, teaching the older people to knit, to walk around and help make their life easier. This Tuesday he was in Delta. When he arrived home, they visited the local doctor, who told them about a new drug called Sulfa. The school took me to Salt Lake train station where my parents met me. The doctor admitted me at the L.D.S. Hospital. In bed a week with my arm in a little oven while I was stuffed with pills, I was released but weak. It was World War II time, many rode the bus to Nephi. There were no seats, I finally sat on the floor. I did not go back to school that year.

My parents moved to Salt Lake City in 1944, working as a teacher for the blind. I graduated in 1946. I worked as a weaver of rugs, sewer of brooms and later as a maintainance man, on week ends. When I left the school I found a job tying strings on the end of tomares for the Lynn Wilson Products Co. I worked until the spring of 1947, when I went to work full time at the blind center. My teacher wanted me to go to college to study law, I was not a good student. I did not like school, I wanted to go to work.

I finally decided in 1948 that I had better get some more education and



I enrolled in a school in Omaha, Nebraska, which taught the blind to repair radios and electronic equipment. After a school year I completed my course. Father now in charge of the center for the blind in Ogden, let me put up a shop in his garage. It was hard to convince people the blind could fix radios, I was not doing well. I had not been going to church, I was still a deacon. At school they did not stress church attendance. In July Bishop Denny Williams promised if I would attend priesthood meeting and church that in six months I could be ordained a Priest. He also promised me that my business would prosper if I paid my tithing. I thought it was silly but he insisted I do it. He was a wise man. I agreed to his condition. He got up in church and explained my business. Radios began to come in for repairs. I paid \$40. in tithing the first month and business has been good ever since. I have paid tithing ever since and I do not dare miss paying tithing. In six months Bishop Williams assisted my father in ordaining me a Priest. In February on the 12th I was ordained an Elder. I enjoyed the Elders Quorum and had many jobs; in the Presidency with Blain Dopp as Pres. and Ben Hunt as 1st Counselor, that summer of 1961. My father took sick that fall. I worked all day and stayed up nights with him, so I asked to be released from my duties. The wheels turned slowly. He died in January 1962. In May four of us Elders were made 70's. We were in 1963 combined with the 77th Quorum most of the 70's were made High Priests. Volmer Miller was President of the Quorum but was called on a Ogden Stake Mission so I was the group leader in the 31st Ward. Ben Hunt was later called as one of the Seven Presidents and was also the group leader. I was ordained a High Priest in 1970.

In 1963 my friend wanted me to meet a girl just home from a mission. We four went to All Faces West. The girl, Alta Ames and I were married in the Salt Lake Temple April 24, 1964. Our marriage has brought us four fine children; Steven Charles, Marsha Jean, Stanley Clinton and Lauralee. We are a happy family. My business is doing well with four fine men to help with the work. Our new shop is on Harrison, we live in the same building. We have been blessed with all of the conveniences of daily life. Our work in the ward is pleasing to us and we live to our Father in Heaven. I am glad Bishop Williams cared enough to encourage me.

In February 1974, I worked on a car radio, under the dash with my head on the floor.. My ear was ringing I could not hear well. In two days I could not hear anything in the right ear. The doctor said that I had cut the blood supply by the damage of a pinched nerve, and would not hear with it again. This was devastating. I could not work or hear when spoken to. I took medication, was administered to and had my blood thinned in the hospital. Dr. sent me home I was wasting my time and money. I did not go to church that week I was so discouraged. Alta went with the children. When she came home she said the ward was having a special fast day for me on Monday. I know we are blessed when we obey but I did not have the faith that I would hear normally. Alta had faith she called her family who joined the fasting. After a day of fast Bishop Pincock and Vernon Probst came to administer to me. As I was shaving next morning I could hear a buzz from the razor. By Thursday I had 50% a week later normal hearing. It was due to the faith of the wonderful ward members and the faith and prayers of my wife that I am permitted to have my hearing now. I am thankful for all my blessings and especially my good wife. I hope that I will be able to have this history reread to me when I am 90 and have Alta do the reading of it to me.



Front Row: Sec of Arronic Priesthood Leonard Knight, Glen Saunders, Robert Hadley, Robert Fergen, Walter Hadley, Kenneth Morley.  
Second row: Marvin Hogensen, Ray Nielsen, Wallace Hilton, Leon Millet, Jack Craviett, 1st Counselor in Bishopric Eugene H. Wiggins  
Back row: David Malan, Kenneth Allen, Blaine Anderson, Boyd Applegarth, Kent Wheelwright, Keith Walker, Dean Cook.advisor.



1947 Priests Quorum  
Dale Stratford, David Carruth, Vern Carlson, Kay Morley, Carl Saunders,  
Lorin Wiggins, Robert Crandall and Bishop Völney B. Belnap.



1. Ronald Bergen
2. Virgil M. Stratford
3. Glen Saunders
4. Larry Bergen
5. Robert Bergen
6. Jay Carlson
7. Leon Millet
8. Clifton Rippon
9. Paul Nixon
10. Darrel Saunders
11. Doyle Perkins (advisor)
12. Glen R. Clark (Bishops Counselor)

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1951 Ogden Stake Conference  
Pioneer Tabernacle  
Front row:

- 1.
2. Larry Craze
3. Dwayne Hadley
4. Kendall Probst
5. Gary Messenger

2nd row:

1. Leonard Knight
2. Charles Millet
3. Alan Beazer
4. David Johnson
5. Gary Ferrin
6. Dirk Raat
7. Mathew Cowley

Back row:

1. Ogden Stake Pres.  
Laurence S. Burton
2. Stake Coun. Lawrence H. Evans
3. Bishop Volney B. Belnap
4. Coun. Orson P. Millet
5. Preston Garn



Youth chosen to hold 31st Ward leadership positions in 1966 for one week.

Larry Price Bishop's counselor, Bishop David E. Tanner, Jack d'Hulst Bishop's Counselor Steven Hines (ward clerk), David Crabtree (Bishop's Counselor), Michael Reeves (Bishop) Paul Wiggill (Bishop's Counselor)

Youth week officers and teachers 1966 with the Bishopric.

Larry Price, David Crabtree, John Sellers, Linda Beezer, Jack d'Hulst Carolyn Shurtleff, Louise Hunt, Leslie Hines, Susan Putnam and Bishop David E. Tanner.

Mark Hansen, Steven Waddoups, Steven Hines, John Wiggill, Paul Wiggill, Michael Reeves Kent Brown.

Karen Tanner, Marilyn Hansen, Judy England, Judy Morrison, Shanna Wiggill, Alice Mikkelsen Jill Messenger.





19 February 1967

Youth Week Officers: chosen to conduct all church meetings.  
 Bishopric: Larry Price, Bishop David E. Tanner, Jack d'Hulst.  
 Front row: Linda Beazer, Judith Morrison, Christine Jensen,  
 Jan Wilbur, Judy England, Darla Shurtleff and Jill Wilbur.  
 2nd row: Kathleen Price, Shanna Wiggill, Patricia Fife, Martha  
 Hunt, Marilyn Hansen, Cheryl Prentice, Alice Mikklesen, Sylvia  
 Stewart. 3rd row: Paul Wiggill, Kent Brown, Michael Reeves,  
 Charles Fife, Steven Hines, Mark Hansen, John Wiggill, Steven  
 Morrison. 4th row: Jean Shurtleff, Kathy Topance, Karen Hines,  
 Susan Hansen, Patricia Crowley, Jill Messenger.



19 Feb 1967 Youth Week Bishopric  
 Mark Hansen, Paul Wiggill, Kent  
 Brown and Michael Reeves,



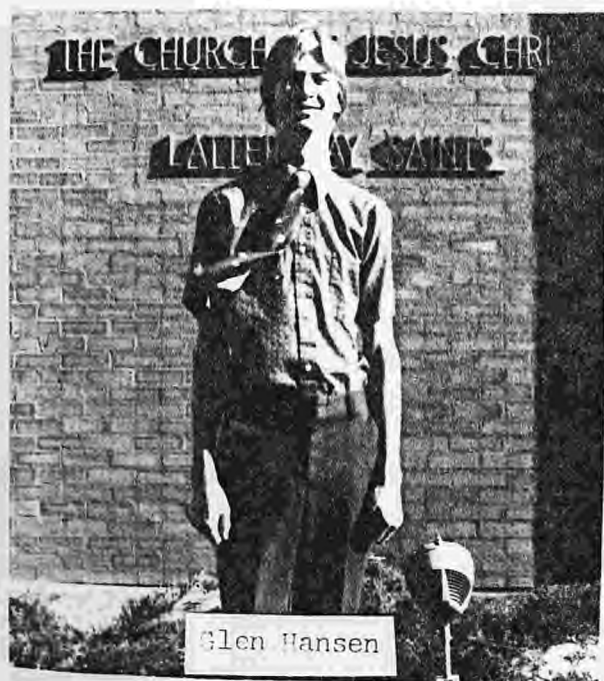
Youth Week Officers 31st Ward 3 December 1967  
 Front row: Dennis Price, Steven Hines, Mark Hansen, Michael Reeves,  
 Steven Morrison, Charles Fife.  
 Middle row: Myrna Powell, Karen Hines, Kathy Topance, Christine Jensen  
 Bonnie Wiggill, Vicky Anderson.  
 Top Row: Cheryl Prentice, Patricia Fife, Martha Hunt, Sylvia Stewart,  
 Kathleen Price, Shanna Wiggill.



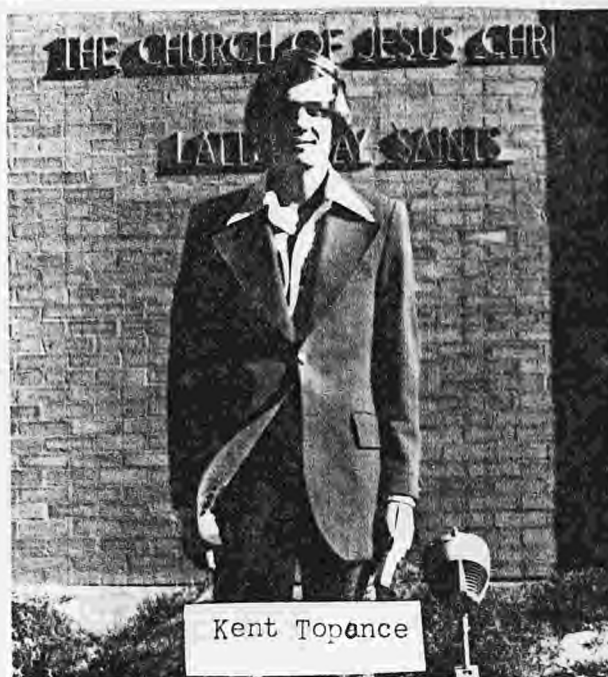
James T. Carpenter- advisor



Michael Reddish & Bishop Pincock



Glen Hansen



Kent Topance

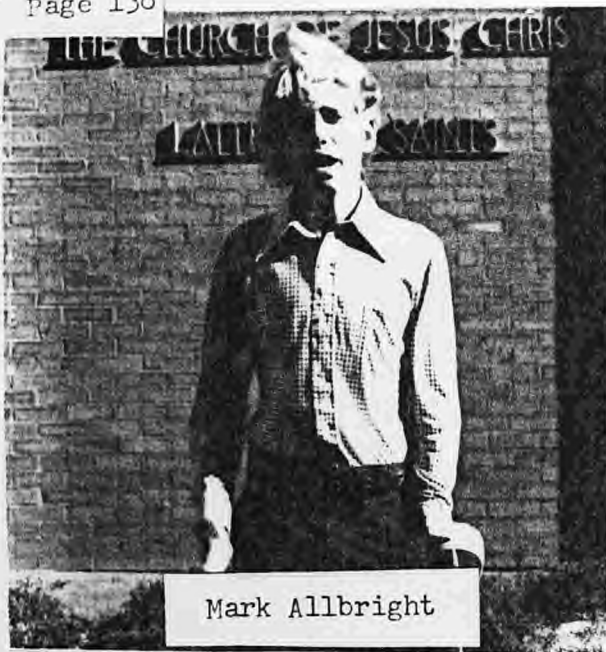


Dean Hunt

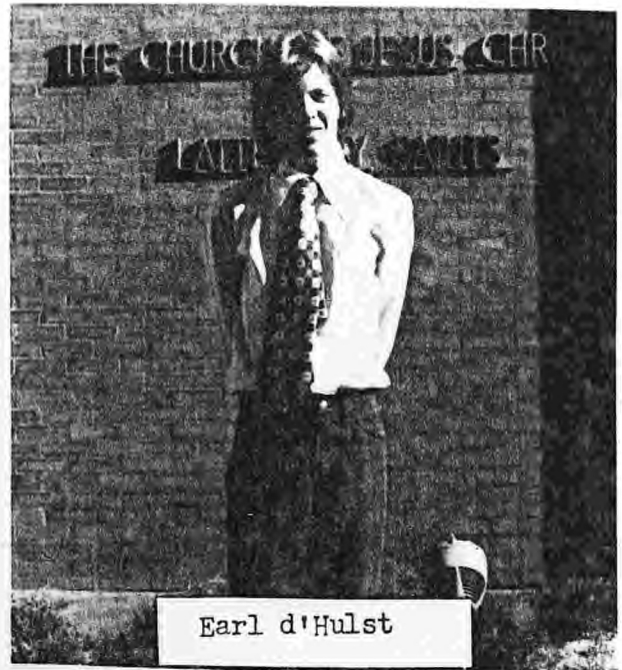


Charles Shurtleff





Mark Allbright



Earl d'Hulst



Kevin Allen



Jeff Allen



Mathew Hansen



David d'Hulst



Ronnald Reddish



## YOUNG MENS MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

The Young Mens M.I.A. is composed of the Scouts, Explorers, Ventures, and M Men. The Scout movement was accepted by the church because of the good program and activities for young boys. The boys work for their advancements and enjoy the Court of Honor, where their awards are presented. The vacations spent at Camp Keisel were fond memories where skills were learned as well as good sportsmanship. Many a blister was healed after the long hikes. Bon fire cooking was a real test but hungry boys will eat anything. May 1964 eleven scouts and leaders cleaned the M.I.A. Girls Camp Otoka.

Many could be listed as super scout leader. Robert Crandall was presented the GOLDEN PALM AWARD for his service in scouting on 16 Nov 1947. The scouts worked hard to earn money for the trip to Boy Scout New Camp in Wyoming July 27 to Aug 3, 1963. They were chaperoned by Melvin Hines and John Sellers their scout leaders. Bert Whipple was their idol as he taught them to use a compass and find their way in the mountains. The boys fondly remember Henry Cheney. Currently the Tobin home is the gathering place where Kerry kept them busy making fire place logs from soaked newspapers. To all our scout leaders, who every day live scouting, we extend our thanks. Kent Horspool, Roger F. Sawyer, and Kirt Wiggill are a few who have influenced our boys for good.

There will be a list of Attendance Awards and also Duty to God Awards earned by the boys.

And what would M.I.A. be without sports? The 2 Feb. 1955 the 31st Ward boys won the Ogden Stake Basket Ball Championship the second year in a row. In March 1954 the M Men won 1st Place Sportsmanship Award in Ogden Stake Tournament Basket Ball. Many trophy have been won through out the years, and the boys have had fun.

December 1964: Proud were the parents of the youth who used the money planed for their party to furnish part of the Christmas for a needy family. Caroling and delivering the Christmas baskets to the widows and shut-ins was a fun time.

In May 1965, congratulations were extended to Jack d'Hulst on his earning and receiving his M Men Award.

Keith Topance was presented one of the highest awards in scouting. On Thursday Feb 20th, 1969, he received the Award of Merit from the Silver Beaver Commission. This is an expression of commend.

Many excursions to the Logan Temple for baptism for the dead were made. On the 27th February 1969 two cars went to the Logan Temple with M.I.A. boys the drivers were Larry Price and John Lee.

Fulfilling the scouting merit badges, sports, dancing, and singing festivals, roadshows, good deeds to widows, hiking and carrying out the Priesthood duties, leaves a LDS boy little time for mischief. Rather it builds a good pattern for manhood and helps him participate in programs with confidence and to learn leadership.

And now with the new Aaronic Priesthood Young Mens M.I.A., the programs are planned and carried out by the youth. This gives better opportunity to develop leadership, for these youth are our future leaders.

Ogden 31st Ward Young Mens Mutual Improvement Association  
 (Abbreviations: Supt.-Superintendent; Couns.- Counselors; Sec.-Secretary)

		sustained	released
1st Supt.	John O. Applegarth	9 Sep 1946	Sep 1947
Couns.	Samuel R. Graviat	9 Sep 1946	Sep 1947
	Kenneth C. Porter	9 Sep 1946	Sep 1947
Sec.	Carl R. Saunders	9 Sep 1946	Sep 1947
2nd Supt.	Lawrence Saunders	Sep 1947	21 Mar 1948
Couns.	Richard E. Carruth	Sep 1947	21 Mar 1948
	Glen Bryson	Sep 1947	21 Mar 1948
Sec.	Carl Saunders	Sep 1947	21 Mar 1948
3rd Supt.	Howard Barren	21 Mar 1948	6 Feb 1950
Couns.	Glen Bryson	21 Mar 1948	6 Feb 1950
	Le Roy Bingham	21 Mar 1948	Jan 1949
	Boyd Coombs	Jan 1949	6 Feb 1950
Sec.	Elmer Fay Rippon	21 Mar 1948	6 Feb 1950
4th Supt.	Boyd G. Coombs	6 Feb 1950	18 Feb 1951
Couns.	Elmer Fay Rippon	6 Feb 1950	18 Feb 1951
	Sias William Parson	6 Feb 1950	18 Feb 1951
Sec.	Marvin Hogensen	6 Feb 1950	18 Feb 1951
5th Supt.	William C. Jensen	18 Feb 1950	15 Mar 1953
Couns.	John Massey	18 Feb 1950	18 Nov 1951
	Sias Williams Parson	18 Feb 1950	10 Sep 1951
	Joseph Backman	10 Nov 1951	Aug 1952
	E. G. Barrows	June 1951	16 Sep 1951
	Roland Jay Williams	Aug 1952	15 Mar 1953
	A Reed Larson	4 Nov 1952	15 Mar 1953
Sec.	A. Reed Larson	2 Dec 1951	4 Nov 1952
	Frank Johnson	4 Nov 1952	15 Mar 1953
6th Supt.	A. Reed Larson	15 Mar 1953	3 Jan 1954
Couns.	Roland Jay Williams	15 Mar 1953	3 Jan 1954
	Don Eggington	15 Mar 1953	22 Nov 1953
	Robert Belnap	22 Nov 1953	3 Jan 1954
Sec.	Don Arrowsmith	15 Mar 1953	7 June 1953
	Joseph Bailey	7 June 1953	3 Jan 1954
7th Supt.	Robert Belnap	19 Jan 1954	28 Mar 1954
Couns.	Boyd Applegarth	19 Jan 1954	28 Mar 1954
	Clifton Rippon	19 Mar 1954	28 Mar 1954
Sec.	Clarence Penrod	19 Mar 1954	28 Mar 1954
8th Supt.	Douglas Orton	28 Mar 1954	2 Jan 1955
Couns.	Clarence Penrod	28 Mar 1954	15 Nov 1954
	Arthur Johnson	28 Mar 1954	15 Nov 1954
	Fay Rippon	15 Nov 1954	2 Jan 1955
	William Segiler	15 Nov 1954	2 Jan 1955
Sec.	Don Hansen	28 Mar 1954	2 Jan 1955
9th Supt.	William Seliger	2 Jan 1955	18 Sep 1955
Couns.	Kenneth Porter	2 Jan 1955	18 Sep 1955
	Don V. Hansen	2 Jan 1955	18 Sep 1955
Sec.	Allan Applegarth	2 Jan 1955	18 Sep 1955

## Young Mens M.I.A. (continued)

		sustained	released
10th Supt.	Kenneth C. Porter	18 Sept 1955	17 June 1956
Couns.	Alton Winger	18 Sept 1955	22 Jan 1956
	Don Hansen	18 Sept 1955	3 Feb 1956
	Gary Lowell Hunting	22 Jan 1956	17 June 1956
	Douglas Orton	12 Feb 1956	17 June 1956
Sec.	Delore Powell	18 Sept 1955	4 Dec 1955
	Gary Lowell Hunting	4 Dec 1955	22 Jan 1956
	Daniel Jackman	22 Jan 1956	17 June 1956
11th Supt.	Alton Winger	17 June 1956	11 Aug 1957
Couns.	Kenneth Vanderwerff	17 June 1956	25 Nov 1956
	Allen Reeves	17 June 1956	11 Aug 1957
	Dale Parsons	10 Mar 1957	11 Aug 1957
Sec.	Daniel Jackman	17 June 1956	Aug 1956
	Kenneth Allen	Aug 1956	11 Aug 1957
12th Supt.	Robert Glen Hufstetlor	11 Aug 1957	3 Nov 1957
Couns.	Allen Reeves	11 Aug 1957	3 Nov 1957
	Dale Parsons	11 Aug 1957	3 Nov 1957
Sec.	Daniel Jackman	11 Aug 1957	22 Sep 1957
	Harold W. Smith	22 Sept 1957	3 Nov 1957
13th Supt.	Alton Winger	3 Nov 1957	8 June 1958
Couns.	Allen Reeves	3 Nov 1957	8 June 1958
	Carl Child	3 Nov 1957	8 June 1958
Sec.	Harold W. Smith	3 Nov 1957	4 May 1958
14th Supt.	Allen Reeves	8 June 1958	1 Feb 1959
Couns.	Calvin Putnam	8 June 1958	25 Nov 1958
	Carl Childs	8 June 1958	1 Feb 1959
Sec.	Marvin Wiggins	25 June 1958	7 Dec 1958
	Arthur D. Malan Sr.	7 Dec 1958	1 Feb 1959
15th Supt.	John Snow	1 Feb 1959	22 May 1960
Couns.	Carl Childs	1 Feb 1959	29 Mar 1959
	Alan Reeves	1 Feb 1959	22 May 1960
	Derlin Hadley	29 Mar 1959	10 Nov 1959
	Melvin Murphy	10 Nov 1959	22 May 1960
Sec.	Arthur D. Malan Sr.	1 Feb 1959	22 May 1960
16th Supt.	Melvin Murphy	22 May 1960	11 Sep 1960
Couns.	Louis Sorensen	22 May 1960	11 Sep 1960
	Dennis Andrews	22 May 1960	11 Sep 1960
Sec.	Arthur D. Malan Jr.	22 May 1960	11 Sep 1960
17th Supt.	Louis Sorensen	11 Sep 1960	30 July 1961
Couns.	Dennis Andrews	11 Sep 1960	26 Mar 1961
	Richard Messenger	11 Sep 1960	26 Mar 1961
	Larry Price	26 Mar 1961	30 July 1961
	Arthur D. Malan Jr.	26 Mar 1961	30 July 1961
Sec.	Lynn Tanner	6 Nov 1960	30 July 1961
18th Supt.	Alfred Jay Bird	30 July 1961	17 Sept 1961
Couns.	Arthur D. Malan Jr.	30 July 1961	17 Sept 1961
	Garth Willie	30 July 1961	17 Sept 1961
Sec.	Lynn Tanner	30 July 1961	17 Sept 1961



## Ogden 31st Ward Young Mens M.I.A.

	sustained	released
19th Supt. Garth Willie	17 Sep 1961	3 Feb 1963
Couns. Arthur D. Malan Jr.	17 Sep 1961	5 Nov 1961
Brent Innes	24 Sep 1961	5 Nov 1961
Wayne A. Sims	5 Nov 1961	3 Feb 1963
Darrel Williamsen	18 Mar 1962	25 Nov 1962
Allen Reeves	25 Nov 1962	3 Feb 1963
Sec. Lynn Tanner	24 Sep 1961	5 Aug 1962
Barry Brown	5 Aug 1962	3 Feb 1963
20th Supt. Wayne A. Sims	3 Feb 1963	15 Mar 1964
Couns. Allen R. Reeves	3 Feb 1963	15 Mar 1964
Emmett Sexton	3 Feb 1963	5 May 1963
Richard H. Messenger	5 May 1963	15 Mar 1964
Sec. Barry Brown	3 Feb 1963	15 Mar 1964
21st Supt. Allen R. Reeves	15 Mar 1964	29 Apr 1966
Couns. Charles Lunt	15 Mar 1964	30 Aug 1964
Richard Sobers	30 Aug 1964	5 Sep 1965
Kenneth Hathaway	5 Sep 1965	12 Dec 1965
George Heiner	30 Aug 1964	29 Apr 1966
Dennis Andrews	12 Dec 1965	6 Mar 1966
Arthur D. Malan Jr.	6 Mar 1966	29 Apr 1966
Sec. David Crabtree	30 Aug 1966	29 Apr 1966
22nd Supt. Arthur D. Malan Jr.	29 Apr 1966	8 Oct 1967
Couns. Dennis Andrews	29 Apr 1966	7 Aug 1966
Lynn Tanner	21 July 1966	8 Oct 1967
Eugene Humphries	7 Aug 1966	8 Oct 1967
Evan Madsen	6 Nov 1966	5 Feb 1967
Sec. David Crabtree	29 Apr 1966	8 Oct 1967
23rd Supt. Lynn E. Tanner	10 Oct 1967	31 Dec 1967
Couns. Brent Gunderson	10 Oct 1967	31 Dec 1967
Sec. David Crabtree	10 Oct 1967	31 Dec 1967
24th Supt. Dereld Rich	31 Dec 1967	7 Apr 1968
Couns. Brent Gunderson	31 Dec 1967	28 Jan 1968
Theodore Long	28 Jan 1968	7 Apr 1968
Sec. David Crabtree	31 Dec 1967	7 Apr 1968
25th Supt. Theodore Long	7 Apr 1968	14 Apr 1968
Sec. David Crabtree	7 Apr 1968	14 Apr 1968
No active Supt. Larry Price and J. Leland Archibald, Bishop's Counselors assisted.		
26th Supt. Edward Flink	19 May 1968	31 Aug 1969
Couns. Brent Gunderson	19 May 1968	3 Nov 1968
Glenn Ravenberg	7 July 1968	3 Nov 1969
David Allen London	3 Nov 1968	31 Aug 1969
John Lee	3 Nov 1968	30 Mar 1969
Sec. David Crabtree	19 May 1968	26 May 1968
John Lee	26 May 1968	3 Nov 1968
Michael Reeves	3 Nov 1968	31 Aug 1969

No superintendent the Bishops Counselors assisted.

## Young Mens Mutual Improvement

		sustained	released
27th Supt.	Daryl Wayne Reeder	31 Aug 1969	11 Jan 1970
Couns.	Jerry Armstrong	14 Sep 1969	11 Jan 1970
	David London	31 Aug 1969	14 Sep 1969
Sec.	Michael Reeves	31 Aug 1969	2 Nov 1969
	Steven Morrison	2 Nov 1969	11 Jan 1970
28th Supt.	J. Glenn Nally	11 Jan 1970	25 Oct 1970
Couns.	Michael Knowles	27 Aug 1970	27 Sep 1970
	Paul Lucas	29 Mar 1970	25 Oct 1970
Sec.	Steven Morrison	11 Jan 1970	25 Oct 1970
29th Supt.	Michael Backman	25 Oct 1970	28 Jan 1971
Sec.	Steven Morrison	25 Oct 1970	28 Jan 1971
30th Supt.	Keith Topance	7 Feb 1971	10 Oct 1971
Couns.	Larry Don Atkins	7 Feb 1971	5 Sep 1971
	Lynn Paul Ballard	23 May 1971	22 Aug 1971
	John Wiggill	22 Aug 1971	10 Oct 1971
	Clyde Findlay	5 Sep 1971	10 Oct 1971
Sec.	Steven Morrison	7 Feb 1971	10 Sep 1971
31st Supt.	Byron W. Call	31 Oct 1971	11 Feb 1973
Couns.	John Wiggill	31 Oct 1971	21 Nov 1971
	Michael Reeves	21 Nov 1971	11 Feb 1973
	Clyde Findlay	31 Oct 1971	11 Feb 1973
Sec.	Steven Morrison	20 Feb 1972	11 Feb 1973
Asst. Sec.	Jimmy Roberts	1972	11 Feb 1973
32nd Supt.	Courtney Lee Bowen	11 Feb 1973	5 Aug 1973
Couns.	Clyde Findley	11 Feb 1973	5 Aug 1973
	Michael Reeves	11 Feb 1973	5 Aug 1973
Sec.	Robert Adam Beesley	11 Feb 1973	5 Aug 1973

All officers and teachers were released 5 August 1973. A new  
Aaronic Priesthood M.I.A. Program was started, with a Cordinator.

33rd Cord.	Cortney Lee Bowen	5 Aug 1973	30 Dec 1973
Sec.	Warren Shurtleff	5 Aug 1973	30 Dec 1973
34th Cord.	Jim Carpenter	30 Dec 1973	30 June 1974
Sec.	Warren Shurtleff	30 Dec 1973	30 June 1974
35th Cord.	Donald Christensen	30 June 1974	2 Feb 1975
Sec.	Warren Shurtleff	30 June 1974	2 Feb 1975
36th Cord.	Robert Leo Eves	2 Feb 1975	10 Aug 1975
Sec.	Warren Shurtleff	2 Feb 1975	20 Apr 1975
	Parker Robinson	20 Apr 1975	10 Aug 1975
37th Cord.	Roger F. Anderson	10 Aug 1975	
Sec.	Parker Robinson	10 Aug 1975	28 Dec 1975
	A. Brent Stephens	28 Dec 1975	18 Jan 1976
	Carry Dopp	18 Jan 1976	

A FEW DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN

December 1961: the M.I.A. enjoyed caroling at the homes in the ward.

1962: A certificate of GOOD was presented the 31st Ward Roadshow, 88 participated. August 1st an enjoyable party for the cast was held at Bishop Hal Ferguson's home.

1965: M.Men and Gleaners went coasting at North Ogden. Then on the 23 Feb. enjoyed a special BRIDE AND GROOM NIGHT with excellent talks, music and eats.

12 Nov. 1967: YOUTH WEEK banquet, then appointed youth held honorary ward positions of all officers and functioned in these positions for a week.

15 Feb 1969: Our ward members joined the dancing at the Sweetheart Ball of the Ogden Stake. John and Becky Lee were our representatives as Sweetheart Couple.

Nov. 1972 Kent Topance and Natalie d'Hulst represented our ward on the Ogden Stake Youth Council.

Oct. 1972: Achievement Awards were recieved by: Carolyn Doxey, Karen Albright, A,Layne Wiggill, Vodean Miller, Brad d'Hulst, Earl d'Hulst, Dean Hunt, Kent Topance, and David d'Hulst.

27 Nov 1973: A Scouts Court of Honor was held and Mark Hunt was presented his Eagle Award.

24 July 1972 Ogden Stake M Men and Gleaners built and were on the float for Ogden Pioneers Day.

24 April 1958: 31st Ward girls won the Junior Division Volley Ball Championship.

June 1962: There appeared in the Ogden Standard Examiner the following:

A SOLEMN PROMISE

"We the undersigned students, pledge our full efforts in rejecting the use of tobacco and alcohol in our lives and to help others obtain the same goal. We feel that the use of alcohol and tobacco has a great influence on the lives of people in our community. Advertising has influenced some young people in our community, to participate in these activities."

"In making this pledge, we are putting tobacco and alcohol out of our lives and challenge all others to do the same. (signed by the following from the 31st Ward) Rhea Ann Crowley, Chana Shulz, Judy Linderman, Linda Beezer, Karen Tanner, Leslie Hines, Dixie Applegarth, Sandie Taylor, Steve Harris, Janet Reeves, Eva Sellers, Steven Baker, Lynn Tanner, Ann Lucas."

We congratulate you upon your decision to keep the Lord's Commandments. This shows that you are very mature and adult, and being converted to the Gospel have chosen to be "On the Lord's side."

April 4, 1975: Remember the fun we had at the party for the roadshow cast held at the Topance home. La Rue Topance was the director of the show.



Life Sketch of Allen Ray Reeves  
( 14th and 21st Superintendent of 31st Ward Y.M.MIA )

In Kersey, Colorado on 20 September 1914, Allen Ray Reeves was born to Ona Valora Rima and John Henry Reeves. They lived on a farm every time they moved in North Platte, Nebraska, Evanston, Wyoming and several other places. When he was in his teens, the family moved to Ogden, Utah. He attended Lewis Junior High School and Ogden High School. He was an outstanding foot ball player and the Ogden Standard Examiner had a write-up about him as the foot-ball hero. He also worked on their farm at 1105 Sullivan Road in Ogden.

At a dance at Brown Palace on 31st Street near Washington Ave., he met a lovely girl, Virginia Lucile Hiatt. This was the popular dancing place at that time, with a good orchestra. Virginia and Allen were married the 27th May 1935 in Brigham City, Utah. They lived various places in Ogden but mostly in the 31st Ward.

Allen worked as a cutter of womens aprons and dresses at Quinn Garment Co. on 28th Street below Washington Ave. He was drafted into the Army in 1945 and stationed in California. He was preparing to go over seas, when the order came from the President of the United States, President Rosevelt: "Any service man with three children or more was not to serve over seas." Allen was released in nine months and came home to work for three months at the Ogden Defence Depot.

In 1946 he secured work at the Ogden City School Board where he advanced in position until he was Ogden City School Board Supervisor of Ground repairs in all Ogden City Schools. He worked there for 20 years.

Allen had accepted baptism the 29th July 1942 by Ogden Stake Missionaries, George O. Hardman, Douglas Brian and Peter d'Hulst. Allen was not active. Warren Shurtleff of the Bishopric suggested a cottage meeting to be held at the Reeves home. Bishop Wilford D. Harris, his Counselors Warren Shurtleff and Harvey R. Schwitzer, Melvin Hines, Jake Vanderwerff, Martin Yssel and J. Roland Stagg attended. After the meeting Brother Yssel and Vanderwerff asked Allen if they could call and pick him up for Priesthood Meeting. His wife said, "Don't bother I'd just have to come to the door and say he was sick or working." Allen was aggravated and said that no one had to pick him up, he would go by himself, and he did never missing. He told Bishop Harris that he should not come because he was smoking. But he was told if he waited until he quit, he would never get there. If he came he would be helped to quit, which proved true. He was told he not only needed the church but the church needed him. Allen admitted later that he had intended to go to Priesthood Meeting twice, then they would forget him and work on someone else.

He began doing art work for the Sunday School programs and felt needed and useful. He found the men did not forget him but made him feel one with them and he never missed a meeting. He was ordained an Elder the 4 th March 1956. MIA was his joy and he was sustained a Counselor to Alton Winger the 17 June 1956, and to Robert Glen Hufstetlor the 11th of August 1957, then to Alton Winger again the 3rd of November 1957.

Allen Reeves was sustained Superintendent of Y.M. MIA June 8th, 1958 serving until the 1st February 1959 when he was again a Counselor to John Snow being released the 22 May 1960. About this time he worked in the Ogden Stake Adult Aaronic Priesthood assisting J. Roland Stagg. Again the call of as Counselor to Garth Willie the 17 September 1961 then to Wayne A. Sims the 3rd February 1963 to the 15 March 1964 when he became the 21st MIA Superintendent where he served until his death the 18 March 1966.

Allen loved the MIA and all the youth affectionately called him "curley" because of his thinning locks on top. He was always willing to do what was needed. He was the first there and the last to leave. He was always dependable and expected the same of others. He enjoyed making all of the scenery for every MIA Road Show. Neighbor or friend, day or night he responded anytime.

He was devoted to his children; four died as infants, four lived: Janice Reeves Allbright, Patti Reeves Udy, Nancy Reeves West and Michael Reeves. Allen and Michael were great pals and Allen influenced Mike to remain faithful at all times. Because of the late start he made in church work, he felt he must work harder. He learned appreciation of his family and the purpose of life through church activity.

Allen had a testimony of the Gospel, he lived it and told everyone who would listen, both men at work and his family of its truthfulness. His family had been bitter about Allen's baptism but when they saw the joy and happiness he recieved from the Gospel, they were resigned. Allen's mother has just given her permission for Michael to do the temple work for Allen's father even though she has not been baptized. Allen was always encouraging the Adult Aaronic men. Many women have told Virginia of the great influence Allen had been with their husbands. He loved his opportunity to Home Teach and encourage activity.

He is remembered and missed since his earthly departure on the 18th of March 1966. But his testimony never wavered, he lived his good example and was true to the end.



Life Sketch of Kenneth C. Porter  
10 Superintendent of the Y.M. M.I.A.

Kenneth Carr Porter was born December 11, 1920 in Ogden, Utah, a son of Leon Ledwidge and Christina Carr Porter.

He was the 3rd President of the Elders Quorum of the 31st Ward and served as 10th Superintendant of the M.I.A. there. He was called to serve to serve the Ogden Stake as counselor and Drama Director in M.I.A.. He served many years in the All Faces West production.

Lula Garnet Beck and he were married on April 1942 in the Salt Lake Temple. They loved children and had a large family: Robert Brent, Nancy, Beverly, Karen Margene, RaNae, Deanna and Rebecka. They loved their eight grandchildren.

He was a member of the Leader Krantz Chorus in Ogden. He was a member and records officer of the Ogden Police Reserves and was past commander. He served as first aid instructor for the Red Cross.

At the Ogden Internal Revenue Service Center he was employed as management analyst. He had worked as administrator of the Utah Tuberculosis Hospital from 1952 to 1956.

P. S. The 20th and 31st Ward members grieved at the passing of Brother Porter. His friendship and good works will be missed

# LIFE HISTORY OF ROGER F. ANDERSON

## AARONIC PRIESTHOOD YOUNG MENS MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION CORDINATOR



I was born the 10th day of November 1943; the fourth son and fifth child of George Edwin Anderson Sr. and Elizabeth Boren Anderson. Since it was not the accepted custom in those days, as it is today, to have their children in well-lighted, efficient hospitals, I came screaming into this probationary earthly existance at my parent's residence, a roomy, well lived-in two story wood frame house at 752 Parkway Avenue in Salt Lake City, Utah. The house still stands today, despite the pressures of urban sprawl and freeway construction. I like to visit the old house occasionally, although I am somewhat saddened to see the state of disrepair into which the house has fallen.

I remained at the above address for three years. I was very young, it is true, but I can faintly remember some of the events that transpired then. I remember the time I "walked away" from home, although mother supplied some details, I remember being in a nice old woman's home eating cookies and milk when mother found me, about three hours later, about three blocks from home.

My father had worked at the Rocky Mountain Bank Note and then at Fort Douglas in Salt Lake City before the demands of World War II caused the establishment of the defense Depot here near Ogden. Dad was subsequently transferred to Ogden. Dad drove 37 miles to work each day, but after one year of this he and mother finally conceded to pull up roots and leave all our relatives in Salt Lake. We were leaving "Zion", to mingle with the "wicked" inhabitation of the Babylon to the north, the infamous home of 25th Street.

The family settled in a housing project for civilian personal at the defense depot. We stayed only one year and moved to roomier surroundings of old Bonneville Park, where the homes were made from old Army Barracks. Two families lived in each building. Since our family now numbered 10 in all, with the addition of twins since our arrival at Bonneville Park, Mom and Dad decided to make our final move to 297 West 7th Street. The move was a happy one, except my oldest brother and sister, who felt they would never find new friends in the new surroundings.

I was encouraged throughout my childhood to be active in the church. Although my father has always been inactive, he has been supportive of its principals, and has helped mother in instilling a strong sense of moral accountability. As far as our spiritual growth is concerned, Mother has been the stalwart leader in our family. We shall never be able to fully repay our wonderful parents for their selfless sacrifices in our behalf.

I continued to grow and to progress in the Priesthood while we lived on 7th Street. In 1962 I was graduated from Ben Lomond High School. I recieved a scholarship to go to B.Y.U.. Since my early days in Priesthood, I had had a strong desire to serve a mission and desired to return to my grandmothers homeland of Germany. I completed my years study at B.Y.U. then returned home to make preparations for my mission by working during the summer for the Ogden City Streets Department as a street sweeper.

My 2½ years mission to Northern Germany was truly a rewarding and eventful part of my life. I fell so much in love with the German people and their culture, that I made German my major in college upon my return home. I later returned to Germany at my own expense just to be with these wonderful people once more. Peoples misconstrued, stereotyped concept of the German people had often hurt me deeply since I have really come to know the German people.



After my return home, I completed my studies and in 1969 I began teaching in the Ogden City Schools. I first taught as a fill-in teacher at Central Jr. High School, while their German teacher Roger Cragun, took a leave of absence to complete work on his master's degree. When he returned to Central the next year, I was transferred to Mound Fort where I have remained ever since.

During the winter of 1973-1974, I began renting the old Belnap home here on 21st Street from my close friend at school, Prent Belnap, the grandson of Bishop Volney B. Belnap of the 20th and 31st Wards. I met my lovely wife, Marilyn Diane Vickers and we were married April 26, 1975. We continued renting and when the opportunity came in the summer of 1976, we began purchasing this home. We both feel blessed beyond our wildest dreams and expectations at having the opportunity to live in the 31st Ward. Of course we are aware of the unique problems which our ward has. We are sometimes frustrated with the shortcomings and imperfections which the Lord has seen fit to allow us all to possess. But when all is said and done, we must truly thank the Lord for His wisdom in allowing us to mingle with the wonderful bretheren and sisters of this ward.



Roger Anderson- Aaronic Priesthood Advisor  
1976

## RETRENCHMENT SOCIETY

"There is no doubt but what Aunt Eliza (Eliza R. Snow) was the power behind the throne in the organization of the Retrenchment Society, although Father (Brigham Young) is usually given the credit. She was very extravagant in her own mode of dress but she could not bear to see like extravagance in the younger generation. I haven't the least doubt but what she was sincere in the matter, evidently believing that what was quite all right for a woman of her judgement and experience would fill the heads of younger girls with vain idle thoughts."

"A regular organization was effected called the "Retrenchment Society", and my sisters agreed, although with no great enthusiasm, to give up the frills so dear to the hearts of the young and pretty girls."

"Before long the group grew to include other women of the city outside our own family and in time extend through the entire church. Today it is a strong organization known as the Young Women's Mutual Improvement Association, but its aims have changed with the times and personalities, and now it deals largely with religious instruction and with directing the recreational activities of the young people of the Church." (Excerpts from "ONE WHO WAS VALIANT" pages 78,79,80, written by Clarissa Young Spencer and Mabel Harmer.)

## YOUNG WOMEN'S MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

With great joy we looked forward to primary Graduation at 14 years of age (later changed to 12 years) for now we were grown up and could go to MIA and become Bee Hive girls. We could receive awards for filling the cells (listed requirements for advancement) we could choose a personal symbol and name. How diligently we worked to receive each award, a paper symbol to be pasted in our own book. Later they were felt and sewed to a felt neck-piece, which we wore with pride around our necks.

The Mia Maids had as their symbol the rose. They strived to bring each girl in the ward their age into activity that they might "Tie the Rose Bouquet." Each girl participated in part of the ceremony and laid their rose on the ribbon which bound them all together in a bouquet which was presented to the MIA President. Their lessons were to help them bud into a pure and delicate rose of woman-hood.

The Laurel Class symbol was a pearl denoting purity. Lessons and activities guided them in clean living. This class was formerly the Silver Gleaners and had as their aim to fulfill the requirements to earn the Silver Gleaner Award.

The Gleaners worked to achieve the Golden Gleaner Award and to complete their Treasures of Truth Book. If they succeeded in enrolling and having participation of all girls their age in the ward, they might participate in the ceremony of Binding the Sheaf of Wheat as Ruth the Gleaner in the Bible did.

The girls participate in dance, soft ball, volley ball, basket ball, and camping a week in the summer at Camp Otoka, the MIA Stake Camp in South Fork. The girls also worked to receive individual awards for attendance at 75% of all their meetings at MIA, Sunday School and Sacrament Meeting. Awards were started in 1951 and were discontinued in 1973.

The new youth program is called the Achievement Program which started in 1971 and is accomplished from birthday to birthday. The youth meets with the Bishop of the ward and choses the goals he wishes to make that year for his or for her own improvement. A year later they meet to discuss the success of the goals set and to plan for the following year. For development this is the plan we all should use.

The Special Interest Class was for all past Gleaner and M. Men age and is enjoyed by all single adult members of the ward.

#### NEW AARONIC PRIESTHOOD MIA FOR YOUNG WOMEN

On the 5 August 1973 all officers and teachers of the MIA were released. A new program was introduced. Lucille L. Singleton was sustained as President there are no counselors; Verna Morley-Secretary, Shanna Mackey-Bee Hive Advisor, Jean S. Bowen-Mia Maid Advisor, Karla Stephens-Laurel Advisor. All classes are organized with Presidents, Counselors and Secretaries.

In the new program, the youth are to be trained to take the leadership of the MIA. They conduct all MIA Meetings. The Priests President, Brad d'Hulst, and the Laurel President Martha d'Hulst along with their counselors, meet with all the class Presidencies and plan the lessons, activities, and service projects for the year under the Aaronic Priesthood Young Mens MIA and the Young Womens MIA Presidencies and the Bishopric. The new program has been very well recieved by our youth. Once a month they meet with the Bishopric for guidance in Youth Council Meeting.

The youth are now responsible for conducting prayer meeting and their MIA Meetings. They plan who are to give talks, the Theme presentation, the musical numbers and any announcements from the Ogden Stake. The Priests Presidenciency and the Laurel President work very close with the Ogden Stake Leaders on all activities outlined by the General Board of the Aaronic Priesthood MIA.

#### YOUNG WOMENS MIA AWARDS FOR TEACHERS

An award is defined as conferring or bestowing an honor. Awards were looked forward to and brought great satisfaction. The real value of an award is the experience or knowledge gained by qualifing. Some awards are recieved for attendance and the habit formed by always attending church makes the pattern for ones life.

M.I.A. presented Teacher Awards for 19 years, with 15 of these years requiring 100% attendance. Verna Morley has been presented this award many times. These awards were given yearly. Among the records these were found: 13 July 1947 (one year after the ward was organized) the teachers awards were given to Maude Stratford, Viola Young, Elsie Wagstaff and Eloise Pope. On the 28 July 1957 a special award was given to Ellen Pendleton and Patty Reeves for three years 100% attendance.

In 1964 eleven teachers were presented awards for attendance: Verna Morley, Claudia Archibald, Linda Kay Hill, Lenore Hill, Olive Snow, Edna Tanner, Betty Hansen, Ardella Smith, Lenore Brown, Mary Mc Allister and Louise Davis.

On the 3 November 1968, teachers awards were recieved by: Vellis Pincock, Geraldine Gunderson, Karen Tanner, Mary Mc Allister, Claudia Archibald, Verna Morley, Olive Snow, Lenore Brown and Joan Robbins.



## YOUNG WOMENS ATTENDANCE AWARDS

On the 8 September 1946, Lillian Cheney and Mae Mc Farland were chosen to be in charge of the L.D.S. Girls Committee of the 31st Ward. Valecita J. Hill was to be secretary, and later these served as Secretaries: Hattie Jones, Annie Hill, Marvilla Walker and Verna Morley. As advisors to the girls were: Mary Harris, Isabell Rhodes, Verna West, Elvira Mc Carrel, Beth Johnson and Thelma Poulsen.

They were to work with this group of girls on attendance and activity and to be interested in the girls. The success of their work was evident as the following girls recieved attendance awards on the 9 March 1947: Norma Jean Vowles, Mary Lou Thornton, Lou Jean Saunders, Dorothy Rippon, Norma Jean Millet, Joan Gay Mc Carrel, Bonnie Rae Mc Carrel, Eleanor Hill, Marjory Doxey and Clarene Clifton. Then in 1948 the following girls recieved awards: Renee Hill, Carol Harris, Gwen Johnson, Lois Mc Carrel, Sherron Crabtree, and Bonnie Mc Carrel.

Individual awards were presented the 26 February, 1950, were 25 in number;

Jeanette Allred	Gayla Baker	Marilyn Millet	Annette Craviet
Geraldine Hadley	Val Ann Hill	Shirley Millet	Virginia Malan
Barbara Marshall	Deon Poulsen	Venna Poulsen	Jeanette Malan
Ruth Ann Morley	Shirley Snow	Joan Mc Carrel	Louise Walker
Helen Singleton	Sharyl Wright	Norine Harris	Marilyn Malan
Carma Jean Chugg	La Vonne Raat	Norma Rhodes	Jeanne Millet
Vivien Shulz			

In 1947 Lillian Cheney presented four girls with 100% attendance at all meetings, they were Lou Jean Saunders, Marcia Saunders, Joanne Mc Carrel and Norma Vowles.

The M.I.A. Awards were started in 1951, following the L.D.S. Girls Program. These awards were presented each year. The largest number given in one year was 32 and 7 more for the girls from the Blind Branch who attended our ward. Here is a sampler of those who recieved this honor.

In November 1959, a small year, were Dixie Applegarth, Leslie Hines, Nancy Spencer, Chana Shulz, Rhea Ann Crowley, Gayle Anderson, Janet Bingham, Carlene Cardon, Susan Murphy, Judy Linderman, and Karen Stanley.

1968 awards were presented to 20 girls, they were:

Nancy Gay Hansen	Bonnie Wiggill	Dana D'Hulst	Marilyn Hansen
Becky Yamashita	Patricia Fife	Jill Wilbur	Linda Reddish
Vicky Lynn Anderson	Martha Hunt	Jan Wilbur	Shanna Wiggill
Celestia Shurtleff	Myrna Powell	Karen Hines	Judy Morrison
Darla Shurtleff	Joyce Hunt	Joyce Hunt	Kathleen Price

Congratulations to these girls, who repeatedly earned yearly awards:

Eva Sellers	10 years	Carolyn Shurtleff	7 years	Kae Jensen	5 years
Jenette Brown	9 years	Louise Hunt Shupe	7 years	Karen Hines	5 years
Linda Kay Hill	9 years	Celestia Shurtleff	5 years	Jill Wilbur	4 years
Karen Tanner	7 years	Judith Morrison	7 years	Chana Shulz	4 years
Linda Peazer	7 years	Annette Crabtree	6 years	Carol Harris	4 years
Leslie Hines	8 years	La Rene Anderson	5 years	Gwen Johnson	4 years
Joyce Hunt	6 years	Christine Cherry	4 years	Linda Reddish	4 years
Martha Hunt	6 years	Dixie Applegarth	4 years	Cathy Hines	4 years
Jean Shurtleff	4 years	Patricia Crowley	4 years	Jan Wilbur	4 years
Susan Hansen	5 years	Rhea Ann Crowley	5 years	Sally Wilbur	5 years

Connie Anderson	7 years	Cathy Toponce	6 years	Julie Simonsen	5 years
Alice Mikkelsen	4 years	Barbara Harris	6 years	Shauna Wiggill	7 years
Darla Shurtleff	6 years	Lois Mc Carrel	4 years	Joy Singleton	5 years
Natalie d'Hulst	5 years	Marilyn Hansen	6 years	Kathleen Price	6 years
Carolyn Hunting	4 years				

In 1973 individual awards were discontinued.

#### GLEANER AWARDS

Silver Gleaner Awards were recieved by: Joy Singleton, Lillian Cheney, Pattie Reeves, Barbara Harris, Barbara Yssel, Lois Mc Carrel and La Rae Bowen,

The Golden Gleaner Award was recieved by: Betty Hansen, Ida Lucille Singleton, Carmen Ferguson, Nadene Miller, Claudia Archibald, Eva Sellers, Veda Green, Joan d'Hulst, Sharron Crabtree, Natalie Hess, Linda Kay Hill Messenger. On the 31st October 1956, Verna Stagg was presented an honorary Golden Gleaner Award Certificate and a pin by Velma Hardy of the Young Womens M.I.A. General Board.

Veda Green recieved a 50 year service pin and Lillian Cheney a 20 year service pin from M.I.A. Verna Morley and Judith Morrison were presented M.I.A. Necklas.

#### REQUIREMENTS FOR LATTER-DAY SAINT GIRL AWARDS

Group Award (Era Dec. 1948, Deseret News, Nov. 10, 1948)

1. Have an average attendance record at sacrament meeting of 35 per cent or more during the year.
2. Have an average attendance record at Sunday School of 50 per cent or more during the year.
3. Have an average attendance record at YWMIA of 50 per cent or more during the year, excluding the months of the summer program. Girls who became 12 years of age between January 1 and Aug. 31 are not eligible to enter MIA until the following Sept. During that period, their failing to attend shall not be counted against the group record in MIA activities.
4. 85 per cent of members observe the word of wisdom.
5. 50 per cent participate in a Church Welfare project.
6. 50 per cent of members achieve an Individual Award.

#### Individual Award

1. 50 per cent attendance at sacrament meeting.
2. 75 per cent attendance at Sunday School.
3. Same as 3 above except 75 per cent attendance required.
4. Be a full tithe payer for the year.
5. Observe the word of wisdom during the entire year.
6. A minimum of one public address in a Church meeting.
7. Participate in a Church Welfare project.

Graduation from Primary accepted in lieu of the requirements up to time of graduation. Requirements are to be met on a pro rata basis from graduation to the end of the year. Girls not graduated from Primary must meet all requirements on basis of twelve months, Jan. 1 to Dec. 31.

## Ogden 31st Ward Young Womens M.I.A.

		sustained	released
1st President	Marjorie V. Strand	10 Sept 1946	30 May 1948
Counselors	Violet Perkins	10 Sept 1946	3 Aug 1947
	Eloise Pope	10 Sept 1946	30 May 1948
	Mildred West	3 Aug 1947	30 May 1948
Secretaries	Elsie Wagstaff	9 Sept 1946	3 Aug 1947
	Louise M. Sorensen	3 Aug 1947	30 May 1948
2nd President	Alberta Erickson Redfield	30 May 1948	10 June 1950
Counselors	Norma Millet	30 May 1948	29 June 1949
	Josie Bush Carlson	30 May 1948	3 Nov 1948
	Jewel K. White	20 Nov 1948	29 June 1949
	Elvira Mc Carrel	21 Sept 1949	10 June 1950
	Dorothy Olsen	21 Sept 1949	10 June 1950
Secretaries	Florence Roylance	31 Aug 1949	10 June 1950
	Louise M. Sorensen	30 May 1948	31 Aug 1949
3rd President	Janice S. Burton	10 June 1950	18 Nov 1951
Counselors	Elvira Mc Carrel	10 June 1950	18 Nov 1951
	Dorothy Olsen	10 June 1950	18 Nov 1951
Secretaries	Joan Mc Carrel	10 June 1950	June 1951
	Nelda Massey	June 1951	18 Nov 1951
Asst. "	Ann Hill	4 Oct 1950	18 Nov 1951
4th President	Elizabeth Johnson	18 Nov 1951	29 June 1952
Counselors	Norma Millet	18 Nov 1951	29 June 1952
	Dorothy Olsen	18 Nov 1951	29 June 1952
Secretaries	Nelda Massey	18 Nov 1951	7 Apr 1952
	Arlene West Ellis	7 Apr 1952	29 June 1952
Asst. "	Ann Hill	18 Nov 1951	Feb 1952
	Elvira Mc Carrel	Feb 1952	29 June 1952
5th President	Eloise Pope	29 June 1952	3 May 1953
Counselors	Verna Morley	29 June 1952	3 May 1953
	Marian Hines	29 June 1952	Jan 1953
	Olive Snow	Jan 1953	3 May 1953
Secretaries	Arlene West Ellis	29 June 1952	24 Feb 1953
	Mary White	24 Feb 1953	3 May 1953
Asst. "	Elvira Mc Carrel	24 Feb 1953	3 May 1953
6th President	Verna Morley	3 May 1953	8 June 1958
Counselors	Mary White	3 May 1953	21 June 1953
	Barbara Adams	3 May 1953	21 June 1953
	Marian Hines	21 June 1953	8 June 1958
	Elaine Yssel	21 June 1953	30 May 1954
	Elvira Mc Carrel	9 May 1954	5 June 1955
	Gloria Tellson	30 May 1954	July 1954
	Beth Oborn	30 Aug 1954	30 July 1956
	Jackie Haslam	8 Sept 1955	21 July 1957
	Dimples Reddish	24 Mar 1957	17 Nov 1957
	Shirley Snow	25 Aug 1957	8 June 1958
	Mozella Stutesman	6 Oct 1957	8 June 1958
	Ellen Pendleton	12 Aug 1956	24 Mar 1957
	Gladys Larsen	Apr 1958	31 May 1958



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		sustained	released
Secretaries	Leda Malan	3 May 1953	2 Feb 1954
	Lois Mc Carrel	2 Feb 1954	14 Nov 1955
Asst. "	Ellen Pendleton	4 Dec 1955	12 Aug 1956
	Ruth Winkler	16 Sep 1956	6 Oct 1957
	Elvira Mc Carrel	3 May 1953	9 May 1954
	Lucille Singleton	9 May 1954	14 Mar 1955
	Lucille Whipple	14 Mar 1955	14 May 1956
	Ruth Wont Klen	14 May 1956	3 Jan 1957
	Donna Winger	3 Jan 1957	8 June 1958
7th President	Marian Hines	8 June 1958	15 Feb 1959
Counselors	Joan Robbins	8 June 1958	15 Feb 1959
	Gladys Larsen	8 June 1958	15 Feb 1959
Secretaries	Lucile Singleton	8 June 1958	12 Oct 1958
	Sheryl Taggart	12 Oct 1958	24 May 1959
Asst. "	Ruth Winkler	16 June 1958	21 July 1958
	Verna Morley	21 July 1958	15 Feb 1959
8th President	Irene Christiansen	15 Feb 1959	3 Dec 1961
	Leona Condie	15 Feb 1959	7 May 1959
Counselors	Joan Robbins	15 Feb 1959	Sep 1959
	Pat Roberts	7 May 1959	18 Oct 1959
	Susan Hunt	18 Oct 1959	Nov 1959
	Suzanne Pont	Nov 1959	3 Dec 1961
	Eileen Wilson	Nov 1959	28 Feb 1960
	Dimples Reddish	28 Feb 1960	16 Oct 1960
	Natlee Hess	16 Oct 1960	27 Aug 1961
	Patricia Morrison	27 Aug 1961	3 Dec 1961
	Joan Rauzi	10 Oct 1959	18 Dec 1960
	Eileen Wilson	18 Dec 1960	3 Dec 1961
Secretaries	Mildred Oborn	15 Feb 1959	Sep 1959
	Verna Morley	15 Feb 1959	3 Dec 1961
Asst. "			
9th President	Carma Ferguson	3 Dec 1961	11 Aug 1963
	Patricia Morrison	3 Dec 1961	18 Nov 1962
Counselors	Suzanne Pont	3 Dec 1961	19 Aug 1962
	Anita Shaffer	19 Aug 1962	11 Aug 1963
	Claudia Archibald	18 Nov 1962	11 Aug 1963
	Eileen Wilson	3 Dec 1961	18 Dec 1961
Secretary	Verna Morley	18 Dec 1961	14 July 1963
10th President	Claudia Archibald	11 Aug 1963	25 Aug 1968
	Louise Davis	11 Aug 1963	12 Dec 1965
Counselors	Anita Shaffer	11 Aug 1963	17 May 1964
	Linda Kay H. Messenger	17 May 1964	27 Nov 1966
	Jeanette B. Paskett	12 Dec 1965	10 July 1966
	Joan Robbins	6 Nov 1966	25 Aug 1968
	Vellis Pincock	27 Nov 1966	25 Aug 1968
	Verna Morley	11 Aug 1963	25 Aug 1968
Secretary			
11th President	Joan Robbins	25 Aug 1968	30 Aug 1970
	Vellis Pincock	25 Aug 1968	30 Aug 1970
Counselors	Rosallee Reese	1 Sep 1968	30 Aug 1970
	Verna Morley	25 Aug 1968	30 Aug 1970
Secretary			

## Ogden 31st Ward Young Womens M.I.A.

		sustained	released
12th President	Brenda Hardenbrook	30 Aug 1970	14 Feb 1971
Counselors	Linda Pierson	30 Aug 1970	6 Dec 1970
	Joan d'Hulst	6 Sep 1970	7 Feb 1971
Secretary	Verna Morley	30 Aug 1970	7 Feb 1971
13th President	Joan d'Hulst	7 Feb 1971	30 July 1972
Counselors	Connie Taylor	7 Feb 1971	30 Jan 1972
	Dorothy Nadine Goodwin	7 Feb 1971	14 Nov 1971
	Luann Downs	30 Jan 1972	30 July 1972
	Ida Lucile Singleton	7 Nov 1971	30 July 1972
Secretary	Verna Morley	7 Feb 1971	30 July 1972
14th President	Ida Lucile Singleton	30 July 1972	5 Aug 1973
Counselors	Luann Downs	30 July 1972	5 Aug 1973
	Jean Shurtleff Bowen	30 July 1972	5 Aug 1973
Secretary	Verna Morley	30 July 1972	5 Aug 1973

The 5 August 1973 a change in M.I.A.; a new program was started, so all Officers and Teachers were released.

15th Cordinator	Ida Lucile Singleton	5 Aug 1973	28 July 1974
Secretary	Verna Morley	19 Aug 1973	28 July 1974
16th Cordinator	Patricia Eves	28 July 1974	10 Aug 1975
Secretary	Verna Morley	28 July 1974	10 Aug 1975
17th Cordinator	Marilyn Anderson	10 Aug 1975	
Secretary	Verna Morley	10 Aug 1975	

1st Y.W.M.I.A. President 1946  
Marjorie Vowles Strand



Marilyn Anderson- Aaronic Priesthood  
Young Womens President 1976



## IT'S ROADSHOW TIME

ROADSHOW TIME-- time of excitement and anticipation, time of hard work and hectic rehearsals, time of fulfillment where applause from appreciative audiences makes it all worth while, time of exhilaration when your show is proclaimed "WINNER", and time of deep disappointment when yours rates lower than your expectations.

But it's all in the game-- of Roadshow.

Perhaps the challenges of roadshow has helped our young people learn to be grateful winners and graceful losers.

We recall with nostalgia long sessions of scenery building, most of time with the last nail being driven, the last dab of paint being applied just before scenery and props are hauled out and put in the trunks of cars as we leave for our exciting evening of performances.

Such evenings are always hectic--- especially for the leaders. As we await delayed cars filled with performers, we wonder, "Will they make it on time?" Scenery falls apart at the first usage, costumes tear, and props are lost.

I recall many dreadful moments. Once at Eden I had dropped my car keys in a box of props I had been carrying. Some conscientious soul had carried the box to a waiting truck, and it had departed for our next performance. There I was with a carload of eager costumed thespians, some of the props, a date within 15 minutes at Huntsville, and NO car keys. Luckily one of the other cars--filled with "characters", was slow in leaving, and we hitched a ride--and rode two deep to Huntsville.

Another year, I left a record we were using for a dance in my car in the back window after our valley performances. The following night as we put on the record during our first performance, we learned the horrible truth. The sun had warped the record, and it cratched, skipped and sounded awful. My dancers were really troopers however and danced beautifully despite the lack of danceable music.

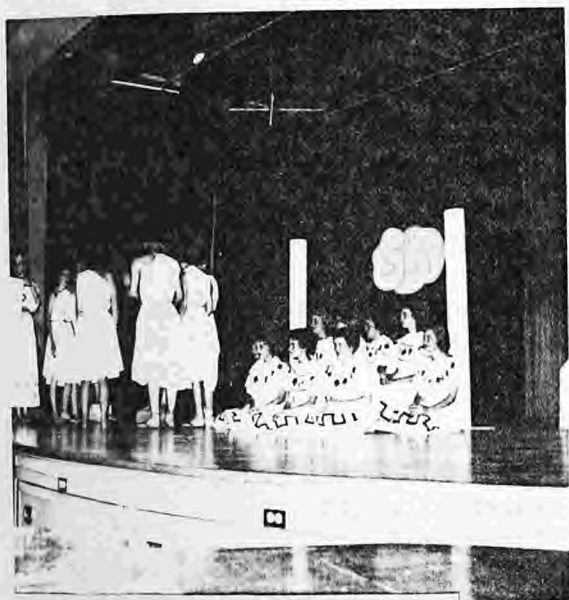
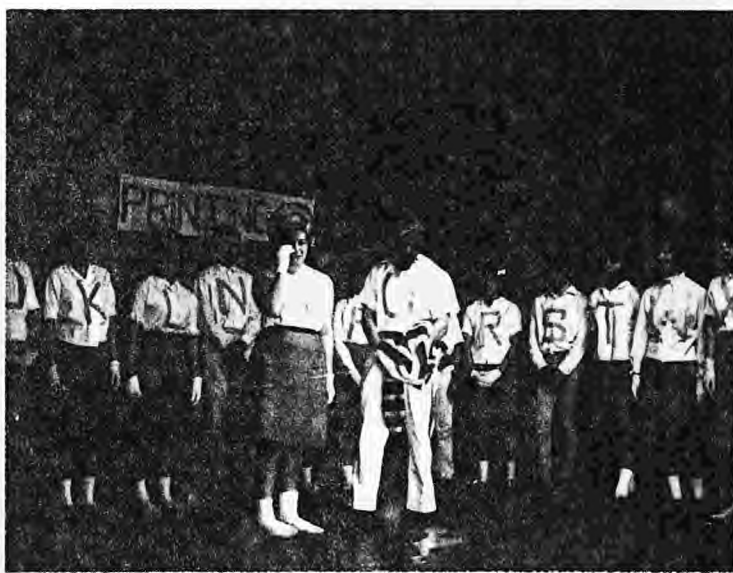
We sometimes used black lights, and often had trouble with them. At one hall, where no competent lighting man was around, we really had problems. We needed all lights out except our black lights, but we had to settle for complete darkness (not even black lights) or some of the white lights on too.

Allen Reeves and Mel Hines were our top-notch scenery men. We had a pet shop window with live dogs in it for "Love Me, Love My Dog." This show was great fun and won a Superior Award, and a close second place. "Love Me Love My Dog" was the first show written and directed by Lenore Brown as drama director. Olive Snow was our wonderful director for this show and those that followed. Barry Brown and Annette Crabtree starred singing and dancing. This was the first time Barry had ever sung, and it made him realize that he did have talent. He proceeded to take vocal lessons, joined the Weber College Institute Male Chorus and has sung many solos. This show was in August 1963. Marlene Doxey helped direct the show.

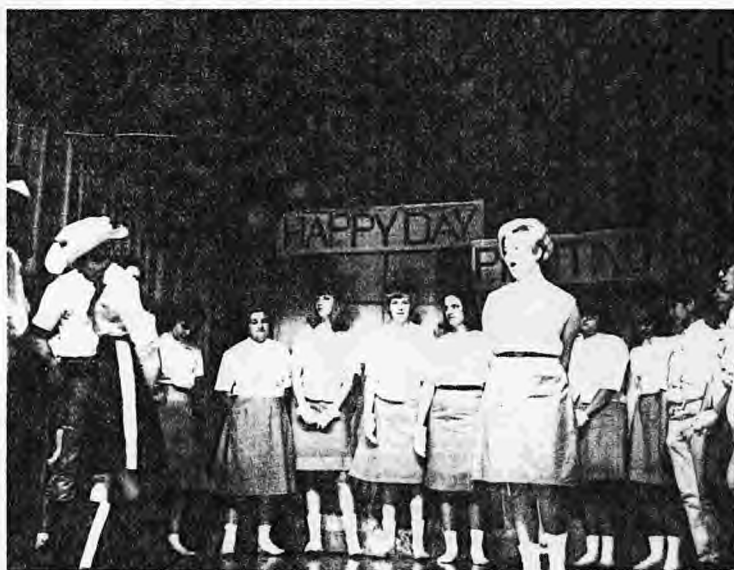
Joseph Backman produced a roadshow about a state fair. Naydene and Volmer Miller wrote and directed "THE GREAT MIRAGE" soon after.



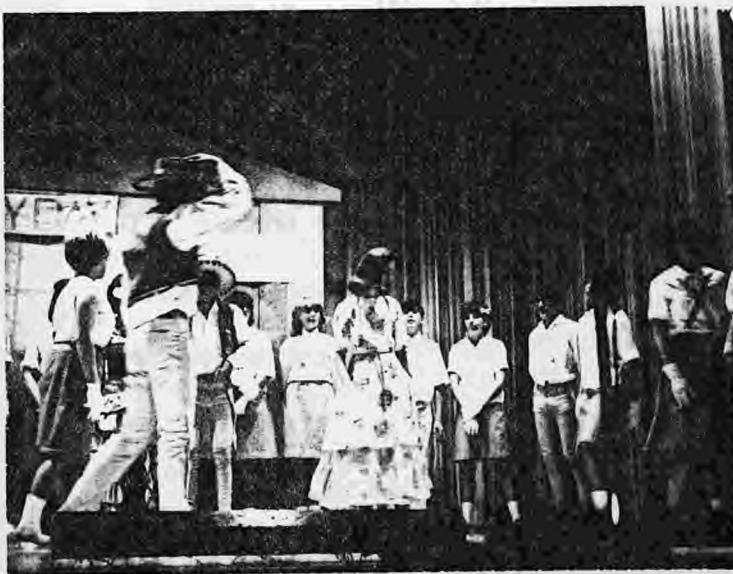
In 1972, Steven Albright won a trophy for best acting. He was Amos the mouse in the roadshow.



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Would you believe? John Snow.



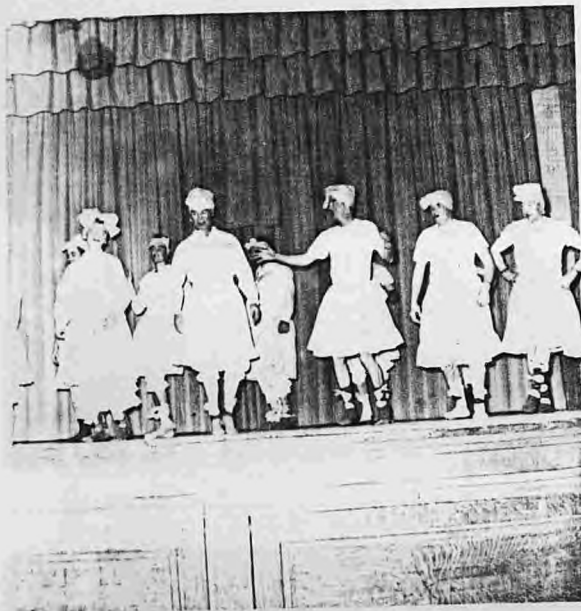


Would you believe?  
Dwight Pincock  
Dwight Mc Connell  
Ben Hunt  
Keith Toponce

Halloween Party 1969  
Prize winners  
Kathy Pines-3rd  
Michael Reeves-1st  
Vellis Pincock-2nd



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1969 Hallow'een Party  
Karen Albright  
Timmy West  
David Albright

Female Impersonators  
Can you pick out  
Alton Winger  
Earsel Ashley  
Martin Yssel  
Jay Williams  
Kenneth Vanderwerff  
Melvin Hines  
Yourself?



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On October 16th, 1956, "YOUNG AT HEART" written by Lenore Brown and directed by Jackie Haslam was awarded 1st Place, and took part in divisional presentations held in North Davis Stake and again at the Ben Lomond High School. Phyllis Dunn was one of the stars.

Our 1959 show recieved a Superior rating, and the 1960 roadshow reached the finals.

Annette Crabtree and Jane Kline wrote and directed "OUR TOWN" in 1962. In Dec 1963, "THE CASE OF THE UNSPEAKABLE" was presented.

First place for the 31st Ward in July 1964 with "HURRY IS ONLY FOR CATCHING FLIES!" A spectacular seascope was the outstanding feature of this success. Lenore Brown wrote and directed, Olive Snow directed the music, Bruce Hess handled the special lighting, and Leona Biddulph was our singer at the piano-- while MIA President Claudia Archibald had a hand in everything. The play was presented in the MIA Group Theater in Salt Lake City. Mel Hines built great props.

Our "COFFIN CORNERS" won a Superior Award the following year, as did our "RHYTHM RO ND P"-- a beautiful production in which the letter "U" had disappeared.

On April 26, 1966, we presented a drama festival, directed by Lenore Brown, Linda Kay Hill Messenger and Olive Snow. This was also presented at the Utah State Industrial School, a rewarding experience. We recieved a Superior rating.

"ALL IN FAVOR" a dynamic and touching musical comedy, won the plaudits of the large audience which viewed it. Leland J. Archibald and Olive Snow were in charge of the music. The 31st Ward attendance was great.

"SMOKEY THE BEAR", our April 1967 show, had an exceptionally large cast of forty. We also had fun with subsequent shows "EVOL" (love backwards) and "IS IT A BIRD ?"

Our "SPIRITS OF '76" rated another Superior Award and the Best Actor Award. The March 1971 roadshow directed by Cathy Toponce tied for first place.

Denise Calder directed "CLEVER MOUSE AMOS" in 1972, which won 2nd place. In it Steven Albright won Best Actor Award, and it recieved awards for originality, make up, and choreography.

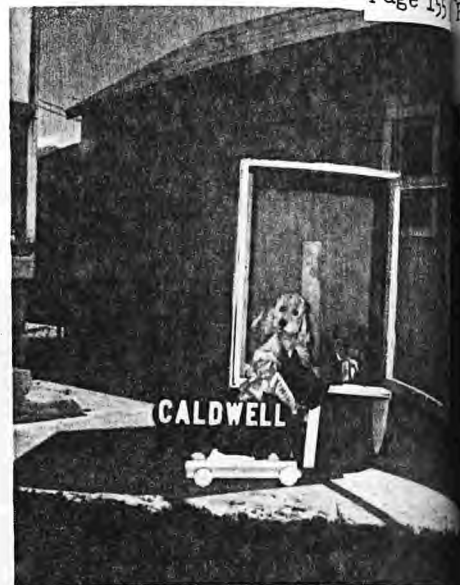
Karen Hines wrote and directed "POKUM" in 1973 and it recieved 2nd place. In 1974, our show was written and directed by Shauna Egbert. It was a clever show with its setting in a wax museum, and called "OLD TIME FLICKS" and was directed by Louise Hurd.

1975 the writers were Louise Hurd, and the youth directors. of the show called "REMEMBER WHEN PETER PANICKED". Wayne Welling, La Rue Toponce helped the youth directors. The costume directors were Glenna Hunt and youth while Warren Shurtleff and Matt Hansen were in charge of scenery. Music was by Marlene Welling.

---Lenore Brown



Solving Roadshow Problems  
Beverly Tanner, J. Lalend  
Archibald & Olive Snow



Roadshow  
Scenery made by Allen Reeves  
"Love Me-Love My Dog"

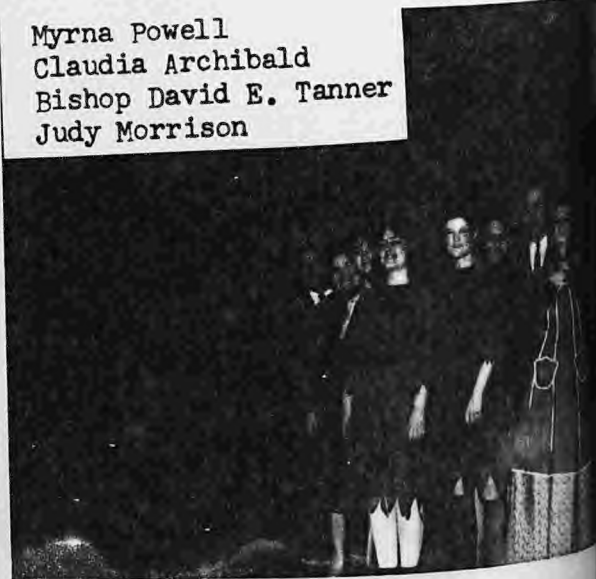


Roadshow Rehearsal



Roadshow Time  
Larry Price,  
Lenore Brown  
Alice Mikkleson

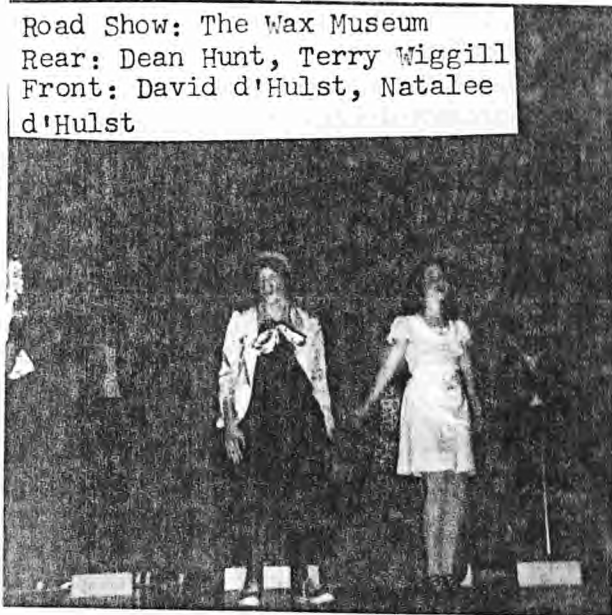
Myrna Powell  
Claudia Archibald  
Bishop David E. Tanner  
Judy Morrison



Mouse in M.I.A. Roadshow  
Suzanne Wiggill

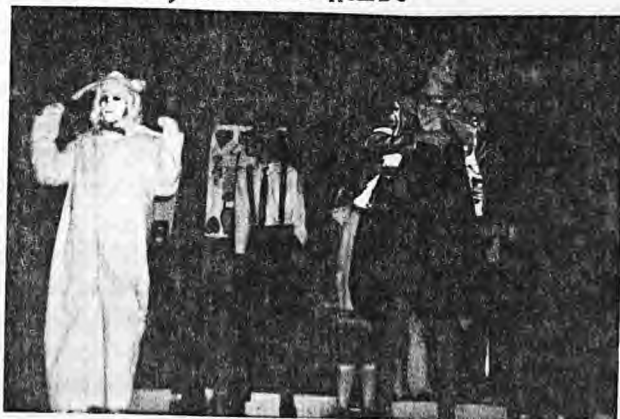


Road Show: The Wax Museum  
Rear: Dean Hunt, Terry Wiggill  
Front: David d'Hulst, Natalee  
d'Hulst



7th Road Show "THE WAX MUSEUM"  
Natalee d'Hulst; David Hansen;  
Dean Hansen (tin man); Tim  
Hartleff (Oliver Hardy) Mark  
Hansen (lion); Richard England  
(auto); Robert Cox (straw man)  
Karen Albright (Dorothy).

Jimmy d'Hulst, David Hansen, Terry Wiggill  
Jan Stevens, David d'Hulst



Ronald Reddish (Superman), Karen Albright  
(Dorothy); Jan Stevens (Granddaughter);  
Mike Wiggill (Superman); Carolyn Doxey  
(Minnie Mouse); Jimmy d'Hulst (rabbit);  
Charles d'Hulst (ticket seller); Sid  
Wright (Lone Ranger).

Patricia Hines, Suzanne Wiggill  
Debra Cox



## I COULD HAVE DANCED ALL NIGHT

And we often did as ward and stake directors. Lenore and Jellett Brown were called as 31st Ward Dance Directors in 1955 and as Ogden Stake Dance Directors January 1956. This was really a fun job, and exceedingly challenging as we tried to convince the young people of the ward and stake that dancing was the greatest fun on earth. One of the hardest jobs was getting them paired as dancing partners.

Another problem was getting them to learn to dance the proper way. It seems they want to dance the popular way and consider dances from their parents era passe. However we persisted and had a wonderful time. It was a thrill to work with our youth and see their confidence developing in the art of dance.

We had many delightful dances in the ward, usually preceeded by a brief session of dance instruction. I was a firm believer of mixers and fun gimmicks to make the fame of our dances spread and soon we were having to restrict attendance to only our ward. These were dances held after M.I.A. classes. Those were the good old days.

We became stake dance directors while continuing our ward work. Endless hours were spent both in learning and teaching in preparation for our Ogden Stake, Regional and All Church Festivals. We were pleased with the fine cooperation we recieved from the 31st Ward members. Some of our groups participated in lovely floor shows through out the area.

These were the 31st Ward participants in our 2 June 1956 Ogden Stake Festival; "THE INTERNATIONAL WEDDING OF YOUTH AND DANCE"; Carolyn Hunting, Julie Simonsen, Ellen Simonsen, Norman Howes, Richard Shurtleff, Richard Jensen, David Hardy, Glen Johnson, Richard Anderson, Marvin Wiggins, Orien Dalley, Candice Messenger, Elizabeth Pendleton, Jennette Brown, Judy Linderman and Brent Hadley. They danced the "ALL AMERICAN PROMENADE" and the "ENGLISH RIBBON DANCE". The dancers of "THE NEOPOLITAN TARANTELLA" were: Kay Jensen, Annette Crabtree, Sherie Howes, and Phyllis Dunn. In the all girl, "RED WHITE AND BLUE" were Pattie Reeves and Barbara Harris.

All of the above danced in the Divisional Dance Festival at the Ogden Stadium and again at the University of Utah Stadium, the 15,16 of June 1956. A thrilling experience.

The following year the Ogden Stake presented "REVERIE IN RYTHM" in the gym of the Ogden Stake Center. The 31st Ward participants were: Barry Brown, Claudia Freestone, Tamara Jorgensen, Sherie Howes, Phyllis Dunn, Jennette Brown, Winona Hunting, Minnie Williams, Elizabeth Gibson, Lou Jean Crezee, Carol Johnson, Julie Simonsen, Glen Johnson, Marvin Wiggins, Elizabeth Pendleton, Eddie Freestone, (Karl and Neva Simonsen, and Jellette and Lenore Brown were the directors.)

At the 2nd Divisional Dance Festival at the Ogden Stadium on the 8th June 1957, Evelyn Freestone played the grandmother in a tableau, while Barbara Bell was "JUNIOR ROSE" in the "ALL GIRL DANCE FASHION PARADE"

Some others who have served as dance directors in the 31st Ward are: Betty and Ronald Johnson, Barry Brown, Linda Beazer and Annette Crabtree. There were probably others which were not in the minutes of M.I.A., we appreciate all their splendid efforts.

writ en by Lenore Brown



## MUSIC FESTIVAL

When we speak of music in M.I.A. the one person who directed, taught and accompanied on the piano for so many years was Olive Snow. Under her direction solos, duets, quartetts and double quartetts. Her aim was "inspired by the refining influences of Mormonism, 'we will develop the gifts within us' and this she helped accomplish for many. Many helped the Crusers, Ed and Anita Schafer, J. Leland Archibald, yes, and many others.

From Olive Snow's notes we take the following: Quartette Festival, 19 February 1963: Junior Section, Bee Hive girls sang "LOVE AT HOME". They were Karen Hines, Christine Cherry, Shauna Wiggill, Peggy Crowley, accompanied by Louise Davis.

Girls from the Blind Branch (they attended our M.I.A.) Evie Sue Bayles, Ellen Fielding, Lynette Fox, Julene Thorderson, accompanied by Judy Romero, sang "SLEEP" and "GOD BLESS AMERICA".

Mia Maids, Carolyn Shurtleff, Jean Shurtleff, Rhea Ann Crowley and Annette Crabtree sang "MY OWN AMERICA" and "SOME ENCHANTED EVENING". They were accompanied by Olive Snow.

Senior Section: Eva Sellers, Janet Bingham, Barry Brown, Arthur Malan Jr. sang "O MY FATHER" accompanied by Carolyn Shurtleff.

"SHOULD YOU FEEL INCLINED TO CENSURE" and "JOSHUA FIT THE BATTLE OF JERICHO" was rendered by Dennis Davis, Larry Price, Elaine Dopp and Lynne Cruser with Carolyn Shurtleff as accompanist.

Carma Ferguson, Louise Davis, Leland Archibald and John Snow sang "THOU ART EVERYWHERE BEFORE US" and "SOUTHERN MEMORIES" accompanied by Olive Snow.

Do you remember "THE SPRING SING", April 12th 1963, when we sang "IF YOUR HAPPY"; Piano solo by Ellen Fielding; "TIPTOE THRU THE TULIPS"; vocal solo "THE WIND IS A LION" by Anita Schafer accompanied by Carolyn Shurtleff; "SPRINGTIME IN THE ROCKIES" the Beehive girls sang "COUNTRY GARDEN" accompanied by Olive Snow; accordion solo by Ralph Firth "STROLLING IN THE PARK"; everyone sang "EASTER PARADE"; Mia Maids sang "APRIL SHOWERS"; and the final solo "I SEE GOD" was by John Snow; then the benediction.

On the 15 October 1963, we took a "MUSICAL BUGGY RIDE" at M.I.A. singing the following: "I LIKE TO TAKE A HORSE AND BUGGY", "HORSE HORSE," "OLD GRAY MARE", "SHOO FLY", the flies are bothersome as the horse pulls the buggy. "WHETHER THE WEATHER", we stop at the first place "SHENANDOAH" solo by John Snow, we played "MUSICAL NURSERY RHYMES" to the tune of Solomon Levi. Next stop "THE TREE IN THE WOODS" so we sang "THE LAUGHING ROUND!" Now our destination was "OLD SMOKEY" a solo by John Snow. Singing "TELL ME WHY" we arrived at "VALLEY HOME" a solo by Anita Shaffer and ended our trip singing "NOW THE DAY IS OVER" and the benediction.

Talent Night in the 31st Ward in November 1963: Songs "IF YOUR HAPPY" and "STYLE ALL THE WHILE" by all. Quartette: Paul, John, Shauna and Bonnie Wiggill sang "MY OWN AMERICA". A piano solo by Ellen Fielding and a reading by Eva Sellers. Gloria Devey rendered a vocal solo. An accordion solo by Ralph Firth was followed by a reading by Diane Brown. "MY TESTIMONY" sung by Christine Cherry, Karen Hines, Cathy Toponce and Susan Hansen. Lynnette Fox rendered a clarinet solo and LaRee Hanslik a pantomime. Marvin Wiggins played a piano solo then Ralph Firth an accordion solo and Carilyn Shurtleff a piano solo. Benidectio.

These are but a sample of the music festivals held every year until 1972 when they were discontinued. Many singing groups were formed and sang at our meetings. Do you remember when Alice Mikkelsen, Barbara Bingham, Judy England, and Louise Sturdovant sang together. When Paul Snow sang "I AM A MORMON BOY", and played a beautiful trumpet solo. When Lois Mc Carrel, Shirley Snow, and Shirley Millet blended their sweet voices in song.

The HARMONETTS were: Linda Kay Hill, Carolyn Shurtleff, Jean Shurtleff, Lesley Hines, Karen Hines, Louise Hunt and Rhea Ann Crowley.

The VOCALETTES were Jan Wilbur, Jill Wilbur, Darla Shurtleff, Kathy Price, Celestia Shurtleff and Martha Hunt.

Nor were the male factor missing in the music round up. Larry Price, Glen Johnson, J. Leland Archibald and John Snow harmonized beautifully in the February 1965 festival.

Steve, Lex and Curtis Baker intertained for many years and their mother, Ella Baker accompanied them.

Teri Wiggill, Lynn Archibald, Alan Wiggill and Gene Price sang, "I AM A MORMON BOY"

J. Leland Archibald, John Snow, Steve Morrill and L. Dwight Pincock blended their voices in in the 1967 Music festival.

In 1969 festival Gene Price, Lynn Archibald, Alan Wiggill, and Dale Doxey recieved a GOOD rating for their music. Our twins did us proud: Alan Wiggill, A'Layne Wiggill, Mary d'Hulst and Martha d'Hulst also recieved GOOD rating. As did Kathy Toponce, Susan Hansen, Judith Morrison, and Shauna Wiggill. The Wiggills, Paul, John, Shauna, and Bonnie recieved an EXCELLANT rating. "THE CROOKED LITTLE MAN" was sung by Lenore Brown, Vellis Pincock, Anne Wilbur and Karen Harman.

All of these people have developed in voice and many have gained experiance as accompanists. Thanks to the leaders for the inspiration given our children as they learned grace and talent in music. Their lives have been enriched.

## SPEECH FESTIVALS

Well I remember my entrance in the Speech Festival, the hours of preparation for a ten minute talk to be presented first in our ward then if chosen to be given in the stake contest. The talk is to be original and memorized. This was a big occasion and the ward was invited to attend. What an opportunity to develop the ability to speak with ease.

Through the years we have seen the development of the youth through this training. An example was Erma Jane Howard who presented a masterpiece when she represented the 31st Ward at Ogden Stake Conference in April 1974. How she has developed her talent. Although these speech festivals have been discontinued, anyone who ever participated will always remember the fear, yet thrill of the tryout.

An earlier example of participation in 1962 were the following: Eva Seller, Deanna Brown, Linda Beazer, Linda Leatham, Sandy Taylor, Dixie Applegarth, John Sellers, Steven Harris, Kathy Morrison, Patricia Morrison, Mary Ann Beazer, and Deanne Dunn.

## YOUNG WOMENS M.I.A. 1963-1965

It was a well organized M.I.A. We had good youth participation. Often the Young Mens M.I.A. were not prepared and much of the responsibility came on the Young Womens M.I.A. officers.

One thing that impressed me was that our youth would rather give the THEME than say PRAYERS or give TALKS. It made me feel sad that it was this way. As members of the Church it should be easy for us to do these things.

Our recreational singing, under the direction of Sister Olive Snow, was always enjoyed by all. This was a favorite time for the youth at M.I.A.

Roadshow Time with Sister Lenore Brown was fun time.

We had very good teachers that the youth loved dearly.

We had one silent, faithful worker, and her name was Verna Morley. Because of her EXCELIANT record keeping, we knew where to admonish our girls in areas they needed to work on, and that is one reason so many recieved awards.

During the period that Sister Claudia Archibald served as President, she tried to have Spiritual M.I.A.'s. I was able to realize how much spirituality attended our M.I.A. activity under Sister Archibald when I had the opportunity to serve in another capacity under another President. It is much harder to serve when there is hardly any spirituality around you, even though they are good people and try to do their best.

Louise V. Davis

## YOUTH CONFERENCE 11, 12, 13th of JUNE 1973

"TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN" 7 A.M. we met at the Ogden Stake Center, Friday 11th June 1973. Those on the bus for Logan were Mike Reddish, Neil Hansen, Glen Hansen, Curtis Bell, Mathew Hansen, Charles Shurtleff, David d'Hulst, Earl d'Hulst, Diane Ryan, Jan Stevens, Karen Albright, Mary d'Hulst, Carolyn Doxey, Martha d'Hulst, Meloney Messenger, Patricia Hines, Natalie d'Hulst, Bonnie Wiggill, Brad d'Hulst and Vellis Pincock and Bishop L.Dwight Pincock all from the 31st Ward. We all had fun and enjoyed the bus ride.

We were housed in the New High Rise Dorms at Utah State College. After everyone was settled, we had an orientation meeting and the THEME was presented. We got to know most everyone who was there. The food was great at the New High Rise lunch Room. All the food we could eat.

Then to the L.D.S. Institute for four great workshops. 1. CUTTING YOUR MOTHER'S APRONSTRINGS" presented by Bruce Darley. 2. "SIGNS OF THE TIMES" by Sterling Stephens. 3. "THE RESTLESS GENERATION" by Val Christensen. 4. "TEMPLE MARRIAGE" by Marilee and La Mon Taylor.

Free time was fun: water fights with the fire hose, swimming, bowling, pool, western dancing and a bar-b-que. Then we saw "THE PSYCHO PATH" a scary movie which kept everyone screaming and hiding behind their hands.

Saturday 6:30 A.M. breakfast eaten while half-asleep. Then to workshops: 1. "GLASS BLOWING" by Adrian Blau, 2. HOW TO MAKE YOURSELF MISERABLE 365 DAYS A YEAR" by James Dorugatte, 3. "HOW TO STAY OFF THE PSYCHIATRIST COUCH" by Glen Maw. After lunch, we saw a performance on the trampollen at the Nelson Field House. Then free time, the leaders joined us in icing down the hills, on a cake of ice. We also enjoyed the banquet and dance.

Sunday special meetings were held. The Spirit of the Lord was with us in the testimony meeting. After lunch, we headed home by bus. by MARTHA D'HULST



5th Young Womens M.I.A. President ( 3 May 1953 to 31 May 1958 )

Autobiography of Verna Ruth Morley ( written 4 March 1974 )

I, Verna was born the 26 Oct. 1905 at 543-16th Street, Ogden, Utah, to Conrad and Gina Gulbrandsen Hansen. I was the second of nine children. My parents were both converts from Norway. They were married in the Salt Lake Temple 28 May 1903. My father was a skilled carpenter. He helped build the Ogden 7th and 4th Wards. He died before the 4th Ward was finished and his funeral was in the unfinished 4th Ward building in 1936.

I attended church in the 7th Ward, graduating from Religion Class (similar to Primary) on 22 May 1921. Bee Hive in M.I.A. was the same. My Bee Hive name was Wawinges meaning skillful.

I started Mound Fort School at six. Later the building was enlarged to include Junior High. I was captain of the Volley Ball Team for two years. Then I went for 1 year to Ogden High School located on 25th and Monroe Ave.

I worked at the Ogden Wholesale Drug; sewed for Scrowcrofts; then sewed for Ogden Knitting for 30 years making "Cats Pajamas and L.D.S. Garments. I am now sewing for W.S. Butlers where I have worked for twelve years.

I was married 21 July 1928 in Logan, Utah and have three children Kay, Kenneth, and Ruth Ann. When my daughter married in the Logan Temple, I also recieved my endowments 6 Aug. 1954.

My M.I.A. years were good ones. In 1948 I taught Bee Hive Class and continued to do so for four years. I earned Honor Badges with Ruth Ann Morley, Deon Poulsen, La Rae Bowen, Joy Singleton, and Georgia Stratford. They were all honor Bees. In 1957 the Bee Hive Girls made and gave me a friendship quilt with flowers and their names embordered on each block.

For one year I was counselor to Eloise Pope. When she moved I was set apart 3 May 1953 by Bishop Millet, as 31st Ward Young Womens M.I.A President. I served until 31 May 1958. While President we took youth on four Temple excursions.

For the new President Marian Hines I became the Secretary, sustained 21 July 1958, by Bishop La Mar Mumford. I am now holding the same position after 15 years. I have served in M.I.A. for 25 years. Through the years I have kept records of attendance of the girls and have grown to love them.

Leaders Awards in M.I.A. were started in 1951. My daughter and I were presented the 1st Award together. Bishop Shurtleff at a Ward Leadership Meeting presented us with a bracelet containing a mustard seed. "If ye have faith as off a grain of mustard seed, ye shall move mountains." This same evening I recieved a ten year pin for service to that date. In 1969 the celebration of 100 years of M.I.A. was held in the 31st Ward. The M.I.A. General Board Visitor Verda Mae Christensen spoke then awarded me my 19th M.I.A. Leaders Award. In beautiful Formal Pres. Joan Robins, Vellis Pincock and Rosalee Reese served refreshments. I have earned 22 Leaders awards, 15 of which were for 100% attendance. I have enjoyed my 25 years in M.I.A.

I have enjoyed doing geneological research and have made books for my children, one niece and one nephew. I have traveled to Salt Lake and Logan Temple for endowment work and am now enjoying the Ogden Temple.

I have loved my service in the Church of Jesus Christ and have been blessed with health to do what was asked of me.

14th Young Womens M.I.A. President; 1st Aaronic Priesthood Y. W. M.I.A.

### Biography of Ida Lucile Lynham Singleton

In the home in which she is now living, 838-21st Street in Ogden, Utah, Ida Lucile Lynham Singleton was born the 18 November 1906 to Johanna Petersen and Henry Lynham. She was raised in a religious family. Her mother died when she was eight. Her father insisted on every one going to church. She can remember him going for sealings after having her mothers endowments done. Her schooling was recieved at Dee, Central Junior High and Ogden High School in Ogden.

She was married to Vernal Hyrum Singleton, 30 July 1935 in Farmington, Utah. She went to the temple for her endowments the 11 June 1958.

From the 4 May 1973 Ogden Standard we quote: "Lucile Singleton, chief of the Telephone Branch of Installation Services is not only a career woman of long standing but leads a very active off-duty life involved in civic and in church affairs.

Mrs Singleton has been very active with the Ogden Business and Professional Women's Club having served as 1st Vice President for one year; President for two years; Chairman of Directors for two years; Chairman of Membership Committee for the State for one year; and she is now Director of the Northern District of the State.

In the Women's Legislative Council of Ogden, she held the position of Corresponding Secretary for two years and is presently 1st Vice President. For a period of nine years, she served in the Presidency of the Ogden Stake Mutual Improvement Association plus working three years as class leader and two as 31st Ward M.I.A. President. Lucile has recieved the Golden Gleaner Award for individual achievements.

Widowed for the last three years, her family consists of a son, living in Elko, Nevada and a daughter residing in Sacramento, California. She has ten grandchildren who make her very proud.

Fine arts are included in her busy schedule and she is accomplished in several types of handiwork and crocheting. She has made afghans for each of her children and grandchildren, as well as many relatives and friends.

Lucile is a devoted employee and her respect for the nation and the community is to be admired." (end of quote.)

Beside the church work mentioned above she taught Primary in 1947 and for three years. She served as Counselor to Relief Society President Maud Stratford from 17 March 1957 to the 6 August 1958, and as a Junior Sunday School Teacher in March 1967 and for some time. She was sustained as 14th M.I.A. President of the 31st Ward in July 1972 with Lu Ann Downs as activity Counselor and Jean Bowen as age group Counselor and Verna Morley as Secretary.

Special mention of fun times in M.I.A. are: the fun parties after opening exercises with games and refreshments, October Halloween costume party with prizes for the best costume, distributing the goodies furnished by the Relief Society to the shut-ins and singing carols, the Christmas story told by Bro. Sterling Wood and the refreshments enjoyed after, the Roadshow "HOUSE TALK" directed by Karen Hines which tied for 2nd place, Five girls recieved certificates for the Wilderness Camp Program.

On the 5th of August 1973, all officers and teachers were released from M.I.A.. The new program called AARONIC PRIESTHOOD YOUNG WOMENS MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION was introduced. Lucile Singleton was sustained as the Coordinator, Verna Morley as Secretary, Carma Stevens as Laurel Advisor, Jean Bowen as Mia Maids Advisor, Shanna Mackey as Bee Hive Advisor. All classes were organized with youth President, Counselors and a Secretary. The youth are to be trained in leadership.

Lucile was released from the work well done in M.I.A. the 28th July 1974, a labor of devotion and love willingly given to our youth.

She is still working but is considering retiring the first of the 1977 year.



AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF MARILYN DIANE VICKERS ANDERSON  
COORDINATOR AARONIC PRIESTHOOD YOUNG WOMENS MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

I, Marilyn Diane Vickers Anderson was born June 2, 1950 in Salt Lake City. My parents are Gloria June Slenczynski and John Louis Vickers. I have two sisters Laura Helen and Catherine Loree and one brother John Joseph. Catherine is my twin sister. We have always been close to each other and have enjoyed a special love between us.

I attended Canyon Rim Elementary School, Wasatch Jr. High School, Skyline High School and Southern Utah State College for a short time.

Although I lived in a L.D.S. community, I was never really interested in the church. I was raised in the Catholic Church. My parents were not active in any church but absolutely refused to allow L.D.S. Missionaries in our home. Therefore I had no knowledge of this wonderful church and its way of life until I finished school and was married.

On September 12, 1968, I was married to Michael Duane Ernsten in Ely Nevada. We lived in San Clemente, California for one year, then moved to Dorfork, Virginia. Michael was serving in the Marine Corp causing us to move a lot. When he was discharged in 1971, we returned to Utah. Mike attended Southern Utah State College in Cedar City, Utah. I took a few classes in college too. It was in Cedar City, I was first approached about the L.D.S. Church.

A friend, Glennis Mc Ginley, that I worked with invited me to Relief Society with her. I went and was very excited. It was a testimony meeting. The sisters seemed so happy and at peace with themselves. I was curious about the love they showed each other and the happiness that seemed to flow from their eyes. I was anxious to attend more meetings and to learn more about the church. I thought, "this church can make their lives so wonderful, why not me?" Several weeks I was asked if I would like the missionaries to come to visit me and teach me more about the church. I said, "Yes of course." They came shortly after, and began teaching me about the Gospel.

I was about seven months pregnant with my first child. She was born March 1972, stillborn. I was so upset and concerned about this child. What would become of her spirit? I went to the missionaries with this question. They said her spirit was with our Father in Heaven and that if I were to join the church and live a good life, I would be able to raise her in the mellenium. I loved the baby and wanted this opportunity. On April 29, 1972, I was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.



On March 22, 1973 I gave birth to a son whom we named Brian Duane Ernsten.

Shortly after that, we moved to Duchesne, Utah. Mike had graduated from college and had a teaching position at Duchesne Elementary School.

I tried to remain active in the church, but Mike would not support me in this and was totally inactive. It became more and more difficult for me to be active. I began to "fall away". We began to have marriage problems and it became necessary for my own happiness that we divorce.

I moved to Ogden and lived with my sister, Catherine for a month. During this time my sister introduced me to Roger Anderson, a younger brother of her husband. Roger and I dated for a few weeks and became very close. We decided to marry. I told him of my desire to be married in the temple. He agreed with me. He too wanted this for his life. Because we both had become reactivated in the church and were required to wait a period of time before a temple marriage would be possible. We decided to be married outside the temple first. We were married April 26, 1975 in Elko, Nevada.

We moved to 918-21st Street, Ogden, Utah. We immediately became active in the 31st Ward. We began to streighten out our lives and prepair for temple marriage. On May 1, 1976 we were sealed in the Ogden, Temple. This was a very special day in our lives. We had reached a goal in our lives that we had planned and worked toward for one year. We have been blessed in so many ways because of this marriage. We have been able to begin buying a home, prepare for our first child, which is due the 1st week in December 1976, and we enjoy the many blessings that come from living the gospel.

I was called to the position of Aaronic Priesthood Young Womens Mutual Improvement Association President in 1975 and have enjoyed my work with the young girls of our ward. I have also been the coach of the girls basket-ball, soft-ball and volley-ball teams for 1975 and 1976. I love my work in the church. I've grown in so many ways.

I'm so glad and thankful that good friends such as Glennis Mc Ginley wanted to share the gospel with me. I'll never be able to repay her for this show of love to me. I thank my Father in Heaven every day that I was able to meet and marry Roger, that we may share with each other the great joys found in the gospel. My life has become one of great happiness, satisfaction, and devotion to my Father in Heaven. I pray that I might be able to serve Him well in all that I might be called to do. Be it wife, mother, teacher, leader or follower. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen. (October 10, 1976)

(Talk given by Jane Howard in Ogden Stake April Conference 1974)

About 20 years ago a beautiful young woman happily waited for the birth of a tiny baby. As the months added up and the time grew near, her joy and hopes were unbound. She with the help of a loving husband prepared herself to become a good mother.

During that time I waited and watched. I too was filled with hope and apprehension. This beautiful young woman was to be my mother. I was the spirit who would dwell in the tabernacle growing in her womb.

I'm not sure, but I imagine I was called into my Eternal Father's presence for a last minute talk and perhaps a blessing. And I suspect Jehova and Michael were there. "Daughter, you have kept my commandments. Thus far you have excelled. For this you have earned the right to be born into mortality during a time when the last dispensation has been opened. And you will be born surrounded by the true church."

"Father, I'm frightened! So many have failed this test. I don't want to cause you anymore hurt."

"When I first proposed this plan of salvation, to my children, you were one who did not hesitate to follow my words. You chose to follow and accepted Jehova as your Savior. You have been valiant! Why should you fear another test?"

"Here Father, I had you and Mother and Jehova and Michael and the rest to teach and guide me. In mortality I will have a veil and will not remember my life here with you. On earth I will live by faith and here I have lived by sight."

"I do not let my children walk blindly through mortality. I have sent angels to earth to give commandments. I have raised up prophets to be my mouthpiece. And I gave you Jehova, who lived mortality in perfection. His teachings and example has become a standard for all my children to live by. In the end he died and suffered greatly in order to give you atonement." "I know that you fear, yet I know that you are willing to do my will. Follow the teachings of Jehova abide by His standards, and you will not hurt me but will glorify me when again I call you to me. Remember, I will be there as you pray, just as I have now. Your tabernacle is ready for you. It is time."

Here I am, 20 years later, Jane Howard. In this great universe, our Milky Way is only a tiny fragment. Within this fragment our solar system made up of a and 9 possibly more planets, is an infinitesimal speck, and of the speck, our earth is a microscopic dot. Not even with the most powerful telescope is mortal Erma Jane Howard visible. This vastness alone humbles me.

When you think about it, is it any wonder so many get confused and ask "Who am I?" I went through that question and luckily I had the gospel to show me that even Jane Howard is just an invisible speck in this universe, she is still a child of the Most High God. It's quite a heritage. That thought is even more humbling than the first.

In the Plan which was laid up in Heaven, I chose to follow Jehova. In this mortal plan each act that I do tells if I am sticking to my covenants.

Brothers and Sisters are His teachings such a hardship to live? "If ye love keep my commandments." He doesn't command us to do those things which will make us unhappy." Anything which is wholesome, lovely or of good report" those are the things which He has asked us to seek after. Jesus never said "do as I say not as I do", because He was not sent merely to preach, but to be a guiding light. Let us take those qualities that He had in His life.

Concerning humility, the Savior said, --" be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble--(1 Peter 5:5) and...in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than themselves.... " His example of humility, which sticks out most in my mind, took place on the night of His betrayal.

After the supper, He girded himself with a towel, poured water in a basin, and washed and wiped the feet of the apostles. The lesson which He wanted to teach was: " Ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. I say unto you, The servant is not greater than the Lord."

How can I use such an example in my life? I believe I'll receive many opportunities. In the Young Adult program for instance, I can sit back and let someone else take the directing reins for a time. In my home, at work with friends and associates I can do as He said and "in lowliness of mind, esteem others better than myself". I can listen to those deemed dull and ignorant by man for they too have their story. And later with my children I can be their servant as well as their mother. For they too are children of the Most High God.

Our Savior was courageous. Whereas He taught the virtue of love and kindness, He also taught the virtues of firmness, resolution and persistence, as well as courageous indignation. On one occasion He courageously demanded mercy for a woman who had been accused and found guilty of adultery. " Let He among you who is without sin cast the first stone. And Jesus went into the temple of God and cast out all that sold and bought in the temple. And overthrew the tables of the money changers, and the seats of them that sold doves. And said unto them. "It is written my house shall be called the House of Prayer, but ye have made it a den of thieves." Courage, standing up for that which you believe to be right vocally, physically as well as by example.

We all have problems with social pressures. Mine isn't so much facing it head on but later on when I'm home alone and wondering if I really do have a closed mind.

Has the church taken a stand on the Exorcism? No, not yet! Well then why not see it before the Prophet says something? What a ridiculous argument. Anything lovely or of good report, we seek after these things!

Sometimes it is hard to take the pressure, but I've found when you live what you say you believe, with persistence; everything works out and you come out victorious and clean. .. "Strait is the gate and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life eternal...."

The third quality which I would like to have which Jesus did have is that of forgiveness. "Then came Peter to Him, and said, "Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against and I forgive him? Till seven times?" Jesus saith unto him, "I say not unto thee seven times but until seven times seventy."

Mocked, ridiculed, beat and hung upon the cross, Jesus, Our Savior said who had power and authority to call down armies from Heaven, looked toward Heaven and said, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do." Jesus forgave and commanded us to forgive also. How can my few hardships and forgiveness of wrongs done to me compare with such as He had?

He had many other traits that I would like. Such as integrity, endurance, serenity. He had another kind of courage. That of submitting to persecution even nigh unto death.



He had faith in prayer and always talked with His Father in times of need as times of thankfulness.

Can you and I hope to be as He was? Not only can we hope to, but we have made a covenant to do so.

A plan was laid up in Heaven  
A choice was left up to man  
To follow freedom or forced command.  
Which plan did we defend?

This I believe, we cherished  
The choice to be free.  
We followed our Savior  
Who said with Love  
"Come follow me."

Earlier we sang "I AM A CHILD OF GOD". Soon we will sing "I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES" what joy this sentence gives.

I testify to you that these things are true. And I do it in ~~the~~ His name, He who is our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen. Jane Howard.

Autobiography of Erma Jane Howard ( Leader in Ogden Stake Young Adults)

I was born 1 May 1954 at Fort Sumpter, South Carolina to Bertha Faye Dickson and Herbert E. Howard. At the time my father was stationed in Fort Sumpter but I don't remember it because we soon moved to Japan. My father and mother were divorced in 1956 shortly after my brother was born. Mother took we three: Laura, Rusty and me and came back to Utah.

We lived with my grandparents until mom remarried to George A. Rackham. While she was married to him, we lived in West Ogden and I attended Hopkins elementary school. Mother divorced George and remarried again. This time Roy K. Stark. During the eight years she was married to him we moved all around the country. Roy was an alcoholic and mom started drinking too. During those early years, I saw a lot of the hardship and sadness that drinking can cause.

My church activity during this time was almost nill. Because of my parents many of the L.D.S. children couldn't associate with me, so I found friends elsewhere. The only thing I'd like to stress about this time is that even though I was not active, and knew very little about the Lord, I still tried to obey the commandments I knew about.

Finally, while a sophomore in High School, I had to make a choice. I could follow the crowd and be "IN" with them, or I could live my ideals and be "IN" with myself. I chose to follow the promptings of the Holy Ghost.

Here I am, no I have not made it to the top, but I'm still climbing. And although there is a ways of the mountain to climb, I can see the hand willing to guide me.

Now I have the blessing of being the Young Adult Vice President of the Ogden Stake. It is quite a challenge but worthwhile. My duties are really to give aid to the President is his calling. Also I am responsible for the Young Adult Relief Society Organization in the Ogden Stake.

M.I.A. Music Festival  
The Shurtleff Family  
1. Jean, 2. Darla,  
3. Carolyn, Charles,  
5. June, 6. Tim,  
7. Celestia.  
1965



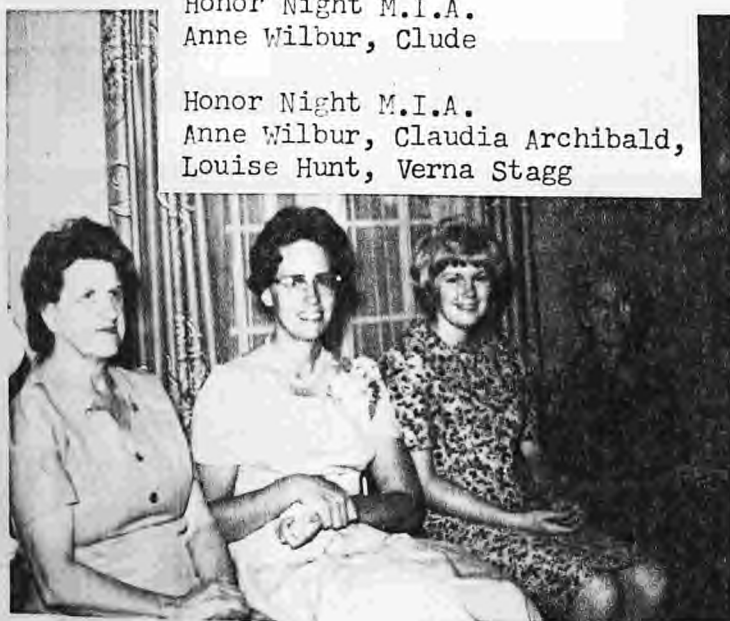
M.I.A. Music Festival  
The Wiggill Family

Top row: Shanna, John, Paul  
Middle: Bonnie, Alan, A'Layne, Terry  
Front row: Susann, Mike



Honor Night M.I.A.  
Anne Wilbur, Clude

Honor Night M.I.A.  
Anne Wilbur, Claudia Archibald,  
Louise Hunt, Verna Stagg



Honor Night

M.I.A.  
Sally Wilbur, Susan Putnam  
Edna Tanner, teacher,  
Carolyn Shurtleff, Louise Hunt



1964 M.I.A.  
Officers & Teachers  
Back row: Olive Snow  
Patricia Morrison  
Betty Hansen  
Edna Tanner  
Lenore Hill  
Dimple Reddish  
Lenore Brown  
Front row:  
Louise Davis  
Claudia Archibald  
Linda Kay Messenger



MIA 1962

Counselor: Claudia Archibald  
President: Carma Ferguson  
Counselor: Anita Schaffer



MIA 1964

Counselor: Louise Davis  
President: Claudia Archibald  
Counselor: Linda Kay Messenger



MIA 1966

Counselor: Joan Robbins  
President: Claudia Archibald  
Counselor: Vellis B. Pincock



M.I.A. March 1965  
Colleen Bingham Johnson  
Eva Sellers  
Judith Morrison  
Linda Beazer  
Dixie Applegarth  
Leslie Hines  
Rhea Ann Crowley  
Kathy Morrison  
Front row  
Pres. Claudia Archibald  
Betty Hansen  
Joan d'Hulst





M.I.A. Chorus  
Rhea Ann Crowley  
Carolyn Shurtleff  
Louise Hunt  
Leslie Hines  
Linda Kay Hill  
Linda Beazer  
Karen Hines

M.I.A. Honor Night  
Joan Price-Teacher  
Connie Martin  
Alice Mikklesen  
Marilyn Hansen  
Judy England  
Martha Hunt  
Lenore Hill-Teacher



Susan Hansen  
Joyce Hunt  
Christine Cherry  
Karen Hines  
Cathy Toponce  
Judith Messenger  
Shanna Wiggill  
Linda Reddish  
Jean Shurtleff



M.I.A. Pase Ball Team:

Judy England, Darla Shurtleff, Christine Jensen, Sherril Prentice, Kathleen Price, Carolyn Shurtleff, Martha Hunt, Virginia Prentice, Patricia Fife.



