





**Builders  
in the  
Kingdom**

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# *Builders in the Kingdom*

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## ***To Build a Dream***

*And so, dream on, oh Pioneer,  
As we who build on yesteryear  
Give thanks to you for purpose clear –  
Your noble dream.*

*Your mighty deeds still echoes ring;  
Your vision ours for honoring;  
By building still, we homage bring,  
And share the dream.*

*And generations yet anew  
Will forge with anvil brought by you;  
And earth is blessed by people true  
Who build a dream.*

L. May Cheney



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## *Preface*

On behalf of the Bishoprics of the Archer and Sunnyside Wards, I would like to wish you many hours of enjoyable reading and getting to know each other from the information in this book. To the lifetime members of our Community, I wish you lots of hours of reminiscing of the good old times that you enjoyed so much.

This year of 1980 marks the 150th birthday of our church and the prophet Spencer W. Kimball has asked each of us to write our life story for our descendants to read.

One day, while attending a funeral service for one of our ward members, I was very impressed with the life history of this good sister and felt impressed that we should have these histories in a book. On the way to the cemetery I asked Bishop Lyle Robison how he felt about a community history book. He said that it would be a good sesquicentennial project for our ward. We immediately decided it would be a worthwhile project so we could know the new members' histories and they might know ours.

After much prayer, Sister LaVerne Hacking was selected as chairman of the Community History Book Committee. She chose a committee to work with her.

Sister Mardean Pope was selected by the Archer Bishopric to serve with Sister Hacking and she also chose a committee. They have all put in many, many long hours in preparing the materials for this book.

Gale Bramwell, the owner of the Picture House in Rigby, Idaho, graciously came to our ward and took the many pictures we needed. We thank him and his staff for this.

We hope this book will become more valuable as the years go by. We have tried to include everything possible to make this a complete history of the community. If anyone has been offended by the printing or not printing of any material, we apologize to the individual.

May you enjoy this book and may the Lord continue to pour his blessing out on our community as He has done in the past and is doing at the present time.

Wayne Siddoway  
Second Counselor  
Sunnyside Bishopric



## *Foreword*

Dear Contributors,

This is your book. You wrote it ... at least participated ... 203 different persons have contributed, with many of them serving as committee members. It is not practical to thank everyone individually who helped with this book, but there are many who went the extra mile and magnified their callings to make this inclusive and extensive work. May I give special mention of the following:

Archer Committee: Mardean Pope, chairman; Jill Sutton, and Myrtle Kennington.

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Through our work on this book we have become increasingly aware of the importance of writing detailed personal histories. We are sure that reading this book will give all of you ideas. We hope this publication will set in motion a new wave of activity in record keeping.

It is astonishing to think that so much could be done in so little time, especially during canning and harvesting season. One hundred ninety-six histories with pictures were ready in two months, and in another month community material was researched and prepared. I wish to again thank those who labored with me so diligently hour after hour, both day and night, around my kitchen table.

And to our families who must have thought we had forgotten them at times, we extend our sincere appreciation for their constant help, love, and encouragement.

The limitation of funds, time, and space in the book itself, have necessitated the editing of materials contributed. We are grateful for the things that are in the book. Please excuse us for things that are not.

The following anonymous poem furnished by Mardean Pope, expresses the feelings of the above mentioned committee members.

*No book is entirely perfect  
For errors will creep in;  
Sometimes wrong information is sent  
By someone's nearest kin.*

*And even printers make mistakes  
For which they tear their hair.  
Sometimes two people disagree  
On Who, or When, or Where.*

*It might have been the person  
Who wrote the history;  
It might have been the typist,  
Or blame can fall on me.*

*So, if you're dead before you're born,  
Or married when you're three,  
Or I've omitted anyone  
Who sent themselves to me.*

*Or your last name is not your own,  
Your picture not too good,  
I ask you - please forgive me,  
I did the best I could.*

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Please send corrections for any errors you find with  
page number and line to:

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Rexburg, Idaho 83440

**before June 1, 1981**, for an errata which will be  
furnished to everyone who purchased a book.

We encourage all who have been members of the Archer Ward whose histories do not appear in this volume, to kindly send their histories and any other items of historic value to the Bishop of the Sunnyside Ward, Route 3, Rexburg, Idaho 83440, to be included in a binder to be kept in the ward for reference.

LaVerne Hacking  
Chairman



## Archer

by Viola Erickson

*If you're travelin' up the country  
Through the valley of the Snake  
And the Archer-Ririe highway  
Is the route you choose to take,  
Then I say you've chosen wisely  
And you're headed for a treat  
When you see the friendly faces  
Of the people that you meet.  
There's a world of warmth and kindness  
In the smiles that you receive.  
Makes you mighty glad to be here  
And a little sad to leave.  
Cause you know by somethin' special  
In the way they shake your hand  
That by chance you are sojourning  
In a mighty favored land.  
For our daughters are the fairest  
And our sons the very best  
And our valley is the greenest  
You will find in all the West.  
Yes, our cattle are the sleekest  
And within our sparkling streams  
Are the kind of trout and salmon  
You have landed in your dreams.  
If your favorite sport is huntin'  
Then, here too, you've chosen well  
As observe our local sportsmen  
And the stories that they tell.  
There's real beauty in our grain fields.  
Waving golden in the sun,  
And we raise the finest taters  
Butter ever melted on.  
So drive slowly through our valley  
For the time will come, I know  
When your heart recalls the friendly,  
Peaceful, Archer, Idaho.*



Hill to the east of our valley.



Round Top (looking East - Ross Byrne cattle ranch)



Our peaceful valley (looking West from the East hill or from Byrne Siding).



## *A Message From the Archer-Sunnydell Ward Bishop*



Sitting: Bishop Lyle J. Robison.  
Standing (L. to R.): R. Wayne Siddoway and Stanley E. Nielson.

It has been my privilege to have been the Bishop of the Archer Ward and the Sunnydell Ward. As I look back the outstanding memories are of a people who care. I have watched acts of kindness when someone was in need that would be a credit to any people.

It is fitting that a book be published to keep the memories intact not only for our generation but for generations to follow. It is necessary that our children and our children's children have "Roots".

I was thrilled when my Second Counselor, Wayne Siddoway, offered to act as chairman with the task of publishing the book. He said, "I have lived in many places but there is a special spirit in this community that should be preserved." I would like to take this opportunity to thank Wayne for his dedication.

At this time may I thank all who were responsible for the thousands of hours of dedicated work that makes this book possible. It would be impossible to name them all, however, a few must be mentioned: LaVerne Hacking, Opal Clements, Erma Magleby, Bessie Wilcox, and Marilee Byrne, with the support of their good husbands, have given far beyond the call. Also appreciation is given to G.H. Munns for information.

I hope you enjoy this book. We have tried to avoid errors in our endeavors but as with all books there will be some. I accept full responsibility for them and apologize to you, and I hope they will not detract too much from your enjoyment. We will try to publish an errata for the purpose of making corrections.

I hope that we will be ever mindful of our Heavenly Father in preparing this Valley for us, a Valley that I know is choice with a special spirit. I am thankful for ancestors who obeyed the prophet without question in helping to settle this Valley. I am happy to call each of you my friend.

May the Lord bless you always.

*Bishop Lyle J. Robison*

## *Archer Ward Bishop*



Standing: Bishop Glen Leak.  
Sitting (L. to R.): Delas Munns and Jon Larson.

It has been just over two years since that busy Sabbath day in October of 1978 when the Archer Ward was divided into the Archer and Sunnydell Wards. To those who were not living in these wards there was much confusion about which bishopric belonged to which ward. We have always explained that the new ward had the old bishopric and the old ward, the new bishopric. To say we were new was an understatement. We were new and green and were somewhat awestruck at how many ward positions there were to fill in totally reorganizing the Archer Ward. We tried very hard to listen to the Lord's inspiration in calling people to serve. As we worked and prayed that inspiration came and the good people of the Archer Ward responded to these new challenges as they always have.

Not long after the division of the wards we held a bishopric meeting and set a ward theme. We chose this theme, "As families and members of the Archer Ward we will raise up a righteous generation through concentration on:

1. Family Home Evening
2. Family and personal prayer
3. Reading the scriptures
4. Temple marriage and attendance
5. Missionary work
6. Welfare Service
7. Sabbath day
8. Tithes and offerings

We have really worked hard to have all our our sacrament meetings planned around this theme. This theme has become even more important to us since the Consolidated Meeting Schedule has been adopted and parents have more fully assumed their stewardships in teaching and raising their children.

After the ward was divided, we immediately became aware of the fact that we didn't have any full time missionaries representing the Archer Ward. Alberto Rincon

from Columbia was being supported by a family from the ward; however, he was called from his home ward in Columbia. We recognized that the only way to fill our stewardship in this area was to go to work and as a result we currently have nine full-time missionaries in the mission-field. We are grateful to those seven elders and two sisters who represent this ward as missionaries.

As a bishopric we recognize that the genius of the Church and Priesthood lies in total involvement of the members of the ward and priesthood quorums in the programs of the Church. The more people we have functioning in the various callings of the ward, the easier it is to get the job done. We certainly hope that everyone feels needed and loved.

As for the future, we hope to continue on in the tradition that the Archer Ward has experienced since the time it was originally organized. We know that as we serve the Lord and carry one another's burdens much joy and happiness will come to us. We know that there is safety and stability in following the programs of the Church and in heeding the counsel from our leaders, especially the prophet. Some day we hope to be able to give a report of our stewardships and to be able to say, yes, we have kept the faith and fought a good fight. We have raised up a righteous generation unto the Lord.

*Bishop Glen D. Leak*

## *Idaho - Gem of the Mountains*

*Arranged and Written by Letha Wilcox, Sunnyside Ward Historian*

The word Idaho or Ee-dah-how as the Indians called it, means "Behold the sun comes down the mountain." It is called the Gem State for its beautiful sunrise, sunset, lakes and scenic beauty.

As far as we know the first white man to come into this area was Alexander Henry from the Missouri Fur Company from whom Henry's Fork takes its name. In 1809 he passed over the Great American Divide and built a house not far from where St. Anthony now stands. This was known as Henry's Fort. It was vacated the following year.

Two years later the house was occupied by Wilson P. Hunt and a party of sixty men belonging to the Pacific Fur Company. In October 1811, they proceeded down the river in fifteen canoes enroute to the Pacific. The horrors encountered by way of starvation, etc., are beyond description.

Another company deserving mention passing through Fremont County, but of which little appears to be written, was that of Thomas S. Smith of Farmington, Utah, who with a party of about fifty persons, by request of President Brigham Young came northward from Salt Lake City, Utah, early in May, 1856, with a view to becoming friendly with the Indians and looking for streams of water and desirable places to settle.

President Young had heard from Washakie, a noted chief of the well-watered section of the upper Snake River, and to this point those best acquainted with the history of the expedition claim that Mr. Smith with his company was directed to go.

Upon entering the valley, it appears they were attracted westward by reports of immense quantity and excellent quality of fish in the River west. They finally stopped not far from where Salmon City now stands. Here they built a fort known for many years as Fort Lemhi. It is said that the first grain produced in Idaho was raised by them.

In May 1857 President Brigham Young with a company under the command of Captain R.T. Burton including Heber C. Kimball, Daniel H. Wells, Franklin D. Richards, and other prominent men and women made the visit and held extensive consultations with Chief Snag and other Indians, presenting them with about \$3000 worth of supplies from the General Government. Young was at that time acting Governor and Indian Agent. They returned home in peace feeling that they had made the Indians their friends.

This part of the vast Snake River Valley still remained as it was when first discovered, uninhabited save by a few trappers, horsemen and Indians who later on held unmolested possession of their immense range.

Remaining in this condition so long, what comprises the most thickly settled part of the country between the forks of Snake River, afforded an excellent rendezvous for horse and cattle thieves, who would collect immense bands of horses and herds of cattle from the south, west, and north, and cache them in this valley. When enough were gathered to justify making a drive, they went through the mountains eastward by way of Teton Valley and Jackson Hole into the markets of Wyoming and on to Eastern markets.

In March 1882 the upper Snake River Valley was opened to Mormon colonization with the founding of Rexburg.

The following year, June 1883, a small caravan of four wagons left Salt Lake City to come to the upper Snake River Valley. When they arrived at Eagle Rock, now Idaho Falls, they had to pay \$1.00 for each wagon and 25¢ for each animal to cross the Snake River on the Anderson Toll Bridge.

Above information was taken from the Special Edition of Fremont County Journal at Rexburg, Idaho, May 30, 1900.

Other pioneers moved to the south and east of Rexburg and settled in the area that later became Sunnyside.

## *Early History of the Sunnydell Area*

*Compiled by Mae Niederer*

*Special thanks for source material: Myrtle Kennington, Letha Wilcox, Ellis Wilcox, and Pearl and Clarence Weekes*

Cyrus B. Hawley, sitting with his back against his cabin observing the beauties of nature after a sudden summer shower, called to his pioneer wife to come and see a wonderful sight. From their promontory she looked across the valley. Tall sagebrush covered the land, for the most part, with knee-high grass gently swaying in the breeze reminding her of ocean waves. Along the northerly bend of the meandering South Fork of the Snake River grew a fringe of cottonwood trees, cedars, willows, and kinnikinnick. Off in the distance a patch of pine trees stood tall and stately. On the other side of the river a dense forest, mostly cottonwood, grew on the old river bottoms. The scene reflected the mood of the sky. The sun, which had broken through the clouds, cast lights and shadows, making a picture of rare beauty and delight. "This land should be called Sunnydell," said Mr. Hawley. Mrs. Hawley agreed, and our corner of this beautiful valley was given a name.

In 1871, two brothers, John and Albert Lyon, settled a short distance from the head of a creek known later as Lyman Creek. They were cattle men. In 1873, J. F. Berry, a brother-in-law, joined them. He was a farmer and raised some crops in this area.

The summer of 1878 was extremely hot and dry, and that fall a prairie fire started near the present site of the Sunnydell school house. There was a sixty mile an hour wind blowing and the fire swept the entire country up to Island Park and over to the Teton Basin in about forty-eight hours. The people saved their homesteads and part of their hay supply by plowing around their premises.

The Lyon family became discouraged after the fire and left this area, leaving behind three members of their family who had passed away while they were living here. The graves of these three constitute the only cemetery in Sunnydell--located east of the railroad tracks on the old John Taylor farm. Years ago the graves were marked by a little pole fence around them so people would know where they were, but there are no markers there now.

Five years after the Lyon family moved from the area, the first permanent settlers came to the valley in the spring of 1883 when Theodore K. Lyman and Silas Buckland settled at the mouth of this same creek.

Mr. Lyman built his cabin on the south side of the creek and Mr. Buckland located on the north side. The creek was named Lyman Creek for Mr. Lyman, as was also the LDS ward, which, at that time, extended from near Rexburg some twelve miles south.

One of the first two white children to be born in this territory was a daughter, Lois, to Mr. and Mrs. Silas Buckland; the other was a son, George Briggs, Jr., born to the George Briggs family.

It was in 1883 that Cyrus B. Hawley, given credit for naming our area Sunnydell, and his family came to make their home here. He and his sons, Cyrus B., Jr., and Will,

and sons-in-law, John Hillman and Isaac White, brought water from springs along the mountainside to their homesteads. These five homesteads had the right slope and warmth for growing excellent fruit--apples, pears, plus, apricots, cherries, dewberries, and raspberries. This beautiful orchard was located on the farm that now belongs to Walt and Zella Bybee.

These early settlers immediately set to work building crude log houses and clearing the land and preparing for winter. The houses were made of cottonwood logs with dirt floors and one opening for a door. They were so small and crowded that the beds were hung against the wall in the day to make room inside, and at night they hung the chairs on the walls to make room for the beds.

It was so cold and rainy the fall of 1883 that the settlers worried about becoming ill from exposure to the elements, but they worked unitedly so that in a short time all were settled in a warm place, safe from the wild animals. The mothers worried about their children being snatched up by the coyotes who would come right into the dooryard and pick up the chickens and eat them.

Questions about the Indians in this area were often asked by the newcomers, but they were assured they only passed through to hunt and fish. The Indians said it was too cold for them in the Upper Snake River Valley--there was nine months of winter and three months of late fall! It has been noted by early settlers, however, that Round Top, called Fort Lyon at that time, was a favorite meeting place of the Indians for their Council Meetings. The first children in the area found arrowheads by the handful, of many different colors there.

Everyone drove their cattle up on the hill to feed during the day on the grass which grew thick and tall for miles around Round Top. In the evening someone would have to go and bring the cows to be milked. One day as Cyrus Hawley was sitting on the hill looking for the cattle, he noticed a deer limping toward a pool of water. When it reached the pool it laid down and dangled its foot in the water. After this, he began to watch for the deer as he went to and from taking the cows. Many times he saw the animal, always repeating the water treatment. He finally investigated the pool and found it to be hot water with a mineral content. It was not long before the animal was healed and no longer limped.

Mr. Hawley told a reporter about this incident and immediately a piece was written about it in the paper. A man living in Pocatello by the name of Mr. Heise read the paper and came up to investigate the place. He immediately filed a claim on the surrounding territory and established a health resort, which he operated for many years.

Another early settler near the mouth of Lyman Creek was John Taylor. This was the very place for John--wonderful soil, close to the hills, and lots of timber nearby. During the summer he built a sawmill on Lyman

Creek, half or a quarter of a mile back in. He dammed off the stream, making a small reservoir, releasing the water for irrigation purposes and also ran a water wheel, which he constructed to furnish power for his sawmill. He did some custom work sawing, but the mill was built with the thought in mind of getting lumber to build a home for his family. When his home was built, it was large and very nice.

More industrious people moved to our area. A man with the name of D.C. Kruger planted a 40 acre orchard on the place where Blair Clay now lives. The orchard ran north from the old Hawley place over to Keith Clement's, and then west to the railroad track. He later planted fruit trees on the west side of the track too. He had quite an acreage of apples and other kinds of fruits. Little Ike Smith and his family were hired to care for the farm and the orchard. A warehouse, that is still standing, was built near the tracks, and apples were shipped from it. Cider was also made and sold. Later Clem Smith purchased the place and continued to care for the orchard and ship fruit out for several years.

March 11, 1902, the need for telephones was presented to Orson Waldram for the Archer district. The line was completed in 1903 and later extended into the Sunnysdell area. In the fall of 1910 there were three phones in Sunnysdell. Those who enjoyed this luxury were John Taylor, James Byrne, and John Buckland. The year 1928 brought the advent of electric lights. People had formerly used candles, kerosene lamps and lanterns, gasoline lamps and lanterns, and carbide lights, home generated Delco electric lights.

Clarence Weekes recalls that the Jensen family, originally from Denver, Colorado, purchased 40 acres of sagebrush next to the Weekes family. When they moved to the area they had never farmed before, and were equipped with only their four horses and their bare hands. One of the first things they tried to do was fence their land. The horses were all being used to clear the land and get the crops planted, so Frank Jensen carried green cottonwood posts from down in the timber clear up to where the old Sunnysdell school stands. They finally got their farm fenced and partly under cultivation. The barn and the house that they built after they were here a year or two were the best that there was in the community. They are still standing and are in good condition. Six or eight years later, in the spring of 1919, the Magleby family purchased this land and are still living there.

Other early families coming to Sunnysdell to settle were David A. Wilcox, Boyd Wilcox, Samuel A. Wilcox, Hillmans, the Squires, Jim Byrne, Morgans, Winters, Christensens, Castles, Beckstroms, Kjelins, Niederers, Muirs, Marvin Cook, Sidney Weekes, George Weekes, and John Weekes.

At first the men took teams, shovels and scrapers, and went to work without much thought of permanent organization, but as more land was cleared and new settlers arrived, organization became a necessity. It was about 1886 when an organization known as the Lyman Irrigation Canal Company was formed. From the papers of John Weekes we quote: "In 1886 a survey was run from the river north for the purpose of getting out water to irrigate the lower land of

Mr. Lyman, the Squires, Wilcoxes, Butlers, Thompsons, and Paynes. In 1891 the water got through. A corporation was formed and James Byrne made president with Boyd Wilcox, secretary."

All the men who worked on this canal were interested in a team owned by James Byrne, named Buck and Deck. They each weighed between fourteen and fifteen hundred pounds. Buck was a buckskin, and Deck, an irony gray. No one around the country owned a finer team and none but the best teamsters were allowed to drive them. Ethan Young, John Weekes, and Archie Galbraith were among the favorites. This team was good on the plow, scraper, or rockboat but they did their most outstanding work at the head of the canal. At the command of their driver, they would swim the river, be it high or low, carrying a man, pulling a wagon or a cable to the island in the river. One day a boom was caught by the current and carried down stream some distance. Archie Galbraith, John Weekes, and Will Morgan took the team and went after it. The men tied a cable about six feet back from the head of the boom, hooked the team to it and started up the river--the team was pulling from the bank. When they came to a bend in the river, a stiff current caught the head of the boom and was forcing it out into the head of the stream. The river bank at this point was some four feet high and the water was from eight to ten feet deep. Buck and Deck set their feet firmly in the gravelly soil, but were slowly being dragged backward with the force of the current.

John Weekes, who could always think quickly in an emergency, ran back along the boom to where he could jump onto the bank. He ran to the team and cut Buck's tug with a pocket knife. As the single-tree fell back, the clip was jerked off the other end. This threw all the load on Deck, who pulled with all his might until the single-tree broke, releasing both horses. The men, watching, breathed a sigh of relief, for had the team been pulled backward down the bank and into the deep water, no human power could have saved them.

There were many discouraging times ahead. Excavating the canal was easy work compared to maintaining its head. Often the men worked all winter, only to have their accomplishments washed away by high water in the spring; or the temperamental Snake might change its course somewhat and, after spring floods, the water flow would drop so low that the canal would be left high and dry when the water was most needed. John Weekes recalled working thirty-two continuous days to get the water back in the canal in time to save the crops.

It was hard on the men working waist-deep in the water to force the stream from washing out their headings. Scarcely a day passed when a life was not endangered by this precarious task. Even the strongest men became discouraged. There came a day when David Wilcox was the only man on the job. After work he reported to President James Byrne, who said, "Stay with it, Dave, and I'll stay with you." Finally in 1891, the water got through."<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>This information was taken from the book entitled *Pioneer Irrigation: Upper Snake River Valley*; compiled and edited by Kate B. Carter.

The other source of information for this history was an article entitled "History of Archer-Lyman and Vicinity; compiled by Myrtle Kennington.

The first school was held in the home of Marvin Cook. Laura, his wife, was the first teacher and they had only one room. The next year, Silas Buckland let the school use his granary for one term. The following summer Dave Wilcox and Silas Buckland went to the hills and got out logs and built a little log school where the Sunnyside school now stands. After a few years of service this building was replaced by a new rock building. The rock was quarried up on the hill six miles east. Later a partition was put in the school building which made two rooms, then they were able to have two teachers. In March 1930 this building burned and the term was finished in the Lumber Yard building at Byrne Siding. The next year school was held in a new rock building. The same rock was used and more added, which came from the same quarry. A lovely two room school was built with a full basement that was used as an amusement hall for dances, basketball, and banquets.

Although this is the first time there has been a branch organized in Sunnyside, for many years after the school house was built, church meetings were held in the school as a convenience for the people who lived in this area. Time was taken from school hours for Primary, and for several years there were two Primary presidencies and organizations in the Archer Ward -- one at Archer and one at Sunnyside.

In 1929 the first Primary was organized in Sunnyside with Helen Hillman, president; Ivy Weekes, 1st Counselor and Clara Hunsaker, 2nd Counselor; Edna Wilcox, Secretary and Organist.

Pearl Weekes recalls two instances when Sister Mary Liljenquist was Primary President at Sunnyside. "We had many, many socials, dances, and parties of all kinds. The last of Sister Liljenquist's parties I remember, she asked that we make a freezer of ice cream. I did, and when she went to get it to serve, Erastus Weekes, Blaine Liljenquist, and some of the other boys had taken it down to her home and were eating it. She found them down there and she made them pay for it!"

"Another time Sister Liljenquist had the braiding of the May Pole over to her place. Some of the children got playing in the canal there and fell in the water. She used some blankets to wrap them in, washed their clothes, and she had a mangle there and pressed them. After that, they still went on with their May Pole."

Sister Weekes tells about the dances that were held in the Sunnyside School. "Henry Taylor, who just recently celebrated his 90th birthday, used to play the violin and his daughter, Neta, played the piano for the dances. Once in a while, Delos Nelson would spell Henry off with the violin. I remember a polygamist dance that they danced up there once the only time I've ever seen it. One man would take two

ladies and dance with them. Ivy and I had the privilege of dancing with Selar Cheney that way."

The Sunnyside School was used until the consolidation of the schools, after which it stood idle for some six years. It was then converted into a beautiful home by Ezra and Mary Liljenquist.

In 1915 a branch of the Oregon Short Line railroad was built through Sunnyside along the hill and the siding named Byrne was built at this time. Corey Brother's Construction did the work on the railroad, and they had a railroad camp down just east of where Steve Sutton lives. All the grading work was done with horses and mules. The story is told by Ellis Wilcox that one thing he remembers about the railroad being built was that one of the crew got a little despondent and sat down on a rock, put a blasting cap in his mouth, and lit it.

At one time Byrne Siding was supposed to become a town as big as Ririe. Although it never did quite make it, it was the location of several businesses. There were two section houses built at the siding for the railroad crew to live in, and a small depot. That same fall the Sugar Company built a high-line beet dump and began receiving beets there.

The following year, Oscar E. Mayhugh built a store which he opened for business in November. Land was purchased from D.A. Wilcox on which to build. A lumber yard, run by John Buckland also was built in 1917, and joined the store. They handled a large stock of lumber and some hardware.

In July 1917, a grain elevator was built across the tracks from the store called the Inter-Ocean Company, later changed to Midland Elevator Grain Company. Delmo Cook was one of the early operators of this elevator.

There were also three potato cellars built at the siding for handling area potatoes for shipment. And in July, 1931, David Manwaring built coal bins large enough to hold two car loads of coal there.

In 1912-13 a new chapel was built to replace the old log structure located near the old Briggs store. The new building was built of white sandstone from the quarry just east of Byrne Siding. C.M. Squires contracted the job for \$2,375.00. The rock building stood about one-fourth mile south of Archer School. Mark Austin, stake president, dedicated the building 18 May 1919. This building was replaced on the same location by the red brick structure now occupied jointly by Archer and Sunnyside wards. Construction began May 8, 1953. Cost was originally estimated at \$140,000.00. Total costs were \$147,000.00 Sterling W. Sill dedicated the chapel 12 Dec. 1954. Following is the program and dedicatory prayer.

## DEDICATORY SERVICES

ARCHER WARD CHAPEL — DECEMBER 12, 1954

Prelude Music . . . . . Bessie Wilcox, Ethelyn Erickson  
Song . . . . . Choir and Congregation  
    "We Thank Thee Oh God for a Prophet"  
    Directed by Theron Cheney  
Invocation . . . . . John Wilcox  
    First Counselor  
Introduction of Guests  
and Remarks . . . . . Bishop Bernarr Erickson  
Songs . . . . . Primary Children  
    "This is the Lord's House"  
    "Bless This House"  
    Directed by Reta Nelson  
    Berniece Nielson, Accompanist  
Remarks . . . . . Glenn Sharp  
Remarks . . . . . Russell Grover  
Song . . . . . Ward Choir  
    "Seek Ye the Lord"  
Remarks . . . . . Harry Willmore  
Remarks . . . . . President John L. Clarke  
Song . . . . . Youth Chorus  
    "True to the Faith"  
    Directed by Mark Young  
    Agnes Orr, Accompanist  
Sermon and Dedicatory Prayer . . . . . Elder Sterling W. Sill  
    Assistant to the Council of Twelve  
Closing Song . . . . . Ward Choir  
    "For God So Loved the World"  
Benediction . . . . . Gayland Robison  
    Second Counselor  
Postlude . . . . . Bessie Wilcox, Ethelyn Erickson

The Archer Ward has been greatly blessed these past years in the gathering of funds and in the erection of a beautiful new chapel.

We have been blessed with the materials and means with which it has been erected. Our efforts have been well worthwhile.

We are happy that every family in the ward has helped in some way. We are grateful for this help. In wishing you a Merry Christmas, we invite you to come and take part in the activities and services to be held in this new chapel throughout a Happier New Year.

Sincerely your brethren,

ARCHER WARD BISHOPRIC

*Bernarr B. Erickson*  
*John O. Wilcox*  
*Gayland D. Robison*

## DEDICATORY PRAYER

by Sterling W. Sill

12 December 1954, Archer, Idaho

In faith and in gratitude, Father in Heaven, we have assembled in this beautiful building to worship Thee and to express our gratitude for this building which has been erected to be dedicated to Thy Name. We are grateful unto Thee, our Father in Heaven, for all the blessings of our lives and we are grateful unto Thee for this lot on which the building rests and for Thy Gospel as known by the repentant on the earth. We are grateful to live in this country, to have our freedom to worship Thee because of our own desire to do so. We are grateful unto Thee, our Father in Heaven, for the material prosperity which we enjoyed and which has enabled us to build this house to Thy Name. We are grateful to Thee, Father in Heaven, for our families and for all we have, and for the gospel in our lives which will thus enable us to see the power of our place of service, and to take us back into Thy presence. We are grateful unto Thee, our Father in Heaven, for Thy prophet this year to lead us and direct us by Your instruction.

We gather before Thee to dedicate this house to Thy Name. We are grateful, Father in Heaven, for our righteous values which enable us to build this house. We ask for Thy blessing on all those who took part in any way in the erection. Bless those who have planned this building and those who have furnished the material and those who have labored to make this building an accomplished fact, and those whose work, whose time, and whose means have made this building

possible. We pray unto Thee that our payment will save men.

We ask Thee that Thou wilt forgive us of any failure that You may see in us; that we may be accepted in Thy hands that this also may be accepted into Thy hands; that we too may be blessed as Thy children, that Thy children will be pleased to come here to praise and worship Thee in prayer, and that they may keep Thy commandments eagerly and that we may study eagerly and learn Thy ways and walk in Thy paths.

We pray that we may live up to Thy teachings. We pray that nothing shall be a discredit to this house, or a disgrace to Thy spirit. Father in Heaven, we pray that Thy children may be trained here in righteousness, and that Thy servants may go forth from this house armed with the numerous tidings of the truth to the ends of the earth and that all men may know that they are partaking of that glory because of our example. May they be virtuous and trustworthy.

We unite our prayers to dedicate this the Archer Ward meeting house as a place to worship to Thy name. We dedicate the building and the fixtures and the equipment and the walls and the floors and all that pertain unto it, and ask that Thy protection might be here. That Thy spirit may be here, that this place may be a place of reverence and be a holy house in which we dedicate our lives to Thy service, and that we may learn to love Thee with all our might and with all our mind and strength and that we may love and teach Thy Gospel in service and in love. We pray, our Father in



Heaven, that Thy glory may rest upon Thy people, this ward, and upon this house, and that we may be worthy to realize that promise which Thou hast given to us. Our Father in Heaven, we ask Thee for all of these blessings and all others that Thou seest we are in need of.

We dedicate this building in Thy name under the authority which we hold in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

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As the years have come and gone, the term Sunnydell has become almost extinct. Many of the new people in the area are probably not even aware that such a place has ever existed. But to the people who have lived in this special spot--this Sunnydell, as Mr. Hawley so nicely named it--having the name recalled from their past to once again distinguish the beautiful place they live, is a very exciting and special event.

From the early settlement of this area, Archer and Sunnydell had separate school districts; they were not consolidated until 1915.

However, Sunnydell had been a part of the Archer Ward since 2 March 1902 when the Lyman Ward was divided, but all things change with time. Sacrament Meeting October 8, 1978, was a memorable one in the Archer Ward. The time had arrived to make the division.

Keith L. Peterson, President of the Rexburg Idaho Stake and Counselors, Leo M. Smith and Charles M. Grant were in attendance. President Peterson conducted. The dividing line was to be the street west from the Leonard Clements home to

the river. All those living on the south side of the street would be in the Archer Ward.

The name chosen for the new ward was Sunnydell (the dividing line was almost identical with the former school district line). The members were asked for a standing vote which was unanimous and in the affirmative. Bishop Lyle J. Robison, former bishop of the Archer Ward and Counselors Stanley E. Nielson and R. Wayne Siddoway were now living in the new ward. Bishop Robison was released as Bishop of the Archer Ward and his name was presented for a sustaining vote as Bishop of the new Sunnydell Ward. The voting was unanimous and in the affirmative. So it was that Lyle J. Robison became the first Bishop of the Sunnydell Ward.

His former counselors Stanley E. Nielson and R. Wayne Siddoway were sustained and accepted by a unanimous vote. Another officer sustained was Sister Zara H. Beck as Relief Society President. Her counselors were not chosen at this time. Thus a new ward came into being with a membership of 306.

It is the smallest ward in the stake, but by no means the least. While the boundary lines have remained the same, Sunnydell has been a part of the Bannock Stake, the Fremont Stake, Rexburg and now Rexburg Idaho East Stake.

There were many mixed emotions at this meeting. It was like dividing a large family who had lived, loved and worked together through the many years; yet it was willingly accepted by the members, knowing that it would give many others the opportunity to serve, and it is through service that we grow.

## *Lyman Settled As An L.D.S. Center in 1882*

*By Max Briggs, Archer Ward*

The first real pioneers who came to the Snake River Forks country, came to Lyman several years before Rexburg (called "Kaintuck" on 1884 Postal Map) was settled. John and Albert Lyon settled on Lyon Creek (later called Lyman Creek) in 1871. These men brought the first cattle into the country and confined their efforts to stock-raising. It is thought that old man Lyon and a baby both died and were buried on this land (east of Keith Clements' present farm home). The baby smothered from being wrapped too well one winter. The first farmer was J.F. Barry, a brother-in-law to the Lyons. He and his wife and four children came to the district in 1873. He constructed a four-room log house at the mouth of the canyon on the South side of the Creek. Bill Burns, a trapper, who had a cabin up the river at the mouth of Burns Creek, assisted in building the house. In 1875, Bill Ennis, a cow-puncher, gave Mr. Barry some wheat and oats which were planted. It was cut with a scythe, threshed with a flail, and cleaned in the wind. The Barrys moved to Moody Creek in 1878.

The summer of 1878 was extremely hot and dry and that fall a prairie fire was started near the site of the Sunnydell

school house. There was a 60-mile wind blowing and the fire swept the entire country up to Island Park and over into Teton Basin in about 48 hours. The people saved their homesteads and part of their hay by plowing around them. After the fire the Lyons went to Teton Valley.

Theodore Lyman (who was the son of Mormon Apostle Amasa Mason Lyman by his sixth wife, Priscilla Turley) came to Lyon Creek in 1882. He was a widower, but he had two children, Guy and Theodore, and his mother (widowed herself in 1877) was with him and took care of the children. He occupied the cabin built for the Barry's earlier. Because of the similarity of names, his name was soon given to the creek and later to the town. He left by 1885.

In the early spring of 1883, Silas Buckland settled on Lyman Creek and built a cabin on the north side of the creek, plowed and planted some grain, then went back to Utah for his wife and five children. His wife was Kamellia Luella Pack, whose father had been on the Salmon River mission, earlier.

In 1879, James H. Murphy of Morgan, Utah, and others explored through the valley, and in 1883, Mr. Murphy re-

turned with his family. They pitched their tent in sagebrush high as a horse, and began to clear off land for a garden. They cleared three acres, which was planted to rye, beets and turnips, radishes, onions and beans. The garden matured without water.

They built a house of cottonwood logs cut from the river bottoms. The house had two rooms, dirt floor, dirt roof, and windows covered with cloth. Candles were used for lighting.

During the summer twelve families moved here. They had to hurry to get houses built before winter set in. The winter was a lean one; the Murphy garden saved them all from hunger. Mr. Murphy's rye was used by the whole colony. It was ground in a coffee grinder and then put through a sieve. The portions too large to go through the sieve were used for cereal; the finer parts for flour.

At Christmas time, Mr. Murphy took his homemade, nailless bobsled down on the river bottoms and killed deer for everybody. The snow was two to four feet deep that winter. The following spring several more families moved in.

On the 28th of June, 1883, the Briggs and Arnold families arrived from Salt Lake City. They crossed the Anderson Toll Bridge at Eagle Rock, paying a toll of \$1.25 per wagon. The company consisted of Amos G. and Ruth Arnold and family and Miss Mary Powell (Mrs. Arnold's sister) who later became the wife of George S. Arnold; George and Sarah Susannah Briggs and two small children, and Charles and Ellen Briggs. Others who came September 9, 1883, were William J. Young, his wife Zilpah Rebecca (Archer) and five children who came from Fairfield, Utah; William Simmons and wife Emma, and Gideon Murphy and wife Alice (Simmons) and three children. These families all settled near the Murphys. Cyrus Hawley and Frank Cook, who went southeast above the Lymans and Bucklands.

On the 15th of September came the Edward Galbraith and John C. Reid families from Smithfield, Utah. They brought with them two young men, relatives of Mrs. Reid and Mrs. Galbraith, John Sharp and Isaac Gill. The Galbraiths settled on the place where Oral Beck now lives. David Robison and his two wives, Mary E. and Johanna F., and their two families also came that summer. Sidney and Ann Weekes and their small family, and George S. and John, Sidney's nearly grown sons also came that summer.

About the month of October, another group of settlers came: Charles Briggs, Sr., his wife Mary Ann (Worrall), and children, Luke, Mary Ann, Jim and Will. They had stayed the season on a rented farm in Bountiful, Utah. Charles and Ellen Briggs were expecting their first child in December and went back to Utah.

The last of October or first of November another group of settlers came. The Fosters had been baptized into the Mormon Church in Michigan and came to Utah in 1882. They settled in Camp Floyd where they lived one year than came to Idaho along with the Dan and John Taylor and Thomas Bates families. Lydia Foster, a sister of Charley, brought flower seeds and some choice bulbs and shrubs. A red peony was seen blooming in many places where she lived, but it was dug up and taken with her whenever there was a move. She was credited with bringing the first peony into this country.

As the Fosters made camp on the Portneuf River they noticed other parties joining them, Dan and John Taylor and Thomas Bates were among those who came from Tooele. The Taylor boys were very musically inclined and as they got out their violins that evening and began to play, the Foster family joined in and started singing. A mutual friendship developed which carried on through their lives. The Foster family settled on the banks of the river on what is known as the Jack Stacey place and the Taylor and Bates families homesteaded nearby.

On March 17, 1884 Andrew S. Anderson of Lewisville, surveyed a canal for the settlers of Lyman -- the Square Top Grove Canal. It was named for a grove of trees which had been popular for building purposes, and was close by the head of the canal. A few days later he surveyed a townsite which was called Lyman, honoring Theodore Lyman who had taken up land in 1882. The townsite was mostly George Briggs' property and consisted of a square of 49 10-acre blocks, divided by six-rod streets. Each block was divided into four 2½ acre lots. This left space enough for each family to have its own well and keep its own stock on the place.

The year of 1884 was the beginning of the Briggs store. People in the community left orders at the Briggs home for anyone going to Rexburg or Market Lake to bring the few things they needed and leave them at the Briggs place, which was quite centrally located. Later George Briggs worked in Eagle Rock for some time and had to take his pay in store goods (cash was often very scarce in the Upper Valley), so he brought ten gallons of coal oil, a sack of sugar and a case of soap. They sold these in small quantities and when he went to Eagle Rock next he was able to buy a better variety of groceries with the money he earned. From this small beginning their mercantile business grew. His home was on a corner (Lot 2 in Block 34), soon he had a store building on the corner and did a lot of trade.

Youngs (William J., followed by his son Mark) have continuously lived on their lot (Lot 2 in Block 37) until the present time. In about 1885, Luke Briggs received the mail near the site of the present Lorenzo bridge. It was brought there from Idaho Falls, taken across the river by boat; after receiving it there, he delivered it to Rexburg, Teton and Egin. He received cancellation of stamps for the portion carried from Rexburg back to Lyman. His total earning for 9 months was \$7, but his efforts helped Lyman get a post office. Near that time William J. Young obtained his first of three subsequent mail routes. It extended from Lyman, through Independence, Burton, Rexburg and return. Later he applied for a bigger route and was granted one including Lewisville and Rigby. He and his two sons George and Alfred operated these routes until after the railroad bridge was built at Lorenzo in 1899.

Arnolds lived on their lot (Lot 3 in Block 22) until about 1890. Sidney Weekes lived on his homesite (Lot 2 or 3 in Block 35) until about 1887 or 1888. Payns, Joseph, Mary Ann and Hilery, came here in 1883, lived on their farm, east of where the Lyman Church was later built, until about 1895 when they sold their farm and bought some property near the church. They built a home here (Lot 1 in Block 36). Before this they had lived on the route to the ford near the Amos

Allen place, where people from Iona, Willow Creek, and other southern settlements would go each fall to Rexburg to get their grain ground into flour. Mrs. Payn would always call to the travelers: "Come on in, mate, and have a bite," and provide milk and some cake, cookies or just bread and butter to the tired traveler.

There were many who had to ford the river because of necessity. A person never having had this experience could not realize what it meant. The cobblestones on the river bottom were hard, the wheels sliding over the rocks caused the wagon tongue to rock back and forth against the horses and they found footing very unsure and hazardous. The water would often come up into the wagon box and at times it would seem that everything would go down the river. Sometimes there were accidents when either horse or wagon were lost and sometimes both. The Arnolds lost their team this way when they first came here. Briggs in his freighting business had several narrow escapes, using the fords on the Foster, Young or Murphy places.

The homestead laws made it necessary for people to live on the land they "took up" for five years, so mostly people moved out onto their farms, perhaps just moving back to the townsites for two or three months each winter so the children could attend school. The summer of 1884 saw the first school established with Zilpah E. Young as teacher. Only 14 or 15 years of age herself, she willingly took on this work. She was to receive a dollar a month per child -- there were 18 or 20 students. The next year school was taught in the James Murphy house -- two log rooms where Roy Gardner now lives. Cora Sill was the teacher there a few years. Then the district built a one-room log school (Lot 1 in Block 23) where school was taught until the district was divided. Miss Cora Sill, Miss Mary Jane Entwistle, Mr. Byrd Trego, and Miss Florence Adams taught in this school.

The first blacksmith shop was operated by Gideon Murphy. A smithy was a real necessity in pioneer times. Many times the smith evidenced a touch of genius in the equipment he could fashion. The shop was probably located near the Briggs store, in front and a little south of Briggs' big granary. Gideon Murphy moved to Chapin in Teton valley about the year 1887. John Taylor was a smith, but in 1885, he traded his home to the shoemaker, Olaf P. Johanson, and moved up to the Lyman place. Here he put in a dam up Lyman Creek a quarter or half mile and fashioned a water-powered saw mill and made his own lumber for a house. He installed a smithy near his home and did much work to accommodate his neighbors. He had married Ann Foster and it was a year or so later that the Foster and Bates families left here for Teton Basin. The hard work of establishing canals caused them to go -- Teton valley was filled with creeks, any of which could be dammed and turned aside.

The first baby born in the settlement was George Briggs, Jr., born 13 August 1883 to George and Sarah Susannah Briggs. His mother wrote: "When our house was completed it consisted of one room, 14 by 16 feet, without floor or windows. We hung a quilt over the door opening until fall when we were able to buy lumber for a door. For furniture we had a home-made table and cupboard, an old stove, and posts

driven in the ground for a bedstead." Other babies born that season were Elizabeth Reid, born 22 September 1883, daughter of John C. and Jane Reid; and Lois Buckland, born 4 December 1883 to Silas and Luella Buckland.

"In the spring of 1884," wrote Mrs. George Briggs, "we had no seed to plant our land. Grandma Briggs and I prayed earnestly to the Lord to open up the way for us to get seed. One night my husband dreamed that he went over the river and met a man who said, 'Are you the man who has a pony to trade for oats and potatoes?' It was so real to him that the next morning he went to the river, and crossing it, he met the same man he had seen in his dream, and he let him have enough oats to plant six acres of land and a double bed wagon load of potatoes in exchange for the pony. Grandma and I felt that our prayers had been fully answered."

"On July 25, 1885, a thought came into my mind to go with Severin Christensen to the Snake River Valley, after he told me of the land and conditions of this new place, which had been settled about two years." With these words Olaf P. Johanson told of his first entry into the Snake River Valley. Just arrived from his native Sweden where he had filled a mission, the entire experience was new to him. He told of first learning how to put the harnesses on the horses; his first experience riding in a covered wagon, and cooking meals over an open fire. It took them a week to travel from Hyde Park to Lyman. From Smithfield they traveled with Sidney Weekes who was making a return journey.

When they arrived in Lyman August 3rd, they found all the houses filled. "Severin and I cut willows and cottonwood and put up a shanty. Severin had a wagon cover and he put that over us. It was just east of Mark Young's place (the William J. Young cabin)."

"It was soon made known that I was a shoemaker, and the people brought their shoes for mending. It was dry and dusty, and because the wind would gather up the dust from the ground, I had to put my chair on the table so I could sew the shoes and the dust would not blow in my face. Thank the Lord we only lived in this place two days.

"August 5th, John Taylor came and offered his place to me. It was located about half a mile east from where we were. He asked fifty dollars for it. The house was 16' x 18' and about 6' to the roof, and about 7 logs to the square. It was made of large cottonwood logs which had been picked up along the river. The cottonwood was used for the roof and dirt was put on top of it. There was one door on the south and a window on the west. The floor was made of sawed lumber. There was one stable, a well with a curb made of split cottonwood; there was a squatter's right to 160 acres of land, also. I liked the place but it was hard to raise the \$50. Severin had a heating stove which he let John Taylor have for \$17. I was to make a new pair of boots for \$7. That was nearly half the debt and the balance he would take as I was able to pay it. On the 6th of August we moved in." Johanson returned to Utah the next summer and returned to Lyman the fall of 1886 with a bride from Sweden.

Lyman became a branch of the Bannock ward on October 27, 1883, with Sidney Weekes as presiding Elder. Meetings were held regularly in private homes until June

1884, when a little log meeting house was built. In Nov. 1883, William J. Young was made President of the Y.M.M.I.A. March 24, 1884 the first Sunday School was organized with William J. Young as superintendent, George Briggs and Isaac Gill as counselors and Norman Foster as secretary. This meeting was held at the home of Hyrum Simmons, there being 51 persons present. Each week the Sunday School was held in different homes of Roman Seipert, Henry Foster and William J. Young. The Young home was a social center for the pioneers and the hospitality and entertainment of this musically minded family brought much joy and gayety into their lives. They were the proud owners of an organ, the only one in the community, and Brother Young did much to develop the love of music in the hearts of the people.

The first Y.W.M.I.A. was organized on August 30, 1884, with Nora Foster as president. The first Primary was organized February 25, 1885 with Annie H. Weekes as president. Mary E. Robison was the first president of the Relief Society.

On June 5, 1884 at a meeting held in the Amos G. Arnold log home, Lyman branch was organized into a ward with Sidney Weekes as bishop and George Briggs as first counselor. Later, Niels C. Christensen was chosen as second counselor. Stake President Thomas E. Ricks and Elders Heber J. Grant and Wilford Woodruff of the Quorum of the Twelve were present. By July 31, 1885 the total ward membership numbered 137.

On May 18, 1886 a new bishopric was set apart for Lyman Ward by John W. Taylor. It consisted of Amos G. Arnold, Bishop; Dana O. Walton, first counselor; and Hyrum B. Simmons, second counselor. These men served until May, 1887 when Amos G. Arnold resigned and William J. Young was chosen as presiding priest with George Briggs as assistant on May 17, 1887. Lyman again became a branch and was attached to Rexburg First Ward until August 21, 1887 when Samuel A. Wilcox was sustained as bishop. On November 27, 1887 Amos G. Arnold was chosen as first counselor and Hyrum B. Simmons as second counselor. In 1890 Bishop Wilcox selected new counselors, John Castle as first and Thomas Atkinson as second. In 1900 Thomas Atkinson became bishop with Olaf P. Johanson as first counselor and D.A. Osburn as second counselor. They served until the ward was divided.

The first burial ground selected by the citizens of Lyman, Oneida (now Madison) County, Idaho, was located in the field later homesteaded by Enoch Martin, and owned successively by Charles Burns, and Fred Dietrich, and presently (1978) by George Fyfe -- the southeast quarter of section 30, township 5, north range 40, east of the Boise Meridian.

So far as can be determined only three children's graves were located in this burial place, and apparently they were all buried close to each other -- a rod or two west and 500 feet or so north of the house built by Charles Burns. These graves are: William David Murphy, son of Gideon M. and Alice Simmons Murphy, born 14 Jan. 1885; Charles Joseph Weekes, son of Sidney and Annie Bennett Weeks, born and

died 1 July 1885; and Minnie Foster, daughter of Charles H. and Sarah Janett (Nettie) Wilson Foster, born Oct. 1884, and died Sept. 1886. The Foster cabin burned and the little girl lost her life in the fire.

This ground was on a rocky knoll and had other disadvantages, and in the year 1887 a group of citizens set about to select a site for a cemetery. The plot of ground they selected was located near the northeast corner of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section 33, township 5, north range 40, east of the Boise Meridian. At the time his plot of ground was chosen as a cemetery, the land belonged to the U.S. Government. It is located near the edge of the hill; the beautiful, juniper covered mountain makes a choice background for this cemetery.

Among the citizens who were residing at Lyman at the time this cemetery was located were Amos G. Arnold, George S. Arnold, George Briggs, Charles Briggs, and Charles Briggs, Jr., Thomas Bates, Charles Foster, Edward Galbraith, William Simmons, Henry B. Simmons, Henry Foster, Samuel A. Wilcox, Olaf P. Johanson, John Castle, Alfred Higgins, Hyrum Thompson, James H. Murphy, John Reid, Silas Buckland, John Taylor, Willard Weekes, Joseph Payn, David Robison, Sidney Weekes and others. In the spring of 1892, Alanson S. Sutton came west and filed on the land where the major portion of the cemetery plot was located. In September, 1892 a group of the above named men entered into an agreement with Mr. Sutton to purchase the land. Mr. Sutton agreed to give the land (about ten acres) provided that no part of it should ever be used as a "potter's field."

The first burial in the cemetery was Margaret Jane Burt Squires, wife of David M. Squires. She died 19 October 1887, shortly after the birth of her second child. The next year David moved back to Brigham City, Utah, and had his wife's body disinterred and moved to Brigham City. The next burial was Fanny Louisa Higgins Marshall, wife of John Horsey Marshall. She died 27 November 1887, aged 35 years, and left five children, all under 10 years of age. Another early burial was Edith Ellen Bates, daughter of Thomas George and Nora Alberta Foster Bates, born 13 January 1888 and died 23 September 1888.

In 1891, 1895, and 1896 the dread diphtheria struck in the community and many families lost heavily. In 1891 the John C. and Jane Reid family lost four children in five days. In 1895 the Charles and Ellen Briggs family lost two boys and the John and Emily Higgins Castle family lost three children in a few days. In 1896 the Sidney and Annie Weekes family lost three children in two weeks. Several other families lost children through these epidemics.

On April 1, 1899 a mass meeting was held and a cemetery organization was effected with Alanson S. Sutton as president and George Briggs as secretary and Heber C. Robison, Isaac Smith and John Taylor to constitute the rest of the board of Trustees. Under the direction of this group, fence material was provided and a fence built around the cemetery plot; which also included a tract of land on the southeast which was under Alfred Higgins' entry. This fencing also included a tract of land on the northeast of the cemetery plot

which was owned by the United States Government, but was later filed on by John W. Jackson. Alfred Higgins agreed to deed the land to the cemetery organization as soon as he obtained a patent from the government.

In December 1904 the cemetery was surveyed and platted by O.E. Peterson at a cost of thirty dollars. The platting did not include a portion of the cemetery 180½ feet east and west by 210 feet north and south lying near the north side and extending south in about the center of the cemetery where burials had taken place before 1904.

February 4, 1889 excavation began for a new meeting house on the same lot as the old one (lots 3 and 4 of block 34). The snow had to be scraped away and fires built to thaw out the ground. There was a large stand built in the east end of the room, about two feet higher than the main floor, where a set could dance the quadrille. Here the old people would sit and look on while the dancing was in progress. The length of the meeting house was 45 feet, with 24½ feet wide and a 12½ foot ceiling. Pine lumber was used on all the sides. There were three windows on both the north and south sides. They were six feet four inches. The door, seven by three feet, with a transom above the door. The roof was of shingles. Most of the lumber used was brought from the sawmill in Wyoming; they went with team by way of Victor. By going there they were able to get the lumber very cheap. They made more

comfortable benches; each family either made one or paid for one.

Sidney Weekes was a polygamist and spent some time in prison as a result of living his religion. His first wife was Susan Elizabeth Pilgrim and she remained in Smithfield, Utah. Ann Bennett Harris was his second wife, she was the widow of Joseph Harris who was killed from a tree falling on him while working in the mountains.

Another polygamist in Lyman was Alfred Blackburn, whose wives were mother and daughter -- Catherine Briggs, and Mary Jane Entwistle. His first wife lived in Lyman (lot 1 of block 2), while his second wife lived mostly in Rexburg. He, too, served a prison term because of living his religion.

David Robison was a polygamist and a man of God. For many years he served as patriarch in the Bannock (Rexburg) Stake. His third and fourth wives both lived in Lyman, on either side of the road leading to Rexburg. They were Mary E. Grover Simmons and Johanna F. Kafvelstrom. He raised a fine family, many of whom are active in the church, both in Lyman, Archer, and elsewhere.

"May we all strive to pattern our lives after our Pioneer ancestors, who pioneered this great country, and left us a heritage we can never forget."

--Max E. Briggs, September 20, 1978

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## *Pioneering*

### *The Ferries*

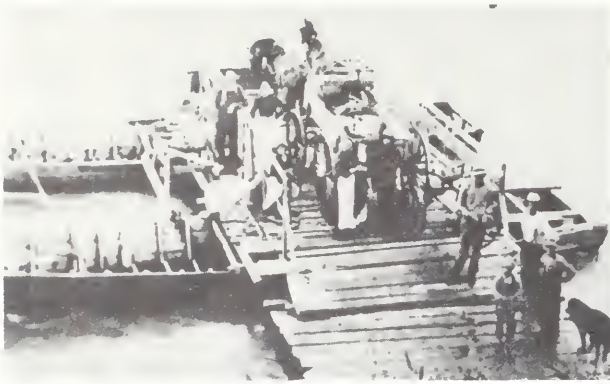
In 1885, population north of the river had grown to 4,253 people. Before the ferries, people north of the river went twice a year to Taylor Bridge (Eagle Rock, now Idaho Falls) for supplies. The trip took about two weeks. Some anchored boats for the return trip. On the way back the men unloaded the wagons and took them apart, rowing them across piecemeal, coming back several times to pick up the loads, then reassembling the wagons and reloading them. The horses swam across. The Briggs family lost a wagon fording the river with a load of supplies for the store; so did the Arnold family and others. These ferries filled a desperate need of the people in crossing a natural geographic barrier.

In 1886 Hyrum Grayle of Butte, Montana, Dan Perry, and C.M. Squires, constructed a ferry on the south side of the Snake River to shorten the route to Idaho Falls and points south. It was located about three miles above the present Heise resort, near Blakeley's. Later the boat was sold and moved downstream to a site on the main river near the Menan Buttes. Prior to this time there had been a wire basket on a cable used to bring supplies and mail across the river. Early settlers remembered going to the river bank and calling to the people on the other side if they had articles to send across. This was a big help, as was the ferry later.

About 1894 Richard C. Heise (pronounced Hice), a traveling salesman, learned from fishermen on the south fork of the Snake River, about the curative powers of the hot springs on the north side of the river. Mr. Heise homesteaded the surrounding land and built it up with a post office, a hotel, a swimming pool and adjacent camp grounds.

About 1900, through the efforts of Mr. Heise and help from the county in building access roads, a ferry was put in three miles above Heise Hot Springs. Thomas Morgan bought this ferry in 1906 when he was 98 years old. About a year later some young ruffians too hard for him to handle persuaded Mr. Morgan to get some help. A Mr. Drake and a Mr. Harrington and perhaps others gave some assistance. Mr. Morgan was still on the job until he was 103. (He died at age 108.) The ferry was operated by members of the Morgan family for many years thereafter.

Ezra Rapp purchased the ferry from Earl Morgan in 1931 and operated it with his sons until the bridge was completed in 1938. Ezra Rapp also hired rodeo stock from Montana and attracted cowboys from a wide area to put on a three-day rodeo on property he owned south of the river near the ferry. He held a July 4 rodeo annually for several years.

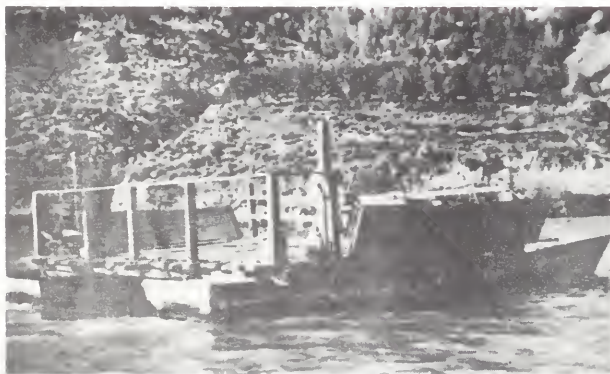


Upper Ferry  
Morgan (with white beard)



Upper Ferry  
Mr. Morgan (with white beard) sitting on side

Because of demand for ferry service, it became necessary to have another ferry. In 1907 Elof Nelson built a ferry and moved to a lower position to take advantage of a better current one mile below Heise. A year earlier, Elof built a house overlooking the ferry position. He and his family lived there. He had a bell which was rung by patrons. Elof and his son, Delos, operated the ferry until Delos went on his mission to England in 1919, at which time they sold to M. Eugene Holt of Salt Lake City.



Lower Ferry

At one time Elof Nelson was maneuvering a car off the ferry, and it kept rolling back. He was keeping track of the safety of his wife, but she moved to the other side of the ferry, and she stepped on a short plank and losing her foot-

ing fell into the river. She struck her head on a rock laying about one-half her scalp back. Mr. Nelson made sure there was no hair in the wound and poured whiskey on the scalp and open wound, laid the scalp back in place, and marvelously it healed. Afterwards she had what appeared to be a natural part in her hair.

A story is told of one family who ferried their cow daily across the river to graze. In the evening the cow was waiting for her ride home.

In 1927 when the Gros Ventre flood occurred, no Palisades Dam stemmed the flow. The logs and other debris were so thick they covered the water. Mrs. Holt from her vantage point in the house on the hill could see a poor old porcupine stranded on a log. As old Porky moved near one end of the log, it would dip into the water, and as he would scramble to get to the other end, he would get wet again. Finally Mrs. Holt saw the log come to rest against the bank and the porcupine was saved.

The force of the debris had torn loose one boat under the ferry. That boat was lost downstream. The ferry platform and the other boat under the ferry eddied around to the north bank of the stream and lodged there. Downstream, Delos Nelson resisted three strong impressions that he should go up the river. Since he no longer had any connection with the ferry, he saw no reason to go, but finally he did. There he found and helped Mrs. Holt retrieve the ferry platform and boat. Mr. Holt was south of the river on his farm land at the time the flood hit and was unable to get home for several days.

The Holts operated the ferry without accident to passengers from 1919 to 1937.

Mrs. Bertha Gavin, daughter of Mr. Heise, decided that a bridge was needed to assure better access to Heise Hot Springs at all seasons. She worked tirelessly for years, seeking help from the state and county. When the old 1899 bridge at Lorenzo was to be replaced, the bridge was dismantled and brought to the lower ferry site, piece by piece, and reconstructed, beginning the fall of 1937. The Holt's ferry was dismantled at this time to make room for the bridge.



The above bridge was over the Snake River at Lorenzo. Through the efforts of Bertha Gavin, the bridge was moved up river just below Heise in 1935. It was replaced recently by a two-lane bridge of steel and concrete.

The contractor, a Utah man accustomed to the small rivers in Utah, was unimpressed by warnings from local residents to hurry the construction before the sharply rising water should occur sometime in the spring. The bridge was reconstructed from both ends to meet in the middle. It was nearly finished when the water began rising rapidly, (with no Palisades Dam to check the flow). Work was speeded up as water shook the bridge. With the bridge vibrating alarmingly, two of the Holt sons helped put in the last bolts which stabilized the bridge. It was Easter Sunday 1938!

*Credits: Foregoing material was secured from Snake River Echoes, Vol. 4, No. 2 and 3, memories of Nelson and Holt families, and compilations of Myrtle Kemington and Mary Stacey Buckland.*

In 1965 a major change was made greatly improving travel between Archer, Ririe and other areas to the south. The Twin Bridges, located approximately three or four miles west of the Bertha Gavin Bridge on the Archer Ririe Highway, made it possible for travelers to have a more direct route.



The first of the Twin Bridges going from Archer to Ririe.



Twin Bridges Park on the island between the two bridges on Archer-Ririe Highway.



The second of the Twin Bridges.



Present day railroad bridge over the South Fork can be seen east of the Twin Bridges. (Built in 1915.)

## Canals

In 1883 the first permanent settlers arrived, Theodore K. Lyman and Silas Buckland. They settled on the north and south sides of what was Lyon Creek, but became Lyman Creek, named for the man who lived on its banks. The land from the South Fork of the Snake River to Rexburg became known as Lyman.

Cyrus B. Hawley also arrived in 1883. He discovered a warm spring along the hillside and with the aid of his sons, Cyrus, Jr., and Will Hawley, and sons-in-law John Hillman and Isaac White, brought water from this and other springs along the hillside down to their homesteads. There was an even flow of water, and though not large, was sufficient to water the large orchard and berry patches and other crops.

About 1886 the early settlers organized the Lyman Irrigation Company. Among those who would not be discouraged were Silas Buckland, Sidney Weekes, John Weekes, Robert Weekes, Samuel Wilcox, Boyd Wilcox, David A. Wilcox, Charles and Wm. P. Squires, Joseph and Hilary Payn, Edward Butler and a Mr. Thompson. It took five years (1891) to get the water through. After the survey was made, the men came with hand plows, slip scrapers, and tongue-scrapers to help with the work. Stone boats were built to bring the rock they needed from the foothills. Slightly below the present railroad bridge was the first canal head.

As the river changed its course, sometimes the canal head was left high and dry for the next season's use. The

head of the canal has been moved gradually upstream. Sometimes their winter's work of riprapping was washed out by the spring high water. At last the head was located at its present site, and it has been possible to maintain it for a number of years, one of the better heads on this side of the river.

The means of holding the river in its course, so water was available to the head of the canal was always a problem. Triangular cribs of logs were built pointing upstream and were filled with rock. Booms made of logs, firmly secured to the noses of the cribs, and pointing upstream, helped to deflect the water in the desired direction. The cribs were fastened by cables to the sides of the river banks. If the river was cutting into the bank at an unwanted place, the men did riprapping, which was dumping into the river, rocks large enough to hold against the force of the river's current.



Riprapping on north bank of Snake River (South Fork). (Men unknown)

A rock boat was a contrivance for moving rock short distances, and where the space was too small for wagons to be used. The rock boat was made by placing two logs parallel about four feet apart. Heavy planks were nailed across the top for a floor. A pole was nailed on each side above the planks and parallel to the logs. A short chain or cable was fastened to one end of the boat, to the ends of the logs to pull against. Teams of horses were hitched to this cable. Rocks too heavy for the men to lift were rolled on to the boat. Teams pulled these boats to the river bank where the rocks were rolled into the water to help control erosion. Whole trees were secured to the rocks with branches downstream to help reduce erosion to the river banks.

Robert Weekes and Henry Sutton became experts at crib and boom making. John Hillman was the powder man. Rock was blasted from the point of the hill near where they were working.

These were discouraging times. John Weekes remembers working thirty-two consecutive days to get water back in the canal in time to save the crops. Men worked winter and summer, often in waist-deep, icy water. Life-threatening situations developed almost every day they worked. James Byrne was president of the company, Boyd Wilcox, secretary, and David A. Wilcox was work foreman. Some days Wilcox was the only man on the job. After

one such day, he reported to James Byrne who listened and then replied, "Stay with it, Dave, and I'll stay with you." And he did. Stockholders gave much credit to these two men for the success of the first canal sometimes called the Byrne Ditch. A shack was built near the canal head. Some men stayed there all winter, struggling against the river. They returned home only for supplies and clean clothes. Their wives struggled on at home. When stockholders became aware they did not have sufficient rights they began leasing water and have done so ever since. They have subscribed for additional water rights in Upper Snake River storage.

In 1897 a new head was constructed to water the higher ground of the people on the canal. This new branch was called the Taylor ditch. It watered part of the Hillman place, the Taylor place, and part of the Buckland place. The ditch turns west at Lee Sutton's corner and runs into the main canal down by the Sunnyside school. There the water is regulated, and if there is too much water, part of it goes through a check and straight on to the river.

In 1902 they reorganized with John Taylor acting president, and Henry Sutton, secretary-treasurer. They renamed the company Consolidated Feeder Canal Company. The purpose was to build a canal which would extend into Burton. After a month's work a report meeting was held and John Taylor became president, Roman Siepert, vice president, with Henry Sutton as secretary. Work was to begin immediately with a wage of \$3.00 for an eight-hour day for man and team and \$2.00 for single hand. The secretary-treasurer was bonded for \$1000, and the directors for \$500.

A contract was let to Webster and Woodmansee to build the canal for \$20,000. As the work went on, one and then another of the stockholders sold his stock. Finally only Sunnyside and Lyman stockholders were left. They were liable for the \$20,000 which they paid by mortgaging their farms. The company had not completed their job, and the company, now reorganized as the Sunnyside Irrigation Company hired their teenage sons to finish the work. The loan was paid to stockholders who didn't really expect to ever be paid.

Water masters were David A. Wilcox (15 years), Ed Galbraith, Emil Niederer, C.M. Hacking, Floyd Wilcox, D.O. Wilcox, Sr., Irvin Byrne, George Munns, Jack Smith, Dick Boulter, Stephen Grover, Bill Allen, Theron Cheney, and Sam Kennington (he served two different times).

## Lenroot Canal

*Quotes from Journal of Olof P. Johanson*

Willard H. Weekes planned the Lenroot Canal and submitted the plans to Edward A. Lenroot and Olof P. Johanson. The idea was to have an independent canal for a few farmers. It was surveyed by Andrew Anderson in the spring of 1891. E.A. Lenroot took out the cut, and got Severin Christenson to do his work for four miles. Severin had two teams ready. He would work one team until they became tired, then let them rest while the other team worked. He finished his work in record time. Willard Weekes also worked. O.P. Johanson started June 1, 1891,



using a team and scraper. By June 20 they had a small ditch ready to where the cut was. In May 1892, work began again. June 1, 1892, water was brought to the Johanson farm. There was considerable trouble getting the ditch to hold water. They put a dam in the slough to raise the stream so they could get water.

In January 1895 the capital stock amounted to \$1104.80 and a little more. There were 110 shares and a little more, at \$10.00 a share distributed as follows: E.A. Lenroot, \$548.40; O.P. Johanson, \$309.50; Willard H. Weekes, \$246.90.

After they had been in operation a few years they found that it was very difficult for a small company to handle a river. The Town or "Square Top" canal people joined with Lenroot people. The canal was enlarged several times and the route changed somewhat. More details in O.P. Johanson history.

## *Floods*

*by Mary Stacey Buckland*

Up to date the histories of Sunnyside have told all the nice things about Lyman Creek; let me tell how very cruel and powerful it was at times. It could bring tons of mud and water down on us with very little warning like in the spring of 1962, Valentines day to be exact.

There was deep snow on the foothills and in the mountains. All of a sudden the weather turned warm and rain began to fall. Ross and I were packed and on our way south for the winter. Ross was very ill and his suffering was not so severe down there. When the rain kept coming he turned to me and said, "I think we had better go back home, we are in for trouble." And he was right. By the time we arrived home the water was coming off the hill bringing everything that would float. It caught in the headgates and bridges damming the water off. Max, Laurence, Steve and Della put on hip boots and took pitchforks and shovels to try and dig the debris loose. I worried that they would be swept away with the current. Gladys and I were getting everything we could move upstairs. Many times during the spring run off Della and Steve had played on the front doorstep with this fishing poles but this time there was no fun or games.

I'm talking about a stream of water 500 feet wide sweeping down on us with a force that was unbelievable. The cattle were in the shed bedded down for the night and when the water started running around them they panicked and climbed up on the manure pile. The boys tried to drive them out into the field but they couldn't get them to budge. One of the cows had a calf which dropped in the water and was carried away by the strong current. The young calves in the pens had to be carried to higher ground. We had moved the cars down in front of the Sunnyside schoolhouse, except for Max's which stood in water up to the windows. Laurence and Eva had taken their small children to her sisters where they were safe.

The long night dragged on and the water rose higher and higher. Our granery and haystacks were standing in three feet of water; our underground gas tank had water

running down one opening and gasoline shooting up out of the other and as luck would have it we had just had the tank filled.

By three o'clock in the morning water was filling our basement. We had a sump pump we used to water our garden so we hooked it up, and I stood on the bottom step of the stairs and held the pump upright while it pumped the water trough the back porch over the sandbag in the doorway and into the river of water running by. When the water raised and was running over the sandbag in the back door like water over a dam I decided I couldn't save the furnace. I went into the front room to see what was going on to find water shooting from the cracks at the side of the front door out across my new carpet. We had only had it a few months.

By morning we felt we had done all we could. One of the boys hooked a tractor on a hoover wagon and backed it up to the back door We loaded the little ones, Della's three: Karen, Cary and Julie, and two of Steve's: Kelly and Sherry, a few clothes and food. Ross was so very ill we decided to move down to Dellas.

It was morning and as I looked back on my home there were tears in my eyes; everything we had worked for for thirty-three years was covered with mud, potato vines and straw.

Then as I turned my head back my eyes caught sight of my precious grandchildren looking out over the river of water that surrounded us. They were in the campershell on the back of our pickup and as the poet said so well, "Perhaps you may have seen one day roses crowding the self same way out of a winding wayside bush." It was then that I took time to thank God we were alive and safe.

We moved again that night after sandbagging Della's home. Willow creek was flooding this area. We decided we would find higher ground again so we ended up at Steve's. We made beds on his front room floor. There was Ross and I, Della, Dean and three little ones, Max, JoAnn and two youngsters. You might call it wall-to-wall people. We did get some rest after many hours.

Next morning the men went back home to check on the cattle. Water was still running everywhere. Our well was full of mud, no furnace, the yard was covered with a foot of mud. The second morning they milked the cows with water running in one door of the milking room and out the other. They would have to sit on top of the milkers to hold them down so they wouldn't float away, they stayed put better when they were full of milk than when they were empty.

And now comes the cleaning up. First of all there was no clean water. I stepped into my back porch, my washer and dryer and also the deepfreeze had to be hauled to the junk. The floor covering was on top of six inches of mud, the basement was half full of a mixture of broken fruit jars. Fall fruit, everything that had been stored down there for years, soaked in the slickest mud you ever saw. Everett and Alta Brindle came and helped. Everett, Dean and Larry carried five gallon buckets full of debris out to his pickup. I don't know how many loads he hauled onto the hill.

The MIA girls washed fruit jars for hours. The county agent said we shouldn't eat any of the canned goods. The

mud in the yard we scraped into a pile as big as our house. The moldy grain and hay we hauled away.

The hour by hour, day by day struggle of trying to salvage and rebuild a home. To know the feeling of heartache and despair one must live cannot be expressed in words. That flood water soaked up the roots we had planted so deep in our Sunnyside home and made it easier to pull them up when due to Ross's health, we were forced to sell and move away in 1963.

The Farm Bureau elected Ross Buckland chairman of a flood control committee, and he in turn dictated letters to me that we sent far and wide appealing for help. Frank Church and Ralph Harding gave of their time and effort and in result, we now have a flood ditch to protect folks living in the Sunnyside area from the spring runoff of Lyman Creek.



1962 flood  
Ross and Mary Buckland's home



Mud, Mud, Mud!

## The Flood of 1962

by Myrtle Kennington

On February 10, 1962, Sunday morning, it was announced in church that we should all go home early because the ward was being flooded. The rain had started early that morning. It was one degree above freezing. The ground had been frozen solidly and was covered with at least two feet of snow. All the canals were drifted full. The rain cut into the tremendous snow pack on the hill and every low place was a waterfall. A five foot wall of water rolled down the country. Milk cans, tractor wheels, logs, hay bales, straw, wood piles, were carried down by the swift current.

When the five-foot wall of water reached Sam Kennington's, the only place the water could go through was their driveway because of the high ditch banks on either side. As it came through it looked like Palisade. It really boiled out. Billy Luthy and LaVar Squires came down in a rubber raft to watch the water go through the driveway. They said water flew sixty feet in the air. It was as high as the telephone pole. When Myrtle opened the door of the house, she said it was just like opening a headgate, letting all the water rush into the basement home. It got within six inches of the ceiling. It took about two weeks to pump it out.

The only humor in the situation was provided by Myrtle's chickens. They were housed in an old school bus, which was flooded until the water went in and out the windows. But they were happy. They could fly from the roost to a steel barrel of wheat that was in the bus. The cover had floated away. The chickens would eat, then lay their eggs, or vice versa, then fly back to the roost. It was a week before Sam could get out there, wearing hip boots, to find the barrel half full of eggs. It was a real hen party. Sam had been working for Ross Byrne and couldn't get home for that length of time.

When the water finally went down, the hole in the driveway would have held a threshing machine. A big telephone pole was washed down which served as a bridge for Myrtle to cross to get down to school to cook for the school lunch program.

When the water came into our place all the phones went out on above us. Jim and Marie Munns had water on their floor, Glen and Bess had it in their basement and on their front room floor. The current was straight through Myrl Weekes' barnyard.

Many homes in Archer had their basements flooded. The flood followed the Lyman Creek drainage pattern, all the low places were flooded, those on higher ground escaped.

When water reached Earl Briggs' home, three men stood ready to try to cut the frozen canal bank but Earl said, "No, that would send it down to the church and my father-in-law, Herman Erickson." It flooded Earl's basement. He lost many valuable records.

The flood stories given are typical of damage to many homes. We urge each family to write their personal stories in their own Books of Remembrance for their posterity.

## Flood Control

There seems to be an ever present need for flood control work along the Snake River bordering our community and within the community along the flood plain of Lyman Creek.

Past residents of Archer-Sunnydell well remember the tremendous floods coming from Lyman Creek during a sudden winter thaw along with warm rains. The snows on the foothills would melt rapidly causing a torrent of water to cascade down Lyman Creek and spread out over the low lands. After the last great flood of 1962, the Army Engineers built a big dike along Lyman Creek just as it reached the first farms and diverted any flood of the future into the Snake River. Now we can all sleep at night when a January thaw arrives.

The Snake River constantly has to be watched during spring runoff. Many times in the past the river has threatened to wash away fertile farm lands and inundate homes near the river, but Civil Defense and the Army Engineers Corps have come to the rescue.

Several men of our community have served as commissioners of the Flood Control District. George Briggs served on the Madison-Jefferson District for four years. Later Marion Hacking was a commissioner. This district encompassed all the Snake River between Heise and Roberts.

The present Flood Control Board has a representative from each county along the Snake River and is an outgrowth of the former board. Representing Madison County as Commissioner of Flood Control District I was Sterling Magleby, who served for twelve years. He was succeeded by Earl Wilcox.

## Dugways

In our hurry to get to Rexburg, we have forgotten the shortcut over the Sutton dugway and across the dry farms. The dugway is located about ½ mile north and west of the old Henry Sutton home. Soil and gravel surfacing have been washed away, but the carefully placed mortarless masonry of lava rock remain a monument to the skill of the hardy men who built it.

The foothills rise sharply from the valley floor, and the drainage pattern has produced many openings to the benchland above. A road followed the base of the foothills just above the canal. Wherever the rock formation allowed, a road or dugway was built to gain access to the higher land.

Many dugways have been improved and are county roads today. Some have been abandoned or changed. The old Squires dugway wound along the west face of the hill to higher ground. From the lower part of this dugway, a road continued north at the foot of the hill to give access to a bridge across the canal and into the Sutton cemetery.

In the 1930's that dugway was abandoned, and heavy equipment took a more direct route for the road to the hills above.

Access to the cemetery was changed and now enters from the road on the west. The Ladies' Study Club planted



Current running through the yards of Myrl Weekes



Strong current rushing toward home of Lamont (Bill) Wilcox's.



Bridge out



Some years heavy snows cause a problem.

the trees now lining the driveway. They also planted some of the trees and shrubs on the grounds. Some of those involved were Eliza Buckland, Mary Liljenquist, Erma Magleby, Mary Buckland, Nell Buckland, Blanche Guymon, Miriam Nelson, Norah Grover, Mrs. Pauline Robison, and others.

## Health Care

There was a scarcity of doctors in the early days of our valley and lack of roads and severe weather made it hard for them to see all the sick and to be present at the arrival of each new citizen. So there were many women called to care for the less serious problems as diseases, child birth and minor accidents.

Some of the early pioneer women who helped care for the sick were Mary Robison, Lydia Foster Sanford, Charlotte Wylie, Fannie McIntire, Mary Wilcox, Ida Weekes, Annie Olson, and Sarah Susannah Briggs. Later Isabel Nelson, Martha weekes, LaVon Weekes, Lucy Burr, Margaret Ann Briggs, Annie Galbraith, Melissa Wilcox and many others answered the call to serve wherever and whenever needed.

Some of the above women also had special training in Midwifery from Dr. Shipp in Salt Lake City, Utah.

During the smallpox epidemic of 1901, Cliff Buckland came down with this dreaded disease. Though the doctor vaccinated the family, still Claude Buckland became ill and fearing that he would expose the rest of the family, lived in a tent in Kelly Canyon until all danger was over.

It was a real act of bravery because he was very ill and could have died alone in his tent so far away.

## Old Pioneer Homes



In 1893, John Taylor, Sr., started to build a house in Sunnyside. He built a water wheel on Lyman Creek and used mowing machine gears to run it fast enough to run a circle saw. He sawed all the lath, window and floor casings from the heavier coarse lumber and planed it by hand.



After the open well with its waist high casing and two buckets on a pulley, the wells were closed in and water pumped by hand. The above pump was on the Herbert and Minnie Johnson Williams home where Viola Erickson now lives. The child is Audrey Williams, sister of Bessie Wilcox.



Pioneer home of Marshall Grover, Sr., Grandma Grover, children, and neighbors. This home was built behind the home now occupied by Delas Munns.

## Post Offices

To continue the history of the post offices that has already been written by Letha Wilcox and Max Briggs, we quote from the National Archives and Records Service, Washington 25, D.C. as follows:

Sunnydell, Madison County, Idaho, established on February 15, 1900.

Discontinued May 15, 1922.

Post masters	Date of Appointment
Fredrick H. Winters	February 15, 1900
Ella Young	December 26, 1905
Ida I. Weekes	August 20, 1906
John P. Burr	September 10, 1909
Oscar E. Mayhugh	May 20, 1918
John P. Burr	May 12, 1919

The United States Official Registers, published biannually, show that Mrs. Weekes was paid \$64, for 1907 and \$83 for 1909. Since Sunnydell was a fourth class office, Mrs. Weekes was appointed to her position by the Postmaster General.

The postal records in our custody do not show the frequency of payment to postmasters or the mode and frequency of transportation of the mail to Sunnydell.

From 1906 to 1914, John Blackburn held the contract for carrying the mail to Archer and Sunnydell. He also carried passengers to Heise Hot Springs Resort.



Blackburn Stage at Heise Hot Springs

In the spring of 1920 Jedediah Snedaker became the new rural carrier. For the first few years of his contract, he met daily at the Wilcox-Hacking crossroads in Sunnydell with Joe Bordenave, who covered the rural area to Heise with a horse and buggy. When Jedediah Snedaker assumed the carrying of the mail, all other post offices except the one at Thornton were closed. He retired in 1950. Clair Bailey of Thornton has been the carrier from then until now - 1980. We have had excellent service from all of our mail carriers.

(For additional information on this and other subjects see History of Lyman by Verge Young.)



Mail Joe - Joe Bordenave

## County Officials

The Archer-Sunnydell Community has provided many county and state officials.

Even before we had a Madison County, C.B. Hawley served as a Deputy Sheriff and United States Marshal for all of southern Idaho.

Zackary Clay was County Assessor of Madison, Fremont, Teton and parts of Jefferson and Clark counties.

Clarence Hillman was a Deputy Sheriff.

George Briggs, Sr., served as County Commissioner of the old Fremont County during the years 1910 to 1914.

Later George Briggs, Jr., served as County Commissioner during the years 1939 to 1946.

Another resident of Archer, John Taylor served the people of Madison County as a Commissioner from 1922 to 1930.

W.I. Holley was a County Commissioner during the 1940's.

Carl J. Johnson served as County Assessor for six years between 1934 to 1940.

One of the noted lawmen of the Prohibition days was Sheriff Harry Munns. He preserved law and order in Madison County for six consecutive terms between 1918 and 1930.

Marion Hacking served as Deputy Sheriff during the years of 1924 to 1929 as an aide to Sheriff Munns.

Marion Hacking again served his county as Probate Judge from 1963 to 1973.

Two members of the Archer-Sunnydell community have served in the Idaho State House of Representatives. Jacob Magleby served during the years 1924 to 1928, and his son, Sterling Magleby, served during the years 1946 to 1948.

A former member of our community, Ford Smith, has had an unusually long period of service in Madison County as Sheriff. He has served 25½ years and is retiring this year.

Robert McIntire was an early Constable of the Archer precinct.

As we go to press, we note that Wayne Beck has just been elected a County Commissioner.

We are proud of the fine service these men have given to their county and state government.

## Industry

The economy and industry of our community has always been strongly linked to agriculture. When the first settlers came into the valley, they were faced with the awesome task of carving farms from a land of sagebrush and tall prairie grass. There were places where the prairie grass would be as high as the stirrups on a horse. Jim Byrne, an early farmer and rancher in the area, used five head of horses on a one bottom plow to break up the ground to make it suitable for farming. The plow would get stuck in the buffalo grass sod. He would have to chop the sod up with an axe to get the plow out.



