

*Governor's
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Greetings from Governor Herbert



Utah is known for many things: our beautiful and rich natural resources, our variety of outdoor activities, the theater, arts, and music, the Greatest Snow on Earth®, and most importantly, the quality and character of our people. Because of Utah's wonderful people, our quality of life is extraordinary.

Utah claims many incredible natural resources and beautiful landscapes, but I believe our greatest resource and most enduring legacy is our people, and the richness and diversity of the lives they lead. Utah's people truly enhance Utah's beauty. Chief among these are our Centenarians – remarkable people who have reached the incredible milestone of their 100th birthday.

It is my sincere privilege and honor to recognize these Centenarians, who have helped strengthen the legacy of our great state through their example of healthy living, maintaining a positive outlook, and setting an example for multiple generations. Over

their lives, they have seen incredible changes which those of our younger generation cannot imagine. They are our living connection to the founders and builders of our state and great inspiration to all.

Since 1987, the Office of the Governor and the Division of Aging and Adult Services have recognized these amazing individuals and honored them for the tremendous contributions they have made to the history of Utah.

It is my privilege to welcome each new Centenarian into the prestigious Governor's Century Club of Utah. To both honor their lives and help preserve their legacy for those who will follow, the Division of Aging and Adult Services works to collect life histories and photographs from Utah's Centenarians. This year, we are pleased to present the eleventh edition of the Governor's Century Club of Utah Yearbook. The remarkable histories of our treasured Centenarians are inspiring to those who read them.

I am confident all who read this book will gain increased admiration and appreciation of those who have lived such long lives and seen such vast changes in the world.

History of the Governor's Century Club of Utah

Times were when the popular belief was people of advanced age should be left alone and not bothered. In 1985, with the intent of proving many older people enjoy socialization and activities in the community, Lynn Peters Alder implemented the Phoenix Centenarian Program. In 1987, the National Institute of Aging established a National Centenarian Recognition Day as September 22. In her role as volunteer consultant, Ms. Alder contacted each state in the country to encourage local participation.

In response to this request, the Utah State Division of Aging and Adult Services contacted Governor Norman H. Bangerter who, along with Mrs. Bangerter, graciously invited all of Utah's Centenarians to the Governor's Mansion for a light brunch in their honor. The tradition, which came to be known as the Governor's Century Club Celebration has continued under Governors Michael Leavitt, Olene Walker, Jon Huntsman, and Gary Herbert.

The celebrations initially were held in the mansion's ballroom and later in the mansion's gardens. After a fire damaged the mansion in December 1993, the event was held in various locations before it returned to the mansion's gardens. As more people were living longer, healthier lives, the Century Club Celebration outgrew the mansion. The celebration was moved to the Utah State Fairpark and in 2008 and 2009 it was held in the restored State Capitol Rotunda. In 2010 and 2011, the celebration was held at the new Multi-Agency State Office Building. In 2012, it was held at Noah's Reception Center in Draper. Since 2013, the Governor's Century Club Celebration has been held at the beautiful Viridian Event Center at the West Jordan Library.

In 1987, thirty-two Centenarians attended the Governor's Century Club Celebration. In 2009, fifty-seven Centenarians came to the celebration in the State Capitol Rotunda, along with their guests. In 2012, fifty-eight Centenarians and their guests attended the celebration. In 2014, forty-three Centenarians and their guests attended the celebration. Although the number of attendance to the party fluctuates with every passing year; one thing is sure, Utah's Centenarian population is growing bigger and bigger every year.

The number of Centenarians known to the Division of Aging and Adult Services database peaked in June 2010; when there were 156 Centenarians on the list. The oldest person in the history of the Governor's Century Club of Utah was Joe Begay, a Native American living on the reservation near Bluff. He was born on March 15, 1886, and passed away in late 2001, just a few months shy of his 116th birthday. When he was 112, his children had to "take away his car keys" by refusing to let him continue to ride his horse.

It is hoped you will be inspired by the stories of Utah's wonderful Centenarians.

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Celebration



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Bertha Elthera B. Adams

Bertha Elthera Brems was born in 1910 in Lehi, Utah, the fifth child born to John Brems and Margaret Wilcox Brems.

Outstanding memories: Bertha tells her story as follows: I was named after my mother's sister Bertha, because my father loved my aunt's pies. In 1924, when all the church stakes were one, I had the honor of standing at the front of the stake parade and holding a big flag with an "A" on it for Alpine Stake.

My grandmother was Anna Christina Peterson Wilcox, the baby left on the plains. I wrote and published her life story. I spent many summers with her in Cedar Fort. She was a midwife and delivered hundreds of babies. After church one evening, a friend of mine who sang in the choir with me wanted to know if I wanted to meet a couple of her friends from Alpine. She said the name of one of the boys was John Quincy Adams, I replied to her "I always wanted to meet a president", my curiosity got the best of me and I agreed to go with her. Little did I know that John Quincy Adams was very interested in meeting me. In 1930, Quincy and I were married at the Salt Lake Temple. We had to ride the interurban into Salt Lake. Our wedding dinner was purchased for thirty-five cents and it was wonderful. We went to Daynes Jewelry Store to purchase my gold wedding band. We rode a street car to Quincy's Aunt Rose's home where we stayed the night. I had to share a bed with the kids. My first home was a sheep camp.



My father and husband built a small two room home near Quincy's parents' home in Alpine. We added rooms when we got money for lumber. We never went into debt. We herded sheep, farmed and later, Quincy got a job at Geneva Steel. We raised a family of three girls and three boys. Life was not easy. We had our trials, but we had each other, our family and strength in the Lord's protection and blessings; we were truly happy. My husband passed away when he was ninety-eight years old.

Favorite accomplishments: Being an active member of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers for eighty-three years. One of my favorite accomplishments is singing with an old folk's band. I enjoy making quilts, sewing, cooking, playing organ and teaching Sunday school. Having teenagers come to my home and discussing the plans for their future. I would encourage them to go on church missions and find good companions, and to always have integrity in their dealings with others.

Impressive changes: I can't keep up with it all; however, it has been impressive to go from horse and buggy to automobiles, computers, television, phones, and houses galore. It's all good except for corruption in government; but it's always been good versus evil, and we need to stand up for good.

Hobbies and activities: My hearing and eyesight are failing, but I still love to read, crochet and have a good chat with people coming to visit, especially the youth.

Secret to longevity: Living close to the Lord, never go into debt for anything, eating my dessert first – especially, chocolate. Always be of service to others.

Best advice: Remember the past. Always keep those who have passed on in your heart. Fight for freedom and what is right, remember the Lord. Learn from the struggles of your elders.

Descendants: Six children, thirty grandchildren, sixty-three great-grandchildren, ten great-great-grand-grandchildren and five great-great-great-grandchildren.

Ethel Bollaert Ahrens

Ethel Bollaert was born in 1916, in Lewiston, Idaho; she is the middle child of five girls born to James and Cora Bollaert.

Outstanding memories: As a child, Ethel was part of a loving family who didn't have much but she remembers always having food on the table, there just weren't too many "extras". She always loved school and was eager to learn. She went to college for her degree in mathematics. She was fortunate to meet her first husband at one of the dances she attended. After her first husband passed away, she went to work as an accountant at UC Berkeley and raised her two daughters alone. Later, she married her second husband and they had thirty-six happy years together. Ethel has appreciated having a healthy lifestyle which allowed her to enjoy playing tennis well into her eighties. She also played bridge for seventy-five years. One of the best parts of being such a healthy person is that Ethel has been able to travel the world and has had the pleasure of visiting many countries.

Favorite accomplishments: Ethel's biggest accomplishment is her family. By working hard and having had productive working experiences, she was able to provide for her girls as a single mother.

Impressive changes: "Oh so many!" From telephone party lines where you could listen to your neighbors' conversations...to "smart" phones. Cars for a few hundred dollars to modern cars. Computers.

Secret to longevity: "A long life comes from healthy eating, no smoking, exercise, and hard work". Ethel is fortunate enough to have good genes that run in her family.

Best advice: "Enjoy life each day; be kind and helpful to others".

Descendants: Two children, seven grandchildren, and thirteen great-grandchildren.



Edith Allison Akers

Edith Allison was born in 1915 in Dupu, Illinois, the third child born to Phillip Arthur Allison and Mildred Berry Allison.

Outstanding memories: Edith's family and friends like to call her "Edie" for short. Edith's parents were divorced when she was about five years old and her mother supported the family through her job as an x-ray technician. Each time her salary increased they would move to a better place resulting in many school changes. Edith attended five different elementary schools in a

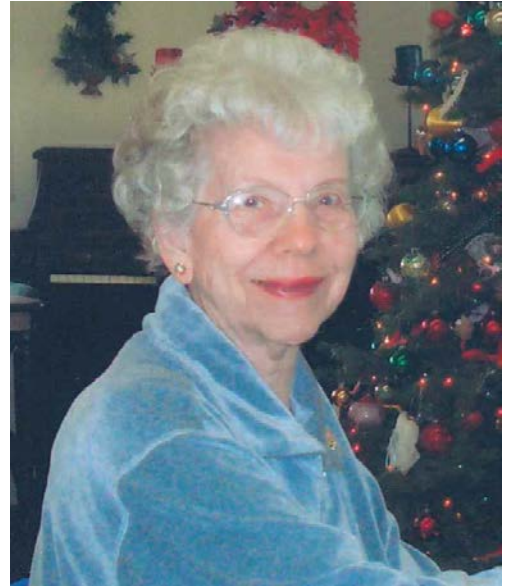


Edith 1929

period of six years and three different junior high schools in a period of three years. She spent a full term at Soldan High School, St. Louis, Missouri, graduating with honors in June 1932. After Edith's husband's death, she took night school classes in medical terminology, typing, office machines, bookkeeping and accounting.

Favorite accomplishments: Edie's family was so scattered that they were strangers until she took it upon herself to write letters and travel long distance to establish a new feeling of love and kinship among cousins, uncles and aunts. This bond is still strong.

Impressive changes: In 1927, Charles Lindbergh was the hero of everyone in St. Louis. One day Edie and her brother, Bobby, packed a lunch and went to Forest Park for a picnic. A sudden rainstorm drove them to seek shelter in a nearby memorial building. A large party arrived to look at the Lindbergh artifacts on display. Edie realized that one of the ladies was Lindbergh's mother. Edie timidly approached her and asked if they could shake hands. Mrs. Lindbergh agreed



Howard and Edith's wedding day 1937



Edith's Sons Thomas (L), Robert (R) 1977

with a smile. That has been a nice memory for eighty-eight years! On another occasion, her family went to Lambert field. The caregiver rolled Lindbergh's plane out of the hanger and Edie took pictures of it with her Brownie Box camera.

Hobbies and activities: Edie enjoyed needlepoint, flower gardens, collecting coins, stamps, spoons, fishing and bowling. She bowled in local leagues as well as city, state and national tournaments. She was forced to give it up when she developed arrhythmias in later years. As a volunteer in WWII, Edie became a member of the Auxiliary Police

(Civilian Services). The auxiliary police took over some of the duties of regular police so the policemen could go to war. Duties included directing traffic and patrolling the beach at night on the look-out for Japanese submarines. She also served as a den mother in Cub Scouts, an income tax consultant to the elderly and low income individuals for twenty years, and as an officer in a chapter of Golden State Mobile Home Owner's League.

Best advice: "Never hurry, never worry. Trust in God. Choose to be happy."

Descendants: Two sons (both deceased), three grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.



Bobby, Edith, Howard and Thomas 1946

Milton Allen Anderson

Milton Allen Anderson was born in 1915 in Murray, Utah. His parents, Alfred and Anna Anderson were Swedish immigrants who came to Utah in the 1890's.

Outstanding memories: Milton's father worked at the Murray smelter on State Street to support his family of eight children. Milton has many early childhood memories of Murray. Water into the home came from a flowing well outside the house. The refrigerator was a wooden box in the ground over the flowing well. The toilette was a two-hole outhouse in the back yard. It was a very cold run from the warmth of the house on a snowy winter night. On Halloween night, many people found their outhouses overturned by the ghosts and goblins. The snow on the dirt sidewalks were plowed by horse and wagon so the children could walk to school. The family grew their own produce and raised pigs, chickens and a cow for milk and food. Transportation was by foot only. The family did not have a car until 1927, which belonged to Milton's oldest brother. Everyone walked about two miles a day to get to school or work. The trolley along State Street was used to go between Salt Lake City and Sandy. In the late 1930's, Milton met and later married Margaret Miller. Margaret was also a life-long resident of Murray City and was the granddaughter of Chillion Letts "C. L." Miller who was elected the first Mayor of Murray City in 1902. Milton and Margaret lived in the Miller family home until they built their present home. Milton recently lost his wife of seventy-seven years. Margaret was ninety-six years old. Milton owned and operated Milt's Barber Shop on State Street. During these years he was also a volunteer fireman for Murray City. His barber shop was directly across the street from the old fire station and the original Murray City Hall. Milton would be the first fireman to the station most of the time, leaving his client sitting in the barber chair to be finished by one of the two other employed barbers. In the late 1960's Milton became a full time Murray City fireman until retiring in 1980. Milton's thirty-six years of retirement have been very happy and healthy. He enjoys watching all sports and has been an active golfer up to four years ago. Spending quality time with his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren is a rewarding part of his life.



Descendants: Three children, five grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.



Milton at his barber shop



As a firefighter for Murray City



With his beloved, Margaret

Mildred S. Asay

Mildred Stahle was born in 1916, in Parley's Park, Utah. She is the fourth child of seven children born to George and Bertha Stahle.

Outstanding memories: One of Mildred's best memories of home when she was young was their family gathering around the piano in the parlor. Her father played and sang their favorite songs which included, "The Little Dog Under the Wagon," "That Silvered Haired Mother of Mine," "I'll Give You One More as You Go," and "My Sweetheart is a Shy Little Miss." He would also make them a batch of molasses taffy. A real treat was when the children could talk their parents into yodeling for them. Another childhood memory was the fourth of July celebrations. The children would march to the top of Main Street in Park City where they were each given a dime to spend. In the afternoon, there were races and games. Mildred attended school for six years in a one-room school house in Snyderville, Utah. One teacher taught all eight grades. The younger children didn't get much attention and spent most of their time looking at the trains go by, drawing on the blackboard and watching the older classes recite their lessons. When the Snyderville and Park City schools consolidated, she rode the bus to Park City and later graduated from Park City High School. Mildred attended Utah State University during the great depression and remembers standing in long lines with the other students who were trying to get jobs to help finance their education. She graduated with a degree in Home Economics and then taught school in Nevada for three years. After her marriage to Orson Harris Asay, Mildred moved to Lovell Wyoming where she and her husband built a successful farm and raised nine children. Farm life was an ideal setting to raise children and instill in them a strong work ethic. Education was always a priority and all nine children graduated from college. Mildred's interests and talents include painting, sewing, and quilting, gardening and cooking. Her training in Home Economics started a lifelong interest and study of health and nutrition. Her beautiful penmanship became one of her trademarks as did her homemade caramels and rhubarb cream pie. Each of her thirty-seven grandchildren and eighty great-grandchildren has received one of her baby quilts. Mildred has served in the LDS church all of her life, holding many callings and influencing others with the strength of her testimony. She and her husband served a mission in Puerto Rico. Her greatest joys in life have come from serving her family and others, which she continues to do to this day. Her best advice to living a long and happy life is to eat wholesome foods, exercise, have a positive outlook and look for the good in others.



Descendants: Nine children, thirty-seven grandchildren and eighty great-grandchildren.

Barbara M. A. Benton

Barbara Mildred Allen was born in 1915 in Boston, Massachusetts, the first child born to Frederick Warren Allen and Agnes Hinman H. Allen.

Outstanding memories: Summers on North Haven Island were always the greatest happiness of my girlhood. They were long summers from school's end to school's beginning. That's when father was always with the family and we really came to know him. Me being the eldest, I was called to help him first. For dinner, mother did her cooking before the day grew hot. Our family always had meals together. When we finished, mother read wonderful books to us; classics stories, sea stories and Br'er Rabbit. How we all giggled and enjoyed it when father roared with laughter at the antics of that rabbit! And we loved the antics of our family dog when daddy smeared a banana slice or peanut butter in the roof of his mouth where the dog couldn't get at it but kept trying. Winter was so somber. Father left early and only came home in time for dinner. While waiting for him, mother gathered us children to sing as she played the piano. He was a sculptor and teacher at the museum school with his hands often cracked from working with wet clay and plaster of paris when casting. He would ask me to get the ointment and rub his hands. School was hard for me having a learning disability which I learned I had later in life; but I managed to graduate from Concord Academy. My siblings were all very smart and they received various degrees. My dad knew he had to put all us kids in college; he sent me first where I could sail through scholarships. I majored from school as a silversmith and hand-wrought jewelry maker. I went to win the first prize competing in Perspective Drawings. I met my husband who was a veterinarian. He went to serve in WWII and when he came back we were married. He built his own practice in Lexington, Massachusetts. I helped him in the office until he passed away.



Impressive changes: I think the development of the computer and all modern technology which I deplore. I can't grasp it! I can't use them.

Hobbies and activities: I currently enjoy sitting, napping and enjoy reading which I have always enjoyed and still do if the book is good. I enjoy flying to visit my family and get excited when I receive letters from them.

Secret to longevity: Never smoke nor drink. Be happy, be good. Love everyone. Take nutritional supplements, they help!

Best advice: Find God and never let go!

Descendants: Four children and eleven grandchildren.

Carmen F. Boss

Carmen Farnsworth was born in 1914, in Riverside, Utah. Carmen is the fourth child born to Leo Ezra Farnsworth and Ruby Lovina Richards.

Outstanding memories: When I was five years old my sister Irene and my dad had typhoid fever. We lived in Holbrook, Idaho at the time and had to hire a nurse “old lady Noles” to take care of them while the rest of the family moved in with Aunt Eva Farnsworth about a mile away. I got so homesick one day that I ran back home, sneaked into the house, climbed up a chair and peeked over to see dad and Irene. They were both bald! When “old lady Noles” noticed me, she sent me back to Aunt Eva’s. On the way to her place I knelt and prayed to please save my dad and my sister because I loved them. I promised heavenly father that I would mind dad and never give him any trouble. Shortly after that, their fevers broke and it proved to me that prayer was an important part of my life.

My sister, Faye was born with a drooping eyelid and when she went to school the kids, even her best friend would tease her. She would go home crying and I would stay and beat up anyone who called her “cockeyed.” Many a-speaking did I received for that but I continued to protect her all through grade school. In high school she was top of her class and the valedictorian, she was personality plus!

Favorite accomplishments: To get all of my eleven children it took me to marry three times. One of my favorite accomplishments is to have lived this long and to have had all my family and friends get together to celebrate my 100th birthday, there were at least 200 people between family and friends at my birthday party! I enjoy making quilts for my grandchildren. I paint decorative plates with acrylic paints for my grandchildren and friends’ homes. I enjoy babysitting my grandchildren.

Impressive changes: I think computers are wonderful, however, with good comes some bad. When I was younger, America was wonderful, young people learned to work to take care of ourselves and help others. Today I see families don’t take time to enjoy one another.

Hobbies and activities: I enjoy crocheting and knitting. I like to travel to see my grandchildren but I can’t do these things now because of my bad eye sight. These days I enjoy scrapbooking, books on tape, which are provided by the Braille Institute. I enjoy listening to church magazines on tapes. I enjoy visitors always.

Secret to longevity: Good genes, exercise and the best thing I do is stationary bicycling.

Best advice: Don’t live so long! Families should eat together, pray together and help others who are in need.

Descendants: Eleven children, fifty-three grandchildren, 158 great-grandchildren and thirty-eight great-great-grandchildren.



Evelyn Keith Carpenter

Evelyn Keith was born in 1917, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Evelyn is the second child born to John MacKay Keith and Beulah Holcomb Keith.

Outstanding memories: My best memories are meeting and marrying my husband of forty-seven years, Harold Carpenter, the arrival of our son in 1936, and our daughter in 1939. Another great memory was running and operating a summer fishing resort in Minnesota. In the fall we would take our trailer and go south to Texas or Arizona for the winter – we were real “snowbirds”. As a child I remember going to the movie house on Saturday afternoon for “ten cent silent movies”, there my aunt was hired to play the piano and provide the sound effects as the words were printed on the screen, I always enjoyed going with her.

Impressive changes: I’m impressed with all the modern changes, especially the ones that have made housekeeping much easier like electricity and running water.

Hobbies and activities: In my spare time I like to knit, crochet, oil paint and play Skip Bo or Solitaire. I also enjoy a drive in the mountains, a quick trip to Wendover, breakfast with my friends and visits from my grandchildren.



Secret to longevity: Having a positive attitude. I always try to see the bright side of things. Be happy.

Best advice: I’d offer the same advice I got from my grandmother who always said “There is a place for everything and everything in its place.”

Descendants: Two children, six grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren and nineteen great-great-grandchildren.