M.I.A. Group

La Rae Bowen  
Margaret Bowen  
Joan Staker  
Joy Singleton



M.I.A. Halloween Party

Patricia Fife, Martha Hunt, Kathleen Price  
Bonnie Wiggill, Myrna Powell, Vickie Anderson  
Sylvia Stewart, Gene Price



M.I.A. Halloween party



1963 Golden Gleaners in Ward  
Claudia Archibald, Carma Ferguson,  
Nadine Miller, Betty Hansen



1963 Laurels  
Carolyn Shurtleff  
Marie Sandman  
Kay Pincock  
Sally Wilbur  
Louise Hunt



Jellette Brown: Took supplies  
to Camp Atoka



M.I.A. Officers & Teachers

Front row: Louise Davis, Claudia Archibald, Linda Kay Hill,  
Back row. **Hadley**, Patricia Morrison, Janice Barnett,  
Ma Tanner, Lenore Hill, Carolyn Shurtleff, Olive Snow,  
My Mc Allister.



Music Festival  
Olive Snow at piano  
Carolyn Shurtleff  
Jean Shurtleff  
Alice Mikkleson  
Rhea Ann Crowley





M.I.A. Honor Night  
 Louise Davis -teacher  
 Judy Messenger  
 Christine Cherry  
 Shanna Wiggill  
 Jean Shurtleff  
 Linda Reddish  
 Karen Hines  
 Susan Hansen



1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

M.I.A. Hallow'een Party

1. Sylvia Stewart
- 2.
3. Kathleen Price
4. Shanna Wiggill
5. Lenore Hill-Teacher
6. Martha Hunt
7. Patricia Fife
- 8 Carol Prentice
9. Bonnie Wiggill
10. Steve Albright



M.I.A. 1955  
 Marilyn Hansen  
 Judy England  
 Joan Jensen  
 Barbara Bingham

65



M.I.A. 1965  
 Bishop Tanner, Leslie Hines, Reah Ann Crowley,  
 David Sneddon, Betty Hansen.  
 Middle row: Joan d'Hulst, Verna Stagg, Eva Sellers,  
 Alice Mikklesen, Kathy Morrison, Dennis Andrews.  
 Top row: David Crabtree, Glen Johnson, Colleen Bingham  
 Johnson, Linda Beazer, Dixie Applegarth, Judith Morrison,  
 M.I.A. President Claudia Archibald.



Back Row:

1. Candice Messenger
2. Alice Mikklesen
3. Marie Sandman
4. Leslie Hines
5. Shanna Shulz
6. Georganna Stratford
7. Louise Hunt
8. Carol Maxwell
9. La Ree Hanzlik

Middle row:

1. Carolyn Shurtleff
2. Linda Beazer
3. Rhea Ann Crowley
4. Janet Bingham

Front Row:

1. Jean Shurtleff
2. Dixie Applegarth
3. Patricia Crowley
4. Ann Lucas



M.I.A.

Top Row:

1. Rama Williams
2. Kay Jensen
3. Carol Hansen
4. Carol Harris
- 5.
6. Maude Stratford
7. Barbara Davenport

Middle Row

- 1.
2. Ruth Ann Morley
3. Connie Robbins
4. Wilma Clauson

Front Row:

1. Joyce Arnold
2. Georganna Stratford
3. Joy Singleton
4. Gwen Johnson
5. Connie Anderson
6. Phillys Dunn
- 7.
8. Jeanette Allred



1964 M.I.A.

Top: Kent Brown, Bonnie Wiggill,  
Shanna Wiggill, Virginia Prentise,  
Middle: Kathlene Price, Patricia  
Fife, Linda Reddish, Edna Tanner.  
Front: Vicky Anderson, Martha Hunt,  
Bishop Tanner, Sherril Prentice.



July 1974  
Mary d'Hulst  
Joan d'Hulst  
Loretta Beasley  
Verna Morley  
Marilyn d'Hulst  
Lucile Singleton  
Lu Ann Downs  
Front row  
Carolyn Doxey  
Natalie d'Hulst  
A'Layne Wiggill

# LOGAN TEMPLE FOR BAPTISMS

front row

Nancy Reeves  
Rheumina Winkler  
Irene Winger  
Jennette Brown  
Julie Simonsen

back row

Barbara Bell  
Tamara Jorgensen  
Ellen Simonsen  
Candice Messinger



# LOGAN TEMPLE FOR BAPTISMS ARDELLA SMITHS MIA CLASS PRESIDENT MIA VERNA MORLEY

back row

Candice Messenger  
Nancy Reeves  
Gayle Anderson  
Ann Lucas  
Rheumina Winkler  
Karen Rawson  
Ardella Smith

center row

Jackie Lee  
Janet Bingham

front row

Julie Simonsen  
Jannette Brown  
Linda Kay Hill  
Tamara Jorgensen



1. Jackie Lee
2. Tamara Jorgensen
3. Julie Simonsen
4. Karen Rawson
5. Ann Lucas
6. Carol Helen
7. Candis Messenger
8. Rheumina Winkler
9. Janet Bingham





## Local Temple Busiest In LDS Church System

The Ogden LDS Temple has accomplished a first in the history of the LDS Church. More ordinances were performed in it than in the Salt Lake City LDS Temple during April.

This is the first time any LDS Temple has taken the first place ranking from the temple in Salt Lake City, said Paul R. Lindeman, recorder for the Ogden Temple.

April, 37,566 endowments for the dead were accomplished in the Ogden edifice as compared with 36,146 in Salt Lake City, Mr. Lindeman said.

### REMAIN ON TOP

In addition, Mr. Lindeman believes the report for May will again show the Ogden Temple on top and said that so far in June the work has increased.

Authorities believe there might be two reasons for the Ogden Temple moving into first place, first it is new and many people go through it because of

this and second it takes about half the time to do the work here, he said.

Also, 131,982 baptisms for the dead were completed during the first three months of operation of the Ogden Temple, Mr. Lindeman commented.



LESLIE T. NORTON

MRS. LESLIE T. NORTON

JOHN J. ZUNDEL

KEITH G. CAMPBELL SR.

## New Temple Presidency, Matron Named

The LDS Church First Presidency announced today a new Ogden Temple presidency will be installed March 23.

Leslie T. Norton will become president with John J. Zundel as first counselor and Keith G. Campbell Sr. as second counselor.

Mrs. Norton becomes matron of the Ogden Temple.

Mr. Norton and Mr. Zundel are both of Ogden and Mr. Campbell is of Liberty.

Being released are A. Reed Halversen, Mr. Zundel and W. Owen Ridges. They have served since the temple opened in the spring of 1972.

The church leadership also announced a change in the Provo Temple presidency.

The new Provo Temple president is Orville C. Gunther, American Fork. His counselors are Joseph T. Bentley, Provo, and Harold H. Holley, American Fork. The new presidency succeeds President Harold Glen Clark and his counselors, Joseph Y. Toronto and O. Wendle Nielsen, who are being released after nearly five years.

The new leaders will be formally installed March 14.

President Norton, the new Ogden Temple president, is a native of Watford, Hertfordshire, England. He moved to Ogden with his parents while a

young boy. He is a graduate of Weber State College and Brigham Young University.

A longtime federal government employee, President Norton recently retired from his job as chief of job classification and wage administration at Hill Air Force Base.

He is a member of the Ogden City School Board and active in the Utah Cancer Society.

The new temple president has served the church as a bishop, member of a stake presidency and as a regional representative of the Council of Twelve apostles.

His wife, Mae Gibbons Norton, will serve as matron of the Ogden Temple. They are the parents of three sons.

President Zundel was raised in Plymouth, and also recently

retired after many years of government employment at Hill AFB.

He has been a bishop and active as an officer and teacher in auxiliaries and priesthood organizations.

He and his wife, Katie Thompson Zundel, are parents of five children.

### IN FARMING

A native of Providence, President Campbell studied at Utah State Agricultural College in Logan before going into business and farming on his own. He recently retired and raises cattle in his spare time.

He has served as a member of a bishopric and on the stake high council. He and his wife, Clista Christiansen Campbell, are parents of three children.



## L.D.S. Church Welfare

The Prophet Joseph Smith said, "The poor always stay with us. We will be judged by how we care for them. He that is not equal in physical things can not be equal in Spiritual things."

Physical welfare of the ward members was the work of the Relief Society under the direction of the Bishop. When Grace M. Mc Farland was Relief Society president in the Ogden 20th Ward, the Visiting Teachers accepted canned or bottled food as they went from home to home doing their Visiting Teaching. This food was distributed by the Relief Society President to families in need. Not by car but walking carrying a heavy load six or seven blocks in the snow and cold of winter. This is but an example of what was happening in most every ward.

The following is from the (Life History of Grace M. Mc Farland in the 1962 31st Ward Relief Society Record in the Church Historian's Office.)

"She fulfilled her duties to the utmost during the deep and dark days of the depression, with many heads of homes out of work, as problems faced her. Many a night before she could go to bed to rest, she would delve into her personal store of warm clothes and bedding and deliver a load to a needy family."

From the Ensign August 1972 Page 20 quote: "As president of the Pioneer Stake, Harold B. Lee organized a bishop's storehouse in 1932 to care for the needy and unemployed members of his stake. When the Church consolidated such welfare programs into the Churchwide welfare plan in 1936, Harold B. Lee became the first managing director, a position he held for twenty-two years."

The Ogden Stake was one of the first to receive the welfare plan. I remember the Ogden Stake family meeting in the Ogden 6th Ward, when Elder Harold B. Lee then introduced the New L.D.S. Welfare Program. The Lord had surely heard the prayers of the righteous who had suffered through the depression.

### Dedication of the Regional Welfare Property

On the 16 June 1949, impressive ceremonies at the Northern Utah Regional Welfare property at 148-17th Street in Ogden, Utah were held in the dedication service. After more than a year of remodeling and renovating had been done. More than 600 were at the gathering. Elder David O. Mc Kay of the First Presidency and Apostle Henry D. Moyle of the Council of the Twelve were in attendance. The buildings were purchased from the receiver of the Utah Idaho Central Railroad Co. for \$77,280.00. Inspection of the storehouse facilities was conducted by Elder Orvil W. Dean, Regional Coordinator. (Ogden Stake Records)

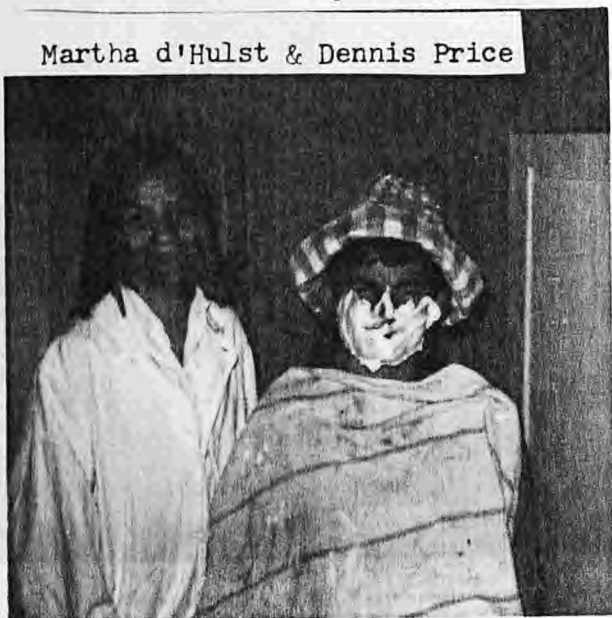
The welfare program was not only to store food but clothing and house-hold needs. The store house was to be stocked.

This was a ward welfare assignment reported to the ward by their bishop in 1948. The ward assignment was \$ 576.99 in cash; 250 pounds of butter; 200 pounds of cheese; 2500 quarts of fresh milk; 600 bushels of oats; 40 dozen brooms. They had no way to raise the above so paid the value in cash \$2,415.00, the cost to purchase.

In November 1949 a bishop reported the ward budget for welfare was \$1862.00. That the ward Relief Society had sewed 917 hours on welfare sewing. That 35 women and 5 men had worked at the Bishop's Storehouse or the Grain Storage in Kaysville, completing the assessment from the Northern Region.

Multiply this activity by the number of wards in the stake, eight wards, for an idea of how the welfare plan was progressing in the Ogden Stake.

Martha d'Hulst & Dennis Price



Joan Robbins, Rosalie Reese



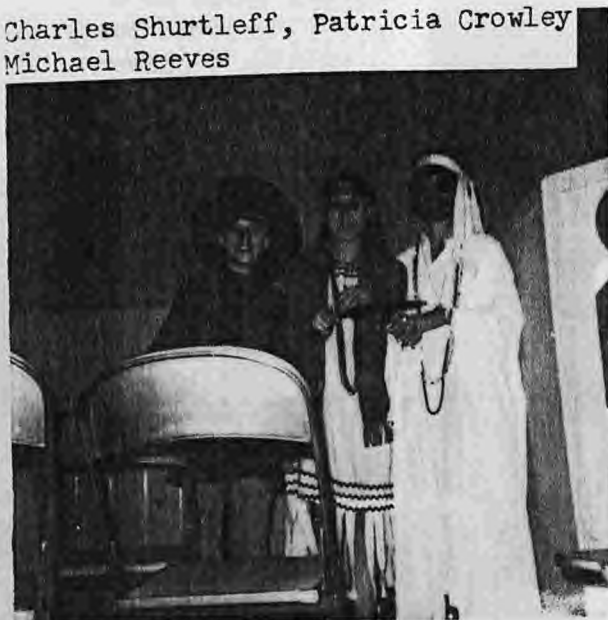
Joan d'Hulst & Vellis Pincock



Paul Wiggill, Glen Hansen, Charles Shurtleff, Karen Hines, Kent Reddish



Charles Shurtleff, Patricia Crowley  
Michael Reeves



Michael Reeves, Barry Brown



Celestia Shurtleff, Joan Robbins



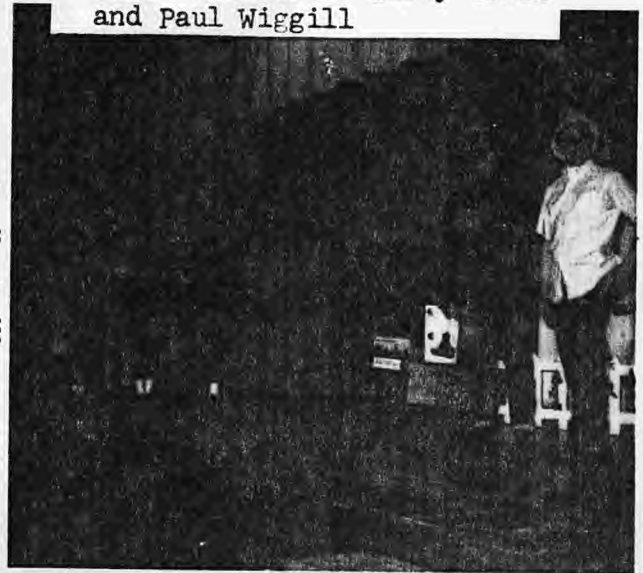
Judy Morrison, Jane Howard



Girls from the Deaf Branch who attended M.I.A.



Three Mice watch Barry Brown and Paul Wiggill



M.I.A.  
Top: Lenore Hill  
Cheryl Prentice  
Vickey Anderson  
Linda Reeder  
Kathy Price  
Jan Wilbur  
Jill Wilbur  
Martha Hunt  
Sylvia Stewart  
Front

Darla Shurtleff

Pam  
Patricia Fife





1976 Soft Ball Team M.I.A.

Back Row: Coach Marilyn Anderson, Connie Davis, Ava Thompson, Cindy Kramer, Cherrie Wagstaff (score keeper)  
Front Row: Karen Warner, Lisa Humphries, Julie Hansen, Anita Jones, Alice Mc Tee.  
Absent when picture was taken :Trudy Hoffer, Pam Hansen, Karla Mc Cormich, asst. Coach Cathy Anderson.



M.I.A. Girls Basket Ball Champions

Top: Ava Thompson

Middle row: Linda Sholly, Karen Warner, Cindy Kramer.

Front: Anita Jones, Julie Hansen, Lisa Humphries.



Laurels 1967

Patricia Hines-President  
Caleen Bailey--Class Advisor  
Jan Stephens - 1st Counselor



1976 Mia Maids

Kris Hess-Class Advisor  
Carol Reddish--President  
Ava Thompson- 1st Counselor



1976 Beehive.

Alice Mc Tee-2nd Counselor  
Trudy Hofer- President  
Denise Hanson- Class Advisor  
Front: Julie Hansen- 1st Counselor  
Kathy Guston- Secretary



Deacons Presidency 1976  
Advisor-John Palmforth  
Secretary- Scott Sobers  
President- Nathan Sobers  
Counselor- Timmy West  
Counselor- David Griggs



Teachers 1976  
Doug Stephens, Wendell Harrop-Advisor  
Tod d'Hulst



Priests 1976  
Mark Hunt, Brad Christiansen, Advisor,  
Tim Shurtleff





(Abbreviations: Supt.\*--Superintendent, Couns--Counselors, Sec.--Secretaries.)

		sustained	released
1st Supt.	Orson P. Millet	1 Sept 1946	19 Feb 1950
Couns.	Elmer J. Rippon	1 Sept 1946	15 Jan 1950
	Harold J. Strand	1 Sept 1946	26 Feb 1949
	Lloyd A. Pope	26 Feb 1949	19 Feb 1950
	Warren N. Shurtleff	15 Jan 1950	19 Feb 1950
Sec.	Eleanor Hill	1 Sept 1946	Dec 1949
	Dorothy Rippon Walker	Dec 1949	19 Feb 1950
2nd Supt.	James R. Scoville	19 Feb 1950	16 Sept 1951
Couns.	Wilford D. Harris	19 Feb 1950	16 Sept 1951
	Lloyd A. Pope	19 Feb 1950	16 Sept 1951
Sec.	Dorothy R. Walker	19 Feb 1950	8 Oct 1950
	Norene Harris	8 Oct 1950	16 Sept 1951
3rd Supt.	Wilford D. Harris	16 Sept 1951	14 Dec 1952
Couns.	Lloyd A. Pope	16 Sept 1951	14 Dec 1952
	Warren N. Shurtleff	16 Sept 1951	14 Dec 1952
Sec.	Joanne Anderson	14 Oct 1951	22 Nov 1952
	Shirley Millet	22 Nov 1952	14 Dec 1952
4th Supt.	Lloyd A. Pope	14 Dec 1952	16 Sept 1953
Couns.	Melvin Hines	14 Dec 1952	16 Sept 1953
	Alfred G. Crabtree	14 Dec 1952	16 Sept 1953
Sec.	Shirley Millet	14 Dec 1952	26 July 1953
	Lois Mc Carrell	26 July 1953	16 Sept 1953
5th Supt.	Sterling H. Campbell	16 Sept 1953	28 July 1954
Couns.	Melvin Hines	16 Sept 1953	1953
	Russel Carruth	16 Sept 1953	28 July 1954
	Alfred G. Crabtree	1953	28 July 1954
Sec.	R. Jay Williams	6 Dec 1953	28 July 1954
	Lois Mc Carrel	16 Sept 1953	6 Dec 1953
Asst Sec	Dorothy R. Walker	6 Dec 1953	28 July 1954
6th Supt.	Dale W. Corbridge	28 July 1954	20 Jan 1957
Couns.	Joseph W Backman	28 July 1954	Dec 1955
	R. Jay Williams	28 July 1954	20 Jan 1957
	Raymond M. Haslem	Dec 1955	20 Jan 1957
Sec.	Virginia Reeves	28 July 1954	20 Jan 1957
7th Supt.	Raymond M. Haslem	20 Jan 1957	11 Aug 1957
Couns.	R. Jay Williams	20 Jan 1957	11 Aug 1957
	Gary Lowell Hunting	20 Jan 1957	10 Mar 1957
	Val Hampson	28 Apr 1957	11 Aug 1957
Sec.	Virginia Reeves	20 Jan 1957	11 Aug 1957
8th Supt.	R. Jay Williams	11 Aug 1957	22 June 1958
Couns.	Leonard Val Hampson	11 Aug 1957	22 June 1958
	Victor Castlemain	11 Aug 1957	22 June 1958
Sec.	Virginia Reeves	11 Aug 1957	22 June 1958

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9th Supt.	Norman Vaughn Larsen	22 June 1958	9 July 1961
Couns.	Leonard Val Hampson	22 June 1958	17 May 1959
	Floyd Poulsen	13 July 1958	12 June 1960
	Elwyn Roberts	17 May 1959	12 June 1960
	Lee King	12 June 1960	5 Mar 1961
	Almon J. Bates	12 June 1960	6 Nov 1960
	Allen Gail Christiansen	6 Nov 1960	9 July 1961
	Charles Spencer	5 Mar 1961	9 July 1961
Sec.	Virginia Reeves	22 June 1958	5 July 1959
	Karma Nielsen	5 July 1959	9 July 1961
10th Supt.	Allen Gail Christiansen	9 July 1961	3 June 1962
Couns.	Charles Spencer	9 July 1961	3 June 1962
	Wayne Sims	27 Aug 1961	5 Nov 1961
	Brent Innes	5 Nov 1961	18 Mar 1962
	Karl Steinacker	18 Mar 1962	3 June 1962
Sec.	Karma Nielsen	9 July 1961	30 July 1961
	Pattie A. Reeves	30 July 1961	3 June 1962
11th Supt.	Floyd Poulsen	3 June 1962	26 July 1964
Couns.	Thomas Midgley	3 June 1962	12 Jan 1964
	Thomas Sharp	3 June 1962	10 Jan 1963
	Grant Kennington	10 Jan 1963	1 Sept 1963
	John Snow	1 Sept 1963	26 July 1964
	Duane Carlson	12 Jan 1964	26 July 1964
Sec.	Pattie A. Reeves	3 June 1962	26 July 1964
12th Supt.	John Snow	26 July 1964	28 May 1967
Couns.	Kent Walton	26 July 1964	16 Sept 1964
	Alfred G. Crabtree	26 July 1964	22 May 1966
	Robert Waldron	11 Oct 1964	21 Feb 1965
	Rodney Spencer	13 June 1965	21 Nov 1965
	David B. Sneddon	21 Nov 1965	17 July 1966
	Ronald Simmons	22 May 1966	2 Apr 1967
	Benjamin V. Hunt	21 July 1966	5 Feb 1967
	Melvin Hines	12 Feb 1967	28 May 1967
Sec.	Pattie Reeves Udy	26 Aug 1964	28 Nov 1965
	Rhea Ann Crowley	5 Dec 1965	24 Apr 1965
	Virginia Reeves	24 Apr 1966	28 May 1967
13th Supt.	J. Leland Archibald	28 May 1967	11 Feb 1968
Couns.	Melvin Hines	28 May 1967	11 Feb 1968
	Steven Morrell	28 May 1967	17 Dec 1967
	Lawrence D. Anderson	17 Dec 1967	11 Feb 1968
Sec.	Virginia Reeves	28 May 1967	11 Feb 1968
14th Supt.	Lawrence D. Anderson	11 Feb 1968	5 Apr 1970
Couns.	Melvin Hines	11 Feb 1968	30 June 1968
	Lowell Dawson	3 Mar 1968	25 Aug 1968
	Max Craig Jensen	15 Sep 1968	6 July 1968
	Richard Sobers	30 June 1968	5 Apr 1970
	Albert Oborn	6 July 1969	5 Apr 1970
Sec.	Virginia Reeves	11 Feb 1968	5 Apr 1970

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15th Supt.	Larry G. Price	5 Apr 1970	9 July 1972
Couns.	Howard M. Pearson	5 Apr 1970	6 Dec 1970
	Dwight D. Mc Connell	5 Apr 1970	12 July 1970
	Dean Anderson	19 July 1970	13 Dec 1970
	Frank Decaria	13 Dec 1970	12 Sep 1971
	Douglas S. Price	12 Sep 1971	9 July 1972
	Dwight D. Mc Connell	12 Sep 1971	20 Feb 1972
	David Crabtree	20 Feb 1972	9 July 1972
Sec	Virginia Reeves	5 Apr 1970	9 July 1972
16th Supt.	Daniel I. d'Hulst	16 July 1972	23 Mar 1975
Coun.	Douglas S. Price	16 July 1972	1 Oct 1972
	David Crabtree	16 July 1972	23 Mar 1975
	Robert Kershaw	1 Oct 1972	4 Feb 1973
	Ted Russ Layne	25 Feb 1973	30 Dec 1973
	Keith Toponce	30 Dec 1973	23 Mar 1975
Sec.	Virginia Reeves	16 July 1972	27 May 1973
	Joan d'Hulst	27 May 1973	23 Mar 1975
17th Supt.	William A. Hicks	23 Mar 1975	25 Apr 1976
Couns.	Blaine Downs	23 Mar 1975	25 Jan 1976
	Robert Lee Bishop Jr.	23 Mar 1975	25 Jan 1976
	Skip Benicosa	25 Jan 1976	25 Apr 1976
Sec.	Joan d'Hulst	23 Mar 1975	27 Apr 1975
	Lorraine J. Fife	27 Apr 1975	25 Apr 1976
18th Supt.	Monty Jones	25 Apr 1976	8 Aug 1976
Couns.	Walter Mudrow	25 Apr 1976	8 Aug 1976
	Dave Nelson	25 Apr 1976	8 Aug 1976
Sec.	Lorraine J. Fife	25 Apr 1976	8 Aug 1976
19th Supt.	Walter Mudrow	8 Aug 1976	
Couns.	Dave Nelson	8 Aug 1976	
	Floyd Poulsen	8 Aug 1976	
Sec.	Lorraine J. Fife	8 Aug 1976	

## Junior Sunday School Coordinators

Lucile Nelson	1946	1949
Norma Millet (Assistant)	1949	1950
Lavell H. Johnson	Aug 1946	3 Feb 1952
Florence Roylance	3 Feb 1952	Nov 1952
La Vora Bouwius (Asst.)	3 Feb 1952	Nov 1952
Lenore Brown	Nov 1952	25 Aug 1957
Cherril Draney	25 Aug 1957	13 Oct 1957
Pattie Reeves	13 Oct 1957	14 June 1959
Barbara Yssel (Asst.)	13 Oct 1957	14 June 1959
Geniel Thomas	21 June 1959	12 June 1960
Carol Christenson	12 June 1960	27 Aug 1961
Sandra Scofield Innes	27 Aug 1961	8 July 1962
Betty Freestone	8 July 1962	29 Sep 1963
Olive Crabtree	20 Sep 1963	15 May 1966
Alice Waddoups	15 May 1966	20 Aug 1967
Ardella Smith	20 Aug 1967	26 May 1968
Leda Malan	26 May 1968	3 Dec 1972
Sherri Hansen	3 Dec 1972	17 Mar 1974
Marian Hines	17 Mar 1974	18 Jan 1976
La Rue Toponce	18 Jan 1976	

Junior Sunday School Secretaries: Susie Graviat, Bonnie Raat Tanner, Verona Bush  
 Parsons, June Shurtleff, Gwen Johnson, Virginia Malan, Pattie Reeves, Nancy Spencer,



Connie Anderson, Merlene Hansen, Shana Shulz, Dixie Applegarth, Olive Tucker, Meloney Messenger.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

My earliest recollections are of going to Sunday School. All week long we looked forward to Sunday. All of our clothes were checked on Saturday in readiness for the 10 A. M. Sunday School. "HASTE TO THE SABBATH SCHOOL, COME, COME, COME" was our favorite song. We must not be late. If time threatened, we climbed under the rail road cars cupplings on Grant Avenue and between 20th and 21st Street. The bible stories lived and Noah, David and Moses were our heros and friends.

Partaking of the Sacrament and renewing our covenants, to Love the Lord and live His commandments, were very important to us. Would we miss Sunday School? NO! That was our big happening of the week. We might be assigned to give a part in the Sunday School Program.

Time has not changed our view point, if through illness we miss a Sunday the rest of the week does not go right. We need to attend to refill our spiritual bucket to the brim that we may drink of it throughout the week.

## Junior Sunday School

Changes came, the Jr. Sunday School was instigated that the young children might participate in their own opening exercises and that they might be on their own level of understanding.

In Jr. Sunday School the kindly teachers lovingly help the child make the transition from home to a class of children of their own age. To lose fear as they learn to feel comfortable and to participate. The small child gains confidence in self as the assurance of the love of Jesus Christ grows. Their personalities begin to bud then bloom.

## I Like Children (by Elizabeth W. Perry)

I like to look at children,  
To catch their glances sweet;  
I like to watch their shining eyes,  
Their eager restless feet.

I like the grimy finger nails,  
Inevitably boys,  
The tousled hair, the rumpled clothes,  
Bespeaking careless joys.

I like the way the children think,  
Clearer than grownups do;  
So easily they separate,  
The false things from the true.

I like the way the children play,  
With all their heart and soul,  
Their whole attention centered  
Upon the beckoning goal.

I like the fairness children have,  
The openness of mind.  
Had Justice been a child,  
I think, She would not be blind.

I like to be with Children,  
They're so much fun to know.  
I cannot be discouraged,  
As long as children grow.

To the many Sunday School teachers a special thanks. You have taught our children well and have strengthened a budding testimony. But then the reward really comes to a teacher when years later, one of your class greets you with "You were one of the best teachers I ever had, you were the one that encouraged me to go on a mission and to be married in the temple, thank you."

## Senior Sunday School

Now we are baptized and our class was advanced to the Senior Sunday School. What a proud day when the Sunday School Superintendent marched our class into the Chapel and showed us where our class would be seated each Sunday.

The courses of study were changed and were planned so that we would have a fair understanding of the gospel if we attend regularly. In the last few years the idea of challenging each member of the class to change their life each week for the better by living the lesson challenge, has been taught.

## Gospel Doctrine Class

Courses of study in this class have centered around the Standard Works and the teachings of the Latter-Day Prophets. As the name implies, the lessons have been on Gospel Doctrine.

Elder John A. Widsoe of the Council of the Twelve Apostles, in speaking of the Latter-Day Saints, stated that, "We are not a reading people." He further stated that too many other things have "invaded our reading time." (Conference Address, 4/6/1939, Page 21.) The foregoing thoughts have proven true in the 31st Ward Gospel Doctrine Class. Only a few will read the assigned lesson.

Great benefits can be received by attending class and listening to the lesson and discussions, but much more is gained when individuals study the principals of the gospel on their own. One outstanding feature is class participation. There is never a lack of comments and questions from those present.

The constant challenge to those attending the class is to be "DOERS of the word, and not hearers only." (James 1:22) If any particular theme has been stressed in class, it has been: STUDY THE WORDS OF THE PROPHETS, EVERY DAY."

Dennis C. Davis - Class teacher

## Fast Day in Sunday School Services

On fast day the sacrament is not passed during Sunday School Meeting, nor is the sacrament gem and two talks given. In this time a family is asked to participate.

The participation of these families have been splendid. What a wonderful opportunity for development through this experience. A few of the families that I can remember are: Kirt Wiggills, Charles Gibsons, Keith Toponce, Wendell L. Hansens, Daniel d'Hulst, Warren Shurtleffs, Jack d'Hulsts, Gary Suttlemyres, Craig Thorsteds and many, many families I have missed. We thank them for their enjoyable and inspiring efforts.

## Music

Sunday School is the place where we worship with song, as we learn during the practice time many beautiful hymns. Not a one of us will ever forget "JESUS ONCE WAS A LITTLE CHILD" or PUT YOUR SHOULDER TO THE WHEEL". The hymns we sing, speak what we are and what we believe. Let us sing to the Glory of God.

Sunday School was the place where our youth learned to play and lead music. The patience and love expressed by those who have taught the children of the Kingdom of God, to sing, is rewarded by the sweet praises they utter. Do you remember when we took our Sunday School children to General Conference in Salt Lake City and they gave the reading to music of the song, "THEY WHO HAVE CLEAN HANDS AND A PURE HEART?" What a thrill we experienced.

How grateful we are to those who teach and lead us to better express our love of the Lord through song. They were always present to help enrich our worship with song. We express our thanks to the many organists and choristers who led us in song, we appreciate your gift and willingness to serve us.

The opportunity to develop ability is given during the two and one-half minute talks and giving the Sacrament Gem helps to memorize scripture. It is a thrill to see the development as year after year our children participate.

## Family Home Evening Class

Every home has been commanded by the Prophet of the Lord to hold every Monday evening a family night, giving lessons provided to assist the family to live the pattern so ably set by Jesus. To assist the parents a class in Sunday School has been taught by Betty Hansen, Lenore Brown and Blaine and Lu Ann Jenkins Downs. These teachers have helped the teachers enrich the lessons presented in the home.

## The Instructor

This magazine published by the General Board of the Sunday School was one of the best I have ever read. Each month the teachers waited to see what chart or vital information would appear on the back of the cover. The library grew with this exceptional teaching aid. The Sunday School Secretary Virginia Reeves sent in our subscriptions.



## TEACHERS DEVELOPMENT

The L.D.S. Church has always had a program to assist their teachers in developing teaching skills. I remember when J. Leland Archibald held a class during Sunday School opening exercises, the Sunday School being designated as responsible for development of teachers. Each organization had special lessons to teach called Inservice Lessons.

Then a special training program where the bishop called the persons to attend the class and certificates were issued on completion of the class. On the 13th of June 1965 Teacher Training Certificates were presented to: Ia Rue Toponce, Verna Stagg, Floyd Poulsen, Charles Gibson, Alta Gibson, J. Leland Archibald and Warren Shurtleff. The graduates on 16th of July 1967 were: Joan Robbins, Karen Tanner, Irvin L. Jensen, David Crabtree, Lenore Brown, Glenna Hunt. These were found in the Sacrament meeting minutes. Many other groups graduated.

Nor is there a complete record of teachers but these I remember: 1968 J. Leland Archibald. A new basic training program was introduced called Teachers Development Program. Marion Hines was sustained March 1, 1970 as the instructor. The classes under the direction of Bishop David E. Tanner were to be held after Sacrament Meeting on Sunday for six weeks. President Harold B. Lee said of this program that he considered it so essential, he took the course himself. Other teachers to follow were: Courtney Bowen, Lillian Cheney, Richard Sobers, Chris Hess and now Carla Stephens. We are thankful to these many teachers for the quality of teaching which has resulted. Roberta Suttlemyre contributed much knowledge and inspiration when she presented training programs at 31st Ward Leadership Meetings. Thank you Bobbie.



Teachers Development Program  
Glenna Hunt-Micro teacher  
Patricia Hines, Brian Davis,  
Paul Hansen, Mark Hunt



Teachers Development Program  
March 1971  
Virginia Anderson, Lavell H. Johnson,  
Lawrence D. Anderson Bishop David E.  
Tanner, Marian Hines-instructor,  
Lenore Brown

Presentation by Sunday School and Primary Children Easter 14 Apr 1974

Song: Come Listen to a Prophets Voice and Hear the Word of God.

Roberta Suttlemyre: This song, "Come Listen To the Prophets Voice", has special meaning for us. We know that we have been blessed to have a prophet as the president of our church. Has the World always had prophets? Yes, such ancient prophets as Adam, Noah, Moses, and Isaiah recieved revelation from God for guidance of the People in their days. Today, through song, scripture, and story we will tell you about our latter day prophets and some of the things they have done for us. We want to remember that it is important for us to listen to and obey the words of our prophets.

Ben Suttlemyre: Joseph Smith was the latter-day prophet called of God to restore the true church of Jesus Christ. He taught us what it means to be a prophet. We all remember the wonderful vision Joseph Smith recieved in answer to prayer. Joseph Smith translater the Book of Mormon from the gold plates.

Songs: "The Golden Plates" "Book of Mormon Stories"

Doctrine and Covenants 17:6 "He has translated the book, even the part which I have commanded him, and as your Lord and your God liveth it is true."

Ben Suttlemyre; Joseph Smith received the Priesthood from heavenly messengers.

Song: "The Priesthood Is Restored" by Nathan Sobers, Scott Sobers, Jason David, and Nathan Davis.

Nathan Davis: Joseph Smith received revelations to organize the Church and guide the people. Many years ago Jesus Christ revealed to the Prophet Nephi that the true church of Jesus Christ would be called after His name.

Doctrine and Covenants 115:4 "For thus shall my church be called in the last days, even The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Nathan Davis: The Church was organized on the sixth of April 1830, and Joseph Smith became the first President.

Billy Hansen: As prophet and president of the church, Joseph Smith received many revelations that helped guide and teach the people. One outstanding example is the Word of Wisdom. We will tell you about it in song

Song: "The Word of Wisdom"

Holly Snow: One special calling of the prophet of the Church is to bear testimony to the world that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. All of our latter-day prophets have done this. Listen to the words of Joseph Smith as he testifies of Jesus Christ.

Doctrine and Covenants 76: 22,23 "For we saw Him, even on the right hand of God; and we heard the voice bearing record that He is the Only Begotten of the Father--That by Him and of Him, the worlds are and were created, and the inhabitants thereof are begotten sons and daughters unto God"

Song: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives".

James Sobers: The Prophet Joseph held all the keys of authority necessary to build the Kingdom of God here on earth.

Doctrine and Covenants 28: 2,3,6,7 : "For behold, verily, verily, I say unto thee, no one shall be appointed to receive commandments and revelations in this church except my servant Joseph Smith Jun, for he received them even as Moses. And thou shalt be obedient unto the things which I shall give unto him, even as Aaron, to declare faithfully the commandments and the revelations, with power and authority unto the church. And thou shalt not command him who is at thy head, and at the head of the church; For I have given him the keys of the mysteries, and the revelations which are sealed, until I shall appoint unto them another in his stead."

Emma Moore and Nathan Sobers : The Lord instructed Joseph Smith to confer these keys of authority upon the Twelve Apostles so the authority would remain with the Church when he died. Did you know that on 27 June 1974, it will have been 130 years since Prophet Joseph Smith was killed by a mob? Brigham Young, who was President of the Twelve Apostles when Joseph Smith died, became the second president of the Church. There have been ten presidents since Joseph Smith. We can learn from the prophets through their writings. Some of you in the congregation were also privileged to have known some of the latter-day prophets when they were presidents of the Church.

Joseph Smith Jr.	6 Apr 1830 to	27 June 1844	
Brigham Young	5 Dec 1847 to	29 Aug 1877	
John Taylor	Apr 1880 to	July 1889	
Wilford Woodruff	1889 to	2 Sept 1898	
Lorenzo Snow	Oct 1898 to	10 Oct 1901	
Joseph F. Smith	17 Oct 1901 to	19 Nov 1918	( church out of debt in 1906)
Heber J. Grant	23 Nov 1918 to	14 May 1945	
George Albert Smith	21 May 1945 to	4 Apr 1951	
David O. Mc Kay	7 Apr 1951 to	18 Jan 1951	
Joseph Fielding Smith	23 Jan 1970 to	2 July 1972	
Harold B. Lee	7 July 1972 to	26 Dec 1973	
Spencer W. Kimball	30 Dec 1973 -		

Nathan Sobers The Lord guides us and teaches us today, as in ancient times, through his prophets. Listen to the words of the Prophet Amos.

Amos 3: 7 : "Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but He revealeth his secret unto His servants the prophets."

Judy Morrison: In our lifetimes we have been able to listen to four presidents of the Church -- David O. Mc Kay, Joseph Fielding Smith, Harold B. Lee and now our living prophet Spencer W. Kimball. Each of the prophets has taught us many important truths. Obeying their teachings will bring joy to our lives.

Ryn Price: One important truth that President David O. Mc Kay taught us is that we should pray often. I remember the story he told of how he prayed as a little boy when he was afraid.

Julie Hansen: President Joseph Fielding Smith taught us another truth, that helping brings happiness.

Carolyn Doney: That we should listen to and obey the still small voice within us is an important truth taught by Pres. Harold B. Lee. He tells us how he listened and obeyed when he was a boy.

Jason Davis: As a boy he was tempted to explore a broken some broken down buildings but heard a voice : "Harold, don't go over there." No one was in sight. From that time on ,I accepted without question, we can hear voices from the unseen world, by which we can have brought to us the visions of eternity.



Stacy Henry: I am glad we have known these prophets, by obeying their words we can all learn. The Lord wants to listen and obey our prophets.

Song: "Stand for the Right."

Doctrine and Covenants 21: 4,5 : "Wherefore, meaning the church, thou shall give heed unto his words and commandments which he shall give unto you as he receiveth them walking in all holiness before me; For his word ye shall receive, as if from mine own mouth, in all patience and faith."

Mindy Pincock : As members of the Church we are privileged to sustain the prophet at general conference and at stake and ward conferences.

Kellie Kershaw: What does it mean to sustain a prophet?

Carla Davis: We raise our right hand like this to show we accept him as president of the Church.

Barbara Hansen: It means we will listen to him and obey him.

Murray Suttlemyre: It also means we promise to support him.

Katrina Miller: We should pray for him and speak kindly of him.

Ryn Price bore a testimony of his own.

Carma Davis: Let's listen to our bishop as he reads a message of a prophet.

Bishop L. Dwight Pincock: President said, "The safety of the church lies in the members keeping the commandments. There is nothing more important that I can say. As they keep the commandments, blessings will come...." "With all sincerity I bear my witness to you that by a witness of the spirit more powerful than I have ever experienced before, I know that the Savior lives. As I have sought to live as close as I know how, to know His mind and will concerning matters, and to take the first steps during this last change in the presidency of the church, I need your faith and prayers. Pray for me young people, I plead with you pray for me..." "The Lord loves you, I love you, and I want you to know that there isn't anything in the world that I would not do because I am directed by the Lord to help you be guided on your way."

Song "We Thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet".

Keith Toponce read all scriptural verses.

"JESUS" by Nancy Sobers ( talk given from memory by 8 year old)  
(at Ogden Stake Conference in the Ogden Tabernacle.)

Jesus Christ was born in Pethlehem, the city of David. He was born to Mother Mary and was the only Begotten Son of God ever to be born in the flesh. When Jesus was born quite a few people knew about His birth. The angel said, "Fear not for I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For into you is born this day in the city of David, a savior which is Christ the Lord. And you shall find the baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

The star shown brightly. The star was a big beautiful new star. This star led the wise men to Bethlehem to see the king of the Jews. King Herod tried to find out where this baby, a threat to his kingdom, was born. However he failed and had all the children two years old and younger be put to death in and around Bethlehem.

However our Heavenly Father did not want His son to be killed. He sent an angel to Joseph telling him to take Mary and the child to Egypt.

In the Western Continent the people also knew about His birth. One night it stayed light all night. Even though the sun went down and came up again the next morning, it was so light it seemed as if the sun had not gone down. It had been prophesied by Samuel the Lamine when Christ would be born. Many people in the Western Continent were looking forward to His birth.

We know very little about the childhood of Jesus. We know he lived in Nazareth. After King Herods death, an angel told Joseph, Mary's husband it was safe to go back to their home. We also know that Joseph was a carpenter by trade. It was the custom in those days, that the children learn the trade of their fathers. So if we can look back, He probably spent many hours at Josephs knee learning how to be a carpenter. In those days the boys were the only ones to go to school. They went to the Synagogue. They sat on a mat on the floor, learned how to read and write and learned the scriptures. He more than likely was the smartest boy there and probably ask questions that really kept the teacher on the toes. Jesus liked to run and play with His friends.

Nazareth Jesuses's home was seventy miles from Jerusalem, so Mary and Joseph could not go every week to the temple to worship. Every year at the Feast of the Passover, Mary and Joseph went to the temple to worship. When Jesus was twelve, He was old enough to go with them. What a exciting time this must have been for Him. It was here that He began to understand that He was the Son of Heavenly Father.

After the Passover, the people of Nazareth started home. Mary did not see her son but thought He was with some of His friends and relatives. It was beginning to be late and Mary and Joseph had to go back to Jerusalem looking for Him. They found Him in the Temple with the doctors both hearing and asking questions.

The people that heard were surprised to hear how much He understood.



# AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF DAVID W. NELSON

On a Tuesday at 1:53 P.M. on February 19, 1952, I was born in the St. Benedicts Hospital. My parents are Irene Williams and Robert W. Nelson. My mother said I was a beautiful baby boy.

I had an enjoyable childhood with plenty of mischevous acts that pleased my mother. Some of these acts caused me pain. When I was five, I was hit by a bare wagon wheel that came down a hill, my leg was cut wide open. My parents took me to the doctor's office to have my leg stitched up. This was the year I started elementary school at Taylor School. The following years of schooling was hard for me as I was a slow learner.

On August 21, 1960, I was baptized and confirmed a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. The day was a beautiful one and happy one for me and mother. On March 8, 1964, I was ordained to the office of a Deacon in the Aaronic Priesthood. That same night I was hit by a car on 21st Street right in front of my friends home, but I was not badly hurt.

This same year 1964, we moved to Roy, Utah. I enjoyed Jr. High in Roy. On February 20, 1966, I was ordained a Teacher in the Aaronic Priesthood. When I was fifteen, my family moved back to Ogden and I attended Ogden High. I was ordained a Priest March 18, 1968. This same year, I had a snow sledding accident in which I broke my nose and cheek bone.

I started my working experience. First as gardener at Hill A.F.B. and for five years in the summer between school years. I baptized my two brothers and one sister. This made me very proud that I had the authority of the Aaronic Priesthood. This year I graduated from High School in 1970. I had an accident that almost killed me. I was in a car on the freeway in Sunset, Utah coming from work. The top of my forehead was cut wide open, and people at the scene had me rushed to the hospital. I was in the hospital for a week after the accident.

Two years later, I started college at Weber State and went for three years. I was ordained an Elder in the Melchizedek Priesthood on August 15, 1971.

A year after I left college, I met my sweetheart at a Young Adults party. I started to date her and in about ten days, I knew that I wanted her for my own as a wife. So I asked her to marry me. We were engaged for four months and then married December 20, 1973 in the Ogden Temple. Carol and I have been married two years and ten months.

We came to the 31st Ward in March of 1976. During this year, I was sustained as second counselor in the Sunday School of the 31st Ward with Monty Jones as President. Three months later I was sustained as first Counselor with Walter Mudrow as President. This is my position in the church at this time.

Written October 30, 1976.



Jr Sunday School Class 1948  
Teacher: Helen Nelson



1948

Patsy Lee Facer, Marvin Wiggins,  
Janet Irene Chugg, Robert Priest,  
Dorothy Hardy, Jomaine Swift,  
Geraldine Tribe, and Geraldine's  
little brother. Those not present  
Michael Shulz and David Sneddon.



Pattie Reeves-teacher  
Jeanette Allred- teacher



1954 Jr Sunday School  
Lenore Brown Coordinator  
Sharron Crabtree Asst. "  
Olive Snow chorister  
Olive Applegarth teacher

**Jr. Sunday School Class**  
Cherril Draney- Teacher

1. Rodney Dopp
2. Haslem
3. Darla Shurtleff
4. Steven Hines
5. David Reddish
6. La Dell Corbridge



**Maxine Vanderwerff's Class**

Back Row: Judy England, Diane Blue,  
Ray Moser, Curtis Baker, Robert Faddis  
Center row: Rodney Dopp, Jan Wilbur  
Jill Wilbur, Steven Waddoups  
Front row: Barbara Bingham, Marilyn Hansen,  
Steven Hines.



**Lenore Brown's**  
Sunday School Class

1. Timmy Ackerman
2. Michael Wiggill
3. Mark Hunt
4. Tim Shurtleff
5. Ronald Reddish
6. Bobby Cox
7. Jimmy Archibald
8. Matthew Hansen
9. Curtis Brown
10. Ronnie Dodge
11. Jimmy d'Hulst



Four year old Sunday School class



1967

**Front row**

1. Charles d'Hulst
2. Brian Blue
3. Neil Hansen
4. Vodean Miller
5. Patricia Hines
6. Sherryl Jensen
7. Pamela Sertou
8. Udell Mikkelson
9. Curtis Baker



**Can you find:**  
Karen Hines  
Karen Christensen  
Linda Reddish  
Joyce Hunt  
Susan Hansen  
Jill Messenger  
Yourself?





Olive Snow's Sunday School  
Class

Can you find on this page  
and the next page the following:

Darla Shurtleff	Gregory Haslem
Marie Porter	Connie Williams
Danny Larsen	Carrie Dopp
Jill Messenger	Verne Brown
Karen Hines	La Dell Corbridge
Patty Hunting	Yourself ?
Clive Snow	









Sunday School  
 Floyd Poulsen- Counselor  
 Anne Wilbur- Chorister  
 Walter Mudrow- President  
 La Rue Toponce- Jr. S.S.  
 Coordinator  
 David Nelson- Counselor  
 Loraine J. Fife- Secretary



### Senior Sunday School Leaders

Front:

Karin Price, Floyd Poulsen, Roger Sawyer,  
 David Nelson, Brent Maylin.

Center row: Alta Gibson, Karla Stephens,  
 Coleen Bailey, Neilen Hicks, Betty Hansen  
 Lu Ann Downs.

Back row: Loraine Fife, James Gibbs, Charles  
 Gibson, Dennis Davis, Carey Dopp.



### Junior Sunday School Leaders

1. Penny Dopp
2. Connie Davis
3. Lou Sobers
4. Lenore Brown
5. Lu Anne Harrop
6. La Rue Toponce
7. Dimples Reddish

It's Time For Summer Primary  
So Come Join In  
The Fun!!

Bring Your  
Friends

Come Learn  
about the  
Gospel.



Summer Primary will begin June 1st  
at 10 o'clock in the morning.



## The First Primary

One day in Farmington, Utah, Aurilla Rogers was watching young boys at play. She thought that they needed more direction in manners and actions. She called the little boys into her home and later the little girls were included.

A few weeks later she told her idea to Eliza R. Snow who seemed very impressed and presented the idea to L.D.S. President John Taylor. He counseled with the quorum of the Twelve Apostles and permission was given to organize a Primary in any ward of the church.

On Sunday 11 August 1878 at a public meeting, Aurilia Rogers was set apart by her Bishop Hess and his Counselors to preside over a Primary at Farmington, Utah. The children, 115 boys and 100 girls were called together for the first time on 25 August 1878.

The children participated by offering to pray, sing or recite and were entertained by good stories.

Sister Louisa B. Felt was chosen to be the first General President of Primary in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Primary was started in many wards. Gradually the children were grouped according to age, and lesson books were written and used throughout the church.

## The May Pole Celebration

About 1906 in Manassa, Colorado, Emily K. Forbes Foster prepared the Royal Court and trained the Primary Children to braid the May Pole. This activity was held in many wards in May each year.

## Children

The first 12 years of a child's life are the most influenced and impressionable of the entire life. The conduct, all the likes and dislikes, his attitude toward every future situation is greatly determined during these years. Eight years are spent in Primary. It is a small part of life, but important that this time be profitably spent. These are the Children of God intrusted to you. Lessons were written to teach the Articles of Faith.

## The Primary Childrens Hospital

This great Primary Association has progressed in many ways. One of its principal developments is the establishment of the Primary Childrens Hospital. Here is a place provided where children who are injured, crippled or are not able to be cared for may be brought.

In the small original hospital, between the years 1922 when it opened and April 1948 4300 in need of help, many of them crippled, were cared for.

The idea was evolved that if each person in the Latter Day Saints Church would give a penny a year for each year they are old, it would help finance the hospital. So each year "The Penny Parade" birthday pennies were collected by the Primary throughout the church. It has been marvelous what has been accomplished.

## President Heber J. Grant's Silver Dollars

President Heber J. Grant had been particularly interested as he was a great friend of the Primary. He conceived the idea that some day there ought to be a place where the Primary could have a larger hospital.

During President Grant's latter years, his friends gave a great party in Salt Lake City for him. Mormon, Jew and Gentile respected and loved him. At the party they presented him with a copper cask containing one thousand silver dollars. It did not take him long to decide what to do with the money. He presented it to the Primary association, to be added to their Hospital Fund and it has been kept these many years.

### A New Primary Childrens Hospital

Land was selected upon the hill north of the Latter Day Saints Hospital, overlooking City Creek Canyon. The plans were drawn. It was to be a large fine hospital equipped with all the things that are necessary to care for patients who are received there.

Every one in the church could have the opportunity to make a contribution so it would be an investment to the care for those Children of God who need the treatment. So many children in need of help, they came from so many far away places all over the world. So the suggestion to contribute two pennies for each of the years of our age at the February Penny Parade. The pennies collected in one year by the Ogden Stake Primaries was in 1950 \$1,046.78. This amount grew 17 march 1952 \$1,168.45, in 1954 \$1,188.75, in 1955 \$1,207.33, and each and every year the pennies grew. Construction began July 1949 and the pennies help pay for the completion. We attended Open House at the Primary Childrens Hospital held from January 23 to February 3, 1952.

Speaking again of these silver dollars, President Grant thought that the people might be willing to give \$100.00 for each of these dollars. That would bring in \$100,000.00.

It was decided to mount a silver dollar on a beautiful brass base to be used as a paper-weight or ornament. Each souvenir was beautifully engraved "L.D.S. Primary Childrens Hospital, The Heber J. Grant Fund." Anyone who donated \$100. or more (many were not L.D.S.) received a souvenir as long as they lasted.

That the children might participate in the building fund, they saved their pennies until they had 10¢ to buy a brick for the hospital. How they looked forward to seeing the paper brick with their name upon it pasted on the chart (a large drawing of the hospital) in the 31st Ward. The building fund grew.

The policy of the Hospital is that no child shall go without treatment, because the parents cannot pay. The Bishop of the child's Ward district and the Doctor who is caring for the child together make out the application for the child.

### Ogden Stake Receives a Silver Dollar

Through the contribution of the Ogden Stake Primary on 18 January 1950 the polished brass paperweight topped with a silver dollar, engraved "Primary Childrens Hospital - Heber J. Grant Fund" was received and presented to the Ogden Stake Presidency for use in their office.

The Ogden Stake Primary wanted to help more and decided to investigate if food donations would be acceptable at the Primary Hospital. The plan was accepted graciously. Each year the Primary children with their wagons went from door to door gathering bottled fruit, fresh vegetables, Jello, soap, canned soup and canned vegetables. In November 1943 when Ogden Stake was Divided the new Ben Lomand Stake joined in the food drive for the Primary Hospital.

At Ogden Stake Conference, Primary General Board Member, Fern F. Whipple stated that the two Stakes had trucked  $6\frac{1}{2}$  tons of fruits, vegetables and canned foods to the hospital. How thankful and appreciative the Primary General Board was.

The hawling of the food to Salt Lake City became a problem. At the beginning small trucks, then Deseret Industries trucks, the Ogden Egg Co.'s large truck driven by Archie Hokanson and Robert Barclay hauled the tons of food and unloaded into the Hospital. Storing the food was also a problem. This project was discontinued about 1970.

### The War Years

May 26, 1947 during the War years, a call came from Europe that the Latter Day Saints were in desperate need of warm clothing and large size shoes. The clothing was to be clean, packed in boxes and labeled, then delivered to the Ogden Stake Storehouse. (Ogden Stake records). Delivered were 28 boxes containing 1122 articles of clothing. Later the Primary made and assembled baby layettes to send to Europe. We remember participating in this project.

### Ogden Stake Halloween Project

The 31st Ward participated in the Ogden Stake Halloween project in which 2006 clean articles of clothing and quilts were sent to the Latter Day Saints Primary Childrens Hospital. The children (patients) might have many changes of clothing and small quilts to wrap themselves in.

### Memorial Fund

The Memorial Fund at the Children's Hospital was enriched in 1958 by the donations of the 31st Ward Primary in memory of Joseph L. Davis and Hyrum P. Hokanson. The families said that this was the lovelist expression of thoughtfulness.

### Toys for Christmas

That the many children patients in the Primary Childrens Hospital might have a lovely Christmas each ward in Ogden Stake sent toys for Christmas. In 1960 the 31st Ward sent 2 clown dolls, hobby horse, a doll and doll quilts.

### Children's Friend Missionary Program

Thanks was received for contribution to the Children's Friend Missionary Program. Throughout the church 8707 subscriptions were donated for Missionaries to use as door openers. To place in the hands of children through the through the mission field, in 1962. (31st Ward Primary History book). Sister Wright told of a missionary returning to a home not receptive to the gospel, gave the child the Children's Friend Magazine. Within a month the entire family was baptized.



## PRIMARY ORGANIZED IN 31ST WARD

A new ward, a new Bishop, Volney B. Belnap, now the work began; to select officers and teachers for the Primary. Those chosen were: President Ada L. Wheelwright, Counselors: Ruth Wright, and Olive Applegarth, Secretary Hanna Knight, and teachers were: June Shurtleff, Garnet B. Porter, Ruth Sneddon, Ruby Clauson, Erma Jensen, Marvella Walker, Katherine Van Lugh, Ella Baker, Melba Rauzi, and Delores H. Wiggins.

The first Primary was held the 17th of September 1946 in the 20th & 31st Wards building. President Ada Wheelwright conducted. A get acquainted party was held the 24th Sept. 1946 in the recreational hall at 4 P.M. with all officers and teachers and 51 children attending.

"My Happiness Rainbow" was presented the 18 April 1947 with 91 children taking part. The Zions Boys and Girls learned to sing in the Mori language. Our Harvest Ball was held the 28 July 1947, where the summer work was displayed. There were 130 parents and children attending. The Trail Builders organized a successful base ball team. They were successful in winning 1st place in 1947 Soft-Ball Championship. Those playing were: Darrel Cheney, Delore Powell, Fred Malan, Boyd Baker, Alan Applegarth, Lamar Bradshaw, Jay Thomas, Tom Hilton, Ronnie Bergen, David Wiggins, Frank Johnson, Keith Vowles, Bud Stevensen, Donald Wilson and coach Melba Rauzi.

## OGDEN 31st WARD PARTICIPATION

The 1st of April 1965, again the 31st Ward sent 5 Children's Friend Magazine on a mission. The drive was 130% successful and all of our 31st Ward Missionaries were sent a gift subscription to the Childrens Friend.

The Penny Parade was carried out each year and has been a success through out the years. In 1954 the amount contributed was \$175.00 by 1963 the amount was 259.00 and by 1973 had grown to \$381 and love for the sick children at the Primary Childrens Hospital.

The Hospital Fruit and Vegetable Drive held yearly, taught the children to appreciate their blessings of health. They lovingly collected the donated fruit and vegetables in their little wagons, as their teachers accompanied them from door to door. How these love tokens grew each Thanksgiving Season. In 1959--412 items; 1960--398 items; 1962--320, 1963--450 items; 1966--408; 1968--375 items were donated. In 1970 this project was discontinued. Every year we had enjoyed contributing.

A thank you card was recieved from the Primary Childrens Hospital the 5 September 1952, sent to the Blue Bird Class and their teacher Sister Maxine Vanderwerff for the lovely rug and the hand made tooth-brush holders. The holders would remind the children to care for their teeth.

## PRIMARY TEACHERS YEARS OF SERVICE AWARDS

Through out the years the constant dedication to Primary service was appreciated and awards were given after a five years service.

The 2 August these awards were given:

25 years Verna West	10 years Olive Crabtree	5 yrs. Winona Hunt
15 years Olive Applegarth	10 years Delores H. Wiggins	5 yrs. Garnet Porter
15 years Lavell H. Johnson	10 years Mildred Anderson	5 yrs. Ella Baker
15 years Melba Probst	10 years Ruby Clauson	5 yrs. Mary Harris
10 years Ruth Wright		

In 1955 La Rene Anderson and Melba Anderson recieved 5 year awards.

On the 17 September 1961, Nadine Miller 5 years, Melba Anderson 10 years and Anne Wilbur 10 years awards were presented.

A survey in 1963 of the teachers then serving showed :

12 yrs. Melba Anderson	10 yrs. Ella Baker	5 yrs. Carol Stinacker
28 yrs. Olive Crabtree	8 yrs. Nadine Miller	5 yrs. Beverly Faddis
29 yrs. Rosella Sellers	5 yrs. Leslie Hines	6 yrs. Lenore Brown
12 yrs. Anne Wilbur	6 yrs. Dorius Dopp	

Awards given the 22 May 1966 were to: E. Lou Sobers 5 yrs., Florence Mikkleson 5 yrs., Elaine Wiggill 15 yrs., Anne Wilbur 15 yrs., Olive Applegarth 30 years service.

To recieve awards was thrilling, but the real gain and joy for years of service was watching the children develop in spirtuality and personallity. The joy of feeling a part of activating the family of a Primary Teacher, the thrill when the family decides to work to be worthy to go to the temple. The choice feeling of love, harmony, and life-time friendship and the fun of being a part of Primary.

#### DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN THESE HAPPENINGS OCCURED

1947: The Soft-Ball Championship was won by the 31st Ward Primary boys.

1947: The first Primary Graduating Class was: Larry Bergen, Derral Saunders, De Lore Powell, Donald Wilson, Maryon Calawell, Frank Johnson, Gearldine Hadley, Maritell Thomson, Shirley Millet, Keith Vowles, Venna Poulsen, Sharyl Wright and Jeannette Allred, and Myorna Calawell.

1951: When Melba Probst was Primary President the 31st Ward Soft-Ball team won third place, the 4th Ward was second and the 13th Ward was the winner.

1951 We were asked to write a personal history for the Primary History Book. Many teachers were obedient and their life sketch is in the history book.

Sept 1954: The Homebuilder Girls, Bishopric, Ogden Stake Primary Board Members and ward leaders in Primary were served dinner. Fifty attended. Silver Jubilee Pins to commerate 25 years as a organized group, were presented to all the girls and their leaders who were Peggy Lucas, Barbara Davenport, and Ilene Garn.

1954: Bert Whipple, the Scout Leader, taught the Guide Patrol to find their way in a forest with the use of a compass.

7 Feb. 1955: The Penny Parade for the Primary Childrens Hospital was collected by the 31st Ward Primary Teachers. A prize was won by Peggy Lucas and Barbara Harris for completing their block in two days. Total sum collected \$153.78.

2 April 1955: President Bernice C. Carruth reported that after prayer, a drive to Salt Lake City, an organ recital, Primary Conference; the Primary workers went to the Primary Childrens Hospital Bazaar. After hearing President David O. Mc Kay speak, some had the thrill of speaking to him and shaking his hand.

16 May 1955: President David O. Mc Kay and his wife posed for a picture as they were leaving after attending a funeral in our ward. Then they shook hands with the Primary Children and told them how when he was young he said, "Tea, coffee, liquour and tobacco will never touch my lips." there was joy on the childrens faces.

1959: Aim to activate mothers to be teachers thereby activating the families. Many families became regular attenders.

July 1960: The annual Round the Block Parade and Carnival was held to raise money to finance the Primary. The children came in costumes. We had a song and dance festival first then the parade. A fun day, food sold cleared \$48.65.

2 August 1960: Ogden Stake Story Festival with Betty Baker, the Story Princess. The children loved this fun time.

Dec. 1960: A 31st Ward Primary Bazaar. President Lavell H. Johnson presented \$193.00 cleared to Bishop Warren N. Shurtleff for the ward budget.

9 April 1960: Logan Temple excursion for baptism for the dead was enjoyed by 13 boys and 12 girls who did 463 baptisms.

Sept. 1964: Primary Graduation: Judy Kay England, Barbara Ann Davenport, Marilyn Hansen, Myrna Powell, Robert Faddis, Steven Waddoups, Chad Nelson, Garry Dopp, and Steven Morrison.

Dec. 1961: On the project 100% attendance of all class members, the Gaynote Class had 100 % attendance eight times in a row.

July 1961: Graduates of Guide Class Michael Butler, and John Lee have completed their "Trail to the Priesthood" requirements.

19 August 1957: David Crabtree won the gold horse shoe tournament in the Liberty Park for Blazer boys. Six wards participated. (Ogden Stake Records)

23 April 1961: Our Primary presented at Sacrament Meeting, "The Gospel Path" to show how Primary helps guide youth on better paths, thru better understanding the Gospel. 90 children had speaking parts. Primary aims to provide this kind of experience to all children, reported Joan d'Hulst.

26 Sept. 1962: New Partnership Program is : a booklet of lessons for parents.

1966: A successful food sale, carnival and Round the Block Parade was held.

Oct. 1966: Part of the joy of Primary work is preparing seven year olds for baptism then witnessing their baptism.

14 June 1968: The Trail Builders held a Flag raising ceremony, toured the fire station on 21st Street then cooked breakfast at Elaine Wiggills home. This class has had 100% attendance for five months.

April 1969: The purpose of the Primary Reverence Program is to help the children feel deep reverence for Heavenly Father and draw close to him.

April 1970: The 8,9, and 10 year olds use Bibles. Orden them thru the Primary.

14 April 1974: Easter Sunday a beautiful program, "COME LISTEN TO A PROPHET'S VOICE." was presented by Primary and Sunday School children. We learned that the Prophet Joseph Smith held all the keys of authority necessary to build the Kingdom of God on earth. That Joseph Smith conferred these keys upon the Twelve Apostles, so that the authority would remain with the church when he died. The twelve Presidents of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day-Saints have all had this authority conferred upon them by one holding this authority. They have all been prophets of God.

We extend our thanks to the exceptional dedicated Primary workers. Our children have grown in spirituality, knowledge and reverence.



## Ogden 31st Ward Primary Presidencies

		sustained	released
1st President	Ada L. Wheelwright	17 Sept 1946	21 Jan 1951
Counselors	Ruth Wright	17 Sept 1946	12 Nov 1946
	Olive Applegarth	17 Sept 1946	31 May 1950
	Prilla Bergen	12 Nov 1946	7 Sept 1949
	Betty Friedberg	31 May 1950	21 Jan 1951
	Ella Baker	7 Sept 1949	21 Jan 1951
Secretary	Hannah J. Knight	17 Sept 1946	20 Oct 1948
	Dorlene Corbridge	3 Nov 1948	21 Jan 1951
2nd President	Melba Probst	21 Jan 1951	9 Aug 1953
Counselors	Ella Baker	21 Jan 1951	3 June 1951
	Betty B. Fridberg	24 Jan 1951	11 Aug 1952
	Winona Hunting	3 June 1951	9 Aug 1953
	Garnet Porter	15 Sept 1951	9 Aug 1953
Secretaries	Dorlene A. Corbridge	21 Jan 1951	26 Mar 1952
	Thora Larsen	26 Mar 1952	9 Aug 1953
3rd President	Garnet Porter	9 Aug 1953	24 Oct 1954
Counselors	Winona Hunting	9 Aug 1953	24 Oct 1954
	Mildred Anderson	9 Aug 1953	24 Oct 1954
Secretaries	Thora Larsen	9 Aug 1953	3 Apr 1954
	Evelyn Johnson	3 Apr 1954	24 Oct 1954
4th President	Bernice C. Carruth	24 Oct 1954	23 May 1955
Counselors	Dorlene A. Corbridge	24 Oct 1954	23 May 1955
	Beth Child	24 Oct 1954	23 May 1955
Secretaries	Patsy M. Gilchrist	24 Oct 1954	28 Mar 1955
	June D. Shurtleff	7 Apr 1955	23 May 1955
5th President	Dorlene A. Corbridge	23 May 1955	18 Nov 1956
Counselors	Winona Hunting	23 May 1955	18 Nov 1956
	Beth Child	23 May 1955	18 Nov 1956
Secretaries	June Shurtleff	23 May 1955	8 Sept 1955
	Bernice C. Carruth	8 Sept 1955	18 Nov 1956
6th President	Beth Child	18 Nov 1956	10 Nov 1957
Counselors	Jean Perry	18 Nov 1956	10 Nov 1957
	Beverly Faddis	18 Nov 1956	Dec 1956
	Venice Bell	Dec 1956	10 Nov 1957
Secretaries	Ruby Clauson	18 Nov 1956	10 Nov 1957
7th President	Lenore Brown	10 Nov 1957	31 May 1959
Counselors	Ruby Clauson	10 Nov 1957	31 May 1959
	Dorrius Dopp	10 Nov 1957	31 May 1959
Secretary	Beth Child	10 Nov 1957	31 May 1959
8th President	Lavell H. Johnson	31 May 1959	5 Feb 1961
Counselors	Olive Applegarth	31 May 1959	5 Feb 1961
	Clarine C. Critchlow	31 May 1959	21 Apr 1960
	Ella Baker	1 May 1959	5 Feb 1961
Secretaries	Ruby Clauson	31 May 1959	Nov 1959
	Dallas S. Toons	14 Jan 1960	5 Feb 1961

		sustained	released
9th President Counselors	Gladys R. Larsen	5 Feb 1961	7 Oct 1962
	Carol B. Steinacker	5 Feb 1961	7 Oct 1962
	Marion Hines	5 Feb 1961	7 Oct 1962
	Dallas S. Toons	5 Feb 1961	6 Dec 1961
	Alice G. Waddoups	15 Dec 1961	7 Oct 1962
10th President Counselors	Marion P. Hines	7 Oct 1962	3 Nov 1963
	Carol Steinacker	7 Oct 1962	13 July 1963
	Norma Willie	7 Oct 1962	3 Feb 1963
	Carol Kennington	13 Jan 1963	3 Nov 1963
	Joan Price	3 Feb 1963	3 Nov 1963
Secretaries	Margaret H. Perry	13 Jan 1963	14 Oct 1963
	Linda Beazer	14 Oct 1963	3 Nov 1963
11th President Counselors	Joan Price	3 Nov 1963	14 Feb 1965
	Carol A. Kennington	3 Nov 1963	25 Nov 1963
	Florence Mikkelsen	3 Nov 1963	14 Feb 1965
	La Rue Toponce	25 Nov 1963	5 July 1964
	Mary England	5 July 1964	14 Feb 1965
Secretaries	Linda Beazer	3 Nov 1963	14 June 1964
	Margaret Sexton	14 June 1964	14 Feb 1965
12th President Counselors	Margaret Sexton	14 Feb 1965	6 Feb 1966
	Mary H. England	14 Feb 1965	6 Feb 1966
	Florence Mikkelsen	14 Feb 1965	12 Sept 1965
	Gayle Cox	12 Sept 1965	6 Feb 1966
	Loretta Orton	14 Mar 1965	3 Oct 1965
Secretaries	Joan Rauzi	17 Oct 1965	6 Feb 1966
13th President Counselors	Glenna Hunt	6 Feb 1966	11 Apr 1971
	Mary England	6 Feb 1966	12 Nov 1967
	Gayle Cox	6 Feb 1966	7 Dec 1969
	Donna Jensen	12 Nov 1967	14 Apr 1968
	Alta Gibson	14 Apr 1968	28 Mar 1971
Secretaries	Lou Sobers	11 Jan 1970	11 Apr 1971
	Joan Rauzi	6 Feb 1966	25 Aug 1968
	Ada Jane Hillier	8 Sept 1968	16 Feb 1969
	Alvida N. Starr	30 Mar 1969	11 Apr 1971
14th President Counselors	Marnae Tucker	11 Apr 1971	20 Feb 1972
	La Rue Toponce	11 Apr 1971	20 Feb 1972
	Kitty Call	11 Apr 1971	6 Feb 1972
	Nancy Mc Connell	11 Apr 1971	10 Oct 1972
	Naydene Miller	10 Oct 1972	20 Feb 1972
15th President Counselors	La Rue Toponce	20 Feb 1972	2 March 1975
	Lou Sobers	20 Feb 1972	12 Aug 1973
	Glena Hunt	20 Feb 1972	13 Oct 1974
	Elaine Wiggill	11 Nov 1973	2 March 1975
	Linda Horspool	20 Oct 1974	2 March 1975
Secretaries	Nadine Miller	20 Feb 1972	23 Apr 1972
	Shirley Snow	23 Apr 1972	29 Sept 1973
	Jeanette Layne	29 Sept 1973	27 Jan 1974
	Linda K. Horspool	27 Jan 1974	20 Oct 1974
	Marguerite Call	20 Oct 1974	2 March 1975

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16th President	Katherine Anderson	2 March 1975	15 Aug 1976
Counselors	Elaine Wiggill	2 March 1975	15 Aug 1976
	Linda Horspool	2 March 1975	25 Apr. 1976
	Elsa Guyon	25 Apr. 1976	15 Aug 1976
Secretaries	Ja Nelle Garner	Apr. 1975	17 Aug. 1975
	Pamela Sawyer	19 Oct 1975	11 July 1976
	Nancy Mc Kay	11 July 1976	15 Aug 1976
17th President	Alta Gibson	15 Aug 1976	
Counselors	Lou Sobers	15 Aug 1976	
	Ida Mudrow	15 Aug 1976	
Secretary	Nancy Mc Kay	15 Aug 1976	

1st President Ada L. Wheelwright (17 Sept 1946 to 21 Jan 1951)

I, Ada Lack Wheelwright, was born in Ogden, Utah the 27 August 1903. I was baptized a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day-Saints by Bishop Jacobs in the 5th Ward. My mother, a convert from the Netherlands, came to the United States when she was 17 years old. My father was not a member of the church.

As a girl I taught Jr. Sunday School in the 12th Ward.

I married Norman G. Wheelwright the 4 February 1926. We were blessed with one son. Kent Norman was baptized a member in the 20th Ward by Herbert Woods.

I was set apart as a Seagull Teacher in the 20th Ward Primary, 17 July 1935. I was sustained and set apart as 2nd Counselor to Katherine Smedding President of the 20th Ward Primary, by Brother Henry Noorda. I became the 20th Ward Primary President the 11 July 1943 and was set apart by Bishop Arias C. Belnap.

With the division of the ward and the organization of the new 31st Ward, 18 August 1946, I was chosen as the first Primary President. I was set apart by Bishop Volney B. Belnap. This was a big challenge to start with new workers and establish closeness and harmony. To build the spirituality of both the teachers and the children.

There were over 100 children to activate as steady attenders. Before long all was running smoothly. We had efficient and dedicated workers.

Ada Lauck Wheelwright

(Autobiography taken from the 1947 Primary History Book.)

P.S. Sister Wheelwright was a dependable and capable person. She was loved by her workers who enjoyed working with her. She loved the workers and the children. She served the Lord with diligence. She devoted herself and her time to the Primary work and developed the children of the ward. Surely she would say, "Let the little Children come." When she moved from our ward we were the looser but another ward gained her talent.



3rd Primary President Garnet Beck Porter ( written March 1974)

In goshen, Utah 5 Jan 1923, I, Garnet Beck Porter was born to Rilla Cook and Vernon Leroy Beck. Dad was a school teacher who married his student. There were four children but two brothers died, leaving my brother and I.

I went to School in Salt Lake City until the fifth grade when I attended Lorin Farr School in Ogden, Utah. After graduating from Ogden High School, I worked for one year for L.D.S. Church welfare then for one year at Hill Air Force Base.

Kenheth Carr Porter and I were married in the Salt Lake Temple on 22 April 1941. We lived in Bonneville Park Housing until in 1945 we bought a home Rear 2228 Monroe in the 6th Ward but our block became part of the 31st Ward in August 1946. We have been blessed with eight children, who have been our greatest joy. In 1956 we bought our home at 1162 Rushton and have enjoyed living here.

I have enjoyed working in the Primary eleven years and was presented with a five year service pin. As 31st Ward Primary President, I was sustained 9 Aug 1953 serving until 24 Oct 1954 with Winona Hunting and Mildred Anderson as counselors. Thora Larsen and Evelyn Johnson were the secretaries. The wonderful harmony and efficiency we had made for a good primary. I also taught one year in Sunday School and was representative for the Relief Society Magazine one year.

With Warren and June Shurtleff, we attended the Temple weekly and enjoyed doing temple work.

There is no more rewarding work than with children. In Primary one learns from the children. There is no greater blessing than a large family of children and we were blessed eight times. Our life has been our family and teaching them to live the gospel and the joy of our church work.

4th Primary President Bernice Child Carruth ( written March 1974)

I, Bernice Child Carruth was born 17 April 1927 in Clinton, Utah to Mable M. Carver and Myron B Child. My family was a religious family, father was a very religious person and very devoted in his church obligations. He was a Bishop and on the High Council and mother in the Stake Relief Society Presidency. There were two girls and one boy and we lived on a farm.

I worked at Smith Canning Co in the office when I was 15 and for three years then L.R. Samuels in Ogden. After graduating from Davis High School, I recieved my Batchlors Degree. I worked at Auerbach in Salt Lake City while attending college then I taught 3rd grade in Salt Lake City. I taught in the Sunday School when 18.

Russel W. Curruth and I were married in the Logan Temple 22 Nov 1950. We were blessed with two boys and two girls. While living in the 31st Ward I taught Jr Sunday School and Primary. I was sustained President of the Primary 24 Oct 1954 serving until 23 May 1955. Served as Primary Secretary for a year.

In 1958 for one year we lived in Boston Mass. while Russel worked on his Doctorate at Harvard. While in Boston again I taught M. Men and Gleaners in M.I.A.

In the Ogden 9th Ward I taught Theology in Relief Society, in Mound Fort Ward M.I.A. Then I have served in the Relief Society Presidency and again M.I.A. my choice as I like to work with the Youth. I am now serving in activity and service in the new Aaronic Priesthood M.I.A. Presiding Bishop Victor Brown told in this program "we are preparing the youth for the comming of Christ".

For the last eight years I have been teaching School, am now teaching reading.

I appreciate my blessings of a wonderful husband and family. I enjoy working with him in his callings in the gospel work. I am converted to the truth of the Gospel and enjoy living the Gospel with our family.

5th Primary President Dorlene Garrard Aikens Corbridge (written 18 April 1974)

In Ogden, Utah on 16 April 1927 I, Dorlene Garrard Aikens Corbridge was born to Eldora Susan Garrard and Harrold Raymond Aikens. I went to Ogden Schools and completed one year at Weber College.

I worked at the American Can Co., the canning Factory, and at Weber College Gym. Renting swimming suits and towels at night, while going to college. At Church I served as Sunday School teacher, Secretary of Jr. Sunday School and 4 years as Junior Sunday School Coordinator in the 20th Ward.

In the Logan Temple on 28 June 1948, Dale W. Corbridge and I were married and sealed for time and all eternity. We have been blessed with two girls and two boys.

Living in the 31st Ward, I was Secretary of the Primary Nov 1948 to 26 March 1952, then as counselor to President of Primary Bernice C. Carruth 24 Oct 1954 to 23 May 1955 when I was sustained as President of the Primary. I enjoyed this calling until released 18 Nov 1956. We moved in Jan 1957 and I have since then worked in Sunday School and Primary.

At the Internal Revenue Service, I worked for 15 years. I recovered from a very serious accident and then a siege with cancer, so retired on a medical June 1973. During this time I learned the blessings of the Priesthood through administrations and prayer.

Our experience for three years with a foster daughter who is a Navaho Indian and blind, has been choice. She is now at B.Y.U. and week ends I am being educated as I read all her lessons to her.

Our daughter La Dale is married and has blessed us with three grandchildren. Blake is on a mission in North Carolina. Bruce is in electronics school in Phoenix Arizona. Denice now 12 years old is at home with us.

Experiences and blessings received while sick and injured and while raising a family, has strengthened our testimonies. Knowing that the family will be together and progress eternally is worth every effort. Knowing the Gospel is true makes all hardships in life worth while.

6th Primary President Beth Caldwell Child (1956 Primary History Book)

I Beth Caldwell Child was born in Ogden, Utah to Cleone Eliza Nielsen and Robert Marion Caldwell. I was educated in the Ogden Schools and completed my High School.

I have been a teacher in Sunday School and Primary and a Counselor to President Bernice C. Carruth and President Dorlene Corbridge in Primary. On the 18 November 1956 I was sustained Primary President in the 31st Ward. There were 127 children enrolled with 94 participating. We are all growing spiritually.

I am married to Carl Lindrew Child and we have two lovely children. (now 4 children and have moved from Ogden)

A Bit About Lenore Hansen Brown ( 7th Primary President 10 Nov 1957-31 May 1959 )

Long, long ago in a little farming community of Rockford, Idaho, a baby girl was born to Aleen Hunsaker and James C. Hansen, their second child. They named her "Lenore" after the heroine in Poe's "The Raven". When I was five years old, my family moved to Hooper, Utah. A year later to nearby Kaneshville, where I resided until I left home at age 18 to attend LDS Business College in Salt Lake City. I am thankful to wise and good parents who made hard work and love of the gospel our way of life.

In a ceremony performed by Bishop Fox on Sept 25, 1940, I became Mrs. Jellet Brown. Our beautiful daughter Jennette was born in 1942. I lost the recipe for having girls and four sons followed-- Barry in 1945, Verne in 1950, Kent in 1951, with Curtis bringing up the rear in 1959.

My first story was published when I was in the 9th grade, the only one to appear in our junior High school yearbook. At Weber High School, I became poetry editor of our monthly magazine, as well as a reporter for the daily bulletin and newspaper. While in high school, I won the city-wide spelling contest and was a consistent winner in essay competition. My love of writing encouraged me to begin entering writing contests, and my success in this field has been very gratifying. My wins over the years have included two deluxe automobiles, a \$2500. jackpot, two \$1000. cash prizes, one \$600. and four \$500. and other cash prizes, trips, toys, appliances, clothing, and merchandice totaling about \$55,000.00.

I helped organize the U-Penapriize Club of Ogden and subsequently the Utah State Contesting Association. I served as general chairman for the Utah National Contesters Association when convention was held at the Hotel Utah in Salt Lake City and at Sun Valley, Idaho.

With the advent of sweepstakes, writing contests became nearly extinct so I turned to more formal writing. Thus far, editors have failed to note the high quality of my "masterpieces", I have a myriad of rejection slips to attest to my efforts. I have written and sold many skits to various organizations. One of my pleasures has been presenting my original readings to the appreciative Relief Society sisters, my best audience. A play which I authored received a high award in League of Utah Writers competition. I have performed in, written, and directed many plays.

In 1972 I became a member of the Blue Quill Chapter of the League of Utah Writers and am currently serving as secretary. I am also a member of Ben Lomond chapter of the Utah Poetry Society.

The first home we bought was in the 19th Ward, where we lived for nine years. We moved to our present address 2160 Quincy in 1951.

One of the great joys of my life has been the opportunity to be of service to my church. I have enjoyed serving as teacher in M.I.A., Sunday School ( all ages groups , nursery to adult), and Relief Society. I loved being Coordinator of the Junior Sunday School and had a "ball" as Ward and Stake Dance Director, along with my husband, Jellet. I have been In-Service Leader in Primary and Sunday School. My service in ward and stake as Speech and dance Director has been long and fulfilling . I have worked with young people on many activities and productions and have had many enriching experiences.

We were delighted to have two children, Barry and Jennette, who served creditable missions for the church. At the conclusion of Jennette's mission, I flew to Berlin to meet her, and we had the thrill of touring big cities in Germany, France, Denmark and England. We stopped at the home of one of Barry's convert families in





Canton, Ohio for a few days visit. Upon arriving Saturday evening, we were informed that Jennette and I were to be the speakers at Sacrament Meeting. The Lord blessed us and we were able to fulfill the assignment, no catastrophe.

In Flint, Michigan, we were privileged to spend a few hours with Barry and learned how missionaries live.

Due to the fact that my husband was a construction equipment mechanic, we spent many summers in various places where his company was working. After he went to work for the government, he was sent to Alaska on TDY for two years, and we flew there staying for the summer. We loved it.

We drove to Fredericksburg, Virginia in 1973, where I was a featured speaker at the National Memory Lane Writers Convention. I have given many speeches at such gatherings.

In 1966 I went to work for the Internal Revenue Service as a Tax Examiner and am still employed there.

Four of my five children are married, and we have seven wonderful grandchildren with the number sure to increase at almost any moment.

I have been the editor of the NEWS-N-NOTES for several years. I was called as President of the 31st Ward Primary the 10 November 1957. After a brief struggle, we had a complete smooth-running organization. Although my 1st Counselor, Ruby Clauson, was in poor health, she was very dedicated and a faithful worker as was my 2nd Counselor Dorius Dopp. One night in February all Primary workers met for prayer before canvassing the ward for donations for the Primary Childrens hospital. Workers left with zest and enthusiasm and returned with surprisingly large donations.

Then the blow struck. Ward boundaries were realigned and many wonderful workers were in the other ward. Most discouraging it was as I met my meager staff. However, with a diligent bishopric we were soon in good shape again. Due to the imminent birth of my son, Curtis, I was released the 31 May 1959, deeply disappointed that I could not continue in this position.

The Lord has been good to me throughout my lifetime, having blessed me with excellent health, good friends, loving family and endless opportunities for a rich full life.

#### Life Sketch of Lavell H. Johnson (8th Primary President May 1959-Feb 1961)

For the first six years of my life, I lived in Hyrum, Utah, my birthplace the 18 Dec 1907. Then my parents and six children moved to Ogden, Utah. Here father, Hyrum Pehr Hokanson, had built our home and the Ogden Egg Co. which he was to manage. One sister was born in Ogden. Only one boy and six girls. Father believed in work so at six years took us to work to pick up nails so tires were not punctured, we put the paper fillers from egg cases from cold storage out in the sun to dry. We made wood egg cases. I am not sure how much help we were but our training in dependability was learned early.

In addition to the education received being one of seven children, mother Sarah Irena Jenson Hokanson was a teacher. Ogden Public Schools and night school at Weber College assisted in my education. Then we hurried home every day to work for dad and all day on Saturday. Sunday was church a real treat.

It was at services that the minister discribed the Godhead and although I was only seven, my immediate thought was that this was not true. Shortly after my aunt took me to the L.D.S. Branch. As we climbed the stairs to a small room, such a strong feeling came to me. I remember thinking "This is the true church". This special feeling, my first testimony, has never left me.

Soon afterwards my family attended our branch regularly. I was so proud of my twin brother passing the Sacrament. There were very few young people belonging to the branch. Through attending faithfully, I developed guidelines that assisted me through the war years ahead and throughout my life.

During the years of World War II, I recieved a call to serve a home mission. Without training, my companion and I tracted parts of Leicester and we filled speaking assignments to District Branches. At 17 this took a lot of courage, but it was then I learned to love the scriptures. I added a new church book each month to my library.

Sometime later, my brother served in the British Navy as a Chief Petty Officer. I remember the sadness I felt seeing him leave, especially when I knew he was bound for Australia. It was about this time that two American Servicemen attended our Sacrament Meeting. One was Melvin Hines, who had just recently arrived in England. He attended regularly and became a friend of the family. He kept my family supplied with goodies from American base P.X. and constantly surprised me with little luxuries.

Three years later we were married. A year later we welcomed our first baby, Lesley. When Lesley was nine months old, we said goodbye to our loved ones. Ten days later we arrived in Ogden, Utah on Christmas day. Mel had aquired a home at 2123 Jackson Ave. and each dish, pan and piece of silverware he had purchased had been individually wrapped and placed under the large Christmas tree.

Shortly after arriving, I was called to assist Norma Millet in the Beehive class in M.I.A. I met new friends and these years were very happy ones, my testimony and love of people grew. During these precious years our family grew to six children: Leslie, Robert, Karen, Stephen, Cathy and Patricia.

My primary experiences began as a substitute teacher . A short time later I accepted the calling as 2nd Counselor to President Gladys Larsen. Working with her and Carol Steinaker provided me with excellant leadership training. Working with young children became one of the most treasured experiences of my life. I decided that the Primary was very special as were the songs I would love all of my life.

I was sustained the 7 October 1962 Primary President of the 31st Ward with Carol Steinacker and Norma Willie as my counselors, later Joan Price and Carol Kennington were counselors. We secured a Primary to be proud of.

The call came to serve as Counselor to Ogden Stake Primary President Barbara Holmes, and the opportunity to meet and love Primary workers throughout the Ogden Stake. Special to us would be the annual visit by the Primary General Board at Stake Conference. These experiences would bring us a little closer to heaven. My choicest hours were truly loving those we were blessed to serve, to see the dedication and the application of the inspired Primary Program. Under the direction of Pres. Laurence S. Burton and George Wright and assisted by James Bischoff the Priesthood was truly manifested in our activities.

I was sustained as 7th M.I.A. President in the 31st Ward for the Young Women with Joan Robbins and Gladys Larsen as Counselors. Having held every position in M.I.A. except Secretary, this knowledge gained was a great asset. With teachers who loved and enjoyed working with the girls and by following the outlined programs, this call became blessed indeed and provided extremely rewarding experiences. Each year Camp Atoka beckoned with faith promoting tales, stories and fun around the camp fire. Precious memories were evenings spent in my home with sleep-outs and progressive dinners served from June 1958 to Feb. 1959.

The gospel has been the main spring of my life and has strengthened and sustained me through joy and sadness. Through my Teachers Development classes and now as Junior Sunday School Coordinator I have enjoyed the challenge. I love the Gospel of Jesus Christ with all my heart and appreciate the strong testimony and faith with which the Lord has so graciously blessed me. My quest is to live worthy of my loved ones in Eternity and to see the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### Life Sketch of Joan Foster Price (11th Primary President)

Joan Foster Price was born and raised in Lake Shore, Utah. Her birth date was 13 August 1935. Her schooling was recieved there and she graduated from high school.

She and Larry G. Price were married in the Salt Lake Temple. Joan was a good mother and loved the nine children they were blessed with. There was enough love for the Lamineate child who lived with them several years.

Larry was transfered in his work and they lived many places including: Roy, Pocatello, Idaho, Ogden, California .

In the 31st Ward she was active as a Primary teacher, Counselor to Primary Pres. Marian Hines for nine months then sustained as Primary President from Nov. 1963 to Feb. 1965. She taught the Visiting Teachers Message in Relief Society then served as Counselor to Relief Society President Virginia Anderson for one year before the family moved to California in July of 1972.

#### Autobiography of Margaret Adell Deubler Sexton (12th Primary Pres.)

On September 25, 1942, a daughter was born to John G. and Harriet Walz Deubler in Grand Junction, Colorado. She was named Margaret Adell Deubler. The family came to Ogden in 1943 and resided in Washington Terrace.

I began attending Primary as a Co-Piolet. This was my first contact with the L.D.S. Church. Because of my dear friend Myrna Maxwell (Offret) I attended regularly and March 6, 1954 I was a baptized member.

I was married the 20 June 1959 in the Riverdale Stake House, to Emmet Ray Sexton. We moved to Ogden into the 31st Ward. In 1967, we bought our 2nd home in Roy where we now reside. Four children blessed the Sexton home: Emmett Wayne, Brad Alan, Michael Scott and Susan. Brad passed away the 20 April 1972 at age ten. Emmett and I with Wayne and Brad were sealed for eternity in the Salt Lake Temple on the 20 June 1962. Michael and Susan were born in the Covenant.



My first calling I had was in the Ogden 2nd Ward as a Firelight teacher. In the 31st Ward I served as Primary Secretary, Primary President and as the Inservice Leader. On the Ogden Stake Relief Society Board as Visiting Teacher Message leader. In the Roy 8th Ward, I was a Sunday School Teacher and 1st Counselor in the Relief Society. I am presently a Laurel teacher in M.I.A.. I have always enjoyed working with the youth. I will always have a special place in my heart for the Primary Association because it was through the Primary that I joined the church. "Every Member a missionary" surely was manifest in my case. A young person is never too young to influence one of their friends to join the church. Always attend your meetings and be a good example, because you may some day be the good influence that will help someone seek out the gospel truths.

I have a testimony of the gospel and I am grateful to be able to labor in the Vineyard of the Lord. I know that God lives and Jesus is the Christ. I am grateful for all the choice blessings which I receive from day to day and I pray that I might work diligently to be worthy of these blessings.

#### Autobiography of Reba La Rue Hart Toponce (15th Primary President)

In Ogden, Utah, I, Reba La Rue Hart Toponce was born to Orson and Reba Eddins Hart on November 4, 1925. I had a brother Bert who died in Oct. 1971 and one sister Norine, living on 7th Street in Ogden.

While growing up I lived in the 20th Ward and attended Primary, Sunday School and M.I.A. I received my schooling at Lorin Farr, Central Junior High and after graduating from Ogden High School, I worked at Hill Field. It was during World War II and we were very busy. My mom worked with me and we really had a good time together.

I taught Sunday School in the Ogden 20th Ward before I was married. Volney B. Belnap was bishop then. Some of the boys and girls I taught are still my friends. I also belonged to the Lieder Krunch Chorus and enjoyed singing through out Idaho and Utah. Our chorus still enjoys a reunion each summer.

I married Edward Keith Toponce on December 1944 in Ogden, Utah. We were married in the temple on May 28, 1971. We are the parents of four children: Viron Hart Toponce, Cathy Toponce Cook, Carla Toponce (born in 1953 and died in 1953) and Kent Toponce. We have two grandsons Shane Toponce and Justin Cook.

Keith and I spent our first year of marriage in San Diego, California because he was in the Marines. I worked in a dress shop there and we spent a happy year while living in California.

After Keith and I returned to Ogden, we lived on 32nd Street, but I came back to the 20th Ward for Sunday School. After Viron was born, we moved into a home on 22nd Street in the 30th Ward. I was Secretary of M.I.A. in the 30th Ward. I started teaching Primary when Cathy was three years old. I have always enjoyed teaching Primary and working with the children. We lived in our home on 22nd Street for 16 years and I worked in the Primary nearly all of that time except when Kent was a baby. I served on the East Ogden Stake Primary Board in Scouting. I was also a Den Mother for four years when Viron was a Cub Scout. Keith and I were both active in scouting and Viron earned his Eagle Badge., and Duty to God Award while in the 30th Ward. Kent received his Duty

to God Award in the 31st Ward. We missed that neighbor hood when we moved as we loved the neighbors dearly.

We have lived in our present home 1015 Oak Street for 12 years and we have enjoyed our association with the people of the 31st Ward. I have been in the Primary most of the time except for a while when I taught in Sunday School. I was also a Den Mother when Kent was a Cub Scout. We have been active with him in scouting and he has earned his Eagle Badge. Cathy earned all of her individual awards and served as a Primary teacher and as Drama Director in the Ward. I am Jr. Sunday School coordinator and enjoying the experience.

At the present time I am Secretary for the Rotary Club of Ogden and am enjoying it very much. I only work half a day and this gives me time for my church activities and family. Keith and I enjoy as a hobby Square Dancing. We try to spend as much time with our family as we can and support them in all they do.

I am not teaching or working in Primary and this is very different after so many years in Primary. The Lord always has something for us to do and the Jr. Sunday School is a new challenge. I am grateful to the Lord for all He has done for me. I am grateful for my mother and father and the fact that we live in the same ward and can attend church together. I am happy to be a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and I pray that I will have many more years to give to church service.

#### Autobiography of Catherine Gibson Anderson (16th Primary President)

I was born July 4th 1950 in the Dee Hospital in Ogden, Utah. It was here I started life with a big bang. I was the second daughter of Elizabeth Wight and Carlisle F. Gibson. My oldest sister was Carla, my only brother who I was very fond of was Evan, my two younger sisters are Gayle and Kaye. We are a close family and enjoy trips and outings together. Sunday was church day and we all went together. Mom and Dad have always been active and have set good examples for us.

I was named Catherine after my Dad's Grandmother, Catherine Forbes Hunter. Mom has often told what a special woman she was. I guess that gives me the responsibility to carry on her name and her good character. I was baptized by Dad the 30 August 1958 and confirmed the next by our Bishop Kifford M. Peeks, who is now Ogden Utah South Stake Patriarch. Being confirmed by him was a special privelege.

I attended school at Park View, Birch Creek, South Junior and Bonneville High. My fondest memories of the school years are of my special friend Carol Vander Akker, a friend from third grade through high school. After high School, I attended Weber College for one year studing in Cosmetology then I went to work. This year was special, I met my husband to be, Ray Kennard Anderson from Gunneson, Utah who was also attending Weber State College.

I know that the Lord watches out for me because many times he has heard and answered my prayers. He seems to know when we need His help most,

After meeting Ray on a blind date, I knew he was the one that I would marry. After eight months of dating, we were married the 18th September 1970 in the Logan Temple. This was a special day for me. All my life I felt that my Father in Heaven had given me special talents to prepair me. If I used them

right I could become a good wife and mother. Ray and I have been blessed with two healthy busy boys: Ross K born 24 Jan. 1972 and Scott Ray on 10 Dec. 1973.

I know that many people besides my folks have set good examples for me I have grown much. My testimony has been growing since I was little. I had many good friends who set good examples for me and helped me grow strong spiritually.

I enjoyed teaching Primary and I think that my calling as Primary President is a special calling that the Lord wants me to do. My testimony has been strengthened. We are all children of our Heavenly Father. These little children remind me of this because the time is not long since they left our Heavenly Father and came to this earth.

I pray that I may be able to do my callin well. That the rest of my life I will grow and prove my self worthy of all the wonderful blessings that I have recieved. That I may be worthy to continue to recieve our Heavenly Fathers many blessings.

#### Autobiography of Ruth Elaine Bolander Wiggill (Primary Counselor)

I was born in Susanville, California the 14 July 1928, the daughter of Andrew Crane and Alice Hewitt Bolander. My parents were from the Ogden area but had located in Susanville where father owned a cafe. When I was five years old my father died. A year later mother married Harold G. Spencer. He has been a wonderful father to my brother, two sisters and I. We lived in Susanville until I was seven, then we moved to Sparks, Nevada. My second dad was a flight instructor and also worked for the railroad. While we were in this area, we enjoyed the beautiful mountains and lakes, and also the train rides to visit our grand parents.

In 1941 when I was thirteen years old, we moved to Marriott, Weber Co. Utah. My brother joined the Navy and was in Pearl Harbor when it was bombed. It was a bad time for us. We did not hear from him for two months but he was O.K.. In 1943 dad was drafted and spent two years in the Air-force. We lived in Abilene, Texas for a year of this time. The Texans did not like outsiders there, especially Yankees, so it was hard for us to get acquainted in school until I told them we were Westerners not Yankee. Everything was o.k. then and we really had a enjoyable time. A great experience. I even tried picking cotton but it was too hot. We settled once more in Ogden. I attended eleven schools in four states and graduated from Seminary and from Weber High School in Ogden.

I have always been active in the church, teaching Primary, Sunday School, Relief Society and M.I.A.. I served one year as Primary President in Sahara Village, Utah. My favorite position has always been working with boys in the Primary and Cub Scouts. I was just released as Counselor in the 31st Ward Primary and sustained the 22 August 1976 as Relief Society Counselor.

After high school I worked as a key punch and tab operator, later known as a computer operator, for three years. I met Kirt G. Wiggill there. We were married in the Logan Temple in 1949. We have nine children: Shauna, Paul, John, Bonnie, Alayne, Alan, Terry, Michael and Susanne. We have lived at Sarah Village (by Hill Field) 32nd and Van Buren and here at 1145- 21st Street. We have a very special neighborhood. We love and respect and appreciate our neighbors for their patience and tolerance of our family as they were growing up. Shauna, Paul, Bonnie are married and John has just returned from the Japanese Mission. The other children are still in school.



Although I have worked for eight years at I.R.S., I have always wanted to just be a mother and stay home. I am happy to have been associated with the primary for so many years. I have loved the Sisters and the children that I have worked with. They have enriched my life in so many ways. I am so grateful to be a member of this Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. I have a personal testimony of the Gospel and I am trying to be a good Latter-Day Saint. ( written May 1974)

### Life Sketch of Roberta Lue Murray Suttlemyre ( Inservice Leader)

Roberta Lue Murray Suttlemyre, known as "Bobbie" was born in Ft. Bragg, North Carolina. Her survival at birth was considered a complete miracle. She believes that she was allowed to live so that she might receive the Gospel.

As the daughter of an Air Force Colonel- then forester, they moved more times than Bobbie can remember. The most interesting move was to the mountains of New Mexico, where Bobbie and her two sisters were often taken to the one room school house on snow shoes. There they learned to love the out-of-doors. A later move to Kanab, Utah planted the first seeds of the Gospel. A loving primary teacher there made arrangements with the parents for the three girls to attend Primary. Bobbie can remember that even though she was new in town and a non-member, she was given a special part in the Primary summer program. The teacher helped Bobbie's mother make the costume. After one year, the family moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico, then to the island of Puerto Rico, where the family enjoyed the advantage of learning the Spanish language. "Mormons" were pretty well forgotten by Bobbie until the family moved to Ogden, Utah in 1955.

As a teen ager in Ogden, she was invited to several dances and socials of the various wards, but was seldom exposed to the real religious beliefs of the Latter-Day Saints. During the year Bobbie lived on Marilyn Drive, she met Gary Suttlemyre who much, much later became her husband.

In 1956 the family moved to Cody, Wyoming, here Bobbie seemed to be drawn to the L.D.S. youth. Still no one shared much of Gospel Principals. One particular experience, of being exposed to a sweet family who included her in morning family prayers, touched Bobbie heart. Another time when Gary, who was visiting from Ogden, offered a lovely prayer before leaving for a trip, she was very interested and impressed.

After graduation from high school, she went to Ft. Collins, Colorado to attend State University there. It seemed that one girl in the dormitory wing, who wanted company to attend Sunday services, was a lovely L.D.S. girl. After that Bobbie was invited and driven to every meeting. She was asked to speak at several meetings, invited to dinner at someones house every Sunday. She felt loved, needed, and accepted so that she was really ready for the missionary lessons.

Through the guidance of Heavenly Father, Bobbie agreed to baptism and her parents though very hesitant, allowed it. The ward members continued to fellowship, teach and set the proper example. The next year, in an effort to come closer to the church, she transferred to B.Y.U. in Provo, Utah. There she had wonderful and terrible experiences. Many friends continued to strengthen her knowledge and testimony of the Gospel, but several others who, at first professed strong belief, and some who were return missionaries, later proved to be living far away from the Lords teachings. Bobbie was almost swayed to their weak side. Through the Lord's blessings, Bobbie's belief, constant prayers of Gary who was in the Cook Islands serving a mission, she swung back into

full activity in the church.

She graduated from B.Y.U. at age 19 at which time she began teaching high school in New Mexico. She then came to Ogden, lived with Gary's aunt and was teaching school here when Gary returned from his mission. They were married two months later November 22, 1963 in the Logan Temple. When they came out of the temple they learned that President Kennedy had been assassinated. That was the topic at their reception.

She has taught English, Spanish and remedial reading at several area high schools including one year at the Utah School for the Deaf, where she now lives with her family. As a busy mother of two boys and three girls, she loves her work with the Inservice Program, and the association with 31st Ward members she appreciates their dedication. ( written Nov. 1975)

### History of Ethel Lou Scott Sobers ( Primary Counselor)

Fort Benton, Montana was the place of my birth. I am the daughter of Gertrude Ayres and William A. Scott, the youngest of five girls. My family were not members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints when I was born. Ellen my oldest sister was not well and because we lived out on a ranch, mother sent her to grandmother Millie Miller Ayres Harsberry to go to high school.

The missionaries came to my grandmothers house. Ellen wrote for the permission to join the L.D.S. Church. Mother went to the library and she found nothing but negative things about the church. Mother wrote and asked her why she wanted to join? Ellen sent her a Book of Mormon, after reading the book she gave Ellen permission. Mother was baptized when I was five and about that time we moved to the town of Fort Benton, Montana. There was no church there but mother started a home Sunday School. As soon as there was some Priesthood in the town, we were organized into a Branch.

I was baptized at age eight. All of the rest of the family consider themselves converts. We had church at our home for a long time. Mother was a great missionary. She took a bunch of children from the neighborhood out on a island and we played we were Book of Mormon characters. I'll never forget that part of the Book of Mormon, it came to life for us.

When I was 21, I went to the B.Y.U. in Provo, Utah. There I met Richard Sobers who later became my husband. I also learned more about being a good Latter-Day Saint. I taught school for three years. During this time I learned the importance of temple work. Richard and I were married June 28, 1961 in the temple in Cardston, Alberta, Canada. Since our marriage Richard has helped me learn more of the Gospel. We have four lovely children: Nathan the 22 Feb. 1963; Scott the 6 July 1964 and Nancy the 19 Nov. 1966 and James the 6 July 1969.

I have worked in the Primary ever since our marriage. I started by teaching the older girls, then the CTR class, three times as Counselor in the Primary, Primary Libraryian. I am teaching in Jr. Sunday School and was sustained the 15th of August 1976 as Counselor in the Primary to Pres. Alta Gibson and Ida Mudrow is the other Counselor.

The power of the Priesthood is very important in our home and I am very thankful for the blessings that our family has recieved through this power. We have been blessed many times.

## Cub Scouts

There was much debate over the decision to include the sponsorship of the Cub Scout program into the L.D.S. Church. When the affirmative decision was made the National Cub Scout Director Bud Bennett came to Salt Lake City. His headquarters were in New Jersey. At the 1952 April Conference the Cub Scout Program was introduced by Bud Bennett and La Vern W. Parmley, President of the Primary General Board. The Primary would be the sponsoring Church Auxiliary.

A committee of five Primary General Board members immediately introduced the program. The Ogden District received instructions in April 1952. The Ogden Stake accepted the program and under the Primary supervision began in the Wards.

The 31st Ward began to organize dens of boys 8 to 10 years old. Den Mothers had meetings one a week in their homes and Den Fathers assisted. A Boy Scout was chosen to help the Den Mother. He was called a Den Chief. This was organized through the 31st Ward Primary President but called to the work by the Ward Bishop.

This program is a family program. Once a month the entire family meets at a Pack Meeting conducted by the Pack Master, and it is at this meeting the cub receives his awards but a parent must be present.

Each year the Cubs and their families enjoy a Blue and Gold Banquet. This was held on a Stake basis in March 1956 and dinner was served to 135 people.

Their activities have been many but not often recorded in the ward minutes.

9 Dec 1963: Cub Scouts collected empty soda water bottles. The money collected from redeeming them was used for the needy at Christmas time. Again 10 Feb 1964 another bottle collection for the needy. 2 Mar 1967 Edd Wright Pack Cub Master awarded many earned awards to the Cub Scouts at the Blue and Gold Banquet.

All Cubs and their families had a gay time. 18 Feb 1972 The Cub dinner was a huge success. Pack Cub Master Richard Sobers made the boys feel at home and many awards were presented. 3 Nov 1973 a Cub Scout Pow Wow was held at San Ridge Junior High School.

7 July 1957: Ella Baker who has been active in 31st Ward Primary and is now a Den Mother of Pack 821, Den 1 was given special recognition for her activity in Cub Scouting.

Another Den Mother Lenore Brown has served faithfully through out the years and was thanked for her years of service in the program.

## Den Mothers &amp; Fathers

Ella Baker	Lou Sobers	Pamela Kershaw
Lenore Brown	Linda Hubbard	De Ann Britton
Marion Hines	Carma Henry	
Elaine Wiggill	Lorraine England	
Karen Price	Karla Stephens	

## Pack Cub Masters

Emmett Sexton
Mel Hines
Richard Sobers
Edwin Wright
Leslie Paskett
Bill England
Keith Toponce
Jack d'Hulst
Kirt G. Wiggill



Cub Scouts

Top: Steve Baker

Middle: Steve Harris

Kent Rosenloft

Bottom: Monty Applegarth

Glen Johnson, Barry Brown,  
Richard Anderson.

Ella Baker Den Mother



Cub Scouts visit Pioneer Hall  
Can you find Carey Dopp, Rodney Dopp  
Kent Brown, Roy Marx, Paul Wiggill,  
Gregory Dunn, Terry Steinacker

Den Mother: Lenore Brown

Cub Scouts

Russel Pincomb

Robert Hines

Ella Baker (Den Mother)

Terry Tate

Wendell Harrop

Lex Baker



31st Ward Cub Scouts  
John Wiggill Den Chief  
Elaine Wiggill Den Mother  
Vodean Miller  
Robert Cox  
Michael Wiggill  
Tim Shurtleff  
Neal Hansen

## Life Sketch of Ella Lythgoe Baker (Cub Scout Den Mother)

I was born July 17, 1913 in Ogden, Utah. The fifth child in a family of seven to Edward and Mary Johnson Lythgoe. We lived on a nine acre farm in Fairmont in the home my mother's brother, who was a carpenter, built for us. We lived there until I was ten years old. I walked two miles to school in West Ogden( now known as Hopkins School).

We had a happy home. It was a home of love and caring for one another. We would sing around the piano every evening. Mother played the piano and my oldest sister played by ear. Our home was always a place for neighbors and friends to gather for a evening of fun together.

My father was employed at the Southern Pacific Railroad as a machinest helper retiring after forty five years. Father always had time to take we children bob sleigh riding in the winter with all our friends. He was a man dedicated to helping his fellow man. When ever anyone was in need of a helping hand father was always there.

My mother was always engaged in helping others. She was a mid-wife to many in our ward and community that needed her. Always willing to serve her Heavenly Father and fellow man. Mother was a beautiful seamstress and made most of our clothes when we were growing up. She taught us the true meaning of a job well done.

When my brother was a year old and I was ten, our parents bought a home in West Ogden to be closer to work, school and church. I recieved my education at Hopkins, Grant, Central, and Ogden High School, walking every morning as there was no other transportation.

In my teens I was employed part time in Kresses or Woolworths at Christmas time. In the summer we worked at California Packing Co. canning vegetables like peas, tomatoes, carrots seasonal crops. It was good to have work.

I taught a Sunday School class in the 16th Ward for four years (ages 8 to 10). I so enjoyed them, they were special to me.

On February 8, 1934, I was married to Leo Evan Baker by Bishop John Gibson of the 16th Ward. We have been blessed with a lovely family: Gayla Ruth, Boyd Leo, Steven Noel, Lex Dee and Curtis Lythgoe. While raising our family, we have been blessed many times and our prayers have been answered in our behalf.

After our marriage, we moved into my parents home in Fairmont for four years then to West Ogden for two years. In August 1941, we moved into our present home at 928 Rushton, which at that time consisted of two rooms. We have built on to our house a few times. It is very comfortable and we love it, and our neighbors.

I was happy when called as Blazer leader, I taught the class two years. My greatest surprise and thrill was the privilege of being called as Counselor to Pres. Ada Wheelwright, Olive Applegarth was the other Counselor. I felt humble in this calling and prayed for the Lord to bless me as He had in the past. Melba Probst was the next Primary Pres. in 1951 and I serve as Counselor with her, until 1953. Again in 1959 to 1961, I was Counselor to Pres. Lavell H Johnson. My first love was Primary and I enjoyed the boys.

My next calling was with the Cub Scouts as Den Mother for seven years. They met at my house they became my boys. We were proud of Pack 821 Den 1.

I loved the boys it was fun. Glen Johnson was a scout and he helped me.

I was a chorister for Primary and Jr. Primary and also for the Relief Society. It has been a joy to be a Visiting Teacher in the 20th and 31st Wards for over 20 years.

I thank my Heavenly Father for my blessings and good health. We have ten beautiful grandchildren. Four precious daughter-in-laws, one son-in-law, two beautiful great-granddaughters. Also one sweet step-grandson and three lovely grown step-granddaughters. So we are greatly blessed and do thank our Heavenly Father for everything that we have. My children and I have been blessed with a fine Husband and father who loves his family dearly and we love him. We have great times together as a family; that is one of the richest blessings. I am grateful to my Heavenly Father every day of my life.

All of a teachers efforts become worthwhile when a young adult says, "Don't you remember me, I was in your Cub Scout Den, gee we had fun."

I have been blessed and have been thankful for the privilege to serve. I pray that I may live worthy of our Heavenly Fathers blessings.

#### Cub Scouts by Lenore H. Brown

Being a Den Mother is an exciting, exhausting experience. I first served as a Den Mother from 1958 to 1961 and then again in 1967 for another three years. I loved the boys in my charge and we had great times together--picnicking, camping, (in the back yard), making all sorts of things, visiting places interesting, taking swimming lessons, preparing acts for the monthly Pack Meetings and "yelling".

Bert Felt of the 13th Ward was the very efficient and dedicated Cub Master who presided for many years over dens from the 13th, and 31st Wards until his death.

In later years each ward had its own pack, and I worked with Les Paskett and Keith Toponce as Cub Masters. They also provided efficient leadership and lively Pack Meetings. There have been many Cub Masters about every man in the ward who had boys in a den. The boys thank you, the mothers thank you for your dedication that helped the boys grow.



# 31st Ward Primary Officers and Teachers 1949-1950

Olive Applegarth- 1st Counselor  
Ella Baker - 2nd Counselor  
Ada Wheelwright - President



1. Melba Rauzi- Blazer teacher
2. Delores Wiggins- Guide "
3. Mary Harris- Trekker "



Ruth Wright - Lark teacher  
Lavern Hansen- Bluebird "



1. Leora Hellstrom
2. Donna Garrard
3. Betty Fridberg

## Seagull Girls 1946

Myrna  
Sharyl Wright  
Maryna Colwell  
Jerry Hadley  
Venna Poulsen  
Janette Allred



Blue Bird & Seagulls 1948-49  
Carol Harris, Constance Buckway,  
Utahan Jensen, Pattie Reeves,  
Connie Robbins, Carol Lee Hansen,  
Joan Tait, Back: Mary Hunter (Stake)  
Foroman Eggington, Mildred Anderson  
(teacher), La Rene Anderson, Anna  
May Martin.