Can you find John D. Wilcox sitting on the sulky plow, lower left hand corner? Picture shows modern (1912) machinery accumulated to work their dry farm homestead by sons: John E., Orris, and David O. Cabin was home to John E. and family. (Photo by E.L. Liljenquist who developed his pictures in a makeshift dark room in the cellar by the valley home of his father-in-law, John D. Wilcox.)

Early farming was done with horses. Some harvesters required as many as thirty head of horses. All driven by one man from two lines. Most farmers raised their own work horses for use on the farm and also horses for riding. Today Keith Munns raises horses for commercial sale.



Twenty-four head of horses on combine on John Taylor farm.



The hills bordering the community were all open range and provided feed for cattle and sheep. Henry Sutton and Jim Byrne each ran a band of sheep, a band being about 1000 head. John Weekes also ran sheep. The sheep were taken to summer range at Elk Flat and Gam Mountain east of our community and brought back in the winter to be cared for. Later on, others in the area had small flocks and would run them with a co-op band.

In 1890 Alanson Sackett Sutton bought two thousand sheep in Oregon and started to trail them back to Nebraska. As they left Boise they took the wrong trail and winter overtook them near the present site of Burton. They bought hay and wintered the sheep through. When spring came the country to the east of Burton looked so inviting that Mr. Sutton decided to stay and make his home here.

He wrote to his son, Henry, who was farming in Nebraska at that time. Henry and his wife, Emma, and children, arrived here in 1892. The Suttons and others had large herds of sheep for some time. (The lambs in the picture are from the Ross Byrne farm).

As the population of the community grew, and more ground was brought under cultivation, it was necessary to get more water to the thirsty crops. Wells had been dug for culinary use and some springs were large enough to take care of watering stock, but more water was needed for crops. Men worked with teams, shovels and scrapers, hand plows, slip-scrappers and tongue scrapers.



Working with Slip Scrapers on the John Taylor farm.

Boats\* were made to haul rock from the near-by foothills. The head of the canal was difficult to maintain. High water in the spring or the tempermental Snake River's change in course could wipe out accomplishens that the men had worked so hard for. The first canal was completed and the water finally got through in 1891. As more water was needed, more work on the canal system was undertaken. Stockholders in the canal company mortgaged their farms to provide the money needed for the work to be done.

In 1915 the Oregon Short Line Railroad was built through Sunnydell along the hill. The railroad siding was named Byrne because of its close proximity to the farm of James Byrne, an early settler in the area. There were section houses for the men employed there to live in and a small depot. The train came from Idaho Falls and made a large loop through Sunnydell, Walker Siding, Newdale, Parker, past the buttes, and back to Idaho Falls. The train was known to local residents as Sagebrush Annie.



Train crossing Lyman creek in Sunnydell by John and Anne Zooley Foster Taylor's Home.  
Sagebrush Annie, Galloping Goose or Tri-weekly.

Sometimes it was affectionately called the Galloping Goose or even (jokingly) the Tri-Weekly because the train came around once a week and tried all week to go back. Since the Teton Dam Flood, June 5, 1976, a great deal of the track was destroyed and has not been replaced. Today the east belt local originates in Idaho Falls and runs through Orvin, Lincoln, Iona, Ririe, Byrne Siding, Walker Siding, Parkinson, Moody, Newdale and to the canyon rim. Here (since the bridge is out) the train is switched and returns to Idaho Falls. The run is unscheduled, but usually runs up and back later in the day.

A few times a brush fire has been started by sparks from the train which threatened nearby grain crops. But everyone in the community rallied and helped to put out the fires with minimal losses.

The coming of the railroad to the community opened up new opportunities for farming and also brought new business to the area. In 1915 the Sugar Company built a high-line beet dump at Byrne Siding and began receiving beets there. Prior to this, beets had to be hauled to Thornton. The Utah-Idaho Sugar Company rented some of the fertile lands in the valley to grow beet seed. They brought in Japanese to do the hand labor.

Byrne Siding became the site of many different businesses through the years. In 1916, O.E. Mayhugh built a store there. In 1917 Boise Payette built a lumber yard next to the store that handled a large stock of lumber and some hardware. The first manager of the lumber yard was John Buckland, followed by Frank Jensen who was the early owner of the Sterling Magleby farm. The lumber yard filled a real need by providing materials necessary for the erection of homes and farm buildings in this new community.



Beet Dump  
One wagon ready, one being dumped

\*Explanation of rock boat on page 53.



Load of beets. Beets were picked up with a hook on a long knife, tops cut off and beets piled to be picked up later or thrown into wagon box to be hauled to beet dump.

In 1928 the Buckland brothers decided to try raising potatoes. They formed the Sunnydell Potato Growers Association and built a potato cellar at Byrne Siding. Idaho is famous for its russet potatoes, and the potato industry grew in our area. John Weekes built a potato cellar at the Siding. Floyd Wilcox later bought out his interest and bought and sold potatoes. A co-op cellar was built at Byrne Siding in the 1920's by Kenneth and Carl Buckland, Floyd Wilcox, Arthur Niederer, and Jacob and Sterling Magleby. It consisted of 32 bins and a sorting and loading area. Sterling Magleby can recall the time that baking potatoes sold for 50 cents per 100 pounds. The cellar was abandoned many years later during the depression.

Ronald Hill also built two cellars at Byrne Siding. One had a warehouse over it for sorting. It was equipped with washing machines, three sorters, conveyors, air cooling system and furnace. When in operation, it took thirty men for a full crew.

About 1944 George Munns and Richard (Dick) Boulter built two cellars at Byrne Siding and sold potatoes under the name of Boulter and Munns. Dick ran the store at the siding and lived in the back. Everett and Myrtle Clay had owned the store previous to that.

Delmoe Cook also stored and sold potatoes at Byrne Siding for a few years.

In more recent years, Jess and Stan Sutton ran the potato warehouse at the Siding as a fresh pack operation along with Jess's sons, Steve, Lee and Garth. They bought some potatoes but mostly sold their own.

The Midland Elevators had a grain shipment operation at Byrne Siding. Delmoe Cook ran this. Later, the San Diego Fruit and Produce Company rented the Midland Elevator buildings and packed fresh peas in ice for shipment that had been grown on the rented ground of Jim Byrne.

A large wood grainery was built next to the tracks at the Siding by Russell Grover, Herman Zollinger, and Ed



Potato cellars, warehouse and grain bins owned by the Sutton Brothers who run 3,000 acres of potatoes, grain and hay.



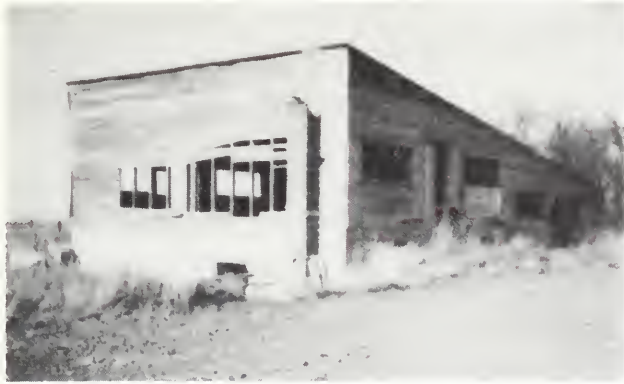
Sacks of grain stacked for delivery.

Covington, which is still in use today. In 1960 Mark Grover bought some of the ground at Byrne Siding. The store is now used as a family residence.

One of the early industries in this area was the planting of fruit trees and subsequent harvesting of the ripe juicy fruit. Many of the early settlers planted their own small orchards to care for their family needs. A Mr. Kruger, who owned the farm now known as the Budge Clay and Keith Clements



farms, decided the growing of an apple orchard might be a rewarding project.



This deteriorating warehouse is all that is left of the once thriving Kruger orchard.

When the orchard was planted, it covered about ten acres of land both east and west of the railroad tracks. A warehouse (still standing) was built next to the tracks and when the apples were ready for market a large crew helped pick and prepare the apples. Mr. Kruger sold Wealthy, McIntosh, and Delicious apples, and some cherries, apricots, peaches and pears. Later in the 1920's and early 1930's Clem Smith was owner of the orchard, and he made a great deal of apple cider which he generously donated for ward parties.

Another orchard nearby was owned by a Mr. C.B. Hawley. The land was engineered by Little Ike Smith, father of Sophia Smith Young and grandfather of Verge Young and Vera Robison, who leveled the land so it could be efficiently irrigated and cultivated and planted the trees. Some of the fruit trees are still on the Walt Bybee farm. This orchard was about five acres. They grew pears, peaches, apricots, plums, apples, and cherries. There were also melons, grapes and berries. Water for this orchard and also some of the homesteads near the hill came from a number of springs located a mile or so above the Hawley farm. A ditch was dug in the side of the hill to get the water to the orchard.

Bishop O.P. Johanson also had a small orchard and sold many apples of the Gano variety.



Bishop and Louisa Johanson ready to market their load of apples in Rexburg, or along the way.

The Schuyler Clay orchard of about five acres of apple trees was located on the present George Munns farm directly south of his home. Orris Wilcox had the orchard for many years before George Munns bought it.

The big problem with the fruit growing industry was the late frosts in the spring and the early frost in the fall. The growing season just wasn't long enough. Some years the crop was frozen in the bud. It proved to be an uncertain venture and after a few years was discontinued.

Today many residents of our community have their own berry patches which helps to keep them out of mischief for the summer. The Marion Cheney family have their fruit farm and together market raspberries, strawberries and other vegetables and fruits. Jack and Marjory Wilcock have the latest berry farm and, with the family, harvests hundreds of cases of raspberries each week of the harvest season.



A fall scene of part of the Wilcock raspberry patch.



Part of the Marion Cheney raspberry patch.

Many early homes in the area as well as the L.D.S. tabernacle in Rexburg, the administration building and old gymnasium building on the Ricks College campus, our Archer Ward Church House, Lyman Chapel, schools, and many monuments in the area were made with an off white color sandstone. There were three rock quarries in this area that provided the stone for these buildings. Al Higgins operated a quarry which he sold about 1900 to Charles Briggs. The quarry was about one and one-half miles south and east of Byrne Siding. The last large piece taken from this quarry weighed eleven ton and was hauled to Heise Hot Springs. It was used as a marker for Richard C. Heise. It can be seen today across the street north of Heise Hot Springs.

William Wylie had a quarry about one-half mile north and east of the Briggs quarry. Josiah and Heber Blackburn had a quarry about one and one-half miles south. In this quarry was also some pink rock which was used for trim.

The rock was blasted and cut in sizes desired by contractors. It was hauled on wagons drawn by four, six, or eight

horse teams to locations of use. When the railroad came through in 1915, a great deal of rock from these quarries was shipped to other areas from Byrne Siding. The last carload to be shipped from the Blackburn quarry was used in a church in Pocatello.

There is also a rock quarry still in use today by the Squires Dugway. This quarry is owned by Ross Byrne and leased to the Army Corps of Engineers. They use the rock for flood control along the Snake River.

The productivity of the land was greatly enhanced with the advent of the sprinkler system for irrigation of land that was too steep or rolling for conventional methods of irrigation. In 1949 Ross Byrne put in the first sprinkler system in our area on 70 acres of ground. Today sprinkler systems are a common site in our community and provide jobs for the youth in pipe changing.

In order to make full use of their farms and to have an additional source of income, most farmers have added cattle to their farming operation. This is a means of utilizing feed and at the same time adding needed fertilizer to the soil. A few men have set up feed yards, summer pastures and cow-calf operations and have gone into cattle raising and feeding on a larger scale. These include Ross and Laurence Byrne, the Wilcox Brothers, Sterling and John Magleby, the Burns Brothers, the Munns Brothers, George Munns, Stan Sutton, Brent Grover, Bill Luthy, Dale and Leonard Clements, and Steve Sutton. Not all of these men are still in the cattle business, but have helped to bring added industry to our area.



Brent Grover's feed yard.



Sterling and John Magleby's summer pasture.



Rulon Wilcox, Bill Luthy, and Lamont (Bill) Wilcox branding cattle.



Larry and Chad Weekes' Grade A Dairy



Bill Luthy at work in his dairy barn.

Since Ross Buckland built the first Grade A Dairy in our community, there have been many farmers who have added dairy cows to their farm operations. Among these are Lind Robison, Kenneth Hacking, Gordon Niederer, Spencer Orr, LaMont (Bill) Wilcox and son, Gilbert, Stanley Nielson, Bill Luthy, Larry and Chad Weekes, Chester Nelson, and Bert Howell. Instead of milking cows by squirt, the modern dairyman has a milking parlor and the latest of equipment to carry the milk by pipe to a bulk truck which transports it to the cheese factories.

Cheese making in Archer started in 1924. Plans to increase milk production started a few years before. David Manwaring, a secretary at the Nelson Ricks Creamery Company at Rexburg, Idaho, in connection with his father-in-law,



Herman Erickson and sons' dairy barn. In the early days one part was used to grind flour for himself and others.

John Hart, who was a banker in Rigby, Idaho, shipped into this vicinity many dairy cows from Wisconsin and Oregon. They sold them to farmers to increase milk production. Because of this, many factories were started in the valley. The one in Archer started in the abandoned rock school house still standing across the street north from Sutton's store. Manwaring took care of the bookkeeping and management of the new cheese factory. To begin with, cheese makers from the Nelson Ricks plant in Rexburg gave instructions and demonstrations on how to make cheese. From 1924 to 1943 when the plant closed down, the following men operated and assisted in running the one man plant in the following order: Carl J. Johnson, Alvin Erickson, Gerald Jeppson, Cal Neilson, George Walker, Alf Hubbard, and LeRoy Hardy. All of these cheese makers later worked with Nelson Ricks Creamery Company. Joel Robison and Ernest Weekes were milk haulers and were noted for their prompt and regular deliveries. Oswel Wilcox, Jr., was a milk hauler in the upper part of Archer. All of these men did grocery shopping for their customers also.



Schoolhouse later used as Cheese Factory across street from Archer Merc.

Chickens were a very necessary part of every farm until the last few years. Not only were they used for meat but for the eggs they layed each day and for the constant strident cock-a-doodle-do at 5 a.m. every morning that started us off on our days work.

Among the largest of the chicken and egg producers were Jesse and Gwen Sutton, Marion and Alice Cheney, Howard and Ethel Allen, and Walt and Zella Bybee.



Howard Allen Chicken Coop.

Our community has had a store since the very early settlers put down roots here. George Briggs, Sr., started the first store at the same location where Howell's store is today. He hauled produce and dry goods from Market Lake (near Roberts). Others who have run the store at that location are Frank Burns, Bert Luthy, Albert Aeschbacher, Elmo Robison, DeLore Grover, Learin Terry, Leston Woods, and today it is run by Bob and Romma Howell.



Howell's Kountry Korner grocery store.

About a mile further east Henry Erickson had a store. Others who have run that store are Steve Grover, Maylon England, Kent and Wendy Woods, and today it is run by Stan and Pauline Sutton. Englands also ran a store across the road to the east for a short time. Then this building was taken over by a Mr. Hoover who ran a taxidermy shop there for a short time.



Henry Erickson store.



Left to right: Ellen (Mrs. Charles) Briggs, affectionately known as Aunt Nellie; Florence Briggs, daughter of George Briggs, Sr.; Mrs. George Briggs, Sr., owner of store.



Sutton Grocery

With the strong emphasis on farming in the community, there was always a need for blacksmiths and mechanics. John Taylor was probably the earliest known blacksmith in the area dating to 1885. Others were Gid Murphy, William Fyfe and Robert McIntire. Ray Drowns had a shop across the street from the George Briggs store. In later years, Howard Erickson built a garage onto Henry Erickson's store and was a mechanic there. Kendall Davidson later took this shop over and was a mechanic there for many years. Mel Wilcox also helped many farmers to see that their machinery was kept in good working order. He worked from a shop behind his home. Many times he would build parts that couldn't be obtained elsewhere. Newell Piquet had a mechanics shop next to his home. Clayton Grover has a mechanic shop next to his home. Elden Lauritzen also runs a mechanic shop next to his home.



A typical Blacksmith Shop - Fred Jensen, Thornton.



Lauritzen Repair Shop

A very recent industry to come to our community is that of Peterson's Room Dividers owned by Brent and Dixie Peterson. Room dividers are made here and shipped all over the United States. His shop is the only one operating today.



Home of Peterson Room Dividers.

Farming has always been the life blood of our economy. We have always been a community of farm folks. Many kinds of crops have been grown beginning with the small grains, seed peas, radish seed, sugar beets, corn, potatoes, and hay. Weather and prices often change the crops grown, but come spring, every farmer is busily engaged in his favorite occupation. From the first scant yields of grain on virgin soil, to the present modern irrigation, selected seeds, modern methods of weed control and fertilization, our farms are yielding crops beyond even the fondest dreams of the pioneer settlers.



Try to find 6'6" man, LaMar Wilcox, in the corn.



Harvesting potatoes the hard way.



Recent exhibition of ground power threshing machine.



Horse powered threshing machine

Bishop Russel Grover had a cart pulled by a shetland pony which gave much pleasure to the children at Primary Carnivals and other entertainments, as well as his own grandchildren.

Rass (Erastus) Weekes had a donkey. His Uncle Marvin Wilcox had traded an Ingersol watch for the animal and sold it to Rass for 75 cents. Everywhere Rass went he took the donkey, and wherever he went he gave rides to his young friends. Rass lived with his mother and stepfather, the Yanceys, who bought land from Joe Lewis, a bachelor who lived with Schuyler Clay. The Yancey's then lived where Vive Larson now lives, and it was here Rass had the donkey. The Yancey's subsequently moved to LaBelle. Rass and his wife, DeLila Niederer, now live at Sugar City.

### *The Good Ole' Days*



Steam engine thresher with bell.



Harveting grain on the John Grover dryfarm.



Horse and buggy days (men unknown). Note the grain stacks and the straw stack behind the horses.



Putting up hay with a derrick.



Harvester Crew: Henry Taylor (front) fourth from right with bib overalls and white band on hat, children: Ross and Vera Buckland.



Steam locomotive threshing machine

## Transportation



Sleigh built in Melvin Wilcox's shop by Melvin and Rulon Wilcox and Bill Luthy. Bill painted the designs on the sides of the sleigh.



Typical buggy of the early days.

## Church and School

Social life for the early settlers of Archer and Sunnyside was centered in the home, church and school. Families and neighbors spent evenings together having candy pulls or making popcorn balls, or sometimes in singing. Then when the church was built and the auxiliaries were organized, the choir held singing practices every week and held parties as they visited homes or had sleighing parties. The MIA sponsored dances, concerts, road shows and plays. The ward held reunions in the hills and went huckleberrying together; the Relief Society held sewing bees and bazaars, and scouts had camping and fishing trips. Sleighing was a favorite pastime in the winter for the young people and listening in on the party line telephone was a pastime and necessity for the elderly.

Schools provided programs, plays and parties which were attended by everyone.

Dances were a real part of the social life here in our community. First they were held in the churches, then schools, until the Erickson Dance Hall was erected and the Young Orchestra was available to play for the dances.

Almost all the entertainment was home grown and satisfying until the advent of the automobile and the snow plow which opened up a whole new field of entertainment outside of the community.

The first meeting house in the community, built about October 1884, was located a little east and south across the street from the old Briggs store. Dimensions were 25 feet by 18 feet, and an 8 foot ceiling. There were two windows north, 2 south, a door in the west. Seats were axe-hewn plank set on blocks of wood. A table served as pulpit, and planks around the wall for seats. Meetings and entertainments were held here.

The second meeting house (also log) was started in February of 1889 and was located a little south of the first



Typical buggies of the early days.



LYMAN WARD SUNDAY SCHOOL, August 1898, in front of old log church house.

(This building was used by ARCHER WARD from its organization in March 1902 until the Rock Church House was built about 1913.)

Back Row: (double row): Hyrum Simmonds, Charles Briggs, Adrian Wilcox, John Castle, Bishop Samuel A. Wilcox, Fred Robison, Amos Atkinson, Chloe Wilcox Robison, Celia Simmonds (in front), Amanda Simmonds, George Young, Charles Cook, Minnie Wilcox Turner, Arch Galbraith, Olat P. Johanson, George Briggs, Jr., Hyrum Thompson, Ethan Young, Charles B. Briggs, Louisa Johanson (in front).  
 Next Row: Marshall Grover, Alma Castle (straw hat), Iva Lenroot, Emily Castle, Ozula Atkinson, Bertha Thompson, Leona Galbraith, baby Martha Galbraith, Myrtle Young, Esther Briggs, Herb Galbraith, George Robison, Ivan Robison, Robert Young, Elmer Atkinson (S.S. Supt.), William Squires and baby Melvin Squires.  
 Next Row: Adrian Cook (no hat), Seth Grover (black hat), Frank Galbraith, Adolph Olson, James Tea, Joseph Tea, Lillian Young, Selma Khelin, Pearl Briggs, Effie Robison Jensen, Maud Wilcox Squires.  
 Next Row: (half row from left, ending with girl in print dress and flowered straw hat): Elmer Robison, Minnie Johnson, Hannah Simmonds, Ada Wilcox, George Martin, Alfred Blackburn, Lorena McIntier (dark blouse).  
 Front Row: S. Fowler (boy with brimless hat, hands in pockets), Susan Weekes, Mary Ann Briggs, Hazel Wilcox, Alice Briggs (in front of Hazel), Belva Simmonds, Pearl Galbraith (white dress and hat, center front), Florence Briggs (large, dark hat), Leah Young, Grace Squires, Ellen Briggs, Carl Johnson, Lelen Weekes, and Laurence B. Squires.

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ARCHER WARD SUNDAY SCHOOL, in front of old log church, 1909.

- Back Row, center: Joseph Burns, Seth Grover.
- Next Row (double row): Dewey Niederer, Linus Burns, Lester Briggs, Melvin Squires, Thomas Jeppson, Henry Briggs, Florence Briggs, Edward Smart, Laurence Squires, Mary A. Briggs, Arthur Niederer, Blanche Young, Carl Johnson, Oscar Nielson, Frank Burns, Ellen Briggs, Minnie Johnson, Luke Briggs, Wayne Cheney.
- Next Row: Orrin Jeppson, Gerald Jeppson, David Robison, Floella Robison, Nina Bunnell, Ronella Squires, Lula Jeppson, Alma Briggs, Rulon Cheney, Rachel Briggs, Leah Bunnell, Mark Young, Edward Briggs, Emil Niederer, Roxey L. Jeppson.
- Next Row: Clara Briggs (Jim's), Althea Briggs, Eva Young, Earl Young, Clara Briggs (George's), Susie Burns, Isaac Briggs, Olin Jeppson, Charles Dale, Henry Burns, Charles O. Jeppson and baby Ann Jeppson.
- Next Row: Alice Blanthorn, Mame Robison and baby Earl Robison, Anna Olson and Verna Olson, Margaret A. Briggs and baby Aramitha Briggs, Edith Briggs, Glenn Squires, Albert Blanthorn, Lawrence Burns, Susannah Burns, Esther Burns, and baby Irvine Burns, Jeannette Young and baby Curtis Young, Alf Young.
- Front Row: Margaret E. Briggs, Beulah Bunnell, Geneva Niederer, Alice Briggs, Olof P. Johanson (Sunday School Superintendent), Leah Young, Treva Young, Francis Briggs, Clyde Niederer, Lionel Young, and Phares Young.

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ARCHER WARD OFFICERS about 1910

Front Row: Leah Young (Nelson), Martha Burns (Mrs. George, Jr.) Briggs, Minnie Johnson (Williams), Blanche Young (Grover), Lucy Wilcox (Mrs. John) Burr.  
 Second Row: Florence Briggs (Smart), Carl J. Johnson, Oscar B. Nielson, Olof P. Johnson, Arthur Niederer, Susannah Blackburn (Mrs. George, Sr.) Briggs.  
 Third Row: Luke Briggs, Margaret Ann Galbraith (Mrs. Luke) Briggs, Alice Kimber (Mrs. Wm.) Blanthorn, Jeanette Sharp (Mrs. E.A.) Lenroot, Esther Briggs (Mrs. Frank) Burns, Anna H. Anderson (Mrs. Hans) Olsen, Roxcy L. Blackburn (Mrs. Charles O.) Jeppson, Mary Ann Briggs (Mrs. George) Weekes, Thomas Jeppson.  
 Back Row: Ed. A. Lenroot, Charles O. Jeppson, Ellen Briggs (Tea), George Briggs, Jr., Mary Briggs (Niederer), Wm. Blanthorn, Charles Burns.



Second Log Church  
Remodeled as part of a barn now at Lind Robison's.



Old Tithing Granary  
Sill standing across from Howell's store.

meeting house. Snow was removed and fires built to thaw the ground. The house was about twice the size of the existing one and sported a shingle roof. It measured 45'x24½'x12½'. Pine timber was on all sides, three windows south, three windows north, door in the west with transom above. In the east end of the building was a large stand about 2 feet built above the floor level where a set could dance the quadrille and the old people could sit and watch.

In 1912 Eliza Buckland helped organize a group of ladies who spent time fixing the school ground and school house. They started a small library and raised funds to buy an

organ. During World War One, that same group became members of the Red Cross and turned out as much knitting, sewing and contributions as any chapter in the county. In 1935 they banded together and started a little club known as the Sunnyside Study Club. They raised money and bought kitchen equipment for the new school house. One of the last projects was the planting of the trees leading down the lane to the Archer Cemetery.

She served on the state, district, and local boards of the P.T.A. and was also a member of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers.

Eliza was in the first group of farm people who in 1927 organized the Archer Grange in Madison County. She organized Granges for more than 25 years.

Archer had its Book Club to stimulate the reading and reporting of good books.

## Education

As soon as homes had been built and tilling of the soil commenced, it was felt necessary to provide education for the children. The first school in Sunnyside was held in the home of Marvin Cook whose land was later sold to D.A. Wilcox. Marvin Cook's wife, Laura, was the first teacher. School was held in one room. The next year or two Silas Buckland permitted the school to be held in his granary. The following summer Dave Wilcox and Silas Buckland went up in the hills and got out logs which they used in building a log school house on the ground where the Sunnyside School now stands. It was a crude building but the best they could build because of lack of finance. The Sunnyside School District was designated as District No. 39.

After a few years this building was replaced by a one-room rock building with the rock coming from a quarry a few miles east in the hills. Later a partition was used to divide the room into two sections and two teachers were hired.

It was in 1910 that Samuel P. Oldham and Mabel Weekes taught school on opposite sides of an eight foot wainscoting divider in the first Sunnyside rock school. Some children thought it fun to toss objects over this partition. A large bell hung in the little belfry above. It was a special privilege for a child to be allowed to pull the rope that rang the bell.

The next year two sisters came to Sunnyside from the Midwest. One, Pearl Eldora Lewis taught in Sunnyside, and her sister, Opal Dee Lewis, taught at the Herbert school about five miles straight east on the Rexburg bench.

In March 1930 this rock school burned down in the early morning before the pupils had arrived. The only thing saved was a pencil sharpener. The remainder of the school term found the students attending school in the lumber yard at Byrne Siding.

A new rock building was constructed during the following summer, using the rock from the burned building and new rock as needed. The new building was completed in time for the new school year. The building consisted of two large rooms and a full basement. It was heated by a modern stoker coal furnace and water came from a deep well. It even had



Sunnyside School - 1930

double restrooms. The basement was used for meetings of the Sunnyside Branch Sunday School and Primary, dances, banquets, and basketball games.

The upstairs rooms were for four grades each with a teacher for each room. The students were seated in rows according to their grade.

This schoolhouse was used until the consolidation of the Archer and Sunnyside schools. After being vacant for a few years, it became the home of Ezra and Mary Liljenquist who made it into a beautiful, cozy haven.

## Archer Schools

In the spring of 1884 there were quite a number of small children in the Archer-Lyman area and the parents began to wonder what to do for them in the matter of education. There were no schools yet but Zilpah Young, a girl of 15 years, was asked to teach the children in her home for the sum of one dollar per month per child. There were eighteen to twenty children, some of them larger than the teacher but the parents were well pleased with her work.

In 1889 after the second log church was built, it was used for a school. After the division of the school district, the Archer school was held in various places until 1900 when William Squires, Edward Lenroot and O.P. Johanson were elected trustees. They chose a spot for the new school and a log building was erected north and east of the Briggs store.

When the school northeast of the Briggs store was outgrown, a lot of pressure was exerted to build a school nearer the hill. A happy medium was reached by building a two room rock schoolhouse one mile east of the old school. After just a few years, it too, was outgrown. (The building was used for a dwelling for a short time and later converted into a cheese factory, and more recently to a workshop, garage, and storage building.)

On a lot where the Erickson cinderblock shop now stands, stood an old two-room log cabin (formerly the Safford home) with a dirt roof. It was used for two seasons for freshman and sophomore high school classes. Mr. Johnson was the teacher, very strict, they said. The school was referred to as the Wild Cat College on Coyote Knoll.

Sunnyside was suffering growing pains, too. The district was divided. The building was then able to accommodate the pupils. Sunnyside kept its school until the district was

consolidated, when several small schools were closed. Because of crowded conditions, it was decided to rent the Herman Erickson Dance Hall for two seasons. Temporary dividers, eight feet high created four classrooms. In each room was a pot-bellied stove with a stovepipe extending out the window. The children remember it was not very warm. Principal was Miss Johnston; other teachers were Eugene Nutt, Mamie Hall, Ed Oldham, Miss Pearl Lewis, Blanche Collins. A new building was in the works, but not ready; so makeshift conditions continued a little longer.

For part of a year, Clarence Hillman taught the seventh and eighth grades in the Relief Society room upstairs in the Archer Ward rock building. Later in the year they moved into the new four-room brick building during the 1915-1916 school term.

Several years later (early 1930's) an addition was built, containing a gym, stage, rest rooms, a principal's office, and two classrooms. Later on (early 1940's) one of those classrooms was converted into a lunch room. This building was used for many dances, parties, and events of many kinds that had formerly been held in the Erickson Dance Hall.



Front view of Archer School taken 1980.

## Archer Ward Chapel (Rock building)

August, 1912, the new bishopric, O.P. Johanson, Charles O. Jeppson, Samuel P. Oldham, and clerk Carl J. Johnson met to discuss need for a new meeting place. Matters were presented to the priesthood of ward and stake who agreed. Charles M. Squires was asked to draw up plans. In December plans were made for laying out a small townsite, and a building committee appointed: O.P. Johanson, Charles O. Jeppson, S.P. Oldham, George Briggs, Jr., E.F. Grover, Luke Briggs, Wm. P. Squires, D.O. Wilcox, John Weekes, Chris Nielson, Herman Erickson, and Ed. Oldham. A canvass of the ward was made for funds. They received \$2500 in notes (half in cash, half in labor), and promises of \$1,000.

February 17, 1913 the committee met and decided to start work at once. Next day the site was staked out and hauling of rock began from the Charles Briggs quarry. C.M. Squires was architect and contractor. Melvin Squires,

Lawrence Squires, Thomas Jeppson, and Wayne Cheney were the permanent crew. Henry Burns and George Young were added to the crew, and others as needed when the finishing drew near. C.W.& M. (Consolidated Wagon and Machine Company) of Rexburg ordered two cars of planks, bridge timber, and lumber from Oregon which came to Thornton. It was hauled by wagons to Archer and piled up.

November 29, 1913, a ward reunion and Thanksgiving dinner and program were held in the new building. Stake President Mark Austin was there. He gave a \$100 donation and complimented the ward for such a splendid job done in so short a time. Next day the first Sunday School, MIA, and other meetings were held there. The building was long in being paid for, World War I and the flu epidemic intervening. The total cost of the building and fixtures was \$7,465.98. At a ward conference, held May 18, 1919, the building was dedicated by President Mark Austin. It was a joyous occasion.

The building was still sound, but too small, and was removed after the new chapel was dedicated December 12, 1954.



ARCHER WARD BUILDING COMMITTEE

Back Row (L. to R.): Herman Erickson, John Weekes, D.O. Wilcox, Sr., Samuel P. Oldham, Wm. P. Squires.

Front Row: Charles O. Jeppson, Olof P. Johanson, George Briggs, Jr., Ed Oldham.

Not present for picture: E.F. Grover, Chris Nielson, Luke Briggs.



Archer Ward Chapel 1913-1954



Scout House 1935-1954



RELIEF SOCIETY - 1947

Front Row (L. to R.): Officers. Ruth Clay, Myrtle Kennington, Opal Clements, President, Trieste Robison.

Second Row: Leal Cheney, Martha Briggs, Hannah Briggs, Lucinda Smith, Bessie Whittaker, Zelda Wilcox, Norma Robison.

Third Row: Veda Weekes, Tressa Niederer, Leah Weekes, Mable Briggs, LaVerne Hacking, visitor, Edna Hill, Martha Hacking.

Fourth Row: Martha Weekes, Fannie McIntire, Isabel Nelson, Winifred Rawles, Pearl B. Weekes, Jeannette Sharp, Bertha Young, Bertha Jeppson, Alice Tea, Mabel Reno.

Back Row: Areva Packer, Frona Erickson, Ehtelyn Erickson, Martha Erickson, Bessie Erickson, De Veda Erickson, Lulu Cook, Leah Weekes. Erma Magleby and Rachel Sutton were stake board visitors and attending another ward.

## Scout House

Elof Nelson with his troop of Boy Scouts went to the mountains for a week of fun and work. Object: to procure enough logs to build a house the scouts could call their own, nice enough to deserve admiration and respect, one durable enough to resist rough use, one the boys would help create themselves and so appreciate it more. The house fulfilled all this and more. It was used as a classroom and for many parties and exhibits. When the new chapel was to be built upon the site (1953), the building was sold and moved to a hillside overlooking Heise Hot Springs where it now serves as a novel dwelling place.

## New Brick Chapel

Fund raising for the new chapel was conducted under the leadership of the building committee. Members were chairman Glenn Sharp, Russell Grover, Sterling Magleby, Keith Clements, Lillis Sutton, Rulon Wilcox, George Nel-

son, Bernarr Erickson, Eldon Robison, Kenneth Hacking, Ronald Hill.

Many fund-raising projects were initiated. Some were: dinners, entertainments, plays, dances, food sales, bazaars, auctions, talent shows, cash donations, and a minstrel show which was performed at Archer, Lyman, Burton, Hibbard and in two Rigby wards. The photo was taken at Burton January 26, 1948.

Construction of the new chapel began May 8, 1953. Thousands of hours and dollars were donated to the construction and furnishing of the building. Last meeting in the old rock chapel was held December 5, 1954 at which time Mae Davenport took pictures of the assembled members. The following Sunday, December 12, 1954, the new building was the place of meeting and thanksgiving. Dedicatory prayer was given by Sterling W. Sill.

The ward was pleased to share the new chapel for eleven months while Lyman Ward was constructing a new chapel (July 26, 1965 - June 26, 1966, Lyman's dedication date).



Front Row sitting on floor (L. to R.): Mark Young, Vema Grover, Lawrence Squires, Verge Young, Trieste Robison, Vera Robison, Elva Robison.  
Middle Row seated: Agnes Orr, Jeannette Sharp, Marshall Grover, Dean Robison, Lucien Young, Interlocutor (M.C.) Norman Erickson, Sam Grover, Ollie Wilcox, Glen Squires, Ford Smith, Clem Young.  
Back Row standing: Endman Eldon Robison, Glenn Sharp (building committee chairman), Coach Velma Burns, Evalyne Grover (make-up), Mark Grover (production crew), Bessie Wilcox (accompanist), Floyd Wilcox, Erna Grover, Clayton Grover, Melva Grover, LeRoy Hare, Martha Erickson, Bernarr Erickson, Kenneth Hacking, Ethelyn Erickson, Endman Howard Allen, Newell Piquet, and Carl Grover (production crew).  
Not present for picture: George Nelson, Theron Cheney, Rachel Sutton, Pearl B. Weekes.



Present day chapel (1980), dedicated December 12, 1954.

## *Social Life*

Music has always been a real part of both the church and community in the Archer-Sunnydell area.

It all began with the William J. Young family who settled here in 1883 and brought with them the gift of music. In the Archer Ward history written by Bishop O.P. Johanson we find this short paragraph--

“William J. Young, a pioneer of 1883 together with his talented family, have done more than anyone else in promoting and developing a musical atmosphere in this locality and have charmed us with their harmonious voices.”

The story of William J. Young began, according to family tradition, when he chose to herd sheep barefooted using the money earned to buy music lessons instead of shoes. His life was filled with music and he did leave a great legacy of music to his family which has been handed down for generations and has spread all over the west wherever members of the family have lived.

The Young family learned to sing as a family — and in solo, duet, trio, and quartet. Each member also learned to play at least one musical instrument. The family organized a family orchestra in 1905 and played for many years at the Erickson Dance Hall. The original group featured Myrtle Young Pratt at the piano, Alfred on the trumpet, Robert as violinist, Clem on the trombone and Laurence B. Squires as drummer. They played many old time favorites such as the “Varsuviane,” Walz, quadrille, 3 step, Berlin Polka and reels.

Before long the orchestra was in great demand to play

for dances four or five nights a week in towns ranging from Ashton to Pocatello, West Yellowstone, Medicine Lodge and Dubois.

As orchestra members married or moved to other communities, their places were taken by nieces and nephews and in-laws. But wherever a member of the family moved, they immediately became involved in forming their own orchestra, in teaching music, leading ward choirs and in promoting good music everywhere.

We do recognize the many members of our ward who have and are adding to our musical culture. The Musical Heritage program given recently in our ward by Sister Ruth Barrus paid tribute to all of these fine folks.



YOUNG ORCHESTRA

Left to right: Mark Young, Glen Squires, Ray Palmer, Mark Lee.  
(Played together 35 years)





Henry Taylor

Henry Taylor's father taught him to play the fiddle, and he played for dances at Heise Hot Springs. On the 17th of March 1912 he played there for a St. Patrick's Day Basket Dance and bought a basket for 55 cents. It belonged to Miss Hazel Mattson of Poplar, Idaho. They fell in love and on the 12th of April, 1912, they were married. They built their home in Sunndell where six children were born and raised. Henry and his daughter, Neta, played the music for many Primary and other dances in the Sunndell School House. In the year 1948, Henry and Hazel sold their farm to Keith and Opal Clements and moved to Idaho Falls.

## *Herman Erickson's Dance Hall*

The following was taken from the records of former Bishop O.P. Johanson: "Alfred P. Young and others asked the bishop if it would be all right if they formed a company and built an amusement hall. The bishop at the time was George Briggs, Jr. He gave his permission and told them that they should go ahead with it. At that time, 1911, the Rexburg Stake Tabernacle was being built and the bishop did not feel that they could take the responsibility of raising funds for another building. The Archer Amusement Company was formed with Charles Merrill Squires, Laurence Calvin Squires, Laurence Bond Squires, Wm. Porter Squires, Herman Erickson, George S. Weekes, Carl J. Johnson, Robert A. Young, Clem Young, Alfred P. Young, and Roger Millward."

burg who drew up plans for the Ricks College building also drew plans for the hall. The dimensions of the main floor were 58'x35'. The stage was 12' deep. There was a balcony about 6' deep. Work on the hall was begun in 1911. The first party in the hall was held on Thanksgiving 1911, though the building was not complete. The cost was about \$1500. Material was purchased from the B&M Company of Rexburg. First lighting used was coal oil (kerosene) lamps. Next came gasoline lamps. August, 1919, a Delco light plant was installed, later giving way to electric lights when power became available in the community (1925). Wiring

for Delco light system for the dance hall was \$166.00.

Callers for dances at the hall were James Briggs, Sr., D.O. Wilcox, Sr., Hilery Payn and others.

School was held in the hall for two years. (See article on schools.)

News item from Rexburg paper fall of 1937:

"Erickson's Hall at Archer is being torn down and the material will be used for other buildings. For 28 years it has been the place of amusement for young and old. Originally built from subscriptions from leading citizens, it later became the property of Herman Erickson. It has held many a festive party. Young and old have met in the dance hall and have also laughed and wept at the plays presented there. Now it is to be removed and the timbers used for another building. One more open air party will be held there after the roof is removed, and before the floor is taken out. To those who attend will come many happy memories of other joyous occasions."

Some of the ward dance directors who instructed in the hall were: Carl J. and Geraldine B. Johnson, Ernest and Pearl F. Weekes, Bernarr and Martha Erickson, Mrs. Eva Wade, and Mrs. Alma Grover, a teacher in Archer School.

Mary Stacey Buckland recalls: "

The first time I, Mary Stacey Buckland Killian, remember going to the Archer Dance Hall, it was a Thanksgiving day in 1919. They were having a childrens' dance. My mother had died the summer before; Eva and I walked from our home on Grover lane. It was close to three miles. There was snow on the ground that crunched under our feet as we walked and chill wind that turned our cheeks pink and our hands numb.

"As we walked into the huge building we felt rather like two little orphans, anyway it looked huge to us. The music sounded like heaven to us as we danced. If there were no other partners, we danced together. I doubt if either of us knew the first thing about dancing. Eva was eight and I was ten. When they played the home waltz we were asked to line up; at the head of the line stood a lady dressed in a sun bonnet and such a huge ruffled skirt. Each ruffle had pockets and when my turn came to reach into one of the pockets for a sack of goodies, I looked up into the sweetest face I have ever seen. She patted me on the head and smiled. I don't recall what the treat was in the sack, but I will always remember the sweet smiling face of Mary T. Wilcox.

"Through the years from this first dance I attended until the hall was torn down in 1937. No words can describe the happiness the dances I attended brought into my life."

## *Entertainment*

Every winter the community produced several plays. Wards exchanged performances. One such exchange took place between Archer and Ririe. The Archer cast rode in two sleighs. A sleigh loaded with scenery, painted by L.C. Squires, and props went to Lorenzo through LaBelle and on to Ririe, the long way around, to the railroad bridge across the South Fork of Snake River. The teams were blanketed

*Mothers and Daughters Party at Erickson Dance Hall  
about 1935*



MOTHERS DRESSED AS DAUGHTERS

Front Row: Agnes Orr, Rachel Sutton with baby, Mrs. Heber Williams, Elsie Wilcox, Hilda Briggs, Bertha Young, Mabel Burns.  
Middle Row: Gladys Erickson, (space) Unknown, Martha Weekes, Martha (Mattie) Briggs, Sarah Munns (kneeling), Florence Cheney, Esther Burns,  
Emma Sutton, Ida Sutton, Matilda Payn.  
Back Row: Unknown, Rose Weekes, Roxcy Lula Jeppson, Unknown (with baby), Ellen (Aunt Nellie) Briggs, Martha Hacking, Mary Niederer, Alice Burns, Martha Wilcox.



DAUGHTERS DRESSED AS MOTHERS

Front Row: Donna Blackburn (lived with Rob Grovers'), Trieste Payn, Josie Young (daughter of Clem), Wanda Allen, Elda Briggs, Flora Payn, Pearl Fullmer (later Weekes), Verla Burns, Rita Burns.  
Second Row: Evelyn Jeppson (child far left), Jenile Young, Edna Wilcox, Vera Young (Robison), Fern Wilcox, Clea Weekes, Thelma Cheney, Opal Cheney, Elvira Jeppson, Meda Briggs, Edna Erickson, Unknown, Esther Hacking.  
Back Row: Florence Hacking, Millie Wilcox, Mary Wilcox, Florence Jackson, Letha Wilcox (top of head showing), Martha (Mattie) Jackson, Unknown.  
Mothers in background: Ellen (Nellie) Briggs, Matilda Payn, Emma Sutton, Ida Sutton.

and fed nearby. The play cast walked over the railroad ties on the bridge to waiting sleighs, rode to the theater, performed their play, ate oyster stew at the cafe, and came back the same way to their homes in Archer Ward. The whole night was required for these excursions.



An Archer play cast about 1922. Recognizable in the picture are:  
 Back Row: Unknown, Unknown, Clint Barber, Everett Clay, Clarence Cheney, Unknown, Herb Williams, Silas Cheney.  
 Front Row: Gertrude Norman, Zilpah Squires, Unknown, Ronella Squires, Juanita Young, Lula Jeppson.  
 Opal Clay, who took the picture, was also in the play cast.

Bishop Johanson, in Rexburg one day, met a Mr. O.L. Farnsworth from Parker. Mr. Farnsworth wrote plays, and he and his family performed them in various communities in the area. There had been some misunderstanding, and so the family was in Rexburg, but was disappointed in an engagement. Bishop Johanson grasped the opportunity, started advertising, and by nightfall a good crowd gathered at the church to see the first of many Farnsworth Players' productions. The troupe appeared regularly for two night stands for many seasons. They always had two plays ready for performance. They would stay overnight at the home of Bishop Johanson or at other homes.

Other notes of interest: Mrs. Farnsworth was a fine seamstress who sewed in exchange for her children's music lessons. The rule in the family was that the children practiced their music as a first priority. Naomi played piano for their dance orchestra which was busy each weekend. Verus played xylophone and drums, Melba played violin and piano, DeLin was a trumpet player. After Naomi was married, the family began their play production. DeLin was only about 9 or 10 at the time, and helped with the music the family performed during the intermission between acts. (Naomi was the mother of Ethelyn Erickson.)

Another troupe that was enjoyed, was the Walters Players. The Stutz Theater Company also performed here. They painted their advertising on some of the natural geographic formations such as the lava rocks on the Sutton Dugway and the hillside on the Heise Hot Springs road. The group stayed overnight at the home of Wm. P. Squires. The family had two teenage children, a boy and a girl, who played piano and violin numbers to entertain between acts.

## *Fourth of July Celebrations*

Fourth of July celebrations in the late teens and early 20's were homemade and a great deal of fun. Boweries were built on the north side of the present Archer school building,

hung with bunting and covered with willows for shade. These served as concession booths where were sold fruit-flavored soda pop (5¢), candy bars (5¢), homemade pie, cookies, doughnuts, popcorn balls, firecrackers, caps (for noise-making cap guns), punch, homemade ice cream, gum, balloons, all day suckers, etc. The cost of pop and candy bars was 3½ cents each. They thus provided some money for the organization which sponsored the booths. Homemade goodies were donated to the cause for fund-raising.)

Cattle were gathered up and corralled in the yard at the Louisa Weekes place next to the school grounds (the present Esther May Boulter home). An impromptu rodeo was held. There were lots of horse races on the road north of the school. Games and races for children were held on the grounds. One year Roy Robison and his partner, and Archie and Herb Galbraith, all from Lyman, ran a chuck wagon race from the Archer Church to the school house corner. They loaded, stove, gear, poles, etc., stopped to build a fire, fry an egg and eat the whole bit. It is said the eggs were not overcooked.

Frank Bums, the proprietor of the store (formerly the Briggs store), played a large part in these celebrations. He furnished some of the merchandise for the booths, but more than that was the ice to make the delicious ice cream, and to keep the soda and punch cool.

When the ice on the river froze 12'' to 14'' thick, he and others sawed large blocks, and lifting them with tongs, loaded sleighs and hauled them to a shed behind the old store, and there buried them deeply in sawdust where they melted very slowly. They lasted very well sometimes into August or later. The precious stuff was sold for 1 cent a pound.

## *Winter Carnival*

Winter entertainments included a carnival held on the main road near the Lyman church or on the road near Archer school. Contestants paid an entrance fee and came from many nearby communities. Events included horse racing, pulling contests, bobsled racing, and ski racing. Two piles of snow were shoveled up about three feet high for ski jumps. Two skiers at a time contended with each other. Each skier held a 25 foot rope anchored to the saddle of a rider on a fast horse. Sometimes the rope was held by the rider or tied to the tail of the horse. It was possible sometimes for the racer behind the slower horse to win the race by handling his rope skillfully. Prizes were awarded from the entrance fees.

## *Archer Athletic Association*

About 1916 Clarence and Ben Hillman, Floyd Wilcox, and Wallace Clark organized the Archer Athletic Association. Members did some wrestling, boxing, and developed a crack basketball team. Alma Briggs was center; guards were Wallace Clark, Melvin Hunsaker, and Homer Raymond, a

Sunday School teacher described as "fast as greased lightning"; and as forwards, Karl Magleby and Clint Barber, an Archer school teacher. Glen Squires was a sub. Perhaps there were others. The team played in the Erickson Hall.

The evenings entertainment concluded with a dance, Young's Orchestra playing. At the hall, there were a coat check booth and concession booth. Tickets were sold at the door. Soda pop and homemade candy, doughnuts, ice cream and cookies were sold. After expenses, proceeds went to the Athletic Association for uniforms, equipment, etc.

On one occasion, the club played ball with Coach Clyde Packer's good team from Ricks Normal College. At the first quarter the club's team was much ahead and still at the half. Someone was getting worried. By the third quarter, the teams were evened up, and the older team was tiring. The college won by a few points, but had really earned them!

In 1916 or 1917, Clarence Hillman organized relay teams on his school grounds. He had a girl's team that could beat any competition they met, including the boy's relay team. This was bitterly painful to the boys! The girls were: starter, Thelma Carlson, described as having the getaway like a racing quarter horse; second, Eulalia Sutton; third, Floy Clay; last heat, Clara Briggs, described as being able to run like an antelope. These girls took all the meets they entered. (These girls were popular partners for playing Evening Chase. Only after they were run down, could they be beaten.) Other star performers were Ted Stacey and Myrtice Burr. They could "jump over the moon" with their pole vaulting, a couple of very good young grade school athletes.

Verge Young recalls:

No description of characters would be complete without the inclusion of Frankie McFate.

Franklin Daniel Richard McFate came from Utah to the Thornton area as a comparatively young man. His wife, Sadie Taylor, was the daughter of John Taylor who was one of the early pioneers of this territory.

Together, with a small son, they settled on a farm directly east of us in Archer. That was in the spring of 1911.

By the time I was born and had become a small boy -- a dozen or more years later -- a neighborliness had been established between the McFates and us which, of course, seemed to me to have always existed.

Frankie was a strikingly small man of perhaps five feet two inches in stature. His wizened features created an instant impression which left one with no doubt as to who he was after but one encounter.

No one could murder the king's English in such a consistently horrendous manner as did Frankie McFate. Yet, it was this same colorful misuse of grammar which added to rather than distracted from his personality and character.

The McFates' home was located half-way between Zach Clay's place and where we lived on the north side of the street. It was a humble home, but perhaps not much

more so than were most of the homes in the valley at that time.

There was no situation in which Frankie became involved, even be it of a more serious nature, but that he could completely reverse the perspective by quickly responding with an instantly coined witticism. Many of his witty quips became bywords up and down the valley.

One day in Zach Clay's field a small group of men were gathered to witness an innovationist demonstrate the capabilities of a new Forson tractor. It happened that the tractor was able to pull two twelve inch bottom plows, but was unable to move a plow which had but one sixteen bottom. Amos Allen, a man of some pedantic inclinations, "reckoned" as to how it was because the two twelve inch bottom plows had two "cuttin' capacities." Frankie reasoned, "If that's the case, then if you hung enough plows on the thing, it would go by itself."

He one time remarked that he'd sure hate to live down where Selar Cheney lived -- down by the brush. "I'd be out of wood all the time," he said. When asked why, he replied, "To close to haul it and too far to pack it."

The strange and interesting feature of his philosophy was that his remarks always smacked so strongly of the truth.

One simple remark that he made has been told and re-told so many times through the years that it has become legend. It was threshing season and the crew, who were customarily neighbors, were seated around the dinner table. Zach Clay, after he eyed Frankie heaping the food on his plate somewhat out of proportion, said, "Frankie, your eyes are bigger than your stomach." Frankie's reply, after stealing a furtive glance at Zach's huge belly, was a chirp of two simple words, "Your's ain't?" It was reported that Zach laughed harder than anybody.

Frankie was a neighbor among neighbors. He seldom went anywhere that he didn't send a member of his family over to inquire of my dad if he would like either to go with him or send. Such instances ring clearly in my mind. It was a familiar occasion when his son, Jay, came to our door to say, "Pa wants to know if Bob wants a ride to meetin'."

Many are the cold winter evenings I can recall Frank and Sadie seated at our living room table with my dad and mother, munching apples, while they played their favorite card game, "High Five."

Sometimes when my dad went to town, he would drive the buggy along an old road which extended across the hill. Occasionally he gave me permission to go with him. One such time, as we passed the McFate place, we noticed Frankie walking across his yard. Customarily my dad called out to him, asking him if he would like to send to town. Frankie replied that he guessed not, unless he (dad) could maybe bring back to him some new pig heads. Puzzled, my dad asked him what he meant. Frankie retorted that all his pigs were eatin' their heads off.

His pigs, it seemed, were his nemesis. I remember once his telling this story: "I fed this small pig a five gallon bucket of slop, and he gobbled it all up. Then I put the pig in the bucket and he only half filled it."

Such was the life and personality of Frankie McFate. He and Sadie and their six children left our neighborhood in 1930. They moved to Rexburg where Frankie worked at odd

jobs until his death January 11, 1943. Among other things he planted the trees in Porter Park.

## *Archer Ward Bishops*

### *George Briggs, Sr.*

*First Bishop - 2 Mar. 1902-10 Feb. 1907*  
(4 years, 11 months)



### *George Briggs, Jr.*

*Second Bishop - 10 Feb. 1907-14 July 1912*  
(5 years, 5 months)



George Briggs was born October 15, 1858, at Tupton, Derbyshire, England. He and his family were baptized into the LDS Church, June 19, 1876. George began immediately saving to come to Zion and in the spring of 1877 he came to Utah. Work was hard to find in Salt Lake City and being an excellent miner he went to Evanston, Wyoming, to work in the coal mines. There he met Sarah Susannah Blackburn who became his wife on December 9, 1877, in Evanston. The next year they moved to Utah and were sealed in the Salt Lake Endowment House. In 1883, they came by wagon and ox-team to this area and camped in the trees where they later built their home and store. He and his wife and family were always active in the Church. When Lyman ward was organized he served as counselor to Sidney Weekes. On March 2, 1902 he was chosen the first bishop of Archer Ward. His was the task of building a new ward with a complete new staff, and arranging for the physical facilities needed in the church building which in the division was left to Archer. Nearly all the furnishings, the organ, and the song books went to Lyman who had to hold church in the home of a member.

Bishop Briggs served for five years until February 10, 1907. After his release, he was called to the stake high council where he served two years until called on a mission to Great Britain. He died following an attack of influenza in 1919.

George and Susannah Briggs had thirteen children, five sons and eight daughters, Charles B., Sarah Susannah, George, Jr., Esther, Pearl, Joseph, Florence, Mary Ann, William J., Alice R., Clara E., Alma, and Rachel. They raised ten to adulthood.

On the 20th of March 1964, George Briggs, Jr., died at the family home in Archer. Funeral services were held 24 March 1964 in the Archer Chapel. He was the first white child born to Mormon Pioneers in the Upper Snake River Valley. He served as bishop of the Archer Ward, Ward Clerk, Superintendent of the YMMIA, and many other church positions. His civic responsibilities include 30 years as a member of the board of directors of the Lenroot Canal Company, serving much of the time as president or secretary, as school trustee of the Archer School district for several years, elected as Madison County Commissioner in 1938 and served two terms. In 1944 he helped organize Idaho's first Flood Control district, comprising an area on both sides of the Snake River from Heise to Roberts. He was appointed by the governor to the first board of directors of the Flood Control District and served as chairman of the board for six years. His counselors in the bishopric were: first counselor, William Blanthorn and Charles O. Jeppson, second counselor.

He was a young man of twenty-four years when called to preside over a ward of pioneers. He was able to unite the people and in his soft-spoken way, brought peace and goodwill to the ward.

His good wife, Martha, was equally active in the Church, serving as president and secretary of the Relief Society. When her health was impaired, her husband and son, Max, spent many years caring for her. They surely set a fine example to all ward members in compassionate service.

**Olof P. Johanson**  
**Third Bishop - 9 Sept. 1928**  
**First Bishop in Rock Building - 14 July 1912**  
*(16 years, 2 months)*



Bishop Johanson's call to serve as bishop of the Archer Ward came to him in Sweden where he was serving as a missionary. After hurried farewells he boarded a ship and was on his way home.

He arrived home July 1, 1912, and was sustained bishop on July 14, 1912. His first work was to provide a new church building for his ward, which he accomplished in time for a ward Thanksgiving dinner Nov. 29, 1913.

As bishop it was his responsibility to gather funds: \$750 for the new gymnasium at Ricks College, and \$950 for the L.D.S. Hospital at Idaho Falls, which took six years to collect.

Besides these contributions, the ward members were constantly sacrificing to care for the sick, bury the dead and render the extra care and love needed by families who had sons fighting in World War I.

Special fast days were held to raise money for the saints abroad.

Twenty-three missionaries served in the mission field during these years. Tithes increased showing the faith of the saints.

There was truly a great feeling of goodwill in the ward all these years.

Bishop Johanson concludes his history by saying:

"In conclusion, I give my testimony that there is nothing in all the world so satisfying as service to our fellow men. Nothing that pays dividends so regularly, so unstintingly. I bear witness that as Nephi said, (God asks no favor that cannot be performed, if we do our part.) I attribute my many calls to different positions, not so much that I was able to fill them, but because I was willing to work. My service with you shall always be a cherished memory."

**James Ray Smith**  
**Fourth Bishop - 9 Sept. 1928-July 1941**  
*(12 years, 10 months)*

Bishop Smith was born in Richmond, Utah, January 7, 1887, son of Isaac and Betsy Ann Bateman Smith. He came



to Lyman in 1904 and worked in the sugar factory in Sugar City. After attending a missionary course at Ricks College, he received his mission call to the Northern States. He married Pauline Weiland in the Salt Lake Temple the 27th of April 1910, and left the next day for Chicago where he served in the East Iowa district. On returning from his mission, he and his wife settled in Lyman where he was president of the Elder's quorum and second counselor to Bishop Rytting. In 1918 he moved to Archer where three of his five children were born.

His first teaching experience in the ward was in Sunday School. In 1924 he was called to serve as first counselor to Bishop O.P. Johanson, where he served for four years. In the summer of 1928 he became the new bishop. He chose as his counselors, Brother D.O. Wilcox, Sr., Carl Johnson, then Raymond Briggs as second counselors, respectively. Many things happened during those years, not the least of these was a real depression. Part of the time gasoline was rationed. Jobs were hard to get and some of our young men were employed by P.W.A. Brother Bert Carlstrom was ward clerk and served continually for 32 years with five bishops.

During this time the building program was light, however, a scout house was built. During this time twenty-one elders were called on missions. Bishop Smith was instrumental in establishing an album of all ward missionaries.

He is a favorite speaker at funerals. He has earned the love and respect of the people in Archer. He is now ninety-three years old and spends his time between his daughter, Alta Fisher in Utah, and his son, Dee in California.

**Sterling Magleby**  
**Fifth Bishop - 13 July 1941-13 Aug. 1946**  
*(5 years, 1 month)*

Sterling Hans Magleby was sustained as bishop of the Archer Ward on June 29, 1941, and was set apart by Apostle Albert E. Bowen, July 13, 1941. His first official act as bishop was the blessing and naming of his new baby son, John Harrison Magleby. It was on December 7, 1941, that the full weight of the office of bishop seemed to come. All at once the world was at war and soon it began to strike our own ward. Our boys, who had previously expected to fill missions for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, were under the control of county draft boards and were



**William I. Holley**  
*Sixth Bishop - 16 Aug. 1946-13 Jan. 1952*  
*(5 years, 5 months)*



registered for selective service. Only those boys were allowed to stay home who were physically handicapped or where there was extreme need for them on the farm. So there were very few of our boys who were unable to answer their country's call. In some homes several sons were called and great were the hardships the families were called to go through. It seemed that almost every Sunday we would have one or more boys in uniform come to church services. They were home on furlough prior to going overseas. George Munns and Richard B. Boulter sponsored a dance for each departing serviceman. We tried to counsel them to stay clean morally and to stay close to the Lord. They received a Bible and a Book of Mormon from the ward to help them. It wasn't long before they were in the heart of battle, then families at home needed encouragement. Soon we got word of casualties and before long we had several of our fine young men killed in action. Rationing at home was hard but our ward members did very little complaining.

The regional and stake store houses were established in 1941 from which we drew furniture, food and clothing. A typical ward welfare assignment consisted of forty-five pounds of butter, twenty-two dressed chickens, several cases of eggs, a truck load of potatoes and a few thousand pounds of wheat. The Relief Society assignment was for seven quilts, seven sheet blankets, sixteen sheets, twenty-one pillow cases, twenty-one dish towels and eighty-three other articles. A good share of the dish towels were made from colored chicken feed sacks and with a little handwork they became beautiful as well as useful. Much canning was done on the stake level in the church cannery.

It was possible to call only a few missionaries into the field because of government restrictions, but several lady missionaries were sent. Bishop Magleby performed many marriages in his home for servicemen who couldn't go to the Utah temples because of car and gas rationing. The Idaho Falls Temple was finally completed and ready for service in 1945. Many of the ward members were able to attend the dedication.

During the almost six years Bishop Magleby served, he had the same two counselors and ward clerk. They served in harmony and love, always with a desire to serve the Lord and the wonderful ward members.

While Bishop Holley was serving, the welfare program continued to expand to better serve the members of the ward. Bishop Holley accepted all assignments without reservation and carried them through to their completion. Wherever there was a need in the ward, he knew the help that should be given and many times he used his own funds to supplement the welfare assistance. The welfare program was the essence of brotherhood under his direction.

Fresh fruits and vegetables were raised in our ward and distributed to the needy within the ward, in addition to the amount brought from the storehouse in Rexburg during these years. One year the sisters of the ward were given the assignment of donating sixty-eight pounds of dried beans and fifty-two dressed chickens. They also assisted at the cannery in Idaho Falls, canning seventy-one cases of corn. Other things furnished for the welfare program was butter, fresh eggs and clothing. The clothing was gathered from the homes and sorted. Any article that could be used in the ward was distributed here and the remainder sent to the Deseret Industries. Five of our sisters were sent to Idaho Falls to help prepare used clothing to be sent to the Saints in Europe. The things that were made and donated to the welfare program were women's and children's clothing, quilts, and other items for the home.

Under the leadership of Bishop Holley, Archer Ward began gathering funds to build a new chapel. The committees for this fund raising project were Glenn Sharp as general chairman; Lillis Sutton, treasurer; Henry Erickson, secretary. The following committees worked under them: livestock committee: Russell Grover, Rulon Wilcox, Jesse Sutton, George Niederer; finance committee: George Nelson, De-lmoe Cook, Lind Robison, Keith Clements; entertainment committee: Ernest Weekes, Samuel Grover, Bernarr Erickson, and Eldon Robison. Ronald Hill worked on the agriculture committee. Some of the projects under the direction of these committees consisted of the donating of ground to raise potatoes. Calves and pigs were bought and distributed among the membership of the ward to be raised and sold. Programs were put on and dinners served, and a play and minstrel show were produced. There were also voluntary contributions.

With Bishop Holley as a county commissioner during the heavy snows of winter, we had the very best of snow-plow service as the road had to be kept open for him to get to his meetings in town.

Bishop Holley had the special talent of making every person feel that he or she was a very special friend.

### **Bernarr B. Erickson**

**Seventh Bishop - 13 Jan. 1952-May 10, 1959**

*(7 years, 4 months)*



Bernarr B. Erickson was sustained bishop of the Archer Ward January 13, 1952. The ward had been gathering funds to build a new chapel for approximately four years. The original committee continued until their work was completed, and a committee was appointed to supervise the actual construction of the building. They were: Bishop Bernarr Erickson, Loren Grover, Newel Piquet, Sterling Magleby, Keith Clements and Russell Grover.

On June 3, 1952, word was received from the Presiding Bishopric that our building program had been approved for \$110,000 — half of that amount to be raised by the ward. Early in 1953, Harry Willmore was engaged as building supervisor for the new chapel. May 8, 1953 was the ground breaking ceremony. Bishop Erickson had the honor of taking the first shovel of dirt, then excavating for the chapel was done by dragline. By October the steel beams had been hoisted into place by Melvin Wilcox and the brick laying completed. The roof was on in November; plastering began in February 1954; in March the steeple was raised and Ray Palmer and his crew of female artists had finished the painting and decorating. Later Glen Sharp bulldozed the trees out from around the old chapel and on December 12, 1954, the dedicatory service was held with the prayer offered by Elder Sterling W. Sill.

The total cost of the building was \$143,000. A total of \$35,448.80 in cash was donated by the people of our ward and friends of the ward. There was \$34,624.98 made on projects; \$2,582.28 was raised by refunds and entertainment; \$12,934 hours of actual labor donated which was matched by church funds.

Bishop Bernarr and Martha (Mattie) Erickson spent most of their time working on the new church except for time off on Sunday to care for the old chapel and its people.

These years were filled with activity and with the spirit of giving. The ward was united throughout these building years and all are proud of *our* chapel.

### **George H. Munns**

**Eighth Bishop - May 10, 1959-30 Mar. 1969**

*(9 years, 11 months)*



George H. Munns was sustained bishop of the Archer Ward May 10, 1959.

The following improvements were made during his term as bishop:

11 May 1960, water cooler in foyer, \$265.00; 23 May 1960, microphone in chapel; 1961, loud speaker in Jr. Sunday School room; 7 October 1960, new roof on porch of church; 10 January 1961, chapel repaired; 1961, 62, and 63, seventy-five percent of Aaronic Priesthood received individual awards. Archer Ward Aaronic Priesthood was highest in the stake.

1961, gymnasium refinished and outside of church painted; 1962-63, all payments due on Ricks College auditorium paid in full — total \$3,678.50; 1963, potato project on Rose Weekes farm; profit to ward \$2,970; 1963-64, assessment of \$5,012.70 was paid on new seminary building; 1963, last payment of \$100 made on ball park guarantee; 1963, paid \$149 assessment to Teton Peaks Boy Scout Council. 1963, Twenty-four couples completed temple project and had their endowments and sealings in the temple.

1964, east side parking lot completed; 1964, assessed \$191 a year for eight years for remodeling the nursing home in Idaho Falls into a rest home; 1964, fixed roof of chapel, \$465; 1965, library in church remodeled; Grant Burns donated his labor, material \$34. 1965-66, Lyman Ward met in Archer Chapel while new Lyman chapel was under construction. 1969, Chapel cleaned and refinished for \$1,750.

A sudden thaw brought flood waters down from the hills and on February 11, 1962, many homes in the ward were damaged causing extreme hardship to many families. Under the direction of Bishop Munns, men worked all night and with all available equipment to keep more homes from being flooded and to help those who were stricken. After the flood subsided, Bishop Munns and the Relief Society president, Sister Erma Magleby, traveled to every home damaged, going by power wagon over roads undermined and



flooded. After making notes of the damage done and the needs of each family for the immediate future, orders were made out and taken to the stake welfare storehouse and commodities brought up by truck. Church resources were at their disposal and all help necessary: mattresses, bedding, commodities and home repairs were given to five families. Twelve or more homes were cleaned by the Relief Society and water samples were taken from the flooded wells to be tested by the state. It was a great testing period for the welfare program, and we were made proud and happy as a church group, to see the fine way that members and non-members alike, were cared for.

During this ten year period, there were 23 missionaries, 115 marriages, 69 deaths, 78 funerals, 112 births and 25 families or couples sealed in the temple. Membership of Archer Ward was 522 with 150 families.

This was a period of great spiritual and financial growth.

***John Russell Grover***  
***Ninth Bishop - 30 Mar. 1969-15 Feb. 1976***  
*(6 years, 11 months)*



On March 30, 1969, John Russell Grover was sustained bishop of the Archer Ward, Rexburg Stake. For some time the need was felt to clean, paint and renovate the chapel and gymnasium. It was not until early in March that approval was received from the general authorities to do this. Bids were let March 23rd and work was expected to begin soon. The Passey brothers' bid of \$1,775 was received and accepted March 30, 1969, by Bishop Munns.

The first task of the new bishopric was to follow up on these plans. The chapel, recreation hall and chair room, also the wood trim on the exterior of the church was painted and completed June 20, 1969, at a cost of \$1775. The gym floor was sanded and sealed. The Relief Society presidency, Ella Mae Wilcox, LaVon Munns, and Diane Siddoway chose the drapes for the chapel at the cost of \$960. They were hung at the windows September 17, 1969. The Relief Society room's drapes were cleaned in August 1970 at a cost of \$73.

A water closet was replaced in August 1970, hot water heater installed in August 1970 at a cost of \$289.85. In 1971 new office furniture and equipment was also purchased: desk and chair, \$167; typewriter, \$78; tape recorder, \$110.

Much needed equipment for the library and classrooms was purchased: overhead projector, \$97; variable speed microphone attachment record player, \$148.57; microphone, \$45. Also, Roof repairs, \$148.12, and a lawn mower purchased June 23, 1970 for \$75.

January 1973, the ward records were put on computers. On the 14th of April 1973, a new front door was installed in the church, the foyer painted and carpeted.

The road was oiled from Henry's Store south to the corner by Bishop Grover in August and September 1970. It was also oiled north of the store to the next mile.

Mark G. Ricks was assigned and set apart as Regional Representative by Elder Packer 30 September 1970.

A drain ditch was built in October and November 1970 to take care of the flood waters from Lyman Creek.

June 1, 1975, Elder Boyd K. Packer of the Council of the Twelve was the visiting general authority at stake conference and our stake was divided. We are now in the Rexburg Idaho East Stake with Lyman, Rexburg Fourth, Sixth and Tenth. Keith Peterson was sustained as president of our stake with Leo Smith and Charles (Tiny) Grant as counselors.

In 1969 President Ririe had written to the First Presidency concerning enlarging the tabernacle, adding on a gymnasium to the side, etc., to make it more serviceable. The First Presidency suggested finding a suitable site and erecting a stake house rather than adding on to the tabernacle. Permission to build on the present site was given in January 1972. It was dedicated the summer of 1976. The use of the old tabernacle as a meeting place was discontinued and our first conference was held in the fieldhouse at Ricks College the first Sunday in January 1970, until June 1976.

The population of the ward was steadily increasing with programs being changed. During this time the Deseret Industries in Idaho Falls was being built for the purpose of giving work opportunities to handicapped and aged, with voluntary help assisting and teaching the trades to be learned.

Everyone always felt encouraged and uplifted by Bishop Grover's hearty, congenial manner.

***Lyle James Robison***  
***Tenth Bishop - 15 Feb. 1976***



Bishop Robison was the last Bishop of Archer before the division and the first of Sunnyside.

The mettle of the people of Archer was tested when we were called to help care for the flood victims of Rexburg and Sugar City. Homes were opened for housing and all our old Maytag washers were out on the front lawn trying to get the dirt and mud out of clothes and bedding caught in the flood waters. It took several washings before the clothes and bedding were usable. Trucks, tractors, pumps, heaters, shovels, and elbow grease were taken to Rexburg and long hours were spent pumping out basements, shoveling out mud, hauling away debris. Our Relief Society lessons on compassionate service were really put into action.

The 13th of June 1976, the Archer Ward was given the assignment of assembling 750 new wheelbarrows for use in the flood area. The Fifteenth Elder's quorum was given this task.

The 27th of June 1976, Archer was assigned along with other wards that escaped the flood to furnish entertainment for the flood victims in the form of meals and programs.

On the 13th of July 1976, the first of four entertainments and meals was held for the members of the Fourth and Twelfth wards. More than 1300 members attended, including our own. A delicious stew supper, with Kendall Davidson as chef, was served with homemade bread, butter and watermelon, on the church lawn.

The same menu was served the Salem Ward members on the 20th of July. On the 27th of July the Eleventh Ward members were our guests. More than 800 were present.

On the 3rd of August, another 800 Third Ward members were with us.

After each dinner a fine program was given and each family was given a loaf of homemade bread to take home.

On August 22, 1976, a special party for our own ward members who worked so hard furnishing the entertainment for the flood stricken wards was enjoyed.

On September 5, 1976, Bishop Robison reported that the total cost was \$1600 cash, plus the purchase of 1500 pounds of meat for \$976, 2000 pounds of potatoes, 600 pounds of onions, 750 pounds of carrots which came to \$321.00. Paper plates, cups, and utensils came to \$1047.00; 2400 loaves of homemade bread were donated for the parties held for the flood victims. A total of 3900 people attended the four parties.

The annual Elder's quorum breakfast was held on July 4, 1976. Since this was the bicentennial there were lots of patriotic displays, flower gardens were red, white, and blue, fire hydrants were painted in the same colors. The Relief Society made afghans, quilts, etc., in patriotic shapes and colors. Recognition was given to those who read historical accounts of our nation's founding. Patriotic songs were sung. Bessie Wilcox composed one that was sung in Relief Society. Floats and parades were of a patriotic nature. Poems were written, and we were made conscious of our national heritage in every imaginable way.

Our share of payments were made on the stake building fund, seminary building, bishop and clerk office project,

scout registration, new speaker system in the stake, etc.

A shelter on the lawn behind the church was finished in time for the 4th of July breakfast 1977. Classrooms were carpeted.

On October 8, 1978, the Archer Ward was divided along the road from Jesse Sutton's to Leonard Clements, east and west. The north side of the community retained the name of Archer Ward. The south side and new ward was called Sunnyside. Sunnyside was glad to keep Bishop Lyle Robison, and his counselors, Stanley Nielson and Wayne Siddoway. Archer was happy with their new Bishop Glen Leak and counselors, Delas Munns and Jon Larson.

The big project right now is the sesquicentennial history book of the Archer-Sunnyside wards.

## *Herman and Olive, Custodians*

Few buildings have had the tender, loving care enjoyed by the Archer rock chapel and the present Archer-Sunnyside building. Herman Erickson began as custodian in 1918, and, aided by his children, continued until his retirement in 1966 at the age of 89. At first he would not accept more than five dollars a month for his care of the old rock building. In hard times, he would accept nothing.

Herman put a Delco motor and generator plant in the basement of his home about 1919, from which he lighted his own home and the church across the street, until the electricity came into Archer in 1926. Ward members paid a very small fee for this service. By 1953, Herman's salary was \$70 and was increased a little during the years by each bishop. Herman and his daughter, Olive, shared the salary when they worked together.

After 1966 Olive took over the work and has continued until the present time, now acting as custodian for both Archer and Sunnyside wards. Many people remark about the fine condition of our building and grounds, evidence of service above and beyond the call of duty.

In addition they cheerfully performed any personal services requested by ward members, such as, opening the building at odd hours for rehearsals, retrieving left articles, family reunions, etc. They also conscientiously maintained a lost and found department.



Herman Erickson

(See pages 155 and 156 for Olive's history and picture.)

## Missionaries from Archer Ward (1902-1980)

Missionary	Mission	Departure Date	Missionary	Mission	Departure Date
Charles B. Briggs	British	25 Feb. 1902	Lyle Mayes Cheney	Northern States	28 Aug. 1957
Nels Christensen	Danish	April 1905	William I. Holley	West Central	11 Dec. 1957
George Briggs, Sr.	British	14 Dec. 1909	Lottie Holley	West Central	11 Dec. 1957
Olof P. Johanson	Swedish	25 May 1910	Renell Cook	Mexican	19 Jan. 1958
David Cheney	Eastern States	2 Nov. 1911	Gloria Robison	Eastern States	29 June 1959
Oscar B. Neilson	Australia	3 June 1912	Garth Elwin Briggs	Eastern States	2 Nov. 1959
George S. Weekes	Southern States	3 Dec. 1912	Keith Elisha Grover	Canadian	30 Nov. 1959
Silas L. Cheney	Swiss German & Eastern States	1 Dec. 1913	Blair John Grover	Great Lakes	27 June 1960
Thomas C. Jeppson	Northern States	18 Nov. 1915	Dale J. Hansen	Southern States	29 Aug. 1960
Karl A. Erickson	Swedish	26 Nov. 1915	Marvin H. Robison	Great Lakes	23 Jan. 1961
John E. Wilcox	Southern States	Mar. 1887	Lowell Cheney	North British & Calif.	24 Apr. 1961
John E. Wilcox	Southern States	Mar. 1897	Delbert Cheney	Great Lakes	30 Oct. 1961
John E. Wilcox	Southern States	4 Dec. 1915	John H. Magleby	Central British	30 Oct. 1961
H. J. Williams	British	4 July 1906	Clarence Cheney	New England	27 Nov. 1961
Edward P. Oldham	Swiss-German	21 Nov. 1907	Leal Cheney	New England	27 Nov. 1961
Wayne Cheney	Southern States	3 Dec. 1916	Melvin Cheney	England-North British	15 Aug. 1962
Isabel Weekes	Central States	4 Jan. 1916	Rozella Weekes	French	4 Feb. 1963
Charles Weekes	Northern States	6 Apr. 1919	LaMar Wilcox	Canadian Alaskan	6 Jan. 1964
A. Clarence Weekes	Central States	7 Apr. 1919	Eric Erickson	Eastern States	24 May 1965
H. E. Smart	Central States	12 May 1919	Darnell Weekes	No. Germany	28 June 1965
David Cheney	Southern States	30 Sept. 1919	Roxcy Jeppson	Florida	5 July 1965
Luke Briggs	Eastern States & England	3 Apr. 1920	Silas Lavel Cheney	Gulf States	10 Jan. 1966
Olin H. Jeppson	Western States	25 June 1921	Phillip Ray Niederer	South West Indian	7 Mar. 1966
Sarah S. Briggs	California	5 Mar. 1922	Julian Lee Cheney	England-Central British	19 June 1966
Gerald J. Jeppson	Canada	6 Dec. 1923	Norman Small Erickson	Florida	19 June 1966
Raymond George Briggs	Northern States	7 Jan. 1926	Dale Larsen	North West Pacific	27 May 1968
D. O. Wilcox, Sr.	Eastern States	8 Jan. 1926	Darrell Cheney	Scotland	20 Sept. 1968
Elmer Weekes	Canada	6 Nov. 1926	Lyle Nelson	Northern States	18 Nov. 1968
Sterling Magleby	Eastern States	19 Nov. 1926	Martin Davidson	Eastern Atlantic States	6 Sept. 1969
John N. Jackson	Canada	30 Oct. 1927	Neil Hansen	Uruguay	10 Jan. 1970
Marion S. Cheney	Central States	27 Nov. 1927	Jack Schofield	England (left from Driggs)	20 June 1970
Orrin B. Jeppson	Western States	7 Jan. 1928	Nolan Cheney	Norway	6 Sept. 1970
Theron Cheney	Western States	26 Oct. 1930	Linda Nelson	Brazilian	9 Nov. 1970
Robert U. Weekes	East Central States	8 Mar. 1930	Rodney Beck	Denmark	9 Jan. 1971
Henry E. Erickson	Swedish	16 Jan. 1929	Lynn Cheney	Alabama-Florida	28 Aug. 1971
Lewis A. Wilcox	North Central	3 July 1930	Victor S. Erickson	England	18 Sept. 1971
Ermil E. Liljenquist	Eastern States	4 Jan. 1931	Alden Brindle	Texas	Oct. 1971
Florence Jackson	Northern States	14 June 1931	Hal D. Erickson	California	10 Nov. 1971
Elmo R. Smith	North Central	16 June 1935	Richard Thomas Sutton	Calif.-Spanish	4 Nov. 1972
Millie Wilcox	Western States	20 Oct. 1935	Tonya Jean Erickson	Hong Kong	6 Jan. 1973
Kenneth Hacking	Canadian & New England	27 Jan. 1936	Rosalie Hacking	Hong Kong Health Mission	14 Apr. 1973
Norman B. Erickson	Western States	Mar. 1936	Ruth Nelson	Andes-Peru	24 July 1973
Opal Cheney	East Central	14 Nov. 1936	Emil Niederer	England	27 Oct. 1973
Stephen Grover	California	11 June 1936	Garth Nelson	Perth Australia	17 Nov. 1973
Eva Niederer	Canadian	23 Oct. 1937	Phillip Boulter	Florida So. Spanish	12 Jan. 1974
Opal Weekes	Eastern States	25 May 1940	Georgia Erickson	North England	26 Jan. 1974
John N. Jackson	California	26 May 1940	Bradley Kay Nielson	Australia South	23 Feb. 1974
Cyrus Budge Clay	Great Britain & U.S.	25 June 1939	James K. Jeppson	Oregon	27 Apr. 1974
Meda V. Briggs	Eastern States	14 June 1940	Milon Neilson	California	20 July 1974
Lewis R. Allen	East Central	21 Jan. 1940	Foryl Kidd	Scottish	24 May 1974
Lynn C. Nelson	Northern States	15 Nov. 1940	Richard B. Grover	French Belgium	1 June 1974
Wendell B. Cheney	East Central	9 Nov. 1940	Arden Howell	Australian N.E.	8 June 1974
Marvin Dee Smith	New England	15 June 1940	Herman S. Erickson	Phillippines	27 June 1974
Katherine Holley	Northern States	16 Sept. 1943	Eileen Hacking	Pennsylvania	7 Sept. 1974
Selar & Florence Cheney	California	1 Dec. 1945	Randall Sutton	Seoul Korean	7 Dec. 1974
Robert Parley McIntire	Southern States	2 Dec. 1945	Garth Ray Oakey	Taiwan	10 May 1975
Zula Susan Nielson	Eastern States	14 Apr. 1946	Wade Nelson	Columbia Cali	5 July 1975
Afton Cheney	New England	1 Dec. 1947	Dee Orr	Georgia-Atlanta	13 Dec. 1975
LeRoy Hare	Southern States	23 Feb. 1948	George Kidd	Holbrook-Indian	25 Mar. 1976
Elmer LeRoy Holley	Swiss Austrian	23 Jan. 1948	Ronald L. Orr	Michigan-Lansing	24 Apr. 1976
Lorin Homer Grover	Southern States	4 Dec. 1949	Robert Beck	Arkansas-Little Rock	22 May 1976
Ira L. Holley	Finnish	7 Feb. 1950	Stephen & Rula Grover	Guatemala	June 1976
John Oswel Wilcox	Swedish	7 Feb. 1950	William LaVar Squires	New York-New York	10 July 1976
Raymond Kay Briggs	West Canadian	6 Nov. 1950	Kevin Grover	Arkansas-Little Rock	17 July 1976
Merlin Orr	East Central	19 Jan. 1951	Genevieve Kennington	Leeds England	1 Mar. 1977
Louetta Robison	North Central	25 Feb. 1951	Peggy Grover	Oakland Calif.	12 Mar. 1977
James A. Holley	North Western	25 Feb. 1951	Douglas Robison	Australia	22 Mar. 1977
Clarence Myrl Weekes	Great Lakes	25 Feb. 1951	Jason Nielson	Philippines	9 July 1977
Calvin M. Cook	Central States	19 Mar. 1951	Karen Wilcox	Philippines	12 Nov. 1977
Julia Jeppson	Southern States	27 June 1951	Lane Beck	Penns. Pittsburg	14 Jan. 1978
Stanley B. Sutton	Japanese	17 Nov. 1953	Dennis Grover	Taiwan	13 June 1976
LaRee Munns	Samoan	23 June 1954	Marion & LaVerne Hacking	Canadian	15 Apr. 1978
Theron Allen Cheney, Jr.	Great Lakes	9 Nov. 1955	Keith & Opal Clements	Minnesota	3 June 1978
Lyle S. Briggs	Northern States	22 Feb. 1956			
Richard Magleby	Mexican	22 Feb. 1956			

# Missionaries out in 1980

## Archer Ward Missionaries

## Sunnydell Missionaries

Name	Mission	Entered Mission Field	Name	Mission	Entered Mission Field
Scott Howell	Japan Tokyo North	22 Feb. 1979	Theron and Dorothy Cheney	Ohio Columbus	9 Jan. 1980
Danny Westover	Wisconsin Milwaukee	22 Feb. 1979	Kenneth and Laurel Hacking	Iowa Des Moines	25 Sept. 1979
Tony Bell	Australia Adelaide	2 Aug. 1979	Eric Hill	Australia Melbourne	6 Mar. 1980
Martha Erickson	California Los Angeles	18 Oct. 1979	Shane Oakey	Arizona Holbrook	10 Oct. 1979
Steve Munns	Australia Brisbane	15 Nov. 1979	Larry Ricks	Illinois Chicago	6 Mar. 1980
Kevin Luthy	California Fresno	17 Jan. 1980	Rick Robison	Nevada Las Vegas	30 Jan. 1979
Trieste Robison	Florida Tampa	15 April 1980	Duane Siddoway	Italy Catania	17 Oct. 1979
David Kidd	England London South	31 July 1980	Kent Sutton	California Oakland	14 Oct. 1978
Jody Weekes	Pennsylvania Philadelphia	7 Aug. 1980	Bernice Weekes	Louisiana Baton Rouge	22 Jan. 1980
			Blaine Wilcox	No. Carolina Greensboro	18 Dec. 1979
			Mardell Cheney	Australia Melbourne	27 Aug. 1980
			Marion and Alice Cheney	Texas Houston	24 Sept. 1980



Scott Howell



Danny Westover



Tony Bell



Martha Erickson



Steve Munns



Kevin Luthy



Trieste Robison



David Kidd



Jody Weekes



Theron and Dorothy Cheney



Laurel and Kenneth Hacking



Eric Hill



Shane Oakey



Larry Ricks



Rick Robison



Duane Siddoway



Kent Sutton



Bernice Weekes



Blaine Wilcox



Marion, Alice, and Mardell Cheney

### ***List of Men from Archer and Sunnydell Wards Who Served in the Military During World War I***

Eighty-nine boys and two girls of these, our own, have been called to defend the right.