Telesila Triviño Castro

Telesina Triviño was born in 1915, in Guayaquil, Ecuador. Telesila is the second of eight children born to Victor Triviño and Dionisia Castro.

Outstanding memories: My siblings and I received our elementary schooling at home. My father brought tutors and teachers to our home. When my parents passed away, our schooling stopped. When father was alive he was very old-fashioned and always made sure his daughters were treated like special treasures. My dad wouldn't allow young men to come by the house with the intention of going out with us. We would receive serenades and letters hidden in books so no one in the house would know. To go out formally, we all had to be with chaperones. My oldest sister and I learned to be seamstresses and we worked for the family and neighbors to earn some money. At this time, we lived on a small farm. We had a lot of orange trees, cane sugar, avocados, cantaloupes, watermelons, guavas, mangos, beans, rice and tomatoes. When it was harvest time, all the owners of the farms invited the families to celebrate by cutting up and sharing watermelons. It was a party, an occasion to go out and enjoy the festivity. Parents and children looked forward to these dates to get together and enjoy a moment of happiness. Sometime later, we moved to the big city of Guayaquil with the support of the family's attorney. I stayed with this family because at the time I was engaged to my future husband Ernesto Castro. The lawyer and his wife married us. From this marriage four daughters were born. Later on all of my siblings, my daughters and me immigrated to the United States which is now our country. I am happy to see my grandkids reaching their goals, some working, and some studying. I feel complete and satisfied, their triumphs are my triumphs.



Telesila and Ernesto, 1940's

Impressive changes: Television is something we didn't have in my era. I enjoy watching the news and it's amazing to see the ability for us to communicate in different parts of the world, now even via video. I love technology, and I consider all these advances as technology that can improve our lives when they are used for our well-being even though I am not adept at using them.

Secret to longevity: "I have tried to live a quiet life, at peace with myself and others, in connection with the Lord. I enjoy giving whatever I possess to others, even if is not much. I just love it if I can provide to someone in need!!!"

Best advice: “We live with constant challenges. Even though we are different we shouldn't fight but celebrate our differences. Start each day with positive thoughts and the willingness to help others. I never thought I would be a US citizen or that I would reach past 100 years old. Every day I celebrate with a song to life. Every morning is an opportunity to love and serve”.

Descendants: Four children, thirteen grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.



Telesila in the middle with her four daughters

Phyllis A. Chatwin

Phyllis Abplanalp was born in 1915 in Devil's Slide, Utah, the second child born to William Walter Abplanalp and Ida Huber Abplanalp. She has outlived her two siblings.

Outstanding memories: My early growing up years were very happy. Although we lived in the city, my parents were originally from Midway, Utah, a farming community of Swiss people. We spent many weekends and vacations there. We had many relatives there and many cousins to play with and visit. We rode horses, fed the newborn lambs with bottles of milk; we fed chickens and gathered eggs. My married life ended in divorce; I then worked several jobs; and I had the opportunity to travel to Europe, South America, and Hong Kong, Hawaii, and around the United States. I worked until I was seventy years old. I took the family to Hawaii to celebrate my retirement. We had a wonderful time.

My biggest accomplishments are the family I have and enjoy. My wonderful daughter and her husband are the greatest! They are so helpful and concerned. My home is a great place to be and it is mine! I have many in the family who are college graduates. They are all very responsible people. We have a lot of love in our family. They all support



each other and that has made strong relationships over time. I've been healthy all my life, which accounts for lots of happiness and no doctor bills!



Phyllis and her family

Impressive changes: The Model T Ford, Dodge 1950, the airplane, travel to the moon. These are all so impressive! The ability to travel all over the world for everybody, medical treatments, education changes and the computer. Feeding the family so bounteously.

Hobbies and activities: I don't have too many hobbies, but have done knitting. I tried oil painting and I love to cook. I still enjoy having family over for dinner. I used to can peaches and apricots but not anymore. I still bottle my famous mustard pickles which are a family favorite. I still drive my Honda Accord I love to be able to go

when I want to go! It's a good life. I am a spectator of sports like basketball, football and golf. I love to have a hot cup of coffee while I read the Salt Lake Tribune first thing in the morning.

Secret to longevity: Be prepared to receive the challenges of life with a positive attitude. Make good friends. Have financial security by saving. Start saving when you are young. Take very good care of your health.

Best advice: Be pleasant, smile more, be kind to the less fortunate, and be happy.

Descendants: One child, three grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

Mae Fairchild O’Born Craner

Mae Fairchild was born in 1917, in Burley, Idaho. Her parents were Ancel and Mabel Fairchild.

Outstanding memories: In 1936, she married Milton “Mick” O’Born and they established their new home in Sugar House, Utah. They had two children, Mick and Sharon. Milton passed away in 1968 and Mae started working in the gift shop at the Salt Lake Airport. She worked there for ten years. One of Mae’s earliest memories was when she was five years old and her family moved from Burley to Tyhee, Idaho, where she met her first best childhood friend. Her friend would come over to play all the time. There was a pile of bedding and clothes in one of the rooms in their house, and they would climb up on the pile and slide down its side. Another of her favorite memories was of a wonderful trip to Santa Catalina, California. But her most favorite memory was when she married Milton. They spent their honeymoon in West Yellowstone, Montana. That was the first time she ever saw Yellowstone Park. Mick and Mae weren’t alone on their honeymoon. They took along with them three of Mae’s siblings and their spouses. She loved going on picnics with Mick and their children and her brother, Vere, and his family up the canyons above Salt Lake. The thing she enjoyed most about those outings was being with family.

Favorite accomplishments: She owned and operated a route of candy and nut dispensers, which took her all over Utah from Price to Logan to service the machines. She sold the business after about five years. In 1989, after living in Sugar House for fifty-three years, she met and married Darwin Craner. They lived in Monticello, Utah. They moved to Holbrook, Arizona, where Darwin passed away. Mae then moved to Wendover, Nevada and now lives in Grantsville, Utah.



Mae, her parents and siblings (date unknown) Top, L-R: Twins Juanita and Bonita, Mae, Rene. Seated: Orvel, parents Mabel, Ancel and Vere.

Impressive changes: The most impressive changes she has seen over her lifetime are the advancement from riding in a horse-drawn buggy to going places in her dad’s first car; man making trips to the moon; indoor plumbing, electricity, computers, and cell phones. Mick and Mae were the first ones on their street to get a television, and in the evenings the neighborhood kids would come over to watch kids’ shows with Mick and Mae’s children.

Hobbies and activities: Over her life, Mae enjoyed dancing, camping, four-wheeling, and being in the outdoors. She now enjoys watching television, doing puzzles, and receiving phone calls and visits from family and friends.

Secret to longevity: Mae has had a love of life and a love of being active. When she was ninety, she broke a couple of ribs while four-wheeling. When she arrived at the hospital, word spread fast, and while she was in the waiting room, several hospital staff members came to the door and said, “I heard there’s a ninety-year-old woman who broke ribs while four-wheeling!” Mae can’t pinpoint what she can attribute her long life to. She says that she’s just too mean to die!

Best advice: Her best advice to younger generations is to “Use the strap on your kids when they need it. There’s not enough discipline in this ol’ world these days.”

Descendants: Two children, seven grandchildren, fourteen great grandchildren and seven great-great grandchildren.



Mae (center) with sister-in-law, Martha Fairchild (right), her niece, Farice (left) with four generations. 2014

Eleanor Piacitelli Dalpiaz

Eleanor “Nora” Piacitelli was born in 1911 in Majestic, Colorado, the third of eight children born to John and Helen Williams Piacitelli. She, one brother, and one sister are still living.

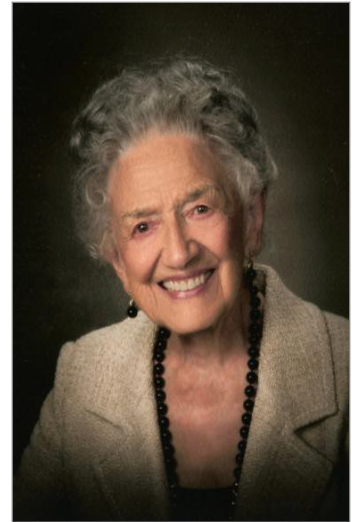
Outstanding memories: Nora’s early childhood was spent in Colorado. Her father worked in the machine shop for a coal mine and the family lived nearby in one of the camp houses. Nora recalls how hard her mother worked to keep their family’s living quarters up to her standards, often working well into the night cleaning. The idea of cleaning after midnight must have appealed to Nora who, like her mother, is known for staying up into the wee hours of the morning to finish cleaning projects, laundry, or to get a batch of nut rolls out of the oven.

When Nora was four or five years old, the family moved to Sunnyside, a mining camp in Carbon County. With five children in the family, the train trip stands out in her memory to this day as quite an adventure. She recalls those days in Sunnyside, “Our big entertainment was the newspaper, especially the big Sunday paper.” Nora survived the 1918 influenza epidemic in Sunnyside. “Every day a funeral procession would pass by our house going from the church to the cemetery,” Nora remembers. “The mourners walked and the casket was carried on a horse drawn cart. Everyone in our house was sick with the flu except my older sister, Millie, and me. We were the nurses for the family. It felt pretty scary.”

When the United Mine Workers went on strike in 1919, Nora’s father had to find a new job. The family moved to Price where he found work in a garage as a machinist. Nora finished her school years there.

Nora met her future husband, Frank, at a church carnival. A year later they became engaged and were married in 1938 at Notre Dame Catholic Church in Price. They made their home in Helper and raised their family, Nora working as a nurse and Frank working for the United States Postal Service. During World War II, Frank served in the U.S. Navy in the Philippine Islands. Nora and Frank were active in the Helper community and in St. Anthony’s Catholic Parish. Nora joined the parish choir soon after she was married and was still an active choir member when she moved from Helper at age ninety-five.

Nora says Frank was the “ideal husband, so kind and patient” and they were “very compatible.” They were married fifty-eight years when Frank passed away in 1996 with Nora at his side. Nora continued to live in their home in Helper, concentrating her energy on keeping up a spectacular yard and beautiful home and singing in the choir. In 2008, Nora moved from Helper to Tooele to live with her granddaughter’s family in an apartment they built especially for her in their new home. It was difficult to leave behind the people and places, which had been part of her life for most of her 100 years, but Nora was grateful to be closer to family. She feels blessed to have her own space with her granddaughter’s family, with room for company and all her own favorite treasures, complete with a walk-out patio and garden. She enjoys daily visits from her great-grandchildren, which keeps her feeling young at heart.



Piacitelli Family 1921
Nora is fourth from the left

Favorite accomplishments: Nora said, “Being in a loving marriage, having good and hard-working children, and caring family and friends are what I count as my most cherished accomplishments.” She believes next to being a wife and a parent, nursing was the most important thing in her life.

Nora fondly recalls being among those chosen as the best spellers in her elementary school class and traveling to participate in a spelling bee. In high school, she sang the part of Queen Isabella, the lead, in her high school operetta, “Captain Crossbones.” Nora wanted to audition for the part but only those in the music class were expected to have the talent to perform. Nora hadn’t been in the music class the first part of the year. She joined the class mid-year in order to try out and she got the part! The operetta traveled to all the camps and schools in the area to perform. “It was a very big affair for me!” Nora remembers.

After graduating from Carbon High School in 1930, Nora worked in the court house doing odd jobs for the county clerk. She then worked as a restaurant waitress and enjoyed meeting people and serving them. In 1933, Nora decided to pursue her dream and went into training at Holy Cross Hospital School of Nursing. She graduated in 1937 as a Registered Nurse and began a long, successful nursing career including positions at Holy Cross and Carbon Hospitals. Many families grew up knowing her as the nurse in Dr. Demman’s office and preferred her painless shots over the doctor’s accurate but “dart like” injections. She later served as Director of Nursing at Carbon Hospital and then as Nursing Administrator at Carbon Nursing Home where she completed her “official” career as a nurse, retiring in 1979.

Hobbies and activities: Nora enjoys reading the newspaper every day and especially loves working on the daily puzzles. She attends church almost every Sunday and cherishes frequent visits with her family.

At 102, Nora continues to enjoy the spring and summer months. She loves to garden and believes cold weather is never good. Nora enjoys pampering her plants and flowers, especially her roses, her favorite flower. She also nurtures her rhubarb plant (brought from her garden in Helper) so she can enjoy her other favorite hobby baking! She is famous among family and friends for her rhubarb custard pie, cinnamon nut rolls, red velvet cake, honey dew cookies, Hungarian cookies, banana cake, and many other delicious treats. As an avid baker and an excellent cook, she enjoys teaching family how to prepare traditional family recipes.

Descendants: Two children, five grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.



Age twenty-three



Age twenty-seven



Wedding day 1938



Fiftieth anniversary

Allie J. Olsen Derrick

Allie Jean Olsen was born in 1917, in Monroe, Utah. She was the fifth child born to Oluf and Jemina Olsen.

Education: Allie attended Monroe Elementary where she went home for lunch everyday with her brothers and sisters. Her mother served their biggest meal of the day at this time and Allie found it hard to stay awake after such a big meal. She then attended South Sevier High School where she learned to love short-hand and typing.

Outstanding memories: Allie's most special memory was in 1936 when leaving church she was hit by a snowball. She looked around to see who had thrown it and saw a "guilty faced" Royden G. Derrick. Allie and Royden dated for two years and were married in 1938. Another fond memory was in 2013. For her ninety-sixth birthday she and her three sons and their wives took a cruise through Norway. This was a life-long dream to go to the homeland of her grandparents.

Favorite accomplishments: Allie has led a life of service for her family and church. She served with her husband Royden as mission president in the England Leeds mission and then Ireland Dublin mission. While they were serving there he was then called to be a General Authority. This gave her the opportunity to accompany him to many places around the world. She then served as a hostess in the Joseph Smith Building with her sister Reba. Next, they served as Temple President and Matron of the Seattle Temple, followed by serving in the Asia Area Presidency and living in Hong Kong. She loves having lifelong friends around the world.



Allie as a little girl

Impressive changes: Allie is amazed by computers and baffled by cell phones when she thinks about the fact that her father was a stage coach driver, and she used an outhouse for years while growing up.

Hobbies and activities: Allie has always enjoyed entertaining guests for dinner parties and having people visit her home. She enjoyed hosting the President of Bolivia, Rene Barrientos, 1968. She loves her missionaries and they know they are always welcome to visit with her.

Secret to longevity: "Serving others and being happy!"

Best advice: Allie loves President Theodore Roosevelt's saying "People don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care."

Descendants: Four children (three are still living), eighteen grandchildren and forty-five great-grandchildren.



Royden and Allie, early years together

Claudio Dos Santos

Claudio Dos Santos was born in 1915 in Sorocaba, São Paulo, Brazil, one of fourteen children born to Joaquim Martins Dos Santos and Anna Rita Guimaraes.

Education: To avoid embarrassment because he was much larger than children of his age, Claudio received special permission to start elementary school at five years old, two years early. This early experience left a critical impression on him because the only thing he wanted was to be home with his mama. He learned very quickly and in the second grade he was used as a teacher substitute for the first grade students. In 1932 he began technical education in the first trade school created in his hometown and afterwards trained in mechanics at the railway machine shop. Years later he received a diploma with honors for mechanical drafting from Getulio Vargas night school and became a self-educated engineer.

Favorite accomplishments: Claudio's main and favorite accomplishment was his marriage to his beloved wife, Mary. As Claudio says, she deserves not only a paragraph but also an entire volume of accolades. Claudio was also a member of the Tabernacle Choir and the first Brazilian to sing there for fourteen years. Claudio was a world traveler both professionally and for pleasure. He visited all of the countries of South America and also traveled to other parts of the world, totaling approximately forty countries.



Outstanding memories: An outstanding memory was the opportunity to use his education as supervisor for 3M's first plant in Campinas, São Paulo, Brazil from 1947 to 1955. He was then the supervisor at the General Electric plant from 1961 to 1964. According to Claudio, he has 100 years filled with outstanding memories that would fill a book.



Claudio and Mary 1970

in a group in Brazil. He also played the guitar and mandolin in his youth. He embraces current technology and enjoys creating websites for friends and family.

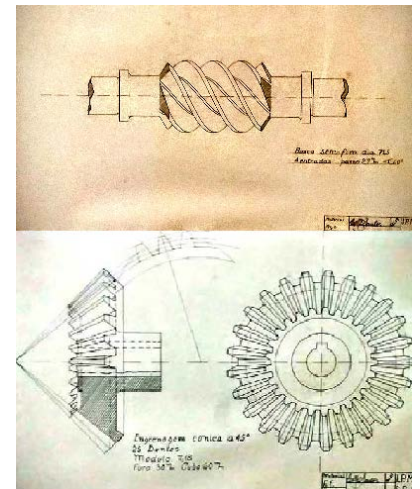
Secret to longevity: "Daily exercise, healthy eating and moderation in all things. The exception, in my mind to all this, I cannot say!"

Best advice: "I lived my life my way and advise you to do the same. Be yourself positively in all things."

Descendants: Three children, ten grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchild.

Impressive changes: Claudio lived through World War I and II and several political and civil revolutions in Brazil. He experienced life without telephones, televisions, radios, and automobiles and observed postal deliveries on horseback. He also observed the evolution of technology from its beginnings and is an active participant in the information age.

Hobbies and activities: Claudio has been a lifelong avid camper, including when he lived in Brazil, where this was not a common activity. He played golf until his seventies in the extreme heat of Las Vegas. He loves to sing and was a singer



Designs made by Claudio 1939

Cecil Hoeck Douglas

Cecil Hoeck Douglas was born in 1916, in Bucyrus, Missouri. Cecil was the second child born to Oscar Lee Douglas and Lottie Amelia Hoeck Douglas.

Favorite accomplishments: I was born in Missouri and when I turned twenty, I decided to visit the west. I visited Kansas, Colorado and Utah; I decided to stay in Utah. In Utah I met Eloise Welch and at age twenty-three I married her. My wife passed away after sixty-four years together. I live alone now but some of my children live close enough to check on my well-being. My favorite accomplishments are coming west from Missouri at age twenty, being married at age twenty-three, having nine children, fifty-seven grandchildren and 201 great grandchildren.

Hobbies and activities: I like to read good books and the scriptures. I visit my family often and enjoy watching my family grow and grow.

Secret to longevity: I wake up early, I have a big breakfast, and I exercise daily and eat supper one hour before bed time. I thank the Lord for my blessings!

Best advice: Enjoy each day, study books, scriptures, pray a lot and be happy!

Descendants: Nine children, fifty-seven grandchildren and 201 great-grandchildren.



Lucy V. Ellis

Lucy Von Niederhausern was born in 1915 in Logan, Utah, the fourth child born to John Von Niederhausern and Anna Maria Ruegsegger Von Niederhausern.

Outstanding memories: I grew up on a small diversified farm and liked working outdoors weeding row crops, piling and hauling hay, picking beans and taking cows to pasture on hot summer days. When work on the farm was finished, my best friend and I went swimming in Logan River. I met my future husband when I was sixteen. We married when I was eighteen. I had our first child at age nineteen. My husband died when I was thirty-eight leaving me with a farm machinery business which I helped run till I was eighty. I served at my stake and ward; I was president of most church auxiliaries and I was a visiting teacher until 1999. I did genealogy search and temple services. I am very proud to have raised four good children. I'm thankful for being in good health and being able to take care of myself and drive my car. I have lived in the same house for seventy-one years.



Lucy is the center girl in the back row, with her siblings and parents

Impressive changes: It has been impressive to go from kerosene lanterns to electric lights. From horse and buggy to automobile; from a scrubbing board to an automatic washing machine; from clothes line to electric dryer (I miss the fresh smell of lined dried sheets) and from outhouse to bathroom. We talk about the good old days but I would hate to lose our modern comforts. I wish everything wasn't so rushed so kids could enjoy the freedom and get out in nature without fear like kids used to do.

Hobbies and activities: I enjoy crossword puzzles and I like to read; I like to send birthday cards, play some computer games, and watch television. I enjoy church and family visits and get together with friends for lunch.

Secret to longevity: It must be a God-given blessing and my genes. A healthy diet growing up which I have tried to follow all my life. Abstaining from tobacco and alcohol and staying active.

Best advice: Do the best you can. Don't be an obsessive worrier. Remember that "this too will pass."

Descendants: Four children, seventeen grandchildren and twenty-seven great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Giacomo “Jim” Favero

Giacomo “Jim” Favero was born in 1916, in Roy, Utah. Jim was the second oldest of thirteen boys and one girl born to Italian immigrant parents, Giovanni Favero and Hazel Daley, the daughter of early Utah pioneers.

