Mary Helena Johnson Erickson
Elmo Ward First Relief Society President

The Elmo Relief Society was organized October 10, 1912.

Sister Mary Helena J. Erickson was chosen to be president with Evie Clegg and Harriet Alger as counselors. Sister Sylvia Oviatt as secretary and Florence Tucker as Treasurer.

May 4, 1913: The Stake Relief Society President, Louisa Oveson and her counselor Elizabeth Christensen visited in Elmo meeting. They gave the sisters much council. They were told to have a social in honor of Emmaline B. Wells, the General Relief Society President. They were counciled to keep the Sabbath Day holy, and advised the sisters to remove hats while in church. They also discouraged card playing. They also said the annual fee would be raised to .25 cents.

June 5, 1913: A present of two dollars was sent to sister Emmaline B. Wells

June 19. 1913: The following sisters were set apart for their

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Einar Eiriksson

B: Dec. 30, 1847 - Laga-Kotey, Langholts, Vestur-Skaftafells, Iceland
D: Sep. 25, 1931 - Elmo, Emery, Utah
M: Nov. 6, 1870 - Vestmannaeyjar, Rangarvalla, Iceland
Father: Eirik Runolfsson
Mother: Gudrun Jonsdottir

Gudrun Magnusdottir

B: June 29, 1840 - Berjanes, Steinar, Rangarvalla, Iceland
D: May 18, 1930 - Price, Carbon, Utah
C: [See List Below]

Father: Magnus Sigmundsson
Mother: Halldora Jonsdottir

Histories ~ Pictures

Einar's Handwritten Life History
Einar Erickson, LDS Bio. Encyclopedia
The Land They Left.
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Vestmannaeyjar (Westman Island) Pictures.
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Children

Halldora Helga
Born: April 16, 1871 - Vestmannaeyjar, Rangarvalla, Iceland
Died: Nov. 29, 1871 - Vestmannaeyar, Rangarvalla, Iceland

Lillie
Born: 8 Oct 1872 - Vestmannaeyjar, Rangarvalla, Iceland
Died: March 26, 1948 - Price, Carbon, Utah
Bur: Price, Carbon, Utah

Bardur
Born: Sep. 10, 1875 - Vestmannaeyjar, Rangarvalla, Iceland
Died: July 22, 1970 - Ferron, Emery, Utah
Bur: July 25, 1970 - Cleveland, Emery, Utah

Erick R.
Born: July 12, 1878 - Vestmannaeyjar, Rangarvalla, Iceland
Died: March 27, 1965 - Price, Carbon, Utah
Bur: Cleveland, Emery, Utah

Helga
Born: Sep. 3, 1879 - Vestmannaeyjar, Rangarvalla, Iceland
Died: May 31, 1962 - Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah
Bur: Price, Carbon, Utah

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The Laga-Kotey farm is located in the Medalland Parish, Vestur-Skaftafells County of Iceland.

The Berjanes farm is located in the Steinar Parish, I of Iceland, near (east) the settlement of Skogar. (21 n Myradal on HWY 1, Ringroad)

Skógar (pronounced [skou.ar](listen)), literally Icelandic village with a population of roughly 25 locate Eyjafjallajökull glacier, in the municipality of Rangárþi

The area is known for its waterfall, Skógafoss, o which springs from 197 feet at the top of an eroded c folk museum, Skógasafn, open daily, all the year, as w transport in Iceland.

Not far from Skógar is the Kvernufoss fall. Furth Skógá river there are many other spectacular falls. Wh small forest behind the old school, some ruins of old far easily accessed.

The poet Matthías Jochumsson, who wrote the lyric national anthem of Iceland, was born in Skógar in 1835.

Skógar, Steinar and the Berjanes farm was high eruption of the Eyjafjalla volcano in 2010. This area wa and Red Cross shelters due to the threat of flooding. It the volcano would melt the Eyjofjallajökull glacier and below. Skógar, Steinar and the Berjanes farm were

Magnus Sina
Born: Jan. 3, 1884 - Spanish Fork, Utah, Utah
Died: May 14, 1890 - Cleveland, Emery, Utah

Elias W.
Born: Sep. 8, 1887 - Spanish Fork, Utah, Utah
Died: Jan. 9, 1975 - Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah
Bur: Jan. 13, 1975 - Cleveland, Emery, Utah

directly south of the eruption .
Source Maps
Eyjafjalla volcano related pictures. (Several Pictures - Clicl

We know little of Gudrun's early life in Iceland, "Vestmannaeyjars Children" tells us she worked the su fields and winters doing housework.

