

Grandparents Paternal

Orson and Eliza Johanna Tracy Hall Orson and Anna Maria Price Hall Joshua Challis and Sally Ann Bybee Hall Moses and Naney Naomi Alexander Tracy Eli and Eliza Ann Sprague Tracy Richard De Monte and Louisa Maria Rose Sprague

### Maternal

William Perkins and Sarah Jane Godfrey Evans Sarah Jane Evans and Henry John Holmes Joseph and Sarah Ann Price Godfrey Catherine Perkins Evans Jeremiah and Jane Morgan Price

The histories of the above grandparents are very brief, but we thought it imperative that their posterity should be acquainted with them. The courage of our ancestors is often unknown for they were too humble for the world to discover it. Though they did not achieve great riches or fame, they set for us fine examples, ideals and standards. May we all be proud of our noble heritage, appreciate the sacrifices made, and the trials endured.

Orson and Eliza JohannaTracy Hall



Winters on the homestead of the Orson Eli Hall (Ott) were long and cold. In the evenings our mother had us children, also with one, two or three of the Ellingson boy cousins, who lived with us, sit around the large oak dining room table. Our parents often joined us. Mama, and the older children who could read, took turns going through the few books which we owned. There was the Volga Boatmen, Beau Geste, and the favourite: Uncle Tom's Cabin by Harriet Beecher Stowe. We learned about early times in Russia, France and the southern United States. As exciting as these stories were, the most fascinating ones were told by our father. From age twelve he was raised in the Uintah Basin, Utah, in the small community of Dry Fork. He was very familiar with the stories of outlaws and the posses that pursued them. How exciting it was to hear about the bank and train robberies, the daring escapades! He described the "Wanted Posters", dead or alive captions, pictures of the dangerous criminals, escaped convicts and horse thieves.

Papa said his mother and father were concerned that the fascination their young sons had for the outlaws was not good. There was much excitement in the community when word spread that "The Wild Bunch" was in Uintah County. This group consisted of the Sundance Kid (Harry Longabaugh), Butch Cassidy (Robert L. Parker), Bean Kilpack, Bill Carver and Harry Logan. An incident was told about Matt Warner. He was in the Uintah County Jail for murder. Matt had previously met and aided the Wild Bunch so he was quite a hero to them. Word got out that the Wild Bunch was on their way to Matt's aid. The sheriff quickly moved Warner to Ogden for safety. The Wild Bunch robbed a bank in Idaho and hired an attorney to help Matt. More than ever Orson and Johanna Church worried about how to keep this bad influence away from their boys. They even considered moving, Eliza Johanna suggested Canada, perhaps because her brother, Eli and his family were living in Magrath.

As he described Uintah County it sounded to us like a very interesting place. He told us about the Indian writings on the rock walls, prehistoric Indians had lived there thousands of years ago

Another attraction in the Uintah Basin is the huge painting of an American flag with the words "Remember the Maine". This painting is on a straight wall of a cliff and commemorates the blowing up of the battle ship "Maine" in Havana Harbour, Cuba. It started the Spanish American War of 1898. "Remember the Maine" became a battle cry of the Americans. The painting was done four months after the bombing, so the Hall family passed by it often on their trips by horse and buggy, to the nearest town of Vernal where they purchased groceries. (Pearl Harbor was added in October 1944)



But the most hallowed spot in Uintah County for the Hall Family is the Dry Fork cemetery, where rests the final remains of Eliza Johanna Tracy Hall. She was the daughter of Eli Alexander and Eliza Ann Sprague Tracy. She was born under the covenant, 3 Februay, 1857, at Fort Supply, Wyoming. These good people went to Fort Supply for the L.D.S. Church to teach the Indian tribe of Shoshones. When the Fort was abandoned, the little family returned to Ogden and eventually settled in Huntsville. Three sons were born and Eliza was a beloved sister to Eli, Charles and David. Her father wrote of her, "She was always a dutiful child and grew to womanhood beloved by all".

In Huntsville the Tracys were neighbours to the Joshua Challis and Sally Ann Bybee Hall, another pioneer family. The Hall boys became friends of the Tracy boys. Orson, the youngest child of Joshua and Sally, began courting the lovely Eliza Tracy. They were married 26 January, 1877. The Hall family, except for Orson, left Huntsville and for a time lived in Southern Utah. Joshua died there, then his sons and wife, Sally, moved to the little community of Dry Fork in Uintah County.

Orson and Eliza's first child was born 15 September, 1877, they named him Orson Eli. He was nicknamed Ott, maybe because he was so small that a shoe box was his bed. When Ott was just a year old, his father Orson, was asked to take a herd of cattle to Uintah County. It was not an easy journey through country with few settlers and crossing Indian territory. It was difficult for Eliza with the baby.

They stayed in the Dry Fork area for two years and while living there a daughter was born, 7 August, 1879. She was named Eliza for her mother and grandmother Tracy. Soon after her birth they returned to Huntsville. Sadly two-year old Eliza died 17 Sep. 1881 and was buried in the village cemetery.

The grave of Eliza was not identified for many years. In 2005 the "Ott and Ethel Family" had a reunion in Salt Lake. Olive, Rae and Enid and many grandchildren attended. Activities were held in an effort to raise funds for a headstone for Eliza's grave. Thanks to the generosity of Colin Kinniburgh, great grandson of Orson and Eliza, there is now a headstone indicating little Eliza's grave, at the foot of her grandmother's grave, Eliza Ann Tracy.

In October, 1881, Orson and Eliza made a trip to Salt Lake City to have their sealing ceremony performed in the Endowment House. A month later David Moses was born, then Joseph Lee, Mary Elizabeth and Absolom Moroni. It should be noted that all of them received Biblical or Book of Mormon names.

Orson wanted to be with his brothers in Uintah County and the decision to leave Huntsville was made. He hinted that his mother-in-law (Eliza Ann) interferred too much in their lives. It must have been a difficult journey in 1889 but they were welcomed there and Orson's brother, Chell, helped them to get situated.



Orson and his sons built this log home for the family in Dry Fork.

Four more children were born; two sons, Charles Henry in 1890, and Tracy in 1892. Two girls; Sally Favorett joined the family in 1894 and Leona May in 1897. Charles Henry died when just a year old and Tracy only lived two days. The loss of those two children must have been heart-breaking for the dear mother.

To add to her burden, Ott had an accident about 1892, he was fifteen years of age, a shell in a gun backfired and he was blinded. In spite of Orson's refusal to get help, Eliza with great faith, courage and determination took her son in a buckboard to Fort Duschene, a distance of at least 50 miles. She knew there were good Army doctors there who would be able to help him. She left Ott there in good hands and returned to her family. The doctors succeeded in saving the sight in his right eye.



Back Row L to R: David, Mary, Orson Eli (Ott), Joseph Lee Front: Absolom (Ab), Mother Eliza J., Leone, Orson, Favorett (Faye)

In early 1901, Ott, the oldest son, decided to go north. At the time Eliza was probably pregnant with her eleventh shild. Perhaps she had a premonition that she would die during the delivery for she embraced Ott at his leaving, and tearfully said she would never see him again. Or maybe she felt that he would not return. She must have gone into labour about the 11th or 12th of November, 1901, for we know she suffered terribly trying to deliver the baby. It is not known if there was a midwife or doctor in attendance, but Orson stayed by her side, giving encouragement, pleading and praying. However, after two or three days of terrible pain she was willing to give up and begged Orson to let her go. She was released from her suffering on November 14th. The baby, a daughter, was stillborn. They were buried together in the red earth of the Dry Fork cementery near the graves of her two little sons, Charles and Tracy.

Her obituary reads from the "Vernal Express" November 15, 1901

#### Sudden Death

Eliza J. Hall, wife of Orson Hall, of Dry Fork, suddenly died Thursday morning at 6 a.m. of childbirth. The sad news came as a shock to scores of friends and acquaintances who who always held the highest regard for the deceased for her loving disposition and estimable character and worth as a woman.

She was raised in Huntsville, Utah and was the only

daughter of Eli and Eliza Ann Tracy, who are both living. At time of death deceased was forty-five years of age, having lived in Dry Fork thirteen years. Seven children mourn her loss. She was president of the Relief Society which office she has held for a long time with the credit and the entire confidence of all.

Two of her sons who are working in Colorado have been sent for and are expected to arrive tonight.

The funeral will be held at Dry Fork tomorrow at 11 o'clock.



*Eliza Johanna's resting place with her baby daughter. Nearby are her two little sons, Charles and Tracy, also Orson's mother, Sally Ann.* 

Ott was in Canada when his mother died, but happened to read about it in an Ogden paper in a Magrath store. NO doubt he remembered the sad farewell, and her intuition that she would not see him again. Though years earlier, Eliza had voiced the desire to take her family to Canada, she didn't live to participate in the move to that country. It was a sad, young man that returned home. He convinced his father it was a wise move and a land of opportunity. They prepared by selling property and belongings. In April, 1902, they were ready to begin the pioneer-like Orson trek. was still grieving over the loss of Eliza. He took great care in packing the few personal items that she had loved, and now he treasured, in a little trunk. (Read "The Treasure Trunk" following this history.)

A debt of gratitude is owed to this little grandmother by her large posterity. Her fours sons and three daughters

grew to adults in Canada. Most had large families: Ott raised eight children, his fourth daughter, Olive received the much loved, middle name, Eliza. It is very dear to her Dave had fourteen children, Absolom had eleven, Lee had six, Mary Elizabeth had seven, Faye had two and Leona four. The posterity of these grandparents must number, now, in the hundreds.

Before Orson and family left Dry Fork a farewell party was held in their honor. The following tribute was read during the evening, March 16, 1902:

"To Brother Orson Hall and family: We have gathered here

this evening as brethren, sisters and friends to bid you a a last farewell before you depart from among those with whom you have lived so many years. We testify to our friendship and respect you as a brother and fellow citizen.

In all the years while you have been a member of our little community, we have been intimately acquainted with you. We have rejoiced with you when the sunshine of prosperity and happiness were your lot and we have wept with you when the dark clouds of sorrow cast a shadow on your home.

As a member of our community, you are a God-fearing, law abiding and honorable citzen and neighbor, and as a community, we testify here this evening to these sentiments.

We regret you deemed it wise to go from among us, but there is a destiny which shapes our ends, rough hew them as we will...Remember, you take with you the best wishes and prayers of the little community left behind you, and if your mind wanders back, as it will, to your old home where lies she, who was the dearest to you, this testimonial will remind you that there is a warm place in our hearts for you and yours. We commend you as a respected brother to those among whom you may cast your lot. We unite in hoping that the blessings of the Lord rest upon you and that peace, health and prosperity be your portion is our fervent prayer.

It took almost a month, by wagon, to make the trip from Vernal to Green River, Wyoming but from there they were able to travel by train. The train ride ended in Stirling, and from there to Magrath they were, once more, in their wagons.

For more information about Orson and Eliza Johanna, we suggest reading the Family History Book.

The Treasure Trunk by Olive

In November of 1901, Ott Hall returned from Canada to his home in Dry Fork, Utah. He urged his father, Orson, to relocate to the Canadian prairies. He had been impressed with the country and its possibilities. Orson Sr. was soon convinced that this was a good plan. He was still recovering from the loss of his wife and worried about his family of four boys and three girls.