Outstanding memories: Jim was raised on a farm in Taylor, Utah, and farmed until finishing high school. He graduated from Weber High School in 1935, he briefly attended Weber College. Being raised in a large family and learning the values of hard work, sharing, love and discipline are among Jim’s important memories. “Love was always the center point of our family, both our immediate family and the extended family. Our most important concern was always for the health and well-being of each other.” Jim grew up when times were hard, during the Great Depression. He lived on the farm and always had plenty to eat and clothes to wear, but everybody was poor. While attending high school from 1932 to 1935, people were lucky if they had two changes of clothes. Hamburger was five cents per pound and bread was ten cents a loaf. Potatoes were sold for twenty-five cents per 100 lbs. minus the ten cent cost of the burlap sack. Dancing was a favorite past time for everyone. Attending a dance cost fifteen cents and often there wasn’t that much in the home to pay for the dance. There were five theatres in Ogden – a movie cost ten to fifty cents – and this was

before the days of talking pictures and long before

color. Even though everyone was poor, they didn’t really know it because everyone was in the same condition, and they always found a way to have a good time. Sports were fun, but considered a waste of time since so much time was spent working on the farm when not in school. Jim walked, rode horses, or drove the sleigh the two and a half miles each way to get to school every day. Jim married Marguerite Della Maw in 1940, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. They later had two children. After receiving his draft notice in 1942, Jim reported to Fort Douglas to be sworn in. Because of a performance bond at work, he was allowed one week to get his affairs in order. He left on December 1942 and returned home nearly three years later without one day off during his service. After five weeks of basic training in Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, he was shipped to Camp Polk, Louisiana, then to Maryland. In spring of 1943 they boarded the ship and sailed away, arriving in Oran, Africa. Jim was part of General Clark’s Fifth Army Combat Engineers and was among those in the first amphibious landing in Salerno, Italy on September 1943. After twenty-eight months in Italy (twenty-six of those months in combat), as the war was over in Europe, in May 1945, Jim was sent to Genoa, Italy to board the USS General Stuart to be shipped to



Jim returning from WWII, 1945

Manila, then on to Japan. After passing by New York and awaiting entrance to the Panama Canal. The atomic bombs were dropped on Japan, with the war over, Jim was sent home for a recuperation period. He returned to Utah in August 1945, counted among the roughly one third of the 180 soldiers who survived from the Fifth Army, Company C, First Battalion. Jim was discharged in October 1945, having achieved the rank of staff Sargent. Jim built his career in the shoe business for over fifty years, both in retail and wholesale. He owned and operated four shoe stores. In 1958, he opened Favero

Shoes in Ogden, Utah, and later Favero Bootery in Roy, The Shoe Store in Blackfoot, Idaho and a leased department in The Blue Door men's clothier in Ogden. After selling the business in 1969 he traveled for seventeen years as a regional representative for the International Shoe Company in the Western United States. His wife, Marguerite, passed away in 2009.

Favorite accomplishments: "I have enjoyed life, being in business, having a happy family, and living to an old age. The most rewarding experience of my life has been raising a family. Courting and marrying Marguerite, having a wonderful family and watching our children and grandchildren grow up to be successful has by far been the most rewarding thing for me."

Impressive changes: "The declaration of war changed everything. Up until the war, life revolved around the family unit. The war advanced the development of technology, the means and mode of transportation, the advancement of communication and the roles of men and women. Having grown up in the days of the horse and buggy, everything we have today is an impressive change."

Hobbies and activities: Jim enjoys sports of all kinds, being an avid bowler and golfer for years. He grew up working with horses on the farm and continued his appreciation of a good horse through his adult life. Dancing was the main activity while growing up. Jim and Marguerite belonged to several dance clubs and would often attend dances three times a week. Jim's most visible and enjoyable hobby has always been gardening. His family vehemently touts his yard as the most beautiful you will find in Ogden, or probably anywhere.

Secret to longevity: "Proper eating, hard work and exercise. You are what you put in your mouth. Keep moving and keep your mind working. Think 'straight' and stay engaged in something good. Never trouble and trouble won't trouble you."

Best advice: "Life is short so fill it with good things and good memories. Choose wisely the things you do. Honor your father and mother and enjoy being disciplined in your life. Respect your elders. Live close to the church and according to the principles you have been taught. Respect all people regardless of race or religion, and be loyal to and obey the laws of your country. Above all, love one another."

Descendants: Two children, nine grandchildren and twenty great-grandchildren. In Jim's extended family from his mother and father (who lived to be ninety-three and 100 respectively) there are 791 in the Favero Family, with 772 still living.



Jim and Marguerite, 1940's

John Paul Fullmer

John Paul Fullmer was born in 1915 in Centerville, Utah, the second child born to John Lorin Fullmer and Elizabeth Erna Smith Fullmer.

Outstanding memories: My father passed away when I was eleven years old which meant my mother was left alone to raise six children from ages thirteen to six months old. My mother loved sports and showed it by foot racing me, boxing with me, as well as attending all of my events. As a young boy I held high school leadership positions. I chose sports like basketball, track, high jump, broad jump and boxing. As a basketball player I played center and forward in positions. I was able to travel around the state to play other teams in cities like Richfield, Kanab, Salina and Panguich. I also played basketball for the Circleville Town Basketball team. I played with any other team who desired competition, including the Utah Men's

Basketball team. I boxed in the ring with Jimmy Davenport for a three round match for thirty-five dollars, I made it and I lasted! I followed my father's vocation as a grocery store owner and learned that trade from him as a boy. I had five grocery stores plus a coast to coast, TrueValue and an Ace Hardware shop. I retired in 1985. I married my first wife, Marjorie LaVern Robison. She passed away from cancer in 2002. I remarried Ramona Allen in 2005. We live in American Fork. I was honored as the oldest man in the thirtieth American Fork Ward. People tell me I have an amazing constitution a unique sense of humor, I am always kind and considerate and I am a great example to my family.



(L to R): John Senior, his brother Smith, John Paul, his mother Elizabeth, and his brother Rollo

Impressive changes: My father passing away when I was just a little boy. A cattle drive of about 3,000 coming through the middle of the town in which I lived. Paved highways, telephones, power driven machinery, man walking on the moon, vitrolas, radios and trains. I have lived through the Drepression to space travel and the magic of electronics!

Hobbies and activities: I have authored four books titled "Thomas Cox Smith, Nest Egg, Willow Tea and Eagles Way." I have authored a poetry book as well. I am still filing through my notes! I enjoy going out to eat and for an afternoon car ride every day. I love God's beauty of the earth!



All of John's children, 1999

Secret to longevity: Living to the fullest, following with faith of the greatest man who ever lived. Obedience to the teachings of my mother, and an afternoon nap after lunch!

Best advice: I think you should visit, get together – otherwise, love for one another vanishes.

Descendants: Five children, thirty-one grandchildren, forty-two great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Dorothy DeNure Fultz

Dorothy DeNure was born in 1913 in Santa Paula, California, the first child born to Delos Walker DeNure and Celia Hall DeNure. She outlived all her siblings.

Outstanding memories: The first years of my life, I lived on a ranch in Santa Paula, California. I was horseback riding before I was school age. My grandfather, Delos Dewolf DeNure, was the first Superintendent of the school in Ventura County. He taught me to read at a very early age and I have always been so grateful. I did not go to college, but wanted to go to business school. My grandmother who raised me, said "No! A lady does not work in an office," so I went to night school and then got a job at Breuner's, a big home furnishing store in Sacramento. Breuner's was established by a German immigrant who wanted to build mining equipment for the miners in the Sacramento area, but he ended up making cabinets and eventually opened up his own shop. I worked as his secretary.

Favorite accomplishments: My greatest accomplishment is my wonderful son, Dr. John DeNure Hunt. I always loved to garden and cook. If I had known getting old was such hard work, I would have done something else! But I laugh a lot and that helps. I still do some pot gardening.

Impressive changes: I can't believe there is so much greed now and the cruelty to animals is terrible. I believe we have too many of the human species.

Hobbies and activities: I read a lot. Currently, I'm trying to learn what kind of plants will do best in Southern Utah.

Secret to longevity: I believe in a lot of laughing, good foods, fruits, lots of vegetables, and staying active. No early television in my life – kids sit down too much now. I have a big orange cat named J.R. who keeps me in line; he jumps up the bed and wakes me up when he is ready for breakfast. I feed him and then I go back to bed for another hour – J.R. has me well trained!

Best advice: Be patient and laugh a lot. Be as kind as possible to everyone.

Descendants: One child, three grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.



Evelyn G. Gaskill

Evelyn Gurley Gaskill was born in 1912, in Hooks, Texas, the first of seven children born to John E. Gurley and Charlotte L. Wright Gurley.

Education: Evelyn graduated from high school when she was sixteen years old. She spent two years in college. She thought about school for two years and then went back to college for three more years to become a nurse. She worked as a nurse until she was seventy-nine years old.

Outstanding memories: Evelyn was born and raised on a farm in Hooks, Texas. She married twice however did not have children. She has a stepson from her second marriage, who she cares for dearly. Evelyn has done some traveling in the past.

Favorite accomplishments: Being a nurse and serving as one until she turned seventy-nine years old.

Impressive changes: Some of the changes she has seen frightened her and some have been very exciting.

Hobbies and activities: Evelyn still sews a little, reads a lot, and still does her own cooking.

Secret to longevity: Evelyn credits her longevity to eating right, not smoking or drinking, and staying away from drugs, except for the prescribed ones from her doctor.

Best advice: "Follow all the advice this yearbook says as much as possible."



Evelyn at her ninety-ninth birthday



Evelyn and her dear friend who brought her to Utah



Evelyn and her first husband, Clarence Wilburn, 1935

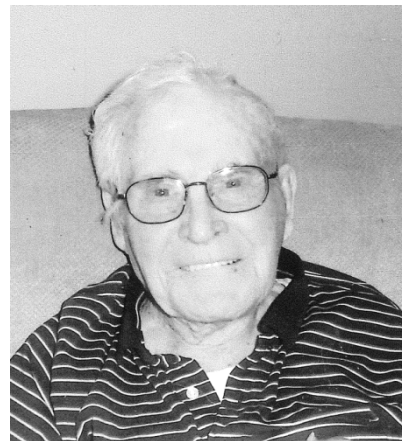


James Gerardi

James Gerardi was born in 1915 in Trinidad, Colorado, the second child born to Inocenti and Roselini Gerardi. He outlived two siblings.

Education: James attended high school in Rock Springs, Wyoming. After graduation, he went to work for U.S. General Land Office in Wyoming and Nevada until he went to the Army in 1941. While in the Army, he took a course for Engineering.

Outstanding memories: James says, “I was proud to serve my country to the end of WWII. I was stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri. Attached to the Corp of Engineers, I helped construct the Alcon Highway from St. John, Canada to Fairbanks, Alaska. I also served in the South Pacific, New Guinea, Southern Philippines Island, and Australia. After the war, I went to work for the Wyoming Highway Department, in their materials laboratory; it was here I met the love of my life Violet “Vi” Ellsworth of Cheyenne. Vi and I married in 1953. We did a lot of traveling and we enjoyed bowling; our favorite place was Australia. I took her there to show her where I served during the war. We also loved Hawaii and went back three times. We enjoyed Las Vegas and Wendover, Nevada for short excursions. We toured America from San Francisco to New England. Life was good to me and Via. We were very happy.”



James and Violet, Wedding Day

Favorite accomplishments: James says, “Besides living to be 100, my work on the Alcon Highway, serving my country during the big war, retiring from Wyoming Highway Department, and my marriage of thirty-six years to Violet are my favorite accomplishments.”

Impressive changes: “Being raised and living in Wyoming until I was ninety-eight; I am proud and impressed with the State of Wyoming being the first state to grant women the right to vote in 1890. Also, from

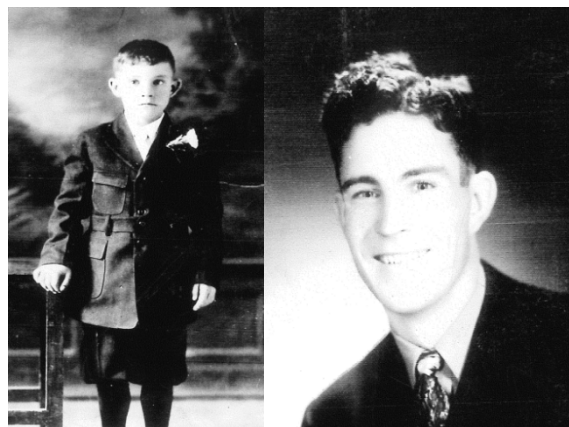
driving in a Model T- Ford of my dad’s to watching a man walk on the moon – there is nothing more impressive.”

Hobbies and activities: “I like sports and to watch the Denver Broncos and the Colorado Rockies. They are my favorite teams; being in Utah now, I watch the Jazz. I do word search puzzles, take my walks around the place where I live, and visit with the eleven ladies who live in our building.”

Secret to longevity: “Chasing women, they keep you young! Good genes, my mother lived to be ninety-three; my dad lived to be ninety. Be kind and don’t sweat the small stuff.”

Best advice: James’ best advice to everyone is “Don’t stew over the past mistakes or worry about the future. Be happy and laugh a lot.”

Descendants: None.



James, age six and High School Graduation

Christine Grover

Christine Francis Donaldson was born in 1914 in Hachita, New Mexico, the ninth child born to James Rowan Donaldson and Francis Cora Harris. She and her sister have outlived their siblings.

Education: Christine attended the first grade in Hachita, New Mexico. After her mom passed, she skipped second grade and moved to Utah with her father and her aunt; she then started third grade. She remembers, her teacher didn't know if she knew enough to be allowed into third grade, but her teacher convinced her father to give Christine a chance and she did well enough, Christine's father let her stay, later on she graduated from Springville High School.

Outstanding memories: Christine shares her memories as follows: "As a child I spent a lot of time with my father after my mom died. He liked to take me with him to take care of the cattle. We would go out with a horse and buggy to care for the cattle. This was a special time for me. Another childhood memory is of the

celebration which happened when WWI was over. I remember the men throwing their hats in the air. I remember seeing a dirigible pass over Hachita when I was a youngster; it was so close I could almost see the people riding it. I heard later on the dirigible had crashed. I remember when tragically when I lived in New Mexico, my dad's horses were trapped in the mountains; when the cowboys the horses free, they stampeded to the water tank and a few drank so much water they died. After I graduated from high school, I moved to California to work. While working in Westwood, I met my husband Cal Grover. We got married and we both worked at the Sawmill until we started a family, then I stayed home."



Christine 1932

Favorite accomplishments: "When I was sixty-seven years old, I memorized 200 scriptures after our mission to San Antonio, Texas. I also liked to memorize poetry, so when I was in high school I memorized a whole book of poems. One of my favorites was the The Highwayman. I learned to play both the piano and the organ after I was married and played for many years. My husband was a good tenor, so I would play piano and he would sing in church."

Impressive changes: Christine says: "Oh my! Probably cell phones; I used to think people were talking to themselves when I would go downtown. Technology had totally changed from the world I grew up in. For example, when I lived with my aunt in 1923, we used coal oil lamps with wicks for lights. Now there is electric lights and they are so nice. Now we have nice cars and airplanes. I remember when Charles Lindbergh flew solo across the Atlantic Ocean in 1927, which was a big deal. I remember I had a boyfriend whose car had a rumble seat. I never rode in the rumble seat though. In those days the cars had celluloid windows instead of glass and to start them you had to take a crank and turn over the motor yourself. I think it is wonderful, all the nice things we enjoy now a days. I really like indoor plumbing. It's almost like living in another world."



Cal and Christine 1944

Hobbies and activities: She says, "I still lead the music for the Relief Society. I can't see well enough to read from the hymn book, so I would use my reading machine to help me memorize two hymns for Sunday each week; I still meet with the Drifters Club. We started out with about twenty people, but now there are only seven of us left and it's because they

are twenty years younger than me.”

Secret to longevity: Christine shares, “I tried to live a good healthy life. I’ve eaten good food throughout my life. My only vice is I like to drink Root Beer when I go out. Also, I think a good positive attitude has helped me live so long.”

Best advice: “Always be friendly and give of yourself. I like to make everyone feel good about themselves. Try to be happy no matter what happens, because eventually everything straightens out. If you do this your life will be more harmonious.”

Descendants: Seven children, thirty-four grandchildren, sixty-eight great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.



From left, Christine at age twelve and sister Amy at age six, 1926

Verda Peck Hardy

Verda Peck was born in 1915, in Salt Lake City, Utah. Verda and her twin sister, Vera, were the first born children out of eleven to George Russell Peck and Louena Zundel Peck.

Education: Verda attended school until she started junior high (seventh grade); she didn't attend much after that as she had to help care for her other siblings. Verda's parents were very poor, she remembers once the school had sent someone with a pair of shoes so she could attend classes at the school. Even with Verda's limited education she was and still is very talented and has done wonderful things with her life.

Outstanding memories: Verda and her twin sister, Vera, were born at their parent's home, each only weighing two pounds each. Vera sadly passed away in a few days. Her parents had put Verda in a shoebox to keep her warm; she was so tiny, her mother, Louena, said she could put her wedding ring clear up on her little arm. Verda's childhood years were spent in Salt Lake City, Utah. She had lots of love and siblings to grow up with; she has always loved to draw pictures of people. One of her sisters, Ebadean "Dean" tells of the pretty drawings she painted on the walls of their bedroom, she also loves to draw pictures of horses. Verda met Mel Hardy and they married in 1936. They loved each other dearly and went Big Band dancing often; Verda could do the Charleston very well! Mel and Verda moved to Ogden, Utah after they were married. Mel passed away in 1983. She is still living in Ogden and she is doing well, Verda is loved and liked by all that enjoy her company.



Verda and Mel, 1936

Favorite accomplishments: Verda's favorite accomplishments are raising one son and four daughters. She always has loved nature and she raised so many kinds of flowers. She was an excellent cook and she enjoyed sewing. She still loves music, people, animals and all children. She has a great sense of humor and uses it often to make everyone laugh. She taught her children to be good and forgive others. She still loves to draw and she sees everyday as one to live to her fullest.

Impressive changes: Verda can't believe we can take pictures on our phones, she is still surprised neighbors don't drop in for coffee anymore. She has seen people go from "going the extra mile" to not even wanting to leave their cell phones and computers.

Hobbies and activities: Verda enjoys listening to music, watching TV and she enjoys spending time with her friend Alverda who comes over often to play cards with her.

Secret to longevity: "Loving and helping others." Also Verda says that if she was put in a rest home or nursing home rather than her own home, she wouldn't be here

today. If more people would try to keep their parents at home, they are a lot better off.

Best advice: “Follow the golden rule and take time to see the roses, fight for what you believe in and don’t be afraid to take the path less traveled, most of all just be yourself and enjoy your time here on earth.”

Descendants: Five children, seventeen grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.



Verda and Mel, undated

Lowell Hicks

Lowell Hicks was born in 1913 in Grantsville, Utah, the fourth child born to John Hicks and Amy Erickson Hicks. He outlived his four siblings.

Favorite accomplishment and outstanding memories: Lowell tells his story as follows: “I grew up on a farm in Grantsville, Utah. I helped on my father’s ranch in Ibapah, Utah. I was one year shy of being a teenager when I made my musical debut at Grantsville Old Folks Sociable in 1925. I worked as a golf caddie when I grew up, I soon realized I wasn’t going to pay my way through this world doing this, so I auditioned at KLS Radio, in the days when music was still played live over the airwaves. I performed on the radio five mornings a week; I started to play for Harry Clark, a famous singer back then. I learned to play music thanks to my grandmother Hilda Erickson. She drove me on a weekly basis to the old Victory Theater in Salt Lake City for lessons on the xylophone; when I was twelve, Sarah Anderson (a legendary music teacher at the time) asked me to play the xylophone in the Junior High School orchestra, I have been playing the xylophone since.” In 1945, Lowell went to the University of Utah to earn his teaching degree. He says, “I taught music, Utah history and type classes in the Jordan School District for twenty-eight years, when I was sixty-two, I began thinking the girls in my chorus weren’t singing, when in actuality they were. I realized I could no longer hear the high vibrations of music and I knew it was time to retire.” Lowell met his wife Bernice, when she came to him for xylophone lessons during his first year at the University of Utah “she was the cutest thing you could ever imagine,” he said, “I taught her to play the xylophone. After our wedding, she would play at weddings, banquets and funerals.” The couple’s five children also inherited the family’s musical talents. Lowell also was in the bee business for twenty years; he raised the bees and harvested the honey to sale.



Lowell playing the xylophone

Through the years Lowell has played in bands, orchestras and as a soloist around Utah. He performed with the Utah Symphony for over ten years and has taught many of the younger members of this organization the art of playing the xylophone. Lowell continues to share his musical talents with his LDS ward in Salt Lake City, where he serves as an organist. During a Saturday Sociable Governor Mike Leavitt, a member of the same ward, commented on Lowell, “I never knew hymns could be sung with a Dixieland beat until Lowell became our organist. Now I’m finding out they can. We all appreciate his musical abilities.”

