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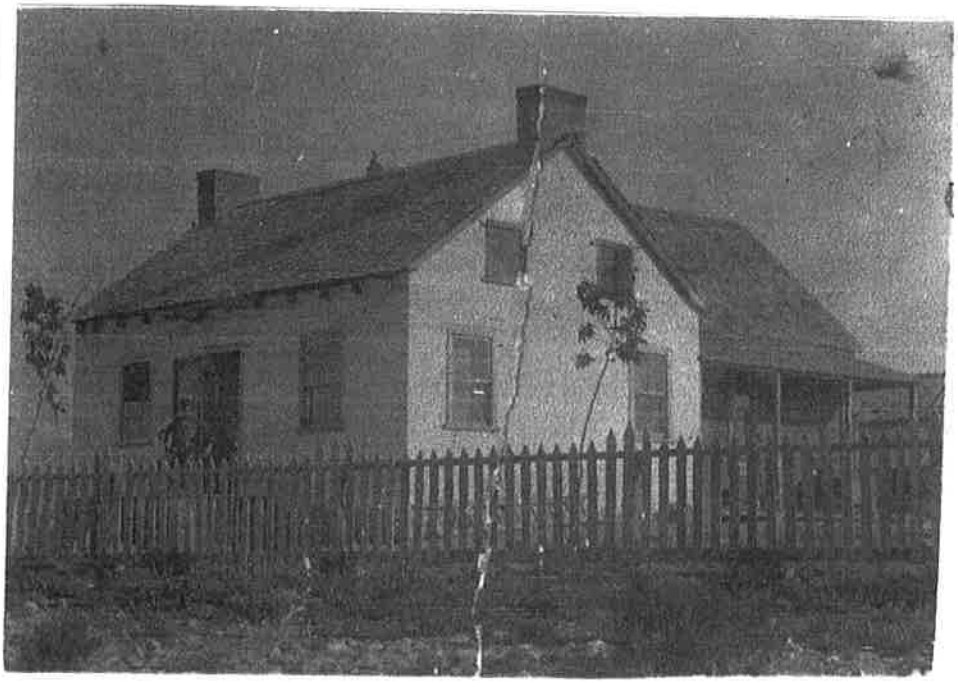

William Arthur & Lucinda's

home,

Moroni, Sanpete, Utah

Maternal Grandparents of William Arthur Jeffs
Bishop William Stewart Seely & Elizabeth DeHart

Born May 18, 1812 *Born December 4 - New York*
Canada *Died April 6, 1873, Mt. Pleasant, Sanpete, Utah* *Died September,*
1895 Mt. Pleasant, Sanpete, Utah

Mother of William Arthur Jeffs
Lucinda Seely Jeffs, daughter of
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Brief Oral History of the William Arthur Jeffs' Family

By Una Lucinda Jeffs Allred (Daughter)

My father William Arthur Jeffs came to Emery County with his parents James Arthur Jeffs, born May 17, 1855, Liverpool England, and Lucinda Seeley, born November 1, 1859, Mt Pleasant, Sanpete, Utah. They did many things and suffered many hardships in those early days to build up Emery County. When they moved to Castle Dale, Emery, Utah, they had one son, William Arthur. Later they were blessed with five more sons and four daughters. Of this family of ten children there is only one daughter living, Alice Jeffs Leavill, Las Vegas, Nevada. My grandfather raised bees, shipped honey all over the country. He also raised purebred sheep, and cattle, horses, peacocks, turkeys, geese, and ducks. He build the first silo in the county and it still stands.

My father, Arthur, received his early education in Castle Dale and then attended Utah State Academy at Logan where he learned his trade as a blacksmith. He coould have been called "the Village Blacksmith" or even the county blacksmith.

Great Grandmother Emma Summers Jeffs, widow of William Walker Jeffs, who died on the plains near For Laramie, Wyoming, first went to Manti, but shortly followed her son James Arthur to Emery County (Castle Dale). From a one room log cabin she served as a United States Postmistress, ran a grocery store and the "bitters" store. She did very well with her business, enough so that she bought many acres of land. She was very fond of her eldest grandson, William Arthur, and had planned to take him to England for a visit. Prior to going she became ill, and before she died she deeded her property to my father, William Arthur.