Two of these boys made the supreme sacrifice, giving their lives for our freedom - Robert Weekes and Ronald Niederer. We hold their memory most dear.

Others who served include: Silas Levell Cheney, Thomas Charles Jeppson, Dewey S. Niederer, William Fyfe, Frederic Weekes, John Wallace Clark, Clarence Burr, John B. Carlstrom, Marshall Leslie Weekes, Allen S. Weekes.

Weslie Lavern Grover, Elias Niederer, Lester Luck Briggs, Henry Briggs, Orris Wilcox, James Edward Martin, Alex Fyfe, Clarence Hillman, Errol Hillman, Frank Bellino.

Joe Giordon, John Albert Martin, Stephen H. Taylor, Charles Sutton, Frank A. Jensen, Mr. Alguard, Leslie Paul, Donald A. Hacking, Myrtice C. Burr, Isaac Briggs.

### ***Men and Women Who Served in the Military During World War II***

Marvin Anderson, Robert Allen, Grant Aeschbacher, Ralph and Wayne Beck, Roston Blackburn, Roy Boulter, Arnold and Glen Briggs, Earl Briggs, Wallace Briggs, George Brisco.

Marjorie Buckland, Silas Buckland, Beulah Burns, Lee Burns, Walter Bybee, Elmo Cheney, Wendell, Urgan and Gerald Cheney, Dale and Budge Clay, Cecil and Loren Cook, Glen and Kenneth Davis.

Lynn M. Dewey, Howard and Stanley Erickson, Samuel D. Fullmer, George Fyfe, Murtis Fyfe, Carl and Dayton Grover, Thayne, Bryce and Vern Hacking, Adison

Holden, Melvin and Roy Holley, Blueford Hopper.

Don Hubbard, Albert Johnson, Vance Koon, Ray McBride, Charles Nelson, Delos Nelson, Ronald, George and Gordon Niederer, John W. Perham, Grant and Ivan Petersen, James Rawles.

Ellis and Joseph Rice, Martell and Dan Sharp, Irvine Schneider, Dee Smith, Elwood, Stanley, Ford and Dyle Smith, Mervin Stoddard, Mark Sutton, Byron and Lorin Taylor, Wesley Virgin, Warren Walters.

Jacob, Abraham, Moroni and Harry Whittaker, Frank Weekes, Lee C. Weekes, Robert, Arthur and Antone Weekes, Ross Weekes, John Wilcox, Keith, David and Leroy Wilcox, Lamont and Grant Wilcox, Melvin Wilcox.

### *Men Who Served in the Korean Conflict*

Earl Beck, Max Briggs, Earl Wilcox, Verle Wilcox, Clifford Wilcox, Boyd Wilcox, Glen Ray Nelson, Steven Lloyd Weekes, Ray Sidney Weekes, Max Oakey.

Raymond J. Tea, John Howard Allen, Laurence Kay

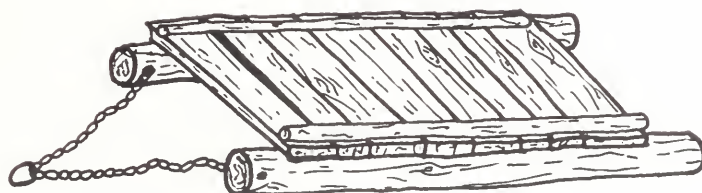
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Brigham Whittaker, Dwayne Luthy, Dean Kirkham, Charles D. Niederer, Denver Erickson, Terry O'Neil Higley, Lyle Cheney, Thell Weekes, Lynn Briggs, Sidney Hemsley, Henry Tea, Cleve G. Weekes.

### *Men Who Served in the Viet Nam Conflict*

Val Gene Dumont, Kenneth L. Hacking, Laurence Byrne, Blair Clay, Nolan Erickson, Dennis Pope, Monte Bowen, John Perham, Douglas Terry, Alan Robison, Hal D. Erickson, Julian Cheney, LaMar Fyfe.



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A rock boat was a contrivance for moving rock short distances. It consisted of two logs lying parallel about four feet apart. Above were nailed heavy planks for a floor. Two poles were nailed above these planks. A cable or chain was fastened to one end so a team of horses could be hitched to it. Rocks too heavy for men to lift were rolled onto the boat. Boats were drawn by horses into locations too small or too dangerous to maneuver wagons. Rocks was then more easily dumped over the river bank to help control erosion by river currents.

# LIFE HISTORIES

## *Lila Gardner Anderson*



Lila

I was the daughter of James Gardner and Myrtle May Rackham. My parents had 10 children, six girls and four boys. Only one has passed into the next life to be with our parents. I was the seventh child, born April 26, 1917 at Moody Creek, Idaho, and was named Lila Gardner. Archie Ricks baptized me in a creek on September 5, 1925.

As a child I went to school in Moody in the red school house that is still there. It had two classrooms and a gymnasium. We walked to school when the weather was good. In the winter time we took a one horse sled with a small box. Every winter I had pneumonia and was out of school a good share of the time. In my fourth and fifth grades we went to Ogden in the winter so I could be out of the deep snow. Dad worked for the stockyard while we were there.

Dad had a dry and wet farm so we had about 70 head of horses. In the spring we would take them out to Kilgore. When we needed them again in early fall for harvest we would go up and get them. We would take one saddle horse and our white top buggy and our field glasses. We would fish and hunt while we were there. I had a happy childhood.

I was married on November 23, 1935 to James Derral Anderson of Sugar City by Bishop Stucki of Fourth Ward in Rexburg. This is where I went to church while I was living with my Sister Winnie Thueson before I was married. I stayed with her and helped with her children. On special holidays I helped her husband, Bob, deliver Wonder Bread.

Derral and I moved to California on 91st Street near Broadway December 3, 1935 and lived with his mother Sarah Anderson and her five children to help care for them.

Our first son was born in South Gate on December 27, 1936, DeLoy J. Anderson. He married Trenna Dawn Schofield of Ashton. They have five children and six grandchildren. He is the bishop of the Wrightwood Ward in

California and is currently building a chapel in Hesperia, California. He will soon be building the Wrightwood Ward Chapel.

In April 1938 we came to Idaho for Derral to work for his brother Cleo on the overpass between Sugar and St. Anthony and on small bridges between Rexburg and Rigby. We lived with my sister Bessie Jensen and I took care of her family while she worked.

We moved back to California in September. Our first daughter was born on December 17, 1939 in Los Angeles. Norlene is married to Ed Reichenbach who works for Ricks College as an electrician. They have three children and live in Archer.

Our third child was a boy born January 28, 1943 in Bell, California, Herbert LeRoy. He is married to Diane Buley. They have seven children, six living; their second daughter died shortly after a premature birth. He is a high councilman and lives in Wrightwood where he works as a carpenter.

Our last child, Sheila, was born March 13, 1948 in San Gabriel. She is married to Bob Foster. He works for the city of Rexburg; they live in Lyman and have four children.

We were married and our children were sealed to us in the Idaho Falls Temple on August 26, 1953. All of our children have been married in the temple.

Derral was a machinist for many years then he went to work as a Salesman for Farmers Insurance. I cooked in a school for 22 years and in the summer I cooked at Sears in El Monte, California and the last five years I worked for the Los Angeles summer camp program.

I retired in June 1979, sold my home in San Gabriel, California, and bought a home in Archer to be with my girls and their families.

## *Earl and Rhea Beck*



Earl and Rhea and daughter, Christy.



Earl Lee Beck was born in Labelle, Idaho, November 25, 1927. He was the fourth child of Clarence Lee Beck and Elsie Pauline Miller. When Earl was three years old his parents moved from Labelle to Archer. Earl spent his childhood helping on the family farm and attending the schools in Madison County.

Immediately following the end of the second World War, Earl joined the United States Navy and served there for 23 months. After receiving his discharge he returned to Archer and farming.

January 13, 1950 Earl and Rhea were married by Bishop W.I. Holley in Archer.

Rhea was born and raised at Pingree, Idaho, which is west of Blackfoot. Her parents were Willard Jackson and Elva Dance. She was born September 27, 1927. Upon graduation from the Thomas High School she became a telephone operator in Blackfoot, later transferring to Rigby.

Earl and Rhea rented Clarence Beck's farm in April of 1950. They spent the next 15 years there farming during the summer and working in one way or another in the potatoes during the winter.

They are the parents of four children: Brenda, who was born October 10, 1950, is married to Lane Parry and lives in Lander, Wyoming. Brenda attended the L.D.S. Business College in Salt Lake City and worked in the Church Office Building until her marriage. She has four children, two boys and two girls.

Jerry lives in Sunnyside. He married Sheryl Stoddard and they have four children. Jerry was born at Rigby, Idaho, May 30, 1952.

Janet and her husband, Rob Webster, live in Rexburg. They just recently became the parents of their second child. They have one boy and one girl. Janet was born September 20, 1956 at Rigby, Idaho.

Christy was born November 18, 1960. She graduated from Madison High school and has one more year before getting her associate degree at Ricks College.

Jerry and Janet also attended Ricks College.

In March 1965 the family moved up the road a short distance to the farm where they now live. They bought the Dave Wilcox house and farm.

Earl and Rhea have been active and served in many callings in the church. They received their endowments and their family was sealed to them August 18, 1965.

Earl loves to farm and takes great pride in the good crops he grows.

They are proud of their children and grandchildren and enjoy associating with their friends and neighbors in the Archer, Sunnyside area.

## *Jerry and Sheryl Beck*

Jerry and Sheryl Stoddard Beck were married August 20, 1971 in the Idaho Falls Temple. We met while attending Madison High School. We dated for about four years before we decided to marry. Jerry attended Ricks College for a while, waiting for me to graduate from high school. We were married a few months after my graduation.



(Left to right): Collette, Sheryl, Darren, Jerry, and Wesley.

Sheryl's parents are Harold and Norma Goulding Stoddard of Rexburg. She has four brothers and one sister. Jerry's parents are Earl and Rhea Jackson Beck of Archer. He has three sisters.

We moved to a mobile home parked just east of Jerry's parent's home right after our marriage. Jerry helped his dad farm and they rented ground in Archer and Ririe. For the first few winters Jerry drove truck and worked at Sutton's warehouse.

Jerry became interested in hunting and fishing with his friends. He also bought a motorcycle and cycling is a favorite pastime.

Sheryl went to work a few weeks after they were married at the Sears store in Rexburg. She worked part-time as their bookkeeper and helped in the catalog sales. After eight months she went to work at the Ricks College Physical Plant as a secretary. She worked there until a few weeks before their first baby was born.

Collette, our first child, was born March 22, 1973 in Rexburg. We remember that she had lots of dark hair. She always loved books as she grew up, and learned to read at an early age. She enjoys reading, talking, and writing. She will start second grade this fall. She has learned to ride a bike this spring and likes to swim, dance and has started taking piano lessons.

Our second child, Wesley J., was born December 3, 1974. Wesley was a big baby, weighing almost 9 lbs. when he was born. Wes has always been interested in farming with his dad and Grandpa Beck. He enjoys his trucks and tractor and dirt. He has learned to ride a small bike this summer and Wesley and his sister can be seen riding their bikes together often. Wesley will start kindergarten this fall.

Darren DeLynn, our third child, was born January 31, 1978. Darren loves being outdoors, riding on the machinery with his dad and grandpa. He likes his toy tractor and trike. He especially likes to go to grandma's, where they spoil him. Darren is always in the shadow of his older brother, Wes, and sometimes forgets he can't say and do all the things Wesley can. This tends to get him into trouble regularly.

Our fourth child, Meggan, was born in Rexburg, August 18, 1980.

Sheryl's full time job is her family. She enjoys sewing for them, gardening and learning to be a better cook. She has worked in the sports program, Relief Society, and Primary.

Jerry is keeping busy in a body shop in Rigby. He is still doing some farming, but is a full time body and fender man. He became interested in auto body repairs about four years ago, working during the winters in his dad's shop. This spring he made the decision to go to work full time in the body shop business. Jerry has served in the Sunday School over the past year.

We enjoy camping and fishing during the summer when we get the chance. We also like to take the family swimming and for pizza.

We have liked living in Archer-Sunnydell during the past nine years of our married life. We appreciate our family, friends and neighbors that have made our life together happy.

## *Robert and Peggy Beck*

Robert Paul Beck was born May 13, 1957 in Rexburg, Madison, Idaho, to Wayne Mark and Zara Zeldia Hendricks Beck.

Peggy Sue Monson was born April 10, 1958 in Burley, Cassia, Idaho, to Niles Thomas and June Humphery's Monson.

Robert was reared in Archer and spent a lot of his time, as most farm boys do, swimming in irrigation ditches, sorting potatoes at harvest time, and keeping his mother busy. He attended grade school in Archer, then moved on to junior high school in Rexburg. He was a cute little boy with blonde hair and *lots* of freckles.

Robert began high school in the fall of 1972, and in the spring of 1975, graduated from Madison High. During his senior year, Robert was called to serve as Seminary President. He grew spiritually from this assignment and learned how to be an example to others as well as a leader. Robert was a friendly guy with a big smile, and he *still* had lots of freckles.

Peggy was the second child in a family of four girls. Due to her father's job, her family moved approximately every three to four years. After her birth, the Monsons moved to Boise, Shelley, and then Preston, where Peggy attended first through fourth grade. One of the things Peggy remembers most about these years is throwing away her cafeteria tickets so she could go home with her best friend for lunch. Her friend's mother worked, so every day they would have their favorite treat — bread and butter with sugar on top. Peggy's mother never found out.

At the end of 1974 Robert met Peggy. She ended up erasing the pencil markings in his Algebra book before he handed it in that day. Little did she know what this episode would lead to.

The summer went by, Robert slaving away for his dad on the farm, and Peggy slaving for her dad at the store. They never saw each other until school started that fall. Peggy had her eyes on him, but was too shy to say anything. Then one day, while doggedly doing a shorthand lesson, who should sit down beside her but Robert Beck! They went to a movie that weekend and have been dating ever since.

Robert left for Little Rock, Arkansas to serve a mission on May 22, 1976, the same week Peggy graduated from high school. While Peggy attended Ricks College, worked at the bank, and "waited", Robert served as district leader, zone leader, and assistant to the mission president in Arkansas.

They were married in the Idaho Falls Temple on December 16, 1978 by Donald O. Merrill.

They began married life in Apartment No. 5 above McDonalds on main street in Rexburg. It was quite a dump to begin with, but it wasn't long before it became their home. Peggy practiced on her cooking and cleaning skills, and Robert on his plumbing, carpentry, and "taking out the garbage" skills.

They belonged to the Ricks College 11th Ward — a ward specifically for married students. Robert served as Elders Quorum president and second counselor in the bishopric, while Peggy served as homemaking teacher and education counselor in the Relief Society. They met many friends in this ward. They also made a move to the basement apartment of Lois Hoffman, who became a dearly loved friend. Robert graduated from Ricks College in May of 1980.

Another move took them to Archer where Robert worked as the Watermaster. They were now members of the Sunnydell Ward where Robert served as Deacons advisor and scout master.

Little Jared Robert Beck was born June 23, 1980 in Rexburg, Madison, Idaho. He brought with him a big surprise for both sides of the family — the first grandchild with bright red hair (and the temper that goes with it!).

## *Wayne and Zara Beck*



Front Row (L. to R.): Sharon, Carolyn, Zara, and Valynn  
Back Row: Doyle, Layne, Wayne, Rodney, Robert, and Bryant

Wayne Mark Beck was born the 8th of January, 1926, at LaBelle, Idaho. Zara H. Beck was born 22 April 1929 at Rexburg, Idaho. Wayne's parents, Clarence and Elsie Beck and family moved to Archer in the year 1929 to the farm where Wayne presently resides and farms. Zara was born to Lucius and Claudia Dayley Hendricks and raised in Lyman, Idaho. Her grandparents, John F. and Henrietta Dayley lived in the present Gordon Neiderer home next to Wayne's fam-

ily. Consequently they became childhood friends, playing together, whenever Zara visited her grandparents.

After Wayne's military service in World War II, they met again and began seeing very much of each other, and were married 16 December 1947 in the Idaho Falls Temple. They lived for a short time in Lyman, Archer, and in Taylor, Idaho before returning to Archer in 1955, where they finally settled and farmed on the "Soule Place". They lived there until 1966 when they purchased Wayne's father's farm, remodeled the old home, and settled there permanently.

Wayne graduated from Archer High School at age 16 and worked for farmers in Idaho Falls and Montana until joining the Navy at age 17 to serve his country and served until May 1946, when he was honorably discharged. While in the Navy, he served as a signalman on a troop ship in the Pacific. He has served as a director on the Sunnyside Canal District, as a counselor in the presidency and president of the Sunday School. He is currently the Ward Employment Specialist and a counselor in the Rexburg East Stake Sunday School. He and Zara are also officiators in initiatory work at the Idaho Falls Temple and enjoy this very much.

Zara has been a Primary teacher in Taylor, Lyman, and Archer wards, served on the Stake Primary Board 1954-1961; as Spiritual Living teacher, Gospel Doctrine teacher, and is presently serving as the Relief Society president of the Sunnyside Ward.

Wayne and Zara have been blessed with eight children, all of whom are honorable citizens and are active in the kingdom. First, Carolyn, born 27 August 1948 in Rigby, Idaho, is now married and has five children and lives in Ucon, Idaho. Rodney, born 28 May 1951 in Rigby, Idaho, served a mission for the Church in Copenhagen, Denmark from 1971-1972. He then returned home to continue his education and take a wife. He now resides in Boise, Idaho, where he has three children. Doyle was born 29 June 1953 in Rexburg, Idaho. He and his wife live in Idaho Falls, Idaho, where he is the owner of a successful construction firm. They have twin sons. Robert, born 13 May 1957 in Rexburg, Idaho, served a mission in Little Rock, Arkansas, from 1976-78. He currently lives in Sunnyside and has one child. Layne, born 1 December 1958 in Rexburg, Idaho, has been active in school and church, holding such positions as first assistant in the Priests Quorum and teaching the Missionary Preparation class in the Sunnyside Ward. He served a mission in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, from 1978-80. He is currently attending Ricks College. Sharon was born 28 November 1961 in Rexburg, Idaho. She has been active in school and church, holding such positions as Beehive, MIA Maid, and Laurel president, student government positions and J.V. cheerleader. She is currently continuing her education at Ricks College. Bryant, born 19 May 1968 in Rexburg, Idaho is currently a Deacon in the Sunnyside Ward where he serves as secretary of the Quorum. Valynn was born 24 April 1969 in Rexburg, Idaho. She is still in Primary where she is a Merrie Miss.

These eight children have brought much joy and happiness into Wayne and Zara's lives. They are very grateful for the opportunity they have had to support their sons on mis-

sions. They have taught and allowed their children to work hard, which is a very necessary achievement.

## *William and Mary Lou Bell*

I, William Bell, son of George Martell and Lucille Sommer Bell, was born and raised in Rexburg. I attended Madison High School and after graduating I married Judith Susan Jacobs of St. Anthony, Idaho, on June 14, 1958. To this marriage were born five children, namely: Trista-21, Tony-20, Michelle-18, Cody-16, and Derik-12. In the spring of 1970 we bought 5/8 acre of pasture from Henry Erickson in the Archer townsite. We moved here in the spring of 1971. We lived in a 10x60 trailer house rented to us by Mahlon England, while I was building a home to live in. It was a struggle trying to build a home and work, too. By June of 1971 we were able to move into the home. It wasn't completely finished but we had to get out of that little trailer or lose our minds. Over the years we have managed to finish it.

In the Spring of 1972 Judy and I were divorced. Tony, Trista and Cody remained here with me and Michelle and Derik moved into town with their mother.

Later this same year I married Mary Lou Davis Westover, daughter of Wain and Bertie Garner Davis of Hibbard. She had previously been married to Orian Keith Westover on November 15, 1957. They had both graduated from Madison High School. Orian served a mission in the Northwestern States Mission before their marriage. He was the son of Ray Westover and Olive Smith Westover of Rexburg. They lived in Rexburg all their married lives. They had a son, Danny. In 1968 Orian died of a kidney transplant.

Mary Lou and I were married in Rexburg on July 15, 1972, by Bishop Merle Jeppesen and for a year we lived in her home in Rexburg. It was too small for our family so in February 1973 we moved back out here to Archer.

In August of 1973 we had a son, Travis. When Travis was born Mary Lou had severe complications and the doctor told us that she had less than 50 per cent chance to live. She was in the hospital for a total of 40 days. Through faith and prayer she was healed and was able to return home to us. During this time the people in the ward were very good to us. Food and many other aids were given. We learned to love and appreciate the people here very much.

In the eight years of our marriage we have seen many changes. Michelle and Derik have come to live with us. Danny, 21, is in the Wisconsin Milwaukee Mission. Trista is working in Idaho and waiting for a missionary serving in Paraguay, South America. Tony is serving in the Australia Adelaide Mission. Michelle will be a senior at Madison High School this year. Cody will be in the ninth grade, and is presently serving as president of the Teachers Quorum. Derik will be in the 7th grade and is a Deacon. Travis will be in the second grade at Lyman school.

I have worked for Roger Ampco Foods, Rogers Division in Idaho Falls for 15 years; this year I am transferring to the Rexburg plant.

Mary Lou works as a Deputy Clerk for Madison County.

We and our children are active in the Church. I am secretary of the Young Men's organization and Mary Lou is first counselor in Relief Society.

We enjoy living in the Archer Ward and are proud to call it home.

Three of our sons have moved pipe during the summers for the Jess Sutton family. This has been particularly interesting because they have worked on the Sommer's place which belonged to my Grandfather William Sommer. My mother was raised there. I remember going there as a boy and staying with my Grandpa Sommer and knowing Bishop Grover then.

We, as a family, have a testimony of the truthfulness of the gospel. We are a missionary family and hope our other three sons will follow in their two older brothers footsteps. We're grateful to the people in this ward who have an influence for good on our family's lives. We know God lives and He hears and answers prayers. We hope we will be able to continue living here in this good community and that we can be an influence for good to the people we associate with.

### *Kenneth and Lois Biorn*



(Left to right): Kenneth, Jr., Lois, Kenneth, and Jennifer

Kenneth Gene Biorn was born November 29, 1949, in St. Anthony, Idaho.

Lois Schmitt Biorn was born November 27, 1953, in Ashton, Idaho.

We were married October 18, 1975, in the Idaho Falls Temple. Also on this day we both received our endowments and were sealed, one of the most rewarding and happiest days in both of our lives; something that we have never regretted, rather enjoyed since that day.

Jennifer Biorn was born April 9, 1977, in Rexburg, Idaho.

Kenneth "Andrew" Biorn was born March 7, 1979, in St. Anthony, Idaho.

Ken attended North Fremont High School and grade school. He spent four years in the U.S. Navy. During the four years in the Navy, he was stationed in San Diego, California; Great Lakes, Illinois; Charleston, South Carolina, and Jacksonville, Florida. He was a boiler technician. After he returning home, he attended Ricks College in 1973-74. May of 1974 he worked as mechanic for Stones Town and Country

Motors for two years and several other places as a professional mechanic until in 1979 when he started working for Peterson Room Dividers.

Lois grew up on a small farm northwest of St. Anthony. I was the youngest of six kids in my family. I learned to work in the hay, milk cows, fix fences and all the other things that go with farming, but I really enjoyed and treasure those years. I love horses and spent many hours riding an old white mare we had. When I was nine, I was kicked in the stomach by one of our horses and was taken to Idaho Falls with broken ribs and a ruptured spleen which was causing internal bleeding. I came very close to not making it, but through the power of the priesthood and faith and prayer I did. This is when my testimony started. I wasn't very big, but I learned to be thankful.

I went to grade school and high school in St. Anthony. I really enjoyed my years in Mutual. I think it is a wonderful organization, but the teachers I had helped to make it that way. After high school I started working at the Rexburg Food Center in the bakery, where I learned how to decorate cakes. Then the flood came and I never went back.

Jennifer enjoys going to church and enjoys hearing stories and talking about Jesus. She likes to say her prayers and reminds us if we forget to help her.

Andy is starting to listen to stories and hold still during prayers.

We lived in St. Anthony for three and one-half years after we were married, then in April of 1979 we moved to Lyman, then in August moved to Archer, where we really enjoy it.

### *Esther May Weekes Boulter*



*Esther May*

In a small log house (no longer standing) about a quarter of a mile from the intersection where the Archer Merc. now stands, I was born on February 19, 1901. My parents, George Sidney and Mary Ann Briggs Weekes, named me Esther May. I was the fifth of seven children.

Growing up in Archer was different then. There was a church, a school, a dance hall, a few homes and a lot of

sagebrush east of our home. I recall we couldn't play far from the house because Indians frequently traveled through the area and everyone was afraid of them. I don't recall anyone ever having been hurt by the Indians, but we never knew whether they were friendly or not.

I started school in the new rock school house just east of my home (later used as a cheese factory). I attended five years of school in this building, two years in the dance hall (no longer standing) near where Norman Erickson now lives, a short time in the church house (east of where the church now stands), and I finished my eighth grade in the Archer School as we know it now. I attended one year at the Ricks Academy in Rexburg.

Our family was very active in all the organizations in the ward. I taught several classes over the years, in both Primary and Sunday School, and was secretary of both organizations. Of course, we always attended Sacrament meetings, Sunday School, Primary, M.I.A., and any other dances and activities in the ward.

In 1925 one of my friends introduced me to Richard Harvey Boulter. After dating for some time, Dick and I were married on December 1, 1925. We were blessed with two children — Roy Richard Boulter, born March 18, 1927, and Lola May Boulter (Smith), born June 3, 1939. The first two years we were married, we lived in LaBelle, Idaho, where Roy was born, then we moved back to Archer. We lived for a short time on the "old Edwin Stacey place" (where Bert Howell now lives), and in the Erickson place just south of my present home, before moving into the home I presently occupy.

During these first few years we were in Archer, Dick worked with his team on a W.P.A. project on the roads and canals in the community. We soon purchased our first second-hand truck and Dick went to work hauling produce, etc. For many years he hauled coal from the Blind Bull Coal Mine in Utah, over very treacherous roads, to the members of the community.

In 1938 we purchased the grocery store at Byrne Siding (in Sunndell Ward). We operated the grocery store, and Dick built and operated a potato warehouse with George Munns and later with our son, Roy, at Byrne Siding until 1959, when we retired and moved back to the home in Archer where I still live.

Before our modern conveniences, it was necessary for the men to take teams and sleighs to the hills to get the winter's fire wood. Many times my brothers and Dick made these trips together. They would come back telling of temperatures 35 below zero and of lifting the quilts, all frozen stiff, and climbing under them to sleep. It was often necessary for them to walk beside the sleigh rather than ride, in order to keep their feet from freezing.

Many people will remember hayrides, caroling trips, scout outings, and mutual outings to Yellowstone Park and other places of interest, for which our trucks were the transportation. Dick and I used to enjoy these trips whenever the occasion arose. Archer and Sunndell Wards have seen our family through the depression years of the 1920's, prosperity, marriages, divorces, many happy times and a few unhappy times. We now have six grandchildren and one great

grandson. After years of service to his community, and loving care of his family, Dick passed away on February 19, 1969, and I will continue my retirement in my home not a mile from where I was born.

## *Roy and Miriam Boulter*



*Roy and Miriam*

George Leroy Boulter and his wife Fran Cilda Isabell Newbolt moved from Draper, Utah, to the area of Lorenzo, Idaho, west across the Snake River from Archer. Richard Harvey was the oldest son; he had one older sister named LaVon in a family of twelve children. Richard was about ten years old when the family moved to Idaho. He grew up on farm dwellings between Labelle and Menan.

George Sidney Weekes and his wife Mary Ann Briggs moved from Cache County, Utah, after their marriage in 1891 and raised their family of seven children in Archer, living about a quarter of a mile west of the Archer Merc intersection. Esther May, their fifth child, married Richard Harvey Boulter on December 1, 1925. They moved to Labelle, Idaho, where they lived for two years. Roy Richard Boulter was born to them March 18, 1927. Soon the family moved to Archer living in various locations until they settled in the store at Byrne Siding, above Archer, in 1937. Two years later Lola May Boulter was born.

Roy grew up working beside his dad, trucking coal from the Blind Bull Mine in Wyoming. Later he helped operate the potato warehouse at Byrne Siding. He was old enough to join the army just at the close of World War II. He did so and serviced planes stationed in Japan. He also served for some time in the merchant marines.

Marion Phyllis Whitaker met Roy in 1948 and they were married May 17, 1949, living in part of the Charles O. Jeppson home on the site of the Chester and Ina May Nelson's present home. The other part of the house was occupied by Dennis and Rita Nelson, who were also new-lweds.

Miriam is the daughter of Henry Archibald Whitaker and Blanche Cheryl Lowe who were both from the Rigby area. She was born in Hollister, Idaho, near Twin Falls. She attended school in Pocatello and Rigby as the family moved. Her high school graduation exercises were held 17 May

1949, which was also her wedding date. The nuptial rites preceded the scholastic ceremony by several hours.

Roy and Miriam soon moved to a house near Byrne Siding that was formerly owned by Archie Guyman. While living there Victoria Christine was born, 24 November 1952. Richard Philip was born 10 January 1954 and Roy Valdean was born 23 February 1956. There was room for the children to play about the house and up the hill to the railroad tracks. These tracks were the tracks to follow when the kids disappeared but occasionally there were other places to go such as the time Vikki and Phil went east across the dry farms to take a drink to daddy on the harvester. Dick owned grain combines with which he and Roy did custom cutting. Each of Roy's kids had plenty of time on the platform beside their dad, or in the sun in the back of a truck, chewing wheat into a chewing gum. In time each learned to operate the combine and drive the trucks with varying degrees of skill.

Val's first interests were in art and drawing. He also spent considerable time in 4-H projects; his pig won the grand champion award. He began moving around and working at different jobs early. He has traveled widely.

Vikki was active in local girls organizations; she was a very sociable person. She sang in high school choirs and participated in other extra curricular activities. After high school she attended a business college in Boise, then worked for the State of Idaho. In 1973 she married Dalla Gene Reynolds in the Archer Ward Chapel. They live in Boise where their son Dallas James was born in 1974.

Philip was also active in 4-H, high school choir and drama, and ward social functions. He served a mission in the Florida Ft. Lauderdale Mission from 1974-76. He attended Ricks College and BYU receiving a bachelor's degree in Sociology. He served in Idaho and Utah National Guards. The last two years of his military service has been with special forces.

Although the family is well scattered through the intermountain region, Archer continues to be the hub of activity.

Roy and Miriam moved first into the house owned by Bill Wilcox then to the house west side of the five acre plot of land on the Dalby townsite where they built a cinderblock basement home in 1960. They built an addition topside in 1975 so there is room for the entire family, and portion thereof that may drop in.

Roy began working for the Idaho Department of Highways in 1960 and continued until his retirement in 1975. Meanwhile Miriam took secretarial courses and worked for the State Department of Highways when Roy was injured in 1965. Later she studied Spanish and other subjects and eventually began a college degree through Brigham Young University which will soon be completed. In 1973 she began working as secretary for the U.S. Forest Service. She has worked into the information field which is the subject of her college courses.

## *Earl and Edna Briggs*

Earl Albert Briggs, son of James and Hannah Elizabeth Nelson Briggs was born August 23, 1908, at Archer, Idaho, Fremont County. He was fourth child born in a family of



*Edna and Earl and daughter Sandra*

seven: Clara, James, Edith, Earl, Elmer, Mildred, and Wyora.

His father, James Briggs, Sr., born in England, came home to Archer when he was four years old with his parents, Charles Briggs, Sr., and Mary Ann Worrell Briggs and brothers Charles, George, Luke, William, and sister Mary Ann (Weekes). They settled in Archer area in 1883.

Earl attended elementary school at Archer. He was promoted from first grade to third, completing elementary school in seven years.

He learned the value of work at an early age, helping farmers weed and thin beets, weed potatoes, haul hay and helped on threshing crews. He and his brother, Elmer, farmed the Olaf P. Johanson farm for years and then Earl farmed it alone.

Earl and I, Edna Erickson, were married April 9, 1941, in the Salt Lake Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah. We were privileged to have my mother and Earl's mother and father, and his sister, Clara Hunsaker, accompany us. Our first home was in the basement apartments of Henry Erickson's home and store. Earl was still working at the Johanson farm.

Earl was inducted into the armed forces World War II on 21 March 1944. He was in the ordinance department — automotive mechanic at General Mechanic Motor Pool, on all gasoline and deisel equipment for overseas shipment. He took this training at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland. He was released from the army in September, 1945.

Earl then worked for Midland Elevator at Byrne Siding, then at Rexburg for twenty-four years as a cheese maker for Nelson Ricks Creamery. He and I work as custodians of the Archer School now.

Church positions held: Priest advisor, Sunday School superintendency, secretary of Elders Quorum (Archer Ward).

I, Edna Erickson Briggs, daughter of Herman and Gladys Edna Blackburn Erickson, was born December 4, 1917, at Archer, Idaho, Madison County. My brothers and sisters were: Eugene, Alvin, Henry, Howard, Bemarr, Norman, Stanley, Ada, Olive, and Phyllis. My father, Herman Erickson, came from Sweden when he was twenty years old

and settled in Archer with his parents, Erik and Kristina and sisters, Matilda (Payn) and Emma (Grover). My mother was born in Brigham City. She and sisters, Leal and Geraldine, came to Archer to visit their sister Lula Jeppson and later married Herman Erickson, Clarence Cheney and Carl Johnson respectively.

I attended elementary school and two years of high school at Archer, and as a junior at Madison High School, Rexburg, Idaho. I was a teacher in Primary when seventeen years old, sang in the Archer choir, had the privilege along with other members of the choir to sing with the Ricks College Choir at General Conference, April 6, 1940. I also had the privilege of being in the dancing group from Archer that won a trophy from the Rexburg Stake and was chosen to dance with the other groups of the Church at Saltair Pavilion, Salt Lake City, Utah. These are two experiences I will never forget.

January 1, 1945, four years after we were married we were blessed with the birth of our daughter, Sandra, our only child. What a wonderful blessing she is to us, and her husband and children. Earl was in the service. With the help of Dr. M.F. Rigby and the Red Cross, he received a furlough to come home for the blessed event.

When Sandra was in elementary school at Archer she helped us with the custodial work.

We were also custodians of the Lyman school for one year from February, 1977 to February 1978. We have been custodians for thirty-one years and are at the present time.

The positions I have held in the Church are: Primary teacher, secretary of Y.L.M.I.A., secretary of Primary, teacher in Sunday School, Visiting Teacher, all in the old Archer Ward. At present I am librarian for Relief Society, supervisor of twelve Visiting Teaching districts, also historian for Sunnyside Ward Relief Society. I am also a member of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers and have served as secretary and organist of that organization.

Our hobbies are gardening and enjoying the company of our daughter, Sandra, and son-in-law, Ben Homer, and grandchildren, Earlene and Todd.

## *Elmer and Clea Briggs*

The story of this couple starts as many others of "good little Archer Ward." — "We (Elmer and Clea) having been born of goodly parents, \_\_\_\_\_."

Eric Elmer (Elmer E.) Briggs, son of James Briggs and Hannah Elizabeth Nelson, was born May 24, 1911, at Archer, Madison County, Idaho.

Elmer was the fifth child in a family of seven. His parents lived on a small acreage, and he learned at an early age that everyone must work to get along.

Clea May Weekes, daughter of George Lelen Weekes and Martha LaVon Galbraith, was born May 10, 1915 at Archer, Madison County, Idaho.

Clea, the oldest of a family of eight girls and two boys, also learned the value of hard work and that each member must be willing to give as well as receive.

Both grew up in Archer where they attended school and



*Clea and Elmer*

enjoyed the activities of the school and church. They remember the special Christmas programs, the children dances in the old hall, the sleigh rides and caroling parties.

Elmer finished school in Archer, then went to work to help his father provide for the family — many the acres of beets he has thinned, topped and loaded.

Clea went on to Madison High School in Rexburg graduating in May of 1933. She was class valedictorian of a class of 108 students.

Elmer enjoyed basketball and played on the Church M-Men team for several years.

One thing they both looked forward to was the huckleberry trip their families took each August. They all went together into the hills and spent a full week camping, berrying, having fun, and getting out wood for the coming winter. This tradition has carried down in their families.

Their first date was an April Fool's Dance in the Sunnyside school house, but they were not to be fooled. Love and respect grew and they were married September 8, 1934, in Idaho Falls, Idaho. The following July they made a trip to Logan, Utah, to have their endowments and were sealed on July 2, 1935. The couple made their home in Archer and lived there except for three years during World War II when Elmer was employed by the U.P. Railroad in Pocatello.

Their present home was built in 1942. The Briggs' have seven children, three sons and four daughters:

Mrs. James (Loretta) Dennis, born October 9, 1935; now living in Rexburg, Idaho. Lynn Briggs, born December 25, 1937, of Archer, Idaho. Mrs. Lee (Elaine) Yokom, born April 27, 1939, of Canon City, Colorado. Mrs. George (Barbara) Hardy, born March 21, 1941, living in Idaho Falls, Idaho. Mrs. Edwin (Madeline) Colburn, born July 22, 1942, of West Jordan, Utah. Lee Briggs, born December 24, 1954, of Idaho Falls, Idaho. Larry Briggs, born September 26, 1956, living in Sugar City, Idaho. They have eighteen grandchildren.

Elmer has always worked for an employer, as they just live on a small acreage. He has done farm work for several people in the area, doing custom hay baling and grain com-

bining. He managed a potato warehouse for several years. In 1956 he started working at a potato processing plant in Idaho Falls. Within a few months he had worked up to an assistant foreman position which he held for seventeen years, when he retired in 1972. He was then offered a partial retirement job acting as sexton for the Sutton Cemetery, and he and Clea did this job for seven years. During all these years of employment, his wife worked right along with him whenever she could leave their family.

The Briggs' have always been a close knit family, enjoying the same things and going places together. Whether it was church or school activities, work or play, it has been a family affair. They shared the good times and the bad. Fishing trips to the Salmon River area to fish for the elusive salmon will long be remembered, and the family relives those good times as they gather for an evening and watch their home movies. Many vacations were taken to surrounding states by the family.

The highlight of all these vacations was probably the trip Elmer and Clea took to Germany. Loretta and her husband were stationed there in the military, and in July of 1973 the Briggs' spent forty-five glorious days visiting Copenhagen, Denmark, and traveled all over Germany. They made a tour in Austria where the "Sound of Music" was filmed. Several days were spent at the Olympic grounds in Munich. They attended the L.D.S. conference with President Harold B. Lee presiding. It brought tears to ones eyes to stand and hear the song, "We Thank Thee O God for a Prophet," being sung in seven different languages.

They also took a trip into Switzerland and went to the L.D.S. Temple at Bern.

The Briggs' have both held various church positions, and enjoy their friends.

Now that they are retired, they are always together. Whether it be working in the garden, going to town to shop, or on a vacation or fishing trip — where you see one — you always see the other.

### *Lynn and Norma Briggs*



Front Row (L. to R.): Lynn, James, Norma.  
Back Row: Cathy and Susan

Lynn Elmer Briggs, a descendant from Lelan and Martha Weekes whose daughter, Clea, is his mother; Elmer, his father, is the son of James and Hannah Briggs.

Lynn was born in Archer on December 25, 1937, and has lived here all his life except for the two years he and his family lived in Pocatello during the Second World War and the four years he served in the U.S. Navy. He has four sisters and two brothers.

He met his wife, Norma Lee Snodgrass Jokom, in Boise. She was born in Putney, West Virginia on March 21, 1944. Her father was George Everett Snodgrass, a coal miner, and her mother was CorDelia Louise Campbell. Her father died in 1948 and her mother remarried to Frank Leon Yokom in 1951 and moved out west to Boise, Idaho. Step-father died in August 1973. Norma has two sisters and two brothers.

Lynn and Norma were married on September 8, 1964, in Boise and were sealed in the Idaho Falls Temple on April 8, 1977. They have three children: Cathy Lynn, age 15, born June 15, 1965; Susan Hannah, age 11, born June 29, 1969; and Jame Everett, age 4, born April 8, 1976.

Lynn works for the Department of Transportation on the sign crew. He has worked there for fifteen years. Norma has driven school bus for Madison County for five years.

They plan on living in the home they built as long as they live.

### *Max E. Briggs*



Max

Father, George Briggs, Jr., was the first child born in the Lyman area. His parents were George Briggs, Sr., and Sarah Susannah Blackburn. He arrived on 13 August 1883, one-half block west of where I, his son, Max, now live. He died 20 March 1964. Both George Briggs, Sr. and Jr. served as Bishops of the ward and contributed much, along with their families, to the area.

Mother, Martha Burns, born 9 June 1885, Salt Lake City, Utah, to Charles and Susannah Stacey Burns, married



22 June 1904 at Archer, sealed in the Salt Lake Temple 5 October 1904, died 2 August 1957. Children: Raymond George married Leah Margaret Hansen, Elda Susannah married Lorin Butler, Chester Burns who died at the age of ten, Meda Vilate married LeRoy Woolstenhulme, Max Elmo (myself) born 16 August 1921, and Wallace Orval married (1) Dorothy Jean Cheney and (2) Marjean Johnson.

I have always lived in the house my parents built in 1915, which we have modernized and remodeled during the years. We had eighty-five acres of land and a large dry farm south and east of Byrne Siding. We had landg stretching from the south end of the mountain north to Lyman creek. There was a great view of the Snake River and of the entire valley. I did much of the work.

I attended ten grades of school at Archer. The gym and high school rooms were being added the year I started school. I excelled in spelling and history. When I graduated May 9, 1935, it fell my lot to deliver the welcome address. I entered Madison High School in Rexburg in September 1935 for my last two years of high school riding the bus every day. In my junior year I took Home Economics and was secretary of the Home Ec. Club. My senior year I was exchange editor of the "M" news. At the later part of the year, as part of the weekly assembly program, Dewain Sylvester and I "broadcast" news reports. I also took two years of seminary. In 1939, a youth conference was held at Ricks College campus. President Heber J. Grant was present and addressed the group. At seminary graduation, Earl J. Glade, managing director of KSL addressed the group. I was asked to give the invocation. I was appointed counselor in Sunday School, November 17, 1940 until May 29, 1946 when I was inducted into the army. I served in Japan in the 71st Signal Service Battalion in Tokyo where I served until April 1947 as Personnel Transit Clerk. I enjoyed the work, the officers, and enlisted men. I was discharged June 1, 1947. When I returned I was appointed teacher of the genealogical class in Sunday School and taught three or four years. I was greatly interested in genealogy and have spent many years in research work. I have been a ward checker of genealogical sheets since the program was started.

My mother died 2 August 1957 after suffering several strokes in the preceding five years. Her speech was lost and her left side paralyzed four and one-half years. Father and I cared for her at home, one of us always stayed in the house with her. After her death, Father's health somewhat improved, he was operated on for cataracts (both eyes) the next summer, and again enjoyed reading the Church books and papers and hoeing weeds in the yard. We were glad that his health stayed good until after his 80th birthday.

I was appointed Ward Clerk when George Munns was called as bishop, 24 May 1959, and served until 29 December 1963, when my father's illness became worse and he could no longer be left alone. I was ordained a High Priest 26 November 1978 by Stake President Keith L. Peterson.

In January 1975 I suffered a heart attack. When the pain eased, I got my cousin, Grant Burns, to take me to Rigby to Dr. Asael Ttall. He diagnosed my trouble as a heart attack and called an ambulance to take me to the Idaho Falls L.D.S. Hospital. I was in intensive care a few days, then in the hospital for several more days, then stayed with my brother

and sister-in-law, Raymond and Leah. I had a backset later which required an operation, so I was till June recovering. This is when I sold my cattle and my farm, as I had no insurance.

My hobbies have been working on my genealogy, collecting postage stamps and Firstday covers, also some coins. Because of expense, they hve been somewhat limited, but I have enjoyed them and believe they have all be educational.

## *Raymond and Leah Briggs*



*Leah and Raymond*

Raymond George Briggs was born May 23, 1905, in a two room log house on the present George Nelson farm, the first of six children born to the Briggs family. His father, George Briggs, Jr., son of George Briggs, Sr., and Sarah Susannah Blackburn was born the 13th day of August 1883 at Lyman, Oneida County, Idaho. His mother, Martha Burns, daughter of Charles Burns and Susannah Stacy, was born 9 June 1885 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

His Grandfather Briggs was a mine worker, farmer, merchant and the first bishop of Archer. His father was a farmer, county commissioner, canal board secretary and the second bishop of Archer.

Raymond was blessed as an infant on 2 July 1905 in Archer, Fremont Stake, by his Grandfather George Briggs, Sr., then bishop of the old log church house across from what is now Howell's store.

He started school in the old rock building that was later converted to a cheese factory and began school the next fall in the old dance hall owned by Herman Erickson.

In the summer Raymond enjoyed swimming in the canals and in the winter it was ice skating. His chores were getting the wood and coal in the house and riding the derrick horse when they were putting up hay.

He finished high school at Ricks Normal College. While still in high school he was called to serve as Sunday School second assistant with Jr. Ray Smith as superintendent and George Nelson as first assistant. When Brother Smith was called to the bishopric, He was made first assistant to Superintendent George Nelson in the Sunday School, a position he held until called on a mission.

It was at this time that Raymond met Leah Hansen, daughter of Jacob Hansen and Dora Madsen. She was teaching school at Archer and living with the Will Squires family. She was born in Mount Pleasant, Utah, 26 September 1901. Raymond asked her to go to a Sunday School officers party at the home of J. Ray Smith, and they continued to see each other.

Raymond's mission call was to the Northern States Mission with the mission headquarters in Chicago. He left for his mission January 6, 1926. This was a sad time for Leah as her mother died the day he left for his mission. Brother David O. McKay taught all the missionary spiritual classes, and the missionaries had a general feeling that Brother McKay might be a President of the Church. Raymond was set apart by Apostle Richard R. Lyman. Thirty years later Raymond and Leah's son, Lyle, was called to the same mission.

Raymond didn't receive a Dear John letter on his mission, so when he arrived home, he and Leah were married June 6, 1928 by Patriarch Hyrum G. Smith in the Salt Lake Temple.

They started their married life in Archer in a two room house purchased from Ivan Robison. He worked with his father on the irrigated farm and enjoyed associating with and going fishing with their good neighbors Ike and Iva Nelson.

Their first child was born 5 May 1929, a little daughter named Doralie Mae. Their first son was born October 10, 1930, and he was named Raymond Kay. Two years later, September 23, 1932, Lola Martha was born bringing more sunshine into their home.

In 1934 Carl J. Johnson moved to Rexburg so Raymond was called to be second counselor in the bishopric. J. Ray Smith was the bishop and D.O. Wilcox the first counselor.

Their next baby boy arrived before the doctor January 31, 1936, and just before a big blizzard. He was named Lyle Spencer.

Their third son, Garth Elwin, was born October 10, 1939, just after they had finished remodeling their home.

November 22, 1945, the night before Thanksgiving, Lola became very ill and passed away. She had been ill with rheumatic fever and had spent months in bed but seemed to be improving.

In August 1946 Raymond was called to be first counselor to Bishop William I. Holley with Kenneth Hacking as second counselor. He served until 1952.

Leah had always been active working in the different organizations in the ward and stake and also as a member of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers until she suffered a stroke in March, 1976.

Doralie and Theron Gambles live in Rexburg. She has seven children and eleven grandchildren. She works at Ricks College and is a counselor in the Young Women's organization in the Fifteenth Ward.

Kay and Georgia live in American Falls. They have seven children and three grandchildren. Kay is managing the Oneida Elevator and is stake president.

Lyle and Gladys live in Chino, California. He is an engineer, and they are also in the real estate business, also active in the Church. They have five children and five grandchildren.

Garth and Kolene live in Salt Lake. They have five children. He is a C.P.A. and an assistant manager in their business. Garth is in the stake high council.

Leah passed away March 20, 1980, at the age of 78, and Raymond passed away April 24, 1980, at the age of 74. They left our community a better place because of the excellent examples they have always set.

## *Everett and Alta Brindle*



*Alden, Everett, Alta, and Joyce*

Alta and Everett were married July 25, 1947, in Pocatello and were sealed in the Idaho Falls Temple February 27, 1957.

Alta was born in the home where we now live on July 3, 1914 to John S. and Ida (Grover) Weekes.

Everett was born near Formoso, Kansas, May 26, 1912, to Samuel O. and May (Clark) Brindle.

After we were married we traveled in our old army truck on to Craig, Colorado, for a short honeymoon, bringing back a load of belongings.

We lived here at this place until April 1948 when we bought a small farm near Annis, Idaho, living there one year. While there, Joyce was born 11 September 1948.

We moved back to the John Weekes home which we purchased in the spring of 1949 where we still live.

Stanley Glenn, our second child, was born March 27, 1951, but he lived only one day.

Alden W. was born September 26, 1952.

Joyce married V. Rex Larsen of Driggs, Idaho, on June 21, 1967, in the Idaho Falls Temple. They have one daughter, Donna, born February 14, 1970, and a son, Travis, born November 18, 1976. They have their home at 481 Maple Drive in Rexburg, Idaho. Rex is fire chief of the Madison County Fire District. They also have a carpet cleaning business as a sideline job. Rex is a finance clerk in their ward, and Joyce works in the Relief Society.

Alden served a two year mission to South Texas in October 1972. He married Tanya Rayburn in the Idaho Falls Temple. They have two sons: Ryan, born January 4, 1976, and Daniel Rayburn, born August 19, 1980, at Idaho Falls. Alden works as an electrical engineer at the atomic works

near Idaho Falls. He is a scout leader in their ward, and Tanya works in the Relief Society.

They have their home at 2830 Salmon in Ammon, Idaho.

## *Greg and Janet Brown*



Front Row (L. to R.): Cliff, Gregory, Janet, and Dana Lee  
Back Row: Clint and Shanda

Gregory Ned Brown was born, February 8, 1947, in Rexburg, Idaho. He attended schools in Edmunds and Sugar City and graduated from Sugar City High School in 1965.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1966. He spent four years in the service during which he attended military schools, was stationed in Florida, and traveled a lot, including a cruise around the world.

Janet Lynne Dustin Brown was born June 24, 1950, in Driggs, Idaho. She attended schools in Victor, Idaho. In 1962 her family moved to Rexburg, Idaho.

Janet graduated from Madison High School in 1968 and from Ricks College in 1970.

Greg and Janet met in December of 1967 while he was home on leave from the navy.

They were married June 10, 1970, in the Idaho falls Temple. Greg and Janet lived in Plano for two years. On February 16, 1972, they were blessed with their first son, Clint Ned Brown.

In June 1973, they purchased their home in Archer. On September 1, 1973, they were blessed with their first baby girl, Shanda Lynne Brown. One year later on September 2, 1974, another son, Cliff Dustin Brown came to bless their home. Dana Lee Brown, another sweet daughter was born to the Brown family on April 22, 1977.

## *Laurence and Joan Buckland*

Laurence Ray Buckland was born May 15, 1928, in Sunnysdell to Ross and Mary Stacey Buckland. He was born in the home of his grandparents, Claude and Eliza Buckland, where Max Oakey now lives. Ross, Mary, and baby Laurence lived with the grandparents about a year until they completed their new home which Stanley Nielson now owns.

As Laurence grew older he helped his father on the



Joan, Laurence and Tammy

farm, raising hay and milking cows. They owned the first Grade A dairy in this area. Laurence is handy with leather and enjoys trading and hunting.

He married Eva Dayley and they had four children: Larry Ray Buckland, born August 4, 1950, in Rigby, Idaho. Larry lives in San Diego. He is a hair dresser. He is taking many tours and enjoying life.

Danny Buckland was born February 14, 1953, at Rigby, Idaho. Danny is married and has four children. They are now living in Ririe. He served in the Armed Forces for ten years.

Nancy Jane Buckland Wallin was born June 29, 1956, at Rexburg, Idaho. She is married and has two children. She lives in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Pamela Gay Buckland Reese was born June 2, 1960, at Rexburg, Idaho. Pam is married and has one child. She lives in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Laurence and Joan Youngstrom Jones were married October 16, 1970, in Judge Marion Hacking's home, here in Sunnysdell.

Joan having six children and Laurence having four, made quite a family. Together they have 17 grandchildren.

Joan was born June 29, 1934, at Idaho Falls, to Joe and Inez Tolley Youngstrom. She lived in Menan for 18 years, then being married after graduating from Rigby High, moved to the Rigby area. She enjoys reading, sewing, crocheting, and yard work. She moved to Sunnysdell after marrying Laurence.

Her children are: Cynthia Ann Jones Morgan married Bruce L. Morgan February 4, 1971. Their marriage was solemnized in the Idaho Falls Temple, August 31, 1972. They have four children and live in Idaho Falls. Bruce is the first counselor in the thirteenth ward bishopric. Cindy was born January 9, 1953.

Val LeRoy Jones was born June 3, 1954, at Rigby, Idaho. He is married and has three children and lives in Idaho Falls. Kerry T. Jones was born July 25, 1956, at Rigby, Idaho. He is married and has one child and lives in Rigby. Kevin E. Jones was born July 25, 1956, at Rigby, Idaho. He lives in Rexburg, Idaho, and works at Hollist Tire and Oil Service Station.

Teresa Jo Jones Luce was born March 28, 1959, at Rigby, Idaho. She is married and has two children and lives in Rigby. Tammy Sue Jones was born April 14, 1963, at Rigby, Idaho. She lives at home, attends Madison High School and plans to graduate. She enjoys sports, sewing, drawing, painting and crafts.

### *Ross and Grant Burns and the Frank Burns Family*



*Front Row (L. to R.): Grant, Irvine, and Lee  
Back Row: Esther and Frank Burns, Ross, and Dwight*

Ross and Grant Burns, sons of Frank Charles and Esther Briggs Burns, live congenially together in the home of their parents and operate the Burns farm. Their father, Frank Charles Burns, was born 13 August 1883 at Salt Lake City, Utah, the oldest of nine children born to Charles Burns and Susannah Stacy Burns. The family made their home by the Beck Hot Springs in North Salt Lake. Frank's father worked in the lime quarries and lime kilns. When Frank was old enough to work, he worked at Cudahip Meat Packing, and later worked for a tailor in Salt Lake city.

His favorite sport at this time was duck hunting and ice skating. The lime kiln dust was hard on Charles' lungs so he had to quit this type of work and find another way to make a living. The family moved to Idaho in 1900 and bought 40 acres in the Archer area covered with sage brush. The family all pitched in and helped clear and burn the sage, and level the land.

Frank married Esther Briggs October 11, 1905, in the Salt Lake Temple. Esther Briggs was born September 1, 1886 to George Briggs, Sr., and Sarah Susannah Blackburn. Her family were among the first pioneers to arrive in this area in June 1883.

Her parents started a store the year after they arrived here, (George Briggs Mercantile and General Merchandise). Esther went to work in the store at the age of ten. From then until her marriage most of her time was spent clerking in the store. She enjoyed needlework, crocheting, knitting and playing the piano. Esther inherited her musical talent from

her mother.

She met Frank Burns in 1900, the boy who five years later she was to marry. Square dances, sleigh riding parties and amateur theatricals were among the activities enjoyed by Frank and Esther during their courtship. Both families were faithful Latter-day Saints and active in the Church.

Frank and Esther's first home was a two room log house standing near the spot where they built their new home in 1947, where their sons Ross and Grant now live. Their first son, Ralph, born July 1906, died three days after birth. In the following years five more sons were born to them: Irvine, Dwight, Lee, Ross and Grant. They were all born at Archer.

Early in their married life they moved to Magrath, Canada, to work for his Uncle Jim Stacey in the lumber yard. On May 5 a blizzard came that lasted three days and drifted snow to the eaves of the house. They decided that was not the place for them and moved back to Archer.

Frank and Esther made their living farming until her father, George Briggs, Sr., passed away in 1919 and her mother decided to sell the store to them. They moved into the living quarters at the rear of the store in 1920. The store was the home and business for the next 26 years. Ross and Grant and the other boys helped in the store when not in school.

In 1946 because of failing health, Frank and Esther sold the store and built a new home east of the store on their farm. Ross and Grant now live in the family home and operate the farm.

Esther was active in the Church organizations in Archer for many years. She worked in the Y.W.M.I.A., taught in Sunday School and Primary, was Primary chorister and Relief Society chorister. Her musical talent was shared with the ward. Esther Briggs Burns died 11 November 1957.

Frank was ward clerk and he served on the school board for many years. He served on the board of directors for the Lenroot Canal and was also secretary of the board. Frank C. Burns died 25 July 1949.

### *Irvine and Mae Burns*



*Mary (Mae) and Irvine*

Irvine Frank Burns, second son of Frank Charles and Esther Briggs Burns, was born 29 August 1907 at Lyman,

Fremont County, Idaho. His mother's parents, George and Susannah Briggs, were some of the first settlers in the Archer area in 1900. Irvine started school in 1915 in the old dance hall. When Irvine was twelve years old his parents purchased the Briggs Mercantile business from his Grandmother Susannah, and he helped in the store, hauled freight for the store and helped on the farm.

He was always interested in sports, especially basketball and baseball, playing catcher or short stop. He enjoyed taking part in plays and giving readings. Irvine graduated from Ricks College in 1928. In July he went to Aberdeen to work in the potatoes. That fall his father bought him a Dodge G Boy truck. He hauled grain on the Rexburg Bench. When the grain was finished, he hauled potatoes for Bucklands and beets wherever he could get a job.

He signed a contract with San Diego Fruit and Produce for five years to haul green peas, potatoes and equipment. In the winter he bought and loaded potatoes for them. In 1932 he went to work for Taylor Chevrolet selling and collecting part-time until 1934. He always enjoyed selling and the trip to Salt Lake City for the selling seminars and new car shows.

Irvine's church activities: In the presidency of the Elders Quorum, Sunday School superintendency, Young Men's association counselor, taught M-Men class in mutual and coached their basketball team.

Irvine married Mary LeRay Munns, daughter of Henry Alvin and Sarah Ann Weekes Munns, born 3 October 1915 at Archer, Idaho. Her parents lived at Herbert, Idaho, in the summer on a dry farm and moved to Rexburg in the winter for school. Her father was sheriff of Madison County at this time. When she was old enough to go to school the family had moved to Rexburg. Father built a brick home in Archer and the family moved into it in 1926. Mae went to sixth grade and through freshman and sophomore years at Archer; her junior and senior year at Madison High School, graduating in May, 1933.

Irvine and Mae were going together during her senior year at Madison and were married 21 June 1933 in the Logan Temple.

We lived in Ririe, Idaho, the first summer we were married where Irvine was employed by San Diego Fruit and Produce. When his contract with them was finished, we moved to Rexburg to work for Taylor Chevrolet Company as a salesman until January 1942. After a trip to California with some friends, we moved back to Archer to stay with my mother who was not well enough to be left alone. Irvine rented land to raise potatoes and also raised cattle.

In 1942 Aunt Rebecca Terry, my mother's sister, passed away and her fourteen-year-old daughter, Joye, came to make her home with us. When she wasn't in school or working elsewhere, she helped us on the farm. We really enjoyed having her as part of our family. She married Orviel D. Call of Rigby, Idaho, on 11 April 1947. They have four children and ten grandchildren. We have had a very close relationship with Joye and her family. They make their home at Hazelton, Idaho.

When my mother passed away, we bought her home and forty acres where we now live. We also bought forty acres on the south from Albert Ashbacker.

In 1963 Irvine was selling cars again, this time for Rexburg Motor Company, and I decided to take a business course at Ricks College. In 1967 I went to work in the accounting office at Ricks College for thirteen years. I retired January 15, 1980. I enjoyed my work and made many good friends. I flew to Mexico City with one of my friends at the office, Mona Jensen, and her family for ten days.

Irvine and I took a trip to Hawaii with my niece and her husband, Helen and Virgil Crisman; one of our nicest vacations. Gardening, crocheting, knitting and reading are among the things I enjoy doing.

I have worked in the auxiliary organizations of the Church most of my life as Junior Sunday School coordinator, Sunday School teacher, Y.W.M.I.A. first counselor for six years, Jr. Gleaner and Laurel teacher for three years, Primary secretary and Primary teacher, and at the present time I am second counselor in M.I.A. and Bee Hive leader.

### *Kyle and Joan Bybee*



*Front Row (L. to R.): Joan, Brian and Kyle  
Back Row: Timothy and Michelle*

On November 30, 1950, I, Joan, was born to Garner and Mary Fullmer Pincock. I was raised and attended schools in Rexburg. While attending Madison High School, in my sophomore year, I met Kyle Bybee, son of Walter and Zella Sutton Bybee, at a dance. From that time on we dated for two and one-half years.

In the middle of March, 1969, Kyle picked me up from school, we rode around awhile and stopped at the R&B Drive-in, then he gave me my ring and asked me to marry him. (Very romantic, huh!)

On September 12, 1969, we were married in the Fourth Ward Church at Rexburg, Idaho.

We made our first home in a basement apartment in Rexburg. Kyle farmed with his dad in the summer and worked for Suttons in a potato warehouse in the winter, and I worked at Stockman's Cafe. After eight months we saved enough money to put down on a trailer home. We moved it to Dell Hollow where we now reside.

On December 26, 1971, our first son was born, weighing eight pounds. We gave him the name of Timothy Ray Bybee, his middle name after his great grandfather Walter Ray Bybee.

Kyle still farmed with his dad and in the winter months worked at Sutton's warehouse to make a living for his family.

On January 19, 1973, mother asked if I would stay with the kids while Daddy and she took my brother to the mission home. On January 20, 1973, our next baby decided to make an early appearance. She weighed six pounds thirteen and one-half ounces. We named her Michelle Bybee. When my parents came home, they came up to visit me; I heard mother say, "I leave her home to babysit and come home to find a new grandbaby," and then she laughed. Michelle was greeted at our home in Sunnydell by her brother and grandparents.

In November 1974 we bought a double wide and later we put a fireplace in it to save on our power bill. When we had time in the summer and fall we would go camping together with friends to get our firewood. It was nice to be in the outdoors, and to cook over a fire which I had never done before. We had a good time and enjoyed ourselves.

Later Kyle and I decided we would like to have another baby, not knowing what was going to happen. In 1978 on November 5th, our third child was born, a boy weighing six pounds four and one-half ounces. We named him Brian Kyle Bybee, he was the first baby born in the new Rexburg hospital. They gave him a quilt which some Beehive girls made and donated, and had our picture taken for the paper.

Archer Ward was split in October 1978, so Brian was the first baby to be born in our Sunnydell Ward.

While living in the Archer and Sunnydell Ward, I've served as a Primary teacher for six and one-half years. I've enjoyed the little kids and have grown to love each one of them. I've also served as recreation leader for one year and have enjoyed working with the ladies.

In November 1978 Kyle was asked to assistant finance clerk for the Sunnydell Ward. Kyle has served in this position for the last year and a half. He enjoys his work and hopes to continue to do a good job.

We are thankful that we were brought up in the Church so we could bring our family up in the same surroundings and gospel life.

## *Walter and Zella Bybee*

Walter LaMar Bybee was born January 27, 1921 at Lyman, Idaho. He was the first child born to Walter Ray and Margaret Palmer Bybee. He was followed by one brother and three sisters: Garth, Dora Lee, Elaine, and Sharon. His father farmed in the Lyman and Bone areas; also was a cheese maker for many years. When Walt was eleven his mother passed away so he learned at an early age to be independent. He attended school at Lyman, Archer, and Madison High.

Zella Sutton was born July 28, 1922, at Archer, Idaho, the first daughter born to Lillis and Rachel Briggs Sutton. She has two brothers and four sisters: Jesse, Stanley, Genevieve, Laura, Carol, and Ada Lou.

Walt and Zella became acquainted in their school days at Archer. They were married October 5, 1941. and have four sons and one daughter.



Front Row (L. to R.): Walter and Zella  
Back Row: Kyle and Gregory

Clyde Sutton Bybee was born in Belton, Texas, November 21, 1943. He married Charlotte Mae Mortenson August 6, 1965. They have three daughters and one son: Valerie, Becky, Beverley, and Kevin. Clyde attended Technical School in Denver, Colorado, and is presently living in Evanston, Wyoming, working for Bell Telephone Company.

Blair LaMar was born July 4, 1945, in Rigby, Idaho. He attended medical school in Salt Lake City, Utah, and Portland, Oregon. He is a professor at the University of Utah College of Medicine and is working as a Pediatrics Specialist in cancer research. In 1971 the Church called medical missionaries to serve in the missions. Blair had the honor to be the first medical missionary called. He served in Western Samoa.

Karen Sue was born December 5, 1947, in Rexburg, Idaho. She was married to Michael Leatham April 1, 1967. They have two sons and one daughter: Bart, Eric, and Jodi. Karen graduated as a registered nurse from Ricks College and is presently employed at Sacred Heart Hospital in Eugene, Oregon.

Kyle Ray was born July 4, 1950, in Rexburg, Idaho. He was married to Joan Pincock September 12, 1969. They have two sons and one daughter: Timothy, Brian, and Michelle. Kyle is engaged in farming with his father.

Gregory Walter was born July 19, 1965, in Rexburg, Idaho. He will be a sophomore at Madison High School this fall.

Walt was a member of the Rexburg National Guard and was in active training when World War II was declared. He attended several military schools including Officers Cadet School at Camp Hood, Texas. He served with the third army in the European Theatre.

The family united again after the war, engaged in farming, first renting Grandpa Sutton's farm. They moved to their present home in the spring of 1948. In 1955, Walt went to work for the Atomic Energy Commission. He worked for both the Security and Fire Department divisions, retiring in August 1977. Since that time he has continued to farm with Kyle.

For relaxation the family has enjoyed the out-of-doors, camping, boat riding and fishing.

Zella has served in the Primary, Sunday School and Relief Society in various positions. Walt is presently serving as Sunday School superintendant.

## *Laurence and Marilee Byrne*



*Front Row (L. to R.): Matthew, Kari, and Stacey  
Back Row: Michael, Marilee, and Laurence*

James Laurence Byrne was born 14 May 1942 at Rexburg, Madison County, Idaho, the oldest child of James Ross and Lila Joyce Squires Byrne. Laurence grew up in Sunndell on his father's farm near the sidehill. He attended elementary school in Archer. He graduated from Madison High School in 1960. He attended one year at Ricks College and then transferred to the University of Idaho at Moscow where he majored in architecture.

Marilee Georgia Munns Byrne was born 8 October 1944 at Rexburg, Idaho, the third child of George Henry and LaVon "L" Clements Munns. She was raised in Archer attending elementary school there. Her father farmed and she enjoyed helping him on the farm more than doing work in the house. She graduated from Madison High School in 1962 and attended one year at Ricks College. She continued her education at the University of Idaho majoring in business education.

Laurence and Marilee were married 10 September 1965 in the Idaho Falls Temple. They both continued at the University of Idaho. Laurence graduated in 1966 and Marilee in 1967.

In February of 1967, Laurence joined the Air Force and was sent to San Antonio, Texas to Officer's Training School. His first assignment was at Forbes Air Force Base in Topeka, Kansas. He was in the Civil Engineering Squadron and became Chief of Operations and Maintenance. Both Laurence and Marilee enjoyed their stay in Kansas. It was close to most church history spots and they enjoyed traveling to these places. Laurence took flying lessons in small aircraft. Marilee worked as a private secretary to the manager of a television station.

Their first child, Michael James, was born 25 January

1969 at Forbes Air Force Base in Topeka, Kansas. Michael enjoys sports and plays the piano.

In June 1970, Laurence was sent to Suwon Air Force Base in Korea for one year. While there he was able to travel to Japan and went to Hawaii on leave. Marilee returned to Archer, Idaho, during his absence. Their daughter, Kari Dawn, was born 1 September 1970 at Rexburg, Idaho while her father was in Korea. She was a week old before Laurence knew about her because he had been in Japan when the word arrived. Kari plays the piano and enjoys riding horses.

Laurence was released from the Air Force in July 1971 having attained the rank of Captain. Laurence decided to return to Sunndell to help his father on the farm. They made their home in Sunndell in August 1971. Laurence farms and helps his father with a cow calf operation.

Another son, Matthew Brian, was born 12 September 1973 at Rexburg, Idaho. Matthew is a cowboy and loves the horses. A daughter, Stacey Kim, was born 11 June 1975 at Rexburg, Idaho. Stacey likes all the farm animals. She is looking forward to kindergarten this fall.

Laurence has served on both the Madison County and the Idaho State Board of Directors of the Farm Bureau. He also served on the Board of Directors of the Madison Fremont Cattleman's Association. He is currently serving as Sunndell Elder's Quorum President. Laurence and Marilee enjoy square dancing and Marilee has taken up a new hobby of cake decorating.

## *Ross and Joyce Byrne*



*Front Row (L. to R.): Ross, Marie, and Joyce  
Back Row: Laurence, Laurence Squires, JoAnn, and Louise*

James Ross Byrne was born at their home in Rexburg, Idaho, November 19, 1917, to James Byrne and Mary Hopkins Jensen Byrne. Mary, a gracious and lovely woman, had two little girls by a previous marriage, Grace and Lucille. Grace married G. T. (Bud) Parkinson and lives in Evanston, Wyoming. Lucille married Basil Holley, brother to our Bishop William I. Holley and lives in Salt Lake City. Ross has an older sister, Ann, who married Russell Flamm and lives in Rexburg.

Most of the time Ross lived on the farm in Archer. He attended school in Archer for awhile. After that the family would move into Rexburg for the winter months so the children could attend school there. He learned to work and often drove a team of horses at a very early age. Ross would miss a lot of school in the spring and fall because of work to be done on the farm. He graduated from Madison High School in 1936. Later on he enrolled at the University of Idaho. He just got started when his father became ill, and he came home to run the farm.

Lila Joyce Squires was born on April 2, 1920 in her parents' home in Archer. (This house presently belongs to Glen and Bess Squires.) Her parents were Laurence Bond Squires and Minnie Burns Squires. She had two sisters and three brothers, Norma, Elwin, Leo, Dellis and Sarah. Dellis and Sarah died as babies. When she was three they moved to California. Her father was a carpenter. He thought opportunities would be greater there. She attended school in the Los Angeles area until she was sixteen. They moved back to Idaho in 1935.

They lived with her grandparents, William Porter and Zilpha Young Squires, in the home that LaVar and Shirley Squires now own. Later they moved into Rexburg. Eventually they moved back to her grandparents' home. She graduated from Madison High School in 1938. It was during her high school years that she met Ross Byrne from the neighboring ranch. They were married December 21, 1939.

From then on they lived on the Byrne ranch and his parents lived at their home in Rexburg. Ross has always been interested in raising good livestock (as was his father). At one time they were in the pig business, along with sheep, then purebred shorthorns and now purebred herefords and quarter horses. They also run approximately 300 head of commercial cows. There was always plenty of work for all including their four children. James Laurence born May 14, 1942, JoAnn born June 18, 1947, Zelpha Louise born July 16, 1951, and Lila Marie born June 28, 1959. All of their children were born in Rexburg, Idaho.

They have tried to be community-minded. Ross has been involved in breeders associations, cattle associations, irrigation districts and is presently president of Palisades Water Users. He also worked with the scouts in the community for many years.

Joyce has been a member of the Cowbelles for many years and has served in many of the church organizations. She is presently a ward librarian. Joyce always has a lovely garden. She enjoys working in the yard.

There have been good years and bad years, but they feel it is a wonderful way of life and a good place to raise a family.

### *Elmo and May Cheney*

The parents and grandparents of the present generation of Cheneys came to Sunnysdell from Teton Basin. David and Lodema Cheney and family came in the early Twenties. The children were Pierce, Alice, Selar, Clarence, Silas, Wayne, and Rulon. Selar, Clarence and Wayne remained in Sunnysdell.

Clarence married Alice Leal Blackburn. Their children



*Front Row (L. to R.): Luana, May, Elmo, and Nina  
Back Row: Laura, Evan, Cathy, and Carmen*

were Orpha (Whittaker), Fenton, Wendell, Elva (Dewey), Urban, Miriam (Johnson), Gerald, Alice (Johnson), Vera (Duffin), Rita (Griffith).

Wayne married Lula Jeppson. Their children are Hugo, LaRae, Mae, Roxcy, David, Dean and Glenda.

Selar came here with his wife, Florence Allen, in 1924, and settled with his family. He taught school and farmed. Their children were Marion, Theron, Thelma (Briscoe), Opal (Christensen), Albert, Eva (Tyler), Afton and Elmo. Florence's mother, Harriet Allen, was also an important part of the family.

Elmo grew up on a small farm in Sunnysdell. At eighteen, he was drafted and served in the Pacific in World War II, and received the purple heart. After his discharge he attended Ricks College. About this time, he met his sister Eva's babysitter, Louisa May Rasmussen, and nearly two years later they were married in the Idaho Falls Temple. Elmo and May have lived their entire married life in Sunnysdell.

May was born and raised on a farm near Ucon, Idaho, with four brothers and five sisters, the daughter of Joseph L. and Dora Simmons Rasmussen. She joined the school Thespian Club and graduated from Ucon High School with high honors and gave one of the graduation talks. Soon five little girls came to join the family, Sharon, Helen, Ruth, Joan, Catherine. These were busy days. The girls loved storytelling while shelling peas or weeding the garden, playing games on the lawn, picnicking in the hills and visiting Grandma Cheney across the road for a treat of dried apples and a couple of pioneer stories.

After a lapse of eleven years their only boy, Evan, arrived. Oh, what mothering he got. After Evan came four more little girls, Carmen, Laura, Nina and Luana. The next few years were a busy assortment of weddings and having babies, all mixed up together. Temple marriages have been the rule in our family.

While Sharon married Marden Robert King, June 6, 1969, Evan was the three year old gift bearer at the reception. Carmen attended Helen's reception, August 28, 1970, as a tiny seven week old bridesmaid dressed like the other girls



when Helen married Michael Goodmansen. Carmen and Laura were little flower girls in 1973, for the weddings of Joan to Larry Reeder, and Ruth to Timothy Hales on May 17, and July 31st, with Nina's birthday in between on June 30th. We also celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary on May 25th, 1973.

The next year November 18, 1974, Luana was born. Before she was five months old, she contacted meningitis, but with the blessings of the priesthood, she recovered completely. Then Sharon became ill early in April and died of cancer. We are grateful for the strength of the gospel in knowing she is only separated from us for a little while.

Church service has always been important to us. Elmo has been a stake missionary and been a home teacher, and has filled several assignments in priesthood quorums. May has served as Sunday School and Relief Society Visiting Teacher, and twenty-five years in the Primary, including fourteen years teaching boys classes. She especially enjoyed scouting activities. At present they are both enjoying their calling as temple officiators in initiatory work.

Elmo has worked at carpentry, plumbing, meat packing, and is not engaged in concrete construction.

Talents and interests in our family include arts and crafts, building things, painting, needlework, and crocheting, studying nature, camping, writing poetry and stories.

We have a testimony of the Gospel of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and have tried to give freely of our time and talents.

## Marion and Alice Cheney



Front Row (L. to R.): Twila, Doreen, Marie, Alice, Marion, Nadine, and Nita

Back Row: Lowell, David, Mardell, Delbert, Lynn, Nolan, Darrell, Julian

Marion, eldest son of Selar and Florence Allen Cheney, was called on a mission to Texas. He left November 28, 1927. In January he and his companion had been traveling all day, catching rides when they could. They were headed for the Dencie Rawls home, but decided it was too late to travel further, so rented a hotel room in Henderson, about fourteen miles from the Rawls who were members of the LDS Church. During the night they awoke, choking with smoke. They grabbed everything they could and climbed out on a roof to make their escape. They continued to the Rawls home. On

Monday, a daughter, Alice, helped them wash their smoke-blackened clothes, which made a good impression on Marion. He and other companions visited the Rawls' home several times during his mission. After he was home a year and a half, he decided to write to Alice. Letters flew back and forth for about three months and they were married April 11, 1932 in the Salt Lake Temple. They started out in a one-room log cabin which has grown as the family increased. They had to clear their land from cotton-wood trees, first with a stump puller and a team of horses, then with a bulldozer. What a difference!

Marion gave Alice a cow for her birthday. She sold it and bought raspberry plants. They have two and a half acres now. This was the most profitable cow they ever had.

Marion and Alice have had thirteen children, eight boys and five girls. There was always lots of fun in their family, singing, story-telling, gospel discussions, playing and working together: thinning beets, weeding potatoes, picking raspberries, building additions to their house, building a bridge across the Lenroot canal which divided their property, landscaping their home, raising a bounteous garden and building their own beautiful park. Marion is an artist. His pictures hang in the offices of dentists and doctors, several chapels including ours.

Marion has served as a teacher in Priesthood and Adult Classes in Sunday School, organist for the Priesthood, High Priest Group Leader. Alice was always at church with her family. She recently served as a counselor in Relief Society. They are officiators in the Idaho Falls Temple, where all of the children were married except Nolan, who was married in the Oakland Temple, and Mardell who just turned nineteen and is serving in the Australia Melbourne Mission.

All the children have had two years college at Ricks, except Mardell who will finish when he returns from his mission. All have gone on to other schools for further education.

Their children are: Marie who married Eldon Lauritzen and has five children, Linda, Andrea, DeLea, LeGrande, and Darwin. Marie now teaches first grade in Rexburg.

Twila married Lewis Williams. Their children are Larry, Neal, Laura, and Nathan. Twila has a degree in horticulture and taught school until she was married. They live in Taylor, Arizona.

David, a computer specialist at Thiokol, married Ann Cook. They have Mark, Sherrie, Dale and Marcia. They live at Hyde Park, Utah.

Nita married LaVal Herschi. She has a B.S. degree in elementary education. Their children are Kerry, Lynn, Becky, Ricky, Heather, Wade, Heath and baby Kyle. They live in Afton, Wyoming.

Delbert married Rama White. He is teaching in Thayne, Wyoming. They have Paul, Jana, Desiree, Justin, and Sharina.

Lowell married Geniel Gibby. He is a dentist. They have Deliece, Rachelle, Shauna, Shawn and Lisa. Their home is in Minot, North Dakota.

Doreen married Weldon White. He is in the insurance business in Bountiful, Utah. They have Hardin, Catrina and

Shantelle (twins), Branden, and Nanette.

Julian married Bambie Hendricks. He is studying in Glendale, California, to be a chiropractor. Their children are Kaisha and Shallyn.

Darrell works in insurance and married Kathy Harrop. They live in Annis. Their children are Ryan, Trent and Jeffery.

Nolan, a dentist, married Mary Beth Cooper. They live in Livermore, California. Their children are Alan, Blair and Camilla.

Lynn is an electrical engineer. He married Cynthia Anderson. They live in Columbus, Indiana. Their children are Lance, Candace, and Tamara.

Nadine married Edward Ward, a carpenter. They live in Ucon. They have Jennifer, Heidi and Brittney.