Hobbies and activities: Lowell plays music seven times a month for the retirement centers. They do enjoy having a 100 year old man playing their familiar music. He also enjoys raising a vegetable garden, fruit trees and raspberries.

Secret to longevity: “I do one regular exercise for thirty minutes every night before retiring. I also practice piano and marimba every day. I know over 200 tunes and classic music by memory. Keep the word of wisdom always. No drugs, no tobacco, no alcohol ever in our home.”

Best advice: “Go to church regularly and keep the Lord’s blessings. Pray always and be thankful for your many blessings.”

Descendants: Five Children, thirty-three grandchildren and forty-five great-grandchildren.



Lowell at his best!

Gwen Christensen Jackman

Gwen Christensen was born in 1914 in Richfield, Utah, the first born child to Leroy Christensen and Thurza Bryant D. Christensen. She is one of four siblings still living.

Outstanding memories: Gwen's father was a farmer in the Richfield, Utah area, however, they lived in the town. They had gardens, fruit trees, dairy cows, chickens, pigs, and other animals. Milk and cream from the cows were sold for cash or other essentials. Gwen was in her early teens when the recession hit. Her family didn't suffer greatly as someone once told her "they didn't know the difference, as they were already poor". Gwen's mother always told her and her siblings "use it up, wear it out, make it do, or do without", which made them learn responsibility from challenges. In Gwen's senior year in high school, she took a class in journalism and with class members they submitted local news articles for the Deseret News. After graduating, she was the only one doing the assignments for which she was paid ten cents a month for any news articles



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published. In 1933, Gwen married Charles Jackman; he was from Elsinore, Utah. He spent time in California where he had lived with his family who had relocated. He was a member of the Utah National Guard, 222nd Field Artillery Division, and worked at various short term projects. They rented a house one block from her parents, their rent was five dollars a month, and they had a private telephone line which was two dollars and fifty cents a month. They had no indoor plumbing and their own water supply came from a tap outside several feet from the house. Charles helped Gwen's parents with milking the cows and some gardening, in exchange for milk and vegetables. They also took advantage of her parent's bathtub as they didn't have one. The bad economy brought people together to share and work together for their needs.

Later in life, Gwen and Charles were employed by Wear Ever Cooking Utensil dealership for whom they traveled and prepared meals to demonstrate wearless cooking for better nutrition. Hostesses would invite people to attend their "dinner parties." Gwen attributed their good health to this new method on cooking. By this time, they owned a Ford sedan in which they would take everything they owned, plus the cooking equipment, and the bedding on which their first born was comfortable and ready to travel (this was before seatbelts!). The couple and some dear friends drove to La Grande, Oregon where the men took training and were hired as firemen in freight service for Union Pacific Railroad. Charles was later promoted to an engineer in freight, passenger, and streamliner service. After retirement they moved back to Utah. Gwen says "The experiences of living during those depression years could be counted as a blessing in disguise, for lessons learned and if applied, would help persons be better prepared for future challenges".

Favorite accomplishments: "My family!" She says. Gwen earned an Extra Class Amateur Radio Operator's license (highest ham radio operator permit) and she assisted in many emergency communication requests. She was a pianist and organist for many vocalists, instrumental, and choir groups. She served on precinct election boards and taught genealogy courses.

Impressive changes: She says, “Beginning with Marconi wireless voice transmission, I have seen the



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development of radio broadcasts, telephones, television (black and white and color), satellite communications, computers, cell phones, and GPS systems. Horse transportation to luxury automobiles. Changes in record storage from written records to photographic, microfilm, microfiche, magnetic tape, computer hard, and floppy drives to flash drives. I appreciate and value most of the computer applications, which allow me to stay in daily contact with my extended family and grandchildren. I use internet and email daily.”

Hobbies and activities: She still has a small garden and enjoys family history research and sharing, as well as church callings. She enjoys computer communications.

Secret to longevity: Gwen says “Balancing spiritual and temporal priorities, adhering to the laws of nature, and following the Doctrine and Covenants section 89: The Word of Wisdom and the Thirteenth Article of Faith.”

Best advice: She says, “In time of need, the time for preparation is past; if prepared, you need not fear”. Her advice to the young is to go the old fashioned way, which is to work hard and save money for a down payment or purchase on a house. Gwen believes the following quotes summarize the best advice she can give, “If there is to be any peace, it will come from being, not having. – Henry Miller”. “Things done when first thought of need no further attention. – Phil Waite”. “The chief cause of failure and unhappiness is trading what we want most for what we want at the moment”. “A goal without a plan is only a dream”. “Sorrow looks back, worry looks around, and faith looks up”. “In the beginning was the Word, then “stuff” followed”.

Descendants: Four children, twenty-five grandchildren, fifty-two great-grandchildren, and ten great-great-grandchildren.

Bernie Archuleta Jaramillo

Bernie Archuleta was born in 1917, in Grand Junction, Colorado. Bernie is the first born child to Julio Archuleta and Carolina Randall Archuleta.

Education: Bernie attended elementary school up to the ninth grade in Encinada, Mexico. Her school was one level and all the classes and grades were conducted in one room. She never graduated from high school because she had to help her family with the farm. She grew up during the Depression and did not have many choices as far as education or a career.

Outstanding memories: Bernie's family struggled financially during the Depression; they were barely able to make ends meet. She grew up on a farm and since she was the oldest, she was responsible to help her father with the daily chores. Her family had a few horses and she often rode her horse to the mercantile store for purchases. Later on, Bernie became a military seamstress who cut patterns for clothing and under garments for the soldiers. She also worked for Spafford Waste Paper Company in production; then decided to work in housekeeping for a Mattel chain for several years. She retired around 1975 to act as a caregiver for her ailing husband and to care for her grandchildren, whose parents worked. She loves to travel and has been to Mazatlán and Puerto Vallarta in Mexico and to Victoria, Canada. She has also been to most of the western United States and several mid-western states. Bernie met her husband, Andres, after he was discharged from the army. They married within a short time and enjoyed spending time together with their children. They loved to go fishing, camping and dancing.

Favorite accomplishments: Bernie is most proud of her family legacy and how she raised her children with good words and principles. Her children in turn raised their children to be good role models for their own children. Bernie loves to be outside and working in her garden. Her spirit soars when she plants her beloved flowers or plants something she can watch grow into a beautiful work of nature. Bernie's most cherished memories revolve around the love and enjoyment she feels for her beautiful family, friends and special friends and visitors.

Impressive changes: Bernie has always been an independent and reflective individual. She has enjoyed many social changes such as the ability to vote, opportunity to drive a car and own her own home. She really appreciated working and receiving equal pay as to what a male would receive.

Hobbies and activities: Bernie loves to crochet, visit with friends, water her plants and watch them grow. She enjoys spending time with family and friends.

Secret to longevity: Bernie believes in eating healthy, going for walks and avoiding doctors and living a good social life. She keeps her mind active by reading the bible and religious newsletters. It doesn't hurt to go to Wendover, Nevada and gamble once in a while and have a shot of brandy as needed.



Best advice: “Live an honest and peaceful life...and have a shot of brandy!”

Descendants: Five children, eleven grandchildren, thirty-one great-grandchildren and thirty-eight great-great-grandchildren.



Bernie as a little girl

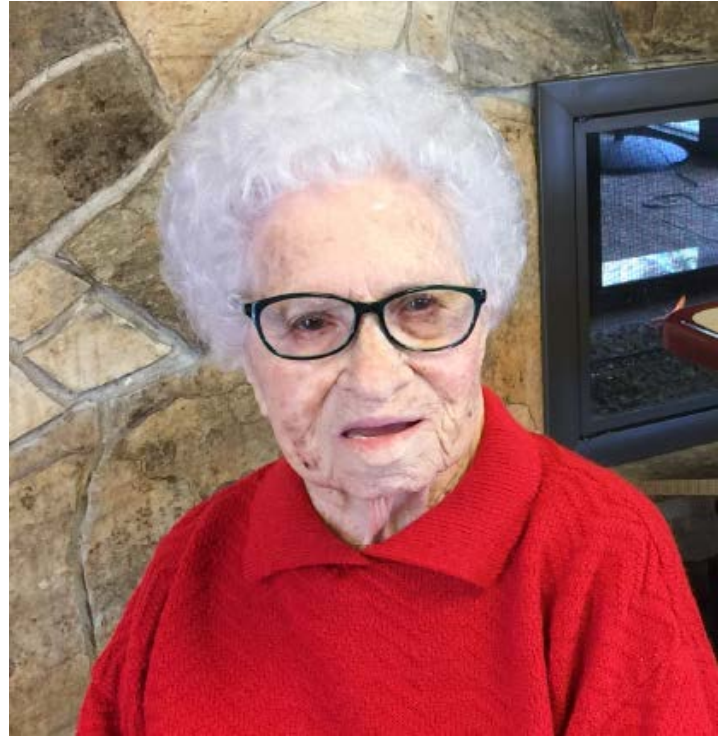


Bernie in her twenty's

Mary Zito Jensen

Mary Zito was born in 1916, in her family home located in Riverdale, Utah. She was delivered by her aunt, Concetta. She is the third child born to Italian immigrant parents, Matteo Zito and Lucy Carleo Zito.

Outstanding memories: Upon arrival to the United States from Italy, Mary's parents first settled in Pueblo, Colorado. Shortly after, they moved to Riverdale, Utah and finally settled in Roy, Utah. Growing up, Mary played softball for Weber High School. Mary did not complete high school rather, she helped her parents with the farm. Farm work consisted of using a horse and a plow to prepare the fields, growing and preserving their own food and trading with neighbors. Mary took care of her cousins while her aunt worked. Mary's favorite family tradition was making ravioli's at Easter. That tradition still continues in the family but the ravioli's are made at Thanksgiving.



Mary worked at the Ogden Arsenal from 1941 to 1946.

While working there she met Peter Jensen. They were married in 1952, in Salt Lake City. She worked with her husband at Jensen Floral located on 19th and Washington Boulevard from the time they were married until they retired in 1975. Mary and Peter enjoyed fishing trips with both of their families to Yellowstone National Park. Mary and Peter were members of the Open Door Organization providing flowers to shut-ins. Mary's motto has always been "work hard and play hard!" If you ask her today how old she is, she says she feels like fifteen!

After Pete's death in 1986, Mary enjoyed going to Wendover and Las Vegas with her sisters and her friend Ann Wilson. She also enjoyed bowling at Ben Lomond Bowling Lanes. She was a member of the Eagle's Women's Auxiliary until she suffered a stroke in 1988 leaving her paralyzed on her right side. She was able to remain in her own home for eleven years after the stroke but age prevented her from living alone. She has resided at a nursing home for the last seven years where she enjoys playing bingo on Tuesdays and Saturdays with her sister and her niece. She has played over 600 games of bingo during her time at her nursing home! Mary enjoys the 24th of July and used to walk from her home to Wall Avenue in her cowboy boots all the way to 25th and Washington Boulevard just to watch the parade.

She loves weekly visits from her nieces and nephews. She loves to sing with her friends at her nursing home when the "Joy Maker" come each Wednesday afternoon and when any group comes to perform. Mary and her family are grateful for the tender care that has been provided to her by family, friends and her nursing home.

Descendants: None.

Marie Cooley Johnson

Marie Cooley was born in 1915 in Newton, Utah, the third child born to Marcus R. Cooley and Mary Hjelte Cooley. She outlived her three siblings.

Outstanding memories: Marie's father developed rheumatoid arthritis as a young man, and by his mid-thirties was largely confined to bed. Marie does not remember seeing her father walk on his own. Her brothers had to work very hard at a young age to help their father on the farm. Despite their financial problems, Marie's parents were determined that their children would have a good education. When she was about eight years old, they moved the family to the larger town of Logan, partly to take advantage of the schools there. In Logan her mother was able to support the family by taking in boarders. Many were college students attending



Marie, one year old

Utah State University. Marie was very happy about the move to Logan. She loved her new school, the paved sidewalks to roller skate on, the library, and many new friends. They didn't have fancy toys, but had plenty of fun playing hopscotch, jump rope, jacks, marbles and several made-up games with a plain rubber ball. There were also church activities, road shows, pageants, dance programs and plays. When the large family of cousins, aunts, and uncles got together for family celebrations they often played card games. She remembers lots of laughter, good-natured teasing, and maybe a little cheating! After high school, Marie enrolled at Utah State and found a part-time job in the Registrar's Office, where she worked all four years. She earned something like 15 cents an hour, but in those days that covered tuition and provided a little spending money. She participated in many student organizations and activities. During her senior year she served as vice president of the student body and also received the University Citizenship Award. She graduated in 1938. Marie considers herself very fortunate to have been able to live at home during college and have the support of a wonderful mother and family.

Marie met her husband-to-be, Lloyd Johnson, when they were students at Utah State. They were married in 1938 in Washington D.C., where Lloyd was attending law school. She worked for various government agencies to help support them until Lloyd finished his studies. Her memories of Washington includes attending Franklin Roosevelt's second inauguration on a freezing January day, and joining the thousands who gathered to listen to Marian Anderson sing on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. A much more unpleasant but indelible memory is listening to Hitler's terrifying voice on the radio as he waged war across Europe. When the war became a reality for the United States, it was a time of great anxiety for the future of the country and for family members and friends in the military. After Lloyd's law school graduation, his work took them to California where they built a home a few miles south of San Francisco in San Mateo, where they raised their three children. When her family was young, Marie worked in the LDS church Primary, Sunday School and Relief Society organizations in different capacities, making many lifelong friends. Later, she was ward organist for many years and enjoyed accompanying ward choirs. With her children well along in school, Marie completed her California Teaching Credential and found a job teaching Home Economics at nearby Burlingame High School. In 1969, after thirty-one years of marriage, Lloyd died unexpectedly. Marie continued teaching school until her retirement in 1981. She served as a temple worker in the LDS Oakland Temple for two years. She had developed an interest in genealogy, and was happy to



Marie, college years

be called to help set up two genealogical branch libraries, where she saw the work go from typewriter to microfiche to computer. In 1994, Marie decided it was a good time to move closer to family in Utah, and found a home with her daughter in beautiful Pleasant Grove.

Impressive changes: Where to begin? From horse and buggy to a man on the moon. From ice boxes (with actual ice) to refrigerators. From corner general stores that sold fertilizer, socks and candy to Amazon.com. From outhouses to indoor plumbing. From fountain pens to computers.

Hobbies and activities: Besides genealogy, Marie's other interests are many, including reading (particularly history and biography), gardening, current events, and dabbling in all types of handcrafts. Her favorite trip was meeting her son after his mission in Finland and traveling together throughout Europe.

Secret to longevity: Good genes. Healthy living. Luck!

Best advice: Stay close to your family and friends. Find something you love to do and lose yourself in doing it.

Descendants: Three children, seventeen grandchildren and twenty-three great-grandchildren.

Ruth Isabelle L. Johnson

Ruth Isabelle Lehman was born in 1917, in Granger, Utah. Ruth is the eleventh of fourteen children born to August Lehman, Sr. and Martha Aurora Albrand Lehman.

Outstanding memories: Ruth loved the outdoors, sports, and playing on an organized all girls indoor softball team for a number of years. This love of sports had her follow her favorite teams in football (the 49ers – Joe Montana), basketball (Boston Celtics – Larry Bird and the Jazz), baseball (Cincinnati Reds – Pete Rose), and golf (Tiger Woods). She would play card games and other games with siblings and friends that carried on throughout her life, such as hide-n-seek, Simon says, and olly-olly oxen free. While earning her high school diploma, one of Ruth's favorite subjects was shorthand, she loved being able to take shorthand at over 100 words per minute. She later was able to utilize this skill in her work experience. Her favorite holiday was Halloween where she would dress up and attend parties with her friends. She also went hiking in the canyons with friends throughout high school and as a young adult. She loved growing up on the farm in Granger with its wide open spaces. She

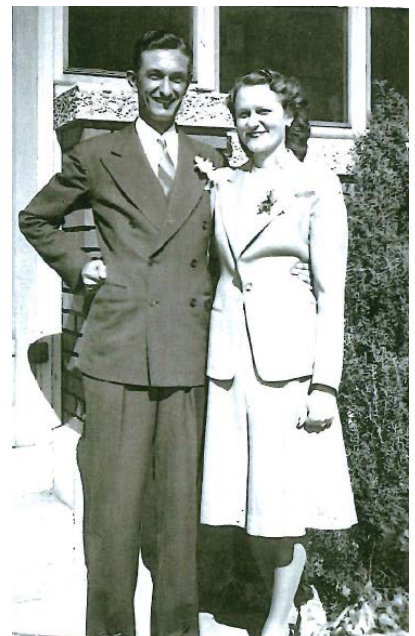


Ruth as a little girl

learned the value of being a hard worker from her parents and older siblings while living on the farm; everyone contributed to the family's welfare. Ruth had a lot of male friends throughout her life. With some of them, she loved to fly in two-seater airplanes to view the land below and with others; she would dance the night away. Her best friend from grade school until now (ninety-four years and counting) is Angeline (Angels) Astorga. Both Ruth and Angels reside at the 5 Star Home of Sandy.

She met her husband, Ernest H. Johnson, at the Music Box store where he sang several songs from sheet music. She appreciated his beautiful tenor voice so much that she had him sing for quite a while. She loved to dance at the Coconut Grove and Ernest took her there when on leave from the U.S. Navy. She and Ernest corresponded through mail and she accepted a proposal from him through the mail along with a ring

he designed especially for her. She was married for almost forty-two years, living in the same home from 1944 to 2014. Her husband contracted Addison's disease during WWII, which resulted in Ruth taking him to the Veterans Hospital a few times during his life. She is the mother of four daughters; the youngest was born with Down syndrome. Ruth cared for her youngest daughter for fifty-six years at home, relinquishing this responsibility at age ninety-seven when a second stroke prohibited her from living independently.



Ernest and Ruth's wedding day, 1944



Ruth as a young adult

Ruth has enjoyed gardening and had an immaculate rose garden, iris garden, and vegetable garden. She had a green thumb as everything she touched thrived. Even at age ninety-seven, she would go outside early in the morning to weed her yard. She still has plants in her room that she tenderly cares for daily. She was an amateur photographer, following the footsteps of some of her siblings. Her immediate family's lives were chronicled in photographs and movies. Ruth loved decorating her home for the holidays, transforming her home into a magical realm for each holiday. Children were mesmerized by the decorations on display in her large picture window. Ruth loved to cook and held lawn parties in the summertime. Some of her children's favorite meals were spaghetti and meatballs, baked chicken, and German and Swedish dishes. Her banana cream pie was a hit with everyone along with her tasty homemade bread. Ruth loved washing clothes, ironing, and hanging her wash on the clothesline outside for the fresh, clean scent it gave them.

While she was young, Ruth traveled to Des Moines and San Francisco to visit her sisters. She and Ernest went to New York and Boston on their honeymoon. After being married, travels were limited due to budget constraints, but annual treks to the mountains for picnics in the fall were treasured. Some of her most fun filled memories are the trips to Uintah

Mountains and Mirror Lake. The family also once traveled to Yellowstone National Park for vacation. Her biggest adventure was flying on a commercial airline at age seventy-four. After her first trip, she enjoyed the speed of travel to thirteen states and Canada with her daughters. Her favorite destination has always been San Francisco. Ruth stopped traveling at the age of ninety-two.

Favorite accomplishments: Ruth worked at S.H. Kress; Sears, Roebuck & Co.; Fred A. Carlson, State Finance, Distinctive Catering Services, and the University of Utah Food Services. She loved being a switchboard operator.

Hobbies and activities: Ruth loves variety shows where people dance or sing. "Lawrence Welk" was one of her favorites!

Descendants: Four children, ten grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.



Ruth (R) and her daughters (L-R): Karen, Judy, Deanna and Marylyn, 2017

Dorothy Louise Thomson Jonas

Dorothy Thomson was born in 1914, in Ephraim, Utah, one of six children and the only daughter of Daniel Henry Thomson and Karen Kjerstine Christensen Thomson. She was the granddaughter of Andrew Thomson, an original Danish pioneer, who with several others founded and settled Fort Ephraim. Dorothy has outlived all of her siblings.

Education: In Ephraim, Dorothy graduated from elementary and high school with straight A's and was the valedictorian at graduation. She sang beautifully and held the lead part in the school's operettas each year from the fifth grade onward. She also graduated from Snow College with her Associate Degree. In later years after going through the depression, World War II and getting a family well under way, she graduated from the University of Utah with a Bachelor in Education. From that point onward she taught upper elementary grades. She was a devoted and loving teacher.



Outstanding memories: Dorothy's childhood was spent in the farming community of Ephraim, Utah. She and all her brothers helped working on the farm. As the only girl her duties were to ride the derrick horse during haying season beginning at age five, take the cows to pasture and carry the lunch pails to those in the fields, walking a mile each way. She grew up free spirited and educated. She remembers operating the Victrola playing Caruso singing while her father napped after dinner before going back to the fields. She did all the bread baking in the Monarch coal oven. Her favorite place was the hide-away she built in the apple tree where she would disappear with her cherished books when chores were done. She was a member of the 4H Club; she and her friend won the State competition four years in a row. To come to the big city of Salt Lake City was an amazing adventure. In high school and college she competed in the LDS Western States singing competitions where she learned to sing and furthered her love of classical art songs, music, and opera. She married Frank Herman Jonas in 1934, in Seattle. Dr. Jonas was a professor of Political Science.

