

History of Hazel Arilla Jewkes Blackham Wayman

Hazel Jewkes was born on July 27, 1895 in LaJara, Conjos County,

Colorado, the daughter of William Henry Jewkes and Milessa Jane Guymon.

William and Milessa were married December 27, 1878. Their first daughter, Velma, was born in Sanpete county, and they were then called by President Brigham Young to help colonize Castle Valley. They lived in Castle Valley in a dugout and had three of their children there: William, Ray, and Sam. Grandfather Samuel Jewkes had brought his saw mill and grist mill from Sanpete, but it took time to get the mills working. The living was very hard, so finally William and Milessa moved their family to Colorado Springs.

In Colorado they ran a cattle ranch, and two children-Hazel and David-were born. William's father wanted them to return to Castle Valley, because he was going to divide his land among his boys. In 1900, Hazel's family returned to Orangeville. William drove back to Utah with his horses and wagon. Milessa and the children rode back by train to Price, where William met them and brought them to Orangeville.

Two more girls were born in Orangeville-Pearl and Grace. When Hazel was 13, she had typhoid fever. Her mother and Aunt Ellen wrapped her in sheets rung out of ice water to bring down the fever, which reached 106 degrees. The illness caused her to loose her hair and she had to wear a stocking cap all winter to school.

In May, 1910, Hazel graduated from the 8th grade and went to work for the Swin Anderson family. The mother and children were blind. She then went to Clear Creek with her brothers to cook for them while they worked in the timber. Here she met her future husband, Charles Blackham.

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Charles Harshel Blackham was born March 7, 1890 and grew up in Moroni, Sanpete County. He was the son of John Moroni Blackham and Mary Ann Rastron. When he was 16, his family moved to Clear Creek, Carbon County, to work in the coal mines in the winter and the timber in the summer. Charles went to work at the age of 17 to help his father support his family of 12. After meeting Hazel in Clear Creek, Charles moved in the Fall of 1910 to Kenilworth, a new mining camp.

Hazel and Charles had been writing to each other and he told her in one letter that he had a severe attack of appendicitis and wanted her to come and see him. After Charles was better and went back to work, Hazel stayed in Kenilworth and began working for the wife of ~~mine~~ Superintendent Bell.

The young couple and their friends-Della and Jim Pittman-went to Price on weekends to baseball games. Charles was a good baseball player and was on one of the teams. After one of the games they backed each other out, and went to the courthouse to get married. The officials knew the girls weren't of age, but the boys were. After some argument the clerk married them on July 19, 1911, in Price.

Hazel and Charles lived in Kenilworth in a new camp house south of Main Street. They had three children: Charles Ray born March 15, 1913; Sherril Jay on June 9, 1915; and Lena Arilla born August 11, 1917.

On July 24, 1919, the young family moved to Clear Creek and another child, Delma Lorine, was born November 7, 1919. Charles was killed in Clear Creek coal mine the 26th of November, 1919, at the age of 29.

This tragedy left Hazel with four small children, baby Lorine barely three

weeks old, and no home. Charles was buried in Orangeville cemetery and after the funeral, Hazel's brother Sam helped her move to Orangeville.

In the summer of 1920, Hazel met her second husband, Welzie William Wayman. He was born in Molen, Utah on May 26, 1895, the son of Charles Emmanuel Wayman and Elizabeth <sup>Martina</sup> Margaret Stoddard. Welzie was raised on the Wayman Farm in Ferron. There were 17 children in the family and everyone had to help.

Welzie had lost his first wife, Mary Ottison, and a son Berdell, during the flu epidemic of 1918. He was left with a young son, Cecil Hugh, who was never very well. Welzie had a Model T Ford coupe and he took Hazel and the kids for their first car rides. He was lonesome, and so was Hazel, so they were married August 20, 1920 in the courthouse in Castle Dale by Benny Jewkes, clerk.

Welzie and Hazel raised their family on the bench in Castle Dale. He purchased land there from a Mr. Dykes, whom he worked for while attending the Emery Stake Academy, and had built a home there.

Three children were born to Welzie and Hazel: Leah Jean born October 16, 1921; Von Blaine born February 15, 1930; and David Kell born on May 1, 1932. David developed rheumatic heart trouble and died when only four, on August 10, 1936. Cecil also died at the age of 10.

Welzie worked hard all his life shearing sheep, carpentering, and farming. He enjoyed building things and working with the soil. He was a High Priest in the Castle Dale ward. He lived to be 71 years old and died after surgery in Salt Lake, February 26, 1966.

Hazel was such a good cook and she worked very hard to raise her family. She worked on school lunch for many years. She was Primary

President for seven years with Bishop E.A. Neilson, Relief Society visiting teachers, and head of the Cooking Committee for 30 years. Both she and Welzie were on the Genealogy and Old Folks Committees. Hazel was President of the county's Daughter of Utah Pioneers, and was secretary and treasurer for over ten years in Camp Dale,

Hazel is now 85 years old and still lives in the house on the bench. She has five living children. Sherril, her second son, was killed on July 1, 1972, in Salt Lake. On July 28, 1979. Hazel celebrated her 84th birthday in the Castle Dale Park. This occasion brought together five generations of Wayman Kulow family. She became a great grandmother when Brooke Jeanne Kulow was born. The great grandmother is Arilla Kulow, the grandfather Jim Kulow. Sr., and the father is Jim Kulow Jr. Hazel now has 18 grandchildren and 50 great grandchildren, and 3 great great grandchildren.

Mother's eyesight is very bad and I went to her home and wrote down her life history as she told it to me. Leah W. Jacob.

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