Since Mardell left for his mission, Marion and Alice have accepted a call to the Texas Houston Mission, having already sent all eight sons and one daughter, Marie, on missions.

After forty-eight years of married life, Marion and Alice were honored at the Family Living Fair at Ricks College where they received the Distinguished Family Living Award which was given for "leading exemplary lives and rearing an outstanding family."

## *Theron and Dorothy Cheney*



Front Row (L. to R.): Grandma Mary Mayes, Lela, Dorothy, and Theron

Back Row: Douglas, Kelly, Silas, Melvin, Merlin, Lyle, and Theron

Theron Allen Cheney, second son of Selar Edward and Florence Allen Cheney, was born the 26th of December in 1909, in Victor, Idaho, but didn't live there very long because his father was a school teacher and moved around a lot. Some of the places they lived were Sublette, Wapello, Hibbard, and Clark, before they moved to Sunnysdell about 1924.

As a boy Theron liked to work with animals. He liked horses most and learned to drive a team at a very early age. When his older brother, Marion, was called on a mission, Theron worked hard to help support him, with the agreement that Marion would do the same for him.

Theron was called to Nebraska on his mission. It was

rough going in those days, right in the bottom of the depression. When he got home he went to California to live with his uncle, Wayne Cheney, and finished high school. While he was there he met Dorothy Frances Mayes and was married about a year later.

Dorothy was one of the older of five daughters born to George F. and Mary McClain Mayes. She was born in Lincoln, Cass County, Nebraska, January 4, 1917. Her folks later moved to Los Angeles, California, where her father worked in the post office.

After their marriage in the Salt Lake Temple, January 14, 1935, Theron and Dorothy spent the first year of their married life in Salt Lake City. Their oldest son, Theron, was born October 6, 1935 in Salt Lake. Then they moved to California for about two years where Theron worked in the South Gate Post Office. They moved to Sunnysdell and have lived here ever since. Their second son, Lyle Mayes, was born 28 January, 1937 in California. The rest of their family was born at home, here in Sunnysdell. They were Merlin Gene, 18 May 1939; Melvin David, 8 March 1942; LaMar Max, 31 May 1944; Silas Lavell, 21 July 1946; Lela Jo, 3 December 1950; Kelly LaMoin, 8 February 1954; Douglas Marcellus, 6 March 1957. Their fifth son, LaMar, drowned in the Snake River when he was about a year old, 1 August 1945.

Lela Jo was the only girl. She was greatly loved by all as a sister and daughter. Five of their sons, Theron Jr., Lyle, Melvin, Merlin, and Silas, went on missions for their church. Six of their children were married in the temple and all have moved away.

Theron and Dorothy have been active in the church all their married life, attending meetings and the temple regularly. They sang in the choir and Theron was a director in the ward and in the stake Sunday School. Well-versed in the scriptures, he has filled teaching positions. After retiring from work he became a temple officiator.

Dorothy has served as a teacher and visiting teacher in Relief Society, and other responsible positions.

Theron has been a hard worker at whatever job was available and labored to support his family. When his health failed, he went back to school and got a degree so he could teach. He taught in Rigby schools for about twelve years. Previously he taught in Sunnysdell and Lyman on a temporary permit. About the time Theron's health failed, Dorothy secured work at Fresh Pack in Lewisville to help with the family finances. She worked there about fifteen years. Theron had many talents--he taught art in school, he was a gifted poet, did handcrafts, and rock masonry work. He was a good carpenter.

Theron and Dorothy always had a productive garden, a good orchard, and beautiful flowers.

They are at present fulfilling a mission in Ohio for the L.D.S. Church.

It has been his brother's, Elmo's, pleasure to write his history.

## Reginald and Jerry Child



*Jerry, Corey, and Reginald*

Reginald C. Child, Jr. was born April 11, 1930, in East Providence, Rhode Island to Reginald C. Child, Sr. and Lillian Williams Child. He was an only child. He grew up in Rhode Island, attending elementary and high school there. In 1951 he entered the Air Force for four years, three of which he spent in England. Upon his return he moved to California. There in Anaheim he was in law enforcement for thirteen years, nine of which he was a detective. He attended Fullerton Jr. College, Orange Coast College, Santa Ana City College and the University of Southern California. He has a teaching credential in Criminal Law. After leaving the police department he owned and operated three businesses. In January, 1974 he became associated with the Fontana Unified School District.

Jerry Lee Madsen was born August 30, 1946, in Rexburg to George Madsen and Blanche Johanson Madsen. She was the youngest of five children. Her grandfather, Joseph Johanson, once owned the farm and house where Walter Bybee currently resides. Jerry was raised in Rexburg. She graduated from Madison High School, Ricks College, and BYU. In 1969 she accepted a teaching position in Southern California with the Fontana Unified School District. Jerry enjoys teaching school. She teaches any and all courses related to business.

After she met Reg at Fohi in 1974, a friendship bloomed immediately. They were married on February 8, 1975 in Rexburg, Reg liked the area and it was decided they would move to Rexburg which they did on June 5, 1975. Neither had a job when they arrived but within a couple weeks Reg was working for the State Highway Department in Rigby and Jerry had been hired by the Madison School District.

One year to the day of their arrival in Idaho the Teton Dam broke. They had gone to Salt Lake City Friday night and heard the news on the radio Saturday morning. A hasty trip home brought the disaster sharply into focus. Everything they owned had been in the flood's path. There was a water mark five feet high on the living room wall of their rented house. The pendulum clock had stopped at exactly 11:07. Because of their circumstances they qualified for a HUD

trailer house which they parked in St. Anthony.

The Childs purchased approximately five acres from John Magleby. Many hours were spent putting up fence, planting and watering trees, etc. A favorite pastime was to drive to their acreage and daydream about what it would be like one day.

By this time Jerry was expecting their first child. After many hassels with HUD over purchasing the trailer house, the goal was finally accomplished and the trailer was moved to Archer on Friday, July 1. At 11:15 a.m. on Sunday, July 3, 1976, Reginald Corey Child made his dramatic appearance. Jill Sutton was one of the nurses on duty.

Since their move into the Archer area things have continued to change and improve. Now a lovely new home stands where the HUD trailer once was. They have accumulated quite a variety of animals. Reg now works with Dayton Grover as a produce inspector.

Reg loves the outdoors. He enjoys yard work and takes great pride in his home and property. Jerry enjoys horseback riding and can be seen from time to time on the bench or along the river bottom.

Both Reg and Jerry love the Archer area and the friendliness of their friends and neighbors. They are looking forward to many happy years here. This is home!

## Budge Clay



*Front Row (L. to R.): Myrtle and Everett  
Back Row: Enid, Budge, Diane, and Dale*

Zachary Clay, born Sept. 25, 1886, in Pennsylvania, attended college in Grinnell, Iowa, came to Idaho, homesteaded an acreage in Archer, taught school, was assessor in Fremont county, married Floy Maggie Hawley, daughter of Cyrus B. Hawley who had homesteaded in upper Sunnydell. Their children were Everett Hawley, Aug. 9, 1894, Genevieve (Smith), Floy (Green), Opal (Haws).

Everett attended school in Sunnydell, Archer, and Wilford. He helped set out orchards on his Uncle Schuyler's and the Hawley homestead. He enjoyed music and dancing, and sang at many ward functions and funerals. He took part in dramas.

Myrtle Alice Dale was born in Grouse Creek, Utah,

May 29, 1894, came to Idaho at age 15 to live with her grandparents, Edward and Mary Kimber. She worked at Heise Hot Springs where she met Everett. They were married Dec. 17, 1917. Their children are Budge born 31 August 1918, Dale, Enid, and Diane. Through the years the family worked and played together. Myrtle was an excellent cook, found time to comfort the sick and with Everett won many prizes for their waltzing.

In the spring of 1928 they bought the Byrne Siding store from Mrs. Mayhew, where they lived until 1939, then sold it to Richard Boulter.

Everett bought the Kruger Ranch which had earlier been a part of Grandad Howley's homestead.

Budge attended school at Sunnydell, Archer, and Madison High and attended the U of I for one year. He accepted a call to the British Mission in June 1939. Due to the war in Germany, he completed his mission in Florida returning home to marry Nina Ruth Cook in the Logan Temple, Dec. 17, 1941. Ruth was exceptional in all her activities including homemaking, music and school teaching. It is hard to understand how she could so successfully complete the many jobs in the few short hours of the day.

We bought 40 acres of Dad's farm. From 1943 to '46, I served in the army Air Force. Having sold our forty acres, we bought Father's Kruger Ranch.

Our children are Blair, who married Delpha Whittaker - children, Bobby, Gary, Chantelle, and Cherice; Shari who married Keith Merrill - children, Lonny, Shaun, Travis, and Jason; and by second marriage to Ricky Fuska, one son, RJ; Ronda who married Dennis Call - children, Tony and Tiffany; Kelly who married Peggy Smith - children, Erin and Melissa.

Ruth and I were divorced in 1961. I worked in California from 1960-66. Ruth and the children were planning to come to California to be reunited as a family when her school term was over. It wasn't to be. She was stricken with a terrible malignancy which took her from her loved ones in June, 1963.

I returned to Idaho in 1967 to work in the potato warehouse in Thornton and there met another lovely young lady, Lois Byrne, daughter of C.C. and Jane Byrne. We were married July 29, 1967, by Bishop Mark Ricks in the home of Lois' parents. November 11, 1968, a lovely little girl, Michelle, came to bless our home. February 27, 1970, a great little guy came to join us, Kevin Lyle.

Lois and I purchased the old Albert Nelson home in which we lived. By laboring together we saved enough money to build a new home. We built it almost completely by ourselves. Lois was a great help, nailing roof sheeting, sub-flooring, sheet rock, painting and finishing cabinets and doors. We moved into our new home in May 1970, having completed it in the space of one year. Lois kept our new home spic and span as she did the children. We did many fun things together, picnicking, fishing, hauling wood, but differences arose and divorce came, November 1978. Perhaps I am just too hard to get along with. I love the children and I love Lois. I am lonesome here in this home we built for our family. Kevin and Michelle come out and stay with me on weekends.

We play, ride horses, and have fun. Seldom a day or an evening pass that I don't call or go over to Lois' mother's home where they are living, to see them. The children like their school over in the old Madison High building where I attended high school. They are great kids.

## *Dale and Ethel Clay*



*Dale and Ethel*

Dale was born July 31, 1920 to Everett and Myrtle Clay. He lived in Archer until 1942 when he went to serve in World War II.

Ethel was born to Henry and Jesse Plumb on February 16, 1931 in National City, California, a suburb of San Diego. She has lived in many places. She met Dale at a country-western dance in Red Bluff, California in January 1966. They were married June 10, 1967. They lived in Red Bluff until 1970 when they moved home to Archer. Dale was already well known in Archer, and it didn't take long for us all to love Ethel. They both have a way of making everyone they meet feel special. They became the dance directors in Archer and shared their enthusiasm for dance with the youth. It wasn't hard to learn a love for dance watching them. Because of the fun they had all of the kids they taught still have a special relationship with them.

Dale is retired now, so they share most of their hobbies and interests together. They both love to fish, hunt and ride horses. Dale is known to many between Archer and California as the Archer River Rat with Ethel always at his side. Ethel also enjoys playing the organ, which she does very well.

Between them they have six children and they especially love their grandchildren.

They live next to their resting place, for now they reside just north of the Sutton Cemetery, where they say they "have the quietest neighbors in town".

## Gary and Patricia Clay



Left to Right: Steven, Patty, Matthew, Rachelle, Jason, Nathan, and Gary

Who would have thought that when Dale Taylor and Patricia Ann Jane Davidson Clay brought their son, Gary Lee home from the hospital June 26, 1951, at Redding, California that John Williams and Sarah Charlotte Whittaker Perham would bring home his sweet little future wife, Patricia Ann, from Gloversville, New York on January 17, 1955.

Patty moved with her family from New York at three years of age to Archer, Idaho. She attended school and primary. On February 2, 1963, she was baptised into The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

She enjoyed six years of 4-H especially the horsemanship division. She went on numerous 4-H outings including one trip to Coeur d'Alene which she thought was probably the prettiest place in the world. She taught three years as Jr. Leader and leader of a horsemanship class and won many awards and trophies. She was a member of the Rexburg Posse Club, and with the help of many friends, and a good horse won Rodeo Queen in 1971. That night she received roses and her horse was awarded an extra bucket of oats!

Pat graduated from Madison High School and four years of seminary. She completed five years of girls camp and was active in sports. She received seven years of individual awards and enjoyed teaching the younger children in Primary and Sunday School.

After attending Ricks College, she was trained to be a nurses aide at the Idaho Falls LDS Hospital. Patty furthered her education in Orem, Utah, becoming a medical assistant. With this knowledge she moved home with her parents to intern in Idaho Falls. Upon completion she worked as a medical assistant in Rexburg. At this time Patty and Gary were married on October 29, 1974, after two years of dating.

Pat was blessed with her first son, Steven Lee Clay on May 29, 1975. She and Gary were grateful for the many hours of time and love spent by their families, and in the wisdom and experience of the baby's grandparents.

The next year this little Clay family moved to California to work and be near Gary's mother and stepfather. While enjoying family and friends in California, they felt the rural atmosphere of Idaho would be of benefit to their children.

The new year of 1978 brought a new arrival in the form of a darling daughter. Rachelle Kristine was born January 18, 1978.

On September 16, 1978, after much prayer and study, Pat was baptised into the Seventh Day Adventist Church. It was at this time she realized how much her family really loved her.

The following year on February 12, 1979 Jason Michael brought his warm and mischievous smile to the family.

Madison Memorial Hospital was the setting for a surprise birthday party given to Gary in his honor, June 26, 1980. The doctor and nurses presented him with not one, but two precious gifts, Nathan Alan and Matthew Paul, promising that this day would be remembered for generations to come.

Thinking of his children, Gary recalls his early years as a child on a ranch in Manton, California. While attending grammar school Gary was privileged to have his Grandmother Davidson teach him in the first, second and fourth grades. At the age of eleven he moved to Redbluff, California, where he finished his elementary education and went on to high school. During these years Gary enjoyed car racing, sports, girls, rodeo and many mischievous pranks.

Later he lived in Sacramento, California where he worked and attended classes at American River College. Looking for a change, Gary came to Archer, Idaho. This is where he met his loving wife, Pat. Together they share the gift of life and love.

## Dale and Darlene Clements



Front Row (L. to R.): Shane, Clay, and Don  
Back Row: Gene, Darlene, John, and Dale

Dale Leonard Clements was born October 16, 1938 to Leonard L. and Florence Naomi Briggs Clements. He was born in the old Galbraith home in Lyman. His parents were engaged in dry farming and the family home was located at Herbert (due east of Archer), so his pre-school years were spent there. He had one older brother, Clair B. After Dale's first grade year, the school at Herbert was closed. Because of this change, his parents bought a home in Rexburg where they lived each winter. Then in the fall of 1953, Dale's parents sold their home in Rexburg and bought their fifteen

acre farm in Archer. During his high school years, Dale especially enjoyed F.F.A. and the intramural wrestling program. He graduated from Madison High School in 1957.

Darlene Artella Schneider was born October 9, 1941 to Erven Clair and Artella Ann Weekes Schneider. She was born in her Grandpa Weekes' home (located directly north across the road from the Archer school). She had an older brother, Bobby Clair; and later a younger sister, Hazel Margret, joined the family. Darlene's father was in the Army and they moved around a lot, living in Oklahoma, Kentucky, Maryland and Germany, but Archer was always home. She graduated from Ririe High School in 1959 as valedictorian.

Dale and Darlene were married on June 19, 1959, by Bishop George H. Munns at Archer. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Idaho Falls Temple on September 18, 1968.

They moved into the two-room house Dale had purchased earlier and moved to his parents' place here in Archer. With the exception of the summer of 1960 when they lived at Ririe, they have stayed in their original home even during remodeling and additions.

Dale and Darlene have been very blessed with a family of five sons: Gene "D" born January 20, 1960; Shane "L" born April 10, 1962; Don "E" born January 17, 1964; Clay "S" born May 18, 1969, and John "W" born September 6, 1976. All were born in the Rexburg Hospital. The oldest three boys were sealed to their parents September 18, 1968 in the Idaho Falls Temple.

Dale worked year-round for the Utah-Idaho Sugar Company for nearly eighteen years, until it shut down and he was laid off in April 1979. A few years ago he purchased part of his father's farm and rented the rest, so with the help of his sons they farmed in the summer and cared for their cattle herd through the winter.

Most of Dale's hobbies were shared by his sons. They all enjoy fishing, hunting (including archery), snowmachining, huckleberrying, trapping for fox and coyote, and the newest interest is beekeeping. They all love being in the mountains and out-of-doors.

Dale also enjoyed auctioneering and did it frequently for family organizations and church fund raisings. In 1976 he took on the project of compiling the Archer Ward Cookbook for the Elder's Quorum. Dale also served on the finance committee during the time of the flood suppers and as a home teacher for several years.

Both Dale and Darlene have served as officers in family organizations and Darlene was included in many of Dale's and the boys' hobbies. In addition, she enjoys genealogy and stamp collecting. Her first love and most time-consuming hobby is her family and serving in the church auxiliaries. She has served nearly twenty years in the Primary in various ward and stake capacities, as a Relief Society visiting teacher and as Sunday School genealogy teacher. She also served on the Madison Community Council.

Gene, Shane, and Don all have maintained very good grades in school and have been very active in the F.F.A. as officers and in contests. Gene and Shane both won trips to the national F.F.A. contests in Kansas City, Missouri in 1978.

Gene, Shane, and Don have all achieved the Eagle rank in scouting and Clay has just recently become Boy Scout age. All three older boys have served in several leadership positions in their Priesthood Quorums over the past years.

Gene was married March 7, 1979 and lives here in Archer with his wife, Julie.

Dale developed cancer and passed away March 18, 1980 at the family home in Archer.

## *Gene and Julie Clements*



*Julie and Gene*

Gene is the son of Dale and Darlene Clements. He was born in Rexburg on January 20, 1960. Gene was outstanding in school, scouting and F.F.A.

Julie Bowles is the daughter of Aldon and LaDean Bowles. She was born in Idaho Falls on September 27, 1960 but her parents lived in Rigby. They then moved to Blackfoot on a ranch and then to another ranch at Leadore then to Dubois on another ranch. They then moved to Salmon and then to Rexburg where Gene and Julie met in October of 1977, at a victory dance at Madison High School. They danced every dance together except for three.

They then started dating regularly. They had a lot of fun getting to know each other. They dated until September 27, 1978, which was Julie's birthday, when Gene asked Julie if she would marry him. Of course, Julie accepted. They then planned the seventh day of March, 1979 to be their wedding day. It turned out to be a very special day for them. They moved a trailer down from Teton to Sunnydell for them to live in.

In May Julie graduated from high school. After graduation Julie worked getting her house and yard organized. Gene was working for Jess Sutton as a dry farmer. His job lasted until November. He then found a job working for Dell Barney building a barn to keep his cows in. In April he got a job at Ricks College, working in the physical plant as an assistant carpenter.

Meanwhile, Julie worked in the home and the yard and taught primary. Gene also had a church job as the young men's secretary.

Gene and Julie have had a very happy life. Although Gene's father passed away just after their first wedding anniversary. He died on March 16, 1980. On their first wedding anniversary, Gene and Julie were sealed in the Temple for time and eternity. They have been married now for a year and a half and they are expecting their first child. Life has treated them very well, and they are very happy.

## *Keith and Opal Clements*



*Opal and Keith*

I, Keith, was born March 19, 1911 in the home of my grandfather, Olaf Anderson, 252 W. 1 N. in Rexburg, Idaho; the second child and oldest son of Irene Anderson and Cecil T. Clements. I was blessed 11 May, 1911, by my grandfather, Eugene P. Clements, president of Canyon Creek Branch.

Father taught school at Haden, Idaho. When I was five weeks old my parents moved to Clementsville, five miles east of Canyon Creek on the Sugar City-Driggs highway. Father, his three brothers and their father had homesteaded land in Clementsville. They were able to establish a post office at Clementsville; my grandmother, Bertha E. Clements, was first postmistress. When the Clementsville Branch of the L.D.S. Church was organized there, my father was called as first Branch President.

I attended school at Rexburg, Hibbard, Madison High and Ricks College.

My father had an irrigated farm in Hibbard and a dry farm in Clementsville. When I was thirteen, my younger brother, Denton, and I did the work on the dry farm. After he married, I worked alone for a few years. In the late thirties I left the dry farm. I worked in the summer in grain fields in Washington and Oregon, in winters fed sheep or worked in potatoes in this area. The year of 1941 I spent in the U.S. Army stationed at Ft. Lewis, Washington. On Dec. 10, 1941, I married Opal Weekes in the Salt Lake Temple.

Through the years I have been active in the Priesthood Quorums. I served in the presidency of the Sunday School at Hibbard, Sunnyside and Archer, on the building committee when our present chapel was built, and as a counselor in the Archer Ward Bishopric. I served as an officer in the Madison

County ASCS organization, also in Madison County Farm Bureaus and Madison County Beet Growers Association.

### HISTORY OF OPAL WEEKES CLEMENTS

During the years from 1853-63 nine of my ancestors, namely Robert and Ann Mary Bauldry Weekes, son, Sidney, Susan Pilgrim, Robert, Elizabeth, Thomas, Christina and Isabel Orr came from England, Scotland and Ireland to America because of their membership and faith in the doctrines of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. I am grateful they had the faith and courage necessary to endure hardships they encountered.

My parents, Ida Grover and John S. Weekes, came from Utah to Idaho in 1883-89 in their youth and settled in Lyman and Sunnyside. They were married 20 November 1894 at Lyman. Two years later they had saved enough to buy a new wagon so they could travel to Logan, Utah, to be sealed in the temple for time and eternity.

They worked diligently clearing the land of sagebrush, helping to build canals and ditches and their home, on land Father had homesteaded. They had a family of eleven children, Leslie, Isabel, Lyman, Bertha, Maude, John Samuel, Ursel, Opal, Eldera, Alta, Madonna and Ross, a grandson, was like a son and brother. They were noble, wise and ambitious parents teaching by example as well as precept. Of necessity we were taught to work and held responsible for tasks assigned to us.

I, Opal, was born 17 January 1910 in our family home as were all the other children. I attended school in Archer, Sunnyside, Ricks College and BYU. During a period of eleven and a half years I taught school in Tetonia, Hibbard, Swan Lake and Rigby.

In 1940 I served a short term mission in the Eastern States Mission, laboring in Pittsburg and had the privilege of attending conference in the Sacred Grove and taking part in the Cumorah Pageant, very sacred and choice experiences. It has been my privilege to work in the auxiliary organizations of the church, to do research and temple work which have strengthened my love and testimony of the divinity of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

On December 10, 1941, Keith and I were married in the Salt Lake Temple. That winter we purchased our farm in Sunnyside where we lived until we left to fill a mission in the Minnesota Minneapolis Mission in June 1978. We served in Barron and Ashland, Wisconsin. Keith was first Branch President of Ashland Branch. Our mission was a very choice and special experience. We know the gospel is of divine origin.

## *Leonard and Naomi Clements*

June 8, 1909 a son was born to John W. and Janet Urganhart Spence Leatham Clements at Herbert, Idaho. He was named Leonard Leatham Clements. He was the fourth child in a family of five children. He was baptized June 30, 1917 by Henry C. Blunck and confirmed July 1, 1917 by George H. Dille at Herbert. He was ordained a priest at Archer Feb. 28, 1954 by Bernard B. Erickson and an elder Sept. 8, 1968 by George H. Munns at Archer.



*Naomi and Leonard*

He grew up at Herbert and attended schools at Herbert and Rexburg. He graduated from grade eight at Rexburg.

In April 1911 Naomi's mother, Margaret Ann Galbraith Briggs, because of severe health problems, went to the Salt Lake Temple and was baptized and anointed for her health. She received a blessing and was promised by President Joseph F. Smith that she would have another child which would be the means of restoring her health. This blessing was fulfilled March 31, 1912 when a daughter was born to Luke and Margaret Ann Briggs of Archer. She was blessed and named Florence Naomi Briggs on May 5 by her father, Luke Briggs at Archer. She was baptized July 3, 1920 by Clarence Cheney and confirmed July 4, 1920 by Carl J. Johnson.

She attended school at Archer and Rexburg and graduated from high school in 1930 with the first graduating class from Madison High School.

August 6, 1930, Leonard and Naomi were married at Rexburg by Bishop William J. Ovard. They made their home at Herbert and farmed with Leonard's parents.

March 28, 1931, a son was born and they named him Clair B. Clements.

October 16, 1938 another son was born and was named Dale Leonard Clements. This was all the family they had.

In late October 1935 their home and Leonard's parents' home was destroyed by fire caused by an explosion of gasoline and his father and Delas Munns, who was visiting, were badly burned.

While living at Herbert a branch primary was organized and Naomi worked as counselor under Mary Luthy. They were a very close-knit small community and formed lifelong friendships, especially with the families of Henry Luthy and Gilbert Leatham. They worked, played, hiked, fished, hunted, camped, farmed, fenced and worked their cattle together as friends.

Leonard was clerk of the Herbert School Board but in 1943 they lost the school and purchased a home in Rexburg where they spent the next ten winters. In 1953 they sold that home and purchased a home at Archer and from then on drove daily to the dryfarm to work.

Sept. 18, 1968 they were sealed for time and eternity at Idaho Falls Temple. Dale was sealed to them at this time but

at this time the work for Clair has not been done.

On January 12, 1959, Naomi's mother's health failed and she came to live with them until she passed away, July 22, 1965.

In 1976, because of health, they rented the farm to Dale. July 12, 1977 Leonard suffered a stroke and has been disabled since then.

In the fall of 1979 Dale contracted cancer and March 16, 1980, passed away. His family took over the farm. Leonard still owns the land his father homesteaded.

Leonard has served many years as a home teacher and Naomi has worked in primary, M.I.A. and Junior Sunday School.

June 1, 1949, Clair married Wanda Taylor and four children were born to them. They have made their home for many years in the San Francisco area.

Dale married Darlene Artella Schneiter on June 19, 1959 and they had five children.

Leonard and Naomi celebrated 50 years of married life August 6, 1980.

## *Mildred Corey*



*Mildred and Darwin*

Darwin Vay Corey, son of Ira Vay and Celia Alice (Simmons) Corey, was born May 2, 1907 at Sterling City, California.

The family moved to Lyman, Idaho when Darwin was about seven months old.

It was at Lyman that Darwin grew up and received his schooling. He completed his elementary schooling there, and graduated one of the highest in his class. He also completed four years of high school and two years of college at Ricks in Rexburg.

Playing baseball, hunting, fishing and camping were his main recreations.

He was called to serve a mission Feb. 6, 1936 to the Northwestern States. On March 13, 1936 he received his endowments, just before leaving for his mission.

The fall of 1938 Darwin was called on a second mission, a short termed to the Central States. This made it possible for him to take part in several of the temples--the Cardston (Canadian) Temple was one of them.

On his return home he was sustained as president of the



Young Men's Organization in Lyman. He worked and held many positions in the ward.

Mildred Hannah (Briggs) Corey, daughter of James and Hannah (Nelson) Briggs was born Dec. 21, 1916 at Archer, Madison County, Idaho.

Her schooling was at Archer and also at Madison High School in Rexburg. She was active in church and community activities during her growing up years.

Darwin and Mildred were married March 21, 1940 in the Logan L.D.S. Temple in Logan, Utah.

They made their home in Archer. Both of them were active in church work, holding positions in the Sunday School and Primary. Darwin was a home teacher and Mildred was ward librarian for nine years.

Darwin was the sexton of the Sutton Cemetery for nine years.

Genealogy work has been one of their main interests. They have spent many hours on research work on both sides of their family. Darwin also spent many days doing temple work for the dead.

Darwin passed away August 9, 1978 at Riverview Hospital at Idaho Falls, Idaho. At the time of his death he was a High Priest.

## *Delmoe and Lulu Cook*



*Lulu May and Delmoe*

Wiley Delmoe Cook was born to Daniel Wiley Cook and Lillian Lestra Haws at Vernal, Utah on the 26th day of December 1897. When he was about three and a half years old his parents moved from Vernal, Utah, to Idaho, and settled in the Teton area where he grew up and was schooled until he attended Ricks College. It was there he met Lulu May Munns, who was born in Lehi, Utah, to Henry Alvin Munns and Sarah Ann Weekes on the 26th day of July in the year 1899. Lulu May was almost ten years old when her parents finally left Utah and moved to Idaho settling in the Archer ward. She attended elementary school in Archer then went to Ricks College where she met Wiley Delmoe in the fall of 1917. They had a very eventful courtship and after serving as doctor and housemaid to both sides of our family which survived the terrible flu epidemic of 1918 and the quarantine

was lifted at the state lines and the Temples were opened again, we finally got married in the Logan Temple on February 19, 1919. Lulu May was 19 years old. After our short honeymoon we returned home and engaged in dry farming. Then we bought in the valley in 1926 the home where we now live. We are still farming.

We are the proud parents of eleven children. Nina Ruth was our oldest. She was mother of four children and a school teacher. She taught until cancer caused her death. Cecil Munns was the second child and first son. He was a very studious person, always with books. He served in the Second World War in the Medical Corps. He also was a lifetime school teacher. He served a mission to servicemen. He died in a car accident. He was father of six children. Lulu Grace, our second daughter, was really spiritual all her life. She worked in her church. She is mother of eight children. She educated herself for secretarial work in business firms. Lorin Delmoe, second son, served in the Second World War in the Navy. He's father of three daughters. He was severely wounded in the war. It afflicted him all his life. He worked as an officer of the law. Ila May, our third daughter, served as a telephone operator for some time, then married and worked as secretary at the Atomic Energy Site in Arco for quite some time, but is now secretary at State Hospital South. She is mother of four children. Calvin Munns is our third son. He was a school teacher. He served in the war in the Intelligent Agent Corp in Japan, and was a lifetime Church worker. He also died of cancer. He filled a mission for the L.D.S. Church in the Central States. Loa-Ann is our fourth daughter - a real mother, housekeeper, school teacher and Church worker. She is always teaching somewhere. She is the mother of seven children. Lillian Colleen is our fifth daughter. She has a number of talents--music, art, puppet shows, school teacher and an entertainer. She is the mother of five.

Renell Wiley is our fourth son. He served a mission for the L.D.S. Church in Mexico. He is a good, devoted husband and father. He has six children. He has always been a good, faithful worker in the Church. His vocation is plumbing and he serves every one who asks him.

Wrell Munns is our fifth son. He has always been a good helper on the farm. He is a good farmer, also a good mechanic. He is the father of three children. Della, our sixth daughter, died in infancy.

Delmoe has set a good example for the children and has been a faithful father to them. He has served in a number of capacities in Church such as teacher, Elder's secretary for nine years; in the presidency of the Sunday School; a counselor in the bishopric; genealogy supervisor, home teacher, the presidency of the High Priest Quorum in the stake. His main hobby is reading.

Before our son-in-law, LeRoy Hare, was married we financed him on a mission for the L.D.S. Church in the Southern States. He was always so appreciative of it. He watched for an opportunity to do something nice for us. When he was superintendent of schools in Grace, Idaho, he had to have a school bus brought from Macon, Georgia. So he said "That is my chance. I'll take Delmoe and Lulu May Cook down on a tour of my mission and make them ac-

quainted with some of the people I helped bring into the Church," which he did. It was a very enjoyable trip. The Southern states were so different than I had pictured them. At times I felt like a little school girl. We had a boat ride through a part of the Okefenoke Swamp. We also attended the Hare reunion.

I have worked in Church as a Sunday School teacher and spent thirty-two years as a primary worker. I was in the presidency of the primary and taught the Blue Birds and Guide Patrole, preparing boys to be Deacons. I have worked in D.U.P. counselor and president for twenty-three years.

### *Bill and Elvia Cook*



Front Row (L. to R.): Samuel, Elvia, Renell (Bill) holding William Ray, Bruce  
Back Row: Kathleen, Michael, and Coreen

It all started when Bill was called to serve his mission in Southern Mexico, on January 8, 1958. When he was transferred in March of 1959 to Coatzacoalcos, Veracruz to be the president of the branch, he met the Notario family. Sister Notario was the president of the Relief Society, and that is when Bill and Elvia met. Since Bill was on his mission they got acquainted by letters. He finished his mission in August of 1960.

Renell W. Cook was born in Sunnysdell August 30, 1937. He grew happily on a farm, went to Archer Ward meetings and school. He graduated from high school in 1955 and attended Ricks College. He also served in the National Guard. On January 2, 1961, he married Miss Elvia Notario Nino in Coatzacoalcos, Veracruz, Mexico. Bill and Elvia traveled to Los Angeles where they were sealed in the temple, January 7, 1961. Elvia's parents were also sealed there the same day and Elvia was sealed to her parents. Her sisters, Lupe and Letty, accompanied them to Los Angeles.

Elvia went to kindergarten and grade school in Coatzacoalcos, high school and one year of college in Jalapa (the capitol of Veracruz). In Jalapa she attended the University of Fine Arts and graduated as a ballet teacher. She has a secretarial diploma, but never worked at it.

On January 2, 1962, a beautiful girl, Kathleen, was born to Renell and Elvia while they lived in the little white house

on the hill in Sunnysdell. Bill and Elvia worked first on his sister, Ruth's, farm, then at the Sugar Company, and later on Howard Allen's farm, during which time Elvia's sisters (Lupe and Celia) visited and helped with baby Kathleen. Then in March, 1964, they all left for California. A second beautiful girl, Coreen, was born September 19, 1965, in San Fernando, California. Bill worked at General Motors at that time. In March, 1966, they bought a ranch in Mexico near Elvia's home town, where they spent a delightful seven months, and also where their first baby boy, Renell Michael, was born on September 21, 1966. They moved back to California in the same year, where Bill then worked as a sheet-metal mechanic. In July of 1970, they returned to Idaho (Sunnysdell), where they lived with Bill's folks while they built a basement home. Samuel Wiley was born on June 3, 1971, in Rexburg. He has a special talent with the piano, and enjoys baseball. Warren Bruce was born July 29, 1974, in Rexburg. He enjoys singing and watching Sam play baseball. On February 23, 1979, William Ray was born in Rexburg. He is the family's pride and joy. He dances to the music very well.

Kathleen has attended schools in California, Mexico and Rexburg. She was advanced from 2nd to 3rd grade in California. She has won many awards and held many offices throughout her life. She recently attended the Miss United Teenager Pageant with 80 other girls, where she placed in the 15 finalists and won first runner-up in "My Country" essay competition. Coreen went to Archer and Rexburg schools and also won awards and held offices. She will be Madison High School's wrestling cheerleader this coming fall. Both girls are honor students. Renell Michael attended Archer, Lyman and Rexburg schools. He enjoys playing basketball and plays baseball, where he played for the All-Star team. He also plays the guitar and helps his Grandpa on the farm.

At the present time Bill works as a sheet-metal mechanic and Elvia is a lab technician at Pro-Ida Foods, Inc.

### *Kendall and LaMarr Davidson*



Front Row (L. to R.): Cortney (Brad's son), LaMarr, and Kendall  
Back Row: Kendall, Brad

Cora LaMarr Davis Davidson, daughter of Cora Cumi Cheney and Martin David Davis was born January 31, 1926 at St. Anthony, Idaho. She attended St. Anthony schools and Ricks College, then worked for a short time in Salt Lake City as secretary until her marriage. Then she spent her time at home enjoying the duties of wife, homemaker and mother. In recent years since her family has been grown, she has been working at the Golden Living Retirement Center in Rexburg.

LaMarr served in the M.I.A. for about 30 years as a teacher, counselor to four presidents, and as president; Stake M.I.A. board member several times, stake girls' camp staff 12 years; Primary teacher, Sunday School secretary, Stake Relief Society counselor, and is presently serving as Welfare Leader in Stake Relief Society, and ward Relief Society cooking specialist and visiting teacher.

LaMarr was married December 19, 1945 in the Idaho Falls Temple to Kendall Grover Davidson, son of Ella Spaulding Grover and John David Nathaniel Davidson. He was born January 26, 1923 at Parker, Fremont County, Idaho.

Kendall graduated from junior high at Parker as valedictorian, then attended St. Anthony and Sugar City high schools. He spent six and a half years in the military service, two and a half years overseas. As Platoon Sergeant he was involved in five major campaigns in the European Theater. While fighting in France he was decorated for meritorious service. He achieved rank of Staff Sergeant. After the war he re-enlisted for two more years. He taught school in the Army program at Camp Lee, Virginia and Fort Knox, Kentucky. His family was with him.

Mechanics has been a part of Kendall's life since he was a youth. At age seventeen he went to work as a mechanic in a local garage. He was a motor pool sergeant in the Army Combat Engineers. In March 1956 he moved his family to Archer. For fifteen years he operated his own business, Archer Service. He repaired everything from farm machinery to broken toys.

In 1969 he closed his business to teach automotive classes at Ririe High School. He also serves as transportation supervisor.

Kendall has been active in the Church all his life as teacher in the auxiliaries, Stake M.I.A. secretary and Explorer leader, Scout Master, Advisor for the Priesthood Quorums, Counselor and Superintendent of M.I.A., Stake Missionary, Welfare Clerk, Elders Quorum Presidency, Sunday School Superintendency, Counselor in the Archer Ward Bishopric, and Stake High Councilman. He received the Silver Beaver Award for distinguished service to youth and the Honorary Master M-Men Award.

Kendall loves to cook. He has been chef for many ward and stake outings, and was chef five different evenings when Archer Ward hosted other wards involved in the Teton Dam Flood.

Kendall and LaMarr are the parents of three sons: Kendall David, born October 14, 1947 at St. Anthony, Idaho lives at home and commutes to work at the Deseret Industries in Idaho Falls. He earned all Individual Awards in the Aaronic Priesthood program, and the Duty to God Award.

He is Elder in the Priesthood, Home Teacher, Ward Choir member, and Temple worker.

Martin Calvin was born August 16, 1949 at Fort Knox, Kentucky. He married Maylin England and they have three children. (History in this book)

Bradford John was born February 20, 1951 at St. Anthony, Idaho. He earned all the Aaronic Priesthood Awards, Duty to God Award, and Eagle Scout. He married Clara Ann Newman October 2, 1970, sealed in the Idaho Falls Temple January 25, 1980. They live in Howe, Idaho where he is assistant manager and shop foreman at the Simplot Farm. They have two sons, Burke John 9, and Cortney Dee 6.

## *Martin and Maylin Davidson*



*Maylin, Jody Kay, John, Martin, and Becky*

The Martin Davidson family history started June 24, 1972 when Martin Calvin Davidson, born August 16, 1949, the son of Kendall G. Davidson and Cora LaMarr Davis, and Maylin England born March 8, 1952 the daughter of Mahlon J. England and Verda Elizabeth Birch, were sealed for time and all eternity in the Idaho Falls Temple by President Cecil B. Hart.

Thirty days after they were married, Martin left for active duty in the United States Air Force, stationed on the small island of Okinawa, Japan. A short time later Maylin joined him there.

The young couple was stationed there for almost three years. During this time they were very active in the Kadena Servicemen's Branch. They were able to see the dedication of a chapel--the first in the Ryuku Islands.

Martin was kept very busy with his Air Force duties by travel to many places in the Pacific, leaving his young bride alone in Okinawa. But she did not have too much time to get lonely as her church duties kept her very busy, Cub Scouts, Sunday School classes and Relief Society duties. Martin was very busy also. He was the branch clerk as well as cubmaster.

Two months before the couple came home they were blessed with the birth of a baby boy, John David Nathaniel Davidson II born November 14, 1974. He is a real ray of sunshine.

On January 19, 1975, the young couple with their new baby were able to come home, back to the United States. What a wonderful feeling to be back in this choice land.

They were able to spend about thirty days home in Archer among friends and family.

Marquette, Michigan was to be their new home stationed at K. I. Sawyer Air Force Base. It was hard to make friends there. But soon the family was in full swing again. Martin became branch clerk again, and before long Maylin was teaching Sunday School.

In September they were finally finished with their military duty and able to travel again to Idaho.

Martin got a job with Petrolane gas service as truck driver, and soon they were able to buy a mobile home and set it up in Sunnyside where they could be close to both families.

John decided he wanted a baby sister and thought it would be a good birthday present. On the morning of his third birthday November 14, 1977, his baby sister, Jodi "K," Davidson, was born. She is a very special young lady.

Then as a surprise to everyone, another baby sister was born November 23, 1978, Thanksgiving day - Becky Lynn Davidson.

Martin has stayed very busy. He is now the resident manager of the Rexburg office for Petrolane gas service. He has been cub master and Sunday School teacher. He was ordained a Seventy 28 November 1976. His experience as a missionary serving in the Eastern Atlantic States and Pennsylvania Mission have proven very helpful.

Maylin has been active in Cub Scouts, Sunday School and especially the Primary where she has been a teacher for over ten years. She is now serving as a member of the Primary presidency for Sunnyside Ward.

### *Donald and JoAnn Drussel*

Don attended schools in Burley, Idaho. He was in the U.S. Service during the Korean conflict. At the time of our marriage 26 July 1956, in Oakley, Don worked for Denton Well Drilling. In 1956 we moved to Idaho Falls and he began working for Hopkins Well Drilling with whom he has been employed ever since.

I, Joan, attended elementary and high school in Oakley, Idaho. During these years I enjoyed riding in the posse with the Oakley Vigilantes. In my junior year in high school I was a contestant for rodeo queen in the Cassia County Fair. I was victorious so I reigned as royalty over the rodeo in my senior year.

It has been my pleasure to teach in Sunday School and Primary. In 1940 I was president of the M.I.A. in the Archer Ward. For ten years I worked as a loan officer in the Idaho First National Bank in Rexburg. At present I am employed at Petersen's Room Dividers here in Archer.

Our children are Connie Hobson Clawson. She was born September 27, 1953 (her father is deceased). Kevin Read, our first son, was born November 15, 1957. Dale, our second son was born May 12, 1960. D Lene, our second daughter, was born March 7, 1970 and Michael arrived June 8, 1977.



Front Row (L. to R.): Michael, Mayo Harper, JoAnn, Travis (Kevin's son), Don  
Back Row: Kevin, Belinda, Catherine, Dale, and D'Lene

The three older children are married and we have four grandchildren - all boys.

Connie married Curtis I. Clawson. They live in Rexburg and have two sons, Kent, seven years old and Torey age five. Connie works for Safeway in Rexburg.

Kevin married Belinda Grover, daughter of Demar and Iola Bowcutt Grover. They live near us and have one son, Travis, who is eleven months old. Kevin is employed at Pro-Ida in Ririe.

Dale married Catherine Brood and they have one son, Brian, who is eighteen months old. They live in Rexburg where Dale is employed with Ted Ard at Phillips 66.

Of course D'Lene and Michael are still at home with us. My mother, Mrs. Mayo Harper (widowed), also lives near us in a mobile home. She is loved by all of us and is with us in our picture.

### *Gene and Nina Dumont*



Gene, Val, and Nina

Gene Dumont was born in Rigby, June 11, 1921 to Lewis and Alta Jenkins Dumont. His mother later married Seth Grover and came to Archer when Gene was in the sixth

grade. He spent two years in the C. C. Camp in Park Valley, Utah, then joined the Navy for three and a half years during World War II. While he was yet in the service, he married Nina Terece Grover, August 27, 1945.

Nina was born March 22, 1923 to Wesley LaVern and Thelma Lucille Carlson Grover. Grandma Augusta Carlsen lived with us at Archer on the farm where my father, LaVern, called Vern, lived all his life. His parents were Marshall and Isabel Orr Grover, who homesteaded in Archer, called Lyman at that time.

Grandma Carlson was born in Sweden and spoke no English. I, Nina, learned to speak Swedish. I was very close to my grandmother, and talked only Swedish to her.

I was the oldest of five daughters. Irene married Jay G. Fikstad. They live in Idaho Falls and have three children. Doris married Nyle Larsen and lives in Idaho Falls. They have two children. Gwen married Dale Sommers. They live in Idaho Falls and have three children. Zena married Ray Sharp. Their home is in Sugar City and they have three children.

I went to Archer Elementary and two years of high school, finishing at Madison High School. I worked at the M. H. King store.

Gene Dumont came home from the service on furlough for 30 days. We were married and had that month together in Rexburg. I continued working until he was released, then we both worked in Rexburg. He helped build Dr. Green's apartment house. We worked one summer for Charlie Sutton then he began working for Farmer's Feed and Supply, where he still works.

On December 7, 1955, Gene suffered the loss of his arm just below the shoulder, as it was caught in an auger at work. He was never one to feel sorry for himself and took it in his stride, helping his family feel that it was no handicap.

Val Gene was born November 24, 1946. He went to Archer elementary and Madison High School. He enlisted in the Navy June 21, 1965 and was released July 1969. He served in the Philippines and Viet Nam. He became ill after his return and though much improved is still under the doctor's care.

Rhonda Lee was born September 27, 1952 in the Ashton hospital, Dr. Kruger attending. She had the same schooling as Val. She joined the Navy January 21, 1971, where she spent seven and a half years, two and a half of them in England. While in England she met Tom Wunder. They were married in Archer and went back to England. After two and a half years they returned to Norfolk, Virginia, where Gene and I visited them. Both were honorably discharged from the Navy and now make their home in Tacoma, Washington.

Gene and I love our home in Archer. Our neighbors are just out of this world.

## ***Mahlon and Verda England***

Mahlon J. England was born 3 February 1922, the son of Charles William England and Mirinda Alberta Jensen. He was the fifth child of eight.

Verda Elizabeth Birch was born November 28, 1924, the daughter of William Richard Birch and Elizabeth Percilla



*Front Row (L. to R.) Mahlon and Verda  
Back Row: Jerrie and Joe*

Layton. She was the tenth child of ten.

Mahlon joined the U.S. Marine Corps September 15, 1940, and spent most of World War II as Master Sergeant with the Second Raider Battalion in the South Pacific. Upon returning home from the war, Mahlon and Verda traveled to Bozeman, Montana. After a very long engagement they were finally married September 23, 1944. They resided in St. Anthony where their first child, William B. England, was born September 25, 1946.

When the Korean War broke out Mahlon was recalled to train forces. Verda and Billy were able to travel with him to Camp Pendleton. After military service they returned to St. Anthony where they had the Mahlon Radio and T. V. Repair Shop. Their second child, Maylin, was born March 8, 1952. They ran the radio shop for several years then the third child, a daughter, Jerrie "K" was born October 20, 1955. A few months later they moved to Moreland, Idaho and Mahlon went to work at A.E.C. as a reactor control electronic technician. In 1956 they moved to Shelley and on May 9, 1956 were able to go to the Idaho Falls Temple to be married for time and all eternity by President William L. Kilpack and the three small children were sealed to them. Then eight years later after many prayers, a fourth child, a little boy, was born July 17, 1964, Joe B.

In 1970 the family bought the Archer Store and moved to Archer. A few months later they built the England Merc and ran that store and gas station for about a year. Then Mahlon went to work at the Rexburg Lumber Company for about two years. Then he was asked to come to Ricks College as the chief electrician in the electrical department. He also works as the real estate broker for Peterson's Real Estate where he is very busy but very happy. He is active in his duties and is a High Priest in Sunnydell Ward and Assistant High Councilman.

Although Verda spends most of her time home now due to illness she is always willing to give a helping hand. She has been very active in her church, serving in Relief Society and Primary and is presently a visiting teacher.

After returning from an honorable mission to Perth Melbourne Australia. Billy married Barbara Jean Moss December 15, 1967 in the Idaho Falls Temple. They live in Idaho Falls and Bill manages the Little Tree Inn and owns two hot dog stands. He was recently made a Seventy and has served in several Elders Quorum presidencies.

Barbara is very active as work leader in Relief Society. They have three children - Bret 10, Clint 8, Lara 4.

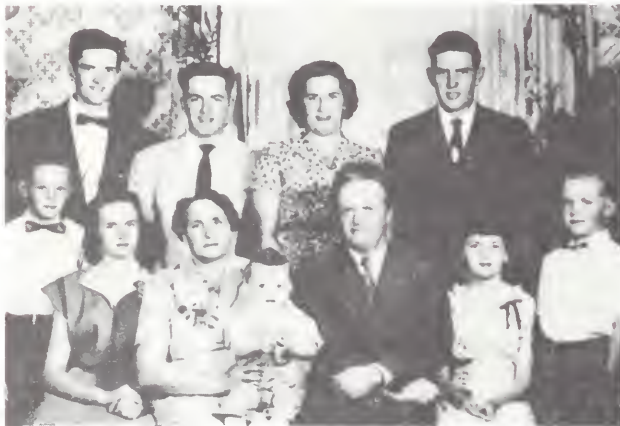
Maylin was married to Martin C. Davidson June 24, 1972 in the Idaho Falls Temple by President Hart. After spending three years in Okinawa, Japan, they returned home and are now living in Sunnyside, Idaho. They have three children - John 6, Jodi "K" 3, Becky 2.

Mahlon, Verda, Jerrie "K" and Joe now live in their newly remodeled home in Sunnyside.

Joe is attending Madison High School and is very active in sound and lighting, and Honors, his Priesthood duties as a Priest. And is working toward his Eagle Scout.

Jerrie "K" is very active in every form of medical science and is now working in radiology department at Parkview Hospital and is a surgical technician at Riverview Hospital in Idaho Falls. She is always active in all forms of emergency medicine as Advance EMT-A. She is active in the young adult program in the Rexburg East Stake and has worked for twelve years in the young girls camp program.

## Martha (Mattie) Erickson



Front Row (L. to R.): Nolan, Utona, Martha, Dan, Bernarr, Lanta, and Hal

Back Row: Gary, Galen, Sheila, and Carlo

Bernarr Blackburn Erickson was born Nov. 15, 1913 at his parents' home in Archer, Idaho. He was the fifth child in a family of eleven. His father, Herman Erickson, was born in Sweden and immigrated to the U.S. in 1898 at age 20. Herman married Gladys Edna Blackburn from Brigham City, Utah, in 1904. Bernarr was named after a famous health and diet doctor, Bernarr McFadden who was a friend of his father's.

When Bernarr was six years old, his parents built a house on the Dalby townsite north of the church house. The Erickson's had one of the first radios in the valley. People would come for miles to listen to it. When Bernarr was in the eighth grade, they bought a player piano that was enjoyed by everyone.

Bernarr was very bashful and didn't like to be around girls. As he got older, one particular young lady caught his eye. Because he was still so very bashful, his brother and a friend dragged him onto the dance floor to dance his first dance with Mattie Jackson. That is all it took to break the ice and they were married on Nov. 15, 1933 in the Salt Lake Temple.

Martha Elizabeth Jackson (Mattie) was born March 8, 1913 in a small log house located just east of her home now. Her parents, John William Jackson born Nov. 30, 1866, in Fillmore, Utah, and Eliza Ann Nichols born April 10, 1872, Fillmore, Utah, had purchased the property between the Erickson corner and Munns place on the east. The summer of 1913, a new larger house was built on the corner on higher ground. (This is Mattie's home now).

John William Jackson died when Mattie was only twelve, leaving her mother to care for the family of five children including John N., Florence, Thelda, Mattie and Wyora.

Raised on a farm in her early years, Mattie learned to herd cattle, sheep, pigs, and to help care for chickens. She attended eleven years of school in Archer. She sang alto in a girls chorus, played violin in the school orchestra, and participated in every drama that was produced. In 1929, the depression hit and times were hard. She attended her last year of high school in Rexburg at Madison High School. She wanted to go into nurses training after high school but depression and no money changed those plans.

After Bernarr and Mattie were married in 1933, they moved into a log house just northwest of the church house on the Dalby townsite. Six children came to bless their home while they lived there. Then in 1946 they purchased the home that Mattie was raised in. Here three more children were added to their family. Their children are:

Sheila Mae	December 1934
Gaylen Bernarr	July 1936
Gary Jackson	April 1938
Nance Carlo	April 1940
Utona Rae	April 1942
Lanta Maria	July 1945
Nolan Bernarr	September 1948
Hal Delyn	May 1950
Dan DeLyn	June 1956

In 1952, Bernarr was called as Bishop of the Archer Ward. Both Bernarr and Mattie have spent many hours, months, and years in the service of their Father in Heaven, as well as serving the community.

Bernarr and Mattie farmed and milked cows for a living. In 1964 their son Gary passed away following a short illness. In Dec. 1968 another son, Gaylen, was killed in a logging truck accident.

During the Vietnam War, two sons, Nolan and Hal each served active duty in Vietnam. Those were years of worry and prayer.

In November of 1972, Bernarr passed away following open heart surgery. Six months later, the youngest son, Dan, died in an accident.

Mattie has worked hard all of her life. A few years ago she decided to go to school to fulfill her life-long dream. She

became a certified nurses aid and enjoyed working at Madison Memorial Hospital.

In April of 1979, Mattie was asked by her bishop to serve a full-time mission for the church. Her call came later from Pres. Spencer W. Kimball to serve in the California Los Angeles Mission. She accepted the call and is engaged in this service at the present time.

### *Carlo and Ellen Marie Erickson*



Front Row (L. to R.): Carla Jean, Ellen Marie, Carlo, and Steven  
Back Row: Julie, Sue Ellen

Nance Carlo Erickson was born April 16, 1940 to Bernarr B. and Martha Erickson. He has lived all his life in Archer, with the exception of six months shortly after he was married when he worked for Loren Grover and they lived at Hamer, Idaho. He attended grade school at the Archer School and graduated from Madison High School. He attended a heavy equipment school the summer after he graduated from high school. On June 10, 1959 in the Idaho Falls Temple he married Ellen Marie Mortensen, the daughter of Annes and Maud Mortensen from Salem. Ellen Marie was born Sept. 5, 1939 at Salem. She had graduated from Sugar-Salem High and was attending Ricks College from which she graduated one year after their marriage having majored in business. They moved into the log house across from the Archer Church. On May 27, 1961, Sue Ellen was born and on March 22, 1963, Julie was born. In the summer of 1965 they started building a house on the south side of Carlo's dad's house and in October of that year they moved up there.

On March 20, 1971, Steven Carlo Erickson was born and on Dec. 12, 1975 Carla Jean Erickson was born.

Carlo has worked for U & I Sugar for twenty years and when his dad passed away the farm was divided and he now is buying and running the fifty acres around his house and rents the twenty acres that belonged to his aunt, Florence Swallow, east of the red barn.

Sue Ellen Erickson graduated from high school in 1978 and is now attending Ricks College majoring in clothing construction. Sue Ellen was Jr. Sunday School assistant organist for two years before the ward was divided and then

was organist until we went on the new block plan. She is now Young Adult secretary in the ward. She was active in 4-H completing many serving and cooking projects and a horse project in which her horse had a heart attack and died when she was loping down the road. She borrowed the neighbor's horse and finished her project.

Julie will be a senior in high school this year. She has been active in 4-H completing clothing and cooking projects and one beef project. Julie has been class president of her M.I.A. classes twice during the last few years.

Stephen is a fourth grader this year and Carla is very busy at home.

Carlo is presently serving as a counselor in the Elders Quorum Presidency and Ellen Marie is teaching Sunday School. Ellen Marie has taught Primary and Sunday School and been a secretary and a counselor in the Relief Society and counselor in the Primary over the years. She also has taught 4-H for about ten years and is a member of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers, serving as secretary.

### *DeVon and Carole Erickson*



Front Row (L. to R.): DeVon and Carole  
Back Row: Alison and Douglas

DeVon Henry Erickson was born at Archer, Idaho to Henry Erick Erickson and De Veda Christina Nelson, Jan. 6, 1937.

He attended grade school in Archer and received several 100/ attendance and reading skill awards. He graduated from Archer Elementary in 1951.

On his twelfth birthday he was ordained a Deacon. He received several Priesthood awards through the years.

He attended Madison High School. He played in the band and marched with them in Salt Lake in the 24th of July parade. He was a straight "A" student in all his science classes.

He attended Ricks College one semester.

He went to work for Mountain Bell Dec. 12, 1955. He worked as a lineman for eight years, a splicer for seven years. He is a central office repairman out of Rigby now. While working for the telephone company he has worked all over the state of Idaho and three months in Arizona.

He received a certificate for distinguished service from Governor Andrus, Sept. 20, 1976 for service to the people of Idaho during the Teton Dam Disaster.

I, Carole, Mureen Stewart, was born at St. Anthony, Idaho to Frank Stewart and Della Pearl Nickell of Felt, Idaho.

I spent all my life on a farm. When I was six my folks bought the Felt store and post office, which we ran for 14 years.

I attended grade school at Felt and Tetonia. I graduated from Tetonia Elementary School in 1951.

I attended Teton High School. I was a member of the F.N.A., F.H.A., Pep Club secretary, librarian, band, Senior Girls' Day attendant, Winter Carnival Queen, three years seminary, seven years 4-H. I graduated in 1955 and attended one semester of college.

After I started high school I spent my summers working at the Flat Rock Club at Macks Inn, Idaho. It was during my fifth summer there that I met Dee, as he was there working for the telephone company.

He had asked me out several times before I would go with him and that was my fatal mistake, when I said yes.

We were married Nov. 8, 1957 at Tetonia, Idaho. We lived in Pocatello the first four months. Then my dad died and Dee transferred to Idaho Falls, and we moved to Archer, so we could be closer to my mother to help her out.

Donald Dee was born Oct. 7, 1958 at Driggs, Idaho.

We bought the Martha Grover home which we have remodeled and built on to.

Laurie Ann was born Jan. 21, 1960 at Rexburg, Idaho.

Alison Rae was born Sept. 19, 1961 at Rexburg, Idaho.

We thought this would be all the family we would have, then seven years later Douglas Stewart was born on May 20, 1968 at Rexburg, Idaho.

When we brought him home the kids were so tickled they thought we should stop at school and use him for "Show and Tell".

As a family we have spent lots of time camping, fishing, bike-riding on mountain trails and enjoying the scenery of Idaho.

Dee and I have taught 4-H. I have been the P.T.A. President, Ward Drama Director, Primary teacher, Work Director Relief Society, M.I.A. Counselor, Member of Daughters of Utah Pioneers.

Dee is very talented. He is plumber, mechanic, electrician and repairman. There just isn't too much he can't fix. He likes to experiment and build things. He always has some kind of a project going.

Donald, Laurie, Alison and Doug attended Archer Elementary. Donald and Alison graduated from Madison High. Donald enjoyed art and weight lifting classes. Alison liked her metal shop class. The teacher sent a note home saying she had done a better job on her project than the boys. She took wood shop and built her cedar chest, and a beautiful clock. She is talented in arts and crafts.

Laurie graduated from Moscow High where her husband was attending college. She is a good seamstress, cook and homemaker.

Doug starts Junior High this fall. He is looking forward to it. He likes sports and camping and his scouting.

Laurie married Dwight Gordon Gump July 23, 1976 in Archer, Idaho.

Donald married Kelle Jo Smith Nov. 30, 1978 in Rexburg, Idaho.

## *Donald and Kelle Jo Erickson*



*Donald and Kelle*

Donald Dee Erickson was born October 7, 1958 in Driggs, Idaho, to his parents Devon and Carole Erickson. They lived in Archer where Donald attended elementary school. He then attended Madison junior and high school in Rexburg. He graduated in 1977. After high school Donald worked on a drilling rig for about one and a half years. In November of 1978, he married Kelle Jo Smith, daughter of R. Brent and Connie Smith. Kelle was born in Rexburg. She attended Lincoln Elementary School. She later attended Madison junior and senior high school. She graduated from high school in 1979. She worked part time during high school and then full time during the summer as a bookkeeper at Mickelsen's Lumber. She is now attending beauty school. Donald is working at a gas station in Roberts, Idaho. They live in Archer, across from Sutton's store.

## *Eugene and Viola Erickson*



*Left to right: Bonnie, Denver, Val, Viola, Alton, and Dyle.*

The little white house that sets on the North side of the road about a block east of the Archer school house has been the setting for some of the sorrow and much of the joy of my



life. There I came as a bride after being married in the Salt Lake Temple on November 30, 1934 to Herman Eugene Erickson. We started our life together with much happiness, a lot of dreams and very little money.

Two years previously my parents, Dencie and Winifred Rawls, had moved from Texas to Idaho. (I was born at Temple, Texas, September 28, 1915.) I was still a little homesick for my friends and the tree covered country of East Texas to which we had moved when I was ten years of age.

Eugene, born October 11, 1905, was ten years my senior - a fun loving, cowboy type person, considerate and kind, always concerned for others and willing to lend a helping hand.

When we had been married a little over a year, December 27, 1935, our first child, a son, was born. We named him Denver Eugene. We had four other children: Alton Herman, born July 16, 1939; Bonnie Jean, born May 11, 1945; Dyle Dero, born July 20, 1950 and Val Arnette, born October 20, 1952. Each of the five children, so different in appearance and personality, were equally precious to us. About a year and a half previous to Val's birth, Eugene had undergone surgery to correct a goiter condition. At that time I learned that his general health was drastically impaired, so much so that his life was threatened. He died on April 6, 1953 when Val was just five and a half months old.

In addition to the heartbreak of losing Eugene, the pattern of our lives was greatly changed by his death.

The following year Denver, along with several of his friends, decided to attend an airline training school - a move in which I encouraged him as we felt inadequate to operate a farm that had been losing money even when we had Eugene to head the family. I sold the farm, keeping only the house and a small piece of land, and during the children's growing-up years worked at various jobs to support them. Financially, we had some rough times, but in love, good health and the family's unflinching sense of humor we were rich beyond measure. We were also blessed in that we lived in Archer, a community where, with only one or two exceptions, I felt the enduring support, love and understanding of my neighbors. Our children are Denver, Alton, Bonnie and Dyle.

Alton was the first of the children to marry. He and Linda Rice were married the 5th of August, 1960. Their marriage was solemnized June 2, 1979 in the Oakland Temple. They live at Senora, California and have two daughters, Keeley and Kristie.

Denver and Dorothy Galler were married June 12, 1962 in the Idaho Falls Temple. They have four sons and two daughters and live at Fort Jones, California. Their children are Eugene, Kelly, Jennifer, Judd, Hyrum and Aaron.

Bonnie and Scott Hamilton were married September 9, 1966 in the Idaho Falls Temple. They have two sons and one daughter, Amber, Scott and Ryan. They live at Las Vegas, Nevada.

Dyle and Nan Kirkham were married December 15, 1972 in the Idaho Falls Temple. They have two daughters, Tiffany and Melanie, and live at Sonora, California.

Val married Julie Boyle February 13, 1976 in the Idaho

Falls Temple. Val and Julie were divorced in 1979 but Julie is still very dear to me and we keep in touch. Val lives in Idaho Falls.

In 1979, in order to have time for some of the things I have always wanted to do, I retired from working for Utah Power and Light Company. I am enjoying working in my yards and garden during the summer months and in the winter months I am writing a book, thereby fulfilling a lifetime dream.

Like most mothers, my main joys come from the love of my family, but as I look out the window of the little white house and view the peaceful tranquility of this agrarian community I thank our Heavenly Father for the lavish manner in which He has showered our land with blessings.

## Henry and DeVeda Erickson



Front Row (L. to R.): Henry and DeVeda  
Back Row: DeVon, Blaine, Renee', JoAnn, and LaTawn

Henry Erick Erickson - third child of Herman Erickson and Gladys Edna Blackburn - was born February 16, 1909, at Archer, attended church and school here and filled a mission to Sweden, 1929-31. He was set apart by David O. McKay. He met his wife DeVeda Christina Nelson at an Apron and Overall dance in the old Archer dance hall.

I, DeVeda, am the oldest child of N. Douglass Nelson and Emma Marie Johnson. Grandfather, James D. Nelson, came to Idaho in 1883 and moved his family in 1885. Douglass filled a mission to Scotland in 1909-11. Emma's family moved from southern Utah to Thornton and Douglass and Emma met at church and were married in the Logan Temple. All of my ancestors came across the plains by handcart or wagon train before 1868.

Henry and I were married December 2, 1935 in the Salt Lake Temple and have five children, Devon Henry, Donna Renee', JoAnn, LaTawn, Blaine Herman, and twenty-two grandchildren (eleven boys and eleven girls). We love our sons- and daughters-in-law as we do our own.

Our children attended church and school in Archer, Madison and Ricks. All received their L.D.S. boys' and girls' awards, golden Medallion and JoAnn, golden Gleaner, Blaine Eagle Scout and attended National Jamboree at Valley

Forge. They did well in school, many times on the Honor Roll. They were active in school, class and studentbody offices, band and pep band and pep clubs, sports, 'Girl of the Month' and talent and beauty contests, two with degrees at Ricks and LaTawn with a degree at B. Y. U., taught school in several cities. Those small hands have grown to man and womanhood, are good citizens and helping to build the kingdom with the talented skills and professions and dependability in places far and near.

Henry wanted to go into the store business like his grandfather Blackburn, so when the old dance hall was torn down he used the material as much as possible to build a small store. It was hard going without money--but we won't dwell on those painful years. The Second World War was in progress and we were badly in debt. Henry decided to go to Los Angeles, California, where Howard, his brother was, to get work. I stayed and took care of the store, three children and measles. The next spring I traveled by bus to L.A. During that one year we were gone, Henry's mother died on July 2 and my mother on Aug. 2, 1942. It was a devastating blow to me. In 1950 my father died from a potato cellar accident.

We sold the store and bought Blaine's house in 1974 (as it was on our farm). We've made lots of mistakes, had lots of struggle and heartache, also have had some great highlights. We've stood in many holy places. I've left my written testimony on the Mount of Olives. We've walked the paths where Jesus walked nearly 2000 years ago, stood on Mars Hill in Athens and thought of Apostle Paul, seen the original painting of "Mona Lisa" at the Louve in Paris, saw the Crown Jewels in London, visited Sweden, Denmark, Norway, the countryside where the "Song of Norway" was filmed, left my testimony at the Sacred Grove--and felt the spirit at "Adom Ondi Ahman." stood in the nation's capitol and went through the Washington D.C. Temple.

We've lived through a wonderful age, seen many changes in transportation, communication, etc. We have a testimony of the gospel - we've listened to many of our children's and grandchildren's and they've listened to ours. Henry has been president of elders, in the Sunday School superintendency and M.I.A. He always tries to be present at family blessings, baptisms, ordinations. At present he is a High Priest. I have been Primary president, Relief Society organist, president of P.T.A., started the first Halloween party for children at the school house, started a literary club that went strong for a few years, bought a four-plex from my friends in Rigby and secured the only loan for 6¼ percent interest given in the state of Idaho that year, to build another set. Sorry to say we sold them.

Archer is beautiful, has two stores, close to two shopping and cultural centers, recreation of every kind within a few miles and a beautiful cemetery for a final resting place.

### *Nolan and Connie Erickson*

Nolan Erickson was born September 29, 1948 to Bernarr B. Erickson and Martha Jackson. He has spent all of his life in the Archer area, working in West Yellowstone for two summers on a dude ranch and a few months planting trees for

his relatives in Northern Idaho. He spent three years in the army, one of them being in Viet Nam. He came home from the Army and attended a few months of college. He also worked for about nine years at the Sugar Factory before it closed in 1979. On May 14, 1971 he married Connie Munns in the Idaho Falls Temple.

Connie is the daughter of Merlin Munns and Marie Weekes. She was born August 10, 1951. She also has spent all of her life in the Archer area. She worked on a dude ranch in Montana for two summers, one of them the same summer as Nolan. She graduated from Ricks College in 1971.

Nolan and Connie now have five lovely children - Tammy 8, Tracy 7, Terry 6, Kelsey 4 and Tina 1. They have been a lot of fun and joy in our lives. At present Nolan is secretary in the Elders Quorum and has been in the Sunday School superintendency. Connie has taught primary for about seven years.

### *Norman and Bessie Erickson*



Left to Right: Georgia, Norman S., Bessie, Tonya, Norman B., Victor, Eric, (Insert) Herman.

In September 1939 East meets West - Bessie Amelia Small of Bangor, Maine, meets Norman Blackburn Erickson of Archer, Idaho, and on March 11, 1941, they were married in the Salt Lake Temple. They built their home where the old dance hall used to be. Visitors from heaven started on February 4, 1943 - Eric who married Beverly Wilcox (sons/daughters: Eric David, Cassie Lou, Clinton Earl, Michael Norman, Swen Milton, John Russell, Donna Amelia) live in Salt Lake. Georgia Maria, September 8, 1945, married Scott Kenneth Steinfeldt (daughters/son: Heidi Alesia, Meegan Ann, Scott Kenneth, Jr.) live in Salt Lake. Norman Small November 8, 1947, married Susan Ann Matthews (son/daughters: Norman Matthew, Heather Ann, Andrea, Celeste Amelia), Archer, Idaho. Tonya Jean, March 31, 1950, presently living at home. Victor Small, August 20, 1952, married Mona Donelda Frances Young (daughters: Pauline Amelia, Jennie Lee), Archer, Idaho. Herman Small, March 10, 1955, living in Salt Lake. Second in importance, all six children served full-time missions for the Church. Eric, Eastern States; Georgia, Leeds England; Norman S., Florida; Tonya, Hong Kong; Victor, London, England; Herman, Philippines Cebu. All that are married were married

in the temple. Four boys had a taste of military. Eric at Fort Ord, top honor graduate from supply school. Norman S went to R.O.T.C. Officers Training Camp at Fort Knox; Victor four years army, paratrooper, firefighter, postal clerk, office supply clerk; Herman R.O.T.C. in college; Norman Blackburn was a Western States missionary, and Bessie from New England mission, went out with lady missionaries at times. Norman started to sing in the choir in 1938. At present he is president of the choir and music librarian. Norman farms and is an employee of Ricks College for twenty years. He is a member of Freeman Institute, active in political activities, helped organize Farm Bureau in this area and helped set up the insurance division, agent for seven years, served on L.D.S. stake board, many ward positions, Temple work, at present High Priest. He and Bessie served as ward dance directors. Bessie was Block Warden during Second World War from Glenn Sharp to Leland Weekes. Coming west she worked in I.F. (S.H. Kress as cashier), Rexburg J.C. Penny clerk, later cashier, stake Primary, ward Relief Society, Sunday School and Junior Girl leader for several years. Picture of her class of nineteen girls was in the Church News and in the lesson manual. She has been ward librarian since 1958. Since splitting the wards, she is also Meeting House Librarian. She has been working at the Ricks College Learning Center since 1965. All eight of the family have taken classes at Ricks, three graduating - Eric, Norman S. and Tonya.

Eric works as group manager for micro-graphic technical services. He has two offices, one at the granite vault and one at the genealogy building. He is a former bishop of Hunter 16th Ward and is presently on the High Council.

Georgia took blue ribbons in F.H.A. sewing and cooking. At college she toured with dance club. She has worked in banks seven years as head teller and loan officer. Since returning from her mission she has been secretary to Wendall J. Ashton, Church Public Relations.

Tonya taught Sunday School, M.I.A. Special Interests. She has done lots of traveling in and out of the United States, worked in church office translation department, also in 1975-78 served in auxiliary security for the church. Main job with others was to protect the Prophet. Presently, 1980, Archer precinct committeewoman, active in Republican party.

Herman won track events in high school, completed the 50 mile hike with the Archer scouts, won gold medal in Explorer Olympics' 440 yard and gold medal 220 yard dash in 1973, trophy in Provo with Shawna Wasden 1977 Bronze dance team, trophy for dance marathon in 1974, Valhalla dance team at Ricks, 1977, on tour to New York-Florida returned by pioneer church trail putting on performances at every stop.

In 1967 we went back to Maine as a family to pick up Eric from his mission and have the children meet their relatives for the first time. When we returned at the end of three weeks, the next day Norman got in the 1960 Ventura Pontiac (a very good car) which had been traveling at 80 miles an hour at times, the steering rod fell down on the ground. We knew who to thank for watching over us.

## *Norman S. and Susan Erickson*



*Left to Right. Matthew, Susan, Celeste, Andrea, Norman S., and Heather*

Although we lived within ten miles of each other and both went to Madison High School (Norman graduating three years before me) we did not even know each other or meet until Norman returned from his mission in Florida where he served 1967-69 and was working at the Food Center. We both attended Ricks College, Norman having already completed a year before his mission. We married Jan. 8, 1971 in the Idaho Falls Temple and graduated together from Ricks College in the spring of 1971. That summer Norman went to ROTC basic training for six weeks in Fort Knox, Kentucky. Decisions for school had already been decided so when he returned we made our plans for our move to Logan, Utah, and Utah State University.

While in Logan our son, Matt, was born Jan. 21, 1972, named after his father and with my maiden name. Norman Matthew Erickson brought many blessings into our struggling "married students" status.

Norman had three jobs besides going to school. He worked for Smiths Clothing, maintenance man for girls dorms and night watchman at a lumber yard. I learned how to almost make ends meet, sewing, canning and learning how to make bread. We worked in the student wards and gained experience in various callings in the church.

Heather Ann was born in Logan, Aug. 4, 1973. So with expanding needs our goals changed and we began looking for opportunities to come back to Rexburg. After Norman's boss became paralyzed after an operation he asked Norman to manage the Smith's Clothing Store in Logan. Norman enjoyed the job but his thoughts kept straying back to Archer. Through various applications for employment he secured the job as clothing manager at Cal Stores. Later he became assistant manager and has been manager for the past three and a half years.

In June of 1974, we became members of the Archer Ward. Since our arrival we have built our home on the land once owned by James Tea. When we moved into Archer Norman was made Elders Quorum instructor. I was asked to be primary choristor, serving in that position for three and a half years.

Andrea was born the day we were to move, June 14, 1975. I went to the hospital and Norman moved us in. Since

then one more child has been given to us, Celeste Amelia, born Jan. 26, 1978 which concludes our present family. We feel blessed to live where we do, to associate with good neighbors, friends and family close around.

Norman has served as ward clerk under Bishop Lyle Robison. He was ordained a Seventy and when the ward was split he was made Seventies President of the Archer Ward. I was asked to be in the Young Women's MIA Presidency as second counselor and Beehive advisor.

Norman has been a member of the Archer Ward his whole life with the exception of his mission and college years. I became a member in 1975.

One of our most interesting experiences since we have lived in Archer happened on that oft remembered day, June 5, 1976. Norman stayed at the store when the Teton Dam broke. Seeing much more water than expected rolling and churning over the fields from Sugar City, he and a co-worker climbed to the Cal Store roof for safety. Stranded and a bit regretful, he had a birds-eye view of destruction and happenings of the area. Come evening Norman's parents came to pick me and the children up to "go find Daddy" for we had no idea what had become of him. Back roads over the dry farms were all that were available and were crowded and dust laden with traffic. We went to my parents' home to ask if Norm had been there. There we found out he had been stranded, rescued by helicopter and was on his way home on my parents' European scooter. We had passed him in the clouds of dust.

Our prayers for safety had been answered. The Lord watches over us.

## *Royle and Donna Erickson*



*Front Row (L. to R.): Laura, Donna holding Seth, Royle holding Nathan, and Melinda*

*Back Row: Teresa, Renee', Annette, Janine, and Deonn*

The Royle Erickson family had its beginning on August 21, 1958 when Royle Dee Erickson and Donna Mary Hacking were married in the L.D.S. Temple at Idaho Falls, Idaho. Royle came from Star Valley, Wyoming, son of Duard Hyrum and Vera Hoopes Erickson. Royle was the youngest of six children and was born July 17, 1939. He spent the first five years in Smoot, then his family moved to Fairview. He enjoyed hunting and developed his skills until he became

well known as a marksman. He graduated from Seminary and Star Valley High School, played saxophone in the school band and achieved the position of first chair. In the fall of 1957, Royle attended Ricks College at Rexburg, Idaho, and with the rest of the college band went on tour to Alberta, Canada. He met Donna at a high school dance and after dating for five months, they were engaged, then married four months later.

Donna was born in Tremonton, Utah, where her parents, Clarence Marion and LaVerne Liljenquist Hacking and sister Marjory lived. She was born May 7, 1940 in the Bear River Valley Hospital. Her father worked for International Harvester until March of 1943 when they moved to Sunndell, Idaho, where they bought a farm. Donna loved horses and other animals and helped on the farm driving tractors, trucks, and teams. She was very active in 4-H taking projects in foods, clothing, etc., and earned her way to National 4-H Congress with all expenses paid. She attended first grade in the old Sunndell Schoolhouse, grades 2-8 at Archer School and grades 9-12 in Rexburg. Donna graduated from Bee Hives as an Honor Bee having earned the most badges in the Rexburg Stake. She graduated from Seminary in 1957 and from high school in 1958.

After their marriage, the Ericksons lived in Johnson's Motel in Rexburg while Royle attended Ricks College. A daughter, Deonn, was born on May 25, 1959, and a week later they moved to Star Valley, then on to Logan, Utah, where Royle received his B.S. degree in elementary education. While in Logan, two more daughters were born, Renee' on May 6, 1960 and Annette on May 18, 1961. Royle milked cows, was a custodian at the college and at a grade school, worked on a chicken farm, canned peas at Del Monte, and pumped gas. Royle taught fifth and sixth grades in and around Idaho Falls until 1972. While living in Idaho Falls another daughter, Janine was born August 8, 1964. Royle taught sixth grade in Archer for five years then transferred to Washington School in Rexburg. After leaving Logan, the Ericksons lived for six years in Idaho Falls then purchased the Arthur Niederer home in Sunndell in 1967. Five more children have joined the family: Teresa (April 15, 1968), Melinda (March 22, 1973), Laura (November 11, 1976), Nathan Royle (July 13, 1978), and Seth Duard (March 10, 1980).

Royle and Donna have both taught 4-H; Royle, gun safety as a project and at 4-H camp; Donna, home ec and horse projects. As they became old enough, the girls were in 4-H too. Deonn was awarded the First Security Bank wrist-watch, Renee' and Janine won Morgan horses and Annette was awarded the Foley Foods award. Deonn graduated from Ricks College in Home Economics and Family Living in April, 1980 and at present works as a reading tutor and as a microfilmist. Renee' graduated from Ricks in 1980 in the field of Custom Sewing. She works in alterations and drapery at the cleaners. Annette attended Ricks spring semester and works as a salesperson in women's wear. She was top salesperson for multiple sales in a four-state area. Janine is taking lessons in equestrian jumping and dressage and has won ribbons in all the classes she's entered this year. She'll be a

junior at Madison High School this fall. Teresa will go into junior high school and makes delicious bread and babysits a lot. Melinda is seven and loves to ride horses and play with kittens and the neighbor children. Laura is three and loves horses and Lindsey Smith across the street. Nathan is two and does just about everything! Seth is five months old and the best baby yet.

The family has always been active in the church. The older girls have held several positions as choristers and teachers. Royle has been on genealogy committees, taught a few classes, been in several Elders Presidencies and is now ward clerk. Donna has been work director in several wards and a college stake, taught Sunday School, worked as primary chorister and is now chorister in Relief Society. Donna takes time out for a hobby of restoring horse-drawn vehicles and Royle reloads bullets, hunts and loves to get out firewood. And there you have it, a real quickey from 1958 right down to this Sesquicentennial year, 1980!

### *Stanley and Ethelyn Erickson*



*Front Row: Stanley and Ethelyn  
Back Row: Gaynel and Lane*

Stanley and Ethelyn Erickson and family have built a lovely new home across the road from the Ward Chapel on land previously owned by his father, Herman Erickson, who immigrated from Sweden to Salt Lake City, Utah, in 1897 to be near the LDS Church. In July 1900, he came with his parents, Erik and Kristina Anderson Erikson, later spelled Erickson, to Archer, Idaho, and settled on forty acres of the 120 acres previously purchased by his older brother, Karl.

Gladys Blackburn, from Brigham City, Utah, visited her sister, Mrs. Charles O. Jeppson, and met Herman. Later, November 18, 1904, they were married in the Salt Lake Temple. They worked hard, leveling the farm and making irrigation ditches. They were one of the first families in the area to have electricity and a telephone in their home. They had a large family - Eugene, Alvin, Henry, Howard, Bernarr, Norman, Edna, Stanley, Ada, Olive, and Phyllis.

Herman is remembered for his long and faithful, efficient service as custodian of the Archer Ward Chapels. He was interested in music, sang in the choir many years and

served as choir president. He owned a grist mill and ground cereal and flour for himself and others.

Gladys served as Relief Society secretary for a long time. She was noted for her hot bread and cake and young people flocked there to enjoy it.

Stanley, their youngest son, born June 2, 1919, helped on the farm as did all the boys, going to school through the eighth grade in Archer. He milked cows, rode horses and helped with the farm work.

Stanley was drafted into the army in 1942 and served with the 781st Military Police Battalion in Africa. He served as an honorary guard at the Mema House Conference in Cairo, Egypt, where President Roosevelt, Chang Kai Chek, Churchill and others were present. He was discharged in 1946 and returned home to farm.

Amos Kenneth Thompson, with his parents and brothers, moved from Isanti County, Minnesota, to Rexburg, Idaho. Kenneth attended Ricks College in the winter and hauled grain from Clementsville to Rexburg with team and wagon. He played the violin and played for dances around the community. At Riverside Gardens, he met Naomi Farnsworth who lived with her family in Parker, Idaho, where her father operated a game room, refreshment fountain, and dance hall. They had a family orchestra and played for dances all over the valley every night except Sunday.

Kenneth and Naomi had lived in Salt Lake City, Boise, Spokane, Washington, while he worked for the Utah Power and Light Company.

Their children were Dorothy, Ethelyn, Orville, and Ronald. The family moved to El Paso, Texas where Kenneth worked for Maryland Casualty Insurance Company.

Ethelyn attended school in El Paso, finishing high school there. She came to Rexburg to attend Ricks College, became acquainted with Phyllis Erickson and her family. She and Stanley were married in the Salt Lake Temple April 3, 1946 and moved to Archer. He started farming, purchased a small tractor and combine, and did custom work for many years. He was active in 4-H, a leader for seventeen years, teaching classes in electricity, livestock, and woodwork.

Ethelyn loves music, served as music director, ward chorister and organist, Relief Society and MIA organist, is a soloist and has sung at many ward functions and funerals. She has been a member of the Rigby Chansonettes for twelve years. Ethelyn is a fine seamstress, does home sewing and custom work.