Favorite accomplishments: Dorothy had a beautiful soprano voice. She concertized in her thirty's, and beginning in the fifty's she sang with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir for twenty-three years. While with the Choir she had the opportunity to travel to many countries and cities in the USA. She was part of the choir when they were chosen to sing for the first Telstar Satellite transmission in the world; it was back-dropped with Mount Rushmore. Dorothy was honored to be a part of significant history! She sang with the choir for two presidential inaugurations. She also sang with the Utah Symphony Chorale for another ten years after her tour of service was complete with the Tabernacle Choir. Other favorites include all her travels to many countries to see firsthand many of the places she read and dreamed about as a child. Among the favorites was reciting the poetry of "Bobby" Burns while standing in his birth home in Scotland. He was her favorite. She travelled extensively to Denmark and Scandinavia, visiting her heritage. Another was attending the Bayreuth Festival with Wagner's complete Ring Cycle starring Hans Hotter, singing Wotan. She completed a girlhood pact with her friend Bobbie Bosen riding camels from the Great Pyramid to the Sphinx.

Impressive changes: She saw most of what we now have from nearly their inception to where we are now. She loved travelling by steamship liners, and laments their passing.



Dorothy as a young adult 1948

Hobbies and activities: She has loved teaching great mythologies of the world, classical music and especially opera, singing, her love of nature and she is dedicated to preserving it. She enjoys gardening and especially her beloved little cabin in the mountains which she always wants to share with her family and friends. She loves and cares for her children and greater family as she is now the matriarch on both sides: Jonas and Thomson.

Secret to longevity: Fresh air, keeping a garden, staying open minded, travelling, adventure, books and great literature, history and mythologies, music, music, music and eating simply and well with no junk foods or sodas, laughter and staying positive.

Best advice: “Work hard and play hard. Enjoy life, include music and laughter and always be kind and loving. Let all the children always know that they are always loved and that they can always do well.”

Descendants: Four children, six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Mary Waki Kawakami

Mary Waki was born in 1912, in Fort Lupton, Colorado, the oldest of eleven children born to Kenshiro Waki and Shizuko Furukawa Waki.

Outstanding memories: Although Mary grew up facing a lot of persecution and racism because she is of Japanese descent and because she lost her mother at a very young age, Mary has always had good friends and a supportive family. Mary graduated from Murray High School. Mary warmly recalls from her school years when she was fourteen years old, the principal, Mr. Malstrom, asked his wife to help Mary make some clothes for her “Mrs. Malstrom helped me make a lovely dress. She was a sweet woman with a kind temperament. I loved the dress and wore it to tatters.” Mary had a friend in high school that helped her with her grades, although Mary can’t remember her friend’s name, she remembers learning from her friend the value of education. Mary’s step-mother introduced her to her husband, Charlie Kawakami. He was a Japanese mechanic who worked in Spring Canyon mine (Storrs) in Price, Utah. A couple of months later they were married by a Mormon bishop in the Spring Canyon boarding house. Charlie sent Mary to the Ex-cel-cis School of Beauty and Culture. She lived in a



hotel in Salt Lake City and Charlie would come up every weekend to visit. When Mary finished school, Charlie’s step-father built her a beauty shop out of stone in Spring Canyon. She did hair styling there and made friends until Pearl Harbor. Then all people of Japanese descent were told to leave “We moved to American Fork where we had two boys and two girls. I continued to develop my hair styling business” recalls Mary. Charlie passed away when he was about 101 “Even though I miss him, I try to stay busy” says Mary.



Charlie and Mary, after their wedding

Favorite accomplishments: Mary owned and ran her own beauty college; Mary Kawakami’s College of Beauty for decades before retiring at the age of eighty-five. She got her driver’s license when she was seventy-four “My husband and I used to take turns driving to Wendover, Nevada.” Mary also organized a speech contest for the youth of American Fork in 2004. It’s now an annual competition with scholarship money for prizes. She did it to help kids because she was a shy girl who had a hard time speaking. It has been very successful and grows more each year. Mary has accomplished a lot, but says “My family is my greatest accomplishment.”

Impressive changes: Mary feels the biggest changes she has witnessed through the years are political changes which have created financial chaos for America. She saw the invention of the television and it has progressed to flat-screens, and moral changes “People have lost simple comforts and they see morals as relative.”

Hobbies and activities: Mary likes watching Dr. Oz, American Idol and Antique Road Show on TV. She likes to shop at Costco, eating good steaks and seeing her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She loves to wiggle and sing. She performs a daily therapy combination of Tai Chi wellness and wiggling. She also loves to go on cruises to Hawaii, South America and Polynesia.

Secret to longevity: “Wiggling is a family affair. Wiggling is easy and lots of fun. Every human being should move in order to sustain body and mental health. When you are elderly, just wiggle and sing childhood songs and then laugh; the result, a total feeling of well-being. Wiggling is an art and a science of keeping the body well, it’s fun and enjoyable. This is my secret to keeping healthy and living a long life. Don’t forget to give love, accept love and relax.”

Best advice: “When it all comes down to it, you have your family and your friends. Treasure them and treat them well. Travel as much as you can. Learn about other cultures and see the world.”

Descendants: Four children, five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Things I Can Do

A poem by Mary W. Kawakami

*It's the things I can do; not the things I can't do
Smile, laugh and eat
I can watch children.
Some people lose these things when they get older.
I still have a voice (gruff)
I can see the beauty around me and I recognize my friends.
I can smell, I can feel, I can think.
I can see the beauty of the sun.
With help, I can still walk.
Music is still music to my ears.
I still hear the birds sing and chatter in my yard
I can identify colors. Certain colors give me joy.
I can still differentiate between good smells and poor smells.
I can still count my blessings.
I can still differentiate between right and wrong.
I can count my (limited) money and make change.
These are the quality of life things I can still do: Sing (out of tune),
Tai Chi exercises (I feel so elated and inspired after I do these).
Paul, my son, spent over 1000 + hours to keep me moving with these.
I can feel the warmth of the Smile of my caregiver.
And I can still pray.*



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Mary and her son, Paul

George Koehler

George Koehler was born in 1916, in Aberdeen, Idaho. He was the fourth of fourteen children to be born to David and Christina Koehler. His parents (Germans) immigrated from Stahl, Russia to the United States and initially settled in Riverdale, Illinois.

Outstanding memories: The family moved from Illinois to Idaho, to Michigan, to Eau Claire, to Wisconsin, and then to Fresno, California. George started school in Berrien Springs, Michigan, in a one room school with all six grades in the one room. It was more than one mile to school and he walked in snow and rain. Speaking German at home and with neighbors, he first was exposed and learned English at school. As the family moved, he kept changing schools, stopping at the eighth grade in Eau Claire, Michigan. After they moved to Fresno, California, he completed his education by completing the twelfth grade at Roosevelt High School. The family moved from Wisconsin to Fresno, California in November, 1931. Some rode inside of the Oldsmobile and some in the trailer they were towing with all of their belongings. George was the navigator, using the map and telling his father where to turn. The family would work in the orchards and fields in order to sustain themselves.



George and Rose, 1937

When George turned seventeen, he went to work for what became Roma

Winery. At the time, it was touted as the largest winery in the world. He started as a janitor and worked his way up to manager of the Materials Handling Division. He remained remaining at that position until he retired at the age of sixty-two. His responsibilities included the warehouse, bottling, shipping, and vehicle repair shop. He met Rose Karst, the love of his life. When picking up her and another girl from the movies in his Essex Roadster, he made sure that Rose was seated next to him. They dated and he asked her father for her hand in marriage. He said, not until she was eighteen. They were married soon after she was eighteen. Over the years, traveling was enjoyed by both, including trips to Europe, Alaska, and numerous other locations across the country. Other things they enjoyed included boating and fishing. George's secret to his longevity is getting plenty of exercise, eating wholesome food and a strong belief in God.



Descendants: Two children, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

L. Berniece B. Kramer

Louella Berniece Barratt was born in 1911 in American Fork, Utah, the first born child to William Mark Barratt and Grace Moyle Barratt. She and her sister outlived all siblings.

Education: Berniece attended American Fork High School and graduated in 1929. She also went to business school in Salt Lake City.

Outstanding memories: Berniece survived the flu epidemic of 1918, but her younger brother, William, died. When she was eight years old, she was baptized in American Fork Tabernacle by her Sunday school teacher, Marley Steele. She was so happy, she says "I skipped all the way home." When Berniece was a teenager, she participated in the Armistice Parade in American Fork in which she rode a Model-T Ford to Pleasant Grove. She was an extra in a pioneer movie *All Faces West*. The movie producers wanted people from American Fork to be in the movie, so the word spread and her entire family turned out to be extras in the movie as well. She had the opportunity to sing *Ave Maria* in a



sacrament church meeting. At American Fork High School, she sang in operettas and played the French horn in the AFHS Band and Orchestra.



Berniece and Herbert 1935

During the Depression in 1929, Berniece worked at Salt Lake Hardware. Jobs were very scarce in Utah, so she went to San Francisco, California to try her luck. She had some cousins who helped her and soon she found employment with the Federal Reserve Bank and Union Oil Company. While working there, she met her future husband, Herbert Vincent Kramer. Union Oil Company would not allow a husband and wife to work together since jobs were scarce, so she and Herbert eloped to Reno, Nevada and married in secret. They lived in San Francisco for forty-five years, then moved to American Fork, Utah where they bought their winter home. They also bought another home in Las Vegas, Nevada and lived in both places for ten years until they established their permanent residence in Utah. Berniece worked as a bookkeeper most of the time. She took sewing lessons and mastered tailoring her own suits. During those years, Berniece and Herbert had the opportunity to travel many places such as, Australia, Bali, British Virgin Islands, Canada, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Portugal, and Spain.

Berniece played bridge until she turned ninety-five, drove a car until she turned ninety years old, and raised a wonderful daughter, Karen Grace.

Favorite accomplishments: Berniece is thankful she made it through The Great Depression in 1929. She considers herself a self-made woman. She is proud of raising her daughter into a well-educated and wonderful woman.

Impressive changes: Berniece was one of the first people to own a fax machine. She is impressed by the evolution of the automobiles "from



1927-1928

Model-T Ford, to Buick, to Cadillac, to modern day super-fast cars.” She changed from Democrat to Republican.

Hobbies and activities: Berniece enjoys spending time with her family.

Secret to longevity: Berniece believes her good disposition, not worrying too much, a good diet filled with whole wheat bread and honey instead of sugar, and a good marriage are the secrets to her longevity.

Best advice: “Be of good cheer. When life gives you lemons, make lemonade, press on.”

Descendants: One daughter, one grandchild, and ten great-grandchildren.



Germany 1996



100th Birthday

Velma H. Lindsay

Velma Hill was born in 1917, in Lordsburg, New Mexico. She is the first born child to Albert Hill and Fannie Allen Hill.

Outstanding memories: As a child, Velma and her siblings played "house" with dolls, and simple games like jacks, hide and seek, hopscotch, crack the whip, jump rope, and others. She made many mud pies, and made adobes with her feet. Velma would wander in the desert looking for “burros” to capture and ride home. Velma also took piano lessons. At age ten, Velma contracted scarlet fever; two siblings contracted it, but all at slightly different times. Her family was quarantined for three months; only her father was allowed off the property. When Velma graduated from high school in 1934, the Great Depression was in full bloom. Her first jobs were with government agencies in Lordsburg, Deming, and Silver City, New Mexico. Later, Velma worked for the New Mexico State Finance Department in Santa Fe. Then came World War II, and she worked in the Post Engineer's office at an internment camp in her home town of Lordsburg. The first prisoners of war were Japanese, then soldiers from Italy and Germany were brought to the internment camp (an Italian war detainee even painted Velma's portrait!). American soldiers from the eastern U.S. guarded the post; Velma enjoyed dating, dancing, ping pong, and other social interaction with the soldiers. In 1944, Velma moved to Salt Lake City. Her first job in Utah was with Fetzer's Salt Lake Cabinet and Fixture Company. Later, Velma worked twenty and a half years for the State of Utah from where she retired in 1982. In 1953, Velma married E. Reed Lindsay in the Salt Lake Temple. Together they renovated and then managed several apartment buildings. Velma lives in one of these apartments in Salt Lake City; she continues to operate the business and rents out four other units in her building. Reed, died in 1989. At various times, Velma traveled to New York, Washington, D.C., and across the western U.S. She went on a Caribbean cruise, and in 1995, she visited Israel.



Favorite Accomplishments: In late 1938, Velma was called to be a missionary in the Southern States Mission, serving in Georgia. She had several assignments, one in the mission home for a year, until her release in the mid-1940. In 1947, Velma was called to be the secretary of the General Board of Primary where she served six and a half years. Through the years, Velma has served in many ward and stake callings; she was called as her ward's Relief Society president when she was seventy-five years old! Velma is a paragon of serving others. For many years, she was the “Senior Taxi Service” for older people who needed rides to...anything. Velma has quietly helped and continues helping many people in ways suited to their situations and within her capacity.

Impressive Changes: From oxcart to space travel, Velma has witnessed many changes during her life. From outhouse and chamber pot to indoor plumbing; treadle to electric sewing machines; manual typewriters to keyboard devices; wood and coal stoves to central heating; radio to color television; telegraph to smart phones. She has seen many advances in medicine and science, better opportunities for education, and innovations in appliances and electronics. Velma is thankful for these changes that make life easier and more comfortable.

Hobbies and activities: Velma continues to enjoy sewing, reading, “clipping” new recipes, solving crossword puzzles, spending time with family and friends, helping others, and eating good food with good company.

Secret to longevity: “Kind providence, good medical care, and avoiding everything harmful or bad.”

Best Advice: “Make good choices based on sound principles. Always be kind. Never stop learning. Work hard and be constant. Stay the course.”

Descendants: None, but she has been surrogate mother to one step-son, four step-grandchildren; nine nephews, seven nieces, thirty grand-nephews, twenty-one grand-nieces, and eighty-five great-grand nephews and nieces.



Lanore Muir Link

Lanore Muir was born in 1917, in Rexburg, Idaho. Lanore was the second child born to James Leroy Muir and Velma Chloe Wilcox Muir.

Outstanding memories: Some of my memories as a child are playing games of kick the can, hide and seek, fox and geese, ring around the roses, and easy ivy with my sisters and cousins. One of the hard things I remember was us kids playing in the kitchen while mother was cooking a chicken dinner and one of the kids pushed me and I fell onto the open over door and burned my rear end and I stuck to the door. I could not sleep for some time as I would stick to the bedding. My early schooling was when we lived in Pioneerville and I attended Park School, a one room school with all grades. I was in the fourth grade at McKinley School in Nampa, Idaho and when we moved to Spokane, I attended Libbey Junior High and Lewis and Clark High School. I really enjoyed school as they had a lot of books and I loved to read. I remember that we traveled a lot, mostly by wagon and stage coach. These were tough times, and my father was trying to find work of any kind. It seemed that all of us had to work even when we were just small kids, but it seemed that was the way it was with every



Lanore, age nineteen, 1936

family; all families helping each other. My

father worked in the Pioneer Milk Cannery, he hauled coal and wood, farmed, and road shot gun for a stage coach line. My father once worked in silver mine and I remember walking to the mine with my mother and going down the mine shaft on an elevator to take lunch to my father. We once moved from Boise, Idaho to Pioneerville, Idaho, by stage coach. My mother was a good cook and I remember that at one point, we lived on a large farm with some other families. My mother prepared all the meals and tended to the younger kids while the men and other women and older kids worked the farm. When I was about ten, my father heard there was work in Spokane, Washington, so we moved from Boise to Spokane. At the time, we had an old Dodge car and a family of seven, my brother was only four. Moving took the whole summer as the family worked picking fruit along the way to pay our way. We all slept in a large tent at night and cooked our meals on an open fire. I met my first husband (Lambert Jansen) in Spokane in 1937. I was twenty-one when we married. This was a good marriage at first until his drinking took over his life and we divorced after only four years. During WWII the men were off

fighting and women were being hired to help in the war effort by working in the shipyards. I applied at the Seattle Washington Shipyards and was hired as a welder. It was there that I met Earl Elzie Link. He was the foreman, the trainer, and supervisor of the new welders. The war ended 1945. When the men returned from war they were hired back at the

shipyards and the women were let go. Earl and I were married 1945. This was a good marriage. Earl and I were only able to have one child and he died at birth. Earl passed in 1984. After his death, I sold the farm and everything but my home in Kent. A few years later, I sold my home in Kent and bought a home in St. George, Utah to be near my sister.

Favorite accomplishments: Earl and I bought a small five acre farm in Kent, Washington where we raised and sold strawberries, raspberries, apples and cherries for market. We bought more land and expanded the farm. Earl was raised in Missouri and still had family there which we visited often. On one of our visits, he found that there was a 1,000 acre farm for sale that he had always admired as a young man. We went back to Kent, sold all but five acres of our farm and bought the farm in Missouri.

Hobbies and activities: When Earl did retire, we took up fishing and soon made fishing not only our hobby, but our new business. We bought a commercial fishing boat and a charter fishing boat. This was a very good adventure until Earl's health began to decline.

Secret to longevity: I owe my longevity to working hard, eating healthy, exercising daily, and keeping my mind active by reading, doing puzzles, playing games of cards and scrabble, and traveling with my family and friends. But, I really believe that the real way to be able to live a long and healthy life is to learn to love everyone and have them love you, for love is the secret of everything and it removes the stress that may come into our lives.

Best advice: "Enjoy a wonderful and full life." I am grateful for my faith and testimony of my Heavenly Father, my Savior Jesus Christ and looking forward to the eternities ahead.

Descendants: None.



Lanore, age twenty-one, 1938

Melba L. Shaw Mash

Melba LaVon Shaw was born in 1915 in Murray, Utah. She was the third child born to Curtis L. Shaw and Vinnie Stephensen Shaw.

Outstanding memories: I was raised in Murray, Utah. I attended Liberty elementary school and graduated from Murray high school in 1934. I played the saxophone in the band; I loved to go dancing at Saltair, Lagoon and the Rainbow Room. I married Joe Mash in 1936. We built our home in Murray and I'm still living in it. We made our living on a produce farm and a large pear orchard. I worked from morning to night picking lettuce, cabbage, tomatoes, peppers and corn. You name it, I picked it. We also raised chickens, turkeys, cows, pigs and rabbits. I had to learn how to ride a horse and drive a tractor and a farm truck. I loved to work with the plants. We had a hot-house and grew our own vegetables and flowers. When I was stressed I just went outside in the garden and pulled weeds. Because of the farm, we did not travel much, but after selling the land, we bought a camper and a fishing boat. We loved to go to Fish Lake, Hebgen Lake, Naughton and



Fontanelle Lakes. We went to Hebgen Lake for over twenty years with family and friends. I belong to the Murray City fire Auxiliary. I worked for the Murray City School District Lunch Program for fifteen years. I loved working with all the children in Murray School District and missed them upon retiring. I consider the greatest accomplishments in my life to have been raising our three children, we struggled on the farm but we worked as a family and life was good.

Impressive changes: The Radio: When we got it, all the neighbors in my street would come to listen.

The Phone: We used to have four party-lines and would have to wait to use it.

The Television: When it came out everyone stopped their weekly visits.

Cars, the price of food and everything else is really impressive today.

Hobbies and activities: I loved working in the garden and growing my flowers. I loved our many fishing trips. I now go to the Murray Senior Center to visit with my many friends.

Secret to longevity: Hard work, I always find things to do. Eat healthy.

Best advice: Be active; keep involved with family and friends. Be thankful for all the good you have in this life.

Descendants: Three children, six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

N. Carl Murdock

Nymphas Carl Murdock was born in 1917, in Heber City, Utah. He was the fifth child born to Nymphas Warren Murdock and Emily Catherine Hicken Murdock.