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Einar Gudrun

Einar Erickson

Gudrun Erickson

Einar Erickson

Gudrun & Einar Erickson

Bardur ~ Einar ~ Erick

Bardur & Mary

Gravestone

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Erick R. Erickson

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Einar was born December 30, 1847 at Lagakotsey, Medalland,Vestur-Skaftafellssysla, Icelar youngest of thirteen children.

Einar lived with his parents until he was three years of age. In the spring of 1851 his father d mother and children in poor circumstances. He then moved in with Bardur Olafsson and Guc Gudmundsdottir, who where neighbors to his parents. At the age of 13 (1860) he moved witl parents to Kjosarsysla where they bought a new home. At the age of 16 (1863) his foster fatl his wife and Einar. At the age of 18 (1865), he left his foster mother and commenced to learr trade with Professor, John Bernhardsson. He agreed to work faithfully for him fifteen hours (three years without pay except his room and board. At he age of 22 (1869) he completed his passed the examination successfully. He was paid 100 kroner for his work the last year he sta He then moved to the Westman Islands, where he bought a house and continued to work at h

On November 6, 1870, age 23, Einar married Gudrun Magnusdottir.

On April 16, 1871 Einar and Gudrun's first child, Halldora Helga, was born. They lost Halld months later on November 29, 1871.

On October 8, 1872 they were blessed with the birth of their second child, Lilya.

At age 27 Einar joined The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and was baptized Ma May 27, 1874 the first Iceland Branch of the church was organized on the Westman Islands v members. Einar Eiriksson was ordained an Elder and appointed to preside over the branch. T June the elders went home to Utah, leaving the branch in the able hands of Einar.

September 10, 1875 Einar and Gudrun had their third child, Bardur, two other children were branch about the same time, but as soon as it was known to the Lutheran priest, he notified tl the law required him to baptize the children. Consequently he came with two witnesses to sp Einar and the Lutheran priest and the witness had a conversation lasting nearly six hours bef performed the sermon on the children. The same year, Einar sent a petition to the governmer

privilege to be given to all those who may not be members of the Lutheran Church to raise a
children in accordance with their own faith, if both parents are of the same faith. This reques
and they were no longer compelled to have their children sprinkled. During the six years Ein
the branch in Iceland, he baptized 16 and blessed 9 children.

On July 12, 1878 Einar and Gudrun was blessed with their fourth child, they named him Eiri
the name Erick R. Erickson in America.

On September 3, 1879 Einar and Gudrun was blessed with their fifth child, a girl they namec

When Einar was age 33 (1880) the Icelanders who lived in Spanish Fork, Utah sent some mc
some of the Icelandic branch members immigrate to Utah. Consequently, on April 23, 1880,
Gudrun with their four children; Lilja age 7, Barbur age 4, Eirikur age 1, and Helga age 7 mc
with eleven others, left the Westman Islands for Utah. Einar followed leaving Iceland June 7

When Einar arrived in Spanish Fork he was received by his family at the home of Thordur D
he had not seen since they left Iceland. Gisli E. Bjarnason furnished them a place to live in S
Einar bought a lot in Spanish Fork from C. Monk for $50.00 and dug a cellar to live in. In m.
34) , he went to Clear Creek in Spanish Fork Canyon to work on the section with Mr. James
worked there until November 1, 1881. He then went home to build an adobe house to live in.
26' x 14', divided into two rooms. The family moved in the new house before Christmas. He
trade until February 1882. He then went up Spanish Fork Canyon to work on the section and
per day. He paid monthly on the $120.00 which he owed for his emigration to the Icelanders

On January 3, 1884 Einar and Gudrun's sixth child, Magna Sina was born. (Note: Einar and
born, Halldora Helga Born April 16, 1871, died just seven month's later on November 29, 18
Vestmannaeyar, Iceland. The next four children listed above came to Utah with Gudrun and
the first born in Spanish Fork.)

On April 13, 1885 the LDS church called Einar to serve a mission in Iceland. Einar arrived o
Island June 7th at 10:00 a.m., where he went to see his ageing mother then 80 years old and l
blind for a number of years. In September Einar sailed to the main Island and continued his r
During this period of time he went to his place of birth where he visited with family and frie
His family tried to get him to stay the winter but missionary duties required him to return to
The seas were such that he had to wait until January 24 before he could sail the 12 miles to V
There he spent the winter doing missionary work. While serving his mission in Iceland Einar
twenty-five persons that joined the church and assisted to baptize 6 others. During the time E
mission in Iceland fifty seven Icelanders immigrated to Utah. Most of them were church mer
were converted to the Church and baptized after they came to Spanish Fork where all the em
Iceland went. Einar returned to Spanish Fork, Utah on August 18, 1886.