1948 Primary: Front La Vora Bowhuis,  
Olive Applegarth, Ada Wheelwright,  
Prilla Bergen, Middle row Gladys Child,  
Florence Phelps, Back row: Mary Harris,  
Delores Wiggins, Mildred Anderson, Olive  
Crabtree. (Hidden Ella Baker, Ruby Clauson  
Donna Garrard.



## Champions of Trail Builders Softball Loop 1949



Thirty-first ward won the Trail Builders softball championship for 1949. Twentieth ward finished second, Fourth ward was third and Sixth wound up in fourth place. Front row, left to right: Derrell Cheney, Delore Powell, Fred Malan, Boyd Baker, Alan Applegarth, LaMar Bradshaw and Jay Thompson. Back row, left to right: Melba Rauzi, coach; Tom Hilton, Ronnie Bergen, David Wiggins, Frank Johnson, Keith Vowles, Donald Wilson and Bud Stevensen.





Front row: 1. 2. 3. Dirk Raat, 4.  
 5. Clark Cherry, James Hadley, 7. Claire Howes, 8. Richard Messenger.  
 Second row: 1. Gary Messenger, 2. Gary Ferrin, 3. Robert Rauzi, 4. Gerald Tesch  
 5. Arthur Malan, 6. Larry Nichol森, 7. Charles Millet, 8. Allen Peazer.  
 Third Row: 1. Connie Robbins, 2. Val Ann Hill, 3. Sherie Howes, 4. Connie Anderson,  
 5. Claudia Scoville, 6. Utahna Jensen, 7. Sonja Bowman, 8. Shirley Martin, 9. Kae  
 Jensen, 10. Joan Tate, 11. Riona Poulsen.  
 Top row: 1. Dixie Richardson, 2. Carol Hansen, Lorene Anderson, 4. Barbara Harris,  
 5. Carol Lee Hokanson, 6. Wilma Clauson, 7. Mary Harris, teacher, 8. Delores Wiggins  
 teacher, 9. Melba Rauzi, teacher, 10. Anna May Martin, 11. Mildred Anderson, teacher

*April 16, 1950*



Primary Officers & Teachers

1. Olive Crabtree, 2. Marian Hill,  
 3. Olive Applegarth, 4. Melba Probst,  
 (Pres.) 5. Ina Tate, 6. Garnet Porter,  
 7. La Vern Hansen, children Lex & Steve  
 Baker, 8. De Loris Perkins, 9. Iris  
 Bailey, 10. Winona Hunting, 11. La Reane  
 Anderson, 12. Ella Baker, 13. Betty  
 Fridberg, 14. Deon Poulsen.







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  7. Ella Baker
  8. Betty Fridberg
  9. Deon Poulsen
  10. Marion Hill
  11. Olive Applegarth
  12. Pres. Melba Probst
  13. Ina Tate
  14. Garnet Porter
  15. La Vern Hansen

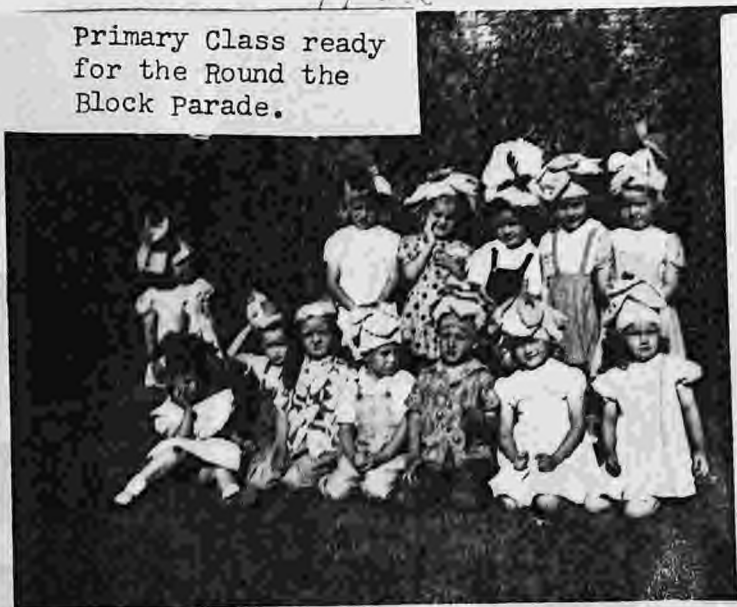
Olive Crabtree's  
Primary Class:  
Dorothy Hardy  
Irene Stromberg  
Carlyn Scott  
Barbara Davenport  
Joyce Arnold  
Jack Singleton  
Marvin Wiggins  
Sherie Howes  
Annett Crabtree  
Glen Johnson



1967 Primary Class

- |                         |                 |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Top row:                | Front row:      |
| Timmy Ackerman          | Charles d'Hulst |
| Michael Wiggill         | Neil Hansen     |
| Mark Hunt               | Udell Mikkleson |
| Tim Shurtleff           | Vodean Miller   |
| Ronald Reddish          | Pamala Orton    |
| Robert Cox              | Sherryl Jensen  |
| James Archibald         | Patricia Hines  |
| Mathew Hansen           | Brian Blue      |
| Curtis Brown            | Steven Baker    |
| Jimmy d'Hulst           |                 |
| Ronald Dodge            |                 |
| Teacher--Elaine Wiggill |                 |

Primary Class ready  
for the Round the  
Block Parade.



# Closing Program 1947

The L. D. S. Thirty-first ward, Ogden stake, will end the summer Primary season Wednesday, Aug. 10, with a festival of dances and songs portraying the customs of Scandinavia, Hawaii and Samoa. Refreshments will consist of a smorgasbord.

Winona Hunting, Delores Higgins, Prilla Berpen, Wildred Anderson, Ruby Clauson, Minnie Williams, Front: Cook ?



1948  
Utahna Jensen, Deon Poulsen, Connie Robbins, Pattie Reeves, Carol Lee Hanson, Joan Tate  
Back row: Constance Buckway, Barbara Harris, Foroman Eggington  
La Rene Anderson.







Lap robe knit & presented to  
Primary Childrens Hospital  
by Phillis Dunn, Linda Kay  
Hill, Connie Jean Anderson

1952



Round the Block Parade  
Paul Snow, Keith Bailey,  
Gary Belnap, Bobbie Thornock



April 7, 1953  
Salt Lake Temple excursion.  
This is the Place monument  
Teachers Mildred Anderson &  
Garnet Porter.  
(recognize Glen Johnson &  
Marvin Wiggins in front row.

Can you find:  
Jean Shurtleff  
Carolyn Shurtleff  
Connie Anderson  
Leslie Hines  
David Crabtree  
Monty Applegarth  
Dixie Applegarth  
wish we knew them all



June 24 1953



Garnet Porter-President, Iris Bailey-Historian,  
Thora Larson-Secretary, Winona Hunting-Counselor



1955: Primary Presidency  
Beth Child- Counselor  
Bernice Carruth-President  
Dorlene Corbridge-Counselor  
Patsy Gilchrist- Secretary

Garnet Porter-President, Winona Hunting-Counselor,  
Barbara Harris-Beginners, Front row: Minnie Williams-  
Trekks, Mal Allred-Top Piolets, Thora Larson-Secretary



Food after Spirituality:  
after Stake Leadership Meeting.  
Minnie Williams, Barbara Davenport,  
Wilma Clauson, Patsy Gilchrist,  
Thora Larsen, Barbara Harris.  
Gloria Schwitzer



Back row: Effie Shulz, Vera Browning,  
Elva Kunz, Mildred Anderson, Thora  
Larson, La Rene Anderson, Middle row:  
Minnie Williams, Patsy Gilchrist,  
Beth Child, Dorlene Corbridge, Ruby  
Clauson, Front row: Deon Poulsen,  
Bernice Carruth, Barbara Davenport,  
Wilma Clauson, Carol Hansen.



Round the Block Parade 1955  
and watermelon bust.





Back Row: Deon Poulson, Barbara Harris,  
3rd row: Vera Browning, Effie Shulz, Thora  
Larson, Mildred Anderson, La Rene Anderson,  
Winona Hunting. 2nd row: Minnie Williams,  
Patsy Gilchrist, Beth Child, Dorlene Corbridge,  
Ruby Clauson. 1st Row: Fernice Carruth,  
Barbara Davenport, Wilma Clauson, Carol Hansen.



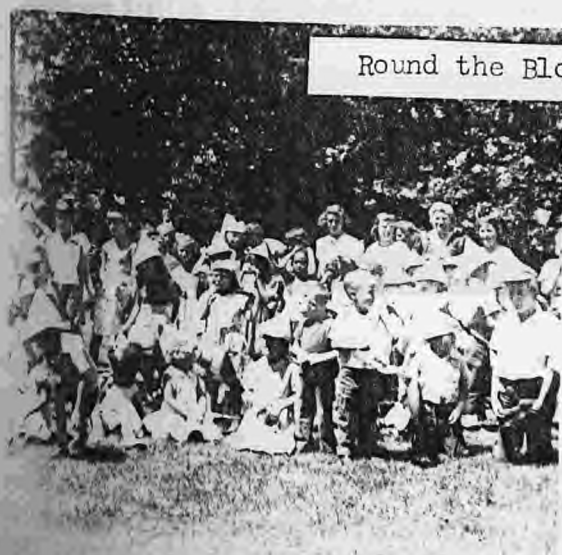
1955 Blazer's Mother Party  
Ellen Gemar, La Vora Bowhuis, Olive  
Applegarth, Minnie Williams, Lenore  
Brown. Boys: Ricky Gemar, Chris  
Bowhuis, Monty Applegarth, Bruce  
Williams, Barry Brown



President David O. Mc Kay spoke at  
a funeral in the 31st Ward. Then he  
and Sister Mc Kay shook hands and  
talked to the Primary children of the  
31st Ward. A thrilling experience.



16 May 1955



Round the Block Parade 1955





Primary Workers & Husbands  
Christmas Party 1955



Primary Graduates 1955  
Rheumina Winkler  
Neva Ellen Simonsen  
Richard Anderson  
Karen Stanly  
Susan Murphy  
Jackie Lee  
Ann Lucas  
Gayle Anderson  
Ronald Clauson



May 1961  
Primary President  
Gladys Larsen

Primary Counselor  
Carol Steinacker

Primary Counselor  
Marian Hines



May 25, 1958 Girls Graduated  
Chana Shulz, Nancy Spencer,  
Leslie Hines, Dixie Applegarth,  
Linda Beazer, Irene Winger,  
Rhea Ann Crowley.



1960  
Girls Graduated  
Kathleen Bell  
Janice Freestone  
Sally Wilbur  
Vedawn Smith  
Vedean Smith

1962 Graduates  
Karen Hymas, Susan Hansen, Sheryl Schofield,  
Linda Reddish, Jill Messenger, Karen Hines,  
Christine Cherry, Jean Shurtleff, Peggy Crowley,  
Irene Pincomb, Shauna Wiggill, Marvin Taylor,  
Vern Brown, Randy Hadley.

Joan Price  
1963 Primary Counselor to  
Pres. Marian Hines



1962 Primary President  
Marian Hines

Carol Allred Kennington  
Primary Counselor 1963 to  
Pres. Marian Hines



Primary President 1963  
Joan Price

Primary Graduates 1964 & 65

Patricia Pife  
Susan Hanzlik  
Martha Hunt  
Kristine Jensen  
Cheryl Prentice  
Kathleen Price  
Darla Shurtleff  
Jan Wilbur  
Jill Wilbur  
Curtis Baker  
Rodney Dopp  
John Wiggill  
Steven Harris  
David Reddish  
Mark Hansen

Mary England  
1964 Counselor to  
Pres. Joan Price



hofield,  
Hines,  
EGY Crowle  
n Taylor,



21st Street Gang  
 1. Julie Larsen  
 2. Paul Wiggill  
 3. Chad Nielsen  
 4. Janet Larsen  
 5. Shanna Wiggill  
 6. Suzanna Wiggill  
 7. John Wiggill  
 Middle row:  
 A'Layne Wiggill  
 Michael Wiggill  
 Ponnie Wiggill  
 Robin ?  
 Front  
 David Larsen  
 Alan Wiggill  
 Terry Wiggill



Curtis Baker  
 Robert Faddis



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Peggy Crowley's Primary Class  
 James Archibald, Carolyn Doxey, Mathew Hansen  
 David d'Hulst, Dale Hanslik, Lillian Doup,  
 Dean Hunt.



Baptismal services  
 31st, 20th, & 13th  
 3 children 13th Ward  
 Carla Davis  
 Leslie Lucas  
 Nancy Sobers  
 Katrina Miller  
 boy from 20th Ward  
 Floyd Poulsen  
 Nathan & Scott Sobers  
 Athella Miller and Richard  
 Sobers witness the baptisms.





Bishop Harris congratulated the 1955 Primary Graduates. Tamara Arnold, Carol Ann Hillan, Paul Williams, Donald Hansen, Dan Harrop, Eddie Freestone, Jo Ann Orem, Alicia Stathos, Richard Shurtleff, Paul Snow, Candace Messenger.

#### Primary Teachers

##### Back row:

1. Olive Crabtree
2. Barbara Davenport
- 3.
4. Bernice Carruth (hid)
5. Olive Applegarth
6. Glenna Hunt
7. Beverly Faddis
8. June Shurtleff

##### Center row:

1. Peggy Lucas
2. Winona Hunting
3. Dorlene Corbridge

##### Front row:

1. Kay Walker
2. Ellen Simonsen
3. Monty Applegarth
4. Ann Lucas
5. Susan Murphy



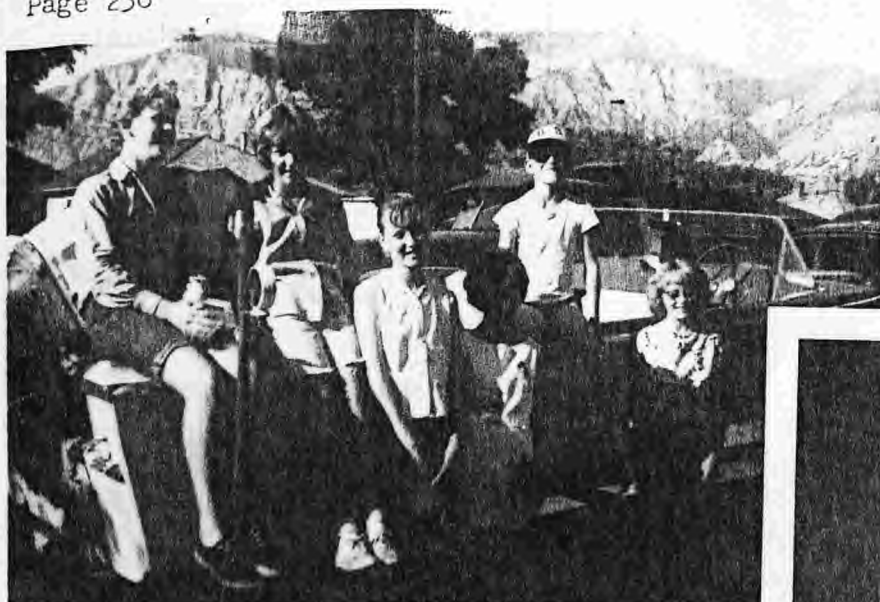
#### Primary Party

Back: Claudia Freestone, Gayle Anderson, Ann Lucas, Shana Shulz, Christine Cherry.

Front: Leslie Hines, , Rhea Ann Crowley, Dixie Applegarth, Carol Hansen

#### Young Primary Teachers & Partners



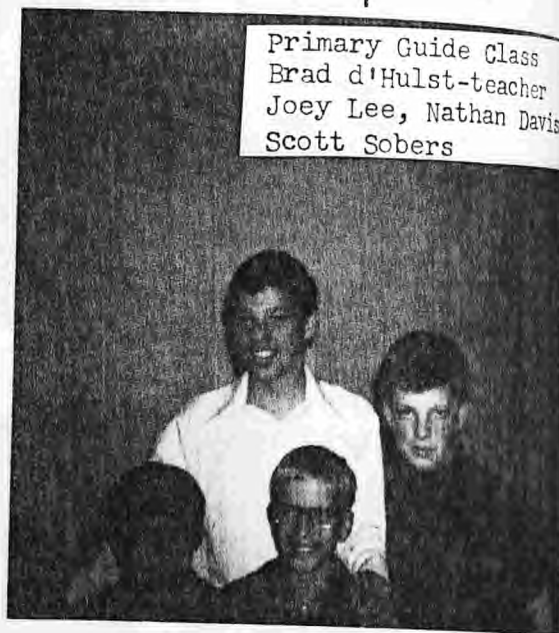


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1962

Ella Baker-Primary Teacher  
Jill Messenger, Karen Hines  
Susan Hansen, Irene Pincus  
Curtis Baker, Kay Walker,

Primary Guide Class  
Brad d'Hulst-teacher  
Joey Lee, Nathan Davis  
Scott Sobers



1976 one entry in the  
Primary Bicentennial Parade



Cheryl Draney's Primary Class  
Back: Karen Hines, Joyce Hunt,  
Susan Hansen, Cheryl Draney,  
, Front: Sheryl  
Scofield, Shanna Wiggill,  
Karen Christensen, Dixie  
Applegarth.



Firelight Class Primary  
Front: Sheryl Scofield  
Shauna Wiggill, Karen  
Christensen, Dixie Applegarth  
Back: Karen Hines, Joyce Hunt  
Susan Hansen, Cheryl Draney-  
teacher, ?

MAY 61

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Primary Christmas Program



Primary Class

1. Peggy Crowley
2. Jill Messenger
3. Linda Reddish
4. Irene Pincombe
5. La Ree Hanslik
6. Naydene Miller
7. Christine Cherry
8. Linda Mc Kean



Primary 1956

1. Ella Baker

2.

3.

4. Olive Applegarth

5. Bishop Wilford Harris

6. Leda Malan

7. Louise Spencer

8. Marion Hines

Children: Udell Mikkleson

Nancy Spencer, Steve Baker,

Dixie Applegarth, Robert King,

Lex Baker, Leslie Hines, ? who  
are the other children?







Primary group 1976  
 Top: Lou Sobers, Pres. Alta Gibson, Sheila Vander Does, Marsha Gibson, Center row: Leslie Lucas, Carla Davis, Nancy Sobers, Trea Pattedti, Carma Davis Front row: Reyn Price, Tom Hofer, Don Hofer, Katrina Miller

Jan Stephens Primary Class 1976  
 Back: Patty Martinez, Tanna Lucas, Suzy Stephens Jan Stephens, Front: Robin Wheatly, Sharon Reddish, Laura Burkhart.

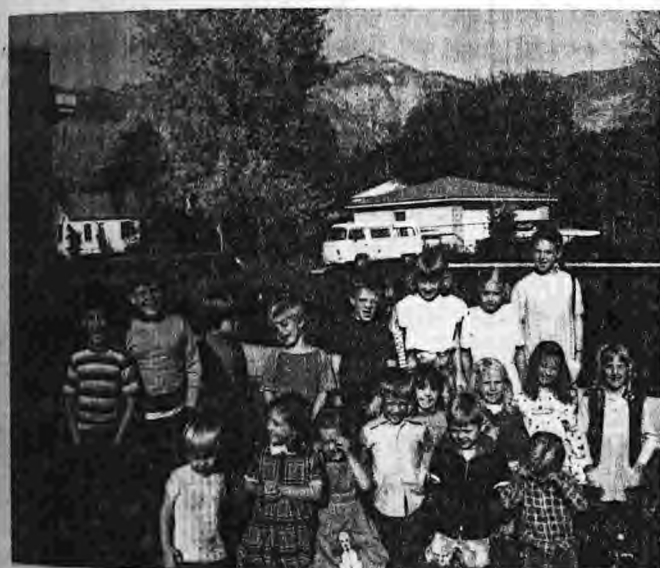


Primary Class  
 Back row: Teachers: Christine Balmforth Valerie Vander Does  
 Center row: Nathan Davis Steven Gibson Michael Dixon  
 Front: Bill Hansen Steven Vander Does Britt Reynolds



# Primary Officers & Teachers

1. Alta Gibson- President
2. Ida Mudrow- Counselor
3. Fay Williams
4. Christine Balmforth
5. La Rue Toponce
6. Valarie Vander Does
7. Christine Peterson
8. Carol Nelson
9. Jan Stephens
10. Lou Sobers
11. Louise Davis



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## 1976 Primary

1. Stanley Gibson
2. Mike Bybee
3. Troy King
4. Laramie White
5. James Sobers
6. Marsha Gibson
7. Carma Davis
8. Sheila Vander Does

### Front row:

1. Bebe White
2. Audrey Davis
3. Lauralee Gibson
4. Andrew Davis
5. Brian King
6. Shane Bishop
7. Teri Adams
8. Val Peterson
9. Georgia Cowlshaw
- 10 Misty Orr

## 1976 Primary

### Back row:

1. Michael Dixon
2. Reyn Price
3. Suzy Stephens
4. Robin Wheatley
5. Steven Vander Does
6. Glounda Serrano
7. Laura Burkhart
8. Nathan Davis
9. Becky Evans
10. Steven Gibson
11. Tanna Lucas

### Center row:

1. Billy Hansen
2. Laura Evans
3. Katrina Miller
4. Trea Pattiste
5. Leslie Lucas
6. Carla Davis
7. Louise Mc Tee

### Front row:

1. Thomas Hoffer
2. Donald Hoffer
3. Barbara Hansen
4. Irene Blamey



## THE RELIEF SOCIETY

The Prophet Joseph Smith Jr., clothed in power and authority from on high, stood in the historic room over his brick store in Nauvoo, Illinois and he organized the women of the church into a society. The Female Relief Society was organized the 17th of March 1842. He was assisted by Willard Richards and John Taylor.

We are told by our Prophet that the same organization existed in the church anciently. This is an organization cannot exist without the Priesthood, for it derives all of its authority and influence from this source.

The Relief Society of Nauvoo was organized with a President Emma Hale Smith (wife of the Prophet). She chose as her counselors Sarah M. Cleveland and Anna Whitney. They were set apart for their office by the Priesthood. No Relief Society can overstep the counsel of their Bishop; his word is law to which all its doings are amendable.

At the ninth meeting of the Relief Society the Prophet gave instructions: "Jesus said, Ye shall do the work which ye see me do." The grand key word to be upon. A door to reveal the radiance and eternal possibilities of women's place in the Gospel Plan. In the First Relief Society there were 26 members and on the 31st of December 1841 there were 377,840 members to do this work.

What is the object? It is to do good, not only in relieving the poor and sick but in saving souls. Their work: Compassionate and welfare service.

The church Relief Society at the time of the earthquake in San Francisco, California, sent one car load of flour, one car load of linens, hospital supplies, layettes and 350 quilts and blankets by railroad immediately.

One year later for relief of famine in China, they sent a car load of flour for the sufferers.

During the War in 1918 and epidemic of influenza in which 1300 cases broke out in Malad, Idaho, Brother Gibbs and the Relief Society women left their homes for six weeks to care for the ill and not one person died.

In 1923 at the request of the L.D.S. First Presidency, the Relief Society collected and renovated four car loads of used warm clothing, shoes and bedding for destitute members of the church in Europe.

The early Relief Society not only sewed for the needy but sewed linings and coverings for caskets and Temple clothes to bury the dead. They also washed and prepared bodies for burial.

A talk by Ardella Smith of the 17th of March 1974: "Now may I quote from the Life History of Grace McKay McFarland (a cousin of Pres. David O. McKay), a 91 year old member of the 31st Ward in 1962. "She has served as Relief Society President in the Huntsville Ward where she helped gather the wheat which was and was released during World War I. When the 20th Ward was organized she was chosen Relief Society President. She fulfilled her duties to the upmost during the deep and dark days of the depression, when many heads of families were out of work. She walked many blocks carrying a basket of food to a needy family. She often would delve into her own personal store of warm clothes and bedding and deliver a load to a needy family before she could go to her bed for a night's rest."



The Visiting Teachers of that day accepted offerings of food from the many sisters they visited, and Bergliot Dinsdale tells how it was common to turn in a sack containing a can of peas, 2 bottles of jam, 2 bottles of fruit, a head of cabbage, a bunch of carrots, some potatoes and a loaf of bread to President McFarland for her to distribute. The twenty Visiting Teachers, each bearing the sacks containing similar gifts were the food that saved so many hungry members of the Ward from starvation and sickness. Everyone that could lovingly gave fulfilling the scripture "In as much as ye have done it unto the least of these, ye had done it unto me."

### L.D.S. Welfare

The Prophet Joseph Smith Jr. said, "The poor always stay with us. We will be judged by how we care for them. He that is not equal in physical things cannot be equal in spiritual things."

From the Ensign August 1972 pg. 20 quote: "As president of the Pioneer Stake Harold B. Lee organized a Bishop's Storehouse in 1932 to care for the needy and unemployed members of his stake. When the Church consolidated such welfare programs into the Church-wide Welfare Plan in 1936 Harold B. Lee became the first managing director, a position he held for twenty-two years."

The Ogden Stake was one of the first to receive the Welfare Plan. I remember the Ogden Stake Family meeting held in the Sixth Ward, when Elder Harold B. Lee, then a General Authority, introduced the New L.D.S. Welfare Program. The Lord had surely heard the prayers of the Bishops, Relief Society Presidents and the righteous who had suffered through the depression.

We all co-operated on the Ogden Welfare farm to raise food and cattle to stock the Bishop's Storehouse. The Relief Society sisters well remember the canning and sewing assignments. This is a Welfare assignment in 1948 for the 31st Ward: \$576.99 in cash, 250 pounds of butter, 200 pounds of cheese, 2500 quarts of milk, 600 bushels of oats, 40 dozen brooms. They had no way of raising the above so paid the value in cash of \$2,415.00, the cost to purchase. Multiply this activity by the number of wards in the Ogden Stake, then eight, for an idea of the progress of the Welfare Plan in the Ogden Stake. In 1949 the 31st Ward Relief Society had sewed 917 hours. The Ward had 35 women and 5 men who had worked at the Bishop's Storehouse or the Grain Storage in Kaysville.

With the coming of the Bishop's Storehouse the Bishops and Relief Society Presidents were relieved of the worry of supplying their needy in the ward with the essentials of life, but their work was to supervise and order the needs for these families. "And now we will be judged by how we care for them."

On February 18, 1975 the Ogden Stake filled an assignment to prepare and can pork and beans. Twenty-seven women from the 31st Ward participated. What joy to see over 7400 cans finished and ready for the needy. Tired and weary the women returned home but the joy and satisfaction of an assignment well done was with them.

Levell H. Johnson said "How I appreciated the abundance of food and the good quality that was available to fill the Bishop's order prepared by me as Relief Society President, and signed by Bishop David E. Tanner. Not only was food available, but clothing, household needs and shoes. Any family would be happy to receive their order delivered by truck to their door, everything top quality." From the Deseret Industries a Bishop's Order might be filled out for blankets, clothing, furniture available there and at Christmas toys and lovely clothing cleaned and repaired to bring happiness and holiday joy.

Vellis Pincock said, "As a young woman is brought, by the natural process of

life, to shift her interests and activities to those of her mature years, where her needs are met. She moved naturally into the program of Relief Society. Relief Society supplies all our wants and needs and we learn what is essential to the work of the Lord and the Kingdom of God!

The Visiting Teachers take a spiritual message into the home. The lessons given at Relief Society are: Spiritual Living- a study of the Gospel and testimony bearing; Homemaking Arts and Nutrition lessons; Social Relations- our actions and attitudes in living the Gospel; Cultural Refinement- the appreciation of art, music, and history of the countries where our sisters of the Gospel live.

### QUILT MAKING

The beautiful art of quilt making has always been in the Relief Society Program. No one can quite remember when Bertha Smith began creating beautiful pieced quilts, but we all remember the quilting designs and the patience she displayed as she taught us all the tiny stitches of good quilting.

In 1970 Eria Anderson's skill at machine applique was admired as the sisters sat at the frames and quilted the daisy and rose masterpieces.

### COMPASSIONATE SERVICE

Examples of compassionate service in the 31st Ward are: the loving care Lou Sobers and Elvira Mc Carrel rendered Bergliot Dinsdale; the long daily service Viola Barnes gave Myrtle and Richard Hansen; concern and service Rose Hamilton extended Anne Wilbur in December 1973; love and service in the last years of Phoebe Lund's life by the Wiggill family; Olive Crabtree gave love, cooked meals and help at the temple to Ruth Wright; the many years of devotion and loving care Isabell Rhodes devoted to the sick and aged; love for each other expressed by the Melvin Smith and the Arthur Malan families; the neighbors Elvira Mc Carrel, Eria Anderson and Hulda Rippon concern and care of Kate Woodbury. This service is being given continually through out the years. These are just a few examples of loving one's neighbor by service.

### RELIEF SOCIETY PRESIDENTS REMINISE

Arvilla P. Arrowsmith said, "I love Relief Society and consider it the most important woman's work in the Church. I remember the Ogden 31st Ward was the first ward to respond to the Dee Hospital's call for wool blankets during the polio epidemic. These blankets were torn and used to wet steam the patients limbs. The blankets were donated by the sisters. Twelve were delivered, and a picture was taken and appeared in the Ogden Standard Examiner. ( in the 1950's) Sister Arrowsmith was our third President.

Maude Stratford said, " In Relief Society we had a close relationship. My love and friendship still remains, we became lasting friends." (7th President)

E. Vivian Jensen, 2nd Counselor to pres. Lottie Holt said, " How diligent we worked and how thrilled we were when the picture appeared in the Standard Examiner proclaiming the 31st Ward as the first ward to turn in their assessment of one dollar for each woman in the ward to be used to build a Relief Society Building in Salt Lake City. ( in 1947 )

Our second Relief Society President, Eliza J. Carruth laughingly told how she felt like she was eating fur for a week after August 1950 when the 31st Ward participated in the project and removed the fur from the neck and sleeves and parka hood on the army parka jackets. The contract was for 120,000 and was done at 14 different church centers. Although we did only a portion of these it seemed an endless job. But four and one-half days later the work was completed, and we sisters washed the fur from eyes, ears, nose and hair and sighed with joy at a job well done.

Ella Anderson, our 8th President, recorded the fun and the rush of preparing, hauling and serving Old Folk Day dinners. How she appreciated the Priesthood brothers for the hauling of the tables, chairs and the old folks to Lorin Farr Park. How delicious the hot dinners were and the lunch served just before the dear ones were returned home. The M.I.A. furnished the program. Our older members looked forward to this program once a year just for them and watched for friends from other wards to visit with.

Our 9th President, June Shurtleff tells, "Nana Christiansen was one of the women that looked forward to filling the assignment to sew a day at the Dee Hospital. Eight sisters spent the day mending sheets, hemming sheets, making bed gowns, diapers and baby night gowns. The laughter and chatter was proof of enjoyment."

Comments overheard at the 31st Ward Relief Society Bazaar:

"I must get some of Sister Green's orange biscuits & Sister Crabtree's cookies."  
 "I must buy that beautiful embroidered quilt for my daughter's trousseau."  
 "Wow, I'm hungry, can't we eat? It smells so good June Shurtleff is cook."  
 "What a darling dress Glenna Hunt made, I'll buy it for Debbie."  
 "Dad may I have money for the cake walk. It is ready to start, hurry."  
 "Dad can I have 10¢ to become a painted Indian."  
 "Wow for 10¢ I can get ear-rings and a ladies hat and have my face fixed."  
 "Doesn't this display look wonderful? I'm buying Christmas presents: pillow cases, pillows, bow-ties, beads, barbar aprons, wall plaques, fruit cakes, and pudding to steam."

"Yes, we are tired and the mess must be cleaned up yet. All of the months of planning and sewing were worth it and we have financial problems over for a year. Let us get the money counted and turn it over to the Bishop." signed the 10th President Alta Gibson.

"We were told that a Evening Relief Society should be available for our working sisters. In November of 1972, we began holding these meetings once a week at night but the attendance was very few, one to four beside the teachers and officers. When the meetings were changed to Sunday morning at the same time as Priesthood meeting the enrollment increased. We call teachers, secretary and music positions from the class members. There are 15 sisters attending now." President Anderson, 12th President explained.

Beside the knowledge and the helps we sisters enjoy, the association and lasting friendships, the sociability are precious and develop us as we devote our time to the work of the Lord.

President Neilen Hicks said, "I am delighted at the development of the Young Adult Relief Society (age 18 to 25 years of age). They have their own officers and teachers and conduct their own meetings, but are supervised by and visited by the three ward Relief Society Presidencies. From the three wards (13th, 20th and 31st) there are 15 attending in February 1975. The



M.I.A. Laurel girls attended the Young Adults Relief Society Conference held March 8, 1975. The work-shops held were exceptional and lunch was served at noon. This group was organized in 1974 and the growth of leadership was beautifully displayed."

# OGDEN 31ST WARD RELIEF SOCIETY OFFICERS

		Sustained	Released
1st Pres.	Lottie Holt	8 Sep 1946	29 Aug 1948
Counselors	Mary Perkins	8 Sep 1946	29 Aug 1948
	E. Vivian Jenson	8 Sep 1946	29 Aug 1948
Secretary	Amy O. Vowles	8 Sep 1946	29 Aug 1948
2nd Pres.	Eliza J. Carruth	29 Aug 1948	17 Dec 1950
Counselors	Ella Stratford	29 Aug 1948	7 Apr 1949
	Marie Belnap	29 Aug 1948	12 July 1950
	Arvilla Arrowsmith	7 Apr 1949	17 Dec 1950
	Amy Richardson	10 Aug 1950	17 Dec 1950
Secretaries	Amy O. Vowles	29 Aug 1948	16 Feb 1949
	Marian Hines	29 July 1949	10 Feb 1950
	Hannah Knight	10 Feb 1950	17 Dec 1950
3rd Pres.	Arvilla Arrowsmith	17 Dec 1950	25 Jan 1953
Counselors	Eloise Pope	17 Dec 1950	18 Mar 1951
	Amy Richardson	17 Dec 1950	26 Oct 1952
	Mary Perkins	18 Mar 1951	25 Jan 1953
	Hattie Jones	26 Oct 1952	25 Jan 1953
Secretary	Hannah Knight	17 Dec 1950	25 Jan 1953
4th Pres.	Mary Perkins	25 Jan 1953	22 Apr 1956
Counselors	Leah Taylor	25 Jan 1953	22 Apr 1956
	Hattie Jones	25 Jan 1953	22 Apr 1956
Secretary	Hannah Knight	25 Jan 1953	22 Apr 1956
5th Pres.	Donna Winger	5 May 1956	4 Nov 1956
Counselors	Hulda B. Rippon	5 May 1956	4 Nov 1956
	Elsie Ball	20 June 1956	4 Nov 1956
Secretaries	Eleanor Vera Browning	5 May 1956	20 May 1956
	Anna McKensie	20 May 1956	4 Nov 1956
6th Pres.	Iris Raat	4 Nov 1956	17 Mar 1957
Counselors	Hulda B. Rippon	4 Nov 1956	17 Mar 1957
	Leda Malan	4 Nov 1956	17 Mar 1957
Secretary	Anna McKensie	4 Nov 1956	17 Mar 1957
7th Pres.	Maud Stratford	17 Mar 1957	6 Aug 1958
Counselors	Lucille Singleton	17 Mar 1957	6 Aug 1958
	Leda Malan	17 Mar 1957	6 Aug 1958
Secretary	Anna Mc Kensie	17 Mar 1957	6 Aug 1958
8th Pres.	Ella K. Anderson	6 Aug 1958	16 June 1963
Counselors	Elaine Yssel	6 Aug 1958	10 Apr 1960
	Hulda Rippon	4 Sep 1958	16 June 1963
	Carmen Poulsen	10 Apr 1960	13 Jan 1963
	Alice Waddoups	13 Jan 1963	16 Jun 1963
Secretary	Myrtle Hansen	6 Aug 1958	16 June 1963

## OGDEN 31st WARD RELIEF SOCIETY OFFICERS

		Sustained	Released
9th Pres.	June Shurtleff	16 June 1963	5 Dec 1965
Counselors	Alice G. Waddoups	16 June 1963	5 Dec 1965
	Glenna Hunt	16 June 1963	5 Dec 1965
Secretaries	Edith Johnson	16 June 1963	20 Oct 1963
	Leda Malan	20 Oct 1963	5 Dec 1965
10th Pres.	Alta Gibson	5 Dec 1965	12 Nov 1967
Counselors	Joan d'Hulst	5 Dec 1965	12 Nov 1967
	Elaine Yssel	5 Dec 1965	12 Nov 1967
Secretary	Elvira Mc Carrel	5 Dec 1965	2 July 1967
11th Pres.	Lavell H. Johnson	12 Nov 1967	4 July 1971
Counselors	Elaine Yssel	12 Nov 1967	4 July 1971
	Anne Wilbur	12 Nov 1967	4 July 1971
Secretaries	Joan d'Hulst	12 Nov 1967	18 Aug 1968
	Leona Condie	18 Aug 1968	4 July 1971
12th Pres.	Virginia Anderson	4 July 1971	2 Dec 1973
Counselors	Elaine Yssel	4 July 1971	2 Dec 1973
	Joan Price	4 July 1971	9 July 1972
	Carol Harrison	20 Aug 1972	4 Mar 1973
	Virginia Bryant	22 Apr 1973	26 Aug 1973
	Neilen Hicks	26 Aug 1973	2 Dec 1973
	Leona Condie	4 July 1971	2 Dec 1973
13th Pres.	Neilen E. Hicks	2 Dec 1973	20 Apr 1975
Counselors	Gayle Cox	9 Dec 1973	20 Apr 1975
	Vellis Pincock	9 Dec 1973	2 Mar 1975
	Elma (Melba) D. Probst	9 Mar 1975	20 Apr 1975
Secretaries	Christine Peterson	9 Dec 1973	28 Apr 1974
	Ida Mudrow	28 Apr 1974	13 Oct 1974
	Kerry Carpenter	13 Oct 1974	20 Apr 1975
14th Pres.	Gayle Cox	20 Apr 1975	30 Nov 1975
Counselors	Elma (Melba) D. Probst	20 Apr 1975	30 Nov 1975
	Kerry Carpenter	20 Apr 1975	17 Aug 1975
	Louise Bishop	31 Aug 1975	30 Nov 1975
Secretary	Glenna Hunt	20 Apr 1975	30 Nov 1975
15th Pres.	Glenna Hunt	30 Nov 1975	
Counselors	Elma (Melba) D. Probst	30 Nov 1975	15 Aug 1976
	Louise Bishop	30 Nov 1975	22 Aug 1976
	Renate Orr	15 Aug 1976	
	Elaine Wiggill	22 Aug 1976	
Secretary	Alvida N. Starr	14 Dec 1975	
Asst. Sec.	Leona Condie	25 July 1967	

# AT RELIEF SOCIETY DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN

23 April 1947: The Ogden Stake Relief Society invited the wards to participate in a fruit drying demonstration in the stake center, learning a lost art.

1948: The Relief Socceity General Presidency presented the proposition: each woman of the church donate \$5. toward a Relief Society Building to be built across from Temple block. The 31st Ward was the first ward in the Ogden Stake to turn in their quota. Picture taken for Standard Examiner paper.

1949: the 31st and 20th Wards Relief Society bought fluorescent lighting for Relief Society room. Presidency: Eliza Carruth, Ella Stratford, Marie Belnap,

1950: 5½ pair of drapes were made for the Relief Society room.

1950: In August we participated in a paid project to help U.S. War Dept. by removing fur colors from service jackets. The project was under the direction of Brother George Wright, who had obtained permission by phone of the President of the Church to accept the project. Seventy different recreational halls were used. How we enjoyed singing as we worked on the nearly endless job. 120,000 coats were completed by L.D.S. sisters in five days time and the bulisings were cleaned for Sunday worship service, when Bishop Belnap thanked the 31st Ward sisters for completing the coat project.

10 Sept. 1951: Ogden Standard Examiner picture of 31st Ward Relief Society Pres. Arvilla P. Arrowsmith and Ogden Stake Pres. Cleona Hedenstrom presenting wool blankets to nurse Edna Seidner for the polio ward. Twelve blankets were donated to the Dee Hospital. Many of our children were helped.

21 June 1951: Because of rain, the old folks were served in the ward recreation hall, then transported to Ogden High School for a good program.

1951: First report of welfare sewing and compassionate service recorded:

YEAR	SICK VISITS	DAY-CARE SICK	HELP AT FUNERALS	WELFARE SEWING
1951	100	5 days	5 times	10 people
1952	133	33- 24 hr days	6 "	21 "
1953	265	18 hours	8 "	8 "
1954	278		9 "	11 "
1956	246		1 "	0 "
1962	441		7 "	217 hours 310 articles
1963	408	10 hours	11 "	293 "
1964	161	25½ "	10 "	363 "
1965	87	20 "	11 "	259 "
1957	183		8 "	36 " 109 "
1958	340		8 "	42 " 142 "
1968	671			11 " no more welfare sewing
1969	527	65 "	13 "	
1970	764	103 "	10 "	

Records were not required but the above were tabulated. Every year these services were freely given. Articles could be a dress, coat, pajamas etc.



In a ward of older people, health problems are numerous. Our members concern themselves and service illustrated above are but examples of love and compassionate service freely given by neighbor and friends in the ward.

1953: \$17.50 spent for a bookcase and \$5.00 for a piano bench (from bazaar funds).

1954: 31st ward reported 140 coat jackets finished, welfare sewing.

1956: Relief Society purchased for \$124.00 silver and dishes.

1957: Voluntary days spent at the Dee Hospital of our sisters was 36 hours and 132 articles made.

18 May 1967: Bishop Warren N. Shurtleff needed help for ward expences. We cooked a fried chicken dinner for 300 at \$1.25 each.

Oct. 1962: The Relief Society room was painted and new drapes made. New upholstered chairs were purchased from bazaar earnings.

1963: Ogden Stake Canning Project: Remember putting salt and sugar tablets in the peas, and the tomatoes, pork-n-beans and the soup that we canned.

Oct. 1964: When Hazel Anderson, work director, attended Utah State University in Logan, and brought back clever articles for us to make.

4 Sept. 1966: When, after years of service, Vera West was released as Theology teacher, with a vote of thanks for her inspiring and informative lessons.

Feb. 1966: The Melvin Hines family were proud owners of the Relief Society Friendship quilt, won at the bazaar.

22 August 1967: The Visiting Teachers of our ward went by bus to Salt Lake City. Thirty-two enjoyed the guided Temple Square and Visitors Center, then lunched at Hotel Utah. The Presidency was: Alta Gibson, Elaine Yssel and Joan d'Hulst.

4 June 1968: The 31st, 13th and 6th Wards presented a circus at the 13th Ward. There was a band, clowns, tumblers, tight-rope walkers, sword-swallowers, dancers, strong women, bearded women, fortune tellers and Pres. Lavell H. Johnson was the announcer. 110 attended, 45 from the 31st Ward.

1968: The 31st and 20th Wards planned to purchase a Kimball Piano. At the ward bazaar held to raise the money, were lovely hand-made articles, clothes, jams, jellies and baked goods. \$590.00 were cleared from the sale of 726 articles. The piano earned and new folding chairs and tables.

19 April 1969: The 31st Ward participated in the Ogden Stake Fashion Show. Several sisters and children wore hand-knit articles. Our display of hand-embroidered articles and our handkerchief tree displayed crocheted and tatted edges were very attractive.

1969: Old Folks day at Lorin Farr Park was special because our Bro. & Sister Max Woodbury were honored as the oldest married couple (over 90). They received a gift certificate. Their devotion and service to others at the L.D.S. Branch for the Deaf and Blind has been outstanding.

30 Sep. 1969: When Veda Green, the Lady In Red, won the best costume prize at the Relief Society mis-fit party, the 46 who attended had a lot of fun.

1969: Bishop David E. Tanner assigned the sisters with temple recommends to complete 32 endowments in the Logan Temple each month. They accepted the challenge. January-65, February 99, March 105, endowments. 1,000 in a year.

4 May 1958: New ward boundaries, with two blocks from the 20th Ward. Pres. Maud Stratford was released as the 6th Ward block was returned to former ward. Ella Anderson, Elaine Yssel and Hulda Rippon were sustained the 6 Aug. Myrtle Hansen was secretary.

17 March 1959: A pageant of the organization of the Relief Society with all of the presidents in costume of their period was presented, Olive Crabtree reader.

July 1970: The new church policy: Relief Society to be financed by ward finances. The Relief Society bank account of \$1200.00 and the \$176.55 newly earned was presented to Bishop David E. Tanner by Pres. Lavell H. Johnson and Secretary Leona Condie.

1971 Sept. No more Relief Society Magazines. Lessons printed in manuel.

21 Sept 1971: The fall social was held at the Mansion House. New Presidency Virginia Anderson, Elaine Yssel and Joan Price.

Sept. 1971: Report: 772 endowments done by sisters, 784 hours donated in care of sick, 411 other sick visits, 36 Christmas baskets taken to shut-ins. M.I.A. delivered baskets and sang carols.

Sept. 1971 Change of policy: No more dues to pay. Every female 18 to 100 yrs. old is a member of the Relief Society.

22 July 1972: At a ground breaking ceremony for our new church building the Relief sisters furnished 60 dozen cookies to serve with the punch.

12 August 1972: Honoring Visiting Teachers, a sour-dough brunch, cooked by Elwood (Pete) Peterson and wife Emma, then Pete intertained with his guitar.

2 November 1972: Organization of the 2nd Session of Relief Society, to be held at 8:30 A. M. every Sunday Morning.

30 Sept. 1973: Tour of Weber County Library, then luncheon at the Golden Hour Center.

17 March 1974: Our Relief Society Chorus sang beautifully at Relief Society's 123 birthday commeration at Sacrament Meeting, let by Neilen Hicks accompanied by Carmen Poulsen.

1975: The success of the Sunday Morning Relief Society and the Young Adult Relief Society Program is due to the dedication of President Gayle Cox and her counselors Melba Probst, Kerry Carpenter and Louise Bishop.

1976: The mini classes are fun on work day. President Glenna Hunt and her new counselors Renate Orr and Elaine Wiggill try to find needful skills for us to learn.



Dee Hospitals call for wool blankets during polio epidemic, Ogden 31st Ward President Arvilla P. Arrowsmith brings 12 blankets to Nurse Edna Seidner and accompanied by Ogden Stake Relief Society President Cleona Hedenstrom. 31st Ward was first Ward to respond.



46 sisters enjoyed the Misfit Party held 30 sept 1969 Veda Green won the prize for the best costume (the Lady in Red). Decorations were misfit from Christmas, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Valentine Day. It was a fun party with games, songs, funny skit and laughter.



Back row  
Violet Campbell  
Leda Malan  
Leona Condie, Sec.  
Anne Wilbur, Counselor  
Lavell Johnson, Pres.

Front Row  
Olive Crabtree  
Marion Hill  
Elaine Yssel, Counselor

Front row

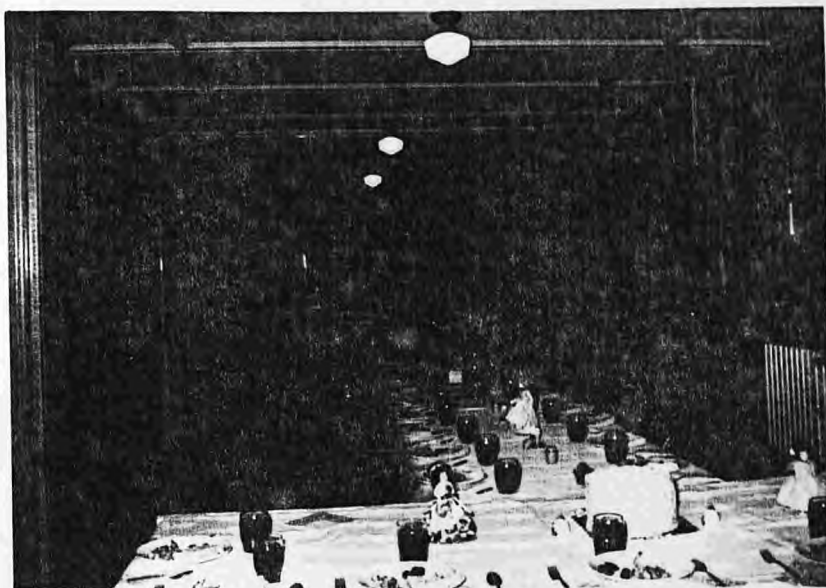
Pearl Wade  
Elizabeth Liptrot  
Back row  
Viola Barnes  
Nellie Anderson  
Eliza Allred  
June Shurtleff



1. Anne Wilbur
2. Isabell Rhodes
3. Hulda Rippon
4. Thressa Cardall
5. Lou Sobers
6. Carmen Poulsen
7. Eva Farnes
8. Rosella Sellers
9. Eria Anderson
10. Ruth Winkler

# Relief Society Birthday Party 1960

The tables were pioneer dolls. The yellow daffodils and blue iris denoted the Relief Society colors. Rose Johnson helped serve the luncheon.



## Relief Society Pagent

1st row: Verna West, Sister White, Lottie Taylor,  
Isabell Rhodes, Kate Woodbury

Back row: Robert Critchlow, Rose Hamilton, Nettie  
Cherry, Lovean Murphy, Warren N. Shurtleff,  
Bergliot Dinsdale, Marie Noorda and Seymour  
Y. McAllister.

Olive Snow,  
Mary Perkins  
Hattie Jones





1973  
Relief Society Anniversary  
1st Row: Elizabeth Liptrot, Ida Mudrow,  
Hulda Rippon, Mary Ellen Stone, Hazel  
Anderson, Alvida Starr. 2nd Row Vera  
West, Mac Vanderwerff. Back Leona Condie.

Quilting 1974  
at Relief Society  
1. Lavell H. Johnson  
2. Alvida Starr  
3. Delores H. Wiggins  
4. Eria Anderson  
5. Lena Peterson



Relief Society 1972  
Secretary: Leona Condie  
President: Virginia Anderson  
Work Director: Leda Malan  
Counselor: Carol Harrison  
Counselor: Elaine H. Yssel



1967 to 1971  
 11th Relief Society President Lavell H. Johnson  
 Secretary Leona Condie  
 Counselor Elaine H. Yssel  
 Counselor Anne J. Wilbur



Relief Society Presidency  
 Alvida Starr- Secretary  
 Renate Orr- Counselor  
 Glenna Hunt- President  
 Elaine Wiggill- Counselor

Oct. 1976



Relief Society 13 Oct 1976

Sybil King, Mary Mc Allister, Fanny Lassen,  
June Shurtleff, Lou Sobers

Front row: Lavell Johnson, Bergloit Dinsdale,  
Cherri Wagstaff, Carmen Poulsen, Delores  
Wiggins, Betty Hansen.



Relief Society 13 Oct. 1976

Rosella Bowen, Elvira Mc Carrel, Anne Wilbur,  
Ila Stewart, Hattie Jones, Ida Mudrow, Mildred Oborn.

Front row: Viola Barns, Marilyn Anderson, Elizabeth  
Liptrot, Verna West, Nellie Andrews, Helen Carty,  
Virginia Anderson



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Alvida Starr, Glenna Hunt, Christine Balmforth,  
Leda Malan, Vanette Powell, Nadine Miller

Front row: Neilen Hicks, Ella Baker, Christine  
Peterson, Rosella Sellers, Pairlee Smith



# BIOGRAPHY OF ELIZA JANE BRANCH CARRUTH (2nd Pres. Relief Society)

In Coalville, Utah on December 31, 1883, Eliza Jane Branch (Carruth) was born, the third child of William Henry and Hephzibah C. Hirst Branch. She spent a most pleasant childhood in Coalville with her five sisters and two brothers.

In 1902 she attended school in Provo, Utah at the B.Y.U. (It was not a college at that time but more of an advance high school). She returned home to Coalville to teach school, after her schooling.

On October 27, 1909, she was married to John Ellwood Carruth in the Salt Lake Temple for time and all eternity. They were blessed with a family consisting of four girls and four boys, three girls now deceased. They lived at Devil Slide and Coalville, then came to Ogden in 1928. They made their home in the 20th Ward, where they were all active in church work. She enjoyed her teaching, playing the piano, and working in administrative positions. She possessed a lovely singing voice and enjoyed sing alto with her family. She was known for her outstanding honesty, friendliness, and love of the Gospel. Many sisters have said she not only invited me to participate but she took me to church and Relief Society. She desire was never to speak an unkind word to anyone.

With the division of the 20th Ward, the family became members of the new 31st Ward in August 1946. Sister Carruth was sustained the 2nd Relief Society President on August 29, 1948, serving until December 17, 1950. She and her family sang in choruses and were active in all organizations of the Ward. She taught her family to honor the Priesthood and to fulfill church positions and missions with dedication and dependability. She had a tremendous testimony of the truthfulness of the Gospel and was not ashamed to express it. She not only believed the Gospel she lived it to the letter.

She enjoyed her membership in the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers.

Sewing was one of her greatest sources of accomplishment. She sewed for the family as a girl and later her own children. She loved to quilt and crochet. Reading and studying the scriptures were among her many pleasures. For many years she and J. Elwood did a great deal of temple work, spending their winters in St. George, Utah and Mesa, Arizona, near temples.

Their home was always open to everyone. Her hospitality knew no bounds and people loved to come to a home so full of love, companionship, fun and religious convictions.

She entered into whatever activity was in progress, just as long as it met her high standards. She taught by word and example that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints is truly the true church on earth today.

There was no one more worthy to be called home by our Father in Heaven than she was when her mission on earth was finished.



AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF MARY ARVILLA PICKETT ARROWSMITH  
THIRD PRESIDENT OF THE RELIEF SOCIETY

Ogden, Utah at 666-22nd Street was my birthplace on December 17, 1900. I, Mary Arvilla Pickett Arrowsmith, was the oldest girl born to Margaret Robinson and William Thomas Pickett. I remember the garden and the cows and horses we had. Father went into the grocery business with Frank Steel in 1908. I worked in the store and after age 14 was the book-keeper. Father was the Ogden Stake Chorister and assigned to attend meetings at the State Industrial School the first Sunday of the month. He took me when I was four and I remember sitting on the steps there.

I was educated in the Ogden Schools. After two years at Weber Academy, I quit to help mother with her large family of nine plus one adopted. I was baptized in the 4th Ward September 5, 1909. I loved music and would spend hours practicing at the piano. My sister complained because I was excused from dishes so I could practice. Many nights I would play until midnight. I played for Primary, Religion Class and Jr. Sunday School from the time I was twelve years old in the 6th Ward. I have played for the 4th, 6th, 13th, 20th, 31st and 7th Wards.

Wilford Chase Arrowsmith and I were married when I was 18 in the Salt Lake County Court House by Elder Brigham S. Young. We were blessed with four children: William Floyd, Betty Marcene, James Don and Robert Glen. We received our endowments and were sealed for time and all eternity March 31, 1969 in the Salt Lake Temple.

Ogden was our home but my husband was a pipe-fitter and we went out on jobs with him. I was organist every place we lived. In the 31st Ward records it states my release as Ward organist February 14, 1954, having served 20 years. I played for M.I.A., Relief Society and 8 years for Primary.

I love Relief Society and consider it the most important woman's work in the church. I was Counselor to Eliza Carruth from Feb. 1949 to Dec. 1950, when I was sustained as President. The call came from the Dee Hospital for wool blankets to use to steam polio victims. The 31st Ward responded with twelve blankets, the first to be donated and a picture and write-up appeared in the Ogden Standard Examiner. I served as organist then as secretary in 1949. When Bishop Arias G. Belnap asked me to be organist, I made a excuse because I thought Relief Society was for old women, and I had my first baby. I soon learned the value of the lessons for young mothers, and happy I had accepted (20th).

My sister, Idonna, and her husband Andrew Brunette, with Charles Chandler, opened the Brenda Kent Tayloring Mills in Ogden. I went to work for three years to help them get started. I did the tayloring for them until my brother-in-law went into the service, so sold out. Then I worked at the Ogden Post Office, sorting and caseing mail for four years. When the boys came home from the war, to give the service-men work, the women helping during the war were laid off.

My blessings have been many. I enjoy the association and development I have had as I worked in the church. My testimony grew to the importance of the work of Relief Society. I have appreciated the joy music has added to my life and the truths of the Gospel taught through music. ( written 24 April 1974).

LIFE SKETCH OF MAUD MC ARTHUR STRATFORD  
7TH RELIEF SOCIETY PRESIDENT OF 31ST WARD

In Paradise, Cache County, Utah, I, Maud Mc Arthur Stratford was born to Selina O Bray and John A. Mc Arthur. We lived on a farm and I learned to work in fields, milk the cow and mow and stack hay. There were 12 in the family and I was the seventh child. We walked one mile to school and one mile home, but in winter we could go through the fields and over fences or skate home on the river. I attended South Cache High.

We moved to Ogden in 1918 and our farm was located on the ground that is now Weber State College. We belonged to the 14th Ward at 37th and Adams Ave and we walked both ways. I have worked in the church ever since I was old enough. I worked at Scowcrofts at 23rd and Wall Ave. for three years. I walked from 38th and Harrison to 36th Washington to catch the bus which took me to 23rd and Washington. From there I walked to Wall Ave.

On June 3, 1922 I married Virgil G. Stratford. We had three daughters and one son. I served in the Religion Class in the 9th Ward, Sunday School in the 14th Ward, 15 years in Primary in the 5th and 6th Wards, for 18 years as a teacher in M.I.A., and a counselor in M.I.A. in the 6th Ward, and on the M.I.A. Ogden Stake Board for two years.

Then I was called as Relief Society President of the 31st Ward in March 1957 with Lucille Singleton and Leda Malan as Counselors and Ann Mc Kensie as Secretary. We had a close relationship with the sisters. Our meetings started with beautiful prelude music by Leah Taylor. Under the direction of Bishop Wilford D. Harris we held several ward dinners. A birthday party in the garden at the 4th & 31st Ward was held. The tables were decorated with identical birthday cakes and candles. Many beautiful quilts were made under the direction of our capable quilt director, Bertha Smith.

One morning 40 sisters boarded a bus for Salt Lake City where we visited the Church Welfare Square, Brigham Young's home, Temple Square, the Relief Society Building, and had lunch at the Lion House. This was the first visit to Salt Lake City for some of the group. We had a delightful day.

Once a month three of the group were hostesses to the officers and teachers. A meeting was held and luncheon served. This broadened our relationship and brought us closer together.

Because of the change in the 31st Ward boundaries, our block was once more back in the 6th Ward. A new Relief Society Presidency was chosen and I was released August 6, 1958. I have served in the 6th Ward Relief Society as Counselor twice and was President for 5 years. I also served beginning March 1966 as Counselor in the Ogden Stake M.I.A. Board.

My love and friendship still remains with all the lovely sisters of the 31st Ward. We had a close relationship and are very good friends. I thank my Heavenly Father for blessing me and giving me the opportunity of serving in the wonderful Relief Society work.

# LIFE SKETCH OF JUNE DUNN SHURTLEFF 9TH RELIEF SOCIETY PRESIDENT OF THE 31ST WARD

On a farm in Riverheights, Cache County, Utah on June 1, 1923, I, June was born to Lester Welch and Margaret Leda Mathews Dunn. We moved to Ogden when I was very young so I went to school at Lincoln, Mount Fort and Ogden High School.

My working career was eight months at the Arsenal before on the 12th of October 1942 in the Salt Lake Temple, Warren Nelson Shurtleff and I were married. We bought our home at 2042 Quincy Ave.

I was Primary Secretary and have taught Primary many years. I had a short introduction into M.I.A. teaching. As Relief Society President I learned of the efficiency of my Counselors, Alice Waddoups and Glenna Hunt, who were always ready to help in the work. I loved and enjoyed the appreciative older sisters. They had so much spirituality to share. The organization worked with harmony. Our bazaars were successful and fun.

My one hobby is cooking and much needed to feed seven children: Richard, Carolyn, Jean, Darla, Celestia, Charles and Tim, who all enjoy getting together for a good meal and family fun. We all love and enjoy being together. Our family has been blessed with health, happiness, and enough money to pay our bills. We have been blessed with every thing money cannot buy.

In 1962 family unity was shown when we extended our home to three times the size. Many beside the family, came to our aid. Eldon Brown drew our plans and blue-prints in detail and all he would accept as pay was a freezer of home-made ice cream. Lawrence D. Anderson advised on wiring, Bishop Volney Belnap advised on building materials, Arthur Messenger advised as carpenter and then Clifford Johnson gave advice on painting. Ben Hunt and Carl Steinacker helped dig and lay water pipes. Then the family worked to help the house grow. I was supervisor and official board holder-upper as the others nailed. Warren, Jean and Carolyn shingled. Many of the good ward members stopped by to put in a few nails. Curtis Baker helped nail tar paper and fell from the top of the house to the cement basement floor. The Lord was with him. Though badly bruised, not a bone was broken. Prayers were many for Curtis during the two weeks he spent in the hospital. The prayers were heard and answered.

To Ada and Pop Eggington goes the award for neighborly love and understanding, for three months the back door was open for the Shurtleff family to share day and night the bathroom, and also for the Saturday night bath. The first convenience built was a shower and toilet, enclosed by a curtain, in the new structure.

I know our family has been blessed: the home is paid for, tithing has always been paid in full, we have never had large doctor bills (one broken foot bone) no serious illness, plenty to eat, warm clothes. We have enjoyed the blessings of a worthy father honoring the priesthood. Our blessings were many while Warren served as bishop and on the High Council. We are thankful to the 31st Ward members for their love, service and friendship.



AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF ALTA AMES GIBSON  
(10TH RELIEF SOCIETY PRESIDENT)

I was born the 12th of September 1937, the second of six children, to Ilez Edwards and Clinton "R" Ames. My first eighteen years were spent in the little town of Altonah, Utah. My father owned a dairy farm and because his first three children were daughters, we learned to milk, haul hay and drive a team of horses. We could do anything that boys our age could do.

We were a happy family. Both of our parents worked in the church. Being a small ward, many times there was no one to play the piano and by the time my eldest sister was ten she played for Sunday School and Sacrament Meeting.

After graduating from High School, I worked in Salt Lake City for five years. I lived in the Capitol Hill Ward where I received my call May 22, 1961 to serve a mission in the Western States. I labored in El Paso, Texas, Denver, Colorado, and Albuquerque, New Mexico. This was a wonderful experience and with the help of the Lord, we saw 35 people join the church. I returned to Salt Lake City, where my cousin lined up a job for me as a dentist assistant.

In July 1963, I met Charles Gibson and on the 24th of April 1964 we were married in the Salt Lake Temple. When I told my folks of my plans to marry a blind fellow they were concerned. As they became acquainted with Charles they could see his many fine qualities. For a year and one-half, we lived at 1131 21st Street, upstairs in Grandma Gibson's home.

Our first child, Steven Charles, was born March 10, 1965. As soon as Steven could walk, he would guide his father and always enjoyed being his father's helper. Marsha Jean was born before Christmas the 20th December 1967, and was just the present her brother ordered. Stanley Clinton was born August 3, 1969 and weighed in at 9 lbs. 8 oz. Lauralee arrived April 19, 1971.

My first church job in the 31st Ward was teaching Sunday School. Then much to my surprise, I was asked to be Relief Society President and sustained December 5, 1965. Elaine Yssel and Joan d'Hulst were my Counselors. This was really a choice experience. I will remember with good feelings, the kindness and love of sisters like Viola Barnes, Elizabeth Liptrot, Nellie Anderson, Elvira Mc Carrel, Leda Malan and many others. Working with Bishop David E. Tanner, who listened to problems and gave wise counsel was comforting to me. I was released November 12, 1967.

After Relief Society, I was counselor to Primary President Glenna Hunt who was an organized and spiritual person. Then as a Primary teacher, Charles and I teach a Sunday School class. I am now Primary President sustained August 15, 1976 with Lou Sobers and Ida Mudrow as Counselors.

Knowing we have a living prophet to guide us and modern scriptures to help us, and that Heavenly Father loves us and hears our prayers does help me every day. I love the gospel and testify to the truthfulness of the gospel.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF VIRGINIA PETERSON TENBRINK ANDERSON  
12TH RELIEF SOCIETY PRESIDENT



On a farm miles from the nearest neighbor in Richfield, Morgan County, Utah, I was born January 28, 1915 to George Lorenzo and Mary Jane White Peterson.

My first six years of schooling was in a one-room school house. One teacher and each different grade in a row.

Mother died when I was fourteen. I was the youngest in a family of five. My one sister died when she was 13. There was 14 years difference between my youngest brother and myself.

When father was a widower, he took me to the dances at the Woodman of the World Dance Hall on Washington Ave., in Ogden. We made many friends there. Father met his second wife there.

I lived mostly with my brothers or sister or friends from then on. I finished High School in Morgan in 1933 and graduated from Seminary there. I had been raised in an L.D.S. home but married a non-member.

I moved to Ogden and worked doing house work or tending children for 50¢ a day. In the summer I worked in the canning factory. Then for 2½ years I worked for the Union Pacific Railroad laundry.

January 15, 1938, I married Richard Tenbrink. Two girls : Alice Kay and Linda Irene were born to us. My husband died February 18, 1967. I continued working at the 7\*Up bottling then worked for Ogden City Schools on the School Lunch Program.

I recieved my Temple Endowments April 16, 1968.

I had met Lawrence Darrel Anderson while dancing at the Golden Hour Center in February 1968, and we were married December 9, 1968 in Ogden.

I was now a Visiting Teacher and a substitute in Primary and Sunday School. It was good to be in church again, as I had been inactive since my first Marriage. The people of the ward accepted me and I felt loved and wanted.

We were called on an Alaskan-Canadian Mission March 11, 1970 returning November 1, 1970. This was a wonderful, humbling experience meeting these good people. A few Eskimo and Indian were in the branch. We were sent to activate the members and help them in the branch. The Lord was wise in sending us where Lawrence's Priesthood was needed for strength to the branch. I could be friendly and show honor to the Priesthood that he held. We were Blessed and I grew spiritually. Arriving home, we were appointed magazine representatives in the ward.

I was surprised to be called as Relief Society President July 4, 1971 and felt very humble. Elaine Yssel and Joan Foster Price were my counselors and Leona Condie my faithful secretary. How grateful I was for their counsel and support. Later Carol Harrison, Virginia Bryant and Neilen Hicks served as counselors.

I am grateful for the many blessings that I have received while serving, I had good help who gave love and harmony with support. I am grateful to the Bishopric and the dear sisters of the ward for their love and support. With

the help of the Lord we were successful in increasing attendance by activating many sisters.

I know this is the true church, that God lives, that Jesus is the Christ and what ever success was accomplished was through the Spirit of the Lord and the fellowship of the wonderful members of the 31st Ward. Amen.

(written 27 February 1974)



AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF NEILEN ELNA HANSEN HICKS  
13TH RELIEF SOCIETY PRESIDENT

In Butte, Silverbow County, Montana, on the 2nd of January 1913, I, Neilen Elna Hansen Hicks was born to Pauline Gabrielsen and Neils Peter Nephi Hansen.

My parents had bought a dry farm eleven miles out of Dillon and so moved from Butte. I started school when I was five at the old Stone Creek School. My father organized a branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints there. After a few years we moved to Bozeman, Montana where dad operated a cream station for the Mutual Creamery of Butte Montana. I was baptized July 27, 1922 in the Galiten River. After several more moves, we lived in Salmon, Idaho where dad worked for a Cooperative Creamery. Another Branch of the L.D.S. Church was organized through dads efforts.

Mother and dad were both talented. Father played several instruments, including his Stradavarius Violin that was brought to the U.S. by his father, who was also a musician. Mother has sung with the Salt Lake Tabernacle Choir when she was young.

I graduated from the eighth grade at Salmon, Idaho. Then I lived with my grandmother Gabrielsen and attended Logan Junior High from the ninth grade. The depression hit and the folks moved to Logan, Utah in the 7th Ward. Here I sang in a Triple Trio, Mrs Mehr was our director. At that time the church had competition in music as well as basket ball. We won in our division and were given the privilege to go to Salt Lake City and sing over KSL Radio.

Due to the depression jobs were very scarce, so we moved to Nevada City, California, where dad worked in the Murchy Mine. Again no L.D.S. Church so we started holding Cottage Meetings and before long dad had helped to organize a branch of the church there. We met in the Odd Fellows Hall. This was where I started to direct music, with my father as teacher. I graduated from the Nevada City High School in 1933. About 1936 we moved to Browns Valley, California. I attended Martin's Beauty College and Yuba County Junior College in Marysville, California.

I married July 15, 1939, George Edwin Anderson. We had three children: Ronald Lynn born August 8, 1940 in Nevada City, California; Dale Neilen born October 31, 1941 in Honolulu, Hawaii; and Russell Dwayne born July 15, 1943 in Los Angeles, California. In May 1959 George died.

I have worked in all the auxilliary organizations of the church as teacher and chorister and as Stake Music Director in both Primary and M.I.A.

I decided that I would not date anyone who was not active in the church. As a result of fasting and praying I met William Arthur Hicks Jr. in the Investors class in the Mount Rose 3rd Ward in Reno, Nevada. We were married in the Oakland Temple for time and all eternity May 19, 1969.



My first church position in Reno was Stake Music Director then I was the 3rd President of the Reno Stake M.I.A. I was a Sunday School Music Director a Reno Stake Girls Camp Director until May 15, 1973 when we moved to Mountain Green, Utah. The 30th of May 1973, we bought property at 2155 Van Buren Ave, Ogden, Utah and remodeled the home. We enjoyed the 31st Ward. My new work as 31st Ward Relief Society Counselor then President was an enjoyable challenge. With Gayle Cox and Vellis Pincock as Counselors, we became acquainted with the women and enjoyed both sessions of Relief Society. With the release of Vellis Pincock, Elna (Melba) Probst was sustained as Counselor. I was released April 20, 1975 and am now Ward Chorister and Choir Leader.

#### HISTORY OF GAYLE WATROUSE COX 14th RELIEF SOCIETY PRESIDENT

I was born May 8th 1939 to Freida Robison and Wayne Elliot Watrouse in Salt Lake City, Utah, where I lived for eighteen years. My oldest brother left home at an early age and there were just the two of us.. I spent a good deal of time at home alone. I was very close to a cousin, who was an only child. She lived in Ogden and it was she who eventually introduced me to my husband.

I remember going to Primary and how I enjoyed it as a young girl. I always looked forward to the time I might be able to teach Primary. My mother served diligently as a Primary teacher and a member of the presidency all during my years of attendance. She later served on the Stake Board and although at the time I don't remember being very much impressed with the hours and devotion she gave to the calling, I have come to realize how much her beautiful example benefited me and I am so grateful for having had it.

We were fortunate to have some cabins in Big Cottonwood Canyon and spent many happy times together with Aunts, Uncles, Cousins and Grandparents, fishing, hiking, and enjoying the outdoors. My husband enjoyed similar experiences in his childhood and so camping and sports and the like became a family tradition.

As I moved into Junior High School my life changed somewhat. I chose to associate with friends who did not go to church and I became inactive, filling my free time with less desirable things. I was easily influenced, but being much less aggressive than most of my friends kept me out of some other wise dangerous situations.

I know that I have been blessed with a Guardian Angel who has been very zealous in her assignment, as I have been protected miraculously at times. This is indeed a testimony to me to know the concern and love Heavenly Father has for each of His children.

I attended South High in Salt Lake City and above everything else enjoyed my participation in the A Cappella Choir. I cherish the special memories I have of my Senior year and our Choir activities.

When I was seventeen, I became engaged to Robert Armond Cox and we were married July 8, 1957, shortly after graduation from High School. We moved to Ogden and lived in a lovely apartment on Patterson Street for five years. During this time we were blessed with a fine son, Robert and a petite, delightful daughter, Debbie.

In November 1962 we moved to 1184 - 22nd Street. We spent Christmas that year in our basement, as we were remodeling the rest of the house. We would welcome Charles Lunt and Volmer Miller and lead them to our basement when they began calling as our Ward Teachers.

In March 1963 our red-headed all American boy, Tim arrived. Shortly after I realized my girlhood dream as Bishop Warren N. Shurtleff called me to be a Primary teacher. This was the glorious beginning of a testimony, a re-birth into the church; a literal coming out of darkness into the light.

I was very shy and unsure of myself and will always appreciate the love & confidence shown me by my very first friend in the ward, La Rue Topance. The primary President, Marian Hines, was and continues to be a constant source of inspiration to me. With her beautiful spirituality and sweet smile, she holds a special place in my heart.

We were fortunate to be able to attend "Project Temple" classes in 1964-1965, and took our family to be sealed for time and eternity in the Logan Temple on our 8th Wedding Anniversary. We were very happy to have those people with us who were so instrumental in getting us there, the Hunts, the Shurtleffs, and the Mc Alisters- our precious next door neighbors. We appreciated all the help given us by Bishop David E. Tanner.

In September 1965, I was called to be Counselor to Margaret Sexton in the 31st Ward Primary Presidency. In July 1966 we were blessed with another lovely daughter, Annette. She became my "Primary baby" as I continued to serve for the next four years as Counselor to Glenna Hunt. Dear Glenna, my cherished friend, with whom I've served and associated with for ten years. How much she has taught me in her sweet, quiet way, always helping me to grow.

Having never had a sister of my own, it was a very special blessing to mingle lives with the Pincock family and at long last to meet my own little sister, Vellis. To share joys and sorrows, ups and downs, in a friendship that will last forever.

November 1969 brought me to another stage of progression as I was called to serve as 1st Counselor on the Ogden Stake Primary Board. For two years I served with President Loris Allen. During this time another Primary baby entered the picture- our cherub son, David.

I was called to be Ogden Stake Primary President in June 1971. I will always remember and be grateful to my Heavenly Father for the privilege and opportunity He gave me to serve in this capacity. For the growth and testimony I experienced, the brothers and sisters I associated with, the eternal friendships formed.

After my release from the Stake in 1973, Bishop L. Dwight Pincock called me to be Homemaking Counselor in the Relief Society - a new experience and a challenging one as I served for a year and one-half with President Neilen Hicks and Sister Vellis Pincock.

It's a loving Father in Heaven who views our needs and sends us those who can help and inspire us most during difficult periods in our lives. Thus I am grateful for Bobbi and Gary Suttlemyre. In April 1975, I was called by Bishop Gary Suttlemyre to be Relief Society President. Though the time spent in this position has been short, I have developed a special love for the Relief Society and for each dear sister in the 31st Ward. I have appreciated my beloved Counselors: Melba Probst, Kerry Carpenter, and Louise Bishop. We have been

blessed with inspirational experiences which have brought us very close together as a Presidency and we feel the Lord very near to us as we work to accomplish His will concerning our Relief Society.

Now as our family prepares to move from the 31st Ward and meet new challenges and experiences, I feel a part of me will always abide among you. Truly we are one great family in the Gospel, destined to receive all of the blessings and opportunities that our loving Father in Heaven has in store for us if we will be diligent in serving Him. I love all of my Brothers and Sisters in the Ward and pray that the Lord's blessings will ever be with you.

LIFE HISTORY OF GLENNA SARGENT HUNT  
15TH RELIEF SOCIETY PRESIDENT



I, Glenna Sargent Hunt, was born the 28th of April 1926 at Hoytsville, Summit County, Utah, the seventh child of Betsy Bell and Joseph Andrew Sargent; a family of eight children. My parents owned a farm and we learned the value of work. We had a large garden and animals. There was seldom need for trips to a store for groceries. My father was a pleasant person and slow to anger. In fact he was known by fellow Summit Stake High Council members as the "peace maker" and was often sent to wards who were having trouble with some of the members, to try to make peace.

The two celebrations I remember were the 4th of July at Coleville ( we saved our money earned weeding long rows of garden at 2¢ a row to buy a hamburger) and the Threshing time (Mr. Pates and seven men came from Sandy and we served meals). It was like a big party. Our garage was their bunk house and we had a large number of girl friends the three weeks they were there. We liked to play in the grain bare footed.

Every season brings memories. Winter time blocks of ice two feet square was cut and packed in sawdust in our log "ice house" with no windows. The ice kept all summer, and kept our milk and butter cold. Mother made butter to trade for needed shoes and groceries. In the summer while we kept the cows confined in a certain area, we hunted for duck eggs on the ditch banks. We put them under the hens to hatch. The swimming hole was our skating pond in the winter. We liked to ski and horse-back ride. In the winter we banked our fires so that they would not go out and heated bricks in the oven to put in our beds at night for warmth.

When I was 14, father installed a furnace. There was a bath with hot and cold water added and we acquired by the time I went to high school, a refrigerator. Our house was more modern and comfortable.

I lived in Hoytsville until I married. I had 3 girls and 6 boys in my elementary school with three rooms and two classes to a room. When we reached 7th grade, we went to North Summit High at Coleville. When there was too much snow for the bus to get through, we all went by bob-sleigh pulled by a team of horses. We covered ourself with blankets and hay but our hands and head and feet would be numb with the cold. At High School I was active in sports, speech and drama. I had parts in plays at school and church, but my real interest was giving humorous readings. I graduated from North Summit High School in 1944.



Upon graduating I worked for Doctor Frank J. Rees as a Dental Assistant at his office in Coalville. I worked there for two years until I was married.

I was baptized on June 30, 1934 in the Weber River under the upper bridge in Hoytsville. My first church position in the ward was as Sunday School teacher.

I met my husband through my brother-in-law Don Calderwood. They were friends in the army. On June 4, 1946 I was married to Benjamin Verno Hunt in the Salt Lake Temple by Charles R. Jones, and a reception was held the next day at Aunt Lizzy Brown's house in Hoytsville.

We lived in Green River and then in Roy, Utah for six years. We lived at Arsenal Villa rented only to veterans. The Arsenal Villa Branch later became part of the Roy Third Ward. While there I was Primary teacher, Relief Society Secretary and later 1st Counselor in the Relief Society. We held church on Sunday but Relief Society and Primary was held in our homes. At Relief Society often there were eight women and 15 children. After several years, the church rented a vacant apartment to hold meetings in. Our three daughters: Louise, Joyce, and Martha were born while we lived there.

I was called as teacher for the Deaf and Blind Primary and set apart in October 1955, serving eight years. This was a humbling experience and I feel it made me a better mother for my deaf child. Many days I would feel that it was only through the help of the Lord that I was able to help these children understand the Gospel. While serving there I was called by the General Authorities through the Primary General Board Member to correspond with a sister in Arizona and give her help in teaching the gospel to Primary age deaf children in her area.

On Armistice Day 1957, Dean Benjamin was born. On April 28, 1959, Mark S. was born with a hare lip and a cleft palate and had surgery when he was six days old. This began a series of many operations to correct what nature had not done. We were thankful for Dr. Dean Tanner, his interest and his ability as the operations were successful and there was no problems with his speech.

During the time I taught in the Deaf Primary, I also taught a Bee Hive class in the 31st Ward ( we moved there in July 1953), and was released after serving five years. I was sustained Counselor to President June Shurtleff in the Relief Society on the 16 June 1963 and was released December 5, 1965. I became Primary President of the 31st Ward the 6th of February 1966 with 125 children enrolled. During the six years my counselors were: Mary England, Gayle Cox, Donna Jensen, Lou Sobers and Alta Gibson. We had a good Primary and good attendance. Procedures and responsibilities were changed, Cub Scouts introduced the new Webelos Den, names and lessons for all the classes were changed, the annual food drive for the Primary Childrens Hospital was discontinued, the magazine name was changed to "FRIEND" and the responsibility of securing subscriptions was taken from the Primary. I enjoyed this calling and reluctantly asked for a release April 11, 1971, to spend more time at home because my husband was called to the Bishopric. Immediately I was sustained as Sunday School teacher. This was a real challenge, 18 youth ages 13 and 14. I prayed and studied to answer their questions. I also accepted a calling as Primary Counselor to La Rue Toponce the 20th of February 1972-released October 13, 1974. Then I became a teacher in the Relief Society, then Secretary in April 1975. My calling as Relief Society President came the 30th of November 1975.

We are proud of our family. They are all active in church and the three girls were all married in the Temple. The boys are serving in the Priesthood offices. They are both Eagle Scouts and have earned their Duty To God Award. I enjoyed being a Den Mother while they were Cub Scouts. Two Lamanite children: Iva Mae Dale and Thomas P. Penally joined our family for awhile. They built our testimony of the truthfulness of the Book of Mormon, their customs and culture of their people so like the beliefs of the Lamanite people of old, could leave no doubt about the truthfulness of the Book of Mormon scriptures.

We were privileged as a family to attend the ground breaking and dedication of the Ogden Temple. This was a solemn occasion and the spirit of the Lord was felt as we attended there. We feel blessed to have a Temple a few blocks from our home.

My mother lived with us after suffering a stroke. She was here five years until her death February 5, 1970. Mother was a wonderful seamstress and she taught me to sew. I sew now professionally in my home and help supplement our income.

I pray that the Lord will bless me and always stay near to guide me through out my life so that the future may be good.

#### AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF ELNA (MELBA) DUKE PROBST RELIEF SOCIETY COUNSELOR

In Heber City, Utah, I, Elna (Melba) Duke Probst was born to Adolphia Young Duke and Emma Nilsson. My three sisters and my brother and I were raised in a very religious home. My grandfather Duke was a patriarch and had a great influence on my life. Father worked in the hardware department of a mercantile store. Mother was a suit and dress-maker and <sup>sewed</sup> most of the wedding and burial clothes for the county. Dad had little school learning but was self-taught and every night we had spelling bees or story reading. Mother taught me to sew, knit and crochet.

After completing High School in Heber City, I went to the University of Utah in Salt Lake City for one year and one year to the B.Y.U. in Provo. After receiving my teachers certificate, I returned to teach in Heber City for one year and in Midway for four years in the fourth grade. In Midway I met Vernon Huber Probst and we became good friends. On November 10, 1930 we were married in the Salt Lake Temple for time and all eternity. The depression was felt and the decision was made that married women would not teach school. While living in Midway we were blessed with three children.

Before marriage I had taught Jr. Sunday School, Primary, Bee Hive in M.I.A. in the ward and stake and was Secretary in the Sunday School. In Midway I was the organist for the Relief Society, President of the Primary, and Historian for the Midway Daughters of the Pioneers.

When Vernon was transferred by the Utah Power and Light Co. to Ogden, Utah, we lived in the 5th Ward where I was Primary President and in Jr. Sunday school. Then we moved to the 31st Ward in September 1950. From January 24, 1951 to August 9, 1953 as Primary President, I enjoyed the association with the 31st Ward Primary workers. We had so many fun times. I was released when I went to work at the Navy Supply Depot. When we moved to Riverdale, Utah, I was inservice leader for Primary, Era Representative, Stake Laurel Leader then Vernon and I served a two-year Stake Mission. I have enjoyed singing in a choir in every ward in which I have lived.

Eight years later in December 1961, we moved back in our home in the 31st Ward. Floyd Poulsen asked me to teach on the Ogden Stake Sunday School Board. I quit work in April 1968 because Vernon had a heart attack. While organist in the 31st Ward Relief Society 1968 to Sept 1972, I enjoyed singing with the Ogden Stake Singing Mothers and learned much from our director Neva Simonsen. As Spiritual Living Teacher (Sept. 1972) I learned much about the Gospel. On March 9, 1975, I was sustained Counselor in the Relief Society and served under Pres. Neilen E. Hicks, Gayle Cox, and Glenna Hunt. I was released August 15, 1976 and am teaching in Relief Society now.

Benefit from prayer and administration by the Priesthood has been manifest in our family. When I started to walk at nine months, I fell down 13 steps but through prayer I recovered. My bad tonsils were causing kidney trouble when I was ten years old. The Doctor decided I could not wait for my recovery before operating. The dining room table was spread with clean sheets. Grandfather Duke gave me my Patriarchal Blessing and promised me that I would live, so I had no fear of the operation.

As I had each child the Doctor warned me not to have another child because of kidney trouble, but I had three children and have better health now. We visited my sister, everyone became ill and were administered to. We became ill again and discovered the pipe to the gas stove was loose, we were being gassed. Our prayers were answered and we all recovered. Administered to before my goiter and before my eye operations brought peace and successful recovery.

Another blessing has been having wonderful school and church teachers. I have enjoyed the privilege of teaching. I am grateful for a happy childhood and a happy married life.

#### AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF LOUISE STIRDIVANT BISHOP RELIEF SOCIETY COUNSELOR

I was born July 4, 1951 in Ogden, Utah. So you see I started off with a bang. My parents are Norma Drysdale and Melvin C. Stirdivant Jr. I am the oldest of eight children.

My mother is a registered nurse and was and still is a constant inspiration to me; always there when I needed a mother's word. My five sisters and two brothers are special in their own individual ways and have always made life special as we learned that a big family has something that can't be matched. We grow from knowing each other. We still get together often for family fun.

My grandparents, Mr and Mrs Joseph Drysdale, are special people to me. They have always been so loving and helpful. They both possess such a bright light of inspiration to me.

I was reared and educated in the Ogden and Roy areas. While in Elementary and Jr High School, I was active in Ray Minton's Drum and Bugle Corp as a head majorette. This was exciting as it included participating in all the parades and rodeos here in Ogden. I was involved in 4-H clubs for three years, which was enjoyable. I also took piano lessons during this time and participated in recitals and accompanied my brother in his recitals with his trumpet. I enjoy playing for pleasure now.



I always loved Primary and M.I.A. where I achieved the awards possible during those years. It was during this time in Primary that my testimony had its ground-work laid. I had just received some blue wings to wear after achieving various requirements prior to baptism. I would not take them off but insisted on playing and sleeping with them on. One day while playing with friends, I noticed that my wings were gone. I was so upset, but I remembered my Primary teacher telling us how the Lord could help us if we prayed to him sincerely. Well, I thought- this is it- I prayed with all my heart that I might find my wings. The next morning, bright and early I awoke and went outside. The thing I will never forget is how I walked directly to a clump of bushes, spread them apart and looked down to see the wings lying on the ground. For a child of eight years this was a great experience that was never to be forgotten. From this experience my testimony grew.

I always loved participating in the roadshows which were fun for all involved. Teaching Primary and Jr. Sunday School was an experience I'll always cherish.

I attended Ogden High School where I was active in the creative writing club, the Pep Club and was a member of the Acappella Choir. The games while in the Pep Club and the tours we took while in the choir made my time in High School fun and exciting. I graduated from Ogden High School and from Ogden LDS Seminary with a four year certificate.

After High School I went to work in a bank as a secretary. At this time I met my future husband, Robert Lee Bishop Jr. He had just returned from a mission in Italy. I knew from the time I met him that there was something special and unique about him. We had such a lot in common and he had such a sweet spirit. We were married June 5, 1970 in the Salt Lake Temple. A special friend of ours, former Ogden Stake President and presently Congressman Gunn Mc Kay witnessed our ceremony.

Our first home was in the 13th Ward where we served in the M.I.A. together. Lee was Counselor in the Y.M.M.I.A. and I was Secretary of the YWMA.

Lee attended Weber College where he also worked and he was able to finish his schooling. Upon graduation in June 1974, I was as proud as he was. He wanted to be a teacher so much. A mission and the service extended his school years. We were ecstatic upon his graduation and his offer at Morgan High School where he now teaches English and Journalism.

On November 21, 1971 our oldest son, Robert Shayne, was born, weighing in at 9 lbs. 5 oz. Soon after this we moved into the 31st Ward. On November 23, 1973 our second son, Jeremy Lynn, weighed 9 lbs. 7 oz. To add to the future football players of America on September 9, 1976 Christopher Lee weighed in at 9 lbs 2 oz. Each time before I went to the hospital my husband gave me a blessing that all would go well. The ease and tranquil feeling that followed was wonderful. Our sons bring us much joy and are a constant challenge and a blessing to our home.

I am thankful for all that the Lord has given me. An eternal marriage to a wonderful man who is thoughtful, helpful and special as he was the day we met. He is always there when needed and increases my testimony with his. For our three healthy boys and the life we have together as a family.

I know our God is loving and understands each of us and our needs. He is there as a constant companion if we will but let him help us. By living righteously we can stay in tune with His guiding and inspiring Spirit. I'm so thankful for my testimony and so grateful to belong to His great church. I say this in the name of Jesus Christ, A

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF ALVILDA NIELSEN STARR  
SECRETARY OF RELIEF SOCIETY

I was born the 10th of November 1908 to Minnie Jacobsen and Andrew Peter Nielsen. I was the fifth of seven children. I was born in Cleveland, Utah and lived there until we moved to Burley, Idaho in 1918. We lived there one year. During that time I remember the Armistice was signed, ending the First World War.

We moved to Buhl, Idaho in 1919 and lived there five years. My father was a farmer and had a good eighty acres. My youth was spent thinning beets, weeding a garden, and picking fruit at home. We were kept busy.

My father went on a mission to Denmark when I was six months old and served 27 months. He and mother always enjoyed working in the church. We moved back to Ogden in 1923; they did not want we children to marry out of the church and thought living in a LDS neighborhood would help.

I graduated from Ogden High School in 1927 and then went to Business College for a time. I worked in the office of J. & W. Auto Service until I married in April 1930, Vane Irving Starr. He was a fireman on the Southern Pacific Railroad and was later promoted to Engineer. He worked for the S.P. Railroad for 44 years before he retired.

The depression had started when we were married so we moved to Los Angeles for a few years until business got better on the railroad.

Our son, Donald I. Starr was born February 4, 1931 and Bonnie on August 30, 1934, while we lived in Los Angeles, California. We came back to Ogden in 1937 and in 1939 bought a home at 3058 Jefferson Ave. where we lived for ten years. Then we lived ten years in a home we bought at 2827 Van Buren Ave. By that time our children were married and it was such a large house that we traded it for an apartment house and bought this house at 974-21st Street. My husband put aluminum siding on it and greatly improved the interior and built an upstairs too.

Our daughter is a registered nurse and works as a surgical nurse in the Mc Kay Hospital. She has had to work for years so I have helped with the children.

Our son and his family live in Los Vegas, Nevada. He had a masters degree in Business Administration and also a CDP (Certified Data Processing expert). He and his family are all active in the church and his son is on a mission to the Philippines. He will be coming home the end of next month.

For years after I married I did not attend church as my husband was not a member. But I always sent my children to Primary and Sunday School and Church. They were both married in the temple.

My first position in the church was Primary Secretary. I am now the Secretary of the Relief Society.

I recieved my endowments a few years ago after my husbands death and had us sealed together August 8, 1974.

I think I am going to enjoy being Secretary of the Relief Society and will enjoy getting better acquainted with our many members of the ward.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF VELLIS BUCK PINCOCK  
RELIEF SOCIETY COUNSELOR

I was born on November 25, 1944, in the Dee Memorial Hospital to J. Harold and Helen Zbinden Buck, in Ogden, Utah. I lived in Taylor, Utah all my young life, in a large two story house. Our farm was named "Concord Dairy". My father had Holstein Dairy cattle. I enjoyed the farm very much. Some of my fondest memories are going barefoot on a rainy day in the sand, and eating ripe tomatoes out in the field with a salt shaker in my hand.

When I was seven years old my father went on his second mission to California, leaving my mother and oldest brother in charge of the large farm. I learned early in life the responsibility of work. My sisters and I took over the household chores. At the time I had four sisters and three brothers, after father returned from his mission, another girl was born. We always had work to do. And although it seemed hard at times, we learned to work, to share, to love and to help each other, and to love and appreciate the Lord for His goodness to us.

When we were young Daddy would have us together for Family Night and he would teach us the gospel. As we had dinner each Sunday, we would share with the others our Sunday School lessons. Daddy was strict, yet he was loving and kind, and taught us the gospel in a way that we were always active and have strong testimonies that this is the true plan of God. My father held the Priesthood in our home and when he was away the eldest brother would take over in his place. We were taught to be obedient to those holding the Priesthood. I have always loved and respected my father because he honors his Priesthood and has taught me right from wrong. Mother was always busy with a church position and worked very hard. She taught me if you are going to do it, do it right.

In May 1963 I graduated from Weber High School and Seminary. In July I has the opportunity to live and work in Washington D.C.. I spent two wonderful years in that beautiful city and gained much joy and satisfaction in serving in the Washington Ward. While there I held several church positions and this responsibility taught me a lot. My testimony grew and was strengthened a great deal during this time.

On October 22, 1965, Lorin Dwight Pincock and I recieved the blessing of an eternal marriage in the Logan Temple. I have felt that the Lord was very good and has watched over me and protected me in order that I might find this special person and receive the blessings of a happy marriage. We have been blessed with children: born in 1967, 1969 and 1970. Then twin daughters born in 1972 and another daughter in 1975. We are enjoying five lovely girls.

In March 1966 I was called to serve in the Ogden Stake M.I.A. as Activity Counselor. In 1967 I was released from the Stake and went into the Ogden 31st Ward as Activity Counselor in Y. W. M. I. A. How I loved and enjoyed the beautiful young people. I will always treasure this memory. I have been the Patriarch's Secretary, since 1971. I have also taught in Sunday School and M.I.A.. I was sustained as Counselor to Relief Society President Neilen E. Hicks on the 9th of December 1973 and served until March 2, 1975. This was a choice and enjoyable experience working with the lovely sisters of the ward.

In January 1971, Dwight was called as Bishop of the 31st Ward and it has been my position to be his wife, help-meet, and susport him in anyway that he required. I have prayed for extra strength and understanding that I might fill this great responsibility as the Lord expects me to. Sometimes it was hard to see him hurt or disturbed about a problem, and know that I could not help. But the Lord has been good to us and we have been greatly blessed. Our home and



family has always been blessed and protected while Dwight was away carrying out his responsibilities. I am very proud and respect Dwight for his strong desire to serve the Lord. He is always diligent and works very hard to obey the Lord and keep His commandments. On March 9, 1975, Dwight was released as Bishop. We dearly love the people of the 31st Ward and have enjoyed living in the Ogden 31st Ward.

(P.S. The Pincock family have moved from the ward. We loved them for their example of obedience to the commandments of the Lord and the service they rendered to us as a ward.)

BIOGRAPHY OF LEDA B. WILSON MALAN  
(RELIEF SOCIETY COUNSELOR & WORK DIRECTOR)



While living in Ogden, Utah Fourth Ward, on July 23, 1906, Lucy Brown and Arthur E. Wilson became parents. They named her Leda "B" Wilson. Grandmother Brown lived with the family and was an influence on Leda. Theirs was a religious family. She was taught to work in the home, garden and care for the chickens. Her schooling was in the Dee, Madison, Central Jr. and Ogden High School.

When Leda was eleven, her teacher, Sister Colt took her class to the Logan Temple for baptisms for the dead. There was a wait in the chapel and Leda was asked to play the organ which was a great thrill. Then she was baptized for 75 people because two of the girls took sick at the last minute. At age twelve she was Primary Organist. Later she taught Religion Class, and Jr. Sunday School.

She worked for the W.P.A. on power sewing machines making coats and jackets. She worked at Woolworths and at the Palice Confectionary as a waitress and dipping chocolates.

In 1924 she was married to Lee Thomas and they had a son named Keith. They separated in 1925. Leda and Alex August Malan were married December 8, 1928. They have four children: Anita-1929; David 1931; Jeanette 1932; and Virginia 1934. Alex and Leda received their endowments and were sealed in the temple in January 1963.

Every organization in the church has benefited by her service as organist, Secretary and teacher. She has been a Visiting Teacher for the Relief Society for 40 years, was a Counselor with Iris Raat in 1956 and with Maude Stratford in 1957 and 1958, and has been a Home Making Leader for 16 years. In the old 4th Ward on Madison Ave, she pumped the old organ. She sang in the Ogden Tabernacle Choir, and the Singing Mothers since 1942. As Coordinator of Junior Sunday School, she served from 26 May 1968 to 3 December 1972. Wednesday was the day she took a car load to the Ogden Temple, and as an assistant to High Priests Group Leader, she may call you for your report on your temple attendance. The News-N-Notes has benefited by her reporting and proof reading. She was sustained the 19 May 1974 as the Special Interest Group representative to the Ogden Stake.

She gave her testimony: "I know that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is true and that God lives and Jesus Christ is His Son who gave His own life on the cross for our redemption. We have a true living Prophet today. If we obey the commandments and live worthy we will return to our Father in Heaven."

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF ELAINE HULSE YSSEL  
RELIEF SOCIETY COUNSELOR FOR 10 YEARS



In Murry, Utah on April 19, 1909, I, Elaine Hulse was born to Jesse and Lilly May Park Hulse. When I was three we moved to Delta, Utah to farm. I was six when I started school at Sutherland, next year in Delta. We lived on the farm for six years. On June 30, 1917 I was baptized by George D. Shipley in a canal. Father confirmed me the following Sunday. As mother's health was failing and farm life too much for her, Dad moved the family back to Murray, Utah. Here I attended Edison and Lincoln grade school. I shall always remember two wonderful Bee Hive teachers that I had in M.I.A. there.

Mother was ill the fall of 1923 and died the 23 of October 1923. It was a big responsibility for me, I was only fourteen, but the oldest. I tried to help Dad with my three brothers. Aunt Martha, mother's sister, assisted me. I would take my 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  year old brother to stay at Aunt Martha's home while I was in school. As Dad did not want to cope with the difficulties of another winter without a mother in the home, he and Aunt Martha were married November 14, 1924. I graduated from Granite High school in 1929 and from Seminary also. I started Beauty School in 1930.

I recieved my endowments June 3, 1931 and a Patriarchal Blessing from the Patriarch of the church, Hyrum G. Smith. The 25th of June 1931, I was called on a Spanish-American Mission, which was a wonderful experience. At times, learning the Spanish language was discouraging. I was released June 25, 1933 and have fond memories of the Mexican brothers and sisters.

Returning home I started working in a few beauty shops. In 1935 I operated the South High Beauty Shop. I was married to Eric Jorgensen the 25 June 1937 by Bishop A.M. Cornwall at the family home. In 1939 I was called to serve a Cottonwood Stake Mission, while living in Murray, Utah. We moved to Ogden the summer of 1941. I taught the Literature Lesson in the Terrace Ward Relief Society, where we were living. In December 1944, Eric and I seperated. I obtained a divorce April 3, 1945.

In the fall of 1947, I met Martin Yssel. We were married at father's home by Bishop M. Elmer Christensen on Sept. 27, 1948. The fall of 1949 I started teaching the Theology Lessons in the 18th Ward Relief Society of South Ogden Stake. In September 1951 we moved to our present home at 856- 21st Street in the 31st Ward.

On the 7 April 1952, I taught an M.I.A. class. The 21st of June 1953 I was sustained a M.I.A. Counselor to Pres. Verna Morley, serving until May 30, 1954. Then teaching the Social Science Lessons, we learned about our great country and the Constitution. I was called in the Spring of 1955 on a Minority Mission to be Relief Society President of the Mexican Branch in Weber Stake. This was a great challange as I had to speak Spanish. All lesons were given in Spanish. We had wonderful meetings. I was released January 9, 1958. Then as Counselor to Pres. Ella Anderson (6 August to 10 April 1960) with Hulda Rippon also a Counselor in the 31st Ward. We worked diligently as leaders. I worked a short time in the Genealogy organization. Then Relief Society Counselor from 5 December 1965, with Alta Gibson, Lavell H. Johnson and Virginia Anderson as Presidents-- finally released December 2, 1973. Since I have taught in Relief Society.

On April 13, 1964 Martin and I went to the Salt Lake Temple. Martin recieved his indowments and we were sealed for time and all eternity as husband and wife, a thrilling experience. I had desired this blessing for a long time. The Bishopric and the Elder's President were there with us rejoicing with us in this great event. Aunt Martha and I were there and so happy that this

sealing was being done.

I am happy to be a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. The teachings from my parents and the church organizations have made me aware of the great part the church has in helping us on the path to salvation in the Celestial Kingdom. I appreciate the priviledge of church participation.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF IDA ELIZABETH ZAPICK MUDROW  
RELIEF SOCIETY SECRETARY



I, Ida Elizabeth Zapick Mudrow, was born 29 November 1909 in Kreuz, a.d. Ostbahn, Germany (now Poland), to Marie Louise Grams and Emil Otto Zapick.

Mother had visited many churches searching for the truth. The L.D.S. missionaries came to Kreuz. They gave her a Book of Mormon to compare with the Bible which she knew so well. She found the truth she had been looking for. The missionaries were impressed at how quickly she received a testimony of the truth. They explained the Word of Wisdom. Father said that he was already a Mormon as he did not drink, smoke or partake of tea or coffee. Tithing father did not understand. Mother, a sister, a brother and I were baptized April 18, 1923 in a lake. Father was baptized later in Chemnitz, Sachsen, East Germany, where he was transfered to work on the railroad.

I had wonderful parents who lived the gospel. When I was a little girl I went to Sunday School at the Lutheran Church. I was baptized a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints when I was thirteen. I was organist in the church in Kreuz. I attended elementary school until I was fourteen, then because mother was ill I stayed home to care for her and to keep house and cook. Later, I went to Berlin to work in a lady's home as cook and cared for her children. Mother had died March 7, 1937.

Walter F. Mudrow and I were married 25 September 1937 in Kreuz. I missed mother but my mother-in-law had a lovely wedding provided. We moved to Stolp Z/pom. where Walter was working as bookkeeper. Juergen and Monicka were born in Stolp. We lived there seven years. We were the only L.D.S. there but attended church as often as possible when we visited in Kreuz.

The dreadful war had come. In January 1945, Walter was sent to West Germany before the Russian soldiers came. The children and I stayed in Stolp until 7 March 1945 when all women and children were ordered to leave, as the city was being bombed and fired on. For three months the exodus to the west had been going on. From the window I could see the people walking, not knowing where to go in the cold and snow. I did not want to leave home; a voice seemed to tell me to stay home. Mrs. Goldamer urged me to come with her. Without praying I went. A few blocks from home, again the voice said "stay home" and I could not move for a few minutes. Three times this happened. I told Mrs. Goldamer I had a feeling I should stay. She said, "Oh you and your feelings! Come on. The Russians are coming." I listened to her and when I went into the train the voice was gone. I should have listened to the promptings. I learned that the same day I left a soldier had come asking a neighbor about me. As a family of Army personal, he was to take us where we would be cared for.

Our lives were a nightmare. We lived in covered wagons, a warehouse with straw to sit and sleep on. We had few clothes and had brought some food. Our town of Stolp was burning. The Russian soldiers came in tanks and drove them through the crowds of people. They told us they would not hurt the women and children; that was German propaganda. As we prayed for protection, we



learned that they did not tell the truth. Mothers sobbed and pleaded as the soldiers tore the girls from their mothers and took them away. I had a knife and decided I would kill myself before I would be defiled by these Russian soldiers. Two soldiers came to take me. They held a gun on me, but I refused to go. Juergen on his knees pleaded for my life, but he was just seven. I prayed and my prayers were answered. Two Russian officers came. One guarded the women throughout the night, the other took the two soldiers that threatened me away. After five months, we went to a forest ranger's house. I had not had proper food and became sick with Cholera and was very ill. In another town I was given a small room and the children were with me. It was cold and we were always hungry. Then we walked the forty miles back to Stolp. In 1945, at the end of the war, the Polish people had Stolp and we were transported in box cars to West Germany.

We went to Berlin. Father, my step-mother and my aunt were there. We stayed three weeks but had to move on as there was no food. Walter wrote to my aunt and I learned he was alive. We were all together again. In Leubeck Walter was with his uncle, but I could work for a lady and have a small room with bunk beds for our own. It was cold with only a wood burning stove, but we were together. We had the church again. We stayed five years and I taught Sunday School and was 2nd Counselor in the Relief Society. Without the gospel we could not have existed these five years. But we were able to overcome difficulties.

After five years, we moved to Offenbach. We then had two rooms from a member of the church at Offenbach a Main, about four miles from Frankfurt, Germany. We had the church and better food and clothes were sent to us by church welfare. This all helped us to overcome. Walter was now Branch President of Offenbach in Frankfurt District and I was District Relief Society President. We had moved here February 1, 1951.

We had registered to come to Ogden, Utah but waited nine years. Because we had relatives in Ogden and Oswell Jackson of Jackson Sheet Metal Co. was our sponser, we were able to come in October 1954. We were not always treated kindly. The language was hard for me but with relatives we adjusted easily. We lived in the 1st Ward and after three months I was sustained Visiting Teacher. On March 25, 1955 we received our endowments and were sealed as husband and wife for time and all Eternity.

We moved into the 31st Ward December 15, 1956. Olive Crabtree was the first person to welcome us into the ward. We were called on an Ogden Stake Mission August 7, 1957, serving until 26 August 1959. I was sustained as the Relief Society Secretary April 28, 1974 and released October 13, 1974. I am a Relief Society Visiting Teacher and was sustained the 15 August 1976 as Counselor to Primary President Alta Gibson and Lou Sobers is the other Counselor.

I know that my prayers are answered if we try to keep His commandments. Our Father in Heaven helped me through tests that came. I am thankful for the Gospel of Jesus Christ and know that it is truth. The Lord sent Joseph Smith to restore the gospel for us to live by.

#### TRUST IN THE LORD

(Original poem by Ida Mudrow)

Dear Father in Heaven above  
With all Thy patience and love  
Help me to live the Gospel every day  
In my doings and what I say.  
Not to look, what other people do,  
But always think about you.  
To have faith and a lot of love  
And ask for help from Thee above.

Let me be a shining light  
Every day and the darkest night  
To have a testimony strong enough  
When life is full of sorrow and tough.  
Listen to the Holy Spirit's voice  
To always make the right choice.  
Be always my closest friend  
From today and to the end.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF HATTIE E. ROUECHE JONES  
RELIEF SOCIETY COUNSELOR



I, Hattie E. Roueche Jones, was born April 30, 1896 in Kaysville, Utah to William H. and Racheal Webb Roueche in a two story adobe house owned by my Grandfather Thomas F. Roueche. He moved and sold this house to father. President John Taylor lived with my Grandfather during polygamy times, and he died there in the room in which I was born. I was the second child in a family of two girls and four boys. I had a good father and mother.

I spent most of my younger life working on the farm, doing a mans work. After mowing hay, raking and stacking the hay, I would milk six cows. That was one days work. The milk in ten gallon cans was placed in the tank of cold water to keep cool. I lifted these heavy cans out onto the rack on the wagon. This heavy work is probably the cause of my poor health now.

I attended the Luke Breeze one-room school through the fifth grade then the Kaysville City School through the eighth grade. I attended church regularly also Religion Class held once a week after school.

On October 1, 1919, Robert W. Jones and I were married in the Salt Lake Temple. Our lovely daughters, Reva and Leora brightened our life then and have provided us with eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

We lived in Kaysville and Layton for several years, while there I was active in Relief Society work and served as a Visiting Teacher. We made many trips to the Salt Lake City L.D.S. Genealogy Library doing research and to the temple doing endowments.

We moved to Ogden, Utah August 13, 1936, soon I was put in as a Visiting Teacher with Lena Hansen and in the 31st Ward with Viola Young. I am still active in this work. I was chosen October 26, 1952 as Counselor to Relief Society President Arvilla Arrowsmith. When she was called to the Ogden Stake Relief Society Board, I was sustained as Counselor to Mary Perkins and released April 22, 1956.

I have the desire to do temple work by my health will not permit me to do so. I am doing Genealogical research.

When Robert was a Stake Missionary but no pardner could go with him, I went with him. Through research and Temple work, I have gained a strong testimony of the truthfulness of the Gospel. Through my many illnesses the prayers of faith when administered to by the Priesthood has further added strength to build my testimony. Many times I have seen the power of the Priesthood manifested in our home.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF HULDA BROWN RIPPON  
RELIEF SOCIETY COUNSELOR



One stormy day, March 24, 1903, in a small town of Hoytsville, Summit County, Utah, I, Hulda Brown Rippon was born on a beautiful farm to wonderful parents: William James and Mary Ella Birch Brown. There were seven girls and three boys. We were a happy family; lots of hard work but very close companionship. Father said that he was wealthy not with worldly wealth but with the blessings of the Lord. I would rather have the spiritual blessings than money. I was baptized July 2, 1911 by my uncle.

When I was nine, I was very sick with tonsillitis. In our large family a doctor came to bring a baby. Bishop William Sargent, whom I had much faith in, administered to me. He promised me that I would have no more of those sick spells. I have had no sore throats since. Many times father was called from the fields to administer to me when I was sick.

Our school days were happy ones. The school was just two blocks from home I helped my parents do the janitorial work at the school house for years. We never could take our lunch. I would have to turn a hand-washing machine during lunch hour, while I held a sandwich in the other hand. I had lots of friends, but most of our play was at night after farm work was done.

I worked on the farm with father. I was awakened at four o'clock to hay or shock grain. I also milked the cows. I disliked weeding the garden, picking up potatoes, feeding the pigs and cleaning the chicken coop. I also helped in the house but never did sew. I learned to quilt and embroider.

We always had company for dinner; father was a very hospitable man. I think he asked every one he met to dinner, even boys from the street. He was a member of the Bishopric for over 20 years, and ran the church dances for many years. So I went to dances very young. I think of the wonderful faith mother had, home at night tending sick babies and all the children. I was taught to keep the Sabbath day holy; we always prepared and cooked on Saturday for Sunday. We saw that our clothes were clean and pressed. We loved music and had an organ and later a player piano. Here we enjoyed many wonderful home evenings.

I was taught to do everything that I was asked to do in church, to further the Lord's work. I taught in Sunday School, Religion Class and was sustained President of the Y.W.M.I.A. in October 1923 to 1926. These years were happy ones, spending so much time serving the Lord. I enjoyed taking part in two plays.

I walked three miles each way to Coalville High School, after doing my farm chores before leaving. At Ray Canning Factory I worked two years to earn my way to High School, but started a year late. I wrote two prize-winning stories. I finished high school in three years. After I graduated I stayed home to care for my mother who was in poor health.

It was at school that I met Elmer Jones Rippon. We were married seven years later in the Salt Lake Temple, 18 June 1925, by Apostle George F. Richards. Three little spirits from our Heavenly Father came to bless our home with joy and happiness; Dorothy Jean -1926, Elmer Fay-1930, and Clifton Brown-1934. We had our sickness and trials, these came to strengthen our faith in our Heavenly Father. Clifton had three serious operations between ages three and six. Dr. French (not L.D.S.) who was like a father to the Rippon family, said Clifton could not live. When he recovered, Dr. French said that he had seen many miracles while being a doctor in L.D.S. homes.

We lived in Hoytsville, Coalville and moved to 39th Street in Ogden, Utah in October 1941. In the 14th Ward, South Ogden Stake, I taught Sunday School 5½ years and gave the Teachers Topic two years in the Grandview Acres Relief Society. In 1946 we moved to 2034 Laine Ave. We were in the 31st Ward with all ten Bishops and have loved them all. I have worked in the church since I was sixteen years old; taught Primary and Sunday School many years in all wards we have lived in. I have been a Visiting Teacher for over 40 years. I was set apart as Counselor to Relief Society President Donna Winger, 5 May 1956 by Bishop Wilford D. Harris. Six months later when she moved from the 31st Ward, I was Counselor to Ella K. Anderson being released June 16, 1963. I taught the Visiting Teachers Message when Lavell H. Johnson was President.



I have enjoyed temple work. Elmer and I spent our last vacation going to St. George and Manti Temples. I am so happy that we have our temple in Ogden. I have had many faith promoting incidents. The Lord has been good to me. I pray that I may be worthy always to enjoy His blessings and His sweet spirit. May I live to fulfill my Patriarchal Blessing. I had the privilege of bearing my testimony in the St. George and the Cardston Temples.



AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF VERA PICKFORD WEST  
RELIEF SOCIETY THEOLOGY TEACHER

In North Ogden the 17th of August 1896, I, Vera Pickford West was born to Emma Doul and Edwin James Pickford. We lived on a six acre farm, raising fruit and vegetables. We had chickens and horses.

I attended the North Ogden Schools, graduated from the eighth grade. There was a fruit packing co. (Scott Campbell's Shipping Inc.) where I worked every summer. I also worked at Shupe Williams Candy Co. on 26th and Wall Ave. and the Bell Telephone Co. and the American Can Co.

On June 15, 1919, Charles E. West and I went to Salt Lake City to be married. At the Salt Lake County Court House we were married by Brigham S. Young. We have two children: Dr. Charles Donald West and Vera Arlene West Ellis. Both are active church workers.

We lived in the 13th Ward when Don was born, then built our home at 2176 Quincy Ave. This was the 4th Ward then, and the church building was on Madison Ave. across from Liberty Park. Living in the same house, we have lived in the 4th, 20th and 31st Wards, and helped build all of the buildings.

While in the Relief Society in the 20th Ward, we cooked many dinners to help finance the new building and I worked diligently on all of the projects to raise money. I have taught M.I.A., Primary and Relief Society in the 20th Ward. I was presiding Flock Teacher for Visiting Teaching in Relief Society. I enjoyed teaching Theology Lessons in the 31st Ward and was released in September 1966, after teaching eight years.