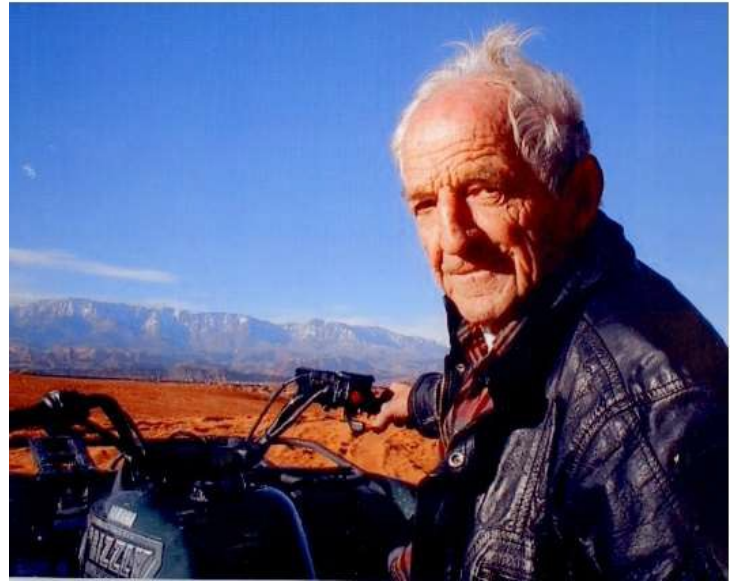
Education: Carl graduated from Wasatch High School in Heber. He later attended BYU, but his father took him out of school after learning from Carl's older brother John, that Carl wasn't doing well at school. When his grades came out, Carl had straight A's. After being drafted, he chose to go to machinist school for a year (this was his "dream job.") After serving in the USAAF assigned to the Signal Corps in England during WWII, he attended a body and fender repair trade school in the Oakland, California area, which led him

to his lifelong work as a body and fender repairman.



Carl in his WWII uniform

Carl learned his trade and then settled in Ely, Nevada. There, Carl and one of his brothers bought a body and fender repair business. This is when "Murdock's Auto Body" began, which is still in existence today in Ely. In the early 1960's, Carl sold the body shop to his brother, Carl and Wanda moved the family from Ely to Salt Lake City to be close to a daughter who was in Primary Children's Hospital from serious injuries received in an auto/pedestrian accident in Ely. He continued his career in the body shop business in Salt Lake City and expanded it to Pleasant Grove. He worked on cars until he "retired" at the age of ninety-four. Dozens of college students along the Wasatch Front were customers for Carl's "rebuilt's". Early on, he salvaged wrecked VW Beetles and then later, Honda's. There was nothing that he couldn't do with a wrecked car to make it better. In 1965, Wanda died of cancer. That same year, Carl married Vivian Merikofer, a widowed mother of seven children (six still at home). They were together for almost forty years, living in Alpine.



Outstanding memories: Carl's childhood memories revolves around the family spending summer at their ranch in Fruitland; riding horses, herding cattle, and attending church there in a log building that is still standing today. During the school year, the family would move back to Heber and live in the "Murdock" mansion which had been built by Carl's grandfather, Joseph Royal Murdock. His grandfather had been elected to the Utah State Senate in 1900 and had also served as an LDS Stake President in Heber. Carl's love from a very early age has always been cars. As a young man before WWII, he worked in the Park City mines with his younger brother. His first marriage, right out of high school, resulted in divorce but he was blessed with his first daughter; born in 1940. He wanted to turn his life around and found a local Heber girl named Lillian Wanda Roberts, who motivated him in doing just that, and they were sealed in the Salt Lake Temple in 1943 before Carl went overseas. After the war, they moved to Oakland, California; where



Carl (second from L to R) with his siblings



Carl and Wanda

Favorite accomplishments: Rebuilding wrecked cars and trucks for his customers. Telling stories about his snowmobile and ATV rides when well into his 80's.

Impressive changes: The Internet and GPS.

Secret to longevity: WORK! Carl was encouraged many times in his “senior years” to retire and travel, enjoy life, and spend time seeing the world. He told his family that he was afraid that if he “retired” he would die, so he kept working until 2012.

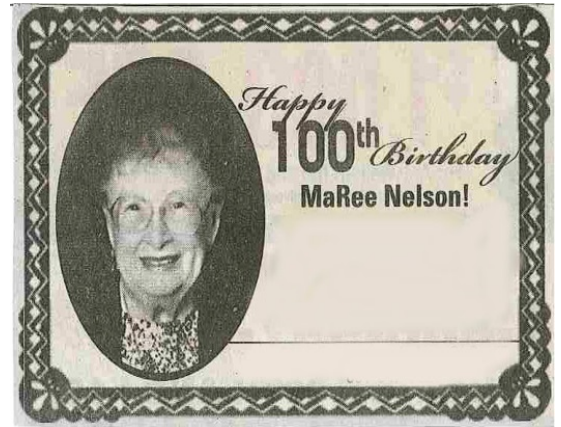
Descendants: Seven children, seven step-children, twenty-eight grandchildren, eighteen step-grandchildren, fifty step-great-grandchildren, and four step-great-great-grandchildren.

MaRee Jane Edwards Nelson

MaRee Jane Edwards was born in 1913 in Salt Lake City, Utah to Homer P. Edwards and Martha Mattie Miles Edwards. She is the oldest of four children and outlived all her siblings.

Education: MaRee attended Duchesne County High School. She was Secretary of the student body her senior year. She also attended the University of Utah where she graduated in 1935. She has a bachelor's degree in home economics, majored in textiles, and minored in foods.

Outstanding memories: MaRee's mother was very busy teaching English and Latin at the Duchesne High School so she took over the cooking at their home when she was twelve or thirteen years of age.



She loved to sew so she made dresses for cousins and sisters. She made up the patterns. She started when she was about twelve years old. During high school her home economics teacher, Miss Woodside, was an inspiration. She loved sewing so much while she was going to the University of Utah, she made curtains for the Union Boulevard and helped to hang them.

MaRee met her future husband while in high school. Her mother was directing a three act play for the school and he was playing Sir Lancelot, so MaRee asked her mother about him. She even told her mother to invite him home for dinner! MaRee's mother often had students over to their home for dinner the night of the play. After meeting, they became fast friends and soon dated. MaRee's senior year of college they wanted to get married, but her mother wouldn't allow it. She told MaRee she was not to get married until she had graduated. So as soon as MaRee graduated, the morning of June, 1935, they got married that night in the Salt Lake Temple! Elmo had one more year at BYU, so they both decided to enroll. "I was going to get my masters, but I soon became pregnant and decided my daughter was my priority."

Favorite accomplishment: MaRee's greatest accomplishment is her wonderful children, raising, and loving them. She has four children (two boys and two girls), twenty-three grandchildren, sixty-nine great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren with two more on the way! She also feels graduating from the University of Utah was very special, as she feels an education is very important.

MaRee's work in the church has also been a great importance to her. She has taught Primary, Sunday School, and Relief Society. She was President of Relief Society. MaRee also values Daughters of Utah Pioneers, where she taught lessons and did presentations.

When MaRee was in high school she performed in many three-act plays, her mother directed so many three-act plays, which gave MaRee a wonderful opportunity to get involved in theatre. She also played the violin in the high school orchestra.



Impressive changes: There have been many changes, which have taken place during MaRee's life. Some of the most impressive changes she has seen are how cars have changed from being tiny, to large and comfortable. Also, not having air conditioning was common and now almost everyone has

hostess at the Church Office Building. Of approximately 30,000 service missionaries, I presently am the oldest church service missionary worldwide. I love giving tours and sharing the gospel with tourists and anyone just wanting to catch a beautiful panoramic view of Salt Lake from the twenty-sixth floor of the Church Office Building. I sang with the Tabernacle Choir for my ninety-fifth birthday and received a standing ovation from them when they found out I had renewed my service contract. What an honor!

I've been blessed throughout my life with good health and have learned a few things along the way. Old age ain't for sissies, crossword puzzles are good for the mind, a great attitude makes others want to be around you, and at 4'8" wherever I go I am the oldest and the shortest! Sure, I feel the aches and pains of getting older, but I can ache as much sitting at home as I can serving the Lord and others. The Lord has blessed me too much to not give back. I'll just keep trying to endure to the end. The greatest moments in my life has been sharing my life with my late husband Russ and being a mother to five beautiful children. I have truly been blessed!

Descendants: Five children, nineteen grandchildren and fifty-one great-grandchildren.

Glenn C. Osborne

Glenn Clare Osborne was born in 1915 in Frisco, Utah. He was the youngest child of Michael Henry Osborne and Clarissa Augusta Ferguson Osborne. He had two brothers and one sister.



Glenn as little boy

Outstanding memories: Glenn started school at Ely Elementary School in Ely, Nevada and finished at Brea Elementary in Brea, California. He attended Brea Olinda High School and Union High School in California. He particularly enjoyed studying mathematics and physics. Glenn's early childhood years were spent on a ranch in a canyon known as Big Wash just southwest of Garrison, Utah. He moved with his sister and mother to Ely, Nevada, and in 1927 the family moved to California. After high school they moved back to the ranch. At the age of twenty-seven in 1942, he was drafted in the Army Air Corps. In the service he went to Mechanic School at Shepherd Field Texas and Chevrolet Pratt and Whitney School in Detroit. He trained airplane crews to replace those who were lost on their missions. He worked on B17's and B24's. He served for three years, five months and seventeen days. He met Marie



Billie and Glenn, 1967

Tuttle while he was stationed at Mountain Home Air Base in Idaho. They began to date and were soon married. After his release from the service they returned and he went to work at Big Springs Ranch near Garrison, Utah. He worked with as many as 1200 head of cattle, some days traveling great distances because the ranch stretched over fifty miles. He worked there just short of thirty years. He became interested in rocks and found some snowflake obsidian north of Black Rock, Utah. His wife Marie was killed in a mine accident in 1965 while they were mining there. He married Billie Stoker in 1967. They spent thirty-three years together.

Glenn has always enjoyed getting plenty of exercise. After retirement he began walking three to four miles a day. He believes that people who sit in their rocking chairs and don't move much will be finished off in no time at all. Besides being born with a good body, he takes care of it by walking

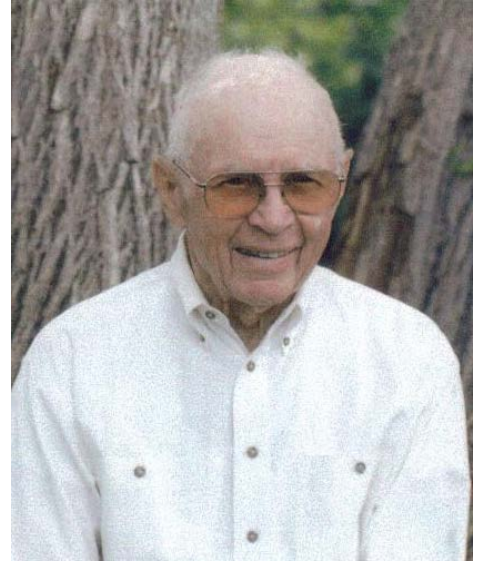
every day, eating lots of vegetables, and not smoking or drinking. Glenn keeps his mind active by doing crossword puzzles, reading Scientific Magazine and watching TV. Glenn still mows his own lawn, drives where he wants, cleans his own house, and gets by with his own cooking.

Descendants: Five children, twelve grandchildren, forty great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Walter Foreman Parrish

Walter Forman Parrish was born in 1914 in Kaysville, Utah, the third child born to Warren Asa Parrish and Willmetta Forman. He and his sister outlived all siblings.

Outstanding memories: I was born on my family's ten acre farm in Kaysville, Utah. My family and I were members of the LDS Church. We walked to Layton Elementary School each day. We watched people, horses, and wagons travel the streets. I learned to drive a Model-T Ford truck on my dad's knee. Shortly after moving to Layton, my two older brothers were hit by a train. One of my brothers was killed instantly and the other one had a broken arm and back injuries. The same year my little brother died of pneumonia in November. It was a very sad year for our family. We learned to work at a very young age, tending to the farm. We would sell the produce from our farm at the Grower's Market in Salt Lake City. After graduating from Layton Elementary, I rode the Bambuger Electric Railroad to Davis High School. I loved learning art, English, math, and mechanics in high school. After high school, I worked for Wood Motor as a mechanic. At age nineteen, I met Pearl Wright at the



DMF UbXWalter

White City Ballroom in Ogden, Utah. We married in 1937 in Ogden. We were married for seventy-three years before Pearl passed away in 2009. During my life, I worked at Salt Lake Army Depot and Hill Air Force Base. I retired from Hill Field in 1972, after thirty-two years of service. Some of my favorite places to travel were Hawaii, work travel throughout every state, and visiting our winter home for several years in Overton, Nevada. We loved taking our family to fish and camp at Yellowstone Park. We also went to Disneyland. I have recently rode on a float for Davis High Centennial Celebration. I was honored at their recent celebration assembly. I have enjoyed spending these last few years with my daughter and her husband. They have taken me on trips to the Oregon Coast, Washington, California, Hawaii & St. George.

Favorite accomplishments: Painting the Mona Lisa, marriage to Pearl Wright, my family, and working & retiring from Hill Air Force Base. Working with Colonel Gail Halvorsen, the Candy Bomber. Raising four children and building my own home. Repairing automobiles and serving others with my mechanic's skills.

Impressive changes: The automobile, the television, airplanes, advancements with telephones, electricity, indoor plumbing, computers.

Hobbies and activities: I like to read history books, paint, listen to music, play piano and violin, writing, building machines and cars. I like to spend time with my grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Secret to longevity: Two pancakes, eggs and orange juice every morning. Keep active. Smile a lot.

Best advice: Slow down a bit and take things easy. Enjoy spending time with your family.

Descendants: Four children, seven grandchildren, and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Marcella V. Petersen

Marcella Vachta was born in 1916 in Protivin, Iowa. The first child born to Fred Vachta and Regina Sobolik Vachta

Favorite accomplishments: I attended elementary school and graduated in 1933 after four years of high school in Protivin, Iowa.

Outstanding memories: My parents decided to move from Iowa to California. I remember the first time I saw orchards of orange trees full with ripe fruit. To me it was an awesome sight. Marrying my husband and having my children, traveling to Hawaii, moving to Utah at age ninety-five, and being made a member of the “Century Club of Utah “by Governor Gary R. Herbert are cherished memories to me. My husband passed in the mid-nineties; we were married for fifty-four years. My oldest son passed away in 2003.

Impressive changes: I remember being in awe when I saw for the first time orchards of orange trees with ripe fruit on them. We had wood stoves with a hot water reservoir on the side, kerosene lamps, and we washed dishes by hand. I think the cell phones, e-mail and computers are modern miracles. When my husband and I got married, it was war time; it was impossible to find a washing machine. I had to use a washboard and tub to have the laundry completed and I was ironing every day, now they have non-ironing clothes! I also had to wash diapers every day, no “Pampers” back then.

Hobbies and activities: When I was young, I wrote poems, I did oil painting, gardening, cooking and made up cooking recipes. Because of arthritis I can’t do much but I love to read and do cross-word puzzles.

Secret to longevity: I have never smoked or used drugs and try to live by the Golden Rule. I love God and he has been good to me.

Best advice: Live a decent, honest and healthy life. Treat people as you want to be treated. Believe in God and pray a lot.

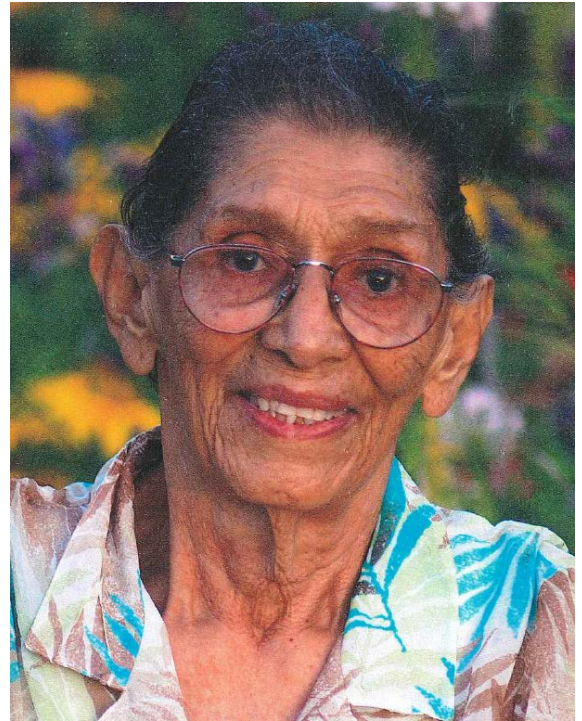
Descendants: Three children, three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



Amalia Ramirez Ramos

Amalia Ramirez was born in 1914, Zacatecas, Mexico. Amalia is the second child born to Ausencio Ramirez and Maria Cervantes Ramirez.

Education: I did not have an opportunity to attend school or get an education growing up. I lived in a remote village and there were no public schools. There was a one-room schoolhouse where kids of all ages attended. I didn't like school much; I would skip school without permission whenever I could. I did learn how to write my name with limited reading and writing in Spanish. My English is very, very limited. I lost my father at an early age and much of my youth was spent helping my mother with the daily chores. I remember getting up very early to help make tortillas, milk cows, mend things, sew garments, do the laundry, iron and take care of my brothers and sisters. Wash day was fun as we would take the laundry to the river and afterwards we would bath. Attending weddings, baptisms or participating in Catholic celebrations gave me a chance to be with friends. Courtships were very restrictive and I could only correspond by written notes. Chaperones were highly used in those days. I was not allowed to speak or hold hands with my future-to-be husband. I was married when I was sixteen, then I remarried when I was twenty-eight years old to my second husband. I came to the United States with my husband to start a new life. The first year living here was extremely hard as we toiled in the cotton fields from sunrise to sunset and we also had children to care for. My first job was at the Del Monte Cannery, later at the Ogden Poultry company, and last, I worked



Amalia in her early twenty's

for a janitorial team at the Internal Revenue Service. Many years were spent babysitting my grandchildren. I learned to sew at a young age, and this allowed me to make many of my daughter's clothes. I loved to crochet and do embroidery; I later learned to knit and enjoyed it. One of my favorite hobbies was tending to my garden; I loved to raise roses and peonies. My husband and I traveled to see relatives in Mexico when we could. I later had the great fortune to see Yellowstone National Park, and even went on a cruise on the Mexican Riviera. My greatest accomplishment in life is to have raised a great family and reap what they have given me in return. One of my greatest joys is when I became a U.S. citizen. As for impressive changes, I must say I have seen some drastic changes in the country through the years. When it comes to technology, I am impressed with modern kitchen appliances which lighten domestic work; the availability of store bought foods is wonderful. We used to soak and grind our own corn to make "masa" and then make corn tortillas. We didn't have electricity and relied heavily on candles, fires and kerosene. I used to make small fires in the kitchen and stoking it to cook

our food. I later graduated to a wood stove; then a gas stove. We grew up riding horses and wagons for transportation as well as using mules for plowing the fields. To have tractors and cars in use was impressive to me. There are numerous innovations over the years, such as the use of washing machines versus scrubbing/washing clothes on a washboard. Everything had to be made by hand, including our dresses and underwear. Just the conveniences of having hot or cold water, having plumbing and an indoor toilet in a home was a blessing. The telephone is a remarkable device, but the most prized invention for me is the television. My eyesight is not very good so hobbies are out. Every now and then I enjoy

coloring books. I really don't have a secret to my longevity. I can only share what works for me, which is maintain a connection with God, pray and rely on faith for inspiration. If you are married, have mutual respect for each other. Nurture and tend to your children. Make them home cooked meals. Husbands and wives should make decisions together and not have one dominate the other. Don't put up with domestic abuse. Learn as much as you can so you can earn a living if you find yourself alone. I regret never having learned to drive a car. If you come to this great land of ours, learn to speak English, you'll never regret it.

Descendants: Eleven children, twenty-nine grandchildren, fifty great-grandchildren and many great-great-grandchildren.



Amalia, age thirty-two

Carmen H. Shepard

Carmen Haltiner was born in 1915 in Logan, Utah to Ernest Haltiner and Emma Hollenweger Haltiner. She is the second oldest of nine children, she and three others siblings are still living.

Outstanding memories: The language we spoke in our house was Swiss. When we went to school it was difficult because we couldn't read English and had no one to help us learn it. Kids made fun of us because we didn't know English. We had a coal stove in the kitchen to cook and keep us warm. We would heat water for dishes, washing and bathing. We bathed in a round tub in the kitchen. We started with the younger children first and worked up to the older children. By the time I got a bath, the water was pretty dirty. We were very poor.

As a young girl, about six to eight years old, my father would take us out to the fields in the summer with no shoes to glean the wheat. I started babysitting for the neighbors when I was seven. When I was eight to twelve, I used to pick strawberries and raspberries when they were in season. At twelve I started doing housework for other people. I used to be so tired I would cry as I walked home from work, about two miles. My mother got sick and I had to stay home from school for three months to do the housework, cook and take care of the younger children. I never went to school activities because I didn't have a student body card. I had to work for the school just to pay my tuition. By the time I had the money, school was over. I had to attend school longer so that I could get enough credits to graduate from Logan High.



