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Brother Bowther, I place my hands upon your head, and confer upon you a Patriarchal blessing. Thy lineage is of Ephriam and born in the dispensation of the fullness of times, therefore thy mission upon the earth is given thee in the day that much will be required at thy hands. The gospel must be carried to the honest in heart and the testimony of the faithful must be born unto all peoples before the Judgements of the Almighty can pass over and cut off the wicked generation, and thy mission is here upon the earth, to teach those who do not understand. And according to thy faith in the gospel, you shall be able to teach and instruct both at home and abroad. There is a great labor required amongst the youth of Zion, to lead them back from their waywardness and teach them the principles of Eternal Life. And raise up your little ones under the admonition of the Lord, that none of them be lost or stray away in by and forbidden paths, but that you may be able to come up in the last day and say, "Father, here are those thou hast given unto me. I have sought to teach and lead them back into thy Kingdom," that your joy may be full because of your diligence and faithfulness in this probation.

I bless you with the spirit of this office and calling that you shall have wisdom and ability to faithfully fill it with honor, that you shall be able to magnify this high calling amongst any people where your labors may be directed, and you shall have power to speak the language of any nation or Tribe amongst whom your labors are directed. You shall not be compelled to wait and study for months and years to obtain an knowledge of their language, but through thy great faith, and the power of the Holy Priesthood resting upon you, you shall be able to speak fluently to their understanding and conviction of the honest. For the Lord has said he would cut his work short in righteousness, and we know he has all power to assist his faithful servants; therefore, dear Brother, continue thy faithfulness and all the blessings of the new and everlasting covenant, for I reconfirm and seal them upon your head and say unto you, if you desire it with all your heart, you shall stand upon Mount Zion and see thy Redeemer return unto the latter-day Saints, and you shall have power to lead those he hast given unto you back into His presence. For I seal these blessings upon your head and then I seal you up into eternal life, to come forth and rejoice with the faithful and receive a glorious Celestial body, for these blessings shall be thine through thy faithfulness. For I seal them upon you by virtue and authority, seal also the blessings of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob by my Holy Patriarchal calling and in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

PATRIARCHAL BLESSING OF MARY HELENA JOHNSON ERICKSON

(A blessing given under the hands of Patriarch Charles Pulsipher upon the head of Mary Helena Erickson, daughter of Peter Johnson and Margaret, born in Fountain Green, Sanpete County, November 8, 1873).

Sister Mary, I place my hands upon your head and confer upon you a Patriarchal blessing. Thou art a descendant of Ephraim and you are entitled to all the blessings of his children, for you have been permitted to come upon the Earth in the gospel dispensation and privileged with noble parentage to teach you in the principles of the new and everlasting covenant; therefore, a great work is required at thy hands in teaching and raising thy little ones in the principles of Eternal Truth and also to teach and instruct thine associates that they may walk in the paths of righteousness, for the great Latter-day work requires the labors of all the faithful, and all the good that we do in this probation will be accounted unto us for eternal riches in the world to come.

There is a great work in the Holy Temple awaiting for you to do, that you may become an instrument in the hands of the Lord, of doing much good in this probation, in ministering the ordinances for and in behalf of those that have died without the privilege of receiving them in this mortal stage and by your ministering in their behalf, you will become their Savior, having saved those who had no power to save themselves, and through your faithful labors you shall lay up numerous treasures in Heaven which are worth far more than the treasures of this Earth. For when we are called to leave this mortal state all that we have gathered around us, we are compelled to leave behind. But every good deed that we do in this probation, such as feeding and clothing the Servants of the Lord, will be accounted unto us for righteousness and these good acts will go with us into eternity.

