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THE PERSONAL HISTORY OF  
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I was born July 16, 1913, in Castle Dale, Utah, the fourth son of Carl C. Bott and Meta Kjerstine Petersen. My father was a farmer and raised livestock. His sons all loved their father's way of life even though it requires hard work with very little financial compensation. But it also rewards its contributors with a closeness to God's creation and a sense of security that is found no other place. It is a heritage that I pray may be bestowed upon my sons and daughter.

My father and mother were always faithful members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Their burning testimony of its divine principles shall always be an inspiration to me.

I was baptized a member of the Church October 29, 1921, by Warren<sup>W.</sup> A. Moffitt and confirmed the same day by Louis P. Oveson. in the basement of the old Emery Stake house in Castle Dale. It was located on the extreme southwest corner of the block very near the location of the present L.D.S. Church building in Castle Dale.

My parents firmly believed in the philosophy of teaching by example. Mother assisted in the Primary organization during all the years that her children were of Primary age. Consequently, I attended Primary regularly. I shall never forget that one other boy and I were the only two Trail Builder boys in regular attendance in our ward.

I was ordained a Deacon in the Aaronic Priesthood by my father, Carl C. Bott, on August 9, 1925.

I endeavored to faithfully perform my Priesthood responsibilities. I remember passing the Sacrament in our ward many times when I was the only Deacon present and was assisted in the service by Melchizedek Priesthood members. In those days we would gather fast offerings with a team of horses and a wagon. We accepted fast offerings in kind and turned our receipts to the Bishop.

I was ordained a Teacher in the Aaronic Priesthood by my father February 3, 1929. I shall always be thankful for the ward teaching program. I am an active Home Teacher today. I can truthfully say that the home teaching program has done more for me than I have done for the program. At the age of fourteen when I was ordained, I was so bashful and self conscious that I could not even read a message in the homes where I was assigned. Today I have been so blessed that it is one of my greatest pleasures to discuss the principles of the Gospel in the homes of the Saints.

I was ordained a Priest in the Aaronic Priesthood by Even Wilberg on February 1, 1931. I always regarded the privilege of administering to the Sacrament as a special privilege and a choice spiritual experience. Because of my self conscious disposition, at times this assignment seemed very hard. Although I was assigned the experience very often, it always gave that feeling of panic. Sometimes I became so tied up and tense, I felt it impossible to utter a word. But always at the close of this task performed with humility I have experienced that same warm strengthening feeling that comes from the blessing of the Spirit.

ISHOP GLEN P. BOTT was born July 16, 1913, in Castle Dale, the fourth son of Carl C. Bott and Meta Kjerstine Petersen. He was baptized October 29, 1921. He was ordained a Deacon and a Teacher by his father. He was ordained a Priest by Evan Wilberg. He served as counselor in the Elder's Quorum, President of the Elder's Quorum, Counselor in the MIA, Secretary of Stake Melchizedek Priesthood Committee, Stake Missionary, Bishop's and Counselor, Bishop, /Counselor to Stake President, . . .

He attended the Castle Dale Elementary School and graduated from Central High School there in 1930. He served on the Castle Dale Town Council and has been Clerk of Emery County for 24 years.

Bishop Bott married Caroline Westover in 1944, and they have five sons and one daughter. All have graduated from high school and gone to college. All five of the sons have filled LDS Missions.

My schooling was all received in Castle Dale. I was enrolled in the first grade of the Castle Dale Elementary School in the year 1919. I graduated from the Central High School in the year 1930. My school days were a continual challenge to me. As I have already stated, my backward, self-conscious disposition has always been a disadvantage to me. As a consequence, my school days were not all enjoyable experiences. Studies at school did not come easy but I always attended them regularly. I always had the support of my parents and family in my school work.

I have been interested throughout my life in community and civic affairs. I have served on the town council of Castle Dale. In the year 1958 I was requested to run for the political office of Clerk-Auditor of Emery County. I was elected to that office in the term beginning in the year 1959 and have been re-elected to the same office six consecutive terms. At the present time I am serving the twenty-fourth year as the Emery County Clerk.

I did not further my education past graduation from high school. I continued with farm work at home. I was the youngest son of my parents and the last family member at home so assisted my father and mother at home.

On June 9, 1944, I married Caroline Westover of Huntington, Utah, in the Salt Lake Temple. We settled in Castle Dale. I owned a home of my own at that time, also certain real property and livestock. We are the parents of five sons and one daughter of which I am very proud.