Their children are Kirk, who married Joy Fullmer and have three children - Kirtricia, Keith and Seaan. Kirk is in the Air Force doing security work, presently in Korea. Diane married Danny Crossley, has two sons, Dustin and Mathew. They live in Archer and work in Rexburg. They are amateur clowns. Gaynel is attending Madison High. She is active in music and sports at school and church. Layne is attending Madison High, enjoying farming and football.

### *Victor and Mona Erickson*

Victor was born in the Madison Memorial Hospital August 20, 1952. His parents are Norman B. and Bessie Small Erickson. He graduated from Madison High in May of



Left to Right: Mona, Jennie Lee, Pauline, and Victor

1971. That year in September he went on a mission to London, England. He came home in September 1973 and went in on the block plan to Ricks. He joined the Army Reserve in January of 1975. He decided to go in the active Army in September of 1976. Victor went to both infantry school and airborne training at Fort Benning, Georgia. He then went to Fort Lewis, Washington and was stationed at the 2nd and 75th Airborne Ranger Battalion which was located in the Ninth Infantry Division. This was in November of 1976.

Mona was born in the Tacoma General Hospital in Tacoma, Washington on October 17, 1956. She graduated from Statium High in March of 1975. She attended Knapp Business College and graduated in March 1976 as a junior accountant.

Mona is a convert to the Church. She joined June 8, 1974. She was introduced to the Church by one of her sisters. Her sister Lonna and herself are the only members of the Church in a family of four daughters. Her father teaches diesel mechanics and is a Lieutenant Colonel in the Civil Air Patrol. Her mother is housewife and works part time as a babysitter.

Victor and Mona met while Victor was in the Army. Tacoma is only a few miles from Fort Lewis. Victor and Mona were both active in the Young Adult program, so it was not difficult for them to get acquainted. The first time they really became acquainted was at a Young Adult trip to Ocean Shores. Victor had just bought a Datsun, Honeybee, two weeks before the trip. Mona had two other girl friends with her that day and decided to ask Victor if he could take all three of them. Victor said he would be happy to. The drive took a little over an hour, and in that time everyone in the car got to know each other. Victor was particularly impressed with Mona's pretty green eyes and has always liked long hair. Mona had long, pretty red hair. Victor was also impressed with her personality. She seemed to have it all together. She was mature and fun to talk to. Mona was overcome by Victor's good looks and big brown eyes. He was also fun to talk to, and was a gentleman. Victor and Mona had a very good courtship. On Victor's birthday the 20th of August, he told Mona that he loved her. She said that she felt the same way. But it wasn't until the 28th of November that Vic

presented Mona with an engagement ring. Vic was a bit shy. They set the date for the 16th of December and were married in the Manti Temple. The first time Victor's parents met Mona was on their wedding day. The parents became acquainted through Vic's letters and phone calls with what a top-notch gal Mona was. So in a sense they knew her pretty well.

Victor and Mona resided in South Tacoma after the wedding and reception. Victor was shipped to the 2nd Battalion 1st Infantry. He had to spend a lot of time at the base and on maneuvers. Both Victor and Mona were active while in the service. Victor was a stake missionary and Mona was a primary teacher.

Their first baby was born on the 17th of October 1978 at the army hospital at Fort Lewis. It only cost them \$13.00 for the delivery. They named her after Mona's mother and used Victor's mother's middle name. Pauline Amelia is her name.

Victor was honorably discharged from the army in August 1979. The family moved from Tacoma to Archer. Victor was heard to say, "Three years of the army is enough for any man."

Their second baby girl was born at home on June 7, 1980. Her name is Jennie Lee.

The Erickson family is happy and feel they have been blessed very much by their Father in Heaven.

Victor is employed by the K-Mart in Rexburg and is the men's wear manager there.

Mona is happy with her job as a housewife and mother.

## Michael and Helen Goodmansen



Front Row (L. to R.): Kristina, Helen, Michael, and Benjamin  
Back Row: Steven, Spencer, and David

It was late afternoon in the Tetons. Her twelve rooms completed, Helen was lounging on the linen room floor, staying out of sight of the guests of Jackson Lake Lodge. She was enjoying a novel while the other maids rumbled their cleaning carts in and out. A shadow fell across her page as an unfamiliar resonant voice spoke, "Excuse me please," and she looked up to see a very tall "temporary" houseman, loaded with clean sheets, picking his way over her feet.

Several weeks earlier, Mike had noticed the name of Helen Cheney on a mailbox. A former missionary compan-

ion in the North German Mission had also been named Cheney. He wondered who she was and kept an eye on the the box. Weeks later when she finally noticed him, he discovered through bashful conversation that Helen was Elder Cheney's third cousin. They became friends at the Lodge, before Helen departed for Ricks College and Mike returned to BYU. Through many letters and visits romance bloomed and they were engaged in January. The following August Mike took Helen to the Idaho Falls Temple to be married for eternity. Thus, a new family was formed, August 28, 1970.

Weeks later, after Mike had resumed his studies in Provo, they learned that living happily ever after takes a lot of hard work, budgeting, and help from the Lord. A letter from the draft board forced a hasty decision that January and through the Lord's guidance Mike chose Army ROTC as a way of filling his military obligations and completing his schooling as well.

Two sons joined their happy home while Mike completed his studies - Spencer James, born September 14, 1971 and David Nils, born May 4, 1973, just after Mike graduated from BYU with a BA in English.

Following where the Lord led them, they moved to Virginia to fulfill a short military assignment and make their home for four years. Miraculously, the Lord provided Mike with a teaching job in October 1973 in Petersburg, Virginia. This was a time of learning and growth for them as they filled church positions there. Helen was called into the Primary Presidency, then as Spiritual Living teacher and finally to serve in the MIA leadership. Mike was called as an executive secretary and then as a ward clerk.

Their family grew as well, with the addition of Stephen Daniel on January 16, 1975 and Benjamin Neal on April 16, 1976 (the Bicentennial year).

Ingenuity during financially lean years taught them independence and the joy of simple blessings. The \$10.00 Christmas was their best ever. Working together as always, they fought back the Virginian undergrowth to eek out a small garden. As money tightened Mike took odd jobs moonlighting and Helen did babysitting and sold paintings.

They found many friends in Virginia, many nonmembers. Their missionary efforts brought rich rewards and friendships to the family as they shared the gospel with their neighbors and associates.

The time came, however, when Virginia no longer met their needs. The Lord guided them once again, this time to the Rockies, but their stay in the East had yielded rich and exciting experiences. They had visited national monuments and on the way West they saw the Hill Cumorah Pageant, Kirtland, Nauvoo, Independence, and all the church historical sites as they followed the Mormon trail west.

Arriving in Sunnyside August of 1977 they began searching for a house to buy. Mike began teaching at Eagle Rock Junior High in Idaho Falls so the best choice seemed nearby. Once again the Lord made his will known and the decision to remain in Sunnyside was made. They employed the skills of Ron Wodscow to build a self-designed Southern Colonial home on the site of the old log cabin where Helen's grandparents, Selar and Florence Cheney, had lived.

Kristina Vilaty was born on March 18, 1979 to join the happy family. Later that year Spencer turned eight and chose to be baptised into the church. This year Helen and Mike will celebrate their tenth wedding anniversary, grateful for their little family and the blessings of the Lord; always willing to lend a hand in the Kingdom and striving to "endure to the end."

## *Elbert and Ina Goodson*



*Front Row (L. to R.): Jason, Shannon, Tammy, Patty and Mike  
Back Row: E. J. and Ina*

My name is Ina Kay Neville (Goodson). I was born April 18, 1953 in Idaho Falls. I married Elbert Jay Goodson on July 28, 1972. We have six children. Their names are Michael Jay Goodson, born in the Madison Memorial Hospital July 20, 1973; Tammy Kay, born in the Madison Memorial Hospital June 29, 1974; Patty Kae, born May 26, 1975 in the Madison Memorial Hospital; Patricia K., who is Patty's twin sister was born May 26, 1975 and died on the same day; Jason J., born July 26, 1977 in the Madison Memorial Hospital; Shannon D., born April 13, 1980 in the Madison Memorial Hospital. We have lived in Howe, then moved to Rigby, then we moved out here about a year and a half ago. My husband drives truck for Muir and Roberts in Rigby. We moved here in the first month of 1980.

I attended the Ririe school for six years and the Rigby schools for six years. My husband also attended the Rigby schools. He was in the service for about four to five years. We both enjoy fishing and I like playing baseball and volleyball.

## *Ada Marie Greene*

Ada Marie Greene was born January 11, 1939 in Archer, Idaho, the daughter of Agnes Christina Grover and Joseph Lavell Orr.

Those of you with growing children realize what kinds of emotional as well as material things children need - sometimes you feel you need that kind of help too! Although divorced for nine years, Ada has worked hard to give her four children what they've needed as best she could. She has worked in farming at Byrne Siding, as one of a "two man" operation for eight years to support her children.

Ada has one son and three daughters: Shelly Marie



Front Row (L. to R.): Shelley and Neal Ward  
Back Row: Julie, Wendy, Ada (Mother), and Bryant

Greene born July 29, 1961; Bryant Spencer Greene born August 8, 1963; Wendy Lee Greene born January 3, 1967 and Julie Carole Greene born August 29, 1968.

Her father, a retired carpenter, and Ada built the house she and her children live in now. It is located where the Elmer Weekes home used to be. Running her own twenty acres, clearing land to put in a huge lawn, attending parent-teacher conferences, baking goodies for school and church and being an All-State softball player are just a few of the things Ada does well.

Working right along beside her Dad since a tot, Ada hopes all of her children will learn to work and not give up on the things they really want in life.

Bryant, the oldest, at home now, has always been good at and enjoys working with wood. Being a senior this year means thinking of the future and his Mom knows he will make it a great one if he wants to.

Wendy in the eighth grade sure likes working with hair and hopes for something in the beauty field for her future - her Mom thinks she could be anything she wants to be.

Julie graduated from Primary this year and she wants to be like her Grandma Orr. She's already a good cook and her Mom hopes she will find as good a man as Grandma found!

Shelly was married this year to Neal Ward of Rexburg. She works at Valley Bank and tries to keep up with her farmer husband. Her Mom hopes she'll have a special and happy life.

### ***Brent and Maureen Grover***

I, Brent L., was born January 22, 1943, at Idaho Falls, Idaho, to DeLore and Veola Grover.

I was raised on the family farm in Archer and attended school in Archer and Rexburg. I graduated from Madison High in 1961 and attended Ricks College for two years.

I worked for Wilcox Bros. and J.R. Byrne during my high school years and drove truck for Richard Komes.

I went into trucking in 1966 and in 1969 I took a job in Pocatello selling trucks. I moved from there to Smith Chev-

rolet in Idaho Falls in 1970 where I worked selling trucks until 1974.

While employed at Smith Chevrolet I met Maureen Smith, and we were married July 23, 1971, in the Idaho Falls Temple. We purchased a mobile home and located on a corner of Dad's farm in Archer.

In 1974 we purchased a small farm west of Rexburg and built a truck shop there. We started a small business involving truck sales and purchased two semi-trucks in which we hauled logs, lumber and agricultural products. Our trucking soon grew to four trucks and we had six year-round employees.

In the spring of 1975, Max Briggs sold us his farm across the road from where we were living. We started construction on our new home almost immediately and with the help of Dad, LaMont Merrill, Brent Peterson and many others experienced in the building business, we moved into our new home in January of 1976.

We have three children, Randall Brent, born October 6, 1972; Angela Mary, born August 17, 1974, and Justin DeLore, born September 19, 1977.

As of this date I am still in trucking as well as farming our own farm and renting several others. We have about 200 cows which I calve with the help of Maureen and my hired men.



Front Row (L. to R.): Justin, Angela, Randall  
Back Row: Maureen and Brent

I, Maureen, was born January 6, 1949, to Floyd Merl and Mary Amanda Bailey Smith at Idaho Falls, Idaho.

I am the last of five children. I have one sister and three brothers. I was raised in the Shelton Ward which is approximately four miles west of Ririe on a farm of about 100 acres. My father owned milk cows so I was sometimes called upon to do the milking, and I always helped stack the hay. Several carefree summer hours were spent swimming in the irrigation canals and sleeping out under the stars. In the winter we would go sledding and tobogganing.

I attended school at Ririe, Idaho, where I graduated from high school in 1967. My mother passed away in 1966 which left me the woman of the house and taught me many



valuable homemaking skills. My father remarried in 1967.

I attended Ricks College and graduated in 1969. I majored in business and after graduation started working as a secretary for Smith Chevrolet in Idaho Falls, Idaho. It was there that I met a handsome, young truck salesman, Brent Grover, who introduced me to Archer. We were married July 23, 1971, in the Idaho Falls Temple.

We purchased a mobile home and set it just through the field east of Brent's parents, DeLore and Veola Grover. The next summer we planted a lawn and garden.

Our first child, Randall Brent, was born October 6, 1972, at Rexburg, Idaho. Our second child, Angela Mary, was born August 17, 1974, in Rexburg, Idaho. In November of 1975 we sold our mobile home and moved in with Brent's parents while our home was being built. In January of 1976 we moved into our new home, which sits directly across the highway from where our mobile home was. We have tried to improve our surroundings and have planted a yard and garden and have added a metal shop and several corrals.

My father passed away in March of 1976. Our third child, Justin DeLore, was born September 19, 1977, in Rexburg, Idaho.

I have enjoyed the Archer-Sunnydell Ward because the people remind me so much of the area in which I was raised. I have had many chances to serve as an MIA Maid teacher, Relief Society secretary, Primary teacher, chorister, and I am currently serving as Archer Ward Primary president.

I enjoy working in my yard, swimming, baseball, sewing, singing and ceramics. I feel that we are living in a blessed place and at a blessed time.

### *Carl and Melva Grover*



*Left to Right: Scott and Peggy Green, Melva and Carl*

Carl Spencer Grover was born 13 August 1918 in the home of his parents, Emma Marie Erickson and Elisha F. Grover, in Lyman, Madison County, Idaho. His boyhood days were happy days, spent on the farm. His brothers and sisters are Marshall, Sam, Agnes, twins Edna and Elsie, Steven, Mark, Carl, Dayton, Zola and Lavar.

On 24 March 1939 Carl married Melva Weekes in Idaho Falls, Idaho. They moved to Burton for a short time then to

Idaho Falls and eventually returned to Archer to make their home.

Melva, daughter of Leah Smout and Albert J. Weekes, was born 11 August 1920 in Idaho Falls. During her early childhood years a little cousin, Bessie Hunsaker, came to live with the family. She and Melva were like sisters. Melva attended school at Sunnydell and Madison High and church at Sunnydell and Archer.

On March 24, 1939, Melva married Carl Grover in Idaho Falls. Carl farmed with his brother, Mark. In 1945-46 he served in the U.S. Army, one year of this time was spent in Germany. When he returned home he continued farming. They lived in several homes but one they enjoyed most was that of Sam and Evelyn Grover.

In 1967 Melva's father, Albert Weekes, lost his life in an accident leaving her mother alone. Shortly thereafter, Carl and Melva returned to her childhood home to take care of her mother and the farm. For twenty years Carl has worked for Muir and Roberts, a potato company in Rigby. Recently Melva has worked there also. Carl is a counselor in the Sunday School, Sunnydell Ward. Melva is secretary in the Relief Society, has also helped with luncheons in that organization and for funerals.

One of the highlights of Carl and Melva's lives was the arrival of Peggy Carlene, their only child. She was born 14 December 1955 at the Madison Memorial Hospital in Rexburg. She has added much joy to their lives; graduated from Madison High School and Ricks College as an honor student. She taught and enjoyed her work in Junior Sunday School in the Archer Ward. In 1977-78 she served a mission beginning in the California Oakland Mission; it was divided and she was released from the San Jose California Mission. After returning home she went to BYU to school. She spent the following summer with friends in Illinois and Wisconsin. When vacation was over she returned to Provo, this time to work. While in the area she met Scott Green, son of William and Valrie Green, from American Fork, Utah. He had also served a mission in California while she was there. Courtship followed and they were married 31 May 1980 in the Idaho Falls Temple. Her parents, Carl and Melva, were sealed the same day, 31 May 1980, in the Idaho Falls Temple.

### *Clayton and Thelma Grover*

Clayton LaMar Grover and Thelma Hawkes were married December 14, 1949, in the Idaho Falls Temple.

Two children were born to this union: Kevin LaMar Grover, May 27, 1957, at Rexburg, Idaho, and Bryan Gene Grover, December 16, 1969, at Rexburg, Idaho.

Clayton and Thelma established their home in the Archer area. Their first home was a one-room log house which was later moved onto their own farm. Clayton worked in the potato warehouses and operated his farm. Thelma worked in town as a clerk in different stores. Clayton was drafted into the army February 19, 1954, and was released February 9, 1956. He spent one year of his army life in different parts of the States and one year in Korea. The year Clayton was in Korea, Thelma lived with her parents in



Front Row: Thelma, Bryan, and Clayton  
Back Row: Kevin

Rexburg. They returned to their home in Archer, and little Kevin came to bless their home in 1957.

In 1959 Thelma's mother died and they moved to Rexburg to her former home and took care of her father who was ill at the time. They lived there for one year and then moved back to their home in Archer. Clayton opened and ran a repair shop for two years. In 1962 they tore down their old home and built the home they are living in now.

Bryan came to bless their home in 1969 and November 1, 1970, Clayton went to work for the State Highway Department in Rigby, where he is still employed and is now the shop foreman.

Kevin received his education at Union-Lyman, Archer and Madison Jr. and Sr. High School, Bryan at Union Lyman and Archer Elementary.

Thelma continued to work in town when Kevin was in school. She managed the Deb-N-Heir Children's Shop for seven years until Bryan was born. When Bryan was ready for school she started to work for Madison School District. She worked at Lyman and Archer schools as a tutor, helping the children at school, which she is doing now.

In July 1976 Kevin served a mission to the Arkansas Little Rock area and completed it in July 1978. He is going to school at Ricks College where he is studying Electronics and is working for the college in the Electronics Services Department. In August he will complete his schooling. Kevin has worked in Sunday School for the stake and ward and has been involved in the Young Adult program.

Bryan is a normal young boy enjoying school, wrestling, baseball, life, hunting, fishing, and farming with his dad.

Clayton has worked in the scouting program, has been a home teacher and is now secretary in the Elders Quorum and assistant ward clerk.

Thelma has been in the Primary in about every capacity except president. She was on the stake Primary board for four years and Young Womens president for three years, visiting teacher for a number of years and worked in the Sunday School for several years.

At this time our family spends a lot of the time in the hills getting out wood for the winter, which we turn into family fun times. We all enjoy cooking and camping in the hills. We also enjoy huckleberry picking and Clayton does a lot of hunting in the fall.

## *Dayton and LaTrese Grover*

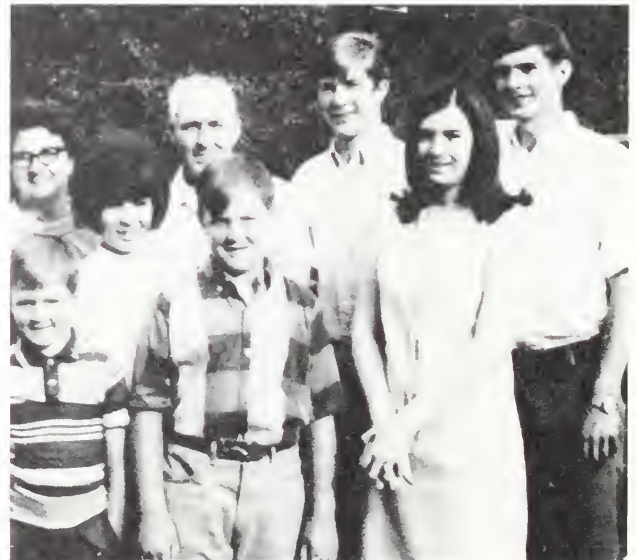
Dayton was the son of Elisha Freeman and Emma Marie Erickson Grover. He was born October 24, 1921, in Rexburg, Idaho, the ninth child in a family of eleven, six brothers and four sisters.

Dayton lived in Archer all his life, attended school at Lyman and Archer and a business college. During World War II he was drafted into the service for a short time. Because of a health problem he was discharged.

LaTrese was born in a small ranch house near Bancroft, Idaho, November 5, 1924, to Harrison and Veda Mae Johnson Crowell. She had three brothers.

LaTrese went to school in Bancroft and enrolled in nursing at Pocatello General. She did not like nursing and came to Ricks. This is where she met and married Dayton, February 13, 1946. They have six children, four boys and two girls.

Judy, the oldest, is married to Kershasp Pundole. They have a boy and a girl. Kershasp was working for Bank of America in Manilla, Philippines. He is now working for I.B.T. in the Boise area.



Front Row (L. to R.): Mitchel, Judy, Rodney, and Beverly  
Back Row: LaTrese, Dayton, Wayne, and Jerry

Jerry, the next in line, is a teacher at Madison High School and also coaches boys' basketball. He married Rae Wightmen of El Cerrito, California. They have four little girls.

Wayne married Vicki Lee from Hibbard. They work with Vickie's dad, John Lee, raising calves and selling replacer milk for small calves. Wayne and Vickie have two boys and two girls.

Bev married Ed Fox from Salt Lake City. Ed is working

for a Counter Top shop, and Bev works parttime at this and that. They have a girl and boy.

Rodney, the fifth child, loved life and loved playing football, which he did very well. Rodney was working in the timber for Earl Wilcox. While cutting trees, a tree hit him from behind, and he was hurt July 5, 1976 and died July 13, 1976.

Mitchel, who is number six, is still at home. During the last two summers, he has been working for Idaho Crop Improvement. During the fall he works for the farmers in the area. He also raises calves with the help of Wayne and his father.

Dayton and LaTrese first lived in the Wayne Cheney's house near the old Henry Erickson house, and Bishop Bernarr Erickson's house west of the church house was their second home. Next they bought the little four-room house near Russell Grover from Carl Grover. Later that house was sold.

Dayton moved his family in the new house he had built across the canal from Learin and Edna Terry, now owned by Earl Wilcox. We love our new home. A lot of work had to be done in order for the lawns and trees to be planted. The family had to clear the brush and fill in the slough. They all worked to make the yard what it is today.

Dayton has worked at many different jobs. He had been raised on a farm, so farming came first. Next he worked in potato warehouses in the winter. During the summer he and his brother ran a small sawmill. Dayton really enjoyed this. Later on he went to business school under the G.I. Bill. He was hired by the Fresh Fruit and Potato Inspection as an inspector. Later when his supervisor died, he was moved up as the supervisor of the Rexburg District of the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Inspection.

LaTrese taught school in the Archer School for seventeen years. Two years were spent at Rigby and the last four years were at the Madison High School Library. She loved teaching and loved the students as well.

Frank Ricks was one of the principals at Archer while LaTrese was teaching there. What fun they had. Students were taught all sorts of games as well as square dancing. Lessons were never forgotten.

Life in Archer for the Dayton Grovers has been very rewarding. On Sundays you can see the yard full of children and adults all having a good time, visiting and eating good food prepared by Mom Grover. Fishing and hunting are one of the topics being discussed, along with wood hauling.

The Grovers love working in the yard, have swarms of bees, and a lovely garden surrounded by pine trees. The flowers are LaTrese's hobby. She loves to give them away.

The Grover family boys are good athletes, cheered by mom and dad. Judy and Beverly played the piano.

The Dayton Grover family have had a great life in the Archer and Sunnydell area.

## *DeLore and Veola Grover*

I, William DeLore Grover, was born June 21, 1912, in Archer, Idaho. My parents were William Leslie Grover and



*Veola and DeLore*

Sarah Grace Squires. I grew up in Archer and attended school there through the eighth grade and three years high school. I attended Madison High School in Rexburg the fourth year and graduated in 1931. I helped my father on the farm and hauled milk to Rexburg every day. Sometimes in the winter I had to cover the route with a team of horses and a sleigh. We had a large dry farm rented for several years. Dad also owned a small farm in the valley where we raised beets and potatoes. I worked for different potato dealers in the winter months. I had many friends with whom I enjoyed sleigh riding, dancing, skiing, basketball and other sports. My father, brothers and I spent much time hauling timber and always had a good supply of wood on hand. I spent much time in my younger years trucking potatoes, beets, and grain for other people in the community.

I married Veola Young in 1938. We continued to farm and work for wages until 1948 when we bought our 40 acre farm. With it, along with my share of the land my father gave me, we did quite well.

In 1955 I began working as a carpenter. I helped build the Archer, Lyman and Clawson chapels, to all of which I also donated many hours of labor. I worked on the St. Anthony and Rexburg Seminary buildings. I helped build many houses in Idaho Falls and Rexburg and several summer homes in Island and Yellowstone Parks. I helped build each of my children's homes as well as my own.

I was secretary of the Elders Quorum for several years, worked in the Boy Scout program about three years and have had a home teaching district for most of my life. I am presently serving as First Counselor in the Sunday School.

We have enjoyed several trips to Arizona and California in the winter months since my retirement from work.

Our children and grandchildren all live close by which greatly enriches our lives.

I, Veola Young, was born in Goshin, Bingham County, Idaho, September 17, 1913. My parents were J. Roy Young and Elizabeth Louisa Wilcock. I grew up in Shelley, Idaho, on a farm. I attended Shelley schools and graduated from Shelley High School. After graduating from Ricks College, I came to Archer and taught school for two years. DeLore and I met while we were roller skating in the Archer School gymnasium. We attended many dances in the old Dance Hall, and

later, in the school gymnasium. After the snow came it became so deep that we had to walk or ride in a bob sleigh to school.

After going together for almost two years, DeLore and I were married on May 7, 1938. Our marriage was sealed in the Logan Temple on June 8, 1939. Our first child, Merrill DeLore, was born September 23, 1939. Brent LaRelle was born January 22, 1943, and Dixie Joan on May 28, 1944. William Roy (Billy) was born March 31, 1950.

For the next few years I was a busy homemaker. In 1962 school teachers were very scarce, so I accepted a position in the Archer-Lyman schools as fourth grade teacher. I taught in Lyman one year and two years in Archer, then resigned because I didn't have a four-year certificate, which was required by then.

I have always loved music. Much joy and satisfaction have come into my life because I could play the piano, both by note and by ear. I was asked to be Sunday School organist at age 12, and all through high school and college I played in the orchestra, chorus, operettas, solos, and for instrumental numbers. After coming to Archer, I played piano in the Young-Squires Orchestra for several years. I have served in the Primary, Relief Society twice, and Sunday School twice as organist, and at the present time, I am serving as ward organist for the second time.

DeLore and I have enjoyed dancing and going on trips to the mountains with our families and friends, picnicking, cutting wood, and picking huckleberries. My hobbies are sewing, reading and crocheting.

### *Grace Grover*



*Grace and William Leslie*

I, Sarah Grace Squires Grover, was born the 6th of February 1893 in Archer, formerly known as Lyman. My parents were William Porter Squires and Zilpah Elizabeth Young. I grew up on the farm next to the foothills, where LaVar Squires now lives. My father had homesteaded this land. I had four brothers and one sister. We had a very happy home life. We lived three miles from the Church, but managed to get to most of our meetings. Our church building was down by the Howell store. On Sundays my mother would fix

lunch, and we would go with a wagon or buggy and team of horses to Sunday School. We would eat lunch at my grandmother Young's place, which was nearby, then return to church for the 2 p.m. sacrament meeting.

I have lived in this community all my life except for a short time. My grandparents were among the first settlers of this community. I received my schooling in Archer, which was from first to eighth grade. I was a member of the first class to graduate from the eighth grade in Archer. We attended school in a one-room log school house with a dirt roof which would leak very badly when it rained. It was heated with a stove that burned blocks of wood and didn't give off much heat. The snow would drift through the cracks between the logs.

As children we spent much of our time playing on the hillside. In the spring we picked flowers and herded cows. In the winter months we would have coasting and skiing parties. As we grew older our entertainment was dancing and having house parties. Our ward also furnished much of our entertainment, such as drama, by the talent from our ward and community. Our family made several trips to Brigham City in a wagon, where we stayed at my Grandma Squires' home. My father would work with his brothers while we were there.

As we became older we would attend dances in other communities where we met young people from different areas. It was at one of these dances that I met my husband, William Leslie Grover. We were married the 7th day of June, 1911, in the Salt Lake Temple. We went by train, accompanied by my Uncle Charles M. Squires. As my husband was a farmer, we moved into a small house on 20 acres of land which was a portion of Will's father's farm. Will cultivated beets all summer for the Sugar Company. He used a one-row cultivator pulled by one horse, which he walked behind.

Our first son, William DeLore, was born June 21, 1912, at Archer, Idaho. He married Veola Young. Our second son, Marshall Glen, was born the 23rd of July, 1915, at Archer. He married Verda Hadlock. Our third son, Wallace Leon, was born the 7th of August, 1926, at Archer. He married Sarah Myler. Our first daughter, Grace LaRee, was born May 19, 1929, at Archer, Idaho. She married Glen Keith Munsee. Our second daughter, Shirley Fontane, was born April 5th 1936, at Archer. She married Vardus Radford.

They were all taught to work and help with various kinds of jobs.

Will was active in the Elders Quorum, Sunday School librarian, and also a teacher in the Sunday School. He served as a director on the Lenroot Canal Company for several years. He was ill for many years and passed away the 23rd of June, 1955, at the age of 66.

We have 20 grandchildren and 38 great grandchildren. I am 87 years of age.

### *Ina May Grover*

I was born 17 October 1900, fourth child, first daughter of John L. Waldemar and Matesnia Victoria Hjort, at Egin Idaho.

In 1902 my parents left Idaho with wagons and horses



*Raymond and Ina*

and settled at Horse Prairie Valley, Montana. That was a new wild country owned by cattlemen. This is where I grew up with five brothers and four sisters.

I learned to do everything there was to do. Cooking and washing dishes I hated. Sewing and riding horses I loved. I liked to fish and hunt rabbits and prairie chickens. Whatever I did was done well.

I attended school through seventh grade at Grant, Montana. Then my parents moved back to Egin where I graduated from the eighth grade.

We lived on a farm at Egin and I learned how to raise a garden and how to can fruit and vegetables and everything else a farm girl had to do.

On 19 June 1922 I married Lyman Branson, also from Egin.

We lived on a farm and raised six children, five girls and one boy. In 1940 our home burned down, and we moved to St. Anthony where we built a small home and the children attended grade and high school. My husband had an incurable disease and was in the Veterans Hospital at Salt Lake City, Utah, a lot of the time, so I worked as a motel maid during the summers and as a seed sorter during the winter. My husband, Lyman, died 24 April 1951.

On February 27, 1952, I was baptized into the L.D.S. Church. March 12, 1952, I married Raymond Grover and moved to Archer where I have resided 28 years. I have been assistant work director in the Relief Society, a visiting teacher, and am a member of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers.

I have 31 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren, 24 step grandchildren, and 36 step great-grandchildren.

Ray died 24 September 1975.

I went to the temple at Idaho Falls, February 21, 1978, and received my endowments and was sealed to Lyman Branson, my first husband.

## ***Kent and Elna Grover***

Ira Kent Grover was born September 3, 1929, in Archer, Idaho, to Raymond and Katie Arborella Browning Grover. He attended schools in Archer and Rexburg,

graduating from Madison High School in 1947. He served in the armed forces during the Korean War from February 18, 1952 to December 9, 1953, and was decorated with the Bronze Star for bravery and also with the Combat Infantry Badge. He was married to Elna Helen Branson on October 20, 1955, at Archer by Bishop Bemarr Erickson.

Elna was born March 28, 1934, to Lyman Sargent and Ina Mae Waldermar Branson in Egin, Fremont County, Idaho. She attended schools in St. Anthony, Idaho, graduating from South Fremont High School in 1952. She also attended one year at Ricks College in 1953-54.

They have spent all their married life in Archer where they were engaged in farming the first two years. Kent has also spent most of this time employed in Idaho Falls.

They have been blessed with one daughter and two sons:

Helen Kaye Grover was born July 9 1956, at St. Anthony. She attended schools in Archer and Rexburg and



*Front Row (L. to R.): Heidi, Dee, and Helen Brown, Elna and Kent, Dena Brown*

*Back Row: Ken, Marilyn, and Gary*

graduated from Madison High School in 1974.

She was married to Kerry Devon Brown on March 1, 1974, at Archer by Bishop Russell Grover. Later on February 21, 1978, they were sealed in the Idaho Falls Temple. At present they live in Plano where they are active in the Church and community. They have been blessed with two darling daughters: Heidi Dianne, born August 29, 1977, in Rexburg, and Dena Kaye, born March 27, 1979, in Rexburg.

Ken J. Grover was born August 23, 1958, at Rexburg, Idaho. He attended schools in Archer and Rexburg and graduated from Madison High School in 1976. Since then he has been employed locally as a brick mason. In 1979-80 he attended Ricks College and plans to further his education in the field of architectural design and drafting.

Gary Lynn Grover was born June 21, 1960, at Rexburg, Idaho. He attended schools in Archer and Rexburg and graduated from Madison High School in 1978. He married Marilyn Wetzel on September 14, 1979, in the Idaho Fall Temple. At present they live in Rexburg and he is employed as a mechanic at Valley Wide Sales and Service. They are expecting their first child in November, 1980.

## *Larry and Joyce Grover*

Larry Wallace Grover was born to Wallace Leon and Sarah Donna Myler Grover January 14, 1949, at Idaho Falls. His parents brought him to their newly built home in Archer. It was a beautiful home and his mother was an excellent housekeeper and homemaker. His dad was a hard worker and a pleasant person, easy to get along with. Their home is one of the beauty spots in Archer, kept up with time and energy.

Larry completed one year of college at Ricks. He was an eagle scout and won the Duty to God Award. He married Joyce Sorenson, August 2, 1968, in the Idaho Falls Temple. Joyce was born in Rexburg, April 1, 1948. Her parents were LeVon and Phyllis Hawkes Sorenson.

Joyce and Larry dated when they went to Madison High School. Then Joyce went to ISU at Pocatello for two years. After their marriage Joyce and Larry lived in Pocatello for a year where Larry was a truck salesman and Joyce completed her third year of college, majoring in education.

The couple moved to Rexburg and then to Archer in 1971. Larry sold cars in Rexburg for a few months, and then worked at the Youth Services Center in St. Anthony. In 1974 he went into business with his dad distributing dairy products.

Their daughter, Candace, was born April 30, 1974. Brandon L. was born September 7, 1978.

Joyce has served as a ward Bee Hive teacher, Primary secretary, CTR teacher, and second counselor in Primary, and has also been a Relief Society Visiting Teacher.

Larry has been a home teacher and is currently the ward athletic director.

## *Leslie and Lois Grover*



*Lois and Leslie*

Leslie was born at Archer, Idaho, to Raymond and Katie Browning Grover.

He attended grade school at Archer and high school at Madison.

Lois was born at Labelle to Benjamin and Mary Hoopes, and she attended school at Rigby, both grade school and high school.

We were married on April 12, 1952, and have four children, one daughter and three sons. Cathy married Richard Bergeman. Their children are Brent, 16; Baird, 8; and Raymond, 4. They live in Idaho Falls.

Brent married LeAnn Walz. Their children are Christopher 3, and Haley, 3 months. Brent is going to school in Salt Lake.

Dennis married Susan Hendricks. They live in Provo where they are going to school.

Douglas is living at home.

We have made our home in Archer all of our married life with the exception of three years that we lived in Ashton where Leslie worked in a lumber yard when we were first married.

After we lived in Ashton, we bought a truck and hauled potatoes and timber with Lois' father and brothers for seven years. Then Leslie went to work for the State of Idaho Transportation Department, where he has worked for seventeen and one-half years and is presently working as the Sign Foreman of District VI.

As our children grew up Lois worked as a den mother with the cub scouts, and Leslie helped coach little league baseball for several years until 1972 when the Archer Little League won the Rexburg baseball championship.

Leslie served several years in the Sunday School presidency and when the Elders quorum was divided he served as second counselor to LaVar Squires, then as first counselor to Lamont Merrill. He is now serving as executive secretary to Bishop Glen Leak.

## *Mark and Erma Grover*

Mark Grover was born January 27, 1916, at Archer, Idaho. He was the seventh child of Elisha Freeman and Emma Marie Erickson Grover. He spent his childhood attending Archer and Lyman schools and working on the farm with his father and brothers.

Around Thanksgiving time, 1937, he met Erma Arvella Boulter at Riverside Gardens. She was born April 14, 1916, at Labelle, Idaho, the eighth child of George LeRoy and Framcilda Isabelle Newbold Boulter. She attended school in Labelle and one year in Rigby. Her early years were spent helping her father on their farm and working in the seed house.

On February 4, 1938, Mark and Erma were married in Idaho Falls, Idaho. To this union were born: Marilyn Elaine Grover (Glenn), April 11, 1939; Mark DeMar Grover, April 5, 1941; Monte Lee Grover, April 19, 1943; Elna Diane Grover (Guymon), March 19, 1946; and Bradley B. Grover, August 19, 1949, died December 28, 1949. They also are raising their handicapped grandson, Darin Mark Grover.

The family lived and farmed in Archer until 1950, when they moved to Labelle. Here they farmed, Mark inspected potatoes, bought potatoes and was foreman of a warehouse for a time. Erma raised her children and worked from time to time in the area warehouses. While living in Labelle they were active in square dancing and held various jobs in the ward. On July 11, 1950, they were sealed in the Idaho Falls Temple.



Left to Right: Marilyn, Mont, Elna, Mark, DeMar, and Erma.

In 1960 they moved to their present home at Byrne Siding. Mark worked construction for awhile but soon returned to his real interest of inspecting potatoes. Erma also began working for the inspection department so they spent their winters in Shelley, Idaho, and summers at home in Archer.

In the fall of 1978, Erma retired to her home on the hill and in the spring of 1979 Mark retired too. They enjoy taking care of their garden, fishing, camping, hunting, and cooking in the dutch ovens. Mark has really enjoyed helping with pit barbecues for the ward reunions.

As of this year, 1980, they have four children, twenty-three grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

## *Marshall and Verna Grover*



Verna and Marshall

Thomas Marshall Grover was born September 18, 1905, at Archer, Fremont County, Idaho. My father, Elisah Freeman Grover, was born April 11, 1880, in Grouse Creek, Utah. My mother, Emma M. Erickson Grover, was born in Sweden.

I was baptized July 2, 1915, by Thomas C. Jeppson and confirmed July 4, 1915 by O.P. Johanson. I was ordained to all the offices of the priesthood by various authorities from Deacon to High Priest, the latter by David H. Manwaring.

I attended grade school in Lyman, Idaho, through grades one to eight; high school at Ricks, graduated, and then completed one term of college at Ricks.

I have lived in this area and farmed and worked for wages. I have been interested in music, drama, and entertainment.

I, Verna Olsen Grover, was born January 5, 1904, in Lyman, Idaho. My foster parents were Hans and Anna H. Olsen. I was blessed by Heber C. Robison, January 27, 1909, and baptized August 9, 1912, by O.P. Johansen. I went to school and finished the seventh grade. I had to quit because of my foster mother's illness in order to be at home to help her. I got permission to quit, but I studied music after that.

Marshall and I have lived in this area all our lives and grew up together. Grovers rented our farm. We had good times at Charles O. Jeppson's place and at the home of John Weekes where parties were held for young people. A Glee Club was formed with Carl Johnson as leader, Opal Young as organist. Marshall and I were members. We did caroling in sleighs at Christmas time.

We were married in Salt Lake City at the LDS Temple, June 15, 1927. My father and mother went with us on the train. We were married by Joseph Fielding Smith. Since then we have been in four temples in Utah -- Salt Lake, Logan, Manti, and St. George; and in the Idaho Falls and Cardston Canada Temples. We have greatly enjoyed this opportunity. We used to go in ward groups to Idaho Falls by bus and by car.

My interests have been music, singing, and flowers. Marshall and I have sung in the choir for over fifty years which has been one of our highlights. My house and yard are full of flowers.

We helped to paint the new chapel and enjoyed it very much. Marshall helped build it. I have been organist in Sunday School, Sacrament meeting, and Relief Society, also chorister in MIA. Marshall has filled one short and one two-year term as a stake missionary.

We have enjoyed our children. They are: our son, Clayton Lamar, born November 20, 1929; Verna Berniece Grover (Neilson), February 23, 1932; Janeal Ruby Grover (Thomas), July 17, 1942. Clayton married Thelma Hawkes, Berniece, Grant Nielson, and Janeal married Danny Thomas.

Marshall has spent his share of time in the hospital the last seven or eight years, trying to keep going. He says, "I am able to be about. Not much for work or help." But we both sing in the choir.

We celebrated our golden wedding on June 15, 1977, and have now been married fifty-three good years. We have always done everything together.

## *Richard and Peggy Grover*

Richard was born and raised in Archer. He is the son of Wallace and Sarah Myler Grover. His schooling was at Archer and Rexburg, with a year and a half at Ricks. He served a mission in France in the French-Belgium area.

He married Peggy Harris from Coltman, Idaho, November 5, 1976 in the Idaho Falls Temple. Peggy's parents are Arnold and Della Harris.



Left to Right: Richard, Adam, Troy, and Peggy

On August 8, 1977, their first son was born and named Adam Wallace Grover, and the next year on September 18, 1978, their second son, Troy R. Grover, was born.

Richard has been a Sunday School teacher, Temple coordinator in the ward, and is currently serving as Deacon advisor.

Peggy is secretary in the Relief Society and counselor to the stake sport director.

### *Russell and LuDean Grover*



LuDean and Russell

Russell was the first child of John Orr and Elnorah Homer Grover. He was born December 8, 1914. He attended the Archer school and graduated from Madison High. He farmed with his father until he was married.

LuDean Anderson was born June 15, 1914, to Andrew and Marie Jensen Anderson. She was the youngest of five brothers and sisters. She attended and graduated from Union School and attended Madison High.

She and Russell met at Riverside Gardens at a dance. We were married January 4, 1937, in the Salt Lake Temple. The house Mary Luthy lives in now was our first home. We acquired the Alfred Bybee dry farm, so we sold our home and

lived on the farm for three summers. One winter was spent in Rexburg and the next in St. George. The third summer Russell bought a lot from Henry Erickson and built the home we are now living in.

Our five children all attended and graduated from the local schools. Tereece lives at Washington, Utah. She attended the University of Idaho and graduated from BYU in Elementary Education. She and her husband Bill Olson are both teaching school. They have five children: Billy, Erik, John, Kathie, and Kurt.

Blair served a mission to the Great Lakes. He graduated from Utah State and received his law degree at George Washington University. He married JoAnn Williams of Ririe, and they have four children: Michelle, John, Andrew, and Samuel. He has a law practice in Rigby and was just recently called as bishop of Clark Ward.

Leila lives at Mesa, Arizona. She earned a degree in Elementary Education from Utah State and taught school several years. She married Harry Gould, an Electrical Engineer. They have five children. JoLynn, Pamela, Russell, Daniel, and Brian.

Minon also earned her degree at Utah State in Elementary Education. She taught school a number of years. She married Emmett Triplett, a roofing contractor. They live in Seattle and have three children: Jimmie, Anne Marie and Matthew.

Nancy lives at Overton, Nevada. She graduated from Ricks with a nursing degree. She married Bruce Perkins who teaches school. They have four boys: Gentry, Blair, Lane and Tommy.

All of our children and their families are active in the Church.

Russell has served as president of the Seventies Quorum, superintendent of the Sunday School, stake missionary and bishop of Archer Ward.

LuDean taught Primary and served as a visiting teacher. She was also a Pink Lady at Madison Memorial Hospital for a few years.

My testimony to my family and friends is that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is true, and the closer we live to its precepts the happier we will be -- Russ

I join with Russ in bearing my testimony. I know it is true and I thank everyone for the help we received in raising a good family -- LuDean.

### *Stephen and Rula Grover*

My first acquaintance to this beautiful valley was 25 October 1913 as I opened my eyes and was welcomed into the home of Elisha Freeman and Emma Marie Erickson Grover along with six brothers and four sisters. I was the first child blessed in Archer's rock church. I attended school at Lyman Elementary, Archer High for two years, two years at Madison High, Ricks College two years and later as it became a four year school I completed my bachelors degree.

I taught school for twenty-seven years, most of these being in the Rexburg area. My greatest challenge came to me while teaching reading, English, and establishing a library at the State Youth Center at St. Anthony, Idaho.





Front Row (L. to R.): Steve, Vickie, and Rula  
Back Row: Marva Kay and BeaJo

I was called on two stake missions in the Rexburg Stake. I filled two other missions, one to the California Mission and the other with my wife in Guatemala. My wife and I were the first couple to leave from the newly organized Rexburg East Stake.

Genealogy has been a hobby for me all my life. One of my greatest joys came when we completed a book on my Grandfather Grover's line. This book gave his direct line back to the year 1514 and most of his descendants to the year 1960.

After returning from my mission to California I married Beatrice Rula Worlton the 26 December 1940. This was during the war years and we were unable to get to the temple until 24 January 1941 (one month after our marriage).

I, Beatrice Rula Worlton, was born 7 November 1920 to James Timbrel and Eulalia Caroline Jensen Worlton. I lived in a rural community six miles north of the Rexburg Court House. The Snake River wended its way through our farm. We had sections of our farm that were still under sagebrush. The roads had not been developed and they resembled a dusty cow trail overgrown with willows.

Ranch life was tops with all its exciting endeavors. Cows to drive to pasture, horses to break and ride, North Fork of Snake River to fish and swim in, butter to churn and sell, winter wood to be gathered from Bear Gulch country, skiing and sleigh riding on the sand dunes, horse and buggy rides, ice skating contests, all mixed in with the task of operating a three hundred acre farm with horses. I was taught to run and operate all the different types of machinery on the ranch. We were poor and father hired very little labor. We worked together as a family and were able to surmount each task as it came along. I well remember selling eggs for twelve cents a dozen, buying hamburgers for ten cents and a big double decker ice cream cone for five cents.

I attended school at North Salem, Sugar-Salem High, Ricks College and Brigham Young University. I have taught school twenty-five years, helped run Archer's Jiffy Market three years, been a full time housewife and mother for forty years.

In the spring of 1939 the Archer Ward was having a farewell dance for Budge Clay, who was leaving for the

mission field. Everyone from the surrounding communities knew of the reputation Archer and the Young Orchestra had. This attraction brought me to Archer for the first time. While at this dance I became acquainted with the fellow that was to become my future husband, Stephen Grover.

One of the highlights in our life was filling a mission in Guatemala. We were called on an agricultural mission but we did many other things as well. We ran a construction camp that built homes for those members that had lost theirs in the earthquake, we taught Spanish and writing to the Cakchiquel Maya Indians, we toured the mission and introduced genealogy to the members, and of course we worked with gardening.

We were blessed with eight lovely children, five girls and three boys. However, we were called on to lay five of these to rest at the time of birth. Our three living children are:

Marva Kay, born 21 February 1942, at Butte, Montana, married Terry Max Brunson.

Beatrice Joan, born 28 July 1943, at Salem, Idaho, married Thell "B" Weekes.

Vicki Lea, born 15 March 1955, at Idaho Falls, Idaho, married David Barry Cazier.

Our lives have been greatly enriched by the teachings of the Mormon Church. We have enjoyed working in all of its organizations.

## Wallace and Sarah Grover



Front Row (L. to R.): Wallace, Sarah, and Scott  
Back Row: Richard and Peggy, Joyce and Larry, Linda and Gary Sutherland

Wallace Leon Grover was born August 7, 1926, at Rexburg, Idaho, the third son of Sarah Grace Squares and William Leslie Grover. He has two younger sisters. He spent his early years on the dryfarm in the summers and the place where Mary Luthy now lives in the winters. The fall he was to start school the family moved to Rexburg so he didn't start school until he was seven. In the fall of 1933 they moved onto the old Charles Briggs place, where he still lives.

He went to school at Archer the first nine years. He graduated from the eighth grade as valedictorian but wouldn't give the address at graduation. He went to his first year of high school at Archer and then they moved to high school in

Rexburg.

He was sent to Fort Douglas in Salt Lake for induction into the service but he was sent home because of a broken ear drum. He continued working on the family farm.

One day in the fall of 1947 he went to Idaho Falls to see his sister who worked at the Idaho State Employment Office. This is where he met Sarah who also worked there. He asked her for a date. They were married January 14, 1948, in the Idaho Falls L.D.S. Temple.

Sarah Donna Myler was born May 3, 1929, at Idaho Falls to Mary Boyes Walker and Orrin Monroe Myler. She was the seventh daughter in a family of eight girls and one boy. She attended schools in Idaho Falls, graduating in 1947. She enjoyed band and pep band. During her high school years she worked parttime at the Boy Scout office, and as secretary for the Idaho Falls Postmaster, Parley Rigby. When she graduated from high school, she was offered a job at the Idaho Falls office of the Idaho State Employment office as a secretary.

After we were married we lived in Idaho Falls until April when we moved to Archer to farm. Larry was born this winter on our first wedding anniversary, January 14, 1949, in Idaho Falls.

We built the first three rooms of our present home the summer of 1949, moving in that fall. Sarah started working for the Atomic Energy Commission the fall of 1950, and Wally started working for Smith Chevrolet. Sarah's mother passed away December 16, 1953, and we moved to Idaho Falls to stay with dad that winter. Wally started working for the Upper Snake River Valley Dairmen's Association in January 1954, and worked for them for 20 years. Sarah continued with the AEC until the fall of 1954.

Richard Blaine was born March 22, 1955 in Rexburg. Wally's father, William Grover, died in June 1955. Wally bought the farm from his mother. Shortly after we bought the old Albert Blanthorn place which joined us on the west.

Linda Marie was born December 31, 1957, at Rexburg, and Scott Alan June 12, 1966, in Rexburg.

Larry married Joyce Sorensen August 23, 1968, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple.

In March of 1972 we started a wholesale milk business on our own from Upper Snake River Valley Dairymen's Association. We have since added other routes and the whole family became involved in the business.

In June of 1974 Richard left for a mission to the French-Belgium area. In October 1974 he had to have his appendix out in Belgium. He completed a successful mission and returned home the last of May 1976, one week before the Teton Dam flood.

Richard married Peggy Harris November 5, 1976 in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple.

Linda married Gary Sutherland after waiting for him to serve a mission to Fresno, California, January 26, 1980, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple.

After a lot of sleepless nights, Wally took a job at Casper, Wyoming, as state manager for Western General Dairies. Wally started to work the first of January 1980, but we didn't move to Casper until after Linda was married.

This was a new experience for Scott, and he has had a lot of adjusting to do.

We have four grandchildren. Larry and Joyce have two: Candace, age 6 and Brandon, age 2. Peggy and Richard have two: Adam, age 3 and Troy, age 2.

As a family we feel that we have truly been blessed in being members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and have gained a stronger testimony of it having moved to an area where members of the Church are in the minority. There are many good people that we have become acquainted with who are not members of the Church and many who are, but home will always be in Archer. We thank our Heavenly Father for all our blessings.

## *William (Bill) and Judy Grover*



*Left to Right: Shannon, Judy, Bill, Stacey, and William James*

It all began back in 1950, March 21, to be exact, when a son was born to William DeLore Grover and Veola Young Grover. They named him William Roy Grover after his grandfathers William Grover and Roy Young. Bill was the youngest of four children. He had two brothers, Merrill and Brent, and one sister, Dixie Jo. He was known as Billy through his childhood, but graduated to Bill in his teens. He was baptized a member of the L.D.S. Church on July 9, 1958, by his oldest brother, Merrill, in the Rexburg Tabernacle. All of his schooling took place in Madison County. He graduated from Madison High in 1968, and enrolled at Ricks College where he studied computer programming and geology, graduating in 1970.

Twenty months after Bill was born, on November 20, 1951, a daughter was born to Harold Lynn Farley and Carma Young Heilesen Farley. She was their second daughter and child and was named Judy Ann Farley. On March 29, 1953, she was blessed and named by her father for the second time because previous records had been lost. During the first six years of her life she had moved from Idaho Falls to Rexburg to Grant, to Burton and to Parker where she remained except for six months spent in Salt Lake City where her family moved while her father received special schooling when she was nine years old.

She was baptized on December 5, 1959, by her father in St. Anthony, Idaho. She attended school at Parker and graduated from South Fremont High in 1970. She has four sisters: Linda, Sherri, Melanie and Alene, and three brothers, Danny, Michael, and Jon.

In the fall of 1968 Bill Grover's and Judy Farley's paths crossed. It took five months for Bill to get up the nerve to ask Judy for a date, and by the spring of 1969 they were dating regularly. After Bill graduated from college and Judy from high school, they were married on June 26, 1970, at Parker, Idaho, by Bishop Russell Grover.

They lived in Rexburg where they both worked until they found a trailer home and moved to Archer next to Bill's parents. Bill attended another semester at Ricks in the fall and worked part time. After he finished his semester, he went to work full time for Rexburg Motor Company as partsman, and Judy was able to quit work and start preparing for the new addition that was due soon. That addition came on March 15, 1971, and she was the most beautiful, tiny bundle of love they had ever seen. Due to complications, she was transferred to another hospital for tests and treatment. Two weeks of separation brought them all together again. She was blessed on May 2, 1971, and was named Shannon.

On June 26, 1971, Bill, Judy, and Shannon were sealed in the Idaho Falls Temple. Shannon still had to make frequent trips to the Primary Childrens Hospital, but finally medication, treatments, tests and prayers paid off and Shannon was pronounced healthy, strong, and normal.

On August 15, 1973, a son was born to Judy and Bill and was named William James after his father and his great grandfather, Milton James Heilesen. James was the first great grandson of Grandfather Heilesen. Jamie was a very good baby, more quiet and reserved than Shannon. He is a hard worker and loves to please his parents who appreciate all he does for them.

On May 27, 1977, their third child and second son was born. He was a big baby and has always seemed so grown up for his age. Stacy Lynn is a full grown spirit cramped in a small body waiting for it to catch up to him. He shares the same middle name as his grandfather Farley. On March 24, 1979, Shannon was baptized by her father and confirmed a member of the Church.

The Grovers enjoy camping and fishing, cycling and snow mobiling, and are real happy to live in Archer.

In 1975 Bill went to work on the farm helping his brother, Brent. As they became very involved in growing seed potatoes and raising livestock, Judy became very involved in sports such as baseball, volleyball, and bowling. They purchased a new home and moved to their present location July of 1975.

### *C. Marion and LaVerne Hacking*

Clarence Marion Hacking was born in Cedar Valley, Utah, June 26, 1900, to Henry F. and Martha E. Wilcox Hacking, the third of eleven children: Frank, Donald, Marion, Leonard, Kenneth, Florence (Dye) Thayne, Bryce. (Three children died with pneumonia in infancy.)



*LaVerne and Marion*

Marion graduated from Ricks in 1922 and became principal of the Basalt, Idaho, grade school. He enjoyed teaching but when Madison County Sheriff, Harry Munns, asked him to be his deputy, it was too exciting to pass up. And it was exciting! Those were the days of prohibition. During that time he completed a law course, then accepted a job with the International Harvester Company.

On June 3, 1931, Marion married LaVerne Liljenquist in the Cardston Temple. LaVerne was born August 4, 1908, at Archer in the house now occupied by Rulon and Bessie Wilcox. Her parents were Ezra Lorenzo and Mary Malinda Wilcox Liljenquist. After teaching at Herbert for two years, and LaVerne was nine months old, Ezra sold their dry farm to attend the University of Utah. They subsequently lived in Cambridge, Mass., Bountiful, Utah, Overton, Nevada, Rigby, Idaho and in Rexburg where Ezra taught at Ricks, then became Superintendent of Schools the year Madison High School had its beginning. LaVerne was elected first vice president of that student body. She taught two years at the Archer School, attended Utah State one year, taught in Rexburg one year, then married Marion Hacking. She has three brothers and one sister, Ermil, Blaine, Don, and Laurene (Arnette). Blaine's son, John Liljenquist, recently became the diabetes specialist at the Idaho Falls Clinic.

As Marion was working for the International Harvester Company they lived in Ogden and Nephi, Utah, Pocatello and Idaho Falls, Idaho, then in Tremonton, Utah, before moving back to Archer in 1943, where they bought the farm owned by LaVerne's parents. By this time the Hackings had two children, Marjory May, born November 17, 1932 and Donna Mary born May 7, 1940. They lost three boys in infancy.

Active in politics and civic affairs, Marion was chairman of the Madison County Republicans for several years and precinct committeeman from Archer for twenty. He was on the Flood Control Board, District I, chairman of the Community Chest several years, has been president of the Archer Farm Bureau.

In 1962 Marion ran for Probate Judge and took office January 1963. He was re-elected three times. He served as

secretary, vice president, and president of the Idaho Probate Judges Association. When the court system changed he was appointed magistrate. After ten years he retired at the age of seventy-three.

Always active in the church, Marion held various positions, including Elder's Quorum president, MIA Superintendent, Sunday School teacher, Stake Sunday School Superintendent, and High Councilman.

LaVerne was editor of the Samuel Allen Wilcox Family Bulletin for thirty years, has taught in all the auxiliaries, served as counselor and president of ward Relief Society and as counselor in the Stake Relief Society. She had the privilege of reading the history of the stake and paying tribute to two stake presidents as they were released, John L. Clarke and Delbert Taylor.

After twenty-seven years and both daughters had married, LaVerne taught in the Rigby Elementary School for fourteen years. She received her B.S. degree from Logan in 1963 as a member of the honor society, Phi Kappa Phi.

For over three years, the Hackings worked in the Idaho Falls Temple, LaVerne as an officiator, then enjoyed an eighteen month mission in the Canada Calgary Mission. They were released October 1979.

Both daughters, and their husbands, Marjory and Jack Wilcock, Donna and Royle Erickson, and sixteen grandchildren live in the Sunnydell Ward. One granddaughter and one great-grandson live in Idaho Falls.

We appreciate those who pioneered this area making life easier for all of us. We are grateful for our membership in the Church and have a strong testimony of its truthfulness. We enjoy living in this choice place, close to our loved family and friends.

## *Kenneth and Laurel Hacking*



Front Row: (L. to R.) Rulon, Laurel, Eileen, Kenneth holding James (Chuck), and Rosalie

Back Row: Kenneth Jr., Janet, Margaret, and Carolyn

Kenneth E. Hacking, son of Henry and Martha Hacking, was born August 1, 1910 in Magrath, Alberta, Canada. His parents moved back to the States a few years later and he was raised in Archer on the family farm. He enjoyed his

boyhood with lots of brothers and one sister to play with and tease, respectively.

He always received good grades in school, including one and a half years at Ricks. He was called to the Eastern States Mission in February 1936 and was stationed in Bangor, Maine. It was there that he first met and gradually became impressed by a lovely young lady, Laurel M. Small. She was the daughter of Howard and Janet Small, born April 24, 1915. However, her parents died when she was three years old, so she and her two sisters and one brother were raised by their grandparents William and Maud Small. They were one of the few families who were members of the Church in that area. Consequently meetings were often held in their home. Elder Hacking soon realized that Laurel, with her kind, shy ways was the girl he wanted for his eternal companion. But he kept his thoughts and feelings to himself, treating her just as he treated everyone else. Laurel had never given the missionaries much thought because they were there, after all, to preach the gospel and besides, after two years, went home. But she began to notice that everything seemed brighter and happier whenever Elder Hacking came into the room. However, she knew he, too, would go home and refused to allow herself to think about him. Elder Hacking fulfilled an honorable mission and shortly before he came home, having told his mission president of his feelings, received his president's blessing and permission to propose.

"How would you like me to be your lord and master?" he addressed her. "I guess so," she answered shyly. Then he patted her on the head. Thus was their beginning. They were married September 1, 1938 in the Salt Lake Temple, then settled in Archer to farm and raise a family. They had a dairy farm until they retired from that in 1976 and went into real estate, keeping busy managing their rentals.

They have eight children. Janet Hacking Young was born January 13, 1940. She lives in Salt Lake with her children, Robert, Marion and Karen and works as a medical technologist. Margaret McLaughlin, born April 20, 1941, lives in Phoenix, Arizona with her two children Katy and Brian. She works as a legal courier and attends school part time. Her husband, Dale, passed away in 1978. Carolyn McMurtrey, born April 3, 1944 lives in Ririe with her husband Bruce and four children, Blair, Byron, Boyd and Allison. Carolyn received nurses training at Ricks College and works presently as an R.N. at the Rexburg Medical Center part-time. Kenneth Lee was born July 8, 1946 and is living in Salt Lake with his wife Carole Jeanne and their two children Jonathan and Cassandra. Kenny also has three children Maria, Kenny and Rhett by a previous marriage. They manage a large apartment complex and Kenny works at the Salt Lake Temple and also does construction work. Kenny served four years with the Navy in the Sea Bees and spent several months in Viet Nam. Rosalie Leman was born October 22, 1948 and lives in Archer with her husband Tom and their three children, Jon, Peter and Bethany. Rosalie is an R.N. and served a health mission in Hong Kong. Rulon Glen was born June 7, 1950. He was blessed with a beautiful artistic talent which he has developed. He lives in Taos, New Mexico, where he is pursuing his career in art. Rulon also served

in Viet Nam with the U.S. Army. Eileen Lentz, born April 18, 1953, lives in Millersburg, Pennsylvania with her husband Jim and their two children, Derik and Kathleen. Eileen served a mission in Pennsylvania where she met her future husband.

James Steven (Chuck), born December 9, 1959, lives in Idaho Falls with his wife Suzanne. They have one little girl, Brandy, and are expecting a child in October. Chuck works for a steel building construction company.

After a lifetime of service in the church, Kenneth and Laurel were called September 1979 to serve in the Des Moines Iowa Mission. They are presently assigned to the Clinton, Iowa area and are thrilled to be able to be missionary companions teaching the gospel to the good people they find there.

### *George and Phyllis Hall*



*George and Phyllis*

George was born June 15, 1920 in Bates, Teton County, Idaho, the son of Carl Shakespear and Hannah Duston Hall. He was the seventh in a family of eight children. His mother died when he was only four years old. His father never remarried so he grew up with his older sisters taking the place of a mother. Soon after the death of their mother, his father took the children by wagon to the Logan Temple to be sealed. He still remembers what a wonderful experience that was!

He spent his early years in Teton Valley and attended the schools there. On August 4, 1942 he married Clella Allen of Victor, Idaho.

When World War II broke out he went into the army and trained in Texas. He fought in France and in November 1944 he was shot through the elbow and after many months in hospitals he was awarded the Purple Heart and discharged August 2, 1945. He is the father of four children, Alan Leroy, Marlo Ray, Aloma and George Rex. At this time he has seventeen grandchildren.

Phyllis was born July 11, 1924 in Thornton, Idaho, the daughter of Fred R. and Florinda (Flora) Hokanson Statham. She was the seventh in a family of nine children. Her father died when she was only seven years old. She grew up in the Thornton area and attended schools at Thornton, Rigby and Rexburg. When World War II started she went to Salt Lake

City and worked as a government inspector in the Remington Arms Ammunition Plant. On August 26, 1943 she married Elwood Leatham of Rexburg who was serving in the army at that time. They spent the next two years in San Francisco and when the war ended they returned to Rexburg to live.

They were the parents of Phyllis Colleen, Jerald, Carme Jean, Brent Charles, Byron Fred and Beverly Dawn.

Elwood was killed in an automobile accident November 22, 1967 leaving her with four of her children still at home. She is now the grandmother of fourteen grandchildren.

George and Phyllis were married May 23, 1969 in Rexburg. In 1973 they built a home in Archer and plan to make this their permanent home as they really like this area.

George is at present employed at Ampco Foods potato processing plant in Rexburg and Phyllis is working as a cook and baker for Ricks College.

George's hobby is horses and, with his sons, he raises and races them. He plans to continue with his horses as a small business after he retires.

Phyllis enjoys homemaking and especially sewing. Her church jobs have included teaching small children in Sunday School and being a Cub Scout den mother. At present she is working in the Relief Society.

### *Afton and Ruth Hansen*

Afton Elwin Hansen and Ruth Grover Hansen were married September 6, 1938. Their children are Dale J., September 3, 1939; Leon Afton, September 15, 1943; Neil Lane, August 9, 1950 and J'Lee Deniece, February 1, 1955.

Afton was born September 23, 1916 at Goshen, Idaho, the fourth child of H.K. and Esther Peterson Hansen. He lived on the family farm southeast of Shelley and attended the Goshen elementary school and was graduated from Firth High School.

Ruth Grover was born January 28, 1919 at Archer, the third child of John R. and Elnorah Homer Grover. She attended Archer schools and graduated from Madison High School. During her senior year in high school, Afton came to Archer with some boyfriends to the Gold and Green Ball. She was introduced to him at that time and they were married two



*Front Row (L. to R.) Ruth and Afton  
Back Row: Leon, Dale, Neil, and J'Lee*

years later. They farmed at Shelley for two years and then bought a farm at Archer. (The present home of Bert and Eva Howell) In 1945 they sold this farm and purchased their present home in Sunnyside where they have lived for the past thirty-five years.

Their children all attended the local schools and graduated from Madison. Dale and Leon both attended the University of Idaho at Moscow where they received their Bachelor and Master's degrees. Dale received his Ph.D. degree in plant physiology from Ohio State and Leon got his Ph.D. in agronomy from Oregon State. Neil attended Ricks College and graduated from BYU with a degree in communications. J'Lee also attended Ricks and BYU and received her degree in business education.

Dale lives in St. Charles, Missouri, and is employed as a research director in the bio-chemistry department for Monsanto, in St. Louis. He married Ruth Wheeler of Burley and they have four children, Evan, Eric, Ryan and Kristi Lynne.

Leon lives at Nampa, Idaho and is the plant breeder of Hybrid Sweet Corn for Sandoz Company of Basel Switzerland (formerly Roger Brothers). He is married to the former Joy Lynne Ewing of Meridian and they have one daughter Rita Joy.

Upon his graduation from BYU Neil immediately began working for KID TV. Two years ago he accepted a position at the Vo-Tech school in Idaho Falls. He is married to the former Cathleen Knight of Glendale, California and they have three children, Lane, Lisa and Steven.

J'Lee worked in the office of the FHA while attending Ricks and during the summers while she was at BYU. She accepted a teaching position in the business department at Richfield High School in Utah and has taught there for the past three years. She is married to Lee M. Bennett and they reside in Richfield, Utah.

Dale served a mission to Florida and Neil served one in Uruguay. Afton, Ruth and family have served in various positions in the wards and stake.

### *Keith and Carolyn Haroldsen*

Keith is the second child of Norman Victor Haroldsen and Fay Tillack. He's one of eight children. He was born December 1, 1953, in Idaho Falls, Idaho. His parents say he was always crying. But as the world knows, that was quickly changed to always teasing. He moved from St. Leon near Idaho Falls when he was three, to a farm south of Rexburg which became known to many as Haroldsen's Egg Farm. Here he was raised and attended Madison High School. At that time his favorite hobby was training his German Shepherds. He graduated in 1972 and then attended a year and a half at Ricks College. On the evening of May 6, 1974 he was sitting at a stop light in Rexburg, eating a hostess fruit pie and drinking a can of pop. When the light turned green he drove away and another car pulled up beside him. The two girls in it smiled at him and then pulled in front of him. He then proceeded to chase them around town. After the chase they stopped in a parking lot and talked and got to know each other. The driver of the car, Carolyn Sorensen, later became his wife.

Carolyn Sorensen is the third child of Philip Floyd Sorensen and Gwen Carol Penfold, one of four children. She was born July 15, 1956 in Driggs, Idaho. After various moves they came to Sugar City, Idaho when she was six. There she was raised and graduated from Sugar Salem High School in 1974. She was always known as quite shy and also a tomboy. She was not a scholar - the only classes she did well in were choir, art, speech, leatherwork and with a little help from some real nice guys, woodwork. Her life was also changed on May 6, 1974. When she and a friend went to Rexburg to play tennis (a game she didn't know how to play) on an unlit tennis court after dark. Due to poor conditions she went to Main Street instead. And there she saw the man of her dreams and decided to have him chase her until she caught him. That night he followed her home and she decided to keep him.

On November 23, 1974 Keith and Carolyn were married in Sugar City, Idaho. They moved to Idaho Falls. Byron Keith Haroldsen was born to them November 25, 1975. There couldn't have been a prouder father. January 10, 1976 they were sealed as a family in the Idaho Falls Temple. May 1977 they moved from Idaho Falls to Rexburg. Then July 16, 1977 Carolyn was told she was going to have twins and July 23, she had twin girls. The first was Jacquelyn Fay, a name chosen by her father and the second Kristine Kay, chosen by her mother. Two weeks later they moved into their new home in Archer. November 21, 1977 Jacquelyn died in an Idaho Falls hospital of apparent crib death. November 23, 1977, on Keith and Carolyn's third wedding anniversary, they buried their tiny daughter in the Archer Cemetery. On August 30, 1978 Laurie Chree' was born helping to fill some of the emptiness left in their family.

Since they have been married Keith has been a manager trainee at Grand Central, a truck driver for Coca-Cola, a construction worker, an armored car driver, a night security guard, a dock worker for Challenge Dairy and at present in 1980 works nights on custodial at Ricks College and goes to school and works for his dad during the day. His life dream is to be a police officer, and with his ambition it will be realized.

### *Wilma Lee Hatton*



*Wilma Lee*

Wilma came to Archer, Idaho from Lexington, Kentucky in the summer of 1972. Having been to Idaho several times for visits to her aunts, Ina Mae (Hatton) Nelson and Madge (Hatton) Orr, she decided to stay awhile. This "awhile" turned into eight years. Her first job in Idaho was at the Golden Living Center in Rexburg. She then lived on a farm in Terreton for a year. For the past six years she has been a teller and now works in customer service at Valley Bank.

Wilma was born in Bath County, Kentucky to Dawson Hatton and Rebecca Boswell Ginter. She is one of five brothers and sisters.

For awhile Wilma and Ada Green and family lived together. At present Wilma lives in her own home next to Ada's.

## *Craig and Carla Hill*



*Carla and Craig*

Craig Dee Hill was born September 11, 1955 in Idaho Falls, Idaho. He was the oldest of three children. Rodney and Lori were his younger brother and sister. He attended an Idaho Falls school for four years. He was a very active child. He enjoyed all kinds of sports especially baseball. Craig was small for his age but did quite well in sports. He and his brother Rodney and neighbors would cross the road and go in the weed field and catch snakes and mice. They would make pets out of them.

Craig's father was killed in a car accident. In 1965 his mother married Larry M. Hill. Craig's family increased from three to eight children, Susan, Craig, Val, Rodney, Byrant, Linda, Lori, Relda.

Craig hauled hay, watered potatoes, harvested grain, etc., while he lived in Lyman, Idaho. He attended Archer school in fifth and sixth grade, junior high school and Madison. He graduated in 1973. He was then on his way to college for two semesters. On October 26, 1974 he entered the mission field. He went to London, England. He missed the farm but did good work on his mission. He returned home in October 1976. He went back to Ricks College for one more semester. He decided school wasn't for him so he went back to farming. Craig enjoys raising pigs. He works with his dad and some outside jobs.

In May 1979 he met Carla Waite. Carla was born

November 24, 1958 in Ogden, Utah. She was the youngest girl in her family. She has two brothers and a sister. Carla attended two years in West Weber. Carla's family moved to Middleton, Idaho so her father could milk cows.

She enjoyed sports as a child. During recess she would go out and play kick ball, baseball and football. Carla had a mother cat with two yellow kittens. One day, Carla's mother told her that her mother cat had been run over by a car. So Carla went and got a doll's baby bottle and fed the kittens. These kittens lived for quite a few years afterward.

Carla attended Middleton's school from third grade to graduation day in 1977. The next fall, she attended Ricks College. She majored in special education. The next year she changed her major to clothing and textiles so she had to attend summer school to receive her degree in her new major.

During the first part of summer school Carla went to a dance at Rigby. She met Craig Hill at this dance. A few weeks later Craig proposed to her. They got married October 26, 1979 in the Idaho Falls Temple.

Craig and I have almost been married a year. We have a home in Archer which we are building together. We plan to live in Archer for the rest of our lives.

## *Gary and Donna Hill*

Gary was born 16 June 1938 in Idaho Falls, Idaho, to Jessie Ronald Hill and Edna Viola Wilcox.

Donna Marie Nielson was born 6 June 1938 in Rexburg, Idaho, to John Elmer Nielson and Minnie Ann Dietrich.

Gary attended three grades at Sunnyside School then changed to the Archer School where Donna was attending. Both graduated from the eighth grade at Archer School then attended four years at Madison High School in Rexburg, Idaho, and two years at Ricks College in Rexburg.



*Front Row (L. to R.): Donna, Shanan (Williams), and Gary.  
Back Row: Lori Ann (Williams) and Vance*

Gary worked at the Challenge Creamery, farmed, then worked at Roger Bros. in Idaho Falls plus milking a dairy herd. Donna worked as a secretary for Utah Mortgage and Loan Company in Idaho Falls for two years and has worked at Ricks College Press as a typesetter for fifteen years.

Gary and Donna were married 31 July 1959 and Lori

Ann was born 2 July 1960 in Idaho Falls, Idaho. On 15 December 1960 they were all sealed in the Idaho Falls Temple. Gary's family was also sealed this day.

Gary Vance Hill was born 8 November 1962 in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

All lived in Archer on the old David Almeam Wilcox place until March, 1963, when they moved to Tremonton, Utah, where Gary worked at Thiokol. When President Kennedy was assassinated Thiokol was closed down so in March of 1964 the family moved back to Archer (Sunnydell) where they have lived ever since.

Gary started working as a mechanic for Taylor Chevrolet. On 1 January 1967 Gary quit Taylor Chevrolet and started P.D.Q. Auto Shop with Verl Bird from Sugar City as a partner. This partnership dissolved 1 January 1976 when Gary bought Verl out and has managed P.D.Q. himself since then.

Lori Ann has been Gary's secretary since August 1976, and Vance has worked for him since 1978 as clean-up helper and now as a mechanic. Both worked part-time while attending high school.

Lori Ann and Vance attended Lyman and Archer grade schools, Madison Jr. High and Madison High School. Lori graduated in 1978 and Vance is currently a senior.

Hobbies are water and snow skiing, snowmobiling, camping, horseback riding and farming.

Gary is currently Ward Clerk of Membership Records, and Donna has worked at various positions in the Primary, Visiting Teacher message teacher in Relief Society and ward typist.

Vance was a counselor in the Deacons and Teachers Quorums, and secretary in the Priests Quorum.

Lori Ann married Mark D. Williams in Elko, Nevada, and a daughter, Shanan, was born 18 November 1978. This marriage ended in divorce 30 July 1979 and Lori and Shanan moved back home.

## *Norman and Irma Hill*

The family of William Norman Hill moved to Sunnydell in November, 1966. Norman worked for the postal department and was transferred to the Idaho Falls Post Office from Salt Lake City. The family consists of Norman, Irma, Eric and Kirsten. There was another boy born in 1962 with a congenital heart. He lived two days - long enough to be given the name of Rolfe Cecil.

Norman served a mission in the Spanish-American Mission. He went to school at the Brigham Young University, University of Washington and San Francisco State.

His education was interrupted because of his mission and then it was interrupted again to serve our country in the army. During World War II he spent three years in the Philippines. He was present when a convert baptism was performed and as far as they could determine from the records it was the very first one in the Philippines.

Norman has been a Sunday School teacher, Sunday School president and stake missionary.

Irma served in the North Central States as a missionary. Before her marriage she worked at the Church offices in Salt

Lake City. She has been organist and teacher in the Primary, organist in the Relief Society, a visiting teacher, and she and Kirstin are members of the choir. When Kirstin was in the fifth grade she took the part of Emily in Saturday's Warrior, a major production at Ricks College.

Eric is serving in the Australia Melbourne Mission. During his senior year at Madison he was called to seminary president and also chosen as Madison Boy of the Month.

Kirstin enjoys school. She is a junior at Madison High.

## *Richard and Elaine Holloway*



Front Row (L. to R.): Janell Crystal, and Benjamin.  
Second Row: Jennifer, Elaine, Jaime, Richard, Brent.  
Third Row: Jan, Brian, and Julie.

The Holloway family presently consists of Richard (father), Elaine (mother) and children, Brian, Julie, Jan, Brent, Jennifer, Jamie, Ben, and Janell.

The Holloway family moved to Archer in September of 1978. They bought the home where Trieste Robison used to live as a child (home of Hiliery Payne). In the process of remodeling and adding on, a lean-to type kitchen was removed on the west side of the house and the front porch was removed from the entry way on the east. The larger barn and original outhouse was torn down to make room for the addition which included a large basement (where once was a root cellar) and an upper living area that includes two bedrooms, two bathrooms, and a large kitchen/dining room area. The utility room (washer and dryer) was put in the smaller bedroom on the west part of the old house. Wallpaper, complete new wiring, carpeting and painting throughout was done to the old home along with putting in a stairway in the parlor and making a bedroom above. A garage was added to match the front part of the house. Every attempt was made to maintain the original style of the old home and keep as much as possible of the surrounding buildings.

Prior to moving to Archer the Holloway family lived in Salem, just two miles north of Rexburg. They only lived there for one year renting a double wide trailer and waiting to start building in Archer.

The move to the Rexburg area was a risky one and a real change in terms of work. From education to building con-



struction, trying to get at least three years of building construction that would provide additional work experience toward future goals.

The three years were up in August of 1980 and a position was taken by Richard as Assistant Principal of Madison High School.

Before moving to the Rexburg area the family lived in Albany, Oregon, the city where Richard was raised as a youth. In Oregon, Richard worked in Salem at the Oregon Department of Education as specialist for Career and Vocational Personnel Development (five years, 1972-77). Jennifer and Jamie were born in Oregon. Jamie contacted spinal meningitis and spent ten critical days in the hospital in her mother's arms (Jamie was six months old at the time. From 1970 to 1972 we lived in Corvallis, Oregon, where Richard received his EDD degree at Oregon State University.

From 1965 to 1970 the family lived in Rancho Cordova, California, where Richard taught school at Sacramento High. Jan and Brent were born in California and Brian started the first grade there.

From 1962 to 1965 we lived in Logan, Utah. Richard worked on his BS and MS degree at Utah State University and taught one year of crafts at Logan Jr. High. Brian and Julie were born in Logan while Richard was going to school. Julie was born while we were dorm parents at the David O. McKay Student Living Center. We then moved directly to Logan to start our family. Elaine taught school for a while. The job at Logan Jr. High paid \$4,200 for one year. Richard and Elaine met at Ricks College at one of the first dances of the 1957-58 school year.

Elaine is a native of Rexburg, born and raised there. Richard was born in Colorado Springs, Colorado and raised in Albany, Oregon.

We were married December 28, 1960 in the Idaho Falls Temple. Our honeymoon was spent in Sun Valley, Idaho, skiing.

## *Ben and Sandra Homer*



*Left to Right: Todd, Sandra, Earlene, and Ben.*

Benjamin David Homer was the second child born to Benjamin Walter and Catherine Mackley Homer April 4,

1939 at Driggs, Idaho. He has two sisters. Ben attended school in St. Anthony and Pocatello, Idaho. He was active in music, school operettas and in Ag. He served in the Marines. He has worked for the Soil Conservation Service and the Utah and Idaho Sugar Company. At present he is employed by Madison School District 321. He is farming at home. Church positions held are home teacher and Cub Scout Master.

Benjamin David Homer and Sandra Gladys Briggs were married October 6, 1967 by Bishop George H. Munns of Archer Ward in the Relief Society Room of the Archer L.D.S. Church. Marriage was later solemnized in the Idaho Falls Temple July 31, 1969. Their daughter, Earlene Sandra Homer, born August 11, 1968 at Madison Memorial Hospital, was sealed to them at this time. Earlene weighed in at seven pounds twelve ounces. A son, Todd Walter Homer, was born April 4, 1970 (on his dad's birthday) at the Madison Memorial Hospital and weighed seven pounds two ounces.

Sandra Gladys Briggs Homer, daughter of Earl Albert and Edna Erickson Briggs, was born January 1, 1945 at the Middleton Maternity Home, Rexburg, Idaho, weighing seven pounds six ounces, their first and only child.

Sandra attended elementary school at Archer, junior high and high school at Madison in Rexburg, Idaho, graduating from high school May, 1963. Sandra was active in school music activities. She attended Ricks College and received a certificate for outstanding work in music from Dr. Richard Robison. Church positions held are Sunday School and primary teacher in Archer Ward, visiting teacher in Archer and Sunnyside Ward, Relief Society music director, Archer Ward and presently is a member of the Sunnyside Ward Choir.

When Ben and Sandra were first married they lived in St. Anthony, Idaho for nine months before moving to Archer.

Their daughter, Earlene, is active in church and school functions. She likes to sing very much and frequently sings solos at church functions. She has a lot of help and encouragement from her dad. She is a member of the Sunnyside Ward Choir.

Their son Todd is also active in church and school functions. He likes to give talks and memorizes very quickly. Todd wants to go on a mission when he is old enough.

As a family their hobbies are singing together, fishing, rock hunting, and mostly just being together.

### SANDRA'S GRANDPARENTS

James Briggs and Hannah Elizabeth Nelson were married September 5, 1900 at St. Anthony, Idaho and two weeks later married in the Salt Lake Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah. James was a very dependable man. He and his sons, Jim Jr, Earl and Elmer worked together helping farmers prepare the soil, planting and harvesting crops. They were really good workers. People were glad to hire them. They were always on time at Church meetings. James was a high priest.

Hannah Briggs was second president of Archer Ward Primary, Relief Society visiting teacher for sixty-three years, and work director with Martha Weekes in Relief Society. She spent long hours in the temple, doing endowment

work for 661 names.

Herman Erickson and Gladys Edna Blackburn married November 18, 1904 in the Salt Lake Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Herman was First Counselor in the First Superintendency of Sunday School, March 9, 1902; Second President of the Archer Ward Y.M.M.I.A. March 13, 1904; Custodian of Archer Ward Churches from 1918 to 1966, member of the choir and also chairman of the choir.

He was instrumental in bringing electricity into Archer, organized first group known as Sunnydell Farm Loan Association, was president of this organization for twenty years, elected as director in the Madison Teton Loan Association, was a successful farmer.

