

I was borned and raised in this area. My father came as a very young man from Bluff cause his parents went down through the Hole in the Rock to settle Bluff from the Indians and my mother came from Randolph, Rich county. She was William Howards daughter. When she was up in Rich county they run a saw mill for the church. After 3 or 4 years the saw mill blew up and scalded my grandfathers body 2/3 of the way. The church came up and gave him a blessing and asked him to move to Arziona. And then they come over the mountain and when they got over the mountain they stopped. Then they decided to go over on this side of the mountain to see what it looked like and heres where they stayed. My mother and father took and courted each other and they got married. I was the third one of the family to be borned.

I had a brother and sister older than me and a brother and 2 sisters younger. I was borned Jan. 31, 1907. It was on a Thursday and it was a bitter, cold day and the snow was falling fast. In those days they didn't have a Doctor so they had a midwife and the midwife my mother had was Maggie Rowley and she took care of my mother, and I was borned about 10 or 11 o'clock in the daytime. When they got throught the pay they gave the midwife was 10 or 12 dollars. We never had a doctor so it was kind of hard.

My mother had lots of chickens and she had her egg money and she had the money from the milk from the cows. She would nearly always milk the cows cause my daddy was away.

The first thing she did was go ^{town} down to George Millers store and buy her a baby buggy. It was a large wicker baby buggy with a parasol on the top of it and that was where each child lived, err, went to sleep until they were about a year and a half old. Then another baby would come along and they moved into a bed.

Thats the way they had of doing it. She raised lots of big gardens and we had lots of currant trees on the place. As I grew up we had to --we would start in the morning about 5 o'clock to pick the currants off the trees. Mike Truman was a deliver man and she would send her berries to Morhland and Hiawattha. She would charge 15 cents a quart. They were

clean already to be washed and put in the bottles. Fifteen cents a quart or 2 quarts for 25 cents. It wasn't much money but it seemed like much to us cause we weren't use to having much. When we were girls my mother said we got to have 100 chickens by Saturday with the heads left on and drawn, that was when they took the insides out, and the feathers off and Mike wanted them by 7 o'clock Saturday morning. That was a lot of hard work for us. We had to do it on a Friday night so they could be ready by Saturday morning. In those days we didn't have no cooler to go by. Thats the way my mother^m made a lot of her money was the garden and milk. Five ladies would come down from Hiawatha every Thursday and they would get a gallon of milk, a gallon of buttermilk and she would give them cottage cheese, she would make cottage cheese and they would get 2 or 3 dozen eggs and they would get a pound or two of butter and a quart of cream and thats the way she would make her money.

My dad was gone a lot of the time out surveying and things like that to get money to help pay for the parts he needed and the machenery he needed on hif fields.

For Christmas we always had a Christmas tree except for one Christmas. My daddy would go for coal two or three days before Christmas and always bring a Christmas tree back home when he would come. We would have a great time doing this tree, decoarting it. We didn't have much we would make paper chanins and thread both colored and white for the tree. We would always have cnadles on it. We would cut out little pictures from the catalog and put on the tree. On Christmas morning we were allowed to light all the candles but we could only keep it on for five minutes or ten at the most, so we wouldn't have a fire. This one year we ddn't have a Christmas tree we felt so bad about it but we still had our decorations. We would put our decorations from one corner of the house over to another corner. That gave us room to hang our stockings up. We always got a nice Christmas. The girls would always get new shoes and a doll. We would always have our candy and nuts and and orange and a banana. We always had our own apples so we didn't have to worry about that. The boys would get a new shirt and pants and shoes to go to Sunday School in, and things like that. It seemed to help out a lot.

Then it seemed like my sister, my older sister Mary, got awfully sick. Dr. Hill didn't come to town until after the first world war. Between the first and second world war. As a young Dr. he come from over the mountain and he brought a young bride with him and her name was Effie Armstrong. They didn't have any children for about twenty years. (She, ^{my sister} became very sick with arthritis. He didn't know what to do about it. He knew it was a rheumatism in some way because my sister had died with rheumatic fever. It made it very hard on me because her and I were almost like twins. We were just a year apart and mother would dress us alike, We always went to Sunday School together and it seemed like I always went to her class in Sunday School. I was quite a timid girl. After she died the cemetary was a very hard thing to go to because it had so many thistles and weeds and this and that. The ground dogs were so plentiful up there. The lots, the graves when we would go up there we would see big holes in the graves and there would be bones right out of the graves. The ground dogs would bring them right out of the graves. Mother told the exton oh B other Wakefielf about it and he said he would fix that. He took some wheat up there and oh, had been doctored so it would kill the animals. He killed hundreds of ground dogs that were up there in the emetary. Now we don't have any more grounddogs up there. But it was a very hard thing. There was no grass or anything. After my sister died we took slabs of grass up to the cemetary and put around on our lot on the graves. That was in 1919 and every week we would have to go up there and water, we would take big milk cans of water up and water the grass and the few plants we had taken up there and put around. We were the first ones that ever had grass up there. It wasn't too long after that that the city council took it over and they planted grass up there. It's a very beautiful place to go to now.