He prepared for the trip, which included packing a special trunk of his wife's possessions. It included her latest hand-sewn dress of purple serge with purple velvet trim. Also included was a black hat with pastel-colored flowers and black netting. The hat probably belonged to Eliza's maternal It may have been made by her grandmother, Louisa Mariah Rose Sprague. daughter-in-law, Matilda Sprague, a milliner in Huntsville, Utah. Carefully packed in the trunk was a pair of recent photgraphs, one of Orson and one of They were large and framed with oval curved glass and ornate brass Eliza. scrolled frames. A prized possession in the trunk was a beautiful photograph album, with a price of \$7.50 marked in pencil on the first inside page. The album was velvet with an embossed celluloid cover picturing a charming, young Inside there were photographs of close lady holding a sprig of blossoms. family members, mostly of the Tracy and Sprague families. Also in the trunk was a lovely, glass paperweight dated 1898, and showing the written name 'Edward'. An old muslin pillow cover with the name 'Sally Ann Hall', probably stiched by herself, was another of the treasures inside. A sampler stitched by Nancy Naomi Alexander Tracy was also in the trunk, done in 1882 and stating "Praise the Lord". Nancy was Eliza's paternal grandmother. Almost lost in the trunk, but greatly appreciated, was a small, cardboard shotgun shell box containing several trinkets. A photo of the Tracy family, in the original frame, was also found in the trunk, Eliza (age estimated about 34), her father Eli, mother Eliza Ann, two brothers. A third brother had died shortly before the picture was taken so his intended bride is also included in the family photo.

The trunk was loaded onto one of Orson's wagons and carried over the Uinta Mountains to Green River, Wyoming. From there it traveled by train with the wagon to Great Falls, Montana, then transported to a narrow-gauge railroad called the Turkey Trail. It crossed the border into Canada as far as Stirling. The little cavalcade then made its way overland to Magrath. It was a great marvel that the trunk and its contents made the long journey with contents intact.

Orson Hall married a widow, Anna Maria Price, in Magrath a few years later. They homesteaded an area north of Fincastle in 1911. The trunk traveled with them, undisturbed. When Orson decided to retire from farming in 1917 the family moved into the town where they had a little house, a big barn and a good deep well.

The front door of their little home faced the south and the precious trunk was placed just inside this door, against the wall. There was a family law that the trunk must never be disturbed.

Orson died in 1929 and Ott, as the eldest son inherited the trunk. He put it into his attic, alongside a stuffed white swan. Fear of the swan usually kept the trunk safe from curious children in the Hall family. However, curiosity often overcame fear and we ventured into the attic and carefully examined all the treasures. Somehow it made us feel close to a grandmother we never knew. When Ott passed away in 1944 the trunk was again handed down to the eldest son, Evan, but it remained in the attic until Ethel passed away in 1950. Evan and Eva were living in a small house on the south side of town. They had no room for the trunk, so he kindly divided its contents with his brother and sisters. Olive received the dress and the hat, which was later given to her daughter, Cecily Nelson. Gordon received the paperweight, which he later gave to Enid. The framed pictures of Orson and Eliza were put into Olive's care until Evan's daughter, Jane, had a home and could proudly display them. Rae was given the trunk, the Nancy Naomi stitchery and the Tracy family After his niece, Cecily, was married, Evan gave her the muslin picture. pillow cover because she and her husband were both descendants of Sally Ann. Evan kept the phograph album and the cardboard box. When he sold his home to move into a senior citizen's apartment he gave Cecily the photgraph album because she had an interest in family history.

It is not known if the red, velvet bag was in the trunk originally, but it was always considered a very treasured item. It was full of old pictures. It was safely kept in the Hall home, and often visiting relatives would ask to see the photos it contained. When Ethel died, Marjorie claimed the bag, cared for and appreciated it as does Marianne who now has it.

The treasured trunk has moved with the Eller family, and has made full circle back to Utah, the State from which it came. It is truly cherished by Rae, LaVon and family.

















The Red Velvet Bag

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## Orson Hall Family Reunion 1940

Children on Front Row not identified except child standing: Pat Hanna Adults kneeling on left: Frank Burbank, Joyce Hall Adults seated left to right: Ott Hall (Orson Eli), child?, Ethel Evans Hall, Anna Maria Hall (Aunt Rye), David Moses Hall, Elsie Fisher Hall, child?, Myrtle Rawson Hall (widow of Absolom Hall). First row standing left to right: Mae Hall Cook and son, (Ab), Alice Hall Sargent (Dave) Nellie & Earl Ellingson (Mary), Eva Hall (Evan-Ott) Jolayne Price (Eddie) Dean Hall Burbank (Orson) ----Redd (friend), Dave Ellingson & child (Mary), Edith Ellingson (Dave-Mary) child Birch , Earl Birch, Merle Hall Birch (Dave), Hazel Price (Eddie), Herb Beland. Row on truck: Gordon hall (Ott) Bernice Hall (Dave), Evelyn Long (friend), Enid Hall (Ott), (Elra Hall (Ab), ----Clark (Mary), Ruth Hall (Ab) Mary Hall (Ab), child, Darwin Price (Eddie) Last row: ----Clark (Mary), Bide Clark and Ora Ellingson Clark (Mary)

Wallace Hall (Dave)





**Orson Hall (Grandpa)** attended the "Laying of the Corner Stone for the Cardston Temple" September 19th, 1915. Seen in the upper rght hand corner are several horses and buggies. No doubt Bally, his favorite horse, had the honor of transporting Grandpa to this sacred occasion. The arrow in the upper left hand corner indicates Grandpa. Apostle David O, McKay officiated, standing center.

Orson and Anna Maria Price Hall Grandpa and Hunt Rye

Our grandfather, Orson, with his family of four sons, three daughters and a daughter-in-law arrived in Canada in the spring of 1902. They settled in Magrath where there was a settlement, mostly of the L.D.S. faith. At that time the area was included in the Northwest Territories, not until 1905 did it become the Province of Alberta.

Orson and his sons began work on the canal, built a home on what was called "The Pothole" and were active in the community. A widow lady, Anna Maria Price, operated a small restaurant in Magrath, specializing in meat pies, tamales and other delicacies. Anna Maria had three children, Eddie, Edwin and Letitia. Orson and Anna Maria were married 11 March, 1908 so the combined family numbered ten, plus parents. Then Orson and Aunt Rye had three children, Dean, Mark and June, however Mark died at age two. Anna Maria was affectionately called "Aunt Rye" by Grandpa's children and grandchildren.

In 1909 Orson and his sons went searching for land to homestead and decided on an area north of Tank 77 which was later called Taber. On the Homestead map it shows Orson's choice at the top of the Old Man River bank. A home was built from a pile of lumber that had washed down the river, the result of a flood. Orson's farm was about five miles from Ott's and Ab's. Dave went further east to Grassy Lake. Those homesteading days were difficult, the winters so cold and very often the summers hot and dry. But in spite of disappointments and discouragement they continued to plant and work.

Lee, the third son, had gone to Montana and for a time was a ranger at Glacier Park. He had two sons and then returned to the Homestead where two more sons were born. There were many grandchildren, Ott and Ethel had eight; Dave and Elsie, fourteen; Ab and Myrtle had eleven, Lee and Mary, four. The girls: Mary had six, she died in childbirth with her seventh who also died; Fay and Leone lived in California, Fay had two children and Leone, four.

In 1917 Grandpa gave up farming and moved to a home in town. He insisted on a big barn where he could still have his horses, he also brought two cows,

two pigs and chickens. He also brought his democrat and a single buggy. His favorite buggy horse was Bally. He took good care of all his animals but paid special attention to Bally. An annual chore for Grandpa was repairing and oiling the horses' harnesses. He would shine up the steel and brass parts and replace any decorative spots that were missing. When it was all done perfectly he hung them carefully in the barn, ready for use. Grandpa only owned one car in his life, a 490 Chev which he bought in 1916, he preferred his buggy and beautiful Bally.



Grandpa had a pattern every morning - up at 5:00, winter and summer, shake up the old Home Comfort range, then out to tend his horses, feed and milk his cows. Aunt Rye would carefully skim the cream from the milk and save it until there was enough to make a batch of butter. Then Grandpa would sit and do the churning using an earthenware jug with a broom handled, four spooled paddle.



There was a good well on the property, not only used by the Hall family, but many neighbors. Grandpa drew a fresh bucket for each meal. Many times he could be heard to say,

#### " Good bread, good butter good water, who wants anything more".

His daughter, Mary had married Berg Ellingson in 1905 and had five sons and a daughter. She had been such a comfort and help to him after Eliza died, so when, with her seventh child, she also died in childbirth, Grandpa was devastated. Earl, the youngest, was just four years old and Grandpa offered to take him into their home. It was a good arrangement, Earl had the love of surrogate parents, it eased the trauma of not being wanted by his father. In their old age Earl was a devoted 'son'.

The winter of 1927-28 Grandpa and Aunt Rye spent in California with Lee, Leone and Fay. During this time he suffered a severe stroke. Two nephews, Everett Alexander and Frank

Caldwell helped Aunt Rye take him home. This vigorous, independent spirit would be confined in his unresponsive body for as long as he lived. He died 9 May, 1929 and was buried in the Taber cemetery where Aunt Rye joined him the 28 March, 1951.

His posterity must surely be in the high hundreds; he and Eliza Johanna had fifty grandchildren, he and Aunt Rye had fifty-four.



Grandpa Hall's homestead home: Leone Hall Sprague and Willard Hall at a Family Reunion, circa 1950. Leone lived in the house until leaving for Utah, Willard was born there in 1919, also his brother Homerd in 1921. The two daughters of Grandpa Orson and Aunt Rye were both born in Magrath, but lived on their homestead for a short while until they moved to the little home in Taber. Dean Maried Frank Burbank, they had eight children. She and Frank were living in Grandpa's little house when it burned to the ground about 1939. Dean was very talented in creating rugs, quilts, sleeping bags. She loved to travel and enjoyed camping trips. She passed away 14 February, 2003 and the next day her oldest son, Darrel Frank died, 15 February, 2003. A double funeral was held for them.

At the time of her death Dean had 34 grandchildren, 94 great grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren; 148 descendants. A great posterity.

June, the second daughter, married Deral West and lived most of her married life in Raymond. They had five children and at the last count 20 grandchildren. June and Deral had a car accident that left Deral confined to a wheelchair. June cared for him with much love and attention until his death in 1989. June pased away in 1998.



Orson Hall and Anna Maria Price and children June and Deane



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## JOSHUA CHALLIS HALL SALLY ANN BYBEE HALL

Joshua Challis Hall, my great grandfather, left no journal or history of his life so in my attempt to acquaint you with him I must depend on the short life history of John Oscar Hall and the reminiscences of Lola L. Hall Caldwell. We also know but little of the life of his first wife, Sally Ann Bybee, our great grandmother. John Oscar was the only child of the second wife, Jane Wilson; Lola was the daughter of Joshua Chellus Hall, seventh child of Joshua Challis and Sally Ann. However, we do have family group sheets and much information can be gleaned from them.