On September 8, 1887 Einar and Gudrun's seventh and last child, Elias W. , was born in Spa

In 1887 Einar and Thordur Didriksson were called as missionaries for the church to serve an
Icelandic pioneers in Spanish Fork. In 1888 a committee of three: Einar Eiriksson, Thordur I

Jon Eyvindsson were chosen to build a meeting house for the Icelandic pioneers so they coul Icelandic language. Jon Eyvindsson donated the property and a one room meeting house was east between second and third south. Meetings were held regularly with Thordur presiding.

On July 12, 1889, Einar and Gudrun, on their son Eirikur's (Erick) eleventh birthday, left Spa moveing to Cleveland, Utah. A distance of about 120 miles. When they arrived in Cleveland first night camped out under a grove of silver maple trees growing around a pond of water. T trees was located on the property that their son Eirikur would later own. Einar and family ho located south west of Cleveland what is known as the South Flats. Here Einar built a 4 room resided there four or five years before moveing into the town of Cleveland, Utah.

The family history is rather quite for the next several years but we do know that Einar labore Of Jesus Christ Of Latter-day Saints as superintendent of the Cleveland Sunday School and ' many years.

In 1913 Einar was called by the church on a second mission to Iceland that he served with hi arrived in Reykjavik, Iceland on July 11, 1913 to begin their mission. Einar Eiriksson and hi Eiriksson were the last missionaries to serve in Iceland during this season and were released, New York August 22, 1914, on account of the discontinuance of the Icelandic Mission in co the instructions from the First Presidency of the church. There was no official missionary wc from the time the Eirikssons left Iceland until 1975 when missionaries were again sent to Ice (Note: Upon release from their mission they traveled back to New York by way of Liverpool departed Liverpool August 13, 1914 and arrived in New York August 22, 1914)

Einar talked about the next few years in his journal, so I will let him tell it in his own words.

After I came back from my mission in Iceland I lived together with my wife in our home in th Cleveland and had our old home and farm for sale. The land and the home surrounding had while I was away so we offered it for $2,500.00. Elias moved to Prove with his family, so we our new home. On March 25, 1915 we sold our farm and the improvement theron together w implements for $2,500.00 to Samuel Godfrey on the installment plan, payable $20.00 per mo interest of unpaid capital. Mr. Godfrey paid $125.00 down to bind the bargain. We had one bought a few chickens. We improved our lot and protected our home from floods, built chick barn, painted our house and made our home comfortable. We had one young mare which we $100.00 to Wm. T. Lamph. We did not do any work except attend to our lot and home. Until Cleveland Was organized, I was appointed Town Clerk in the year of 1916 for $5.00 per mo 1917 I accepted the janitor work with our Social Hall for $15.00 per month. In the fall of 19 visit to Monroe in Sevier County where our son Elias was a school teacher. We stopped with week and then we went to Spanish Fork, Mapleton and Springville to visit our friends. Then General Confrence in SLC in October and at the same time did some work in the Temple for stopped at Castle Gate and Price on our way home. We had rented 3 rooms of our house to t teacher Joseph Jenkins and his wife. They took care of our home during our absence.

In November 1913 Elias wrote to the Era about his arrival in Reykjavik and Iceland - (to read.

After returning from his mission Einar and Gudrun continued living in Cleveland, Utah until passed away. Einar and Gudrun were togeather 60 years before Gudrun died on May 18, 193 September 25, 1931 in Elmo, Utah. They are both buried in the Cleveland, Utah cematary. E Einar Erickson in Utah.

CLICK HERE to view picture of Einar and Gudrun taken on their golden wed

Written By Einars Grandson Glendon Clark Erickson July 2, 2006

ELiAS W. ERICKSON.

Elias W. Erickson is occupying a high place in educational circles
For a considerable period he was connected with the schools of Sevi
is now occupying the position of county club leader of the Sevier C
to which office he was called through appointment of the department

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Mr. Erickson was born in Spanish Fork, Utah county, September 8, 18
being Einar and Gudrun Erickson, who were natives of Iceland. They
in 1880 and the father took up the occupation of farming and ranchi
county. He was a devout churchman of irreproachable conduct and occ
offices in the church, passing through the priesthood to the positi

Elias W. Erickson was educated in the common schools in the Emery S
at Castle Dale, and in the Brigham Young University of Provo, from
graduated with the class of 1908. He also took extension work from
of Utah. In 1908 he took up the profession of teaching in Cleveland
voted his attention to the work of the schools until 1913, when he
sion to Iceland, while subsequently he was transferred from that mi
don conference. He labored in the foreign field until recalled in 1
as a result of the outbreak of the great World war. Returning to Ut
school for two years at Monroe, Sevier county, and in 1916 he becam
graded schools of Richfield. In 1917 he was made supervisor of the
of Sevier county and continued to occupy that position until the cl
year of 1919, when he was appointed by the department of agricultur
of county club leader of the Sevier County Farm Bureau. Here, his w
educational character and he is organizing the forces of the farmer
and progressive development of the district along agricultural line
meet every requirement of the farmer, who must needs 'have a scient
of the condition of the soil and the quality of his land if he woul

greatest productiveness.