I met Cal Shepard in high school; we loved to dance. Cal won a contest enabling us to attend the dances for free for a whole year. We got married in 1936. Cal made ten dollars a week and our first apartment was fifteen dollars a month. We were sealed one year later in the Logan Temple. I lost three babies during the next eight years. A Stake Patriarch gave me a priesthood blessing when I was expecting my fourth child. In the blessing, I was promised that this baby would live and I would be able to raise a child. She was so tiny, weighing four pounds. Cal had been drafted and fought in WWII. At this time he was still in the United States, so the Red Cross brought him home because they didn't think the baby was going to live. She is now seventy-two years old. It was a hard time for me to be alone and raise a child by myself. I had one more child that lived for a short time. Later, Cal and I adopted a precious little baby girl. I am so thankful my parents joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and came to America. I have been active in the church all my life. I was especially fond of my callings with the Blazer scouts. I have experienced many tender mercies in my life and I have seen miracles. The gospel is my life; without it I am nothing.

I started my own catering business, Shepard's Catering. I was known for my lace cookie cups, chicken meatballs, quiche, chicken crepes, stuffed zucchini, stuffed pork chops and many other dishes. I worked for Neighborhood Garden Club, Floral Culture Club luncheons, General Authority luncheons, Ballet Guild, Relief Society Reception for fund raisers and

weddings, opening of Crossroads Mall, Modern Display, Intermountain Health, Skaggs, Winder Dairy, McKay family, Felt-Buhorn and many, many others. At age seventy-eight I built the Carmelle Reception Center, which I continue to help with.

Hobbies and activities: I have a large garden which I enjoy all summer long. Last year I made big batches of zucchini bread, lemon pies, cookies and jams. I love giving them away to friends and family. I raise geraniums every year by taking cuttings from the old ones. It gives me something to do every day. I love watching the jazz games on TV; and

I don't miss more than one or two games each season. I enjoy my children and foster children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren along with my foster grandchildren and foster great-grandchildren.

Secret to longevity: I think the secret is hard work and eating meals with lots of vegetables; keeping busy and helping others.

Best advice: Get a good education and learn how to work hard. Loving family and serving others has brought me great joy and happiness. Whatever you do, do it to the best of your ability.

Descendants: Two children, ten grandchildren and thirty-nine great-grandchildren.

Enedina Astorga E. Stubbs

Enedina Astorga was born in 1917, in Silt, Colorado. Enedina was the fifth child of ten children born to Gregorio Astorga and Euphemia Sena Astorga.

Outstanding memories: I attended North Denver High School where I took shorthand, booking and business courses and received my high school diploma. When I attended school it was not a priority for a girl to receive an education. It has always been a priority in my life, no matter the circumstances, to work hard and to receive the education I needed to move ahead. We settled as a family moving from Colorado to Idaho Falls, Idaho. At age eleven, my siblings and I were orphaned. Four of the siblings remained in Idaho Falls working and/or marrying. Four of us were sent to live with relatives and the two youngest were sent to the orphanage in Boise, Idaho. Even though the family was scattered they were not forgotten and we never lost hope of reuniting. I kept in touch with six of my siblings going to school and working to help support myself. After graduating from North Denver High School, I caught a bus and came to Salt Lake City, Utah where I was reunited with my six siblings. In 1939, I married and had two children. In 1947, I divorced and raised my children as a single parent, working as a waitress. In 1959, I had an opportunity to go work for Eimac on the assembly line. At the closing of my department, Eimac gave me an opportunity to move into the data processing department. I had no experience, but the opportunity was there and I took it. I went from using the key punch machine to the computer systems as we know them today. I remained at this position for eighteen years. I retired in 1977. In 1961, after searching for lost family members, namely the two siblings who were put into the orphanage, we were reunited. We met at Brighton Ski Resort along with approximately 250 members of our families. What a miracle and such a joyous time! In 1962, I remarried and remained married until 2011, when I lost my husband. He was ninety-five years old. During our life together, he bought me a new home which I never thought I would have. It remains my castle, where I still live today. We traveled, did family research and enjoyed family trips. We never gave up finding another family tie.



Favorite accomplishments: I am of Hispanic descent; I speak Spanish and have been able to take advantage of this throughout my life. I have enjoyed volunteering, receiving recognition as Women of the Year Award through St. Therese Child of Jesus, Catholic Church and a plaque from Salt Lake County for the services rendered at Midvale Senior Center. There I participated in the computer and set-up services, teaching, quilting and helped wherever needed. My hobbies are sparse now but I have enjoyed making ceramics, crocheting and knitting.

Impressive changes: From kerosene lamps to electricity. From pop belly heaters fueled by coal or gas to electric stoves and heaters. From Flour Sack dresses and long silk stockings to store bought fashions; from dresses to pants. From yelling out the front door to telephones with the old party lines to the cell phones, computers, tablets and many other multimedia medium devices. The advances in the medical field, the medical procedures, medications and means of caring for

complicated individuals and their problems. In 1955, because of a double heart defect at birth, my son who was eight years old, required open heart surgery. He came through the surgery as the first juvenile to survive open heart surgery with the use of the heart lung machine. In 1965, at age eighteen, he went through another open heart surgery. Through the grace of God, lots of prayers and an outstanding surgeon, Dr. Russell M. Nelson, along with all of the medical advances made it possible for him to experience many things throughout life. He is now seventy years old.

Hobbies and activities: My family keeps me active and busy visiting and traveling to Star Valley, Wyoming in the summer and Hurricane, Utah in the winter. I attended Midvale and Hurricane Senior Center where I direct the card game and skip-bo. Life is great. My favorite TV shows are Family Feud, Dr. Phil, CNN, MSNBC and taking afternoon naps (primarily after each meal which didn't happen until I turned ninety.)

Secret to longevity: The loss of my mother at age eleven and the separation of our family, the birth of my children, the reuniting of our whole family, my second marriage to a wonderful man, remembering the love of family; It all came about through the grace of God.

Best advice: "Be proud of who and what you are. Never give up. You are never given more than you can handle. Be patient and enjoy your life. Keep it clean."

Descendants: Two children, four grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and thirteen great-great-grandchildren.



Enedina, two years old, 1919

Ina Marie “Betty” Reed Cleveland Thompson

Ina Marie Reed was born in 1917, in Floyd, Virginia. She was delivered by her father’s uncle, Dr. Roley Akers. Ina was the second child and first girl born to Cecil Calvert Reed and Clarris Angeline Hylton.

Education: After graduating from Floyd High School in Floyd Virginia, Ina attended a junior college, Textile Industrial Institute (now Spartanburg University) in Spartanburg, South Carolina, starting in 1933 at age sixteen. After completing her two year degree there, she attended The School of Nursing at the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond, Virginia and graduated three years later with her Nursing Degree. She then did post graduate work for two years at Margaret Hague Maternity Hospital in Jersey City, New Jersey. In the fall of 1940, Ina became the Operating Room Supervisor at Grady Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia. She then worked at the Steiner Cancer Center as an OR nurse. It was there that Ina met her new roommate, Mary Ann Jones. Mary Ann told her she didn’t look like an “Ina” and Mary Ann started calling her “Betty.” Since that time, many people have come to know her as Betty, and she answers happily to either name. Over the course of her nursing career, Ina worked mainly in Obstetrics, Emergency and Surgery. She also was the Director of Nursing at Wauchula General Hospital in Florida. Ina loved nursing and caring for people. In her words “I learned to give good nursing care and to help patients recover more quickly. Many times it included helping them to accept the changes in their health and continue their lives. There were sad times and happy times and miracles when medicinal care seemed hopeless.”



Ina as a young adult

Outstanding memories: Ina was raised in rural Virginia, surrounded by grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. She felt very fortunate to grow up in such a loving and caring family. She has said, “Being the oldest daughter I was often the babysitter. Doing that pleased me more than some of the chores! Farming was hard in those days; walking behind a plow pulled by a horse, cutting wheat with a scythe, stacking the hay and bringing it into the barn. There were cows to milk and care for, chickens and pigs to be fed.” Ina says, “I have such peaceful, happy memories of my childhood. There were times when it was a struggle for the family, but it was a life filled with love and happiness. In 1929, during the depression, banks failed and many lost everything; others were out of a job and had no income. On the farm, mother and daddy were able to supply most of our daily needs. Mother would save scraps from the garden and left over food to feed the pigs and chickens. We were thankful daddy was carrying the mail and had a monthly paycheck and mother was able to sell the extra milk, butter and eggs from the farm and also do sewing for others. Although it was still a struggle to support the family, we didn’t feel the misfortune that others did.” Ina’s dad encouraged all the children to get an

education and with his financial help, all five children were able to complete a college degree.

Favorite accomplishments: “As I reach the century mark, my 100th birthday, I look back on the memories of the past and think about the long life I’ve enjoyed and the contact I’ve had with my family and friends. What a wonderful life it has been! I’ve been fortunate to have two good husbands, both so different. My first husband, Arthur “Art” Lloyd Cleveland II and I were married after a whirlwind five day courtship in 1942 in Marietta, Georgia. Art was a great husband and father to our three children and we had a loving and caring relationship. I learned to love music through being around Art. He used to make up songs and sing to me. He was such a warm, loving guy, outgoing and friendly. Ours was a young love that grew as we did. My children have been my life; my two daughters and my son are the greatest. They are warm, loving and caring to me and I wonder how I managed to be so blessed. Their spouses have also become very dear to me. I am truly thankful for all my grandchildren, great and great-great-grandchildren too. I do believe the love I’ve felt with my family and the closeness we have, even though apart, has strengthened me over the years. After Art’s death, it was another blessing to meet and marry



Arthur (Ina’s first husband) and Ina, 1942

Delmus “Del” Royal Thompson in 1988 in Conifer, Colorado. He has been a loving, wonderful husband and we’ve enjoyed our time together. With both of us retired, we have been able to enjoy many trips, just taking off and doing what we wanted to do. We loved going on fishing and camping trips and seeing parts of the country I had never seen before.



Del (Ina’s second husband) and Ina, undated

I’m also awed that we’ve been able to travel so much and see so many different countries. I have many wonderful memories of these trips. It was fun to travel with my stepson and his wife to many of the places. When I married Del, I also gained five new grandchildren I love and adore. I’ve been so fortunate to be a part of Del’s family and dearly love them.

Hobbies and activities: Ina learned to sew, embroider and crochet from her mother. Over the years, she has sewn many clothes for herself and her family and crocheted treasured doilies and baby blankets. The embroidery done on pillow cases and dresser scarves show exquisite workmanship and are beautifully done. Ina loves to read and though she has macular degeneration, she uses a magnifying glass to continue this beloved hobby.

Best advice: “If I were to leave any words of advice to my family or any other family, it would be to keep in touch with each other and make plans to visit as often as possible. Don’t lose that connection. Love and accept each other no matter what. Families were meant to be together in everything. Above all, love each other.”

Descendants: Three children, one step-son, ten grandchildren, nine step-grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren, thirty-one step-great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Roger E. Thompson

Roger E. Thompson was born in 1914, in Dawson, La Qui Parle, Minnesota. Roger's father died as a volunteer fire chief fighting an arson-set fire seven months before Roger was born. His mother worked at home as a dressmaker to provide for Roger and his older sister.

Outstanding memories: Roger went to school from first grade through high school in the small town of Dawson, Minnesota. Spending summers and other times on his Grandma's farm in South Dakota became a place to have fun, and work hard. The farm had a well in the yard for water, and kerosene lamps for light. He and two good friends from Dawson went on to college at Augsburg College in Minneapolis, Minnesota. In order to pay for tuition and for living expenses, he worked selling shoes and cleaning campus buildings. He was active on the basketball team in college. Taking a year off from college, Roger went to Alaska and worked on the Alaskan Railway out of Fairbanks, and for a short while, worked in a fish cannery in Anchorage. He graduated with a four year degree in Biology with a minor in Physical Education. Some of his



happiest and most carefree days were in college. After graduating in 1940, he moved to California and worked in the Sierras in a lumber mill. At loose ends, he joined the military, training as a pilot but later decided to work as an armament officer. Finishing his training, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant and was assigned to the 109th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron in the Army Air Corps. Roger spent thirty-eight months in Europe during World War II and completed duty as a Major. He was a member of a National Guard unit that was called up for the Korean War and served one year in Korea. Roger met his wife, Pearl, on a blind date on New Year's Eve set up by his sister, Doris who was a nurse in Sacramento and introduced Roger to fellow nurse, Pearl, who happened to hail from Salt Lake City. They married six months before Roger was shipped overseas for the war. Roger joined the LDS Church at age fifty, and Roger and Pearl were then sealed in the Salt Lake Temple. Roger has been a widower for twenty-three years. Roger exercises every day, goes to the gym three times a week, mows his lawn and takes care of his own home and yard, and also serves in Church. He drives but currently avoids the freeway. He has learned to use the computer to email family, pay bills, and look up items of interest. His favorite recent invention is his cell phone.

Descendants: Three children, eight grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren.

Thelma F. Tripp

Thelma Ferrin was born in 1914, in Council Bluff, Iowa. Thelma is one of five children born to Frank Ferrin and Bertha Brown Ferrin.

Outstanding memories: Thelma's childhood was wonderful. She lived a very simple life on her family's 160 acre farm. She loved picnics in the park with her family and her church. After high school she went to work as a part-time clerk at the Council Bluff Building and Loan. Thelma met her husband, Stacy Tripp at her church and fell in love. They were married in 1931. They both loved baseball and continued playing on recreational teams that traveled through Iowa and Nebraska. Six years after they were married they had a daughter, and six years later they adopted a boy. In 1965, they moved to Utah so Thelma could be baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. She had never seen mountains before so she was scared of them. When she asked her husband about going around the mountains, he said "we are not going to go around them, we are going to go through them," she immediately was scared. As they drove into



Wyoming, she realized what he was talking about. Now Thelma loves the mountains. All of Thelma's children have passed away. Thelma is still living in the first home that she and Stacy bought together. She still drives and loves going to Golden Corral for lunch and meeting new people. On a nice day you can find Thelma sitting on her porch looking at her flowers and watching as people pass by.

Favorite accomplishments: Thelma's favorite accomplishments are playing the organ, learning to sew, making all her own dresses and playing croquet and baseball.

Impressive changes: Thelma was born before WWI and she has seen so many changes, from cars to television, to phones. It's impressive to her.

Hobbies and activities: She enjoys playing the organ for church and for fun, and she enjoys going on long drives.

Secret to longevity: She says "hard work and don't eat sugar."

Best advice: "Keep active, do things that count, are important and mean something. Be a hard working person."

Descendants: Three children, seventeen grandchildren and twenty-three great-grandchildren.

McEwan W. Voorhees

McEwan Wintch Voorhees was born in 1916, in Christianberg, Utah to Stephen Reid and Ida Wintch Voorhees.

Outstanding memories: I was born in the same farmhouse that I spent my early years. I was involved in farm chores and exploring the area around the Sanpete mountains. We always tried to create our own entertainment. We put paraffin wax on bed sheets and tried to fly off the hillside. I made skis from old barrel staves. I blew up my mother's oven while drying out homemade gunpowder. I'm surprised I lived past my teenage years! In 1932, my brother Stan and I thought it was time to modernize the farmhouse. With the help of our shop teacher, we drew up plans. We brought electricity, indoor plumbing, and a telephone to our home. During this time, a new girl from Ogden moved to Gunnison. That started my great romance with Helen Farr. We got engaged, but it was the Depression, and jobs were hard to find. I went to LDS Business College, became a bookkeeper, and picked up jobs when I could. Finally, I found a permanent job, and Helen and I were married in the Manti Temple in 1939. We moved to Salt Lake and had our first-born son. When WWII broke out, we returned to Gunnison to raise turkeys for the army. I was drafted and went to Officers Training School in Fort Benning, GA. I was on my way to the Philippines when the war ended.



Because of my typing abilities, I was pulled off the troop train in San Francisco to type up the discharge papers of thousands of returning GIs at the Presidio. Upon returning to Salt Lake, I decided that office work was not for me. I purchased a tractor and started grading yards. This developed into Voorhees Landscape. My wife, Helen, was my partner in our business. Long before answering machines, she was tied to our home phone taking calls. The business grew and I was proud of the work we did. Besides beautifying homes in the area, we landscaped the Union Building at the U, the old Governor's Mansion, and the Visitors Centers at Arches National Park and Waweep Marina. I was a charter member of the Utah Nurseryman's Association and past president. In 1980, I was named Nurseryman of the Year. I was able to provide for my growing family. Helen passed away in 2008, after seventy wonderful years of marriage.

Impressive changes: I have seen many changes over my lifetime. I was there for the industrial revolution. I saw the beginnings of airplanes, electricity, automobiles, movies and TV. The thing that impresses me the most is the computer and the smart phone. To have information available to us so fast blows my mind! It needs to be used with wisdom and care, though.

Hobbies and activities: I spend most of my time listening to biographies and history books on tape. I still enjoy hitting an occasional golf ball around (I have four hole-in-ones under my belt!) I love to sing and listen to music. I am blessed to have wonderful family and friends to visit with.

Secret to longevity: Heredity and hard work. Meet life's challenges with a positive attitude!

Best advice: “Be happy! Enjoy your time on earth. Have a smile on your face, so the world can smile with you. We don’t need all the stuff. He who dies with the most toys really doesn’t win. Families are the most important thing we have.”

Descendants: Three children, ten grandchildren and twenty-four great-grandchildren.



McEwan and Helen, engagement day, 1938

Verda Louise H. Watkins

Verda Louis Howard was born in 1917, in Provo, Utah. Verda is the fifth child born to Josiah Howard and Louisa B. Park Howard.

Outstanding memories: In August 1928, when Verda was eleven years old, her mother moved with the four youngest children to Long Beach, California. Verda's mother, Louisa, was an obstetrician and worked as a mid-wife helping expectant mothers deliver their babies. This required her to stay in the homes of her clients for several days at a time. During those times Verda and her siblings lived at home alone preparing their own meals and caring for themselves. This was during the great depression when money was scarce.

Verda learned to play the violin and the piano. Then she learned to play the baritone horn in her junior high school's South Gate Girls' Band. At Long Beach Poly High School Band,

she learned to play trumpet, then trombone and oboe briefly. She also played cello a little on her own. In Long Beach Junior College she continued with trumpet for a short time. Verda then enrolled in a sewing class which prepared her for her future as a seamstress. Verda met Leroy "Roy" Watkins at a dance in Long Beach around 1939. Roy had recently



Verda and her brother, Melvin. 1929

moved with a friend from Temple, Oklahoma to nearby Alhambra. Roy was nineteen and Verda was twenty-two. Roy was drafted into the Army in 1941, shortly before the Pearl Harbor attack. Mail became their only source of communication except for his military leaves authorized by the Army. During one of those military leaves Roy and Verda were married in 1943. After their marriage, Verda and Roy lived in Georgia, and later at an Army base in Charleston, South Carolina, where their baby boy was born in 1944. Roy was later transferred to Salinas, California, but concerned that he could go AWOL, the Army did not allow him to move Verda and their child to Long Beach, California while in route to Salinas. Roy was sent directly to Salinas on a train, leaving Verda to drive her 1941 Chevy, alone with her baby to California. At that time new automobile tires were rationed to conserve rubber for military use. So she could only buy new tire if it were bald and flat, on her way she had two flats and was able to buy only two new tires. She managed to reach Temple, Oklahoma at the home of Roy's parents, Jep and Emma Watkins. There she called her mother in California telling of her two remaining worn out tires. Through a special acquaintance,

Verda's mother had two new tires shipped to her in Oklahoma. Verda had her old tires changed and she was again on her way to California. On her way to California she made another stop in Clovis, New Mexico to visit her younger brother, who had recently joined the Air Force. There she was privileged to climb through his airplane while other soldiers held her baby. This was her last visit with her brother, as later in WWII, her brother's plane was shot down and he was missing in action. Melvin was reported to have been killed in May, 1945 when his airplane crashed after a bombing

mission over Tokyo. Later Roy was transferred to Hawaii, where he finished his service until the end of WWII. He then came to Long Beach to live with Verda and their son. In the early 50's, Verda enrolled for two years at Los Angeles Trade Tech in Fashion Design where she graduated with straight A's. From the early 50's into the early 60's Verda sewed many shirts for her son to wear to school. In the late 50's Roy and Verda became involved in square dancing. Every Friday night they met with friends in the Lyngate Squares square dance club. During this time Verda started a home business called, Twirl-Away-Togs, sewing petticoats and dance dresses for square dancers. She rented booths at square dance conventions, and placed ads in square dancing magazines nationwide taking orders for petticoats. She also sewed clothes, bags and toys for her grandchildren until her vision deteriorated from macular degeneration in the mid 80's. Eventually, she became legally blind and took braille classes. She was also afflicted with osteoporosis where she required a walker or scooter to move about. But in spite of these disabilities associated with advanced age, she has remained optimistic and positive. In 2002, Roy passed away from Alzheimer's at the age of eighty-one. In December 2015, Verda was moved to a Retirement Community in Orem, Utah, to be closer to her five grandchildren living in Utah County. At 100 years old, Verda loves to listen to conservative talk radio, semi-classical music, and "Sounds of Sunday" streamed over the internet and produced weekly by her son, who has worked as a radio broadcaster for over fifty years. During the baseball season, Verda is perhaps the oldest Los Angeles Dodgers fan listening to their games regularly over her satellite radio.