Don was now a medical student at College and the World War was on. I worked 1½ years at 2nd Street Defense Depot in Ogden, and Hill Air Force Base. When Don enlisted in the Navy (as a medical student) he received the commission of Ensign, so I quit work.

I have enjoyed sewing, knitting, crocheting and cooking. I especially appreciate the opportunity of teaching the Theology Lessons in Relief Society because of the knowledge I gained for myself in the Gospel truths.

LIFE STORY OF MYRTLE MAE ORAM MALAN  
(Written April 1974 )

In Collinston, Utah on August 21, 1899 I, Myrtle Mae Oram Malan was born to Phoebe Saunders and Richard Oram in a log cabin about five miles from the center of Collinston. Collinston was composed of a store, two saloons, and 100 people and a school house. Church was also held in the school house. We had one teacher to teach eight grades. There were 11 children in the family and I was the tenth. We worked hard on our farm to make a living. I remember mother telling how she did not like to stay in bed when she was sick, because the roof was dirt and the snakes poked their heads through the dirt into the cabin.

One of my sister-in-laws was ill and I was 13 so I lived with them to help take care of her. Our family moved to 31st Street and Grant Ave. in Ogden in 1917. My sister-in-law died so the family moved in with my brother at 653-30th Street. I worked in homes and at the American Can Co.

I met my husband-to-be at a circus. We had reserved seats and they changed their tickets so they could sit by us. His friend knew my friend. The 7th of June 1922 Arthur David Malan and I were married in Salt Lake City, Utah. We went through the temple on our 26th Wedding Anniversary and were sealed as husband and wife for time and all eternity. We were blessed with two wonderful children: Myrtle Mae and Arthur David Jr. Also three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

I have enjoyed my Relief Society work as Visiting Teacher for 30 years and on the cooking committee where I also did the buying for the Relief Society dinners.

I could never belong to any other church because I know that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints is the only true church on earth. I have been blessed more than any other person on earth. When I was operated on for cancer the doctor told us that it was a bad one and had spread. He did not give me any encouragement. Our son gave me a wonderful blessing and the Lord blessed me. I am entirely cured and have had no recurrence. I am grateful for the blessings I have received and grateful for the Priesthood in our home.

#### LIFE SKETCH OF MAE REEVES VANDERWERFF

I was born May 28, 1898 in Coalville, Summit County, Utah to Jane Hurst and Clarence Henry Reeves. Before I was a year old, we moved to Salt Lake City, Utah. There I went to the Grant and Emerson Schools, graduating from the eighth grade.

I went to work for Keeleys then Kress Stores.

I met Jacob Vanderwerff through a relative of mine. We were married in 1930 in Salt Lake City. Our son Kenneth was born October 25, 1931. On 22 June 1949 we took Kenneth with us to the temple and were sealed as a family for time and all eternity.

Jake had been on a mission around Chicago, Illinois. When he returned, he learned the plumbing trade, but this was the depression years. There was no new building and no work. We moved to Salt Lake City thinking there was more chance of work there, but this was not so. Jake finally worked for the Forest Service in Jackson, Wyoming. When times were better we returned to Ogden, Utah to live. He worked for Marlow Halverson Plumbing Co., whose father had taught Jake the plumbing trade.

I enjoy singing, especially in the Relief Society Singing Mothers and the 31st Ward Choir. Visiting Teaching for the Relief Society has been enjoyable. I appreciate the association with the members of the 31st Ward and the friendships I have made.



#### AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF RUTH ANDERSON WRIGHT

Frigham City was the birthplace of Ruth Anderson Wright on 7 June 1913. My parents were Adaline Dedericksen and Leslie Wilford Anderson. We moved to

a farm in Thatcher, Utah and I soon learned the hard work of farm life. I went to school in Thatcher through the eighth grade, then by bus to the Bear River High School. I had seminary for 3 years.

In Salt Lake I did house-work for the owner of Anderson's Jewelry Store. I also worked at the canning factory in Tremonton and Ogden. This was the setting where I met Edd Wright.

On the 6 February 1933 at Bishop Saunder's home in Ogden, Utah we were married. Bishop Saunders was a good friend of Edd's father. After he married us we stayed and enjoyed their home night with the family. On Wednesday evening at Dick's Cafe in the upstairs banquet room we had our Wedding Reception. Pretty classy during the depression years. It was 8 below zero and the snow was so deep that my folks could not get there, which was sad.

My relatives rented the cabins at Winter's Grove in Huntsville. There was an empty cabin they let us have it for free. I ran the snack stand there in the summer, selling ice cream, soda pop and candy. Edd would get up early to thumb a ride to Ogden to work. We stayed there through two summers and we rented a home in the winter. Edd worked for Ogden Coal and Clay and a service station (where he made \$5.00 a week. I worked in the canning factory in the fall to help out.

We have been blessed with three wonderful children: William Edwin-1934, Sharyl Joyce-1935 and George 1947. We received our endowments January 7, 1946 and were seal for time and all eternity.

As I grew up I worked at Shupe-Williams Candy Co. packing chocolates, Wrights Inc., J.C. Pennys for 8 years and L.R. Samuels 11 years. I retired in 1966.

Service in the church was in Primary, a teacher and a Counselor to Ada Wheelwright in the 20th and 31st Wards, Junior Sunday School teacher, Inservice Teacher in the Primary.

The adjustment to loosing my sight was difficult. For six months we drove back and forth to Salt Lake City to attend Blind School, from which I graduated. This helped me learn how to manage and adjust. Olive Applegarth was a great help. She helped me to shop and buy my clothes. How I miss her! Olive Crabtree has taken me to the Ogden Temple once a week and I am grateful for her kindness and consideration. At the School I learned many skills. I enjoyed making beads, macrame, dogs, afagans. I enjoy the talking books on records: The Book of Mormon, The Way to Perfection, Ensign and others.

I enjoy traveling, everywhere I go so many nice people offer to help me. I belong to a Primary Club, the Daughters of the Pioneers and the Relief Society. At the Golden Hour we associate with wonderful people and enjoy our meals there.

When I went blind, through faith and belief in the gospel, I knew that everything would be alright. With a husband and family so wonderful to help me, I have managed. The Lord has helped and blessed me with peace of mind. Prayers and the church have helped me. I enjoy and appreciate the association of the wonderful members of the 31st Ward.



AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF ROSE MARIE WEST BELNAP  
(Relief Society Counselor)

I was the seventh of ten children born to Margaret Porter and Charles Covington West. I was born October 4th 1895 in Preston, Idaho.

When I was three years old, our parents left my oldest sister Maude to care for me while they went to choir practice. Maude put me on the bed, lit the lamp placing it on a drop leaf table, then she went to get my bed-clothes. When she returned, the room was in flames. She carried me to the rain barrel of water and put out the flames. The Doctor bandaged raw potato on the burns and put my arm in splints. Some how I got the splints off the left hand. It is scared and the pointer and the little finger grew bent. As I grew older I used that as a excuse to get out of work. I never learned to sew or play an instrument.

When I was nearly five, we moved to Ogden, Utah. I learned to read before I was six. My second grade teacher Miss Tomassak took me to the older classed to show them how well I could read "The Wonderful One Horse Shay". The next year I had the leading part in the Christmas play "The Little Match Girl". Here I learned to cry as if my heart would break.

When I was eleven, the family moved into the 4th Ward where I first met Volney at a Primary Dance. He used to take me home from church. When I was 15, we had our first date. Mother liked Von but wanted me to date more boys so I would be sure who to choose for a mate.

We wanted to be married in the Salt Lake Temple in June 1915 but it closed for repairs. We thought of the Logan Temple in July but it closed for repairs. The first day that the Salt Lake Temple opened the 18 August 1915, we were married.

I had taught a little childrens class in Sunday School when 15. From that time on I was never without a church position. That was my education. I had to work from the time I was 14 years old, so I had to quit school.

In 1916 we moved to Preston, Idaho. There our first child Robert Volney was born in 1918. Our other three boys were born in Ogden, Byron West in 1921, Darrell 1923 (living only one day) and Norman Blaine in 1927.

In Preston I taught a Bee Hive class and to keep up with them, I learned about, faith, health, work, the beauties of nature, and service to others. I learned to feel joy through service to God and mankind. I learned the Gospel while teaching Sunday School. I loved dancing, drama and music in M.I.A. I learned about the family while teaching Relief Society Family Relations class and the Constitution of the United States while teaching the Social Relations lessons. I learned the importance of Genealogy while serving as Vice President and historian of my Porter and West lines. I learned service as a Counselor in the 31st Ward Relief Society.

Our son Robert Volney lived in the 31st Ward in 1935 and served as M.I.A. President and helped publish the ward news paper. He was coach of the basketball team. They won 2nd place in the regional finals and the sportsmanship award.

In 1957 we moved back into the 31st Ward. In 1959 Volney shattered the bones in his right leg and ankle. The doctor told our son Dr. N. Blaine Belnap it could not be repaired, he wanted to remove the foot. Blaine objected. The

doctor did not understand this because Blaine had seen the x-rays. Blaine had heard Ogden Stake President Laurence S. Burton administer to his father asking for Volney's leg and foot to heal. Marie was told that the doctor would not be responsible if the foot was left on. They put a cast on from the toes to his hip. The doctor said that when the cast soaked through with pus or blood the foot may have to be removed.

Nearly three months later the cast showed that something was wrong. I called Pres. Burton. She was told to tell Volney there would be a Welfare Ranch meeting at their home that night. That evening all the ward Bishops and the Stake Presidency came. After talking about the ranch the President told the brethren to form a circle and give Volney a blessing. I stood in the hall crying tears of joy to have so many Priesthood leaders in our home. He annointed my husband and George Wright gave the blessing. Volney does not even limp and at 81 works as supervisor at Deseret Industries.

I have always been blessed with loving friends and relatives. We have known joy and sorrow, three of our sons have preceeded us in death, but we had joy raising them. For nearly 40 years we have belonged to a Birthday club. All are good members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. The club was started at our home at 918-21st Street.



AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF BERGLIOT DINSDALE  
(Counselor in Relief Society)

I was born in Oslo, Norway the daughter of Elsie Anderson and Albert Simonsen. My father died when I was very young.

When I was twenty my second cousin who belonged to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, invited me to come visit with her. I went to the meetings and told the missionaries that they murdered my language. It did not take many meetings until I knew they taught the true gospel and I joined the church.

One of the missionaries was returning to Utah and a party was given in his honor. There I met Elder Ernest Lindquist, a missionary to Sweden who had come to see the Mid-night sun. He was to travel through Europe before returning home to Ogden, Utah. His mission was completed. He left for the trip but only reached Germany when he returned to ask me to marry him. A few months later I came to Ogden. After meeting the family, we were married in the Salt Lake Temple. Mother did not accept the gospel until later, then she came to Ogden and lived with us.

In my early married life, I had my Patriarchal Blessing from Patriarch to the church Hyrum Smith. He told me to always stay close to my Heavenly Father and never to forget my prayers. I would be blessed with the power of decernment.

We were blessed with three beautiful daughters. Two died in early life. In Hollywood, California where we lived, my husband was Superintendent of the Sunday School and I was a Relief Society visiting teacher. My husband died there and I moved back to Ogden.

I married my widowed brother-in-law, James R. Dinsdale. We had one son, David. We lived in the Ogden 20th Ward where I worked with Grace Mc Farland as her counselor in Relief Society for ten years. We had one of the most inspiring times. David O. Mc Kay was her full cousin.

My husband had died. When David was old enough to go on a mission to

the North-West, I was called on a six month mission to the Japanese people in Hawaii. I stayed with my daughter who lived in Hawaii. My companion and I started a Primary. We invited all the children around, 42 came to our first Primary. Then we started a young girls sewing club. The Japanese are very proficient in sewing. We finished six dozen diapers, 16 embroidered gowns, four kimono's and a patch-work quilt all by hand in about 7 weeks. We had no sewing machine. When I was released I came back to Ogden.

In the 20th Ward I taught the Gospel Doctrine class on the Book of Mormon for three years, which I really enjoyed. Since the ward was divided I have always attended but not active in teaching. I have been very interested in my grandchildren and their progress.

I appreciate my Heavenly Father and His goodness to me all these years.

I have enjoyed the beauties of this earth as I have been privileged to travel to Alaska, New Zealand, Hawaii, Norway and many shorter trips.

#### AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF ELLEN BECKETT COWLES

I was born April 7, 1897 to Henry William and Harriet Underwood Beckett in Ogden, Utah. My parents had ten children, seven boys and three girls. One girl died a week after birth. Four children are still living.

My father went on a mission to San Bernardino, California in 1931. All his children were grown and married. Mother joined him at the end of his mission. I also had the opportunity of visiting in Calif. at the end of his mission. My father died September 16, 1940 at age 75. My husband and I took care of mother who was ill with Parkinson's disease, she died at age 80 on July 5, 1947.

I have lived on the same street in Ogden all of my life; and have belonged to the 4th, 20th and 31st Wards. I have worked in the church all of my life. Before I was married, I was called to work on the Genealogical Committee in the 4th Ward and later in the Ogden Stake as Secretary of the Genealogical Committee. The 4th Ward was divided and in the 20th Ward, I was a Religion Class teacher until this organization was discontinued. Then I taught Primary for eight years and was a Relief Society visiting teacher for 25 years.

I attended the Dee and Lorin Farr elementary schools and also attended Weber Academy for one year.

Walter Le Roy Cowles and I were married in the Salt Lake Temple December 4, 1924. We had two daughters: Marion Cowles Kramer and Sharon Cowles Pearson. Marion lives in Salt Lake City and Sharon in Ogden. I have seven grandchildren.

My husband died on May 18, 1949 at age 50. He was not privileged to see any of his grandchildren. After his death, I went to work at the Deseret Industries and have worked there for twenty-four years.

Through the years I have enjoyed doing temple work and still go as often as I can. I am grateful for the Gospel and my membership in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and for the teachings of my parents. I am grateful for my blessings. I have a testimony of the Gospel and pray I may be always worthy of the Lord's blessings.



## LIFE STORY OF MARIE WRIGHT STANGER

I was one of thirteen children consisting of 8 boys and 5 girls, the children of George Wright and Ella Marie Foster Wright. My father emigrated to the United States from Scotland when he was eighteen years old.

When I was fifteen, we moved from Franklin, Idaho where I was born to Blackfoot, Idaho. My father was a farmer and we all worked very hard to keep our large family fed and clothed. I attended school in both Franklin and in Blackfoot, Idaho.

I met my husband, Don Carlos Stanger in Blackfoot. We were married on April 3, 1912. Our marriage was later solemnized in the Logan Temple on the 16th of February 1916. We lived in various communities in and around Blackfoot where he was engaged in farming for a lively hood. We moved to Ogden, Utah in 1923, bringing seven children, we were blessed with two more.

I have served as a Sunday School teacher and also as a Visiting Teacher in the Relief Society.

I feel my husband and I were very successful in rearing a fine family. There are many grandchildren and great-grandchildren to carry on our posterity.

My husband, Don Carlos Stanger died March 21st 1952. Approximately 7 years later I married Ira J. Smith. About four years ago he too passed away. Since then I have been living alone in my home at 2016 Monroe Ave.

I am 84 years old and really enjoy having my children and grandchildren visit me.

## AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF ELLA STANGER HOWES

I was born in American Falls, Idaho, August 8, 1914, to Don Carlos and Marie Wright Stanger. I was the eldest daughter in a family of 10 children.

We moved to Blackfoot, Idaho where my father was engaged in farming. At the age of nine, we moved to Ogden, Utah. Moving to 2nd Street where I attended the Lincoln School. After completing grade school, I graduated from Ogden High School in 1932. I attended a textile school, then worked at Utah Knitting Co, and also at the Union Pacific Railroad as a seamstress.

On November 30, 1938, I was married to Edwin Lorenzo Howes in the Salt Lake Temple. We were blessed with one girl and two boys: Cherie Elaine born Sept. 15, 1939; Edwin Clair arrived on Sept. 17, 1940 and Norman Lee born on May 13, 1943.

In 1951, I secured employment with the government at Hill Air Force Base. I was laid off due to reduction in force in 1954. In October 1954 I entered Henegar's School of Business, going to night school and graduated in June 1955. In the fall, I secured a position for Office Employment at Hill Air Force Base holding several different secretarial positions. I am now an Assistant Freight Rate Specialist there.

I have held several positions in the church. As Sunday School Secretary, Sunday School Teacher, Jr. Sunday School Coordinator and as Bee Hive teacher in M.I.A. in either the 19th or 31st Wards.

My husband died the 9th of July 1975. Like many other widows, I am trying my best to make the adjustment of living alone. But I have so many hobbies and enjoy being able to attend church functions that these will enable me to carry on.

#### LIFE STORY OF HELEN LUND BEAZER

On my father's birthday, December 15, 1917, I, Helen Lund Beazer was born to Hyrum Elmer Lund and Mary Ann Malissa Carver Lund. In January after I was two years old, my mother passed away. Three years later my father re-married.

As a teen-ager, I was the organist in the Junior Sunday School, even though I had never taken a lesson but played by ear. After two years I was Jr. Sunday School Secretary, then assistant to the Sunday School Secretary and then as the Sunday School Secretary. At that time they reconvened for the closing song and prayer. I had to prepare a comparative report each year. The Sunday School Superintendancy consisted of Supt. Arnold Thredgold, George E. Wright and Denzle G. Williams as Counselors. I remember the 100% Sunday. The teachers and officers visited each home in the ward and specially invited them. I was a thrilling assignment, and brought success.

On June 22, 1937, I was married for time and all eternity to Lloyd Brigham Beazer in the Salt Lake Temple.

I was released from Secretary when our first child arrived. Allan Lloyd born May 31, 1938; Clair Lloyd, May 17 1942; Linda Kay arrived June 6, 1946; Mary Ann (named after my mother) was born on her father's birthday March 2, 1949; Susan Ellen born April 24, 1951 and William Richard July 17 1954.

While living in the 5th Ward of Mount Ogden Stake, I taught Bee Hive in M.I.A. After moving to the 31st Ward, I taught Jr Sunday School but was released because I was working on Sunday in a snack bar at the bowling alley. I am now a Visiting Teacher of Relief Society.

#### AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF DIXIE BROWN JACKMAN

I, Dixie Brown Jackman was born August 17, 1910 in Halls, Missouri, to Alpha D. Brown and Althea Morrison Brown. We lived on a farm in Halls, just seven miles from St. Joseph, Missouri.

I was the third child in a family of eight children. I attended the county one room school house from 6 years of age until 10 years old.

We were not L.D.S. and we attended the First Christian Church in Halls, my parents saw to it that we went to church every Sunday.

I had four sisters and three brothers, when my baby brother died at age 2½ years. My folks decided to move West. We settled on Bigelow Ranch (between

Evanston and Fort Bridger) where my father was foreman of the ranch. We children attended school in Mt. View, Wyoming. I graduated from Mt. View High School in the spring of 1928.

During High School years, I attended the Presbyterian Church and was baptized (sprinkled) when I was 15 years old.

I married in the fall of 1928, Dan Jackman, my high school sweetheart. We lived in Mt. View the first year and Dan worked in the cheese factory. We moved to Piedmont, Wyoming and he worked on a ranch for two years. Our next move was to Cokeville, Wyoming where we opened a cheese factory. I was still attending the Presbyterian Church and was President of the Ladies Aid while there.

Dan was then transferred to the cheese factory in Geneva, Idaho. That was where I first became interested in the L.D.S. Church. They asked me to direct their plays in the M.I.A. and everyone was so warm and friendly. We were there only one year then transferred to Randolph, Utah.

David our second son was born the following spring, and our oldest son Dee was eight years old. I went to the L.D.S. Church in Randolph and the home missionaries visited me. When our oldest son was nine, he decided he wanted to be baptized. I had investigated the teachings of the church to the point where I wanted to be baptized also. So we were both baptized the same day. Later we took the two boys and went through the temple.

In Randolph I worked in the M.I.A., directed their plays for several years. I taught the Junior girls and also taught the Primary five years. I worked in the youth activity program and brought the girls to Lagoon for an outing each summer. Our third son Dale was born while we lived in Randolph.

In 1950 we moved to American Fork, Utah. I was a grocery checker in Kitchim Market while there and taught Sunday School.

We bought our home on Monroe Ave in 1953 and moved to Ogden. We were at home in the 31st Ward and I taught Sunday School when we met in the 4th Ward chapel, and also when we met in the 20th Ward chapel. I worked at Keeleys as cashier all the time we lived here.

Another transfer to the Meadow Gold Dairy in Salt Lake City. I was a Sunday School teacher in the Capitol Hill 2nd Ward. When we moved to the Belvedere 2nd Ward, I was 1st Counselor in the M.I.A. for several years. Later I was Jr. Sunday School Secretary and also was speech director and helped with their plays.

I was also cashier at Keeleys Cafe in Salt Lake City until they sold it. I then worked as cashier at the Post House and at J.C. Pennys.

We moved back to Ogden in 1973. We have retired and are back home in the 31st Ward where I enjoy being.

( written Feburary 6, 1976)





## LIFE SKETCH OF EDITH GRUNDY JOHNSON

I, Edith Grundy Johnson, was born in Ogden, Utah, the only child of Frank and Bertha S. Grundy. It was hard being an only child but I had wonderful parents and we were together most of the time.

I remember, as soon as school was out in May, my parents and I and some dear friends would move up to South Fork Canyon for the Summer. We lived in tents and cooked on open campfire. My dad and Uncle Art Wilson (no relation) would come down to work in the mornings while the families stayed there. The other family was Leda Malan's parents. She called my parents Aunt and Uncle and I did hers. We surely had some good times, but we also got into a lot of mischief, especially chasing snakes. Those were wonderful days.

I attended Sunday School, Primary and Mutual and eventually Relief Society in four different wards although we lived in the same house. I went to the 4th, 13th, 20th, and the 31st Wards.

I was married to Eldred Jacobs and we had four children, one boy and three girls. We were divorced. Later I married Bud Johnson. He was a real swell husband and step-father to my children, although they were pretty well grown by then.

We went to the temple and took out our endowments and shortly after sold our home in 1968 moving to Taylor, Utah. Bud passed away in 1971 of a heart attack. I still live in the home that we shared for a few years. I have 18 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren and love them all.



## AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF ILA MARIE BUCKLEY STEWART

I was born February 9, 1914 in Logan, Cash County, Utah to Ada and John Buckley. They were married in the temple, I was the 10th of eleven children. We owned a mattress factory in Logan. I was born with poor health. They did not think I would live to maturity. I had heart trouble. I could not use my legs until I was nearly five, then I wore leg braces. I did not start to school until I was eight years old. I was baptized in the Logan Temple. Later I received two blessings which said that I would overcome my handicap.

We lived in a red brick house, two stories high, on Main Street and about one half block from the mattress factory. We moved up Logan Canyon to the 8th Ward later.

I could not be active like other girls so I was just a wall-flower looking on. I did enjoy one temple trip when I was baptized for 42 dead people. When I was eleven my parents moved to Brigham City. I stayed with my sister so I could finish out the year there in school.

I was 12 when I came to Brigham. My parents got a divorce. Mother was left with my three brothers and me to raise, one brother was only 3. Mother could not work, it was hard times. My two brothers got jobs. I could not do much but picked strawberries and raspberries to make money. I lived with one married sister then another. I went to the 7th Grade, the doctor said no more school the stairs were too hard on my heart.

I was 17 when I married Willis Forsgren on 11 November 1931. We

went to Louisville, Idaho where our first child was born, Leonard W. . Then we moved back to Corinne, he was a farmer and drank quit a bit. Eighteen months later Ila Mae was born, by then my husband had lost his farm job. It was necessary to go on Welfare. We were the first family on W.P.A. welfare when it started in Brigham City. Two more children arrived Joyce R. in Corinne and Sherman Leo in Brigham. I could not take more of my husbands drinking so I left him and got a divorce. I had four lovely children then in 1938. My baby was just six months old.

In December 1942, I met Joshua Stewart, a widower with five children. Two of his youngest the same age as my youngest. He was so good to me, that my health started to improve. If it had not been for him I would not be here today. I loved his children like my own. We moved from Brigham City to a trailer house in Riverdale. We were a happy family. Our son, Ronald D. was born 28 July 1944. A year and one half later another son, Clyde who lived six months. Eight years later Sylvia was born.

Two years later we moved to Ogden in the 46th Ward at 1453 Gibson Ave. I appreciated our Bishop Johnson when I had an operation. He was at the hospital as if I were his daughter. . We lived there three years and my health improved. For three years we lived on 7th Street then bought our home at 2024 Laine Ave. We just loved it here and our Bishop David E. Tanner. Sylvia and I became active in the church. I was surely blessed through all my troubles. My health was better and I could go to work doing light house-work, for the last seven years.

Then we lost Sylvia by death in 1971. That is when we met Virginia Anderson and Leda, true blue friends. They got me active in Relief Society. I was called as a Visiting Teacher. Now I am not afraid to meet people but I had been afraid all of my life.

Leonard went into the Navy; he was asked to a bishop but was released because of a break down. My daughter Joyce was married in the Logan Temple and Leonard was married in the Temple the same day, a double temple wedding.

I could join the Daughters of the Pioneers because my people were among the first settlers in Salt Lake Valley. I am proud to be a member. I have been well blessed in my lifetime. Amen.

#### AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF ARVILLA TEEPLES BLACK

Just ten miles from Fillmore in Holden, Utah on September 15, 1904 I, Arvilla Teeple Black, was born to Hettie Mellisa Stevens and Sidney Paul Teeple. There were two boys and four girls and we soon learned to farm, milk cows, tromp hay, and the usual farm work. I was next to the youngest and mother died when I was fourteen. Father remarried and one more daughter was born. Then father adopted an Italian boy from the Salt Lake City Orphanage. I received my schooling in Delta, Fillmore and went to High School in Holton.

On March 3, 1924 in Fillmore, Utah, Leslie D. Black and I were married. I cooked for a welding gang for two years, there were six men on the track. We lived in outfit cars from Delta to Salt Lake City. We have three children, Hettie Elaine, Danna Jean and Robert Dwane.

We moved to Ogden in 1941. We were in a strange place so I went to work to help support the family. I worked at the arsenal and in January 1943 I transferred to the Navy Base. In 1959 I began work in Hydrograph (map making) and retired after 24½ years of work.

I had taught Primary in Deseret several years and taught 5½ years at the Primary for the Deaf and Blind. I have been a Relief Society Visiting Teacher. My parents were good church members, and I was raised that way. We can't give to everything but can take care of ourselves.

#### AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF BEATRICE SHAW MC BRIDE

In North Ogden the 6th of February 1908, I, Beatrice Shaw Mc Bride, was born to Jennie May Jones and William Eljah Shaw under the covenant. Our family was very religious. Mother was sickly but raised 5 children. I was the second child. We knew farm life.

The school was some distance from home so I rode "Old Puss" to school and left the horse in grandmother's barn next to the school. In the winter the snow was up to the horses belly and no one to break trail. I finished the eighth grade in North Ogden graduating the 20 May 1922. At age fourteen I earned my own living selling at the Ogden Knitting Store all summer and at Christmas. In this way I put myself thru High School, graduating May 19, 1926. I worked at the Telephone Exchange in North Ogden.

I was baptized May 7, 1916, in a pond of water in the gravel pit; there was green moss up to my knees. I taught Sunday School when I was sixteen and Kindergarden until I was married.

Wilford Henry Mc Bride and I were married the 24 January 1929. The depression was just beginning. We were blessed with five wonderful children, four are living. We received our endowments the 14 November 1930 and were sealed for time and all eternity.

I have been blessed with the privilege of teaching M.I.A. and Sunday School, serving four years as Relief Society Counselor in the Ogden 4th Ward, and serving as Relief Society Visiting Teacher.

We lived 20 years at 2006 Jefferson Avenue then August 1948 we moved to 2031 Madison and lived there for 16 years. We lived in the 4th Ward for 36 years. In 1969 we moved into the 31st Ward. We have helped build the 4th Ward and the new 31st Ward buildings.

I worked for Continental Baking Co. for 15 years in the cake shop icing and packaging and training the new girls. I retired March 21, 1964 and I received a certificate of loyalty and thanks for my long service.

My hobbies are needlepoint, genealogy and travel. We have visited every state in the United States and made two trips to Mexico.

All of my life I have had a testimony of the truthfulness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. There was never any question it was just part of me. I have never been tempted to do anything wrong. I have always been active in the church. My church and my family are my life.



In Salem, Freemont County, Idaho on 9 September 1909 I, Olive Ann Ossmen Crabtree, was born to Martha Ann Fowler and Oscar Ossmen. We lived on a farm in a three-room log cabin in very humble circumstances. I was a chubby, happy girl with a lot of friends. I remember the slew full of polywogs to catch, cows to take to the pasture and our horse, Old Fox, to ride.

Our church was one and one-half blocks from home. But school was  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles which we walked, except in winter when a van picked us up. The snow was over the fences so we never walked through a gate but over the fence tops. It was often 40 degrees below zero when 60 mile winds blew. It was fun standing on the bob-sled runners as they were pulled by the horses. The dog pulled the baby on the small sled. We ice skated on the ice pond near home. There were eight children in our family but one died with the flu. Mother and father were devoted to church and family. I remember my pants and dresses were always clean and starched.

In December when I was five, we had Scarlet Fever, followed by Measels. I was very ill and could not hear for six weeks. We were so ill that the neighbors took the baby and buried her. We did not know where until we were all better in the spring.

We left Salem for Ogden, Utah when I was 13. I went to the 8th grade at Lewis Jr. High then to the Ogden High School at 25th and Monroe Ave. I quit in the last year to work at Keeley Cafe where I was a waitress for 4 years, then head lady for three years.

I met Alfred Gareth Crabtree in December 1932, introduced by a friend. We were married August 3, 1933 in Providence, Utah by Bishop Zollenger at Gareth's grandparents. We were blessed with three children: Sylvia Sharron, Annette and David Gareth.

We lived in the Lynada Motel in 1935 and managed it for one year. Then we moved to the 20th Ward living at 1969 Eccles Ave. We now live at 921- 20th Street in the 31st Ward. I have served 17 years as a Relief Society Visiting Teacher. I was a Jr. Sunday School Coordinator from September 20, 1963 until May 15, 1966. When Primary held children's dances I was dance director. I taught Sunday School, M.I.A. and Relief Society. I enjoy cooking and baking. I worked  $7\frac{1}{2}$  years on the Ogden School Lunch Program as cook.

We took out our endowments 28 May 1948 and had Sharron and Annette sealed to us. David came down with the mumps so he was sealed to us June 1948. I have enjoyed temple work and often took a car-load of women to the Logan Temple. I take Ruth Wright once a week to the Ogden Temple to do endowments. We are grateful for the blessings given us and our family. Sharron was 12 when she had polio. The doctor wanted to put her in an iron-lung machine. We knelt down and thanked our Heavenly Father and pleaded for her healing. "I'll be alright now Mother," she said and went to sleep. Two hours later when the doctor came, she could straighten her back and lift her head. A miracle had happened and she recovered. Eight months later she had rheumatic fever and she recovered slowly after Gareth administered to her and is O.K.

I have known the power of the Priesthood. I know God is near and will help us bear our trials. He has told us if we try to keep His commandments there is no blessings He will withhold. We may get discouraged at what we must bear, but as long as we include Him in our everyday life, try to live the gospel and not let our faith waver, we will find peace. He will not desert us and will bless

us if it is for our good and we have lived worthily. One thing we must remember is that we do not ever counsel the Lord or ask why we must be tried or bear this trial or hardship. Remember, God knows best.

### LIFE SKETCH OF ROSE MAE HAWKINS HAMILTON

On the 27 April 1895, I, Rose Mae Hawkins Hamilton, was born to James M. and Margaret Rose Beech Hawkins in a log cabin in Ogden Canyon. Grandmother Hawkins, a full-blooded Cherokee Indian was the only one to attend mother at my birth. There were nine children, I was the third child but first girl.

When I was two we moved to Ogden, below Washington on 12th Street and Grant Ave. We lived by Indian Hill, which extended from 9th Street to 12th Street on Grant Ave. Here we dug for and found Indian arrows and bones. We were forbidden to dig by Officers of Ogden City. The land around was all meadows, the Gypsies camped there and would sing around their campfires at night.

Grandmother was not L.D.S. They had lived in Atlanta, Georgia. Father had hidden two Mormon Missionaries in the grain and given them bamboo fish poles to breath through. They were being chased by a mob who was trying to kill them. He helped them get out of Georgia. Then father followed them to Ogden, Utah. He was only 18 years old and he brought his baby son by train. He sold his farm to get the money. Three sisters and his mother came here later. His mother did not join the L.D.S. Church. Grandma was boss at our house and until she died when I was ten, I had to go to the Methodist Church with her. Then I attended the 10th Ward. I remember M.I.A. and playing volley ball. I was baptized when 12 in the Ogden River.

I worked at Shupe Williams Candy Co. and Troy Laundry but mostly at home tending kids and helping mother. I joined the Ogden Tabernacle Choir when I was 12 years old. If I was late getting home mother punished me by depriving me of food that night.

When I was 17 I married George W. Hamilton in the old Weber County Court House on 24th Street above Washington Ave. (torn down many years ago). We moved here to 1178 Oak Street. Our darling daughter, Lois Rose Hamilton was born 21 June 1913. She was eight years and eight months old when she died of diptheria 23, February 1923.

I helped build this house, mixed cement and marter, held the boards to be nailed. To help earn a living I sewed for people, did up curtains, nursed the sick when they came from the hospital. Mary Mc Allister and I made the drapes for the bishops office in the old building. I also crocheted, embroidered and did hand sewing for others.

Singing was my joy. I sang with the Ogden Stake Singing Mothers when the new Ogden Tabernacle was dedicated. At the dedication of the new Relief Society Building in Salt Lake City, I was priviledged to sing with the Choir from Ogden. I was released as Relief Society Chorister August 19, 1962. I also served as a Visiting Teacher.

I have been blessed with a singing voice and have been thankful for the joy it has brought me and the many opportunities to sing in churches and at funerals. (written 12 March 1974)

# AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF VEDA JANE WALKER GREEN

In Lewisville, Idaho on 3 December 1888, I was born to Welby Holmes and Diadamia Casto Walker on a farm. When I was five years old, my mother died and I lived with Grandmother Walker for the next twenty years in Lewisville. I knew the hard work of farm life, from the feeding chores and milking, to the planting, watering and harvesting of the crops. I was not strong enough to top beets without a wooden box to place under the beet top to cut against.

I was schooled in Lewisville and at the Rex L.D.S. College. I was called to take a Sunday School Normal Course for nine months with a full seven hours a day in classes. Then I was called as Jr. Sunday School supervisor on the Rigby Stake Board. For ten years I traveled by horse and buggy from Idaho Falls to Sugar City, Idaho to visit Sunday Schools. I also traveled seven miles to Sunday School leadership meetings and Rigby Stake Board meetings.

We held four church jobs at a time. I was Ward Primary President, Sunday School Stake Board, Counselor in the Y.W.M.I.A. and President of the Religion Class at the same time in Lewisville. No time to get into trouble.

In the Salt Lake Temple on the 18 January 1911, Luman Peter Green, who has lived in Lewisville for 16 months, and I were married by Anthony H. Lund. We lived in Lewisville to care for Grandmother Mary Jane Walker.

When we bought a farm and moved to Roberts, Idaho we had three little girls: Leola, Maud and Mary. There two boys blessed our home. It was there that I raised and incubated baby chickens in the bedroom of our house.

When Luman started in the insurance business, we lived in Burley and Boise, Idaho, then Brigham City, Utah. In August 1935 we bought our home at 2100 Van Buren Ave in Ogden, Utah.

While in Boise, Idaho I was Counselor in the Boise Stake Y.W.M.I.A. Ezra Taft Benson was the Young Men's Stake President of M.I.A. Together we traveled to the wards to help organize the M.I.A.. I served as President of the P.T.A.

In the Ogden 20th Ward, I was chairman of the L.D.S. Girls while it lasted. In the 31st Ward I taught Theology lessons and the Literary lessons in Relief Society and was a Visiting Teacher. I helped to make quilts and sew for the bazaars. I also served on the cooking committee.

I remember the seven years I participated in church welfare projects at the 17th Street Canery. In order to teach, I graduated from three series of Red Cross First Aid. I also donated time in the hospital nurseries. During the war we donated our time as practical nurses in the old Dee Hospital and the L.D.S. Hospital in Salt Lake City. I went into more than 100 homes to help care for mothers and babies. For  $1\frac{1}{2}$  years I cared for the old folks who were sick in their homes.

December 1954, we were called as Ogden Stake Missionaries and released in June 1955 because of my health. I have worked 7 years in Religion Class, 17 years in Relief Society, 35 years in Primary, 37 years in Sunday School and 53 years in M.I.A.. I was presented with an Honorary Golden Gleaner award by M.I.A. General Board President Bertha Reeder at Ogden Stake Conference. In the Church Office Building in Salt Lake City, Utah in the presence of many General Board Members, I received my 50 year service pin in M.I.A.. Our daughter Leola was given the honor of presenting the pin. The third pin given to that time.



My hobbies are textile painting, making 32 quilts, ceramics and genealogical research. I have written and published two books.

Health has made me unable to attend church meetings but I am busy with church work. Every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. I sing at home with the Tabernacle choir. I listen to the spoken Word and try to live it. I attend church whenever possible, visit the sick, write letters to the missionaries. I work on my genealogical research continually. I attend the temple and did 50 endowments in 1973. My family and the gospel principals lived daily have been my joy throughout my whole life.



#### LIFE STORY OF LEONA GLAUSER SPACKMAN

It is with humility that I write my life story. I was born of goodly parents, Frederick and Martha Van Niederhausern Glauser at 570 East 8th North in Logan, Utah. I am the third oldest in a family of eight, four boys and four girls, all living. We were long time residents of the Logan 10th Ward. Father for 37 years was the conductor of the choir. I sang with the singing Mothers.

I had a difficult time growing up. Father expected big accomplishments from his children. I graduated from High School in 1936. After working at Lambs Grill and the Blue Bird Cafe, I Attended Utah State University in 1938. Chemistry was difficult for me but I met Rudolph Mocz, a forestry student who helped me get passing grades.

I married Rudolph Mocz, but when our child was born, he did not want the responsibility of a family. He joined the Army and died in Luxenbourg, Germany during World War II. I went to work in Caliente, Nevada where I met Leon Sly and married him in 1941. We had one child. We were divorced because he was a alcoholic.

I decided I'd rather be an old man's darling than a young man's slave so married Brigham Spackman in the Logan L.D.S. Temple January 23, 1951. My sorrow was great when our first child, Gladys, died eight hours after birth of congenital heart condition. Then two lovely daughters blessed our home: Rosanna in 1954 and Martha Rae in 1958. We sold our farm because of my husbands health. I worked and he took great pride in caring for his beautiful daughters and young wife. My husbands long illness made me appreciate even more the wonderful church members.

Alone to raise two daughters, I sold the home and purchased a home at 848-21st Street, Ogden, Utah in the 31st Ward. Here I have been active in the Relief Society and in the ward choir.

I am now working at the Deseret Industries where I have made many friends. I enjoy the spirituality of their meetings. My daughters have both married but live near.

My work and church attendance keep me busy and I am blessed to be able to have raised my daughters and take care of myself. I have always enjoyed the blessing of being able to attend church and appreciate my membership. I am thankfuk for the Lords blessings to me. I love to sing and have enjoyed participating with the ward choir and Singing Mothers.

# LIFE SKETCH OF MARTHA O'BRAY PRICE

In Paridice, Cache County, Utah on 24 May 1899, I, Martha O'Bray Price, was born to Sarah Orgill and George S. O'Bray. There were seven children, I was the fourth. We all learned that farm life was hard work.

After school in Paridise, I attended for two years the Brigham Young College in Logan, Utah. I recieved a certificate to teach school. I taught in paridise three years. That college was later taken over by Logan City for the Logan High School.

Our family was a religious family, raised to keep the commandments and attend and worship at church regularly. In Paradise I worked in Junior Sunday School, taught Primary and was Secretary of the Relief Society. I have served in Primary twenty years and as a Relief Society Visiting Teacher for 50 years.

In the Logan Temple on 22 June 1922, Douglas S. Price and I became husband and wife for time and all eternity. We are proud of our righteous children. Seth has been in the Bishopric and is now 1st Counselor in the Oregon Coos Bay Stake Presidency. Delmar has been in the Bishopric and is now on the High Council in Denver. John Lloyd died four years ago. Georgia is in Bountiful and Nedra is in Scottsdale, Arizona and both are busy church workers.

Throughout the years, I have enjoyed acting in ward plays and my church activity. I have enjoyed cooking, sewing, and caring for our family. The Gospel is our way of life and gives faith and courage to go on living righteously.  
(written 6 March 1974)

## LIFE STORY OF ERIA AMANDA COX ANDERSON QUILTING DIRECTOR

In Fairview, Utah the 17th of October 1908, Eria Amanda Cox Anderson was born to Louisa Kelsy and Roy Burns Cox. They raised their own food, fruit, strawberries and bees. The school was two miles away and they walked.

In 1917 her dad purchased the local telephone company. When he could not hire help Eria quit school to become a telephone operator at age sixteen. A fire burned their home and all their clothing. Only the telephone exchange was saved. They had to borrow clothes to wear.

On the 15 of June 1932, Ivon Christian Anderson and Eria Amanda Cox were married in the Manti Temple.

They moved to Moroni about twelve miles away. Their children are: LuDean, Larry and Gayle. They built a house and moved to Ogden in 1953.

She taught Primary and M.I.A. and was organist in 1957 for M.I.A. She was sustained as quilt director in 1969 and has served with three Relief Society Presidents. The quilts she designed and apliqued were beautiful masterpieces. She was released with regret in 1975 when they moved from the ward.

She loved to sew, quilt, tat, and embroider. She worked at Butler Tayloring Mills for 5 years, retiring in 1968. Since she has made 150 quilts to sell or give away. She enjoys quilting. It is her hobby. She did take time out to be a Relief Society Visiting Teacher.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF ELVIRA THOMINA CHRISTENSEN MC CARREL  
MAGAZINE DIRECTOR

In Mink Creek, Idaho, I, Elvira Thomina Christensen Mc Carrel, was born to Stephen Christian and Thomina Mortensen Christensen. In a family of ten children, I was the last. We lived on a farm until I was seven. Then we moved to Preston, Idaho where I received my schooling. I worked in a grocery store for two years.

Jesse LeFoy Mc Carrel and I were married the 7th of September 1920 in Salt Lake City. We were blessed with six children: June, Shirley, Terrace, Bonnie, Joanne and Lois. We received our endowments and had June sealed to us the 28 June 1922. My husband was an electrician. We lived in Salt Lake City; Twin Falls, Idaho; Preston, Idaho; and Ogden, Utah. He died in 1942. I worked at J.C. Pennys and for Civil Service for 20 years- retiring in 1965.

In the church I have served as M.I.A. Counselor and taught in M.I.A.. From 11 May 1955 to August 1957 I served an Ogden Stake Mission. I taught a class in the Blind Primary for several years. I am still serving as a Visit-Teacher for the Relief Society and have been for over ten years. I was a Relief Society Magazine Representative for years. I am now Ensign and Friend Representative.

The church has meant so much to me in helping me raise my family. I am a firm believer in prayer and the paying of a full tithing. The more we work the stronger our testimony becomes. I am thankful for the Ogden Temple so that I may go often to do temple work. I love the Gospel.

## AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF REBA EDDINS HART

In Thayne, Wyoming on the 10 October 1900. I, Reba Eddins Hart was born to Albert and Clara Gilby Eddins. We lived on a large ranch. There were six girls and three boys, and I was the fourth child.

I went every where with dad, fishing, shooting wild chickens, herding sheep and milking cows. There was not a chore that I could not do. We worked hard but had fun and were a happy family. I remember well the tin tub we would bring out and the water we heated for the Saturday night bath. School in Thayne was three miles from home. In the spring we rode in a buggy but in the winter we went in a sled with heated bricks to keep us warm.

We always attended church. I remember an M.I.A. play in which I participated. At a dance one evening I met Orson Hart and decided that he should be my boyfriend. We were married in Thayne in 1919 by Frank Thatcher, the constable. We lived in Starr Valley where Orson worked in the creamery. Here Bert was born, 13 April 1920. When he was one year old, we moved to Georgetown, Idaho where we ran a creamery. Our daughters were born in Ogden, Utah: La Rue 25 November 1925, and Norine, 4 December 1927. We had bought a home at 1047 Oak Street and Orson was working on the railroad. I taught a Bee Hive Class in the 20th Ward M.I.A..

During World War II, I worked at Hill Field for a total of four years. I had worked at a canning factory and for three months at the U.P. Laundry. The balance of my time I spent cooking, keeping house, and raising children. We have always loved to dance and belong to a dancing group which we enjoy every week. I like to crochet and embroider and fish. We dance at the Golden Hour every Saturday.



We built our own cabin in West Yellowstone. Each payday we would buy what we could afford and build that onto the cabin, then look forward to the next payday to do more. We love the beauty and the good fishing there. Every Sunday we go to Island Park to L.D.S. Sunday School and Sacrament Meeting. It is a thrill to see 1,260 people crowd into Sacrament Meeting. There are loud speakers for those who can not get into the chapel. It takes 37 Deacons to pass the Sacrament.

The Gospel means everything to us. If we did not have the church what would we have worth while? I was baptized in Thayne June 6, 1919. We received our endowments and were sealed for time and all eternity April 1, 1937.

### LIFE STORY OF JANIE FUIT TAYLOR

In Deventer, Holland the 12th of March 1885, I, Janie Fuit Taylor was born to Reiber and Wilhavan Denacamp Fuit, the oldest of nine children. I was four when we came to Ogden, Utah and lived on 20th Street. I remember having mumps when I was five. We always had plenty to eat and plenty to wear but we all worked hard for it. I attended school at Washington, Lincoln, Five points.

We had a farm in Clinton and I could harness a team or do any other farm work. I also worked in Ogden as a maid and house-keeper and learned different ways of doing the work. I worked at the canning factory, walking three miles there, working ten hours, and walking three miles back home. We canned peas and tomatoes at the Hardy Factory in Roy. The factory belonged to Ada Eggingtons family.

I married in 1905, George William Taylor in the Salt Lake Temple. We have four wonderful children : Norval George, Josephine Polly, William John, and Ray Eugene.

I worked after marriage to help out with finances at the Royal Canning Co. I also enjoyed washing, starching and stretching curtains for my many friends. We made many friends and had so much fun at parties.

I was a Primary teacher in the 13th Ward and Work-Director in the Relief Society and Visiting Teacher for 15 years in the 20th Ward. I loved quilting and helped with many quilts in the 31st Ward Relief Society. I also served on the cooking committee. We sent our son Norval on a English Mission in January 1926 untill February 1928 from the 20th Ward.

We had such a good neighborhood here on Rushton. How I miss Olive Apple-garth, she always fixed my hair and took us all shopping for groceries.

We used to talk about the predictions made. Many thought them old folks tales, but they have come true. We should listen to the council and be prepared for the happings of the future.

I had a good though tough life. I have enjoyed friends, church participation, gardening, quilting and crocheting. I am blessed to have my daughter Josephine and her good husband living with me. I enjoy their company and they are good to me. I have been blessed with eight lovely grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. We have lived 69 years here and been in four wards: 4th, 13th, 20th, and 31st Wards.



# AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF MILDRED LEWIS OBORN

My Grandfather Lewis was called and set apart by Brigham Young to settle Lewiston, Utah and be the bishop there in 1872. The town was named after him. My Grandmother was the second of his three wives.

I was born there to Bo Della Jensen and Joseph Henry Lewis, the fourth of ten children. We were raised on a farm. I went to school there, then to Richmond to attend high school and to Logan to B.Y. one year.

In 1921 I came to Ogden to train at the Dee Hospital School of Nursing. I graduated in 1924. After doing private nursing several years, I went to Logan, Utah and worked two years in the Cache Valley Hospital. There I was held up at gun point for narcotics, but was able to push the button for emergency help. For six months I worked at the Franklin Hospital in San Francisco, California. I got a bad infection in my face and was homesick so came home.

A very good friend received a call to supervise a hospital in St. Joseph, Michigan and asked me to be supervisor of the operating room. It was such a wonderful opportunity. I stayed six months.

I came home and Albert Oborn and I were married in Salt Lake City in 1932. I worked at the Dee hospital. Charles was born December 8, 1934. For two years I worked private nursing duty. Jim was born the 15 April 1939. We were living in the 12th Ward. Our good neighbor Angie Fronk took care of the boys. She was wonderful. Then I worked on Maternity as assistant Supervisor for 19½ years.

We moved here to 2177 Van Buren in 1948. Our boys went to Primary, Sunday School, and M.I.A. for scouting and received their Priesthood ordinations. Then Albert and I started going to church ourselves. Bishop Denzel Williams talked to us about going to the temple. So on the 27 June 1955, we took the boys and were married in the Logan Temple and the boys were sealed to us. What a wonderful experience! What a wonderful day! Bishop Williams was from our home town and always took an interest in us.

In 1958 I was called as Age Group Counselor in M.I.A.. I was scared but served in this position until we became part of the 31st Ward. This was a wonderful experience. In the Salt Lake City Youth Conference for M.I.A., I was asked to stand at the door and greet the people and shake hands with them. I felt very humble as I met these people from different nations and cities. We had lunch at the Lyon House, after the first session. Another wonderful day.

In the 31st Ward I was sustained the 15 February 1959 and set apart by Bishop David E. Tanner as Secretary of the M.I.A. I held this position until September 1959. My eyes were getting bad and I had to have surgery. Albert and I served for four years 1961 -1964 on a Seminary assignment, getting all the young people to sign up for Seminary classes. Then we served 1967-1968 on an assignment to advertise and sell tickets for L.D.S. Education week June 11, 12, and 13. We sold \$40.00 in tickets. For seven years since 1968 I have been a Relief Society Visiting Teacher.

In 1966, I broke my leg and haven't been much good since.

I know that the gospel is true. We appreciate what church and the gospel has meant as our family grew. One thinks more seriously of the benefits of the Priesthood as sickness comes and we call on the Lord for assistance. One appreciates the blessings and satisfaction that comes from being involved in

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF KATE HELEN JOHNSON ROBBINS  
OGDEN STAKE STENOGRAPHER FOR 26 YEARS

I, Kate Helen Johnson Robbins, was born March 22, 1896 in Milville, Utah. The daughter of Hedvig Winborg and Neils Johnson Nordblad. (Nordblad was the name given him as a soldier because there were so many Johnsons in the division). They could retain this soldiers name and use it. We lived on a small farm with an acre of lucern, a garden and a horse and a cow. I went to the district school in Logan walking four miles on the railroad tracks. Father had four children born in Sweden, my mother was the second wife. She had two children.

In 1917 I had work in Logan at the Brigham Young College where I worked two years. I also worked as bookkeeper and stenographer for Everton Hardware. In 1919 I came to Ogden, Utah to work at Guaranteed Mortgage, Carl Rasmussen and I ran the insurance department. Then I worked for Scowcrofts, First Security Bank, Weber Club, Ogden Chamber of Commerce, Badger Lumber and Hill Field. I was stenographer and bookkeeper for Southern Pacific Railroad for 26 years, retiring in 1963.

In Reno, Nevada, 29 November 1925, I married Joseph Edward Robbins. I had met him when I boarded at his sister's home. We have had six children. Times were hard and the depression came. We had our own garden and after working all day, I would come home and can some fruits or vegetables for winter. My husband could not help much as he was only home on weekends. We lived in the Ogden 13th, 20th and 31st Wards.

I served as M.I.A. Secretary and Sunday School Secretary and taught Sunday School in Logan. I also sang in the choir. One day while at work at the Ogden Depot, Johny Young, who was Ogden Stake Clerk, came and talked to me. He asked if I would be stenographer for Ogden Stake President Laurence S. Burton. I accepted and took dictation, typed, took short-hand records of trials for 26 years. I was set apart for this work 17 January 1947 and served several Ogden Stake Presidents.

My pleasures and hobbies were: travel to New York, Chicago, Grand Canyon, California and Canada. I enjoy crocheting, Knitting and tating.

I believe in prayer and know that prayers are answered. If the answer to my prayer was "no" I found out that "no" was the correct answer. Throughout my illness I have used much faith and I am thankful for my recovery.

(written 31 March 1974)

LIFE SKETCH OF MARION EVELYN HILL

Ogden, Utah was the birthplace on October 10, 1921 of Marion Evelyn Hill, a daughter of Annie M. Hancock and Lawrence B. Hill. She was the eldest of two daughters. Her sister was named Elaine Eldrie. Marion attended church and was baptized September 7, 1930 in the Ogden 4th Ward. In the 4th Ward she enjoyed Primary and in the 20th Ward cherishes the memory of Adriana d'Hulst as her teacher. She graduated from Primary in the 20th Ward and attended M.I.A. there.



Her father went to Helena, Montana to find work in 1935. The family moved there in 1936, living there until 1939. It was there they all received temple recommends and in the Cardston Temple at Cardston, Alberta, Canada in 1937, the parents received their endowments and the girls were sealed to them for time and all eternity.

In 1940, now living in Ogden, Marion's father decided to go into business for himself as a tin smith. He located his business in West Ogden. When Marion's mother went to work at the Arsenal in 1941, Marion took over as cook and housekeeper and kept their clothes clean and ironed. Marion also was a great help to her married sister Elaine when she had arthritis. She went each morning to help Elaine dress and get ready for work, then Marion did her housework before going home.

Throughout the ten years of her mother's illness from sugar diabetes, Marion cheerfully carried the load and kept a pleasant home. She gave tender loving care to her father in his last years.

Marion enjoyed her Primary work with Ina Tate and for years, was a Visiting Teacher with Elaine Yssel. The luncheon tables were always neatly set at Relief Society by Marion.

On the 7 July 1954 in the Logan Temple, Marion received her own endowment and since has made 64 women happy as proxy for them she did their temple work. How she enjoyed attending five temples: Cardston Temple, Salt Lake Temple, Logan Temple, Idaho Falls Temple, an Los Angeles Temple. And now the Ogden Temple. She enjoyed working in the laundry at the Ogden Temple.

Embroidery and fabric painting have been her hobbies as well as camping, fishing and enjoying their cabin on Pettit Lake, Idaho.

Marion's life has been a continuous cheerful devotion to her family. The true example of compassionate service so pleasing to the Lord.

#### AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF ELECTA ISABELL MONTGOMERY RHODES

In a little country town of Liberty, Weber County, Utah, situated in the tops of the mountains, verdent in spring, beautiful in summer, multi-colored in autumn and fascinating in winter, I was born June 23, 1897 and named Electa Isabell Montgomery. My mother was alone when I made my appearance, my father having gone four miles in a white topped buggy and team to get his mother to help. I just came right into the world without waiting for anyone. I figured I had waited for the opportunity to come into this stage of existence and when my parents were good enough to give me an opportunity I did not wait for anyone. I have never been sorry, I have had a rather interesting life. Mother was Rebecca Roylance and father Benjamin Alvah (Harv) Montgomery. I had three sisters but two died at birth, and four brothers. We were a happy devoted family, living on a 81 acre farm. We knew hard work but enjoyed farm life.

When I was four years old, the family moved to Corine, Utah where my father was foreman on L.C. Brown's large Cattle ranch. In 1903 my brother Harvey and I started school there. There was not a L.D.S. Church there so my mother persuaded father to return to Liberty. I was baptized in a cold stream called Spring Creek. Mother's records states 2 June 1906 but ward records are 6 June 1905. I continued school in Liberty public school, graduating from the eighth grade when 14 year old. There was no high school nearer than Ogden at the time, and no transportation so I furthered my learning by my efforts and

Thomas David Rhodes and I were married in the Salt Lake Temple the 3rd of December 1919. We were blessed with four children. Gale Dee Rhodes born 6 September 1920, Maurice J. born 8 February 1923, La Mont M. born 10 February 1927 and Norma born 1 October 1930.

In the Liberty Ward Primary in 1909 when I was 12 years old I was the Secretary. In 1913 I taught the Jr. Sunday School, the Bee Hive Leader 1915 and taught Primary at the same time. I was 2nd Counselor to Primary President Elizabeth Chard from 1917 until my marriage in 1919.

After living in Ogden until our first child was born, we bought a farm in Liberty. I was sustained Primary President in 1926. Later I was Counselor in M.I.A. to Martha Chard then 2nd Counselor in Relief Society to Irma B. Holmes from May 1937 to 1945. During this time, I gave the Theology Lesson and later the Visiting Teachers Topic in Relief Society.

We moved to Ogden, Utah in November 1945 where I served as Visiting Teacher in the 20th Ward until the ward division in August 1946. We lived at 2123 Quincy Avenue. In the new 31st Ward I was on the L.D.S. Girls Committee, set apart by Orson P. Millet our bishop on January 1953. Then David B. Foulger on the 5 April 1953 set me apart as his Ogden Stake Genealogy Secretary. Bishop LaMar Mumford on November 6, 1958 set me apart as Sunday School Genealogical Class leader and teacher. I taught through 1961 also serving as Ward Examiner of family group sheets. I also enjoyed teaching Spiritual Living Lessons in Relief Society. I have worked in research and diligently attended the temple for sealing, endowments and initiatory.

On the 11 November 1972, I moved from the 31st Ward in the Ogden Stake to the Lomond View Ward, living in the Lomond Gardens on 550 Grant Avenue. I was a Visiting Teacher there.

My Patriarchal Blessing gives me a great blessing for genealogical and Temple work. I have tried to be very sincere and humble in my church work and have benefited from my efforts. I know that God lives and that He hears and answers prayers. I have received many blessings from working in the church.

#### LIFE SKETCH OF LUANN JENKINS DOWNS

Lu Ann Jenkins Downs was born the 3 October 1942 in Ogden, Utah. She is the daughter of Lew and Vera Brown Jenkins. She lived in Plain City and she attended Weber County Schools.

Lu Ann graduated from Weber State College in Elementary Education. She has taught in Weber County, Salt Lake City and in the Davis County at West Point Elementary school.

Lu Ann has served in the L.D.S. Church in the Y.W.M.I.A. Presidency and as a teacher, pianist and secretary. She taught in the Sunday School the Family Home Evening Course.

On the 11 September 1970 she married Blaine Yeaman Downs. This marriage was solemnized the 4 April 1974 in the Salt Lake Temple. They reside at 2162 Monroe Blvd. in the 31st Ward.

She was released as Mia Maid Teacher in the M.I.A. when their baby, a darling daughter was due to arrive. She is now serving in the Sunday Morning Relief Society.

## LIFE STORY OF CHRISTINE WARNICK CHRISTENSEN

Christine Warnick was the last child born into the Francis M. and Loal B. Warnick family, July 31, 1952. She had two sisters and a brother whom she adored and was thus spoiled beyond belief. She vowed after her first exploring trip in her North Ogden backyard that she would be a traveler. At age ten she accompanied her family to Washington D.C. The people she met impressed her very much. Travel was confined to summer trips until she moved to Boise, Idaho to begin Junior High School.

In the summer of her Junior year, she accompanied an Idaho University Archeological field school to Northern Idaho. This experience confirmed her interest in Anthropology, which she pursued when she attended her freshman year at Utah State. (This began an occupation that her father entitled "College hopping". She found U.S.U. to be unsatisfactory in their academic program and next year found her in Flagstaff, Arizona at Northern Arizona University. Fate and hope for better academics kept her moving onward. Next was Madison, Wisconsin at the University of Wisconsin. The academic program in Anthropology and Psychology, which now also interested her, was what she sought and she graduated two years later with B.A. degree.

Christine was always active in the L.D.S. Church, holding a variety of positions in Arizona as publicity chairman for M.Men and Gleaners but in Wisconsin she was more involved. Besides her regular meetings, she served as Secretary for L.D.S. Students Association. This involvement and in Family Home Evening program for young adults brought her in contact with Donald Christensen, who had returned three months before from an Oregon Mission.

After a year and one-half of association, back in Utah, thousand miles from the meeting place, on January 1, 1974, he asked her to marry. After an hour's deliberation she consented. In a few days she left him to finish her schooling in Madison.

After graduating she came to Utah. They were married in the Manti Temple June 13, 1974. At this time they moved to the Ogden 31st Ward living at 904-21st Street. She was a delightful teacher to the girls in the M.I.A. They all loved her. She was released on the birth of their son and they moved from the 31st Ward.

## AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF CHRISTINE SMART PETERSON

I, Christine Smart Peterson, was born July 8, 1951 in Preston, Franklin County, Idaho to Phyllis C. Maughn and Boyd Hyde Smart. I was the oldest of eight children.

We moved to Montpelier, Idaho when I was nearly two years old. I remember having many friends and enjoying school. I began taking piano lessons when I was in the 4th grade and continued them for seven years. My dad was a lineman for the Utah Power & Light Co., and for noon he would pick us up from school for lunch. We would ride home standing on the back of the big truck. We loved it.

One Christmas I got a little blue parakeet we named "Skipper". He was such fun, my pride and joy. We had an old upright piano and while I practiced, Skipper would sit on top of it above my music books and watch me play. He would sit on my shoulder and snuggle up to my neck, sometimes picking at my ear. One spring day when I came home from school, I noticed Skipper's cage



was covered. When I uncovered it, I found his little lifeless body on the floor of his cage. I could not accept his death. I had known he was sick because the previous couple of days my Dad had tried to get him to drink some water. But even knowing he was sick, it never entered my mind that he would die. I still feel sad when I think of that day. Death is hard for me to understand. I have never had a close family member die, so I had never experienced that kind of sorrow--- just when my parakeet died.

When my first sister was born, after four brothers, I was on cloud nine. I was terribly selfish with her though. I remember taking my little sister into the house if some of the neighborhood kids came over to see her. This was when she was about a year old.

We moved to Laketown, Utah when I was in the 6th grade. Our family was wonderfully accepted right from the start. I loved living there. I consider it my "home town" even though my family is now in Montpelier. Living in Laketown, a small farming community on the south shore of Bear Lake, was such a change from the "big city" of Montpelier. The school was really a change. I left a class of 100 or so and started attending a class of 11. At the time I thought of it as living in Laura Ingall's Wilder's time---with modern conveniences.

We adjusted quickly to our home and enjoyed it. I did a lot of baby-sitting. I loved school, church, the people and life in general. Going to a small school gave me opportunity to participate in more activities: class officers, cheer-leader, drill master, paper co-editor, homecoming queen, and I did a lot of typing for some of the teachers. I enjoyed attending my church meetings and served as pianist for Jr. Sunday School and M.I.A. During the time I went to Primary, I had to attend at Garden City because I was the only girl my age in the Laketown Ward. When I began M.I.A. I went with the girls one year older than me. Then the next year I would have a class with one year younger than me. So I received my second year lessons before my first year. lessons in each class. I also had four years of Seminary and was vice-president of the Laketown Seminary for one year.

After graduating from high school (North Rich), I attended Utah State University in Logan for one quarter, then came to Ogden and worked at IRS and attended Weber State College for a quarter. Here in Ogden I attended a college ward. I became engaged and was planning a temple marriage. I did not feel good about it but thought I was just getting "Cold Feet". The closer the day of the wedding came the more uneasy I felt. About 2½ weeks before we were to be married I decided to do some serious asking for help from the Lord. I had this strong feeling that I should not marry this man and after praying the feeling was even stronger. I knew that I must do something about it fast. It was difficult to break my engagement and cause hurt feelings but I knew it was the thing to do. I really feel that the Lord guided me in this decision and gave me strength to do it. I felt very relieved afterwards with absolutely no second thoughts at all.

Soon after this David Van Peterson and I began dating. Four months later, November 12, 1971, we were married and sealed for time and all eternity in the Logan Temple. I will be forever grateful that I heeded the Lord's promptings so that I could have the privilege to marry the most wonderful man I know. I am so blessed and so happy with my marriage. It is such a secure feeling. I'm so proud of him.

Our first child, Val David was born September 19, 1973, Troy David was born November 6, 1974 and Marla Christine was born 11 March 1976. We are blessed with health and strength; love abides in our home with the spirit of the Lord.

Dave and I both have wonderful parents, brothers and sisters who are actively engaged in the work of the Lord. The gospel is the ribbon that surrounds this beautiful package of true happiness in our lives.

I am truly thankful for all I have. The gospel and life itself is so wonderful.



#### AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF HELEN E. MAURER CARTY

I was born of goodly parents on April 16, 1905 at Providence, Cache County Utah, My parents Emil and Elise Maurer were converts to the L.D.S. Church and I was taught the principals of the Gospel.

My early childhood was a happy time. I attended elementary school for two years. I was a shy little girl and took a liking to my teacher, Miss Bair. My parents spoke the Swiss language and she did too. I guess that was why I especially liked her, and she was very good to me.

I was eight years old when we moved from Providence, leaving all of my good friends and my beloved Miss Bair. We moved to Nibley, Utah. I started in the third grade. My teacher was a very strict old matron with no love for poor little kids. She was mean to me and I hated to go to school. I was sick more that year than all the other years of my life. The rest of my life I had men teachers and they seemed to be more understanding.

I graduated from eighth grade, then came to Ogden, Utah and worked for my cousin that summer. I went back home and attended South Cache High School for six months. I went to work in Logan, Utah doing house work for the rich. I went home in the summer to help on the farm, then back to Logan to work in the winter.

I always attended all my church activities, rain or shine. We walked a mile and one-half each way but I was never late once. Our entertainment was mostly church doings.

My parents were blessed with nine children, I was the fifth. My sister Elise and I were almost inseparable. Then in our teens she met a boy from Logan and I was left out. I felt badly when she ran away and married him.

Then I came to work in Ogden where I married Ray A. Carty. Since then I have been active in Relief Society and Primary as Counselor and teacher,

After our daughter was married, my husband and I took some lovely trips. In 1949 we traveled 3000 miles to Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks, then on the Columbia Highway down the coast to Long Beach, California and back to Ogden. In 1950 we visited the Southern Utah Parks. In 1951 we visited a relative in Sheridan, Wyoming. In 1952 our trip was to Boise, Idaho then Lewiston, Kellogg and Osborn, Idaho and Missoula, Montana. In 1953 we went fishing in Idaho. In 1954 we enjoyed with friends a fishing trip to Kemmerer, Wyoming; no fish but fun. In 1955 when we visited our daughter in Millwaukee, Wisconsin she took us to Chicago to the Lincoln Park Zoo. My husband was so enthused with watching the sailboats that we were caught in the evening traffic rush, but we made it home alright. We had a lovely trip traveling through six states.

In 1957 our daughter came here and we took a trip to the Southern Utah Parks and the Grand Canyon in Arizona. Our daughter moved to Garden Grove, California from New York. This gave more opportunity for travel. In 1958 she gave me the

thrill of my life. She took me back to Rochester, New York where she had worked. We saw the beautiful Hill Cumorah Pageant three times, visited the Sacred Grove, Joseph Smith's home and several beautiful parks near Rochester. We stayed with L.D.S. friends. There were 32 people staying there at this time and only one bath room. What a wonderful welcome we were given. We went over to Canada to see the beautiful Niagara Falls which was most exciting.

During 1957, 1958 and 1959, my husband and I made several trips to California to visit our daughter. We visited Disneyland, Knotts Berry Farm, the beaches, Forest Lawn Cemetery, the Aragon Ballroom at Oceanside where Lawrence Welk's orchestra furnishes the music. We enjoyed the Lawrence Welk Show and Art Linkletter show. We saw the interesting sea life at Marineland. After buying in the marketplace in Tijuana, Mexico we visited my sister Alice in La Jolla, California.

In 1959 we took a beautiful trip to the Northwest and Canada. We took a ship to British Columbia and toured the island, then sailed to Seattle, Washington. We went through the Washington State National Park, saw Mt. Ranier, then went to Yakima Washington where we met a very nice lady who managed a motel. I still hear from her every Christmas.

Our 1960 trip was to Cody, Wyoming. In 1961 we went to Lake Tahoe, Calif. where we had a scare. We went on the wrong road and the breaks burned out coming down the long winding hill. In 1962 we enjoyed Dinosaur National Park, Flaming Gorge Dam and Vernal, then went to Green River on our way home.

In the past year I have been doing temple work and enjoyed it very much. I also serve as a Visiting Teacher in the 31st Ward where I attend Relief Society, Sunday School and Sacrament Meeting.

We have been blessed with a lovely daughter and son-in-law, three grandsons and one granddaughter, and two great grandsons.

#### LIFE SKETCH OF SYBIL HANSEN KING

To Pauline Gabrialsen and Nehpi Hansen was born a baby girl in Logan, Utah. I was named Sybil and was the oldest of ten children.

Our father was a devoted L.D.S. and as we moved from place to place he helped establish branches of the church. Father started 49 branches of the L.D.S. Church and Mother started the Relief Society. So we were raised in a missionary family and we all worked to help the church take hold. By the time I was 12, I was the church organist in the Branch in Dillon, Montana where we lived on a dry farm. Father and mother were both musical and taught to sing and lead the singing. We were taught to live the gospel to the letter and to keep the Sabbath holy.

I married Clayton R. King in 1921 in Bozeman, Montana and lived there 4 years. Although he was not L.D.S., he insisted that I pay my tithing and that the children; Jack Reese, Clayton Jr., Mardelle King (Workman) and Marguerite King (Straugh) fulfill their church obligations. When church work called me, he insisted that I go and he would do the extra work on the where we lived 40 years in Auburn, Calif. My husband lived the gospel but did not accept baptism until he was 64 years old. This was a thrill to me the church and family had been my whole life.

Four times I served as Primary President and was Relief Society President in 10 different branches or wards, I served as Visiting Teacher 54 years and the Relief Society Board sent me a 50 year certificate. I taught genealogy many times.



Throughout my life I have held every position in the church both ward and stake. I helped father in most of the branches he started. The music training given me by my father and mother was put to good use as I have been organist every place we moved. I enjoyed being stake historian in Couer d'Alene Stake and also Relief Society teacher.

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## Variety of artistic talents demonstrated in creations of El Dorado county woman

By CECILIA SUERSTEDT

Many of us go through life with no particular outstanding talent, some are blessed with one or perhaps even two artistic or unusual talents, but for one person to have more than ordinary talent in almost all of the fine arts and in the applied arts as well is an almost unheard-of happenstance.

**BE THAT** as it may, her home in the Cool-Georgetown, rural area is a convincing testimonial of the varied and far from amateurish gifts and talents of one Sybil King, creator of practically every item in it except for the bare basic furnishings and utensils.

**MRS. KING** has made her own rugs, freehand-painted her draperies, designed and made the shades for her self-made ceramic lamp bases; oil painted, water colored or pastel crayoned the pictures and handcrafted the copper plaques hanging on the walls and designed and made the ceramics and carved the

wooden ones standing beside hand-tooled, leather covered boxes on mantel and chest tops.

**NUMEROUS** awards attest Mrs. King's ability with the needle . . . or perhaps more accurately, with the needles . . . for in addition to winning ribbons for her crocheting and needlework and placing first in her district in the Vogue sewing contest, she also custom knits dresses, sweaters and ensembles and takes orders for a unique type of handbag.

With so many successful accomplishments to her credit, it is possible Mrs. King is about to be faced with her first defeat . . . the refinishing of a

huge grand piano which was brought from Steinway company around the Horn to Marysville, California, and now stands in one corner of her spacious living room. Running out of decorating requirements in her home, she started the scarcely needed refinishing project. All went smoothly un-



**GIANT ROSE RAINBOW**—Not so rare as some of the 340 varieties of African violets grown by Sybil King of Cool area, but the largest of her plants at present, is the "Rose Rainbow" which she holds to demonstrate its unusual spread of 18 inches. A larger one was recently broken up for smaller plants. In her nursery may be found every type introduced to date, including late ones which bloom the year round.

til the intricate carving of music rack, pedal frame and legs presented greater than anticipated difficulties, which may require outside help.

In the meantime, the instrument, its tone unimpaired, is in constant use by its owner who for a number of years sang with the Salt Lake choir and was or-

ganist for the Utah Mormon church. Now a member of the Auburn Mormon church, she is the interior decorating of the new church building and helps with the colors for the spire.

**BORN AND** educated in Utah Mrs. King, with her father, a Mormon missionary, lived in

Montana, Idaho and Kansas before coming to California. Later when she and her husband, Clayton R. King, and their four children lived in the East Bay, she devoted nine years to therapy with the Red Cross in Richmond.

The Kings bought the old McNab ranch in the Cool area in 1949, rebuilt the house, and are now farming the place, which with its fields and animals, is a favorite vacation spot for their six grandchildren. Mrs. King does her share of the farm work and may be found as often in jeans and boots as in her other wise feminine and modish attire.

NONE OF these vocations and avocations distract Mrs. King from her absorbing hobby, the culture of African violets. In her nursery, converted from an old brooder house, are 340 varieties ranging in color, from white, through shades of pink, blue, lavender and variegated, to deep purple. Some are single, some double, some ruffled, some smooth, and some bloom the year around. Choice plants, while at their fullest and best bloom, are brought into the house.

At present her "Rose Rainbow", measuring 18 inches in diameter, is in full blossom and is adding its touch of perfection to the room which so well reflects the good taste, the talents and the personality of Sybil King.

The nine years I traveled from Oakland to Napa, Calif. to do occupational therapy with the Red Cross was rewarding. We encouraged wounded, paraplegia and mental victims through crafts and therapy to desire to live. I served 4 years as chairman of the group.

For four years I served the Art and Crafts Federated Women helping to raise money for scholarships in music, nursing and we also put three Indian students thru school.

Leaving the spacious home and ranch on the Lake in Idaho and adjusting to city life and close neighbors has not been an easy adjustment. I miss the Couer d'Alene scenery. I do enjoy being near my sister Neilen Hicks. I am now teaching crafts in the 31st Ward Relief Society.

#### LIFE SKETCH OF VIRGINIA ALLEN ENGLAND

On a farm in Cove, Cache County, Utah, I Virginia, was born to Rose Titensor and Elijah William Allen. I recieved my early schooling there. When I was 18 we came to Ogden, Utah. in 1922. I then attended Brigham Young College in Logan, Utah and graduated from there.

We lived in the Ogden 4th Ward and my sister who played the violin and I played in church there and in other wards around. I had been a organist for M.I.A., Primary, and Sunday School. I have not played the piano for years now.

I worked for W.H. Wrights & Sons and The Emporium.

I married Clyde England in 1925 at Salt Lake City. We were blessed with three wonderful sons:

Devore Allen England married Joyce Gardner and they have 3 children. He works at Hill Field and she works at I.R.S.

William C. England married Mary Hurst in Ogden, they later were married in temple. They have 4 children. Mary was a teacher and then a Primary Counselor in the 31st Ward in 1964. William works at Hill Field and Mary works at I.R.S.

Richard England married Lorraine Robinson in Ogden and they have two boys. They live next to us on Oak Street. He works in the Bakery at Hill Field and she works at Sears.

I have always loved to sew. I enjoyed making period pictures and dressing the figures in authentic clothing of material. Many people have enjoyed viewing these. I love beautiful furniture and ornaments and have collected antiques all of my married life. I enjoy studying about beautiful and authentic antiques and enjoy them.

We also enjoy our family, all of which live in Ogden.



Autobiography of LOUISE VANBEUGE DAVIS  
(Written 1 March 1974)

I, Louise VanBeuge Davis, was born in Bandoeng, Java, Indonesia. I and my family were Dutch citizens, but for several generations had lived in the Dutch Colony called Indonesia.

My father was a planter and an Assistant Manager of a tea plantation. He also worked on a rubber plantation. My mother was a homemaker.

When World War II started with the Japanese, my father was called to active duty. Shortly afterwards all women and children were put in concentration camps until the war was over. My mother became a widow.

The Dutch government, after the war, desired to have all widows and orphans return to Holland. I saw Holland for the first time when I was nine years old. Holland is where I went to school.

During the last part of 1951 the missionaries came to our door. They asked my mother if she knew where the American Indians came from. She was interested to know more about them,

My mother, a younger brother and I were baptized on February 24, 1952. This important event happened in a swimming pool specially rented for that purpose. My older brother was baptized in April of the same year. The Gospel changed our lives. It helped me to overcome shyness and bashfulness, and many other obstacles. During the next four years we learned much more about the Gospel. By the time we left Holland to go to the United States there were about 30 members in our small branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

It was here in the United States that the greatest opportunities and blessing came to me. I had the privilege of developing many talents and much spirituality. I was given a Patriarchal blessing. It has come to pass in many particulars -- to my great joy. Other blessings were opened to me: holding positions in the Church, doing baptisms for the dead in my own family, being able to listen to General Conference and to hear the living prophets speak, temple marriage, and last but not least, of becoming a mother of a large family.

Indeed, the Lord's blessings to me have been numerous. What greater joy and happiness could come to an L.D.S. convert than being the wife of a husband who loves the Gospel and honors his Priesthood, and who sets the proper example and teaches his wife and children to live and love the Gospel.

It is our constant desire, as a family, to follow the admonition in Matthew 5:16: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

Louise V. Davis

Autobiography of KARLA SPARROW STEPHENS

I was born April 24, 1939 in Ogden, Utah, the first child of L. Leon and Marian Shipley Sparrow, the greatest parents ever. My family lived in the Ogden area until I was four years old, at which time we moved to Idaho where my dad took up ranching. By this time, two brothers had joined the family and some of my happiest memories are of the years spent on the ranch. This is where I really learned the value of work and the joy of a close family relationship.

My dad's health began to fail when I was twelve and it was necessary for him to give up ranching and do something less strenuous. We moved back to Ogden and after a couple of moves and another brother, my folks bought a home on Chester Street in the 8th Ward. I hadn't lived there very long before I became acquainted



with the Stephens family and the youngest member of that family, Brent. It wasn't a case of "love at first sight" and for a long time, Brent and I were just good friends. We had our first date in January 1956 and I think we both knew right from the start that we were meant for each other. We got engaged on Valentine's Day, 1957 and in May of 1957 I graduated from Weber High School.

I developed some secretarial skills during high school and upon graduation was very fortunate to obtain a job at the Bank of Ben Lomond which had just opened in the Five Points area.

Brent and I were married in the Salt Lake Temple on May 8, 1958 and began our married life in a little home on Adams Avenue. I continued working until just before our Jan was born on July 21, 1959. It was a joy for me to become a mother and it was a joy that increased as each child was born.

When Jan was eighteen months old, we bought our first home at 828 Taylor Avenue in the 45th Ward. We were very active in the church at this time and I served in the M.I.A. presidency for several years. On September 9, 1962, Doug was born and we were thrilled to have a son join our gang.

In 1964, we sold our home on Taylor and bought a home in Sunset. On July 2, 1966 our Suzy was born. She was a welcome addition and seemed to be just what our family needed to make it complete. While we lived in Sunset I served in the Primary presidency and enjoyed very much working with the children.

We found it would be more convenient for us to move back to Ogden and we did so in 1967. We went "home" to the 8th Ward. At this time, I was called to serve as a counselor in the Relief Society and I found this work to be the hardest but the most rewarding work of any I had done in the church. I served in this capacity until 1969 when I made the decision to go back to work.

The decision to go to work brought about alot of changes in our lives. I had to learn to budget my time and make the most of the thime I had with my family. I have enjoyed my work as a secretary in the Ogden City School District. It has been my privilege of meeting many, many fine people and cementing a great number of lasting friendships. Meeting people and making friends has always been very important in my life and I am grateful for the ability to meet and associate with all types of people.

We moved into the 31st Ward in August 1972 and until six months ago we weren't very active in the Church. Brent's call to serve as a counselor in the Bishopric has once again changed our lives and in the best way possible. I appreciate very much the way the tine people of this ward have accepted Brent and I realize now what alot of time I have wasted in not getting to know all of you sooner.

I am grateful for my fine husband and my beautiful children. Without them life certainly wouldn't have much meaning. I have a testimony of the Gospel, a testimony which is just now beginning to grow again. I know this church is true and that the only way we can hope to survive, in a world growing more wicket every day, is to stay close to the church and our families and to draw the strength we need by libing close to the Lord.

Karla Stephens  
June 8, 1976

# AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF LOUISE MARY ESMEYER SPENCER

I, Louise Mary Esmeier Spencer, was born to Wietché (Louise) Van Boerum and Wander (Walter) James Esmeier on June 3, 1909 in Ogden, Utah. My parents were immigrants from Holland, arriving in Utah in the early 1900. Life was very difficult for them, new language, new culture and no family to help them.

When I was six months old my father passed away from typhoid fever, from drinking contaminated water. My grandmother arrived from Holland, after I was born. We all lived together and my grandmother watched me while mother worked cleaning houses for other people. I have very fond memories of my grandmother. We lived in a small house at 22nd and Grant Ave.

When I was nine years old, my mother married Ernest J. Barnsley. They had a set of twins, Ernest and Erma.

We moved to 970- 22nd Street, I went to Lorin Farr School. I had to quit school at age thirteen to go to work to help at home. My first job was Pierce's Canning Co.. After that I went to work for Frank Browning for three years.

I met my beloved husband, Charles Thomas Spencer, in 1927 and we were married in June 25, 1928 in Salt Lake City. Later our marriage was solemnized in the Logan Temple July 21, 1961, for time and all eternity. We have four lovely children:

Delores May was born 28 Dec. 1929. She is married to Richard Bramwell. They have three boys Charles, Ricky and Marten. They live in San Diego, Calif.

Our only son, Charles Douglas born February 26, 1932. He is married to Gereline Austad and they have four children: Douglas Jr., Kara, Mark and Gera. They live in Fullerton, California. He is a Doctor of Psychiatry.

Sandra Jean was born August 30, 1942. She married John Wheatly and they have three children: Jinnie, Laurie, and Spencer. They live in Riverdale.

Nancy Lee born February 4, 1946, lives in Riverdale with her husband Donald P. Hansen. Their three children are: Sheelie, Brady and Anber.

My husband worked for the O.U.R.D. Railroad as a switchman, all our married lives. We built our home by ourselves at 2178 Monroe Blvd. in 1936. These years of raising our wonderful family were the best years of my life. We had a very comfortable family life.

My husband was baptized and confirmed a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints through the efforts of a Ogden Stake Missionary, Lillian Cheney and with the prayers of our youngest daughter Nancy.

My husband was called home December 16, 1964.

I am involved with my family. I enjoy visiting my two oldest children in California. I have thirteen grandchildren who are the joy of my life. I enjoy travel when I get a chance. I am grateful for the activities at the Golden Hour. I have always liked to cook and bake. I am a Relief Society Visiting Teacher.

I feel that life has been good to me and through faith in God I have had peace of mind. I enjoyed in 1954 teaching Primary in the 31st Ward.

( told to Sandra August 1976.

## LIFE SKETCH OF KAREN MAE RICHARDSON PRICE

In Hammond, Indiana on May 16, 1945, I, Karen Mae Richardson Price, was born to Mary Kruppiak and Ralph Charles Richardson. I am the middle child with a brother and sister older and a brother and sister younger than I. We lived in Hammond until 1947 then moved to Chicago, Illinois until 1953 then a second move in Illinois to Oak Lawn. My mother and oldest brother still live there.

I attended 8 years at Luther Burbank Elementary, graduating in 1959. Four years at Reavis High school from which I graduated in June 1963. Following graduation I enlisted in the U.S. Navy. I could not go in at once, I did not weigh enough. After a summer of bananas, a few shots and a roll of quarters around my waist, I was sworn in. Boot camp was 12 weeks in Bainbridge, Maryland. I was kept two extra weeks because I could not make hospital corners on my sheets. Due to this my original orders were changed and I stayed in Bainbridge a year longer.

This is where I met my husband. On November 14, 1964, I became Mrs. Roger I. Price. January of 1965 found me in San Diego, California while Roger was in Long Beach. In 1965, I was honorably released from the Navy due to pregnancy.

In March 1966, I was baptized and confirmed a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. My life has changed greatly since that day.

Our first son was born April 24, 1966, with a collapsed lung and lived only twenty hours. September 11, 1967 a healthy 6pound 8 oz. boy was born and blessed Roger Reyn Price. He is now a active, healthy 9 year old in the fourth grade at Lorin Farr School. I lost a boy through miscarriage. January 27, 1970 a healthy baby girl was born. She was blessed and named Becky Sue Price. She is now six years old and attending 1st grade in Lorin Farr School.

Roger and I bought the house at 1078- 22nd Street. We lived in it the five years of our marriage. After our divorce, Reyn, Becky and I just stayed here. My husband was one of "Those".

The church has helped us at different times during my six years of being single. I have had a chance to teach Primary for a while. A change of jobs and I was not free at Primary time. I now teach 8 and 9 year olds in Sunday School.

I want to thank the Richard Sobers family for being a family to us. They will always hold a special place in my heart.

I also want to thank Brother Floyd Poulsen. He has been our home teacher for nine years and seems to know when I am feeling low. Brother Poulsen would show up with a scriptural message to brighten things up. There were a few times when he gave the children and I a special blessing to see us through.

I know that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day- Saints is true and we can recieve blessings when we do what is right. These things I humbly say in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.





## LIFE STORY OF DENISE RAE CHILD HANSEN

I was born in Ogden, Utah on July 5, 1956 to Spencer Ray Child and Eileen Rae Allen. I was the eldest of four children. Kristy Lynette, Allen S., and Kennen Ray soon followed me in that order. I was blessed and given a name by my father on September 2, 1956.

Mom and Dad lived in Ogden at the time, but soon moved to Riverdale, Utah. When I was around one-year-old, we moved to Layton which is the first home I remember and where my parents still live.

I went to Kindergarden and the 1st and 2nd grades at Layton Elementary School, and the next four grades at Vae View Elementary School. I completed 7th grade at Central Davis Junior High, and 8th and 9th grades were completed at North Layton Junior High. My last three years of school were completed at Layton High School. I was active in Seminary and Pep Club in high school.

My childhood was a happy one, and I remember vacationing a lot with my family. We traveled around Utah and to California, Oregon, Washington, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, and Canada. Of course, I don't remember everything, but two places that stand out in my mind are the Grand Canyon and Yellowstone National Park. I remember being excited whenever we saw a bear or deer.

As far back as I can remember, my sister and I always stayed with our grandparents, Jack B. and Cora Lavern Allen, during the summer. They lived in Hagerman, Idaho on a large farm where my grandfather was a dairy farmer. We never tired of riding horses, walking wooden fences, climbing on chicken coops, playing in the barn, teasing, teasing Grandma, watching Grandpa milk cows, and listening to the stories our grandparents told us. We loved our grandparents dearly.

It was on September 1, 1969, on one of those trips home from Idaho, after staying with our grandparents that we lost our beloved mother and younger brother Kennen in an automobile accident. I was 13-years old at the time and couldn't understand why my mother and brother who was only 6 years of age were taken from us. Dad was in the hospital for a long time which made it even more difficult for us to understand. We stayed with relatives until father was well enough to come home.

We came to realize that Mom and Ken were with our Father in Heaven and were happy where they were, and we knew that Mom had accomplished her mission here on earth. We were a blessed family.

Later, father met a wonderful woman, Janet Stevens, whom he married on July 31, 1970. We learned to love and respect our new mother. She was not only my second mother, but a very special friend as well.

After high school, I went on to Stevens Henager College with two special friends, Sherlene Bodily and Cindy Clarke. We soon became known as the Three Muskateers throughout school. I went to school for a year before I graduated in June 1975 as a medical secretary. In April 1975. I started working for Doctors Farrell Calton and Richard White at the McKay-Dee Hospital where I am working now.

During my last quarter of college in March, I met my eternal sweetheart, Bartley Ray Hansen. We fell in love and got engaged on July 5, 1975, which was my birthday. What a birthday surprise! Our courtship lasted for four months, and we were married November 14, 1975 in the Logan Temple. We spent our honeymoon in Nevada and California, and we returned to live in our home at 820-21st Street.



### LIFE SKETCH OF EDNA MAY MAW TANNER

I, Edna May Maw Tanner was born into the family of Robert Maw and Hertha Amelia Schoenfeld Maw. I am the youngest of six children and the only daughter.

I can say as Nephi of old that I was born of goodly parents. My father was a convert from England and later went there on a mission. He was one of the first settlers of Plain City, Utah. Mother sang in the Salt Lake Tabernacle Choir under the direction of Evan Stephens. Mother also sang with the ward Relief Society Singing Mothers for many years. Her parents were converts from Germany. Grandfather Schoenfeld later went there as President of the Swiss German Mission for over four years. He also was Bishop of his ward for 34 years. Upon his release he was ordained a Patriarch.

I graduated from Ogden High School and Utah State University and taught school for 27 years.

I married David E. Tanner and we were blessed with two children: Lynn Edwin and Karen Diann. Lynn has been on a Southern Australian Mission. He has received his B.S. Degree from Utah State University, a Masters of Education Degree from Idaho State University. He is teaching high school and working toward a Doctors Degree. He married Beverly Rawlins and they have three children. Karen Diann received her B.S. Degree & Master Degree from Utah State University. She taught elementary school in Utah and Iowa. She is married to Doctor Stanley D. Allen. They have three children.

Regarding church participation, I have held the following church positions: Jr Sunday School Coordinator, Jr. Sunday School Chorister, and teacher, Sunday School Stake Board, Sunday School Enlistment Secretary, M.I.A. teacher, Relief Society Visiting Teacher, Ward Welfare Secretary, and Sunday School Librarian.

As a family we have been continuously involved in church activity. Our children have always held a church position since they were old enough. My husband has been in a leadership position of some kind for 36 years. I know we have been blessed because of our church activities.

### HISTORY OF CAROL LUCY TURNER NELSON

I was born at 3:45 P.M. on April 28, 1953 at the L.D.S. Star Valley Hospital in Afton, Wyoming. My mother is Ruth M. Thurman and father is Clifford R. Turner. My grandparents are Ray S. and Lucy Thurman and Rawsel E. and Libbie W. Turner. They are all deceased. I have one brother and three sisters. One of my sisters died before I was born.

My first haircut was on June 29, 1957, given to me by my sister Beverly. On January 7, 1957, I became very ill with infected glands, kidneys and also rheumatism. I was hospitalized from Jan. 12th to 23rd. I was so seriously ill during this time, that only through a special administration by Grandfather Thurman and Pres. Nowille Fluckiger was I made better. For several months I had to stay away from people as I was not very well. In April 1957 I had my tonsil operation. Finally I regained my health and strength. At age 5 I started school at Holdaway in Thayne, Wyoming. My elementary school was received there.

At age eight on May 1, 1961, I was baptized in the Stake House in Afton by a cousin, Roger Newswander. My brother was on a mission so could not baptize me. Father confirmed me a member of the church May 7, 1961. He was the bishop of the Bedford Ward at this time.

After elementary school, I went into Jr. High in Afton and then graduated from high school in 1971 and then attended Ricks College for a year.

On May 5, 1967, I received my Patriarchal Blessing from grandfather Thurman. This was the 2000 given by grandfather. I had graduated from Primary and M.I.A. My church experiences are many during this time.

In the summer of 1972, I went to live with my brother and his family in Brigham City. A few months later I moved to Ogden. I got a job and worked a year before I met my sweetheart. I met David W. Nelson at a Young Adult party, given by the Mount Ogden Stake. David lived in Ogden Stake but he was invited. We became acquainted at the party and later we started dating.

We were married on December 20th 1973 in the Ogden Temple. We have lived in the 31st Ward for eight months and really enjoy it. I am working as a Primary teacher and as Nursery Leader in the Relief Society.

#### HISTORY OF LORAIN JO ANN JOHNSON FIFE

I was born and raised in South Ogden, Utah. My birth was on April 1st 1954, the last of six children... Glenna, La Rhea, La Mar (died at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  months), Beverly and Janice are my sisters and brother.

I attended Park View and Birch Creek Elementary schools, South Jr. and graduated from Bonneville High School in 1972.

I was very shy when I was younger. So shy that if anyone said HI to me I would be imbarrest and feel like crawling in the smallest hole I could find. When I became a Junior in High School, I met my first boy friend. Through the months of going with him he brought me out of my shell of being shy, into the wrong crowd. That is when I thought my life was just starting. I would have nothing to do with church or religion. I started smoking a little and drinking on weekends. I got caught shop-lifting. I hated to stay home, because I could not get along with my parents and most of my sisters. So I spent more time with my boyfriend. After awhile he droped me flat. It took me over a year to get over him.

I started going to the College 4th Branch where I met a boy named Ted Smith. He took me to Colorado to meet his parents, during Christmas of 1973. We set the marriage date to get married in March. As time got closer I felt that something was wrong. 26hours before our planned wedding, he called me to come to the bus station and get my car, he had been using. I found a note in the car saying that he could not go through with the wedding. We spent all the next day canceling our reservations, and calling all invited guests. By this time I had given up guys.

I had met Charles L. Fife the September before. He was always a good friend I went to talk with him when I had the blues or problems. He was promised to another girl but she was stepping out so he got the ring back from her. He started dating me. I told him not to get hooked on me because I was not going to get interested on anyone else. I was tired of getting hurt. We were friends for 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  months then realized I was really falling for him. Within three months we were married, on August 29, 1974. We have been married two happy years. We are active in church. I am secretary of the Sunday School now.



# AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF BETTY ANN YOUNG HANSEN

I, Betty Ann Young Hansen, entered this mortal life December 2, 1924 in Salt Lake City, Utah. My parents are George Charles Young and Hulda Marie Redeker. I was the second daughter and fourth child, of the 8 born.

The depression was on and jobs were scarce. Father was having a struggle. He moved us to California. Father worked for the city of Venice as a steam shovel engineer. The city wanted to build canals like those in Venice, Italy. We lived  $\frac{1}{2}$  block from a canal with strict orders to stay away from the canal. The winter was depressing and cold and many canals flooded. We moved until flooding subsided. Summer and the canals did not drain, the mosquitos were terrible. We moved back to Burbank then work was scarce so we moved back to the same house in Venice. We lived with Grandmother Young because Mother was so ill, this was Burbank again. Father worked digging foundations for the big houses in Beverly Hills. Mother never regained her health and passed away my first year in high school. I graduated in 1944.

Father remarried. I worked as mothers helper and lived with the people near school. Then the World War II. After one year in an ice cream store, I worked in Glendale at Don Baxters Medical Lab, where we manufactured Transfusal and Interveineus vacs that saved fighting mens lives.

My first knowledge of the church was at 9 when father said, "Did you know your great great grandfather was Brigham Young who had 9 wives?"

I attended Magnolia Community Park Church. They had wonderful teachers who taught of great Bible Prophets. With friends I went to several churches and then to the First Baptist. My sister had two Mormon friends, Mary and Betty Meyers. I told my sister I believed Jesus was my Savior. She said my church was not true. I thought Jesus was not partial to one church. She explained about baptism and Joseph Smith.

I went to Sunday School with my sister and her friends. The class was disappointing, they could not tell the teacher about their own church. He asked if anyone could name the books of the Bible. I said I could and the kids were so surprised. He asked me to give a 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  minute talk next Sunday in Sunday School. My sister said that we were not members. He told us that did not matter and gave me material on the Welfare Plan for the talk. I got up to the pulpit next Sunday and felt the Spirit of the Lord and could hardly talk. When I finished I went to the rest room and cried. I began to realize that this church had something different.

The Stake Missionaries came to teach us. Father found excuses but he even allowed me to go with the missionaries tracting. One night I prayed, "Lord if you know that this church is true be sure to let me know." The next Sunday the Stake Missionaries asked me if I would like to be baptized. I told them I would.

One more important part of my testimony; I was baby sitting for an L.D.S. family. I opened one of the books and read of the vision of Joseph Smith Jr. with the Father and the Son appearing and of Moroni coming to Joseph Smith. When the big brother came home. I told him I had never read anything so beautiful. He ask if I believed it cause if I did I would soon be a Mormon. I was baptized July 5, 1941 in Glendale.

I went to church and M.I.A. and taught a Sunday School class of 5 year olds. I became President of the Gleaner class and through a dear friend the Gleaner Advisor became more active.

In July I received a call, which I had dreamed of since being baptized, to the Southern States Mission. I had not lived home since father remarried. The M Men, Gleaners and Gleaners Advisor pledged to keep me on my mission. It was while in Birmingham on my mission that I met my husband, Wendell Le Roy Hansen. I came home 9 months before he did. I lived with my Gleaner Advisor. Wendell started writing to me. When released he came to California. We had a beautiful courtship. We came back to Ogden, got a license and were married in the in the Logan Temple.

We lived in the old 2nd Ward (which was the 1st church built in Ogden) Susan was born there. Wendell worked with George E. Brown the County Assesor. We moved to Binford and Marilyn was born, then to our present residence on Oak Street; Mark Edward and 8 more children arrived: David Young, Glen Virgil, Matthew Charles, Neil Aaron, Paul Raymond, Julie, Bill Richard and Barbara.

In the Weber stake (2nd Ward I taught a teen age class. Then Wendell was called as Stake Mission President and I was called as a missionary. We had many happy experiences. In the 20th Ward I was Sunday School teacher and Era Director. I enjoyed my call on the Ogden Stake Primary Board, then I taught the Gleaner Class with Carma Ferguson and later Claudia Archibald as Presidents. I was released when Julie was born with problems and needed my attention. Later I served on the Ogden Stake Relief Society Board as Spiritual Living leader and then Visiting Teachers message, for four years. A new experience as counselor at the Deaf Primary. I have taught a Stake Relief Society mini class as cooking leader. When I had my feet operater on, I asked for a release because my feet were so bad. I have enjoyed the Home Evening Class as teacher (now called the Family Relation class). In 1975 I became the Home-making Leader in the 31st Ward, serving under President Glenna Hunt. I'm also a Visiting Teacher.

Can you not see that the Lord has truly blessed me, that my cup runeth over. I know that He lived. I am so grateful for His great love for us all, and that I have been blessed to come to earth to hear His gospel and become a member. To be blessed with the privilege of fulfilling a mission; to meet a wonderful man and to go to His Holy House to be married through out time and all eternity. To be blessed with eleven choice spirits; to see four of our children fill missions: Mark Georgia South Carolina Mission, Marilyn to Austria, David to Denmark and Glen to Texas; the joy as a daughter then a son choses to marry in the temple.

I bear witness that the church is true and if we do the will of our Father in Heaven, He will pour out choice blessings that you can hardly contain them all. I bear this testimony in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.



#### AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF VIRGINIA HIATT REEVES

I, Virginia Hiatt Reeves was born January 11, 1917 in Ogden, Utah to Clarence Rodolphus and Edith May Jones Haitt. My father owned a restaurant for a while and then was conductor on the old trolly cars. He was in poor health and finally mother had to work to support the family, my two older brothers, Howard and George, myself and younger sister Ruth. When I was 5 father went to Sacramento, Calif. for his health. A month later he died.

We lived at 3154 Pacific Ave. by the rail road tracks. As the trains went by our house the conductor would slow down and the men on the coal car would throw off all the coal they could. From the looks of us they knew we needed it. One night a train ran off the tracks and the load of pigs were all over, running and squeeling all night. Another night a big canning factory next to our house burned down to the ground. Believe me there was never a dull moment.

My mother worked hard and was away long hours, we kids ran wild. Speaking of the rail road tracks they were part of our play ground. We crawled under and over the box cars and on top, when we did not get caught. We ran through fields and stickers played in sloughs full of pollywogs and broken glass. We were always bare footed too. We played on rusty iron bars. One time my sister cut her head open in a fall. She would have bled to death if a neighbor had not taken her to a doctor. I fell while running with a pointed all day sucker in my mouth. The stick pierced my throat. It stayed there until I was brave enough to pull it out. I still have a hole there which keeps the doctors wondering. I don't know how we survived or how I ever grew up to be 9 years old.

We had quiet times too. My Aunt Dora, crippled from polio and her little boys lived with us. She had heavy braces on her legs so it was difficult to walk but she took us looking for mushrooms and along the ditch banks for lucerne. The water was clean so we washed and ate it there. Where the new highway to Roy is now, were huge sand hills Aunt Dora would take us there with a lunch and we would play for hours.

I'm glad my children did not go through some of the things we did, and others I wish they could have experienced. We did not know we were poor, we were so happy and never bored for a single minute. We had new adventures every day. When I think about the trains it scares me but it was fun then.

I went to the 11th Ward a far walk for a little girl to go but I loved church. When I was 9½ we moved to Jefferson Ave. between 27th and 28th into the 18th Ward. We lived in a house that Professor and Sister Moench owned. She was a lovely lady who made sure we kids got to the dentist and doctors. The bishop gave us free tickets for all the ward dinners. I loved Religion Class and Sunday School and was on every program singing or giving readings. When I went to Madison School I won the lead in every play at the audition. Now if anyone asked me to give a talk my mouth would clamp shut.

Mother was seriously ill when I was 11 and my sister and I stayed at the Martha Society Home for orphans or kids, whose parents could not care for them. We stayed a year. When she had an operation we were back for a summer. Mrs. Forbes was the mother and so kind to all the children. We were happy but missed Mother.

When I was 13, mother married a wonderful man, Jess L. Browning. He was loving and kind, we did not think of him as a step-father. We loved him very much. We and our children were the high light in his life. Every one had a special place in his heart. When he was dying he told Michael he wished he could live to see him go on a mission. Our love for him was great and I pray the bond of our love is strong enough that our Heavenly Father will let us be with him again. I know that is his desire too.

At this time we moved to the 20th Ward (later part of the 31st Ward) so you see I'm one of the old timers. Rose Marie Belnap was my Sunday School teacher and she has always been a special person to me.



When I married Allen Reeves, he was not a member of the L.D.S. Church. He was baptized a few years later. He would not go to church except on special occasions. I had a large family and my health was not so good, so it was easy to stay home. I had eight children but one boy and three girls died a few days after birth. Our children: Janice, Patti, Nancy and Michael were all raised in the 31st Ward, with the finest leaders and teachers. I know the good example set by young men in the ward was responsible for Michael's character and his desire to go on a mission.

It was here in the 31st Ward that Allen was loved and welcomed into activity and I will always be grateful for that. Patti and I worked in the Sunday School together for many years. When some one new moved into the ward they thought we were sisters (I must have looked much younger then). We had so much fun, others thought we were good friends. We thought alike, cried and laughed at the same things and still do. When I go to Colorado to visit her I always come home with a sore throat. Her husband said, "Mom it is not the weather that gives you a sore throat it is you and Patti laughing".

When Michael went through the temple before his mission, I went too and was sealed to Allen. Bishop Warren Shurtleff was proxy for Allen. Michael and my four babies were sealed to us. Patti and Mervyn had their endowments and were sealed, Patti was sealed to Allen and me. What a glorious feeling, to know if worthy, we were uniting our eternal family. I pray that some day soon Janice and Nancy will make it complete. We have had lots of fun and laughs as a earth family.

I was Sunday School Secretary for 20 years and loved every minute of it. Five of the years were on the Ogden Stake Board as Secretary.

I'm grateful to my Great Grandfather and Great Grandmother Eleasar Griffith and Susannah Grovel Williams who were converts. They came from Wales with 5 of their 9 children and settled in Far West and then Ogden. On my fathers side the Mormons go back many generations. One of my great Uncles pushed a cart across the plains to Salt Lake City. Grandfather and Grandmother Hastings and Margaret Adele Pritchett settled Colman, Idaho. They lived in a log cabin which later was turned into a weaving room for grandma. Grandpa made her a loom. She wove the cloth for all the family. Both of my grandmothers and one grandfather died when I was small, so I've sort of adopted older people.

My hobbies are sewing and people (making friends). I have never wanted for friends, I have had many all of my life.

I'm grateful for my mother, who passed away a year ago, for her love and understanding and for my brothers and sister. I love my three wonderful daughters, my son who are so kind and patient with me. I could not have a sweeter daughter-in-law. I have 12 almost 13 grand children and one great grand daughter. I have a sweet grand daughter in-law. They are all very dear to me.

I know the church is true, that we have the true Gospel of Jesus Christ. The 31st Ward has had the best leaders and members in the whole world. I'm happy and proud to say, "I belong to the 31st Ward." I love all of you very much and appreciate your kindness and friendship. I have always felt like we must have known each other in the pre-existence because the love was already there. I hope you share this feeling with me because being loved and appreciated is important to our lives. May God bless you and keep you in His tender care always.

Virginia Hiatt Reeves

# AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF CHRISTINE LOUISE KILBURN ROBINSON

At the St. Benedicts Hospital on March 5, 1955 at 9:15 P.M., I, Christine Louise Kilburn Robinson was born to Robert Ozias Kilburn and Mary Louise Sponsel Kilburn. My parents were Catholic and shortly thereafter had me baptized into the Catholic Church.

I always had questioned the Catholic Faith. So when I started dating a Mormon I started attending church with him. He baptized me at the age of 16 on December 18, 1971. He then went on a mission and I remained active for six months and then fell away. I guess it was because I had no one to really talk to about the church. My family was quite antagonistic about it, so with no real contact with members, it was easy for me to quit attending rather than fight my family about it.

My parents had divorced a year before I was baptized. My dad has remarried and was baptized a Mormon. He has custody of my two younger brothers and they are both members now.

My life was quite hectic after I quit going to church. I was going with boys who smoked and drank. My life was miserable and empty. One day I took a good look at myself and decided I would change my life. I started going to church and when I felt good enough about myself, I had a long talk with my Bishop. He then had a talk with "K" Robinson and asked if he and his wife Carolyn would fellowship me. I had met Carolyn several weeks earlier and we were becoming close friends

"K" and Carolyn knew how they would fellowship me. Carolyn had a talk with "K" brother, Parker, and we were introduced. The minute I met Parker, I knew he was a very special man. You could almost say it was love at first sight. It was no surprise to "K" and Carolyn, when almost a month later we went over to their house and showed them my engagement ring. This happened on May 3, 1974.

On June 13, 1974, we were married in the Manti Temple. Parker's sister, Karen and her husband Daryl Schlappi were married that day also. It was a very special day for the four of us. One we will never forget.

Many people criticized us for our short courtship. Some said that we would not make it 6 months, but here we are going on 3 years and we are still on our honeymoon.

We have a beautiful daughter, Angela who was born two months premature. She is now ten months old and growing every day. I am five months pregnant with baby number two. I didn't think I would ever be so happy and content.

I know that my Father in Heaven has blessed me. I know He is there because He has answered my prayers. He sent me the greatest blessing I could ever hope for- He sent me Parker. For this blessing I thank Him every day. I know this is the true church. I am a living example. I can say truthfully, I was born again the day I was baptized.

If I could give members any advice, it would be to always fellowship new members. Because the Devil works overtime on them, they need a lot of love and encouragement and friendship. It is hard to change your life for the better when you feel that you have no-one. Especially when you have bad habits to over come. So really love and fellowship the new members. They really need it.

## THE VANDER DOES FAMILY

The Vander Does family consists of Raymond, husband and father; Valerie, wife and mother; a son Steven, and a daughter Sheila.

They were all born in Ogden, Utah and have spent all of their lives in this area. In September 1976, they moved into a house at 1073- 21st Street and became members of the 31st Ward.

As Raymond grew up, he attended the Ogden public schools and graduated from Ben Lomond High School in 1960. He was reared in a good L.D.S. family where he was taught the gospel. When he was 19 years old, he was called and fulfilled a mission in South Germany.

After returning home, he married Valerie Mitchen in the Salt Lake Temple on October 16, 1964. Since that time he has spent much time in serving the Lord in many positions such as Ward Clerk, M.I.A. President, Counselor in the Bishopric and Sunday School President. Raymond has been employed for the past eight years as a driver salesman for Farr Ice Cream Co.

Raymonds personal testimony: "The Lord has blessed me with a strong testimony of the gospel, and born witness to me of the truthfulness of His work here upon this earth. He has blessed me with a wonderful wife and children. I know that God lives and His true church has been restored to this earth."

Valerie grew up in Farr West, Utah and attended Weber County Schools. She spent the fun and carefree days of her childhood living on a farm. She was 15 years old when her family moved to Ogden. She graduated from Ogden High School in 1961. She then became a medical assistant at the Ogden Womans Clinic.

Since marrying Raymond, she has been a fulltime wife and mother, a career she enjoys very much. She has held many church positions including: ward librarian, 1st Counselor and 2nd Counselor in the Primary, Primary President, and teacher in the auxiliaries. She has also done volunteer work for her community.

Valarie's personal testimony: "I know that the gospel has been restored to the earth in these latter days for the benefit of mankind. I know that Joseph Smith was a true prophet of God and that today Spencer W. Kimball is the prophet the Lord has chosen to lead the church. I am so very thankful for the gospel of Jesus Christ."

Steven has spent his childhood growing up in Ogden. He is now attending Lorin Farr School and is in 4th grade. Steven has completed two years of Cub Scouting and has earned many awards. He is now a Webelo Scout. He enjoys swimming, playing soccer and football. Steven's personal testimony: "I know God lives and Jesus was resurrected. I have a testimony that Heavenly Father hears and answers prayers. I want to grow up to be a missionary."

Sheila has spent her childhood in Ogden. She is now attending Lorin Farr School in the 3rd grade. Sheila has always loved school and been an outstanding student. She enjoys reading, bicycle riding, swimming, and roller skating. She is learning to cook and is very helpful with chores around the house. Sheila's testimony: "I know that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints is true. I know that Heavenly Father and Jesus lives. I am thankful for my relatives. I am thankful for my parents and my brother. I am thankful that my Uncle Jim is on a mission in Switzerland."



## HISTORY OF RENATE MUDROW ORR

During World War II, I was born the 22 May 1944 in Buttstaedt, Germany. I had three brothers but I was the only girl. My mother is Ilse Martha Lieschen Voelker and father is Gustav Ernst Mudrow. I grew up in Gebstedt. After the war, this was in the Russian Occupied Zone behind the iron curtain. I learned to speak Russian as it was a requirement at school. As we walked to school, Russian tanks on manovers would fire live shells. It was dangerous.

We had it better than the city folks for we lived on a farm and could produce our food and had animals. Mother processed the meat and made sausage and other good meats. I remember the L.D.S. Missionaries bringing us food from the Church Welfare sent from Utah. I had never tasted apricots before.

Clothing was hard to get as there was no material to buy. Mother's mother made over clothes for me. I remember in 1953 a box of clothes sent to us from father's oldest sister in the United States.

I had finished the sixth grade in East Germany, when our entire family escaped to West Germany in 1957. We had been a well-to-do family but were happy to escape with only the clothes on our back. Dad was ill and could not work and we had a time of hunger. Our family of six was housed in a one bedroom apartment and were so crowded. We felt this was not the place for us and we prayed for guidance. Mother found what work there was to support the family.

I was baptized in 1958 during January in Frankfort, Germany. My father's mother was a member of the church as was my father, but my mother was converted after she was married to father.

I finished my schooling by age 16 and had been an apprentice to a dentist since age 14 as part of my schooling. I helped him make inlays in gold, silver and platinum, kept his personal accounts, took ex rays and assisted him. This was in Frankfort, Germany.

My father's brother in Ogden asked Frank Browning to sponsor our family and we came to the United States in 1960 in July, by airplane for 28 hours (with engine trouble to worry us) and then by bus for three days and three nights. We thought we were coming to the "Wild West" and were worried about the cow boys and Indians.

I had to go back to school. I was so grown up, I appeared at school in nylons and high heels. They thought I was a teacher. I graduated in 1962 after making many friends. I also graduated from Seminary taking three years course in two years.

Monika Mudrow introduced me to Bill Orr who was in the Air Force. He had been converted and baptized in 1962 in Ogden. He was originally from Baltimore, Maryland but his folks are living in California. We were married the 22 March 1963 in Ogden, Utah.

Bill was transferred to Alaska to work on a remote radar sight, so I remained at home in Ogden with my parents. I taught the mentally retarded children at the Weber Training Center and also attended Weber College. I taught a Sunday School class of 14 year olds in the 67th Ward.

Bill was transfered to Clovis, New Mexico, and now I could go with him. While there I taught in a private kindergarden . Misti Teresa was born there. When in 1968, Bill was discharged from the service, we moved to Pamona, California. In 1974 Christopher Lee Orr was born.

My work in Ogden while attending Weber College had been at Dr. Van Dyke office. He was a orthodonist. I had also taught arts and crafts at the Branch for the Deaf School when I was first married.

The young missionary who in the 1920's converted my fathers family was Owen Morrell Clark. He lived in Ogden and had been the Dean of Men at Weber State College. What a thrill to meet him, such a good man, and become friends.

We moved from California to Ogden in 1976. We stayed with mom and dad until Bill finished his business and then we moved into the Ogden 31st Ward.

I was sustained a Counselor in the Relief Society on the 15 August 1976 and am enjoying getting acquainted with the sisters, and the new work.

The church has meant much to us. If it had not been that we were members of the church, we would not be here today. It helped us to escape from the evils of the iron curtain and communism. Through the help of Heavenly Father we could be a loving, kind family. Through faith we can be a better person, even though the evil one works overtime on us. Faith helps to keep improving.

#### AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF WILLIAM M. ORR JR.

In Baltimore, Maryland in 1943, I was born to Elizabeth Young and William M. Orr Sr. and was given my father's name with Jr. added. There were four children. I had two sisters and one brother.

The climate in winter was damp and very cold. My sister became very ill, the doctor advised a warmer climate. I was six when we moved to Pomona, Calif. where my aunt and Uncle lived. It was a city of 100,000.

I received my schooling in Pamona. In high school, I played football and went out for track. Mother was an active Methodist and read and knew the Bible, I was also a Methodist. Father was not active until 5 years ago when he began attending the Baptist Church.

When I was 15 I began working for my uncle who was a painter as was dad. They taught me all phases of the work. I worked here until I enlisted in the Air Force in 1961. I was stationed in Ogden, Utah.

On a double date, I met Renate Mudrow who was introduced to me by Monika Mudrow. I began attending the L.D.S. Church when I dated her. The Stake Missionaries gave me the lessons and I was baptized in 1962. Renate and I were married the 22 of March 1963 in Ogden, Utah. I served 1 year in Alaska then Renate joined me in Clovis, New Mexico. I went on T.D.Y. to Vietnam for 2 months. After my release we lived in Pamona for 8 years. In 1976 we moved to Ogden in the 31st Ward where I enjoy my church work as referee for Ogden Stake basketball games. I work at Tom Miller Reality and construction in my painting trade.

Nothing means very much without the church. I had lived a earthly life searching for happiness. To live without the church seeking for happiness in vain and having no real meaning in life, would give nothing for which to strive or work to progress.

## Autobiography of PAIRLEE TACKETT SMITH

Near Bassett, Mississippi County, Arkansas the 13 of July, 1913, I, Pairlee Tackett Smith was born to Thomas Franklin and Lula Bell Scott Tackett. I grew up on a cotton farm a few miles from the Mississippi River, and there was work for all of us to do. We raised almost everything that we ate. On the farm we had cows, pigs, chickens, plenty of eggs, milk and butter, and lots of vegetables, red potatoes, yams, peanuts and popcorn.

The last two years Dad lived, in mid-July when work was through on the farm and the cotton would not be ready to pick until fall, Mother packed a lunch and we went to the wooded area a few days a week for several weeks and cut wood to last a year. We had turns helping Dad saw. Sometimes there were two of us on one end of the saw and Dad on the other end, sawing trees down and sawing logs in lengths for wood. Dad split the wood into smaller pieces with an ax. We had lots of fun swinging on wild grape vines and playing among the trees.

My sister and I walked a mile to school: a two room schoolhouse, and then two miles to Shawnee High when the bus didn't run, which was most of the time. Shawnee High was from kindergarten or "primary" as it was called then, through high school. Two other sisters and a brother went there, my one sister died when she was nine years old.

I was married to Charles Elmer Smith the 26th of April 1929 at Osceola, Arkansas. I was baptized in the old channel of the Mississippi River the 29th of September 1929 and confirmed the same day by Elder A.J. Sabey. Two sons were born at Bassett, Arkansas: Charles Thomas the 29th April 1931, and William Elmer the 5 May 1934. Charles Thomas went back to his Heavenly home the 29th of September 1932.

In September 1934 we moved to Baker, Oregon, stopping in Ogden for a week. I received a Patriarchal blessing the 13 September 1934 from Patriarch Edward A. Olsen while in Ogden. We came to Salt Lake City for April Conference in 1935 and were married and sealed for Eternity in the Salt Lake Temple the 11 April 1935. Our first daughter, Ruth Lorene, was born the 28 October 1935. Four more daughters were born: Lottie Bell 23 September 1937, Sandra Lee 12 May 1939, Carolyn Marie 13 July 1942, Joyce Ellanora 6 July 1944, and a son was still born the 15th of July 1947.

I was Relief Society Visiting Teacher and assistant teacher in Junior Genealogy in 1938 & 1939 in the Marriott Ward and Relief Society Visiting Teacher and Genealogy Teacher in the 31st Ward in the Ogden Utah Stake. I know this Gospel is true, and am happy to be a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Autobiography of JUDITH IRENE MORRISON  
(Junior Sunday School and Primary Teacher)

In Ogden, Utah on 22 July 1946, I, Judith Irene Morrison was born, the daughter of Ralph and Alyce I. Christensen Morrison. I am the second child in a family of three children. I have a sister older and a brother younger. When I was eight years old I had rheumatic fever and had a teacher who came to our home. I attended school at Dee and Ben Lomond High in Ogden.

In July 1960 Father was transferred and we moved to Dillon, Montana. I went to school there for eight months. Because of illness we were transferred back to Ogden. We bought our home at 953-21st Street in the 31st Ward.

I enjoyed M.I.A. very much. One evening I rushed into M.I.A. a bit late. Bro. Larry Price asked everyone to stand up as there was someone important there tonight.



He started to tell a story and said if these facts did not fit your life you were to sit down. Finally I was the only one standing. "Judy, come forward. You have worked hard to earn a seven-year certificate and a necklace from Y.W.M.I.A." he said. I was the first girl to get a nine-year award.

I have enjoyed my church positions: 9 years in Junior Sunday School as teacher, 8 years as Primary teacher, Librarian, M.I.A. M-Men and Gleaner Secretary in the Ogden Stake (1969-1970) and Representative for Special Interest Group in 1973.

I graduated from Seminary where our teacher Robert William Smith was an inspirational leader. I strive to apply this inspiration by being a good example to the children that I enjoy teaching. I know that the church is true and try to live worthy of my many blessings. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Judith Morrison  
Written April 1974

Life Sketch of DEBORAH EDEENE CHATLIN  
(Written June 2, 1974)

My name is Deborah Edeene Chatlin and I have lived in Ogden all of my life. My mother is Elnora Thompson Chatlin and father's name was Edward Albert Chatlin Sr. My father is deceased. Mother was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints but father was not. Mother took me to Sunday School in the Seventh Ward.

When I was almost a year old I lost some of my hearing. When I reached five years of age I attended public school. Mother did not know what was wrong. I had very little vocabulary. It was hard for my family to understand my handicap. I had to struggle alot to get through elementary school. I also had very little learning of the Gospel. I would ask alot of questions and try to read some gospel on my own.

When I was 14 years old I attended Seminary regularly and this was interesting because I went to the Deaf Seminary. They knew how to teach deaf persons the principles of the gospel. On 19 April 1970 at Sacrament Meeting the Branch for the Deaf Seminary presented the program and I conducted. This was in the 31st Ward.

Now I am so happy to be a member of the 31st Ward because the people are all so wonderful.

I have taught Sunday School for the Deaf for two years and now I teach the M.I.A. MIA MAID deaf class. It is very hard to teach them because you have to break the vocabulary far enough so that they can understand the lesson.

I would like to bear my testimony. I know that there is no greater blessing than exaltation in the Celestial Kingdom. I love the church and I know that God and Jesus Christ are living. I know that Jesus Christ gave His life for us so that we can see and live with God again.

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LIBRARY

Knowledge comes not from knowing everything but in knowing how and where to find the knowledge of the truths recorded. Archeologists have uncovered many ancient collections of recorded records, libraries of clay tablets from Babylon.

The first library in the 31st Ward was a large collection of pictures collected by the Junior Sunday School and kept in a locked box 5 feet by 2 feet by 2½ feet high. The box stood in the hall. Gwen Johnson was the first appointed to dispense the pictures in 1951 to Junior Sunday School Teachers.

Cupboards were built by Vaughn Larsen, Sunday School Superintendant, in the front hall downstairs in the 31st and 20th Wards. I began collecting more pictures in 1959. Teachers helped make homemade paste and mount pictures on cardboard.

While Librarian, the Library functioned for all organizations in the Ward. In October 1964 I was released. Judy Morrison, a faithful worker, who had been my assistant, functioned as Librarian. Over the years, with no help to assist her, the Library fell apart and only functioned for the Sunday School until 1971.

In 1971 I was asked to start the functioning of the Library again. This was done according to directions from the Library General Authorities. The three wards (13th, 20th, and 31st) were combined as directed. We all worked together, compiling and mounting. Materials were housed in the old cupboards.

We moved into the new building with the help of many and work began to put the Library in functioning form. In January 1974 visitors from Salt Lake General Church Libraries inspected the Library and were impressed. Comment was made that our goal was to have the best Library. The Library is well stocked. Brother Jack Pickrell made this comment: "You have not only done that, but have already got one of the best in the whole church."

#### Library History by Naydene Miller

##### "News and Notes" (31st Ward Newspaper)

May 1972- Library is a Priesthood responsibility. An overhead projector is being purchased. Cataloging is being done. A dry-mount press is here to mount pictures.

September 1972- At the Library Open House September 14, 1972 there was a splendid display of teaching aids, equipment was demonstrated, items were for sale, some books were available for Family Home Night, over 1200 pictures were mounted for use, many films were displayed for teachers to use.

August 1972- Assistants in Library: Judy Morrison, Martha Hunt, Lenore Hill, Kitty Call.

December 1972- There are index cards for all items in the library.

June 1973- The Library has 50 new films and records on many subjects.

July 1973- Assistant Librarians are: Norma Johnson, Jannette Layne, Jayne Howard, Debra Chatlin, Lou Sobers, Carmen Poulsen, Edwina Anway, Virginia Reeves, and Terry Wiggill. Equipment operator: Robert Calder.

October 1974- Assistant Librarian: Elaine Wiggill, Brian Davis, Dimple Reddish,

December 1974- Deborah Edeene Chatlin as assistant Librarian. Many devoted 31st Ward members have diligently served since, we of the Relief Society appreciate Sis. Virginia Anderson's help.

By Naydene Miller

Autobiography of NAYDENE SANT MILLER  
(Ward Librarian)

I, Naydene Sant Miller, was born in Treasureton, Franklin County, Idaho, a little farming community, on 28 March 1930 to Orson C. and Cloie Leona Conlin Sant. I am the eldest of six children, three girls and three boys. I was born in the same house as my father. When I was four years old my grandmother Sant died. I can remember the funeral very well. That summer father built a log cabin for us to live in. I helped chink between the logs of the cabin.

I went to school in a one room rock building, that my parents had also attended. The church we attended was one-room rock building. Curtains were drawn to divide for classes. The benches were moved to the side of the room for dances and recreation. We moved around alot, because of the depression; on the farm in the summer and in Preston, Idaho in the winter. In my twelve years of schooling I attended nine schools.

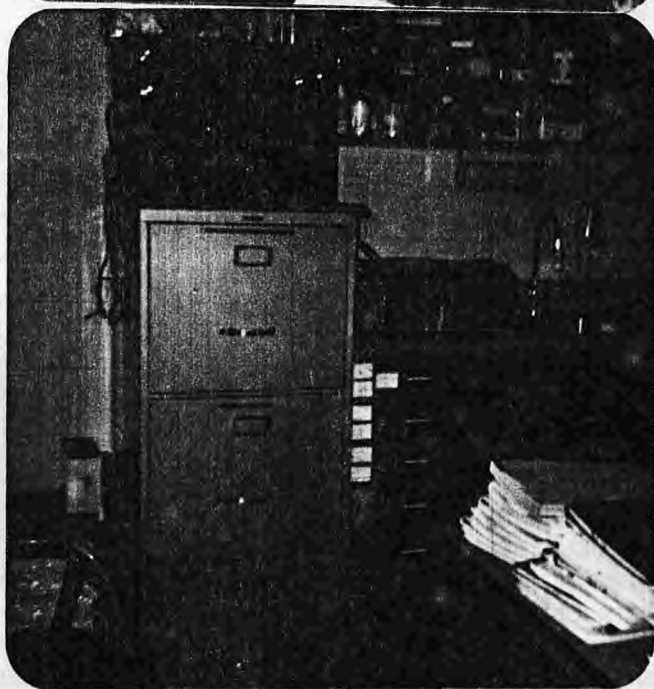
During the war years, my father was guard for the Utah Power & Light Co. in Grace, Idaho. We lived on a small farm and I learned the value of work. Mother was always busy with arts and crafts, so I took naturally to them. I learned to swim in the Bear River and enjoyed family outings and activities by the river. We moved from the farm in 1942. In town school was just six blocks away and much larger. We all enjoyed neighbors and the baseball (round robin) every evening in the summer and in the winter fox and geese game was enjoyed.

In 1945 my folks moved into the Ogden Utah Seventh Ward. We were always active in the L.D.S. Church and were taught in gospel in our home. When we moved and attended the Ogden 20th Ward I was thankful to my friend, Naomi Miller, and a thoughtful Gleaner teacher, Sister Lois Belnap Erickson, who kept me active in the church and helped me on the way to a good life.

While a Senior in High School I met Volmer L. Miller, the day that he returned home from his mission. I graduated from High School the 27 May 1948. On July 2st we were married in the Logan L.D.S. Temple. We lived in Logan for four years, while Volmer went to college. I attended classes for G.I. wives and also graduated from Institute in 1950. In 1951 I received my Golden Gleaner Award, one of the highlights of my life. We then moved to Thatcher, Idaho, in the same stake where I grew up. Volmer worked on a farm for a year. Due to my health, we returned to Ogden to be near the Doctor. We lived in 4 wards in 4 different stakes. We moved to the 31st Ward in June 1957 living at 2024 Laine Ave for 6½ years, then bought the Vaughn Larsen home at 1115-21st in October 1963. We could not have children so in December 1959 we adopted a darling little son, Vodean. Eight years later in November 1966 we adopted a tiny baby girl only six days old and under five pounds, Katrina.

My first position in the 31st Ward was drama director for one year. Next I was on the Genealogy Committee, at the time we canvased the ward to help all of the members complete their four generation family group sheets. I have taught Primary in several ward for a total of 16 years, and was Secretary one year. I taught under Pres. Alta Gibson and Pres. June Shurtleff in Relief Society. I taught Sunday School for four years. Over the years and in four different wards I have worked to establish ward libraries. This is the second library in our ward. I have also had the privilege of singing with two Primary groups in the Salt Lake Tabernacle at General Conference. This was a great thrill. My hobbies are many and varied, but primarily I love to knit and have taught many people to knit. I seem always to be occupied with some project, now it is the Ward Library. I am a member of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers and in 1958 I was charter Captain of the Mount Ogden Campe (mostly 31st Ward members). I seem to have my time occupied with something so I guess by that standard my life has been a success, at least a busy one.





## L.D.S. Church Magazines

## Improvement Era -- Ensign

The family magazine which contains the conference talks of the General Authorities, special religious educational articles, stories and poems, was always enlightening reading. Many have been Era magazine representatives, among them are Edith Johnson, Leona Condie, Lawrence Anderson, Virginia Anderson, Carol Harrison, Elvira Mc Carrel, Lucile Singleton and Mary Mc Allister.

## Relief Society Magazine

The sisters looked forward to the Relief Society Magazine for stories and poems and enlightening lessons for Relief Society. The lessons are now printed in a lesson manual and the magazine is now discontinued. Magazine representatives included June Shurtleff, Elvira Mc Carrel, Margaret Sexton, Agnes Lunt, Ella Anderson, Hulda Rippon,

## The Children's Friend ( now the Friend)

A childrens magazine is important because children need wholesome reading and fun games at their own level. The enlightening of the mind is our aim.

The first year 1947 the quota was 45 magazines and 32 were subscribed. Beginning in 1948 the Primary Childrens Friend Certificate was presented to the 31st Ward by the Primary General Board for more than the 100% subscriptions. At least fifteen more times this award being recieved is mentioned in the minutes. Generally the Primary Teachers canvased the Ward members homes for subscriptions but Louise Davis and Margaret Sexton are mentioned as Children's Friend Representatives.

To the many church magazine representatives a thank you is extended for keeping good inspiritual reading in our homes.

## Review of Church Magazines by Mary C. Mc Allister

On 27 Sept 1964, Bishop David E. Tanner asked me to be the 31st Ward Improvement Era Director. The publication was directed and managed by the General Board of the Mutual Improvement Association. The sale was supervised by the Ogden Stake M.I.A. Board in the Ogden Stake district.



This was a difficult assignment as the director was asked to go to the homes in the Ward and encourage the members to subscribe to the magazine. Many women were working and not at home until evening. The officers of the ward M.I.A. sometimes brought in a subscription and new members were contacted at church in the foyer and arranged for their subscription and collections. Over the years when lists of subscriptions in the wards were compared, our number of subscribers was among the highest.

The Instructor magazine was edited and published by the Sunday School General Board and was directed in the Ward by the Sunday School Secretary Virginia Reeves.

The Relief Society Magazine was published by the Relief Society General Board and Ward Officers were responsible but could have a magazine representative. This magazine had the lesson material for Relief Society.

The Children's Friend was published by the Primary General Board and was generally subscribed through the Primary Secretary for the Ward.

In England another magazine the Milenial Star was published by L.D.S. Church Officers in England.



By this time the L.D.S. Church was well established with members in many Countries speaking many languages. The magazines were printed in various languages. With four adult magazines there was sometimes a scramble for articles or subject writers and even artists. The problem needed some adjustment, so a committee was appointed headed by Apostle Spencer W. Kimball, editor Doyle Green and the General Boards, to work out a solution. After much study and reasoning, it was decided to print the lesson material for Relief Society in manuel form, like the organizations used. Make the magazines one for adults The ENSIGN, one for the youth the NEW ERA and one for the children THE FRIEND.

The news of the change was a bit disturbing, for the women loved the stories in the Relief Socity Magazine, the Sundayschool Teachers praised the Instructor for the many lesson helps, many were partial to the Improvement Era and did not want to give it up. The English were sad to give up the Milenial Star. But changes must come or there is no improvement.

Elvira Mc Carrel was called to assist and direct the New Era and Friend subcriptions. While it took a few months to convince some folks, they now feel that the new magazines are a great improvement and we hear much praise of them.

The desire of our Prophet and our General Authorities is that the Ensign be in the home of every member of the church to help them know and understand the teachings of our Savior and read the message of our General Authorities and live by the truths of the Gospel. Earn the blessings we all need to return to the presence of our Father in Heaven. We keep informed of the progress of the church through out the World.

IN Nov 1973 another plan was carried out to help in selling the magazines. Several couples, leaders in the ward, went in pairs to every home in Ogden Stake and 1097 ENSIGNS, 328 NEW ERA and 276 FRIENDS were renewed or subscribed new. All ward subscriptions come due on Dec 1974 and in Dec from now on. In the 31st ward there were 74 new subscriptions. This new method will be used each year.

#### Life Sketch of Mary Cederlund Mc Allister ( Magazine Director over 10 years)

I was born the 20 April 1890 at Mapleton, Utah County, Utah, the second child of John and Ella May Williams Cederlund. My father was a convert to the L.D.S. Church in Malmo, Sweden. He, with other young men attended the meeting of the Mormon Elders, intending to break it up. As he listened, he knew that their message was the truth and was baptized soon after. He came to Utah the same year 1885.

My mother born in Mahaska County, Iowa, came to Utah in 1876 with her parents. She joined the church as a child with others of the family. Mother had graduated from the Normal cource from Brigham Academy and taught four years before she married father. She was a Primary President when I was a small child. My father died when I was five years old, and she went back to teaching school. She served without pay as clerk for the School Board, for three years. Her health was not good and her children were neglected so she remarried that she might remain at home and care for them.

We lived at Springville and later at Provo, Utah where I attended B. Y. U. We went back to Springville and traded our home for a farm and built a home on it. At 18 I rented a room in town and had a dressmaking shop to help myself and my brother who was on a mission in Sweden. At twenty I was employed as assistant teacher for the first grade in Springville. During these years I taught Sunday School, Religion Class and served one year on the Religion Class Stake Board with George Talmage as President. The school pay was small so I went to Salt Lake City to continue dressmaking. I took some training and found employment with good pay in a private shop and later as a dress fitter in an exclusive shop for ladies clothing. While living in Salt Lake City, I taught Sunday School in two different wards. I also took evening classes extension



from the University of Utah in speech and dramatics and took part in one act plays at the old Social Hall on State Street.

It was about this time that I became acquainted with Seymour Y. Mc Allister who was on his way to France during World War I. We met at a Relief Society sisters home. I received letters from him during the war. After the war he attended the U. of U, then he raised cotton with his uncle in Arizona. On the 8 June 1921, we were married in the Salt Lake Temple and went to Parowan, Utah to live with his widowed sister. Seymour was principal of the school in a near by town. I substituted for a 1st grade teacher who was ill. After two years we moved to Cedar City, he taught in Junior High School. Here our only son Melvin was born in 1924. Two years later Seymour was Principal at the Wattis school in Carbon County for three years. At the doctors suggestion he left teaching to come to Ogden, Utah for employment in the railway service. This was in June 1929.

We located in the 6th Ward where I taught Primary and directed a play for a Primary Program. In the fall I served as 1st Counselor to Primary President Ireta Evans. I enjoyed the eight years with the children and taught a class most of the time. Welfare work was just beginning, as Relief Society Work Director, I took a 24 week course at U. of U.. It was called Psycho-analytical approach to case work. This was understanding people and their needs for welfare help. About this time Apostle George Richards desired a dramatization, to explain welfare procedure, be presented. President William A. Budge asked me to write a three act play. I began to write the words that came to my mind. Pres. Budge liked it. Ogden Stake Board members portrayed the characters and it was presented at Ogden Stake Conference. Apostle Richards was pleased and asked for a copy. Next year I was released.

Defence work was on in Ogden, I took employment at Singer Co, to do alterations, teach sewing and clothing construction. Addie Swapp, supervisor of Adult Education asked me to teach cooking and sewing to semi-delinquent girls. Class was held at the Grant School. Next year I taught adult classes at Ben Lomond High and Ogden High and one year at Weber College. This work continued until 1962.

We bought a home in the 20th Ward. In 1947 I taught Relief Society Social Science lessons on government. Beginning with Adam and Patriarchal government, through Enoch, Noah and the flood, Abrahams days and finished with the Constitution of the United States; equal to several years of College classes.

In 1958, my husband retired. We took a genealogy tour back east to Salem, Mass. and Boston and places our ancestors came from. We hunted records from Maine, Connecticut, Virginia, Kentucky and Kansas and visited with relatives. After six weeks we arrived home to learn we were now part of the 31st Ward. I taught Relief Society Social Science lessons for two years then Literary for 1 year. In 1962 we were called on a Texas Mission. Seymour was Branch President in Plainview, and kept the records. We did home teaching and some proselyting. I taught the Gospel Doctrine Class part of the time and substituted when no teacher was present. In Relief Society I taught Spiritual Living lessons. Now home again in 1963 I became magazine director for ten years. I was President of the Gospel Doctrine class being released in Dec. 1973.

Teaching has continually strengthened my testimony and widened my understanding of the Gospel and its opportunities for us. I am daily thankful to be a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

## Music

"The song of the righteous is a prayer unto me," said the Lord in a revelation to Joseph Smith Jr.

Many a heart has been touched by heavenly music and the sermon of the words of the song. Music and the lyric have inspired us to better deeds, consoled the mourners, soothed the tired and weary and brought patience to the sick. Music thought enlarged by study and practice, is a God given gift.

"The Hymns we sing, speak what we are and what we believe" Let us sing to the Glory of God.

These members of the 31st Ward have developed their gift. It is a joy to hear their melodious voices. How beautifully they share their talents and enrich our meetings. The message of the Gospel song is enhanced by the beauty of the tones of music. We thank the following for the joy their song has brought through out the years.

John Snow	David J. Carruth	Rose Hamilton	Sharon Cruser
Mel Smith	Richard Carruth	Nana Christiansen	Anita Schaffer
Lenore Brown	Lou Jean Saunders	Linda Kay Messenger	Edward J. Schaffer
Albert Oborn	Bonnie Mc Carrel	Colleen B. Johnson	Raymond H. Haslam
Leslie Hines	Robert Crandall	Jean Shurtleff	Elwood Carruth
E. Louise Hurd	Glen Saunders	Milton E. Christensen	Geniel Thompson
Joan d'Hulst	Lu Dean Peterson	Katherine Putnam	Carol Steinacher
Anne Wilbur	Marvin Wiggins	Neva Simonsen	Annette Crabtree
Eileen Cook	Glen Johnson	Leona Biddulph	Elaine Wiggill
Mary Clark	David Dinsdale	Rhea Ann Crowley	Ada Eggington
Ella Baker	Marie Nielson	Keith Wiggins	Frank Eggington
Joan Raat	Lorin Wiggins	Maurine West	Lois Mc Carrel
Neilen Hicks	Eleanor Hill	Carl Saunders	Delone Ashton
Kathleen Thorsted	Emma Moore	Carolyn Shurtleff	Leslie Hines
Carol Harrison	Vellis Pincock	Susan Allen	Gayle Cox
Randy Moore	Jack d'Hulst	Gary Suttlemyre	Ardella Smith
L. Dwight Pincock	Elvira Mc Carrel	Virginia Anderson	Mae Vanderwerff
Ida Mudrow	Glena Hunt	June Shurtleff	Melba Probst
Louise Hunt	Lynn Cruser	Gloria Devey	Christine Peterson

There are probably many others whose names time has erased from our memories.

How grateful we are to those who teach and lead us to better express our love of the Lord through song. Always present to help us worship with song. Thank you to those who lead us in song, we do appreciate your years of service.

Katherine Putnam	Olive Snow	Linda Kay Hill	J. Elwood Carruth
Neva Simonsen	Anne Wilbur	J. Leland Archibald	Richard E. Carruth
James Dudley	Ella Baker	Edward J. Schaffer	Carol Steinacher
Neilen Hicks	Leda Malan	Maxine Vanderwerff	Anita Schaffer
Carol Preece	Jewell White	Olive Crabtree	Shanna Tobin

The patience and love expressed by those who have taught children of the Kingdom of the Lord to sing is rewarded by the sweet praises they utter. Thanks to the accompanist who has helped to keep them on key. The children love to participate in song. What an opportunity for our young musicians to obtain growth in their service. A special thanks for teaching the children to sing "I AM A CHILD OF GOD" a sermon in song.

## Childrens Music

Children are the treasures of the Kingdom of God. How wonderful to work with them and to teach them the songs of Zion. Songs that teach the Gospel gladden the heart and give courage and strength when needed. Eager to participate they willingly learn by rote or with visual aids. Each generation has a group of good singers and how we enjoyed performing in our own ward as well as at Stake Conference. The children brought a world of enthusiasm and love for the Gospel that fired the hearts of all the Ogden Stake.

Many times the 31st Ward Primary joined with Primaries of other Wards to sing at Ogden Stake Conference. What a thrill it was to conduct such sweet eager voices. May the children always remember the Gospel message contained in the beautiful songs learned in Primary and Sundays School.

By Anne J. Wilbur

Connie Davis	Marilyn Hansen	Darla Shurtleff	Jan Wilbur
Cathy Hines	Vivian Coolbear	Bonnie Wiggill	Kathleen Price
Eva Seller	Mary d'Hulst	Karen Knowles	E. Louise Hurd
Sally Wilbur	Barbara Yssel	Eileen Cook	Pam Buxton
Ella Baker	Annette Crabtree	Margaret Wayment	Debra Martines
Joan Raat	Kathleen Hansen	Martha d'Hulst	Jill Wilbur
Karen Hines	Elaine Checketts	Lorraine Hurd	Kathleen Lindsley
Mary Clark	Anne Wilbur	Colleen Jones	Carrie Checketts
Gloria Devey	Lenore Brown	Colleen B. Johnson	Olive Crabtree
Jean Shurtleff	Deanna Larsen	Jewell White	Carol Preece
Mary d'Hulst			

The sweet sound of a good accompanist, so much appreciated by a soloist, is also a great help in teaching the melody of the song to all of us. The sweet strains of organ or Piano prelude tune us to worship. The practice time is now time to "Worship in Song". We appreciate the many years of practice so beautifully shown by lovely music

Christine Peterson	Mae Mc Farland	Maurine West	Arvilla Arrowsmith
Sharron Crabtree	David Wiggins	Jack d'Hulst	Carolyn Shurtleff
Lorin D. Wiggins	Richard Sobers	Keith Wiggins	Margaret Wayment
Carmen Poulsen	Arlene West	Alta Gibson	Marvin Wiggins
Sally Wilbur	Shirley Snow	Olive Snow	Melba Probst
J. Leland Archibald	Lynn Archibald	Glen Johnson	Carol J. Wiggins
Jan Wilbur	Erma C. Farr	Afton Castlemain	Charlotte Anderson
Sybil King	Dave Welling	Christine Balmforth	Caleen Bailey

Let us not forget the instruments so beautifully played, the horns of Paul Snow, Don West, Loyal West Jr., Edward Freestone, and Michael Shults. The violins of Loyal West and Lynn Archibald. The enjoyment as Lex and Steven Baker entertained us. And the beautiful Piano and organ solos. When music became a part of our lives, a bit of Heaven crept in and stayed.

### Do You Remember When?

The first 31st Ward Chorus was organized 22 Dec 1946 with Richard E. Carruth as director, Mae Mc Farland organist, Pres. Marie Nielson, Manager David Dinsdale, Sec. Delone Ashton, Treasurer Carl Saunders, and Librarian Eleanor Hill. They were called the Harmonians and had 68 members.

On 15 Apr 1951 the 9 and 10 year old Sunday School children sang at 10 a.m. Ogden Stake Conference.

On 5 Oct 1952, 800 Sunday School children from 8 Weber County Stakes gave the Choral Reading in the Salt Lake Tabernacle in General Conference. 145 were from the Ogden Stake. How proud were of their reverence and



the beauty of the two numbers rendered.

On the 9 Sep 1955 the Primary Homebuilders and trailbuilders participated in a choral reading for the Primary Officers and Teachers at Ogden Stake Leadership meeting, very beautiful.

April 1962: the sound of music filled the chapel every Sunday from 4 to 4:45 P.M. as the ward chorus met to blend their voices in song. The new leader is Carol Stienacker. The chorus will combine their voices with the 6th Ward choir in the morning session of Ogden Stake Conference.

Karen Tanner reporter for News-N-Notes.

2 May 1963 The Singing Mothers Concert was held in the tabernacle at 8 PM.

13 Jan 1964: A young marrieds chorus was organized in the 31st Ward. They sang "AN ANGEL FROM ON HIGH" and "WHAT WAS WITNESSED IN THE HEAVENS" for the 31st Ward Conference. Participants were: Kathleen Thorsted, Emma Moore, Carol Harrison, Vellis Pincock, Susan Allen, Gayle Cox, Vivian Coolbear, Louise Hurd, Gary Suttlemyre, Randy Moore, Jack d'Hulst, Craig Thorsted, and was directed by Neilan Hicks and accompanied by Christine Peterson.

Jan 1963: Aren't children wonderful, they sang so sweetly at Ogden Stake Conference. We were so proud of our Anne Wilbur who so capably directed the chorus of Primary Children from through out the Ogden Stake.

Jan 1964: Primary Chorister Ella Baker trained the children of the 31st Ward. They were directed by Primary Stake Chorister Ann Wilbur. Their music added much to Ogden Stake Conference.

1965: The Singing Mothers of 15 Stakes honored Florence Madsen of the Relief Society General Board, at a concert, on her 80th Birthday. The Ogden Stake sang one number alone.

3 Oct 1965: A quartette: Rhea Ann Crowley, Linda Kay Messenger, Carolyn Shurtleff, and Jean Shurtleff sang at Sacrament Meeting "WHEN YOU COME TO THE END OF A PERFECT DAY. Directed by Olive Snow.

7 Aug. 1966: The HARMONETTS: Louise Hunt, Leslie Hines, Carolyn Shurtleff, Rhea Ann Crowley, Linda Kay Messenger, Jean Shurtleff, Linda Beezer, sang so beautifully at Sacrament Meeting.

24 Dec 1967: Sacrament Meeting Christmas program, the children of Jack d'Hulst and of Dan d'Hulst sang. A chorus of the Shurtleff family and the Larry Price family sang as did the Hines children. Then the Wiggill children sang. What a talent these families have in music.

4 Sept 1966: At Sacrament Meeting Olive Snow led a group who sang, "A PROPHET STOOD" and "THEY SOUGHT HIM PREACHING IN THE TEMPLE." They were Jan Wilbur, Darla Shurtleff, Jill Wilbur, Celestia Shurtleff, Kathy Price, Patricia Fife, Martha Hunt, Marina Leatham and Bonnie Wiggill. Their harmony was beautiful.

13 Apr 1969: "DEAR TO THE HEART OF THE SHEPHERD" was so beautifully sung by Katheryn and Calvin Putnam accompanied by Peter d'Hulst.

19 May 1968: The Deacons Quorum sang "AN ANGEL FROM ON HIGH" accompanied by J. Leland Archibald. The singers were: Dennis Price, Dale Doxey, Gene Price, Lynn Archibald, Alan Wiggill, David Hansen and Brad d'Hulst.

5 Apr 1956: Neva Simonsen, Ogden Stake Primary Chorister, was chosen to

lead a eleven stake chorus of Primary Workers who sang beautifully at Primary General Conference.

21 Jan 1969: At the Ogden Stake Quartet Festival, the winners of the Junior Division were 31st, 13th and Huntsville Wards. (Ogden Stake Records)

1 May 1970: The beautiful setting and lighting added to the melodious voices of the Ogden Stake Singing Mothers at their concert at 8 P.M. "LET'S FILL THE EARTH WITH MUSIC" in the Ogden Stake Chapel. We were proud of our 31st Ward sisters.

7 June 1970: "A MORMON BOY" was sung by Charles d'Hulst, Terry Wiggill, Robert Cox, Tim Shurtleff, Vodene Miller and Paul Hansen, accompanied by Olive Snow.

April 1972: Ogden Primary Teachers sang at Primary General Conference. Those from the 31st Ward were: Kathy Price, Louise Hurd, Gayle Cox, Maydene Miller, Vivian Coolbear, and Luanna Linsley.

17 March 1974: At the Sacrament Meeting where the 132 Birthday of Relief Society was commemorated, Vellis Pincock and Ardella Smith presented talks and the Relief Society Chorus sang. They were: Mae Wanderwerff, Emma Moore, Ida Mudrow, Virginia Anderson, Ann Wilbur, Gayle Cox, Rose Hamilton, Ardella Smith, Elvira Mc Carrel, Glenna Hunt, Melba Probst, Vellis Pincock, and June Shurtleff led by Neilan Hicks and accompanied by Carmen Poulsen.

24 March 1974: How pleasant the voices of the 31st Ward Choir as they rendered two numbers at Sacrament Meeting. The chorus consisted of: Lenore Brown, Olive Snow, Judy Morrison, La Rue Toponce, Karen Price, Leona Spackman, Neilen Hicks, Louise Hurd, Martha d'Hulst, Wade Hurd, John Snow, Floyd Poulsen, Gary Suttlemyre, Susan Allen and Steven Allen accompanied by Carmen Poulsen, and directed by Katheryn Putnam.

Easter Sunday 14 April 1974 at Ogden Stake Conference, the 31st Ward was delighted with the two talks given by Nancy Sobers "THE BIRTH OF THE SAVIOR" and by Jane Howard "YOUTH'S OPPORTUNITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES", and the Youth Chorus with the following from the 31st Ward: Earl d'Hulst, Dean Hunt, David d'Hulst, Kent Toponce, Vodene Miller, Mark Hunt, Curtis Brown, Tim Shurtleff, Charles Shurtleff, Natalie d'Hulst, Karen Allbright, Jane Howard, and Shauna Egbert. We also enjoyed our President David E Tanner's talk "THE ATONEMENT AND SALVATION."

Sharron Crabtree Galbraith  
Organist



Shirley Snow- Organist



Olive Snow





31st Ward Singing Mothers  
directed by Olive Snow.



31st Ward  
Youth Chorus  
Olive Snow  
Director

Harmonetts  
Carolyn Shurtleff  
Louise Hunt  
Linda Leathem  
Eva Sellers  
Linda Beazer  
Sally Wilbur  
Rhea Ann Crowley  
Jennette Brown



Surprise! Their voices blend beautifully  
Judy England, Martha Hunt, Darla Shurtleff,  
Jan & Jill Wilbur, Celestia Shurtleff and  
Kathy Price.

Kathy Price, Jan Wilbur, a friend,  
Jill Wilbur, Celestia Shurtleff.







ona Biddulph-piano  
Loyal West- violin  
They make beautiful  
music.



Vocalletts- 31st Ward

Martha Hunt  
Judy England  
Celestia Shurtleff  
Kathy Price  
Jan Wilbur  
Darla Shurtleff  
Jill Wilbur



Christine S. Peterson  
accompanist & chorister

31st Ward Harmonetts

Leslie Hines  
Carolynn Shurtleff  
Linda Kay Hill  
Jean Shurtleff  
Louise Hunt  
Karen Hines  
Olive Snow-director

31st Ward Quartet

Anita Shaffer  
Larry Price  
Olive Snow-accompanist  
Glen Johnson  
Linda Kay Hill

Female Quartet

Claudia Archibald  
Carma Ferguson  
Anita Shaffer



Lex & Steve Baker



In memories I hear the sweet notes  
played by Paul Snow.



Vocalletts- 31st Ward  
Top: Martha Hunt  
Jill Wilbur  
Darla Shurtleff  
Jan Wilbur  
Front: Cheryl Prentice  
Patricia Fife  
Kathy Price  
Celestia Shurtleff  
Marina Leathem



Ed & Anita Shaffer

## KATHRYN PUTNAM'S MEMORIES OF CHURCH ACTIVITIES AND MUSIC AFFILIATIONS

My memories of music in the church cover many years, several wards and three stakes.

It all began in the 13th Ward of the Ogden Stake when I was about 6 years old. My sister Verna and I sang duets in Sunday School, Primary and Religion Class, and sometimes in Sacrament Meeting. I know it seemed a constant thing we had to do. One song I remember so well that we sang was "I Had Such A Pretty Dream Mamma". The words were sweet and touching. This went on for some time as we grew up, we merged with the general music of Primary, Sunday School and on into Mutual and Ward Choir. The Nelsons were considered a musical family, I guess. However growing older, music took a back seat with me, probably because of the early pressured, forced participation.

When I married, I moved from the 13th Ward to the 9th Ward, South Ogden Stake. I held no position there and when our first born was a small child we moved to the 3rd Ward, North Weber Stake. It was while living in the 3rd Ward that I became reacquainted with my music. When I was approached about singing with a ladies trio, I readily accepted. Then I was asked to lead the music for Relief Society. This was when I began to train for conducting. My sister Grace had become very accomplished and educated in music and had years of experience. So I turned to her for help. I practiced diligently in front of a mirror and studied the available instructions related to music conducting, etc., and I practiced on the Relief Society ladies too. The church sponsored chorister classes with J. Spencer Cornwell as instructor and I took advantage of them all. Eventually I was sustained as ward chorister.

We moved back to the 9th Ward area, which in the meantime had been divided and our membership was in the 27th Ward. The opportunity of working in the M.I.A. came to me and I accepted. During this time I was called to be ward chorister. We worked up a tremendous choir. We even performed in other wards. We were great. I became a member of the Ogden Tabernacle Choir and remained with it until it disbanded. This was a sad time, indeed, after so many years of service to the community. Boyd and Suzan were born during these years.

In 1950 we found ourselves moved into the 6th Ward of the Ogden Stake. It didn't take long to find out that M.I.A. was my first love in the church. I was put to work as M-Men and Gleaner teacher and it was this group that lovingly tacked on the nick-name "Katie" to me and after these many years, it still remains "Katie" when we meet. My work in M.I.A. covered Bee Hive, Mia Maid, Activity Counselor and President for several years. The position of Ward Chorister fitted in between and I was privilege to work up a good ward choir. Also during these years in the 6th Ward I joined the Ogden Syphonic Choir which gave me an outlet for my singing. The "All Faces West" production began and I took advantage of that too, and continued with it every year.

Our son Calvin was called to a mission from the 6th Ward, and Les had the opportunity to serve a Stake Mission. So many good things happened to us while living in the 6th Ward. Boyd received his background in scouting activities and his training for the Aaronic Priesthood. Circumstances required that we move so we established ourselves on the corner of Oak Street and Van Buren Avenue, which put us in the 20th Ward. However shortly after the Stake was rearranged and we became members of the 31st Ward.

M.I.A. called then Sunday School, then Ward Chorister. Stake Sunday School Board to work with Jr. Sunday School music. It was a wonderful experience. Recalled as Ward Choirster. It has been an uphill downhill process trying to keep a



choir going in the 31st Ward. At times the response has been tremendous. We have tried to have choir music for Ward Conferences and it had generally turned out fine. I'll never forget one time, I recruited all the Ogden Stake brethren visiting who could sing and we had a great choir for that session. Another year, I asked Brother Leland Archibald, a former member of the ward, to assist us with the Battle Hymn of the Republic. He accompanied us on the piano and we performed that beautiful number. It was as if there was an angel sitting on each member's shoulder. Released as 31st Ward Music Director December 14, 1974.

I am a firm believer that if we give the best we can, the Lord will magnify our performances.

During the time we lived in the 6th and 31st Ward, Boyd was active in the Ogden Boys Chorus and Trumpet Choir. Les and I chaperoned the boys on their several trips throughout the intermountain west, west coast and across the United States. It was in the 31st Ward that Boyd received his Duty to God Award.

Boyd continued his music in Ogden High School as did Suzan and on to the Institution of Religion. Boyd is still singing. He is in the Bishopric of the Mound Fort Second Ward. Calvin is also singing in the Southern Pacific Chorus and his ward choir.

Boyd and Calvin have married and given us 7 grandchildren.

Suzan was living at home and not married (she was killed in a auto accident in 1976)

My husband Les passed away November 14, 1968. Besides being a Ogden Stake Missionary, Les was active in Scouting as a Commissioner or a Committee member.

The 31st Ward has had many individuals and groups share their Musical talents with us. Ward members have been generous with their talents when called upon. The assistance of other people in the ward and throughout the stake has buoyed me up many times and my sincere thanks and appreciation goes to these people. When we have a working choir, with the support of ward members and back-up by the Bishopric, we can't help but succeed in bringing spiritual messages through music. I am grateful for the positions I have had, and hope to live worthy for the Lord's continued blessings. (written in 1974)

## State Honors Accorded Long-Time City Worker

Assistant Ogden City Recorder Mrs. Kathryn Putnam is the Utah Public Employees Association outstanding employee for 1976.

Mrs. Putnam was accorded the honor at the association's annual banquet this weekend in Salt Lake City.

Mrs. Putnam was the nominee of the Ogden Employees Association and served as their honoree during this year's Ogden Week observance.

She was cited for her continuous service to the city for the past 21 years.

She began her municipal career in the court clerk's office

and later transferred to the recorder's office where she has served in her present position for several years.

Active in civic affairs, Mrs. Putnam has filled a term as president of the Utah Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs.

She served as president of the Bonneville Business and Professional Women's Club for two years and completed state offices of recording secretary, vice president, president-elect, national legislative platform committeeman and national elections committeeman and on the national board of directors.



MRS. KATHRYN PUTNAM  
Statewide Tribute



## LIFE SKETCH OF ANNE JACOBSEN WILBUR PRIMARY CHORISTER OGDEN STAKE AND 31ST WARD

I, Anne Jacobsen Wilbur am the daughter of Johanna Jensen and Niels Michael Jacobsen born in Murray, Utah December 31, 1910. My parents were converts of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints having accepted the gospel in their native country of Denmark. They did not meet, however, until they met here in Utah. It was a second marriage for my father. He had a family of nine children by his first wife, Hanne Constantia Hansen, who with five of her children was deceased, leaving four sons. My brother and I were born of the second marriage.

I was educated in the Murray City Schools, but since I graduated the year that the banks crashed during the depression, I could not go to college. I was able to get work at ZCMI in the factory division. I worked there until they discontinued that department. I found work at Pyke's Manufacturing Co.

While living in Grant Ward, Cottonwood Stake, I was asked to serve as a Religion Class leader then as a Sunday School teacher. Music has always been the big interest in my life. Lillie Gillon was our music director when I attended Primary. I enjoyed all of the songs she taught us to sing. Special chorus work was a delight and I quickly learned the music and the words to most of the Primary and Sunday School songs. Under our ward choir leader Nathaniel Watts, I learned the anthems and special musical numbers.

What a delight it was to travel about our stake from Winder Ward, Mill Creek and Cottonwood on the East to Taylorsville and Bennion on the West; from Murray 1st and 2nd on the North to Grant Ward on the South. Elrena Ward traveled to all these wards, we sang duets in the Sacrament Meetings.

Henry Dinwoody Moyle was President of the Cottonwood Stake at one time, he encouraged a Stake Choir. It was a joy and opportunity to sing with others who loved music.

In Sunday School, I served as chorister for several years, and then was asked to lead the Choir in Grant Stake.

On January 18, 1946, I was married to Blaine (Duff) Clarke Wilbur. We have children: Blaine Jr. a son from Duff's first marriage; Sarah Anne (Sally), and Jan Margaret and Jill Maxene identical twins.

When Adriana d'Hulst was Primary President in the 20th Ward, she asked me to be chorister about 1949. In 1962 I was called as Ogden Stake Primary Choral director when Lavell H. Johnson was President. Now I had the privilege of working with all the Primary music directors of our stake. These women had a love of music, a love of children, and a love of the gospel in their hearts.

May 1958 our section (two blocks) of the 20th Ward was to become part of the 31st Ward. I accepted the offer to work in the 31st Ward Primary as well as on the Primary Stake Board. Lenore Brown was the 31st Ward Primary President at that time. On March 7, 1971, I was released as Primary Chorister.

Relief Society became my calling as Counselor to President Lavell H. Johnson from 12 November 1967 to 4 July 1971, this was a new challenge. Since then I have given Visiting Teacher Message and since fall 1973 the Cultural Refinement lessons in Relief Society.

Sister Halverson of the Ogden Temple called me as a receptionist in the Ogden Temple October 23, 1973. This is a very choice experience to be serving in the Lord's Holy House, and to feel the wonderful spirit of those who serve there.

We were privilege on the 10 March 1974 to see and hear President Spencer W. Kimball, in a special meeting held in the Ogden Temple. He was accompanied by his wife, his secretary Brother Haywood and Brother Christiansen (of the Council of the Twelve) and his wife, they were former Matron and President of the Logan Temple. Their messages were timely and inspirational. What a thrill it was to be in the temple on that beautiful Sabbath morning, and feel the spirit that was there. It was a joy and a rare opportunity for which I am grateful. (written April 30, 1974)



AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF CARMEN MAY STEVENS POULSEN  
DEVOTED WARD ORGANIST

Ogden, Utah was where I, Carmen May Stevens Poulsen, was born December 30, 1906. The first child born to Lillian Eames and Samuel Lehi Stephens. Father had built our home to take his bride home to. Father was a builder and built our home at 34th and Lincoln Ave. He was a good provider. My parents were frugal and good managers. This was a happy time in my life. I was baptized May 6, 1915. I went to the Washington Elementary and Lewis Jr. High and finished schooling at Ogden High School (what is now Central Jr. High).

My parents were always active in church and they took us and taught us the gospel. I am grateful for my religious training. Father built us a home on 36th Street and Grant Ave. We were a happy family now 3 boys and two girls. The 1st Ward built a new chapel on 33rd and Grant Ave. The new Bishop was Horace Garner and father and Brother Fowler were Counselors. I loved Religion Class teacher Catherine Naisbitt and also my M.I.A. teachers Siaters Wright and Olive Jensen. I started teaching Sunday School with Loveliss Bowman. My mother could whistle like a bird and had a lovely singing voice. Mother went to the hospital for surgery and ten days later died May 3, 1925. How desolate we children felt. It was hard but the Lord and His comforting spirit helped us to go on.

My oldest brother came down with Rheumatic Fever and was in bed for months there was so much to do, that I had to give up my piano lessons after only six months. I loved music so have tried to take every opportunity to learn more about music.

In October 1925, father married Asenath Porter McClellan who had three daughters. I got a job as telephone operator. When I was 22 years old, I was called on a California Mission. I thought I knew the Gospel but I soon learned how little I knew. I worked hard, had good companions and some wonderful experiences that strengthened my testimony. It was a very soul satisfying experience. I arrived in the Mission Field January 17, 1929 and was released July 31, 1930. I had expected to stay two years but the depression came and father could not keep me there longer. I worked in M.I.A. for a while but when I could not find a job, I went to Menan, Idaho to live with my grandparents (Eames). I found work at a seed house picking cull peas from the good.

At a M.I.A. dance a fellow asked me to dance, because it was a church dance, I consented. His name was Floyd Poulsen who lived  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles south of Menan. He was a good dancer, a return missionary and a counselor in the Bishopric. We went together, fell in love and were married April 5, 1933 in the Salt



Lake Temple. Floyd's father was dead and his mother insisted that we live in the north end of the house. Floyd was so good to his mother that I knew he would be good to me. After 41 years of marriage, he is the best husband in the world

We rented a farm, worked hard and struggled through the depression. His mother died one year after we were married. We lost three babies. When we lost the second baby, I nearly lost my life but was saved by the power of the Priesthood. After a prayer circle in the ward, President Josiah Call, Counselor to Stake, administered to me and promised me that I would recover. The doctor said that he took no credit for saving my life. While still in the hospital, the doctor told us about a baby that we could adopt. We left the baby in the hospital ten days so I could recuperate. A blue eyed dark hair, perfect baby girl born November 5, 1936. Our hearts nearly burst with joy and greatfulness. Floyd was working on the Union Pacific Railroad, when he saw our baby, his joy was something to behold. What a joy Leah Rae has been to us, the joy of our lives.

When she was one month old, we legally adopted her and she was sealed to us in the Salt Lake Temple in 1937. Floyd was transferred to Salt Lake City in 1943 and we lived there until 1946. In 1945 we took an eight year old boy, Robert Loftis to live with us. He lived with us 16 $\frac{1}{2}$  years. Our daughter and husband have given us four grandchildren; Cheryl, Gayle, Michael, and James Glen. Robert and his wife four lovely grandchildren; Chet, Alese, Tim, and Katie Loraine. We are a close knit family doing a lot of fun things together and enjoying love and affection for each other.

I have worked in M.I.A.; as a Counselor in Relief Society in Salt Lake released when we moved to Ogden in 1946. Most of the time Floyd had to work on Sundays, we decided it was best to quit the railroad. Father had bought land for each of his children. We took the money from selling our farm and built a six unit apartment house on 643-26th Street. We lived in a five room apartment there for 11 years. We were saddened by father's death October 11, 1953. I was active in the 5th Ward. In 1955 I was sustained as Relief Society President.

In December 1956, we bought our home at 1123-21st Street in the Ogden Stake 20th Ward. Two years later the ward was divided and we were in the 31st Ward. We like our location and love the people of the ward.

I was sustained as Counselor to Relief Society President Ella K. Anderson April 10, 1960 with Hulda Rippon as 1st Counselor. I was released January 13, 1963 and served on the Ogden Stake Relief Society Board until December 4, 1967. I have been 31st Ward Organist for 15 years and also Relief Society organist and chorister. I taught Cultural Refinement Lessons for three years.

It has meant a great deal to me to have had the opportunity to be active all through the years. I love the gospel and am most grateful for my membership in the church and the strong testimony that I have. We have tried throughout our married life to build our lives around our family and the Gospel. We are grateful for our many blessings and pray the Lord will help us to remain faithful to the end of our lives here. Floyd was Bishop's Counselor nearly four years and we feel that we have been blessed because of his dedication and devotion to the church. He has been sustained as a Counselor in the Sunday School. We are grateful that our two children were married in the temple and are both active in the church. I know that this is the true church and Gospel of Jesus Christ.

## AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF MELVIN SMITH

Brigham City, Utah was the place of my birth August 18, 1904. I Melvin Smith was number 11 in a family of 12 children of which four are living. My parents are Deborah Cornford and Heber Smith who were converts from England who came to Brigham City in 1860's. My father was a black-smith and taught the family the trade, boys and girls alike. I did not care much for that trade so learned the grocery trade. I also was a member of the Utah National Guard for a number of years.

All of our family were members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. I tried to do my church assignments in my youth. I received my schooling in Brigham City Schools. I started to sing at an early age and I received my enjoyment from shows and church programs.

During the depression of 1927 through the 30's, times were really bad. I joined the regular Navy to see the world and also the girls. The old peacetime Navy was quite a place to be. I was discharged in March 1929. Returning home, I worked at several jobs. I had known Ardella Keyes in school days but never thought we would be married. We were married in June 1929. Talk about taking a chance, with the depression on. It has worked out O.K.; 47 years last June.

We were transferred to Burley, Idaho in 1935 to open a branch of John Scowcrofts & Sons Co. and lived there four years, being active in church work. The company transferred me to Salt Lake City in 1939. We moved to Ogden in 1940. I worked for Fuller-Topance Trucking Co. for several months then Continental Baking Co. World War II broke out, I was recalled into the Navy. I served at Treasure Island and on U.S.S. Pensacola Cruiser the length of the war. Discharged in 1945, we settled in Ogden, 1947 we bought our home at 2114 Quincy Ave. During Navy service, I was assigned to a U.S.O. unit in San Francisco and traveled several months. I sang on shows with famous show-business people. I like to sing but have never had a lesson, the words and music seem to come out right. I hope.

I joined the Southern Pacific Male Chorus now S.P. Men of Song, in September 1952 and was concert-master for seven years. Ardella and I traveled to many cities in the area to line up meetings where the chorus could preach the gospel of Jesus Christ with song.

We received our endowments in August 1957 and were sealed for eternity in the temple. We took a temple vacation and did work in all temples in U.S.A. and Canada.

August 27, 1961, we received our Mission call. We left work, turned our home and belongings over to Ardella's brothers family. Arriving in East Central States Mission home, I was set apart as Mc Minnville, Tennessee Branch President. Ardella as Branch clerk. I had a serious operation while there. I know it is through the power of the Priesthood that I am alive today.

While working at the Ogden Defence Depot, I was seriously injured from a fall off a ladder 23 March 1970. I can do no physical work and have been an in-and out patient at Mc Kay Hospital for four years.

I am truly grateful for our many blessings while living in the 31st Ward. We appreciate our good neighbors. I have great faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I know that our Father in Heaven hears our prayers and He answers them. I leave this testimony in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.



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Martin Yssel, Warren & June Shurtleff,  
Elaine Yssel, Glenna Hunt.



31st Ward party fun  
Delores Wiggins, Vaughn Larsen, Jack  
Hulst, Lee King, Betty King, Volmer  
Miller, Robert King, Marian Hines.



Party Fun 31st Ward Bishopric  
Those present Olive & John Snow,  
Bishop Wilford & Mary Harris,  
Warren & June Shurtleff.  
Sterling & Stella Campbell,  
Harvey & Gloria Schwitzer



Olive & John Snow teach English  
dances.





Christmas Party at Crabtrees  
Gloria Schwitzer, June Shurtleff,  
Harvey Schwitzer, Stella Campbell,  
Alfred G. Crabtree, Olive Crabtree,  
Mary Harris, Sterling Campbell,  
and Warren Shurtleff.



Sterling Campbell, Olive Crabtree,  
Bishop Wilford Harris, June Shurtleff,  
and Warren Shurtleff.



Mary Harris, Sterling Campbell,  
Olive Snow, Warren Shurtleff,  
and Gloria Schwitzer.



Released 30 Nov 1952  
Party in their honor.  
Counselor Eugene H. Wiggins  
Bishop Volney B. Belnap



Olive Snow, Annette Crabtree,  
Olive Crabtree, Sterling Campbell,  
Alfred G. Crabtree, & Stella Campbell.



Bishop David E. Tanner  
released 24 January 1971  
Bishop L. Dwight Pincock  
sustained 24 January 1971





**IT HAPPENED . . . .**

**20 & 50  
YEARS AGO**

**AUGUST 18, 1925**

Ogden Spivey planned an outing at Lagoon. There was to be a horseshoe contest between President Thomas E. McKay, W. W. Rawson and a selection from the field. R. A. Behling and Arthur G. Berrett were in charge of a singing contest.

**Neilen Hicks, Virginia Bryant, Olive Snow as super waitresses.**





Lee King, Betty King,  
Ray Nielsen, Vaughn Larson  
chief cooks & bottle washers

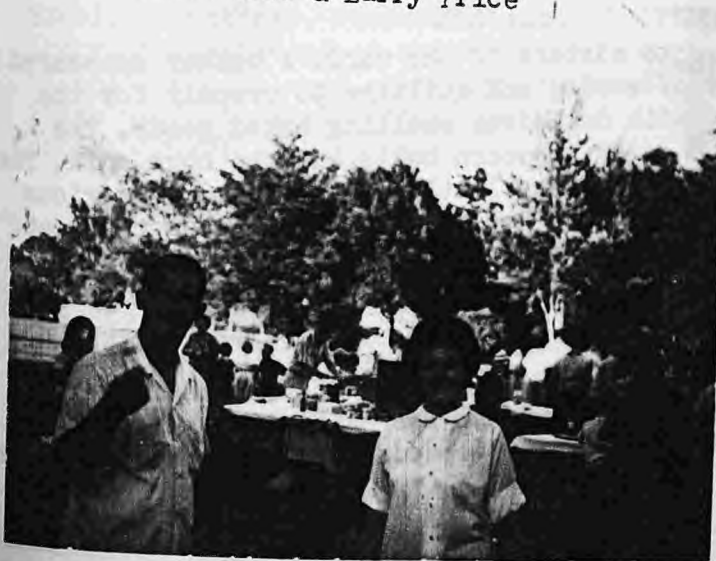


June Shurtleff & John Snow  
on kitchen duty

Actress: Bishop David E.  
Tanner as Little Red  
Riding Hood.



Olive Snow & Larry Price





## RECREATION

The recreation of the 31st Ward, what a wide scope of meaning and memories this word creates.

The 31st Ward Birthday Dinner was first held in Liberty Park August 18, 1947. Chairs and tables were hauled and set up by the Priesthood brethren. The tables were quickly covered with white table cloths and decorated by the Relief Society sisters. As the 350 ward members with their picnic lunches arrived, they were seated. After the blessing on the food, they were served punch and birthday cake furnished by the ward. A clever program was arranged by the Sunday School and M.I.A. and very much enjoyed. Congratulations were extended to Bishop Volney B. Belnap and his wife Marie and to Eugene H. Wiggins and his wife Delores who shared wedding anniversaries. These birthday parties were repeated yearly and fondly remembered by Bishop Orson and Norma Millet as they reminisced in 1974.

A chuckle of laughter is well remembered at the party when Bishop David E. Tanner batted his two inch eye-lashes as he portrayed "Little Red Ridding-Hood". He was clad in a long flowing gown with his high heeled slippers peeking from beneath. The 285 ward members attending agreed that with such acting ability, Bishop Tanner should receive a Hollywood screen test.

Another hilarious evening of fun was the latest fashions for women as modeled by the gentlemen of the ward. Bathing suits, sport wear, formal attire were modeled. Such grace and such exquisite figures. They put the ladies to shame. Girls beware they were really glamorous, if you could not see their feet.

Many homes had the privilege of enjoying the good smell of beef or turkey roasting, pie or cake baking or watched as cakes were frosted and salads set ready for ward dinners to finance the project. Proceeds were used to curb and gutter on Rushton St.; install a gas furnace, wire the chapel (in the building now torn down). This was between 1959 to 1963. A monthly dinner was sponsored by a different ward organization or Priesthood Quorum. The men became expert pearl divers (dish washers) also carvers of meat, setting up tables and chairs cleaning up and also entertainers.

The Priesthood might class as recreation the fun they had canvassing the ward for welfare and ward maintenance. After a song "PUT YOUR SHOULDER TO THE WHEEL") and a prayer for the success of the canvas, they departed in pairs to collect or accept pledges for future payments. The walk and association was fun and ward members stayed home to greet them and fulfill their part of the successful drive.

Bazaar, what a meaningful word to sisters of the ward. A bazaar sponsored by the Relief Society meant a year of sewing and quilting to prepare for the big event. The tables were covered with delicious smelling baked goods. The children soon located the home-made candy, popcorn balls and the cake walk. The fun booths, especially the make up booth where little girls became glamorous beauties with gorgeous hats; the boys turned into painted Indians, were great. Food was found by following the delicious smells. The \$650. raised one year was used to purchase folding dining tables and a new piano for the Relief Society room.

No need to join gyms and spas, the exercise derived at work assignments to the Priesthood Quorums at the Ogden Stake Ranch was sufficient. They dug post holes, fenced, installed watering systems, weeded, irrigated, harvested hay and grain, and painted the former care-takers home. (New home built).

We witnessed their good work at the open house at the Welfare ranch. The new caretaker's house was finished. We inspected the house then enjoyed a hayride around to view the beautiful scenery and ranch. Then we all met at the Huntsville park for a Ogden Stake Barbarque (cost 50¢ per person). Each ward sponsored a fun game. Most enjoyable was: catching by hand live fish in a childrens swimming pool, and trying to hit a person in the face by throwing a plate of shaving cream. We enjoy simular yearly outings.

### YOUTH

To the youth recreation might mean a proof of accomplishment, the trophies so proudly displayed:

1. Baseball Champions of Ogden Stake 1951
2. Softball Champions of Ogden Stake 1954
3. Division III Achievement Award for Senior Basketball Champions 1951, 54, 55.
4. Ogden Stake Baseball Champions 1962.
5. Earl d'Hulst was awarded the trophy for the "backstroke" in a Ogden Stake swimming meet at Ogden High School in April 1974.

The girls enjoyed sports also.

In the M.I.A. section, music festivals, speech festivals, dance festivals, and road- shows are discussed.

My memories of MIA include participation in the Speech Festival and the confidence I gained. The talk was to be original and given from memory. The winner in each is to participate in the Ogden Stake Festival. Marvin Wiggins received a certificate of Merit the 22 March 1959. On the 13 Feb. 1962 Leslie Hines and Carolyn Shurtleff received Excellant ratings, March 1969 most of the youth participated and some good talent was displayed. A winner in Ogden Stake will go to the finals for the church in Salt Lake City.

On the 30 Jan. 1971 Superior Honor went to Jane Howard and Brad d'Hulst. Others receiving excellant and good ratings were: Natalie d'Hulst, Karen Albright, Celesta Shurtleff, Debra Chatlain, A'Layne Wiggill, Cathy Hines, Gene Price, David Hanson, Mark Hanson, Dean Hunt, Earl d'Hulst. There teachers were Linda Eames and Dennis Faulkner.

Saturday 12 July 1976



**STAKE FAIR** — Ogden Utah LDS Stake chefs LeMar Creamer (left) and Dale Dawson ready a grill full of burgers for the annual stake fair and barbecue Saturday at Huntsville Park.

## Stake to Host Variety Of Events at Carnival

**HUNTSVILLE** — A dog show, freshly scrubbed offspring in a games, an annual barbecue, 2:30 p.m. baby show, the dinner, a baby show and a barbecue dinners will be served parade of fashion will be at 5:30 p.m. and the fashion featured Saturday in Huntsville show will be held at 6 p.m. in Park when the Ogden Utah LDS Stake hosts a "Bicentennial Fair."

The festivities will get underway at 1 p.m. when members of the stake will be invited to display the family canines in a friendly dog show competition. Games planned to run throughout the day will include a carnival midway, foot races, a greased pole climb and there will be the usual assortment of midway treats such as ice cream and snow cones.

At 1:30 p.m. there will be a Cub Scout Olympics featuring events from the stake and a softball game will follow at 2 p.m.

Parents will enter their

Exhibits planned for the stake fair include a 40-painting Bicentennial art collection and a 45-minute slide presentation of "Ogden — Then and Now" that will run at 2, 3, 4 and 5 p.m.



Again in April 1972 Jane Howard represented the 31st Ward at the Ogden Stake Festival, her speech rated Superior.

Many others have won honors throughout the years. Credit goes to the numerous Speech Directors. A few I remember they are: Elva Kunz, Mary R. Carruth, Betty Jean Randall, Hazel Parks, Ann Barrow, Nedra Price Bird, Irene Christiansen, Deon Mayberry, Louise Davis, J. Leland Archibald, Claudia Archibald, Linda Roghaar, Marlene Doxey, Jennie Hunter, Elaine Wiggill, Denice Calder, Karen Hines, Lenore Brown and Louise Hurd, and many others. The development you helped to bring about will grow throughout their life time.

#### OGDEN STAKE YOUTH DANCES

The M.I.A. graciously accepted the responsibility for preparing for the music and place for the Ogden Stake Saturday Night dances. Stake and ward officers supervised the dance. No admission charge, the youth secured a ticket from their bishop and were advised of the conduct expected of them. These were fun dances and our youth were taught good dance standards, good music appreciation, good manners and fun dancing.

#### YOUTH

With the Christmas holidays came the fun for the youth to deliver the Christmas baskets to the widows and shutins and added cheer with lively carols.

New Years dances and smorgesborgs are fond memories.

The girls also excelled in sports and enjoyed softball, basket ball, and volley ball. In 1962 our girls were basket ball champions in Ogden Stake and on February 6, 1967 were Ogden Stake Volley Ball Champs.

The Mia Maids remember the pleasure earned to "Tie the Rose Boquet. The Bee Hive Girls were privilege to "Build the Hive". And all the girls remember the noisy sleepless nights and the fun of Camp Atoka. In July 1963 Linda Beazer was chosen Camp Counselor and 17 girls from our ward attended and had fun.

Each year at the Ogden Stake Sweetheart ball, each ward honors their chosen sweethearts. The 26 February 1970 Kathleen Price and John Wiggill were our ward sweethearts.

Fun is earning money to attend the Youth Conference in Logan June 11-13 1971. The youth from our ward sponsored the following: dime a dip dinner, car wash, cake sale at J.C. Pennys, took orders and delivered 125 chicken dinners on Family Home Night.

With the new Aaronic Priesthood M.I.A., the youth plan and carry out their own fun programs. Leadership is being developed in their youth. Not all plans are great successes but they learn by their mistakes and learn good sportmanship.

#### CHILDRENS RECREATION

The Primary organization is mostly responsible for the childrens fun. The dances are to teach etiquet and the art of dancing together as well as circle and square dancing, and were looked forward to as the children grew up. Now I do believe "The Round The Block Parade and Carnival" is their favorite. In their many costumes and some trykes and wagons decorated, the teachers joined their march around the block singing as they go. They return to enjoy games and goodies at the carnival. The proceeds were used to finance the Primary lesson books, pictures and other needs.



There are many other parties enjoyed. Song festivals and class demonstrations for parents, scout parties and holliday celebrations.

The practice of songs to be sung at Ogden Stake Conference is fun. How proud the children are to be seated in the tabernacle choir seats as they sing with all their hearts. The programs the children participate in at Easter and Christmas are a thrill especially to the parents. We are all touched by their innocents and efforts.

One of the fun times ( now discontinued) was pulling the wagons and collecting the fruit for the Primary Childrens Hospital. Each child was so delighted as they ran back to display the donations they had received from a member of the ward. So much joy to take part in the giving to the sick children in the hospital. Each child also brought their birthday pennys (one for each year they were old to help the sick.

The Ogden Stake Primary Story Festival was held in the summer. Four story tellers with a group of rotating children, heard four different kind of stories. The boys perfered the Indian but the girls were anxious to get to the Story Princess, Betty Baker. Refreshments were served before the children were returned home by cars.

The Salt Lake and Logan Temple excursions were fun. The children of Ogden Stake were taken by bus and after being baptized in the temple fifteen or twenty times for the dead, enjoyed lunch and a tour of places of interest in the city. The new regulations require the youth to be 12 years old so M.I.A. plans the temple excursions.

#### SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

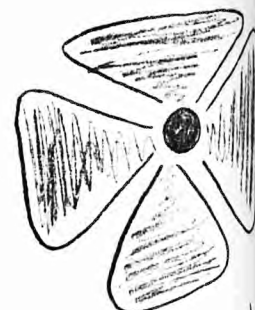
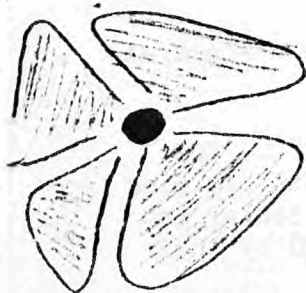
This group consists of all the singles, widows and widowers, divorced, or never married persons in the Ogden Stake. Special activities are arranged by the Ogden Stake Committee for the recreation and association with other single members. Special firesides, dances, dinners, socials and fun activities which are enjoyed by them as this wholesome recreation is made available. They may belong to the chorus that sings at different wards each month and presents the program for Sacrament Meeting. The chorus had the privilege of singing with the L.D.S. Youth Chorus in Junr 1974 in The Salt Lake City Tabernacle under the direction of Dr. J. Welch.

#### BISHOPRICS HONORED

We love and appreciate our hard working Bishopric all year, but once a year pay them special honor. The Ogden Stake entertain them and their wives at a banquet and entertainment. Then a dance is held and the ward members join in honoring their leaders and partners at the dance. On Sunday at Sacrament Meeting the program is in their honor and songs, poems and speeches tell of our love.

Another time we join to give thanks is at the release of the Bishopric, when a fun party is held to give thanks for the love and devoted work they have given in our behalf.

At times they hold parties as a group and have a bit of fun together.



You Are Invited

to attend

an OPEN HOUSE in HONOR

of our retiring Bishopric:

L. DWIGHT PINCOCK, Bishop

BENJAMIN V. HUNT, 1st Counselor

FLOYD H. POULSEN, 2nd Counselor

To Be Held

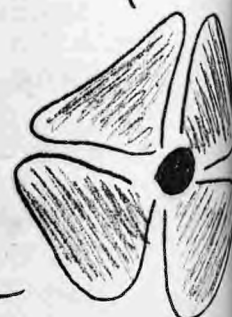
April 3, 1975

Ogden 31st Ward Cultural Hall

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Program at 7:00 p.m.

Refreshments will be served.



## IN APPRECIATION

Young, vigorous he came  
spreading enthusiam  
spouting wit  
mastering building fund challenge  
sharing cheers and tears of ward members  
radiating love for the gospel  
and all mankind.....

WE'LL MISS YOU, BISHOP PINCOCK!

Humble  
sincere  
unassuming  
a dedicated servant  
friend to all  
none too small  
for his extended hand.....

WE LOVE YOU, BROTHER HUNT!

A warm faithful example  
his desire for all  
to live the good life  
reflecting his ardent  
working  
testimony.....

WE'LL REMEMBER YOU,  
BROTHER POULSEN!

WE THANK YOU, BISHOPRIC!



In loving tribute to the  
31st Ward Bishopric 1970 - 1975

L. Dwight Pincock  
Benjamin V. Hunt  
Floyd H. Poulsen

MY WISH-

I ask no wreath of fame, no trump of glory  
To shout my name and praises to the skies;  
I only ask that I may dry the teardrops  
That glisten in a fellow human's eyes.

I seek no hoard of wealth for selfish purpose,  
That I may follow pleasure's dizzy pace;  
I merely ask enough to be of service —  
To bring a smile to some pain-furrowed face.

For life's great joy is found in selfless service,  
And truth reveals itself to humble men;  
The simple things forever are the dearest,  
And love has greater power than sword or pen.

Welcome: Bishop C. Gary Suttlemyre

Invocation: Bro. Jim Carpenter

Remarks: Pres. David E. Tanner

Musical Number: Bro. Carl Wallberg

Special Presentation to Bro. Seymour Y. McAllister by  
Bishop L. Dwight Pincock

- Presentations To Bishopric -

Bro. & Sis. Floyd H. Poulsen by Bro. Randy Moore

Musical Number: Bro. Carl Wallberg

Bro. & Sis. Benjamin V. Hunt by Bro. David Peterson

Violin Solo: Bro. Dennis Hansen

Bishop & Sis. L. Dwight Pincock by  
Bishop C. Gary Suttlemyre

Piano Solo: Sis. Kathleen Hansen

Entertainment by Bro. Tim Carver

Remarks: Bishop C. Gary Suttlemyre

Benediction: Bro. Volmer Miller

- Refreshments and Visiting until 10:00 p.m. -

(Cake decorated by Sis. Gayle Cox)

# Ogden Standard-Examiner

OGDEN, UTAH

SUNDAY MORNING

OCTOBER 24, 1976



CENTER OF PIONEER LIFE in Ogden in the late 1850s and for many years afterward was the old Ogden Pioneer Tabernacle, shown here in two paintings by Dave Sawyer for the Bicentennial Historical

Art Collection. The top painting shows the original tabernacle built during the 1850s. The bottom photo is of Mr. Sawyer's second painting of the tabernacle after extensive remodeling in 1896.



# Old Tabernacle Center of Activity

Editor's Note: This is another in a series of articles dealing with Northern Utah history as depicted in paintings for the Bicentennial Historical Art Collection. This week, The Ogden Tabernacle, painted by artist Dave Sawyer is featured.

By MARILYN KARRAS

The old Ogden Pioneer Tabernacle had a wealth of history stored up in its adobe walls when the march of progress dictated that it be torn down more than 110 years after its dedication.

If buildings could talk, the final memories of that landmark would have been a basis for a great personal account of the development of the people and City of Ogden and Weber County.

The Tabernacle could have told tales of hard work and sacrifice, of the fear of persecution, of religious devotion, hard times and the joy of simple family and community fun.

## IN 1855

Work began on the structure in 1855 when Brigham Young commissioned William Nichol Fife, architect and Salt Lake City builder, and Walter Thompson to design and construct a tabernacle for the "Saints" in the Weber County area.

Ogden City could count only 50 families as its population when construction began on the tabernacle on the northwest corner of the intersection of

what is now 22nd and Washington.

Construction costs were never figured, because the laborers did the work for personal reward, not for wages, and the materials came from surrounding resources.

During the four years until its dedication in 1859, the tabernacle construction site was the scene of back-breaking toil by Ogden residents to bring red pine logs from the mountains to the valley on the Ogden River, fasten the huge rafters together with handmade wooden pegs and fashion the sturdy rock foundation and two-foot thick adobe walls.

## DURING YEARS

It was during the construction years, that the people of Ogden were forced to leave their homes as Johnston's Army approached, bringing an unknown threat to the Mormon settlers.

In 1857 and 1858, the tabernacle square was the drilling grounds for the Weber County division of the militia, as they prepared to meet the federal troops, in a confrontation that never came.

Even during construction, the tabernacle was the favorite gathering place for the Mormon community, and the laughter of the young and the noisy conversations of the older settlers were heard often over the dirt

floors and hand-split log benches.

At the time of its dedication in 1859, the Ogden Tabernacle was a unique, modern structure, built to accommodate an amazing total of 1,200 persons.

The first choir heard in the building was a 12-voice group organized in 1859 by John Isaac Hart. This small musical group grew and expanded in later years and increased its activity from singing at Sunday services to performing at General Conference in Salt Lake City at the request of the LDS General Authorities.

## 40 YEARS

During the next nearly 40 years, Tabernacle Square was the scene of much activity, not

all of it religious in nature.

Carnivals, fairs and circuses visited the spot and performed for the community residents. Probably the most famous, the "Buffalo Bill Wild West Show" made regular stops in Ogden at Tabernacle Square.

The city held athletic events there, and, of course, the church sponsored many socials on the grounds.

The most notable local event took place in 1896 when President Lewis W. Shurtliff instigated an event called the Tabernacle Fair, to raise money for remodeling of the old building.

The entire square was roped off for the fair, which boasted various shows, exhibits and games, and ended up raising \$15,000 for the tabernacle project.

William W. Fife, a son of the original tabernacle builder, William N. Fife, was commissioned to do the remodeling. Mr. Fife had learned well his father's trade, and his buildings were some of the best in the early pioneer settlements.

## MANY ADDITIONS

The basic design of the old building was retained, but impressive additions were made, including imposing front entrances, and side wings. The vestry was remade into a choir loft to accommodate the new 121-voice Tabernacle Choir, and a large reed organ was installed.

Several other changes were made later, but the structure remained largely as it was after the 1896 remodeling, until its razing to make way for the Ogden LDS Temple.

Paintings of the original building and the tabernacle as it looked after the remodeling have been done by artist Dave Sawyer, for the Bicentennial Historical Art Collection.

Mr. Sawyer has followed a boyhood dream of becoming an artist. He worked as a sign writer in the early 1920's, producing stage scenery, ad curtains and theater displays.



# All Welcome at Tabernacle

Say the word "tabernacle" to a Mormon and he immediately thinks of conferences, those meetings of the congregations of several churches in one stake who have combined forces and facilities to receive instruction and inspiration from the authorities of the LDS Church.

He thinks of the hum of friendly voices and finally the organist's hand dropping to hit the first note of the prelude, the expectant hush.

Conference is a place where people shake lots of hands.

Unlike the days when except for an occasional graduation service or a basement dance, the fine polished wood of tabernacle benches and altar gathered a fine patina of dust, tabernacles now are used constantly.

The Ogden Tabernacle is a busy place, a community place, where every Sunday one or two stakes (comparable to the diocese of many other churches)

meet for services.

In older days and in smaller towns the entire population turned out for meetings.

In the Ogden Tabernacle today several wards meet at a time with services scheduled carefully to avoid conflicts with anywhere from 1,500 to 2,000 people attending each meeting.

During off hours, and on weekdays when no services are scheduled regular tours of visitors are conducted through the building.

Winter hours are from 2 to 9 p.m. on Sundays and from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekdays.

Everyone is invited and lots of people come. Families, church friends, neighbors and non-members participate in the tours which they arrange at the visiting center on the south side of the building.

Church members sometimes tour the building as members of Primary or Sunday School classes. Church films are shown and lectures are given to any-

one willing to listen.

Construction on the tabernacle was begun July 24, 1953 at a cost of \$723,000 or three quarters of a million dollars.

The seating capacity of 2,500 enables church members to meet in large congregations infusing their conferences with a sense of strength and dignity.

The heart of the tabernacle is the pipe organ. It was installed in June of 1955 at a cost of \$33,000.

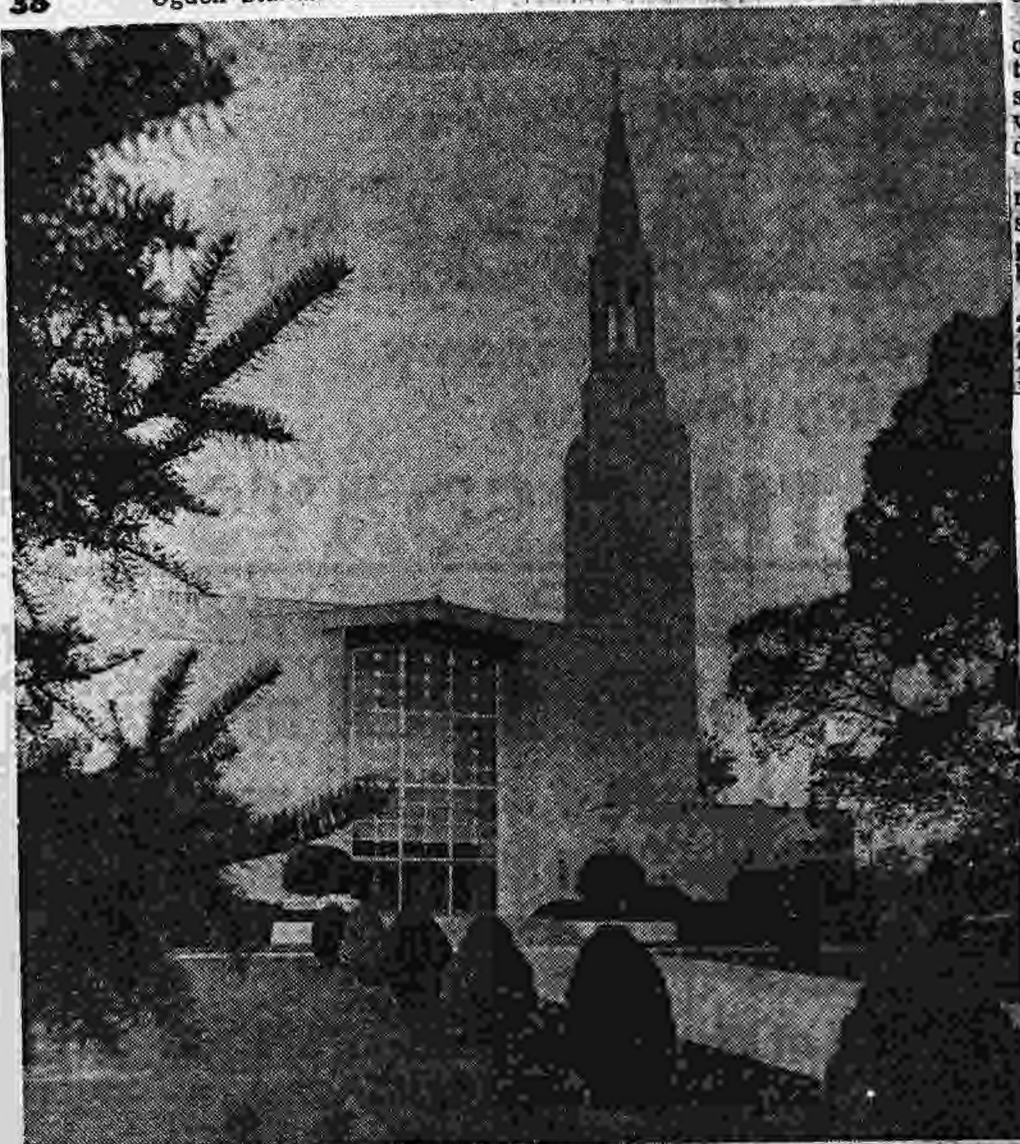
Conference without the pipe organ would be something else to Mormons who have heard its stout throbs and felt its strong vibrations since the earliest days of their childhoods.

The beauty and power of the music is the framework of the spiritual messages and as important to their transmission as background is to a painting.

The Ogden pipe organ has 2,280 pipes ranging in size from three eighths of an inch to 16 feet long.

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Ogden Standard-Examiner, Monday, October 25, 1978



**STATELY STRUCTURE** — Seldom is this imposing building in downtown Ogden—the LDS Ogden Tabernacle — empty on a Sunday. It is the meeting place for the thousands of LDS members in Weber County who convene for quarterly conference sessions.

## A NEW OGDEN TABERNACLE

On March 16, 1952 the Ogden Standard Examiner reported that plans for a new Ogden L.D.S. Tabernacle had been approved by the First Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints on March 16, 1952 to cost the sum of \$450,000. (Ogden Stake records).

In July Ground Breaking Ceremony for the Ogden L.D.S. Tabernacle was held following the 24th of July parade. Elder Harold B. Lee of the Council of the Twelve Apostles, represented the General Authorities of the church. Ogden Stake President Laurence S. Burton conducted the services.

Elder Harold B. Lee addressed those assembled, then removed the first shovel full of earth. Participating with him was the former President of the Chamber of Commerce J. R. Bachman; President William J. Critchlow Jr. chairman of the 11 Stake Presidents of Weber County; and President Wilmer J. Maw.

The contractor for the construction of the building was Mark B. Garff of Salt Lake City. Cost of construction including landscaping and interior furnishings to be \$650,000. and the seating capacity will be 2,000 people.

This will replace the one built in 1856 & 1857. It is not anticipated that the old Pioneer Tabernacle will be dismantled. (Ogden Stake records.)

## OGDEN TABERNACLE DEDICATED

February 12, 1956: Every available seat in the new Ogden L.D.S. Tabernacle was taken for the dedication which drew an attendance of 3,000 church members. Pictured here are the 150 voice choir, directed by Lester Hinchcliff, plus church and stake leaders on the stand. (Ogden Standard Examiner.)

President David O. Mc Kay gave the address at dedication of Ogden Tabernacle Sunday 12 February 1956 at 2 P.M.. (Deseret News)

Tabernacle Dedicated (Picture of Tabernacle) President David O. Mc Kay dedicated the new Ogden Tabernacle last Sunday. President Steven L. Richards of the First Presidency; Elder Henry D. Moyle of the Council of the Twelve; Elder Thomas E. Mc Kay assistant to the Council of the Twelve and Presiding Bishop Joseph L. Wirthlin also spoke. President Wm. J. Critchlow Jr. of South Ogden Stake conducted.

Pres. Critchlow said, "Some day it may be possible that a temple might be erected between the new Tabernacle and the older edifice, still standing on the South East corner of the block."

President Scott B. Price East Ogden Stake, reported on the building of the structure. He was chairman of the building committee.

President David O. Mc Kay said, "I thought I should like to refer to this beautiful edifice as heralding a special message. Every person radiates to a great degree what he is, indeed to live is to radiate. To a certain degree so does an important building. Every home for example, has a particular radiation—a particular something created by those who live in it. So does every church, particularly every famous edifice. What does this beautiful edifice stand for. A place for eleven stakes to meet for conference. Yes a place in which to worship the Lord. May it always be a sacred place bringing reverence to the hearts of those who enter."

"We should like this house to stand as a testimony of the reality of our Father in Heaven and the divine mission of His only begotten who rendered sacrifice,



for us and gave the Plan of Salvation by obedience to which, the Children of God may come back into His presence." (Deseret News in Ogden Stake records)

The Chior was conducted by Lester Hinchcliff with Wayne Devereaux at the organ. They rendered the following "Now Let Heaven and Earth Adore Thee", "Come Come Ye Saints" and a solo "Bless This House" by Lois Jackson.

The Invocation as given by Albert L. Bott Pres. Mount Ogden Stake. Benediction was given by Pres. Laurence S. Burton Ogden Stake and building committee.

1 Apr 1962 :First Ogden Stake Conference in new Tabernacle a large croud attended.

#### Vistor's Center

15 July 1967: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints opened a Visitor's Center in the Ogden Tabernacle. The bust of the early founders of the L.D.S. Church on display in Ogden Visitor's Center is admired by General Authority, Thomas Monsen.(picture). (Ogden Stake Records).



**IT HAPPENED . . . .**

20 & 50

YEARS AGO

**FEBRUARY 13, 1956**      New Hospital Built

Ogden's gleaming white \$725,000 tabernacle was dedicated by President David O. McKay of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints whose message was heard by a capacity congregation of more than 3,000.

16 Sept 1962: Bishop Warren N. Shurtleff presented a matter of business to the 31st Ward Priesthood holders. A new L.D.S. Hospital to be named "Dee Mc Kay Hospital is to be built . The Ogden Stake assessment is \$45,000. to be paid over a three year period. The 31st Ward first year 1962 is for \$3,091.32 which will be included in the ward budget drive. (31st Ward records)

Dinners and bazaars and many other fund raising activities were held in 31st Ward.

22 Apr 1966: President David O. Mc Kay turned the 1st shovel of dirt marking the start of the new ten million dollar hospital being built in his honor. It was witnessed by Church leaders, Civic and Business leaders. This new hospital will be a eight level structure on Harrison Blvd. near 39th Street. Construction is expected to be completed in about two years. (Ogden Stake Records)

#### Dedication of Ogden Genealogy Library

Extensive remodeling of the Pioneer Tabernacle had been done . The new Library was completed and stocked with genealogical information, films, reading machines, and furnishings.

24 July 1966: The new Genealogy Library was dedicated at 2P.M. by Theodore M. Burton Assistant to the Twelve. Open house with refreshments were enjoyed by a large number of visitors.

#### Library Moved

With the building of the Ogden Temple the decision to take down the Building for more room for the Temple was made. The North room of the New Tabernacle was chosen to be the Genealogy Library. The High Priests were ask to donate sufficient for the remodeling and establishing of the Library.

#### World Conference on Records

5 th 8 August 1969 at the Salt Palace in Salt Lake City, a World Conference on Records was held. From all over the world people came to learn and marvel.



# LDS WILL LAUNCH WORK ON GENEALOGY LIBRARY

A groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled Saturday at 9 a.m. for the new LDS genealogical library at 555 24th.

Completion of the 7,000 square foot facility estimated to cost about \$250,000 is expected by early December.

To be erected by Wade Brothers Construction Co. of Ogden, the new facility will replace the existing Ogden Genealogical Library in the LDS Ogden Tabernacle.

Keynote speaker at Saturday's groundbreaking will be Pleasant View Stake President Jay H. Rhees, chairman of the local genealogical library committee.

Conducting will be Hooper Stake President F. James Schoenfeld with Weber North Stake President Ted J. Parke officiating at the groundbreaking.

Harold Johnson, director of the Ogden Genealogical Library, also will speak with prayers offered by Ogden Stake President Glen V. Holley and Kaysville East President Lawrence Welling.



Pioneer Tabernacle  
renovated  
dedicated  
24 July 1966  
Genealogical Library

Ogden Standard-Examiner, Saturday, July 31, 1976

## LDS Library Construction Launched

Challenging local LDS Church faithful to "seek after our dead" by accelerating their genealogy work, area church leaders today broke ground for the new \$250,000 Ogden Genealogical Library.

About 100 turned out for the ground breaking ceremony this morning in the Brigham Young University Ogden Center west parking lot at 555 24th.

Various stake presidents, members of the Church Genealogical Society, Church

Building Committee Chairman Fred Baker, local genealogy library board representatives and library staff joined library patrons in a brief service to initiate work on the 7,000-square-foot facility.

### IN DECEMBER

Work on the library, which will be located immediately southwest of the BYU Ogden Center, will begin immediately with completion expected in December and occupancy scheduled for the first of the year.

President Harold Johnson, library director, told listeners that genealogy is "the greatest work we can do in this generation" and noted it is prerequisite before LDS people can do the work for their kindred dead in the temple.

He praised the "faithful and devoted people who serve countless hours" as library staff and voiced his desire the new facility "will serve a greater

number of people and help the work to progress."

Bradley Stewart, representing the Church Genealogical Society, described the groundbreaking as a "large stride for the Ogden area... that will reverberate throughout the church."

### A DECREASE

Noting the Ogden area membership was a church leader in genealogy work at one time, Mr. Stewart said temporary relocation of the genealogical library that followed demolition of the old Pioneer Tabernacle had been reflected by a decrease in local genealogical work.

"The challenge is before you again to move forward and accomplish the work the Lord has for you to do," he told listeners.

Informing the assembled LDS faithful only one per cent of the church membership is currently engaged in genealogy, Mr. Stewart said the Church Presidency and Council of Twelve has launched a five-year program to increase that figure to 50 per cent.

He called on church members to "rededicate themselves... become actively involved... and become saviors on Mount Zion" in doing work for the dead.

In a special appeal to library workers, Mr. Stewart told them to "prepare yourselves for the challenge of research which is coming."

"You can help double or triple the amount of local genealogy work if you are prepared to help patrons and make their genealogy experience a success," he added.

President Jay H. Rhees, chairman of the event and president of the Ogden Genealogy Library Board, predicted the new facility will make a "unique contribution" to the Ogden area by building spirituality through genealogical service.

### NEW LIBRARY

Noting the proximity of the new library to the BYU Ogden Center would be a great benefit, he suggested the library "can be a laboratory" for the educational center where genealogical techniques are taught and constantly updated.

President Rhees told listeners that their concern over the salvation of their families should extend to their dead ancestors and cited the scriptural injunction that man should keep "a faithful record here on earth to correspond with records kept in heaven."

He promised that genealogy work "brings conviction and testimony" to those who labor therein and urged church members to join in united gratitude for the opportunity of having a new library to serve the needs of the Ogden area.

President Ed L. Parke of the Weber North Stake, a member of the library board, officiated at the groundbreaking as church leaders turned over the first spadeful of earth to launch construction.

### ONE STORY

The one-story frame building with brick veneer will be built at a cost of approximately \$250,000 with furnishings and equipment costing an additional \$30,000.

As a branch library, it will have access to all Church Genealogical Society services as well as local records of particular interest to Ogden area genealogical researchers.

Wade Brothers Construction of Ogden is building the facility.



DIGGING IN — Breaking ground today for the new \$250,000 Ogden Genealogical Library are (left to right) Harold Johnson, library director; Jay H. Rhees, genealogy library board president, and Ted L. Parke, library board member.

Children are not a gift to us, but a precious loan to be returned --- returned more valuable than when we received them; understanding more, better prepared to return to Him who lent them to us. The charge is ours to increase their worth.

\* Bishop H. Burke Peterson \*

## What Is a Temple

A temple is a mansion built to God. Its tall spires reaches up like arms to Eternity. It is a building dedicated to the work of salvation and exaltation. It is a building with a heart and soul, which breathes with love of one's ancestors. A temple is constructed on the strong foundation of Resurrection and eternal life. It is held together by the mortar of Christian service to others, with stones of hope of exaltation, timbers of the Grace of God, and windows reflecting the beautiful world, our gift from a loving Father in Heaven. A temple is a edifice dedicated to the work of God and a house to the Glory and Holyness of the Lord.

Lavell H. Johnson

## My Dream

I dreamed my Father called me home  
Across the great divide  
I was very much bewildered  
I thought surely I had died.

St. Peter met me at the gate  
He said " Come follow me  
There's something I must show to you  
Something you must see."

Then I saw a lot of people  
Standing in a line,  
When I looked them over  
They were relatives of mine.

Many among the great croud,  
I remember well  
Some had lived long years before  
I came on earth to dwell.

There were my great grandparents  
Whom I was pleased to see.  
But when I looked toward them  
They turned away from me.

Then I saw my cousins  
My uncles and my aunts.  
They said to me accusingly,  
We did not have a chance.

To do our work that must be done  
To start us on our way  
To gain for us eternal life  
So here we have to stay.

My father and my Mother too,  
Were standing far apart  
They looked so disappointed  
It made the tear drops start.

I turned and saw my Savior  
On his face there was a frown.  
I died upon the cross for them  
And you have let them down.

Behold your noble ancestors  
Waiting for the day  
When you would open up the gate  
To help them on their way.

My heart was very heavy  
As I looked these people o'er  
The blinding tears ran down my face  
I turned to Him once more.

Please, Blessed Savior, send me back  
I'll make another try  
I'll do the work for all my kin  
I'm not prepared to die.

I will not miss a single one  
I'm so ashamed dear Lord.  
I'll try to do each ordinance  
According to my word.

Then I awoke, the dream was gone  
I had not passed away,  
But I made a resolution  
To start that very day.

Baptisms, endowments, sealings  
I found were not a few,  
The more I searched and searched  
The more there was to do.

But still I keep on hunting  
And searching all the while  
Next time I meet my ancestors  
They will meet me with a smile.



## AN OGDEN TEMPLE

The Stake Presidents of the Ogden area met with Hugh B. Brown and N. Eldon Tanner of the First Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 14 August 1967. At the meeting they approved the building of a Temple in the Ogden area. Pres. Scott E. Price headed the committee to select the site. (Ogden Standard Examiner clipping in Ogden Stake records.)

The temple will be built on the Tabernacle Square. The temple will serve the area of South Box Elder, Weber County, North Davis and Morgan Counties.

14 August 1967: (Ogden Standard Examiner) The announcement was made that two new L.D.S. Temples will be built, one in Provo and one in Ogden. Each Temple will cost about \$2,500,000.00, the smallest temples in use. The Ogden Temple district will have 117,780 members, the First Presidency of the L.D.S. Church announces.

15 Aug. 1967 (Ogden Standard Examiner with picture) The Area L.D.S. Leaders Pledge Support for Ogden Temple. Scott E. Price heads the site committee. A chart comparing percentage of ordinance work performed in Temples is examined by Fred Baker and Mark Garff of the L.D.S. Building Committee. Joseph Fielding Smith, Hugh B. Brown and N. Eldon Tanner of the First Presidency during a meeting in Ogden Monday where the local L.D.S. leaders endorsed plans for a Temple. (Ogden Stake Records.)

2 Jan 1968: The Ogden Stake assessment for the Temple was announced as \$45,000.00. Each ward will receive their assignment. (The 31st Ward contributed \$3,890.85.) The Temple will be built on the Tabernacle Square. The Third Ward Building and the Daughters of the Pioneer's Pioneer Building will be taken down. (The decision was made later to leave the Daughters of the Pioneers Building standing.) There will be a visitors center on the square. (This was housed in the Tabernacle). Later the decision was made to move the Ogden Genealogical Library into a room in the Tabernacle and the Ogden Pioneer Tabernacle was taken down. The High Priests were asked to contribute sufficient to pay for the Genealogy Library remodeling costs.

The design of the Ogden Temple was released by the L.D.S. Church Leaders. There will be three floors above the ground and one below.

The Ogden Temple Presidency will be : President A. Reed Halverson, 1st Assistance John J. Zundel, 2nd Asst. W. Owen Ridges, and Sister Halverson was to be the Matron. We have a good representation of temple workers called from the Ogden Stake.

## THE CORNER STONE CEREMONY

7 Sept 1970: The corner stone of the Ogden Temple was laid by President Joseph Fielding Smith and President Nathan Eldon Tanner. Other General Authorities in attendance Spencer W. Kimball, Mark E. Peterson, Delbert L. Stapley, Le Grand Richards, Richard L. Evans, Hugh B. Brown, Thomas S. Monson, Eldred G. Smith Church Patriarch, Elray Christiansen, Sterling W. Sill, James H. Cullimore, Joseph Anderson, Henry D. Taylor, Theodore Tuttle, William H. Bennett and Bishop John H. Vandenberg.

President Smith told how the people in this dispensation were commanded to build Temples. He related how temple ordinances were given to people on this earth so that they can gain Eternal Salvation.

## THE OGDEN TEMPLE DEDICATED

From 15 to 31 of December 1971 the Ogden Temple held its public showing. Great crowds came and were seated in the Ogden Tabernacle where music was played. Small groups were conducted through the temple. Many people from the Ogden Stake assisted as ushers. There were 180,512 persons who were conducted through the Ogden Temple. (Ogden Stake Records.)

18 January 1972: There were six sessions, each following the same didicatory service at the Ogden Temple dedication. Either Harold B. Lee or N. Eldon Tanner conducted the service. There were six persons from Ogden Stake who helped with the "Hosanna Shout", they were Keith G. Jensen, Clarence F. Bathke, Glen V. Holley, Wilford J. Smedding, Robert E. Froerer and Marlin K. Jensen.

18 Jan 1972: Oh, the exalted spirit that was felt in the Ogden Temple at the dedicatory services. Presiding was Pres. Joseph Fielding Smith. The chior sang "The Morning Breaks the Shadows Flee. Invocation then there were introductions and remarks. The chior sang, "An Angel From on High or Oh How Lovely Was the Morning." The speakers were followed by the chior singing "I Know that MY Redeemer Lives," then the Dedicatory Prayer and the "Hosanna Anthem" with the congregation joining in. The song "The Spirit og God Like a Fire Is Burning." Benediction.

Oh the thrill and joy of a temple in our own city. The 31st Ward Members recieved their tickets to the dedication Jan. 18 & 19 1972 at 2 P.M. and & 7 P. M. from Bishop L. Dwight Pincock. The thrill of being conducted through when the temple was opened to the public was wonderful but greater was the thrill at the dedication of the Ogden Temple. The services were so spiritual and beautiful. The differant chiors that sang each day were angelic and the dedicatory prayer was beautifully given.

Ogden Stake Temple day, 23 March 1972, the first day that the 31st Ward participated since the opening. We turned out in goodly numbers with our recommends in hand and 95 endowments were performed by our ward members that day.

27 Jan 1973: Ogden Stake has been the first in number of Temple endowments every month except when we lost by 18. Also the Ogden Stake is 4th in all the church stakes in the number of endowments done.

24 June 1972: (Ogden Standard Examiner) The Ogden L.D.S. Temple has accomplished a first in the history of the L.D.S. Church. More ordinances were performed in it than in the Salt Lake L.D.S. Temple during April. This is the first time any L.D.S. has taken first place ranking from the temple in Salt Lake City, said Paul R. Linderman, recorder for the Ogden Temple. Reports show that during April 37,566 endowments for the dead were accomplished in the Ogden ediface as compared with 36,146 in Salt Lake City, Mr Linderman said.

SEEK THE GOLDEN FLESSINGS OF THE TEMPLE FROM THE LORD FOR YOURSELF AND FAMILY AND FOR YOUR KINDRED DEAD. THE SALVATION WE PURCHASE THROUGH OBEDIENCE AND WORK WILL LAST THROUGH OUT ALL ETERNITY AND WILL ENDURE FOREEVER.

Not Transferable

## Ogden Temple Dedication

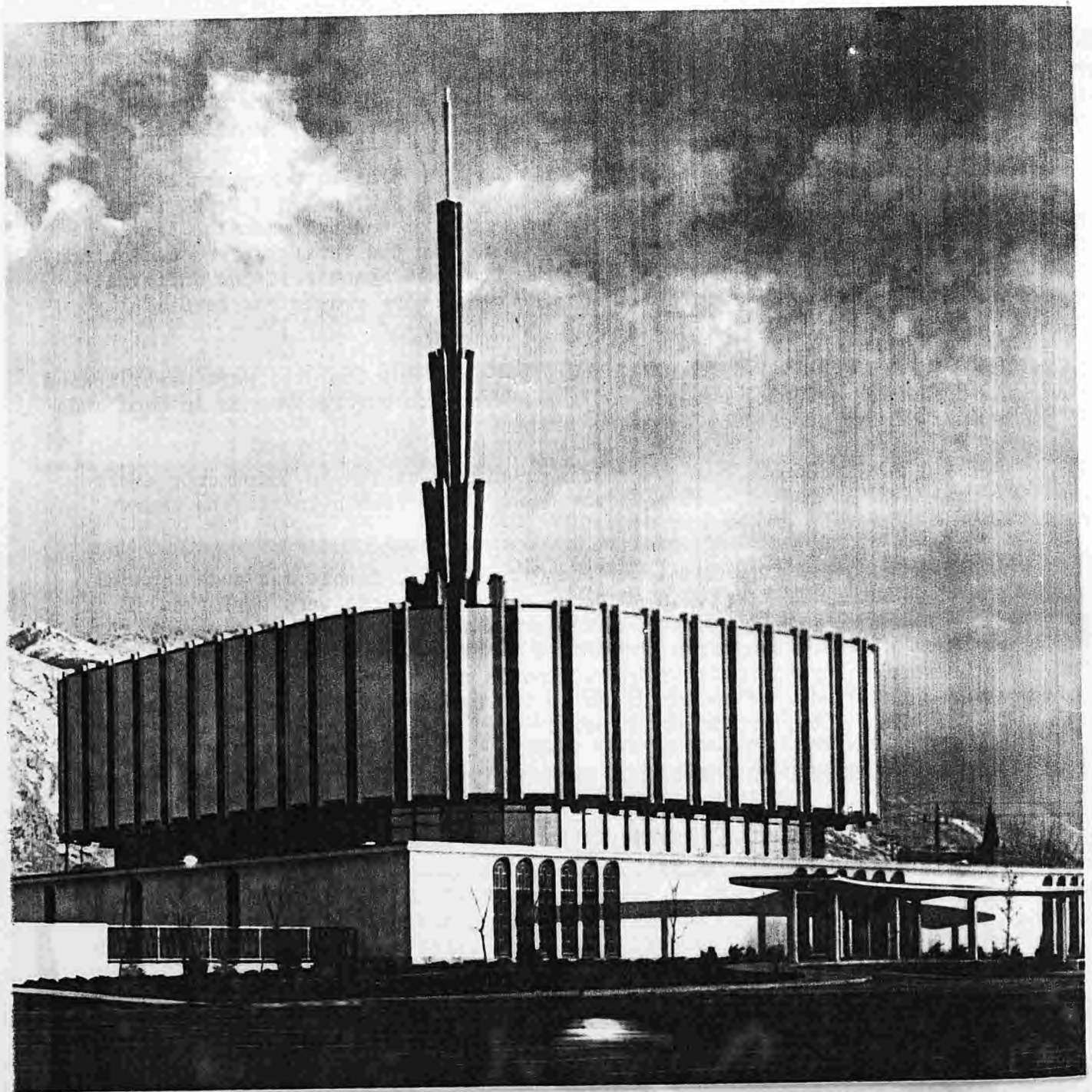


NAME LAVELL H JOHNSON

WARD OGDEN 31<sup>st</sup> STAKE OGDEN

SIGNED L. Dwight Pincock  
Bishop

TEMPLE  
Third Floor  
2:00 P.M. Session  
January 19, 1972





The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

Ogden  
Temple  
Dedication

*January Eighteen, Nineteen and Twenty,  
Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-two.*

**A**t this time of dedication of the Ogden Temple,  
I bear testimony of the divine mission of Jesus Christ.

I know he was born of Mary in Bethlehem of Judea;  
that God was his Father; and that he came into the world  
to die upon the cross for the sins of the world.

I know that he and his Father appeared to Joseph  
Smith to usher in the dispensation of the fulness of  
times, and that he will soon come again to live and  
reign with men on earth a thousand years.

I pray that all of us who believe in his name will be  
worthy, whether in life or in death, to abide the day of  
his coming; and that we shall dwell with him forever in  
the kingdom of his Father.

May our Father's choicest blessings be with all of  
you now and forever.

*Joseph Fielding Smith*

## *Ogden Temple District Stakes*

Ben Lomond	Lakeview	Riverdale
Ben Lomond South	Layton	Roy
Ben Lomond West	Layton East	Roy North
Box Elder	Lorin Farr	South Ogden
Box Elder South	Morgan	Sunset
Brigham City	Mount Ogden	Washington Terrace
Clearfield	Ogden	Weber
Davis North	Ogden East	Weber Heights
Farr West		Weber North
Kaysville		Weber State College

## *Ogden Temple Presidency*

A. Reed Halversen, President  
 John J. Zundel, 1st Counselor  
 W. Owen Ridges, 2nd Counselor

## *Ogden Temple Advisory Committee*

President Keith W. Wilcox, Chairman  
 President Millen D. Atwood  
 President E. LaMar Buckner  
 President Geroge S. Haslam  
 President Scott B. Price  
 President G. Albert Wimmer  
  
 President Albert L. Bott, Chairman Finance Committee



## Dedicatory Services

Presiding	President Joseph Fielding Smith
Conducting	
Musical Selection <i>"The Morning Breaks The Shadows Flee"</i>	Choir
Invocation	
Acknowledgments, Introductions and Remarks	
Musical Selection <i>"An Angel From on High"</i> or <i>"Oh How Lovely Was the Morning"</i>	Choir
Speakers	
Musical Selection <i>"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"</i>	Choir
Dedicatory Prayer	
Musical Selection <i>"The Hosanna Anthem"</i> with congregation joining in . . . <i>"The Spirit of God Like a Fire is Burning"</i>	Choir and Congregation
Participating Choirs	
First Session - Roy Region	Fourth Session - Ogden Region
Second Session - Weber Region	Fifth Session - Ben Lomond Region
Third Session - Brigham and Kaysville Regions	Sixth Session - Layton Region
Benediction	

TWO SESSIONS EACH DAY TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18 AND 19, 1972 AT 10:00 A.M.  
AND 2:00 P.M. AND THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 1972 AT 2:00 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M.



*The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*  
*Ogden Temple*  
 350 - 22nd Street  
 Ogden, Utah 84401

To: Families Residing Within the Ogden Temple District:

We are pleased to extend to you and members of your family, except for pre-school age children, a cordial invitation to attend the public showing of the Ogden Temple on \_\_\_\_\_, December \_\_\_\_\_, between 9:00 a. m. and 9:00 p. m.

If you are unable to attend on the specified day, please feel free to come, preferably, on December 20, 24, or 27, between 9:00 a. m. and 4:00 p. m., or any other time during the public showing between 9:00 a. m. and 9:00 p. m.

The following suggestions should be observed by all Temple visitors at the public showing:

1. The public showing of the Temple is intended to be a spiritual experience; therefore, conversation or verbal explanation is discouraged. Placards will provide necessary explanations within the Temple. Opportunity for discussion and questions will be provided in the Tabernacle following the Temple visit.
2. Parking will be available in the area west of the Temple and around the Tabernacle block. At the conclusion of the Temple visit the parking space must be vacated as soon as possible to allow for repeated use.
3. Please go directly to the Tabernacle, to the north of the Temple, from which the Temple tour will commence.
4. No cameras will be permitted inside the Temple.
5. No babes in arms or pre-school age children will be admitted. Those under 14 must be accompanied by an adult.

We sincerely hope that you will be able to join with us in sharing this sacred experience.

Sincerely your brethren,

*Keith W. Wilcox*  
 Keith W. Wilcox, General Chairman

*A. Reed Halverson*  
 A. Reed Halverson, Temple President

10 Standard-Examiner, Saturday, June 24, 1972

## Local Temple Busiest In LDS Church System

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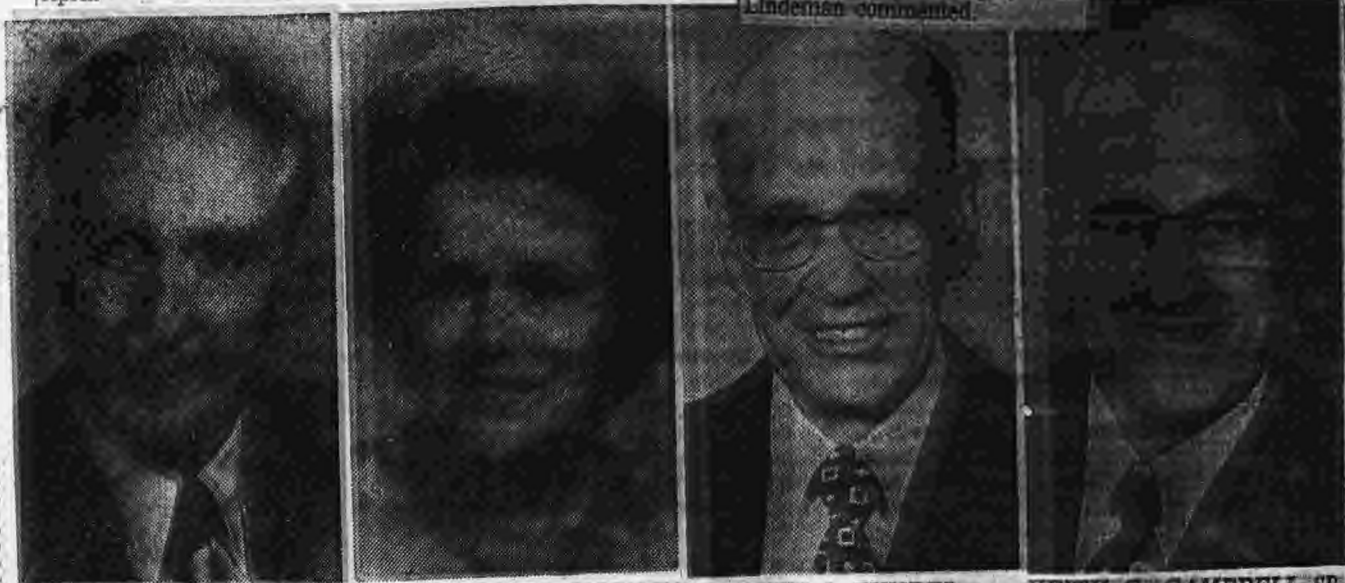
Reports show that during April, 37,566 endowments for the dead were accomplished in the Ogden edifice as compared with 36,146 in Salt Lake City, Mr. Lindeman said.

### REMAIN ON TOP

In addition, Mr. Lindeman believes the report for May will again show the Ogden Temple on top and said that so far in June the work has increased.

Authorities believe there might be two reasons for the Ogden Temple moving into first place, first it is new and many people go through it because of this and second it takes about half the time to do the work here, he said.

Also, 131,982 baptisms for the dead were completed during the first three months of operation of the Ogden Temple, Mr. Lindeman commented.



LESLIE T. NORTON

MRS. LESLIE T. NORTON

JOHN J. ZUNDEL

KEITH G. CAMPBELL SR.

## New Temple Presidency, Matron Named

The LDS Church First Presidency announced today a new Ogden Temple presidency will be installed March 28.

Leslie T. Norton will become president with John J. Zundel as first counselor and Keith G. Campbell Sr. as second counselor.

Mrs. Norton becomes matron of the Ogden Temple.

Mr. Norton and Mr. Zundel are both of Ogden and Mr. Campbell is of Liberty.

Being released are A. Reed Halversen, Mr. Zundel and W. Owen Ridges. They have served since the temple opened in the spring of 1972.

The church leadership also announced a change in the Provo Temple presidency.

The new Provo Temple president is Orville C. Gunther, American Fork. His counselors are Joseph T. Bentley, Provo, and Harold H. Holley, American Fork. The new presidency succeeds President Harold Glen Clark and his counselors, Joseph Y. Toronto and O. Wendle Nielsen, who are being released after nearly five years. The new leaders will be formally installed March 14.

President Norton, the new Ogden Temple president, is a native of Watford, Hertfordshire, England. He moved to Ogden with his parents while a apostles.

young boy. He is a graduate of Weber State College and Brigham Young University.

A longtime federal government employee, President Norton recently retired from his job as chief of job classification and wage administration at Hill Air Force Base.

He is a member of the Ogden City School Board and active in the Utah Cancer Society.

The new temple president has served the church as a bishop, member of a stake presidency and as a regional representative of the Council of Twelve apostles.

His wife, Mae Gibbons Norton, will serve as matron of the Ogden Temple. They are the parents of three sons.

President Zundel was raised in Plymouth, and also recently

retired after many years of government employment at Hill AFB.

He has been a bishop and active as an officer and teacher in auxiliaries and priesthood organizations.

He and his wife, Katie Thompson Zundel, are parents of five children.