Joshua Challis Hall was born in the town of Mentz, Cayuga County, New York, 11 June 1814. Geographically, Mentz is about thirty miles east of Palmyra, where Joseph Smith lived when ten years of age. Joshua's parents were Joseph and Joanna (Challis) Hall. Both of Joshua's grandfathers, Laban Hall and Enos Challis were soldiers in the American Revolution. When Joshua was less than four years old his parents moved to extreme western New York (Cattaraugus and Erie Counties) where they remained until 1825 when they moved to Indiana.

Sally Ann Bybee, daughter of Lee Allen and Jerusha Jane (Atkinson) Bybee, was born in Glasgow, Barren County, Kentucky, 22 December 1815. The Bybees left Kentucky and went north where she met and married Joshua Challis in Bowling Green, Clay County, Indiana, 10 December 1834. She was almost 19 and he was 20 years of age. Their first five children, Marvin, Joseph Lee, Absalom, Mary Mariah, and Eliza were born in Indiana; the next three, Iowa, "Chell", and Mark were born in Iowa. The daughter Eliza died as a child. Joshua was a polygamist having married Jane Wilson and they had a son, John Oscar, also born in Iowa in 1851. Sally Ann apparently accepted the restored gospel before her husband as she was baptized in October, 1843 and Joshua 10 November 1847. Joshua served as Bishop for some time in the Kanesville area of western Iowa.

When members of the Church were forced to leave Illinois the Hall family joined with them as they fled to the Rocky Mountains.<sup>\*\*</sup> Joshua, Sally and Jane with their families, seven sons and one daughter arrived in Deseret in 1852 and settled in Davis County, north of Farmington. They later moved to South Weber. Joshua took a third wife, Barbara Ann Cook and to them were born a son and daughter, James A. and Sarah.

On 23 March 1854 in South Weber a son was born to Joshua and Sally and he was named Orson (our grandfather). Antoinette Morgan Allen became Joshua's fourth wife and to them was born a daughter, Ann. Joshua and his brother Mark Hall were both police officers in Ogden in the 1850s. Joshua and his families were all living in Ogden in 1860. We do not know when they moved to Huntsville, nor how long they stayed there. Sally was in Huntsville in the 1870 census, but apparently Joshua and his other families had moved south to Beaver by then. Sally joined them in Beaver before the 1880 census. Orson, the youngest son, married Eliza Johanna Tracy in Huntsville in 1877.

The journey to southern Utah was a difficult one by ox team and the harsh, hot and dry climate made farming almost impossible. Their meager food supplies consisted of flour and molasses. Joshua moved his family to Beaver, hoping to provide a better living. Soon after settling there he cut and hauled wood in exchange for a bushel of carrots. Eventually he built up a small herd of cattle and had a few horses and corrals and a pasture to keep them. More disappointments - the Indians came one night and took all the cattle and some horses. To quote John Oscar, "they took every hoof and horn."

Joshua Challis Hall died 29 November 1880 and is buried in the Beaver cemetery. There is no marker nor specific records to locate his grave other than that it is in the older section of the cemetery. It is sad that we don't know more about this stalwart pioneer - it is said that he was a very kind and pleasant man, good natured and of a happy disposition in spite of all the difficulties in settling a new frontier.

One of Joshua's older sons had gone to the Vernal area and returned with glowing accounts of the Ashley Valley. He convinced his brothers to move there with him. Sally joined them after Joshua died.

Sally Ann (Bybee) Hall died 31 October 1894, in Dry Fork and is buried there along with numerous Hall descendants and relatives. She has been described as a very kind and patient woman - small in stature but with a big and generous heart. Her house was always immaculate no matter how primitive and she always kept a quirt (a small whip) hanging on her rocking chair to punish her boys. Quilts were her specialty and she made many, each child had one. Do any of them still exist?

These grandparents sacrificed much leaving a comfortable home and adequate income to settle with the Saints in the valleys of the mountains. For their endurance we should all be very grateful and remember them with love and appreciation.

#### POSTSCRIPT

The preceding history of Joshua Challis and Sally Ann Bybee was written in 1995. Since that time very little information has become available, although some research has been done.

On the first page, 4th paragraph, it intimates that the Hall family left Illinois with the Saints, however, there are no records indicating they lived in Nauvoo (or Missouri). As their Family Group Record shows Joshua and Sally Ann were married in Clay County, Indiana, two of their children were born there 1835 and 1837. The third and fourth children born in 1840 and 1841 were born in Putnam County, Indiana. The next date available is Sally Ann's baptism in 1843 - but where. The next date shows Eliza being born in Pottawattamie County Iowa in 1845 and buried there. It is safe to assume they movd to Iowa between 1842 and 1845. There are so many questions - why Iowa, the Saints had not yet left Nauvoo so it wasn't to meet up with them at Council Bluffs. BUT - is that where they were converted?

Joshua's baptism date shows 1847, three years after Sally Ann and must have been in Iowa. As stated in the history by Lola Caldwell (included) Joshua owned a fine ranch in Kanesville, Iowa and was the Bishop there. In talking to a director in the Records Dept. of the Church, he indicated that he would not be a Bishop, but a Branch President at that time in Church history.

Juliann Richins is doing a thorough research of Joshua Challis Hall - we look forward to its completion, a published book. She informed me that Joshua signed a petition requesting a Post Office be erected in Kanesville.

The family left Kanesville, Iowa, in May, 1852 and records show they were in Company 10, 241 people, 45 wagons, arriving in the Valley in September, 18 1852 Family Group Record

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## Moses and Nancy Naomi Alexander Tracy by Rae

Maney Maamb, a beautiful name for a beautiful person. Had I been as interested and appreciative of Family History fifty or sixty years ago, as I am today, our second daughter, Nancy, would have been her namesake and had the second name Naomi also. Our seventh grandaughter is Rachel Naomi.

This great great grandmother left us a legacy in her handwritten history. At age eighty-three she completed her reminiscenses, and provided us with an insight into her faith, struggles, triumphs and daily experiences. This very short sketch of her life can only begin to acquaint you with her accomplishments. Hopefully you have access to the 75 pages that have been typed from her handwritten history and included in the Family History Book compiled in 1996.

Nancy was born in the town of Henderson, New York, 14 May, 1816, to Aaron and Betsy Jones Alexander. At the age of sixteen, 1832, she met and married Moses Tracy, son of Caleb and Susannah Colvin. At that time there was a lot of controversy about religion, many churches vying for members. Nancy and Moses heard there was a man preaching a new religion. Out of curiosity they went to a meeting. There they heard David Patten, an Apostle and missionary, were instantly and thoroughly converted to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, commonly called 'Mormon'. Thus their lives were forever changed.

Their first child, Eli, was born in Ellisburg, New York, nine more children followed but in States where the parents had followed the movements of the Saints, Ohio, Missouri, Illinois, Iowa and eventually Utah.

In Missouri they endured much persecution, Nancy tells of one experience referred to as 'The Battle of Crooked River'. Moses went to the aid of Church members, in her own words:

"My husband came home and told me he had volunteered to go with the brethren to disperse the mob at Crooked River. I was very sick in bed with a young babe and shaking with the ague but I told him to go and I would do the best I could, although I was alone with my three little children and couldn't get out of bed. "

This atrocity was only one of many. Finally the Saints were forced to leave Missouri, settling in Nauvoo, Illinois. In 2006 a Family Reunion was held in Nauvoo. We were able to locate where Nancy and Moses lived in that beautiful city. We also attended the new Temple, just like the one that the Tracys had loved so much. Two of their children died in Nauvoo. For more than a hundred years there was no marker to indicate their burial spots. However, descendants of Nancy and Moses have had a headstone installed at the gravesite of William and Theodore. Again they were forced to leave homes and property, she expresses her regret and sorrow in leaving Nauvoo:

"And we had to leave all this, the Temple, our homes, and the pleasant surroundings and bid farewell.....Now the time had come for us to take the line and march, this time far away to the west where white man's foot had never trod."

Near Council Bluffs their second son became very ill and died. They buried him on the trail, another heartache for Moses and Nancy.

On the 12th day of September, 1850, they entered Salt Lake City, moved to various locations finally farming near the Ogden River. Moses had had poor health for many years, brought on by the hardships he was forced to endure. He died 25 August, 1858, and was buried in the Old Ogden cemetery. Although Nancy is remembered, and appreciated through her writings, we realize without the strength and and love of Moses, she would not have been able to persevere through the many trials she suffered.

Near the end of her narrative she states:

#### "As I am now near the end of this short sketch of scenes and incidents of my life, I will say that I am now in my 80th year. I have lived to see six generations from my grandmother that brought me up from childhood to womanhood down to my great grandchildren. I had eleven children and eighty two grandchildren and thirty great grandchildren."

Nancy remarried, to Moses's brother Horace and they had one daughter. Before her death on 11 March, 1902, Nancy Naomi declared:

"Through all my sufferings I never doubted but felt to cling to the Gospel."

Carol Cornwall Madsen compiled a book "In Their Own Words", stories of Latter-day Saint women who had lived in Nauvoo. The last chapter of the book is entirely Nancy's history. She has been recognized as a historian because of the accurate description of her experiences and church related events. Dr. Madsen expresses the writing of these women as: "Reality remembered, filtered through time, experience and self-appraisal."

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## Richard DeMont and Louisa Maria Rose Sprague

#### by Cecily Johnson Nelson

Richard DeMont Sprague was born March 2, 1807 in Cayuga (now Seneca County) New York. He was a son of Isaac Chamberlain Sprague and his wife Sarah "Sally" Sasson (or Sassin). He married Louisa Maria (or Mariah) Rose on Sept. 20, 1832 Louisa was the second child of Leonard Boardman Rose and his wife Louisa (or Lovisa) Green Rose. Their first four children were born in western New York. They were Harriet Helen, Eliza Ann (our ancestor) Marshall Davis, and Alvin Henry.

Richard and Louisa embraced a new religion, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Richard was baptized and confirmed in May, 1840 or 1841 (records vary) by John D. Chase, who later served with him in the Mormon Battalion. Richard was ordained a Seventy in the Church on August 21, 1840 or 1841, by Joseph Young (probably Brigham Young's older brother). Richard went immediately "that year on a mission to the states of Michigan and Iowa, and baptized not a few".

The family gathered with the Saints at Nauvoo, Illinois, where Richard assisted with the building of the temple. He probably worked on the temple as a stone mason, as this was listed as his occupation in later census records. Times were hard, and according to the writings of his daughter, Eliza Ann, the family subsisted on little but potatoes and salt. The Prophet Joseph Smith recorded in his journal on Friday, December 29, 1843, that he met with the city council and forty selected men were sworn in to act as city policemen. Richard Sprague was one of these men, and acted as drummer for the group. There is a family tradition that Richard was also a member of the Nauvoo Legion Band. Richard and Louisa would have enjoyed the association of the Prophet Joseph and other leaders and righteous Saints. Their fifth child, Sarah Louisa was born in Nauvoo in 1844.