Now, dear Sister, strive to the extent of thine ability to lay up treasures in Heaven and see to it that all of those Holy ordinances, that you obtain then while they are within your reach, for the time is short when the angel will fly in the midst of Heaven and sound his last trump, for the redemption of Zion is at hand and the Son of man will soon make his appearance in the clouds of Heaven, and those who are prepared with their wedding garments, with their lamps trimmed and burning will go out to meet Him. Those who have not the wedding garment and no oil in their lamps will be left behind and have to wait for another call, for the second resurrection is near at our doors and all who have died filled with the faith of the Gospel since the first resurrection will have the privilege of coming forth, and enjoy these glorious blessings.

Now, dear Sister, I bless you with means in abundance that shall flow into your hands to meet all your necessities, that your children shall never have cause to cry for bread but you shall always have plenty to meet their calls; and to be able to meet the necessities of many others.

I reconfirm and seal upon your head all former ordinances and blessings and seal you up unto the morning of the resurrection of the Just, and if this Earthly tabernacle is laid down in the tomb, it will lay but a short time until it will be called forth to reunite with the spirit again and take up its abode in the mansions of Glory, for I seal these blessings upon your head which shall by yours through your faithfulness in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

MARY HELENA JOHNSON ERICKSON

On November 8, 1873, Fountain Green, Sanpete County, Utah added one more to its population count. Peter and Margaret Ann Hansen Johnson, Peter's second wife, were blessed with a baby daughter. That was the beginning of the story for Mary Helena Johnson.

Mary Helena lived at Fountain Green until 1881, at which time her dad and his first wife and family moved to Huntington, Emery County, Utah, and Mary's mother, Margaret Ann, moved her family to Ephriam to live with her parents for about nine years.

In 1890, Margaret Ann and members of her family moved to Cleveland, Emery County, Utah, where three of her sons had filed on land and built a home. She moved by team and wagon.

Just like all young girls, Mary Helena met, fell in love with and married a young man - Bouthier H. Erickson. The ceremony took place on July 7, 1894. The marriage was later solemnized in the Manti Temple on June 24, 1904.

Bow and Lanie, as they were known to friends and relatives, moved to Elmo, Emery County, Utah, about 1896. They were the parents of 13 children, twelve of whom are still living today, June 14, 1967. The last 4 of these 13 children were born in Elmo. At the last count, 1966, Bow and Lanie have 65 grandchildren, 220 great grandchildren, and 40 great-great grandchildren.

Lanie was the first Relief Society President in Elmo. She was also a faithful Primary and Sunday School worker in both Cleveland and the Elmo wards.

Lanie possessed many talents. She had a beautiful voice and was usually a choir member in both wards. Although she only had a fifth-grade education, she was a fluent reader and she spent many hours until late in the night reading stories to her neighbors and family. She not only sang, but danced as well. There was never a dull moment when she and her sister Eliza were together. Maybe those were some of the reasons she was always cheerful, no matter how much she hurt. She was an excellent cook and always had plenty of good things to eat after school, for snacks and especially for the grandkids. There always seemed to be warm bread spread with butter and sprinkled with sugar.

Lanie seemed to have energy to spare as she would walk miles to the store for groceries and carry them back. The energy was a visible factor in her housekeeping. She swept the walk with such vigor one day that she fell and broke her arm. She was an independent person and never asked anyone to do something she thought she could do herself.

She always had time to visit with others, sharing the happy times along with the sad. One of the happy times she related again and again was the vacation of several weeks she and Bow spent in St. George, Utah.

In the fall of 1950, Lanie had a stroke which affected her speech. She couldn't put the words together right and had a hard time making us understand what she wanted. It was like learning a foreign language, and the blank look on our faces often times made her laugh.

It was a bitter cold day that January 8, 1955, when the bright twinkle went from her eyes for the last time. The story had ended for the silver-haired petite grandmother everyone loved. She was buried in Cleveland, January 12, 1955.