Throughout the years we have been very close to our family. We feel that a close family association with substantial family ties can be instrumental in determining our success in life.

Today three of our sons are married and we have nine grandchildren. All of our children have graduated from high school and have gone to college. All five of our sons have filled honorable missions for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Our family are all active in the Church and are presently serving in their various church positions.

I have been an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints throughout my life. It has been my privilege to hold many church positions. Prior to my marriage, I served as counselor in the Elder's Quorum, President of the Elder's Quorum, Counselor in the M.I.A. organization, Secretary of Stake Melchizedek Priesthood Committee, and Stake Missionary.

I was called to serve in the Castle Dale Ward Bishopric in the year 1942. Peter Eugene Johansen was ordained Bishop, Stanley Huntington, first counselor, myself as second counselor, and Gardner Jewkes, ward clerk. We were ordained and set apart in our offices by Apostle Spencer W. Kimball.

The Stake Presidency gave us a special assignment as a bishopric. We were assigned to build a ward and stake building in Castle Dale. Structural costs of the building itself was set at \$170,000. The amount seemed a tremendous assignment at the time. I shall always feel grateful for the faithful support of the Castle Dale Ward Relief Society sisters and the generous contributions of the ward members. The new stake and

ward building was dedicated in the year 1952. We felt highly honored to have President David O. McKay present for the occasion and dedicate the building.

Shortly after the dedication of the Castle Dale Ward and Stake building, Bishop Johansen was released as Bishop. I was sustained to that position September 16, 1951. I was ordained bishop by Alma W. Sonne, Assistant to the Council of the Twelve Apostles. I chose Ray Williams as first counselor, Morris Huntington, second counselor and Richard Call, ward clerk.

When I served as counselor to Bishop Johansen, my primary responsibility was with the Deacons of the Aaronic Priesthood. At that time fast offering was not collected on a regular basis. As I remember, only two boys of deacon age attended regularly. I requested the responsibility of collection of fast offerings. We set up a system for collection of fast contributions. I endeavored to visit the home of each boy in the deacon quorum the Saturday evening before fast offering should be gathered. I was blessed with the support of the mothers of the boys and the members of the families. Activity increased and fast offering contributions showed marked improvement. Approximately seven or eight years later, twenty-six Aaronic Priesthood boys qualified and received individual certificates of award. I do not mention these things for personal commendation, but to compliment the boys and their families for favorable response and for their faithful service. I am sure that service in the Gospel of Jesus Christ has done much more for me than I have done for the Gospel.

I served as Bishop of the Castle Dale Ward until November of 1957. Emery Stake was reorganized at that time. Frank L. Hall was named President, myself as first counselor, Rex Bunderson, second counselor, Mar U. Grange, stake clerk, and Ray B. Humphrey, assistant clerk. I felt uncapable for the calling. I missed the work in the bishopric very much, especially my association with the Aaronic Priesthood. We served as a stake presidency for approximately twelve years. We had many enjoyable and faith promoting experiences.

I have always received much satisfaction and enjoyment in seeing inactive members of the Church respond and appreciate the blessings of the Gospel. I believe that being actively engaged in living the principles of the Gospel is the pathway to eternal life. While serving as Bishop, I became involved in Project Temple seminars. In one group we were privileged to have seven husbands, wives and children at one time go with us to the Manti Temple for their sealing to parents and for their own endowments. There were thirty-three children sealed to their parents that day from our group. I have worked almost continuously from that day to the present time in Project Temple or Temple Preparation seminars.

I have always been encouraged and assisted in my church services and my livelihood by my faithful wife. If I deserve credit in this life for performing my part or if I ever achieve any degree of success, I give credit to my father and mother, my faithful wife, my sons, and my daughter.

I was called with Raymond R. Sitterud to serve as a Stake Missionary in the year 1972. We enjoyed our calling very much. We served approximately two and one half years. The Lord blessed us in our calling. We were privileged to teach and baptize twenty-five members into the Church.

I truly thank my Father in Heaven for many friends and for their support in my daily affairs, my church service and my associations in public office. I have been honored over the years by their friendship and the many kindnesses. I appreciate their remembrance of me in times of sickness and the honor bestowed upon me at times of their bereavement and passing of loved ones.

I bear testimony that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is true. I know that Joseph Smith was a true prophet in these latter days and that he was the instrument by which our Father in Heaven restored the Gospel in these latter days. I believe by keeping the commandments and living in accordance with the principles of the gospel, we find happiness in this life and salvation in our Father's Kingdom. To these things I testify in the Holy name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

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