Richard and Louisa received their endowments in the Nauvoo Temple on January 22, 1846, and they were sealed on Jan. 29, 1846. They were among those thronging the temple to receive their temple blessings prior to being driven from their beautiful city. Receiving covenants and ordinances at that time helped to prepare them spiritually for the hardships to come. Their daughter, Eliza Ann wrote, "When we left Montrose on the banks of the Missisippi River, we had an old wagon, and for our team we had one ox and one cow yoked together to move our family, which consisted of seven, besides our other effects. I will here state that the team did not belong to us. One of the brethren loaned it to my father and we reached Council Bluffs."

In May, 1846, the federal government declared war with Mexico over the annexation of Texas, and asked the Church for 500 volunteers to fight. Richard enlisted in the Mormon Battalion, and in July began what was to be the longest infantry march in the history of the U.S. Richard was signed up as a musician (fifer and drummer) in Company C. The Battalion suffered from hunger, thirst, and fatique as they blazed what was later called the Butterfield Trail. By the time they arrived in California in January of 1847, half of the men were barefoot, and their clothing in rags. Hostilities in the area were almost over by then, and they spent the last half of their year's enlistment assisting in the building of forts and in improving conditions of the military and civilians in the area of Los Angeles. At a 4th of July celebration, the Battalion erected a large "liberty pole" and raised the first U.S. flag in the area.

In a few days, the men of the Battlion were discharged, and most chose to rejoin their families and the main body of the Saints. Only about eighty discharged soldiers re-enlisted, including Richard. They were known as the Mormon Volunteers, and were ordered to San Diego, to protect the citizens there from Indian raids and Mexican rebellion. The Battalion worked tirelessly to improve the conditions of the local inhabitants. They white-washed buildings, built a bakery, dug wells, did blacksmithing, made carts, built the first kiln and produced bricks to build the first courthouse. When their service was nearing an end, every man and woman in San Diego signed a petition asking that the Mormons extend their enlistment. They declined and were mustered out March 14, 1848.

While Richard was away, Louisa settled with her children at a place called Mosquito Creek. She had to hire out by the week to support the family, and the two older childrn, Harriet and Eliza Ann, stayed at home and took care of the younger children. They had noone to get their wood so Eliza Ann, then about ten years old, went into the woods in deep snow to cut and drag in wood to burn. All she had on her feet were old tied-on rags. There was one co-operative spinning wheel in the settlement. Everyone carded and spun wool and made their own clothing. A man by the name of Coon was their Bishop, and he milked his one cow morning and night and distributed the milk to families that had none, including the Spragues.

Richard had corresponded with Louisa, and sent her any money that he could. He tried to make arrangements for others to bring his family to the Salt Lake Valley where he would meet them, but that plan did not succeed. Richard made the long trek back to Council Bluffs, and the following spring and summer they made the 1,000 mile journey across the plains. Louisa gave birth to their sixth child, Mary Jane, while they were on the trail. They arrived in the fall of 1849, and eventually settled in the Ogden area. Three more children were born to them in the Utah territory, Thomas Jeremiah, Jennett, and Richard Eli.

Richard served as Marshal, and later, Captain of the Police in Ogden City. He was the director of the first band organized in Utah, and was also elected Principle Musician of the Territorial Militia. In his own home, Richard had the first dance hall in Ogden, where he played the violin for the dances.

In about 1861, Richard and his family became some of the first settlers of Huntsville, along with Captain Jefferson Hunt of the Mormon Battalion, for whom the town was named. They maintained residences in both Ogden and Huntsville. Later, the Spragues moved to the Brigham City area, where Richard was a stone mason. They spent their later years back in Huntsville, where some of their children resided. Richard died there on Dec. 3, 1886 at the the age of 79. Louisa died Aug.5, 1897, and they are buried together in the Huntsville City Cemetery.



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Gli Alexander Tracy was born in the State of New York, Jefferson County, Town of Ellisburg, 25 November, 1833. He was just one year old when his parents, Nancy Naomi Alexander and Moses Tracy, heard, accepted and were baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, commonly called Mormon. The Tracy's were so thoroughly converted, they moved to wherever the Prophet Joseph Smith directed, consequently suffering the abuse and persecution that was afflicted upon the members. When Eli was sixteen he and his parents began the trek West facing the many hardships that all the pioneers endured. One of his brothers died on the trail.

On 12 September, 1850, they arrived in the Salt Lake Valley, living for a time at Bingham's Fort. It was here that he met Eliza Ann Sprague and they were married on Christmas Day, 1854.

Gliza Ann Sprague was born 12 March, 1837 in Castile, Broome County, New York to Richard DeMont and Louisa Maria Rose Sprague. When she was six years of age her parents joined the "Mormon" Church and soon after moved to Nauvoo, Illinois where the Saints had gathered. The Sprague family also left on the 1000 mile journey to the West and upon their arrival in Council Bluffs, Eliza Ann's father, Richard, enlisted in the Mormon Battalion. The family remained in Council Bluffs, suffering much hardship during his absence. He returned two and a half years later when his service was over, and they continued on to the Salt Lake Valley.

Shortly after their marriage Eli was called to serve a mission to the Indians at Fort Supply, but because of a severe illness had to return home. However, he was determined to return to the Fort and complete his mission and this time his wife went with him. Their first child, Eliza Johanna, our grandmother (Ott's mother) was born 3 Feb, 1857 at Fort Supply. When they returned to Bingham's Fort another move was made, this time to Huntsville in Ogden Valley. There they spent the rest of their lives. Eliza Ann was not only a devoted wife and mother but a dedicated Relief Society President for thirty-nine years. Besides Eliza Johanna three sons blessed their home.

Eli died 1 Jan., 1917 and is buried in the Huntsville Cemetery, Eliza Ann joined him there just three weeks later, 19 Jan. Some of you, dear readers, will remember that they did not have a grave marker worthy of them, just a small cement block with their names scratched on it. At a Hall Family Reunion money was contributed to buy a marker for their graves and, at last, about 70 years after their burials, there was a headstone worthy of these pioneer ancestors.

For more information about this remarkable couple read the History Book that was compiled and written 1996.

#### Post-Script

Eli was an avid genealogist, in his hand written-written account of his life he includes the following:

Before closing I will say just a few words in regard to my ancestry. It dates back for thirty-six generations in a direct line.

Sir William Tracy of Todington, England, was born about 1465 and died in 1531, was my eighth great grandfather. He was one of the first who embraced the Reformed Religion in the time of Henry VIII. In his will instead of leaving his soul to God, through the intercession of the Virgin Mary and the rest of the Saints, he according to the then common form stated briefly his belief as a Christian and his hope of salvation.

This will was condemned as heretical and his body was raised and burned in 1532.

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My sixth great grandfather, Lieutenant Thomas Tracy, born about 1610 at Tukesbury, Glostershire, England, came to Salem Mass. in 1636.

(In doing research on Thomas Tracy, we find that he was born 7 November, 1610 in Tewkesbury, came to America as a young boy on the ship "The Supply". The Supply was the companion ship to the Mayflower, arriving in Virginia on the 29th of January, 1620. He became a very prominent man, serving in many illustrious positions. In 1673 he became a Lieutenant of the New London County Dragoons (age 63).

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William Perkins and Sarah Jane Godfrey Evans

by Rae

William Perkins Evans was the third son of Willam Evans and Catherine Perkins Evans, thus his name. It was Welsh tradition that the third son be given the name of his father; the middle name, Perkins, was the maiden name of his mother. He was born in Cwmbach, Aberdare, Glamorganshire, Wales, 16 April 1857. To digress: In 1980, LaVon, Rae, Kathy and Steven Eller visited the Aberdare area trying to find Cwmbach. Finally we asked a lady if she could tell us where Comeback was (our pronunciation) - she was perplexed so we spelled it for her. "Oh, you mean Coombah (her correct pronunciation).

Will's mother had been converted to "Mormonismm" in 1846, the children had also accepted the new religion. When William Senior died, Catherine decided to emigrate as her mother and brothers had done. In the history of Elizabeth Ann Evans, Will's sister, their departure from Wales is told:

" For some time the little family had wondered about going to Utah, now the father was gone and it was very lonely Catherine's mother (Ann Mathews Perkins) had already gone to Utah after the death of her husband Thomas. It was a big decision for a widow with seven children to make, to leave the homeland, the house that she and her husband had lived in for so many years and the graves of four children. But the spirit of gathering was there so on September 6, 1871, they sailed from Liverpool, on the steamship Nevada. There were 263 Saints under the direction of John L. Hart, the journey was a pleasant one, at night there was dancing on the deck, singing and all kinds of games. When they left the ship in New York they boarded a train on September 27 and arrived in the part of North Ogden, called Pleasant View."

Will was fourteen, but at that time many young people concluded that they didn't need further education. Mining was a way of life in Wales, so it was natural that the Evans family would move to Almy, Wyoming, where there was work available in the mines. During the winter the three oldest boys in the family, Thomas, Joseph and William were all employed there. In the summer they would return to North Ogden to work on farms.

During the early summer of 1882, Will visited cousins in North Ogden. There he met the lovely Sarah Jane Godfrey. She said "he was a charming young Welsh coal miner". The attraction was mutual and they 'courted' all that summer. Sarah Jane was the second child, first daughter, of Joseph Godfrey. She was born 31 May, 1862 in North Ogden and had a very happy home. When she and Will were married, 12 October 1882, they left immediately for Almy for Will to continue his work in the mines. Life in the mining camps was very different for Sarah Jane but with her 'common sense' upbringing, she adapted to this new life. (For more details about Sarah Jane, please refer to her history 'Just Jane').

A son, Joseph, was born to Will and Sarah Jane 18 August, 1883, then a daughter, Ethel on 13 October, 1885.

There were many tragedies in the Almy mines and one occurred shortly before midnight on January 12, 1886. There was an explosion that shook the earth for miles around and resulted in the death of eleven men. William Perkins Evans was one of those men. His brother, Joseph, also. Joseph was just getting off work and William beginning his shift when it happened.

Quoting again from 'Just Jane' Grandma says, "Tragedy faced us all. Crying women and children, sad, intent-faced men rushed from homes that day. It took many days to find the full loss. Throughout all the search Will had not been found. I sat at home, waiting and hoping all that day and the next, then as I sat looking across to the opposite slope, holding wee Ethel, I saw a dog nosing about at something on the ground. I called the men to tell them. It proved to be Will's body - blown clear of the mine about a mile away - to this slope. No clothes but one sock I had knit remained on him. A web toe that had been a point of jest between us identified him. The horror of seeing his remains was lightened only a bit by how much better he looked when ready for burial. On January 17 the two brothers were taken to North Ogden to be buried. In this one disaster in which eleven were killed, I saw tragedy and felt it. I resolved never again to have anything to do with mining life."

Sarah Jane was a widow, just twenty-four years old, and two small children to raise. She said the loneliness was almost unbearable but she moved back to North Ogden where there were family and friends to help ease her sadness. The mine owners gave compensation and insurance policies to the families of the victims, Sarah Jane used hers wisely. The money she made as a talented seamstress supplemented her income.

Will was just twenty-nine when he died, half of his life was spent in Wales and half in America. He is buried in the North Ogden cemetery by his brother Joseph and his mother Catherine. We visit that grave site often for his great granddaughter, Kathryn Eller, is there also.