Gladys Erickson, when she was only nineteen and just a month after their first child Eugene was born, was sustained as the third president of Archer Ward Primary for three years. She was organist of Relief Society seventeen and a half years in Archer, secretary of Archer Ward Relief Society for twenty-one and a half years.

### *Clarence and Wyora Hoopes*



Front Row (L. to R.): Clarence and Wyora  
Back Row: Aldean and Priscilla

Clarence Leonard Hoopes, son of Benjamin and Mary Fiefield Hoopes, was born January 25, 1917 at Rigby, Jefferson County, Idaho. Clarence grew up in the LaBell and Rupert areas. His father did commercial trucking for a living, and wherever he could find work he took his family along with him. Clarence's schooling was in the grade schools in these two areas. He also attended high school in Rigby, Idaho.

As a boy he worked along with his father and brother. When they could spare the time they found pleasure in fishing and hunting trips. After he finished school, his father started cutting and hauling timber and Clarence went with him. Soon he had a truck of his own, and was going right along in the timber business. In later years he has continued this work as his own occupation to help make his own livelihood.

Wyora Ann Briggs Hoopes, the daughter of James and

Hannah Elizabeth Nelson Briggs, was born November 15, 1919 at Archer, Madison County, Idaho.

She received her schooling at Archer elementary school and attended Madison High School in Rexburg. She graduated from the seminary in Rexburg.

Wyora has always been active in church activities and organizations. This she started at a very early age. For several years she never missed a Sunday School meeting. She has worked in several organizations, has been historian and librarian for the primary and also the Sunday School. She is presently a visiting teacher in the Relief Society and secretary for the Sunday School.

We, Clarence and Wyora, were married June 7, 1941 at Blackfoot, Idaho. Soon after we were married we moved to Archer to live and Clarence worked at whatever jobs he could find to provide for his family. It wasn't long before he built his own home in which we still reside.

Clarence also has been active in the church serving as executive secretary in the Elders Quorum and is now serving as one of the ward clerks. He was ordained a High Priest March 23, 1980.

We received our endowments March 5, 1975 in the Idaho Falls Temple and we go often to the temple to do work for the dead which we enjoy very much.

We have two lovely daughters. Barbara Aldean Hoopes was born April 26, 1942 at Archer, Madison County, Idaho. She is living in Idaho Falls. She has three children - Katrina Ann Stone, born September 2, 1969, Jason Howard Stone, June 16, 1971 and Terrie Lynn (Stone) Jeffs, March 26, 1962. Terrie Lynn married Vernon Jeffs and they have a lovely little girl Celiee born September 28, 1979. They are making their home in Archer.

Priscilla, our second daughter, was born January 9, 1945. She married Milton Barnes, he later was killed in a car accident. They had two little daughters - Stephanie Ann Barnes, born January 19, 1969 and Ginger Kay Barnes born July 11, 1972. Priscilla was married to Conrad Mickels June 7, 1975 and was sealed in the Idaho Falls Temple March 5, 1980.

We have five grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. We enjoy our family and take trips and vacations together when we can.

Clarence really enjoys fishing and hunting as a hobby and a way to relax.

Wyora does many kinds of crocheting and handiwork and some kinds of arts and crafts as her hobbies.

### *Bert and Eva Howell*

Rodney Bert Howell was born and raised at Warm River, Idaho. He was the oldest child of David Taylor and Zina Gunter Howell.

Eva Benson was born and raised at Farnum, Idaho, the oldest daughter of Harry L. and Anna Cherry Benson. We both grew up in a dry farming area.

We were married in 1935. The first ten years Bert worked at construction work and coal mining. During this time we had three children. D. Reed was born at St. Anthony,



*Bert and Eva*

Idaho, Robert E. was born at Powell, Wyoming and Jean was born at her Grandma Benson's home in Lyman. During these years we lived in several places in Wyoming, Utah and Washington. In 1944 Bert went to the Aleutian Islands to work for a year and the family stayed in Shelton, Washington. When he returned in 1945 we made a trip to the Salt Lake Temple and were sealed as a family. While here we bought a forty acre farm here in Archer and decided to stay. Seven years later we bought another forty acres in Sunnyside but three years later we sold it and bought fifty acres next to the one we live on. We had an old log home previously owned by Edward Stacey, where we lived for several years before we were able to build a basement house and moved into it in 1961. It was ten years before we were able to build on top. We moved into it in the summer of 1971.

After coming here we had three more boys born to us - B. Bruce, A. Wayne and Arden J., all born at Rigby, Idaho. We spent many years of hard work and sacrifice to make the farm yield a living but our children were taught to work and with their help we have been able to stay on the farm. During our years here we developed a dairy through Bert's interest and work in the artificial insemination business. We operated the dairy for twenty-six years. We almost never took a vacation together because someone had to stay home to milk the cows.

We have always attended Church since we have lived in the Archer Ward and feel that this is the best place in the world to live. The Lord has been very good to us. Without His help we couldn't have stayed.

Bert has worked in the church in the Elders Quorum presidency, the M.I.A. superintendency and for a few years now as temple coordinator in the High Priests Quorum.

Eva served as a counselor in Relief Society in 1951 and continuing for about five years. She also taught Junior Sunday School for twelve years and is now serving as Relief Society President in the Archer Ward.

Our children are all married and we have eighteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Reed married Ada Lou Sutton and they have six children and three grandchildren.

Bob married Romma Kennington and they have four children. Both of these girls were from Archer and both

reside in Archer.

Jean married Terry Clifford from Menan. They have three children and now live in Memphis, Tennessee.

Bruce's wife, Aldene Beesley, came from Rigby. They have three children. They live at Burton.

Wayne married Loralee Cook from Colton near Idaho Falls and they have two children. They are now living in Leadville, Colorado.

Arden and his wife, Janet Shirley of Salem, are now living in Salt Lake City. He filled a mission in Australia and we now have two grandsons serving, Terry G. Clifford in Los Angeles and Scott Howell, Reed's son, in Japan.

In the fall of 1978 we sold the dairy and have been able to travel a little to see our children. Life is a little easier without the dairy though we are still farming over a hundred acres of irrigated land. We are growing older and don't have the perfect health we used to have, but over the years, forty-four of them together, the Lord has blessed us abundantly for which we are very grateful. Our posterity consists of five sons and one daughter, nine grandsons and nine granddaughters, one great-grandson and two great-granddaughters, twenty-seven descendants, also five of the loveliest daughters-in-law and the greatest son-in-law. We love every one of them!

### *Reed and Ada Lou Howell*



*Front Row (L. to R.): Stephanie, Donette, Scott, Christine, Jessica. Back Row: Rocky, Christopher, Pamela, Reed (father), Rebecca, Ada Lou (mother), and Jeff.*

David Reed Howell was born June 15, 1936 to Rodney Bert and Eva Benson Howell at St. Anthony, Idaho. He was the first of six children. His first home was in a tent in Island Park. When it rained his basket was pushed under the bed to keep him dry. The family really had some experiences the first ten years of his life. His father followed construction work to several places in Idaho, Wyoming, Utah, and Washington. The first year Reed went to school, he was in three different schools, also the second year, including one Indian school.

Reed was baptized at the age of eight in a cold mountain stream in Shelton, Washington. He always loved to read and could finish a book in an evening. Whatever he was doing, he

carried a book with him. He has an excellent memory and can recall details of books he read as a child. He has thus attained knowledge in a wide range of subjects.

When Reed was ten years old, his parents bought a farm in Archer from Afton Hanson who had previously bought it from the Staceys. For seven or eight years, the whole family really worked hard on the farm to pay for the home. Reed learned to operate the farm machinery. After he graduated from Madison High he married Ada Lou Sutton, daughter of Lillis and Rachel Briggs Sutton. She was born May 22, 1933 at Archer.

Ada Lou graduated from the eighth grade at Archer and from Madison High School. She spent six months at Ricks College and two and a half years at the Idaho Falls Hospital and graduated as a registered nurse in September of 1856.

A year before she graduated she and Reed were married in the Idaho Falls Temple, October 21, 1955.

Ada Lou has served as organist and teacher in the Primary. She now teaches cultural refinement lessons in the Relief Society.

Reed was executive secretary to the Branch President in Miles City, Montana, has taught Priesthood and Gospel Doctrine classes. He has a fine voice and has sung solos in many programs. He writes poetry and is good at telling stories - tall tales.

Reed and Ada Lou have really enjoyed their children. Scott is now on a mission for the LDS Church in Japan. He loves his work.

When Scott and Ada Lou had four children, Rock, Kristine, Scott and Jeffrey, Reed went to Utah State University at Logan. Ada Lou worked as a nurse at the LDS Hospital in Logan. When he graduated six years later, Reed went to Pomona, California, where he trained to work in a bank. He stayed with the bank several years in Oregon, Utah, Montana and Idaho.

Another child, Pamela was born while they were in Logan.

Reed did not enjoy the bank work. They tried farming for three years, then worked into the trucking business.

When Pamela was fourteen years old, another daughter, Rebecca, was born. She is a joy in their household.

The Howells have four grandchildren, two belonging to Rock, one to Kristine, and a stepson to Jeff.

## *Robert and Romma Howell*

I, Robert Eugene Howell, was born on August 1, 1938 at Powell, Wyoming. I am the second child born to Rodney Bert and Eva Benson Howell.

We lived in Rock Springs, Wyoming, Salt Lake City, Utah, Hanford, Shelton and Neah Bay, Washington during the Second World War.

We moved to Archer in 1945. I was in the second grade. Marjorie Evans, now Marjorie Nelson, was my teacher. Lynn Briggs and Ervin Martin were my first good friends.

Myrtle Romma Kennington was born on April 14, 1939 at Rexburg, Idaho, the first daughter of Samuel Lee and Myrtle Wilcox Kennington.

We both went to school, grades one through eight, at



*Front Row (L. to R.): Romma, Robert, Kami Sue.  
Back Row: Kendra, Kevin, and Kerry.*

Archer and graduated from Madison High School, Bob in 1956 and Romma in 1957.

After graduation, Bob worked in Butte, Montana at a cement block plant. Romma worked at Jackson Hole, Wyoming on a girls ranch. We both went to Ricks College during the year 1957-1958. After college, Bob went to work for George H. Munns. Romma went to work for Utah Mortgage and Loan, Idaho Falls, Idaho.

We were married at Archer, Idaho on November 6, 1959 by Bishop G. H. Munns. We lived in a house at Ririe, Idaho, owned by Bishop Munns. At the time we were married, Bob was working for the U & I Sugar factory and Romma at Utah Mortgage.

We moved to Los Angeles, California in January 1960. At that time Bob went to work for a building supply company and Romma worked for a vitamin manufacturing company.

Kevin Eugene Howell was born to us on May 18, 1961 at Glendale, California. Kerry Wade Howell was born in Glendale, also, on April 28, 1964.

On September 16, 1966 we were sealed as a family in the Los Angeles Temple.

Kevin started school at John Marshall Grade School in Glendale. Then he went to first, second and third grade at Delevan Drive School. Kerry started kindergarten at Delevan Drive.

We belonged to the Glendale East Ward, Glendale, California. Bob was in the MIA Presidency and taught the Explorers while we lived there. Romma taught the three-year-olds in Sunday School.

On August 1, 1970, we moved from Los Angeles back to Archer. At that time Bob went to work for Earl Wilcox as a timber cutter. Since then, he has operated a skidder and for the past several years has run the timber crew.

Kendra was born to us on October 29, 1971 at Rexburg, Idaho.

We spent our summers in the Island Park area where Bob worked, then in the winter we moved back to Archer.

On June 1, 1974, we purchased the Terry Store, which was owned at the time by Leston and Ramona Woods.

Kami Sue was born to us on February 19, 1976 at Rexburg, Idaho.

Kevin graduated from Madison High School in 1979. He attended ISU in 1980. Kevin is currently operating a skidder in the timber for Earl Wilcox. He has fifty swarms of honey bees which he keeps on the river.

Kerry worked as a "cat" operator in the timber also. He and Kevin work with their dad. Kerry is a junior at Madison High this year. He also has a project outside of school and work that keeps him busy. He has fifty head of registered Suffolk sheep.

Kendra is in the third grade at Lyman school this year.

Kami Sue will be home to help run the store for one more year.

## Bertha Jeppson



Front Row (L. to R.): Nilo, Bertha, Marjorie  
Back Row: Roxcy, Ida Gene, Julia, and Therba.

Like Nephi of old, I was born of goodly parents, John and Ida Grover Weekes. I was born March 28, 1903 on the farm father homesteaded in Sunnyside, the fourth child in a family of eleven. My two older brothers died during World War I. I helped on the farm doing everything but drilling and binding grain. My sister, Mande, and I drove a four horse team up to the dry farm in Herbert to haul wheat. We had some exciting experiences handling the lines and the brake on some of the steep hills. We were twelve and fourteen years old.

I graduated from Ricks Academy in 1921 and taught school one year before I married Olin H. Jeppson August 30, 1923 in the Salt Lake Temple. Olin was the son of Charles and Lula Blackburn Jeppson, who moved from Brigham City, Utah when Olin was a small child. His mother served as president of the MIA and the Relief Society for many years. His father was a member of the Archer Ward Bishopric. They lived where Chester and Ina Nelson live. Grandma enjoyed and had many flowers, some of them still grow along the fence.

Olin and I were the second family to build and live on the place I still live. It was homesteaded in 1898 and their final payment was made the year I was born, 1903. To me it is a very special place.

Olin and I were blessed with eight children, two died at

birth. Living are Nilo, Marjorie, Julia, Idagene, Roxcy and Therba.

Nilo married Verla Moss. They have four children and four grandchildren. He has worked for Clover Club for thirty years. He has served as a high councilman and as bishop for twenty years. Recently he and Verla moved to Farmington, Utah. Their two sons filled missions.

Marjorie married Irvin Goodliffe (now deceased). They have six children. Marjorie just returned from a mission. Her vocation is school teaching. She lost her home in the Teton Flood in 1976 and now lives on 3rd East in Rexburg. She is a temple officiator. She has eight grandchildren.

Julia married Ellis Attwood, who died in 1977. They have seven children. They live on a farm in Pingree. Julia is a school teacher. She and three of her sons have filled missions.

Idagene married Glayde Hone. They have seven children, two sons have filled missions. Their fifteen-year-old son is Priesthood organist. Glayde is in the bishopric and Idagene a counselor in the Relief Society. They live in Brigham City.

Roxcy taught school and went on a mission. She lives in Provo, is taking classes at BYU and working in a photo finishing lab. She comes home in the summer to help me in the art of living. She is busy in a college ward.

Therba married Arthur Paul. Both teach at Bonneville Junior High School. They are and have been active in wards where they live, Therba in music particularly, Arthur a teacher in Priesthood Quorums. They haven't been blessed with a family.

We have fourteen missionaries among our children and grandchildren.

The girls all have college degrees and have been interested in music, singing, playing the organ, piano and accordian.

After my husband died in 1948 I began teaching school by taking night classes and summer school. I got my degree nine years later. I taught school twenty years. During that time our family got nineteen years of college, five degrees in education and Julia and Roxcy filled missions. That made working worthwhile for me.

I have served as ward and Sunday School organist, teacher in adult classes in MIA, Sunday School and Relief Society and on the Sunday School Stake Board. In 1956 I went to Mexico studying the culture and ancient ruins.

In 1963 Roxcy and Therba participated in the Hill Cumorah Pageant. I was able to attend that magnificent event. In February 1972 Nilo and Verla took me to historical places of interest in Illinois and Missouri which helped me to realize the hardships our grandparents had in leaving Nauvoo at that time of the year. I appreciate my heritage.

The Lord has blessed me abundantly. We have thirty grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

## Kay and Luella Jeppson

Kay Lucein Jeppson was born August 28, 1933 to Gerald and Maude Jeppson at Driggs, Idaho. Luella Smith



Front Row (L. to R.): Kristina, Luella, Kay.  
Back Row: Jana, Gail, LeAnn, Steven, Shellie, and Marla. (James Kay not on picture.)

was born October 3, 1936 to James Ivan and Sara Smith at Lyman, Idaho. They were married June 10, 1953 in the Idaho Falls Temple and moved to the Archer Ward. They lived in Keith Clements' house on the Henry Taylor place.

Kay served in the army in California, Texas and Louisiana from March 1954 to March 1956. Luella accompanied him to Texas where they lived for eighteen months. Their oldest son was born there. After the military they returned to Archer where Kay was employed by Keith Clements and Utah, Idaho Sugar Company.

In 1964 Kay and Luella bought a farm from Kay's father and built their present home on Piquet Road.

Kay has served as Explorer leader, scoutmaster, counselor in the Archer Ward Elders Quorum and as Elders president in the new Sunnyside Ward. Kay has coached Little League and many church teams in basketball and softball.

Luella has served in Primary, Sunday School and Relief Society and is serving as nursery coordinator at the present time. Luella is attending as a student at the Eastern Idaho Vo-Tech School in the nursing program.

There are eight children in the Jeppson family. James Kay was born March 3, 1955 at Fort Hood, Bell County, Texas. He attended Madison County schools and Ricks College. He served as Deacons president and as president of the Future Farmers of America. He served a mission in Oregon from May 1974 to May 1976. Jim worked farming for a year then moved to California where he married Mindy Jolene Dansie in the Oakland Temple April 14, 1978. They have one son, Trenton James, born May 2, 1979. Jim is employed in Modesto, California.

LeAnn, born April 8, 1957 in Rexburg, attended local schools and worked locally and in Nampa. On February 21, 1975 she married Kirk Cleve Stanger. They have two children, Jeffery C. Stanger born August 10, 1975 and Jaime Lee Stanger born February 8, 1977. They live in Lyman First Ward. They are employed at Fresh Pak in Menan.

Shellie was born March 14, 1958 in Rexburg. She attended local schools and was active in 4-H and FFA. On August 13, 1976 she married Shawn Birthelson. Their daughter Heather Jo was born November 3, 1977 in Idaho

Falls. They were later divorced. Shellie now resides in Rexburg.

Gail was born May 9, 1960 in Rexburg, attended local schools and worked locally. She married Galen Mills June 16, 1978. They lived in Archer Ward for a time then moved to Rexburg. They have one son, Caleb Casper, born April 15, 1979 in Rexburg.

Marla, born August 7, 1961 in Rexburg is active in sports and has held positions in MIA. At present she is living at home and is employed at Valley Bank in Rexburg.

Steven Robert was born July 23, 1965 in Rexburg. He is the second son and sixth child. He is attending Madison Jr. High. He was first Deacons president of the Sunnyside Ward.

Jana was born in Rexburg on February 7, 1967. She is in Madison Jr. High and is counselor in her MIA class at present.

Kristina, born May 23, 1971 at Rexburg, is in fourth grade at Archer School. She is last of eight children.

## Gerard and Marie Junkert



Left to Right: Marie, Byran, Jessica, and Gerard.

Gerard Craig Junkert was born November 8, 1945 at Bismark, North Dakota to Leone Verna Ritter and Edwin Junkert. He grew up in Wishik, North Dakota, Minneapolis and Morehead, Minnesota and Fargo, North Dakota. After high school he worked for A.T.&T. and then joined the navy. Gerard was stationed at San Francisco Bay for three years active duty. He served on board the U.S.S. Hancock off the coast of Viet Nam. While in the service he joined the L.D.S. Church. Gerard attended Ricks College after active duty.

Nellie Marie Siepert was born November 3, 1948 at Idaho Falls, Idaho to Carma Hunter and Keith Jacob Siepert. She grew up in Kilgore and Rexburg, Idaho. After graduating from high school, Marie attended Ricks College and worked in Rexburg.

Gerard and Marie met at Ricks. They started dating in June and were married in the Idaho Falls Temple on November 26, 1969. While Gerard attended Ricks, Marie worked as a bookkeeper/secretary in Rexburg. Gerard served as ward clerk of the College Tenth Ward and Marie was first counselor and then president of the Relief Society.

In the fall of 1971, they moved to Springville, Utah, so Gerard could attend BYU. Marie came back to Rexburg in October to have their first child, a boy, born October 22, 1971. He was named Bryan Mitchell. While in Utah, Gerard was Fast Offering clerk. Marie was kept busy teaching Junior Sunday School and being inservice leader.

After graduating from BYU the Junkerts moved to Issaquah, Washington where Gerard worked as an engineer for Boeing Aircraft. They bought their first house and made many new friends. A daughter was added to the family on August 17, 1974. She was named Jessica Rachel. Gerard was called as ward clerk in the Issaquah First Ward. Marie taught Primary, was Relief Society nursery coordinator, primary chorister and organist during the years in Washington.

Gerard didn't like all the rain and Marie was homesick, so, once again the Junkerts moved to Idaho in May 1975. They found a home in Archer and moved in in June. Gerard started to remodel and build on and is still at it.

Gerard is now serving as finance clerk of Archer Ward. Marie has served as Relief Society nursery coordinator, Sr. Sunday School chorister, Jr. Sunday School chorister, and is presently teaching the Social Relations class in Relief Society. The Junkerts are expecting their third child in January. Gerard works as a design engineer for E.G.G.

## Myrtle Kennington



Samuel and Myrtle

My father David Almeam Wilcox and his wife Florence Malinds Cook both born of pioneer parents in Cedar Fort, Utah, were married November 11, 1884 by her father Bishop Cook; and with their two little boys Floyd and Samuel Guy came to Sunnyside, Idaho, with covered wagons and all they owned to settle and make a home as true pioneers. They built a log cabin and cleared the land. Six more children were born--Malcolm, Henry F., Marvin, Florence M., Adrin Boyd, and Velma Chloe. Their mother died in 1895 after a long illness. Six years later David married my mother, Martha S. Hansen of Bear Lake. Their twin girls died at birth December 1902. Louis A. was born October 20, 1906, Myrtle May 1909 and Edna 1911. All were born in the log cabin. Edna and I were like twins. We did everything together through life until she died in 1962.

I loved to go with dad in the fields and my fondest memory was of him rocking and singing to his two little girls in the evenings. In 1918 he built a fine new rock home and got a new piano which he corded on while we sang.

Many were the trips to Salt Lake to Conference on the train, to Bear Lake for visits on the 4th of July with relatives on both sides. We all worked hard to finish hoeing, etc., for these trips. I attended school at Sunnyside, Archer and Ricks College. I went to work for Myrtle Clay cooking for pea pickers and packers starting at 5 o'clock until 10 o'clock at night for \$1.00 a day. Later I worked for Mrs. Jim Byrne for \$5.00 (same work) a week. With this I helped Louis on his mission after the spuds froze in the ground the fall he left. Then came the depression and I came home to take his place in the field with a team. Erastus Weekes, my nephew, lived with us and we worked together with Dad doing the irrigating on 160 acres. He grew beautiful big crops.

When I was nine, my father gave me the garden for my project. I loved this especially when he came in and helped with the shovel to weed.

I taught Bee Hive girls for eight years after I graduated myself. We went to Logan on back of a truck, twenty-three of us, for baptisms for the dead. We had a wonderful time with no mishaps at all. We went on many other trips, too.

In the Spring of 1929 Sam Kennington came to work for Eliza Jackson. We met at a dance in the old hall in Archer. Our first date was on horseback to visit his cousins. This was a good time.

We were married 13 November 1934 by Bishop Smith at my parents' home with reception and a dinner after. We made our home at the Hillman place where Ronald and Edna lived. Sam took the job as water master for the Sunnyside canal, which he did twenty-seven years. In this home our first baby, a boy, was born in July 1937, premature and died six hours later. This was a great sorrow. Romma was born 14 April 1939, the pride and joy of her daddy. Genny was born April 22, 1942 and Norma July 9, 1943, both premature again. Genny was in an incubator for weeks but came along finally. Norma was a blue baby, had a heart problem. The doctor said she would not live but she did for five years when she had real problems. We flew her to Salt Lake, no encouragement, but the Patriarch promised she would live. She went to school three years but at nine more troubles. We sold everything and took her for help, but it was not to be. After all winter under a doctor's care and in the hospital until March 26, 1953, she died. We came back home and started all over, building a home. We were grateful to have Norma almost ten years. Fern was four then, born April 18, 1950.

Before this my father had a bad accident and broke his hip. He was with us for two and a half years, bedridden, until he died at age eighty-three in 1946. I am grateful the girls knew him.

I was president of Primary for eight years, then counselor to Opal Clements in Relief Society for twelve wonderful years. In 1962 we were in the wake of floods in February and lost everything that Fern and I could not carry out. She was the only one home; Romma in California, Genny at

Ricks and Sam at Ross Byrnes' working. My sister Edna died in June that year.

I cooked at school for eight years.

Sam died August 30, 1968. I went to work for Fresh Pack to pay debts.

Genny went on her mission in 1977 to England. Minnie Nielson went with me to meet her and had two weeks sightseeing over there. Minnie saw Switzerland, her parents' home land. It was great.

## *Foryl and Zula Kidd*



Front Row (L. to R.): Barbara, Zula, Foryl, Donna  
Back Row: David, Janice, Joe, Susan, Foryl, Kathleen, and George.

I, Foryl, was born in May 1926 at Marysville, Idaho in the family home, the fourth child of Henry M.L. Kidd and Veda Hendricks. When two years old we moved to Kaysville, Utah, moving back to Idaho in 1935.

I was always active in athletics--high school boxing, football and basketball.

I served in World War II in the army and fought in Europe and was honorably discharged in 1946. I have held many positions in Deacons, Priests and Elders Quorums and Scout Master for many years.

I started college at Ricks in 1947 and played on their football team for three seasons.

I had a cousin on a mission in New York. Her companion was Zula Nelson from Archer. When they came home December 1947 we were introduced and were married in 1949 for time and eternity in the Salt Lake Temple.

Our first child, Susan JoAnn, was born in 1950. Janice Lynette was born in 1951, Kathleen in 1952 and Barbara 1953.

Our first son, Foryl N., was born in 1955, George in 1957, Joe in 1959 and the twins David and Donna in 1960, giving us nine children.

We moved to Archer in 1956 on twenty acres previously owned by George F. Nelson, where we have built a home and still reside there.

At this time I was teaching school in Osgood, Idaho.

Some of our highlights was the flood runoff in February 1962 that flooded our home while Zula and I were at her father's place salvaging potatoes. Lyman flood waters flooded our basement waist deep. Susan and Janice carried

our twins, fourteen months old, to the top floor of our house and helped the other children out of the water.

In 1965 Zula was in a car accident and seriously hurt.

While the children were young we enjoyed camping the hills. Hunting and fishing has always been a hobby of our family.

In 1970 we visited Disneyland, California. Other highlights were the mission of our son Foryl N. in Scotland, George's mission on the Navajo Indian Reservation in Arizona. Our youngest son, David, is now (1980) serving a mission in England.

Other special occasions were marriages of our sons and daughters and arrival and blessing of grandchildren (thirteen of them).

We all know the gospel is true and love it with all our heart. The Lord has been very good to us and has given us numerous blessings. Like most families, we've had many cuts, bruises and broken bones but at present we are all in good health.

I, Zula, was born March 4, 1924 to George F. Nelson and Susan Elizabeth Weekes. Our family lived in a log home East of grandparents George S. and Mary Ann Weekes. Times were very hard for everyone. In November of 1927 Mother passed away leaving my father a week-old baby, Glenna, and three other children. A year later father married Isabel Weekes and we moved to the Ed Smart home. This home burned down. Then father built a log home.

Father raised beets to help pay for the farm. I started helping thin beets at age six. I loved summers but not working in the beets. I learned early how to work and also learned to especially love Sundays for lots of reasons, one that it was the Sabbath day and we rested from our labors.

I was baptized July 2, 1932 and confirmed a member of the Church by my father, George F. Nelson. I went to all ten grades in Archer and graduated from Madison High School and four years of seminary in April of 1942.

I taught in the Junior Sunday School. In 1946 I was called on a mission to the Eastern States. As every missionary expresses, those were the happiest years and where we really learn to love the gospel.

At home I worked in the M.I.A. presidency and really enjoyed it. I helped my folks paint their new home.

In 1947 I met and married H. Foryl Kidd in the Salt Lake Temple.

## *Melba Fyfe Kinzer*

I, Melba Fyfe Kinzer, was born September 29, 1919, in LaBelle, Idaho, to James and Lola Morgan Fyfe, in a log cabin across the railroad tracks from my grandparents, Reuben Willard and Johannah Erickson Morgan.

Grandpa and Grandma Morgan later moved to a farm in Lorenzo, Idaho, south of the old Riverside Gardens. They had come from Mill Creek, Utah, in 1915, where Grandpa was a bricklayer.

My grandparents, William Weir Fyfe, who was originally from Scotland his wife, Christina Wylie Fyfe, moved to Idaho from Castle Gate, Utah, where Grandpa was a coal miner. He established a blacksmith shop in Archer on the





Front Row (L. to R.): James, LaMar, Lola.  
Back Row: Joyce, Melba, Myrtus, and Elaine Fyfe.

land he homesteaded. He did not like coal mining and had served his apprenticeship as a blacksmith in Scotland.

My mother met my father at a dance in LaBelle, Idaho. They were married at my Grandpa and Grandma Morgan's home, at a small family wedding. My Grandmother Morgan made my mother's white wedding dress. My mother later made it into a baby dress for me.

In 1929, my parents moved to the farm at Archer to take care of my Grandpa and Grandma Fyfe. My Grandma Fyfe was an invalid. With my mother's tender loving care, she lived until 1935. That year both my Grandmother and Grandfather Fyfe died.

Of the Reuben Morgan family, Lola is the only one of the ten children that came to Archer. My mother was an excellent cook, also secretary of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers for fourteen years. She faithfully kept the records and always sent the birthday cards on time each year.

My father was a logger in the Island Park area before we moved to the farm in Archer. They had six children: Melba, born September 29, 1919; Emmett, born January 3, 1922; Myrtus, born August 22, 1923; Elaine, born December 19, 1926; Joyce, born February 24, 1934; LaMar, born April 15, 1946. Emmett died after surgery March 27, 1940, in Rexburg. My father died August 30, 1968. My mother died March 21, 1976.

Myrtus married Geraldine Clarke. They have five children, Wayne, Willard, David, Sandra and Patrick. They are living in Lyman. Elaine married Bert Larsen and they live in Archer. Their history appears in this book. Joyce married James A. Schrader at Archer. They have two sons, Bradley and Brian. They live in Idaho Falls, Idaho. They are active in the church and have been sealed in the temple. LaMar and Pattie were married at Elko, Nevada. They have one son, Cody, and live at Emmett, Idaho.

I, Melba, married Leland H. Kinzer at Archer, Idaho. Bishop Jay Ray Smith performed the ceremony July 5, 1940. Lee was head of the livestock department at Western Packing Company and also a cattle feeder. He died May 19, 1974. I have three sons: Dennis, born August 28, 1941, in Boise, Idaho. He was married to Norma Moore for ten years. He

later married Nadean Falkerts from Eldora, Iowa. They live in Touchet, Washington and have three daughters, Amy, Laurie and Kerri. Douglas was born October 20, 1947, at Yakima, Washington. He married Christina Haseth of Sunnyside, at Auburn, Washington. They have two sons, Ted and Jeffery. Michael was born October 21, 1957 at Twin Falls, Idaho. He married Cheri Reese. They have one son, William Lee. They were divorced and on December 22, 1979, he married Rosemary Fredrick from Tucson, Arizona. They live near Sunbeam, Idaho.

Dennis is a supervisor at Iowa Meat Packers at Pasco, Washington. Douglas is manager of the meat department at a Safeway store in Richland, Washington. Michael is working for an exploration drilling company at what will be the Cyprus Mine in Challis.

I moved back to Archer in 1969. I bought a mobile home and moved it next to my parent's home. I work at Fresh Pack.

Before I left Sunnyside, I attended the Sunnyside Beauty College. I still maintain my Washington State cosmetology license.

In Washington I belonged to the Pearl Hughes Orthopedic Guild. I was corresponding secretary of the Nauvilla Club, a branch of the Federated Women's Club. I taught Primary and was a visiting teacher.

My hobbies include ceramics, gardening, bowling, knitting and crocheting, but my main interests are my three sons and their families.

## Chip and Blanche Kirkham



Front Row (L. to R.): Blanche and Chip.  
Back Row: Nan, Carol, Judy, and Tom.

Blanche was the fourth child of five to John and Norah Grover. The family were extra lucky to eventually settle all relatively close to the same area. The family all learned to work hard, as John was very ambitious with his dry farm and cattle. Norah worked hard in their home cooking for hired men and taking care of their family.

Chip grew up along with five brothers and two sisters on a farm along Fall River in Ashton, where the family spent leisure time fishing and hunting. With their mother being widowed, they had an extremely close relationship and the children learned responsibility very early in their lives.

In 1944, Chip and Blanche were both enjoying themselves at a dance in St. Anthony, where they became acquainted and later married. After various moves they moved in 1947 to the home where they presently reside at Archer.

A short time after their marriage, Dean, Chip's son by his first marriage, came to live with them. This proved to be a true learning experience which helped to prepare them for their first daughter, Carol. She was born singing. As a young girl, she performed often and throughout her growing life has continued using her talents. Carol presently is the mother of five frisky boys and resides in Colonia Jaurez, Mexico. Judy, their second daughter born in 1951, loved to sew and cook. She helped to sew clothes for the family and helped with the preparation of food. Judy presently is residing with Blanche and Chip with her two sons and young daughter. Nan, their third daughter was born in 1954. She was very congenial and could get along with almost anyone. She was talented in painting and loved to embroider. Presently she is living in Sonora, California. She and Dyle have two daughters. Tom, Chip and Blanche's fourth child, was the long-awaited for boy, born in 1959. The family was elated by this new addition. Tom was certainly not as mild as their daughters. He was very active as most everyone in the community knew. Tom had great creativity and ability for wood working. Presently he is married and living in Salt Lake City.

As one can see, Chip and Blanche have lived a very active life, one they have enjoyed and appreciated. They continue to work hard together on their farm and occasionally take a refreshing break to go camping. Each fall and winter they travel to Mexico and to California. They look forward to their vacations and also returning home.

### *Bert and Elaine Larsen*



*Bert and Elaine*

Jess (Bert) Larsen was born June 5, 1926, at Rexburg, Idaho to Jesse W. and Lillian (Chandler) Larsen. Elaine was born December 19, 1926 at Lorenzo, Idaho to James and Lola (Morgan) Fyfe.

Bert went to grade school and high school at Rexburg. At the age of fifteen, he went to work on construction in

Utah, later moving on up to Washington where he was drafted in the army in 1944. He served three years in Panama. While there he received an award for outstanding duty.

Elaine went to grade school at Archer and graduated from high school and seminary at Rexburg. She then worked in the L.D.S. Hospital.

While Bert was home on leave from the army, he met Elaine while rollerskating at the Riverside Gardens, Lorenzo, Idaho. They were engaged for one week and within nine days were married, January 19, 1946 at Rexburg, Idaho. After a month Bert returned to the army and Elaine to high school.

Bert returned home December 26, 1947 and went to GI school at Ricks College. He then worked as a logging trucker and farmer for the next eight years. He next worked for the Coca Cola Company in Idaho Falls. During this time Bert and Elaine were stake and ward dance directors. In June of 1963 the church held a dance festival in Salt Lake City, Utah. Bert made the dance steps to the waltz Charmane. Archer had twelve couples and eleven girls in the festival. This was filmed on the Salt Lake T. V.

Bert received his high school diploma and went to work for Challenge until December 1975, then he took the milk route on his own. In December 1979, he sold the route and put a semi-diesel on the road trucking from coast to coast.

Bert's hobbies are rock hunting, western music, carpentering and T. V. repair work. He has built their home and done all the finishing work.

Elaine was a cook and janitor at the Lyman school and during this time received a degree in cooking. In the Spring Semester of 1967 Elaine started her college education. This started five of the longest and hardest years she ever put in. She attended Ricks College, graduated, then went to Idaho State University when during her senior year she was chosen to do a government internship. She graduated from Idaho State University with honors and was on the Dean's role. She is now teaching first grade at Rigby, Idaho. She owes all her success to Bert and their children, for their help and support. Her hobbies are sewing, cooking and reading. She designed the dress and sewed most of the dresses for the Archer girls who went to the Salt Lake Festival. She has worked in the Sunday School, Mutual and Primary besides working in the dance program. Bert and Elaine were sealed in the Idaho Falls Temple in March 1970.

They have four children: Dale J. was born February 4, 1948 and married Deena Skidmore July 30, 1970 in the Idaho Falls Temple. They have three children, Blake, Scott and Kamell. Their family history appears in this book. JoDean was born January 16, 1951 and married Michael Miller June 24, 1970 in the Idaho Falls Temple. They have three children, Rebecca Jo, Benjamin and Nicholes. Mike is a career officer in the Air Force and is a returned missionary. They are stationed in Hawaii. Jody is an accomplished seamstress and crafts woman. Christine was born January 12, 1954 and married Earl Walker on June 30, 1973 at Archer, Idaho. Earl is a returned missionary and a brick mason. Christy graduated from Ricks College on the honor roll. She is a substitute teacher, secretary and bookkeeper. She is an ac-

complished cook and cake decorator. They have two children, Kirk and Kimberly. Robert (Bob) M. was born February 7, 1958. He graduated from high school and later from Vo-Tech at Pocatello, Idaho. He runs the body shop for Economy Chevrolet in St. Anthony, Idaho. Bob specializes in custom paint jobs. He likes working with his hands and enjoys making cars from scrap.

Bert and Elaine and their dog Gretchen spent the summer of 1980 trucking from coast to coast. Elaine says give me good old Idaho anytime.

**Dale and Deena Larsen**



Scott, Blake, Deena, Kamell, and Dale.

Dale J. Larsen and Deena Skidmore met the summer of 1964. Dale was to be a junior in high school and Deena a sophomore. It didn't take very many dates before they found out they were in love. They started going steady and dated through high school, with one big goal that they would be married as soon as they both graduated. At last the goal was reached. Deena graduated and Dale had a semester of college behind him. Dale gave Deena a ring and asked her to be his wife. But with talk of a temple marriage also came a desire to serve a mission for the Lord. They talked it over and decided that two years couldn't be near as long as the ones they had already waited.

Dale sent his papers in but no mission call came. They waited and waited but still no call. Finally they decided they would go ahead with the wedding plans. With one exception, if the call came within two weeks of the wedding date, Dale would go, after that the wedding would go as planned. As the time drew closer and still no call, a small house in Lyman was rented and they started painting it. Wedding dress and bridesmaid material was bought. Finally the last day of the two week deadline came and in the mail was the mission call. The house was given up, dress and material stored and Dale was on his way to serve a Pacific Northwest Mission. Two very long years followed.

Finally Dale came home in May of 1970 and a July 30 wedding in the Idaho Falls Temple was planned and their goal was reached. Dale and Deena moved into a trailer near the Archer-Lyman highway. Later they pulled it to Archer

and the spring of 1974 built a new house.

Eleven months after the wedding came a very special blessing, Blake Dale was born June 8, 1971 followed by another special blessing Scott Dale born April 7, 1974 and then a most treasured blessing Kamell (Kami) Elaine born August 8, 1977.

Since getting married Dale has worked for Ards Glass and Paint, Rexburg Mobile Homes, Stusser Wholesale and Madison County. He is now going to Ricks College. Dale has served as a Sunday School teacher, Elders Quorum teacher, secretary of the Elders Quorum activity advisor for the Young Marrieds and is now a Seventy.

Deena has served as a Mia-Maid teacher, Targeteer A, C.T.R. A, B, Blazer B and Sunbeam teacher. Also as First Counselor in the Primary.

**Vive Larson**

I, Vive (short i, long e) was born to Francis Edward and Augusta Amelia Eliason Carlson on November 6, 1905, in Archer, in a log cabin on the land where Lyle Robison now has his home. My father homesteaded that land.

I was the third child in a family of three. Victor was the oldest. He died young, unmarried. My sister, Thelma Lucille Carlson, was born September 13, 1901. She married Wesley LaVern Grover.

My grandfather and grandmother were Carl and Johanna Christine Hanson Kjelen (Shaleen - in Swedish "k" followed by "j" has a "sh" sound. Following the rule of patronymics, the sons of Carl Kjelen were named Carlson, meaning Carl's son.). These good people came from Sweden and lived with my father, later with my sister, Thelma Grover and family. After grandmother died, grandfather went to live with his daughter, my Aunt Selma Galbraith, until his death in 1924. He was buried by his wife in the Archer (Sutton) cemetery.



Front Row (L. to R.): Vive and Henry.  
Back Row: Alton and Della.

I went to school in Archer until my father died 9 March 1917. We went to the cemetery in a sleigh. Mother sold our land to Bert Terry and we moved to Lyman where I finished the eighth grade.

When I was seventeen, I married Henry Larson.

Henry Larson's parents were Orson and Nancy Rock Larson of Salem. Henry was born December 13, 1922 in Rigby, Idaho, in a sleigh. His mother did not reach the hospital in time for his birth.

Henry and I started housekeeping in a log cabin on the site now occupied by the Steve Grover home. We farmed with my brother-in-law, Vern Grover.

Our first baby was born 12 September 1923 at home, Doctor Sutherland attending. We named her Della. Almost thirteen years later, Afton Iola was born 7 August 1936.

We bought forty acres of ground with a small house which we enlarged and modernized.

As a family we enjoyed huckleberry trips, camping, getting wood, and riding horses which I especially liked.

We enjoyed our girls and I do not know what I would do without them, now I am alone.

Della married Ray Muir and now lives next to me. Her history appears in this book.

Afton went to elementary in Archer. She graduated from Madison High School. A year before her graduation, she married Calvin Nielson, son of Calvin and Sybil Butler Nielson. They had four children, Gregory, Karey, Tina and Tracey - two boys and two girls. She is now married to Dee Sommers and lives at Ammon.

### *Jon and Sally Larson*



Front Row (L. to R.): Billy, Sally, Jon, and Maria  
Back Row: Rebecca

Jon Wallace Larson was born in Tacoma, Washington, May 8, 1942, son of Rudolph Vernon Larson and Helen Calder Larson. He grew up in Roosevelt, Utah. In 1961 he was called to serve in the West German Mission. While there he served as secretary to Elder Theodore M. Burton who was supervisor of all European missions.

Jon graduated from BYU with a Masters of Business Administration degree in 1972. His schooling was interrupted when he served in the U.S. Army for three years. He was a lieutenant in the Medical Service Corps.

Sally Drawhorn Larson was born in Beaumont, Texas, April 22, 1943, daughter of Thomas Laurie Drawhorn and Esther Rae Young. She grew up in Dayton, Texas. In 1961

she began attending school at BYU and graduated in 1965 with a bachelor's degree in English.

Jon and Sally were married in August 1965. Jon continued his education at BYU for three years while Sally worked in a Provo bank. Jon went into the army after one year of graduate school. He served in the U.S. for two years and for one year in Viet Nam. Sally returned to Texas and taught school while he was away.

The Larsons have three children, Rebecca born December 11, 1969, Maria born January 29, 1973 and Billy born December 17, 1975.

Following graduation from BYU Jon worked in the personnel department there for several years. In the fall of 1977 he accepted the job of personnel director at Ricks College and the family moved to Archer.

### *Elden and Marie Lauritzen*



Front Row (L. to R.): Darwin, Marie, Elden, LaGrand  
Back Row: Andrea, DaLea, and Linda

Elden Lynn Lauritzen was born October 23, 1935, in Corral, Idaho. He is the oldest of four children. He attended the Corral grade school for eight years. He attended the Gooding High School for three years. In 1953 he went to Hyrum, Utah and lived with his grandparents while attending So. Cache High School. He graduated from there in 1954. He joined the Church in December 1953. He attended Ricks College in 1955. In 1955-57 he served a mission in the Central States. He served in the U.S. Army from 1959-61. He moved to Dingle, Idaho in 1962 where he worked as a mechanic. He worked at Ricks College from 1966-73. He now has his own shop and is an automotive machinist.

I, Alice Marie Cheney Lauritzen, was born February 3, 1934, in the L.D.S. Hospital in Idaho Falls, Idaho. I was raised in the Sunnydell area. I'm the oldest of thirteen children. I attended the Sunnydell School for my first seven school years and also attended the Sunnydell Branch while it was in existence. My eighth year of school I attended Archer. I attended the old Madison High School from 1948-1952, Ricks College three years, graduated from U.S.U. in 1959, majoring in elementary education. I taught school in

Morehead, Montana in a one-room school (six grades of students) 1956-57. I also taught school in Aberdeen, Idaho, 1959-60; St. Charles, Idaho, 1960-61; Geneva, Idaho 1961-63. I served a mission in the East Central States 1957-58. I met Elden while teaching in Geneva and we were married December 21, 1962 in the Idaho Falls Temple. We have lived in Dingle and Bloomington, Idaho and Afton, Wyoming. We moved to Archer in 1966 and lived in the old Taylor home for seven years until we were able to get a home of our own.

I have always loved to play music. I learned to play on an old treadle (pump) organ. Since then I have learned to play piano, accordion and organ. While attending U.S.U. I played with a dance band called the Rhythm Ranglers. I live to cook, sew, read and love being the mother of five children.

Linda Marie Lauritzen was born February 19, 1964 in Montpelier, Idaho. Her kindergarten teacher was Maylin England (Davidson). Her schooling was Lyman one-three, Archer four to six, Madison Jr. High seven-nine. She is now attending Madison High School and will be a junior this year. She plays the clarinet and enjoys playing solos and in the band and pep band. She lettered in band last school year. She likes to read and sew.

Andrea Lauritzen was born January 27, 1966, in Afton, Wyoming. We moved to Archer when she was two months old. Bessie Wilcox taught her in kindergarten. Schooling was Lyman one-three, Archer four-six, now attending Madison Junior High School and will be in ninth grade this year. She likes to read, make things with her hands, arts and crafts, sew and tend kids.

DaLea Lauritzen was born April 26, 1968 in Rexburg, Idaho. Her kindergarten teachers were Marjory Wilcock, LaVerne Hacking and Marie Lauritzen. Schooling was Lyman one-three, Archer four-six. She will be attending Madison Junior High this year. She likes to knit, crochet, draw, color, play saxophone and work on her genealogy book.

LaGrand Lauritzen was born December 5, 1969 in Rexburg, Idaho. His schooling is Lyman, kindergarten-two, now attending Archer and will be in fifth grade this year. He likes to read, draw, build things and help his dad in the shop.

Darwin Lauritzen was born July 27, 1971 in Rexburg, Idaho. His schooling is Lyman, kindergarten-three and will be attending Archer this year. He likes to read and play baseball.

## *Glen and Cheryl Leak*

I was born on November 2, 1944 in Salt Lake City to Glenden H. Leak and Theda Eschler. At approximately one year of age my family moved to West Jordan, close to the dairy farm where my father was born and raised. I had a close association with my Leak grandparents and enjoyed working on the farm. My grandfather had a two-wheel donkey cart in which he used to pick me up and take me to the farm. Later it was my privilege to drive the cart any and everywhere I went.

I attended West Jordan elementary and junior high schools and graduated from Bingham High School in 1963. My summer vacations during my high school years were



*Left to Right: Shelly, Cheryl, Stacey, Glen, Shane, and Shaundel*

spent in Montpelier, Idaho and Lanes Creek in Caribou County where I helped my Eschler grandparents and lived in a cow camp during the week with my grandfather.

After working at the sugar factory in West Jordan for one campaign I served at thirty month mission in the Swiss Mission. Upon return I attended Utah State University where I graduated in 1971 with a B.S. degree in range management.

While at USU I met Cheryl Kunzler, the daughter of M. Dee Kunzler and Melva Tracy from Park Valley, Utah. We were married on September 12, 1969.

Cheryl was born in Brigham City, Utah, some eighty miles from Park Valley. A few days after her birth her mother took her home to the "high mountain desert" of Park Valley where she grew to maturity. Her parents operate a cow/calf operation which, like any farming enterprise, was loaded with plenty of hard work while she was growing up. She became known as her dad's "dutiful daughter" as she baled hay, helped with chores and feeding and in general was her dad's "right hand man".

As soon as she was old enough she entered 4-H with projects in beef and sewing. One year she and a friend won a trip to the Western National Livestock Show in Denver, with their 4-H dehorning display.

She attended ten years of school in a two room school house in Park Valley and then went to Tremonton to live with a family so she could finish high school at Bear River High. At USU she majored in elementary education and graduated in 1970 with a B.S. degree. During college she was chosen to participate in the Hill Cumorah Pageant.

After our marriage we lived in an attic apartment to cut corners so that we could both finish school. She worked on campus and I worked at Tri-Miller Pack in Hyrum. Shaundel was born while we lived there on March 12, 1971. In August of 1971 we moved to Columbus, Georgia, where I completed the Infantry Officer Basic Course. We were sent home after that course because the Viet Nam War was coming to an end and there was no room available in the army.

My job was waiting at Tri-Miller Pack so we moved back to Logan. While working at Tri-Miller Pack a friend introduced us to the Federal Land Bank. We made some contacts about employment and took a "long shot" drive to Spokane for interviews. We were lucky enough to obtain a career position and immediately went to work in August of

1972. We spent four months in Burley and then moved to Lyman, Idaho. While in Lyman, Shelby and Shane were born. In 1975 we moved to our home in Archer where Stacey came to live with us.

Our lives have been blessed with activity in the Church in many different wards. Each call to serve whether in primary, Elders Quorum or bishopric seemed to stretch us beyond our capabilities and maturity. We do acknowledge our Father in Heaven's blessings and thank Him for the abundance of spiritual and temporal blessings which we have received.

When the Archer Ward was divided I had the honor of being called to serve as bishop.

### *Tom and Rosalie Leman*



*Left to Right: Rosalie holding Bethany, John, Tom, and Peter*

Thomas E. Leman, son of Homer and Ruby Leman, was born May 21, 1949. He was raised in Phoenix along with an older sister and younger brother. He enjoyed school and church and was very active in both. He was blessed with a beautiful tenor voice and was awarded a college scholarship because of it. After one year of college, he was called to the Northern California Mission, where he served an honorable mission and was instrumental in bringing many people in the church. After his mission, because of lack of funds for college, he applied with the Phoenix Police and was accepted. He worked there for several months then moved back to California to work for the Petaluma Police Department for two years. He then desired to return to his home and was accepted with the Arizona Highway Patrol, graduating among the top three in the academy. He worked as a motorcycle patrolman, enjoying his work very much. He also was, as time permitted, continuing his education.

Rosalie was born October 22, 1948 to Kenneth and Laurel Hacking of Archer. She enjoyed farm life and also school and church activities. She attended Ricks College and graduated in 1969 from the school of nursing, receiving her RN that summer. She worked in Utah until April 1973 when she was called to serve as a health missionary in Hong Kong. After an exciting and fulfilling mission she returned home to Archer where she was advised by Bishop Grover that she should move to Tempe, Arizona. So she did and started

working at a hospital in Mesa. She started a class with the LDS social services where she met a lovely lady, Roxy Ballard. Sister Ballard went home after class and called her nephew Tom and said, "I've met the girl for you!" When he asked when she was going to introduce them she said there was no time like the present, called Rosalie on the phone and introduced them. They set a date and that was the beginning for them. They were married August 8, 1976 in the Idaho Falls Temple and returned to live in Arizona. They moved back to Idaho in January of 1978. Tom now works for the Idaho State Police. They have three children, Jon Thomas, born August 27, 1977; Peter Daniel, born May 31, 1978; and Bethany Anne, born June 10, 1980. They are thrilled to be able to live in Archer and be able to raise their family in a rural setting and among such choice people as are found here.

### *Bill and Nelia Luthy*

I, Bill, was born January 30, 1933 at the home of Grandpa and Grandma Luthy in Rexburg, the second boy in a family of three boys and one girl, born to Helen Mary Wilcox Luthy and Henry Lewis Luthy.

We lived at Herbert, Idaho on Lyman Creek where my parents dry farmed and raised cattle. I attended school at Herbert for seven years. It was a one room school house with a pot-bellied stove, kerosene lights and the running water was in the creek. Primary was held at the school house and the total school enrollment never exceeded fourteen during the years I attended. In 1946 we moved to Archer where my parents had bought a place as my older brother and the neighbor's boy had graduated from school. It only left three of us in the whole school. I graduated from the eighth grade at Archer and attended high school at Rexburg, attended Ricks College in 1951 and 1952. I worked for a neighbor on the dry farm and for the Forest Service then in 1954 was drafted into



*Front Row (L. to R.): Nelia and Bill  
Back Row: Kerry, Brent, and Byron*

the army. I took my basics at Fort Ord, California and Fort Smith, Arkansas and then was sent to Germany for the remainder of my time.

The service was full of many experiences, the kind you

wouldn't take the world for and wouldn't give a red cent for the chance to do over again. I returned from the service in the fall of 1956 and was called to serve in the bishopric as second counselor to Bishop Barnarr Erickson with Calvin Cook as first counselor.

On March 27, 1959 I married Nelia Smith and moved to Ririe, Idaho. We farmed at Ririe for the next ten years and it was here that three of our four boys were born, Kevin in 1960, Brent in 1962 and Byron in 1964. In 1966 my father passed away and we moved back to Archer and built a home at our present location. Here in 1970 our fourth boy, Kerry, was born completing our family. We continue to farm in the Herbert area and here in Archer raising some beef and operating a dairy herd. We make our living and have never run out of a job. Nelia enjoys sewing and quilting, gardening and canning. I enjoy working with wood, buildings things and carving, working with leather, making lamps and other interesting things with polished horns and painting western pictures.

### *Mary Luthy*



*Mary and Hank*

I was born September 16, 1908 at Fairview, Idaho. I am the ninth child of David Oswel and Frances Melissa McCullough Wilcox. I was named Helen Mary for my two grandmothers who were both born when the saints were crossing the plains.

In 1910 my parents moved to Archer, where I grew up and attended school. I finished my education in 1929 when I graduated from the high school department of Ricks College.

I have fond memories of my childhood days. I remember what a long distance it seemed to ride in the white top buggy or sleigh to the log church house for Sunday School and Sacrament Meetings. I remember how we always walked to school in the spring and fall. My first year of school was held at the Herman Erickson dance hall. I was one of the students that had the opportunity of attending the Archer High School.

I remember how much fun I had at the children's dances, the ward reunions, the school and family parties.

I was married May 7, 1930 in the Salt Lake Temple to

Henry Lewis Luthy. After we were married we lived at Herbert, Idaho where my husband dry farmed and raised cattle.

There was a small one room schoolhouse where our boys attended school and primary.

In 1945 we purchased our present home in Archer.

We have four children, Lawrence Kay, Billy Ray, Dwayne Lewis and Shirley Mardean.

I have had the opportunity of serving as president of the primary, Y.W.M.I.A. and Relief Society for which I am most grateful.

On April 26, 1966, my husband passed away. Since that time my way of life changed. After his death I worked at Ricks College for four and a half years, then I started work at the Archer lunch room where I am still employed.

At the present time I have three brothers, two sisters, my four children, nineteen grandchildren and four great grandchildren that are living.

I am grateful for such a special family and for the opportunity to live in this great country where I can enjoy life and freedom.

### *Merrill and Arlene Lundberg*

I was born November 19, 1946 to Willard Herman Whitaker and Dathel Charlesworth Whitaker in Fillmore, Utah.

I am the fifth child of twelve children. I have five brothers and six sisters.

I lived on a farm. Elementary school was attended in Kanosh, Utah where I lived for seventeen years. My junior high and high school years were at Millard in Fillmore, Utah. I graduated from high school in 1965. During my ninth grade year I had a voice teacher but this training lasted only a few short months as my teacher moved away. I attended Snow College for one year.

I met Merrill during the summer of 1973 while working at the Tooele Army Depot in Tooele, Utah. We were married 18 August 1973. My daughter Pamella was just four years old at the time.



*Left to Right: Merla Dawn, Merrill, Arlene, Jodie Kae, Pamella, and Curtis.*

Merrill was employed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs as a coach at Sherman Indian School in Riverside, California, so we spent our honeymoon getting me moved to my new

home.

Merrill graduated from law school with a juris doctorate in the spring of 1976.

During this period of time Merrill was employed by Norte Vista High School in Riverside where he taught math, English, drivers education and was coaching cross-country and track teams plus football.

In the fall of 1974 we had a little eight-year-old Lamanite girl from Arizona share our home.

While teaching school Merrill found out about a little twenty-month-old baby girl who was in need of a home. She came to live with us in December of 1975. We named her Jodie Kae.

In the fall of 1975 we were able to get another Lamanite child. This time it was a thirteen-year-old boy from Arizona.

In October 1976 we moved to Dubois where Merrill was employed by the Clark County School District as superintendent of schools.

Our Lamanite boy was able to come to Dubois with us for one school year.

After only one year in this position Merrill went to work for the Madison School District as principal at the Archer Elementary School.

While in the Beaver Creek Ward I was asked to be Cultural Refinement leader and Sunday School teacher. Merrill was a counselor in the Sunday School superintendency.

In the fall of 1977 I went to work for the Madison School District as a Title I tutor at the Burton school.

In November of 1977 Jodie Kae and I were driving home from Archer in a snowstorm when my car went out of control and hit a truck head on. At this time I felt like Heavenly Father had a hand in delivering us. I was sent to Idaho Falls Hospital where I was fit with a halo brace which I had to endure for three long months.

Jodie Kae had a few stitches and was sent home with her daddy.

Just one small example of what Merrill has done and continues to do for kids: In the summer of 1978 Merrill was driving from Dubois to Archer six days a week so that he could coach a Little League baseball team. This team was the champion.

In August of 1978 Merrill and I were sealed together in the Idaho Falls Temple. Jodie Kae was sealed to us at this time.

Merla Dawn was born October 29, 1978.

We moved from Dubois to Rexburg in December of 1978. We were in the Ninth Ward at this time.

Then December 2, 1979 our little son was born. We named him Curtis Wade.

In August of 1980 we moved next to the Ben Homer family and into the Sunnydell Ward.

I am presently serving as a visiting teacher and as a member of the ward choir.

I have sung many solos and enjoy it very much.

Merrill has been called to be a teacher in the Sunday School.

Merrill is teaching and coaching at the Madison High School in Rexburg.

He also works part-time as a radio announcer on KIGO Radio Station in St. Anthony.

Merrill is the son of Waldo Nathan Lundberg and Wilma D. Gardine. He was born September 11, 1937 in Roberts, Idaho.

## *Sterling and Erma Magleby*



*Erma and Sterling*

The Magleby family joined the Archer-Sunnydell community in 1919. Jacob and Mary Magleby and family, Rulon, Karl, Herbert, Sterling and LaRue came here seeking greater farming opportunities for all the family to work together. They purchased the Jensen farm of 160 acres and moved the family here from Monroe, Utah. Much of this new farm was in sagebrush and unimproved so the Magleby family worked many years to make it into a high producing fertile farm. As the boys married or attended college they moved on to other opportunities leaving Sterling as operator and owner of the whole farm including eighty acres purchased from John Taylor.

Sterling was born in Monroe, Utah in 1902, July 1st. He attended elementary and high school in Monroe, then enrolled at Ricks College where he won a scholarship to the University of Idaho on a wheat project. He also attended Utah State University. After serving a mission in the Eastern States, he returned to the farm and took over active management.

In 1933 Sterling and Erma Harrison were married in the Salt Lake Temple. Erma was born December 5, 1909 in Sugar City, Idaho to John W. and Lillie West Harrison. She is a graduate of Sugar Salem High School and Ricks College where she served as yearbook editor, on the debating team and in opera and drama.

Erma taught in the Rexburg elementary schools for four years but gave it up to marry Sterling in 1933. They lived in an upstairs apartment in the Jacob Magleby home until Sterling's folks moved to Idaho Falls, then they took over the home. Here three children were born to them, Richard in 1934, Mary Lynne in 1937 and John in 1941.

Sterling was named Fremont County Grassman of the Year for his range improvement program on his Henry's Lake ranch; was a member of the Madison Memorial Hospi-



tal Board; received a citation from the Ricks College Emeritus Club for outstanding agricultural achievements; served in the State House of Representatives and on the Flood Control Board. Recently he was awarded the Old Timer Cattleman's Award for Madison County.

In the L.D.S. Church, Sterling served as superintendent of M.I.A. and Sunday School; as a president in the Seventies Quorum; on stake boards of Mutual and Sunday School; as bishop of the Archer Ward and High Counselor in the Rexburg Stake.

Erma became a teacher of the gospel in all auxiliary organizations. In Relief Society she served as a counselor to two ward presidents; as a Stake Board member; as ward president; and as Relief Society President of the Rexburg Stake.

She was active for years in the Ricks College Alumni Association receiving the Distinguished Alumni Award in 1973. She writes obituaries, advice to newlyweds and gives talks and readings to many local and college groups.

The oldest Magleby son, Richard, is a graduate of Penn State University with a Ph.D. in agricultural economics. He is a section leader in the Economics Research Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He is stake president of the Young Men's Organization. He married Donna Mortensen of California and they have three children, Christy, David and Sherry.

Mary Lynne graduated from a beautician's school and worked in beauty shops in Moscow and Rexburg. She served as ward president of Young Women's Mutual and a teacher in Relief Society. She married Arvin Lords of Rigby and they have three children; Arlin, Kevin and Shellie. Mary died in 1976.

John, our younger son, is a graduate of Utah State University with a BS Degree in agricultural economics. He has taken over all farming activities on the Archer farm and Henry's Lake ranch. He won an award as Outstanding Young Farmer of Idaho in 1973. He is married to Shirlene Palmer of Preston and they have three sons; Brett, Bryan and Christopher. John is a bishop's counselor in the College 26th Ward.

Sterling and Erma have always liked to travel. Their honeymoon was spent at the Chicago World's Fair; they won a trip to Hawaii and have made two bus trips around the United States.

They are proud of their family - father and sons filled missions and all have had temple marriages and are active in the Church.

## *Lamont and Terri Merrill*

The Warren Lamont Merrill family arrived in Archer on or about the first of June 1969. Before transplanting our feet into Archer soil, Mont had been born and raised in Annis, Idaho. Terri, myself, was born in Montana and raised in Goshen and Rigby, Idaho. We were married August 13, 1964 in the Idaho Falls Temple and set up housekeeping in Rexburg.

Mont was not made for city living and we soon started looking for a place in the country to call our own. We lived in Salem, Idaho for a couple of years still looking for just the



Left to Right: Tahnean, Janan, Terri, Anthony, Lamont, Marlyn, and Erica

right corner of the world. At last it was found in a small community called Archer. And on July 1, 1968 we bought Lots 1 and 2 of the original Archer townsite.

Lamont's profession as a building contractor made it possible for us to build our own home. And so upon moving in in June 1969 we had filled part of a dream.

At this time our family consisted of us and two children, Anthony Wayne, age three. He was born January 1, 1966. Tahnean, age three months, was born March 31, 1969.

Mont was called to Explorer advisor and teacher in the Elders Quorum. With Christmas tree cutting outings, cutting fence posts, white water trips and various basketball games, he became well acquainted with the young men of the ward.

I was called to be a primary teacher and a year later called to serve as Primary President, a position I held for four years until August 1974. During that time our daughter, Erica was born on 14 June 1971.

Mont was released as Explorer advisor and became executive secretary in the Elders Quorum and still was teacher. The Elders Quorum was divided and Mont became a counselor to President LaVar Squires.

Mont was called to be Elders Quorum President in February 1976 to the Archer North Elders Quorum. The Elders shelter at the back of the church has been a project which he has seen grow from an idea to the building from lots of Fourth of July breakfasts and lots of hard work from a lot of Elders.

As the ward was divided he became president of the Archer Quorum of Elders, a position he holds to the present time.

Mont's profession as a builder have added to the friendships we have made. And he has several homes in the area that he has built as well as our own.

The year 1976 was a very interesting and busy year with the addition of our last two daughters, Marlyn on 14 January 1976 and JaNan on 11 December 1976.

I was called to serve in the MIA in the spring of 1977 as the Laurel advisor and later as First Counselor and Mia Maid teacher, a job I still hold.

Anthony has served as Deacon Quorum president and at the present time as secretary to the Teachers Quorum.

The girls are still in primary.

We have very much enjoyed our lives in the community of Archer and we love and appreciate our neighbors and friends in the wards. We are grateful for our testimonies of the truthfulness of the gospel.

### *Hal and Sybil Moon*



*Hal, Sybil and Mandy*

The Moon family consists of Hal Reid Moon, age 25, born February 28, 1955 in Rexburg, Idaho to Lyle H. and Winnie Roberts Moon. Sybil Rena Landrum, age 23, was born December 29, 1956 in Bogalusa, Louisiana to Quitmon and Maxine Keaton Landrum. Mandy Moon, age two years, was born June 7, 1978 in Rexburg, Idaho. We were married July 16, 1977 in the Rexburg North Stake Center. We were sealed later on December 9, 1978 in the Idaho Falls Temple. We lived in Sugar City, Idaho for one and a half years. When we had been about eight months we went to Bogalusa, Louisiana for about three months then returned to Idaho where Hal began working at Ricks College. He has worked there two years. We moved to Archer July 1, 1979.

Hal was reared in Sugar City where he attended school. Hal has three real brothers and two real sisters. He has two stepsisters and one stepbrother. Hal's mom died when he was ten years old. He also had a brother die at the age of nineteen. Later Hal's dad remarried Zeruah Belnap.

Sybil was reared in Bogalusa, Louisiana where she attended school. She has two brothers and one sister who died at an early age. She attended Ricks College. After college she worked in Rexburg where she met Hal. Sybil's family are converts to the church. She has a brother serving a mission in Tempe, Arizona.

Hal's hobbies are things that are challenging. Sybil's hobbies are sewing and playing piano. We enjoy camping and working in our yard together. We also enjoy going up in mountains to get firewood together. Mandy's favorite animals are horses, dogs and rabbits. We plan to have a larger family and stay in Archer.

### *Delas and Elaine Munns*

Delas Arthur Munns, the son of Arthur James Munns and Janet Clements was born October 11, 1928 in Archer, Idaho at the home of his grandfather, Harry Munns. This is

the home presently occupied by Irvine and Mae M. Burns. Delas is the oldest of five brothers and one sister. They are Merlin (Jim), Lyrin, Janet Ann, Harry, Lynn and Keith. He attended grade school at Archer and Lyman and high school in Rexburg, graduating from Madison High School in 1947. He then worked on the farm helping his father with the farm work and with the cattle. He also worked for various other farmers in the area. He attended Ricks College a couple of winter quarters.

Delas liked to dance and used to attend the Saturday night dances sponsored by the city in the St. Anthony armory building. This was where he became acquainted with his future wife. In August of 1953 he entered the army where he served until June 1955.

On July 28, 1955 he married Elaine Stoddard of St. Anthony in the Idaho Falls Temple. She is the daughter of Wyman Miner Stoddard and Annie Louisa Brown and was born on December 18, 1931 in Parker, Idaho, but when small the family moved to St. Anthony, Idaho, where she was raised. There she attended grade school and high school graduating from South Fremont High School in 1950. She attended Ricks College, majoring in elementary education and graduated in 1955 with a B.S. degree while Ricks was still a four-year school. To help with the finances to get through college, Elaine stayed out of college one year and worked in St. Anthony and also worked two summers in West Yellowstone, Montana.



*Front Row (L. to R.): Garth and Elaine.  
Back Row: Dellas, Steve, Nicki, and Nancy.*

After our marriage, we lived in Archer for a short time, first living in a small apartment behind the old Henry Erickson store when it was on the north side of the street from the present store. We then moved to the old Alice Blackburn home which was located north of Howells store on the corner where Monte and Terry Merrill now live. Early in the spring of 1956 we moved to a farm we had rented west of Rexburg by the Menan Butte. We lived here for about three years. It was while living here that our oldest daughter, Nicki, was born on January 2, 1957. She was six weeks premature weighing four pounds 8 ounces when born but came along fine.

Nicki went to grade school and part of high school in Sugar City, Idaho but graduated from Madison High School

and Ricks College. She is presently employed in the Educational Media Center at Ricks College.

We then moved north of Rexburg to the Salem area where we rented another farm. One month after we moved there, Steven was born on June 26, 1960. He attended grade school at Sugar City and graduated from Madison High School. For a year after graduation he helped his father on the farm. He is currently serving in the Australia Brisbane Mission. He entered the Missionary Training Center November 15, 1979.

Nancy was born on April 23, 1963. She attended grade school in Sugar City and later in Archer. She is a senior at Madison High School.

Garth was born on October 5, 1966 and attended grade school in Lyman and Archer. He is currently attending Madison Junior High.

During the last days of May, 1971, we moved from Salem back to the Archer area. We bought the Vern Grover home and farm on Grover Lane and that is where we are presently living.

It is good to be back home in the Archer area but while living elsewhere we enjoyed meeting new people and working in the different wards holding numerous positions. At present in the Archer ward Delas is serving as first counselor in the bishopric and Elaine is Mother's Education teacher in Relief Society.

### *Jim and Marie Munns*



Front Row (L. to R.): Treeva (Tim's wife), Marie, Connie Erickson and Toni Mangum.

Back Row: Tim, Jim, Merlin (Jim), Nolan Erickson, and Virgil Mangum.

Merlin (Jim) Munns and Marie Weekes Munns were married September 15, 1950. We lived in Lyman until the following March when we moved into the old Milton Squires place in Archer where we have been since.

Connie was born August 10, 1951. She is now married to Nolan Erickson and they have five children.

Toni Lee was born August 11, 1952. She married Verg Mangum and they live at Terreton. Toni works at Town and Country Motors and Verg manages a feed lot.

Tim was born May 7, 1958. He married Treeva Bagley and they live in Salem. Tim works for Lufkins in Rigby and Treeva at the Rexburg Vet Clinic. They both enjoy rodeo.

A. Jim was born December 11, 1963. He is still home with us and going to high school. He enjoys reading and leather work.

We have a place in Kilgore and one-fourth interest in the Rexburg Livestock Auction. As a result, we just farm and run a few cattle. Jim also drives truck occasionally.

Both of us enjoy spoiling the five grandkids.

### *George and LaVon Munns*



Front Row (L. to R.): LaVon and George.  
Back Row: LaRee, Spence, and Marilee.

George Henry Munns was born 19 June 1911 in Archer, Idaho, to Sarah Ann Weekes and Henry Alvin Munns. George has been a farmer all his life, beginning in his mother's garden and on his father's farm. At the age of fourteen he was sent to the dry farm to run it alone. He likes horses and always had a good team and saddle pony. He has rented land since he was in his teens. He rented one farm of 400 acres for twenty-three years. He acquired 320 acres of his own and improved the land with cellars and sprinkler systems. He raised hay, grain, beets, potatoes, and cattle. He has been a committeeman on and has been recognized by several agricultural organizations. As an outstanding representative of the area, he was invited to tour Europe and Russia on a goodwill tour. He was honored in the 1972 edition of "Community Leaders of America" and has received awards from the Chamber of Commerce for community service and agriculture.

He married LaVon L. Clements 16 September 1930 in Rexburg, Idaho. She was born in Rexburg 26 March 1913 to Janet Urquhart Spence Leatham and John W. Clements. They were sealed in the Logan Temple 2 April 1935.

The depression years necessitated various jobs to supplement the family income. George cut wood in the timber and sold it for \$2.00 a cord, and posts for ten cents each. He did riprapping on the river, and he and Chris Nielson were on the finishing end of the road construction from Rigby to Swan Valley. He sorted potatoes for twenty years, sometimes for twenty-five cents an hour. He was foreman of the crew for nineteen years. He also bought and sold potatoes and did

custom grain cutting. He has been watermaster on the Lenroot and Sunnysdell canals and was later president of both canal companies. He trucked grain to Arizona and California and brought cattle back.

After Pearl Harbor he and Richard Boulter sponsored a dance for every soldier leaving the ward, which gave them a good send-off. He was a member of the Idaho Volunteer Reserves, but was never called to action.

George and LaVon are officiators in the Idaho Falls Temple where George is a sealer. George has also been a stake missionary, president of the Elders Quorum, counselor in the Sunday School, and bishop of the Archer Ward for ten years. LaVon has been a counselor in the Relief Society, Primary, MIA and Jr. Sunday School.

George's hobbies have included hunting, square dancing and carpentry. He has built tables, cedar chests, cupboards and two homes of his own. LaVon has enjoyed square dancing, quilting, genealogy and reading. George has always been a good neighbor and willing to help those in need. LaVon has supported him in his efforts.

They have three children: LaRee C. Munns (Mrs. Deibert Rees Madsen). LaRee served a mission in Samoa, taught high school and college, seminary and quilting classes. She has three children, Keven (presently serving a mission in Georgia), Douglas Lee and Christine. They live in Boise.

Clifford Spence Munns is a veterinarian in California. He spent two years in the army in Japan in cryptography in the secret service. He has been a bishop twice. He rides horses in endurance races. He married Scottie Aloha Rappleye. They have four children: Kade Rappleye Munns, a truck driver and ferrier; KayCee Lee Munns (Mrs. Steven Sawyer), an interior decorator; Janan Marcene Munns (Mrs. John Willman) and Derric Judd.

Marilee Georgia Munns is Mrs. James Laurence Byrne. Marilee and Laurence live in Archer with their four children, Michael James, Kari Dawn, Matthew Brian and Stacey Kim.

George and LaVon are proud of their family. They have one great grandchild, Shannon Sawyer.

George and LaVon have lived all their married life in this community and love the way of life it provides.

## *Keith and Ruth Munns*

Keith Johney Munns, born December 11, 1940, is the son of Arthur James Munns and Janet Clements. He joined five brothers and one sister--Delas, Merlin (Jim), Lyrin, Janet Ann Hansen, Henry (Harry), and Lynn, making a family of seven. He was born in Rexburg, Idaho and was raised just east of the Lyman Church, out against the foothills.

Keith attended the Lyman grade school for eight years and then went on to Madison High School where he was active in sports and F.F.A. He was president of the F.F.A. and received honors, including his State and American Star Farmer degree. Keith was also on the basketball team and when he was a senior he was the studentbody president. Keith graduated in 1959. He attended Ricks College the fall and



Front Row: Ruth and Becky  
Back Row: Keith and Jeffrey.

winter of 1959-60.

Ruth Neville Munns, born December 13, 1938, is the daughter of Thomas Cloyd Neville and Regina L. Archibald. Ruth was born with a twin sister, Reah Clark. They joined four sisters, Regina (Beebe), Catherine (Jolley), Bonnie (Munns) and Lois Ann (Marshall), making a family of six girls.

Ruth was born and raised in Rexburg, Idaho, attending the Washington grade school and then going to Madison High. There she enjoyed sports and home economics classes. After graduating in 1957 she attended fall quarter at Ricks College and then went to Salt Lake to the Hollywood Beauty School where she graduated in 1958. Ruth then came back to Rexburg and worked at Darlene's Beauty Shop until 1962.

In the summer of 1959 Keith and Ruth started dating and were married and sealed May 24, 1962 in the Idaho Falls Temple. They made their home just a little south and east of his folks next to the hill. That first summer Keith worked for his dad farming and working cattle. He and his dad had purchased a cattle ranch in Montana the year before and Keith and Ruth spent a good part of their first summer fencing, checking cows and fishing at the ranch.

The first couple of winters Keith worked at the Sugar Factory at Lincoln and then he went to work at Roger Brothers, north of Rexburg, where he worked until 1979.

In March of 1965 Keith graduated from the Western College of Auctioneering.

On May 4, 1965 Keith and Ruth had a baby boy, Jeffrey Keith. What a happy day! He was born in Rexburg at the Madison Memorial Hospital. What a lot of joy he brought.

The year Jeff started school at Union-Lyman they moved to Archer to the old Vern Grover home on Grover Lane. They farmed the place and lived there one year, then moved to the little white house of Sophie Young's, just a quarter mile east of the Archer Merc.

About 1974 Keith started working at the Rexburg Livestock Auction as an auctioneer. In 1977 Keith and three of his brothers purchased the auction, and at present Keith also is

engaged with the D & D Auction, Inc.

After fourteen long years the family was finally blessed with a beautiful baby girl, Becky Renette. What a special treasure she is to this family! She was born April 13, 1979 at the Madison Memorial Hospital in Rexburg.

The Munns have enjoyed the Archer Ward with Jeff being active with various jobs in the Aaronic Priesthood and Keith having served as service and activity chairman and counselor in the Elders Quorum and at present is the M.I.A. young men's president. Ruth has taught the Laurels and Mia Maids and for two years she taught the Mother's Education lesson in Relief Society.

The family is very much horse-minded. Keith raises registered quarter horses with Jeff's help. They cutter race in the winter and go to rodeos in the summer. They also raise cattle which consists of most of their work during the winter months.

Jeff also likes to ski and enjoys leather work.

### *Russell and Linda Munns*



*Linda and Russell*

Russell Harry Munns was born January 26, 1959 to Harry and Vonda Munns in Rexburg, Idaho. He grew up in Lyman where he attended Union-Lyman and Archer schools. He attended Madison Jr. High and graduated from Madison High School in 1977.

Linda Hill was born in Rexburg, Idaho. She also grew up in Lyman and attended Union-Lyman and Archer grade schools. She graduated from Madison High School in 1978.

Russ served a mission for the L.D.S. Church in the Monterrey Mexico Mission where he was a successful missionary. Linda attended Ricks College and received an associate degree in custom sewing. Russ returned from his mission in February 1980 and we were sealed for time and eternity in the Idaho Falls Temple on March 1, 1980. This is when we moved into the Archer area.

Russell's parents bought the land and houses previously owned by Jim and Lola, and George Fyfe, so their sons could have a place to live when they returned from their missions. His father, Harry Munns, is bishop of the Lyman First Ward. His mother often clerks at the Archer Merc for the Sutton family.

Russ enjoys living and working on the farm. He enjoys working with horses and cattle. He likes the outdoors and enjoys playing most sports.

Linda loves to sew and cook. She enjoys the outdoors and camping. She loves playing softball and volleyball.

We are a happy family and are expecting our first child in January 1981.

### *Ray and Della Muir*



*Left to Right: Ray, Della, Mickie Brown, Randy, and Bart*

I, Della, was born September 12, 1923, to Henry Edward and Vive Carlson Larson, in Archer, Idaho.

I attended elementary and two years of high school in Archer. I graduated from Madison High School in 1941.

My earliest memory was of thinning beets and picking up potatoes, and having fun as a family on huckleberry trips, getting out wood, and camping. We liked to ride horses, which my mother especially enjoyed.

After I graduated, I did baby sitting and housekeeping for Ronald and Edna Hill when their babies were little. Also, for George and Lavon Munns. Then I went to work at the Joy Drugstore for six months, then I went to Kings. In 1946, February ninth, I married Ray Muir.

Ray was born March 27, 1921 in Salem. His parents were William and Dorothy Steele Muir. He went to elementary school in Salem and two years in Sugar City High School. He and the rest of his family worked hard on the farm to support their father on a mission.

They moved to Rexburg when Ray was seventeen. He enlisted in the army when he was eighteen and served in Australia during World War II. He came home in 1945. It was then we first met. We were married the next year.

We lived in Rexburg where we had three children--our daughter Mickey and sons Randy and Bart. Ray ran a service station, then worked in construction.

In 1965 we bought a grocery store in Lincoln and were there for twelve years, after which we sold out and moved to Archer.

Our two older children are married, Mickey to Lynn Brown. They have two little boys.

Randy is married to Jeanne Sorenson. They have two little girls.

Bart works in Idaho Falls.

We enjoy our lovely mobile home, next to my mother. We have plenty of room now to have our whole family home for Christmas.

I have been a Relief Society Visiting Teacher many times, taught social relations in Relief Society in Idaho Falls for two years, taught Primary and was president in Rexburg for a year just before we moved.

Shortly after returning to Archer, I have served as work leader in the Relief Society, which I enjoy.

I went to the Temple and got my endowments when my daughter was married, February 11, 1969.

I enjoy living back home by my mother and associating with my childhood friends.

## *Grant and Berniece Neilson*



*Berniece and Grant*

On September 5, 1950 Oscar Grant Neilson and Verna Berniece Grover were joined in holy matrimony at the Idaho Falls L.D.S. Temple. We only courted about three months before marriage.

Grant was born in Heman, Fremont County, Idaho, August 14, 1925 where his father farmed. When he was young the family moved to Burke, Idaho where his father worked in the mines. It was at this time when Grant went with his brothers and sisters up in the mountain to get firewood. Grant was only four years old and fell down the mountain 100 feet fracturing his skull. They took him to the doctor in Wallace, a nearby town. He cleaned it up somewhat and sewed it up and told his parents he would be blind or paralyzed, of which he is neither. He has had four brain surgeries and has a plate in his head. Later the family moved to Twin Falls where he received his schooling.

After graduating from high school he went to work at Western Optical grinding lenses for eye glasses. He was transferred to Idaho Falls. In September he received a mission call to the Spanish American Mission. He left in December. At that time they stayed two and a half years. He labored in Albuquerque, New Mexico; Denver, Colorado and San Diego. After completing a successful mission he returned to Idaho Falls where he went to work in a grocery store. Henry Erickson's basement of the store is where he

lived and he started going to church in the Archer Ward and there Phylis Smith introduced us at church.

On February 23, 1932 Berniece was born at Rexburg, Idaho at Barbara Anderson's home (Aunt Evalyn Grover's mother). They tell me that I was small and not too well but with good care I made it. Marshall and Verna Grover are my parents.

I received my education at Archer Elementary and Madison High School. I graduated from the eighth grade in Archer. Of course I had the usual childhood diseases. I remember the fun we had at the dances held in the Archer school. People came from all around to these dances. Everyone danced with everyone else and it was great fun. A lot of people learned to dance to Young's Orchestra.

After Grant and I were married we lived in the basement of Henry Erickson's store until November when we moved to St. Anthony where Grant was employed.

July 23, 1951 our first child and daughter was born. I remember sitting up in bed and watching the July 24th parade. We named her Marsha Rae. When she was ten months old we moved back to Archer in the house just west of Henry Erickson. There we stayed until our basement to the house where we now live could be finished enough to move in. We moved in Thanksgiving Day 1952.

On March 16, 1953 Julie Ann, our second daughter, was born. We carried water and washed our clothes at my folks' house.