### IN FARMING

A native of Providence, President Campbell studied at Utah State Agricultural College in Logan before going into business and farming on his own. He recently retired and raises cattle in his spare time.

He has served as a member of a bishopric and on the stake high council. He and his wife, Chista Christiansen Campbell, are parents of three children.



## L.D.S. Church Welfare

The Prophet Joseph Smith said, "The poor always stay with us. We will be judged by how we care for them. He that is not equal in physical things can not be equal in Spiritual things."

Physical welfare of the ward members was the work of the Relief Society under the direction of the Bishop. When Grace M. Mc Farland was Relief Society president in the Ogden 20th Ward, the Visiting Teachers accepted canned or bottled food as they went from home to home doing their Visiting Teaching. This food was distributed by the Relief Society President to families in need. Not by car she walked carrying a heavy load six or seven blocks in the snow and cold of winter. This is but an example of what was happening in most every ward.

The following is from the (Life History of Grace M. Mc Farland in the 1962 31st Ward Relief Society Record in the Church Historian's Office.)

"She fulfilled her duties to the upmost during the deep and dark days of the depression, with many heads of homes out of work, as problems faced her. Many a night before she could go to bed to rest, she would delve into her personal store of warm clothes and bedding and deliver a load to a needy family."

From the Ensign August 1972 Page 20 quote: "As president of the Pioneer Stake, Harold B. Lee organized a bishop's storehouse in 1932 to care for the needy and unemployed members of his stake. When the Church consolidated such welfare programs into the Churchwide welfare plan in 1936, Harold B. Lee became the first managing director, a position he held for twenty-two years."

The Ogden Stake was one of the first to receive the welfare plan. I remember the Ogden Stake family meeting in the Ogden 6th Ward, when Elder Harold B. Lee then introduced the New L.D.S. Welfare Program. The Lord had surely heard the prayers of the righteous who had suffered through the depression.

## Dedication of the Regional Welfare Property

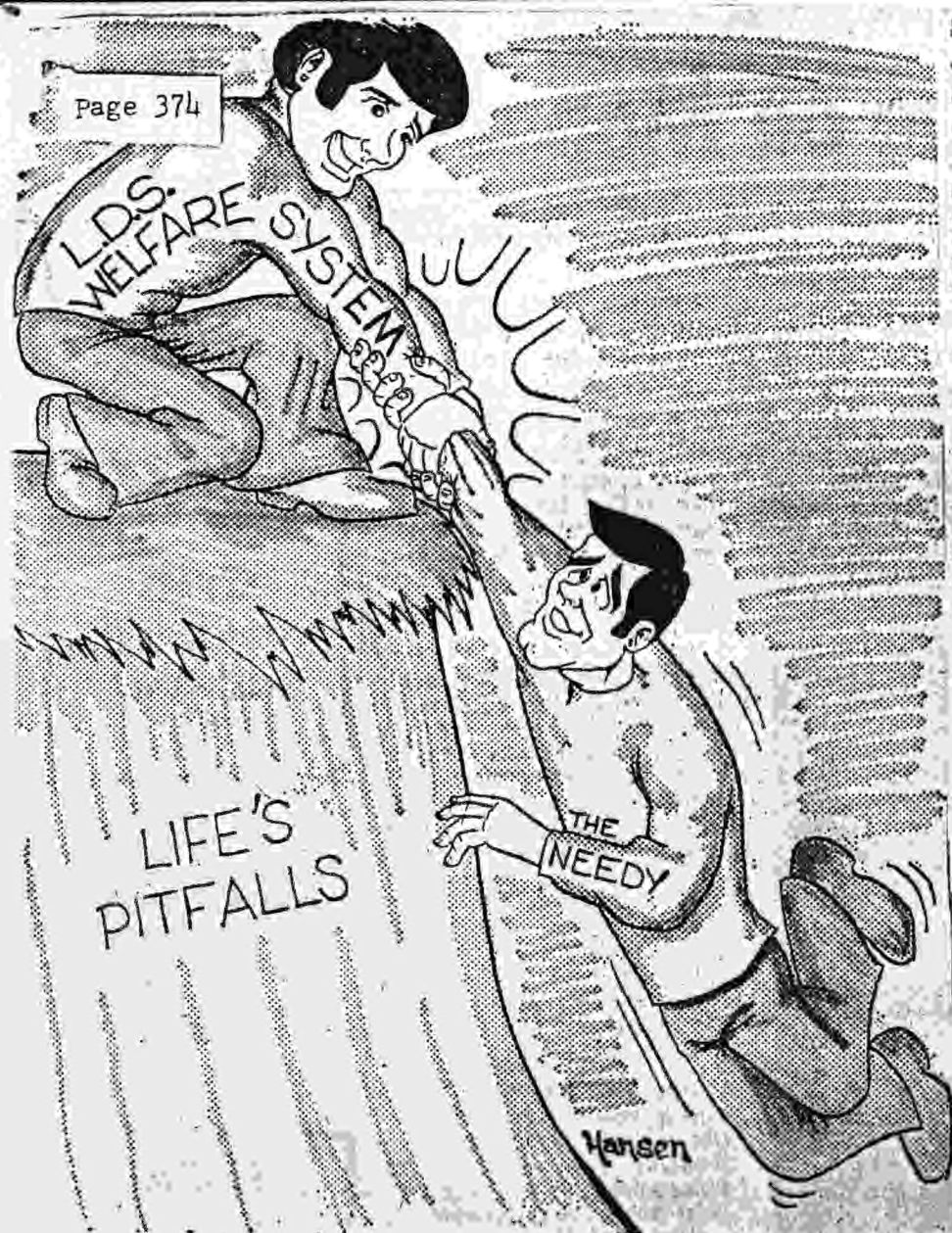
On the 16 June 1949, impressive ceremonies at the Northern Utah Regional Welfare property at 148-17th Street in Ogden, Utah were held in the dedication service. After more than a year of remodeling and renovating had been done. More than 600 were at the gathering. Elder David O. McKay of the First Presidency and Apostle Henry D. Moyle of the Council of the Twelve were in attendance. The buildings were purchased from the receiver of the Utah Idaho Central Railroad Co. for \$77,280.00. Inspection of the storehouse facilities was conducted by Elder Orvil W. Dean, Regional Coordinator. (Ogden Stake Records)

The welfare program was not only to store food but clothing and house-hold needs. The store house was to be stocked.

This was a ward welfare assignment reported to the ward by their bishop in 1948. The ward assignment was \$ 576.99 in cash; 250 pounds of butter; 200 pounds of cheese; 2500 quarts of fresh milk; 600 bushels of oats; 40 dozen brooms. They had no way to raise the above so paid the value in cash \$2,415.00, the cost to purchase.

In November 1949 a bishop reported the ward budget for welfare was \$1862.00. That the ward Relief Society had sewed 917 hours on welfare sewing. That 35 women and 5 men had worked at the Bishop's Storehouse or the Grain Storage in Kaysville, completing the assesement from the Northern Region.

Multiply this activity by the number of wards in the stake, eight wards, for an idea of how the welfare plan was progressing in the Ogden Stake.



## A STRONG ARM FOR THOSE IN NEED

4A OGDEN, UTAH, SUNDAY MORNING, SEPT. 19, 1978

## EDITORIALS

## LDS Welfare Volunteers Busy Helping Less Fortunate Neighbors

This is the time of the year when the unique welfare program of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is at its best.

Thousands of Mormons in Northern Utah—and in all areas of the world where the LDS religion is strong—are currently busy living their creed.

They are spending thousands of hours reaping a bountiful harvest,

processing it and preparing it for distribution, as needed, to less fortunate neighbors.

*It is truly a labor of love.*

And it not only provides for the unfortunate of today but it makes provision to meet emergency demands of the unknown future.

Typical of the way the program works are the operations centering around the Ogden Area LDS Bishops'

Storehouse on 17th Street. Dean Johnson is the coordinator for the area, with John Mills as assistant coordinator.

Scores of women were busy at steaming tables, peeling peaches for preparation of jam, as a Standard-Examiner editor toured the storehouse and its processing facilities.

More than a dozen men were taking the luscious fruit from the preparation lines, loading the kettles, canning the jam and stacking cases of the finished product.

Near the canning plant were boxes and boxes of big, red, ripe tomatoes. They were to be processed by a later shift of volunteers.

This time of the year, the cannery is going full blast, virtually around the clock. It is to be expanded soon, if present plans are successful, to meet an ever-growing demand.

"We could build an automated cannery," Dean Johnson explained, "but we won't because that's not the purpose. The new cannery will also be labor-intensive."

He added that under the LDS concept, welfare is "not a dole" as it is under most government programs.

"The people who are helped must work for what they receive and so must people who do the giving," Mr. Johnson said. "This is the Gospel in action—working to help neighbors who might be poor or less fortunate."

The Ogden Area Bishops' Storehouse coordinates the church welfare program for the 19 stakes in Weber and Morgan counties where the Mormon faith has more than 88,000 members—61.4 per cent of the total population.

Mr. Johnson and Mr. Mills told how the church headquarters in Salt Lake City assigns a "commodity budget" to each area or region. These in turn are re-assigned, in smaller units, to stakes and through them to wards.

Since Mormons believe in having at least a year's food supply on hand to meet unexpected emergencies, the current "budget" is for 1977 needs. The 1978 requisitions have already been submitted—with amounts increased to compensate for the dent in supplies caused by tons of food being sent to Idaho victims of June's Teton Dam flood.

Quantities involved are impressive!



# LDS Invite Public To See Storehouse

The Ogden Area LDS Bishop's Storehouse and Employment Center will conduct an open house Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon to familiarize the general public with their services and facilities.

The open house at 149 17th will include tours of the cannery, storehouse facilities and employment center.

Theron H. Simpson, manager of the employment center, said the purpose of the open house is "to make an awareness of all people, not just LDS, of what the church program is about, pertaining to welfare for all persons."

## SHOW FILM

In addition to the tours, a film will be shown about four times during the morning which features actor Martin Landau, who starred in the "Mission Impossible" and "Space 1999"

television shows, discussing the LDS welfare program from a non-member point of view.

Literature and exhibits showing typical items for storage of a year's supply of food and clothing will also be displayed and refreshments will be served.

Welfare Coordinator Dean F. Johnson emphasized that the church welfare program is for members and non-members alike.

He said whether or not the person seeking help is LDS, however, they must go through the bishop of their area.

The prospective recipients are counseled by the bishop and Relief Society president of the local ward and the bishop completes a form indicating what the family is to receive. Mr. Johnson said "the items might be food, clothing, furniture, mattresses or whatever they need."

## MUST WORK

The bishop also "indicates on the form how many hours the family must work before they may be given the order," he said, adding that unlike many government welfare programs the LDS system "is not a dole."

He said the recipients may be asked to "stock shelves, can, organize the warehouse, mow the lawn or weed, and may do it at the local wards, also."

Mr. Johnson said "It's mainly a program for members of the church, but non-members will be helped if they get a bishop's order."

Mr. Simpson said the same applies to the LDS Employment Center, in that all persons, regardless of religion, are invited to use their facilities.

"It pertains to all people," he said. "I have files on Baptists, Catholics and others, not just the LDS faith."

Compared to other employment agencies locally, Mr. Simpson said the LDS center "might be more adequate" because members of the church all over the Ogden area relay job openings to the center. In addition Mr. Simpson said he is "out contacting employers constantly."

## GENERAL SERVICE

The center is "sponsored by the LDS Church, but is a general employment service," he said.

Mr. Johnson said they have invited the governor, local mayors and ministers of other churches to attend the open house.

"We just remodeled, painted, and fixed up and we just want people to see what we've got," he said, and added that "we'd like to have families come."

The current budget calls for the Ogden area to produce 3,600 five-pound cans of honey, 12,000 No. 303 cans of peach jam, 144,000 cans of string beans, 48,000 cans of corn, 48,000 cans of tomatoes, 190,536 cans of pork and beans, 78,648 cans of tomato soup, 48,000 cans of vegetable soup, 51,852 cans of apple sauce, 60,000 cans of peaches and 48,000 cans of tomato juice.

That's just from the cannery.

In addition the area has a quota of 30,000 pounds of potatoes, 49,872 pounds of other fresh vegetables, 29,920 pounds of apples, 1,000 pounds of other fresh fruits, 194,937 quarts of fresh milk, 53,885 dozen eggs, 77,147 pounds of milk for production, 79,962 pounds of dressed beef, 41,681 pounds of pork, 9,835 pounds of chicken, 3,931 pounds of turkey quarters, 3,985 pounds of cold meats, 411,362 pounds of hard wheat and 474,152 pounds of barley.

This has a wholesale monetary value of \$379,996—at least. At retail, the price would be far higher.

Only a small portion is for local use. Much of the produce goes to other areas. These, in turn, supply products that cannot be produced in the Ogden area.

Needy — whether LDS Church members or not — may obtain requisitions from a local bishop for supplies that are needed. The only requirement is that the individual work for that help, if physically possible. That work might be cleaning a chapel — or peeling tomatoes.

"Our people work according to their ability and receive according to their need," Mr. Johnson explained.



**TAKING STOCK** — Food items are inspected by John G. Mills, Theron H. Simpson and Dean F. Johnson (left to right), prior to displaying a year's supply for an average family at an open house in the LDS Bishop's Storehouse Saturday.



## OGDEN STAKE WELFARE RANCH

The Lord did not promise that every year would be a year of plenty. The dream that Joseph interpreted in Egypt is an illustration of the need to provide for the lean years.

Keith G. Jensen of the Ogden Stake Presidency said, the 30 March 1969, "We work on the theory that those who have should give and those who need should work for what they get where possible."

The First Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints has advised each stake to secure a place for a work project. A place for all Priesthood members to unite in providing for welfare program.

On the 1st of March 1944, President Samuel G. Dye of the Ogden Stake reported that the ward bishops went on record as being in favor of the Ogden Stake purchasing a farm. The High Council also approved. (Ogden Stake Records)

Bishop Volney B. Belnap was serving on the Ogden Stake Bishops Council. He said, "I was one of those chosen to be in charge of purchasing a ranch for the Ogden Stake. The ranch was selected but the price was \$55,000.. It was secured for \$47,000. with the help of Denzil Williams and Ernest Mc Kay."

The land was about 462 acres and purchased from Ver M. Dastrup and Madeline B. Dastrup. It was located in Huntsville. There were 64 acres of water rights on the Huntsville South Bench Canal Co. The deed was witnessed the 29 Nov 1950 and recorded December 6, 1950. The amount stated was not the full purchase price. Arias G. Belnap of the Ogden Stake Presidency stated that he handled the finance and details. The yearly welfare budget was paid by the wards to buy the commodities on our stake assessment. Often a better price was secured on the purchase and a surplus of money was built up. On 14 Dec. 1947 a meeting was held to determine what to do with the money. The decision was made to retain this surplus for the wards in anticipation of the purchase of a perminate project. (This money was paid on the purchas of the ranch.)

On the 11 December 1950, the welfare budget for 1951 was discussed as \$16,000. to this was added \$7,537. on the total welfare budget was to be \$23, 696.74. (Ogden Stake Records.)

An Ogden Stake outing was held the 9 July 1951 at the ranch in celebration of ownership.

On the 14 May 1951 eleven tractors plowed 60 acres in three hours.

To stock the ranch the Priesthood and the Relief Societies of the stake were asked to donate a calf. On the 8 July 1951 in the minutes of the 31st Ward it states: "The High Priests Group donated \$126.00 to purchase a calf to be placed on the Ogden Stake Ranch." The Relief Society records report money given to purchase a calf.

In 1950 Bishop Leonard Fuller of Eden reported the purchase of 20 beef calves weighing between 300 and 400 pounds to be distrubated among the Eden Ward members to be fattened for welfare.

Bishop Volney B. Belnap stated, "I managed the ranch from the beginning until the 28 Dec 1953 when I was released and George Wright sustained. Then I assisted over a twelve year period. We built up the pedigree of the cattle, pure bred calfs were given by the Priesthood and Relief Society of the stake. As director of the ranch, I was director in the Huntsville South Bench Canal. I learned water rights titl. could be lost from lack of water use. The Priest-

hood members responded and constructed temporary piping, dirt fills and new concrete head-gates. We saved our water rights."

In 1952 the Priesthood men and boys were assigned to work on the housing at the ranch. And every year fencing and hay hawling was called for.

The 30th, 35th and 36th Wards became part of the East Ogden Stake.

On the 19 January 1953 the Ogden Stake Presidency, the East Ogden Presidency and the bishops of the 30th, 35th, and 36th Wards (formerly of the Ogden Stake) now of the East Ogden Stake met. In the conference the ownership in the Ogden Stake Ranch was discussed. The result was that the Ogden Stake would purchase the shares from those wards. (Ogden Stake Record)

Reported on 28 March 1953 the Ogden Stake Ranch had made a substantial gain in the last year but would still take \$1,344.83 to meet welfare assignment.

A report was made the 4 Nov 1953, that six hogs from the ranch had been sold for \$1,645.00.

George Wright was released as Ogden Stake Ranch manager the 13 January 1954 and Leonard Fuller was sustained.

The Ogden Stake population the 31 Oct 1954 was 5,782 persons.

The 1954 Ogden Stake Welfare budget assessment was:

beef on the hoof 5418 pounds			
262 brooms @ 75¢	\$ 196.73	total budget	\$1025.04
cash	158.81	ranch payment	944.00
fencing and ranch seeding	669.50		
		total payment	
		welfare	\$1969.04
	<u>\$ 1025.04</u>		

Report of 1954 Ranch Operations

storehouse credit for 7,288 # beef	\$1311.84
1376 cans of beef	908.16
17,017 # feed grain	408.41
sale of hogs & hay	4648.21
10 tons hay @\$18.00	180.00
sale of old machinery	550.68
	<u>\$ 8007.30</u>

(profit of \$2,452.33 for the year.  
paid on ranch purchase \$7,050.00

operating costs	
heat, light, phone	\$ 271.43
paint, wallpaper	58.64
machinery repairs	354.43
labor	2550.66
gas & oil	393.26
truck	8.83
seed	298.00
feed	1418.18
canal cleaning, spray	
pipe thawing	201.54
	<u>\$ 5554.97</u>

LAST PAYMENT MADE ON RANCH 9 January 1957.

On the 3 October 1956 the purchase was made of 9 head of cattle for the ranch and all the hay was harvested. Arias G. Belnap reported Welfare Budget:

12,657 lbs. dressed beef	
5000 brooms	( 2,700 brooms of the 5,000 have been delivered)
\$259.32 in cash	
<u>\$1847.00 total value</u>	

(Ogden Stake Record)

In March 1969 Keith G. Jensen of the Ogden Stake Presidency said that we needed for our welfare and operation of the ranch \$35,794.00. We get from ranch;

in hay	\$2,564.00
cattle	22,500.00
from wards	10,730.00
	<u>\$ 35,794.00</u>

Inventory worth of ranch	
cattle and hay	\$26,000.00
Land	47,000.00
buildings	27,000.00
machinery	21,000.00
total worth	<u>\$121,000.00</u>

The open house to see the new home built and the Ogden Stake Ranch was held the 10 August 1967. The hay ride on a wagon or truck was enjoyed by 750 people. Then the barbecue at the Huntsville Park was enjoyed by 1300 people at 5 P.M.. (Ogden Stake Records)

At the Priesthood meeting, 31st Ward Elders Quorum President L.Dwight Pincock said, "We were so happy to see so many ward members enjoying the tour of the Ogden Stake Ranch. With the new water rites available, the sprinkling type of irrigation, bigger and better crops are being produced. The only way that the hay gets cut and hauled, the weeds get cleared, the fence get built and the grain get harvested, is by Ogden Stake Priesthood brethren. If we Elders turn our backs on the work that needs doing, our project will suffer. Consequently so will the profits, which means higher welfare assignments for the family.(Sept. 1967.)

In 1969 the work project at the ranch, we have been building fences, roofing and siding which has raised a few blisters and the spirits of those who participated.

In July 1970 thanks was extended to Maurice Reddish for his services and the use of his back-hoe and helping with the watering trough installation at the Ogden Stake Ranch and for his family hauling the sand and gravel.

The Priesthood men and boys are to be commended for their response to work assignments on the ranch. The success of the Ogden Stake Ranch has been brought about by the efficiency of the other ranch managers: Keith G. Jensen, Grant Staples, Keith Campbell, Carl M. Holmes, Homer Bunker, Lowell G. Stallings, Volney B. Belnap, George Wright and Leonard Fuller.

A ranch operator and his family lives in the home and performs the daily routine. On the 16 January 1972 an incentive program was drawn up by the Welfare Ranch Committee for the ranch operator. He could earn for himself by good management and hard work, extra money: on the third crop of hay 20% of the harvest; grain over 60 bushels per acre 20% of cash value at harvest; corn over 15 tons per acre 20% of cash value, also there would be a \$100.00 cash bonus if the home and yards are kept up. These are only effective if the operator stays on the ranch a full season.

On the 31 Oct. 1972 the following was reported: cut 7220.bales of hay; 3500 bushels of grain put in storage, 9 acres of corn put in silage, have 92 head of cattle on the ranch. ( Ogden Stake Records)

On the 8 April 1973 the Ogden Stake Ranch was leased to Ralph Hansen. The stake was to receive one-third of the grain crop; and 35% of the hay. All of the cattle was to be sold and the hay and feed. From these sales we will be able to pay all our indebtedness on welfare. ( Ogden Stake Records)

1974 a bee project was started on the Ogden Stake Ranch.



The bishops were asked to announce on May 4, 1952: The church has been asked to provide shelter, food and clothing for those homeless due to floods. Can you make room in your house?

The 29 June 1952 it was announced that the 31st Ward was 64 hours short of filling the labor assignment at the Regional Bishop's Storehouse. This can be made up Tuesdays or Saturday. If the assignment is not forth coming, we must pay \$1.00 per hour for each hour we are short. (31st Ward records.)

On the 8 Dec. 1953 the Ogden Region of the Church Welfare was organized with President Heber J. Heiner Jr. of the Ben Lomond Stake as Chairman. The Northern Region from which the Ogden Region was formed was devided in October. Headquarters of the Ogden Region will be at the former Northern Utah Headquarters at 148--17th Street in Ogden, Utah.

Not only to help our neighbors but our brothers and sisters in need in Europe. (Ogden Stake Records) The 16 January 1946, Arias G. Belnap of the Ogden Stake Presidency read a letter from the General Welfare Committee saying they had shipped 1913 boxes to the needy Saints in Europe. The boxes were valued at \$30,000. and the cost of shipping was \$2,939.30 .

The 26 May 1947 during the war years, a call came from Europe that the Latter-Day Saints were in desperate need of warm clothing and large sized shoes. The clothes were to be clean, packed in boxes and labeled and delivered to the Ogden Storehouse. (Ogden Stake records) Delivered were 28 boxes containing 1122 articles of clothing. Later the Primaries made and assembled baby layettes to send to Europe. Many will remember participating in these projects.

One of our dear sisters, Ida Mudrow comments in her history that these clothes were so thankfully received and used by the members of the branch in Germany.

October 1st 1947: The Ogden Stake Budget was discussed. The 30th, Eden and Liberty Wards were raising produce to cover welfare and Huntsville was considering a milk project. The Ogden Stake Welfare assignment was filled before any other stake in the region. (this was before the stake ranch was purchased.)

#### OGDEN STAKE BROOM FACTORY

While serving as the Alternate High Council man I, Lawrence D. Anderson was was called and assigned to renovate the old Utah Idaho Central heating plant on 17th Street near Wall Avenue. It was formerly part of the old car barns. We were to ready the building and prepair it to make brooms for welfare.

There was a large fifty foot smoke stack to be taken down. The Senior Aaronic Priesthood of Ogden Stake were wonderful, they helped take it down and then cleared it away. Then they helped wire the building. John Applegarth brought several men and they reroofed the building, all donated work. We started in the spring of 1947 and finished in 1948. Lloyd Pope. Robert Sneddon and some of the Senior Aaronic from the stake spent many hours wiring, plumbing and installing machinery. A road and gate was installed on the north side of the building by the Senior Aaronic Priesthood.

Ephrium Tillotsen, the owner of a successful broom factory on 24th Street, gave advice and helped me obtain used machinery in good condition. He advised where to buy straw in Southern Utah, and the procedure in making brooms.

I stayed about six months helping the men get started in processing brooms.

Then I turned it over to Vernon Beck and later Reed Hodginson supervised the factory.

1 August 1949: Lawrence D. Burton of the High Council, general supervisor of the Broom Factory was released on account of multitude of other duties, and commended for the splendid work which he had accomplished. Elder Vernon Beck was appointed general manager of the Ogden Stake Broom Factory. (Stake Records).

25 Sept. 1950. Ogden Stake Records report 3725 brooms turned out.

13 May 1951: (Ogden 31st Ward High Priests Records) N. Hyrum Nielson worked 70 hours in March; 104 hours in April. This work was done at the Stake Broom Factory.

14 Jan. 1951: N. Hyrum Nielson has worked 126 hours during December at the broom factory. March 1951 another 126 hours in February and another 133 hours in November, all at the broom factory.

1954: Report on the Ogden Stake Broom Factory was, expenses in making brooms was \$655.31 and they received from brooms \$1,398.21 . (Ogden Stake Records)

31 Oct. 1954: 262 brooms for welfare.

4 Jan 1956: Ogden Stake assigned to make 5,000 brooms for welfare.

3 Oct 1956: 2,700 brooms out of assignment have been delivered.

# A NEW THREE WARD MEETING HOUSE BY BISHOP L. DWIGHT PINCOCK

In the spring of 1970, shortly after being ordained Bishop of the 31st Ward, Bishop Floyd H. Roberts of the 20th Ward, Bishop Richard Chidester of the 13th Ward and myself met to discuss the possibilities of constructing a three three ward meeting house. It was decided that an appointment would be made with the Church Building Committee in Salt Lake City, to discuss the possibilities of the project.

The idea of building new or remodeling the old building did not originate with us, but was handed to us by previous bishops. Some of the ground work was already laid. We went to Salt Lake to investigate further details. We met with Brother Fred Baker, a former member of the 13th Ward. He was very familiar with the three ward area. He first pointed out that the possibility of remodeling was out, since the funds that were available for construction were appropriated only to those areas really in need. Brother Baker was later called to lead the entire church building program. During our one hour meeting, he said there were 1,300 applications awaiting the go-a-head to construct new buildings, and the church was building nearly 400 new buildings per year, around the world. Consider that the cost of these buildings come from tithing paid from the church membership.

To remodel would cost \$280,000.00; building new about \$400,000.00. The remodeling would still be inadequate it was sense to build new. The church would pay 70% of the cost. The remaining 30% would be split by the three wards. Each ward to raise \$40,000. with  $\frac{1}{2}$  in the bank before construction could begin.

My first impression was to get up and run as fast as I could, but a more serious note was present in that meeting. I said, "Brother Baker, you don't understand the situation in the 31st Ward. There 120 members over 70 years of age and 85 of these are widows living meagerly on social security and pensions. It seem impossible to raise \$20,000. in one year, then 20,000. the next year, by the time the building is completed.

Looking me straight in the eye he said, "Time and time again bishops have presented this program to the members, then sit down and interviewed the people. They have raised the money to build the Lord's house. The Lord opens the way for these things to be accomplished. We left buoyed up with the spirit that dwelled in Brother Baker's office. He helped us on this journey which in two years became a reality.

The building style was to be the Freeman Plan. After choosing the architect now time to present it to the Priesthood. President Keith G. Jensen and other brethren from the stake were present. We had a unanimous vote to go ahead with the building. We typed letters and sent them to the members which started a long series of interviews, to pledge money so we could start. The first year we had over \$20,000. We let the bids and Wadman Construction began the building. There were core drillings made and gravel base was necessary in the area of the building to bypass the surface water, that might arise. Then cold weather and operations were shut down.

I interviewed people, my fondest expectations could not have painted a picture that was portrayed. Widows living on \$85. a month made pledges. I would have to say, "Sister I appreciate your spirit and desire to give but let us cut back a little. What a testimony building opportunity. They would give their all to see this project become a reality. I recall one brother who came in my office who as far as I knew had never been in before. He said,



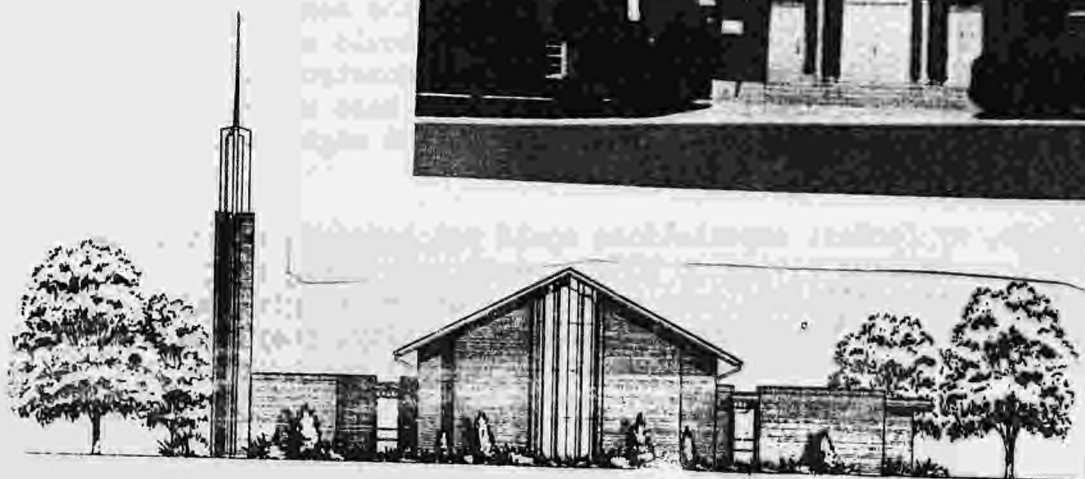
"Bishop, how much are you going to pay." I said that I did not want to set a president for members by the amount I am paying into the building fund. He said that he would match every thing that I put in. We figured a goal and he made out the first months payment. The man was somewhat inebriated at the time. He never missed a payment. Others would receive tax refunds and just sign over the check. Young people got part-time jobs and would help their parents pay on the building fund. So many good experiences. I learned the dedication of our ward members.

We appointed a Building Committee mentioned before . Brother Volmer Miller was chairman, several projects were successful. But the bulk came in from donations by the members.

As was expected the cost of building supplies increased. In stead of \$40,000. inflation boosted that figure to \$47,000. for the completion. In two years and a month we went over the \$47,000. A touching opportunity for us as a bishopric to see , surely the Lord opened the windows of heaven, and showered down his blessings upon us, and opened the way so the money came to us and the anticipation of the dedication was to be in April or May. The money was in a tremendous testimony building experience had come to pass.

I think of the little children, who brought to Primary or Jr. Sunday School pennys, nickles, dimes and quarters to buy bricks for the building; of the youth who gave their time to carry items into the new building; of ward members who by lamp light picked up bricks from the demolished building to keep as remembrances. I think of the many hours of satisfaction and heartfelt thanks and gratitude we experience as we enjoy the new facilities. I also remember the wonderful spiritual moments we enjoyed in the old building and testimonies that have been born there. I think of the tears that have been shed, tears of joy and tears of sadness, and tears of appreciation that have flooded down cheeks of our members. My own daughters who were blessed there, but I look forward to new experience and wonderful meeting in the new chapel. What a beautiful edifice it is, one that has been raised and will be dedicated to Him in whose name we meet, the Lord Jesus Christ, our master and Savior.

The Old



The New

## WHAT IS A NEW CHURCH

It is the widows mite, the skimping to meet one's quota promised; the giving double what was planned; that together builds a foundation. It is the 10¢ bricks of love donated by the Sunday School and Primary children. It is the blessings of the Lord returned by His children, to build an edifice wherein to worship in word, in prayer, and in song.

Its walls surround the soul as expressed in the faith glowing in a child's eyes. The window panes let in the love of God and brightens the heart and lifts the soul to faith to live the Commandments of Jesus Christ.

A Church is dignity in a building worthy of the Spirit of the Lord. During the week, activity building strong physical and social graces. On Sunday, a building filled with spiritual brightness in worship service. It is people knowing "They are Children of God" yet with a strong foundation of humility as they strive to live the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Our church has roots buried in the past, in the Gospel of Jesus Christ revealed anew to a Prophet.

A new church soon knows laughter, joy, faithfulness, compassion, birth, death, friendliness, tears, sorrow, and service.

A church is the forgiveness of yesterdays faults, the faith and prayers of todays development, the hope of eternal progression. The learning and the teaching of the gospel by a living example.

Lavell H. Johnson

## A NEW 31st WARD CHURCH BUILDING

(News-N-Notes June 1971): The 31st Ward has been all a buzz since May 23rd, when it was announced that we were going to build a new building near the old one and share the building and expenses with the 20th and 13th Wards.

This building will be on one level, will contain 19 class rooms, a large chapel with a cultural hall behind where extra seating capacity can be obtained by opening the separating doors. Mimeographed copies of the floor plan has been circulated throughout the ward.

Additional property has been purchased adjacent to the North West corner of the lot. There will be a parking lot that will accommodated 150 cars. The building will extend from 21st St. to Rushton. Construction to start soon. We hope all ward members will whole hartily support this project. Progress will be reported in these columns. (News-N-Notes)

## BUILDING FUND COMMITTEE

Four weeks after Priesthood approval was given of the new church, committee was sustained, 20 June 1971: Chairman Volmer L. Miller, Albert M. Oborn, Martin Yssel, Charles G. Gibson, Harold N. Tucker, Robert S. Kershaw and 4 July 1971 Kent Horspool and Edd Wright.

Building fund projects to supplement the regular donations, will be selected to give the opportunity to participate and build spirituality and fellowship as well as funds. Nearly \$3,900. previously collected to remodel the old building was in the savings account. This will apply on the new building.

Volmer L. Miller

To start with, four projects have been selected. Later many more.

1. Primary and Jr. Sunday School children buy 10¢ bricks with their names upon them through Officers and Teachers.
2. High Priests group will sell and Clifford Johnson will paint numbers of address on curb.
3. 3000 flour sacks to sell for dish towels. ( 3000 were sold in 10 months)
4. Contribute books of trading stamps.
5. Lillian Cheney brand peanut brittle will be available through the committee also sold by the Wiggill family.
6. Best line Cleaning products for sale ( donated by Clifford W. Johnson.)
7. Square Dancing Friday nights at 8:30. Have fun and put fire under the thermometer on the bulletin board. (teachers Keith and La Rue Topance.)
8. Ward Carnival by Primary 29 Oct 1971, food , grab bag, cake walk, spin the wheel, darts, fish pond and fun.
9. It is Family Night with Josco the Clown and his troupe of young intertainers Sat. 7:30 P.M. Nov. 6, 1971.
10. Ed Wright in charge of movies 13 Nov. 1971. Adults 50¢ children 25¢.
11. Alta and Charles Gibson in charge of a dinner for the Weber County Blind Association. Glenna Hunt co chairman. Dec 17, 1971 a Thanksgiving dinner was served to 40 blind people. the building fund grew \$190.00.
12. Ward dinner, 20 Aug 1971, \$2.50 . Earned \$300.00 for bldg. fund.
13. Gala Variety show 18 Dec 1971 at 7:30 with chairman Charles Gibson.
14. St. Patrick's Day 17 March dinner and program cleared \$300.00.
15. Beautiful afghan donated by Lucile Singleton was sold.
16. Concert by Southern Pacific Men of Song, by 13th & 31st Ward High Priests May 6th 1972 at 8P.M..
17. Bishops Youth Committee gave a Dime a Dip dinner 14 Apr 1972 for bldg.fund.
18. Thanks to Wade Hurd who managed lawn sod sale.
19. Ward members produced Variety Show 16 June 1972. Howling success.
20. Relief Society quilt featured 45 blocks embroidered flowers of the States donated by Marie Whipple, set together by Erie Anderson and quilted by the Relief Society sisters.
21. Superstition Dinner 13 Oct 1972, Relief Society the cooks, M.I.A. served cleared over \$300.00.
22. Rummage sale March 31, 1973, another \$300. raised. By the Elders.
23. Second rummage sale 31 March 1973, Scott and Sherrie Hansen in charge.

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The building basic cost contract for 31st Ward share was \$45,314.80. We reached that amount 7 Oct 1973. However several changes have been made so that the building would be more convenient and serve our purpose more completely. Also additional equipment not included in the contract was needed. So your donations are still being credited to your pledges.

Many have completed your pledges, some have gone over as much as three times what they thought they could raise. The Lord has brought rewards for your willingness to give,

Many have gone the extra mile to work on fund raising projects, which added hundreds of dollars to the fund. The projects have increased brotherhood and friendships have grown in the ward. Martin Yssel was chief door knocker and ticket seller, urging participation in the projects. Clifford Johnson painted the curbs with appropriate numbers. He surely crawled the gutters.

Charles Gibson was chief dinner organizer for both Ward members and the Association of the Blind. Alta Gibson and Glenna Hunt worked long hours assigning others cooking jobs, and managing and serving these delicious dinners. The young girls recieved much experience serving.

Brother and Sister Alan Calderwood and Brother and Sister Scott Hansen added fund from their management of the rummage sales. Wade Hurd labored



long lifting the lawn sod. Brother and Sister Keith Toponce square danced just as hard as teachers. Edd Wright secured the movies without cost from The Wild Life Federation. While Mel Smith arranged for and sang with the S. P. Men of Song. Harold Tucker obtained the 3000 flour sacks from the flour mill, where he works.

Bishop Dwight Pincock announced 23 July 1972 the contract had been let to Wadman Building Systems, with construction to begin in a few days. Ground breaking to be held 27th June at 7:30 P.M. The contract called for completion in 365 days. We need to raise 19, 446.21 dollars in the next year to pay for the building on completion. We have 57% of the money needed.

Bishop L. Dwight personally interviewed about two thirds of the members of the ward to help them arrive at their pledges. He even changed his college major and postponed the completion of his education, so that he could see this project through to completion.

The youth of the ward were organized by Dale Doxey and Natalie d'Mulst to gather the trading stamps. This project was assisted by the Relief Society Visiting Teachers, who brought in more stamps.

#### The Ground Breaking Ceremony

The ground breaking ceremony was held on the front lawn Thursday 27 July 1972. There we met the Contractor and Architect and after prayer heard the remarks from the three Bishops of the 13th, 20th and 31st Wards. Bishop Roberts of the 20th Ward conducted the services.

Then the first shovel of dirt was turned over by Ogden Stake President Keith Jensen, with the gold shovel furnished by Bishop L. Dwight Pincock.

The beautiful music was furnished by a chorus composed of the three Ward members. Closing Prayer, then every one was invited to enjoy the punch and partake of the 60 dozen cookies furnished and served by the 31st Ward Relief Society. We all enjoyed socializing.

#### The Building and the Fund Grows.

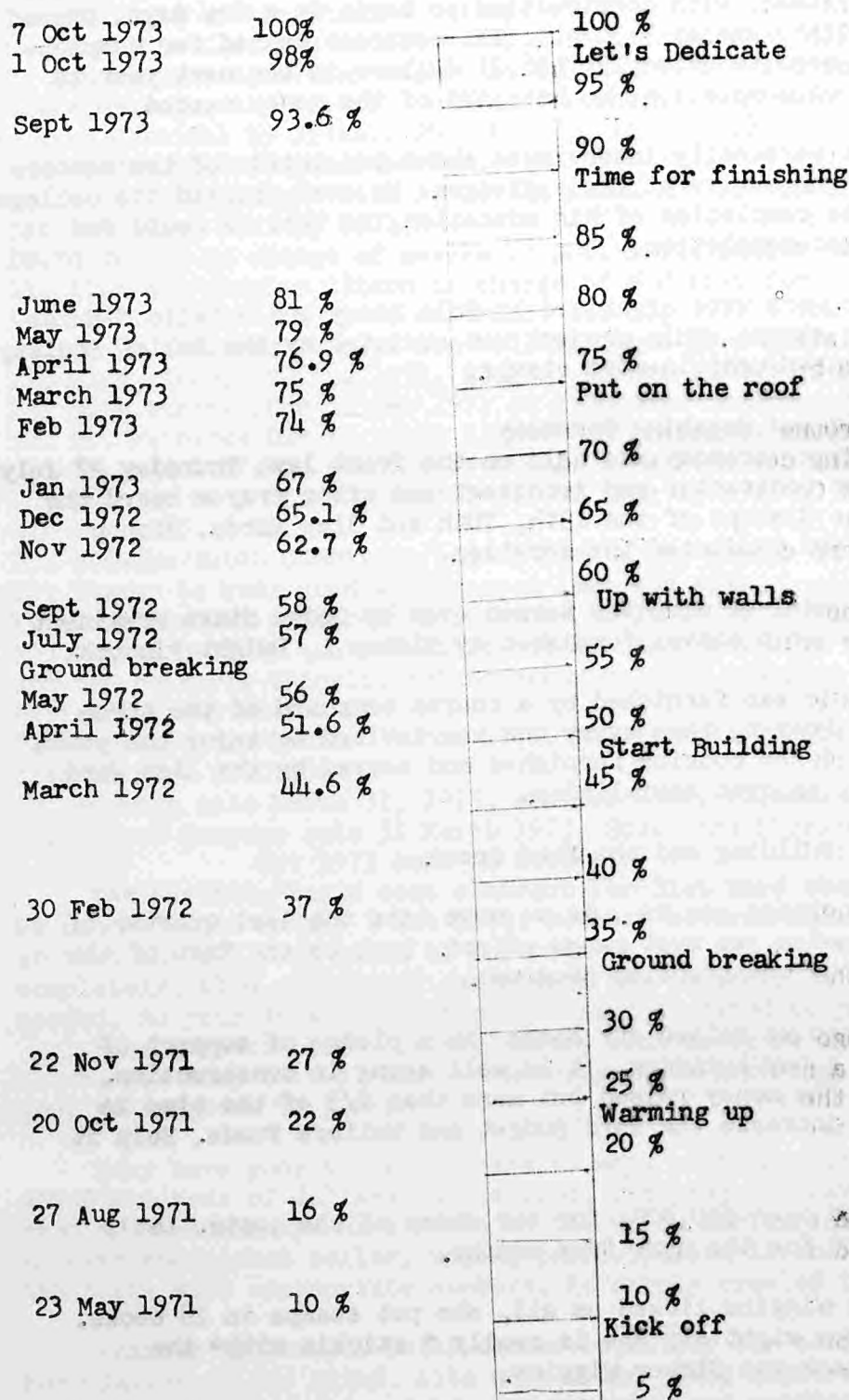
Sept. 1972 the footings are in. As we move into the last quarter of the building fund campaign, we must renew effort. Look to the East of the old building and see the construction progress.

Nineteen months ago we raised our hands in a pledge of support of the building fund for a new building. It is well along in construction. We have almost 2/3 of the money raised but more than 2/3 of the time is past. We need also to increase the Ward Budget and Welfare Funds. Help it grow.

April 1973 we need over \$10,000. for our share of the costs. Let's hit it, and hit it hard for the next four months.

July 1973 Delores Wiggins licked us all, she put stamps in 28 books. That is a sack full. You might say she is really "stickin with" the Building Committee. Thank you Sister Wiggins.

August 1973: The walls in the West class rooms have been painted. Painting of door frames has started. Doors have been delivered and are soon to be installed. Nearly as much is done on the East wing.



Sept 1973: Now just \$2800. short to pay the contractor. The building will not be ready by Sept 1st 1973 completion date, but we are not ready with our funds either. Oct 1973: Our new building is near completion, there is much work in finishing. Our last \$1000. to raise. We are the last ward to complete our basic contract price.

The trading stamp project was successful. 234 books were collected by 31st Ward which was 48% of the books collected by all three wards. The plan was to use them for a new organ for the chapel, but the decision has been made to use the fine organ in the 13th Ward and use the money from the stamps to refurbish the pipe organ and buy new control console.

The Bishopric and the Building Fund Committee join in extending their thanks and appreciation for the support of Ward Members in financing the new church.

The organ installed was moved from the 13th Ward. The organ was originally dedicated in the 13th Ward Building 11 Jan 1942.

21 Oct 1973: We have moved into the beautiful new building, no steps, to climb, parking near , 3 Ward schedule works fine.

26 Oct : today they knocked down the old church, and it seems something is missing. How quickly it is all cleared away. The grounds are leveled . The black top is finished on the North and East sides of the church.

#### THE OLD CHURCH

(submitted by Nadine Miller)

They're tearing down the old church on the corner of the square--  
For years it stood, its spires raised, like arms upstretched in prayer.  
It's windows stained in glowing shades-- Emerald, topaz, amethyst,  
And sapphire blue, as sun shown through to touch the mold and dust.

It's old--it's crumbling, like the folks, who've worshiped in its hold.  
I was a child when it was new, but I too am growing old.  
They said it was God's edifice- dedicated to His name--  
They preached of brotherhood and love, as countless hundreds came,  
And lifted up their hearts in song, and prayer, but its grown old.

A new one soon will take it's place, but memories I will hold.  
God's house-- I wonder as I watch the ax falling on its bow--  
And does He sigh a little too, just as I am sighing now?

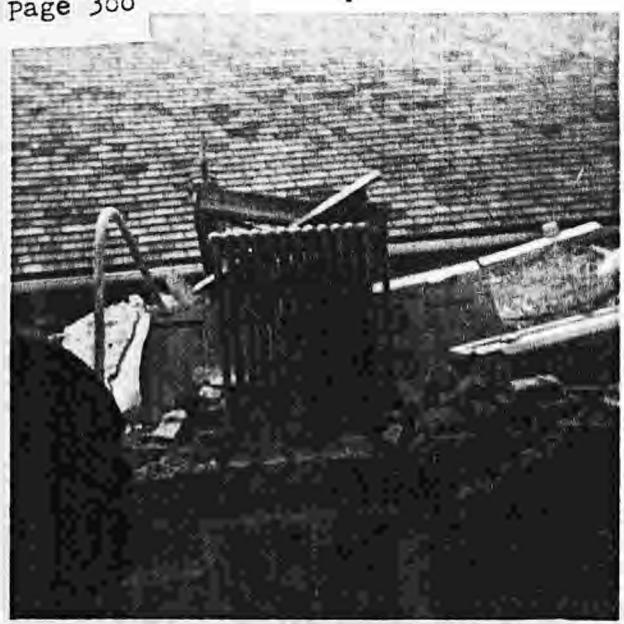
#### Appreciation Dinner ( March 1, 1974.)

A expression of thankfulness to the members of the 31st Ward for their cooperation in supplying fund for the new building was shown by the delicious beef dinner served. The tables were decorated in red, white and blue. The scouts were honored and posted the colors then led all in the pledge of allengance.

Bishop L. Dwight Pincock expressed thankfulness to the Lord for the blessings from Him to ward members which had made this beautiful church financially possible. He announce a program to be held in the chapel, it was very delightful program.

A special thank you to the many workers who produced a delicious meal, beautifully laid tables and served the people. A lovely evening.





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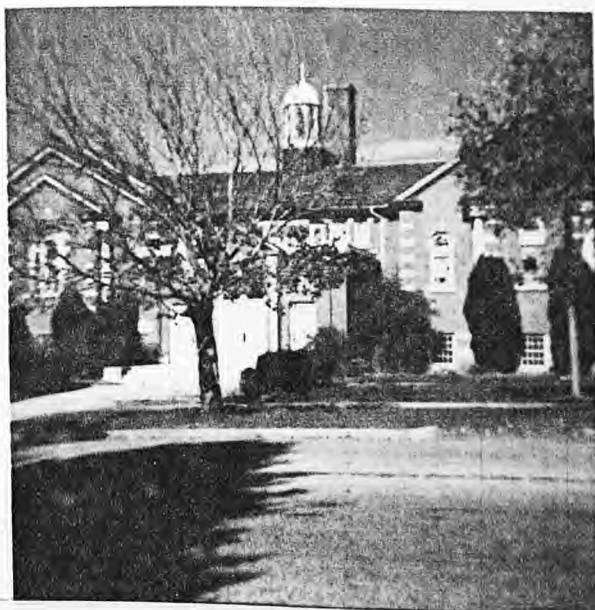






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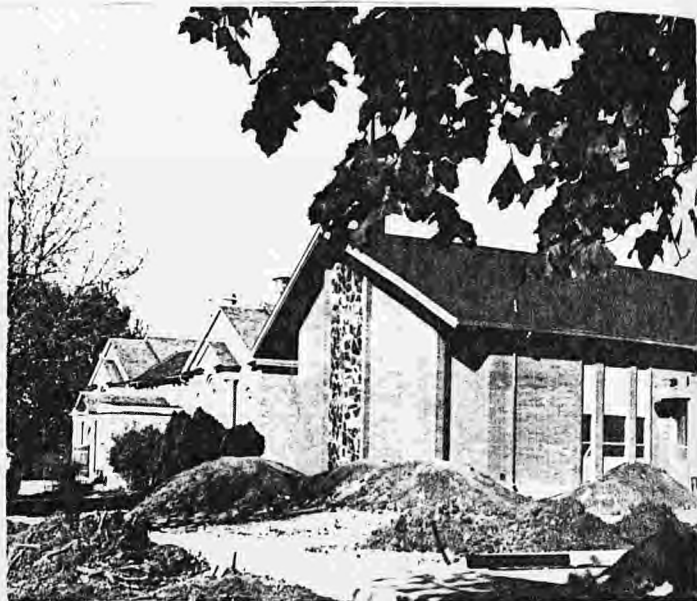
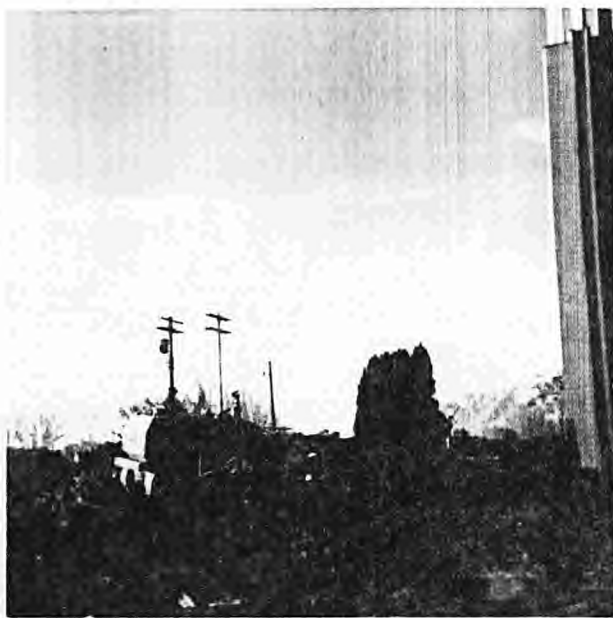
Ogden Stake President Keith G. Jensen turns the first shovel of dirt at ground breaking ceremony 27 July 1972. The three Bishops and a group of members look on.

27 July 1972  
Three Ward Chorus presented the music at the ground breaking for the new 13th, 20th and 31st ward building.

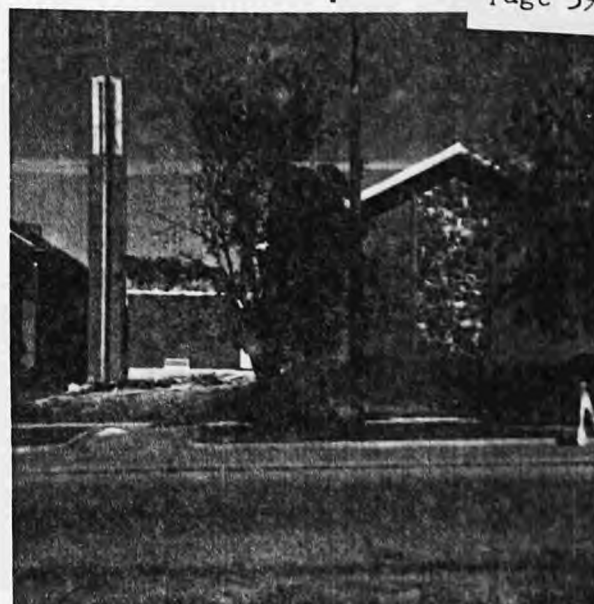
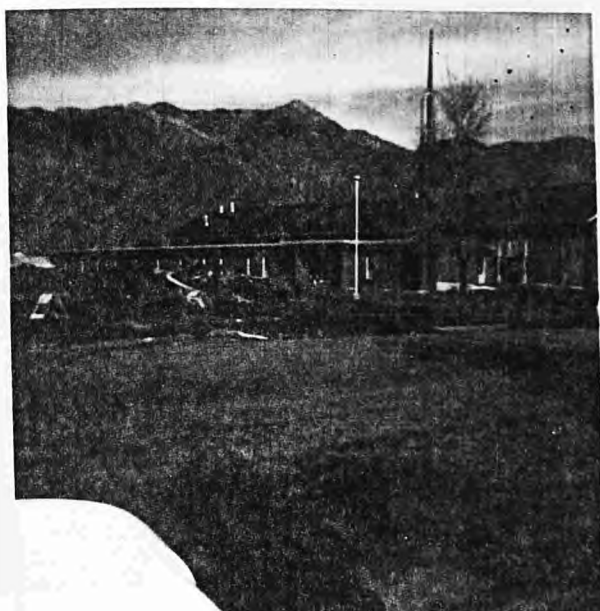


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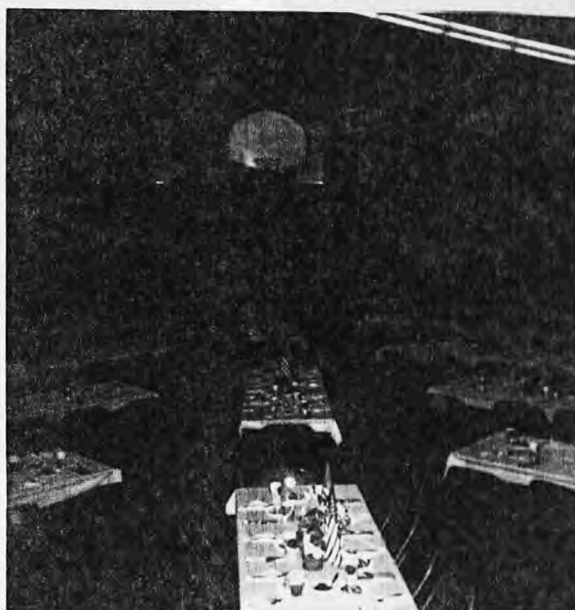
CONSTRUCTING THE NEW BUILDING



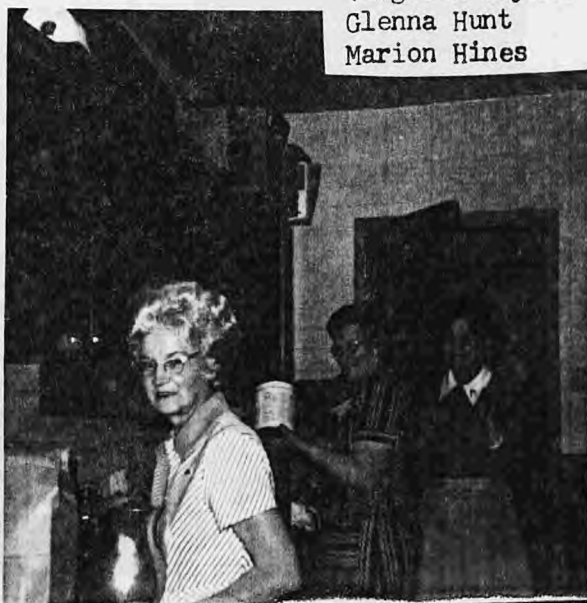




The Building Paid in Full  
Appreciation Dinner  
held  
1st March 1974



Virginia Bryant  
Glenna Hunt  
Marion Hines



June Shurtleff  
Olive Snow  
Verna Morley  
Carol Harrison  
William Hicks  
Cortney Bowen



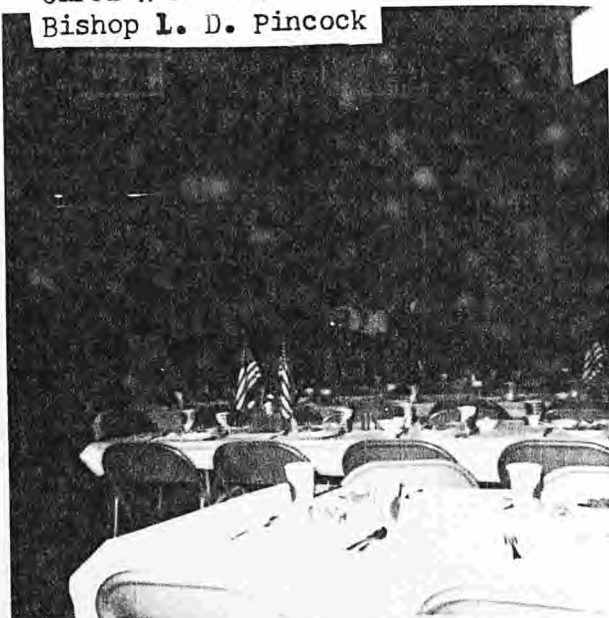
Bishopric 31st Ward  
Benjamin Hunt  
Bishop L.D. Pincock  
Floyd Poulsen



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Carol Harrison  
Bishop L. D. Pincock



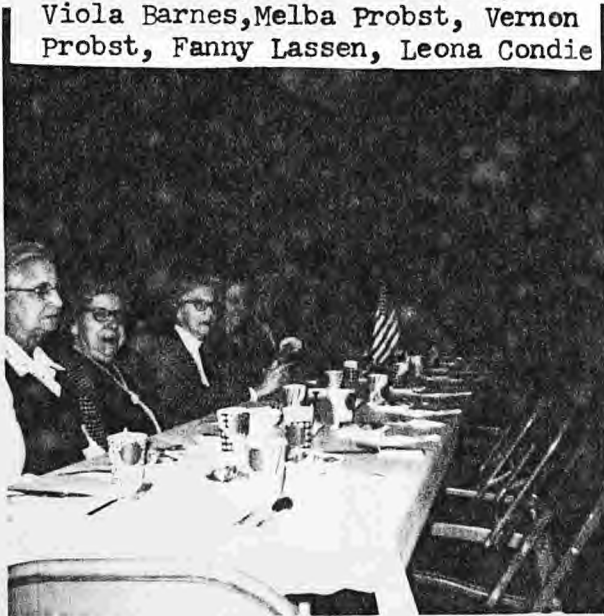
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Debbie Pincock  
Annette Cox  
Randy Moore  
Emma Moore  
Coolbear Baby  
Tim Cox  
David Cox  
Gayle Cox  
Vellis Pincock



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Ruth Winkler, Nellie Anderson,  
Viola Barnes, Melba Probst, Vernon  
Probst, Fanny Lassen, Leona Condie



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Richard Sobers  
Delores Wiggins  
Lavell Johnson  
Edd Wright  
Ruth Wright  
Virginia Anderson  
Elaine Yssel  
Martin Yssel  
Lou Sobers



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Linda Collins  
Kendall Probst  
William Hicks



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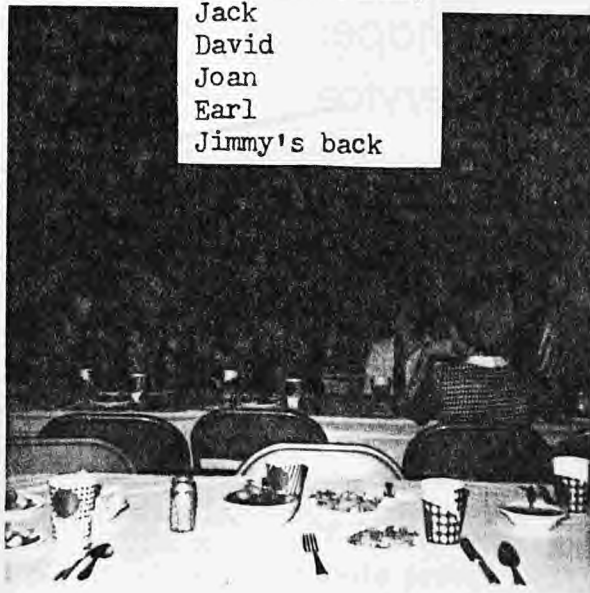
Richard Snow  
Kent Topance  
Keith Topance  
Shirley Snow  
Snow baby



Lenore Brown  
Bergilot Dinsdale  
Mary Mc Allister  
Seymore Y. Mc Allister  
Bishop L. D. Pincock  
Trent Buckley  
Walter Mudrow



d' Hulst Family  
Jack  
David  
Joan  
Earl  
Jimmy's back



Veral Ellis  
Hubert Bowen  
Eugene Sellers  
Rosella Sellers  
Harry Jones  
Elizabeth Liptrot  
Rose Hallen  
Robert Jones  
Mae Vanderwerff  
Ann Parsons  
Wilford Mc Bride



Jeff Allen  
Cindee Larsen  
Courtney Bowen  
Mathew Bowen  
Shauna Eggbert  
Shauna's nephew  
Ronnie Reddish  
Clyde Thomas  
Darren Albright  
Steve Albright  
David Albright  
Timmy West  
Nancy West  
Niel Hansen  
Charles Shurtleff  
Mike Allen



Jayne Howard



# Church Page

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## APOSTLE TO TALK

### LDS to Dedicate Chapel During Sunday Service

Elder LeGrand Richards, member of the Council of the Twelve Apostles of the LDS Church, will dedicate the new chapel and cultural hall at 1042 21st Sunday at noon.

The new \$465,000 structure serves the 13th, 20th and 31st wards of the Ogden Stake.

Built with a contemporary design, the chapel will accommodate between 500 and 600 persons with the cultural hall space opened for seating.

Ward bishops are Deane W. Baggs, 13th; Floyd H. Roberts, 20th, and L. Dwight Pincock, 31st. Stake president is Glen V. Holley.

LDS churches are not dedicated until they are free of indebtedness.

Elder Richards is a veteran member of the Council of the Twelve, has served long in missionary field and church ad-

ministration.

He is the author of several books including one of the church's best sellers, "A Marvelous Work and a Wonder."



## THE NEW BUILDING

What fun to watch the progress of the new building by September 1972 the footings were in. The lawn was taken up and sold to raise funds.

The building was built on one level eliminating stair-steps which was surely appreciated by the older members. Cement block faced by glazed mocha brick exterior. A center panel of natural stone graced the front of the building. The 61 foot 4 inch tower stepelwas constructed of brick and cast stone of which the top 16 feet is aluminum covering galvanized two inch pipe, was located at the West side of the front.

The interior consists of the following

chapel	41' by 64'	library	17' by 14'
cultural hall	41' by 74'	Relief Society room	14' by 20'
3 bishops offices		baptismal font	
3 ward clerks offices		2 dressing rooms	
childrens meeting room in 3 sections		shower & dressing room	
19 class rooms and two emergency rooms	(between folding doors, one on stage.		

The decision was made to use the fine organ from the 13th Ward. This pipe organ had been dedicated in the 13th Ward January 11, 1942. The money derived from the 234 books of trading stamps collected by the 31st Ward (which was 48% of the books collected in the three wards), would be used to refurbish the pipe organ and buy a new controll console.

Many a tear dampened the ground the 26th of October 1973 as the old church was torn down by the bull-dozer. A sigh as one standing on 21st Street could view Ben Lomond Peak through the gutted building. The roof intact but the two ends gone, and the stepel was on the ground near the side walk. An old radiator stood proudly displaying itself after so many years of service, its background was the new roof of the beautiful nearly completed church.

The moving day had occured five days before the distruction. On the 18th of October 1973 many backs ached as the already packed boxes of records, books Relief Society and other organizations supplies were transfered and slowly found a perminate place in the new cabينات that were in the halls and offices. The folding dinning table and folding chairs were in place.

The three ward schedule proved to work fine Sunday October 21, 1973. What a thrill, no steps, parking space, and although many last minute odds and ends needed to be completed, we all rejoiced and thanked the Lord for his blessings that had made it possible for we of meger means to reach our goal. We all joined in a "Worshipful Service" that day, happy that we had been able to prove our love and devotion in this way.

The black top is finished and parking lot ready for use. The landscaping must be finished before the dedication. The sprinkling system is in but must be adjusted. The lawn is planted and the shrubs add beauty to the yard. The dedication day is picked the 21st of July 1974. The programs are printed and the announcement that Apostle Le Grand Richards would dedicate the building was joyful news. The bishopric of the 13th Ward had been changed and the new Bishop Dean W. Baggs would conduct the dedication services. The chairs were placed in cultural hall and filled to capacity by 726 persons, members of the three wards.

This is the program for the inspirational Dedication Services, 21 July 1974.

**OGDEN UTAH STAKE PRESIDENCY**

President Glen V. Holley  
1st Counselor, Robert E. Froerer  
2nd Counselor, David E. Tanner

**13th WARD BISHOPRIC**

Bishop Deane W. Baggs  
1st Counselor, Lavere W. Rawlins  
2nd Counselor, Larry M. Nussbaum

**20th WARD BISHOPRIC**

Bishop Floyd H. Roberts  
1st Counselor, Vernal W. Fowler  
2nd Counselor, David H. Cawley

**31st WARD BISHOPRIC**

Bishop L. Dwight Pincock  
1st Counselor, Benjamin V. Hunt  
2nd Counselor, Floyd H. Poulsen

**ARCHITECT**

L. Don Frandsen

**GENERAL CONTRACTOR**

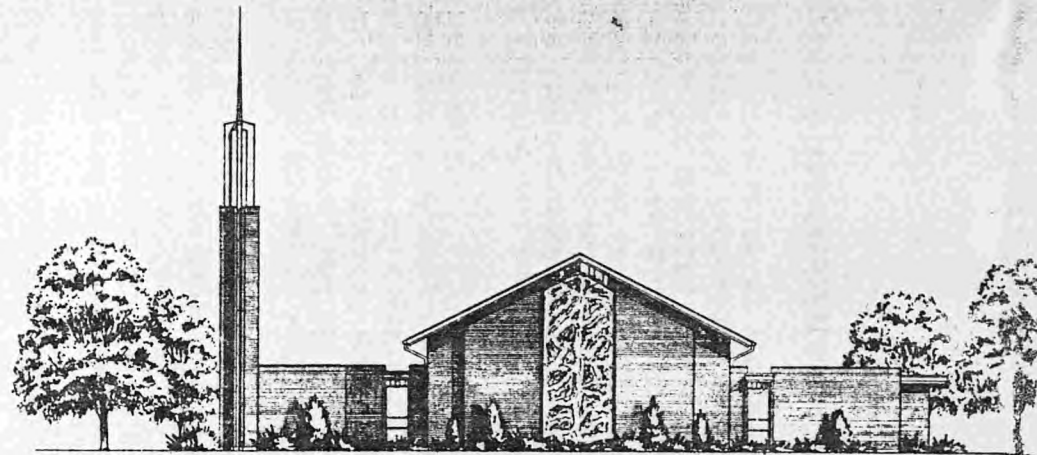
Wadman Construction Company

*Dedicatory Service*

for the

**13th, 20th and 31st WARDS**

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**



**July 21, 1974**



**APOSTLE LEGRAND RICHARDS**  
Council of The Twelve  
Presiding

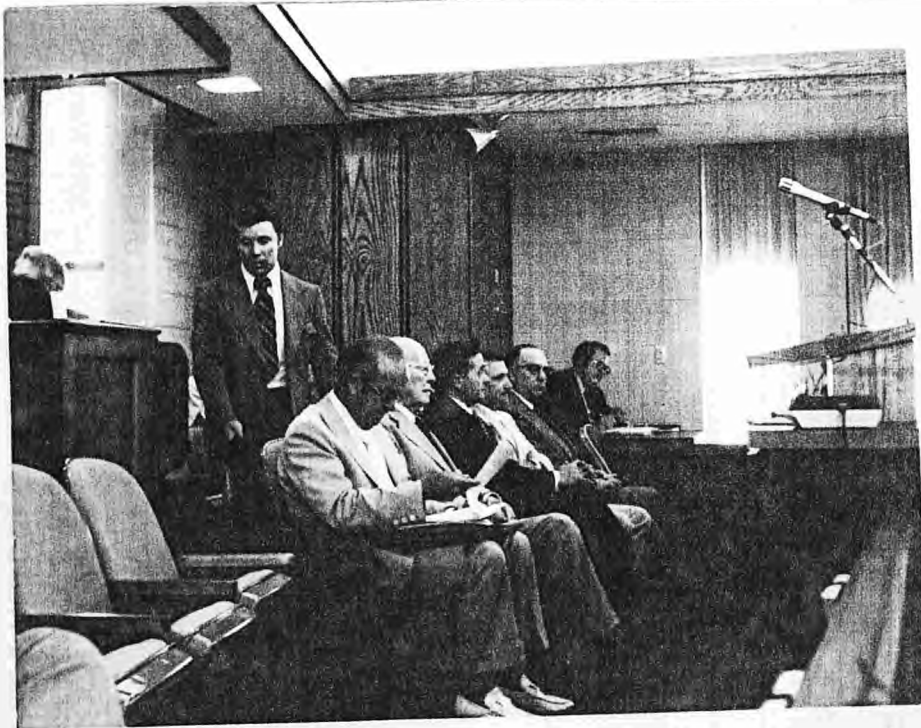
*LeGrand Richards*

PROGRAM

Prelude ----- Wayne N. Devereaux  
 Conducting ----- Bishop Deane W. Baggs  
 Opening Hymn, pg. 166 ----- Congregation  
     "Sweet Hour of Prayer"  
     Acc., Carmen Poulsen      Cond., Ann Wilbur  
 Invocation ----- President David E. Tanner  
 Musical Selection ----- Combined Choir  
     "The Spirit of God Like a Fire is Burning"  
     Acc., Myrtle Hurst      Cond., Marilee Christensen  
 Remarks ----- Bishop Deane W. Baggs  
 Remarks ----- Bishop L. Dwight Pincock  
 Remarks ----- Bishop Floyd H. Roberts  
 Musical Selection, Medley ----- Wayne N. Devereaux  
 Remarks ----- President Glen V. Holley  
     President Ogden Utah Stake  
 Remarks ----- Elder G. Lamont Richards  
     Regional Representative  
 Musical Selection ----- Combined Choir  
     "Bless This House"  
     Acc., Myrtle Hurst      Cond., Marilee Christensen  
 Remarks ----- Elder LeGrand Richards  
     Council of the Twelve Apostles  
 Dedicatory Prayer ----- Elder Le Grand Richards  
     Council of the Twelve Apostles  
 Musical Selection ----- 20th Ward Choir  
     "Haleleuh Chorus"  
     Acc., Myrtle Hurst      Cond., Marilee Christensen  
 Benediction ----- Vernal W. Fowler  
 Postlude ----- Wayne N. Devereaux

—Ushering: 13th, 20th, and 31st Wards Aaronic Priesthood —





Standing: Bishop L. Dwight Pincock;  
Regional Representative G. Lamont Richards;  
Coun. of the Twelve Apostles La Grand Richards;  
Ogden Stake President Glen V. Holley;  
Ogden Stake 1st Counselor Robert E. Froerer;  
Ogden Stake 2nd Counselor David E. Tanner;  
13th Ward Clerk D. Lynn Larkin.



Ogden Stake Presidency & General Authorities



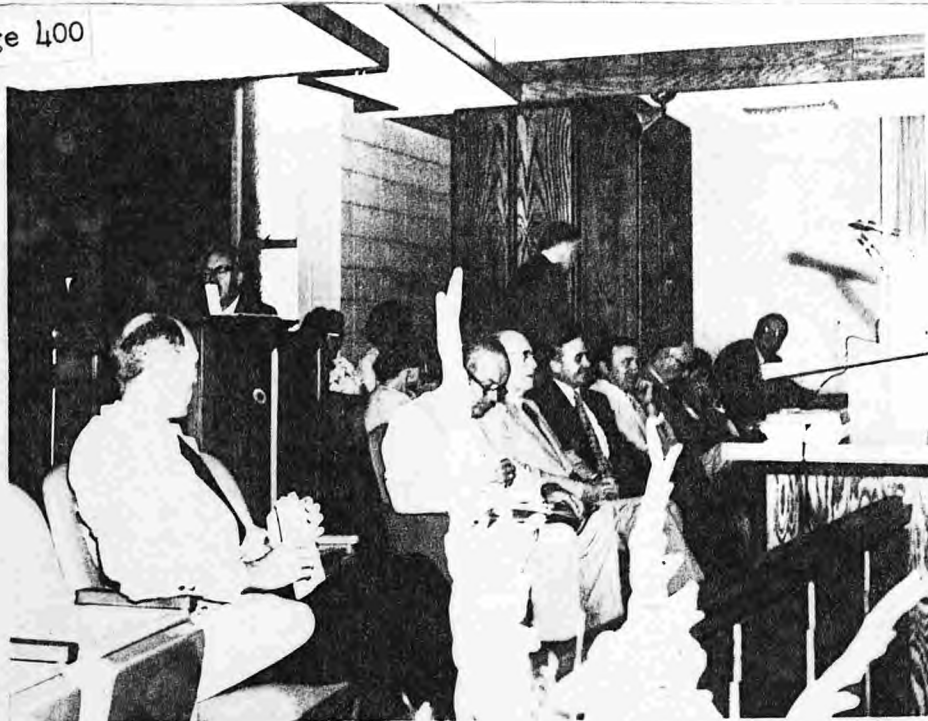
1st. Coun. Robert E. Froerer,  
Regional Representative: G. Lamont Richards  
Coun. of Twelve Apostles: LaGrand Richards  
Stake President: Glen V. Holley  
2nd Coun. David E. Tanner

31st Ward Chorus  
Members singing  
at the Dedication:  
Lenore Brown  
Leona Spackman  
Nielen Hicks  
Elaine Wiggill  
Ida Mudrow  
Floyd Poulsen  
Ann Wilbur  
Carmen Poulsen

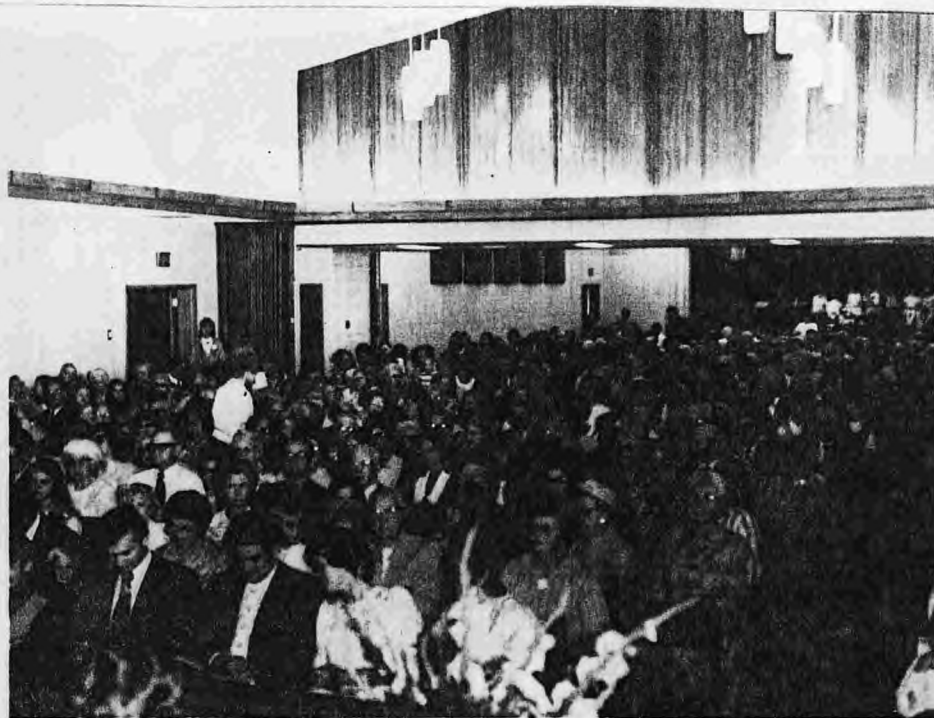
No picture was  
taken of the  
combined 3 wards  
chorus.  
Appreciation is  
extended to those  
who participated.



Front row: Architect L Don Frandsen; 31st Ward Bishop  
L Dwight Pincock; 20th Ward Bishop Floyd H. Roberts;  
13th Ward Bishop Deane W. Baggs; 20th Ward Choral  
Director Marilee Christensen; Regional Representative  
G. Lamont Richards; Piano Acc. Myrtle Hurst; Organ Acc.  
Wayne N. Devereaux. Chorus: Thelma Toupin, Renald Mc Farland;  
Harvey Foster; Denzle Williams, Jack Arrington; Vernal Fowler;  
Floyd Poulsen; Larry Nussbaum; Birdeen Cole, Blanch Taylor;



Bishop Floyd H. Roberts; G. Lamont Richards;  
LaGrand Richards; Pres. Glen V. Holley;  
Robert E. Froerer; David E. Tanner; Bishop L.  
Dwight Pincock; D. Lynn Larkin.  
Wayne N. Devereaux at the organ.  
Bishop Deane W. Baggs rear view.



726 attended



THE PICTURE GALLERY



Dopp Family



Bishop Hal F.  
Ferguson

2nd Bishop: Orson P. Millet  
November 1952



Jack d'Hulst



Lavell & Clifford  
Johnson



Henry Cheney



Vellis and Bishop  
L. Dwight Pincock



Wilford & Beatrice  
Mc Bride

Anita Shaffer



Dorothy Rippon



Carmen Poulsen

Floyd Poulsen



Nancy Sobers &  
Katrina Miller





Clifton Rippon Family  
(manager of shopping center  
in Washington)  
Laurie, Clifton, wife Marjorie,  
Callie, Brad, Mike and Jason

Dorothy Rippon Walker and  
husband Ivan Walker



Clifton & Dorothy Rippon



Hulda Rippon  
Elmer Rippon  
Fay Rippon & family  
Rod, Pam, Terri & Barry



Easter Sunday 1955  
Elmer & Hulda Rippon



Bergliot Dinsdale & daughter  
Bernice Mc Kenzie





The Douglas Price Family: Georgia, Seth, Delmar, John Lloyd, Douglas, Nedra and Martha.

Douglas & Martha  
Price  
50th Wedding Ann.



Vernal, Lucille, Raymond Housley & Joy Singleton







Bishop David E. Tanner

N.  
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Da

Earl W. & Charlotte Morgan Taylor



Marie & Volney P. Felnap's Family



Elvira Mc Carrel





1962  
N. Vaughn Larsen, Counselor  
Anita Shaffer, M.I.A.  
David E. Tanner, Counselor

1962  
N. Vaughn Larsen, Counselor  
Bishop Warren N. Shurtleff  
David E. Tanner, Counselor  
Karl A. Steinacker, Ward Clerk

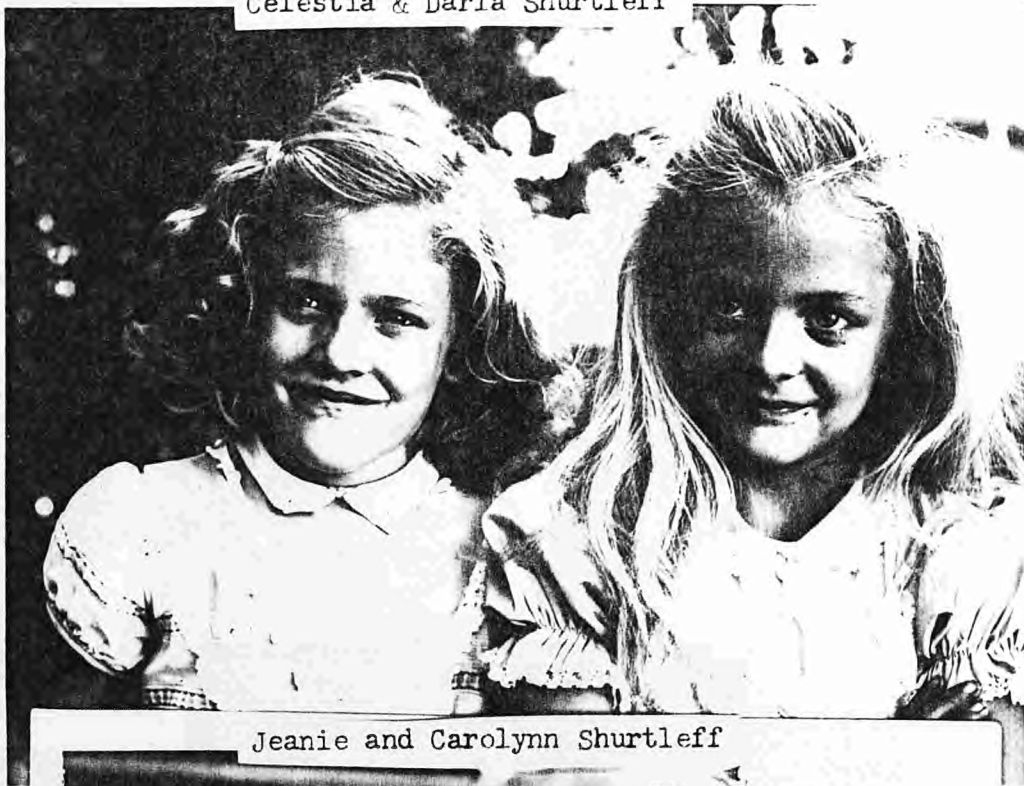


1961  
N. Vaughn Larsen, Counselor  
Bishop Warren N. Shurtleff  
David E. Tanner, Counselor



1970  
Benjamin V. Hunt, Counselor  
Bishop David E. Tanner  
J. Leland Archibald, Counselor

Celestia & Darla Shurtleff



Jeanie and Carolynn Shurtleff

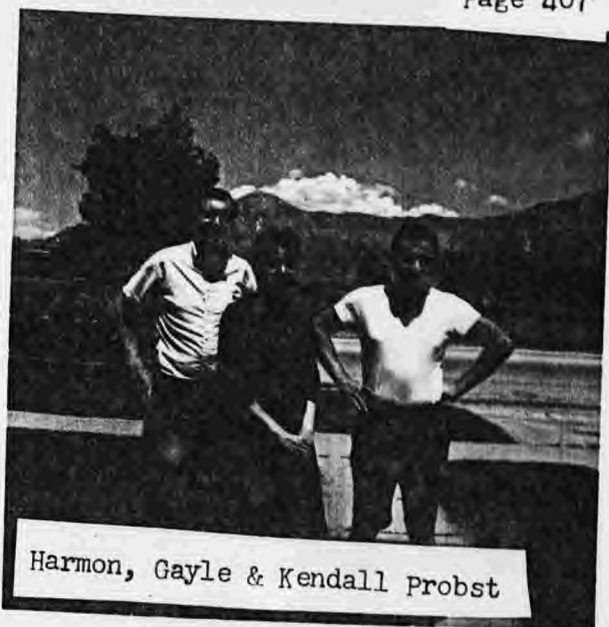
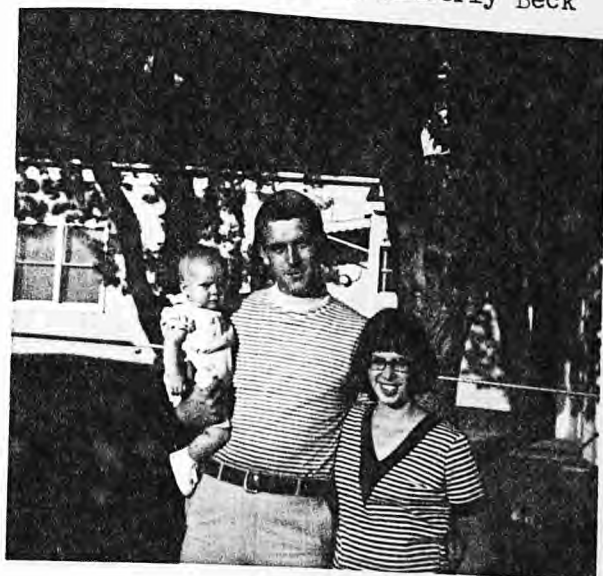


June & Warren Shurtleff



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Harmon, Gayle & Kendall Probst

Curtis Baker  
City Champion  
Base Ball Team



Hazel Anderson

Edward Phelps Jr.



1975 A happy occasion.  
Back row: Clifford, Kathy  
and Larry Breitweiser,  
Clifford & Lavell Johnson.  
Middle row: Kevin & Gwen  
Breitweiser, the newly weds-  
Denise and Kirk Breitweiser.  
Front row: Heidi & Celeste  
Breitweiser.





1947: Elizabeth & Oswald Liptrot.



Liptrot Family:  
Raymond  
Oswald  
Stanley  
Ann L. Yates  
Elizabeth  
Mildred L. Jensen



Ila & Sylvia Stewart  
1967



Alfred G. Crabtree & Mother Enid Crabtree



1945 Olive, Shirley  
and Paul Snow



Harmon Probst



Kendall Probst







Crabtree Family:  
Annette Crabtree Burton  
Sherron Crabtree Galbraith  
Olive Crabtree  
David Crabtree  
Alfred G. Crabtree



Raymond Morley



Claudia Archibald



Elizabeth Liptrot  
Bergliot Dinsdale  
Atella Miller

Vodean & Katrina Miller



Linda Reddish



Mildred M.  
Anderson

Front row: d'Hulst family  
David, Jack, Joan, Martha, Jimmy  
2nd row: Earl, Mary, Louise Yazzie.



Ed & Anita Schaffer

Ella & Leo Baker



The Wiggill Family  
John, Bonnie, Paul  
Alan, Terry, A'Layne  
Elaine, Kirt  
Suzann, Michael



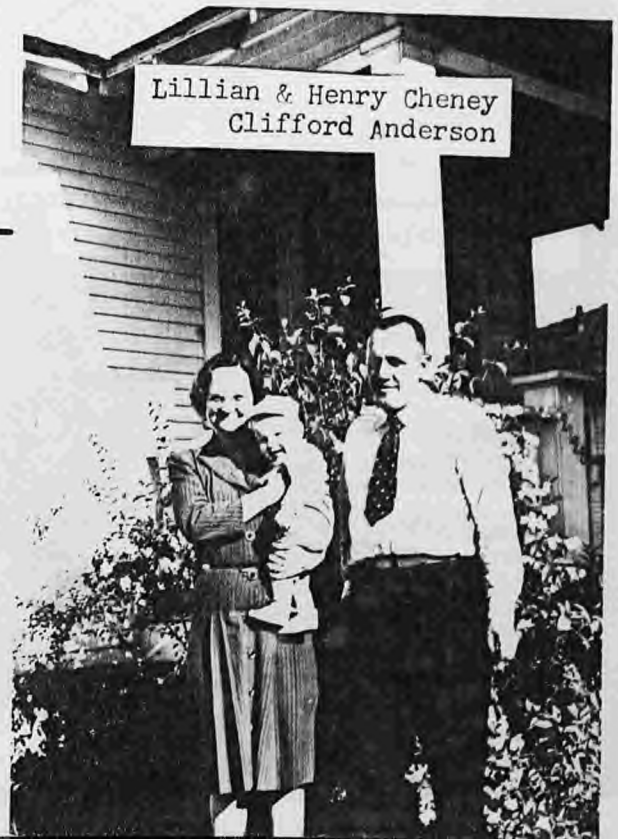
Jill, Sally, Jan  
Wilbur



Some of the Larry Price Family  
Marty, Joan, Lucia, Michael  
Newell, Warren



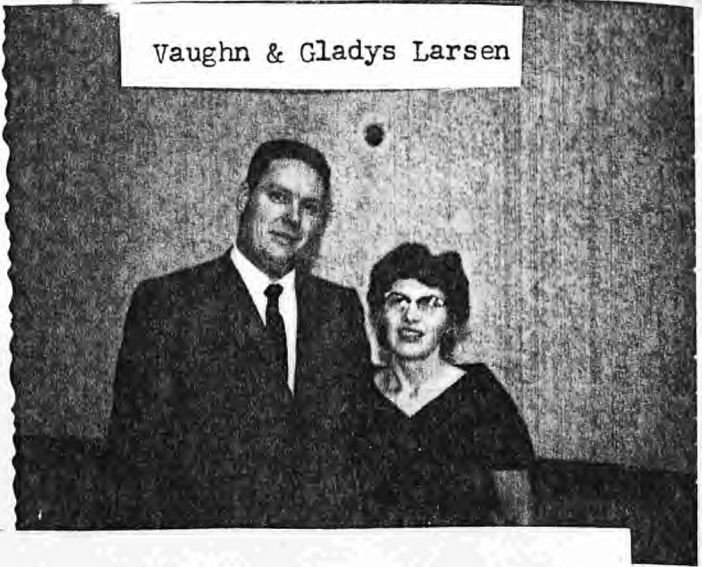
Lillian & Henry Cheney  
Clifford Anderson







Vaughn & Gladys Larsen



The Harvey & Gloria Schwitzer family.



John Snow & Warren N. Shurtleff

Stephens Family  
Jan, Brent, Suzie, Karla, Douglas





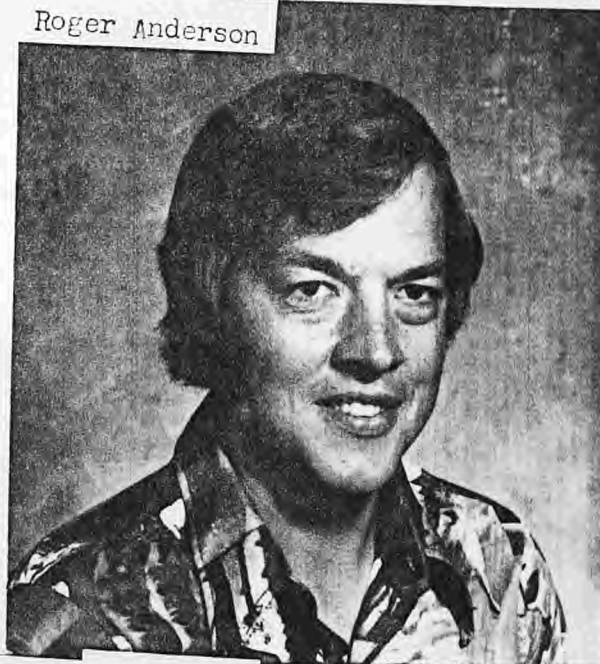
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Ella, Boyd, Leo and baby Steven, Gayla



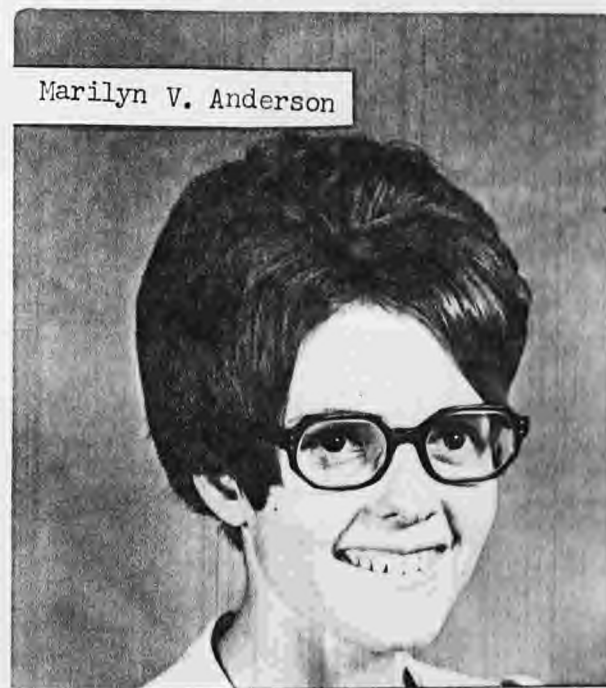
Alfred G. & Olive  
Crabtree



Roger Anderson



Marilyn V. Anderson



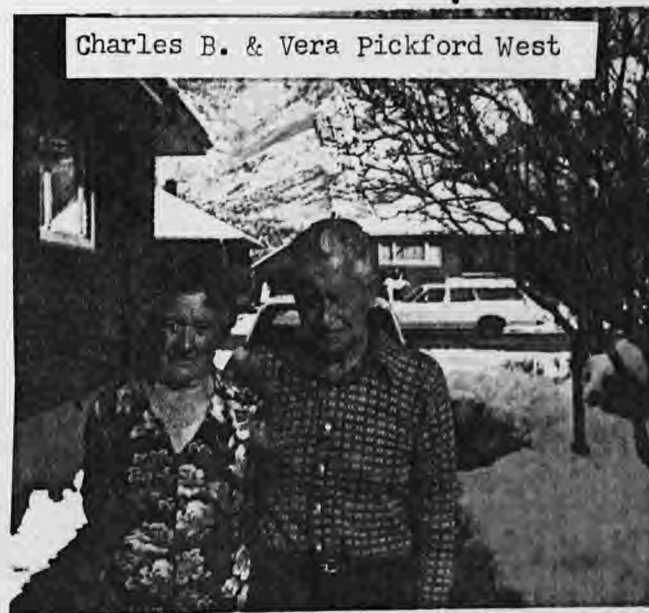
Jan Wilbur



Jill Wilbur



Charles B. & Vera Pickford West





The Al Malan Family  
Leda, Alex,  
Virginia, Jeanette,  
Dave, Anita, & Keith



Elaine  
Martin  
Yssel

The Hunt Family  
Mark, Martha, Joyce, Glenna, Ben, Louise, Dean





Melvin Hines Family  
 Back row: Robert, Leslie, Karen, Steven  
 Front: Melvin, Patricia, Grandmother  
 Ethel Parker, Cathy, Marian

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Bert Lunt



David Wiggins Family  
 Top: Karen, David Jr., Joyce  
 Front Carol and David





Myrtle & Arthur Malan Sr.



Anne Parsons



Rosella & Hubert Bowen



Mary & Harry Jones  
33rd Anniversary



The Gibson Family  
Steven, Alta, Charles  
Front: Stanley, Marsha, Lauralee



Clair Howes

Veral M. Ellis



Edwin L. Howes



The Marvin Wiggins Family  
Annette, Nathan, Marvin  
Front row: Even, Michael  
(Allen not in picture)



Leslie & Arvilla Black

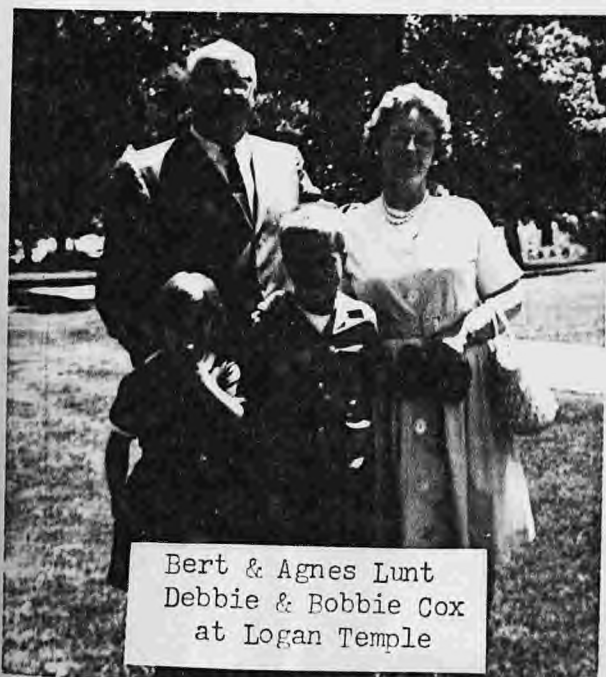


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The Leo Baker Family  
Back: Boyd & Gayla  
Center row: Leo & Ella  
Front row: Steven, Lex, Curtis



Leslie & Arvilla Black Family  
Elaine Black & Frank Degrood  
children: Dennis, Janice, Patricia  
Donna Black & John Rapposelli  
children: Ronald, Michael  
Robert Black & wife Vergie  
children: Bill, Terry, Michael



Bert & Agnes Lunt  
Debbie & Bobbie Cox  
at Logan Temple



Alfred G. Crabtree, Sherron Crabtree Galbraith  
Annette Crabtree Burton, Olive Crabtree, David  
Crabtree. Front: Cheryl, Bob and Bill Galbraith



Elsie M. Wagstaff Coleman



Bingham Family 1975  
Barbara Ann, Clyde, Janet Faye, Betty Lou,  
Betty Colleen

The Pincock Family  
Misti Lyn, Mindy Gae, Cristi Lee,  
Bishop L. Dwight Pincock, Vellis B.  
Heather, Debrah.





Kenneth J. Vanderwerff



Heille Bigelow



Jake and Mae Vanderwerff



Marie W. Stanger



Leona Spackman and grandson Steven Ray



Rosanna Spackman Bigelow  
son Steven Ray and  
Willard Bigelow



Linden A. Goodwin &  
Martha Spackman Goodwin

Wendell L. Hansen Family

Back row: David, Neil, Marilyn,  
Susan, Mark  
Middle row: Paul, Glen, Betty, Mathew  
Front row: Bill, Barbara, Julie.



Marjorie Vowles Strand  
Harold G. Strand



Albert Orval Vowles  
Amy Vowles



Ray & Monika Mudrow Buckley Family  
Front row: Trent & Kevin  
Back: Tersa, Ray, Lori, Mike, Troy  
Monika & Trever

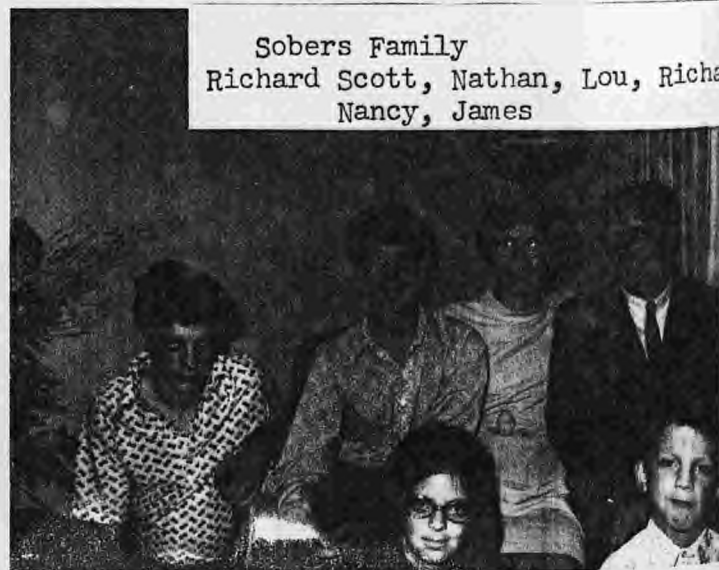


Charles L. Fife Jr.



Loraine Fife

Sobers Family  
Richard Scott, Nathan, Lou, Richard  
Nancy, James





The Ellis Family  
Mark, Karen, Robert L., Arlene West Ellis



Duff & Anne Wilbur



William A. & Neilen Hansen Hicks

West Family

Loyal A. West, Mildred West Clay, Verna Pickford West, Maurine West Keyes  
Loyal J. West







Newlyweds  
Barbara Ann Bingham Harris  
Lewis Daniel Harris  
wed November 5, 1976



Betty & Clyde Bingham



Carl Saunders family  
Richard 22, wife Sue & baby Shad; Mark 15, Nancy 12,  
Cynthia 21, Deon and grandson, Carl, Teri 18, Susan 13.



Bishop Millet's family 1958  
Marilyn, Leon, Shirley, Charles,  
Rowena, Carol.  
Front: Norma, Orson, Christene

Bishop Peterson's family  
Christine & David  
Marla, Troy, Val



Craig, Ted, Carol Harris Preece  
In front Todd & Michelle  
Two older boys not in picture.



Lois Kay Mc Carrel  
Porklund



Bonnie Mc Carrel  
Saunders



La Rene Anderson Davies  
son Robert Davies  
niece Pier  
husband Calvin Davies  
not in picture  
Diane (daughter)



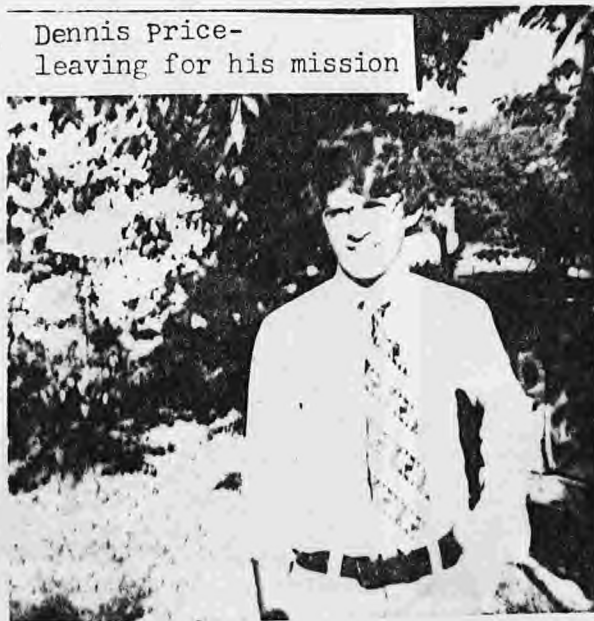
Joan Mc Carrel  
Colvell

Jennette Brown Paskett



Simpson family  
Bret, Tryge,  
Connie Anderson Simpson,  
husband Dallas Simpson  
Shanna

Dennis Price-  
leaving for his mission



Paul & John Wiggill







The Manley Family  
Janet Faye Bingham Manley, David  
C. Manley, Berlinda & Tyrell "D"



David & Carol Nelson



Mervyn Udy  
Pattie Reeves Udy  
Clifton  
Colleen  
Christine

Barbara Harris  
Shirley Snow

Marian P. Hines



Christine & Parker Robinson  
Angela



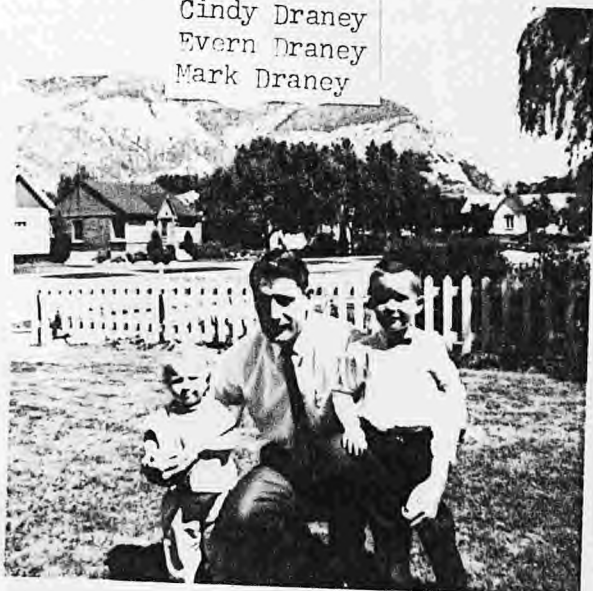
Elizabeth Liptrot, Viola Barnes,  
Nellie Rakes, Pearl Wade and  
Verna West.



Robert Lee Bishop Jr. Family  
Jerry Lynn, Robert, Louise  
Diane and Robert Shayne. page 425



1961  
Cindy Draney  
Evern Draney  
Mark Draney



SEP 61



Mark E. & La Dean Memmott Hansen



Rose Marie Belnap



Leplin Wines



NOV 65

1965 The Stewarts  
Sylvia, Joshua &  
Ila Stewart.

Family of Lorin & Lou Jean Wiggins  
oldest daughter Linda not present  
Janice, Kent, Alvin ( our Lamanite boy),  
Ted, Ilene, Lou Jean, Lorin.

Linda Wiggins Ripplinger



Gwen & Glen Johnson



Bartley Ray Hansen  
Denise Rae Child Hansen

Agnes Lunt and grand children  
Mark, Jeff, Robin Baird.



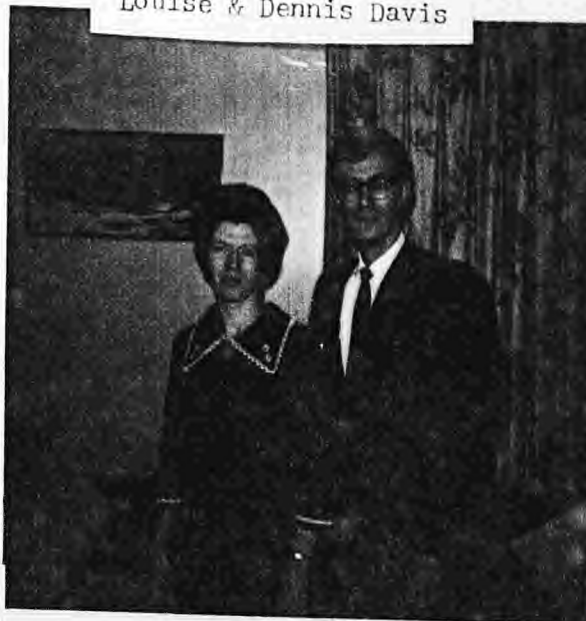
The Vander Does Family  
Valerie, Raymond, Steven, Sheila.







Joey Lee 1976  
(lived with Davis family)



Kathleen Tuley 1973  
(lived with Davis family)



Brian, Louise, Jason  
Nathan, Aaron, Andrew  
Davis



Audrie, Connie, Carma,  
Carla Davis



HARRY JONES SR.  
90 Years Old

## 90TH BIRTHDAY EVENT PLANNED FOR LOCAL MAN

An open house for Harry Jones Sr. in celebration of his 90th birthday will be held at the LDS 31st Ward cultural hall, 1050 21st, Saturday from 2 to 5 p.m.

His friends and relatives are invited. Gifts should be omitted.

Born in Littleborough, England, on Nov. 3, 1888, he came to the United States in 1922.

He was married to the former Marie Lowther of Ogden Dec. 6, 1941, following the death of his first wife, also, of England. His second wife died July 26.

He is a retired clerk for the Ogden Union Railway and Depot Co.

He has seven grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren.

His stepchildren are Mrs. Clyde (Alice) Spencer of Ogden, Richard Lowther, of Roy; Harold Lowther of Provo and Mrs. Marvin L. (Dorothy) Smith of Citrus Heights, Calif.





The Edward Saunders  
Family

Balmforth Family  
John, Chris, David, Amy



The Toponces  
Keith, La Rue, Kent



Viron Toponce



Cathy Toponce Cook



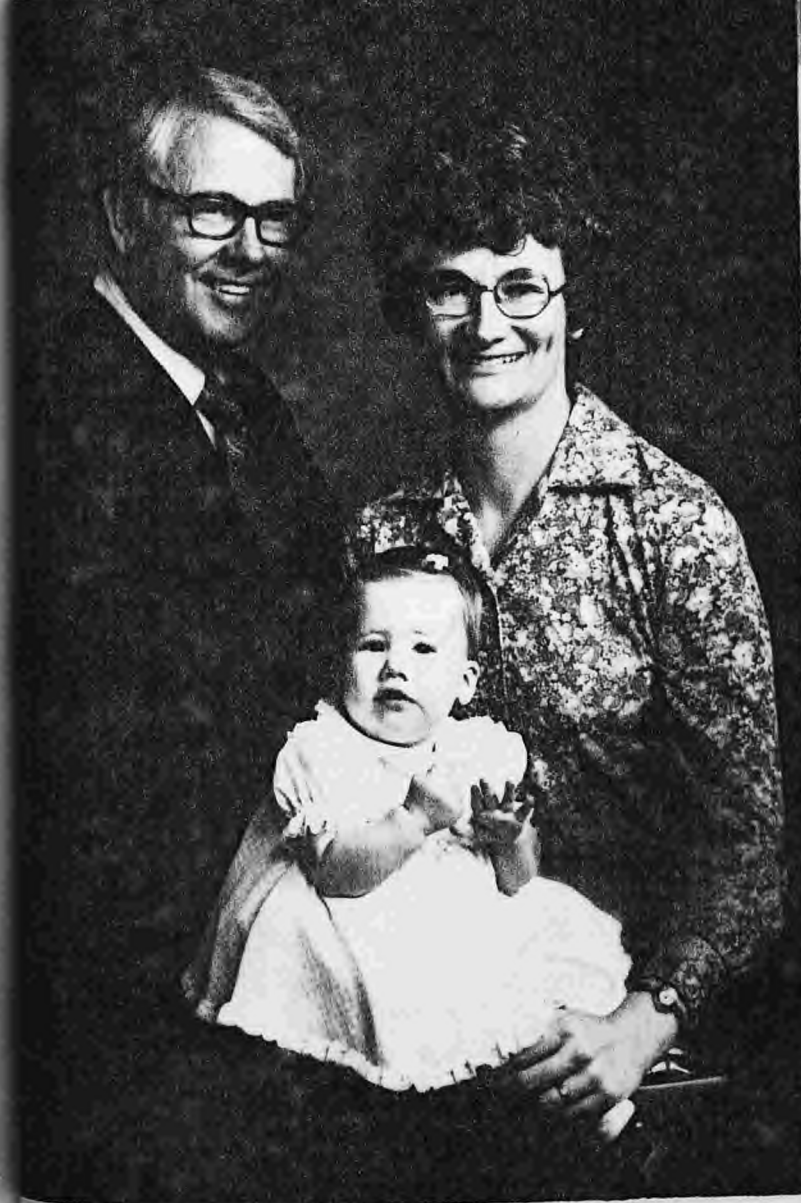
The Shurtleffs  
Tim, June, Chuck, Celestia



Tralena, Michael  
and Joshia Reeves



The Downs Family  
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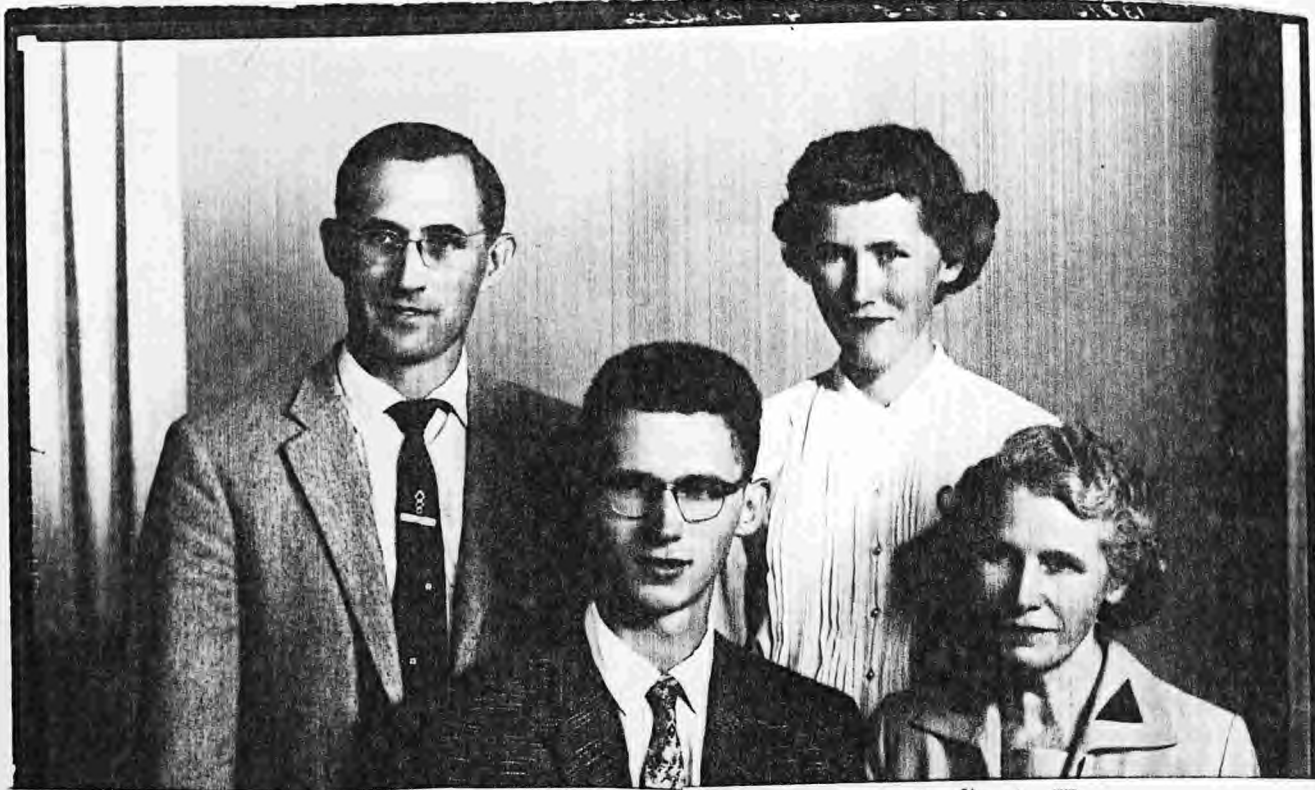


Nancy Reeves West



Janice Reeves Albright





Becky Sue Price



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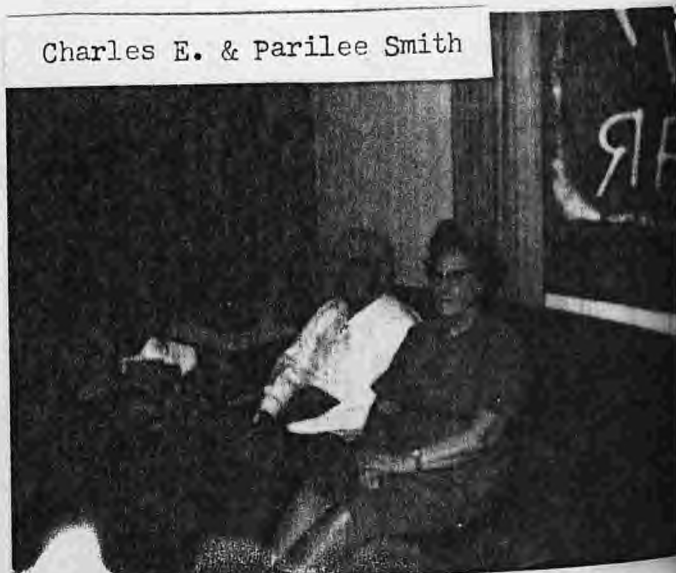


Karen May Richardson Price

Bishop  
La Mar Mumford



Charles E. & Parilee Smith





Wendell Paul Hansen  
La Vern G. Hansen



Virginia Anderson



Lawrence D.  
Anderson



Verna West, Helen E. Carty



Sellers Family 1954  
Back: Ida, Rose, Ella, Eva  
Front: Raymond, R. Eugene, John  
Eugene E., Rosella



The Brown Family  
Vern, Jennette, Barry, Kent  
Jellette, Curtis, Lenore





Leon Mc Farland  
Mae Malan Mc Farland  
Gary Mc Farland  
David Mc Farland



David Mc Farland  
( son of Mae Malan Mc Farland)



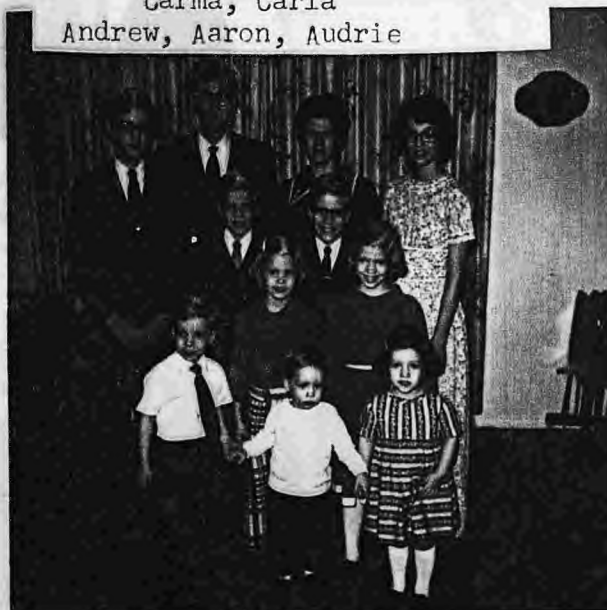
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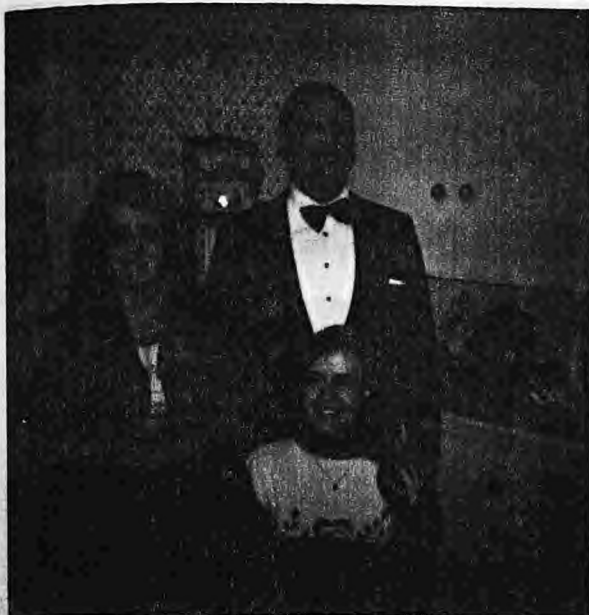
Shauna Ann Wiggill Stevens



Jeurgen Mudrow Family  
Jo Ann, Jeurgen  
Michael, Gregory, Stephen, Mark

Dennis Davis Family  
Brian, Dennis, Louise, Connie  
Nathan, Jason  
Carma, Carla  
Andrew, Aaron, Audrie





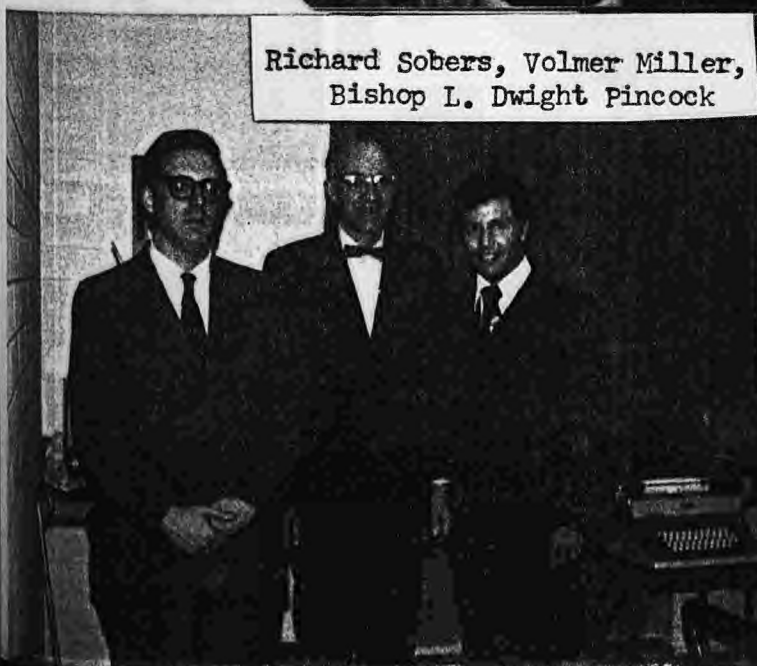
Devey family  
Loriece, Gloria, Eugene C.