SARAH JANE GODFREY EVANS HOLMES B. MAY 31, 1862 D. DEC. 23, 1950

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Henry John and Sarah Jane Godfrey Evans Holmes

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Ethel was eight years old when her mother, Sarah Jane Evans married Henry She assumed a lot of the household Holmes. chores to ease her mother's work, especially when the children came every two years. When the decision to leave Utah, at the turn of the century, and move to Canada was made, the Evans children were not consulted about what they wanted to do. They had no choice, Henry demanded that they go with the family. Ethel was reluctant to leave. She loved North Ogden, her gentle Welsh relatives and Grandmother Godfrey. However, typical of her obedient and sweet nature she knew she was needed to help with Myron, Ellen and Margaret.



Sarah Jane and Henry with Ellen, Myron and Margaret

Two more children were born after arriving in Magrath; Godfrey and Martha. Henry purchased land in Raymond, to quote Grandma: "Henry was a good farmer, there were years of good planning, and consequently successful faarming". In 1912 Henry won the biggest prize ever offered for wheat. He received a Rumley Engine valued at \$2500.00. He sold the Engine and was able to build a fine home. Grandma Holmes deserves a lot of credit in the honor Henry received as "Wheat King of the World". In the evenings she and the children, by lamplight, would carefully select the best kernels of wheat until she had a bushel for Henry to enter the competition.

Four years after Ethel and Ott were married they left the Magrath area and homesteaded about fifty miles from Raymond. Our family dearly loved Grandma Holmes, she often came to visit, we were always happy when we could go to Raymond and enjoy the beautiful farm. Henry was Grandpa to our family, but Enid and I did not know him, for he died 24 December, 1924. When Ott and Ethel's family moved from the farm into town we were always so pleased when Grandma came with Aunt Ellen and Uncle Albert for a Sunday visit. There was always a little gift of hand knit mittens or a homemade dress. When we went to her house we loved picking strawberries, eating her sugar cookies, playing in the hay filled barn or viewing the pictures in the wonderful steroscope. She was a traditional Grandma, from her long, coverall apron to her sunbonnet.

We also loved the visits with Aunt Ellen who entertained us with poetry. She could recite "The Owl and the Pussy Cat", "Little Boy Blue" and many others. She was also a fine seamstress, like her Mother. Enid and I remember well the beautiful jackets made of scraps of leather stitched together. One time in Edmonton, a complete stranger offered me \$25.00 for mine but I wouldn't part with it. How we loved Uncle Albert's little coupe with the rumble seat. If Aunt Ellen invited us to go home with them we rode like royalty in that elegant, open to the wind, back seat.

Uncle Myron was a little scarey, he had a loud voice and enjoyed arguing, especially politics and religion. He must have inherited that 'talent' from his father. It is said when Henry Holmes began to expound on politics he could be heard in all downtown Raymond.

Aunt Margaret, for whom I was named, was a favorite and she returned the favor. When I was about five, she and Uncle Duncan were teaching in the Barnwell School, just six miles from Taber. One day Mother put me on the train, my first excursion all by myself, to visit the Weavers. Aunt Margaret was at the station to meet me. School was still in session so she took me into her classroom and introduced me. Not long after that they moved to Chicago and I was deprived of my favorite aunt.

I loved Uncle Godfrey! He had such a hearty, happy laugh and I was not at all afraid of him. He raised foxes on the farm, and he would let me follow him around when he fed the animals.

I don't remember Aunt Martha living in Raymond, I only knew her in Bountiful. As I read Grandma's life story she tells of her concern about Martha, age 19, marrying Snow Mitchell, a widower with 4 children. Snow and Martha had six children. When Mother and I would go to Salt Lake City for conference or on vacations we always stayed with the Mitchells. The sisters were always happy to be together. I shall always be grateful to Aunt Martha for coming to the train in Salt Lake City, to see me off on my mission to Texas/ Louisiana. Mother could not make the trip for that special occasion. I appreciated having a loved one there to wish me well.

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Grandma Sarah Jane Holmes and daughters: Ethel Evans Hall Ellen Holmes Winkler Margaret Holmes Weaver Martha Holmes Mitchell

Grandchildren of Grandma Holmes and Greats:

l-r, rear: Jean & Joan Holmes Carol Holmes, Ellen Claire Weaver, Kay Mitchell, JoAnne Poulsen, Alice Holmes, Mary Winkler

Front rows: David Holmes, Carol Hall (great), Jane Ann Mitchell, Cecily Johnson, (great), Jane Weaver.





Back row 1-r: Margaret, Martha, Usona, Olive, Irene, Grandma Sarah Jane, Ethel, Virginia, Ellen, Una Front: Cecily, Melba Barbara, Carol

### JOSEPH GODFREY (As written by one of his children)

Father was born at Bristol, Somersetshire, England, about 1795 or 1796\* and he thought his birthday was in March. His mother Margaret Barrer or Baurer, died when he was about four years old, leaving him to the mercy of a cold world and a father given to drink. As a result he and his brothers and sisters suffered even from want of food and were often mistreated and badly whipped by a drunken father.

Of his brothers and sisters Father remembered but little except that he had a younger sister for whom he felt so sorry that he often stole the bread which his father had put away for himself and gave it to her. On one such occasion he received such a severe whipping that he ran away from home and went to the wharf where a ship was being fitted out for a trip into the northern seas after whale oil. As the empty barrels were being loaded one of the sailors found father hidden away in one of these barrels and the boy pleaded so to go with the ship that the sailor took him to the captain who, after examining his bruised and scarred back became convinced that the boy's story was true and he told him he might go along with him.

As the ship was leaving the father could be seen looking along the wharf for his boy. The Captain called to him that his boy was on the ship and that he would never see him again - and he never did. Once after the ship returned, some four years later, father saw his father, but the father never did see the boy again.

As nearly as father could tell he was about seven years old when he first sailed away from the shores of old England. He returned many times but not to stay, for he remained on this same ship and with this same Captain, passing through all stages from cabin boy to that of first mate when the old captain died. He had sailed into the principal ports and upon all the seas of the entire globe, having been "before the mast" for more than thirty years.

At the death of the captain, who had been as a father to him for all these thirty odd years, the crew wanted father to be their Captain. But of course, the custom of the sea must be followed, and the first mate became the captain and father became his first mate. Trouble followed, and father, with his staunch young friend, George Coleman, prepared to leave the ship as it lay in New York Harbor. Their earnings and collections of many years were placed in their seamen's chests and lowered to a waiting rowboat which was to take them to shore. The new Captain and his friends, angered and jealous, dropped an iron bar through the bottom of the little boat and it soon began to sink. Father and his friend stripped off their shoes and coats and jumped overboard in an attempt to save their possessions, but were unsuccessful. The chests had all their earthly belongings and went to the bottom of New York Harbor. Father and George were compelled to swim to shore.

Thus father landed in the country which was to become his adopted home without hat, coat or shoes and with no resources except his invincible will which knew not the meaning of the word defeat.

Father was not a lover of the large cities with their noise and hurry, therefore soon found himself with George Coleman working on a farm in western New York State. Here the seafaring men became acquainted with Ann Eliza and Mary Reeves from the state of New Jersey whom they married in the year 1840 as nearly as can be figured. Father married Ann Eliza and Coleman married Mary.

About this time Mormonism was being preached in that portion of the state and the two newly married couples heard and believed it and were baptized members of the new and unpopular church and moved to the city of Nauvoo. Father was baptized by H. Jacobs and in 1845 was ordained a Seventy by B.L. Clapp

At Nauvoo father became well acquainted with the Prophet Joseph Smith and at one time served as a member of his body guard. He also worked on the Prophet's farm after Joseph's death when the Saints were driven from Nauvoo. Father and his family were among the last to leave the city.

After leaving Nauvoo father found work in Iowa, earning himself a team of oxen and a wagon with which he continued his journey toward the new Mormon settlement in the Rocky Mountains, where he arrived in the summer of 1852, having crossed the plains with Captain Wood's Company which suffered a severe epidemic of cholera in which Father and his wife lost three children.

On arriving in the "Valley", father settled in North Ogden where he traded his wife's fine china dishes for a tract of thirty-one acres of land which became his farm and upon which he made a living for his family until we were more than twenty-one in number. And be it said to his credit, none of us ever suffered for something to eat or wear. Of course it was what could be raised on the farm, both food and clothing. Our food was of the plainest kind and our clothes were those spun, woven and made in the home from wool grown on our little bunch of sheep. Father made his own molasses mill in which he crushed the juice from the cane and boiled it into molasses. This was the only kind of sweets that we knew for many years.

A sketch of father's life which did not mention his kindness to the poor, his assistance to the sick and distressed and his friendship for all the common people would be incomplete indeed.

He was counselor to his Bishop and was given the responsibility of distributing the Fast Offerings of the Ward. And he always gave out more that he took in. When he found a family or a person in need, if the material on hand in the Bishop's Storehouse was insufficient to care for them he would go to those who were able to give and tell them what he wanted and he generally got it. He served as "family doctor" for all the neighborhood, caring for the sick, dressing wounds, setting broken bones and then as undertaker in burying those who died. He was also a friend to the Indians and was able to avert trouble with them by feeding and treating them kindly. They called him"Emigary" which means friend or peacemaker.

Father was not more than five feet seven inches tall, weighed about 150 pounds; had light brown hair, which he seldom combed, blue eyes and a rugged face with a heavy jaw which bespoke firmness. He read without glasses and had almost a full set of good, sound teeth at age 84 or 85. He knew the world of those days better than any of his associates having traveled in all know parts of it. He was a fascinating story teller, a wise counselor, a true and dependable friend. He was, and still is known to all - both old and young as "Daddy Godfrey".

\* Birthdates for Joseph Godfrey vary - some as early as 1794. However, Aunt Martha Mitchell, one of his granddaughters, went to England and did much research on his line. I believe she must have discovered his birthdate as 1 March, 1806. Because he ran away from home at such a young age he did not know when he was born.

#### FOOTNOTE

In England when Olive, LaVon and I were serving the GSU Mission there was a director of the program, Richard Sowter, who was a dedicated genealogist and often helped missionaries with their English ancestry. When he saw on our Joseph Godfrey Family Group Sheet that he had been christened in St. Mary Redcliff, a Parish church in Bristol he encouraged us to visit it. We did, and saw the font where Joseph was probably christened. We agreed with Elizabeth I - it is "the fairest and goodliest Parish Church in England".



Sarah Ann Price Godfrey This is a brief sketch of her life as recited to her daughter, Josephine Sweson, a few days before her death at Proston, Idaho

J was born February 7, 1842, at Rhymney, Monmouthshire, South Wales of Jeremiah and Jane Morgan Price.

I lived with my grandmother, Margaret Llewllyn Morgan a good deal of the time. She lived at Merthyr Tydvil. I walked to Gammorah to shop. The Methodist Sunday School to which my folks belonged was in Gammorah and we marched there to visit the Sunday School. On the way they sang songs which impressed me very much. There were two roads beween Merthyr and Gammorah. One passed a cemetery and the other some iron works. When traveling back and forth I had to make a choice and I was quite afraid to pass either way. After becoming Mormons we walked five miles to attend services. Mother was not thoroughly converted to the idea of leaving a good home and plenty to go to Zion. So father sent two of us children on ahead.