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# B. H. Erickson notes 89th birth anniversary

B. H. Erickson  
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Sept. 10, 1965  
by B. H. Erickson

Bouther H. Erickson celebrated his 89th birthday last Thursday quietly at his home. He was born in Iceland, September 10, 1875, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Einar Erickson. He came to this country with his parents as converts to the LDS church. They settled in Cleveland where he married Mary H. Johnson July 7, 1894. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in July of 1954. Mrs. Erickson died January 8, 1955. Mr. Erickson was one of the first farmers to take up land in Elmo. He helped survey and lay out the town site. He then bought a lot for a home in the town.

He has twelve living children, Lillian, Ervin, Grace, Mary, Stella, Clifford, Charlotte, Jola, Clover, Claude, Einar, and Max. Since his retirement he has occupied himself by raising a large garden and potatoes and giving them to his neighbors and friends and giving produce to his family. He says he feels much better when working.

He was one of the early promoters of Elmo helping to bring the first school house and church here and helped lay out the plan for the town. He has been active in the church and community, serving as Sunday School Superintendent and other offices. He was the dance manager for many years and loved to dance. He served as Justice of the Peace for the town board and has been registrar for the Elmo precinct for several years.

He has fairly good health and still attends church regularly. He still drives his car. He invites his neighbors and friends to call on him.

Mr. Erickson has served in many church and civic offices. At the present time he serves as registration agent for this district. He raises a large garden and potato patch, keeping fresh garden produce. He married Minnie Atwood in 1957. They enjoy each others companionship and attend church regularly. He enjoys fairly good health for his 89 years.



Mrs B. H. Erickson

## Rites Honor Elmo Matron

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 12, in the Elmo LDS chapel for Mary Helena Johnson Erickson, 81, who expired January 8.

Mrs Erickson is survived by her husband, Bouther H. Erickson, and twelve children: Mrs. Lillian Oviatt, Clifford, Einar, and Charlotte Erickson of Elmo; Ervin Erickson of Wellington; Stella Burress, Jola Rice and Maxine Brotherson of Salt Lake City; Mary Angus of Helina; Stella Stoddard of Huntington; Claude Erickson of Callington; 25 great-grandchildren; 255 great-grandchildren; 22 great-great-grandchildren; 255 great-great-great-grandchildren. Survivors: sons, daughter, Lillian Oviatt, Maxine Brotherson, Charles, Maxine Brotherson, Ervin, Clifford, Einar, all Elmo; Ervin, Wellington, Carbon County; Claude, New Zealand; Maxine Brotherson, Salt Lake City; Jola Rice, Mary Helena Johnson, July 7, 1894, Cleveland, Emery County; later solemnized Elmo LDS Temple; she died Jan. 8, 1955. Married Minnie Atwood, July 30, 1957; she died 1955. Ranch near, Iceland, to Einar and Gudrun Ferron rest home after a short illness. Erickson, 91, died July 22 in a Elmo, Emery County — Bouther H. Erickson

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Bouther H. Erickson

ELMO, Emery County — Mrs. Minnie Mary Erickson, 87, Elmo, died of causes incident to age Thursday at 7:30 a.m. at her home. Born March 17, 1882, Fountain Green, Sanpete County, to Andrew and Mary Hanson. Married to Henry Johnson Richards Oct. 29, 1902. He died in 1910. Married to William S. Atwood October, 1913. He died Oct. 2, 1939. Married to Bouther H. Erickson July 28, 1958. Elmo, active in LDS church. Survivors: husband, sons, daughters, George Richards, Kenilworth, Carbon County; Altona Richards, Spring Glen, Carbon County; Arley Atwood, Price; Mrs. Herman (Maude Edna) Rasmussen, Panguitch, George Richards, Kenilworth, Carbon County; Altona Richards, Spring Glen, Carbon County; Mrs. Willis (Leah) Mary, Willson, Cremona; 26 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; brother, Joe Hanson; Baldwin Park, Calif. Funeral Saturday 1 p.m., Elmo LDS Ward Chapel. Friends call Fausett Hotel Mortuary, Price Friday 7-9 p.m., Saturday at ward chapel two hours prior to services. Burial Cleveland Cemetery.

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