In 1907 Mr. Erickson was married in Salt Lake temple to Miss Leona
ter of M. A. Cox, a retired farmer of Provo, who ranks high as a ci
churchman. Their children are De Lile, Ronald, Refell and La Rue.

Mr. Erickson has found time from his school duties to discharge man

relation to the work of the church. He has ever been an active memb
Men's Mutual, has been assistant superintendent of the Richfield Th
school and is a member of the Eighty-first Quorum of Seventy. Whate
takes he attacks with a contagious enthusiasm and this has made him
factor in the educational field. If he could be said to have a spec
it is in penmanship and art, and it is his desire if possible to de
those particular branches of learning.

Family Group Record

FamilySearch™ Ancestral File v4.19

Husband's Name
Einar EIRIKSSON (AFN:1JN8-FJ) Pedigre

Born: 30 Dec 1847 **Place:** Laga-Koty, Medallandsthingi, Vestur-Sdaftafells, Iceland
Christened: 1 Jan 1848 **Place:** , Medalland, Vesturskaftafell, Iceland
Died: 8 Oct 1931 **Place:** Elmo, Emery, Ut
Buried: 11 Oct 1931 **Place:** Cleveland, Emery, Ut
Married: 6 Nov 1870 **Place:** Vestamannaeyar, Rangarvalla, Iceland

Father: Eirik RUNOLFSSON (AFN:1JN8-K7) Family
Mother: Gudrun JONSDOTTIR (AFN:1JN8-LD)

Wife's Name
Gudrun MAGNUSDOTTIR (AFN:1JN8-GP) Pedigre

Born: 29 Jun 1840 **Place:** Berjanes, Steinar, Rangarvalla, Iceland
Christened: 25 Jul 1840 **Place:** Berjanes, Steinar, Rangarvalla, Iceland
Died: 18 May 1930 **Place:** Price, Carbon, Ut
Buried: 21 May 1930 **Place:** Cleveland, Emery, Ut
Married: 6 Nov 1870 **Place:** Vestamannaeyar, Rangarvalla, Iceland

Father: Magnus SIGMUNDSSON (AFN:1JN8-MK) Family
Mother: Halldora JONSDOTTIR (AFN:1JN8-NQ)

Children

1. **Sex Name**
F Magna Sina EIRIKSSON (AFN:1JN8-X4) Pedigre

Born: 3 Jan 1884 **Place:** Spanish Fork, Utah, Ut
Died: 14 May 1890 **Place:**

2. **Sex Name**
F Magnus Sina EIRIKSSON (AFN:3ZB5-ZS) Pedigre

Born: 3 Jan 1884 **Place:** Spanish Fork, Utah, Ut
Died: 14 May 1889 **Place:**

3. **Sex Name**
F Lilya EIRIKSSON (AFN:1JN8-SF) Pedigre

Born: 8 Oct 1872 **Place:** Vestmannaeyar, Rangarvalla, Iceland
Died: 26 Mar 1948 **Place:** Price, Utah
Buried: **Place:** Price, Utah

4. **Sex Name**
F Halldora Helga EIRIKSSON (AFN:3L1P-GQ) Pedigre

Born: 16 Apr 1871 **Place:** Vestmannaeyar, Rangarvalla, Iceland
Died: 29 Nov 1871 **Place:**

5. **Sex Name**
M Erick "R" EIRIKSSON (AFN:VQ8R-6F) Pedigre

Born: 11 Jul 1878 **Place:** Vestmannaeyjar, Rangarvalla, Iceland
Died: 27 Mar 1965 **Place:**

6. **Sex Name**

M Eirik EIRIKSSON (AFN:3L1P-HW) Pedigre

Born: 12 Jul 1878 **Place:** Midhusion, Iceland
Died: 27 Mar 1965 **Place:** Price, Carbon, Ut
Buried: 30 Mar 1965 **Place:** Cleveland, Emery, Ut