Josiah Price, my brother, and I left our home in Rhymney, January 25, 1853. We walked to Merthyr then traveled by bus, then train to Swansea. We sailed from there to Liverpool. We were lost in Liverpool all day. We left on the boat "Jersey" and spent six weeks and one day at sea. After landing at New Orleans we sailed up the Mississippi River to Keokuk. We spent nine weeks there. I do not know why we remained there but we spent our time killing rattlesnakes and swinging on grape vines, etc. My aunt, Sarah Jeffries, lived near Keokuk, but we had no opportunity to see her. I was named after her.

Our journey west began. I traveled in the Joseph Young Company. His wife died at Green River. While on the plains the Captain found me walking with two Indians holding each hand. All the other women and children were in the wagons I was immediately ordered in the wagon but had no opportunity, for we had to stop right there and feed the Indians before we were allowed to go on.

On the Platte River I narrowly escaped being allowed to drift down the river when the girls let go of the rope that held the boat we were playing with. Four of us girls traveled together, Blanch Thomas, the leader, LaVina Jones, Sarah Morgan and myself. We walked all the way.

We landed in Salt Lake City, October 10, 1853. I lived with a few families until my parents arrived in Utah. I married Joseph Godfrey 7 March, 1857, by Brigham Young in his office. I became the mother of the following children, John, Sarah Jane, Margaret, Jemima, Emily, Jeremiah, Josiah, Melvin and Josephine. I was left a widow, December 16, 1880. John was twemty-one, Josephine was five weeks.

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Catherine Perkins

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Catherine, the daughter of Thomas and Ann Mathews Perkins was born in Loughor, Glamorganshire, Wales, 16 July 1833. She was the last child in the family of ten children and was nicknamed Kitty.

Catherine was blessed with a lovely singing voice and in her teen-age years often sang at concerts. One night as Catherine was performing at a concert there was a young man, William Evans, attending and he was immediately smitten by the lovely, young woman soloist. William was born in Machynlleth, Montgomeryshire in the Cambrian Mountains, on 22 January 1825. He had recently arrived in the Loughor area to work in the Merthyr Tydfil mines. His former home in the Northwest part of Wales was a beautiful area, Merthyr was not. Many mines covered the harsh landscape and the majority of the population depended on them for their livelihood.

After a short courtship William Evans and Catherine Perkins were married 29 March, 1852 in Merthyr. Eleven children were born to them, all the boys were given the second name "Perkins", Thomas, Joseph, William (our grandfather), Elizabeth Ann, David (died at birth), Margaret, who died the day she was born, David (the second David), Catherine, Margaret Jane (died at 4 months), Ruth.

On William's 45th birthday, in 1870, he and Catherine had been to the market and were celebrating his birthday. The Merthyr Tydfil paper reported:

#### OBITUARY: "DEATH FROM DROWNING

On Saturday night a man named William Evans, fireman at Middle Duffryn, was drowned in the canal, near the White Horse Inn, Cwmbach, at nearly twelve o'clock. He and his wife had been to Aberdare to Market. They had had some beer. He was drowned on his way home by falling into the water. He has left a wife and eight children".

A fireman in a coal mine is an overseer and a most dangerous job, so it is ironic that he should fall into a canal and drown. Maybe he had had too much beer.

Catherine's mother, Ann Mathews Perkins, had left Wales soon after her husband, Thomas died. Her story is an interesting one in itself, she and her daughter, Ruth, pushed and pulled a handcart across the Plains to Utah. She died in North Ogden in 1868. Two of Ann's sons had also left Wales for Utah.

After William's death Catherine decided she and her family would join her siblings in Utah in North Ogden. Catherine and her eight children sailed on the steamship "Nevada", leaving Liverpool 6 September, 1871 and arriving in New York 12 days later, a much shorter crossing time than the old sailing vessels. As they left the ship, 10-year old David waved his hand and said in his native tongue, "Well goodbye little Nevada, you have brought us safely over the sea." At this time Welsh was their primary language. They traveled by train to Utah and were soon secure in a home in Pleasant View.

The eldest son, Thomas, married Emma Kiddy but never had children. However, a son was found in a most unusual way and adopted by the couple. Early one evening Thomas had to make a trip to the outhouse, as he neared the privvy he heard a noise like a kitten mewing. Thinking the animal had fallen in one of the holes, he peered into the dirty depths and discovered a new born infant. He managed to get the baby out and hurried to the house where Emma cleaned and disinfected the newborn boy. They raised him as their own but never discovered who had left the baby in such a deplorable place. They also adopted a girl and provided a good home for both children.

The third son, William, married Sarah Jane Godfrey on 12 October 1882 in the Endowment House, Salt Lake City. Two children were born to William and Sarah Jane, Joseph 18 August, 1883 and Ethel 13 October, 1885. Catastrophe struck 12 January, 1886, a mine explosion claimed the lives of Catherine's two sons, William and Joseph. (more details in the Ethel Evans history)

Records show that Catharine remarried three times after arriving in the U.S., in 1872 to Isaac Evans, 1880 to Enos Lish, Rees B. Davis in 1888. She died 10 January, 1889, and was buried alongside her two sons in one of the burial plots purchased by Sarah Jane in the North Ogden cemetery. Records also show that her first husband, William Evans was vicariously baptized and all Temple work done by 1905 in various Temples.

Marianne King Davidson and Kathryn Eller spent part of a vacation in Great Britain in Wales, searching for William's grave, with the aid of a knowledgable man in Merthyr Tydfil, they discovered where William and his daughter, Margaret, were buried (in the same grave).

Ethel would not have remembered her grandmother as she was only four years old at the time of Catherine's death and sadly never knew her father as she was just three months old when he was killed. But every time she returned to North Ogden, the first visit she made was to the cemetery, to have a quiet time alone with her loved ones. Ethel's grandaughter, Rae's daughter, Kathryn Eller, is also buried in the Evans plat, next to Catherine.

#### **TO BE BORN WELSH**

To be born Welsh Is to be born privileged. Not with a silver spoon In your mouth, But music in your blood And poetry in your soul.

Craig Evans, a great, great grandson of Catherine's sings in the Tabernacle Choir.

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Jeremiah and Jane Morgan Price

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Jeremiah was born in Llanyre, Radnorshire, Wales, 5 August, 1804 to Rees and Mary Anne Watts Price. Rees was a miner, most male residents of that vicinity were also miners, he was a foreman, a job that was handed down from generation to generation. Thus Jeremiah also became a foreman.

Jane was born to John and Margaret Lewellyn Morgan, 28 December 1809 in Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorganshire, Wales. Thirteen children were born to them but only seven survived. Jane was the youngest of the seven living children. The six children who died were all buried in the same grave. The Morgan family lived on a farm but John, the father, was a stone mason.

Jeremiah and Jane were married in 1829 in Merthyr. Because a foreman was paid a good wage the family prospered and being very thrifty, Jeremiah managed to buy a dry goods and general merchandise store, also seven brick houses which he rented out. He was an educated man and had prepared for the ministry but was never ordained. Jane helped in the store by buying merchandise, usually in Bristol. Her education was limited but she was efficient and capable. Twelve children were born to them, the last two were twin girls, Mary and Martha.

In 1851 Jeremiah listened to the message of missionaries from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day-Saints, and was instantly converted. The lessons they taught answered many questions he had while studying for the ministry. He was baptized 4 December, 1851 and immediately made plans to emigrate. Jane was reluctant to leave Wales, she had a nice home, servants and a good income. Jeremiah arranged for two of his childen to leave with other Saints, knowing it would prompt her to agree to go to Utah. Therefore, Josiah, age 21 and Sarah Ann, age 11, sailed in January, 1853. It was a very sad parting, of course Jane was very worried about her eleven year old daughter and the hardships she would encounter. Sarah Ann had to be physically removed from her mother's arms.

Two years later, in January 1855 the family sailed for America on the sailship "Chimborazo". During the voyage their three year old daughter, Mary, twin sister to Martha Ann fell from the hatchway and hit her head, she died 22 April. The grieving mother, father and siblings witnessed the burial at sea.

With the Prices came Josiahs betrothed, Rachel, they were married a year later. Josiah left the church after 15 years in Utah and went to Missouri where he embraced the Reorganized Church. Rachel refused to leave the Church and Utah, they had no children. Eventually Rachel remarried, Josiah married a widow in Missouri and they had nine daughters.

Jeremiah helped many of the Saints in Merthyr who wanted to emigrate, he provided many people with money for passage and expected that he would eventually be repaid. But everyone suffered financially in their new location, and he was impoverished. He had no shoes and had to wear gunny sacks wrapped around his feet to go to Church. However, he was able to purchase a small ranch in Payson.

On 18 March, 1860, Jeremiah and his fifth son, John were crossing Utah Lake to deliver chickens to the Provo area. They had gone about four miles on the frozen lake and near to the shore when the ice broke. Both of them went down into the icey water, John succeeded in getting out but Jeremiah tried again and again until his fingernails were worn away. Finally with John's help he was able to pull himself onto the ice. Before John Left to get help, Jeremiah talked to him very seriously, prompting him to be good to his mother. John knelt in prayer, asked for a blessing on his father and told him goodbye. When he returned with help his father had died. The family had only lived in Utah for five years and Jeremiah was just 56 years old.

Jane had a premonition that her husband would not return, as she said goodbye to him before he left that morning, she knew she would never see him again. Jeremiah was buried in Payson but cemetery records have been destroyed and his grave not found. The family returned to North Ogden and just a year later moved to Malad, Idaho. The tenth daughter, Jemima married Moroni Coleman and they moved to Magrath, Alberta, Canada.

It should be noted here that Jemima was a sister of Sarah Ann Price Godfrey. Jemima and Moroni had a daughter Irene, Sarah Ann and Joseph Godfrey had a daughter, Sarah Jane. So Irene and Sarah Jane were cousins. Sarah Jane and Will Evans had a son, Joseph. Joseph married Irene, they were first cousins, once removed.

In writing the short histories of our grandparents I have felt a special tenderness and love for Jane. Her reluctance to emigrate, leaving loved ones in Wales, burying a wee daughter at sea, living in poverty in the promised land, her husband's untimely death, all must have been devastating. However, in spite of disappointments, sorrows and despair she was a faithful member of the Church until her death. She died in Magrath 7 December, 1904, while living with her devoted daughter, Jemima.

Mother (Ethel) was living in Magrath at the time Jane was there with the Coleman's. Jane was her great grandmother.



Home of Jeremiah and Jane Morgan Price in Merthyr Tydfil, Wales

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Evans Joseph and Irene Coleman Evans

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Myron, Ellen, Margaret, Godfrey and Martha Holmes see Henry John and Sarah Jane Godfrey Evans Holmes Grandparent page for the Holmes Aunts and Uncles.