My father and my mother, Sarah Ann Stott Jeffs, born December 24, 1875, (Moroni, Sanpete, Utah, were married June 21, 1900, Castle Dale, Emery, Utah. My father was a farmer and also continued to work at his trade as a blacksmith, not only in Castle Dale, but served the mines in Mohrland, Emery,, and Hiawatha, Carbon,, Utah..

From this union there were seven children:

John Kenneth, August 16, 1901 - married Helen Annie Finley (May 11, 1903)

Una Lucinda, February 11, 1903 - married Leslie Winfred Allred (December 21, 1901) February 16, 1924.

Mark, March 11, 1905 - married Agnes Stevenson - September 7, 1926

Frederick, December 28, 1906 - died December 31, 1906
William, May 30, 1908 - married Flora May Greenland, September 12, 1930

James, Arthur , April 30, 1911 - married Zola Jensen (divorced)

Edmond, April 15, 1914, died October 31, 1938.

With the exception of James Arthur who was born in Hiawatha, Carbon, Utah, all of the children were born in Castle, Dale, Emery, Utah. Each of these children are and were grateful to their parents for the good examples they were, parents who taught to be able to work hard was a virtue.

My husband, Leslie and I had three children:

Leslie Jack, April 18, 1925, died June 7, 1925.

Arthur Kenneth, August 28, 1927 - married Carma Rae Simmons (November 2, 1931) November 3, 1950, Hiawatha, Carbon, Utah

Two children:

Kathryn Dianne, June 21, 1951

Kenneth James, May 17, 1952 - married Rebecca Haugen - February 9, 1978

Marilyn Ann, October 11, 1935 - married Thomas "J" Hilton (March 22, 1931) March 24, 1957

Five children:

Thomas Leslie , July 14, 1959

Twins: Stacey Lynne and Stephen Kenneth, August 2, 1960

Cory "J", February 1, 1962

Charisse Ann, April 9, 1970

Leslie worked for twenty years for the U. S. Fuel company at Mohrland and Hiawatha and then in 1951 we moved to Sunnyside, Utah where Leslie worked for Kaiser Steel until his retirement in 1967. We bought our home in Sunnyside and are presently living there.

Prior to the death of my father and mother they deeded their land to their children and to one grandson. During this past year Leslie and I were approached by the United States Government to purchase some of our land so a Senior Citizen Home could be built. This transaction has been completed and the home is now in the process of being built.

We are both proud to have this structure built in Castle Dale, a tribute to our heritage who lived there and for the love we feel for Castle Dale and Emery County.

I have fond and happy memories of Castle Dale, attending the Emery Stake Academy under the direction of Victor Anderson, taking piano lessons from Apppolo Hansen and walking the fourteen country blocks so that I could practice.

I am grateful for this opportunity to reflect on my family who were diligent, hard-working people who contributed to the progress of Emery County, and for the warm