Descendants: One son, seven grandchildren and twenty great-grandchildren.



Verda and Roy on their wedding day, 1943

F. Earl Webb

F. Earl Webb was born in 1915 in Riverton, Utah; the fifth child born to W. M. Lafayette Webb and Dora Alice Brown Webb.



Outstanding memories: My childhood days in Riverton, Utah were happy. Although we were poor, I had lots of friends to play with. We made our own fun playing games and reading books. I had clean clothes and plenty to eat. I was well disciplined in a warm and loving home. I always got some Christmas presents and had family parties with our relatives. My father died when I was two. My nickname was “Harry.” When I was six years old I worked for Uncle Pete Green. Over the years I thinned sugar beets, topped beets and hauled hay and grain into stacks. I worked driving a tractor pulling a drill planting grain on a thrashing machine. Driving a school bus my senior year at Jordan High in winter I hit a slick spot on the road and slid into a gully with the bus tipped and leaning against a hill. I had the girls all sit on the high side of the road and us boys got out and pushed it back upright. I drove the gully until I could get back on the road, I didn’t even put a scratch on the bus! I met my future wife Norma Mary Mousley at high school. I began driving at fourteen and had a model T Ford. After high school I went to Civilian Conservation Corps (C.C.C.) and worked in Salina and the Soapstone area above Kamas. In 1935 I got a job with Kennecott Copper and ended up working in Magna Mill as a receiving clerk until I retired in 1978. Norma and I were married in Salt Lake City in 1937. We made our first home in Garfield, Utah. In 1939 we bought an old home on a lane in Bluffdale, UT with thirteen acres. Our first child was born in 1941 and our second was born in 1946 “I have just as many kinds of kids as Brigham Young.” In 1955 we had enough money to build a new family home down the lane on Redwood Road where I still live today. We had a milk cow and we raised a steer and pigs for meat. I also raised a large garden and had fruit trees. I remember the night I waited in the dark for kids coming to steal watermelons out of my garden. I had my double barrel shot gun and fired into the air to scare them. I heard the neighbor holler “give them the other barrel Earl.” I enjoyed driving to Tijuana, Mexico and along the coast. Another enjoyable trip was when we went to South Dakota and saw passion plays in the forest. I saved up and enjoyed paying cash for new cars. My favorite accomplishments are becoming wealthy, living 100 years, being able to help my great grandchildren with school expenses, and having property to give to my kids to build their homes.

Impressive changes: Going from horses and buggy to automobiles which made life so much easier. Men going to the moon and back. Television. I had the first color television in Bluffdale!

Hobbies and activities: I fix my own breakfast and supper. Meals on Wheels brings lunch and I like visiting with the ladies. I consider them my friends and look forward to seeing them. My son takes me grocery shopping and out to lunch every Saturday. On Sunday, my daughter takes me to lunch. I read the paper every day and I watch television. I especially like Dancing with the Stars. I go to a senior center yoga class once a week and stay for lunch.

Secret to longevity: I have good genes. I did a lot of hard physical work. A good married life. Eating a variety of vegetables from my garden. Friends would say “you can’t take your money with you.” I would answer “I’m not going without it” and I’m still here.

Best advice: Work hard and take care of your money so you will have some for your old age. Don’t pay interests. If you want something, save your money until you can pay cash.

Descendants: Two children, five grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

June Calderwood Wilde

June Calderwood was born in 1917, in Coalville, Utah. June is the oldest daughter of William E. Calderwood and Mildred Wright Calderwood.

Outstanding memories: I had a great time growing with my three brothers in Henefer, Utah. Being the oldest, I would often babysit them. They would play pranks on me like locking me in the outdoor toilet. Christmas and birthdays were some of my best times. These were the only times we

received gifts. I had many friends in Henefer. I remember many happy times playing with them. I went to grammar school in Henefer and junior high school in Coalville and high school at North Summit High in Coalville graduating in 1935. Later I took some classes in math and special education from BYU Extension Services. My first job was working for my father at his filling station in Henefer.

I was paid two dollars and fifty cents a week. After I graduated from high school, I worked in Salt Lake City at Booklawn Creamery. I married Carl Nix Wilde in 1937. My father, who was Henefer's bishop, performed our wedding ceremony. Carl and I were married in the LDS Salt Lake Temple eighteen months later. After my children were old enough to care for themselves; I worked for about seven years at Dean's Coffee Shop in Coalville. I also worked as a cook at North Summit High School and later as a teacher's aide. My last job was at the Summit County Hospital as a food supervisor, cook and dietary assistant. I have been an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Days Saints all my life. I have had the privilege of serving in the Sunday school, Mutual, Young Women and Primary

auxiliaries. My husband and I also served for five years as workers in the Ogden Temple.

Favorite accomplishments: Raising a family and having forty-four descendants and that number is growing. Living to 100 years of age has been unexpected but very fulfilling.

Impressive changes: I have witnessed impressive changes, from horse and buggy to motorcycle to our first car, a Ford Model T to the modern car that can actually speak to you. I have seen the progress from outdoor toilet to total indoor plumbing, coal stoves to gas, electric ranges and handwashing of clothes and clotheslines to washing machines and dryers. I have seen the time when all our clothes were handmade, now I buy off-the-rack clothes. When I was born, radio and newspapers were the main public media. I have lived to see the advent of television, computers, cell phones and the internet and space travel. I feel all these wonderful things have led to making life better for everyone.



June, three years old, 1920



June and Kelly, 1940's

Hobbies and activities: My favorite hobbies have been to quilt, crochet, read, cook (especially preparing special meals for hospital patients) care for a flower garden, travel and family get-togethers. I have traveled to all but four of the fifty states. I have been to Hawaii twice with my husband, brothers and their wives and my parents and I have been to Alaska three times.

Secret to longevity: Always stay busy to keep body and mind exercised and alert, eat right and regularly exercise. Most importantly, stay away from harmful foods and drinks. It always helps to have healthy genes also!

Best advice: “Live life with faith and never give up! Be positive. Cultivate good friends and family and serve others”.

Descendants: Three children, thirteen grandchildren, twenty-one great-grandchildren and seven great, great-grandchildren.



June and Kelly with their three children, 1960's

Anna Boogaard Worthington

Anna Boogaard was born in 1917, in Den Helder, Netherlands, the oldest of five children born to Marinus Boogaard and Aartje Ekelmans Boogaard.

Outstanding memories: Anna was born in the Netherlands. Anna left school in tenth grade to work full time as a housekeeper to support her family. She made \$3.00 a week. She came to the United States by ship in March 1929, two months before her twelfth birthday. She lived in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where many people spoke German, which she liked. Later on, she moved to Salt Lake City, Utah. Moving to Salt Lake was very hard because she could speak Dutch and German, but not English. Her father could not find a job so she went to work at a young age and gave her money to the family. In her early twenties, she remembers taking the trolley in the summer to Saltair where for only ten cents she would dance to live big bands such as Tommy Dorsey, Bennie Goodman and Glen Miller. In 1940, she married Wayne and later had five children. Wayne died in 1964. In 1968, she remarried to Frank and moved to Grantsville. She was very active in the community with several clubs and volunteer work at the grade school. She worked at the Grantsville Drug Store for many years. In 2003, after Frank died, she moved back to Salt Lake City to be closer to her children and grandchildren.



Favorite accomplishments: Anna's biggest accomplishment was raising five children. When their father died in 1964, three of their children were still in school. She began working and learned to drive at age forty-six. She loved the thirty-five years she lived in Grantsville after remarrying in 1968 and loved being very active in the community.

Impressive changes: She has seen Belgian horses that would pull the vegetable carts to delivery trucks.

Hobbies and activities: Anna enjoys knitting, reading, tai chi, bingo and listening to music.

Secret to longevity: Anna had a very challenging life which made her strong. She still speaks Dutch, English and some German. She also makes scarves for the homeless.

Best advice: "Stay busy, take walks, be nice to people and make lots of friends."

Descendants: Five children, eight grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

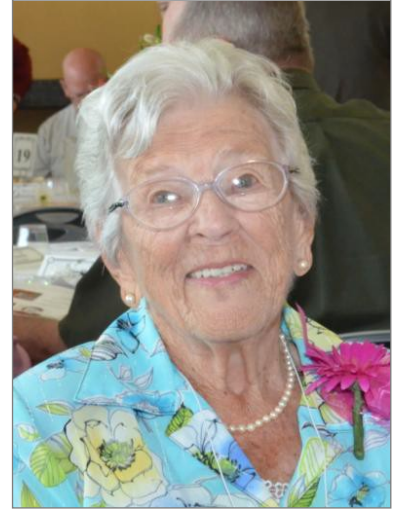


Anna, age twenty-three, 1940

Hazel Dean York

Hazel Dean was born in 1911 in Old Lyme, Connecticut, the third of six children born to George Robert and Lena Mae Daniels Dean. Her family lived in a big white house on the Old Boston Post Road, the same narrow dusty road our forefathers traveled between Boston and New York. There were no bridges spanning the Connecticut River so the crossings were made by barges.

Hazel's father became a teamster after finishing grade school. In Bridgeport, Connecticut he drove a team of six to eight horses for the Valvoline Oil Company. He moved to Old Lyme to learn the blacksmith trade and wagon building. After his training was finished, the family moved to Niantic, Connecticut, a village in the southern part of East Lyme.



At the big white house in Old Lyme, age six

Later in life, when her son graduated from high school, Hazel realized she was the only one in her family without a high school diploma. She decided she needed to do something to change that. She enrolled in a program for high school drop-outs and earned more than enough points to earn a certificate equivalent to a high school diploma.



Age twenty-two

Favorite accomplishments and outstanding memories: During the summer of 1932, Hazel met John York and decided she wanted to spend the rest of her life with him and the two were married about a year later. A few months later, Hazel discovered she was pregnant. For the first few months of her pregnancy, the young couple couldn't afford for Hazel to visit the doctor. That spring, a neighbor hired John to build a driveway and paid John \$300, which was more than enough to pay for their baby. Hazel visited the doctor and learned the charge was only \$35 for monthly visits and delivery. Hazel gave birth to a healthy baby boy in the late summer of 1934. She and John decided to name the baby, George, and he has been their pride and joy ever since.



Twelve years old

By the time her son was about ten years old, the family started a poultry farm with 500 baby chicks. Over the next twenty years, their farm grew to around 40,000 birds. Hazel was responsible for keeping the books and helping grade, candle, and pack eggs. She found what she had learned at business school was of little or no help to her and decided to develop her own system of record-keeping instead. The first few years were hard, as it is with any new business, but the family met it.



**Hazel, John, and George
Summer 1942**

After graduating from school, George started a dairy farm. Hazel did his bookkeeping until they decided to sign up for the Connecticut Farm Bureau, freeing up more time for Hazel's hobbies.

After their business was pretty well established, the Yorks found time for a little fun. By then their son had married a lovely girl and given Hazel and John three beautiful grandchildren. George built a family home a short distance from his parents'. It was a wonderful time for John and Hazel. They learned to ski while in their fifties, went to the dog and horse races, and had time to travel.

In 1963, John and Hazel sold their farm and built their retirement home. After finishing their new home and settling in, they decided to go to Florida for a couple of weeks each winter. While there, John and Hazel found a mobile home they loved on a nice-sized lot with a grapefruit tree, four orange trees, a tangerine tree, a lemon tree, and a banana tree. They thought it made an ideal place for a winter home. After a couple of winters, John and Hazel decided to sell their Connecticut home and move permanently to Florida. Florida was their "play ground" for the next twenty years. It was hard to leave their family but it was a good fit for John and Hazel.



Age seventy-four



In their early eighties

While in Florida, John and Hazel bought a fourteen-foot boat and a crock pot. They enjoyed their time on the ocean, fishing, shelling, shrimping, and crabbing every day, and coming home to a crock pot dinner. They traveled a lot during those years, mostly to visit relatives, "or at least that was our excuse," Hazel chuckles. They crossed the United States several times and saw Mesa Verde, the Petrified Forest, the Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, Yellowstone Park, and Oklahoma's Cowboy Museum. They were delegates to a National Farm Bureau Convention in California and saw as much as they could while in town. John and Hazel went to Mexico, visited Niagara Falls several times, saw the Bush Gardens, the home and museum of Thomas Edison, Disney World, Epcot Center, and the Everglades National Park. They also loved to visit race tracks. They flew to Jamaica for ten days and while there, visited where Columbus is believed to have landed before coming to America.

The couple led a happy and active life until John developed Parkinson's disease. It came on slowly. At first, Hazel just noticed John was slowing down. He did not want to go out in the boat and Hazel thought that was a sure sign something was wrong. There was no cure. As he worsened, their son, George, urged Hazel and John to move to Vernal, Utah where he would be able to assist in supporting his Dad. John and Hazel moved to Vernal in 1997 and John passed away in September of 1999. After the death of her husband, Hazel felt lost until she found the Golden Age Center in Vernal.

Hobbies and activities: Hazel had many hobbies over the years. While in Connecticut, she studied antique decorating. She loved to stencil on velvet and tin, gold leaf, reverse paint on glass, oil paint, tinsel paint, and garden. While in Florida, she enjoyed ceramics, oil painting, gardening, and restoring dolls. Hazel restored two antique dolls for her granddaughter and she enjoyed crocheting.

Secret to longevity: Hazel gives her father credit for her sharp mind as she approaches her 102nd birthday. He encouraged Hazel and her siblings to do puzzles of all kinds. To this day, Hazel still does puzzles. She believes crossword puzzles help her immensely, even if she doesn't always finish them.

Descendants: Two children, four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

More Governor's Century Club Centenarians

Victoria Bartlett

Born in 1914

Lives in Salt Lake City

Mary Bateman

Born in 1913

Lives in Bountiful

Elizabeth Beck

Born in 1913

Lives in Salt Lake City

Alice Bennett

Born in 1911

Lives in Salt Lake City

Philip Bergeson

Born in 1917

Lives in Layton

Angelica Bolic

Born in 1916

Lives in Salt Lake City

Della Bulkley

Born in 1916

Lives in Salt Lake City

Bea Burnett

Born in 1916

Lives in Park City

Lorraine Buys

Born in 1917

Lives in Heber City

Leah Calder

Born in 1916

Lives in Farmington

Milton Christensen

Born in 1915

Lives in Roy

Bessie Clayton

Born in 1913

Lives in Salt Lake City

Phyllis Clements

Born in 1913

Lives in Sandy

Melba Colvin

Born in 1913

Lives in Saratoga Springs

Kay Croen

Born in 1917

Lives in Salt Lake City

Mabel Devore

Born in 1915

Lives in Centerville

Ada Dewey

Born in 1917

Lives in Ogden

Mary Helen Dill

Born in 1916

Lives in Herriman

Vera Dugdale

Born in 1913

Lives in St. George

Hazel Edler

Born in 1914

Lives in Salt Lake City

Ann Erickson

Born in 1912

Lives in Salt Lake City

Wilma Frederickson

Born in 1917

Lives in Lehi

Alice Funk

Born in 1917

Lives in Pleasant Grove

Sherm Gowans

Born in 1917

Lives in Syracuse

Lillian Grant

Born in 1915

Lives in St. George

Mona Hammond

Born in 1914

Lives in Provo

Georgia Hawkins

Born in 1915

Lives in Sandy

Philip Hepworth

Born in 1915

Lives in Washington

Don Hicken

Born in 1914

Lives in Heber City

Della Higley

Born in 1914

Lives in Springdale

J. Russon Holbrook

Born in 1915

Lives in Logan

Lydia James

Born in 1915

Lives in West Jordan

Lillian Jones

Born in 1910

Lives in Salt Lake City

Ebrahim Khodaverdian

Born in 1917

Lives in Sandy

Donna Landes

Born in 1917

Lives in Salt Lake City

Sione Lauhingoa

Born in 1913

Lives in Salt Lake City

Mary Mannos

Born in 1915

Lives in Midvale

Harriet Matic

Born in 1917

Lives in Riverton

Betty Mendoza

Born in 1912

Lives in Hurricane

Masae Nishimoto

Born in 1914

Lives in Farmington

Louis Housley

Born in 1914

Lives in Salt Lake City

Celia Jensen

Born in 1915

Lives in Centerfield

Sophie Jones

Born in 1916

Lives in Montrose

Donald Kirk

Born in 1913

Lives in Sandy

Eva Larsen

Born in 1913

Lives in Salt Lake City

Edwin Lewis

Born in 1917

Lives in Orem

Dorothy Marlowe

Born in 1907

Lives in North Logan

Rosemarie McCrea

Born in 1917

Lives in Salt Lake City

Elizabeth Montoya

Born in 1917

Lives in West Valley City

Paul Nkoy

Born in 1915

Lives in Salt Lake City

Tennys Houston

Born in 1917

Lives in Taylorsville

Eunice Johnson

Born in 1912

Lives in North Ogden

Bertha Kemp

Born in 1917

Lives in Murray

Kathryn Knibbe

Born in 1916

Lives in Salt Lake City

Harold Larsen

Born in 1915

Lives in Salt Lake City

Marguerite Lowe

Born in 1915

Lives in St. George

Helen Martin

Born in 1915

Lives in Ogden

Anne McNeil

Born in 1917

Lives in Heber City

Elener Nelson

Born in 1916

Lives in Washington

Shirley Oberg

Born in 1915

Lives in Spanish Fork

Wesley Orten

Born in 1914

Lives in Sandy

Thelma Patton

Born in 1915

Lives in Salt Lake City

Alice Pay Bateman King

Born in 1917

Lives in Springville

Fred Pierce

Born in 1917

Lives in Spanish Fork

Mary Pinnell

Born in 1916

Lives in Roy

Venice Pitcher

Born in 1915

Lives in Salt Lake City

Cleo Powel

Born in 1915

Lives in Murray

Lorene Reynolds

Born in 1917

Lives in St. George

Lucille Robbins

Born in 1912

Lives in Brigham City

Robert Simmons

Born in 1917

Lives in Salt Lake City

Fannie Smiley

Born in 1914

Lives in Blanding

Paul Smith

Born in 1912

Lives in Salt Lake City

Marjorie Stevens

Born in 1915

Lives in Holden

Wilson Stevens

Born in 1915

Lives in Salt Lake City

Katherine Stoddard

Born in 1916

Lives in Salt Lake City

Lila Straley

Born in 1912

Lives in Salt Lake City

Louis Stuart

Born in 1912

Lives in Woodruff

Indra Subba

Born in 1912

Lives in Salt Lake City

Leon Tapia

Born in 1915

Lives in West Valley City

Mary Taylor

Born in 1915

Lives in Salt Lake City

Leola Terry

Born in 1916

Lives in Enterprise

Jens Karl Tinggaard

Born in 1914

Lives in Taylorsville

Ethel Tregeagle

Born in 1912

Lives in Provo

Louise Tuck

Born in 1912

Lives in Murray

Josephine Van Fleet

Born in 1917

Lives in Salt Lake City

Marian Vanderlip

Born in 1917

Lives in Payson

Mary Wahl

Born in 1914

Lives in Draper

Josephine Walsh

Born in 1916

Lives in Hurricane

Alonzo Waterlyn

Born in 1915

Lives in Salt Lake City

Lila Weller

Born in 1915

Lives in Salt Lake City

Ted Wells

Born in 1910

Lives in Orem

Lorell Widdison

Born in 1914

Lives in Hooper

Marylou Wood

Born in 1916

Lives in Salt Lake City

Theron Yates

Born in 1916

Lives in Salt Lake City

Taeko Yoshida

Born in 1917

Lives in Clearfield

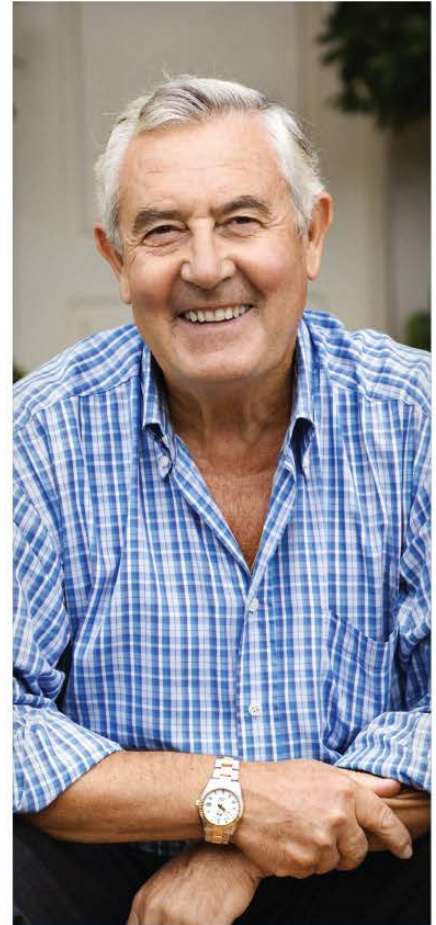
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