Elisabeth & Pete Johnson



Suttlemyre children  
Benjamin, Angela, Cindi  
Bonnie Jean, Murray



Richard Sobers, Volmer Miller,  
Bishop L. Dwight Pincock



Ben Hunt, William Hicks,  
Bishop L. Dwight Pincock, Floyd Poulson



Cox Family  
Tim, Robert, Bobbie, Gayle, Debra  
Front: Annette, David



Glen Johnson Family  
Top: Jeffery, Colleen, Glen, Michael  
Front: Stacy, Christopher, Scott, Jodie



Eugene & Delores Wiggins Family  
(Marvin not in picture)



Hines Family  
Leslie, Patricia, Robert Marian,  
Steven, Kathy, Karen



Vernon & Melba Probst

Linden V. Larsen family:  
Dennis, Linden, Wayne, Eileen







Paul & Nancy McKay



Tara McKay - Age 6 Mo.



Alan & Ida Mae McKay



Bryant & Norma McKay



John & Judy Parks



Vid Parks  
Age 12



Holly Parks  
Age 10



Steven Parks  
Age 8



Roger Parks  
Age 6



Melissa Parks  
(an earlier photo)  
Now age 2



Martha d'Hulst, Karen Albright  
Mary d'Hulst



Richard Shurtleff, Eddie  
Freestone, Paul Snow.

Ann Lucas, Richard Shurtleff, David  
Sneddon Lynn Tanner, ?  
Cathy Toponce.



Lois Mc Carrel & Shirley Snow

Marvin Wiggins, Tom Butterfield, Glen  
Johnson, Monicka Mudrow,  
Front: Tamara Jorgensen, Colleen  
Bingham.



Karen Hines, Cathy Toponce,  
Joyce Hunt.



How Family:  
Clair, Edwin, Cherie,  
Ella, Norman



Generation  
e S. Smith  
S. Howes  
ie H. Dalley  
stine Dalley



Walter Le Roy Cowles  
(Husband of Ellen Cowles)

Ellen B. Cowles



Parents of  
Ellen Cowles  
Henry W. Beckett  
Harriet Beckett







MRS. HARRY JONES

## Local Woman Will Observe 80th Birthday

An open house will be held Saturday to honor Mrs. Harry (Mary Winther Lowther) Jones of 849 20th on the occasion of her 80th birthday.

The event will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. at the home of her son, Richard L. Lowther at 3800 S. 1900 W. in Roy.

Mrs. Jones was born March 5, 1896 in Salt Lake City, a daughter of William Winther and Antonia Reice Kjar Winther.

She was married to William Lowther on Sept. 12, 1916 in Pocatello, Idaho. He died Sept. 22, 1936.

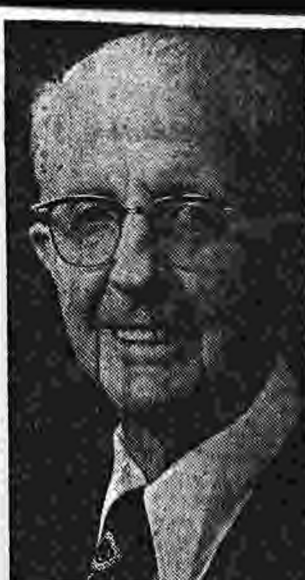
On Dec. 6, 1941 she was married to Harry Jones. The marriage was later solemnized in the Logan LDS Temple.

### SONS AND DAUGHTERS

Mrs. Jones had five sons and daughters, four of whom are living. They are: Mrs. Marvin L. (Dorothy) Smith of Citrus Heights, Calif.; Mrs. Clyde E. (Alice) Spencer of Washington Terrace; Harold J. Lowther of Provo and Richard L. Lowther of Roy.

She has 13 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

It is requested that gifts be omitted.

DOUGLAS S. PRICE  
To Be Honored

## Celebration Will Honor 80th Birthday

An Ogden man will be honored on July 30 to celebrate his 80th birthday.

Douglas S. Price of 919 Rushton will be honored at an open house from 7 to 10 a.m. at the Ogden 31st Ward Cultural Hall, 1042 21st. All friends and relatives are invited.

Mr. Price was born July 14, 1896, in Paradise, to John Lloyd and Henrietta Sinfield Price. He married Martha O'bray on June 28, 1922, in the Logan LDS Temple. She died Sept. 5, 1975.

He has four children, Seth Price of Myrtle Point, Ore., Del Mar Price of Fairfax, Va., Mrs. Earl (Georgia) Hegstrom of Bountiful, Mrs. Jay (Nedra) Bird of Plano, Tex., 22 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was in World War I and farmed near Paradise for 30 years. He worked at the Utah Copper Co., and Utah Army Depot. Active in the LDS Church, he has served as president of the High Priests Quorum of the Paradise Ward and the Ogden 31st Ward, and been a member of the Sunday School Superintendency.

He served to stake mission and has been a temple worker.

He is requesting gifts be omitted.



MRS. LOYAL A. WEST



MRS. CHARLES B. WEST

## Twin Sisters Plan 80th Birthday Observances

Twin sisters, Mrs. Loyal A. (Verna) West of 2179 Quincy and Mrs. Charles B. (Vera) West of 2167 Quincy will observe their 80th birthdays on Tuesday.

Mrs. Verna West will be honored at an open house Sunday at the Golden Hours Center at 650 25th from 3 to 5 p.m.

Her family is hosting the event and it is requested that gifts be omitted.

Mrs. Vera West will be honored at a family dinner. Her health will not permit her to join in the open house.

The two honored women were born Aug. 17, 1896, in North Og-

den, daughters of Edwin James Pickford and Emma Doul Pickford.

### MARRIED BROTHERS

They have lived in the Ogden area all of their lives and they were married to brothers.

On Dec. 7, 1918, the former Verna Pickford and Loyal A. West were married. The marriage was later solemnized in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. He died on Jan. 15, 1968.

Active in the LDS Church, Mrs. Verna West was a Sunday School and Primary teacher and has served as a Relief Society visiting teacher for over 50 years.

She is a member of the World War I Veterans Auxiliary No. 1011, the Navy Mothers Club and the Friendly Club.

She has one son and two daughters: Loyal A. West Jr. of Ogden; Mrs. Robert B. (Mildred) Clay of Bountiful and Mrs. Robert T. (Maurine) Keyes of Holaday. She has 12 grandchildren.

The former Vera Pickford was married to Charles B. West on June 15, 1910 in Salt Lake City.

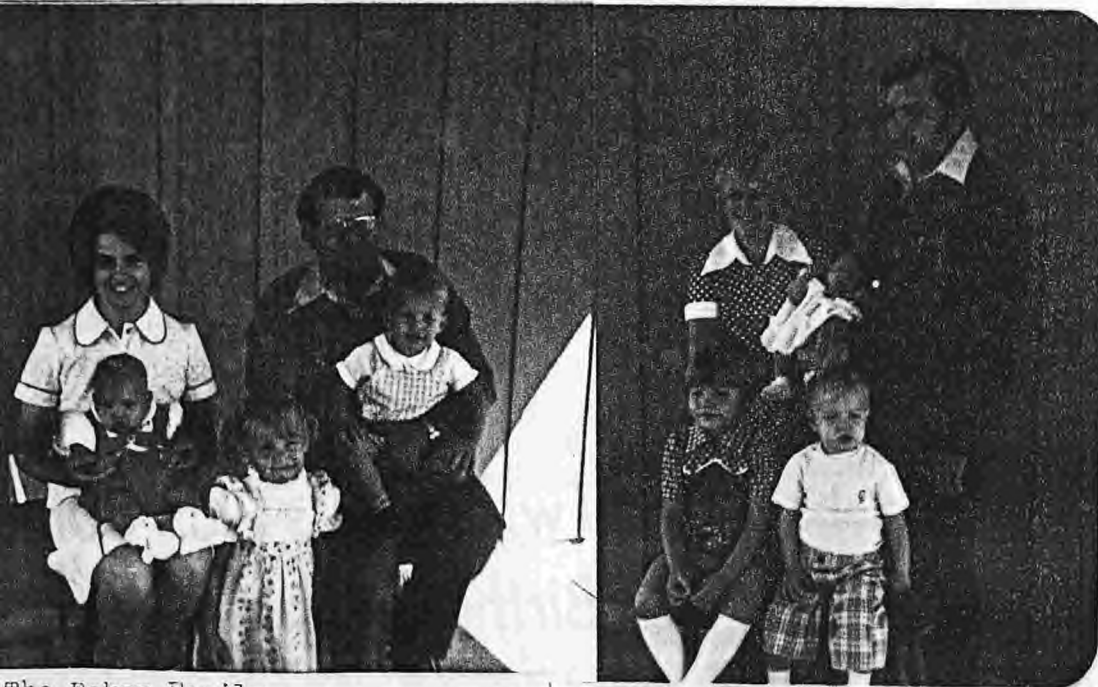
She has been active in the LDS Church and in World War I Veterans Auxiliary No. 1011.

She has one son, Dr. Charles Donald West of Salt Lake City and Mrs. Robert L. (Arlene) Ellis of Ogden. She has six grandchildren.



ren Tanner Allen Family  
en, baby Julie Ann, Merilee  
an holding Scott.

Lynn Tanner Family  
Dev, baby Amy, Lynn  
Sharon, Jeff



The Baker Family  
Royd, Lex, Gayla, Curtis, Steven

Carol Rae Hansen



Sally Wilbur

Paul M. & Karen Hines Wilcox

Donald Hansen





The Orr Family  
William  
Christopher  
Renate  
Misty

Paul Snow, Danny Harrop, Steven Harris  
Richard Shurtleff, Paul Williams.



Nolan & Barbara Harris Lutz Family  
Top: Scott, Kristie, Brad  
Center: Nolan, Barbara  
Front: Lorene, Emily, Amy.



Roberta & Bishop C. Gary  
Suttlemyre



Kathy Breitweiser



Ogden 31st Ward High priests

Front row: Vernie Rackham, Hubert Bowen, Harry Jones,  
Seymour Y. Mc Allister, Wendell P Hansen, Lawrence D.  
Anderson.

Middle row: Wendell L. Hansen, Eugene Sellers, Benjamin  
V. Hunt, Richard Sobers, Orson Hart, Vernon Probst, Roland  
Stagg, John Snow, A. Brent Stephens.

Top row: Mel Smith, Dennis Davis, Volmer Miller, Charles  
Gibson, Raymond Vander Does, Keith Toponce, Warren Shurtleff,  
Arthur D. Malan, Martin Yssel.





## THE STORY OF MY LIFE BY MILDRED MATTHIAS ANDERSON

I was born of goodly parents that obeyed God's laws. They left their homeland of England for the gospel and sailed to United States. Seven children were born to them, I was the sixth. In a little coal mine camp in Cumberland, Wyoming I was born on May 27, 1902 to Elizabeth Radford and Henry Matthias.

Father was born June 13, 1868 in Brymbo counties of Denbigh and Flint. Mother was born Oct. 30, 1867 at Woodhouse county of York.

I was blessed in Cumberland, Wyoming in a four-room house with a coal stove, organ and chairs. I was blessed by Fillsted and H.T. Williams August 3, 1902.

On the day of my baptism, I remember crying because I didn't want to be baptized in the muddy water. I asked if we couldnot get some clean water. Water was so scarce in Cumberland, I was not able to be emerged in clean water. This baptism took place on August 16, 1910. I was baptized by Willam J. Starky and confirmed by him the same day belonging to the Cumberland, Wyoming Branch.

My Patriarchal Blessing was given by Patriarch Charles H. Taylor, January 26, 1953 in Ogden, Utah at the 31st Ward.

The school house in Cumberland was at the top of a hill. Our home was at the bottom of this hill. In the winter we would take a sled with us to school and could guide the sled right to our door of our house after school. The snow was deep and covered the fences. We made tunnels out of the house in order to get water, coal and other things we needed. We did not have modern conveniences that are in our lives today. We had to wash in a big pan and heat our own water. We did not have any bathroom facilities like there are today. As a child I would roam the hills and pick wild flowers and find different rocks that would facinate me and take them home. I went to school through the seventh grade then finished my schooling in Ogden, Utah until the end of the ninth grade.

I remember my mother would take me to conference in Salt Lake City, she would try desperately to get a seat. I was a small child and thought every thing was so beautiful. My first part in Sunday School was to say " While of these emblems we partake in Jesus name and for his sake. Let us remember and be sure our hearts and hands are clean and pure."

One of the most faith promoting experiences was to see my mother get well after the bishop had administered to her. We all made a circle around her bed. The doctor had told us that she was going to die. He was wrong she got well.

Lawrence Darrel Anderson and I were married the 31 March 1927 in the old Weber County Court House on the 24th Street hill. The most inspiring and joyful time was when Lawrence and I, my father and the five children left to go through the Salt Lake Temple to be sealed for eternity. All our children were sealed to us. One son, Poyd, had died and I cannot express the peace that came to me from knowing he was sealed to us and would always be with us.

We were active members of the 31st Ward. Lawrence served on the High Council in Ogden Stake while I was busy serving 12 years in Primary, teaching 3 years as Blue Bird Teacher and 9 years as Seagull Teacher an one years as 2nd Counselor to President Garnet Porter. I loved working individually with each girl to prepair her for graduation. I tried to activate the inactive girls in the ward. I visited them in their homes and invited them and their families to go to the meetings with me. I enjoyed these years, received many blessings and also a



testimony of the truthfulness of the gospel. I know that God will bless us and help us if we help ourselves.

Many blessings promised in my Patriarchal Blessing have come true and been fulfilled. I was told I would do genealogy work. I have been enjoying this and always feel I have done good for someone when I go to the temple. When father died he left this research and temple work for Lawrence and me to do.

Five children are living: Gwynne graduated from the University of Utah. She married Fred Schwartz is living in Sacramento, California. She teaches school and her husband is a successful lawyer. Their three children Chad, Scott and daughter Pier are attending college.

Blaine also graduated from the University of Utah in Engineering and is living in California with his wife Deanne Irvine also of Ogden. They have six children: Todd, Julie, Sally, Joe, Amy, and Katie.

La Rene taught Primary in the 31st Ward before attending and graduating from Brigham Young University. After fulfilling a mission to Great Britain she taught school for five years- she met her husband while teaching for the Air Force overseas- Calvin Davies of Minnesota. They are living in Tulsa Oklahoma where they are active in the Tulsa Stake. They have two children Robert and Dianne.

Connie graduated from the Utah State University. She married Dallas Simpson and they live in Hooper, Utah with their three children: Bret D., Shanna Jean, and Tryge Lee. They were married in the Ogden Temple and are active in the church. Connie enjoys teaching school.

Richard is married to Melody Holmgren of Tremonton, Utah. They live in Liberty, Utah with their two children Lisa and Brandon.

( Mildred died 17 July 1967. She wrote her own history. La Rene supplied the data on the children.)

#### HISTORY OF ELAINE TAYLOR FROST ( 1948 Primary History Book)

I, Elaine Taylor Frost, was born August 10, 1920 in Ogden, Utah, a daughter of Mary Ann Parsons and David Taylor.

My mother was a convert to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day-Saints, from England. My father is a member of no church.

I was baptized in the Fourth Ward on July 29, 1928 by Frank Pratt and was confirmed by Junius Tribe.

On September 9, 1939 I was married to Lorin Edward Frost in the Salt Lake Temple. We have two sons: Brent Lorin Frost born March 25, 1944 and Robert Fred Frost born April 1947.

I joined the Primary Association of the 31st Ward in February 1948 as a Blazer teacher.

## HISTORY OF LEORA JONES HELLSTROM

It was a clear warm moonlight night July 19, 1920, at Kaysville, Utah that a baby girl came to live with the young Jones couple, Hattie and Robert. They named me Leora by which I am known while journeying here upon this earth.

At the age of four we moved to Layton. While there I welcomed a baby sister into the home. I lived in Layton for about four years then moved back to Kaysville where I spent most of my young years. I attended grade school and two years at Davis High School. I also attended to my church activities.

Father acquired work in Ogden, Utah in the summer of 1936. This meant the family was to move and make new friends. We were thrilled. We had never lived in a city before. That year I attended my Junior year at the "Old Ogden High", and the next year my Senior at the "New Million Dollar High School".

I was able to attend the Superior Beauty School the spring I finished high school. This took a year to complete and get ready for the State Board examination. I know I was blessed beyond my own power, because I was able to pass the State Examination. I continued working as a registered beauty operator. I was also put in a Junior Sunday School Teacher in the 4th Ward and taught six years.

I married Del Mar E. Hellstrom on June 9, 1942 in the Salt Lake Temple. We have been blessed with four boys: Kent, Kerry, Shan, and Rue.

In 1946 I taught the Seagull class in Primary in the 4th Ward. The ward was divided and we now lived in the 31st Ward. I enjoyed the Ogden Stake Primary Board for one year. In 1949 I joined the Primary again teaching Zions Boys and Girls and enjoyed the association of teachers and children. I have always been active in the organizations of the church and know that I have been blessed every day for my efforts, I am thankful for the blessings.

Kent married Joan Dixon in the temple. He had served a mission in the Central States. He now works at Dixon Pies. Is an Elder and very active.

Kerry's mission was to England. He married Katherine Hansen in the Ogden Temple. He is our musician, he played for Priesthood meeting before he was old enough for the Priesthood. He has been an organist all of his life.

Shan spent missionary years in the Philippines and has been back one year.

Rue is 15 a teacher in the Priesthood and busy in school and church.

Church is our whole life and I have worked in every organization.: Coordinator in Jr. Sunday School, teacher and Secretary in Primary, Relief Society Counselor and Visiting Teacher Message instructor, M.I.A. teacher and secretary.

My husband DelMar worked at Hill Field and now at the Defence Depot as supervisor in Distribution and Marketing. His church work beside sending three missionaries has been Ward Clerk and now High Priests group leader where our efforts are in doing and inspiring others in temple work. The aim for October 1976 is 500 endowments and we will make this goal because of the devoted ones in our ward who understand the gospel and the importance of temple work.

BIOGRAPHY OF WINONA HUNTSMAN HUNTING  
PRIMARY COUNSELOR

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On the 26th of September 1919, Emery and Ida Staheli Huntsville were blessed with a baby girl. They named her Winona. She was blessed, baptized and confirmed a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints at Enterprise, Utah.

She graduated from high school in 1937. During her last year at high school she worked in Primary as a teachers helper in the Zions Boys and Girls, thus started her Primary career.

On the 19th of June 1937 she was married to Lowell Hunting of Vernal, Utah by the bishop of Enterprise Ward with her parents as witnesses. On the 10th of February 1942, they were married again, this time in the St. George Temple and this time they had their son, Gary sealed to them making them a family for time and all eternity. Since then they have been blessed with two daughters: Carolyn Kay and Patricia.

She is most interested in Primary and that is where she has taught. Most of the different classes have been taught by her. She was President in Vernal 2nd Ward two years and since coming to Ogden has served as a counselor in the 31st Ward for four years. She loved children and was very grateful for the privilege of serving the Lord in this small way.

She has had many faith promoting incidents occur in her life. She has seen her mother and her husband healed through the power of the Priesthood many times and so feels greatly blessed for any time or effort she has given to the Primary.

She is interested in sports of all kinds. Her family are outdoors people, loving to camp, fish.

Lowell Gary graduated from the University of Utah. He married Gayle Gunderson from Ogden in the temple and they have four children. They moved to Florida where he is Bishop of the Palm Beach Garden Ward. Winona and Lowell have spent three winters in Florida with them.

Carolyn Kay married De Rell Jones in the temple and they have two children. They live in Roy, Utah where they are very active. She has been a counselor in the M.I.A. , a Primary teacher and worked in most organizations.

Patricia married Peter Brant they have one boy. They live in Chicago where he is majoring in Arts and she works as a secretary.

Winona was a M.I.A. Counselor in the 38th Ward in Ogden. Spent 25 years serving in Primary, lived in Salt Lake City 8 years where she was Relief Society Secretary and teacher. She is enjoying being a Relief Society Visiting Teacher.

Lowell has taught the Priests group many years and always enjoyed Home teaching. When he had open-heart surgery Patriarch Taylor of the Ogden Stake gave him a beautiful blessing and his recovery was marvelous, he came through with flying colors.

"The church has meant everything to us. We are grateful for the blessings of the Priesthood. Our lives would be different with out the influence of the church we could not live without it," Winona said."



I, La Vern Galt Hansen, was born June 9, 1915 to Alyce C. Williamsen and Matthew A. Galt in Ogden, Utah in the covenant. I was second of a family of seven children, five girls and two boys.

We lived on Goddard Street all of our young life. Dad built a large home there and we never lacked for friends. Our house was open to everyone as mother wanted us at home. She did not care how many friends were with us. We had a large basement and we would play school, house or hospital and put on plays.

Grandfather Galt lived near by and he was a joy to be around. He was alone for several years. I do not remember much about grandmother, only her picture. The Williamsen grandparents lived on Washington Blvd., he had the Williamsen's Auto Body Shop. At first he repaired wagons and shod horses. We had many happy days there. We always looked forward to Christmas at Grandma Williamsens, where we were to see all our aunts and Uncles and cousins. We enjoyed our dance around the Christmas tree. Then Santa Clause would come. We all went home tired but happy.

We always attended Religion Class and Sunday School.

I attended Washington School up through the tenth grade, then went to Ogden High School, which was at 24th and Monroe in the Central Jr. High bldg. I graduated from there. I had taken a business course but there were no jobs available as the depression was on. We were all lucky to have two changes of clothes.

I worked part time at both Emporium and Taylor Wrights as a sales clerk. about that time I met Wendell Paul Hansen and later married him on August 17, 1934 in Bountiful. Since then we have been married for time and eternity in the Salt Lake Temple on December 10, 1965.

We were blessed with two lovely children, a son Donald Blane and a daughter Carol Rae, both of whom we are very proud. Carol lives in Roy and has two lovely daughters. Don lives in Riverdale and has two daughters and a son. They have each one been a joy to us.

We moved into the 31st Ward when Don started school. We had lived in the 10th and the 1st Wards. I taught Primary for a while in the First Ward then later in the 20th and 31st Wards. I enjoyed Primary very much, we had a lot of fun. But I went to work and have worked ever since. I did teach M.I.A. for a year. I had the Mia Maids, they were a lovely group of girls.

Although I am not very active in the church, I do know that it is the true church and I believe in the teachings.

#### LIFE SKETCH OF MARGARET L. JENSEN LUCAS

On January 14, 1925, Ivy Lloyd and Elmer M. Jensen became parents of a baby girl which they names Margaret La Rue. I was born and lived in Ogden completing my high School education there.

I enjoyed singing with the Lieder Kranz Chorus as we traveled from ward to ward presenting the Sacrament Meeting Program. I also taught in M.I.A. for two years in the Mia Maid class. In September 1953 I was called as a Primary teacher and enjoyed the association of the teachers and the children. We had

such good times.

I had married Lester R. Lucas and we lived in the 31st Ward. We had four lovely children: Margaret Ann, Roger La Mar, Paulette and Jolene. We took the children with us to the temple and after receiving our endowments, we were all sealed for time and all eternity.

We moved to the 8th Ward in Washington Terrace. I went to work at Hill Field as a key punch operator but have retired now. Lester also worked at Hill Field and he retired in 1975.

Margaret Ann married Earl Stocking and is busy raising six children on a large dairy farm. They live in Wendell, Idaho and are active in the church.

Roger married Christine Oberhansly. They live in Ogden where he works as a Painting Contractor. They have two lovely daughters.

Paulette is married to William Rumpel and lives in Gooding, Idaho. He will leave soon for the armed service. She has one daughter and they are eagerly awaiting the arrival of a baby.

Jolene married Kim C. Hawks. They live at 1123 Oak Street in the 31st Ward. They have two lively boys.

Now that we are retired we enjoy camping and our cabin in Yellowstone. We keep busy visiting and helping our family.

#### AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF BETTY BLACKINGTON FRIDBERG

In Acequia, Idaho on August 20, 1920, I was born the third daughter of Ruby Clark and Emmett Reynolds Blackington. (The first child lived only 12 days). I was later followed by a son and then another daughter. I was given the name of Betty Lou Blackington.

When I was three, the family moved to Ogden, Utah where I have lived ever since.

When I become of age I attended Sunday School, Primary and Mutual in the 15th Ward, Farr West Stake. I have served as Assistant Secretary of the 15th Ward Sunday School and teacher of Church History, a M.I.A. Gleaner teacher, M.I.A. Dance Director. Then I was called as Secretary of the M.I.A. Stake Board, Farr West Stake.

On November 19, 1944, I married George Stanley Fridberg of Ogden at the U. S. Naval Air Station at Beeville, Texas. In December of 1945 we returned to Ogden to make our home. We have three sons.

William Stanley Fridberg has graduated from Weber College with a degree in Geography, has served two years in the millitary. He now works for R. W. Taylor Construction Co. as a steel worker.

Karl Tre Fridberg graduated from Weber College. He is newly married to Elfrieda Pappas.

Steven Scott Fridberg served four years in the Navy after high school. He has attended Weber College 3 years and works as a heavy equipment operator for Great Salt Lake Cemical.

I have been active in church work. In the 37th Ward I was a Primary teacher for five years, Sunday School Secretary 10 years. Then we moved to the 8th Ward where I have served in Sunday School 12 years and two years as Social Relations teacher in the Relief Society. I have worked at I.R.S. for 18 years.

Church means more and more all the time. The more active on is the more the gospel means to them. When we work in the church we are happier. Our way of life is better and our attitude and outlook on work and life is better.

**PRIESTHOOD ADVISOR TO PRIMARY  
NORMAN VAUGHN LARSEN**

(Located in a Primary History Book)

Biography outline. 1962

**Name:** Norman Vaughn Larsen

**Born:** Minkcreek, Idaho

**Date:** October 21, 1923

**Schooling:** Graduated with a Bachelor of Science from Idaho State College.

**Married:** Gladys Rawlins in May 1948 in the Logan Temple.

**Employment:** Managed my own drug store in North Salt Lake.  
Employed by Sterling Co. (druggists)

**Awarded the Silver Palm** in Boy Scouts for service to youth.

**Church Activity:** Counselor in the Sunday School.  
Counselor in the 31st Ward Bishopric.  
Priesthood advisor to the Primary 1962-1963.

**Interests:** Carpentry: We built our first home.  
We as a family are building a home in Pleasant View, Utah.  
We plan to farm a bit and raise some of our own food and to enjoy a cow and farm animals.

P. S. The Larsens moved from the 31st Ward. Vaughn was released from the Bishopric in May 1963. We missed Vaughn but remembered him each time we passed the supply cabinets he had built in the basement of the 31st Ward, how much easier it was to store and find our supplies, and also the shelving for a library was appreciated. Gladys was missed for her good works with the Primary as were the children who attended and participated at church.



Treasures are found in Primary History Books. These histories were located in the 1949 History Book. They were written briefly by Primary workers.

#### AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF MARY F. HARRIS

I was born in Edinberg, Scotland and when I was two years old my mother 3 brothers and I came to United States to join my father who had come to this country a year before.

None of my family were members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints but mother always sent us to Sunday School and Primary.

When I was 15 years old, we had Mormon Missionaries come to our home and tell us of the gospel, they came each week for a number of years. Soon my father, my younger brother and I were ready for baptism. Mother did not think she was ready as she wanted to understand it better.

After I was baptized, I worked in the Sunday School as secretary and on the Stake Board for a number of years.

On September 29, 1928, I was married to Wilford D. Harris and we have five children, four are living: Mary Norene, Carol Jean, Barbara Ann and Steven Martin Harris.

When Barbara was 2 years old, I started in the Primary Organization as a Blazer teacher and worked in that capacity for five years. Then one year as Guide Teacher, one year as counselor in the Presidency, and two years as Trekker Teacher. I was released for a short time when the last baby came then I started again as teacher of the Trekker group and am still acting in that capacity.

Mary (Ferguson) Harris (written 1949)

#### AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF PRILLA SHILL BERGEN

I was born August 25, 1906 in Mesa Arizona, the eldest of ten children, of Wright Paynter and Lillie Rothrock Shill. Had a wonderful childhood and devoted parents. On my eighth birthday I was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day-Saints by my father who was Bishop of the Lehi Ward of the Maricopa Stake. The following Sunday he confirmed me.

During high school days, I taught the Church History class in Sunday School. The year I was a Senior I had a most interesting experience teaching Religion class to a group of Papago Indians at the Phoenix Indian School. I shall never forget the interest these boys and girls showed in learning more about our gospel. Our family helped in the Papago Ward where my father assisted Bishop Tiffany for a period of two or three years.

On July 30, 1930, I was married to La Vour H. Bergen by Bishop John Jones of my ward at the home of my parents. We have been blessed with three fine sons for which I thank my Heavenly Father. May 9, 1939 was a memorable day for our family, for on that day we went to the House of the Lord in Mesa, Arizona and were united as a family group for eternity.

Until 1940 when we moved to Ogden, my church affiliations were in the Maricopa Stake in Arizona. September 17, 1941 I was set apart by clerk Roger Howey to teach the First Year Zions Boys and Girls of the Primary in the 20th Ward, Ogden Stake. The objective of this group is baptism. I had the privilege of being present for the baptism service of each member of my class.

July 25, 1943, I was set apart as Secretary in the Primary by Clerk La Mar Mumford. This position I held until the ward was devided.

November 12, 1946, Bishop Volney B. Belnap set me apart as Second Counselor in the Primary of the new Thirty First Ward.

For many years Mary Harris and I were assigned as Visiting Teachers in the Relief Society of the Twentieth Ward. This was a very pleasant assignment and we were happy fulfilling it.

I have always enjoyed my church work and feel that I have been blessed a hundred fold for the little I have done.

Prilla Shill Bergen ( 1949 Primary History Book 31st Ward)

### LIFE STORY OF OLIVE HARVEY APPLLEGARTH

I was born in Kaysville, Utah July 29, 1906 to L.D.S. parents. I was baptized when I was 8 years old.

I was married to John O. Applegarth October 20, 1926. We had 5 children. 17 years after we were married, we were married in the Salt Lake Temple.

My first experience in teaching Primary was the Zions Boys and Girls in Blackfoot, Idaho in 1935. We then moved to Boise, Idaho, I was a teacher in the Trekker Class in the 2nd Ward for one year. I then served as 2nd Counselor for two years.

We then moved back to Ogden, Utah in 1940. I was a Trekker teacher in the 13th Ward for a year. We then moved to Kaysville, Utah. I was a quilt director in the Kaysville 2nd Ward Relief Society and a Primary teacher for 6 months. I resigned from that position to take the responsibility as 2nd Counselor in the Primary for one year.

We then moved back to Ogden 20th Ward. The first of January I was ask to teach Zions Boys and Girls in the 20th Ward. I taught until after April Conference. In February 1942 I worked on the Ogden Stake Primary Board as Trekker Leader until December 1945.

In October 1946 I was set apart as 2nd Counselor to Ada Wheelwright. I am still working as 1st Counselor to Ada Wheelwright.

History of Olive Harvey Applegarth (Written November 11, 1948.)

### CHURCH HISTORY OF GLADYS JOHNSON CHILD

I was blessed and given the name of Gladys Johnson, July 4, 1909 by Elder Paul Christensen in the old Lynn Ward which is now the 15th Ward. On August 5, 1917, I was baptized by Lawrence W. Sherner and confirmed a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day-Saints.

My mother Sarah Haslem Johnson was born in Bolton, England. None of her family or ratives are Mormons. Mother became interested in the church while going with father, but it wasn't until three missionaries from Ogden went to her home in England was she converted. She was baptized by Elder Ernest Kimble April 13, 1904 and confirmed April 13, 1904 by Elder George S. Smith.

Mother, Father and my oldest brother left England on May 19, 1904. Mother had four other children, but it wasn't until my eldest brother went to England on a mission, that my folks went through the temple and had their children sealed to them.

I lived in the Fifteenth Ward until I was married. During this time I taught the Jr. Sunday School and Zions Boys and Girls in Primary. I then taught in the Mutual the Bee Hive Girls. I had the privilege of teaching for two years, then I took over the Secretary work for the Young Womens Mutual. I held that position for one year then I was put in the position of first counselor in the M.I.A. until I was married.

We moved to Sparks, Nevada for one year where I taught Primary. When we moved to Ogden a year later, we were in the 8th Ward. There I taught for two years before I was put in counselor in the Primary. In the 27th Ward, I was happy to teach the Seagull Girls for two years and be first counselor in M.I.A. We moved to Croydon, Utah for two years where I taught Sunday School and the Bee Hive girls.

When we moved into the 31st Ward, I again had the honor of teaching the Seagull Girls for  $1\frac{1}{2}$  years.

We have three lovely children and I hope and pray they will live to have a testimony of the Gospel and have the privilege of teaching the children of Zion. Gladys Johnson Child (written 1949)

#### AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF THORA BERTHA KROGUE LARSON

I, Thora Bertha Krogue Larson, was born July 19, 1921 in Montpelier, Idaho. My mother was Bertha Anderson Krogue. My father, Angus Krogue gave me a Fathers Blessing and a name in the Montpelier 2nd Ward on September 4, 1921.

I was baptised Oct. 13, 1929 by Loraine Stephens and confirmed a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day-Saints the same day. On my birthday-July 19, 1935, I was given a Patriarchal Blessing by Patriarch Henry H. Hoff. While living home with my parents I was active in the church and while going to Mutual I became a Golden Gleaner. I assisted in teaching in Jr. Sunday School and also held the poaition of Secretary of the Y.W.M.I.A.

I received a call to fill a Stake Mission and was set apart on Feb. 27, 1944. I recieved many blessings during these happy years and my testimony of the Gospel was strengthened. I was released on March 17, 1946. I took out my own endowments in the Logan Temple on July 22, 1947.

On November 7, 1947 I was married to A Reed Larson in the Logan Temple by President of the temple El Ray Christiansen. We were very happy and thankful to be blessed with a daughter on Oct. 29, 1948. She was born in the Cooley Memorial Hospital in Brigham City, Utah. She was blessed and given the name of Marie by her father in the 2nd Ward Chapel-Montpelier, Idaho. And now we are doubly blessed, for we have a second daughter- Charlene. She was born April 13- 1951 and blessed by her father in the Hillcrest Branch, Logan, Utah.

We have lived in the Ogden 31st Ward since September of 1951. On March 26, 1952, I was sustained as Secretary of the Primary and set apart by 2nd Counselor Orson P. Millet on the 4th of June 1951. I am very happy in this position and enjoy the friendships of the officers and teachers. I have a testimony of the Gospel and am thankful to my Heavenly Father for all the blessings He has bestowed on me and mine. (Primary History Book written April 15, 1953).



( P. S. Thora and Reed Larson moved from Ogden to Los Vegas. There were blessed with three more children Nadine, Harold and Lanette. When Thora became a widow she secured work and is now Secretary of the Court. Harold is serving a Mission in Germany, Lanette is at home with her mother, the other children have selected husbands and been married in the temple. All are busily engaged in the work of the Lord.)

PRIESTHOOD ADVISOR TO THE PRIMARY  
PETER JOHN D'HULST JR.

(Located in a Primary History Book 1963)

Peter John (Jack) d'Hulst Jr. was born April 3, 1935 in Ogden to Peter John d'Hulst and Adrianna Westbroek.

He graduated from Ogden High School in 1954. Then he graduated from the University of Utah in 1960.

On September 6, 1955, in the Salt Lake Temple, he married Joan Porter.

He is the father of five children which included two pair of twins.

Church positions he has held include:

Organist

Instructor in the Elders Quorum.

Sunday School teacher.

M.I.A. Dance Director.

Teacher of Project Temple classes.

Counselor in the 31st Ward Bishopric.

Hobbies when he has time for them are:

Piano music.

Reading

Golf.

Jack was released from the Bishopric of the 31st Ward the 4 February 1968 after five years of service under two bishops Hal G. Ferguson and David E. Tanner. We thank you Jack for your service to the 31st Ward Members. We were so happy when Jack was presented his M Men award.

Our blessings and wealth are our children, who marry and settle elsewhere. The training they received in the home and in the many church organizations help prepare them to qualify for their responsibilities both civic and religious. Because each child that grew up in the ward was generally one in our class when we taught, we all think of them as our ward children. We enjoy the thrill of visiting with them when they visit home and are so happy in their success and growth.

The many members who have lived in the 31st Ward for a while and we have loved them for their contributions in teaching our youth and then have moved to other places in the Lord's earthly kingdom we cherish their memory and friendship.

These histories are of a few of those ward members we have cherished and sent out to build up Zion in other wards and cities. We still claim you as 31st Ward members.

#### LIFE SKETCH OF LOIS KAY MC CARREL BORKLUND

I was born on a stormy night March 10, 1936, in the bedroom of my parents home in Preston, Idaho. I was the youngest of six children. I attended Central Elementary School for one year, then my father died and mother, Elvira T. Christensen Mc Carrel, took us to Ogden, Utah where she found work in the defense plants. The rest of my schooling was obtained in various schools in Ogden. I graduated from Ogden High School in 1954.

I was a member of the 20th Ward when the division was made to create the 31st Ward, so my teen age years were when the ward was just getting started. One of the highlights was the annual ward birthday party held in the Liberty Park.

When I was fourteen the M.I.A. was revised and the Mia Maid class was organized, and I was a member of this first class. It was during this time that I started singing with a trio and music has continued to play an important part in my life.

Positions I held in the 31st Ward were: Sunday School Secretary, MIA chorister and Primary teacher.

On June 14, 1956, I married Karl Borklund in the Salt Lake Temple. We lived in Ogden for six months then moved to Santa Monica, California. There our first child Kathy was born in 1960, and two years later Sue arrived.

Karl has provided us with a good living while working with computers for various companies in Southern California. In 1963 we moved to Granada Hills, California. In 1966 our only son, Chad was born.

We were happy in Calif. but always wanted to return to the intermountain area, so in 1968 Karl obtained a position with Monsanto Company in Soda Springs, Idaho, where we are still living. Life was a real change with temperatures dropping to 30 or 35 degrees below zero in winter.

When we lived at Grand View Acres we lived in the 14th Ward, I was very active in MIA. I was a Jr. Sunday School Co-ordinator of the Grand View Acres Branch. We met in the Burch Creek School.

In May 1946 we moved to 2034 Laine Ave in the 20th then 31st Ward. My close friends were Rose Jorgenson (Day) and Joanne Raat (Ball). I sang in the ward chorus. I was secretary of Jr Sunday School and when Eleonor Hill (Jenkins) got married and left the ward, I was sustained Sunday School Secretary. This position I held until 1950 when my husband, and I moved to Roy, Utah.

My first date was a blind date that my girl friend who lived in Brigham City got for me. She told her boy friend over the phone to get a good LDS boy because I was a good LDS girl. The date was with Ivan J. Walker from Corine, Utah. We were engaged then married October 5, 1949 in the Salt Lake Temple by my father's Uncle Charles R. Jones, a Counselor of the Salt Lake Temple Presidency. It was a glorious experience. The first year we lived the 31st Ward then built our home in Roy at 5437 South 2000 West moving October 1, 1950. We live in the Lakeview Ward.

On August 31, 1951 Larry Rippon Walker was born. On February 7, 1955 Steven John and Jean Ann arrived March 21, 1959. They have brought much joy and happiness. Our sons are married and sealed to their wives for eternity. Larry married Janet Bourne, they live in Bennion, Salt Lake County where he is in Electronic Engineering. Steven married Mary Kathleen Allen they live in Ogden. We have a darling granddaughter Shannon and hope for many more grandchildren to enjoy and spoil.

Since our marriage, we have attended sessions in the Logan, Manti, St. George, Idaho Falls, Cardston in Canada and the Los Angeles Temples and we have done many endowments at the Ogden Temple. I type names at the name desk every Friday morning and this gives me great joy and satisfaction to work in the house of the Lord. I enjoy temple work.

Father died in November 1966, this was a great loss in my life as we were so close, he was a wonderful father.

My husband retired in December 1973 because of a heart condition, so we both spend lots of time in the Ogden Temple. We do little traveling because of lack of funds, retiring so early.

I have worked continually in the church and this has brought many blessings to me. I have been Jr. Sunday School Coordinator, secretary, teacher, and chorister. Primary teacher and chorister, YWMIA Secretary and chorister, Ward Genealogical Committee member, Stake YWMIA Secretary. In Relief Society I was Ward and Stake Garment Representative, taught Social Relations lessons, Counselor in Relief Society, Chorister for 10 years off and on, and am now teaching the Mother Education lesson. We now live in the Roy 4th Ward, which was created in about 1957.

#### THE L. H (RUDY BERGEN FAMILY

The Bergen family moved into the 20th Ward the summer of 1940 and were in attendance at the formation of the 31st Ward being residence within the boundries of the new ward.



Rudy was born in Brigham City, Utah, March 5, 1907. The son of Hans P. and Margrethe Christensen Bergen. His early schooling was in Brigham City and Ogden where the family moved when he was a teenager.

Prilla was born to Wright Paynter and Lillie Rothrock Shill in Mesa, Arizona August 25, 1906. She graduated from the Arizona State Teachers College at Tempe, now Arizona State University. She was teaching school when through a mutual friend she met Rudy the spring of 1929 during orange blossom time. They were married July 30, 1930 in Mesa.

Robert Shill Bergen was born in Ogden, October 25, 1931. Larry Dean Bergen was born in Mesa, May 27, 1933 and Ronald Lane Bergen was born in Mesa, March 21, 1936.

It was in the 20th and 31st Ward that the boys recieved the Priesthood and functioned in the ordinances therein. Brother Albert Bell of the Ogden Stake High Council once told Rudy following a priesthood meeting. "You are a wealthy man, having three sons active in the priesthood." We concurred with his statement. Much credit goes to their early Primary, Sunday School, MIA and Priesthood leaders of the two wards.

The Bergens enjoyed almost eleven years living and working within the auxillaries of the church while living at 21st and Monrce. In April 1951 the family moved to the 34th Ward of South Ogden Stake. After a division of the ward and later the stake, the family home is now within the boundaries of the 50th Ward of the Weber Heights Stake.

In 1951 Robert began serving in the U. S. Airforce. From the fall of 1954 to May 1956 Larry served as a missionary in the Netherlands Mission. Ronald served a mission in Uruguay from 1956 to 1959. Rudy passed away in May 1957. Prilla has been teaching school and working in the Ogden Temple.

#### AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF JOAN MC CARREL COLVELL

I was born March 15, 1932 in Preston, Idaho to Jesse Le Roy Mc Carrel and Elvira Thomine Christensen. I had four sisters and one brother. I have three sisters still living.


I don't remember much about my life in Idaho. My dad died January 2, 1942 when I was only nine. Mother was our only means of support and since there was little work in Idaho we moved to Ogden. I went to the fifth grade in Idaho then finished my education in Ogden, graduating from Ogden High School in 1950.

On December 3, 1951 I married Lorin Colvell. We have six children, four boys and two girls: Todd, Christine, Rondy, David, Tracey and Doug. My husband has worked for American Can Co. for 30 years.

We lived in Bonneville Park when we were first married, then we bought a home in South Ogden where we lived six years. We built a home in Roy where we have lived for 14 years.

Two of the children are married. We have four grandchildren. Randy and David are very active in their church callings, are both Eagle Scouts and belong to the Order of the Arrow. Randy will be a senior and David a Jr. at Roy High. Tracy is 13½ and goes to Sand Ridge High, Doug is 12 so will go there too. We are very proud of our children and like Roy very much.

## LIFE SKETCH OF MARVIN E. WIGGINS (Aug. 1976)



I was born March 25, 1941, the 4th son of Delores Hokanson and Eugene Howard Wiggins. My brothers were: Keith, Lorin, and David. My first recollections were of going to ward dances with my parents and enthralled as I watched the bands, especially Loyal West's "Blind Man's Band" where brother West rotated numbers with his banjo and violin.

Primary held special memories. Mother helped me learn several talks for her stake leadership demonstrations. I was privileged to sing in the primary chorus at General Conference and shake President David O. McKay's hand. He waited for all the children to shake his hand. In Guide Class for scouting, Ruby Clausen would take us on canyon picnics. Leonard, her son, had muscular dystrophy. He was an inspiration to us. Pop Eggington, as he was affectionately called, let us use his home once a month to hold Priesthood Meeting with Leonard and to bring him the Sacrament. We developed a close relationship with Bishop Warren N. Shurtleff as he presided over the boys.

My most spiritual experience in early life was being baptized by my father. Second to it was doing baptisms for the dead in the Salt Lake Temple. My Aunt Lavell Johnson did much research and would take the youth of the ward to do the baptisms. I remember the spirit during those sessions to this day. Another inspiring experience was contributing to the Aaronic Priesthood Monument on Temple Square and singing at the dedication. Scouting became a close love and wholesome experience which was highlighted by trips to Camp Bonneville and Bear Lake. I missed the Eagle award by only two merit badges. Because of heart trouble, I was unable to pass swimming and life saving. I did receive the Life award and 22 merit badges.

My father taught me to be a good home teacher. As a 16 year old I went along to a home where there were visitors prepared to challenge a very young man. The spirit supported me as never before and scriptures came to my mind that I had never before located. Shortly the visitors went into the other room and I was able to leave my message.

My closest friends were my cousin Glen Johnson, Arthur Malan, Barry Brown, and Eddie Freestone. We shared many of our feelings, concerns and ambitions. I did not date until the 11th grade and found myself behind socially. I loved to dance but could not dance. I asked every girl who would accept to dance until I learned how. Poor girls. I did learn and ward and stake dances became my form of recreation until marriage.

My parents taught me by example. As early as I can remember, Dad was heavily involved with service in the bishopric. His stake mission president assignment gave me a burning desire to become a missionary. Lillian Cheney inspired me by her example of a good missionary attitude. My Patriarchal Blessing told me I would fill a mission, but my lack of health stood in the way. The possibility of meeting my maker in youth kept me from doing many foolish things common to growing up. I accepted every calling and remember having 5 church jobs at one time. I taught myself to play the organ. I did so poorly that if I lost my place, I could only have the chorister start the song over again, after several months, Jack d'Hulst, an accomplished organist, told me that I was improving. I was so glad that he did not criticize. That gave me the motivation I needed to improve.

At age 18, I was scheduled for a heart operation to close a hole in the septum the size of a silver dollar and to repair two valves. The entire ward came to my support in their fast and testimony meeting and in donation eight

pints of blood. The veil became so thin, I could have let go, but I wanted to go on that mission. The Lord, my desire and everyone's prayers pulled me through. After a three months recovery and then graduation at Weber' two year college, the call came to the same mission as father and Keith had, the Southern States Mission. I was able to become Supervising Elder and Mission Secretary, but more important, I learned to love the Lord and His Children.

After my mission I obtained a B.S. degree in sociology and history from B.Y.U. and a Masters of Library Science from Rutgers. In 1967 I joined the library faculty at B.Y.U. as a reference and research librarian. My most rewarding assignment is doing research for General Authorities and for the B.Y.U. President and his assistants.

Annette Christensen of Ogden and I were married in the Logan Temple on Sept. 22, 1967 and we have four boys: Nathan, Michael, Evan and Allan. My Church assignment is in my mind the best, a 70 and a life-time missionary.

I am grateful to teachers, neighbors, and friends of Ogden 31st Ward who played a larger part than they realize in helping me become what I am today.



#### HISTORY OF GWEN JOHNSON BREITWEISER

In the Dee Memorial Hospital on 24th and Harrison, I first saw the light of day on the 14th of October 1935. My first home was at 2163 Quincy Ave., Ogden, Utah. I arrived the day father (Clifford Wm. Johnson was scheduled to take two friends on a deer hunt. After holding me for a few minutes, he left to keep his promise to provide a truck for the hunt. Mother, Lavell Hokanson Johnson, was happy to have a few days to adjust to me. Father returned a few days early from the hunt. His friends teased him because he was more interested in his little dear at home than in the four legged ones.

I always loved to go to Sunday School and Primary and being raised in a religious home remember the Bible stories and Childrens Friend stories read to us. Mother practiced her Primary lesson on us.

School was fun at Lorin Farr, Central and Ogden High, from which I graduated in 1954 the evening my dear grandfather Johnson died. He and grandmother has lived with us for  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years and I adored them. Dad did not let us know that grandfather was so ill but he stayed home with him. He sent mother, Glen and me so that my graduation would not be sad.

Then I tried 1 year at Weber College where I especially liked home-making classes.

When I was three, my parents applied for a baby to adopt but waited so patiently with no success. A year latter the Childrens Aid Society asked if they would care for a handicaped baby while waiting for one to adopt. Little Bobbie came to stay with us. He had a serious clef palate and could be fed only with a eye dropper. His six months had been spent in the Dee Hospital loved only by the nurses. Bobbie was fun to me, he laughed and was happy for my attention. Tenderly cared for and loved he grew and was healthy. Dr Eugene was his Doctor and so appreciate for our loving Bobbie that he would never accept any payment when my brother Glen was ill. Bobbie was placed in another



home. After many operations to correct the deformities he died at age two after his last surgery.

Baby Glen arrived, I was nearly five and old enough to take care of my brother. While mother was hanging out clothes, I climbed up over the side of his baby bed, picked him up and climbed down with him. I then tried to shove him into my small doll buggy. He screamed vigorously but survived the ordeal. I learned that that act did not pay. The punishment brought forth more vigorous screaming.

I tried a few years in the work world at Samuels, Commercial Security Bank and Modern Finance and enjoyed many different business experiences.

My desire to create brought about my taking a course in hair styling. I also studied a correspondence course in art. My master-pieces include "Pinky and Blue Boy, The Last Supper, a Ballerina and Jesus Knocking at the Door".

Then marriage in children took my time and many moves around the country. I was married in the Salt Lake Temple in June 1956 to Donald M. Chase and we had two children Kirk M. and Kathy Ann. We lived in Ogden and divorced in 1960.

I worked at Swift and Co. and lived at home with dad and mother who helped care for the children.

On September 14, 1961, Larry H. Breitweiser and I were married by Bishop Frank Geisler at my parents home. After living 8 months in Ogden we moved to Yorba Linda, then Downey and finally purchased a home in Lakewood, Calif. Clifford Allen joined the family the 28th January 1963, born at the Fullerton Calif. Hospital. In 1964 while mom and dad were on their trip around the world, we moved into their home while we located a home to rent in Salt Lake City. Later we bought a home in Taylorsville, south of Salt Lake City. Here Kevin Tye in Nov. 1964, Celeste in July 1966 and Heidi Noel in August 1968 joined the family. My days were full of cooking, feeding, washing and cleaning but rewarding as we watched the children learn and grow.

Next we moved to Arvada, Colorado and in 1976 to Berthoud, Colorado to a 10 acre farm where we are beginning to learn the principals of producing. With a cow, chickens, ducks, turkeys, rabbits and two horses, we are planting trees, lawn and garden. Learning by doing and happy that the success outnumbers the failures. Although farm life is hard, it has rewards and keeps the children off the streets, teaches them responsibility and joy in a job well done. As we move into the last days as our gospel has told us, these experiences will be useful. We learn to use boss's milk to make cheese, butter, ice cream, our eggs in puddings and home made noodles. The farm has become a new way of life for all of us.

The church has always been important in our lives. In the Ogden 31st Ward, I was the first Jr Sunday School Librarian then served as Jr Sunday School Secretary. After marriage, I was Sunday School teacher and Jr. Sunday School teacher, Secretary of the Primary and Targeteer and Co Piolet teacher also enjoyed being a substitute for any class where needed, and MIA Beehive teacher. I am now the Merry- Maids leader in Primary. Road shows were our fun time, I could use my imagination on costumes and scenery the family cooperated.

I have learned that the Lord did not promise a easy life but rather the strength to surmount difficulties and develop faith. We live about 12 miles from our Loveland Ward building. Larry & Clifford travel 24 miles there and back to get the family for Sunday School, then it is 24 miles till we are home for lunch then 24 miles to return back home from Sacrament meeting. Special bussing for Primary and MIA, but well worth it and we never miss but enjoy the spiritual acquaintances we have made there.



#### BIOGRAPHY OF RUTH ANN MORLEY FRECKER

On January 26, 1937, a baby girl arrived at 2057 Monroe Ave. Her parents Verna Ruth Hansen and Raymond Morley chose to name her Ruth Ann. She was the third child having two brothers Kay and Kenneth to play with.

Her schooling was recieved at Madison, Central Jr. High and she graduated from Ogden High in June 1955.

The family attended church in the Ogden 4th Ward untill the 18 August 1946 when the block that they lived on was rezoned from the 4th to the 31st Ward. She graduated from Primary the 15 May 1949. When the block from the 4th Ward was given the choice of returning their membership to the 4th Ward they chose to remain members of the 31st Ward.

Ruth Ann faithfully attended MIA in the 31st Ward recieving many honor badges in Art & Crafts, Out of Doors, Public Service, Business and Religion. Twelve hours must be spent for each badge earned. Her attendance at all meetings earned her a 100% award for 17 months beside the 4 other individual awards. She recieved her Joy certificate, graduation from MIA. She graduated from LDS Semenary the 30 May 1954.

Newberries was her first business experience and she now works at Hill Field, for about eight years.

In Sept. 1944 she started to take tap and ballet and performed under the direction of Betty Stearman at many church doings. She loved to go fishing and she loved the baby deer she raised until it was too big to keep.

She and Arnold Frecker were married in the Logan Temple the 6 August 1954 and lived at 867-26th Street. They had five children: Douglas, Raelene, Darwin, Mitchell and Bryce. They bought a home in Layton in 1958.

#### LIFE SKETCH OF KAY J. MORLEY



On June 29, 1929, Kay was born at 3031 Monroe Blvd. in Ogden, Utah to Verna Ruth Hansen and Raymond Morley. He was baptized May 1, 1938 by Larkin Patterson, and confirmed a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints by Owen Ridges of the 17th Ward. The family then moved to 2057 Monroe Ave in the 4th Ward where he was ordained a Deacon the 20th February 1944, a Teacher the 11 Feb. 1945. A Priest August 18 1946, by Bishop Volney in the 31st Ward. Boundries of the wards had been changed.

Kay joined the U.S. Navy the 16 June 1947 serving three years. He recieved an honorable discharge in May 1950.

Kay had attended Lewis, Madison, Central Jr. High and graduated from Ogden High. In the navy he was on the ship USS Princeton in Tsingtas, China, stationed at El Centro, Calif., Memphis, Tennessee and he graduated as

Seaman 2nd Class from the Aviation Fundamental School at the Naval Air Technical training School at Jacksonville, Florida. He also worked at Hill Field Air Force Base and is now working in Wyoming.

Kay loved scouting and earned many scout badges. He loved to draw and carve, especially horses.

Kay met Elaine Slater and married her the 30 September 1950. With the help of Mae Mc Farland a Ogden Stake missionary from the 31st Ward, she was converted to the gospel and baptized the 10 December the same year. They have three children: Vicki, Scott and Mike.

#### AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF RAYMOND ROY SELLERS

In Rock Springs, Sweetwater, Wyoming, I was born the 13 June 1939 to Ada Rosella Pate and Richard Eugene Sellers. I attended schools in Rock Springs and graduated from High School at Farson, Wyoming.



Raymond R. Sellers and wife  
Dianne Elizabeth Jarvis Sellers

I enlisted in the Army on the 26th January 1957 and went on Active duty six months after completing High School. I was released the 25 January 1958.

After attending B.Y.U. from Sept. 1958 to June 1959, I recieved my call to a mission to Guatemala. The farewell was in Rock Springs Second Ward the 14 June 1959. I was set apart for the mission by S. Delworth Young. I was President of Jalapa District June 1961 and Travelling Elder.

I returned from the mission 22 December 1961 to the 31st Ward in Ogden. I was called by the Ogden Stake to serve as Stake Missionary in the Spanish Branch being released November 1963.

I worked for Sperry Rand Co. from Feb. to November 1962.

Dianne Elizabeth Jarvis, a 31st Ward member, and I were married in the Logan Temple the 21 December 1962. I have had the priviledge of blessing our four children; Raymond Michael, born 18 Nov. 1963 in Ogden; Gwen Elizabeth, born 18 July 1965 in Ogden, Craig La Mont born 27 December 1968 in Ogden, and Roy Clayton born 24 November at Rexburg, Idaho.

I worked for Thiokol Chemical Corporation from 1962 November to April 1, 1964. I attended Weber State College and worked for the college while attending school, graduating the 10 June 1966 with Bachelor of Art in Spanish. In 1967 from Weber College I recieved my Bachelor of Elementary Education. I taught 5th Grade at Saracuse School for two year 1967-1969; 5th Grade at the Lincoln School Rock Springs, Wyoming 1969-1974; 6th Grade at Ashton, Idaho 1974-1976.

Father baptised me and confirmed me a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He also ordained me a Deacon the 24 June 1951 and he ordained me a Teacher and a Priest. On the 14 Dec. 1958 in the 10th Ward in Provo I was ordained an Elder. I have a testimony of the Gospel and I know it is the true work of our Heavenly Father.



In Ogden, Utah on June 7th 1953 I was born. My parents are Warren N. Shurtleff and June Dunn Shurtleff.

When I was growing up in the 31st Ward, my parents were always active in church which naturally made me active in church. I remember when I was very young, still in Primary, Olive Snow organized a singing group which consisted of my Primary class and one class younger than us. After many fun times together practicing, we were good enough to sing at Sacrament, Sunday School and other special meetings. Everybody seemed to think we were pretty good because they kept asking us to sing. But all of us were really close in our friendships with each other through out the years. We stayed together until everyone graduated from school. Then Kathy Price was the first to get married in our group, and we knew then that we were finally growing up and would soon go our separate ways. We got together one last time on Mothers Day. It was a time I'm sure our group will always feel as being very special.

When I was growing up my parents used to say I should have been a boy because I was so active in sports. In elementary school when the boys would chase the girls; I would wind up helping the boys, because I was too fast to catch. In Junior high I broke the school records in softball throw, running broad jump, standing broad jump and 50 yard dash.

Before I was old enough to hold any church positions, I was baby sitter for mothers going to meetings. Then over the years I was a Primary teacher a couple of times, Jr. Sunday School chorister, M.I.A. teacher, sports director for ward and stake and when I was in high school I helped my sister teach a class in Primary for the Deaf.

Well, I graduated from Ogden High School and that summer I went back East to visit with Carolyn in Detroit. I stayed 4 months, the longest I had ever been away from home. While I was there I decided I was going on a mission and then get a job and save lots of money before I got married.

When I got back home, I met Curtis N. Weston about two weeks later at M Men and Gleaners. We were married 7 months later on August 4, 1972 in the Ogden Temple.

I have a 3 year old girl Leslie, and one on the way.

I live on Eighth Street so I'm not too far away from Moms good cooking. I am the sports director in my ward for the girls and the women. I teach the oldest girls in the Primary in the Branch for the Deaf.

I was very lucky to be a member of the 31st ward. I have so many memories of things that have happened while I was part of the ward.

#### ROBERT ORVAL VOWLES

Robert Orval Vowles was the first missionary called from the new 31st Ward. He had been serving in the South Pacific in the United States Navy and upon returning home was called to the Western States Mission the 16 Oct. 1946. Frances A. Child of Ogden was president of the mission at that time. The mission was all of Colorado, Nebraska and part of New Mexico.

Robert has served in various positions in the church including the Bishopric. He has for many years been scoutmaster.

He married Patricia Hansen of Willard, Utah and they have been blessed with nine children. They live in St. George, Utah where Robert is associated with Dixie College as the student counselor and professor of psychology.

#### AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF LESLIE RUTH HINES NEWEY

On a warm English Spring day on March 7th 1946, I, Leslie Ruth Hines Newey made my appearance, having waited for my Father Melvin Hines to arrive from Germany just a few hours before my birth. My Mother Marian Parker Hines thought that I would wait two more days to arrive on Dad's birthday but I surprised her!

I was blessed two weeks later in the Leicester Branch before my father left for overseas. When I was 9½ months, my mother and I boarded the S.S. America to join my Daddy. After 11 days we arrived in Ogden, Utah on Christmas Day 1946 and I am told that I slept 12 hours the first night in my new home--so I settled down very well.

The oldest of six children, I have tried to set a good example for my brothers and sisters.

I attended Lorin Farr, Central Jr. High, Seminary and graduated from Ogden High School and Seminary. I attended Weber State College. My closest friend Louise Hunt and I shared the same interests.

At 12 years of age I became a teacher's helper to Minnie Williams and later to Olive Crabtree in the 31st Ward Primary.

I earned 9 individual awards and helped my Mother with the younger children. Having been blessed with a talent in Art, I have been able to assist in Road Show scenery and other projects.

I met and later married Paul J. Newey on March 3rd 1967 in the Salt Lake Temple. We have been blessed with a good marriage and four lovely children: Lisa, Jeff, Jana and Brett. Patience that I cultivated in early life has paid off in caring for our children--all little live wires.

Growing, canning and cooking our own food is a blessing because I love to cook.

Home evening is looked forward to in our house because we believe in family activities and enjoy teaching our children. We have many fun activities. I believe the family is the center of the church and I realize that this is my greatest responsibility.

Serving as Laurel Advisor in the Aaronic Priesthood M.I.A. has provided the opportunity to work with young girls which I enjoy.

My testimony is strong. I am grateful for the gospel, my parents, family, husband and children. My hope is to be with them for time and eternity. This is my greatest goal.

## SHIRLEY MILLET STEVENSON

I, Shirley Millet Stevenson am the daughter of Orson P. and Norma Millet.

My first recollection of the 31st Ward was as a girl of twelve, the 6th Ward was divided and we were now in the boundaries of the newly created 31st Ward. I graduated from Primary that year and entered M.I.A. which was a big step in my growing up years.

It was very exciting to prepare and go to M.I.A. Camp Atoka up South Fork. This yearly event has left a lasting memory because of the good times had there and the lasting friendships, that developed not only with the girls but with the tolerant leaders. The testimony meetings on Sunday were so spiritual and we were always happy to have the Aaronic Priesthood boys there among all of us girls. Maud Stratford was such a good cook and she even made peeling potatoes a delightful experience. Camp was so much fun, wading up the river in our old tennis shoes, laying out on the tennis courts and the high-light of the whole camp was our hike up Fern Canyon and the yearly trip to the Haunted House. Minnie Williams was so much fun and we knew we could always play our youthful pranks on her.

Some of my dearest friendships were formed in the wars and we enjoy hearing from each other. We all remember when John and Olive Snow and their two children moved into our ward from England. They added so much to our ward. Shirley Snow Horseley became one of my best friends along with Lois Mc Carrol Borklund and Carol Harris Preece.

Bishop Belnap was a good bishop and it was a wonderful experience to have my father called as his counselor. My testimony grew and was strengthened by such wonderful teachers and leaders as Marian Hines, Lavell Johnson, Delores Wiggins, Lillian Cheney, Viola Young and Beth Johnson. I remember when Sister Cheney and Sister Young were our M.I.A. teachers and we acted up and caused a disturbance in the class. We went to their homes for different lessons and special activities and parties. The special Rose Night during my MIA Maid years stands out in my mind because it was a very impressive and spiritual experience.

In one of my Sunday School classes during my teen age, genealogy was so well taught as to have a lasting impression on my life. I have been an avid geneologist through the years because of this experience.

The ward dinners, parties and dances are something to be remembered, especially the annual picnic in Liberty Park. In general my memories of the growing up in the 31st Ward are very pleasant, we were a close-knit ward.

It was when I was 17 years old that my father was called as the Bishop, when Bishop Volney B. Belnap moved from the ward. It was a choice experience for our family and we received many untold blessings in our home.

In my senior year of Ogden High School, I met my husband to be Wayne Stevenson. We were married in the Logan Temple in 1953 and our reception was held in the 4th-31st Ward Cultural Hall. Wayne was in the army and was sent to Germany. Three months later a neighbor and fellow ward member Mozelle Monson Stutesman and I left on the ship Queen Elizabeth to join our husbands in Munich, Germany. We enjoyed our military career and retired after serving 20 years and after having three assignments in Germany. We were also stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia; Cheyenne, Wyoming; and Logan, Utah. Wayne was Branch President in Germany, Korea and Vietnam during this time.



We have always been active in the church and felt the importance of our family attending all our meetings together. We are very proud to have seven children five of which were born in Germany. The Eldest Debra is married and is helping her husband through school at B.Y.U.. Robert is serving a mission in Finland and will continue his education at B.Y.U. upon his return where he has a full AFROTC Scholarship. Our daughter Kelly, after graduating from high school, spent four months in Finland and traveling Europe. Karen and Lynne are two active high school students. Paul and Samuel complete our family and are 4th and 2nd graders in San Jose where we now reside.

We are co-owners of our own business, Exchange Enterprises, a business exchange in the San Jose, California area. We are very happy and active in the San Jose 17th Ward.

#### A BIT ABOUT STEVEN HARRIS

I, Steven Harris am the son of Wilford & Mary Ferguson Harris. I grew up in the 31st Ward. Father was called as Bishop of the 31st Ward in June 1954 and served until May 1958. Mother was an ardent Primary leader. When mother died dad and I managed for a while.

After my dad remarried in 1962, we moved to Roy, Utah. I graduated from high school and then joined the Marine Corps and spent one year in the Orient.

Six months after I returned home, I married Jo Ann Hamblin of Riverdale in the Salt Lake Temple. She owned a beauty shop and helped me through school at Weber College. After I graduated in 1971, we moved to Oregon where I taught school for three years.

We moved back in 1974. We now live in Clinton and I work at Hill Air Force Base. We have one three year old boy, Matthew. Jo teaches Family Health lessons in Relief Society and I am the Finance Clerk in the ward.

I have a lot of fond memories of the 31st Ward. There were many people who made a mark in my life and which I will never forget. I enjoy going back and visiting in the area every once in a while. Sometimes I run into people from the 31st Ward. I worked for a while at Hill Field with Peggy Crowley and I see Bishop Shurtleff once in a while.



#### PATRICIA JEAN HINES

Having my brothers and sisters precede me in life, I decided that they were ready to give me, the youngest, lots of love and attention so on a beautiful Spring day on April 16th. 1959 I, Patricia Jean Hines (Tish) was born to Melvin and Marian Parker Hines.

I enjoyed my childhood and have many happy memories of feeling close to my parents and family.

Achieving in school and participating in the many activities, also cheerleader and pep club opportunities has brought a fulness to my life.

I am happy to belong to the church and am presently reading the scriptures daily. I gain much good from Seminary instruction. I do believe the words of counsel given the youth by our prophet President Spencer

W. Kimball and see the wisdom in preparing for the trials and tribulations of the last days.

I appreciate my mother making a good home for me and hope to make the right decisions. I know that my Heavenly Father cares and watches over us and that He expects the best from us. Through obedience to the principles of the gospel my faith will grow.

# AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF CARL R. SAUNDERS

I will always have many fond memories of the Ogden 31st Ward. It was from there I received my mission call to New Zealand, and also where I met my first wife, Bonnie Mc Carrel.

Bonnie and I were married by President David O. Mc Kay in the Salt Lake Temple just 11 weeks after I returned from my mission to New Zealand in 1950. A few months later, I was extended greetings from Uncle Sam and spent two years in the Army. We had some good and some bad experiences during those two years. I try to forget the bad ones. Bonnie was able to spend most of that time with me. The last 14 months was spent as a Special Agent for Army Intelligence in Lincoln, Nebraska. We gained many friends there and helped to build a new chapel. We both held numerous positions in the L.D.S. Branch there.

I was discharged from the Army in May 1953, and three days later was called to serve as 1st Counselor to Bishop George E. Wright in the Ogden 4th Ward. I was also ordained a High Priest and set apart by Spencer W. Kimball. I served in that position for 26 months while attending Weber College for pre-dental studies. Bonnie was serving in the Y.W.M.I.A. Presidency. It was during those months that Richard and Cynthia were born. Bonnie also underwent two serious and extensive lung operations.

In the fall of 1955, we returned to Lincoln, Nebraska where I attended the University of Nebraska College of Dentistry for four years. We returned each summer to work for my father in the construction business here at home. During the first year of dental school, we almost lost Bonnie due to complications from her lung illness and the operations done in 1954 and 1955. The Lord blessed her and she recovered somewhat. Teri came along in November 1957. I graduated in 1959 and returned to Ogden to practice.

During the time I was in school, I served in numerous church capacities in Lincoln: Sunday School Supt., Branch Clerk, District High Council. Bonnie was mainly involved in Relief Society, children and the home. After returning to Ogden, we resided in the North Ogden 4th Ward where I was called as a counselor in the bishopric. The ward was divided in April 1960 and I was sustained as the first bishop of the new Ogden 63rd Ward. I was set apart by Elder Spencer W. Kimball. I served as Bishop 6 years and 7 months. During this time, Mark, Susan and Nancy were added to our family.

In December 1966, we moved into our new home in Plain City, Utah. Since living here, I have been Priesthood Quorum Advisor, Stake Explorer Leader, Stake M.I. A. President, Ward Chorister, High Priests Instructor and am at the present time serving on the High Council.

In civic matters, I served in several PTA positions including Weber District PTA President. I have been President of the Lions Club and Zone Leader. I served for several years as Vice Chairman of the Weber North Davis Chapter

of the March of Dimes and am presently a member of the City Council of Plain City.

In 1973, Richard was called on a mission to the New York area. His mother was very ill at the time. I had to tell Richard as he departed that the doctor had said that his mother would not be here when he returned, it was hard to do. But Bonnie fooled the doctors and the rest of us. Although there were more and more frequent stays in the hospital, she lasted it out and was there to greet him when he returned. We were all deeply saddened when she passed away on June 26, 1975.

Richard was married to Susan Taylor in November 1975 and on October 15, 1976, I joined the roll of grandparent as Susan gave birth to a little boy.

Cynthia is now getting ready for her planned wedding to Ned Alma Israelsen from Logan, Utah, on January 13, 1977.

Teri has just graduated from high school this year and is working as a receptionist in my office, when she can stay awake after being out on dates so many nights with young men. Our other children, Mark 15, Susan 13 and Nancy 12, are busily engages in school and keeping our lives interesting at home.

In January of 1976, the Lord was gracious enough to bless me with a new companion, Deon Chowles, originally from Preston, Idaho, where Bonnie also lived for many years in her childhood. We have had many happy months together and have had 4 nice trips to conventions and planning several more.

We are anxious to accomplish many goals for ourselves and with the children, most all of which revolve around our church activities. We all have testimonies of the truthfulness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We hope that we may all be worthy to meet all of our past friends, many of whom have passed away, or live in far off places, in the Celestial Kingdom of God when we pass beyond these mortal shores. We extend our love to past and present members of the 31st Ward.

#### MEMORIES OF CAROL HARRIS PREECE

I, Carol Harris Preece am the daughter of Wilford D. and Mary Ferguson Harris. Father was Bishop Orson P. Millet's Counselor in November 1952 to June 6th 1954 when he was sustained as Bishop of the 31st Ward serving for four years. Mother was busy in Primary work.

Thinking about my years growing up in the 31st Ward brings back a lot of happy memories. I had good friends while growing up and I remember the members of our ward being friendly and neighborly. I always had a good feeling among ward members, everyone set a good example for me as I was growing up. Mother had a lot of very special friends who were very dear to our family. It seems that there were a lot of good, sweet people in our area. My memories of them are very fond.

I remember some of my Primary and M.I.A. teachers and think back on the good times we had. Marian and Mel Hines are two of the people who stand out in my mind as making my growing up years so pleasant and so much fun. Their example was always of the highest caliber to us teen-agers.



Our home-life was happy and secure. The Church played a very important role in our lives. It was just a fact of life for us, that we went to church meetings, accepted responsibilities, participated in activities and functions and attended Seminary classes at school. I never felt that religion or the church was forced on me in any way, so I grew up with a good feeling about the church. I believe my early training helped me form my ideas and strengthen my testimony that I now have of the church.

Ted Preece and I were married 21 years ago. We have 5 children: Jeff 20; Curt, 18; Craig, 15; Todd, 14; and Michelle, almost 10. We have lived in Bountiful for 14 years and enjoy our ward and neighborhood very much. Ted is Ward Clerk and I have been Relief Society Counselor for a year now.

#### AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF BARBARA ANN BINGHAM HARRIS

I was born January 5, 1952 at 10:52 P.M. in the Thomas Dee Memorial Hospital into the Bingham family. My father being Clyde Rex Bingham and mother being Betty Lou Leininger. There were two older sisters: Betty Colleen and Janet Faye Bingham. My new home was 3247 Stephens Avenue. On the 2 March 1952 in the Ogden First Ward, I was blessed with the name Barbara Ann Bingham.

We lived on Stephens until I reached age  $4\frac{1}{2}$  years. Then we moved to 848-21st Street. I started school at Dee Elementary School from Kindergarten to sixth grade. Our family was very close, we hunted and fished together.

When I was 10 years old, my sister Colleen married Glen W. Johnson in the Logan Temple. I was 12 years old when my sister Janet married David C. Manley in the Salt Lake Temple.

I started Central Jr. High School and then attended Ogden High School graduating in May of 1970. I went to work as a clerk in a second hand store. My hobbies are sewing and cooking.

In 1973 we moved to 2630 Van Buren. My father was put into the hospital with a heart attack on the 7th of August 1975. He was operated upon and died.

Life goes on and so must we, so mother and I did by taking one day at a time.

In 1976 I started going out with the man that was to be my future husband. On the 5th of November 1976, Lewis Daniel Harris and I were married in a small ceremony in mothers home. We are now making our new home and life in a small apartment on Van Buren Avenue.

#### LIFE SKETCH OF STEPHEN PHILIP HINES

Stephen Philip Hines was born on March 22nd, 1953, a son of Melvin and Marian Parker Hines. He was a very contented baby and enjoyed a happy childhood.

He attended all of his meetings and served as counselor in the Deacons Quorum in 1966 and 1967 as Counselor in the Teachers Quorum the as President in 1968. Stephen felt secure in his special place in the family unit. He was blessed with a desirable quality of order- of keeping his belongings in immaculate condition.



Stephen was greatly affected by the illness and death of his father and since reaching manhood views events in their proper perspective.

He attended Ogden City Schools and later married Bonnie Hill from whom he has since been divorced.

Having been taken hunting early in life, Stephen developed a love for the out-doors and is an avid hunter and sportsman.

Many of his early teachings are returning to him and he is carefully formulating plans for his future life.

#### AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF ROWENA MILLET SNOW

I, Rowena (named from mother second name), am the 6th child of Orson P. and Norma Rowena Allen Millet.

When our family came into the 31st Ward in 1946, I was only one year old, so I do not remember very much.

I enjoyed attending Primary and can remember teachers Delores Wiggins and Minnie Williams. The Wiggins boys used to chase me around in some activities. The dances and eating sponge cake with punch are a pleasant memory.

I remember my father serving as a Counselor to Bishop Volney B. Belnap and later was Bishop of the 31st Ward. I am most thankful for the teaching and training I received at my early age.

On August 25, 1967, I married Duane E. Snow in the Salt Lake Temple. I met him at B.Y.U.. We have been blessed with two girls and a boy. My husband served a mission in the Northwest and his father was Bishop of the Charlottesville Virginia Ward for 15 years.

I have served in several church positions including Primary teacher, Y.W. M.I.A. President and Drama Director.

I have a strong testimony of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and appreciate my heritage.

We live at 513 Moseley Drive, Charlottesville, Virginia.

#### AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF BARBARA HARRIS LUTZ

I lived in the 31st Ward from the time I was born to Wilford and Mary Ferguson Harris, until I married at the age of twenty one.

I remember pleasant times at home- getting excited about Christmas and Easter, going for a ride and getting ice-cream cones, sitting on my dad's lap and having him sing to me, going up the canyon to cook our breakfast or supper, playing in the park, going fun places with my friends, doing things with the Bergen family (Prilla Bergen was mother's best friend), making home-made root beer or ice cream, taking our supper across the street to the park to eat and play games.



I remember our ward as being a very special ward, with many many beautiful friendly people in it. (I would like to name them, but I started and my list grew too long). These people helped me to gain a testimony, taught me to give service to others, and to always look for the good in others.

I remember the ward Birthday Parties that we used to have in the Liberty Park. The good food and enjoyable programs-the pleasant people-and the fun games.(The one that I always enjoyed was hunting for pennies in a pile of cut grass.

I married Nolan J. Lutz in 1959 and we went to live in Provo where he was attending B.Y.U. We lived there three years and had two children before he graduated. Nolan accepted a teaching contract at the Reno High School, so we moved to Sparks, Nevada.

The church was very strong in Sparks and we made many wonderful friends while living there. Three more children were born to us while in Nevada. After seven years, we decided to move back to Utah. We wanted some land and we also wanted our children to know their grandparents, Aunts and Uncles and cousins. We found a place in Clinton and built a house. We have enjoyed living here and have some wonderful friends. Two more children were born to us which brought the total to seven. They are: Scott 16, Kristie 14, Brad 13, Beth 11, Lorene 8, Amy 6, and Emily 2 (almost).

I love my children very much and hope and pray that they stay close to the church. The church means everything to me, it is a complete way of life. I hope that I have the opportunity of sending two or more children on a mission, and see them all married in the temple.

I have enjoyed my several church jobs, some of them were: Primary teacher, Primary President, Relief Society Secretary and Counselor, M.I.A. Teacher and President, and Den Mother. I am now on the Primary Stake Board serving as a Stake Cub Scout Director.

#### A BIT FROM NORMA ROWENE ALLEN MILLET

My spiritual experiences in the 31st Ward were many and very rewarding. Our Bishop Volney B. Belnap was special. He always had a story to tell to fit all occasions.

I had the privilege of working in several different organizations in the 31st Ward. Some of the Sisters that I worked with had a great influence on my life. They were : Marian Hines-a special spirit from England, Alberta Erickson, Eloise Pope, Verna Morley- a very good secretary, Lavell Johnson, Maud Stratford- a very good cook, Marge Strand, Delores Wiggins, Minnie Turner Williams, Thora Larsen, Olive Snow- a peppy chorister, Mary Harris- our dear Bishop's wife, and Marie Belnap with her sweet spirit had a great influence on me and every one in the ward.

My experiences at girls camp were very enlightening and fun.

My life was enriched when my husband was called as Counselor in the Bishopric and later called to the position of Bishop of the 31st Ward. This experience certainly helped my testimony grow.



Our eldest son Leon was called on a mission from the 31st Ward.

We have moved around some since leaving the 31st Ward. First to Murray, Utah then back to Roy, Utah. Hence on to Anchorage, Alaska, and then a warming up period in Las Vegas, Nevada. We are now living in Roy, Utah.

Our family has grown. We have seven children, 25 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren - and more on the way.

The church is near and dear to me. The positions I have held since leaving the 31st Ward have been in the Jr. Sunday School, Y.W.M.I.A., Primary, and Stake Relief Society.

My dear lifes companion has retired, so now we are doing temple work, traveling, enjoying each other and our dear family and friends.

#### P. S. TO ORSON P. MILLET'S HISTORY

At the time we moved back to Roy, Utah (June 1975) I was serving on the High Council in the Las Vegas South Stake, having served there two years. I had also served on the High Council in the Las Vegas Stake for 3 years and in charge of Genealogy and temple work.

My testimony has grown greatly in fulfilling my church responsibilities.

After 30 years in the Insurance business, I retired in 1975.

We moved back to Roy, Utah and are enjoying our 7 children, 25 grand children and 5 great grandchildren. I am presently on the Temple Committee in the Roy 3rd Ward and a Home Teacher.

Our children are our greatest joy and blessing. We know that "Families can be Forever" and are living in hopes that when our work on earth is finished we will be worthy to enjoy Eternal Life with our Heavenly Father as a family unit.

I contribute the experiences in the 31st Ward to having helped me through my life. Those years will always be choice memories.

I know God lives and guides our lives, if we live worthy of His blessings.



#### SKETCH OF ROBERT PAUL HINES

Robert Paul Hines was born on January 15th 1949 in Ogden, Utah a son of Melvin and Marian Parker Hines.

He attended Lorin Farr, Central Jr.High, Ogden High and attended Weber College. He attended Sunday School, Sacrament Meeting, Primary, and Mutual. He was Deacons Quorum Counselor in 1961 and President in 1962. As Teachers Quorum President, he served in 1963 and 1964. He recieved a Duty to God Award. While attending Primary he appreciated the many wonderful teachers, especially Minnie Williams whom he felt paid special attention to him. During part of his scouting program, his father was scoutmaster. Robert loved being with his dad so this was a happy time for him.

At age seventeen, Robert married Kathryn (Dolly) Naylor and a year later welcomed a baby daughter, Traci. They were later divorced. Robert met and married Janena Zandell. They have been blessed with a son Craige.

Robert is an electrician by trade and has been to various parts of the country on major building assignments.

#### AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF DARRELL J. SAUNDERS

I was born on June 1, 1933 in Ogden, Utah, the eleventh child of Edward T. and Marcia A. Slater Saunders.

I attended Madison Elementary School for seven years, Central Jr. High for three years and Ogden High School for two years graduating in 1951. For two years I attended Weber State College, playing on the basketball team and serving as Secretary to the Associated Men Students.

Being drafted into the army in September of 1953, I took my basic training in California at Fort Ord. While in the service, I married Mary Arlene Wilson of Price, Utah. She was living here in Ogden, taking nursing and she graduated as a R.N. in 1954. We were married on July 1, 1954, in the Salt Lake Temple by President David O. Mc Kay.

We lived for the next year in Georgia, until I was released from military duty in September 1955. Our first child was born in Georgia on August 3, 1955. We then moved back to Ogden and I completed my pre dentistry training and then moved to Lincoln, Nebraska to attend dental School. Our second child was born just prior to moving to Nebraska. While there our third child was born. We were in Lincoln four years, returning to Ogden in 1961 to begin the practice of Dentistry.

We moved into the 62nd Ward, where I was soon called to be Teachers Quorum advisor and Explorer Scout advisor. In 1963 I was called as a Counselor in the Bishopric and in April 1965 was sustained as Bishop. I was released in 1970 and later that year called to the Stake High Council of the Ben Lomand South Stake which is now the Ogden North Stake.

In 1972, I was called to be a Counselor in the Stake Presidency and in 1973 I was called and set apart by President Kimball and Elder James Faust to be the President of the Stake, which position I now hold.

As a young boy entering the Priesthood, I became a member of the 31st Ward, when the ward was organized. I had many choice experiences in that ward making many wonderful friendships that exist to this day. We had a wonderful Bishopric in Bishop Belnap, Brother Wiggins and Brother Clark. They along with the other wonderful ward members, have been a great inspiration in my life.

My wife and I now have seven children, the oldest having just returned from a mission in Texas. We also had a Indian foster child for seven years until he graduated from high school this past year.

I'll always be grateful for my experiences in the Ogden 31st Ward, because it was there that the foundation of my testimony was laid.



# BIOGRAPHY OF RENEE HILL FULLER

In Ogden, Utah on December 21, 1935, a baby girl was born to Henry Vernon and Vallecita Johansen Hill. They named her Renee. She was not a healthy child and her parents took her to all of the specialists and finally to Mayo Brothers Clinic. She suffered with diabetes and kidney trouble. Through out her life she has had to measure and weigh her food and keep on a strict diet.

She attended school and graduated from high School in Ogden. The family lived at 2070 Monroe Ave. when she was born. In 1946 the 20th Ward was devided so Ranee grew up in both the 20th and 31st Ward.

After graduation from High School, Ranee and Mark Afton Fuller were married and sealed for time and all eternity in the Salt Lake Temple, on the 27th of Apr. 1955. They have been blessed with two children: Rebecca born 29 June 1961 and Kevin Mark born the 30 June 1967. They are living in South Ogden.

Her husband works on the rail-road but also runs a 12 acre farm in Eden. He is an Elder and has served as a scout master.

Ranee has taught the Jr. Sunday School class and served as Work Director in the Relief Society. She has been blessed to be able to carry on these activities.



## LIFE SKETCH OF AMY & ALBERT VOWLES

Albert Orval Vowles and Amy Orme Vowles were long time residents of 2064 Madison Ave. Ogden, Utah. When that block became part of the new 31st Ward, in August 1946, she was called as Secretary to President Lottie Holt. Mary Perkins and Vivian Jensen were the counselors. After serving two years, the new President Eliza Carruth was sustained and Amy was Secretary of this Relief Society group until released in February 1949. These sisters cooked many a delicious ward banquets in the old 31st Ward hall. They served well in compassionate service and in establishing the Relief Society program. Amy continued her work in Relief Society after leaving the 31st Ward. All of her life she devoted many hours to genealogical research.

She passed away the 18 October 1975, while serving as magazine representative of the Ogden 4th Ward. She is held in loving memory by her husband and children: Marjorie V. Strand, Robert O. Vowles, Norma V. Mc Kay and Keith O. Vowles. All were original members of the 31st Ward.

Albert Orval Vowles was among the first Seven Presidents of Seventies during the years he lived in the 31st Ward. The brethren he was in Priesthood activities with there were fine men. He remembers the quorum raising cucumbers for the Storey Food Products on a large plot of land at about 33rd and Pacific Avenue. The funds received were used as their missionary fund.

In 1976 Brother Vowles celebrated his 77th birthday. He has been active in church ever since he was converted. At the present time he is working in the Ogden Temple once a week. He has a strong testimony of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and His Church. He is thankful for the returned L.D.S. Missionary who boarded at their home in Tooele, Utah and converted him, his mother and brothers and sisters.



Eva Louise Sellers Mudrow  
and her husband Dieter Mudrow

# AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF EVA LOUISE SELLERS MUDROW

In Rock Springs, Sweetwater, Wyoming, I was born the 20th March 1941 to Richard Eugene Sellers and Ada Rosella Pate Sellers. I was blessed by my father. On the 1 June 1952 he baptised and confirmed me.



Y.W.M.I.A. Activity Award 1956-7 was earned at the Farson Branch of the Lyman Stake and in 1957-1959 at the Rock Springs 2nd Ward in Wyoming; 1959-1961 in the Rock Springs 1st Ward, Lyman Stake then we moved to Ogden, Utah so 1961 to 1965 my awards were from the Ogden 31st Ward. I graduated from Primary May 27, 1956 in the Farson Branch, Lyman Stake.

My elementary schooling was recieved in Farson, Wyo., Rock Springs, Wyo. and 1961-2 Ogden High School graduating in May 1962. The Bachelor of Science was recieved after attending Weber State College from 1962- 1965. I am a Vocation Elementary Education (teacher) My hobbies are sewing. I had a teaching position in Ogden but resigned to go on a mission to Canada Toronto. I returned to report to Ogden Stake President Laurence S. Burton January 13 1967.

I had studied music from Mrs. Gentilini in Rock Springs. I enjoyed 4 H Club work . I went to the leadership week at B.Y.U. and the Dance Festival in 1961 and the Music Festival in 1961 in Rock Springs, Wyo. I recieved 10 Individual Awards, the Bronze Medalliaon, Semenary graduation certificate for three and four years, and Institute of Religion in 1964 & 1965. I corrected school papers for Dr. Hawkins classes, worked at Hampton Cleaners in 1965 and did Student Teaching in 1964 at the Gramercy School.

Dieter Mudrow and I were married the 27th January 1967 in the Logan Temple, we have been blessed with five lovely children: David John 1968, Wendy Louise in 1969, Roland William 1971, Gary Alan 1972 and Keven Richard in 1975.

My church activity: a Primary Teacher in Wyo., 1960 Secretary in Jr. Sunday School in Rock Springs. Ogden 31st Ward 1961 to 1965 Chorister of the Jr. Sunday School and Primary Teacher 1962 to 1965, Sunday School Teacher, Gleaner Representative M.I.A., M.I.A. Sports Director. In the 28th Ward, South Ogden Stake I was Counselor Y.W.M.I.A. and (Firelights) Primary teacher. We moved to Croyden Ward, Morgan Stake and I served as Counselor in Primary, Ward Teacher Development Leader, and Primary President.

I know that the Gospel is true and the Plan of Salvation. I rejoice as a member of this great Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. The plan is the only Plan of Salvation, where by we can again get back into the presence of our Father in Heaven.

## LIFE SKETCH OF KENNETH MORLEY

Kenneth was born the 30th of November 1930 in Ogden, Utah the son of Verna Ruth Hansen and Raymond J. Morley. He was baptized in the 4th Ward April 2, 1939 and was ordained a Deacon February 20, 1944 and a Teacher January 16, 1946 there. He was ordained a Priest January 4, 1948 and a Elder by Bishop Volney B. Belnap in the 31st Ward on February 11, 1951. He attended church regularly and earned three individual awards, many scout badges.



He joined the National Guard serving from 1948 to 1951, earning an

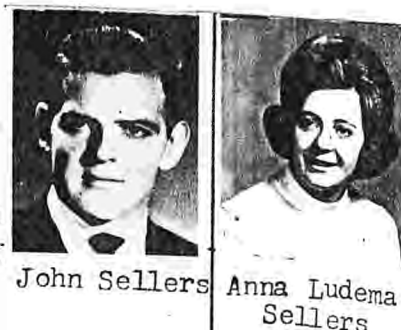
honorable discharge. He joined the Navy February 9, 1952.

Kenneth and Cleo Hokanson were married the 6th June 1953. They have three boys: Kim, Kirk and Kevin and a daughter Jackie.

Kenneth was in the navy at Okinawa and Formosa on the Ship USS Intrepid and USS Salisbury Sound. Then he worked for Lockheed Co. in Da Nang in 1970 for three years and in the fighting area of Qiu Nhon as a helicopter boss. He also worked for N.H.A. Fiels Service in Saigon. He worked next in Isfahan, Iran in November 1974 for Bell Helicopter Inc. and is still employed there.

#### AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF JOHN ALBERT SELLERS

I was born the 18 May 1947 in Rock Springs, Wyoming, the son of Richard Eugene and Ada Rosella Pate Sellers. I was blessed by my father and also baptized and ordained a Deacon, Teacher and Priest by him.



I attended schools in Rock Springs, and Farson Wyoming before we moved to Ogden in 1961. I graduated from Ogden High School and from Weber College in August 1974. I worked at Weber College while going to high school and college. I always earned my own money.

I was Secretary to the Deacons Quorum, set apart 2nd Counselor to President David Crabtree, Steve Baker was 1st Counselor in the Teachers Quorum. I earned my Eagle Scout in 1963 and my Duty to God Award 17th July 1963. Graduated from Ogden High in 1965. When I recieved my endowments in the Logan Temple. The 20 February 1969, I had one of the greatest thrills. We went through two sessions, I helped at the Vale and took my mother through the Vale once.

I was ordained an Elder by Bishop David E. Tanner. I recieved my call to the Mexico Mission and was set apart the 29 June 1966 by Elder Mark E. Peterson. I attended the B.Y.U. Mission Language School from the 3 July to 10 Oct. 1966 then left by plane to Monterrey, Mexico returning 11 Sept. 1968.

I left on a jet February 27, 1969 for Fort Ord, Calif for Military Service. I recieved a purple heart and Bronze Star. I finished up in the Medical Corp.

I came home and graduated from Weber College.

I was married June 4th 1971 to Anna Ludema in the Salt Lake Temple. Three children were born to us: Galen John the 3 March 1972, Nathan Albert the 15 August 1973 lived only one day, and Heidilyn the 4 July 1974. We had purchased a home in Roy.

I made application for Border Patrol and we left the 19th of July 1976 for my new position on the California border.

The Lord has shown me which is the best course of life for me. I have a strong testimony of the goodness and truthfulness of the Gospel and of the blessings of the Lord.

## BIOGRAPHY OF JANET FAYE BINGHAM MANLEY

On a bright sunny day, June 6, 1944, a small baby girl came to the Clyde R. Bingham family. The second child of the to be three daughter family. She was so small weighting 5 pounds and one oz. Blessed on August 6, 1944 with the name of Janet Faye Bingham.

She grew and spent her childhood in Ogden, first on Liberty Ave. and then at 3247 Stephens. While attending the 1st Ward in Weber Stake, she enjoyed Primary and Sunday School. She was baptized and Confirmed a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints on November 30, 1952.

She later moved to 848--21st Street with her family and became a member of the 31st Ward. Starting M.I.A. at the age of twelve in a new ward and a different school with new friends was really a scary time. But she soon got into the groove of things and was enjoying herself.

She attended Kindergarden in Madison Elementary, the 1st through 6th grade in Pingree Elementary where she was active in baton. Also attended Central Jr. High and graduated from Ogden High School.

In her senior year at Ogden High, she met her husband to be, although not knowing it at the time. After graduating, she worked for a year. Then she went to California and worked for about five months. She decided to come home and started dating her future husband. Always active in the church they decided on a temple marriage. So on January 27, 1964 she became engaged to David Charles Manley and on April 17, 1964 they were married in the Salt Lake Temple for time and all eternity.

They set up house-keeping in a small apartment at 813-25th Street, Apt.1. They were members of the 24th Ward where she was a M.I.A. Teacher (Beehive). In two years they moved to North Ogden at 715 E. 2100 N., becoming a M.I.A. teacher again and a member of the North Ogden 4th Ward.

On November 4, 1968 after 4½ years of marriage, she became a mother to a beautiful blue eyed blond daughter of her own, named Berlinda Faye Manley. Shortly before Berlinda's first birthday, the family moved 2 houses down the road to 685 E. 2100 N.. Eighteen months later with her husband by her side and their child in her arms, they moved to 525 E. 1700 N. in the same ward, where they still reside. On June 25, 1971, they were blessed again with a bouncing baby boy with dark eyes and hair, named Tyrell "D" Manley.

She is active in her church work and enjoying every minute of it, now working in the M.I.A. as Secretary, Janet later went on to become Counselor and then President in M.I.A., then to teach again in m.i.a..

In August of 1975, her father was buried which was a great feeling of loss to her. She felt that things must go on and tried to help where she could. Her husband David by her side and encouraging her all the way.

On October 31, 1976 she was released from the M.I.A., after 12 years with the organization. Janet is now enjoying her position in Relief Society as a teacher and working with her family in hope that some day she will see her own daughter and son married in the temple.



AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF CELESTIA SHURTLEFF TAYLOR

I am a daughter of the most wonderful parents anyone could have. Being born on October 31, 1954 to Warren N. and June Dunn Shurtleff, they also gave me the most beautiful name of Celestia.

I was raised along with three brothers and three sisters who are very special. We were brought up in the true Church of Jesus Christ, and our parents were our greatest example. We received many blessings and opportunities through the gospel.

I had some very special leaders and teachers in the 31st Ward, who I know had some influence in my life. Those who I remember most are: Shanna Shulz, Leslie Hines, Nadine Miller, Beverly Faddis, Lenora Hill, Carol Harrison, and Anne Wilbur. I am sure there were many more I can't recall. Everyone of the Bishops were so very special to me.

Our family loved to sing, and we sang whenever we could. Carolyn was our piano player and we often gathered around the piano to sing our favorite songs. Carolyn, Jeanie, Darla and I sang together as a group in our Sacrament Meetings and other occasions. Our dearest Olive Snow would get us together and help us learn special songs. She meant so much to us. After a few years, Sister Snow formed a group to sing for special occasions. Among them were Darla and I, Kathy Price, Martha Hunt, Jan and Jill Wilbur and Bonnie Wiggill. We had a ball practicing and singing together. We have some very precious memories.

My days in the old 31st Ward were special ones, with special people and dearest leaders of all! I have held various positions in the church: sports director, Primary teacher, Relief Society Chorister and presently Primary Chorister and Visiting Teacher. I am thankful for the positions I hold and am greatly rewarded for my efforts to serve the Lord.

By following the examples of my parents, I had the greatest privilege of being married in the Ogden L.D.S. Temple for time and all eternity to Randy F. Taylor on July 14, 1972. What a special blessing to be sealed together and to know that our children would be sealed to us for all eternity. If we live rightiously, we will have the blessing of returning to our Father in Heaven.

On November 22, 1974, we were blessed with a baby boy who we named Colby. He is such a sweet spirit in our home. Our responsibilities are greater now and a real challenge. Being a mother is the most rewarding experience of all.

I love the gospel of Jesus Christ and I am grateful to my wonderful parents who helped me to grow in the gospel. I am so thankful for my husband and for his testimony of the gospel and the support he give me.

I hope and pray that I may set the example that my parents did for me, so that we may teach our children to know and love the the gospel.

## PERSONAL HISTORY OF CAROLYNN SHURTLEFF PHELPS

I was born May 15, 1947 to Warren Nelson Shurtleff and Leda June Dunn Shurtleff. I am the second child in a family of seven children. Growing up with a lot of brothers and sisters, certainly made for an exciting childhood.

I was baptized on June 5, 1955, in the stake center on Jefferson Avenue. That was a very memorable day for me.

In the Ogden 31st Ward I held the following positions: Primary Organist, Primary Teacher, M.I.A. Organist, Sunday School Organist, and substitute Ward Organist, and Priesthood Organist. I Earned 7 individual awards, and I enjoyed singing with other girls in the ward, and my 3 sisters in Sacrament meetings and on other special occasions. One extremely memorable experience I recall often, was a particular Halloween M.I.A. party, during which I entered the spook alley, only to suffer a broken ankle. What a night!

I attended Central Jr. High School and while there I was the co-editor of the school newspaper during my last year. While at Ogden High School, I was chosen to be on the Year Book staff my junior and senior year. During my junior year in Seminary I was the co-editor of the Seminary newspaper.

September, 1965 I began attending Weber State College School of Nursing. I only completed one year, and I met and married George Edward Phelps, Jr., on October 12, 1966, in the Salt Lake Temple.

I worked at I.R.S. and then worked 3 years at the Defense Depot in Ogden, until Ed graduated from college. From April 1968 to June 1970, we lived in the Ogden 17th Ward. In that ward I served as the M.I.A. Young Women's Secretary and the Young Women's Sports Director.

Ed graduated in June of 1970 when we moved to Plymouth, Michigan where he worked for General Motors.

Living in the mission field is really a great experience. We attended the Livonia Ward in Livonia, Michigan where I was the Relief Society Secretary, the the ward was split and we were in the new Plymouth Branch. There is no way to describe living in a small, newly formed branch, unless you have experienced it yourself. If you are lacking for experience in the Church, you get it very fast in all organizations. Of all the positions held in the Plymouth Branch, the most challenging was that of Relief Society President at the age of 24.

After 3 years in Michigan we were transferred to Indianapolis, Indiana, in 1973. The Indianapolis Second Ward has been divided twice in the past three years.

In Indianapolis I have worked for R.C.A and for Farm Bureau Insurance.

At the present time I am striving to raise 3 sons with much patience and understanding. I am also trying to acquire the techniques of Ann Wilbur and Olive Snow (as my favorite directors of young people in the 31st Ward), in my calling of Primary Music Director for the second year. The Church means a great deal to me and my family, and the 31st Ward laid the foundation for that dependency, with the help of my parents.



## AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF KEITH EUGENE WIGGINS

I was born in Ogden, Utah on July 27, 1926, the first son of Eugene Howard and Delores Hokanson Wiggins.

My childhood was spent in Ceder City, Ogden and Salt Lake City, Utah and Pocatello, Idaho. From age eleven through my youth I lived in the 20th Ward where I have fond memories of parties, programs and activities in the ward. The Leider Kranz Chorus was instrmental in keeping us active and interested in our meetings. We furnished the music for two or three sacrament meetings each month and were permitted to travel to some distant wards once a month where we furnished music and talks for the meeting.

It was on one of these trips to Salt Lake City, while I was on furlough from the U.S.Army that I became acquainted with my wife to be- MauRene Fowler, who had moved into the 20th Ward. At my last count, there were six couples that married within this chorus. About 120 youth were members at some time during the years the chorus was active. We owe much to Clarence "Frog" Clark and his wife, Elna and Mae Mc Farland who loved us and served us for so many years.

I left the 20th Ward to fill a mission to the Southern States. The 31st Ward was organized soon after I left. This experience was a rich one. I saw the Priesthood manifest many times and recieved many opportunities for leadership. The Gospel literly worked miracles in the lives of our converts and my testimony grew immensely.

I married MauRene Fowler in the Salt Lake Temple after returning from my mission. We were blessed with four sons and are acquiring choice daughters as they select their companions in marriage. Our sons are Lyle ( wife Jane Bingham and sons Jason, Aaron and Jared), Mark ( wife Shelley Page and daughter Carie and son Darren), Brad (Netherlands Mission), and John. Our sons and their families are all active in the church and are building strong testimonies of their own.

I have had the privilege to serve in two bishoprics (Ogden 6th and 33rd Wards) and as High Counselor. I have also been Teacher Development Director, Stake Library Director, Teacher of many classes, Ward Sunday School Superintendent, and at the present time I am the Stake Sunday School President of the Ogden Urah East Stake.

The encouragement, strength and support of goodly parents and a wise and faithful wife have been my greatest blessings next to the ability to partake of the Gospel and be able to understand and appreciate the beauty and importance of the Gospel message. I know the Gospel is true. I have seen the majesty with which our Prophets carry out the Lord's work in miraculous ways that man can not account for. I have seen the sick healed and I have been favored to assist in the bestowal of these blessings. I have also seen and felt the evil one expelled by this same power. I pray that I may be faithful to the end as did my father and other worthy forebears.

P. S. Keith is presently President of Wiggins & Co., a C.P.A. firm with offices in Ogden, Layton, Brigham and Salt Lake City.



Eileen Lillian Manning Larsen was born in Ogden, Weber County, Utah, on March 17, 1920, the youngest daughter of Clarence A. and Mattie Hoxer Manning. The family home was directly across the street from Lorin Farr School, where her elementary education was completed, followed by graduation from Ogden High School, Weber College, and the University of Utah with a B.S. degree with high honors and an elementary teaching certificate.

Eileen's earliest childhood memories are those of active Church involvement, where leadership positions included ward organist, member and president of the Leider Kranz chorus, Jr. Sunday School teacher and coordinator, member of the Ogden Stake Sunday School Board, ward and stake Gleaner president, and one of the original Golden Gleaners in the entire church.

For thirteen years following her marriage on April 17, 1946, in the Salt Lake Temple to Linden V. Larsen, a native of Cache Valley, the couple lived at 973-21st Street. During this time the husband served as Deacon's Quorum advisor, Den Father, and counselor in the Elder's Quorum Presidency, and the wife as Primary teacher and secretary and Den Mother, in addition to working as executive secretary to the nursing school and Lawrence H. Evans, administrator, at the old Dee Hospital.

When the family outgrew this small home they moved in 1959 to Roy, where both sons attended Municipal Elementary School, Roy Jr. High, and graduated from Roy High School. The elder son, Wayne, who is now a senior medical student at the College of Medicine, University of Utah, was Roy High School valedictorian, a National Merit Scholarship finalist, and a Sterling Scholar. He also served as president of each Priesthood quorum in the Roy 8th Ward, as well as attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. The younger son, Dennis, who now works at Weber State College and writes sports parttime for the Ogden Standard-Examiner, was editor of the Roy High newspaper, in addition to his Priesthood and varied Church sports activities.

Linden is now nearing the close of his career as Woodcraftsman at Hill Air Force Base, and Eileen has taught first grade at North Park School in Roy for 16 years, having received her master's degree as a Reading Specialist with highest honors from B.Y.U. in 1968. Linden's church activities since living in Roy have included member of Sunday School presidency, Y.M.M.I.A. president, and secretary of the High Priest's quorum; while Eileen has been instructor of the basic course in the Teacher Development program and in-service leader for the Sunday School.

We have always appreciated the influence of the Gospel and the priesthood in our home and the strength that a temple marriage has added to our family unity as our two sons have grown to manhood. It is our fervent desire that they will wish to continue to receive these blessings when they choose their mates and continue their mortal progression in our Father's plan of salvation.

Written: Nov. 1, 1976

# AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF BETTY LOU LEININGER BINGHAM

I was born on the 5th of August 1922 in a town called Columbia, Indiana. I was blessed with the name of Betty Lou Leininger. My parents were Ida May Poyd and Julies Blin Leininger.

Mother died when I was  $4\frac{1}{2}$  years old. We lived in Columbia City until I was six years of age, then my father decided to move west. Dad thought there would be better opportunities out west. We sold our home in Columbia City, put all of belongings in the car and headed west. We slept in tent all the time we traveled. When we arrived in Yellowstone Park, we stayed for two months. Dad repaired cars and Bob my oldest brother was a fishing guide.

When it began to get cold towards fall, we decided to move on. We arrived in Ogden, Utah in the fall of 1929.

I have two older brothers, two older sisters and a twin sister named Jean Marie. I attended Moundfort, Washington, Pingree, Lewis, Hooper and graduated in 1940 from Weber High School.

On the 31st of May 1941, I married Clyde Bingham. We were blessed with three lovely daughters.: Our first child Betty Colleen born April 18, 1942. Our second daughter, was born in June 1944 and we named her Janet Faye. In January of 1952 our third child we named her Barbara Ann.

We enjoyed fishing, hunting and camping as a family. Sewing, crocheting and knitting are the hobbies I enjoy most.

I was baptized a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day-Saints May 23, 1954.

In 1961 Colleen and Glen W. Johnson were married in the Logan Temple. Then in 1964 Janet married David C. Manley in the temple. Now on the 5th of November 1976, Barbara Ann is being married to Lewis D. Harris.

On the 7th of August 1975, my husband passed away following heart surgery.

I am now working in a small grocery store called Bell's Mini- Merk as a clerk.



## LIFE SKETCH OF ROSANNA SPACKMAN BIGELOW

Rosanna was born February 1, 1954, under the covenant, to Leona Glauser and Brigham Spackman. They lived on a farm in Trenton, Utah. When she was one year old her fathers health failed so the farm was sold and they moved to Logan, Utah.

Her mother worked and her father devoted himself to her and her younger sister Martha Rae.

In 1966 Max Stoddard, whose daughter wanted to attend college in Logan, offered to trade homes with her family. Hearing that the winter tempiture was 10 degrees warmer in Brigham, the exchange of homes was made.

Rosanna now twelve attended school in Brigham and assisted with the meals and housework while her mother worked at the nursing home and later the cafe. They attended the 10th Ward in Brigham City.

She married John Perry and began to work for a living. When she became pregnant and could not work, he deserted her.

In the mean time her father had died. Rosanna's mother decided to sell the home in Brigham City and buy a house on 21st Street in the 31st Ward. Rosella came with to live with her mother and Martha.

To fill in her time while waiting for the baby to arrive she embroidered dish towles for the Relief Society, that Leda Malan brought her.

When the baby was born, he was blessed and named Steven Ray Perry, by Elder Willard Bigelow. The first baby blessed in the new chapel. Many of their relatives were there for the occasion.

The dish towles Rosanna embroidered was purchased for her when she married Roger Bigelow November 10, 1973. They live in Ogden.

#### AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF VALLECITA JOHANSEN HILL

Vallecita Johansen Hill's parents were converts to the L.D.S. Church in Denmark. They came to Utah by covered wagon arriving in Salt Lake City the 5th of October 1867. They settled in Huntsville.

I was the seventh child and fourth daughter in a family of eight children of Marineus Johan and Anna Carolina Mollerup Johansen. I grew up and had my schooling in Huntsville. Then I attended and graduated from Weber Normal College in May 1922.

In the spring of 1923 I met Henry Vernon Hill at Weber College. We were married November 26, 1923 in the Salt Lake Temple. We were blessed with four children of whom we are very proud; Marlin Vernon Hill born Jan 24, 1925; Eleanor Hill born August 24, 1928; Renee Hill born December 21, 1935; and Valanne Hill born July 1, 1937.