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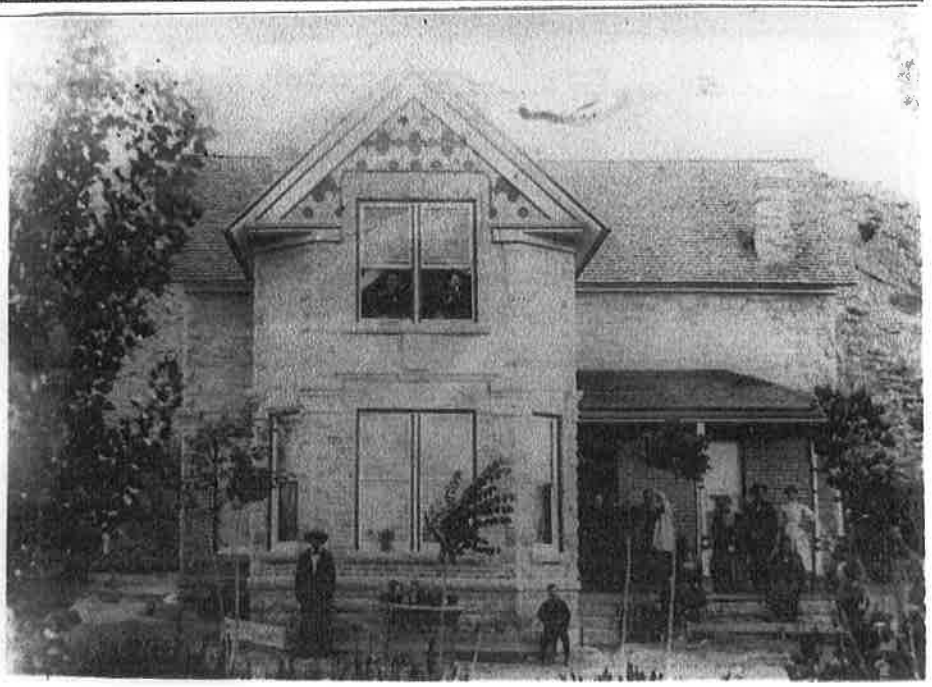

Grandpa Jeffs, Marilyn, Kenneth
Mama & Daddy
About 1946

Grandma Jeffs, Marilyn
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A Portrait of Father

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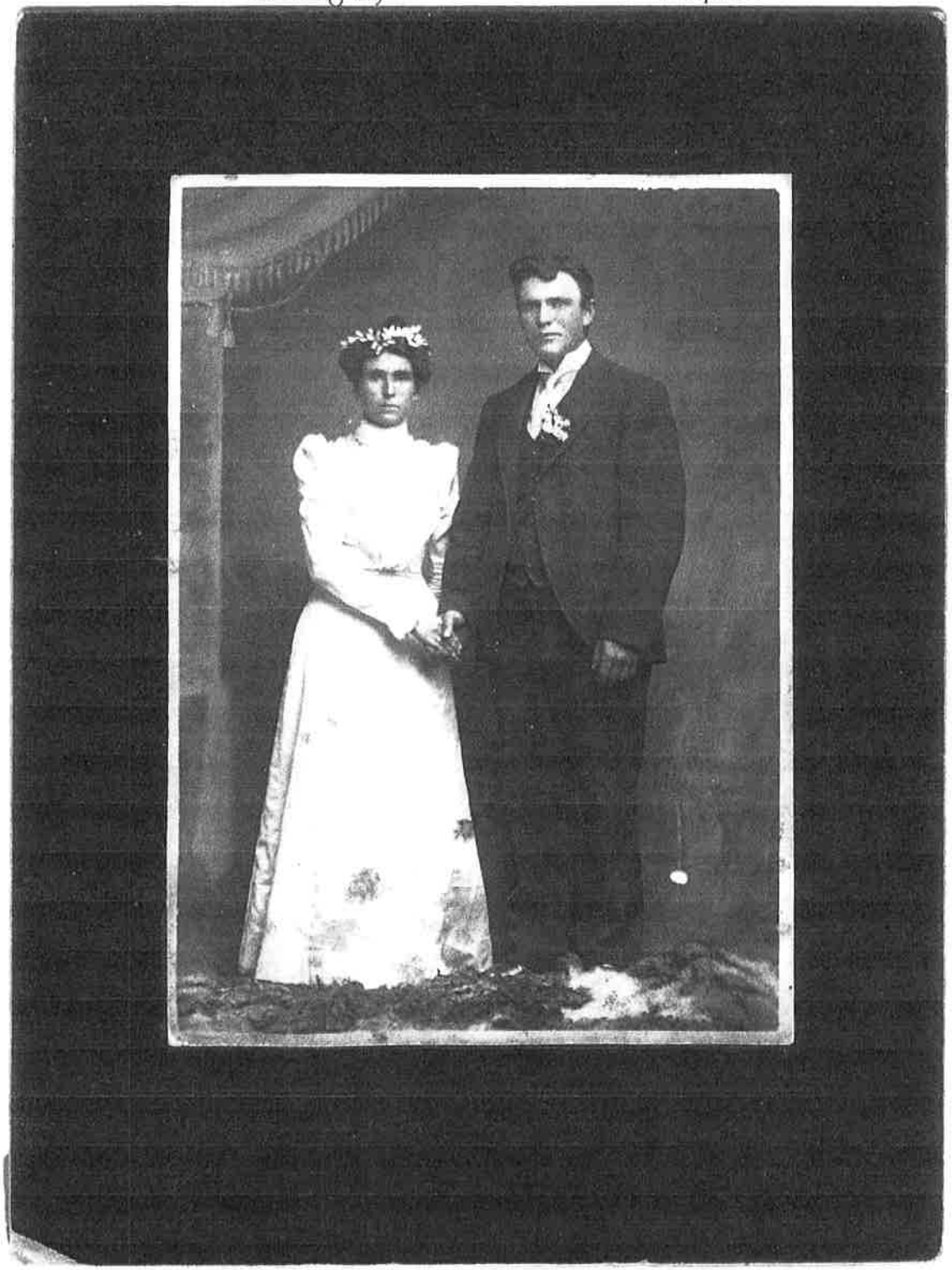
When I was about ten years old my Dad worked for the railroad for a period of time. This allowed our family to travel free. One time my Mother even allowed my older brother, Ken, and I to travel to Price, Carbon, Utah, by ourselves.