January 1, 1955 Milon G. Neilson, our first son, was born. Being a new year's baby he received quite a few gifts.

On January 14, 1957 Aleene blessed our home, our fourth child and third daughter.

September 8, 1958 Dale Lynn was born. We had started building our present upstairs part of our home. When Dale was about three months old on December 12, 1958 Grant was bringing home building supplies in my folks' pickup when he was forced off the road tipping the pickup upside down. The injuries incapacitated him for two years.

On January 22, 1961 our baby girl, Yolonda, was born. When Grant called home to tell them she had arrived Milon said in dismay, "Another girl?"

Grant has been in the Seven Presidents of Seventies, High Priest secretary, etc. Berniece has worked in music in Junior Sunday School, primary and sung in the choir, also has been a teacher in primary and Junior Sunday School. At present we have been called to work at the temple in initiatory work which we truly enjoy. We also enjoy eight grandchildren.

Our children are: Marsha Rae who married Gordon Young. They have two boys and two girls. Julie Ann married Jay Dexter and has three girls. Milon G. married Linda Olsen and has one girl. Aleene married Jess Lopey. Dale Lynn is in Twin Falls driving for 7-Up. Yolonda is in Idaho Falls working as an Idaho State Police dispatcher.

## *Chester and Ina Mae Nelson*

Ina Mae (Hatton) Manley came to Archer to visit her youngest sister, Madge (Hatton) Orr in 1955. At that time she met Chester George Nelson. It must have been love at first



*Ina Mae and Chester*

sight because they were married and sealed in the Idaho Falls Temple August 30, 1956.

Ina was born October 3, 1906 in Owingsville, Kentucky, daughter of Eastwood Hatton and Lizzie Lee Shrou. She is the oldest of eleven children.

Chester was born in Archer, Idaho, son of George Francis Nelson and Susan Elizabeth Weekes.

When Ina was born the church in her area was just a "newborn" too--much like when the Church was first organized by Joseph Smith. People in Bath County, Kentucky just didn't want nothin' to do with no "new-fangled" religion and them there crazy Mormons. "Hide your wives and daughters" was the password. Walking two and a half miles to and two and a half miles home from meetings was the rule in those days but Ina never did mind that at all. She started very young, teaching members her own age and went on to teach primary, M.I.A. and Relief Society. After her move to Lexington, Kentucky, she was Stake Relief Society President. Now Ina is an active visiting teacher.

Chester is a High Priest, home teacher and he and Ina enjoy doing temple work as often as health permits. Over the years Chester has been found helping and diligent in many tasks in the ward.

Chester and Ina Mae Nelson are a true example of what love and work can accomplish. Together for twenty-four years, they have built a new brick home and a small dairy and homestead that has seen and welcomed many a friend and relative from all over the country.

## *Dennis and Rita Nelson*

Dennis W. Nelson was born January 19, 1930 in Archer, Idaho to George F. and S. Isabel Weekes Nelson.

Rita Johnson was born June 5, 1930 in Burton, Idaho to James Oliver and Emma K. Green Johnson.

We were married in the Idaho Falls Temple November 18, 1948.

We lived in the Charles O. Jeppson home where Chester Nelson now lives, for nine years, until we built and moved into our present home.

Dennis enjoyed scouting as a young teenager but his interest waned. When he was called to work with the Scouts

the spark was again ignited. He finished the requirements for his Eagle rank after our fifth child was born. Three sons also attained Eagle rank.

Dennis' church service includes five years in the Sunday School Presidency, home teacher and employment specialist.

Dennis worked for U & I Sugar Company, at Kraft Creamery and the past fourteen years for Idaho State Highway Department. He also farms in Kilgore and Archer.

I, Rita, have held church positions mostly in the music departments. I have sung in a ladies trio for over twenty-five years.

While I was expecting our eighth child, I completed the requirements for a Golden Gleaner Award.

I am a member of the ward choir, homemaking lesson leader and visiting teacher.

I have been employed as a quality control technician at American Potato since 1965. This being seasonal work I have been able to be with my children during the summer and, with their help, raised a large garden.



*Front Row (L. to R.): Peggy, Lisa, Rita, Dennis, Gina.  
Back Row: Denise, Weston, Garth, Steven, Lyle, Carol.*

We have been blessed with nine children of whom we are very proud and we love them dearly. They have blessed us with thirteen terrific grandchildren.

Lyle J., born September 13, 1949, served a mission to the Northern States from 1968-70. He served in the U.S. Army for eight years, four years in Germany. He married Gale Ann Lancaster in 1971. They were sealed in the Swiss Temple in 1972. They have four children and live in Blanchard, Oklahoma.

Steven J., born January 15, 1951, was a member of the National Guard for six years. He married Kathy Jean Vining in Seattle. They live in Rexburg and have a son, Damon.

Carol, born July 10, 1952, graduated from L.D.S. Business College and worked for the state of Utah. In 1973 she married Alan H. Neilson in the Salt Lake Temple. They have six children - four beautiful girls and twin boys. They live in Salt Lake City.

Garth J., born March 19, 1954, attended I.S.U. and then served a mission to Perth Australia 1973-75. He married Kathleen Phillips in the Idaho Falls Temple. They are our next door neighbors and have a son, Sam, and a daughter, Simone.

Denise, born August 30, 1955, graduated from Ricks with her degree in nursing. She has worked in hospitals in Rexburg, American Fork and Provo. She married David Stoddard in the Idaho Falls Temple in 1975. They live in Monticello, Utah where Dave teaches school and Denise works at the hospital.

Weston J., born March 27, 1957, graduated from Madison High, attended Ricks College. He is employed at American Potato in Rexburg. He married Peggy Ann Jensen October 20, 1978 and they were sealed in the Idaho Falls Temple October 20, 1979. They live in Plano.

Peggy Sue, born November 18, 1958, was born on our tenth wedding anniversary. She graduated from Madison High and attended Ricks College. Later she moved to Salt Lake City where she is employed by Bard-Parker Co.

Lisa Gay, born September 3, 1960, graduated from Ricks College April 22, 1980 and became employed as a secretary at Ricks the day after her graduation. She enjoys all sports and likes to participate. She loves music, dance, camping and doing things with her hands. She was Laurel president and a seminary officer. She is presently serving as a Sunday School teacher and also as the secretary to the College First Stake Patriarch and Presidency.

Gina Renee, born March 23, 1963, is a senior at Madison High School. She is an avid sports fan. It is very important to her to get good grades. She enjoys journalism, history, accounting, business law and Bel Cantos. She has been accepted to be listed in Who's Who in American High School Students. Her hobbies include crewel embroidery, latch hook rugs, crocheting, knitting, cooking and camping. She has served as a secretary of her Mutual class.

### *Garth and Kathleen Nelson*



*Left to Right: Garth, Sam, Kathleen holding Rita Simone*

Garth J. Nelson was born March 19, 1954 to Dennis W. and Rita Johnson Nelson at Rexburg, Idaho. He was the fourth child and third son that came into the Nelson family. He lived on a farm in Archer with his family until he graduated from Madison High School in 1972. While living at home he accomplished such things as receiving his Eagle Scout award and finishing the fifty mile hike, soon after having had his knees operated on. After high school graduation he went to Vo-Tech college at I.S.U. in Pocatello until

he received his mission call to the Great Australian West Mission in 1974. After returning home from serving an honorable mission in 1975 he met his wife Kathleen on a blind date arranged by his younger brother Weston.

Kathleen Phillips was born September 6, 1955 to Art and Ruth Ann Croshaw Phillips in American Falls, Idaho. She was the first of eight children. She lived on a farm in Aberdeen, Idaho until she graduated from Aberdeen High School in 1973. After graduation she attended Ricks College in Rexburg and received her degree as a registered nurse. During her last semester at college she met a very impressive returned missionary named Garth.

We were married and sealed in the Idaho Falls Temple on June 24, 1976. Just nineteen days after the Teton Dam disaster. The Teton Dam caused a few minor complications like getting the bride's family into Madison County for the reception in Archer. But all was worked out and we had a reception in Aberdeen on the twenty-fourth and one in Archer on the twenty-fifth. After a short honeymoon to Salt Lake City we moved to Ashton, Idaho where Garth was the parts man for Robinson Equipment, a John Deere dealership. We lived there for over a year during which our first son was born. Then we moved back out to Archer next door to his parents where we live today. Garth has held several jobs up to this point including being a parts manager, to cement truck driver. He now works for Walters Concrete in Rexburg. Kathleen has worked in Ashton and now Madison Hospital as a registered nurse.

Our first child and son is named Samuel Garth Nelson, Samuel after the Lamanite Prophet. He was born March 23, 1977 in the Madison Memorial Hospital. He is now three and a half years old and the pride of him mom and dad. He loves to be outside especially when he can be with his dad or grandpa.

Our second child and first daughter was born April 29, 1979. She was named Rita Simone Nelson after her grandma Rita Nelson. She was named this because we wanted her to grow up and have the same sweet spirit as her grandma. About three months after she was born we found out just what a perfect spirit Rita Simone really had. Although her spirit was perfect her body wasn't and she was a Downs Syndrome baby. Along with having Downs Syndrome, Simone also had congenital heart problems which needed to be corrected. So on March 8, 1980 our little baby had open heart surgery at Primary Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City. Although she hovered between life and death many times, Heavenly Father was certainly with her because she is still with us today. She is now eighteen months old and a true joy to have in our home. We still have to watch her because she can get sick so often but she is truly an angel.

### *George and Lilly Nelson*

I, George, was born August 26, 1896 to Nels Nelson and Hannah Elizabeth Gill, at Weston, Idaho. We moved to Canada, then Lyman, where my mother passed away when my brother, Joseph, was born. I was five years old and made my home with my sister, Hannah, and her husband, James





Lilly and George

Briggs, Sr. I was baptized July 1, 1906, confirmed the same day. My school days were very few. As a young man I worked for George Briggs Jr. and James Ray Smith. I helped build irrigation canals in the valley.

At nineteen, I met and courted Susan Elizabeth Weekes, daughter of George F. and Mary Ann Briggs. We were married December 22, 1915, in the Salt Lake Temple. We built a log home on a piece of ground given to us by Susan's father on property which is now owned by Ada Green and Wilma Hatton.

Susan was a special woman. We worked together in the Archer Ward Sunday School twelve years, she as a teacher and I in the presidency. I was also Elders Quorum president. Susan and I spent twelve happy years together. Four children were born to us at Archer: Chester, March 4, 1917; Lynn, April 30, 1920; Zula (Kidd) March 4, 1924; Glenna (McCullough) November 1, 1927. When Glenna was born, Susan passed away, a great loss to the family.

On February 6, 1929, I married Isabel Weekes. We moved to the old Ed Smart property where we now live, which I was purchasing at the time. Dennis was born January 19, 1930; Reed, June 23, 1934; John, December 25, 1935. We had many hardships and worked hard to save our farm during the depression years.

I was called to serve in the Archer Ward Bishopric July 13, 1941. The Gospel has always been the most important thing in my life and my blessings have been many.

As things started to get better for us, we built a new brick home in 1946-47 where I now live. We enjoyed our home for a short time then Isabel passed away in November 1953. I married Alice Burrus April 1, 1954. She passed away. I married Thelma Grover, December 4, 1969. She passed away August 17, 1975. I married Lilly Briggs, September 4, 1976.

At this time I have forty-four grandchildren and forty-four great-grandchildren.

I, Mary Lilly Bayliff, was born December 19, 1898, at Millom, Cumberland, England, daughter of Tom Bayliff and Joanna Hawkins. I had one brother, three years older. At the age of four, measles and pneumonia left my right eye crossed. In 1903 my mother, brother and I set sail for South Africa where my father was boss in a diamond mine. In 1907 we came back to England where the missionaries found us.

On May 23, 1909 we were baptized. In April 1910 my father came to America. In England my brother and I sang on the street corners to draw crowds for the Elders to preach to. We were mobbed and hurt, so in June 1910 my mother, brother and I left England. All of our relatives had disowned us. We went too far north and landed at Montreal, Canada. Everyone had to have a certain amount of money before entering Canada. One of the missionaries showed his money, slipped back on board, lending it to my mother to show. The Saints and Elders helped us until we got to Ogden where Father was. He felt bad when he found we had landed in the wrong place and not received the money he had sent. The Lord had really blessed us.

We came to Sugar City where I took my schooling. On December 19, 1917, I married Lester Luke Briggs in the Salt Lake Temple and moved to Archer where we raised our eight children: Eldon, born October 10, 1918; Arlean, August 11, 1920 (she passed away April 22, 1939); Bernice, November 10, 1922; Zella, January 21, 1925; Velma, August 6, 1927; Darrell, December 1, 1929, at Rexburg; Ernest, May 18, 1933 at Archer; Val, February 22, 1938 at Lyman. My husband passed away December 1941 so we moved to Rexburg. On June 6, 1976, the Teton Dam broke. I lost everything I owned. I came to Archer to be with my daughter, Bernice, and met George Nelson whom I had known for years. We had sung together while living here. We were married September 4, 1976. We still sing, which is one of our hobbies.

I crochet and love to make things for people. I was Primary president, counselor in the Relief Society, led the singing, and sang with many groups. I worked in the Bishop's Storehouse for twelve years, which I enjoyed.

### John and Nikki Nelson



Front Row (L. to R.): Kerry, Mark, Nikki, John, Keith.  
Back Row: Kent, Brenda, Evelyn and Michael.

On Christmas Day in 1935 in Archer, Idaho, a baby boy was born to George F. Nelson and Susan Isabel Weekes. He was named John W after his grandfather, John Weekes. Not

far away (just across the river in Ririe, in fact) a baby girl was born on the following Easter Sunday, April 12, 1936, to W. Clyde Ormond and Lucille Anderson. She was named Nikki Lou Ormond.

These two children, quite unaware of each other, grew and thrived through the normal childhood problems. John had pneumonia when he was small and was saved with the help of a tube in his side to drain his lungs and through the power of the Priesthood. Nikki had whooping cough when she was little and would have been lost had her father not seen her going black and whacked her on the back until she caught her breath.

John loved horses when he was small and rode them as fast as they would go, to the dismay of his parents. He worked hard on the farm, went to school at Archer until he was in high school and then went to Madison High School in Rexburg. He wrestled and ran on the track team but his love was basketball. He played on the team that won the state championship in 1953-54. The F.F.A. played an important part in his school years, too.

Nikki got good grades in school and was one of the two girls from Rigby High School who were sent to Girls' State in Moscow, Idaho. She was the yearbook editor for two years and graduated in 1954.

They met at a basketball game in their senior year. She was making popcorn and he was waiting to play the varsity game. After a year of dating while John worked and Nikki went to Ricks, they were married June 29, 1955 in the Idaho Falls Temple. They moved into the old Wayne Cheney house by Henry Erickson's store and have lived in Archer/Sunnydell ever since.

Children came to bless their home. John Wade was born March 24, 1956. March must have been a good month because two years later Julie Ann was born on March 10, 1958. Michael Clyde was a June baby, born June 29 on their anniversary in 1959. Evelyn Kay came in the fall, right in the middle of canning season. She was born September 21, 1960. Brenda Lucille was a blond baby, but her hair fell out and came in dark. Her birthday is June 2, 1962. Next, came the twins, Kerry George and Kent Gordon. They were born nearly one and a half hours apart on January 2, 1962. A week after, they were snowed in.

These seven children were almost all teenagers when Keith Brian was born on a Sunday, March 4, 1973. He needed someone to play with so on October 12, 1974, his little brother Mark Warren was born. This filled the house with an active and enthusiastic family.

John spent his hours working on the farm and on the place they owned in Kilgore. In the winter he worked at the Utah, Idaho Sugar Factory in Lincoln. He works part time now, with the highway department. Nikki, since the children are all in school, works at Ricks College.

In 1975, Wade went on a mission to the Cali Columbia Mission in South America. His mission was quite a success. He has since married Lynette Brown and has a daughter named Nicole. Julie was married in 1976 to James Robert Thompson and has three children, Jared Robert, Valerie Kay, and Dustin John (who was born on Christmas day like

his grandfather, John).

John and Nikki have held a variety of church jobs. John has been in the Elders Quorum presidency, the Young Men's Presidency, and has been the ward activity director. Nikki has been in the Primary presidency, on the Relief Society Stake Board, and is currently the president of the Young Women's MIA.

## *Lynn and Marjorie Nelson*



*Front Row (L. to R.): Beverly, Marjorie, Lynn, Sara.  
Back Row: Donna, Marsha, Lynn, Lynda, and Ruth.*

I, Marjorie Evans Nelson, became a member of the Archer Ward June 19, 1946 when I married Lynn Charles Nelson, whom I met when I came here to teach.

At this time Archer was a big, happy, related family. It was really difficult to remember the people's names because there were so many with the same last name as Briggs, Wilcox, Weekes, Grover, Erickson, etc.

Lynn as Sunday School Superintendent soon had me working as Assistant Junior Sunday School Coordinator.

Since then we have, along with our children, held many different positions in the ward. Lynn has been a bishops counselor, one of the presidents of the Seventies Quorum, teacher, president and counselor of the Sunday School, in the ward and stake. At this time he is an assistant to the high priest group leader as well as a home teacher.

I have been a teacher in most of the auxiliary organizations, president of the Primary, counselor in Relief Society, chorister of the Junior Sunday School and the Primary. I am now music chairman and music director for Sacrament Meeting and the choir, which I have enjoyed more than any other calling. Lynn and I are also officiators in the initiatory work in the temple.

Before we were married, Lynn had filled a mission in the Northern States and he farmed twenty-eight acres. As our family grew it was necessary for Lynn to find employment elsewhere. He worked in the Muir-Roberts potato house, the Rexburg sawmill, and the U. & I. Sugar Factory. He now works in the library at Ricks College and operates a small dairy farm with the help of his son.

We have been blessed with seven wonderful children.

Lynda, our first child, was born October 15, 1947. She graduated from Utah State University as a medical technologist, served a mission in Brazil and is now working in Salt Lake City at the L.D.S. Hospital as a computer coordinator.

Marsha Ann was born September 26, 1948. She graduated from B.Y.U. in elementary education. She taught in Ucon, then in Preston where she met and married David Von Noyes. They have four children.

Ruth was born March 31, 1951. After graduating from Ricks College and attending B.Y.U. for a year she served a mission in Peru. Upon returning home she worked at Management Systems Corporation where she met her husband, Richard Gill Cannon. They live in Bountiful, Utah and have two children.

Donna, born March 30, 1953, attended B.Y.U. where she met her husband Danny Albert Rowley. A year after they were married, they both graduated in the field of education. They now have three children and are living in Shelley, Idaho.

Next came Sara LaRee born June 24, 1956. She was just as welcome as the rest. It never seemed to matter whether we were blessed with a son or daughter as long as they were healthy when they arrived. Sara graduated from B.Y.U. and is teaching home economics at Bonneville High School in Idaho Falls.

After five girls and no boys our sixth one was quite a shock to the whole community. And the good news traveled fast. Our son Lynn Charles Nelson, Jr. was born March 23, 1963. He is a tall young priest preparing for a mission. He loves all sports but especially football and skiing. He is serving as president of the F.F.A. at Madison High School.

Our last child, Beverly, was born February 6, 1965. She is a sophomore and has many interests such as sewing, camping, sports of all kinds, etc. She was captain of the basketball team which won championship last year.

Lynn and I both have a strong testimony of the Gospel, and we know our participation in the various organizations have done much to strengthen our testimonies.

We have been blessed by living in Archer Ward, where people are always willing to help. In the spring of 1958 a bolt of lightning hit our haystack and in a second the whole stack was ablaze. Within a very short time almost everyone in the community was helping in one way or another practically all night long. This is typical of our Archer Ward.

It is a wonderful place to live and raise a family.

## *David and Patricia Niederer*

We are both from Rexburg. Our parents are Terrell and Margaret Arnold; Rulon B. and Gayle Niederer. Both of our grandparents settled in Archer and Lyman, so actually, we both have just moved home. We have been married five years and have two children, Jason, age four and Meg, age two. By the time this book is published we will also have another child.

David is a construction contractor and has been responsible for building several homes on the road north of Sutton's store.

## *Emil and Katherine Niederer*



Left to Right: Gary, Kathy, Sara, Mark, and Emil

Emil Joseph Niederer returned home from his mission in England in October 1975. After returning home, he began settling back into the dairy business of his family and became involved in the Young Adult Program in the Rexburg East Stake.

While Emil was settling back into dairy life, Katherine Marie Odman was getting ready for a move from Bothell, Washington to Rexburg, Idaho. She was planning to attend Ricks College in hopes of someday teaching elementary school. She arrived in Rexburg the first week of January 1976 to live with her mother. The next Sunday she joined the Sixth Ward choir and attended her first Young Adult meeting. She also found a job as a teacher's aide in a special education class with Madison School District. There she met Lonna Niederer.

At a Young Adult Social for St. Patrick's Day, Kathy asked Emil if Lonna was his niece. That's how they met. Emil asked Kathy out about a week later. He was a Weblos leader and their first date was a pinewood derby. His Weblos from that time on were planning the wedding, although it took Emil almost one and a half months to propose.

They were married on June 11, 1976--five days after the Teton Dam broke. All of their preparations went down the river. Kathy had been living in an apartment that they planned to live in, but the foundation of the building was flooded and not real secure. All preparations for the reception had to be reordered elsewhere. All license plate numbers from out of state visitors and relatives coming for the wedding had to be turned in to state police, so they could get through the roadblocks. Kathy moved into Emil's parents' home for the week before the wedding.

Emil and Kathy honeymooned in Seattle, Washington and spent some time on the ocean along the Oregon coast. When they returned, they had to stay at Emil's parents' home before finally being able to move into Evalyne Grover's

house, two months later.

During the first two months of married life, Kathy learned a lot about farming. She learned how to drive hay truck and generally help out. After setting up housekeeping in Evalyne Grover's house, they discovered they were going to be blessed with a baby. Sara Colleen Niederer was born April 12, 1977. She was a very welcome beginning for their family.

Just after Sara was a year old, Emil and Kathy were deeded a half acre of ground at the bottom of the farm, next to Mae and Phil, Emil's brother. They bought a trailer and moved into it in May 1978. They then discovered that the second member of their family was going to be born and Mark Emil Niederer was born on January 8, 1979.

The family took a trip back to Seattle in November of 1979 to see some of Kathy's family and friends.

On July 26 our third child was born. We gave him the name of Gary Gordon.

## *Gordon and Donna Niederer*



*Donna and Gordon*

Gordon Niederer and Donna Marie Sherd met while Gordon was stationed in Grand Rapids, Michigan during World War II. After a happy courtship, they were married on September 18, 1943.

The next two years were spent in the service. Donna spent as much time with her husband as was possible. They lived in Arkansas, Kansas and California.

Dennis Gordon was born in Stuttgart, Arkansas, in an army hospital, April 25, 1944.

After Gordon got out of the service, they returned to Idaho. They lived with Gordon's parents until they built a two-room log house. Phillip Ray was born April 15, 1946 and Colleen on April 12, 1948.

In 1952, Gordon, Donna and children took a trip to Michigan to visit Donna's father, who was very ill. This was the family's first trip back to Michigan since the war, but Donna's family had visited them several times in Idaho.

Donna's father died on December 1, 1952, and Gordon's mother, Mary Niederer, passed away on January 11, 1953. It was really hard on the family to lose two people they loved in such a short time.

Tragedy really struck their family on Sunday morning, October 11, 1953, when Colleen was run over by a potato combine and died on the way to the hospital. She was such a lovely, happy child. It was so hard for them to give her back to our Heavenly Father. Their faith was all that kept them going.

In June of 1954, Donna's mother passed away. This time she made the trip to Michigan on the train by herself.

Eleven months after Colleen died, Emil Joseph was born, September 13, 1954. What a joy it was to have another baby to love. His big brothers, ages eight and ten, adored him.

In 1956 the Niederer family began building their new home. Gordon and Carl Grover did much of the work on it. They moved in during the summer of 1957. How good it was to have plenty of room for their growing family!

Paul Duane was born on March 6, 1959--a cute little redhead with three brothers to spoil him.

In 1962, Gordon, Donna, Emil, Paul, and Gordon's dad and his wife Kate, went to Michigan for a visit.

The next summer, Donna's brother, Charles Thomas, his wife Elsie and their children, Toni Lee, Thomas Ray, and Terry Jay, came to Idaho. Gordon, Donna and family went with them to the Idaho Falls Temple where they were sealed to their families.

Gordon's father, Arthur Niederer, died in October 1963. He was a wonderful man, and was really missed by his children.

In 1964, Dennis Gordon married Linda Lee Graham. It was so nice to have a lovely daughter in the family again.

In 1966 Phillip went on a mission to Arizona and spent two years teaching the gospel to the Indians. He returned in March of 1968, and in August, Phillip Ray and Elsie Mae Wilcox were married. Another lovely daughter was added to the family.

In 1972, Gordon built a new dairy barn and started milking more cows, making dairy his main business.

In 1973, Emil left for England on a mission. He returned in 1975 and met Katherine Marie Odman and they were married in June, 1976.

That same summer, Phillip was hit by a tree in the forest and spent a long time in the hospital. This was hard for all the family.

In 1978, Paul earned the honor of becoming Idaho Start State farmer, then going on to receive his American Farmer in the fall of 1979. For this award, Gordon, Donna and Eva Davey (his wife-to-be), accompanied him to Kansas City, where he received it.

Eva DaLinda and Paul Duane were married in February, 1980. Now all the boys were married, making a complete family of four wonderful sons and four lovely daughters. Gordon and Donna are very proud of their family, who have all been married in the temple.

As of this date, July 12, 1980, they have ten grandchildren.

## *Norman and LeOla Niederer*



Front Row (L. to R.): Rebecka, Terrel and Joshua.  
Back Row: Leola and Norman

Norman Emmett Niederer was born November 30, 1923 at Archer, Madison County, Idaho, the sixth child of seven, of Mary Ann Briggs Niederer and Arthur Emil Niederer. Norm was born and grew up on the farm his dad plowed out of sagebrush. He learned about farming at an early age, hopping from horse to horse, as his father drove the team in the fields. Norm attended the first ten grades of school in Archer, graduating from Madison High School in Rexburg, Idaho.

Vadis LeOla Hardy was born February 21, 1926, in Declo, Cassia County, Idaho. The second of five children, of Vadis LuZon Wodskow Hardy and Joseph LeRoy Hardy. LeOla attended schools in Declo, Haggerman, Rupert, and Buhl, Idaho, graduating from Madison High School in Rexburg, Idaho. She moved to Archer with her family in 1942.

Norm and LeOla were married November 14, 1944. They bought the Howard and Ethel Allen farm in 1945, where they still reside. They built their present home in 1961, doing the work themselves, with the help of Theron Cheney.

Norm rode with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Posse several years, serving as drill master and advisor to the Junior Posse. He belongs to the National Cutter and Chariot Racing Association, working on committees and as an official. Norm enjoys racing, training and driving his quarter horses. His many trophies attest to his skill, as well as enjoyment.

Planting a flower, sewing a drape, painting a barn or just being there, LeOla enjoys her family and home. Although she did not grow up on the farm, she enjoys it as much as Norm.

Norm's and LeOla's home and life were filled with joy when Terrel Norman Niederer was born, August 5, 1954, in Rigby, Jefferson County, Idaho. A small bundle of love with a lot of black hair.

## *Terrel and Becky Niederer*

Terrel attended school at Union Lyman, Archer, Rigby and Rexburg. He rode with the Jefferson County Junior

Posse, serving as drill master. Terrel joined the army in 1972, training in Fort Ord, California and Fort Knox, Kentucky, with overseas duty in West Germany. He grew up with a fascination for the "big rigs," driving for others for a few years and buying his own in 1978. Driving truck has taken him east to the Great Lakes, west to the Pacific Ocean, south to New Mexico and north to Canada.

Rebecka Taylor was born May 24, 1960, at Los Angeles, Hawthorn County, California, the second of three children of Elain Bluth Taylor and Ray Nelson Taylor. Becky attended schools in Orem, Utah and Preston, Idaho, graduating from Soda Springs High School. She enjoyed summers spent on the family farm in Enoch Valley, Idaho, helping with the farming and riding her horse through the hills, returning to Fairview for the winter.

Terrel and Becky met while Becky was attending Ricks College. They were married May 18, 1979 in Becky's home in Fairview. They set up housekeeping in Denver for a few months, moving to Archer in August of 1979. Becky enjoys going with Terrel and is learning to drive.

Joshua Terrel Niederer was born February 16, 1980, in Rexburg, Madison County, Idaho--the first grandchild and delight of the Taylors and the Niederers.

## *Paul and Eva Niederer*



*Eva and Paul*

Paul and Eva Niederer met in an unusual way.

Eva first laid eyes on Paul when they saw each other in Meridian, Idaho, at an FFA convention. They didn't know they each lived only ten miles away from each other.

Ririe and Madison went on the same bus to Moscow to another FFA convention but Paul didn't even notice Eva because she was just a dumb freshman and he was a mighty senior.

During Eva's sophomore year she called Paul and asked him to a Ririe girl's choice dance and he accepted. Eva was sure he would call and cancel and she about died when he really showed up. They went to the dance and had a lot of fun. That night when Eva came home she told her parents that Paul was the guy she was going to marry.

On June 7, 1979 Paul called Eva on the phone and said he needed to talk to her and he would be right up. It was only 7 o'clock, and since she didn't see him until 9:30 or 10, she

knew something was up. When Paul arrived, he took Eva with him and they drove up to Gateway's parking lot and he handed Eva a small box. When she opened it there was a beautiful diamond ring inside, and he asked her to marry him.

On February 14, 1980, Paul and Eva were married in the Idaho Falls Temple for time and eternity. Now they live in the Sunnysdell area and are enjoying married life.

Paul was born on March 6, 1959. He is the youngest of four brothers. Eva was born November 1, 1962, and has one sister and two brothers--the oldest of which is on a mission in Ohio right now.

After graduation in January, Paul and Eva plan to have a family and always be as happy as they are now.

### *Phil and Mae Niederer*



Front Row (L. to R.): Jennifer, Phil, Christopher, Mae, Rebecca.  
Back Row: Judson.

The foundation for the Niederer family could well have been laid in the old Archer Church during the opening exercises of Primary many years ago, since Phil and Mae grew up as neighbors and occasionally friends in the same community. Phillip Ray Niederer was born to Gordon and Donna Marie Sherd Niederer on April 15, 1946, at Rigby, Idaho, and Elsie Mae Wilcox was born at Rigby on May 1, 1948, to Ellis Wilmer and Elsie Grover Wilcox.

The Niederer/Wilcox romance didn't blossom until Phil was on his mission and got a bit lonesome to hear about what his friends at home were doing so he began writing to Mae for all the latest news.

Phil was released from the Southwest Indian Mission in March 1968. They became engaged May 22 (shortly after Mae graduated from Ricks College) and were married in the Idaho Falls Temple on August 9, 1968.

Phil began attending Ricks College that same month, and Mae worked as a secretary on campus. After Phil graduated from Ricks, they moved to Blackfoot, Idaho. Phil joined a carpool to ISU in Pocatello to complete his schooling, and Mae worked in the Head Start program with migrant children of that area. Phil worked as a bus driver, custodian, in a lumber yard, and for a farmer to help get through school. During these times of "school days poverty" Judson W. was

born on March 17, 1970 in the Blackfoot hospital.

Phil graduated from Idaho State University with a B.S. degree and got his teaching certificate in the fall of 1972. During that summer they had moved their trailer house back to Archer and when the school year began, Phil had been hired as a fifth grade teacher in Rigby--a position he has held since that time.

Jennifer was added to the family on November 11, 1972, at Rexburg, and Mae was glad to be able to stay at home and devote full-time to being a homemaker.

Rebecca Lynne was a Christmas surprise in 1974. She was planned for on January 17, but was born instead on December 22 at Rexburg, with mother and baby coming home on Christmas Eve--just in time for a very hectic visit from Santa.

Christopher was born on August 5, 1977, in Rexburg--a little blonde ray of sunshine to his whole family.

Phil has served in the Elder's Quorum presidency. While on his mission he served as both district and zone leader, and learned to speak fluent Navajo.

Mae has served as a Primary teacher, first and second counselor in the Primary, and is currently serving as Primary President of the Sunnysdell Ward.

The Niederer family enjoys camping and picnics in the hills during the summer and snowmobiling in the winter. Judson likes to put all kinds of models together and participate in sports activities. Jennifer is quite a little dancer and thinks dancing lessons are great. Rebecca has lots of dolls and likes to play with them. Christopher is never happier than when he is playing with his trucks and tractors in the dirt pile outside.

### *Minnie Nielson*

John Elmer (Chris) was born 23 July 1907 in Lorenzo, Idaho to John William Nielson and Sarah Theressa Smout.

Minnie Ann Dietrich was born 24 October 1910 in Rexburg, Idaho to Gottfried Dietrich and Rosa Lena Baur.

Chris was three months old when his father died from a farm accident. His mother later married John Hunsaker.

Chris attended school in LaBelle and Goshen. He



Minnie and Elmer (Chris)

worked part time for various farmers in the area besides helping his stepfather farm his mother's place.

Minnje went to grade school in Archer and graduated from the eighth grade and attended two years high school at Archer and one year at the Ricks Academy, where they taught two years high school while completing the Madison High School building.

When Chris was seventeen years old he came to Archer to farm for Cyrus Hunsaker, his stepfather's father.

He met Minnie Dietrich when he worked for her father during haying season. Minnie and Chris were married 22 March 1929 in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Stanley Elmer Nieson was born 26 April 1931 in Rexburg. We were living and farming the Henry Larsen farm at this time.

We had started buying the Blackburn farm, now owned by LaVell Orr. When spring came the Larsens asked us to move, so we moved into the house Harry Munns owns now. While living here Larry Dean Nielson was born prematurely 7 September 1933 and passed away the same day.

A year later our next move was to my old home, now owned by Harry Munns. My brother, Fred, was farming it at the time. We lived here for one year still farming the Blackburn farm.

Bad luck with our stock on the range made it impossible to make our next payment on the place. The seven steers we had planned to sell for the payment were rustled and there was no other money coming in at that time, so we had to give up buying this farm.

The Hunsaker place was available to rent again, so we moved back to where we originally had started out. This was home to us.

Donna Marie Nielson was born 6 June 1938 in Rexburg, Idaho.

Sue Ann Nielson was born 3 December 1947 in Rigby, Idaho. She was one year old when we moved into the new house we built on the twenty acre piece of ground joining us, purchased from our good neighbors, Henry and Emma Sutton.

Chris farmed the Kenneth Buckland farm for years in addition to the home place.

We purchased a cattle ranch in West Yellowstone, Montana, in 1961 and in 1966 sold it and purchased a place in Teton Basin, which we enjoy with our family.

On 17 February 1976 Chris died from a farm accident and was layed to rest in the Sutton Cemetery.

Hobbies are horseback riding, fishing and picnicking.

August 2, 1978 I went to the Idaho Falls Temple where I took out my own endowments and Chris' work was done. We were sealed and our four children were sealed to us.

(Minnie passed away August 29, 1980, at her home in Archer.)

## *Stanley and Carmen Nielson*

Stanley Elmer Nielson was born the 26th of April 1931 at Rexburg, Idaho to John Elmer Nielson and Minnie Ann Dietrich.



*Left to Right. Carmen, Kim and Stanley*

Stanley attended school his first eight years at the Archer elementary and then graduated from Madison High School in 1949. He was also a four year seminary graduate. Stanley's father was a farmer and he learned very young to work hard and accept responsibility.

While a senior in high school Stanley met and courted Carmen Brown. He attended Ricks College during the years 1949 and 1950 and the 27th of October that year Stanley and Carmen were married in the Idaho Falls Temple. We settled in Archer where we have spent the last thirty years.

Carmen was born 29 August 1931 at Rexburg, Idaho to J. Earl Brown and Constance Ricks. She attended school at Washington elementary, Madison Junior High and Madison High School graduating in 1950. She was also a four year seminary graduate.

Stanley farmed with his father and also rented land. We purchased twenty acres of ground from Ray McBride and in 1963 bought the Ross and Mary Buckland farm.

Six sons were born to us and are our pride and joy.

Stanley Blaine was born 18 April 1952. Bradley Kay was born 28 October 1954. Richard Leon was born 14 March 1957. Jason Clive was born 21 April 1958. Keith (B.) arrived 8 March 1961 and Kim Lewis was born 3 August 1968.

All the boys attended school at Lyman and Archer elementary and also Madison Junior High and Madison High School. Kim will attend junior high this fall. Blaine, Bradley, Richard, Jason and Keith all played varsity basketball for the high school, so much of our time has been spent supporting them at ball games.

Bradley filled an L.D.S. mission to Melbourne Australia. Jason filled a mission to the Philippines Manila mission.

Blaine married Ronda Helen Cooper of Charleston, South Carolina, January 30, 1973 in the Ogden Temple. They live in Charleston and have three children, Amy, Stanley Blaine and Casey.

Bradley married Laurie Walker May 14 in the Idaho Falls Temple and they have three little girls, Camille, Stacey and Melisa.

Richard married Teresa Hegsted November 24, 1978 in Salt Lake City. They have one son, Tyler.

Jason married Nan Shirley October 19, 1979 in the

Idaho Falls Temple.

Keith married Kathleen Covington March 29, 1980 at Rexburg, Idaho.

Stanley and Carmen have been very active in the church. Stanley has served as counselor and president of the Sunday School, counselor in Elders Quorum Presidency, M.I.A. president, member of Seven Presidents of Seventy, Senior President of Seventies, counselor in Archer Ward bishopric and then in the Sunnydell bishopric when the ward was divided.

Carmen has served as Primary teacher, Primary chorister, Stake Primary chorister, ward chorister, Sunday School teacher, Relief Society Ward Counselor, Relief Society Stake Board, M.I.A. teacher and at present counselor in the Relief Society.

We have strong testimonies of the Gospel and think this is the greatest place ever to raise a family and live among the greatest people in the world.

### *Max and JoAnn Oakey*



Front Row (L. to R.): JoAnn, Max, Brianna.  
Back Row: Deann and Lara

Max Garth Oakey was born November 16, 1928 and JoAnn Drown was born February 15, 1935. They were married March 14, 1954 in the Ross Buckland home at Sunnydell, Idaho. We bought the old Claude Buckland home.

Our first child, Deann, was born on February 19, 1955. At this time Max was milking cows in Ross Buckland's Grade A dairy. Due to the loss of several cows, Max sold his cows and we moved to Roberts. While there Garth Ray, our second child, was born January 12, 1956. We only stayed there about six months and moved back to our home in Sunnydell and Max started working for Mountain States Implement Company.

On August 24, 1960 Shane Max was born and brought a lot of joy to our home. Two years later on February 13, Lyman Creek started flooding and we ended up with three feet of water in our front room. We did live through that. Later on August 18, 1965 we were blessed by going to the temple and being sealed as a family. Then on September 2, 1965, our third son, Kim Jay was born. He only lived a short

time and died on September 3, 1965.

The kids grew and progressed. Later we were blessed with another daughter, Lara Lynn, born August 18, 1973. When she was about a month old we took Deann to Moscow to start college and she graduated in 1977.

Garth Ray Oakey left on his mission in May of 1975. He went to Taiwan and learned Mandarin and Taiwanese. While he was gone another child blessed our home, Brianna Dee born January 22, 1977.

We have Shane on a mission in Holbrook, Arizona, teaching the Navajo about the gospel and he loves the Navajo. We still live in the same home we moved in to after we got home from our honeymoon. It has been remodeled and added onto and we feel we have a nice home and a beautiful family.

Garth Ray Oakey was married on December 16, 1977 to Debbra Daw of Idaho Falls. They have a son, Duston, born November 13, 1978. They have a home and live in Rexburg. Garth also graduated from Ricks College and B.Y.U.

### *Lavell and Agnes Orr*

I, Joseph Lavell Orr, was born 30 May 1902 at Egin, Idaho, son of Joseph Orr and Ellen Eliza Orr.

I had three sisters and six brothers. I was the oldest boy. My father farmed and owned a band of sheep. So I learned early how to work.

My mother passed away 20 January 1920 leaving a baby boy ten days old and eight other children at home. I was eighteen.

I served in the Western States Mission from November 1924 until March 1927, two and a half years.

After returning home I helped my father for a year or so. Then I went to seek my fortune working for other farmers. I came to work for Ben Hillman at Sunnydell in June of 1929. I attended church in the Archer Ward. It was there I met Agnes Grover. We were married 19 June 1930 in the Salt Lake Temple.

I, Agnes Grover, was born 14 September 1909 at Archer, Idaho to Elisha Freeman Grover and Emma Maria



Front Row (L. to R.): Ada Marie, Agnes, Lovell, Emelie  
Back Row: Bennett, Lyle, Merlin, Spencer, Lynette, Shirlene, Lila, Noreen, Karen.



Erickson. I have three sisters and seven brothers. I have lived all my life on a farm.

I went to Lyman school and graduated from the eighth grade there. I attended two years of high school in Archer and two years at Ricks Academy. After getting out of school I did housework for many families for \$1.00 a day and sometimes less. I learned a lot about housekeeping, cooking and people.

After Lavell and I were married we moved into our first home--one large room of an old log, dirt roofed house on the farm that Bishop Robison now owns. We had no electricity so you can imagine our conveniences were running water when it rained.

After we got it cleaned up, painted and etc., it was real homey. For a wedding gift our families and friends gave us enough linoleum to cover the floor. I thought it was a beautiful room. We were proud of it and very happy despite the depression.

We milked one cow and got around eighty-five cents to one dollar every two weeks after the price of butter and cheese we used was taken out. The milk check is what we lived on. Eggs were eight cents a dozen. Bread was ten cents a loaf. We received \$2.00 for a two hundred pound pork.

We bought my first sewing machine for three dollars a month and that was hard to get. I did my washing on the washboard for three years.

Lavell did his farming with a team of horses, a hand plow, harrows and a leveler. These he walked behind all day.

Our first son, Merlin, was born here 22 July 1931. Lyle was born February 1933. Our doctor bills were \$25.00 for each baby.

Despite our hard work, our skimping and saving, we lost our farm. We then moved to our present location. Here the remainder of our family was born: Norene, Ada Marie, Lanette, Emelie, Spencer, Bennett, Shirlene, Nancy (who passed away September 1975), lila and Karen. All of our children were born at home but Nancy and Karen.

We have always been active in the church. I have served as organist in all the organizations and as ward organist. I have taught classes in Sunday School and Primary. I was Primary president, a counselor, in M.I.A. and visiting teacher for Relief Society.

Lavell has served as a home missionary, superintendent of Sunday School, president of M.I.A., as one of the Seven Presidents of the Seventies Quorum, a teacher in Sunday School, M.I.A., scouts and priesthood classes. Lavell is a devoted reader of the scriptures.

Lavell did carpenter work for several years. He worked at the Atomic Site or now I.N.E.L. for more than a year, on churches, homes, etc.

We have tried to live and teach our children the gospel and to serve the Lord. We know that is the way to true happiness.

## *Merlin and Madge Orr*

Merlin Lavell Orr, oldest son of Joseph Lovell Orr and Agnes Christina Grover, was born in Archer, Madison County, Idaho on 22 July 1931.



*Front Row (L. to R.). Madge and Merlin  
Back Row: Kylan and Lorraine*

He attended grade school in Archer and graduated from Madison High in May 1950.

He served a two year mission in the East Central States January 1951-January 1953. It was in the mission field where Merlin met Madge Hatton, a lovely Southern belle, singing at the dedication of the Winchester Branch Chapel.

Merlin and Madge were married in the Idaho Falls Temple 23 January 1953.

Madge is the youngest child of Eastwood Hatton and Lizzie Lee Shrout.

Madge's mother was one of the first members of the L.D.S. Church in Eastern Kentucky.

We have been blessed with two lovely daughters and two handsome sons.

Laura Lee was born 19 December 1953 and Dee Lovell was born 1 December 1955. After this we moved to Kentucky where Merlin learned a new trade, plastering. He has helped plaster many homes in Winchester, Kentucky.

We served in many Church positions while there including Branch Presidency and Relief Society Presidency. We moved back to Idaho in 1960 after the arrival of Lorraine Gay born 21 June 1960. Then came Kylan Hatton 31 August 1962.

Laura married Mark Hepworth 27 May 1977. Mark served a mission in Japan. They have one sweet daughter, Amelia, born 16 September 1978.

Dee served a mission December 1975-77 in the Georgia Atlantic, known as the "blue suit" mission.

He married Cheryl Daley of Pason, Utah, 9 November 1978 in the Salt Lake Temple.

On 26 November 1979 they were blessed with twins, a son Dustin and a daughter Celina. They lived only thirty-five hours.

Lorraine is working at K-Mart as bookkeeper for women's apparel.

Kylan is a senior at Madison High.

Merlin is working in the grounds department at Ricks College. Madge is department supervisor over Soft Lines at Pamida Discount Center in Rexburg.

We had a Lamanite son, Steven Gonzales, for one and a half years. He was a great man. We had a young lady, Connie James, live with us for a couple of years. She joined the L.D.S. Church while with us. She is now married to Mark Robertson, married 17 September 1977 in the Salt Lake Temple. They have one son, Jason.

### *Spencer and JoAnn Orr*



*Front Row (L. to R.): JoAnn, Aaron, Spencer  
Back Row: Wade, Becky, and M'Lisa*

Clyde Spencer Orr was born to Agnes and Lavell Orr June 9, 1945. Spencer has eleven brothers and sisters so a very exciting childhood. He attended school in Archer and Rexburg. He has milked cows since he was a small boy. He worked for several different farmers during his school years. He worked at the Sugar Factory after finishing school and went to college for awhile. He worked for Timmons Machinery for a little more than a year before going into dairy and farming for good.

JoAnn Byrne was born to Ross and Joyce Byrne June 18, 1947. She has one brother, Lawrence and two sisters Louise and Marie. She attended school in Archer and Rexburg. She enjoyed school and performing in the assemblies. She even tried out for Miss Madison.

Spencer and JoAnn were married September 17, 1965. They have lived in several different places since then, all but one in Archer and Sunnyside. They have lived in both of John Grover's houses, Sam Grover's house, Stanley Erickson's old house, two different trailers and for one year in Terreton. They have always milked cows and farmed. They both enjoy working together with their family. They have four children. Becky Jo Orr was born September 17, 1966. At fourteen she is interested in many things. She likes to read, cook, sew, babysit and she helps around the farm and home. M'Lisa Lin Orr was born December 21, 1969. She is ten and a tomboy. She likes to ride her bike and horse and help her father milk. She also likes to babysit and helping try new things in the kitchen. Wade C. Orr was born February 21, 1971. He is nine and loves everything outdoors. He is always busy and likes to work. Wade spends a lot of time on his bike. He likes to read

and work on models. Aaron Lars Orr, born April 29, 1976, is four. His favorite things are playing with trucks and tractors and following his dad and brother around.

JoAnn has worked in all the auxiliaries, mostly as a teacher and is now teaching a class in Sunday School. Spencer has worked in the MIA and with Cub Scouts.

The Orrs all like living in this community and working together on their farm.

### *John and Sarah Perham*

Henry Whittaker and Sarah Hannah Howard homesteaded in Lyman in 1894 or 95, north and east of where we Perhams now live. They brought their family and Aunt Fanny with them. Fanny married Jack Randall whose son, Jack, lives in Rexburg. Grandma and Aunt Fanny are buried in Sutton Cemetery. Henry filled a mission in the Southern States where he met Bessie Pauline Ginn, whom he later married. They had a family of fourteen children: Henry, Jacob, George, Bessie, Sarah, Abraham, Moroni, Isabelle, Harry, Joseph (deceased), Nephi, Hyrum, Mary and Brigham.

I, Sarah, was born at Archer, July 29, 1920. I attended school at Archer graduating in 1937 from Madison High. I have served many years teaching the gospel, following the example of my mother.

At the age of seventeen, I went to visit my sister, Isabelle, in California. John Perham spent Thanksgiving day with us.



*Left to Right: Barbara, Sarah, and John*

John William Perham was born March 11, 1920, at Gloversville, New York, to William Alfred and Nellie Smullen Perham. He was the first in a family of seven children. He attended two years of high school at Gloversville, New York, before World War II started. He joined the U.S. Calvary where he met and became friends with Jacob Whittaker, my brother. They grew close and read each other's mail. Soon John was looking forward to Jake's letters from his sister, Sarah.

John and I were married at Charleston, West Virginia, May 10, 1945.

Carolyn was born July 25, 1947 in Gloversville, New York. She was baptized November 3, 1956.

When we moved to Idaho in 1958, she was fortunate to have her grandmother, Bessie Whittaker, teach her many homemaking skills. She was interested in horses and 4-H classes and earned many ribbons. She graduated from Madison High Seminary in 1965. After studying at Ricks College she and Max LaVere were married August 12, 1966, in the Idaho Falls Temple. Their children are Gregory, Max and Lori. They live at Salem, Idaho, active church members.

On July 8, 1950, John was born. He loves animals, attended Primary and Mutual. He was baptized September 6, 1958. After four years of seminary and Madison High School, he enlisted in the U.S. Marines. He was in the top ten of a specialized field, topographic survey. He resides in San Diego, California and is working and going to school part-time for his degree.

January 17, 1955, Patricia Ann was born in Gloversville, New York. She was baptized February 2, 1963. She received the "I Dare You" reward and a gold watch for outstanding work in 4-H. She attended Ricks College then moved to Orem, Utah, to become a medical assistant. She was married October 29, 1974, to Gary Lee Clay. They live in Archer.

December 5, 1957, brought another girl, Sadie Lou. She was baptized December 31, 1965. Sadie, being a natural with horses, excelled in her Junior Leader positions in 4-H. After graduating from seminary and Madison High in 1976, she worked at the First Security Bank. Everyone appreciated her work, especially her supervisor, Robert Kaye Spackman, whom she married January 21, 1977. They moved to Soda Springs, Idaho.

Our fifth child, Barbara, was born December 28, 1961 and baptized January 31, 1970. She has been honored as a member of the Distinguished High School Students and served as district seminary officer and was Laurel president. She is now attending Ricks College to earn degrees in elementary education and psychology.

John was baptized in the LDS Church after we came to Archer and after twenty-eight years of marriage, on December 22, 1973, he took me to the Temple in Idaho Falls to be sealed for eternity.

## ***Brent and Dixie Peterson***

Brent Peterson, son of Lyle Ray and Audra Goody Peterson of Rigby, Idaho was born in Rigby on October 2, 1943. Brothers and sisters were Kay, Van, Daryl, Sharyl, Cozette, and a foster brother, Zane Parker Nelson. Lyle was a building contractor who worked on many schools, churches, the Idaho Falls Temple and several homes. This is where Brent was introduced to the building trade at a very early age, and has continued to enjoy the trade through to this point in his life.

Brent attended school in the Rigby, Idaho, school system until his graduation in 1961, a semester at Ricks College, working for the spring and summer of 1962, and then accepting a mission call to go the New England States Mission made his year after graduation very full and exciting. It was this year he met Dixie Joan Grover. She helped him decide to



*Front Row (L. to R.): Brent, Dixie, Ginger  
Back Row: Michael, Kathy Jo, and Amy Sue*

go on his mission and encouraged him to do his best for the time he would be gone.

Dixie Joan Grover, daughter of Delore and Veola Young Grover of Archer, Idaho was born May 28, 1944, having three brothers Merrill, Brent and Bill Grover.

Dixie attended school in Archer as a child and graduated from Rexburg's Madison High School. She attended a beauty college in Idaho Falls and then went to a year and a half at Ricks College. She worked for the Rexburg Food Center and then obtained a position with Mountain Bell System as a service representative and worked in several offices in the state traveling for Ma Bell.

Brent returned from his mission in 1964 and continued working for family members in the construction trade. He moved to Oakland, California and lived for two years where he served as a stake missionary for sixteen months.

In 1968 Brent and Dixie met again at a regional softball tournament in Rexburg and were married September 7, 1968. They were sealed in the Idaho Falls Temple August 19, 1970. They now have four beautiful children: Catherine Joan born June 18, 1969; Michael Brent born November 15, 1972; Amy Suzanna born August 23, 1976; and Ginger Lynne born February 18, 1978.

Brent worked for his brother Kay in Rigby and then moved to Salt Lake City area in 1969 where Brent was able to do fine and fancy finish woodwork. He remodeled a number of homes and built many fancy wooden stairways and fireplace mantles, etc., which have been a joy to his heart.

In 1974 we moved back to Archer and started constructing new homes including a new home of our own. After many hours of hard work, we have a home we really enjoy as a family.

In 1977 we started a new business, Peterson's Room Dividers, in which we manufacture, market, freight and install portable classrooms. Brent and Dixie try to work hand in hand to run the business together.

Brent likes to fish and fiddle with photography while Dixie likes to sew, oil paint, use her green thumb and do interior decorating. Our family has found horseback riding to

be a pleasant pastime giving us the opportunity to spend time together as a family doing something we all enjoy.

Our family wants to be happy together to progress both materially and spiritually. We want to follow the counsel of our church leaders and be found living the commandments with the righteous. Our family has been greatly blessed by living in this beautiful community around beautiful people.

## *Grant and Mary Petersen*



*Front Row (L. to R.): Hazel and Peter Walter  
Back Row: Elna, Grant, and Ivan.*

My father, Peter Walter Petersen, came from Denmark in 1909. His parents, Jens and Nikoline Christensen, came shortly after and the family settled in Goshen.

Walt married Hazel Butler, daughter of Josiah and Eliza Ann Robison Butler, who were among the first in Lyman. Elna, their first child, was born in Goshen, Idaho.

In 1921 father bought land from Rob Grover, which is presently owned by Cleo and Blanch Kirkham. Walt farmed and did custom threshing in the area.

I, Grant, was born in Archer, also my younger brother Ivan which completed the family.

In 1929 my family built a new home.

In 1930 Dad bought the first tractor that was in the Archer area. He plowed hay ground for four dollars an acre, stubble for \$3.50.

Dad was an elder and president of the quorum for a time and then became a High Priest. Mother was a visiting teacher for years. Dad took his Model T Ford and made trips to the Logan Temple for ordinance work. Some of the people who made the trip with him were Delmoe and Lula Cook, Luke and Henrietta Hendricks, and Clarence and Pearl Weekes. He took young people several times to do baptisms.

March 1947 Dad sold out to Chip and Blanche Kirham and went to Washington. Nelson Ricks Creamery bought the steam engine from his threshing machine and used its power for cheese-making in the factory across the street from Sutton's Store. Vance and Elna Koon got the tractor and Sterling Magleby bought the separator.

In Hoquiam Dad worked in a saw mill. He became president of the branch and counselor to the district president. Mother was president of the Relief Society.

Ivan and I both joined the navy then returned to Washington to live.

Elna married Vance Koon and lives in Burton. They have eight children. Vance passed away. Elna continues to live on their farm.

Ivan has six children and still lives in Washington.

Dad died February 1961. Mother moved back to Rexburg for four years and then moved her trailer next to Elna, until her death June 1971.

I, Grant, had four children and now live with my second wife, Mary Vanderweeer, in Archer. I bought the Dencie Rawls home, enlarging it to fit my family. We love our home here, but spend the winters in a warmer climate.

## *Tim and Peggy Peterson*

On April 22, 1957, a mother gave thanks to her Heavenly Father for a precious little son whom she had waited thirteen years for. Timothy Devon Peterson was brought home from Madison Memorial Hospital to join four older sisters, all anxious to see their little brother. Tim grew up being a very intelligent boy, always trying to fix things for his mother - only causing higher repair bills. His family was very active in church and Tim advanced quite rapidly in his priesthood callings. In May of 1975, Tim graduated from South Fremont High School in St. Anthony, Idaho, being among the top honored students. He then attended Ricks College for one year before serving the Lord on a mission in



*Left to Right: Peggy, Jason, and Tim*

the Canada Calgary Mission. Tim loved his mission and all those he taught and served with. On July 19, 1978 his family had the opportunity of going to pick up their son and bringing him home.

Tim hadn't been home very long before a girl from his ward had spotted him and decided that he was the one she wanted to spend eternity with. Peggy Lynn Nebeker, born September 3, 1957, in Driggs, Idaho was the young girl and she didn't waste much time renewing old friendships with Tim. Peggy's parents had moved to St. Anthony in 1965 and for most of the years Tim and Peggy have lived there. They were in the St. Anthony Second Ward - the same ward Tim and his family have always belonged to. Peggy had been

quite active in the Young Adult programs and had really been eyeing all the return missionaries, so by the time Tim came home from his mission, she had seen enough that she knew he was the one for her. They dated each other for one month and then they became engaged. This is what happened. One day Peggy decided that she would visit her mother at work and it just so happened that her mother worked in a jewelry store. As she was visiting her mother, they decided that for the fun of it Peggy should try on wedding rings. Well, just as she had tried on the last set and had picked out her favorite ring, who should walk into the store but Tim. They were both quite embarrassed to think that they would run into each other - after all, they hadn't talked marriage yet. Well, things worked out well. Tim got to see the rings they had and he even got to see Peggy's favorite one, two or three times. Tim eventually earned enough money to buy the ring and took Peggy to the Temple grounds one afternoon where he then asked her to marry him. Of course she said yes. At that time Peggy was working as a nurse in a doctor's office and Tim was getting ready to go back to college. Things seemed to fit right into place and they were sealed by Donald Merrill in the Idaho Falls Temple for time and all eternity on November 2, 1978. It was a beautiful day, not a drop of snow on the ground and perfect for taking pictures in front of the temple for their scrapbook.

After they were married, they lived in Parker, Idaho where Tim continued college and worked and Peggy stayed at her job. It was a rough start with Tim in school but on April 22, 1979 he graduated from Ricks. On August 26, 1979 in St. Anthony, their first child was born. He was such a tiny, wrinkly baby, but he had a head full of dark, curly hair. Tim and Peggy named their son Jason Timothy Peterson. He has been such a blessing in their home.

In January of 1980 the Peterson family moved into their new home in the Archer Ward. The people have been so friendly in Archer that this is where they want to make their home and raise their family.

### *Dennis and Mardean Pope*



Left to Right: Kayleen, Bryan William, Mardean, Dennis, Mary Deniene, and Holly DeAnn

William Dennis Pope was born April 2, 1944 at Park City, Utah, the oldest of seven children of Max A. Pope and Margaret W. Felton. They later moved to Arbon Valley where they owned a large dry farm. As the children grew older they built a new home and moved to Arimo so the children could attend high school. Dennis served a mission to the Central Atlantic States and attended U.S.U. in Logan, also Ricks. It was there that he met Mardean Luthy and they were married June 16, 1967 at the Idaho Falls Temple.

Shirley Mardean Luthy Pope was born July 31, 1946 at Rexburg, Idaho, the fourth child and only daughter of Henry Lewis Luthy and Mary Wilcox Luthy. She attended the local schools and graduated from both Ricks College and B.Y.U.

Their first child, Kayleen, was born August 8, 1968. Two weeks later Dennis was drafted into the U.S. Army. Consequently, one year later found the small Pope family living in Seoul, Korea. After returning home from the service, they moved to Preston, Idaho in February 1971. Here they owned and operated the Plaza Motel.

While living in Preston, Holly DeAnn was born December 28, 1971, Bryan William June 23, 1976 and Mary Deniene November 9, 1977.

Dennis was busy in the Elders Presidency and then the Seventies. Somewhere in between his church activities he was rodeo parade chairman, on the fire department and worked for a Ready-Mix plant.

Mardean found herself busy with a small family, running a motel and yard work. She worked in the primary and young women's program and also the Stake Primary Presidency.

On July 31, 1979 the Pope family returned to Archer and purchased a home just west of the Howell Store.

We are all experiencing the joy of a home and the freedom of the country. We dearly love our neighbors and the good people of this community.

### *Jack and Darla Reese*

Jack and I were both born in Rexburg. He was born to Jack Howard Fikstad and Berniece Salome Sommer on 21 February 1946. I followed on 2 October 1948 and was born to William Kay Pincock and Geraldine Maxwell.

Jack's parents divorced and his mother married William Oscar Reese. Bill was a construction lineman and the family lived in many areas of the country from Washington to Illinois. While the family was living in Ohio, Jack was baptized in the Ohio River on 20 June 1954.

Soon after the family moved to Alaska where he spent ten years. Jack really loved Alaska and would like to go back there someday.

I, in the meantime, was growing up in Sugar City. When I was seven my family moved to California for a couple of years where my father worked for North American Rockwell. While in California I was baptized on 17 November 1956. When I was ten, my parents divorced and my sisters and I were moved back and forth between parents until I was fourteen and I remained full time with my father.



Front Row (L. to R.): Lisa Marie, Darla, Jenny Leigh, Jack, Mitzi Gail.  
Back Row: Wendy Lynn and Amy Jean.

It was during these trying times I got acquainted with some friends that lived in Archer. I was able to remain close to the gospel and my testimony grew because of them.

In 1964 Jack joined the U.S. Navy. While he was in the navy he worked as a secretary for the Catholic chaplain. The chaplain tried to get Jack to join the Catholic church. Although he was never an active Latter-day Saint, something told him that the L.D.S. Church was true.

After a year, he was transferred to a destroyer and worked in communications. He spent two years in the Far East including Viet Nam, China, Japan and the Philippines.

While Jack was traveling in the Navy I was finishing high school and working in a cafe in Rexburg where we finally bumped into each other.

On 1 July 1967 we were married at Wilford, Idaho. After our wedding we resided in Idaho Falls where Jack worked as a truck driver and I went to beauty school.

We moved to Sugar City in 1968 and while we were living there we became the proud parents of Wendy Lynn, born 6 March 1969.

We moved to Rexburg in April of 1971. On 18 May 1971 another daughter joined our growing family and we named her Amy Jean.

With persuasion from our daughters, Jack quit smoking and on 18 October 1974 we were sealed as a family for eternity in the Idaho Falls Temple.

On 11 June 1975 Lisa Marie entered our family and we felt that our world was complete.

June 5, 1976, and our world fell apart. Since we lived only about a hundred feet off the Teton River we lost everything in the flood. The next few months we worked hard but we reaped some blessings also in that the most important thing we had, our family, was intact. On 3 November 1976 Mitzi Gail arrived, to our pleasure.

Wendy Lynn was baptized on 1 April 1977 and that spring we moved to Archer. It was like a dream come true for Jack because he has always loved the country and lots of space.

Amy Jean was baptized on 2 June 1979. Our family seemed to be growing up too fast. Our family was growing in more ways than one for Jenny Leigh was born at home on 7

August 1979. Her sisters were able to hold her when she was only minutes old. She has been the tie that binds and we all reap a tremendous amount of pleasure from her.

Jack has now gone into business for himself and is away from home quite a bit. I try to keep the home fires burning as well as serving in the Relief Society. We are all in good health and count the blessings the Lord has given us. What more could we need? We have five sparkling daughters and the necessities of life. What a joy!

## *Ed and Norlene Reichenbach*

Ed is the son of Edward M. Reichenbach and Dolly Jane Fortier of California. Norlene is the daughter of James Derral Anderson of California and Lila Gardner Anderson of Archer (winter resident of California). Ed and Norlene were both born in California. Norlene's Dad was born in Salem and her mother was born in Moody. The Reichenbach's have three children: Tonya, Todd Edward, and Tara.

We met on a blind date in June 1962 and attended a fireside on marriage. We corresponded when school began, but phone bills and love sickness caused her to drop out in December. On March 2, 1963 we were married in the Los Angeles Temple. Our first home was an apartment in West Los Angeles, near Ed's parent's home. Ed worked for Pacific Resistor in West Los Angeles and Norlene for Federal Bankruptcy Court in Los Angeles as typist. She changed jobs to



Front Row (L. to R.): Norlene and Ed  
Back Row: Tara, Todd, Tonya

UCLA Medical Extension and worked until a month before Tonya was born, January 30, 1964. While members of Brentwood Ward, Ed was Explorer Advisor and Scout Master and Norlene taught Sunday School (fifteen year old) and Primary. We moved to a two bedroom apartment and became building managers. Ed began his own business cleaning floors and decks of apartment buildings. Todd was born June 22, 1966.

Shortly after Todd was born we moved to Canoga Park so Norlene could help some friends after the wife became paralyzed. She tended four children under three and tried to keep up two homes while Ed was working nights for Airborne Research of North Hollywood. After an exhaustive

year she quit and they moved to So. San Gabriel near Norlene's family. Tonya began school at Hillcrest Elementary, two houses and 105 crying steps away. Tara was born on January 9, 1970. In So. San Gabriel Ward, Ed was Sunday School counselor and Scout Master and Norlene was Primary teacher and counselor in Young Women's Presidency.

Ed lost his aerospace job during a big layoff just before Tara was born and he began work in construction for Norlene's brother. Wrightwood's small branch was made up of half of Norlene's family. Ed was scout master, Sunday School teacher and branch executive secretary at one time. Norlene was Inservice Leader and later Primary president. She also directed and taught a community nursery three days a week the last year there and Tara attended.

Ed desired to attend Ricks College, so plans to move began. The branch gave us a farewell party and an appreciated money tree. We arrived in Rexburg in July 1973. Through the Lord's guidance we found a home, unloaded our furniture, Ed found a job with Herdt Electric, and Norlene's brother who helped with the move was on his way back home at the end of the first day.

Ed began school and Norlene worked as a teacher's aid. Ed took a full time custodial job and became an electrician for Ricks.

We found property in Archer and applied for a loan. Construction of our home began in fall 1974 and we moved in on Easter weekend 1975. It was a struggle, but Norlene graduated from B.Y.U. with a teaching certificate April 1976. August 1977 she began teaching first grade at Washington School. While in Archer Ed has been Scout Master, taught various Sunday School classes and is now counselor in Young Men's Stake Presidency. Norlene has been Jr. Sunday School coordinator and is now a Primary teacher.

This year Tonya will be a junior at Madison High, Todd a freshman and Tara in fifth grade, but Norlene is still in first grade and Ed is still going to Ricks College after six and a half years.

## *Lind and Grace Robison*



*Lind and Grace*

Lind Alfred Robison was born to Olive Chloe Wilcox and James Alfred Robison on March 15, 1903. He was born

in Lyman in a log house with a dirt floor. He was the third child and first son in a family of nine. Some of his first recollections are of seeing the Indians who were camping at the hill coming down the road with their squaws, ponies and carts. They came to ask his mother for food. She gave them a sack of flour and a slab of bacon. They were friendly Indians but Lind was scared nonetheless.

Grace was born October 14, 1900 to Stewart Seeley and Millie Nelson in Mount Pleasant, Utah. She was also the third child of nine. When she was eleven, fifteen families moved from Mount Pleasant to St. Anthony. Her father left early with the furniture and cattle to prepare a place for them. As the families passed through Pocatello on the freight train, Grace looked out the window and saw her father. She was the only one who saw him. They landed in St. Anthony in six feet of snow. She attended school in Wilford. She was the teacher's pet. The teacher drove a horse and buggy in summer and sleigh in winter. Each day at noon she would take Grace to St. Anthony and buy her a candy bar.

Lind attended school in Lyman where he graduated in 1917. He also attended Ricks College for a year. He worked in the sugar factory in Sugar City in the fall and farmed in the summers. He worked all around as a young guy will. He purchased his first car, a 1924 Model T Ford, and became the talk of the town.

Grace worked in a seed house in St. Anthony where she was inspector over 125 girls for five years. A friend from work urged her to go to a dance on a Wednesday night. She usually went on Saturdays but went that night to meet some boys from Lyman. She saw Lind as he walked in the door with four other Lyman boys and she was in love. Two years later they were married December 12, 1925 in Lyman by Bishop Charles Ritting. Lind was late for his own wedding because he ran into a herd of sheep as he was driving home. They had a big reception and a wedding dance. They moved in to live with Lind's parents in the big two story house on the corner south of Howell's store. Lind bought that house for \$3,000. Their first daughter LuDean was born there May 11, 1927. They then moved back to Lyman to a big log house. Luetta was born there November 24, 1928. Lyle was born in Archer April 26, 1932.

Lind continued to be very industrious and a good farmer. He sold his brothers Eldon and Dean the land where they lived. He bought the land where they presently live in 1942.

LuDean went to school in Pocatello. Luetta served a mission in Minneapolis Minnesota. Lyle also went to school.

Lind and Lyle built a Grade A barn and Lind milked forty head of cows. It was a hard life being in the dairy business but when he finally sold out it was a sad day.

Lind and Grace celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary in 1975. They have seventeen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, of whom they are very proud.

Lind states they have been very happy together, and are having a happy life.

## Lyle and LeRae Robison



Front Row (L. to R.): David and Ryan  
Back Row: Douglas, Linda, Lyle, LeRae, Ricky, Ronald

Lyle James Robison, son of Lind A. Robison and Grace Seely, was born April 26, 1932 in Archer, Idaho. He was raised in Archer where he attended the Archer schools and he attended Madison High School and Ricks College. He then went to Utah State Agricultural College where he joined the Kappa Sigma Fraternity and served as the president for the year 1953 and 1954. While at Utah State he met Jean LeRae Drollinger, daughter of Clifford Elmer Drollinger and Gladys Ardell Hancock. She was born March 16, 1935 in Salt Lake City, Utah. She was raised in Roosevelt, Utah where she attended the Roosevelt schools and graduated from Union High School as an honor student. She then went one year at USAC. They were married in the Salt Lake Temple on June 1, 1954. This started the Lyle J. Robison family.

We spent the first two years of our married life in the army with basic training at Fort Ord, California. After basic training we were stationed at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii. At this time Linda Lee came into our family on December 10, 1955. She was born at Tripler Army Hospital in Honolulu at the exhorbitant price of \$7.00. We were active in the Wahiawa Ward in Hawaii where Lyle was the Scout Master with eighteen scouts and not one Caucasian among them. LeRae was ward organist and worked in the Primary. At this time we made many friends through the church which we still cherish.

After the army we returned to Archer and we spent our time in farming, milking cows, and doing anything we could find to do in the winter such as selling insulation, selling real estate, and working in a hardware store. Here we had five sons in a row: Douglas Lyle Robison born December 24, 1957, Ricky James born April 14, 1959 and Ronald D. born July 19, 1960 all born in the Rigby Maternity Home. David Alan was born October 11, 1964 and Ryan Lind was born December 4, 1968 in the Madison Memorial Hospital in Rexburg, Idaho.

We bought our farm from Ezra Lake in 1959 and six months later we bought the adjoining farm from Learnin Terry.

LeRae has held the following church jobs: Relief Society chorister, primary teacher, ward organist, Sunday School organist, Relief Society organist and Relief Society sewing specialist.

Lyle has served as Elders Quorum President, Sunday School counselor, Priest Quorum Advisor, Scout Master, Sunday School teacher, seven years on the High Council of the Rexburg Stake and the Rexburg East Stake, bishop of the Archer ward and is presently bishop of the Sunnydell Ward.

In the community, Lyle has served on the Board of Directors of the Madison Memorial Hospital, and director on the Madison Soil Conservation District.

When we came to Archer we moved into the home where Gerard Junkert now lives for about one year. We lived in Lind Robison's old home for about eight years and then we built and moved into our present home in 1966.

We've had two sons on missions so far. Douglas went to Australia Melbourne Mission where he served as district and zone leader. He also was able to spend four months on Tasmania which he loved. Ricky is presently serving in the Nevada Las Vegas Mission where he is now a District Leader.

The highlight of Lyle's time as bishop was when the flood suppers were served in our ward to some of the wards that were in the flood of 1976. We served 3,800 people on four different nights. We served them stew, homemade bread and watermelon. These suppers were a real treat to those who were flooded out of their homes but the biggest thing that they did was to bring to our own ward a feeling of unity.

## Trieste Robison



Front Row (L. to R.): Eldon, Jill, Trieste.  
Back Row: Marvin, Gloria, Patricia, Cindy.

Eldon Dee Robison was the seventh child and second son born to James Alfred Robison and Olive Chloe Wilcox. He was born in Lyman, Idaho, Madison County, Idaho, November 24, 1914. Those who knew him say he was full of mischief from the day he was born. He learned how to work early. When he was only ten years old he was left on the dry farm alone in the summer to farm. He often spoke of hearing the coyotes howl so close at night. He slept on a high bed to



keep the rattlesnakes away. He attended grade school in Lyman and Archer and Madison High School. He was baptized a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints by a cousin Jesse Robison July 25, 1923.

Trieste was the youngest child born to Hilery Payn and Anna Matilda Erickson. She was born October 5, 1914 at Archer, Madison County, Idaho. She always looked for the fun and occasionally made her own. She was blessed with the talent of being able to make people laugh. She was baptized July 5, 1924. She attended grade school at Archer and graduated from Madison High. When they were in school Eldon wrote in Trieste's autograph book, "Our eyes have met, our lips not yet but remember darling, I'll get you yet." Trieste disliked him at the time. A few years later as Eldon came home from Arkansas where he had been staying with his sister, dressed in the latest styles, Trieste had a change of heart.

They were married September 9, 1935 in Blackfoot, Idaho. In June 1947 they were married and sealed in the Idaho Falls Temple.

Five children were born to them: Gloria Dee, April 17, 1936 at the home of grandparents Payns; Marvin H., July 4, 1940 at the home of grandparents Payns; Patricia Ann, September 15, 1944 at Rigby Hospital, Rigby, Idaho; Cindy Lou, April 3, 1949 at the Rigby Maternity Home in Rigby, Idaho and Laurie Jill, September 17, 1955 in the Rigby Maternity Home, Rigby, Idaho.

Shortly after they were married they purchased the place where they now live and that has been their home. Eldon was a hard worker. He farmed for himself and others, was the watermaster on the Lenroot Canal for a year, sexton at the Sutton Cemetery and later became a potato inspector for the state of Idaho.

In 1957-58 Gloria was called on a mission to the Eastern States Mission in New York and a week after she returned home Marvin left for the Great Lakes Mission.

Eldon held many positions in the church. Some were: Secretary of the MIA, drama director, Deacons advisor, MIA president and on the MIA stake board, but the position he loved the very most was counselor to Bishop George H. Munns in the Archer Ward. He was called to this position November 9, 1959 and served faithfully for ten years. He loved the youth and supported them always. He especially loved baseball. He and Trieste were seen at most every game even if none of their kids were playing.

Trieste has been active in the church also. She was called to be a counselor in the MIA at seventeen. She was counselor in the Relief Society and primary, president of the MIA, drama director, teacher, served on three Relief Society stake boards, and was Relief Society president. She cared for her mother who was bedfast for eight years and gave her expert care. This inspired two of her daughters to become nurses. She was always the most happy when she was serving others.

Eldon passed away on February 12, 1977 at Madison Hospital of a severe heart attack. Trieste is presently serving a mission in Tampa, Florida.

## Kenneth and Hazel Rose



Sitting (L. to R.): Crystal, Tammie, Jeremy, Hazel, Mitchel, Ken, Anna.

Standing: Cody and Harold.

The family of Kenneth Dean Rose and Hazel Margret (Schneider) Rose began on May 8, 1970, when they were married for time and all eternity in the Idaho Falls Temple by George Christensen. During these last ten years they have been blessed with seven beautiful children, four boys and three girls. All seven children were born in Rexburg, Idaho. The children and their birthdates are as follows: Harold Dean, June 1, 1971; Cody "M", July 2, 1972; Crystal May, March 13, 1974; Jeremy "L", July 24, 1975; Anna Marie, July 17, 1976; Tammie Sue, July 7, 1977; Mitchel "E", February 1, 1980.

After they were married, Ken and Hazel decided to stay in this area and have lived in several different locations in Archer and Sunnyside. Kenneth was drafted on May 8, 1971, into the U.S. Army. He spent most of his service time as a company clerk in Wildflecken, Germany. While Kenneth was gone Hazel spent most of the time in their mobile home behind her Grandmother Weekes' home. For six months Hazel and Harold went to Maryland and lived with Kenneth's parents. Kenneth was discharged from the army May 4, 1973. After his discharge he worked at the Challenge Creamery in Rexburg, Idaho, as a cheesemaker. The creamery closed down in 1975 and so Kenneth worked as the chief buttermaker in the Idaho Falls Challenge Creamery Plant. In 1976 he went to work as a city letter carrier in Rexburg, Idaho and has been employed there since.

Ken's father's ancestors came from Wales, England on the ship Warwick, in the year 1631 and settled in Berwick, Maine. Ken's mother's ancestors came over on the Mayflower in 1620 and landed at Plymouth Rock, Massachusetts.

Ken was born in Bangor, Maine to Llewellyn Ernest Rose and Ruth Gertrude Chamberlain on March 6, 1950 and was the oldest of five children. Because of economic conditions, Ken's family moved to Maryland when he was seven. When he was ten the family joined The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and Ken was baptized in 1960. In 1968 Ken graduated from Surrattsville High in Clinton, Maryland.

In 1968 he came to Idaho and attended Ricks College. In February of 1969 he and Hazel met at a Gold and Green Ball held at the Archer Church. Six months later they were engaged. Ken graduated from Ricks in 1970.

Hazel was born in Fort Knox, Kentucky to Erven Clair Schneider and Artella Ann Weekes on February 3, 1950 and was the youngest of three children.

Hazel's father's ancestors came from Prussia (now East Germany) around 1860 and settled in Lewisville, Idaho. Hazel's mother's ancestors came from England around 1853 and were some of the first settlers in the Lyman area and dug the first irrigation ditch in this area.

Hazel graduated from Madison High in 1968 and then attended King-Lawrence Beauty School in Rexburg on a scholarship. After graduating from there in August 1969 she worked in Sutton's Potato Warehouse until she and Ken were married.

Hazel's hobbies are sewing and crocheting. Ken's hobbies are hunting and fishing, raising chickens and pigs and sawing firewood. The whole family enjoys going to the mountains to get firewood or to pick huckleberries.

We are so thankful to be members of this wonderful Church and to be able to raise our children in it. We so much enjoy our temple work and are very glad to have the opportunity to serve the Lord in this way. Our main goal in life is to raise our children so they will want to go on missions and bring more people into this wonderful Church.

## *Artella Schneider*



*Artella*

I, Artella Ann Weekes Schneider, was born September 11, 1919, in the home of my parents, Martha Lavon Galbraith and George Lelen Weekes (located directly north across the highway from the Archer School). My parents made their living by farming. I was the third child in a family of ten children. Being a large family on a small farm, we soon learned to share in family responsibilities, both with house duties and outside farm chores. We also had fun together reading in the evenings, taking huckleberrying trips and taking part in ward and community activities.

In 1936 I met Erven Clair Schneider and we began

dating. With a group of friends we spent many happy hours roller skating, dancing, sleigh riding, etc. We were married on June 24, 1939, in my parents' home by Bishop J. Ray Smith.

Erven's parents, Hazel Eliza Park and Anton August Schneider owned a farm in Annis. Erven was born July 11, 1918, at the family home. He was the fifth child of nine.

During the next few years we lived in the local area, where Erven was employed at various jobs. During this time we were blessed with the birth of two children, Bobby Clair born April 25, 1940, and Darlene Artella born October 9, 1941, both were born in my parents home in Archer.

In 1944 with World War II raging, Erven received his official greetings from Uncle Sam and was sent to Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, for his basic training. I took our two small children and went to be with him for a short time before he was sent to Germany. This was my first trip away from home and with two small children and luggage, it was quite an experience. However, in time, I became an old-hand at moving, because in 1948 Erven re-enlisted in the army and for the next eight years we were an army family.

We first went to Fort Knox, Kentucky, where our third child, Hazel Margret was born February 3, 1950. While there I was asked by the lady missionaries to conduct a home Primary. Several non-member children attended with our children. In August 1950, Erven was sent to help fight during the Korean Conflict. In his absences, I always brought the children back to Archer to live. Later we spent a year in Maryland and two years in Germany, before Erven was discharged in 1956.

Our son, Bobby, married Sarah Joyce Streeper of Ririe on February 19, 1959, in the Idaho Falls Temple, and I had my own endowment work done the same day. That same year on June 19 our daughter, Darlene, married Dale Leonard Clements of Archer at Archer.

The morning of November 20, 1960, I received a call that Erven had been in a car wreck. X-rays and an examination showed very severe gas burns and a broken neck. He was taken by ambulance to the Veteran's Hospital in Salt Lake City. The spinal cord had been damaged causing complete paralysis from the neck down. After four months and many instructions on how to care for my husband's paralyzed body, we left the Veteran's Hospital and soon moved back home to Archer. For the next four years my time was spent caring for Erven, until he passed away April 5, 1965, at our home in Archer.

A highlight in my life was when we went to the temple on April 12, 1966, and had Erven's endowment work and our sealing performed.

After Erven's death, I worked at various jobs, until August 19, 1969, when I got a job as a custodian at the Manwaring Center on the Ricks College campus. I really enjoy my job and have advanced to head custodian in the building.

Our second daughter, Hazel, married Kenneth Dean Rose of Upper Marlboro, Maryland, on May 8, 1970, in the Idaho Falls Temple.

In April 1974, I bought a trailer and moved it on to Dale

and Darlene's place here in Archer, where I have enjoyed my flower and vegetable gardens.

My family and the gospel have always been my most treasured possessions and my grandchildren now number twenty-one.

At various times during my life I have served as teacher in MIA, Sunday School and Primary. For a short time I was a Relief Society visiting teacher and am presently serving as Sunday School secretary.

## *Joel and Virginia Sedgwick*



*Front Row (L. to R.): Debbie, Joel holding Marianne, Virginia holding Miriam, Danny and James.*

*Back Row: Christian, Amelia holding Randi, David, Michael, Sharon and Ben.*

The Joel W. Sedgwick family has ever been on the move since its inception 29 years ago when Joel met Virginia Clawson in Southern California, after returning from a mission to Finland. Because of army commitments the first move and beginning of our circle was to Kansas and then to Virginia, where Joel R. was born.

Further moves resulted, widening our circle, because of schooling, which continued for some seven or eight years. These moves took us first to BYU where Rene' and Garrett L. were born. Joel graduated and we moved to first, Pocatello, and then Riverside, Idaho, where he taught seminary. Jonathan was born here. We really fell in love with this country and the people here.

Then on to San Diego and more schooling for Joel. He also taught Institute classes. Virginia also went to school here. This is where Stephani V. was born.