When I went to school I went in a big rock house. It was a big two story house and it had eight rooms in it that held students. I was in the third and my first teacher was an Oveson woman from Castle Dale. The second teacher was Nellie Mathie and then I had Kate Robbins. I went to school until I got in the sixth grade and when I got in the sixth grade my teacher was Leon Leonard and he was a Utah power and light man. So he had the two jobs. He would go up on the pole when it was necessary and fix the wire and then teach school otherwise. One day he said to us that if we wanted to skip the seventh grade we could do the work he would ask us to do. He asked us to write so many themes and then we had about thirty some odd poems we had to memorize. Some of those poems were thirty verses long. I decided if other girls could do it I could too. The way I did

mine, he said as long as we did the work then we had to recite them in school. I decided to do all the hard ones first to get them off my shoulders. Then when it came time to do the last half I just had the small ones to do. There was about twelve of us that passed that test, and we got to skip the seventh grade and that made it quite nice for us. During the summer just before school let out the lights went out and we had so much work and we had so much difficulty with the lights because the town hadn't had the lights to many years before that. He went up the pole and I guess he touched a live wire because he fell to the ground and killed himself.

It was very bad for the school, he was one of the best teachers I ever had. I learned more from him than I did any other teacher until I got to High School. From ninth grade up was high school, thats the way we did it then. Then we had all different kinds of teachers and one teacher I did love was Mr. Dewey, Bill Dewey. He was such a good teacher and I did love Mr. Harrison. He was our Seminary teacher. I graduated from Seminary the same as I graduated from school. I graduated when I was 17 years old. It was rough on me but then I enjoyed it.

The first job I got after school was I went to the canyon and worked for a Mr. Thomas. Bert Thomas and his wife Faye, they lived up to the old ranger station. I worked and lived up there for about six weeks because she had two little boys, a little boy and a little girl and she had her third baby up there. I took care of her up there. I had just turned 18 years old. It was really hard on me because I was so afraid that I wouldn't do what she wanted me to. After they moved down to Huntington the year after that then they had another baby and I went back with her. Stayed with her about wix weeks down here in town. It seemed like it was very hard on me then because he would have to get up and goto work at 7 o'clock in the morning. I'd leave my home and go 3 blocks and get there by 5 o'clock in the morning and I'd build the fire, cause there weren't any electricity stoves or things like that. I'd build the fire and get his breakfast ready, put up his dinner so he could have a lunch befo he came home that night. And after I'd get home many times at night it would be after 11 o'clock. I would work for one dollar a day. We thought that was big money at that time. Course now a days it isn't any thing. At that time we really thought it was big money. To think I could work from 5 in the morning till 11 at night for just one dollar a day.

When I got marries, I got married, but yet I didn't want to get married. I wore Jacks ring for four years before I decided I wanted to get married. All the other girls I went with go married and had babies by that time. The first job Jack had after we got married, we lived down there in the Dick Richar's home. It was just a little two room home, but it was cozy and we liked it very much. The first job he got was on the state road. Him and Lewis Marshall and Martdn Black went to Emery and got a big hill over there and took care of the gravel and trucks and things. Jack would take the big truck and fill it full of gravel. He started out on the Carbon Emery line and he would unload the grave. Then get out of his truck and take a hand rake and rake the gravel across the road, to make it smoth, thats the way they did it then. The Doctor at that time said he didn't know if it would be good for him or not because he said the gravel and sand on the road was as hard on him as going into a coal mine. Thats what he did and he finally developed asthma. He developed Emphysemia and it was very hard on him. When we moved to Price he worked in the Red Star service station. He liked that very much, we would go to Green River once a week and deliver gas and oil and he drove a hard rubber tired truck, no air in the tires at all. We would always stop at the geyser below Wellington. Lots of times we would take big sticks and take the rubbish out of the geyser. It would go up 15 feet. We fixed it so we always had dinner ther at the geyser and watch it before we would go on down to Green River and deliver our gas and oil. After we lived there for about 10 years we came back overe here and built this here place.

I run the store here for I guess 15 years. It was a small country store. I had mens clothing, all kinds of groceries in it and shovels and hoes and stuff for the mines. There were about 12 trucks from Salt Lake that would come out for coal every week. They got so they knew us very well. When I would take care of the gas pumps, fill them sith gas then take a cloth and wipe off all their indows, than I would lift up the good and if it needed oil I would put the oil in while I was doing that. I told them I couldn't put the air in the tires, I just couldn't do that. I couldn't lay down and put air in tires. They would do that. They would be in the house, there was 5 or 6 of them would go in the store and get a loaf of bread and go in my kitchen and get my mayonnaise or what ever they wanted on their bread and they would make them Dagwood sandwiches. They would giveme whatever they thought it was worth. They

would get in the fridge in the store and cut them off a slice of balony or what ever meat they wanted and a big slice of cheese and it was a big sandwich. They would nearly always give me 3 dollars for their sandwich cause they said it was worth it.