Grandpa William Arthur Jeffs and Grandma Sarah Ann Stott
on their wedding day, June 21, 1900, Moroni, Sanpete, Utah



My Grandmother made her wedding dress, reputed to be very beautiful-the picture tells all!

James Arthur & Lucinda Seeley Jeffs & Family

Top row: Jim Emma Jeffs Dixon, Arthur James, my grandfather (Marilyn) Alice, Raymond and George - left to right.

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He was a fun-loving lad with an outgoing personality. No wonder with his good looks he was popular with the girls. He loved to play baseball and must have been pretty good.

Jim fell in love with a lovely young lady, Zola Jensen. He was not the only one courting her at the time, as she was also seeing Hans Winters. Although Hans was very charming, Jim won her heart and they were married.

Zola and Jim lived in Mohrland where their oldest son Jerry was born. When the mine in Mohrland combined with the Hiawatha mine and was closed, this young family moved to Hiawatha where their twin girls, Sydonia and Silvia, and their son Tracy was born.

Jim's cousin, Arlene Jeffs, remembers when he called her to tell her about the twins, he was thoroughly excited, "Arlene, I wish I could take you and show them to you!" He came to Castle Dale and picked her up so she could help him buy something special for them. They went to Hunter Drugs and he couldn't find just the right gift he was looking for, so they drove on over to the drugstore in Huntington. There he found two darling little lockets for his twin girls and some flowers for their mom. It was very heartbreaking for them when their lovely little daughter Silvia lived only a month.

Jim's nephew Ken Allred has fond memories of going fishing with his uncle Jim and aunt Zola and Jerry when Jerry was about four or five years old. They went to Ferron Reservoir several times. Ken rode with them from the mining camps to Castle Dale to stay with his grandparents and remembers what a good time they had driving along and singing songs to the accompaniment of Zola playing her accordion.

Jim and Zola split up when Jerry was about seven years old and she and the children moved back to Castle Dale and lived in the house on the bench owned by her parents. Jim lived with his sister Lucinda, husband and family for a short while. While he was living there Ken developed a close kinship with his uncle Jim and will always remember Zola with great fondness.

Jim was not only a handsome fellow, but he was kind. He had a big heart. His cousin, Arlene Jeffs, shared "When I was sick he would come and sit by my bed and bring me treats. I was sick then and couldn't get around. He would come and take me in the car for rides." Jim helped take care of his brother Eddy who was sickly throughout his life and who died at the age of 24. Jim must have felt a great loss.

Jim didn't live without problems in his life, but he was a good man and he loved his children. He died at the age of 40 on November 5, 1951, in Ogden, Utah and is buried in the Castle Dale cemetery.