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7. **Sex Name**
F Helga EIRIKSSON (AFN:1JN8-WX) Pedigre

Born: 3 Sep 1879 **Place:** Vestmannaeyar, Vest. Iceland
Christened: 14SSEP1879 **Place:** Vestmannaeyar, Vest. Iceland
Died: 31 May 1962 **Place:** Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Ut
Buried: 2 Jun 1962 **Place:** Price, Carbon, Ut

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8. **Sex Name**
M Elias W. ERICKSON (AFN:1JN8-C6) Pedigre

Born: 8 Sep 1887 **Place:** Spanish Fork, Utah, Ut
Christened: 6 Oct 1887 **Place:** Spanish Fork, Utah, Ut
Died: 9 Jan 1975 **Place:** Salt Lake City, S-Lk, Ut
Buried: 13 Jan 1975 **Place:** Cleveland, Emery, Ut

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9. **Sex Name**
M Bardur EIRIKSSON (AFN:1JN8-TL) Pedigre

Born: 10 Sep 1875 **Place:** Westmauneyjer, Vest., Rangarvalla, Iceland
Died: 22 Jul 1970 **Place:** Ferron, Emery, Ut
Buried: 25 Jul 1970 **Place:** Cleveland, Emery, Ut

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JONINA FRIEDSEMD ASGREMSDOTTIR

Born:	February 12, 1885 Grimstadum, Arness, Iceland
Parents:	Asgremur and Gudney Jonsson
Married:	First Husband was a fisherman and died in the North Atlantic Haldor Johnson (Josson)
Children:	Englebert, Gudney Svava, and Laufey.
Died:	February 13, 1967 Cleveland, Utah

Jonia was born in Grimstadum, Arness, Iceland and was the only child of her mother's to survive, two dying in infancy. She had a half-brother, Erik, from her father's first marriage. When she was five years old she was sent to an "Sveit" (farm) to tend younger children while the parents worked in the fields. During this time an earthquake struck Iceland, demolishing the house she lived in. She had stood in a doorway, which saved her live, however, she was buried in the house for three days. She had a life long fear of earthquakes and when older, she visited with her daughter Laufey in San Diego; she would run to the closest doorway when she felt an earthquake.

Jonia was not allowed to attend school and taught herself to read by the light of a tallow candle. She became an avid reader in both Icelandic and later in English. She was required to memorize many scriptures from the Bible to be confirmed in the Lutheran Church. As a result, she became a student of the Bible, which she read for the rest of her life.

When a young women, Jonia was an outstanding ice skater and in her skating dress spent many hours skating in . As a young women, she found it difficult to obtain employment. Being inventive and a risk taker, she dressed as a male to find work.

Jonia had many talents. She sheared the sheep, washed, carded, spun and knit the wool from their sheep to make the beautiful jackets, sweaters, cloves, caps and stocking worn by her three children. She was an extremely hard worker. She worked on the farm with Halldor, pitching hay, shocking grain and doing what ever was needed. She was also excessively independent and was more concerned with helping others than being helped. Although the family was materially poor, honesty and harks work was lived daily. It was often said, "she was the most honest person I ever knew.

Jonia joined the Mormon Church and came to America in 1913. She came with her mother, Gudney, her baby son, Englebert and a returning missionary, Halldor Johnson. They left Liverpool England on March 21, 1913 aboard the S.S. Tunisian bound for Canada. After arriving in Utah, they established a home in Cleveland, where Svava and Laufey were born. They owned several sheep and cattle. For 18 years they farmed on shares for Roy Cowley and later Claud Cowley. During this time, the best patch of hay

was always chosen for tithing and delivered to Sister Gunderson, a widow and convert from Iceland.

When Jonia joined the Mormon Church and left Iceland all contact with the family and friends' remaining in Iceland were lost. Jonia always longed for 'back home', but never made it back to Iceland. She never departed from many of her Icelandic traditions and customs. Her children where brought up with an appreciation of their Icelandic heritage. Icelandic was always spoken in the home, as Jonia's mother never learned the English language. Jonia's three children spoke and read Icelandic.

Jonia lived close to Svava and took an active interest in the lives of her grandchildren. She would sing Icelandic songs and tell them stories of Iceland. She had a pet goose named Rudolf and two female geese. These geese would follow her wherever she went.

Jonia spent a year living with Laufay and her husband Jack in Spring Valley, California. While there she took a job as a daytime nanny. During this time she fell and broke her wrist and spent many hours squeezing a rubber ball to regain the strength in the wrist.

Jonia always milked the cows and became 'Grandma Cow-Cow" for Gordon and Lori Davis, two of her great-great grandchildren.