I was always active in the church. Before I was married I taught Junior Sunday School from 1919 to 1922. Before the 20th Ward was devided, I taught 16 year olds in Sunday School from 1940 to 1943 and then was Secretary of the L.D.S. Girls Association until 1945. Then the 31st Ward was created and we were members there.

I am proud to be a Daughter of real Pioneers who sacraficed so much to come to Utah and raise their family in Zion.



#### AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF HENRY VERNON HILL

I, Henry Vernon Hill, was the eldest son of Henry Albert and Mary Alice Doxey Hill, born June 20th, 1902 in Ogden Utah. I was baptized a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day-Saints when I was eight years old, July 7, 1910.



I attended Ogden Public Schools and then went to Weber Normal College graduating in 1921. I was a member of the football team of Weber College where I attended in 1922 and 1923.

In the Salt Lake Temple I married Vallecita Johansen on November 26, 1923.



We lived in the 18th Ward where I helped with the building of the church under the direction of William Z. Terry who was the bishop.

We moved to 2070 Monroe Blvd. on June 20th 1934. We were members of the 20th Ward, Ogden Stake. There I served as Secretary of the Elders Quorum from 1940 to 1944; Secretary of the Seventies Quorum from 1945 to 1948 and then I was called as one of the Seven Presidents of the Seventies, from May 9, 1948 to May 20th 1954. We had been members of the 31st Ward since it was created in August 1946, and our children; Marlin, Eleanor, Renee and Valanne had spent eight years growing up in the 31st Ward.

We moved to 3643 Eccles Avenue in 1954 on June 20th, where we are now residing. We were now in the 34th Ward where I was Seventies Group Leader from 1963 to September 1967 when I was ordained a High Priest.

When my wife Vallecita and I recieved a call to be officiators at the Ogden Temple September 18, 1972, we accepted the call and served until September 18, 1975. This was a wonderful experience.

#### LIFE SKETCH OF CLYDE REX BINGHAM

I was born in Wilson Lane September 24th, 1919 to Luella Hutvhens and Frank A. Bingham. I had two older sisters, thelma and Elaine and one younger sister Jewel Dean and one younger brother Le Mar.

I lived on farms in Wilson Lane, Slaterville and Farr West. I helped the farmers with their hay and also threshing grain.

On May 31, 1941, I married Betty Lou Leininger in Harrisville, Utah. We had three lovely daughters: Betty Colleen, Janet Fae and Barbara Ann.

In 1942 I started working at the Southern Pacific Rail Road as a machinist helper. I trained for four years as a helper and then became a marchinist. I worked for the rail-road for 34 years when I retired. I have done cement work on the side.

In 1944 I was drafted into the Navy. I served 18 months in the service as a Fireman 1st Class in World War II. I took my boot training at Farragot, Idaho. Then we were sent over seas to the island of Saipan. It took us 29 days to go over there. We were on a Dutch Hindu Ship. It only took 12 days to come home. I was discharged January 31, 1946.

I served as President and Trustee for the Machinest Union. I was also Vice President of the Southern Pacific Club and a member of the Southern Pacific Old Timers Club #1.

My hobbies are hunting, fishing and reloading shells.

I was baptized on the 27th of June 1928 and confirmed a member of the church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day-Saints. We lived in the 31st Ward for many years and the children grew up there.

(On August 7th 1975, Clyde Bingham died after heart surgery.)

## LIFE HISTORY OF LORIN D. WIGGINS



I, Lorin D. Wiggins, second son of Delores Hokanson and Eugene Howard Wiggins, was born February 17, 1929 in Cedar City, Utah. I lived in Cedar City, Ogden, Pocatello, Idaho and Salt Lake City and again in Ogden where I spent most of my youth. In Ogden I attended Lorin Farr, Central Jr. High, and Weber College. I also graduated from Seminary and the Institute of Religion.

I was employed from age 10, first selling magazines, then at the Ogden Egg Co., Ogden Bowling Alley, Checkerboard Grocery Store, U.S. Post Office, Sears, Hill Field, and J.C. Penneys Co. prior to serving in the Spanish American Mission.

With Dad in the Bishopric our lives centered very much around church activity. I served as an officer in all of the Aaronic Priesthood Quorums and enjoyed singing with the Leider Kranz Chorus.

The creation of the 31st Ward brought a lot of new young couples together, producing a number of romances that resulted in marriages. This included my own. I met Lou Jean Saunders at church and courted her for 2½ years before becoming engaged and leaving on my mission.

After nearly 3 years in the Spanish American Mission, I returned to marry my sweetheart. We were married in the Salt Lake Temple on February 28, 1951 by President David O. Mc Kay. We spent two years in the army training in Camp Roberts, California and Fort Hollabird, Md. Our final assignment was as an investigator for the Counter Intelligence Corps assigned to the Panama Canal Zoon.

Our first child, Linda Lee, was born July 21, 1952 during our stay in Baltimore, Md. Kent arrived on March 2, 1954 in Salt Lake City, Utah, after our return from Panama. We purchased our home from my brother Keith at 1611 Westminister Ave. Salt Lake City. I obtained employment as a photographer for David W. Evans Assoc, an advertiaing agency and entered the University of Utah where I earned a BA and MBA degree.

Upon arriving in Salt Lake City, I was assigned to teach the Gospel Doctrine Class of Sunday School, and called to serve as one of the Seven Presidents of Seventy in the Hillside Stake. In November 1956 I was called as a counselor to Bishop Willard H. Bruderer in the Mountain View Fourth Ward. Janice was born on July 24, 1957. These were busy but wonderful times. We struggled together to achieve success in school, work, and Church, and family matters.

Changes came in July 1963. The bishopric was released, we purchased a new and larger home at 3490 South 3570 East. Our second son Ted arrived on Feb. 22, 1964 and I was called as Bishop to the East Millcreek Tenth Ward on March 7, 1965. That August, a Navajo Indian Student, Alvin Lewis, came to live with us. He spent the next eleven school years living as one of our family. Our third daughter, Ilene, was born on February 12, 1966.

On January 31, 1971, I was released as Bishop. For a time I served as High Priests Leader. At the time of this writing, I am an Alternate High Counselor in the Salt Lake Mt. Olympus Stake. I am President of Panorama Productions Inc, a subsidiary of David W. Evans Inc. and a member and officer of both the Exchange Club and Sons of the Utah Pioneers. Two of our children are married. Linda married Randy Ripplinger, a news-caster for KUTV. They have

two lovely children, Fiona and Richard. Kent married Cherie Chiles. He is in Architecture School at the University of Utah.

The joy of my life is my wife, my children, and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I testify to my family and all men that the restored Gospel of Jesus Christ is true, and any success or happiness we enjoy in this life will come through obedience to righteous principles taught by our Prophet and leaders in the Church. (written August 1976)

# AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF DAVID GLENN WIGGINS

I was born the 8 March 1936 in Pocatello, Idaho, to Delores Hokanson and Eugene Howard Wiggins. My family moved to Salt Lake and the Ogden, Utah. Most of my youth was spent as a member of the Ogden 20th and 31st Wards. The training I received from members of these wards has prepared me for many enjoyable church callings and has been a great help in my employment.

My home away from home was through the block at the Bergens. Prilla's home made pickles were a treat on a hot summer day. It was at their home when Sister Bergen set up barber shop for her boys, Bob, Larry and Ron, that I got clipped too. The rut in the side walk around the block from Quincy Ave down 22nd Street along Monroe Ave and up 21st Street was made by my bicycle. The 31st Ward Birthday Parties with penny hunts in a pile of grass cuttings were lots of fun.

Primary was special. I had dedicated teachers. Chances to help came early, as I put song books away while waiting for Dad to finish with Bishopric work after Sacrament Meeting. The great tolerance of the ward members and my piano teacher, Arvilla Arrowsmith, allowed me to play the piano and later the organ for all meetings. I still am called to help with a song in Priesthood Meeting in an emergency.

Leadership training came through Aaronic Priesthood Quorums and scouting. Warren Shurtleff was the scoutmaster that I will always remember, and his unselfish devotion to his calling has been an example for me. MIA and missionary farewells and welcome home dances introduced me to social life. The girls of the ward were all good sports and I usually danced to the last dance. Bishop Volney Belnap and his wife Marie had firesides every Sunday night when we were teen agers. Much good council was given. My parents both taught me to work and I have had a paying job since 12 years of age.

I married Carol Joy Jensen who I met in a high school seminary class. We have three children: Karen Wiggins Lubeck, Joyce and David Jr. Karen blessed us with our first grandchild Jonathan. Joyce is attending BYU in Provo and David is a High School student in Fullerton, California.

I served a Stake Mission in Inglewood, Calif. and as Ward Clerk in Riverside, Calif. I have had the blessing of serving in most church callings as teacher, advisor, Elders quorum presidency and president, Executive Secretary, and as bishops counselor under two bishops. My current calling is High Priests Group Leader.

I attribute my blessings to loving heavenly and earthly parents who taught me gospel principles. I bear witness to the truthfulness of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day-saints and acknowledge the key role that members of the 31st Ward had in my obtaining this testimony.

David is presently Section Head Signal Processing Division for Hughes Aircraft in California.



# AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF JEANNE MILLET SCHNEITER

My most vivid memories of the 31st Ward are of teaching Jr. Sunday School. Leslie Hines, Steven Harris, Scott Garn and his little sister Paula, were in my class. I loved teaching those children, even though I was just a teenager at the time. The Mutual dances were special highlights. Seymour Hoskins, Walt Hadley and Dave Malan were always good and willing partners.

I remember Alberta Erickson teaching a Mutual class and telling us about the principal of "added upon", whatever glories we earned were added upon those we had already earned. I remember interviews with Bishop Volney B. Belnap and going to the Belnap's home for dinner and Sister Belnap sitting me next to her son who had just returned from a mission---trying to play the part of matchmaker. Don Eggington was really a highlight to all of us young teenagers and kept us entertained.

I sang in the ward choir and sat next to Warren N. Shurtleff. He was a real interesting person and I remember he just sparkled with enthusiasm. Lloyd Pope was the Superintendent of the Sunday School. Ken Porter had a real interest in drama and I was in several plays with him.

Lillian Cheney would have Fireside at her home. I was no angel at times I really tried my teacher's patience. Giving talks, Sacrament gems or participating in activities was a natural part of my life.

I remember Maria Buckway with different luncheons both at her home and with the Relief Society. She taught me a lot about being a hostess.

Marian Hines was a young war bride and was so thrilled with everything, her home, the church--everything. Lou Jean Anderson was a darling girl and a good example to other girls to follow. Millie Nixon and Dave Dinsdale were a hot item at that time.

I remember thinking the Wiggins family were very spiritual- more than most families.

I married while living in the 31st Ward. Robert E. Schneiter and I were married in the Salt Lake Temple March 23, 1951 and we had our reception in the old cultural hall. We have 6 children -3boys and 3 girls.

The oldest daughter Jan is married and has 3 young boys. Her husband is in Navy and they are presently living in Scotland. She is Relief Society President and he is Elders Quorum President. They lead happy, busy lives, and are good examples to other people they come in contact with.

Our second child, Wane married Nancy Pierce and they have 2 beautiful little girls. Wane has served 4 years in the Navy. They are now living in Logan and are full time students at the Utah State University. Wane is Secretary of the Elders Quorum and Nancy is a Visiting Teacher. Wane is working for a Masters degree in Agriculture Engineering and Nancy a Bachelors in Plant Science.

Mark will be 21 this December, and goes to school in Portland, working for a degree in Business. He works and earns his way through school. He has a girl friend but says he is not going to get married for 'a long time'.

Kevin and Shelly go to Mound Fort Jr. High School. Shelly is a helper in Primary. Kevin is a teacher. Joanie is 9 and enjoys the position of youngest member of the family. She enjoys school and her friends.

During my lifetime I have taught many different classes in Primary, served as a Counselor and Primary President for 5 years. I have been a Cub Scout Den Mother for 8 years and President of the Young Women's M.I.A. for 2½ years. At the present time, I teach the Blazer Scouts class and am a Visiting Teacher in Relief Society.

I am involved with my sister, Marilyn, in business and we enjoy working together.

I have enjoyed excellent health all of my life and with my family do a lot of skiing, swimming, hunting, fishing and just plain enjoying life.

Jeanne Schneider, 1080- 12th Street, Ogden, Utah

#### LIFE SKETCH OF BARRY JELLETTE BROWN

Barry was born in Ogden, Utah, on February 16, 1945, to Lenore Hansen and Jellette Brown.

He attended Ogden Schools where he was active in sports. He was an outstanding football player and played on championship teams at both Central Junior and Ogden High School. He won the marble championship of Ogden City when he was in the sixth grade. Barry also excelled at track meets, where he won many honors as a broad-jumper and a sprinter. He was a member of the wrestling team.

Barry was always active in the church and received many individual awards. In the M.I.A. show he had the leading part and found that he had a good singing voice. In 1964, he was called on a mission to the Great Lakes. He proved to be a superior missionary and baptized many people.

He graduated from the Weber State College and has held many interesting positions. He lived in California where he was an insurance adjuster. Returning to Ogden, he sold advertising for the Ogden Standard-Examiner. For two years, he was advertising manager for Bon Marche. At the present time, he is enjoying life as a successful insurance salesman.

Barry and Wendy Huggins were married March 9, 1971, and have two lovely children. They have a beautiful new home in Washington Terrace, where they are both continue their activity in the church. Barry has served in the Sunday School Presidency in his ward.

(Written October 14, 1976)

#### BIOGRAPHY OF JENNETTE BROWN PASKETT

In Ogden, Utah, on September 6, 1942, a daughter was born to Lenore Hansen and Jellette Brown.

An excellent student, she graduated from Ogden High School and attended Weber State College.

Jenette has always been an ardent church member. She enjoyed several Temple excursions to do baptisms for the dead. She received seven individual awards in her teen years and served a Ogden Stake Mission when she was 19.

In October 1963, she was called to serve a mission in Berlin, Germany. In November 1965, she was released from her mission and spent three exciting

weeks touring Europe with her mother, Lenore Brown, who had flown from Ogden, Utah to join her.

While on her mission, she became acquainted with a dedicated young missionary, Leslie Paskett, whom she married soon after he was released from his mission. They were married in the temple in July 1966 and their marriage has been blessed with five lovely children. After Les graduated from Weber College they moved to California where Les was employed by an accounting firm and then by a Bank Holding Company. They enjoyed California and had many friends. In January 1975, Les took a position with the First Security Bank Company in Salt Lake City and now is the Tax Officer and a vice-president of the corporation. They purchased a beautiful home in Bountiful where they now reside.

They both continued their activity in the Church, with Jennette having held various teaching positions and Les holding positions of responsibility as Sunday School President, Elders Quorum President. He is at the present time Secretary of the Elders Quorum. (written Oct. 14, 1976.)

#### AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF MINNIE LEE TURNER WILLIAMS

In Ogden, Utah on January 6, 1930. a baby girl, Minnie Lee was born to William Kinder Turner and Verna Stuart Turner. Her brother Stuart was four years old when she arrived. They were a typical Mormon family.

I was nine years old when Aunt Evelyn and her seven children came to our house. A day at Lagoon was a rarity and too expensive to indulge in often. We were all going, the lunch was being packed. As we anxiously waited we took turns jumping from the porch. My brother pushed me. You guessed it right, I broke my wrist and we made a trip to the hospital instead of Lagoon.

Dad took us to San Francisco. We were packed in a little ford. We had very little money so made room for a cooked ham and spread bread which was to feed us until we arrived at grandmas. There was the first time I had seen live chickens. I became their devoted friend, feeding, watering and gathering their eggs. I burst into tears when they killed two and cooked the chicken to feed us on our return journey. They were mean to kill my friends the chickens.

We were always active in the 6th Ward. We had to toe the mark to belong to the 6th Ward chorus led by Paul Gilgen. Eighty youths belonged. We traveled all over Utah singing. I remember Fred Baker and Betty Peterson Baker, the Story Princess on T.V. belonged. All the youth were active, they wanted to belong.

The Pep Club and being a Cheer Leader at Ogden High was my joy during those years.

I had been dating two William brothers when another brother Jay came home from the service. He had a car and took us places. It was not long it was more fun to date Jay and his car. When I graduated from Ogden High School, Jay presented me with a diamond. Four months later we were married, Sept. 1948, temple.

Our first fight was over a gas heater. Jay kept turning the gas high to light it. I warned him gas was dangerous, he would blow us up. Well he did, turned the gas high and lit a match. It blew him across the room, singed his hair. I felt it but we were not really hurt.

Connie our first born July 1949 was a hand full. She ran away. She climb-



ed our six foot fence where we lived at 3156 Washington. A bus driver stoped his bus, grabed her hand and trotted her home, threatening if he saw her in the street once more he would call the cops.

Bruce arrived August 1951, his pet was his thumb and an old felt hat that he would not take off his head. It was called his "Primary Hat." It always attend- ed with him.

We moved to Qunicy & 21st. Connie picked the tops of all of Anne Hills tulips. Anne threatened the police. Still in tears I welcomed Barney Hill who consoled me. Our child would be loved and welcome in the neighborhood.

Carol Lee born 24 Dec 1953 (even though I refused to have a baby Christmas Eve) she stubbornly arrived. She was no trouble an angel, a breath of sunshine. Chicken pox arrived for Hallow'een, mother and three babies. Then Carol Lee got pneumonia Dr. Burdett stayed by her bed all night until the fever broke, Jay who was working nights arrived home to learn she was out of danger.

Dianne another angel but our worry-wart, arrived 10 Dec. 1955. Our little appartment at 2110 Quincy was fully stacked. For stretching room, Jay would say, "Lets get lost". In our car we sought the out of doors, no confining walls.

We loved the 31st Ward where I taught Trekkers in Primary for 8 years. I remember ward members on the Primary Stake Board visiting, Verna Stagg my good stake leader, Delores Wiggins, Lavell Johnson and Olive Applegarth. Jay had been a Sunday School Counselor and Superintendent in 1957, and a counselor in MIA.

When Dianne was 15 months old we moved to 536-23rd in the 57th Ward. The Robert Critchlows moved into the apartment. Again Jay was Sunday School Superin- tendent and I was secretary to Primary President Jewell Avondett. Then February 1959 was a sad month, our baby Ann arrived and lived one hour. Again we moved, to Washington Terrace, 219 West 4400 South. Here I worked in M.I.A. and Jay was the Ward Clerk. Carol is very ill again. Dr. Burdett stays all night, even gets her medicine fro the drug store as Jay was working. Three P.M. the fever broke.

Jeanen arrived August 2, 1960. When she was 12 she wanted to see what chicken pox looked like so visited her friends brother. Two weeks later she knew first hand . So did Bianne 17, who would not let her boy friend see for weeks even through the window.

Mother had mumps, enough said. We had to move, the owners wanted their home. We purchased a home in June 1963 at 570 Polk Ave in the 45th Ward. Now I was Guide Patrol leader for 4 years. Again Jay is Ward Clerk. Then I was Secretary in Primary 8 years and have been in M.I.A. ever since.

Connie married Charles Gary Reed June 1969. They have three children. Bruce went in the Marines in 1969 and four years later married Karen Gladwell they moved to Omaha, Nebraska and waiting anxiously for the first child. Dianne married Tom Nicholls. They all married in the Temple and are active in church. Jeanette is at school enjoying being a Bonnie Lass. I have taught Bee Hive 8 years and worked at I.R.S. for 8 years. Jay works for Stewart Auto Supply and is now Elders Quorum President.

The church has been our whole life, what would we do without it. Every- thing we do is based around it. At work we meet a challange, we must either be able to defend and stick up for our religion or be quiet. The church has kept us together as a family and filled our time with worth while work.

## LIFE SKETCH OF VERNE LEROY BROWN

Verne was born on January 31, 1950 in Ogden, Utah to Lenore Hansen and Jelllette Brown.

He was active in church as he grew up and received many individual awards.

His schooling was received in Ogden City Schools and he graduated from Ogden High and Ogden L.D.S. Seminary. Through studies at Weber College, he became a certified welder. Due to his exceptional proficiency as a welder he is able to obtain excellent positions. He is at present employed at Kennecott Copper Co. He has also worked at Dugway in Idaho, and in Wyoming as a welder. Prior to becoming a welder, Vern worked as a sheet-rock contractor. He is improving his skills at the present time by attending night classes at Weber State College.

Vern and Carolyn Victor were married in 1965 and became parents of a baby girl. They were divorced. In 1972, he married Barbara Kappelman, and they have two sons. Barbara and Vern have lived in Fresno, California; Pocatello, Idaho; and Dugway, Utah; and are now residing in Ogden.

He has always enjoyed sports. When he was about ten years old, he was a member of the Flying Dragons, a Little League Baseball Team. They won the city and then the county championship. (Written October 1976)

## AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF CONNIE JEAN ANDERSON SIMPSON

In Ogden, Utah on April 22, 1940, I, Connie Jean was born to Lawrence Darrel and Mildred Matthias Anderson. I resided at 829-21st until I married. I was fortunate to have been brought up in church and had goodly parents who taught correct principals to guide me throughout my life. I lived in a home where parents knew the worth of an education. I would hope that what I do throughout my life will be a credit to them. They have always shown me kindness and love.

I graduated from Ogden High, attended Weber College and Utah State. I was married to Dallas R. Simpson September 29, 1962. We have been blessed with three children: Bret D., Shanna Jean, Tryge Lee. We have been blessed with excellent health. Dallas and I were married in the Ogden Temple and had our children sealed to us for time and eternity. Later I returned to Weber College while working for the Forest Service as a secretary. In 1976 I earned my Bachelor's Degree in Education. I now teach 1st grade at the Roosevelt Elementary School in Washington Terrace and feel fortunate to be able to teach children what I have managed to learn thus far in life.

In church I was Guide Patrol or Blazer teacher for seven years at the Highland Ward and have learned a great deal about boys, the great out-of-doors and the joy of teaching something I believed in. I gained a great love for boys and their eagerness to learn about the gospel and scouting. I have always loved teaching and children. I also worked in the Jr. Sunday School with the 5 year olds and loved their pure and honest answers about life.

We have now moved to Hooper where people seem to have great testimonies of the church and are willing to give you an extra hand.

I have been blessed by being able to be a part of such a great family with sisters and brothers and parent who care about me and who have sacrificed many

times for me. I am thankful for this gospel that has guided me in making decisions throughout my life. I would pray that what I do might be an example that would reflect the truthfulness of the gospel bring persons to happiness by being a member of God's own church. I am thankful that we have a true living prophet on the earth today who receives revelations that he might help us to guide our families. I am truly thankful for the Book of Mormon and the Prophet Joseph Smith for the truths he has brought to give meaning to my life. I'm truly thankful for our understanding of life hereafter, knowing that I will be able to be with those I love and hold dear. I will strive to live worthy so that I might dwell with our Father in Heaven.

#### BIOGRAPHY OF JEFFREY KENT BROWN

Kent was born March 5, 1951 in Ogden, Utah to Lenore Hansen and Jelletta Brown. Kent has always been active in the church, having recieved many individual award and the Duty to God Award.

Kent married Connie Dexter and they had a son Justin. They were divorced.

He joined the air force in October 1972. After basic training in Texas, he was stationed at Little Rock Air Force Base in Arkansas. While there he met Eugenia (Jeanne) Feagin whom he introduced to the gospel and baptized. They were married on August 10, 1973 in Jacksonville, Arkansas. They were transferred to Okinawa on Oct. 19, 1974 and then to Japan Sept. 5, 1975. His mother, Lenore, visited with them while in Japan.

On May 14, 1976, they had the great privilege and blessing of adopting a beautiful 11 month old Korean girl whom they named Amanda Jeanette. They have returned to the United States on July 6, 1976. Kent is once more stationed at Little Rock Air Force Base. He attained the rank of Sergeant in the air force.

They returned to Ogden for a week, for the purpose of having their marriage consummated and little "Mandi" sealed to them on October 12, 1976, in the Ogden Temple.

He plans to leave the service in February 1977 and return to Ogden where he will work as a real estate agent.

Kent and Jeanne are very active in the church and have held positions of responsibility in various parts of the world.

#### CURTIS LAMONT BROWN

Curtis was born on September 15, 1959 in Ogden to Lenore Hansen and Jelletta Brown. He has been a resident of the home at 2160 Quincy Ave. ever since birth and a member of the 31st Ward.

He attended Lorin Farr Elementary School and is now a Junior at Ogden High School.

He enjoys skiing, snow skiing, swimming, music and his friends. He has worked for Ogden City Schools as a custodian, and is now working at JB's Restaurant. He loves the gospel and plans to go on a mission.



# AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF MICHAEL ALLEN REEVES

On October 7, 1950, I was born to Allen and Virginia Reeves, and they chose to name me Michael Allen Reeves. Throughout my life my parents have been a great influence upon my life; sharing their time and good example.

Having been raised in a good L.D.S. home I went through the accepted procedure of a L.D.S. youth, that is: baptism, confirmation and the advances in the Priesthood. Being a Deacon, Teacher and Priest were exciting to me as I enjoyed learning the ways of the Lord. At this time the church had a program of Individual Awards, given for attendance, scripture memorization and following the commandments. A great moment for me, receiving for six years an award while serving in the Aaronic Priesthood. Even more special was receiving the Duty to God Award.

I had the privilege of being the 31st Ward's youngest bishop at age 15. Not the legal bishop but an honored one for having the best record of attendance the previous year. Other youth were chosen to fill the other ward positions for a full week. (picture in this book) All meetings were conducted by the youth for the week, which gave us an opportunity to experience leadership capacities.

A choice experience occurred while on a visit to my sister's place in Detroit, Michigan. During this time Detroit was experiencing a racial riot so we took a little trip from there to see Niagara Falls and parts of Canada. It was there while standing on Canadian soil and looking over the land that I had a very strong impression come over me, that I was to see this land again. I did not know when or how but I felt as though this was not my last visit.

That impression was true and on the 21st of October 1969, I received my call to serve in the Great Canadian mission field. On November 19, 1969 Elder Hartman Rector Jr. set me apart and I departed the next day.

Many spiritual experiences were to give me a strong testimony of the gospel. The spirituality one receives on a mission is a feeling which can not ever be forgotten. The last eight months were spent in the mission home in the capacity of mission editor and commissarian.

On November 10, 1971, I returned home having completed my mission. Not to rest but to be called to many positions: 1st Counselor in M.I.A., Sunday School teacher, scout master, Deacons Quorum Advisor, 1st Counselor in the Elders Quorum, and Explorer Leader. Each position helped shape my testimony of the gospel.

July of 73 was the beginning of many choice experiences. Given the assignment to speak in the 13th Ward Sacrament Meeting, mother invited one of her friends and her daughter to attend. While speaking I noticed a young lady sitting near the front. I did not know her or know that she knew mother. After the meeting I mingled with the audience and shook hands with the young lady. Someone came up to me and said, "That was a great talk and is this Mrs. Reeves?" speaking of the young lady. Not having a chance to say "NO", we decided to depart from the chapel. It was then a voice came to me out of nowhere, as clear as if by my side. It said, "She is going to be your wife." After shaking my head to clear my senses it came again and repeated the same words. Who ever the voice belonged to, surely knew more than I did for on January 24, 1974, I was married in the Salt Lake temple by my former mission President C. Leland Davey to the lovely young lady, Tralena Chadburn.

Since my marriage, we have had a son, Joshua Allen Reeves, born November 18, 1974. My family have been a great joy and blessing and I am looking forward to more service to the Lord and more children, for they are a true blessing. I pray we may all live so as to reflect upon happy memories.

#### THE LIFE HISTORY OF MARILYN HANSEN

I was born on April 4, 1952 during a session of General Conference, in the Dee Hospital in Ogden, Utah. So of course my parents Betty A. Young and Wendell L. Hansen called me their conference baby. I was given my name and a blessing by my father on June 1, 1952 in the Weber Stake 2nd Ward.

I must say that my parents had a great influence for good in my life. They taught me by example the true principals of the gospel of Jesus Christ. I was baptized when 8 years of age by my father on April 30, 1960 in the Ogden Stake 31st Ward. I was confirmed by my father the same day.

I attended Sunday School and Primary regularly and in the Summer of 1964 graduated from Primary and started M.I.A. During my M.I.A. years I received seven Individual Awards for attendance, service and achievement.

During my childhood and early teens, I spent alot of time with my mother learning to cook, sew, clean and taking care of my young brothers and sisters. I have seven brothers and three sisters. I am the second child and a lot of responsibility was placed on my shoulders along with my older sister Susan. Our parents taught us many great lessons of how important the family unit is and that my brothers and sisters should be my best friends. I must say that my sister Susan has been one of my best friends and also my mother.

The schools I attended were Lorin Farr, Central Junior High and Ogden High. I also attended four years of Seminary and a couple of religion classes at Weber State Instituté.

I have had many opportunities to serve in the Church; Pianist in Primary and Sunday School and Relief Society; teacher in Sunday School, Primary, M.I.A and Relief Society; President of the Young Adult Relief Society and a Visiting Teacher; and Secretary of the Sunday School.

One of the greatest blessings I received was a call from the Lord to serve a mission in Austria. I received my call July 3, 1973 inwhich I was informed my calling would begin the 4th August 1973. I took out my endowments in the Ogden Temple on August 1, 1973. After five beautiful days of instruction in English at the Mission Home, I went to the Language Training Mission at Provo where I stayed until October 9, 1973. My first companion was Jan Christensen from Idaho. I traveled with her to Austria where I met the Mission President Neil D. Schaerree in Vienna, Austria.

My first area was Innsbuck with Debbie Coon from Salt Lake City. I labored with her for six weeks and received another companion on Thanksgiving Day who was Elizabet L. Zollenger from Idaho. I served with her until February 14th and then Cindy Merrell from Lehi, Utah was transfered to me. We labored together until she went home the end of March. Then a surprise, I wished I could work with Jan Christensen again. We had the opportunity to teach Hans Kalkschmidt who joined the church May 1974. June 6 I was transfered to Vienna, Austria, to Debbie Walkenhorst from Sandy, Utah. We had an enjoyable time together for 5 months. Then I was given the opportunity to train a new missionary, Kathy Cyler from Tremonton, Utah. After 2½ fast months of experiences I was transfered to Ogden, Utah on February 1, 1975.

Since I have been home I have had many challenging experiences in which my testimony of the Gospel of Jesus Christ has grown. I know that God lives and that Jesus Christ is my Savior and Redeemer. There is a Prophet at the head of the Church, President Spencer W. Kimball. He does receive revelations from Jesus Christ. I bear this testimony in my Savior's name Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF BESSIE CREZEE MUMFORD

My total 66 years have been a happy rewarding and delightful experience, but I would have to single out several occasions that were high lights in my life. The most important would have to be December 30, 1910 when I was born, under the covenant, to loving caring parents. I was the middle child in a family of 9 happy healthy children.



July 9, 1918 was the next great mile stone for me since this was the day I became a member of the, (altho I didn't realize it then) only true church on earth. I was baptized a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day-Saints in an irrigation ditch in Ogden Valley by John Grow, the Bishop of the Middelton Ward.

The next great blessing in my life was when I met and married La Mar Wardell Mumford, June 18, 1930 in the Salt Lake Temple with Joseph Fielding Smith performing the ceremony.

About two years later, Jan 14, 1932, we were blessed with a beautiful red headed daughter. Fifteen months later we were delighted with a red headed son. These children have given direction to and been the joy of our lives. Sharen and Jay, who brought about our next red letter days: Jay filled a mission in Finland and they both selected mates who along with themselves, were worthy and chose to be married in the temple of our Lord for time and eternity.

In May 1958 our 31st Ward was reorganized, my husband was called to be Bishop of the 31st Ward in Ogden Stake. While I had mixed feelings about the call, I knew it was a special blessing to be able to serve our Heavenly Father in this capacity. It was however a challanging time, especially for my husband because I was working toward a Masters Degree at U.S.U. as well as teaching a full load at Weber State College. This left much of the responsibility of the home on my husband, cuppled with those of his new calling in the church and managing his own business. The whole family was blessed through this experience. Our testimonies grew stronger and we all benefited mentally, emotionally and spiritually.

The next six great occasions of our lives have been grandchildren, 2 girls and 1 boy from our daughter Sharen and her husband Leland Ward and 3 sons from our son Jay and his wife Joyce Sorensen.

I have always enjoyed being asked to make a contribution in various church assignments from teaching classes in Sunday School, Primary and Relief Society to singing for church meetings and funerals.

While the church and the gospel have always been an important part of my life, our retiring years have afforded me more time to study the scriptures. I have a testimony of the truthfulness of the gospel and know that this testimony comes as a result of work, study and prayer. This is as it should be, I believe, for it is a fact of life that we value most that which we work hardest for.





# BIOGRAPHY OF MARLIN VERNON HILL

In Ogden, Utah on January 24, 1925, Marlin Vernon Hill was born. The eldest child and only son of Vallecita Johansen and Henry Vernon Hill.

He lived in the Ogden 18th Ward where he attended church. They moved into the 20th Ward in June of 1934 living at 2070 Monroe Blvd. Marlin loved the piano and was the Priesthood Organist. He was President of the Deacons Quorum from 1937 to 1939, then President of the Teachers Quorum 1939 to 1940.

Marlin served our country in World War II in the Field Artillery 426th Armed Battalion. He served in the Philippines four years.

The Leider Kranz Chorus, composed of the youth of the 20th Ward was a guiding light to all of us that belonged. Clarence Clark and his wife Elna and Mae Mc Farland as accompanists led this group for many years and thought they are scattered, once a year they get together at a reunion, practice their songs. Sunday at Sacrament Meeting we again enjoy a meeting of gospel songs and talks of inspiration.

Marlin and Edna Mae Noorda chose a celestial marriage in the Salt Lake Temple on the 29th of August 1946. They are now living in Sunset with their three children; Linda Ann, Paul Vernon, Douglas Marlin.

Linda Ann Hill Budge attended Weber College where she was Queen of Weber College and graduated in 1968. She married Thomas Budge and have two sons. Paul Vernon Hill served a mission in Texas. Married Ronda Bosley in the Salt Lake Temple and they have 1 girl and 1 boy. Douglas Marlin Hill served his mission in Georgia. On his return he married Julie Dunyon in the Salt Lake Temple. He is now attending Weber State College.

Marlin is a music teacher. His church activities include: Regional Music Director, served a Sunset Stake Mission, President of the Young Mens Mutual Improvement Association, Superintendent of the Sunday School, teacher in the High Priests class.

We are thrilled as we recognize Marlin Hill and Don Eggington singing as members of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. What a marvelous work these singers do in representing the church through out the world, as they spread the gospel through song.

## LIFE SKETCH OF MARTHA RAE SPACKMAN

Martha was born in June 1958 under the covenant, to Leona Glauser and Brigham Spackman in Logan. Her father's health was failing but he cared for Martha and her sister Rosanna while her mother worked. They moved to Brigham City because it was a warmer climate and better for her father.

She remembers the Round the Black Parade where she and Rosanna won the prize for the best decorated wagon at Primary. They lived in the Brigham 10th Ward, where she was baptized when she was eight years old.

Her father died when she was 11 years old. She received her schooling in Logan for one year then Brigham City Schools until Her mother sold their home and moved to Ogden, then she finished and graduated from Ogden High School.

Martha with her mother was always in attendance at Sunday School and Sacrament Meeting. She became acquainted with her age group and enjoyed a M.I.A. slumber party and also serving at a 31st Ward Banquet. Martha was so happy and appreciative when Neilen Hicks helped her make a beautiful dress for the Junior Prom.

She secured work at Hill Air Force Base.

Martha met and dated Linden Allen Goodwin for two years. They were married by Bishop C. Gary Suttlemyre in the new 31st Ward Recreation Hall on August 29, 1975. Bobby Suttlemyre was one of the witnesses. This was the first marriage in the new building. The reception was held in the hall and was very beautiful.

They are living in Roy, Utah.



#### BIOGRAPHY OF ELFANOR HILL JENKINS

Vallecita Johansen and Henry Vernon Hill became parents of a baby girl on August 31, 1928. They named her Eleanor. She was five years old when the family moved from the Ogden 18th Ward to the 20th Ward living at 2070 Monroe Ave.

She attended church in the 20th and 31st Wards where she served as Secretary of the Sunday School. In the 31st Ward she was the first Sunday School Secretary sustained 1st of September 1946 when Orson P. Millet was Superintendent. She was released when she married and left the ward. She loved to sing and enjoyed the Leider Kranz Chorus as a member.

Eleanor and Merrill Jenkins chose to be married February 4, 1949 in the Salt Lake Temple. Their life has been very active in the Plain City Ward where he has served as Bishop for six years.

They have six children, four girls and 2 boys: La Fray Jenkins Kelly was married to Ronald Kelly in the Ogden Temple; Jenell Jenkins is attending Weber State College; Reed Merrill Jenkins is serving a Swiss German Mission; Clark Jenkins attending Brigham Young University; and Lorna Jenkins and Merrilyn Jenkins attending school and living at home.

Her life has been full with ther family and the church activities which show her conversion and dedication to the principals of the gospel. She has worked as head bookkeeper at Weber Central Dairy all her married life.

#### BRIEF RECORD OF MARTHA ANNE ENGEMAN PARSONS

Being born of goodly parents in Salt Lake City, Utah on August 7, 1906, I was blessed and named Martha Anne Engeman. I am the daughter of E. Max Engeman and Anna Marie Gaertner. My parents taught me the principals of the gospel not only by word but by example. At age eight I was baptized in the Salt Lake Tabernacle Baptismal Font.

I was schooled in the Salt Lake elementry and high schools and studied to be an English teacher. I lived in the 30th Ward of the Pioneer Stake and later the 6th Ward. Our home was only a mile or so from Main Street and Broadway. In the summer we spent some time in East Mill Creek, returning to the city in the fall. I had a happy childhood and was taught responsibility and work, and love for

Heavenly Father in our home; religion was a daily way of life. I was blessed with choice parents.

In 1923 I was married to Glen E. Parsons and was later sealed in the Salt Lake Temple. We were blessed with **two sons**, both born in Salt Lake. Later we moved to Ogden where we raised our sons, and have resided to this date. Our sons have truly brought us happiness and much joy. Both sons have filled missions, both have been bishops. One of our sons teaches at B.Y.U. in Provo, the other son is Principal of a Junior High School in Ogden. Now one is on the High Council and the other in a Stake Presidency.

My husband and I served a full time mission in the British Mission, together in 1952. I have been active in church duties nearly all of my life. My first position was chorister at age 14. I have held positions in both ward and stake as teacher in the Sunday School. As coordernator in the Junior Sunday School; President of the Young Ladies M.I.A. and also activity Counselor; Stake Bee Hive Leader; Counselor in the Relief Society; Relief Society Theology Teacher for many years also Literature teacher and a Visiting Teacher; a genealogical Committee Member in both ward and stake; and, also enjoyed being a member of the Singing Mother's Chorus.

In 1967 I became widowed, my husband Glen having passed away in the Salt Lake Temple where we had gone to do a session.

Soon after I was called to serve another mission in what is now called the Colorado New Mexico Mission. I worked with the Spanish speaking people for 6 months in El Paso, Texas and served the rest of the time in Carlsbad and in Alburquerque, New Mexico.

When I returned I lived in my home in the 31st Ward. Here I received a call and was set apart as an "Ordinance Worker" in the Ogden Temple where I served for three years, until my health prevented me from continuing.

Most of my church activity was in the 28th Ward from which my sons and my husband and I were called to serve missions. I have had the opportunity of attending all temples ( except Washington D.C.), in the United States. Have also attended a session in the Hawaiian Temple. I have been on both the London and the Swiss Temple sites. My travels have been many, through most of the United States, Hawaii, Canada, England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, Holland, Belgium, Austria, Germany, Switzerland and France.

My hobbies are reading, writing, poetry and short stories, music, gardening, and of course traveling. I have seen and heard every president of the Church since President Joseph F. Smith, who I loved as a child as he visited our stake; his long white beard and kindly face I remember over the past years.

My testimony of the gospel has been strengthened as I have seen the power of the Priesthood manifested many times in our home. My testimony is precious to me; for I know that God lives, that Jesus is the Christ and He lives, He is the Savior and redeemer of us all. God speaks to us through living prophets. This know is true. I have had a abundant and full life, over the past 70 years. With two sons and their wives I now have 12 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren- I give thanks for all my blessings--. M. Anne Parsons.



## AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF NORMA JANE VOWLES MC KAY

I was born in Tooele, Utah on November 8, 1930. My parents are Amy Orme and Albert Orval Vowles. When I was about a year old the family moved to Ogden, Utah and bought a home at 2064 Madison Ave. My mother passed away last year, father is still living in the same family home.

I had a very happy childhood, secure in a family where we had much love and unity. My sister Marjorie was 8 years older. She is married to Harold G. Strand. They have 3 children and live in Pleasant View. My brothers are: Robert Orval Vowles (4 years older) is married to Patricia Hansen. They live in St. George with their nine children; and Keith Orme Vowles (4 years younger) and his wife Sonya have one child and lives in Reno, Nevada.

I went to school at Madison, Central Jr. High, and Ogden High School and graduated from there in 1948. I was awarded a full College Scholarship to study nursing through Weber College and the Thomas D. Dee Memorial School of Nursing. I was a student there for 3 years and graduated in 1951. I passed the Utah State Board Examinations and became a Registered Nurse. I have worked in the Nursing Field for many years as a hospital nurse, public health nurse, geriatric nurse, and many times in the community as a volunteer.

At the time of my graduation, I was engaged to Bryant P. Mc Kay, from Huntsville. He was serving a mission in Denmark. When he returned in December of 1952, we began making plans for our marriage, which took place April 30, 1953 in the Salt Lake Temple. That was a very happy day and the beginning of our years together working toward an eternal goal.

Bryant's parents have been almost as dear to me as my own, and I am very thankful that they have always made me feel so welcome to their family. Mother Mc Kay is still living in Ogden, and at age 81 she does very well. Father Mc Kay passed away two years ago, and we feel this loss very much. These two people, Paula S. Mc Kay and Arwell L. Mc Kay, have helped us greatly through out our married life, as have my own dear parents.

I remember growing up in the Ogden 4th Ward with many happy thoughts. Our home was always full of friends and activities. My father often had a group of boys there, as he was scoutmaster. Many times we were asked to help the Scouts get ready and pack their gear for their hiking and camping trips. I can remember my mother frequently made home-made donuts for the Scouts, and they enjoyed them. We were always active in Church and enjoyed Sunday School, Primary and M.I.A.. We has many dedicated teachers in these various organizations.

When I was in high school, there were a few years when the boundaries of the ward were changed and our block was made a part of the Ogden 31st Ward. That was a new and exciting experience and we had fun getting acquainted with the people there and making new friends. Another added joy was the opportunity of being a member of the ward youth chorus under the direction of Russel Carruth with Mae Mc Farland as the accompanist. These two extra special people have always been among my favorites, and they were a delight to know. The association with the 31st Ward folks ended all too soon, when our block was put back with the 4th Ward again.

About this time I was called to be a Beehive teacher in the M.I.A.. I continued this calling until I was married and moved to Huntsville. I will always treasure those memories of days with my Beehive girls. Our first home after we married was a small basement apartment on Madison, a few months later we moved to an apartment on Jefferson Ave. in the 6th Ward. In March we moved to Huntsville where we lived in the Mc Kay home on the South Fork road for about five years. We lived in the John Newey's home a year and one-half while we built

our present home. We have lived at 656 S. 7700 E. for close to 14 years. During our years in Huntsville I have worked in the Primary, Sunday School, Relief Society, M.I.A., Cub Scouts and served 2½ years as Relief Society President. I have also served on the Ogden Stake Primary and M.I.A. Board. All of these callings have been very rewarding. At the present time I am teaching the Health Education Lesson in Relief Society and I work in the office at the Ogden Temple one day a week. I enjoy these callings very much.

My hobbies are reading, writing poetry, handicrafts, and raising African Violets. I also enjoy helping my husband with his work in the Weber County Sherrieff's Mounted Posse.

Our children are Paul David Mc Kay born on March 22, 1954 and Alan Bruce Mc Kay born Feb. 12, 1955. We were also blessed with a foster son, John Albert Parks, who came to live with us when he was 15 years old. That was three weeks before Alan was born. These sons have been a great joy to us. We are thankful for them and for all of the many things that they do for us. Each of them have graduated from Weber High School and filled a mission. John went to the Southwest Indian Mission, Paul to the Spanish Mission in Arizona and New Mexico, and Alan recently returned from the Tokyo Japan Mission. We have been so happy that they each have such choice companions and have been married in the temple. Johnny married Judy Wangsgard of Huntsville on Dec. 27, 1962 in the Logan Temple. They live in Roy and have five children. Paul married Nancy Larkin of West Weber on May 30, 1975 in the Ogden Temple. They live in the Ogden 31st Ward and have one child. Alan married Ida Mae Scott of Enid, Oklahoma on August 27, 1976, in the Salt Lake Temple. They now live in Logan where Alan is attending school at Utah State University.

I feel that my life thus far has been very full with many blessings as we see our children grow and develop and accept leadership callings in the Church. It brings us much peace of mind and joy. We are grateful to our Father in Heaven for all He has done to bring us such love and happiness through the years.  
Written Oct. 30, 1976.

#### SKETCH OF LOUISE HUNT SHUPE

I, Louise Hunt Shupe have so much to be thankful for. First of all I am thankful for my husband James Richard Shupe and our three sons: Scott, Shane and Bradley.

Next I am thankful for my parents and the things they taught me. My mother, an excellant homemaker, taught me the bases of being a good wife and mother. She taught me to sew, to cook, to be thrifty, and to be a good house-keeper. (I'm still working on the latter one. Maybe when the children are all grown, I can improve on this homemaking skill.) My mother is Glenna Sargent Hunt.

My father taught me the importance of being dependable and to do a thorough job in whatever I do. Dad is also very considerate of others, especially in time of need. I hope I can follow his example. My parents are wonderful people who love and live the gospel. The good example they set in our home is a witness to me that living the gospel will bring a person eternal happiness. Father is Benjamin V. Hunt.

Through my life I have held various church positions. Mostly I have taught Primary but I have been stake Gleaner leader, Young Married Leader, ward camp director, and presently I am the ward homemaking leader in the Ogden 35th Ward. My husband and I are also engaged in geneology work. I am thankful for the opportunity I have to serve the Lord through working in his church. I have great-

ly benefited from these experiences.

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I have a testimony of the truthfulness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ am so thankful for it. My whole life is centered around the gospel. Once again I am thankful for my parents and the foundation they gave me in the gospel. It is my prayer that I might teach my children as my parents taught me.

#### AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF SHAUNA ANN WIGGILL STEVENS

I was born April 5, 1950 to Kirt and Elaine Bolander Wiggill. I am the oldest of nine children. I grew up in Ogden and when I was ten, we moved to a new home on 21st Street. I enjoyed having a new home because I could have my own room. As I grew up we were all active in the church. I graduated from Primary in 1962 and started M.I.A.. I was historian for the Beehive class for six months and was secretary for the Mia Maids for awhile too.

When I was 18 years old I graduated from Seminary with a four year certificate. I taught a Primary class of seven year olds and I really enjoyed the class. During my high school years I worked in the schools and helped establish the elementary school libraries.

In 1968 I started college at Weber State and went one full year. My most exciting experience in college was singing with the Institute Chorale. We gave several concerts and even sang at L.D.S. General Conference the day before my birthday in April 1969. I sang at the dedication of the new Dee Mc Kay Hospital and had the chance to actually see President David O. Mc Kay close enough to touch him. It was a thrilling spiritual experience. In November 1969 I moved to Idaho.

I met my husband there. We dated for six months and then Allen La Rell Stevens and I were married on 4 June 1970 in the Salt Lake Temple. We moved to Middleton where I became active as a Sunday School teacher, Ward Librarian, and active in Relief Society. In 1972 our first baby was born, we named her Marlene Anne Stevens. She is a very special baby and we love her a lot. She is now four and we have a baby boy, Lonnie Dee Stevens born in 1976. He is also special and we love both of our children.

In May 1976 I received my Golden Gleaner Award. I was so thrilled because I am the only one in my family who had the desire to work for it.

I am presently Ward Magazine Representative, Relief Society music director and Jr. Primary Organist. My greatest desire in life is to raise our children to be good members of the Church and to be a good mother.



#### SKETCH OF VALANNE HILL FARR

A baby girl whom they named Valanne Hill was born to Henry Vernon Hill and Vallecita Johansen Hill on July 1, 1937. They lived at 2070 Monroe Ave. Valanne was the fourth child having two sisters Eleanor and Renee and a brother Marlin Vernon Hill. They were a religious family and always active in church.

Valanne had a normal life of a L.D.S. girl busy at school and church. She graduated from Ogden High School.

She met and married Aaron Vin Farr in the Salt Lake Temple January 26, 1956.



Valanne spent some time on the island of Somoa wher her husband construct-  
ed and set up a Education Television Station. He also built and owns K.V.W.J.  
F.M. Radio Station at 666 North Main in Logan, Utah. He teaches electronics at  
the Utah State University in Logan.

Besides keeping herself busy with their two sons Michael Vin and Jeffery  
Freeman Farr, she is clever at arts and crafts and paints beautiful oil paintings.  
She is now enjoying the experience of work director in the Relief Society.

#### AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF MARJORIE VOWLES STRAND

Marjorie Vowles Strand was the first Y.W.M.I.A. of the 31st Ward.

I am the daughter of Amy Orme and Albert Orval Vowles and grew up in the  
Ogden 4th Ward of the Ogden Stake.

When my husband, Harold Gustav Strand, returned from the service in 1946,  
we rented an apartment on the corner of 21st and Liberty Ave. Bishop Volney B.  
Belnap called me to be Young Womens Mutual President. I had been teaching in  
the M.I.A. in the 4th Ward since my graduation from B.Y.U...I felt extremely  
inadequate for the mew position. I decided I would have to get the best help  
I could, and I did: Eloise Pope, Mildred West, Louise Sorensen and later Lu  
Jean Saunders.

It was delightful to work with Jack Applegarth, the Y.M.M.I.A. president.  
He had been in the program before so had the experience I lacked. Both of us  
were blessed with marvelous workers. Within two months, Mutual was the envy  
of the other wards of the stake. The class work, socials, and dances were just  
outstanding. I will ever be grateful for the close wonderful association with  
those wonderful sisters and brothers.

At this writing in 1976, I teach Spiritual Living Lessons in the Pleasant  
View 4th Ward Relief Society and I am President of the North Company of the  
Daughters of the Utah Pioneers. I have worked constantly in the church over  
the years. I have a strong testimony that this is the only organization that  
can teach us the way to be truly happy.

We have been blessed with three fine children: Erik Harold Strand, Rebecca  
Strand Powell, and Jeffrey Gustav Strand. And I have been blessed with a good  
husband.

I thank my Father in Heaven for the wonderful friends I have made in the  
31st Ward and especially for my treasured memories of M.I.A..

#### MY LIFE CONNIE LOU DAVIS

I was born in the Thomas Dee Memorial Hospital to Dennis "C" and Louise  
V. Davis on August 3, 1961.

I live at 1128--22nd Street in Ogden, Utah, where I have lived ever since  
I was born. I have eight brothers and sisters and two wonderful and very spec-  
ial parents, all of which I am proud. I was the first grand-daughter and the  
first great grand-daughter on both of my parents family.

I have been playing the piano for eight years and have played in several organizations in the ward. I am thankful that the Lord has blessed me with the talent of being able to play the piano.

For my schooling I have attended Lorin Farr, Central Jr. High and am now in the 10th grade at Ogden High School from which I hope to graduate in two more years.

After I graduate I hope to either go on a mission or get married in the temple to a wonderful young man.

I know that the gospel is true. I am thankful that I was born in a L.D.S. home. I hope that I can always live righteously and do those things that will be pleasing to my Heavenly Father.

#### HISTORY OF MARTHA HUNT SAUNDERS

On Easter Sunday, April 5, 1953, I was born to Glenna Sargent and Benjamin Verno Hunt. I was the third of five children. I was born in Ogden, Utah. I have two older sisters and two younger brothers. My parents lived in Roy, Utah at the time and shortly after moved to 2135 Jackson Ave., Ogden, Utah. I was blessed on May 3, 1953 by my father in the Roy Third Ward in Lake View Stake, which was the ward's very first Fast Sunday.

During my Primary and elementary school years, I mainly remember doing things with my family. We would go camping, fishing, and visiting relatives. We always did things as a family. Because we did this when we were young, I have always felt close to my family. On May 6, 1961 I was baptized by father in the 31st Ward Ogden Stake. I was conferred a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day-Saints by father. I went to Sunday School and Primary and liked to take my friends with me. I graduated from 31st Ward Primary on August 29, 1965.

I went to Lorin Farr Elementary School during 1959-1965; then to Central Jr. High during 1965-1968. While I was at Central I was in the Pep Club and was asked to work in the counselor's office because I had good citizenship and good scholastic grades. During my last year at Jr. High(1967-68) I was enrolled in the Seminary Program. This was when my testimony really started to grow. I had a very good teacher. My good friend Kathleen Price and I helped convert our friend Theresa King to the church. At her baptism I learned the true meaning of the scripture in the Book of Mormon that says, "Men are, that they might have joy."(2 Nephi 2: 25). There was such a strong spirit there that it made me burn from within.

In 1968-71, I went to Ogden High School and attended Seminary all three years. I graduated with two diplomas : one for three years and one for four years. My senior year was an exciting one for me. During the summer of 1970 I attended Laurel Conference at B.Y.U. There were just 5 girls from Ogden Stake. The purpose of the conference was to learn how to plan and conduct similar conferences for the girls in our stakes, which we did in November 1970. In school I helped in organizing the Future Homemakers of America chapter at Ogden High. I was elected as the first Historian of Ogden's Chapter. I entered a coat which I had designed and sewn for the "Make It Yourself With Wool" contest. I was honored to receive alternate for the state competition. I also was honored to be the Sterling Scholar in Homemaking for Ogden High on April 13, 1971.

My activities and church positions in the Ogden 31st Ward were: 2 years Primary baby sitting in the nursery; teacher 7 & 8 year olds in Primary 1967-73; Assistant Ward Librarian under Sister Nadine Miller. For many years in the 31st Ward, I enjoyed being in a singing group with six girls. Sister Snow was our organist was the one responsible for the organization of this group. She was so kind to us. I am grateful to her for the many spiritual and fun memories which we had through this experience.

After my graduation from high school, May 28, 1971, I went to Weber State College for two years. While I was there, I worked for the Education Department in the Audio Visual Lab.

During my college years I attended M-Men and Gleaners with several friends. I had looked forward to the time when I would be old enough to go. I had met many new friends and this is where I met my husband and companion. On April 21, 1973, Douglas Clifton Saunders took me to the Ogden Temple to be married for time and all eternity. He is a wonderful husband and supports me faithfully in all my church positions. I am a Primary teacher for the Merrie Miss Class in the Ogden 10th Ward, North Weber Stake. I am also the Education Leader in the Young Adult Relief Society. In our ward the Young Adults and the Young Marrieds meet together for Relief Society. I was formerly the teacher for the Mother Education Class.

After 3½ years of marriage, we have been blessed with two lovely daughters Gwendolyn and Rebecca. They are so sweet and have such choice little spirits.

As mother and wife I enjoy sewing for my family as well as others. I can also crochet, knit, embroider and do arts and crafts.

#### SKETCH OF HAROLD GUSTAV STRAND

I, Harold Gustav Strand, was a counselor along with Elmer Rippon to the first Sunday School Superintendent Orson P. Millet.

I had just returned from serving in the United States Navy aboard an aircraft carrier in the South Pacific. Those I associated with there were worldly. I had seen much sin and evil in addition to the horrors of World War II. It was almost like heaven to associate with these good brothers, the bishopric and members of the 31st Ward.

My testimony grew by leaps and bounds among these fine people. Soon after leaving this ward, I became involved in the scouting program. In 1959 I was given the Silver Beaver award for distinguished service to boyhood. I worked 28 years as an Explorer advisor before retiring in 1975.

I had also served on two stake boards, as M.I.A. Superintendent, in the Bishopric and in various positions in the Lake Bonneville Council of the Boy Scouts of America. At the present time October 1976, I am the ward clerk in the Pleasant View 4th Ward, and work in the baptismal department at the Ogden Temple.

( written October 30, 1976 )



## AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF JOYCE HUNT SOBIESKI

I was born on the 27th of May, 1948 in Ogden, Weber County, Utah. My parents are Benjamin Verno Hunt and Glenna Sargent. My first home was in Roy, Utah. We were members of the Arsenal Villa Branch (which later became part of the Roy 3rd Ward). When I was 4 years, we moved to Ogden, Utah and belonged to the 31st Ward, where I had many good friends who did not mind that I was deaf. They treated me like everyone else and always talked to me. They helped me grow up like other girls.

When I was 2 years old, my mother and I would ride the bus to Salt Lake City every day to the University of Utah Speech and Hearing School. This was a frightening experience for me, but I am grateful for what I learned and for the teacher I had who helped me learn to talk. It was so hard. When I was 4 years old I enrolled at the Utah School For the Deaf which was close to my home so we did not have to make the trip to Salt Lake City every day.

I was baptized on June 8, 1957 in the 31st Ward. I was surprised to see my best deaf friend Vandella Simmons baptized at the same time. I was confirmed by my father on June 9th at the 31st Ward, Ogden Stake. The Ogden Branch for the Deaf is also in the Ogden Stake and as I grew older I attended the branch some of the time. I graduated from both the 31st and Deaf Branch Primary.

When I was 12 years old I went to Camp Atoka with the 31st Ward M.I.A. for a week of girls camp. This was a choice experience for me. My sister, Louise, was with me and I enjoyed being with her and she helped me make friends that year and I received the "Friendliest Girl Award" at the end of the week.

I attended Seminary at the Utah School For the Deaf. My class was early in the morning before school began. Mr Duain Harrison was my teacher and I attended for 8 years, because deaf children start at age 12 and go to the seminary as long as they are in school. I graduated from school when I was 20 years old. My teachers were so good to me and I loved to learn about the gospel.

At the Utah School For the Deaf, I trained as a key punch operator and worked on the job training at IRS. I also graduated from Ogden Beauty School and worked in a shop for a few months before I got married and moved to Salt Lake City. At school I was Vice President of the Pep Club and also represented my school as a ZCMI Youngtimer.

I met Randall L. Sobieski at school and after graduation we were married in the Salt Lake Temple on the 19 September 1967, we went to live in Salt Lake City, Utah. We now live in Sandy, Utah and have two children; Tresa and Ryan. They are beautiful children and we are so proud of them. Even though they are small they understand sign language and help us a lot. We are members of the Deaf Ward, Park Stake and I serve as Choir interpreter. I sign the words so the Choir can follow the music. Other church positions I have held are Sunday School Secretary and Beehive teacher. I am grateful for my membership in the church and I am glad my Mother and Father always took me to church with them so I could belong to the true church. I am grateful to my family for the help they have given me and for doing extra things so that I could learn and be like other people.



## AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF LOU JEAN SAUNDERS WIGGINS

A hot summer day in July, right in the middle of the year, was when I made my entry into the world. I was born to Edward Thomas Saunders and Marcia Slater Saunders on July 14, 1930. The ninth child in a family that would reach an even dozen. They chose to name me Bessie Lou Jean Saunders (to be called Lou Jean).

This was the beginning of depression times and my parents were not the exception, they too were hit hard during this period. When I was three they lost the home Daddy had built for Mama, west of the Dee School on 20th Street in Ogden, Utah. They purchased a large older home at 706 21st Street across from Liberty Park. Mama still lives there today.

During my childhood I had my share of illness. Pneumonia when I was a baby, that nearly took my life. I cut part of a baby finger off at age 3 in a spring back flour bin. Other childhood diseases included Rheumatic Fever at 14. All these things had a hand in the fact that I was a very small child in my youth.

The schools I attended in Ogden were Kindergarden and 1st grade at the Dee School, 2nd through 7th at Madison, Eighth, and Tenth at Central Jr. High. I started the ninth grade here, but got Rheumatic Fever and missed the rest of the school year. A short summer course gave me just enough credits to move on with my age group. Eleven and Twelfth grades at Ogden High, graduating in 1948.

Four weeks after graduating my fiance, Lorin D. Wiggins left for a Spanish American Mission. We had met because of a division of the 4th and 20th Wards and making the 31st Ward of which we both were a part.

After nearly three years of waiting, Lorin returned from his mission in February 1951. We were married February 28, 1951.

After our marriage Lorin was called into the service. We lived in California, Baltimore, Maryland; and one year in Panama working as a C.I.C. agent for the army. We had many wonderful experiences there, and were in the first group that introduced the Gospel to the San Blas Indians. Lorin was Branch President while we were there.

After army life we bought his brother's house in Salt Lake City while Lorin attended the U. of U.. We are still living in Salt Lake City at the present time.

We have five children: Linda Lee 24, Kent Edward 22, Janice 19, Ted 12, and Ilene 10. We also have a Navajo Indian boy Alvin Lewis who has lived with us eleven years. Although he graduated from High School last year, we still claim him as one of our own. Linda is married to Randy Ripplinger and they have two lively children: Fiona 3, Richard Kent 1. Kent married last March to Cherie Chiles and they are expecting our 3rd grandchild in April.

We thank all of the leaders and teachers we had in the 4th, 20th and 31st Wards and want them to know our testimonies are stronger because of them. Lorin has been in a Bishopric, a Bishop and is now serving on the High Council of the Mt. Olympus Stake. Our two married children were both sealed to fine companions in the temple. The hope of our family is that we can all stay true to our testimonies and endure to the end.

## LIFE SKETCH OF KAREN HINES WILCOX

I, Karen Hines Wilcox, was born April 16th 1950 in Ogden, Utah to Melvin and Marian Parker Hines. I am the third child in a family of six children. I attended Lorin Farr Elementary, Central Jr. High, and graduated from Ogden High School and Seminary in 1968. In the spring of 1973, I received a batchelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from Weber State College.

My humble, hardworking parents have helped me learn many things about living in this life. I have been blessed to have had special friends with whom I have spent many happy hours and received growth to continue on the right path.

I enjoy being busy and like to organize and plan varied activities in Church, school and work. I love physical activities, especially outdoors. I like to ski, play tennis and golf and ride my bike. I have also enjoyed mountain climbing with my husband Paul. It makes me feel good to exercise and fresh air and to feel healthy and strong. I'm so very thankful to the Lord for being able to feel like this.

I am so thankful for being able to live and love. It has given me great peace and comfort to love my fellow men and myself. I feel very deeply about never making life a difficult experience for anyone and have learned through my teachings to help others sense their worth and potential, to help them love themself and others.

I am thankful for the book of Mormon and would love to strive to be as the people of Ammon were. I know that Heavenly Father and Jesus are perfect and that they love us and want us to be filled with joy. I know there is much to attain to spiritually in this life.

I was sealed to Paul Myron Wilcox on August 17, 1976 in the Ogden Temple. I am looking forward to becoming a parent with Paul and the Lord, and pray that we will always be able to dedicate our lives and belongings to the building up of His Kingdom.

(written November 1, 1976)

## SKETCH BY AGNES GOLIGHTLY LUNT

I, Agnes G. Lunt am a former member of the 31st Ward when we met in the old chapel.

I have many happy memories of the years spent there with my husband Charles Gilbert Lunt known to most people as "Bert". We served under four Bishops and appreciated each one in whatever capacity we were called to. I think the one we both received the most satisfaction from was the Temple Seminars. Seeing so many fine couples, old and young learn and gain testimonies and prepair themselves to go to the Temple and be sealed, some with children- What a wonderful experience for all of us.

My second love was teaching the "Theology Lessons", and also being taught many fine cultural and home-making ideas from lovely sisters I have met through the years.





Then I was called to the Mutual Stake Board for one winter, until illness made it necessary to be released. Following this was the sad day when we moved away from the 31st Ward. No matter where we have gone I have remembered how much we loved the 31st Ward, the people and the old building of the 31st Ward in the Ogden Stake.

I am now crowing with pride over twelve grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

May the Lord continue to bless all those who live within the boundaries of the 31st Ward.

#### A Short Sketch on the Life of MARCIA ANN SLATER SAUNDERS

I, Marcia Ann Slater Saunders, daughter of James Alma Slater and Mary Elizabeth Allred Slater, was born at Slaterville, Weber County, Utah on the 18 January 1893. My father's parents, Richard Slater and Ann Corbridge Slater, were early converts to the church from England. They personally knew the Prophet Joseph Smith and his wife Emma and my grandfather was present at the meeting when the Mantle of the Prophet Joseph Smith fell on Brigham Young.

My grandfather joined the Mormon Battalion and was working on Sutter's Mill-Race when gold was discovered in California. He returned to Winter Quarters and brought his family to Utah in 1852. He first settled at North Ogden but because of Indian trouble he moved to a little settlement about six miles west of Ogden; that settlement bore his name and was called Slaterville.

I have always been thankful that I was born and lived on a farm. We had such a beautiful walk to school. It was about 1½ miles through an open field where many wild flowers grew and on a spring morning the birds would be singing. I love, in memory, to relive that walk.

Our school house was one large room where all eight grades met. Our church was also one long room, and during class periods curtains were drawn so as to divide into classes.

The people always seemed to be so united. It was like one big family. My father was Bishop for 23 years and my mother the President of the Y.L.M.I.A. for 26 years. When they had three children he filled a mission to New Zealand for nearly three years.

The church always came first in my father's home. I don't think anyone ever missed church, except for illness.

I was called to be a Sunday School and Ward Organist and teacher in the Primary and Sunday School.

When I was 14, I came to Ogden to attend Weber Stake Academy. At that time President David O. McKay was principal; that was however his last year as he was called as a General Authority. It was a church school and a devotional meeting was held each morning. I remember some of his wonderful talks to the students.

I and a girlfriend rented two rooms from my cousin at 2045 Adams, but always went home on weekends.

In my third year there, I met Edward T. Saunders and after a courtship of nearly three years we were married 12 December 1912 in the Salt Lake Temple. President Anthon H. Lund officiated.

We moved into a new home at 433 - 20th Street in Ogden and became members of the Ogden 4th Ward. He was called to be President of the Elders Quorum and

later a Counselor to Bishop Hyrum E. Lund. Later he was released and put on the Ogden Stake High Council. We moved to 551 - 7th Street in the Ogden 8th Ward. Here I taught the Seagull girls in Primary.

In March 1927 my husband was called to be Bishop of the Ogden 4th Ward and we moved back to 433 - 20th Street.

The 4th Ward church, located on Madison, between 21st and 22nd Streets wasn't in very good condition and it was decided to tear it down and re-use what material they could salvage and build a new church on the west corner of Jefferson and 21st Street.

While in the 4th Ward I was Theology teacher in Relief Society for quite some time. In 1946 our block was placed in the Ogden 31st Ward and for a time I was asked to give the Theology lessons there. About 2½ years later our block was placed back in the 4th Ward. For five years I conducted the Literary lessons and then I had the Theology, or Spiritual Living lessons, for 13 years.

I am thankful that it has been my privilege to be of some service in a small way in this great church. It has been my blessing and privilege to know and associate with some of the finest people in the world. I am thankful for those who taught my children in the Priesthood and auxiliary classes, and for the fine associations my children have had because of church affiliations. I am thankful for their kind and loving father who always leads the way.

I hope I have accomplished some good. I am so thankful for the influence of the church in our home.

At the present time (1976) I have 12 living children, 75 grandchildren, 73 great-grandchildren. Many have had the privilege of filling missions, two are out now and just recently two returned and one is just leaving.

I am thankful beyond words to express my thankfulness to my parents who taught me as they did, for my auxiliary teachers, my Bishops and others who have instilled within my heart a great love and belief for and in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. The belief that God does live, and that Jesus is the Christ and will lead and guide us, if in faith we keep His commandments and strive to live close to the teachings of the church, I am also very thankful for.

#### Autobiography of CATHY ANN HINES (Written November 1976)

I, Cathy Ann Hines, entered into mortal life on November 7th, 1955, welcomed by my parents Melvin and Marian Parker Hines.

Having been blessed with lots of energy I love life and enjoy being with people. Children hold a special place in my heart so my nieces and nephews are a great joy to me.

I love and appreciate my parents, their teachings and examples and I love my brothers and sisters, remembering the many happy moments growing up together. I am truly grateful to belong to my family.

I attended Lorin Farr Elementary, Central Jr. High and graduated from Ogden High School and Seminary. After attending Weber State College for two years I am completing my degree at the University of Utah.

Music and sports have always been important in my life so I try to excel in skiing (snow and water), swimming and all competitive sports.

As a cheerleader at Central Jr. High and a Tigerette at Ogden High I learned the value of teamwork, also as a member of the OTYOKWA sorority I have gained many friends and participated in many worthwhile activities.

I am truly thankful for my callings in the church, in teaching children, chorister and presently the Activity Chairman in the University Branch.

An understanding of the gospel has helped me to develop love, understanding, and compassion for my fellowmen.

#### AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF CHARLES GILBERT LUNT

My name is Charles Gilbert Lunt. I was born November 10, 1903 in Nephi, Juab County, Utah to Alfred Oscar Lunt and Jeanette Sperry Lunt.

I grew up in Nephi, graduating from Nephi High School in the spring of 1923. At this time, we moved to Salt Lake City, Utah and settled in the 17th Ward of the Salt Lake Stake.

In the year 1929 I met and fell in love with Agnes Golightly. We were married on the 16th December 1929 and from that union, we were blessed with four children: Patricia Jean, Mary Elizabeth, both born in Salt Lake City, Robert Gordon born in Logan and Judith Ann born in Ogden.

I started working in the oil business at that time and spent my time in that line of work until 1951 when we moved to Michigan and purchased a home in Wayne, Michigan where I worked in the automobile factories for eight years, returning to Ogden, Utah in February of 1959. I worked in the Aero Space Program from then until I retired from the Boeing Company in June of 1970.

We went to the Salt Lake Temple for our endowments and to have our three children sealed to us in 1937. At the time we lived in the Ogden 13th Ward, where the bishop was Chambers and the Ogden Stake President was Thomas E. McKay, they signed our recommends.

I was in the M.I.A. Presidency and my wife was Gleaner teacher. I was later ordained a Seventy and called to serve an Ogden Stake Mission during World War II.

We moved to Clearfield in April of 1943, where we held several positions in the church.

In 1951, while living in Michigan, we were active in the Branch. While there in November of 1952, the Detroit Stake was organized, with George Romney as Stake President. I was called as Superintendent of the Sunday School in the new Ann Arbor Ward.

We moved back to Ogden in 1959. I started working with the Adult Aaronic Priesthood in the 31st Ward and later the 6th Ward. This was a very rewarding program, as we activated many couples and went with three couples and their families to the temple.

I worked with the Deacons in the 31st Ward for three years and enjoyed my work with them. I have always enjoyed church participation.



# AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF ORSON LEON MILLETT

I am the oldest son of Orson P. and Norma R. Allen Millett.

I was fifteen years old and a Teacher in the Aaronic Priesthood when our block was transferred from the 6th Ward to the 31st Ward.

There were many choice experiences in my life which took place in the 31st Ward. My testimony of the fruitfulness of the Gospel developed and has helped me in many ways in my life.

I would pay tribute to many who helped me along in the ward. To mention a few: Bishop Volney Belnap, Eugene Wiggins, Glen Clark, Leonard Knight, Johny Young, Marie Belnap. Maria Buckway was an outstanding Sunday School Teacher. Laurence Burton Jr. was my advisor in the Priest's Quorum.

Bishop Belnap called me as Dance Director and Lu Jean Anderson worked with me. We had many enjoyable dances, with the music furnished by Loyal West's Orchestra.

One Sunday afternoon, a girl in our Sunday School class went on a hike up in the mountains and fell from a cliff and was killed. This was a reminder to me that we should always observe the Sabbath day.

I always enjoyed the fun we had on Liberty Park, especially at our annual Ward Birthday Reunion. Athletic events such as Baseball and Softball were always good activities in the ward. Our annual Rabbit Hunt with fathers and sons is a pleasant memory.

Jack Graviat and I both received our mission calls on January 6, 1951, had our farewell testimonials together. My call was to Western Canada and I labored in the Okanogan Valley, British Columbia, Vancouver B.C. and Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. My training received in the 31st Ward helped me to be a good missionary and I was directly responsible for 26 baptisms. While in Saskatoon, I was called as District President.

During my mission, the entire group of missionaries met in Cardston, Alberta, Canada for conferences. These testimony meetings and temple visits were a great spiritual uplift. Both summers my parents came to attend these conferences.

After being released from my mission, I attended B.Y.U. and graduated with a Business Administration Major in June 1956. At the "Y" I met Velma "Bunny" Payne and we were married in the Logan Temple July 31st 1953, having our reception in the 4th- 31st Ward Cultural Hall.

Soon after graduation, we went to Sacramento, California, with our son Randy. I worked as cashier for the Bank of America.

While at the "Y", I was in the Air R.O.T.C. program, and was called to active duty for Pilot training at Tucson, Arizona and Mc Allen, Texas. I was assigned to the Air Base in Goldsboro, North Carolina returning to Ogden in April 1960. I was President of the Y.M.M.I.A. and 2nd Counselor in the Bishopric in Goldsboro and my wife was President of the Y.W.M.I.A. in the Stake.

On returning to Provo, I worked 1½ years as Department manager at Bon Marche, and then joined the Real Estate Dept. of the Commercial Security Bank. Presently I am Manager of the Southern Division of the Bank with offices in Provo, Utah.

My church experiences have varied greatly: Elders Quorum President and 2nd Counselor then 1st Counselor in the 48th Ward. Stake Clerk of Ben Lomond Stake. I served as General Secretary of Aaronic Priesthood and as Bishop in the 41st Ward, then 2nd Counselor and 1st Counselor in the Ogden East Stake Presidency. Presently Gospel Doctrine Teacher in our ward of Sharon East Stake and Director of Aaronic Priesthood Youth.

Our children are: Randy 22 is manager of Sizzler Family Restaurants in Salt Lake; David Jon serving a mission in New Zealand; Kimball 16 attending High School and preparing for a mission, serving as Pres. of A.P.Y and Youth Counselor to the Bishop; Julie 14 is Student Body Officer at Farrer Jr. High; Jennifer 8.

I have been very busy in many Civic organizations.

I have a strong testimony of the truthfulness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We have had many blessings in rearing our family through church activity.

#### HISTORY OF EUGENE C. DEVEY

On February 1, 1928, Eugene C. Devey was born to Clifford and Rose Alice Gaudio Devey. At age three, he was stricken with Spinal Meningitis and both optic nerves were destroyed. At the proper age he was admitted to the Utah State School for the Blind here in Ogden.

He attended school there until his first year of high school, at which time he became one of the first sightless students to attend public schools. He attended Provo High School. Upon graduation, he became a full-time musician. After a short time, he began performing with a Western group known as the Utah Playboys. They had many successes and became very well known throughout the Intermountain West. Gene had been acquiring experience performing as a musician throughout his school years from the time he was about 12 years of age.

His home was Provo, Utah until he met and married Eva Loriece Hopkins, at that time he moved to Ogden. Before he married he had resided for a short time just outside of Ogden. They were married in September of 1948. Gene continued to perform with the Utah Playboys for a few years. They performed in such areas as: Seattle to make some recordings. He performed with them until their disbandment.

After a few years of marriage, they became the parents of a girl they named Gloria Jean. She still resides with them in their home in the Ogden 31st Ward. She is their only decendent.

When the Playboys disbanded, Gene continued in the music field playing various public engagements and doing a radio music show on K.L.O. Radio. He still plays many special musical contracts. He is also embarking on selling insurance to supplement his income. He has sold insurance with a couple of companies and has background experience on which to base this current interest in selling insurance.  
(written November 14, 1976.)

## AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF BETTY COLLEEN BINGHAM JOHNSON

I, Betty Colleen Bingham (Johnson) was born April 18, 1942 in Ogden, Utah to Clyde Rex Bingham and Betty Lou Leininger Bingham. I was blessed in the Harrisville Ward on June 7, 1942.

I started school at Madison Elementary in the summer of 1948 and attended kindergarden for six weeks. I started 1st grade in Sept. 1948 and attended through 2nd grade. I attended Primary at the Fifth Ward in Ogden, Utah.

In the Summer of 1950 we moved to Stephens Ave. and attended 3rd through 6th grades at Pingree Elementary School. I was in Ray Minter Drum Corps for three years. We performed in parades in Ogden, Brigham Peach Day Parades and Ogden Rodeos.

We were members of the First Ward, Weber Stake where I attended Primary and graduated. In Y.W.M.I.A. in the Bee Hive Classes, I earned 32 honor badges. I received my first calling as an assistant to the Sunbeam Teacher in Primary. I was baptized February 25, 1952 in the First Ward. My mother made me a special white dress for the occasion. I was also baptized for the dead over 50 times during 1955 and 1956.

I attended 7th and 8th grades at Washington Jr. High School and during these years I helped the Veterans of Foreign Wars by collecting money and handing out poppies. I joined the Girl Scouts in May 1954. I attended Day Camp and Camp Red Cliffe.

In the Summer of 1956, we moved to 21st Street where we became members of the 31st Ward, Ogden Stake. I was active in YWMA in the Mia Maid, Laurel and Junior Cleaner Classes having many choice experiences, spiritually minded teachers, and lasting friendships made. I attended 9th grade at Central Jr. High and was in the Pep Club. I attended 10th through 12th grade at Ogden High School and enjoyed being in the Pep Club. I graduated in May 1960. I graduated from three years of Seminary in May 1960 also.

I met my future husband Glen William Johnson at the 31st Ward in the fall of 1956. We attended many church dances, Firesides, MIA activities and parties together, and school dances, games and functions through the years. We were engaged on May 25, 1960 and Glen enlisted in the Air Force on July 5, 1960. I worked for Riley's Drug Store on 21st Street and Washington Blvd. for over a year while Glen took Basic Training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas and Russian Language Training at Syracuse University in Syracuse, New York.

In the L.D.S. Logan Temple, in Logan, Cache County, Utah, on July 5, 1961, Glen William Johnson and I were married. After a honeymoon in Yellowstone National Park, we traveled by bus to Goodfellow A.F. Base, San Angelo, Texas where we lived until December of 1961.

On January 15, 1962, Glen left to start a tour of duty in the A.F. Security Service in Misawa, Japan. I followed in April. We were stationed in Misawa until January 1965. While there we were members of the Misawa Group holding 7 or 8 positions at a time, making our faith and testimonies grow stronger.

After being released from the Air Force, we returned to Ogden and lived on 21st Street in the 31st Ward, until we moved to Logan, Utah from Sept 1965 to May 1966. Glen took a course in Air Craft Mechanics. We moved to Riverdale, Weber County, Utah in May 1966 and bought a home there in 1967. We were active members of the Riverdale 2nd Ward, Riverdale Stake, Utah.



In September of 1971, we were transferred to Fresno, California, with Glen's work. We now reside there and are members of the Fresno 3rd Ward, Fresno East Stake.

We have been blessed with six precious spirits to teach and direct in the Gospel. Jeffery Todd born Oct. 7, 1963 in Misawa, Aomori, Japan; Stacy Lynn born March 27, 1965; Michael Dean born April 25, 1967; Scott Allan born March 22, 1969 all were born in Ogden, Utah; Christopher Glen born January 28, 1975 and Jodie Ann born April 24, 1976, both in Fresno, California. All six children bring much love and happiness into our lives.

Jeffery is an 8th Grader at Clovis West Intermediate School. He has a strong talent for drawing and art work. He is a Deacon's Quorum Secretary and active in Scouting. Stacy is a 6th grade student at Tarpey Elementary School and is on the track team and enjoys sports and crafts. She is the only cellist in her school orchestra. She is a Merrie Miss B in Primary. Michael is in the 4th Grade at Tarpey and enjoys all sports. He is learning to play the flute in the school orchestra. He is a Targeteer B. in Primary and is active in Cub Scouts. Scott is in 2nd grade at Tarpey. He is anxiously waiting for his baptism in April 1977 and can join Cub Scouts. He enjoys sports and is a C.T.R.B. in Primary. Christopher is our toddler, a pure ambitious bundle of joy. He loves to sing, dance and play the piano. His favorite toys are puppets and balls. He is 21 months old. Jodie is our sweet little girl full of smiles. She is a beautiful happy baby and 6 months old.

I have had numerous callings in the different Wards, Branches and The Misawa Group, which we have attended. In Sunday School, I have been teacher for 3,4,6, and 7 through 11 years of age. Genealogy Teacher; Genealogy Ward Checker (three times) and Secretary. I completed an 18 months Stake Mission at the Ogden Genealogical Library also. In Y.W.M.I.A., I have taught Bee Hive and Laurel and been Sports Director. In Relief Society, I have been Work Director, Second Counselor, Homemaking Director; Homemaking Teacher; Visiting Teacher Message Leader and Visiting Teacher for 12 years; Relief Society Nursery Co-ordinator for a year. In Primary I have spent 22 years in positions; I have taught Sunbeams, Stars, Right Way Pioneers, C.T.R.'s, Merrihands, Targeteers A & B and Merrie Miss A & B; Inservice leader, twice and Second Counselor twice.

I now have the calling of Stake Second Counselor in the Primary in the Fresno, California East Stake and am thoroughly enjoying my calling.

Today the Gospel is our most precious possession and I am thankful for all those who have strengthened my testimony and understanding of the Gospel.

#### LIFE SKETCH OF GLORIA JEAN DEVEY

On July 15th, 1951, Gloria Jean Devey was born to Eugene C. and Eva Loriece Hopkins Devey. I first remember living with my parents in Washington Terrace. Then in 1955, we moved to our present address at 21st and Jackson Avenue.

I attended Lorin Farr Elementary, Central Jr. High and Ogden High School graduating in 1969. I then attended Weber State College from 1969 to 1974 graduating in June with A.B.S. in Psychology and a minor in music.

Then I began working for the Division of Rehabilitation Services for the Visually Handicapped in December 1974. I work as a part time secretary. I am

hoping to be able to acquire full-time work into the field of Psychology or the Social Work field.

I am still residing at home with my parents. I am hoping along with a future career, that I can make a significant contribution to our world of today and tomorrow. I am currently the Young Adults Representative in the 31st Ward. I hope I can continue to strengthen my testimony, along with my work in the L.D.S. Church.

#### MY EXPERIENCES & AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A. CHARLES MILLET

I am the son of Orson P. and Norma Rowena Allen Millet. I was eight years old when we became part of the 31st Ward. My first experience was to be baptized on December 1, 1946 (my birthday) by my father. He also confirmed me a member and ordained me in sequence to the office of Deacon, Teacher and Priest.

My life and testimony was strengthened and influenced by many persons in the 31st Ward. To name a few: Bishop Volney B. Belnap, Eugene Wiggins and Warren Shurtleff (our scout master). Leonard Knight was Aaronic Priesthood advisor, when I served as President of the Deacons Quorum. On one occasion, we all had our picture taken with Elder Matthew Cowley in front of the Ogden Pioneer Tabernacle. I especially remember Mary Harris as my Primary teacher.

Our scouting activities were impressive, our scout master liked huge bonfires. Then we would bake potatoes, broil meat etc. in the hot coals. I cherish the experiences with David Wiggins on the overnight camping trips. There I learned to like apricot juice and learned to play "Old Suzzana on the harmonica.

Activities such as the Annual Birthday Reunion and picnic in the Liberty park and our annual Father's and Sons Rabbit Hunt stands as pleasant memories. Jay Thompson and Poyd Baker were close friends to me in the ward. We played ball, went hunting and on scouting trips.

After leaving the ward, I graduated from Ogden High School and attended Weber College for 2 years. I met and married Patricia Pond on February 28, 1958.

I served as Scout-master in the 14th Ward. After moving to Alaska in 1961, I served as Scout-master and was President of the Y.M.M.I.A., also served as counselor in the Sunday School. My wife served for 3 years as Relief Society President in Alaska and is presently counselor in Relief Society in Uintah 2nd Ward. We moved from Alaska in 1969 to Fremont, California, then to Uinta. My first church job was Scout-master in the Uinta 2nd Ward. I am now serving as Elders Quorum President.

My vocation has been in sales work with Utah Motor Club, 8 years with American National Ins. Co. then as a Securities Dealer, Land Sales and Production director. Presently I am Vice President of Astron Innovations Inc of Salt Lake City (an automotive products firm). Am also Vice Pres. of Bonded Investments, a real estate development firm.

Our three children are: Allan Charles 15, who became an Eagle Scout at age 12 (perhaps encouraged by my many scouting experiences). Allen is Pres. Seminary in the 10th grade at Bonneville High School. Kevin is 12, a Deacon and working toward his Eagle Scout rank. Michelle 8, is the real life of the family.

I am most thankful for my early training and experience during the 8 years we lived in the 31st Ward. As a result, I have a strong testimony of the Gospel. It is the most important single thing in my life. We are great for our temple marriage and go often to the temple.



#### AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF GLEN WILLIAM JOHNSON

I, Glen William Johnson was born on June 27th, 1941 in Ogden, Weber Co., Utah. I was blessed by the Lord to be given to two wonderful people, Clifford William Johnson and Lavell (Hokanson) Johnson. I was blessed by my father in the 20th Ward, Ogden Stake on August 3, 1941. On July 3, 1949 I was baptized by Frank D. Eggington and confirmed a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

I began my schooling at Lorin Farr Elementary School and while attending 2nd grade was the Master of Ceremonies for the retiring custodian, Jimmy Lakin's KING FOR A DAY program and also had the lead in a class play. My 3rd through 5th grades were spent at Madison and my 6th grade at Lorin Farr.

After graduating from Primary in 1953, I was ordained a Deacon in the Aaronic Priesthood on June 21st of the same year. On July 31, 1955 I was ordained a Teacher and July 14, 1957 a Priest and received my DUTY TO GOD award 24 August that year. I was privileged to be baptized for 122 of this worlds kindred dead from 1955 through 1958.

Central Jr. High, 7th, 8th & 9th and Ogden High and Seminary (L.D.S.) I attended and graduated from both in May 1959. Then I attended 1 year at Weber State College. In August of 1959, I met and fell in love with Betty Colleen Bingham who later became my wife. We were engaged May 26th 1960. In July that same year, I enlisted in the United States Air Force. My basic training was at Lackland A.F.B., Texas from July through September after which I was stationed at Syracuse University, Saracuse, New York. There I studied the Russian Language until June 30, 1961, when I graduated. I attended church and was ordained an Elder on June 16, 1961 in Buffalo, New York. I also received my temple recommend from the Saracuse L.D.S. Ward.

While stationed in Syracuse, my parents vivited me and we visited Hill Commorah, the Joseph Smith home and the Sacred Grove. On July 1st, I headed for Ogden, Utah with two missionaries, reciently released. I arrived home July 3rd and Betty Colleen Johnson and I were married in Logan, Utah in the L.D.S. Temple July 5th, 1961 by George Raymond. In the chapel those to be wed were introduced. They introduced Colleen from Ogden and me from New York.

After a honneymoon in Yellowstone Park, my new wife and I went to Good-fellow A. F. B. at San Angelo, Texas for my Air Force Technical School training until we came to Ogden for Christmas.

In January of 1962, I was sent to Misawa (city), Aomori (county) Japan. In April my wife joined me in Japan where I was stationed until my release from the service in January 1965. During the three years in Japan, in our small L.D.S. Church Group, I was Group Chorister and Organist, Sunday School teacher, Priesthood teacher, M.I.A. teacher, Primary Trekker teacher, Elder's Quorum President and Secretary, Second Counselor in the Group Leadership, Second Counselor in Sunday School Superintendency, Home Teacher. Many times five or six of these positions at one time. On Oct. 7, 1963 we were blessed with our first child, Jeffery Todd. In 1963 Robert Hudson, an Airman in our L.D.S. Group and I



taught his roommate, James H. Brown the Gospel and in August Robert baptized him and I confirmed him a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

During their trip around the world, my parents visited us in Japan and we went on a two week tour in 1964. In Jan. of 1965, my wife, Jeffery and I returned to Travis A.F.B., Calif. where I was honorably released from the U.S. Air Force. We flew to Ogden and celebrated a January Christmas. Lived at 918 21st Street in the 31st Ward. In Ogden Stacy Lynn arrived March 27, 1965, then Michael Dean on April 25, 1967 and Scott Allen on March 22, 1969, at our home.

In January 1965 I received the position of Sunday School Organist and teacher to 18 year olds to return missionaries in the 31st Ward. In July I was Young Men's coach. After 9 months training at Utah State University in 1965 & 1966, we moved to Riverdale, Utah. Here I was Elders Quorum teacher in the Riverdale 2nd Ward, then Teacher's Quorum advisor and 2nd Counselor in MIA and in October 1967 was Young Married's teacher next July Assistant Scoutmaster. Ever since my ordination as a Teacher I have enjoyed Home Teacher.

In August 1971, I moved my family to Fresno, Calif. where I work for the Internal Revenue Service. I was set apart here as 2nd Counselor in M.I.A. and Deacons advisor in the Fresno 3rd Ward, was a choir Director and Conductor of the Youth Choir, in the ward choir and Gospel Doctrine teacher. On October 14, 1973, I was called and set apart as a stake missionary in the Fresno East Stake and ordained a Seventy by Theodore M. Furton the following year. At the present time I am a Seventy, Priest Organist, Choir member and Home Teacher.

We have again been blessed with a son, Christopher Glen, born Jan. 28, 1975 and a daughter Jodie Ann born April 24, 1976. Our family has truly been blessed by the Lord.

I leave with you my testimony that I know for a surity that God lives and that Jesus is the Christ. I pray that the Lord will bless you with His infinite wisdom and love in the Name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

#### AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF EVA LORIECE HOPKINS DEVEY

Eva Foriece Hopkins Devey was born October 27, 1929 to Homer Leland Hopkins and Hazel Mae Smart Hopkins.

She attended the first grade of public school in Blackfoot, Idaho. And then at age seven contracted Scarlet Fever and Red Measles about two weeks apart, and due to the high fevers of these two diseases, the retinas of both eyes were greatly damaged. This caused her to lose her sight except for some remaining light perception. After the loss of her vision, began to attend the Idaho State School for the Blind in Gooding, Idaho until the age of 12. Then she moved to Ogden, Utah with her family and attended the Utah State School for the Blind.

This is where she met her future husband, Eugene C. Devey. She attended this school until she became a senior in high school, at which time she went to and graduated from Ogden High School. She attended one year at Weber College.

After her marriage to Eugene C. Devey in 1948, she became a full time house-wife and a mother after the birth of her first and only child in 1951. They lived in Ogden first, and then moved to Washington Terrace. After four more years she moved to their current address at 21st and Jackson. Loriece was blessed with a sweet singing voice and often sings with daughter Gloria.

# AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF PATTI REEVES UDY

I was born July 23, 1938 in Ogden, Utah to Virginia Hiatt and Allen R. Reeves.

I attended the Dee Elementary, Central Junior High and Ogden High School. After graduating from High School, I went to work for the Internal Revenue Service and worked there about 12 years.

On February 19, 1965 I married Mervyn C. Udy. On January 6, 1972 our marriage was solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple. This was a very special Day for me I was also sealed to my mother and father at this time.

We moved to Warren, Michigan in November of 1965. Then in May of 1969 we moved to Arvada, Colorado where we still reside. We have 4 precious children: Colleen age 8, Christine age 7, Clifton Allen age 4 and Daniel Mervyn 11 months.

I have some very good memories of Ogden 31st Ward where I lived before I moved to Michigan. I held the position in the Junior Sunday School of teacher, Secretary and Coordinator. Senior Sunday School Secretary and Librarian. I was a Primary teacher, and Coordinator for the Child Training (Nursery) in the Relief Society. At the present time I am on the Relief Society Stake Board as a Child Training Society Assistant. In the 31st Ward I was also News-N-Notes editor and Secretary to Bishop Warren N. Shurtleff.

I have very special memories of home. We were always a close family and we did a lot together. My mother and I have a close relationship and we talk on the phone a lot. (This surely benefits Mountain Bell). We have such good times, we always have a good laugh when we get together.

I am very thankful to my parents for bringing me up the way they did. I am thankful that I was born a member of the L.D.S. Church. I love my family very much and wish that we lived closer so we could visit more often.

I know that this is the true church and that we have a true Prophet of God living on the earth. I would have nothing without the church. I pray that the Lord will be with each and every one of us. I say this in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

## THIRTY-FIRST WARD MEMBERS ON OGDEN STAKE BOARDS

The Ogden Stake worker is called to train, encourage, and instruct in the department to which they are called. This is accomplished at Stake Preparation Meetings held monthly, by visiting in that department in the ward and by personal contact when needed.

Counselors to Ogden Stake Presidents: Arias Belnap and David E. Tanner.

Stake Clerk: John F. Young; Asst. Clerk: William Leonard Knight.

Stenographer for Stake President: Kate Robins (26 years); Lillian Cheney.

Projectionist: Larry Price.

Alternate and High Council: Harold R. Johnson, Lawrence D. Anderson, Roland J. Stagg, La Mar Mumford, Volney B. Belnap, Warren N. Shurtleff, David E. Tanner.

Ogden Stake Young Mens Mutual Improvement Association: Superintendent R. Paul Thompson and Milton E. Christensen. Counselors: R. Paul Thompson, Frank B. Carruth, Daniel I. d'Hulst, Kenneth Porter, Robert L. Bishop Jr.

Secretary: Arthur D. Malan (14 years).

M.I.A. Board: Albert Orville Vowles, Russel Carruth, Archie Reed Larsen, Albert M. Oborn, Floyd Poulsen, Dennis Davis, Roland Stagg, Jellet Brown, Orson Hart, Alvin Anderson, Douglas Orton

Ogden Stake Young Womens Mutual Improvement Association: President: Lucile Singleton, Verna Stagg (12 years), Joan Robbins,

Counselors: Lucile Singleton, Verna Stagg, Joan Robbins, Beth Oborn, Maud Stratford, Ellen Pendleton, Vellis B. Pincock, Linda K. Messenger.

Secretary: Elsie Wagstaff.

M.I.A. Board: Mary Taylor, Hazel Anderson, Anita Shaffer, Vivien Jensen, Marie Belnap, Garnet Porter, Lillian Cheney, Joan d'Hulst, Ardella K. Smith, Lenore Brown, Karen Hines, Bonnie Wiggill, Darla Shurtleff.

Ogden Stake Relief Society: President Kate Woodbury.

Relief Society Board: Eliza Allred, Mary Lund, Iris C. Raat, Arvilla P. Arrowsmith, Marie Belnap, Neva Simonsen (10 years still serving) Elva Kunz, Carmen Poulsen, Agnes Lunt, Betty Hansen, Margaret D. Sexton.

Ogden Stake L.D.S. Girls: President Lavell H. Johnson. OM the Committee Marie Buckway, Prilla Bergen.

Ogden Stake Genealogical Committee: N. Hyrum Nielsen, Isabell Rhodes, Nettie Cherry.

Ogden Stake Mission: President Eugene H. Wiggins (7 years). Secretaries: Robert W. Jones, Lillian W. Cheney. Those serving stake missions listed on Page 45.



Ogden Stake Aaronic Priesthood: President Edward T. Saunders. Counselor and Secretary: Elmer J. Rippon. Secretary Lloyd Pope, J. Roland Stagg.

On stake board: W. Leonard Knight, Harold R. Johnson, Lawrence D. Anderson, Wendell L. Hansen, Thomas Midgley, Elmo Reed.

Ogden Stake Melchiesidek Priesthood: President Edward T. Saunders. Counselor Seymour Y. Mc Allister. Secretary: Elmer K. Rippon.

On Stake board: Charles H. Taylor, Lawrence B. Hill, Allen Reeves, Volney B. Belnap.

Ogden Stake Choir: President John Snow. Vice President Albert Oborn, Secretary Lola Midgley. Director Edward Shaffer.

Ogden Genealogy Library: Lavell H. Johnson, Hattie Preece, Lawrence D. Anderson, Virginia T. Anderson.

Ogden Temple Workers: Lillian Cheney, Larry Price, Douglas Price, Warren Shurtleff, Ann Parsons, Anne Wilbur, William Hicks, Ardella K. Smith.

Ogden Stake Primary: Presidents: Lavell H. Johnson, Marian Hines, Gayle Cox. Counselors: Lavell H. Johnson, Gayle Cox, Olive Applegarth.

Primary Stake Board: Mary Harris, Mary Clifton, Prilla Bergen, Beth Oborn, Delores Wiggins, Olive Tucker, Betty Hansen, Verna Stagg, Neva Simonsen, Anne Wilbur, Elva Kunz, Marian Hines, Olive Applegarth.  
and Blind

Branch for the Deaf Primary: President Lavell H. Johnson. Teachers: Olive Applegarth, Verna Stagg, Elvira Mc Carrel, Glena Hunt, Arvilla Black, Betty Hansen.

Ogden Stake Sunday School: Superintendent Edward T. Saunders. Counselors: James R. Scoville, Floyd Poulsen, Everett Browning. Secretaries: Irene Christensen, Virginia Reeves.

Stake Sunday School Board: Mae Mc Farland, Arlene Hansen, Wendell L. Hansen, Melba Probst, La Rene Anderson.

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The strength of this Church lies in the purity of the thoughts and lives of its members, then the testimony of Jesus abides in the soul, and strength comes to each individual to withstand the evils of the world.

David O. McKay

The Ogden Stake was organized the 26 July 1908.

# Ogden Stake Presidencies

		sustained	released
<u>1st President:</u>	Thomas B. Evans		
1st Coun.	Charles C. Richards	26 July 1908	4 April 1919
" "	Thomas E. Mc Kay	26 July 1908	1916
2nd Coun.	Thomas E. Mc Kay	1916	4 April 1919
" "	Wilford Mc Kendrick	26 July 1908	9 May 1909
" "	Elijah A. Larkin	9 May 1909	7 Jan 1910
" "	Thomas E. Mc Kay	7 Jan. 1910	1911
" "	Timothy H. Holt	1911	1916
		11 Nov 1917	4 Apr 1919
<u>2nd President</u>	Thomas E. Mc Kay		
1st Coun.	John Hall	11 May 1919	5 Sept 1937
2nd Coun.	Samuel G. Dye	11 May 1919	5 Sept 1937
		11 May 1919	5 Sept 1937
<u>3rd President:</u>	Samuel G. Dye		
1st Coun.	William Arthur Budge	5 Sept 1937	20 Apr 1946
" "	Lawrence H. Evans	5 Sept 1937	21 Nov 1943
2nd Coun.	Francis A. Childs	21 Nov 1943	20 Apr 1946
" "	Arias G. Belnap	5 Sept 1939	21 Nov 1943
		21 Nov 1943	20 Apr 1946
<u>4th President:</u>	Laurence S. Burton		
1st Coun.	Lawrence H. Evans	20 Apr 1946	29 Oct 1967
" "	George Wright	20 Apr 1946	16 Apr 1961
2nd Coun.	Arias G. Belnap	16 Apr 1961	29 Oct 1967
" "	George Wright	20 Apr 1946	27 Oct 1957
" "	Denzle Williams	27 Oct 1957	16 Apr 1961
		16 Apr 1961	29 Oct 1967
<u>5th President:</u>	K. Gunn Mc Kay		
1st Coun.	Keith G. Jensen	29 Oct 1967	3 Jan 1971
2nd Coun.	James H. Bischoff	29 Oct 1967	3 Jan 1971
		29 Oct 1967	3 Jan 1971
<u>6th President:</u>	Keith G. Jensen		
1st Coun.	Clarence F. Bathke	3 Jan 1971	12 Aug 1973
2nd Coun.	Glen V. Holley	3 Jan 1971	12 Aug 1973
		3 Jan 1971	12 Aug 1973
<u>7th President:</u>	Glen V. Holley		
1st Coun.	Robert E. Froerer	12 Aug 1973	
2nd Coun.	David E. Tanner	12 Aug 1973	
		12 Aug 1973	

These dates are the dates recorded but may not be actual death date. (F.-funeral)		
11 Oct 1946	George A. Hodson	20 Jan 1960F. Dallas E Carr
Nov 1946	Diana Huelman 11 mo.	22 Nov 1960 Thomas Edward Biddulph
Nov 1946	James Cherry 55 yr.	Dec 1960 Evelyn Irene P. Freestone
18 Nov 1946	Robert E. Hansen 19 yr.	19 Jan 1961 Jesse L. Browning
Dec 1946	James Palmer Collins	7 Apr 1961 Georginia T. Condie
Dec 1946	Iasiah Franklin Campbell	7 May 1961 Mary Ann W. Lakin 81 yr.
24 Dec 1946	James P. Colkins 84 yr.	31 July 1961 Mary N. Mc Kay 83 yr.
7 May 1947	Elnora Rex Johnson 70 yr.	28 June 1961 Beatrice Arleen Hansen 34 yr
15 June 1947	Norman Kent Baker 20 yr.	13 July 1961 Grace Mc Kay Mc Farland 91 yr
5 July 1947	Harriet U. Beckett 80 yr.	17 July 1961 Kenneth L. Denver 45 yr
25 Nov 1947	Wm. James Furniss 17 yr.	20 July 1961 Bert L. Thompson 54 yr
4 Feb 1948	Edith P. Wallace 63 yr.	21 July 1961 Martha A. Loftus 80 yr
8 Apr 1948	Harvey Lynham 78 yr.	17 Aug 1961 Joseph Summerill 79 yr
15 Apr 1948	Joyce Grace Chugg 5 yr.	15 Sep 1961 Clarence A. Manning 82 yr
12 May 1948	Maggie Brown Pribble 77	18 Sep 1961 Susan F. Hunter 80 yr
8 Sep 1948	Nephi Dahlstrom 82 yr.	29 Oct 1961 Elinor Deakin Johnson 48 yr
17 Dec 1948	Bertha Della B. Warner 43	3 Nov 1961 J. William Norton
24 Dec 1948	James Evan Warner 50 yr.	5 Jan 1962 Charles L. Gibson 65 yr
6 Dec 1948	Christian Nielson 78 yr.	16 Apr 1962 Irvin L. Nalder 52 yr
18 May 1949	William Taylor	23 Apr 1962 Rosevita I. Palfeyman 10 mo
26 Nov 1950	O'Niel Richardson (war)	6 May 1962 Evan T. Winkler 58 yr
25 Mar 1951	Oswald Liptrot	15 June 1962 Lyman Avondett 51 yr
29 July 1951	Henry L. George	15 Aug 1962 Emma H. Hillan 82 yr
Dec 1951	Jane Hurst Reeves	5 Feb 1963 Infant Black
22 Jan 1952	Francis M. Brown	27 Feb 1963 George W. Taylor
26 Oct 1952	Mrs Wagstaff	18 May 1963F Lottie Walker
13 Dec 1953	Nephi H. Jensen	7 June 1963 Lola Mercer Midgley
5 Sep 1953	Thomas E. Bidauff's wife	21 Sep 1963 Horace Barnes Sr.
Nov 1953	Margaret I. Norton	28 Sep 1963 Hettie Annie Thornock
1 Jan 1956	Mildred Rich Arnold	20 Oct 1963 Fleise Bowman
2 Feb 1956	Henry Noorda	11 Nov 1963 Arthur Hawn
30 Mar 1956	Marie Rasmussen	31 Dec 1963F Enid Crabtree
3 Apr 1956	John Biddulph	1 Oct 1964 Le Roy Malan
3 June 1956	John Mc Farland	16 Dec 1964 Katy Van Dyke
2 Nov 1956	Joseph R. Perkins	16 Dec 1964 Charles Spencer
12 Mar 1957	Ruby May Scoville	12 Jan 1965 Thomas D. Rhodes 78 yr
22 July 1957	Pearl Baird Bowen Norton	30 Jan 1965 Ada Hardy Eggington
26 Aug 1957	Josephine Schoriby Frank	18 Feb 1965 Mary S. White
6 Sep 1957	Anna Vanderwerff	May 1965 Melba Anderson
28 Dec 1957	Mary Harris	19 Apr 1965 Ella May Loftus
30 Dec 1957	John Kunz	13 Mar 1965 Benjamin F. Bingham
28 Jan 1958	Henry Watson Cheney	29 May 1965 William Winslow
13 Feb 1958	Rex Boden Jones	25 June 1965 Annie H. Hill
20 Mar 1958	David Scheline	25 June 1965 Sophronia Summerill
5 May 1958	Fannie Neilsen	28 June 1965 Roy Glenn Jorgensen
7 May 1958	Glen I. Norton	23 Nov 1965 Eliza B. Carruth 81 yr
10 May 1958	Caroline E. Kronenberg	18 Mar 1966 Allen Reeves
27 June 1958	Harold W. Green	4 Apr 1966 Francis Shiner
10 Aug 1958	Adlene Anderson	7 May 1966 Clark W. Cherry
12 Aug 1958	Edith Cox Biddulph	19 May 1966 Netty May Cherry
28 Nov 1958	Jered Hardy	11 June 1966 Edmond R. Alvord
5 Mar 1959	Alice Johnson Chatelain	17 June 1966 Martha Ida Keller
13 Mar 1959	Eliza E. Charlesworth	2 Aug 1966 Alvin Wilford Anderson
16 May 1959	Pieter Kronenberg	4 Aug 1966 Effie Nellie Alvord
27 June 1959	Harold W. Green	26 Aug 1966 Hazel Elizabeth Jorgensen
2 Sep 1959	Annetta Larson Hess	20 Sep 1966F Glenn Arnold Jorgensen 76
10 Oct 1959	Irene West Roghaar	19 Oct 1966 Carl Bigler Hess



## Deaths continued

6 Nov 1966	Elmer J. Rippon	
22 Nov 1966	Bessie E. Housley	
24 Apr 1967	Elizabeth Pettigrew	
18 June 1967F	Fred Andrews	74 yr.
22 Aug 1967	Ella Anderson	
8 Sep 1967	Margaret Orton	
Sep 1967	Reed Larsen	
14 Oct 1967	Leslie Whipple	70yr.
31 Oct 1967	Arnold T. Faulkner	
17 July 1967	Mildred M. Anderson	
27 Jan 1968	Loyal A. West	
11 Feb 1968	Louise Wood	
17 Mar 1968	Ella Q. Powell	
31 Mar 1968	Elmer W. Calder	68 yr.
24 Apr 1968	Frank Taylor	83 yr.
22 May 1968	George A. Singleton	
9 May 1968	La Vern H. De Main	
19 Aug 1968	Blanch Johnson	75 yr.
10 Sep 1968	Charles E. Hillan	65 yr.
26 Sep 1968	Olive Williams	71 yr.
29 Sep 1968	Melvin Hines	51 yr.
6 Nov 1968	Eugene Howard Wiggins	68 yr.
13 Nov 1968	Lester R. Putnam	
25 Dec 1968	Horace Vern Wood	
12 Jan 1969	baby of John & Becky Lee	
1 Apr 1969	Leland Steven Crowley	
23 Feb 1969	baby of Dwight & Vellis Pincok	
9 Apr 1969	Phoebe Reeder Lund	
May 1969	Diana Johns Higley	87 yr.
May 1969	Margaret Orton	84 yr.
12 June 1969	Vernal H. Singleton	
26 June 1969F	Isabell Paul	
10 Aug 1969	Mary Rheta Child	
21 Aug 1969	Laurence B. Hill	
3 Aug 1969	Isaac Guy Allred	
11 Jan 1970	Jacob Vanderwerff	
Feb 1970	Victor George Lockhead	
Feb 1970	Ludvig Mikkelsen	
27 Feb 1970	Anthony Arnold	
2 June 1970	Sylvia Stewart Perry	
26 Aug 1970	Olive Applegarth	
13 Nov 1970	Thelma Pewtress	
1970	Annie Bramlett	
17 Dec 1970	Juanita Hoskins	
7 Feb 1971	Floyd Le Roy Butler	
29 Mar 1971	Earl C. Johnson	
22 May 1971F	Sarah Wilbur	
25 May 1971F	Boyd Nelson Fronk	
June 1971	Frank Williams	
Nov 1971	Bert Hart	
4 Apr 1972F	Henry O. Gemar	
June 1972	Lottie Taylor	
	Myrtle Hansen	
2 Dec 1972	Richard Hansen	
23 Jan 1973	Maggie Saunders	
Feb 1973	Henery Wittevean	
16 Feb 1973	Grace Mildred Rackham	
9 Apr 1973	Dorser F. Eggington	
13 Apr 1973	Eva R. Richins	

17 Apr 1973	Blaine C. Wilbur
25 July 1973	Dora C. Linderman
4 Aug 1973	Nana M. Christiansen
23 Aug 1973	Ralph Morrison
31 Dec 1973	Karen Marie Mikkelsen
9 Jan 1974	Evva Jane Deakin
11 Mar 1974	Alex A. Malan

## CONCLUSION

Now at the conclusion of 30 years as the 31st Ward, we ponder to inventory our profit and loss.

As teachers and leaders, what have we accomplished? This question becomes very serious when we consider our commodity is the souls of the Children of God. Have we been successful in touching and quickening the individual spiritually? The child may have been born in an L.D.S. family, but have we helped CONVERT him to the truthfulness of the GOSPEL, the PLAN OF SALVATION, so that he progressed year after year and his life became a living testimony. Did the boy honor and grow in his Priesthood duties and practice to be a good L.D.S. father. Did the girl grow strong spiritually to help raise and guide her family in the gospel plan of salvation.

The autobiographies read are not a boast of what one has done but a testimony of how well we have been blessed for our accepting and giving of our time and energy for the benefit of others and the Work of the Lord. Yes a testimony of the steps they have made toward eternal progression.

Our love and prayers are toward those youth who have turned away from the light of the gospel for a while. May we through love, understanding and example guide them back to the influence of church.

Our efforts have been gratifying. Maybe you were the one who helped touch a child to the spiritual desire to serve the Lord and the brothers and sisters in the ward and community. The success of a ward is only as great as the service and the quality of the people with in the ward, because progress is effected by their efforts.

What a joy it would be to be able to compile the progress of the youth we have taught but they have gone out into the world to spread the gospel and by their example to bring others into the light of the gospel. A few who are near or visit often in the ward have brought us joy as we see their good works.

Thanks to all of you young mothers who with the guidance of your Priesthood husband, are raising a righteous L.D.S. family. Your names are too numerous to mention. We commend you for the help you give your husbands in their performance of their church duties. You are the teachers of your generation. The leaders do the planning and organizing, but the teachers are the ones who build spirituality and love of the gospel into their souls. You are the makers of great men (your husbands) and future leaders (your children.)

We have learned of a few former members progress and wish to express our joy in their service given. Wish we had an accurate record in full.

Our 31st Ward has contributed to Stake Presidents: Orson P. Millet and Darrell Saunders, to Counselors to Stake Pres. Arias Belnap, David E. Tanner, and O. Leon Millet.

To Stake High Counsels: Keith E. Wiggins, Frank Carruth, Lorin Wiggins, Carl Saunders, Dale Corbridge.

As Bishops: Harvey Schweitzer, Leon Millet, Jergen Mudrow, Evern Draney, N. Vaughn Larsen, Lorin Wiggins, Gary Hunting, David Dinsdale, Glen Saunders, David Carruth, Darrell Saunders, Russel Carruth, Carl Saunders, (probably many others)

As Pishops Counselors: Keith Wiggins, Allen Beazer, David Wiggins, Russel Pincomb, Larry Bergen, Frank B. Carruth, David Malan, Boyd Putnam, Harold Strand, Robert Orval Vowles.

Filled missions after leaving the ward: Gene Price, David Wiggins, Glen W. Johnson.

With music taught the gospel: Salt Lake Tabernacle Choir- Don Eggington, Marlin V. Hill; Southern Pacific Men of Song- Melvin Smith, Delore Powell, Alfred G. Crabtree.

Temple ordinance workers called after leaving our ward: Prilla Bergen, H. Vernon Hill, Norma Vowles Mc Kay, Vallecita J. Hill, Richard Messenger. (Probably many missed.)

General Board of the Young Womens Mutual Improvement Association, Rosalie Reese.

Wonder how many girls have served as Relief Society President besides Norma Vowles Mc Kay and Carolynn Shurtleff Phelps?

We have benefited by the services of Dr. Donald West and his work in cancer research, and Dr. Carl R. Saunders and Darrell J. Saunders who are dentists.

Many have not been names who have accomplished much good during their apprenticeship here on earth. As parents we desire our children to settle near us but the plan the Lord was to scatter those with firm foundations and good training that the gospel may be spread and that the many branches of the church may be strengthened by their experience and testimonies. This too is a wonderful chance for the individual to grow in experience and testimony.

So in the conclusion of the 30 years could we count as gain our progress as well as the good works of our former members.



FAMILY PRAYER



Girls raised in the 31st Ward will be listed by their maiden name. Names are spelled as they appear in the records (often not spelled correctly). Please do not be offended if spelling is not correct. I'm sure you can recognize your name.

The page number will be listed when ever your name is mentioned. If you have friends who like to tell about you or a friend with a camera, there will be many more listings for you.

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