## David Moses and Elsie Fisher Hall Uncle Dave and Aunt Elsie

Dave and Elsie Fisher Hall were just newly married when they left Utah with the Orson Hall family for Canada in 1901. Fourteen children were born to them in the Taber vicinity, the eldest Mary Johanna only lived three months Leo, was just eleven years old when he met an accidental death. A baby boy, Clifford, only lived about three weeks. All the children were exceptionally good looking. Wallace was so handsome he could have been a movie star. At the present time there is only one of their posterity in Taber, a son of Al and Ina.

When World War II was declared in 1939 four men of this family enlisted. Elwin Orson, was the first man in Taber to enlist in the Army, Dallis LeRoy and Norman James served in the Army and Wallace was in the Air Force. The first three served most of their service in Europe but all came home safely. Dal and Norman married English girls and Al (Elwin) married a bonnie lassie from Scotland. Dal's wife Jean came to live in Canada but they divorced and she moved to Vancouver. Norman's wife would never consent to leave England and they eventually divorced, but remained friends. Ina, Al's wife was content to live in Canada.

At a Church meeting during World War II a visiting authority from Salt Lake City was the speaker. During his talk he asked the mothers who had sons serving in the War to stand. Several mothers stood. He then asked if there were any mothers with two service men to remain standing. There were a few. He then asked if there were any mothers with three sons serving, to remain standing. Ida Wood and Aunt Elsie were the only ones still standing. He then asked if either of them had four sons "over there". Ida sat down and Aunt Elsie cried, but remained standing.



Aunt Elsie and Uncle Dave

There is a story told about a family gathering Uncle Dave's Hall home at Christmas. There were so many there, aunts, uncles, cousins, two or three doors had to be removed from their hinges to serve as tables. Aunt Elsie was a fabulous cook and a magnificent Christmas dinner was provided. Leo, the sixth child, looked over the table laden with the traditional Christmas fare and said, "Please pass the syrup". Maybe he loved the Roger's syrup that was such an essential in every pantry, especially good if it was mixed with a little butter and spread on warm bread.

Leo died when eleven years of age, details not known, except that it was an accident caused during hauling water from the river.

When Uncle Dave left farming in the Grassy Lake area they moved to a farm near Taber. They lived in town for a few years in a lovely, old home in the northend of town.

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Page 1 ( Husband **David Moses Hall** Templa LDS ordinance datas Place Huntsville, Weber, Utah Rom 14 Nov 1881 Bantized 3 Jul 1890 Place Taber, Alberta, Canada Died 26 Jan 1959 Endowed 20 Dec 1911 Place Taber, Alberta, Canada Furiest 28 Jan 1959 Sealed to parents BIC Seried to sports Dec 1911 SLAK 1 Jan 1902 Place Ashley, Uintah, Utah Married Husband's father Orson Hall Husband's mother Eliza Johanina Tracy Wife **Elsie Fisher** LDS ordinance dates Temple Place Cedar Fort, Utah Bom 9 Aug 1884 Bapized 9 Aug 1891 LIVE Place Taber, Alberta, Canada Died 21 Jan 1962 Endowed 20 Dec 1911 SLAK Boried Pizce Taber, Alberta, Canada 23 Jan 1962 Sealed to parents Ville's father Wife's mother Tempk LDS ordinance dates Children List each child in order of birth. F Mary Johanna Hall Baptized Child Place Magrath, Alberta, Canada 25 Aug 1902 Endowed Died Magrath, Alberta, Canada 2 Dec 1902 Sected to par 20 Dec 1911 SLAK Baried Place Maorath, Alberta, Canada 2 M David Elmer Hall Hall Baptized 16 Jan 1904 Place Magrath, Alberta, Canada 27 Jul 1912 Born Endowed 31 Oct 1927 ALBE Place Penfiction, B.C., Canada Died 14 Jul 1967 Sesied to part 20 Dec. 1911 SLAF Puneri Place Osovoos, B.C., Canada 18 Jul 1967 3 F Elsie Merle Hall Hall Bepfind 4 Aug 1915 LIVI Place Magrath, Alberta, Canada Born . 13 Nov 1906 Endound 4 Jul 1929 ALBI Dieđ Place Taber, Alberta, Canada 1 Jun 2003 Sealed to particle 20 Dec 1911 SLAI Buried Place Taber, Alberta, Canada 4 Jun 2003 . Alice Hall F Baofind Place Magrath, Alberta, Canada 20 Jul 1917 LIV Born 18 Jan 1909 Endowed 25 Sep 1996 OAK Died Place California 23 Sep 1995 Seeled to por 20 Dec 1911 SLA Boried Place California 5 M Reid Fisher Hall Beotzed .• 24 Aug 1919 LIV Place Grassy Lake, Alberta, Canada Bom 27 Jul 1911 Endowed . 24 Jun 1981 ALB Died Place Taber, Alberta, Canada 12 Oct 1989 Sealed to parents 20 Dec 1911 ۰. SLA Burind Place Taber, Alberta, Canada 16 Oct 1989 6 Leo Stanley Hall M Baptized 8 May 1981 ALB Place Grassy Lake, Alberta, Canada 8om 16 Dec 1913 Fodowed 13 May 1981 Place ALB Died 25 Jul 1924 Socied to parents BIC Address Propaged by 4281 South 3630 West Memaret Rae Hall Eller Phone Salt Lake City 679-0895 E-mail address Utah eters4@msn.com 84120 U.S.A. Date propaged 10 May 2006

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## Joseph Lee and Mary Elizabeth Ouellette Hall Uncle Lee and Aunt Mary

It was my good fortune to know this Hall family, I met Uncle Lee and Aunt Mary and two of their sons, Willard and Jack in 1946 when Mother and I had a trip to California. It was a brief visit and Uncle Lee died just a month or two later. However, when the Eller family moved to Santa Rosa we had the good fortune to be close to cousins and dear Aunt Mary.

The story of how the four sons received their names has been a favorite tale in the entire Hall family, now one of the legends. Below is the actual fact as written by Willard's wife, Flo. Many thanks!Florence

When the census taker came to the Lee and Mary Hall family in the 1920's there was a dilemma. The four little boys in the family had not yet been given proper names. All things official, such as recording births, etc. was left to Lee Hall because Mary hadn't ever had the opportunity to learn to read or write. Now Lee was not one to be in a hurry to take care of paperwork, so the recording hadn't yet been done. The nicknames given the boys.....Sonny (first born) Mouse (quiet one) Rusty (redhead) and Baby (baby of the family) didn't seem appropriate. So how to answer the census taker's query "and the names of the four little boys?" was dealt with the same way that Mary took care of things .... she pointed to the boys and named them on the spot! Jack, Cecil, Willard and Homerd. The great family story told, was that Mary always jokingly said that they couldn't afford middle names. Truthbe told, there probably wasn't time to think of extra names! Actually she did well to come up with those four names in a matter of minutes. Willard thinks that they were named after his mother's brothers (makes sense) but that has yet to be documented.

Florence (Flo) & Willard (Red)





Homerd, Willard, Cecil, Marian Moore, Jack

The Lee Hall family of four boys was surely an interesting one. In all the time I knew and enjoyed their company I never recognized a familiar family trait among them, all had different, but lovable, personalities. Jack had a wonderful singing voice - he sang "Oh My Father" at Aunt Faye's funeral, it was beautiful. Cecil's character was enhanced by his interesting wife, Alice. We enjoyed many happy times at their ranch, Hall reunions and family dinners. Willard cannot be described alone, as he and his remarkable wife, Flo, who he met and married in Austrailia, while serving there in the U.S Army, are one. Willard is 'Red' to family and friends, the once 'Rusty' color hair is now grey. They are very dear to us, their kindness, generosity and hospitality are remembered with appreciation. Homerd is the one we didn't know very well, but he, too, made an impression with his laid-back irresponsibility and humor. We didn't have the privilege of knowing Uncle Lee but Aunt Mary was an elite lady, she was a special aunt.

That one short paragraph does not do any of them justice, they deserve a better tribute, but we remember them with appreciation and love for accepting the Eller family into their family circle.

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Mary Elizabeth Hall and Berg Ellingson Funt Mary and Uncle Berg

Mary was the fifth child of Orson and Eliza Johanna, born in Huntsville, Utah, 7 May, 1886. She was just fifteen when her Mother died giving birth to her eleventh child, who also died. Mary assumed the many household duties. At that time the family was living in Dry Fork, Utah, but in 1902 they made the big move to Canada. Magrath became their home. It is interesting that Mary was one of Ethel's best friends and also became her sister-in-law. She was one of the "Pothole Mollies" as detailed in the Magrath chapter.



They had six children, with her In 1905 she married Berg Ellingson. The six children, Malcolm the eldest at fourteen and seventh, Mary died. Earl, the youngest at four were deprived of their dear Mother. Dear, old Grandpa Hall (Orson) offered to take Earl, he had a good home. Aunt Rye loved Two or three of the boys went to live with and cared for him as her own. their Uncle Ott and Aunt Ethel.



Malcolm

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In Earl's own words he remembers his Mother: "She and I must have spent many hours alone together while Dad was working and the other children in school. Fleeting flashes of memory shows she was a happy, considerate person and I felt her love and warmth. Her death changed the lives of every member of our family - our father, my brothers and sister and myself. Perhaps she and I were closest of all, and I feel that the relationship still continues.

In our 1998 Family History Book, Earl shares a few of his memories about Mother (Ethel): "Thanks Rae, for inviting me to share a few memories that I have of one of my favorite people, Aunt Ethel. I remember a few things while you were living on the farm, but it was after your family moved into town, that I became aware of what a really warm, considerate person she was.

I guess I was completing an errand for Aunt Rye, that brought me to your Mother's kitchen one day. She invited me to sit down and started to talk about my Mother, who had died when I was just four years old. My memories of my Mother were more of impressions than of incidents, so I was all ears. She said that she and my Mother were very close friends, before and after their marriages, had enjoyed sports and dances together, and that she loved my Mother very much. Noone had ever talked to me about my Mother. I guess they thought it would upset 'poor little Earl'. But I appreciated it from Aunt Ethel, it just seemed to bring my Mother closer to me. Here was someone whom I loved and respected, telling me how much she loved and respected my Mother. From that time on I just kind of felt a special love for Aunt Ethel, because we shared a love for my Mother.

#### FROM THE TABER TIMES:

#### DEATH OF MRS. ELLINGSON

Mrs. Berg Ellingson, wife of Berg Ellingson of Calgary, and daughter of Orson Hall, died at the Calgary General Hospital on Saturday, May 24, 1919 and was buried at Taber on Monday, May 26, at 4 p.m. from the L.D.S. Church of which she was a devoted member. The service was conducted by Bishop Haynes. The speakers were Geo. James of Grassy Lake, R.A. VanOrman, John Haynes, T.W. Harris, and Bishop Haynes of Taber, who all spoke of her sterling worth as a wife and mother. Mrs. Ellingson was just in the prime of her life being only 33 years of age. She leaves her husband and six children, a father, four brothers, two sisters and a host of friends. Mrs. Robina Christensen rendered a vocal solo.

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#### Absalom Moroní and Myrtle Rawson Hall Uncle Ab and Aunt Myrtle

by Rae

Grandmother Eliza Johanna and Grandfather Orson must have really liked Biblical and Book of Mormon names. But don't you think Absolom Moroni was a bit too much? Thank goodness we knew him as Uncle Abb. When Uncle Abb's son Ross, amd his wife, Elna, were serving a Family History Mission in Salt Lake City, a comment was made about his dad's name. Ross indicated that he didn't mind the name, as long as it was spelled right. Now I don't know which spelling Ross approved of: was it Absalom or Absolom?

