

Jesse Clifton Ralphs and Ethel Cary
by Barbara May Morgan

Jesse Clifton, known as "Cliff" or "J.C.", was the third son of Hannah and Parley Ralphs, born January 22, 1889. He was 14 at the time of his father's death. His mother liked to tell his children in later years, how helpful Cliff was to her in caring for the younger sisters and brothers. He attended schools in Logan and Provo, where he graduated from Brigham Young College. He returned and taught school in Ferron and Emery for 5 years, and it was during this time that he met a young teacher from Kansas named Ethel Cary. They were married in Castle Dale June 5, 1917.

They moved to Manhattan, Kansas that fall where Cliff attended the Kansas State Agriculture College and taught wood-working in the Junior High School for one year. The next year, they moved to Idaho, and after a few months in American Falls, they decided to settle in Boise Valley. Cliff purchased the farm near Star that he was to farm the rest of his life. The sale included livestock, machinery and household furnishings. Two weeks later, this little family with four babies moved out to the farm. Cliff was known as an excellent farmer and irrigator. Some said he could make water run up hill. He was a dedicated family man and was active in community affairs. He was a devout Christian and served as an Elder in the Star Friends Church.

Their children included:

Robert Edwin Ralphs	26 Jul 1918	Manhattan Kansas
William Elwin Ralphs	26 Jul 1918	Manhattan Kansas
Barbara May Ralphs	21 Jan 1920	Boise Idaho
Beatrice Fay Ralphs	21 Jan 1920	Boise Idaho
Jesse Clifton Ralphs Jr.	9 Feb 1931	Star Idaho
Paul Cary Ralphs	9 Sep 1933	Star Idaho