For Easter I did about five dozen eggs and colored them pretty and put them out on the counter in big glass bowls. They would each have 5 or 6 eggs and give me 10 cents and egg, and I sold more eggs, Everybody that came into my store wanted an Easter egg or two. Thats how I made my money because at that time we only paid about 35 cents a dozen for eggs.

When ever Jack would get sick why I would always have to rush him to the hospital. The Doctor had put up in his cupboard there and put a sign on it telling whenever he came to give him a shot of that. The doctor said to me that he didn't know what caused my husband to act that way. You know he could be on his death bed and a man could come in and give him a blessing and within an hour he's ready to go home. I told the Doctor that that was the Priesthood that we bot behind us. I told him tle priesthood was worth more than any thing on earth. He said that he might someday join the priesthood if thats the way it was.

When we were young we use to go over to Ferron and Castle Dale in a great big sleigh and my mother would always heat rocks and put them in cans and put cans of dirt around them so we would n't catch fire and then put quilts around us. We would go to Castle Dale and Orangeville for danced. We use to have an awful lot of fun. They use to have dances down in Lawrence every once in a while. We would go down there and once in a while we would go to Cleveland to a Roller Rink thay had down there. When we were young I got a pair of skates for Christmas. I was so proud of them. There was about 4 or 5 of us girls and we would go out to the river and there would be lots of boys out there and we would go clear to Lawrence with the boys holdin our hands to help us out to skate and back up the river. When we'ed get through skatin we would come in and my mom and dad always had a big pot of beans and some hot chocolate for us to drink afterwards. It was like a big picnic, just like a party to us. When I was running this store t'e government put out tokens. /We couldn't sell sugar, gasoline and all rubber materials, tires and everything. We had to have a special order to get rubber tires. They would go to a garage or some place like that to get their tires. The tokins wouldcome in 1 5, 10 and 25 cents and when we would buy sugar we had to pay 25 or 50

because sugar was so expensive in those days.

During the war Emery co. would get everything pertaining to rubber and they would fill my back yard with it and it would takes months to get rid of. I would have to get after them all the time to come and get it and take it to Price where it should be. Thats how it was with the tokens. People would come in and they would say Vonda, could you give me some gasoline for this sugar stamp and I would say yes, but I had to do it in such a way, because the first of the month the government would send a man here to check my stamps and see how many I had. See how much gas I had. See how much sugar I had. Thats the way we wold things. I had an awful hard time then getting mayonnaize, it wasn't on the list but it was hard to get. Sometimes I could get 1 case a month and sometimes 3. People just went crazy over it. People would use white syrup instead of sugar to bottle their fruit with because the white syrup would make the fruit sweet.

Now back to the church. We only had one ward here and one ward in Price. When we went to Price it was a big ward. We had been there two years when they came and asked me if I would be secretary of the Sunday School. I didn't think I could do that cause I hadn't had much experience with paper and pencil but they said I could do it so I did. I kept the job for 6 years. I loved that job, just loved it. Then when we moved over here we only had one ward and our stake was in Castle Dale. Every little town just had one ward in it. I became a Mutual teacher for 3 or 4 years then I was in the presidency for 6 years. Thile I was there we went up to cave by Provo. Took the whole Emery Co. girls up there. It was hard because there were so many different nationalities and it was hard to keep up with them. Then I was Relief Society President and I loved that work. I worked in the Primary and taught Sunday School for 27 years. I really enjoyed the church and the church done very much for me. The day Jack got baptized, he got baptized in 1926, the bishop came to me and said we would hold conjoint meetings in the grove every first Sunday of the month. He came to me that night and said "I done a great thing today" and I said "what". He said "I baptized Jack Corgiat and he told me to keep it to myself because he wants to tell you. Monday night Jack come up after Priesthood Meeting and we walked up the stree aways and he told me he was baptized the day before.

He was very happy about it. He had been a Catholic before and he said he thought it was going to be a very wonderful thing. It told him it would but he had to attend Priesthood meeting to fulfill his mission and he said he would. We were married the 22 of October 1928. We were married in the Salt Lake Temple. Everything turned out nice for us. It took us until 1950 before we had a family. We adopted 2 little girls. They were a year apart, just like twins but they brought so much joy to all our lives. We educated both of them at the University of Utah. One of them is a Dr. of Literature and the other one is a teacher and her husband is a teacher. I have five grandchildren and 3 step grandchildresn. I am very happy with my life. I have had a lot of troubles in my life but I'm 90 years old so I can't expect too much.