Abb was the fifth son, sixth child of Orson and Eliza Johanna Hall, born 18 Feb. 1888, in Huntsville, Utah. And he died too young! Because of a sad accident he died 26 Oct, 1930, only 42 years old. He left a dear wife and eleven children, two sons and nine daughters. Fortunately, he had just signed insurance papers just days before his death, had not even made a payment but they were binding. It was the Great Depression time and that monthly income was surely a blessing in the lives of that family.

In our efforts to remember Uncle Ab, Enid and I have no memory of him at all but Olive supplied this delightful event and writes: "I was out to their farm in the Kinniburgh District one summer to visit with Doris and Joyce. Uncle Ab came in one afternoon riding on a tank of water. He had probably been to town to get it (quite a distance). He got down for a drink of the newly acquired water and saw some of us kids playing in the dirt. After his drink, he refilled the dipper and threw it on us. We gasped, then giggled and the fight was on. Everyone ran for a cup, a bowl, a cooking kettle, anything that would hold water. There was squealing, laughter, and shouting as we ran all over the farm, adults, toddlers and in between. The water tank was the centre of the activity. After an hour the water tank was empty and the fun was over. Uncle Abb just got up on the seat of the tank and drove off to get another load of water. That is a very happy memory of our uncle who died young. His children had more of the same pleasant experiences."

That story indicates what a very good-natured man he was, how much he loved his children and enjoyed seeing them have a happy time. Mother (Ethel) often commented that Abb was a very good person and that it was sad that he died so young.

Elra, his tenth child told Enid she remembered how her dad called each of his children to his bedside, when he was dying. When she went to him, he asked, as he did of the others, that she would be good to her mother. Elra was only four years old at the time, it is the only memory she has of her dad. After his death, Aunt Myrtle and family moved to a big house in the northeast part of Taber. We would often have an overnight visit there with a cousin of our age. We were always welcome.

As of this date, August, 2007, only 5 of the eleven children are still living. The second son, Ross, filled a mission when a young man and a second one with his wife, Elna, after retirement. In the fall of 2007, there appeared in the 'Church News', notices of couples who were celebrating their 70th Wedding Anniversries. Vriel Hall and Fern Russell Hall was one of those couples. They are presently living in Southern California, Vriel still drives. After the previous page was written I (Rae) found this page in my 'Book of Remberance', written by Aunt Myrtle. It adds some appreciated information about Uncle Abb, I will include it just as she wrote it:

Abb was assistant to Supertendent Albert Torrie at the Torrie Sunday School, Jerry Godfrey 2nd counselor. From about 1910 until 1921 we lived 11 miles north of Taber. We moved from the District in 1921 to the Purple Springs district and lived and farmed there until Mr. Allen, owner of land sold in spring of 1930. He (referring to Ab) rented some land 3 miles east of Taber.

Abb was threshing our grain and arose early in morning and went out to get gas in engine so that after breakfast they could start threshing He was syphoning gasoline to put in Tractor when the gas came with such force and went in lungs. He got pluricy and newmonia and only lived two days. This happened on Oct. 24 and he passed away on Oct. 26 nd was buried on Oct. 28, 1930

He was always helping anyone out who needed help. He had the flu in Nov. 1918 and nearly lost his life but let Preston Vorhees "his nurse" take his car to go help out the Romboughs and Bud Mecham who were also sick with flu using Abbs gasoline and he never charged them a cent although he had to pay the nurse one day and one night.

He always longed to go on a mission but never had the opportunity before marrying and then after he had a large family of 2 boys and 9 girls.



Ab & Myrtle Hall's Family 1929 Back row: Vriel, Norma, Ab, Myrtle, Larine, Mae, Linda Second row: Doris, Joyce Front: Ruth, Mary, Elra, Ross

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At Uncle Ab's, 1916 Back row l. to r. Usona, Norma, Evan, Mae, Rita, Linda Front row l. to r. Gordon, Vierl, Jack Hall (Uncle Lee's)



Probably taken after Sunday School held in the Marchessault School Back row 1 to r: Jerry Godfrey, Myrtle Hall & Vriel, Ab Hall, Ott Hall, Ethel & Gordon Hall, Mary Meacham, Albert Torrie Second row: Olis Godfrey, Jessie Godfrey, ?, ?. Children: ? Bowden, ?. ?, Edna Godfrey, Elva Godfrey, ? 3 little ones in front, Linda Hall, May Hall, Marjorie Hall, Evan Hall, Usona Hall, Reta Hall.





Faye was the ninth child of Orson and Eliza Johanna Hall, born 11 November, 1894. With four doting, big brothers and a caring, older sister, Mary, she was destined to be adored and spoiled. When she was just seven years old her mother died in childbirth. Just a year later she was uprooted from her Utah home and moved with her family to Canada. Surely, it must have been traumatic for the child. Her father remarried in Magrath, Alberta, to a dear lady who had three children and Faye resented her step-siblings. She lived a lot of the time with her sister, Mary, who had married Berg Ellingson.

At age 20 she married Thomas Glenn Moore. They lived in Medicine Hat and had two children, Garnett and Marion. Glenn was the coach of a hockey team and often had to go to other cities and towns to compete. Faye often attended the games but on one occasion, when the team was going to Great Falls, Montana, Glenn refused to take her. She was so angry she packed her bags, took Marian and left for California. She simply left Garnett with his father. It was many years before she and Garnett saw each other again.

Faye remarried three times and divorced. Finally, with her fourth husband, Joe Esperanza, she had a good marriage for a few years. But Joe died and she was completely alone. She had not been a very understanding mother to Marion, there was not a good relationship, much sadness and heartache. Marion married Lorin Wayne Colvin and had children Kathleen and Lorin Wayne Jr. Colvin. Marion died in 1945, only 29 years old. Faye was deprived of associating with Marion's children. Garnett married Jaquelyne Woods, they had three children, Judith Ann, Gerald Lewis and Jamieson Woods.

Her siblings in Canada seldom saw Faye, she did not return for funerals or family gatherings. However, in later times she did return occasionally and was always welcomed by her brothers, nieces and nephews. In 1962 the Eller family moved to Santa Rosa, California and had a good relationship with Aunt Faye. She loved and appreciated Uncle Lee and Aunt Mary's family, they were very good to her, as was Norma Hall Alexander, a niece. She was included in their many family activities. Kathy and Nancy beccame very fond of her and often would spend a few days with her in Oakland. Especially at Christmas she loved being with family, When unexpectedly, she couldn't come to Santa Rosa for the holiday, she would send a Christmas gift by Express Mail.

Garnett, her son, was in the R.C.A.F, a pilot, and served during WWII in Europe. On one mission his plane was shot down in flames. Some of the crew did not survive but Garnett did. He was so severely burned he was in a hospital for many months. The last information we have of Garnett was the birth of his third child, in Edmonton. We would appreciate knowing more about both families, Marion's and Garnett's. So far, our research has not been successful.

Aunt Faye passed away at age 76, 14 April, 1970.



**Orson Hall** and .**granddaughter** Marion Moon

Sally Favorett (Faye) 15 June 1926 Maríon 7 years 10 months Garnett 9 years 2 weeks

Garnett & Jaqueline Moore & children l·r: Jamison Woods Gerald Lewis Judith Anne

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Leona May Hall and David DeMonte Sprague Aunt Leone and Uncle Dave

Geona was the tenth child of Orson and Eliza Johanna Hall. She was born in Dry Fork, Utah 25 Nov 1897. When she was just four years old her mother died, giving birth to her eleventh child. Her sister Mary, just fifteen years old, assumed the role of care-giver, to Leona and Faye, also to her brothers. The entire family left Utah, moving to Alberta and lived in Magrath until Orson and his sons homesteaded in the Taber vicinity. Leona left Canada in her teenage years and lived with her grandparents Eli and Eliza Ann Tracy in Huntsville.

There she was surrounded with the kinfolk of her mother and enjoyed the association of aunts, uncles and cousins. There was one distant cousin, David DeMonte Sprague that she was especially fond of, she married him in 1917 when she was 21 years old. Three children were born to them in Utah, DeMonte Dean, Jack Hall, and LaRue Matilda and a fourth daughter, Darcelle, arrived after they moved to California. They lived in Fontana, a lovely city surrounded by orange groves.



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Joseph & Irene Evans

Uncle. Joe & Hunt Rene

"It was nearly two years later, on 2 October 1926, that another terrific shock came to me. My son, Joseph, who managed a grain elevator at Magrath was killed almost instantly when his jacket caught on a piece of machinery. He left a wife and four children. This was indeed hard to bear - my first child, so loving and always so kind." Those sad words from a heart-broken Mother, Sarah Jane, about her son Joseph's death.

Sweet memories of Joseph would, no doubt, come to mind, as she recalled how he helped her when she was a young widow. "Little Joseph was my mainstay. If I needed anything he would use his short stubby legs to go get it for me. If I must go to someone's home for a day of sewing, he could take Ethel that long mile up to Mother's and stay till I called for them at night."

Ethel, too, was devastated by the death of her beloved brother. She and Joe had been close, sharing sad and happy times. He had married one of her best friends and the relationship continued. At the time of Uncle Joe's death, Olive was just eight, Rae was three and Enid one year, so the latter two don't remember him at all.

Olive remembers our family visiting the Evans family in Magrath on one occasion. Uncle Joe came home from work, the first thing he did was to get a knife from the kitchen, went to the clothes closet where he kept a lage pail of solidified honey. He dug out a chunk and ate it quickly. Aunt Rene said it was a habit - he loved the sweet stuff. Their youngest son. Harold was Olive's age, she remembers him as a good natured, happy boy.

Though we were deprived of a dear uncle we were fortunate to have Aunt Rene. She was always happy, she hid her sorrows bravely. In 1933 her son, He was a promising basketball player but died suddenly from Everett died. pneumonia. In 1943 she received word that Harold, who was in the R.C.A.F., had lost his life over the North Sea during World War II. He had been on a bombing mission over Germany, his plane was hit and was unable to return to England. She agonized over this loss, beset by worries about how he died. Did he suffer? One night as she pondered and prayed, Harold came to her to give comfort, revealing that he was with his father and brother Everett. He was As we age and have suffered losing loved ones, we can better happy. understand her heartache.

As Aunt Rene aged she became even more lovable, we enjoyed visiting with her. She would recite her memorized poetry and entertain us with stories about early days in Magrath. Her son, Leonard, had moved to Salt Lake City and she often visited him, giving us the opportunity to visit her. Una had moved to Taber from Raymond so more cousinly contact was made. Leonard and Una did not have the happy disposition of their parents, they always seemed to be complaining. Uncle Joe, Everett and Harold died young, Aunt Rene lived 'til she was 99, Leonard was 81 when he passed away, Una 94. We have lost contact with the children of Leonard and Una so do not know about the posterity of Joseph and Irene. Leonard had a son and a daughter, Una just one daughter.

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