On around the circle we went -- to Sharon, Massachusetts, where Joel went to school again and was a counselor in the College of Business Administration. He studied counseling and adult education. Here, Michael W. and David W. were born.

On again -- everything that couldn't fit in our little trailer and car were sold, and off we went to Flagstaff, Arizona, institute again, and this time school for Virginia.

Joel started branching out to earn more money for his ever-increasing family, and we moved to Oakland, California, for an experience in insurance. Amelia C. was born here.

Joel couldn't leave the institute alone completely. So he started teaching again and he continued his many business ventures on the side.

This took us to San Jose, California, where Julia Ann and Sharon L. were born, and then to Gilroy, where Julia Anne drowned and Benjamin was born.

Then on around the circle -- Salt Lake City, Utah, where Joel taught at the Technical College, and Christian C. and James M. were born.

We continued to search for ways to add to a teacher's meager income, and as a result, Joel retired from 17 years of teaching and turned to business again.

This took us farther around the circle to Southern Utah, and a motel which we ran for awhile. Deborah Sue, Daniel Mark, Marianne E. and Miriam Ruth were all born in this area. Deciding the motel was not for us, we sold it and Joel got involved in the business that led to his present business of buying, processing and selling of investment diamonds out of West Africa.

During our stay in Southern Utah we were not settled and felt to find a place where we could close the circle and raise the rest of our children in a rural setting. We decided Idaho was the place and found this piece of property on which we hope to settle.

We have enjoyed and appreciated the friendship of those whom we have met thus far and desire to meet more people like them. We hope to be able to contribute in whatever way we can to this community and those who live in it. Joel and Virginia and all are dedicated to profitable and worthy education.

Our Joel, Garrett, and Jonathon have filled missions for the L.D.S. Church in Argentina and Colombia. Our son, Joel, is married and has one son. Our daughter, Rene', is married and has two girls and two boys. She is living in Salt Lake. Garrett and Jonathon are working in Salt Lake City, and Jonathon will go to BYU in the fall. Stephani is working at Heise and is living here at home with her daughter Randi Kay. Michael will be going to Southern Utah State College in the fall. David is finishing his education and is presently working with Max Oakey. The rest are home, busy learning and working.

Each place we have lived has been bought in disrepair and -- sometimes quickly and sometimes slowly -- repaired. Always beautifully!

We love music, gardening, sewing and learning anything new.

While our circle of life is not yet complete, we certainly hope the circle made by moving has been completed.

## *The Sharp Family*

Reece Sharp is the only son of Glen and Jeannette Nelson Sharp.

Jeannette was born July 9, 1905, the first child of Iva Lenroot and Issac Nelson. She attended school in the old cheese factory, then in the Erickson dance hall and when she was in the fifth grade the brick school was built and she attended school there until she had attended one year of high



Left to Right. Reece, Jeanette, and Glen

school.

She enjoyed life. Riding horses, going to dances with her parents and trips to the hills were her favorites. She was ten when she went with her father to get the logs to build a home. Huckleberry trips were the highlight of the summer. She worked hard, not having any brothers, just one sister, Emily. She drove horses to plow, harrow, level, and cultivate. She thinned beets, shocked grain and picked potatoes.

Before she was married, she worked for two winters in Rigby sorting peas and earned \$13.15 a week for hard work, nine hours a day for six days a week.

Jeannette started to date Glen Sharp when she was only sixteen. Four years later they were married, February 5, 1925. They had one son, Reece. After living for a short time in Rigby, they moved to Archer and except for one winter in Pocatello and two summers on the dry farm, they have always lived in Archer.

Jeannette had a beautiful voice and sang with many trio groups. She served as a counselor to Bertha Young in the M.I.A., a Primary teacher and later in the presidency with Zella Bybee and Edna Hill, P.T.A. president, and then five years as M.I.A. president. She was serving as Junior Sunday School coordinator when the new church was dedicated and gave a talk.

On September 15, 1945, one side of her face went numb. It was numb for four years and she soon lost her sense of balance. She fell many times and suffered several broken bones. Glen had arthritis and was in pain for twenty-five years. He passed away April 22, 1962, after several years in and out of hospitals.

Jeannette grew progressively worse and in 1975 was confined to a wheelchair. In 1977 she wasn't able to live at home and moved to Hillcrest Haven Nursing home in Pocatello.

When asked what her hobbies were Jeannette replied, "I think of the enjoyment I have had playing and singing with my electric organ, the many distowels and pillowcases I have embroidered, but my flowers and garden have been my chief source of satisfaction and comfort."

To those who knew her the best know that people were

her main hobby. Through her heartache, pain, and not being able to care for herself, she has remained a gracious, loving, kind person. Those who take care of her love her. All who go to visit her are inspired and uplifted by her cheerfulness and the desire to be patient to the end.

Reece and Jill and two daughters, Helen 13, and Amanda 7, are living at the family home. Reece's oldest son, Brad and his wife, Vickey, have two children and live in Rigby. Joy Lyn and Kyle Ball have one boy and are living in Salem, Idaho. Robin is living in New Haven, Connecticut.

Reece is a superintendent of Burggraf Construction Company.

## Scott and Janice Shirley



Left to Right: Jan, Jeffrey, Scott holding Brett, and Jenna

On March 7, 1952, after a heavy winter storm had virtually closed everything, Margie and Ross Shirley were very glad Madison County had chosen to plow the Salem highway first, for Scott was trying his best to make his appearance. That evening he succeeded and was the third boy to join his two older brothers, Neal and Dale.

Two years later he was joined by a lone sister, Janet, to make their family complete. They made their home in Salem and Scott attended grammar school in Plano and Jr. high and high school in Sugar City.

Scott graduated in 1970 after being very active in music and drama. Ricks College was his next goal and he attended for one year. He appeared in several college plays and was accepted to the "Westgate Playmill," but decided instead to go on his mission.

He spent two years in the Guatemala-El Salvador mission and returned home to marry Janice Kinghorn, May 3, 1974.

She had been raised in Sugar City in the family of Ronald and Dorothy Kinghorn and had two older brothers.

She also attended Sugar-Salem High school and was active in many clubs and organizations including the drill team and pep club. She served as studentbody secretary and graduated in 1972.

She was accepted at Ricks into the nursing program, intending to be a registered nurse but after a year, changed plans and graduated as a medical secretary.

After their marriage, they moved to Idaho Falls where Scott attended ISU and Jan worked at the LDS Hospital until Jenna was born in 1975. She was quickly joined by Jeffrey who arrived on June 4, 1976.

Scott had meanwhile started working at Safeway and the family had just moved to Sugar City on June 3 and were moved out on June 5 by the breaking of the Teton Dam.

After moving around for a year, we finally moved to Sunnydell in 1977 and have resided here since. One more child has joined us since then in the guise of Brett on September 4, 1979.

## *Wayne and Diane Siddoway*



Front Row (L. to R.): Dax, Wayne, Diane, Nichole  
Back Row: Randy, Trent, and Cindy

Ralph Wayne Siddoway was born, the second son to Laurence D. and Stella Cunningham Siddoway, on October 24, 1935, in Teton City, Idaho. His father was a farmer and when Wayne was six years old the family rented a farm and moved to Lincoln, Idaho. They lived there for five years and then moved to Grant, Idaho, where they lived for two years. At this time, his family bought a farm in Clark, Idaho. His parents still live on this farm. Wayne went to school in Rigby, Idaho, and graduated from Rigby High School. He was called to serve a mission in the Samoan Islands in 1956. He spent two and one-half years in Samoa. When he came home, the army was waiting for him. He spent six months active duty in Fort Leonardwood, Missouri. He was released from the army in September 1959 and on November 6, 1959, he married Diane Avery in the Idaho Falls Temple.

Diane was born in Milo, Idaho, the third daughter of Lester Cleon and Edna Palmer Avery on October 4, 1938. She was joined by a brother later. Her father was a farmer, but when Diane was eight years old, the family purchased a small grocery store in St. Anthony, Idaho, and moved there. Diane graduated from South Fremont High and then went to Ricks College where she earned an Associate Degree in secretarial training. She moved to Idaho Falls and worked for Phillips

Petroleum at the AEC Site.

Wayne and Diane started their married life in Clark, Idaho. The next spring, Wayne rented his uncle's farm just east of Rigby so they moved there. Their first son was born in Rigby on October 8, 1960, and was named Duane Kay. The family moved back to a home on his brother's farm in Clark and on January 6, 1962, a second son, Trent J., joined the family. The following spring they moved to a farm in Shelton, Idaho. Here they were joined by a daughter Cindy, on January 10, 1963. On New Years Eve, 1963, Wayne and Diane spent the day moving into the home they had purchased in Sunnydell. They have since resided in this home except for a short time they lived in Sugar City, Idaho.

Wayne started working for Van Gas, a propane company. He has worked for Van Gas ever since except for a short time that he worked for Intermountain Gas in Rexburg. During this time he has been plant manager for the Rigby and Idaho Falls plants and at the present time he is manager of the St. Anthony branch.

On October 14, 1965, another son joined the family. He was named Randy Ray. In 1969 Wayne was called to serve as the president of the Elder's Quorum. He served in this position until February 15, 1976, when he was called as a second counselor in the bishopric. When the ward was divided he remained second counselor to Bishop Robison in the new Sunnydell Ward.

On June 17, 1971, another son joined the family. He was named Dax Wayne. The Sunday he was blessed, he was one of the ten babies blessed in the Archer Ward Sacrament meeting that Sunday.

On October 14, 1974, Randy's ninth birthday, a red-headed baby girl joined the family. She was named Nichole.

In August 1979, Duane was called to serve in the Italy Catania Mission. He is serving there at the present time.

All of the boys have enjoyed sports and have played many ball games. The family has always supported the boys and have attended hundreds of ball games, cheering the boys on from PeeWee baseball to championship baseball, basketball and football games. This has brought much joy and excitement into their lives. The entire family has been active in the Church and all of the older children have served as class or quorum officers.

## *Edward and Olive Smith*

I, Edward A., was born at Jersey City, New Jersey, March 6, 1919, the fifth child of John and Caroline Smith.

I attended PS 20 grade school until I was twelve, then Henry Snyder Jr. High for two years, Dickison High School three years. I worked in a grocery store until I was drafted in 1942. I served seven and one-half years in the first Army Air Force. During that time I served in Italy, Africa, Iran, Arabia, India and China.

I was discharged January 7, 1946. On January 9, 1946 I reenlisted for three years and was sent to Camp Kearns, Utah. That's where I met my future wife, Olive Erickson. A week after I met her I was sent to Alaska, stationed at Sewart, Kodiak, Kicka, Attu and Adak. On completion of my over-



Olive and Edward

seas service, I was sent home. Olive and I were married, and we spent the remaining time of my hitch in Pennsylvania and Illinois.

On February 1, 1947, I was baptized a Mormon by Henry Erickson and confirmed by Norman Erickson February 2, 1947. On August 21, 1951, Olive and I were married in the Idaho Falls Temple and had our daughter sealed to us.

In 1951 I had a cerebral hemorrhage. The doctors gave me forty-eight hours which I could go either way. Through the power of the priesthood, I am still here today.

My hobbies are bowling, drawing, sign painting, and swimming.

I, Olive Gladys Erickson Smith, was born November 20th, the ninth child of eleven born to Herman and Gladys Erickson.

My growing years weren't very exciting. I hated school because I was sick so much.

I've served in the Primary, secretary of the Y.W.M.I.A. for six years, secretary of the Relief Society eleven years, ten years perfect attendance. I served under President Opal Clements. I was a visiting teacher. I'm a member of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers.

In the year of '45 or '46, I went to Salt Lake with my good friend, Zula Nelson Kidd, to find a job.

We stayed in Salt Lake for a year or two then Zula got her mission call. I stayed alone for awhile, then dad wanted me to come home. During the time I was there I met my future husband, Edward Smith, who was stationed at Camp Kearns.

When he left for Alaska, I came home to wait for his return when we were to be married. He came home January, 1947, and we were married January 31, 1947.

On February 16, 1948, we were blessed with our only child, DeLana. We love her very much. She is married and has five children, which we think are the greatest.

I have lived in Archer all my life except for two years Eddie was in the service and stationed in Illinois.

I'm the custodian of our church house and love to work over there; it's so peaceful and quiet. I had a good teacher, my dad. He was custodian of our old rock church and the new one until his health started to fail him.

The year of 1977 Bishop Robison asked us if we could support a missionary in South America. We were glad to do so and have received many blessings from our efforts. October 2, 1979, we sent for him to come and visit us. His name is Juau Albero Rinson. He is still with us attending Ricks College.

My hobbies are collecting dolls from different country, collecting ornaments, and reading movie books. My one life's ambition was to be a good roller and own a Harley Davidson, but the years are catching up with me so I'll just have to give that up and concentrate on being a good grandmother, which I'm proud of being.

## J. Ray Smith

I, James Ray Smith, was born in Richmond, Utah, January 7, 1887, son of Isaac and Betsey Ann Bateman Smith. I was the third child and second son in a family of ten. At age four we moved to Fairview. At age twelve dad put me to running a milk wagon from Fairview to Franklin. I loved to dance and went to all the neighboring towns.

In November 1903 we moved to Shelley, Idaho, where we could get plenty of irrigation water. Those in our group were Abb and Blueford Bybee, my brother, Earl, and Roy Hall.



Front Row (L. to R.): James Ray, Alta, Pauline.  
Back Row: Elmo and Dee

In the spring we moved to Lyman. Mother died shortly after my youngest sister, Ethel, was born. Three years later dad married Maria Holley on June 8, 1908.

On April 27, 1910, I married Pauline Weiland in the Salt Lake Temple and left the same day for my mission with headquarters in Chicago.

At the close of my mission, Pauline met me in Salt Lake. It was good to be home. We lived in Rexburg second ward until fall when I bought a home in Lyman where I taught in MIA. I was president of the Elder's Quorum, then second counselor to Bishop Rytting.

My father was field man for the Utah-Idaho Sugar Company and hired me to take his place. I held the job for twenty-one years. Pauline was sick the nine months before our son, Elmo, was born, March 28, 1915.

We moved to Archer and On November 4, 1917, our

second son was born. I named him Mark Weiland Smith. That spring we had bought our 200 acre dry farm just on top of the hill above the old Henry Sutton home and the twenty acres where we built our home.

For three years I served on the school board and was director of the Sunnyside Irrigation District.

January 28, 1920, our third son, Marvin Dee, was born. The flu was raging. I had been to five funerals in one week and came down with it myself the day before Dee was born. Even though there was only a wall between us, I did not see my son for almost two weeks. No one else in the family got the flu.

I was serving as Sunday School superintendent when on December 24, 1924, I was asked to be counselor to Bishop Olaf P. Johanson. I served until 1928 when I became bishop of the Archer Ward. I chose D.O. Wilcox and Carl Johnson as counselors, Bert Carlstrom as clerk. Carl moved to Rexburg and Raymond Briggs took his place. We were united as a bishopric and served for thirteen years until 1941.

Our daughter, Alta, was born July 10, 1921. On July 25, 1925, another son, Grant, was born to us. He lived only a few minutes. I almost lost Pauline at this time.

Tragedy struck us on May 14, 1930. Our son, Mark, was drowned on a school outing to Indian Springs near Pocatello.

About this time Pauline's parents came to live with us. They were easy to care for, and we were glad we could do it.

Elmo went to North Central States Mission, then married June Weindorf in the Salt Lake Temple. He later became president of the Oakland Stake and served until his death of cancer January 22, 1973.

Dee went to the New England States on his mission. On October 18, 1943, he and Lottie Hall and Alta and Grant Fisher were married in the Salt Lake Temple. Dee served as bishop in the Diamond Ward of the Oakland Stake and is now on the high council. Alta's husband, Grant, is a bishop in Salt Lake City.

Pauline had a bad heart. After a stroke, she passed away March 23, 1946. Mark and Elsie Sutton rented part of my house, and we were soon sharing everything.

I have been married to three wonderful women. I married Lucinda Fisher, June 16, 1947. November 14, 1959, she passed away. December 12, 1960, Mattie Kinghorn and I were married. She died 26 May 1976. Since then I have been living with Dee or Alta most of the time. However, when I was alone, the people of Archer were especially mindful of my needs. I have always loved them and my home in Archer.

## *Walter and Karen Smith*

Walter David Smith, born in Spokane, Washington, on January 29, 1946, is the son of Millie Wilcox and Joseph L. Smith. Millie was born and raised in Archer. After fulfilling a mission for the L.D.S. Church in Colorado and Nebraska, Millie was living in Salt Lake City, Utah, where she met Joe Smith from Nephi, Utah. They were married in the Salt Lake Temple. They were in the army, stationed in Spokane at the time of Walt's birth. After their discharge they moved to



*Front Row (L. to R.): Lindsey, Walt, Karen, and Wesley.  
Back Row: Mark, David, and JuliAnn*

Nephi where they have lived since. Walt has a brother, Doug, and a sister, Lynette.

Karen Kathleen Skow was born and raised in Walla Walla, Washington. Her mother is Betty L. Lindsey, originally from Ammon, Idaho, and her father is Lauren R. Skow, originally from North Dakota. They met in Walla Walla and have lived there for more than forty years. There are three other girls in the family: Judy, Lorna and Cynthia.

Walt and Karen met after Walt had completed a mission for the Church in Scotland, birthplace of his Great-grandfather Smith. At the time of their meeting, Walt was attending Snow College in Ephraim, Utah, and Karen was attending Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah. Karen graduated from BYU with a degree in CDFR - Elementary Education in May 1968. She and Walt were married in the Salt Lake Temple on June 7, 1968. Walt graduated from BYU with a degree in Industrial Arts Education in August 1973. They lived in Provo, Utah, and Midvale, Utah, while Walt was completing BYU. Karen taught school during this time. They built a home in West Jordan, Utah. Walt was working in home construction. They were unhappy with the crowded conditions in the Salt Lake area and felt some other situations were less than ideal for raising a family, so in 1977 they sold their home and moved to the Archer area.

At this point there were four children: David Alan, born 1 May 1970; JuliAnn, born 10 March 1972; Mark Travis, born 9 July 1973; Lindsey Kaye, born 20 February 1977.

The family built a home in Archer, moving into it in November, 1978. On February 1, 1979, their fifth child, Wesley Tyler, was born.

Walt is presently working for Peterson's Magic Rooms and has had many opportunities for traveling across the United States. It has been a real opportunity for the whole family to learn.

Walt especially enjoys hunting and fishing and being outdoors. Karen is kept busy with their family and is able to use her hobbies of sewing, baking, etc., there. Each child has a special place in the family and their uniqueness keeps things interesting. David and Mark really enjoy nearly every kind of sport so the family is well aware of season changes as the

boys rotate from one sport to another. JuliAnn enjoys dancing as the things that adds sparkle to her life. Lindsey is especially fond of music and animals. And Wesley is just teaching the rest of the family about the directions he'll take in life.

The family has always been active in the LDS Church and Walt and Karen have held a variety of church positions.

The family is grateful for the opportunity to live in the Archer area where there are close family ties, room to be more self-sufficient, and especially where LDS standards are upheld.

### *Kim and Susan Sorensen*



*Philip Cody, Kim, Susan, and Travis L.*

Philip Kim Sorensen and Susan Harding Sorensen were married October 25, 1975, in Sugar City, Idaho, after three months of courtship. Kim was enlisted in the U.S. Army, so off they went for a three month honeymoon to El Paso, Texas. After Kim's release back to work for a farmer from Newdale and a trailer home in Teton. Here we dreamed and schemed for a new home in Archer.

After a year, our plans were complete so we moved into Rexburg to be able to assist in building our new home. Here our first son, Philip cody was born on September 27, 1977, at St. Anthony. After another year, out to our new home. Here on October 11, 1978, Travis L. was born at Rexburg.

Because of our great love for our family, we were sealed in the Idaho Falls Temple on March 3, 1979. Kim is now serving as second counselor in the Sunday School and as a home teacher. Susan has served as Primary teacher and is now serving as first counselor in the Primary and a visiting teacher. Life's been good!

### *Glen and Bess Squires*

I, William Glen, was born to William P. and Zilpah E. Young Squires in Rexburg, Idaho, December 14, 1901. One of seven children -- five boys and two girls: Lawrence, Melvin, Glen, Milton, one son died before the age of two of diphtheria. Grace married William Grover, Ronella married Carl Magleby.



*Bess and Glen*

Life was pretty much like all the farm boys in those times -- plenty of work with a good share of fun and friends and relatives. Our recreation was community socials, ball games, and entertainment with home or local talent.

At age 18 or 19, I started playing in the Young Orchestra which consisted of two uncles, one aunt and a brother. Rob and Mark Young, Leah Young Nelson, and Lawrence Squires, respectively. Later: Clem Young, Ray Palmer, and Mark and I played the saxophone and continued to play for dances until the last several years.

I have held a few positions in the Church which were mostly in music. I was Sunday School chorister for a long time. When I was in my teens, I taught a class in Sunday School and was ward chorister for some time, also mutual chorister. For about seven years each, I worked on the canal board and on the Archer School board.

I, Sarah Elizabeth McMillan, was born May 19, 1898, at my father, William McMillan's, ranch west of Rexburg. I spent many years growing up in Boise. Lewiston Normal had a branch school at Boise High. After graduating from Boise I attended summer school there and with one year at Pocatello, started teaching school. I went back to Boise several summers and to Ricks College one summer.

I taught at Independence for two years, one year at Moody. The fourth year I was going to Emmett, but the county superintendent persuaded me to come to Archer. I soon became one of the many teachers to stay, teaching for seven years. I enjoyed this work very much and have many pleasant memories.

I have worked in most of the Church organizations except Primary.

While at Archer I stayed at the home of William Squires along with three other teachers. There was never a dull moment and we had lots of fun with Mr. Squires and his wife always joining us.

On January 2, 1924, Glen and I were married in the Salt Lake Temple. We have three children: Julia Eileen, Glen Lavar, and Glenda Ronella.

Julia Eileen married Thomas Kershaw. Tom is superintendent of schools in Sugar City, Idaho. They have four children: Thomas, Jr., who has just finished law school at



BYU; Neil, who is attending BYU; Pamela, who married David Ogden, who works for Idaho Bank and Trust in Rexburg. Their youngest, Timothy, is a sophomore in Sugar City.

LaVar married Shirley Johnson. Their history appears in this book.

Glenda married Birch Weimer. He is a pharmacist in Skaggs Drug, Rexburg. Their children are Bradley and Paul.

We have eleven grandchildren and seven great-grand children.

## *LaVar and Shirley Squires*



*Left to Right. LaVar, Phillip, Shirley, and Katherine*

The LaVar and Shirley Squires family have lived in Archer for the past twenty-one years.

Children in this family are: Deborah, William (Bill), Sherie, Katherine, and Phillip.

LaVar is an employee of "American Potato", a potato processing plant. He is the manager at their Rexburg facility, Roger Brothers division.

Deborah married Dennis Wright and they have three children. They live in Vancouver, Washington.

Bill served a mission in New York City. He graduated from Ricks College and will enroll at BYU. He married Lynne Hanson of Granger, Utah.

Sherie has graduated from Ricks College and is a student at Brigham Young University.

Katherine graduated from Madison High School and plans to attend Ricks College.

Phillip is a student at Archer Elementary School.

LaVar is the son of Glen and Bessie McMillan Squires, born February 18, 1931, at Archer, Madison County, Idaho. He is a graduate of Madison High School.

Shirley is the daughter of Hugh and Helen Patrick Johnston, born April 18, 1932, at Moody Creek, Madison County, Idaho.

They have worked in all of the auxiliaries of the Church.

## *Thomas and Dianne Suddeth*

On Friday, June 20, 1980, the Thomas F. Suddeth family moved into a new home just north of the Archer Merc. I guess that makes us about the newest family in the Archer Ward. Hopefully this is the final move for our family which



*Back Row: Thomas, Sr., Matthew, Thomas, Dianne, and Paul.  
Front Row (L. to R.): William Edward and Thomas Franklin, Jr.*

since our marriage on September 7, 1973, in the Logan Temple, has lived in Poughkeepsie, New York; Los Angeles, California; Rexburg; Dallas, Texas; Salt Lake City; St. Augustine, Florida; and Rexburg again.

Our family consists of Thomas Franklin Suddeth, Sr., Dianne Widdison Suddeth, William Edward born November 9, 1974, Matthew Thomas born July 13, 1976, Paul Warren born January 17, 1978, and Thomas Franklin, Jr., born October 8, 1979. Matthew was born in Salt Lake City but the rest were all born in Rexburg. Tom was born in St. Augustine, Florida, and Dianne was born in Rexburg.

Tom is a convert to the Church having been baptized on August 18, 1972, in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Tom and Dianne met while both were working at the Jackson Lake Lodge in The Grand Teton National Park. Tom graduated in 1974 from the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York. He is a licensed chef and currently works at Ricks College in the Food Services.

Dianne attended Ricks College and then Brigham Young University where she graduated in Child Development. Now we're busy developing children.

Tom has also worked in construction and spent several years building houses. His hobby is making hunting knives, using files and sandpaper and lots of hours. The little boys are enjoying getting acquainted with the other children in the neighborhood.

## *Michael and Ginger Summers*

The family of Mike and Ginger Summers are fairly new to the Sunndell area. They came the summer of 1979 with three young daughters.

Michael Elmer Summers was born in Rigby, Idaho, on January 19, 1952. He was raised in Idaho Falls and graduated from Bonneville High in 1970.

Ginger Lee Gehrke was born in Long Beach, California, on April 19, 1953. She was raised in several California cities and came to Idaho Falls in the summer of 1969. By fall she had met Mike and the following summer they were married. On August 3, 1970, was the civil marriage and July 31, 1971,



Front Row (L. to R.): Michelle, Ryan, Jennifer.  
 Second Row: Michael and Ginger  
 Third Row: Wendy

they were sealed in the Idaho Falls Temple. Mike also started work for Electrical Wholesale at this time.

The first daughter, Rachel Lee, was dead at birth on April 4, 1972. Ginger then went to work for Dr. Jack Cheney, an orthodontist. Their home was soon blessed with a healthy little girl, Wendi Anne, born on August 16, 1973.

They bought their first house and lived in Ammon for awhile. This is where another daughter came to their home. Michelle Jean, born October 21, 1974. When Michelle was eight months old, Mike was transferred to Pocatello, Idaho. The family did very well there. They grew in the Church and Mike progressed with the company. They also grew with the addition of Jennifer Almeda, born October 21, 1977, on Michelle's third birthday.

They had only lived in their new house a year when Mike as made manager of the Rexburg store. That's when they came to Sunndell. A year in Sunndell brought their first son, Ryan Michael, born on April 12, 1980.

Mike enjoys hunting, fishing and camping. He served a two-year stake mission in Idaho Falls and has always been involved with the youth of the Church. He is now the Young Men's president and Priest advisor.

Ginger enjoys sewing, writing, reading and camping. She has mostly served in the Primary, as a teacher and a leader. She now serves in the Relief Society presidency of the Sunndell Ward.

On August 3, 1980, they will celebrate their tenth wedding anniversary.

### **Bret and Susie Sutton**

Bret J. Sutton was born October 14, 1958 at Idaho Falls, Idaho. He attended grade school at Archer and Lyman and then went on to Madison Junior and Senior High Schools. After graduating from High School in 1976, he decided to go on to college. Liking his shop classes and especially welding, he decided on Vo-Tech Technical School in Pocatello. He took welding and received his welding certificate and graduated first in his class.

Frankie Sue Smith was born to John and Mabel Smith on August 11, 1959, at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. When she was three her family moved to Rexburg where she attended schools at Adams Elementary and then Madison Junior and Senior High. She has liked animals and sports all of her life. During her Sophomore year in high school she ran track for Madison and won first in the state, running the 440 yard dash. She graduated in 1977.

Bret and Susie met in 1974 and were married March 25, 1977. The couple lived in Pocatello while Bret finished his schooling at Vo-Tech. They moved to Rexburg in April of 1977 and Bret became a welder at Holder Machine Works in Rigby. Frankie Sue was at this time painting houses, interior and exterior. In October of 1977 they moved to Archer, Idaho. Bret continued welding and Frankie Sue painting until February of 1978. At this time Bret started farming with his father and Frankie sue helped Pauline run the Archer Merc.

Brandon Blair Sutton was born on November 11, 1978, at Madison Memorial in Rexburg. Brandon was the first son and child of Bret and Frankie Sue, Stan and Pauline's first grandchild, John and Mabel Smith's tenth grandchild and Lillis and Rachel Sutton's 50th great-grandchild. He weighed 8 lbs. 2 oz. and was 21" long.

Bret is presently farming with his father and brother, and Frankie Sue is just being a housewife and mother. The couple are expecting their second child this fall.

### **Garth and Jolene Sutton**



Front Row (L. to R.): Jolene holding Eric, Garth, Rick  
 Back Row: Shane

On a hot summer day Garth Sutton wheeled into the A&W. There he met Jolene Newman. It didn't take long to strike up a long lasting friendship which turned into love. We were married on June 27, 1969, in Sugar City by Bishop Calvin Davenport. We rented an apartment above J.C. Penney's which is now McDonalds. It was a long way for Garth to drive to work so we moved into Lyman. We rented a trailer from Garth's Uncle Tom Atkinson. It sat right behind Grandpa and Grandma Atkinson's.

In November of '69 we went to Denver, Colorado, where Garth went to school at Denver Automotive and Diesel

College. Dyle Erickson also went to school there. So we all just rented an apartment together. Of course I was chief cook and bottle washer. While we were there we met Keith and LaRae Grover from Rigby, who have become special friends. In March we returned home so Garth could farm. And in June of 1970, the 27th day, we were sealed in the Idaho Falls Temple. The next year we missed school because our first son was born. On November 27, 1970, Shane Garth Sutton came into the world.

We bought a trailer from Garth's brother, Steve, and lived in it behind Steve and Brenda's house. In 1970 Dad gave us some land just up from Stanley Nielson, and we moved the trailer on to it. This was our home for five years. In November we went back to Denver so Garth and Dyle could finish school. In March Mom, Dad, Randy and Kent flew to Denver for Garth's graduation and right after we started for home.

One winter Mom, Dad, Garth and I loaded up the snow machines and took off for West Yellowstone. We rode into Old Faithful and stayed overnight then left early the next morning. It was a beautiful ride.

On February 27, 1973, our second son, Rick Jess Sutton, was born. He was named after Garth's dad. That same year we started to build our home. It was finished in January of '74. How exciting to move into our very own home.

In 1975 Garth purchased a cutter team from Norm Niederer. That year he took third place in sixth division at the state meet. In 1977 he took fifth place in the Upper Valley Cutter Association. In '78 he took third place and was able to go to World Wide. Although he didn't win a place he has choice memories of falling out of the chariot and being drug down the track. Garth has had a lot of fun and enjoyment from those horses.

One of our fondest memories was going to California with Nolan and Connie Erickson. When we got down there we went to Hal's and he took us on tours. We had such a good time together.

After many years Eric Dee Sutton was born. On April 30, 1979, he made his long awaited entry into the world. We named him after my dad, Dee Newman. That same year Garth sold his cutter team and bought a black colt named Spiffy Rascal. They joined the Rigby Cutter Association Colt Division. They were in first place until my dad's horse chipped a knee but we finished in second place thanks to Norm Niederer who furnished us with a colt to finish out the year.

Life has been good to us. We've gone camping, fishing, to rodeos and to get wood. But mixed in with the fun we've learned to work on the farm, in the house, in the yard, and through all this we've become a close family.

Being married to Garth, son of Jesse and Gwen Sutton, was a new experience for me. I was born to June and Dee Newman on August 14, 1950, in Brigham City, Utah. I was the second of six girls. We lived on a farm and with no brothers we had to help with all the farm work, so marrying into a family with all boys was great.

We thank the Lord for giving us such wonderful parents who have taught us the gospel.

## *Jesse and Gwen Sutton*



*Front Row (L. to R.): Jesse, Kent, Gwen.  
Back Row: Steve, Tom, Garth, Randy, and Lee.*

Jesse Lillis Sutton was born June 29, 1920, at Archer, Idaho. He was the first of seven children born to Rachel Briggs and Henry Lillis Sutton and was raised on the family farm and attended school in Archer where he graduated from Archer High School.

Basketball was his favorite sport and he had a natural talent for the game. He was also a good mechanic and was happiest with a wrench in his hands.

After one year working in Los Angeles, California, he returned to Idaho.

Gwen Atkinson, daughter of Thomas Atwell and Millie Lake Atkinson of Lyman, was born November 21, 1924, in Rexburg but was raised in Los Angeles, California, moving with her parents to Idaho in 1935. Jess and Gwen were married August 27, 1942. Later they went to the Salt Lake Temple to be sealed.

They lived in Salt Lake City for awhile and then moved to Portland, Oregon, where they both welded in the shipyards. Besides a full shift welding they each had a part time job as they worked hard to save the money needed for a down payment on a farm. Their dreams came true when they were able to purchase the Olaf P. Johnson farm in 1944. This has been home ever since. They built the cinder block house in 1947.

Their six sons were all born in Rexburg: Steve Jess, July 28, 1945; Lee Henry, December 23, 1946; Garth A., July 4, 1950; Richard Thomas, October 1, 1953; Randall Dee, October 16, 1955; and Kent Val, born September 23, 1959. They are all living in the community except Tom who graduated from Stanford Medical School in Physical Therapy and is working in Pocatello, Idaho. Kent is serving in the Oakland California Mission. He attended one year at Ricks before he left on his mission and plans on continuing his education there when he returns. He will be released September 24, 1980.

Farming was a family operation. First they purchased the Byrne place in Sunnydell, later started growing potatoes on the hill with sprinkler irrigation. This proved to be successful and they expanded the farming operation by building

new structures or taking on additional acres to farm. The sons assumed most of the responsibility as Jess's health started to fail in 1964.

Jess spent many hours on the finance committee raising money for the new church house and later to raise Archer's share of the new stake center. He served as counselor and superintendent of the Sunday School, six years as a member of the Madison School Board, member of the Ririe Coop Board for many years, and member of the Rexburg Airport Board. He loved flying and owned his own airplane. He passed away June 24, 1980.

Gwen loved to farm. She liked anything that could be done outside. Working in any church assignment always took top priority. She served thirty-one years as a visiting teacher, as M.I.A. president and teacher, in the Rexburg Stake Primary presidency, also organist and teacher in the ward Primary, ward Relief Society president in Archer and also at Ricks College, counselor in the stake Relief Society at Ricks College, and presently as counselor in the East Rexburg Stake Relief Society. Community service includes, P.T.A. president, N.F.O. secretary, school evaluation committee, and is presently a member of the Madison County Hospital Board.

She loves people and likes to help them.

### *Lee and Heddy Sutton*



Front Row (L. to R.): Jeff, Heddy, Lee, Jerome.  
Back Row: Sundee.

Lee Henry Sutton, second son of Jesse Lillis and Gwen Atkinson Sutton, was born on December 23, 1946, in the Rexburg Maternity Hospital. He attended school in the Archer Elementary School before going into town where he graduated from Madison High. He was very active in sports and lettered in track, football and basketball each year. He is an Eagle Scout and actively supports the organization. He served as scout master for two years. He has served as Priest advisor and has coached the Explorer boys on several occasions. He was one of the original three fire commissioners who organized a rural fire district for Madison County. On December 30, 1966, he and Heddy Ricks were married in Rexburg. They were sealed in the Idaho Falls Temple on September 18, 1968.

Heddy Ricks Sutton was born on December 3, 1946, to Aseneth Rammell and Seth Ricks in Rexburg. She attended schools in Rexburg and graduated from Madison High and Ricks College. Her family farmed above Newdale, Idaho, and moved there each spring for the summers. She has enjoyed working in all the auxiliaries of the church. She enjoys outdoor activities and hand sewing, also.

Larry Leon Ricks, youngest son of Seth and Aseneth Rammell Ricks, has lived with Lee and Heddy for the past four years. "Hap" graduated from Madison High School and attended Ricks College. He is currently serving in the Chicago South Mission. He enjoys sports of all kinds and likes to be doing things. He writes home that his testimony is growing and that he is happy to be sharing the gospel with others.

We have three children: Sundee, born January 19, 1968; Jeffrey Lee, born February 23, 1972; and Jerome Seth who was born on April 14, 1974.

Sundee's hobbies are piano, sports and creative writing. Jeff enjoys sports, cub scouting and pizza. Jerome likes to play with his friends and go swimming. His favorite food is ice cream. All three of them have gone to school in Lyman and are planning on going to Archer Elementary before going to Rexburg.

Our family loves our home in Sunnysdell. We are happy to live near the farm Lee loves and to be able to enjoy the friendship of so many special people.

### *Lillis Sutton*

Henry Lillis Sutton was born September 11, 1901, at the home of his parents near the hill at Archer. His first home was a log house which stood just north of where the brick house now stands. The brick house was built in 1916 and was the finest house in the area at that time. It even had wind charged electricity and indoor plumbing.

He graduated from the eighth grade in Archer and continued to work for his father. His parents, Henry George and Emma Catherine Sutton, were early pioneers in the valley and ran a large sheep operation. Lillis spent much of his early manhood with the sheep.

He left the farm for one year and worked at Portland,



Front Row (L. to R.): Ada Lou, Lillis, Rachel, Carol.  
Back Row: Laura, Stanley, Genevieve, Jesse, and Zella.

Oregon, loading ships at a dock. He became engaged to Rachel Briggs at this time. Rachel was the thirteenth child and youngest child of George Briggs, Sr., and Sarah Susannah Blackburn. She was born June 30, 1902, at Archer.

Rachel's parents ran the community store, and Rachel worked there helping her parents until her marriage February 16, 1920.

Their first home was a one room log house about 3/4 of a mile from their present home. They only lived there a short time and built the house where Lillis is presently living. They remodeled the house several times before it became the beautiful home it now is.

Seven children were born to them. Jesse Lillis 1920, Zella 1922, Genevieve 1927, Laura 1929, Carol 1931, Stanley Blair 1933 and Ada Lou 1935. Besides their own family they always had relatives living with them. Beth Briggs lived with them from the time she was six until her marriage. Rachel and Lillis had a knack for making people comfortable in their home.

In 1926 they got their first radio and electricity was brought down from the Jackson corner in 1928. They were about the first to raise potatoes in this area planting their first crop in 1928. They continued to farm and raise cattle.

Rachel served many years in the Relief Society, as counselor, then president and later on the stake board. She was a good cook, homemaker and made lovely things for her home. Her flowers were her masterpiece and her favorite hobby.

Lillis served for 32 years on the Board of Directors of the Sutton cemetery, retiring in 1974. He worked hard to make the cemetery a place of beauty. He served for fourteen years as a school trustee and fifteen years as a director for the Sunnydell Canal.

Rachel passed away at her home March 8, 1979. Lillis is still farming and working hard. Even at 79 he can still do a full day's work on a tractor. He still takes pride in the appearance of his home, yards and every thing he does.

## *Randy and Jill Sutton*



*Left to Right: Zachary, Jill, Randall, and Hilary.*

The following is a history written by Randy and Jill Sutton in 1980 as part of the Sesquicentennial celebration of

the Church.

Randall D. Sutton was born October 16, 1955, the fifth of six sons born to Jesse L. and Gwen Atkinson Sutton of Archer. Laurie Jill Robison was born September 17, 1955, the last of five children born to Eldon D. and Trieste Payn Robison, also of Archer.

Both of our extended families had lived in the Archer-Lyman area for several generations, and we were both born and raised right here in Archer. Being the same grade in school we had many opportunities to get well acquainted as we attended grade schools together in Lyman and Archer and later junior high and high school in Rexburg.

As we were growing up we had many fun times together in church settings through various Sunday School classes and parties. There were eighteen kids in our age group and we had great fun together. One of our more memorable Sunday School parties occurred in our mid-teens when our group went snowmobiling on the dry farms. The fog and clouds rolled in and caught us, and we soon became lost. Even our adult leader, Afton Hansen, was disoriented. We knew we were lost when after going for miles in what we thought was a straight direction, we would repeatedly pass the same landmark. We finally decided to build a campfire and spend the night. Well into the night, several men from the community came up and found us and led us safely home. We all kind of hated to have it come to an end.

We were also involved in the Church dance program and participated as partners in regional dance festivals in Pocatello and the all-church festival in Salt Lake City.

We dated each other during most our high school years and while we attended Ricks College. Then Randy left on his mission to Korea and Jill stayed at Ricks to eventually become a registered nurse. After filling a successful mission in which he had many wonderful experiences, Randy returned and we were married seventeen days later on December 11, 1976, in the Idaho Falls Temple.

We moved to Provo where Randy went to school at B.Y.U. the next few winters studying accounting. We would come home to Archer every chance we got to be with our families. We would move home each summer so Randy could work on the farm. One winter as we were home for the Christmas holidays our son, Zachary D., was born, January 4, 1978.

After graduating in the spring of 1979 we moved home to Archer and bought Jack Wilcock's mobile home and spent that summer living in the Sunnydell Ward next to where the Wilcock home now is. Randy farmed with his parents and brothers that year and our daughter, Hilary Lynn, was born on August 18, 1979. That fall we moved our mobile home to the southwest corner of the Archer Ward boundary on timberland cleared by Jill's father, Eldon. We are now well established there and plan to be for a long time to come.

The first part of 1980 Randy decided to put his schooling into practice and started working for Hinckley and Schwendiman, C.P.A.'s in Rexburg. He is currently employed there and working toward becoming a C.P.A.

Randy enjoys flying, basketball, and helping his brothers on the farm. Jill enjoys music and using her nursing

abilities. She is currently the Primary chorister and Randy is the Scoutmaster in the Archer Ward.

Having both lived in this area all our lives, we are proud to call Archer our home, especially in this Sesquicentennial year.

## Stanley and Pauline Sutton



Front Row (L. to R.): Stanley, Brandon, Pauline.  
Back Row: Bret, Frankie Sue, Sindy, and Kirt.

Stan Sutton was born April 16, 1933, the son of Lillis and Rachel Sutton. He remembers as a young boy enjoying following his father and being around the horses and cows. He drove a team at least two years harrowing and weeding potatoes before they had a tractor. Lillis bought his first tractor, a Ford, in the early 1940's. Stan was in about the third grade at the time and remembers driving the tractor pulling a grain binder and his father would ride the binder.

Stan went to Archer to school for the first eight years then on to Madison where sports kept him interested in school. He was an outstanding basketball and football player. We won an athletic scholarship to Ricks College and attended for two years.

After serving two years in the army he returned home and rented the Charlie Sutton farm and started farming with his brother and father. He later purchased his grandparents farm, Henry and Emma Sutton. This farm was where the Sutton's homesteaded in the 1890's. The home we now live in was built by them in 1916. I later bought the Charlie Sutton farm and started renting land on the Rexburg bench.

In January, 1963, Stan married Pauline Lindstrom and they have three children, Bret, Kirt and Sindy.

Stan is active in many civic positions. He is currently secretary of the Sutton Cemetery District, a director of the Sunydel Irrigation District, and is a member of the Madion County School Board.

Pauline Lindstrom was born November 2, 1935, the daughter of Thelma and Maurice Lindstrom of Lewisville. She attended high school at Rigby. Upon graduating from high school she accepted a secretarial position at the National Reactor Testing Station. Pauline worked for ten years at the Site and was an executive secretary when she retired to the

life of a farmer's wife.

When Pauline moved to Archer the Mutual was in dire need of a sports director (coach) for the girls sports program. It seems that every ward, especially Third Ward, was beating Archer in all their sporting events. She thought this would be quite a challenge and quickly accepted. In a very short time and with the cooperation of the Archer girls they were soon winning every game in softball and nearly every game played in volleyball. Over the next eight years every stake softball tournament was won by Archer. Also, many stake volleyball and regional tournaments were won by the Archer girls.

Pauline also worked in the Relief Society and the Sunday School and was first counselor in the MIA and then president of the MIA.

Stan and Pauline are still interested in softball, as they sponsor and coach a girls softball team in the city softball program. One of the highlights of this program was winning the Idaho State Championship in 1978.

Our sons, Bret and Kirt, are working with their father in the farming operation. Our daughter, Sindy, is active in high school. She enjoys cheerleading and is listed in "Who's Who Among American High School Students."

We are very proud of our two-year old grandson, Brandon, son of Bret and Susie Sutton.

## Steve and Brenda Sutton



Front Row (L. to R.): Ryan, Brenda holding Mandy, Steve holding Marcy, ShaNell  
Back Row: Melanee, Angie and Todd

Steve Jess Sutton was born July 28, 1945, to Jesse Lillis and Gwen Atkinson Sutton. He was raised in Archer and has lived there all of his life. He learned early to drive tractors and all the work involved in farming. He loved sports of all kinds. He was a member of Archer's first little league ball team. He played varsity football and basketball for three years at Madison High School. After graduating he attended college one year at Moscow, one year at Ricks, where he graduated and one semester at Logan majoring in Engineering.

He is an Eagle Scout, served in the presidency of all the aaronic priesthood groups, served as financial clerk for seven years and scout master and home teacher.

While attending Ricks he met Brenda Orr. Brenda was

born in Egin Bench, December 28, 1945, to Luella Palmer and Ernest Orr. She was the seventh child having ten brothers and sisters. Steve and Brenda were married April 2, 1965, and later sealed in the Idaho Falls Temple.

Brenda learned early how to be a good cook and homemaker. She attended high school at St. Anthony and one year at Ricks College. She was involved in all school activities and was a member of the drill team. She was P.T.A. president, in the M.I.A. presidency and a teacher, secretary of the Primary, a teacher in Relief Society, and a visiting teacher.

Steve and Brenda have seven children: Angie born, April 20, 1966. She is secretary of Madison Jr. High, active in all sports, and enjoys playing the piano. Todd Steve was born August 27, 1967. He is a good basketball player, is president of the Deacon's Quorum, loves to fish, camp, and the out-of-doors. Melanee was born March 6, 1970. She is a straight A student and has learned early to take responsibility. ShaNell was born March 1, 1972, and is a ray of sunshine. She is busy all the time and enjoys life to the utmost. Ryan was born March 4, 1977. He has been loved and enjoyed by the whole family. He loves to fish and be outside. Twin girls were born May 27, 1980. They were less than five pounds, so spent the first few days of their life in the hospital. As soon as they weighed five pounds they came home and have grown steadily since. It is hard to tell which is Marcy and which is Mandy. They are identical twins in genes but they don't look exactly alike.

The Steve Suttons have a beautiful home in which all work together to keep it lovely. They enjoy camping, fishing, archery, and the outdoors as a family.

### *Learin and Edna Terry*



Front Row (L. to R.): Jennie, Learin, Edna, Lee  
Back Row: Douglas

I, Learin, was born 19 December 1909, Archer, Madison County, Idaho.

My early childhood days were spent in the Canyon Creek and Sunnyside areas. I attended school two years at Sunnyside, graduated from eighth grade at Archer, also went two years high school at Archer. Miss McMillan, now Bess

Squires, was my favorite teacher.

In January 1926, Mother, Jane Weekes Terry, passed away, leaving a family of three girls, Etta, Gwen, LaRue, and myself. In September 1926, Father, Albert Terry, moved the family to Butte, Montana, where we ran a dairy and milk route for several years. I also worked in the mines for awhile. In the fall of 1930 I returned and worked for wages on the farms of several farmers I knew in the Burton and Archer area.

Edna Grover and I were married 22 November 1937, in the Salt Lake Temple.

Our children are: Baby boy, born 16 January 1938, died 16 January 1938, Burton, Idaho; Grover Lee, born 29 December 1940, Rexburg, Idaho; Jennie Lynne, born 22 September 1942, Rexburg, Idaho; Douglas Wayne, born 24 March 1948, Rigby, Idaho.

Edna Grover Terry was born the 19 March 1911, the fourth child and a twin of Elsie (Wilcox), born to Elisha Freeman and Emma Marie Erickson Grover.

My earliest memories are of my parents, how gentle and kind they were and their concern for their family. We lived where Joyce and Larry Grover live now.

Although my parents didn't attend church too regularly, they taught us many principles pertaining to the gospel, such as, honesty, work, responsibility, sharing, to show consideration and respect to others, especially our elders, also respect for authority in the Church and in the land.

At age seventeen I was called to serve in the Sunday School as teacher of the young children, Primary organist and teacher, and M.I.A. organist. I also worked on the Primary stake board, Relief Society work leader and secretary.

I was married to Learin Albert Terry 22 November 1937, endowed and sealed same date.

We bought a farm from Amos Allan, where Ella Mae and Earl Wilcox now live together. We worked hard to improve the farm and build a new house on it. Here our family was born and raised. In 1956 Learin and I were in a real bad car wreck, forcing us to leave the farm.

We moved to Rexburg for a year. We needed more security than just working for wages, so we bought the old store in Archer, where Robert and Romma Howell live. Together we again worked hard to clean, remodel and stock the store.

I enjoy crocheting afghans, sewing, working in the yard, and working cross-word puzzles. I have enjoyed square dancing, picnicing and going to the mountains to pick huckleberries.

Learin served in the Elders Quorum under two presidents, taught a Sunday School class, and is presently serving as an officiator in the L.D.S. Temple in Idaho Falls. He enjoyed square dancing, boating and his hobby is work.

I believe in God and the gospel and was never happier than when I worked in the different organizations.

### *Robert and Margaret Thayer*

Robert Lewis Thayer was born in Providence, Rhode Island, November 29, 1946, to Robert P. and Betty Fry



Left to Right: Robert Lewis, Margaret, Tony, and Terry

Thayer. At age five they moved to Rigby, Idaho. He attended grade school and high school in Rigby and graduated from high school in 1965.

He married Margaret Jean Sheeley Chambers March 31, 1967, in Idaho Falls, Idaho. They lived in Idaho Falls until July 1, 1976, when they moved to Archer.

Margaret Jean Sheeley Chambers Thayer was born August 15, 1947, in Idaho Falls, Idaho, the daughter of Russell and Erma Treasure Shirley. She lived in Idaho Falls until 1963. She married Marice Eldon Chambers and moved to San Rafael, California. They were divorced in December, 1966.

Their son, Terry Eldon Chambers Thayer, was born January 21, 1965, at Greentrace, California. Robert has legally adopted Terry. Terry went to grade school at Hawthorne in Idaho Falls and then at Archer. He is presently attending Madison Jr. High School.

Tony Robert Thayer was born December 29, 1967, in Idaho Falls, Idaho. He also attended Hawthorne grade school in Idaho Falls. He is presently attending Madison Jr. High School.

Both Terry and Tony enjoy wrestling, basketball, football, track, hunting, and fishing. Bob and Margaret like hunting, fishing, bowling and pool.

Bob is a mechanic and welder at Pro-Ida Foods in Ririe.

Margaret is a sewing machine operator at Yellowstone Leather.

They both tend bar for the Eagles and Rigby Lodge functions.

## ***Bob and Julie Thompson***

James Robert Thompson was born on July 2, 1953, in Ashton, Idaho. He is the oldest of a family of five children, two brothers and two sisters. His parents are Jim and Ona Thompson of Rigby.

Bob has lived and gone to school in Ashton, West Yellowstone, Rexburg and in Rigby, where he graduated from high school in 1971. He went to Ricks College for about a year, after which he joined the National Guard. He was in the Guard for six years and was released March of 1977 with an honorable discharge.

Julie Ann Nelson Thompson was born on March 10, 1958, in Rexburg, Idaho. She is the oldest daughter of a family of nine children. Six brothers, one older and five

younger, and two sisters. Her parents are John and Nikki Nelson of Sunnysdell.

Julie grew up in Archer and attended grade school there and in Lyman. She went to junior high and high school in Rexburg where she graduated in 1976.

Bob and Julie met in the summer of 1975. They dated all that summer, were engaged in the late fall and then were married on January 16, 1976, in the Archer Ward Church by Bishop Russell Grover. About a year later on April 27, 1977, they were sealed together and their oldest son, Jared, was sealed to them in the Idaho Falls Temple.

Bob and Julie lived in Rexburg for a short time after they were married but then the flood came and took their home so they relocated in Archer and have lived there ever since.

The Thompsons are the parents of three beautiful children, two boys and one girl.



Left to Right: Julie holding Valerie, Jared, Bob, and Dustin.

Jared Robert Thompson is the oldest of the three. He was born July 16, 1976 in Rexburg, Idaho. He was followed about a year later by his sister, Valerie Kaye Thompson, who was born on September 4, 1977, also in Rexburg. Dustin John Thompson, the youngest of the children, was born December 25, 1978, (Christmas day), in Rexburg. He shares his birthday with his grandpa, John Nelson. There will also be a new addition to the family. They are expecting a baby in the fall, around Halloween time.

The Thompson's enjoy the time they spend together as a family and like living in the Archer area. They hope to live there for a long time.

## ***Greg and Louise Twitchell***

Gregory Richard Twitchell was the third son of Glenn F. and Anna Rossceile Denny Twitchell. He was born January 8, 1950 in Blackfoot, Idaho. Greg grew up in the Blackfoot area and graduated from Blackfoot High School in 1968. He attended Idaho State University in Pocatello for three years taking classes in drafting and psychology. In 1974 he moved to Arco where he met Louise.

Zelpha Louise Byrne was born July 16, 1951, in a maternity home in Rexburg, Idaho. Her parents were James





Front Row (L. to R.): Louise holding Willie, Jenny, Greg.  
Back Row: Jeremy.

Ross and Lila Joyce Squires Byrne. Louise grew up on her father's ranch in Archer. In 1969 she graduated from Madison High School. She attended Ricks College and finished her Home Economics degree at the University of Idaho in Moscow. In October of 1973 she moved to Arco to work as the Extension Home Economist for Butte and Custer Counties.

Greg and Louise were married May 24, 1975, in the Archer Ward Churchhouse by Bishop Russell Grover. They made their first home in Arco. Louise kept her job. Greg found work on the desert for Argonne National Laboratories. He was a machinist's helper at EBR-II.

In March of 1976 Greg and Louise moved back to the valley and rented a small house in Lyman. Greg worked at the Youth Service Center in St. Anthony as a drug counselor.

Jeremiah B. was the first child to bless this new family. He was born on January 29, 1977. Jeremy was a beautiful baby with dark eyes and long thick lashes. He learned quickly to love riding in the truck when hauling cows for Grandpa Byrne. He practically wore Grandpa Twitchell out climbing up and down the basement stairs.

In March of 1978 Greg and Louise bought a mobile home and moved into Archer. They placed it on a spot rented from Mahlon J. England.

Greg and Louise were sealed together in the Idaho Falls Temple on February 13, 1979, by Goerge H. Munns. The next day, February 14, Jennifer was born.

Jenny was a very special little valentine with bright eyes and an infectious smile which she gave freely. She soon had both grandpas and her dad wrapped around her little finger. Jenny was also a very independent little girl.

One year later, February 13, 1980, William James was born. When Willy was one month old he caught pneumonia and was in the hospital for four days. His parents became very concerned and he was given a blessing. After this he improved quickly. Even at this early age, 5 months at the time of this writing, Willy is showing a definite character of his own.

This small Twitchell family has had many ups and downs in its short five year life span, but through them all,

they have been sustained by the Lord and by much help from their family.

Greg is now working as a welder for Holders Machine Works in Rigby. He enjoys playing guitar and reading in his spare time. His church involvement has included Deacons Quorum advisor, executive secretary to ward activities committee, and Sunday School teacher.

Louise keeps busy at home trying to keep up with her little family. When she gets a few minutes to herself she enjoys reading, horseback riding or working on an art project. Her church activities have included Primary teacher, Homemaking leader and M.I.A. Camp director.

## Ronald and Vickie Weaver



Left to Right: Ronald, Scott, and Vickie

Ronald Blaine and Vickie Fransen Weaver were married June 25, 1976, in St. Anthony, Idaho. Ron lived in Sugar City all his life. His mother is Doralie Briggs Weaver from Archer. Vickie lived in St. Anthony most of her life.

After we were married we lived in St. Anthony while Vickie finished her senior year. In October 26, 1977, we were blessed with a little baby boy named Ronald Scott.

In August of 1978 we moved to Rexburg where Ron was employed at Walters Ready Mix. While living in Rexburg we started planning our home in Archer. Thanks to Lamont Merrill, we were able to move into our home in September of 1979. We now live in the Archer Ward.

On July 18, 1980, we were married and sealed in the Idaho Falls Temple.

## Bernice Weekes

Margaret Bemice Weekes was born November 10, 1922 to Lester Luke Briggs and Mary Lilly Bayliff, at the home of her grandfather Brigg's in Archer. Bemice weighed only three pounds at birth and was the third of eight children. Bemice attended school at Archer and graduated from the eighth grade in May 1937 and then attended high school and graduated from Madison High School in May 1941.

In April 22, 1939, my older sister Arlean died. It was a terrible shock.



Left to Right. Bernice, Frank, and Darnell.

I was in an MIA play with Frank Weekes in the spring of 1941 and this began the courtship with the man I would marry.

December 3, 1941 my father died leaving my mother with seven children. I spent the winter helping my mother with the family. In the spring I found a job helping in the home of Ross Byrne for \$1.00 a day.

After my sister's death I was asked to teach her Sunday School class and so began my years of church service.

In the summer of 1942 I began working at J.C. Penney in Rexburg.

On April 28, 1944 I was married to Frank Elmo Weekes in the Salt Lake Temple and nine days later he was sent overseas to fight in the war. On August 6, 1945 Frank returned home for thirty days and then the war ended. In December, 1945 Frank and I began living in Sunnydell in the upstairs of Sterling Magleby's home and Frank began farming.

April 8, 1946 our first and only child was born in Rexburg, Idaho. We named him Darnell Frank Weekes. Frank and I decided we needed our own home so we built a two room house where our present home is now.

I taught several Primary classes and enjoyed it very much. In September, 1956 I was called as executive secretary in the YWMLA. Frank and I became interested and involved in genealogy and found it to be very rewarding.

In the spring of 1959 I underwent open heart surgery in Salt Lake City, Utah. My health improved a great deal and with Frank's help I was able to return to my church service and housework.

In August 1962 Frank got his plumber's license and we quit milking cows and eventually quit farming.

The spring of 1963 we decided to add on to our house. It was a big task but I have enjoyed my lovely home very much.

In 1963 I was called to serve in the Relief Society Presidency and enjoyed it immensely.

During this time Frank had developed some health problems for which we could not find a cause.

In June 1965 we bid our son farewell as he was called to serve in the North German Mission. In September 1965 I began working at Porter's Bookstore to help with Darnell's

mission. I was released from the Relief Society Presidency in September.

November 1966 Frank was operated on and from that time on his health was not good. He was in and out of the hospital many times.

Darnell returned from his mission in July 1967. It pleased Frank very much to see his son again. September 17, 1967 my beloved husband passed away.

In October 1967 I went to work at J.C. Penney Co. and I worked there for several years before going to work in Idaho Falls as a bookkeeper.

May 28, 1968 Darnell was married to Sue Ann Nielson in the Idaho Falls Temple.

July 18, 1969 I became a grandmother and have been blessed with four grandchildren that I love very much. I served as secretary of the Jr. Sunday School for several years and enjoyed seeing my grandchildren attend.

I worked for El Gene's for a few years before going to work at First Security Bank.

I was called as Relief Society Chorister following the ward division and then was called as Jr. Sunday School coordinator and served in these two positions until January 1980.

In the summer of 1979 I began thinking about serving a mission and decided I would like to. I received my mission call to the Louisiana Baton Rouge Mission and was to report to the mission training center January 24, 1980. I am very happy to be in the service of the Lord. I have acquired many good friends and lasting memories in the short time I have been on my mission.

## Chad and Mary Weekes



Left to Right. Mary holding Jessica and Chad holding Joshua.

Chadley Blair Weekes was born in Rigby, Idaho on January 13, 1957, the oldest child of four. His parents are Larry Blair Weekes and Iris Beverly Pea.

Chad grew up in Archer and has lived there all his life.

He has been active in 4-H and the FFA during his school years. He graduated from Madison High School in 1975 and worked on his father's farm and eventually he and his father have become partners in their dairy farm. Chad was raised in

the LDS Church. He was baptized on March 6, 1965.

Chad has one brother, Jody L. Weekes and two sisters, Kari Lee Weekes Huskinson and Jeri Rae Weekes.

Chad has been a cub scout, Webloes leader, Sunday School teacher and a secretary in the Elders Quorum.

Included in his hobbies are leatherwork, enjoys Simmental cattle and he and his wife enjoy jogging and bicycling together.

Mary Emily Near Weekes was born in Stratford, Ontario, Canada on September 15, 1954. Her parents are Leonard Frank Near and Lillian Katharine Roth. When Mary was sixteen years old, her father died. In the summer of 1971, Mary, her mother and her aunt went on a holiday through New York State. They stopped to visit the Hill Cumorah and since they signed the guest register, soon after they arrived home the missionaries visited them there. The missionaries visited them occasionally and taught their discussions to Mary's sister and brother-in-law. Her brother-in-law joined the Church and then eventually when her sister was baptized, Mary attended it also. Mary, then, seeing how special the Church was, asked the missionaries to teach her. She eventually was baptized too, on May 19, 1973. She was a member of the small Stratford Branch. (They had to travel approximately fifty miles to Stake Conference!) While in the Stratford Branch, she was a Primary teacher, MIA counselor and worked in the Relief Society.

After graduating from high school, she attended Ricks College from 1974-1976 and studied law enforcement.

Mary has one sister, Elizabeth (Beth) Anne Near.

Chad and Mary Weekes met each other on a blind date on March 20, 1976. On November 3, 1977 they were married at the Washington D.C. LDS Temple.

They have two children: Joshua Leonard Weekes, born October 20, 1978 and Jessica Katharine Weekes born September 19, 1979.

## *Clarence and Pearl Weekes*



*Pearl and Clarence*

I, Arthur Clarence Weekes, am a native of Sunnyside, being born at Sunnyside the 27th of May 1901, to Sidney and Annie Bennet Harris Weekes. During the years I spent growing up on the farm my past times included: ice skating, horseback riding and playing in the Snake River.

I went to school at Sunnyside and the University of Hard

Knocks. I was called to serve an LDS Mission in the Central States, from April 7, 1919 to May 9, 1921, better than a month after I was 18 years old. I served most of my time in Texas.

I have served as Superintendent of Sunday School in the Archer and Sunnyside Wards, as a teacher in Sunday School, served on two stake missions, eleven years on Stake High Council, and sixteen and one-half years as an officiator in the Idaho Falls Temple, from 1963 to 1979.

I was married to Pearl Cleo Bee, November 4, 1926, in the Logan LDS Temple by Joseph Shepard.

I, Pearl, was born at Georgetown, Idaho, November 14, 1905, to John Moxey Bee and Sarah Rozella Dunn. I was the oldest of seven children. My childhood was cut short when my mother died when I was 13 years old. I went to school in Georgetown for 10 years; there was a two year high school there then. I spent my third year at Oakley, Idaho, school. I graduated from Fielding High at Paris, Idaho, in 1924. I attended summer school at Ricks in 1925.

In February of 1926 I met Clarence. We kept company all summer and were married in November. We started our married life in Sunnyside and are still living here.

I served as President of the Sunnyside Primary when it was a branch of the Archer Ward. I have served as a teacher in Primary, Sunday School and Relief Society and secretary in Relief Society. I served as an officiator in the Idaho Falls Temple with my husband. We had many choice experiences while serving under Presidents: Killpack, Arrve, Hart and Groberg.

We celebrated our 50th wedding in 1976 having all our family, brothers and sisters here to a reception held at the Archer Church. Many relatives and friends attended. We went to Canada for a second honeymoon.

We are parents of the following eight children:

Evelyn Beth, born January 28, 1928, at Sunnyside, now Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Lorna Marie, born January 6, 1929, died May 23, 1931.

Clarence Myrl, born September 11, 1931, at Sunnyside, married Leila Marjean Mecham 1 November 1950, Idaho Falls Temple. They are the parents of eight children and live in Sunnyside.

Ila, born February 3, 1933, at Sunnyside, married Raymond Hill 27 May 1954 in the Idaho Falls Temple. They are the parents of five children (their three sons have filled missions). They live at Ucon, Idaho.

Carol, born 10 October 1934, at Sunnyside, married Francis Andrew Bailey in the Idaho Falls Temple 8 October 1957. They are the parents of four children (I filled a mission to Texas) and live in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Thell B., born June 1, 1937, at Sunnyside, married Beatrice Joan Grover 11 September 1964. They are the parents of five children and live in Sunnyside.

Rozella Ann, born 26 July 1941, at Sunnyside, married Richard Hudson McGurk in the Idaho Falls Temple 18 March 1966. They are the parents of five children and live in Salt Lake City, Utah.

LaVoun, born 30 May 1943, at Burton, Idaho, married Douglas Lynn Poulsen 30 April 1965 in the Idaho Falls

Temple. They are the parents of five children and live in Pocatello, Idaho.

We are so blessed to have a thoughtful family. We love each member. We have thirty-two grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren thus far.

### *Darnell and Sue Ann Weekes*



Front Row (L. to R.): John, Sue Ann, Darnell, Trisa  
Back Row: D'Ann and Paul

Darnell Frank Weekes was born April 8, 1946, at Rexburg, Idaho, to Frank E. Weekes and Margaret Bernice Weekes. Darnell attended school at Archer Elementary, Madison Jr. High and Madison High School where he graduated May 27, 1964, also four years of seminary.

Darnell joined the Army Reserve and left for Fort Ord, California, June 15, 1964, for five months basic training.

In January, 1965, he attended Ricks College for one semester, then was called to serve in the North German Mission. He left June 21, 1965. Darnell was released from his mission July 17, 1967, and returned home to a very ill father. September 17, 1967, his father died.

In October, 1967, Darnell began working for Herdti Electric as an apprentice electrician.

Sue Ann Nielson was born December 3, 1947, at Rigby, Idaho, to John Elmer Nielson and Minnie Ann Nielson. Sue Ann attended school at Archer Elementary, Madison Jr. High and Madison High School where she graduated May 25, 1966, also four years of seminary.

Following high school graduation, Sue Ann enrolled at Ricks College and attended two years graduating May 10, 1968, with an Associate degree in Science. She also worked at the College Press running a printing press the second year of school.

May 28, 1968 Darnell Frank Weekes and Sue Ann Nielson were married and sealed in the Idaho Falls Temple. They made their home in Archer where they are presently living.

Darnell continued to work at Herdti Electric and Sue Ann worked at the College Press.

Darnell was an Explorer advisor in the YMMIA for two

years and Sue Ann was secretary of the YWMIA for one year.

On July 18, 1969, a son, Darnell Paul Weekes was born, following his birth Sue Ann quit working.

January 1970, Sue Ann was called to be a Primary teacher and in April, 1970, Darnell was called to serve as Elders Quorum secretary for four years.

April 19, 1970, Darnell received an honorable discharge from the army.

In August, 1970, Sue Ann was called to serve as ward Primary secretary where she served for four years.

A daughter, D'Ann Weekes, was born May 7, 1971, the second of four children.

Darnell became a licensed electrician in 1971 and continued to work for Herdti Electric where he is presently working.

April, 1974, the Elders Quorum was divided and Darnell was called to serve as executive secretary for the 15th Quorum of Elders.

Another son, John Frank Weekes, was born June 5, 1974.

August 23, 1974, Sue Ann was called as second counselor in the Primary where she served until March, 1975, and then was called to serve as stake Primary secretary.

On September 28, 1975, Darnell was sustained as branch clerk in the 19th Branch of the College First Stake at Ricks College. He served in this position for three years.

June 28, 1976, a daughter, Trisa Weekes, was born.

Darnell was ordained a Seventy November 28, 1976, and also continued to serve as a branch clerk until April 16, 1978, then he was called as first counselor in the College Fifth Ward Bishopric where he is currently serving.

Sue Ann is a housewife, mother and stake Primary secretary.

Paul is eleven years old and attends sixth grade at Archer Elementary. He is active in scouting and has earned his Faith In God Award and Arrow of Light.

D'Ann is nine years old and attends fourth grade at Archer Elementary. She is taking piano lessons and is active in Primary and school.

John is six years old and attends first grade at Lyman Elementary.

Trisa is four years old and is very active at home with her mother.

### *Ernest and Pearl Weekes*

Ernest Sidney and Pearl Fullmer Weekes history as told by Ernest to his son, Ray.

On October 10, 1903, I, Ernest, made my entry into this world. I was the fourth son and sixth child of George Sidney and Mary Ann Briggs Weekes. George was the son of Sidney and Susan Pilgrim Weekes, and Mary Ann was the daughter of Charles and Mary Ann Worrel Briggs.

I was born at Archer, Idaho, in the log home which my father built as an early settler in this community. Preceding me in birth were Lelen, Susan, Charles, Elmer and Esther May. My younger brother, Joseph, died in infancy.



My first recollection of life was driving the sheep to and from the pasture. Another task was herding pigs in the field after the peas were harvested. We took our cattle to the range which was on the hills east of our home.

The first school I attended was the rock building directly east of our home on the corner of the block. It was later used as a cheese factory. My father, George Weekes, donated the property on which it was built. The year I graduated from the eighth grade, I took the graduating class with the team of horses and white top buggy to Heise for a swim. I attended high school at Ricks Academy in Rexburg.

I served in the presidency of the Deacons, Teachers, and Elders Quorums, as secretary of the Sunday School, scoutmaster, superintendent of the Y.M.M.I.A. and dance director. One evening at a dance at Ricks College I was introduced to Pearl Fullmer. Four years later we were married, June 5, 1929, in the Salt Lake Temple. In due time five children came to bless our home: Gwen, 26 February 1930; Ray, 13 September 1932; Gayle, 28 August, 1938; Mary Ann, 5 September 1940, and Nancy, 17 December 1947.

Pearl was a daughter of Kathyrn Roberts and Ernest Fullmer. She was born and grew up in Sugar City. While she was young her mother passed away, then she, two sisters, Tressa and Laura, and their brother, Dave, lived with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Roberts. Pearl lived there at the time of our marriage, June 5, 1929.

We lived for some time with my parents until we completed our little home where all our children were born and raised. After our marriage in the spring of 1929, I worked with my father and brothers on our farm and dryfarm, which was on the hill east of our home, helping to send my father and brothers, Charles and Elmer on their missions.

December 22, 1934, I accepted a position with Snake River Dairyman's Association where I worked hauling milk into Rexburg for twenty-five years, quitting in December 1959. When I started, I used a team of horses and a sleigh. Some days drifted snow and blizzards made my work a real challenge. I couldn't get into some yards and lanes so had to push cans of milk on a small sleigh from houses out to my sleigh, then continue on. At first I hauled more people than milk to Rexburg. I also picked up everything from soup to nuts for my patrons and others. On weekends I brought as many students from high school and college as could hang on

my sleigh or truck. During the summer and fall Mexicans working in the area would ride to and from town with me. Through this I learned to speak quite a lot of Spanish. When I began my route, I hauled three or four ten gallon cans of milk; when I finished, I had 175 ten gallon cans which made a heavy day's work. I worked five years at the Utah-Idaho Sugar Factory in Lincoln and one year at Ricks College. Due to my wife's failing health, I retired to take care of her and my little farm. Caring for Pearl was a labor of love which I was happy to do. She passed away August 3, 1979.

Due to his long years of heavy, strenuous work, Ernest's health failed. After Pearl's passing it seemed he no longer had the strength, will, nor desire to keep going. His last years were spent in the home of his son, Gayle, in Idaho Falls, who was very kind and considerate of him. Ernest passed away 13 August 1980 in Idaho Falls.

Survivors include Mrs. Blair (Gwen) Perrenoud of Idaho Falls, Mrs. Doyle (Mary Ann) Pitman of American Falls, Mrs. Ted (Nancy Gay) Mickelson of Cambridge, Idaho; two sons, Ray of Salt Lake City and Gayle of Idaho Falls; twenty-one grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

### *Larry and Beth Weekes*



Front Row (L. to R.): Jen Mennie, Larry, Elizabeth, Michael Mennie.  
Back Row: Jeri and Jody.

Larry Blair Weekes was born June 17, 1936, at his parents' home in Archer. His parents were Rose Lena Dietrich and Charles Weekes. He attended school in Archer and Rexburg and has been in the dairy business most of his life. Presently, he is in partnership with his son, Chad, and they work with a herd of 100 Holstein cows. In his spare time, he enjoys his horses, and has ridden in a posse and been involved in cutter racing. Larry was married in 1956 to Iris Beverley Andrus, and they had four children. They are: Chadley Blair, born January 13, 1957; Jody L., born December 10, 1958; Kari Lee, born July 1, 1960; and Jeri Rae, born September 16, 1962.

Elizabeth Anne (Beth) Weekes was born February 2, 1949, at Stratford, Ontario, Canada. Her parents were Lillian Katharine and Leonard Frank Near. She attended school

there and worked as a service representative and instructor for Bell Canada.

She married Roger Allen Mennie in 1968 and lived on a farm in Alberta for some years, where she taught kindergarten. Her two children are Michael Roger born October 9, 1974, and Ian Benjamin, born February 23, 1976. She was subsequently divorced.

Before moving to Archer, Beth attended a very small branch and held positions in the Relief Society, Primary and Sunday School there. She lived with Chad and Mary for six months until she married Larry on February 1, 1980.

## *Minnie Weekes*



Minnie

Minnie, daughter of Fred and Veda Galbraith Weekes, was born at Lyman, August 2, 1942. She was blessed by Delmoe Cook August 16, 1947. She had eight brothers and five sisters: Robert, Arthur, Tony, Jane, Larry, Clyde, Leola, Boyd, Rozella, Nona, Montella, Horton, (Minnie), and Clifford.

Four of her brothers have died, three from automobile accidents. Her mother and father are both deceased. She was five years old when her father died, May 1947. Her mother passed away September 19, 1978. Minnie took very good care of her mother. When she became too ill to go out, Minnie was always right there to wait on her.

Minnie received six individual awards from Mutual. She attended school to the eighth grade. She likes to quilt, crochet, embroider, and is always busy cutting out quilt blocks. Her brother, Art, has been living at home and now once again, Minnie has the responsibility of taking care of the sick. He is unable to care for himself and is now in the Madison Memorial Hospital. His sister is a faithful visitor.

Minnie is a member of the Relief Society and Daughters of the Utah Pioneers. She enjoys her association there, following the footsteps of her mother, Veda, who was very handy and creative. Veda made many clever things for Relief Society bazaars and for the daughters of the Utah Pioneers and was always ready to quilt. She was generous in giving to many the products of her hands. The mother of a large family, when she was left a widow, Veda worked very hard to support her children.

There was a close bond between Minnie and her mother. They were always together. Minnie is always cheerful and happy and loves living in the home where she was raised.

Arthur passed away September 18, 1980.

## *Myrl and Marjean Weekes*

Clarence Myrl Weekes was born 11 September 1931 to Clarence and Pearl Bee Weekes in Sunnyside, Madison County, Idaho. He attended school at Sunnyside, Archer Elementary, and Madison High School, where he graduated. He enjoyed sports and played football and basketball in high school.

Leila Marjean Mecham Weekes was born 7 March 1931 to Lee L. and Leila Christensen Mecham at Shelley, Bingham County, Idaho. She attended school at Firth and graduated from Firth High school.

Myrl and I met on a blind date in 1948. On November 1, 1950, we were married in the Idaho Falls Temple. We lived in the Clarence Cheney home, now owned by Norman and Irma Hill. After four months, Myrl was called on a mission. He left for the Great Lakes Mission about the first of March 1951. I returned to live with my parents.

On August 14, 1951, Judith Ann was born at Shelley, Bingham County, Idaho. My mother tended her while I worked until the last of February 1953 when Judi and I traveled to the mission field to accompany Myrl home. We again lived in the same home. Lorna Kathleen was born 6 January 1954, at Rexburg. Myrl worked at the creamery and played ball, both on a church and the creamery team. He farmed a little along with the creamery work. On the 3rd of August 1955, Peggy Lee was born in Rexburg. We moved from the Cheney place to the Henry Hacking home, now owned by Bill Wilcox. On February 11, 1957, Karen Sue



Front Row (L. to R.): Karen, Marjean, Myrl, Colleen.

Back Row: Sherman, Judy, Cheryl, Peggy, Virgil, and Robert

was born at Rexburg. We continued farming with Myrl working at the creamery and raising a few cattle and pigs. In April 1960, we bought a farm from Floyd Wilcox, where we still live.

On July 4, 1960, we were in a car accident in which Lorna Kathleen was killed and Peggy Lee badly injured. Two

days later on July 6, 1960, Cheryl Kay was born at Rexburg. On July 11, 1961, Clarence Sherman was born at Rexburg. The whole ward rejoiced with us for our first son. On June 4, 1962, Robert Myrl was born at Rexburg. Colleen arrived 20 March 1965, at Rexburg.

Myrl was scout master for several years and was second counselor to Bishop Russell Grover for seven years. He has been on the high council for four years.

During this time our children have grown. They all like sports and have played in church sport programs. The boys played basketball and football at school. Cheryl played volleyball. They all graduated from Madison High School except Collen who will be a sophomore this year.

Judi married Randy Duncan and Brandee was born 27 June 1972. Randy died in December of 1974.

Peggy married Gary Hamilton of Menan 9 August 1975. They have two children, Jay Dell born 13 July 1977, at Rexburg and Brian Gary at Rexburg, born 3 July 1980.

Karen married Van Warner of Rigby, 20 February 1976. They have had three children, Jeromie born at Rexburg, 23 August 1976; Shannon born at Rexburg, 8 September 1977, died a crib death 31 January 1978, Jason Scott born 17 June 1980, at Rexburg.

In May of 1969 we purchased a house and had it moved on our place. We moved into the new home just before Thanksgiving.

Myrl started cutting timber for Earl Wilcox in 1970. In 1965 I started working at Rogers Brothers Processing Company and have worked there since that date.

In August 1970, Virgil Martinez, an Indian placement student, came to live with us. He has been with us ten years, all year round. He and our boys started moving pipe when they were twelve and thirteen years old.

In June 1978, Myrl was hit by a tree and seriously injured. He spent sixteen days in the hospital and several at home recovering.

I have worked in the Relief Society for several years in several different positions.

On the 31st of July 1980, Robert broke his leg playing church softball. We are thankful for the priesthood in our home that has been used in our behalf many times. We are thankful for our good health and for all the belssings we enjoy.

## Rose Weekes

Rose Lena Dietrich, the second of a family of five, two boys and three girls, was born April 2, 1904, in Rexburg to Gottfred and Rosalina Bauer Dietrich who came from Bern, Switzerland, where their first child, Fred, was born November 22, 1903. When Fred was six months old they went to Salt Lake City. After visiting with Rosalina's sister for a time, they came to Rexburg.

My mother, Rosalina, delighted everyone with her beautiful yodeling. We children learned to speak Swiss. After we began speaking English at school, mother would give us a prize each week if we spoke nothing but Swiss in the home.

My brother, Fred, married Dorothy Ellis. They had one



Front Row (L. to R.): Charles, Larry, Rose.  
Back Row: Cleave, Marie, and Lee.

child, Charles, and were divorced. Fred worked as a sheep herder and on farms around Rexburg.

Mary married Nello Morgan, a carpenter, lived in Corrinne, Utah, and had four sons and three daughters. Nello passed away in 1979.

Minnie married Elmer (Chris) Nielson.

Henry Valentine married Louise Perry. He was a successful business man in Rexburg. When his only child, Perry Valentine (Val) grew old enough the business was called Dietrich and Son, Inc. Henry and Louise were active in the Church. They lost their lives in a car-truck accident north of St. Anthony, while enroute to their summer home at Henry's Lake. Val married Francine Taylor of St. Anthony, Dec. 4, 1958, in the Idaho Falls Temple. Val has worked as ward clerk, counselor in the bishopric and in the YMMIA, and is now employment specialist. They have four children: Stephani, Troy, Katrina, and Meggan.

We Dietrich children walked from Third Ward to Washington School. I graduated from the eighth grade with eighty classmates. We then moved to Archer and bought the Charles Burns farm across the street west from the William Fyfe residence. The first cemetery in Archer had been on this farm.

I, Rose, went one year to high school and spent one summer working for J.W. Webster, helping Ellen Tea cook for the farm hands previous to my marriage to Charles Weekes, son of George Sidney and Mary Ann Weekes of Archer. We were married in the Logan Temple, August 10, 1923, Charles having fulfilled a mission in Michigan.

Charles was an officer in the MIA where I first met him. He asked me for a date, and we were married two years later. We lived in St. Anthony where Charles was employed by the Allen Seed Company. The next few years we spent our winters in Rexburg, coming out to help on his father's farm in the summer.

Our son, Lee, was born October 3, 1924, in Rexburg. Cleve was born September 28, 1927, in Rexburg. About that time we moved to Archer, living with his parents until we moved into the home now occupied by Esther Boulter. Marie Rose was born January 3, 1932. We lived in a sheep camp

when she was a little girl, while we were building our home where I am now living. Larry Blair was born June 17, 1936.

We worked hard to pay for this home. Later we purchased the land owned by Adrian and Ollie Wilcox across the street south, where our son, Larry and his wife, Beth, now live.

On June 9, 1961, Charles passed away due to a stroke suffered one week earlier. Larry has really been a wonderful help to me.

All our children attended school in Archer and Rexburg. Lee entered the service and served in Hilo, Hawaii, 27 months during World War II. He returned and married Delsa Green, November 18, 1948, in the Idaho Falls Temple. Their children are Randy, DeAnna, Arlaine, Mark, Lindon, with one daughter deceased. Lee is an anesthesiologist and worked in Salt Lake running the By-pass machine for open-heart surgery. They moved to Springfield, Missouri, for further training. Delsa is a registered nurse.

Cleve married Ethel Porter. They live west of Blackfoot and have three sons and two daughters: Sandra, Danny, Sherrie, Michael, and MarDean. Cleve works at the AEC.

Marie married Merlin (Jim) Munns. They live near my home and have been most attentive and considerate, adding pleasure to my life.

Charles and I have four living children, eighteen grandchildren and twenty-seven great grandchildren, of whom I am very proud. We have been a close family.

## *Thell and BeaJo Weekes*



Front Row (L. to R.): BeaJo, Thell, Mynde.  
Back Row: Jeanie Sue, JoEll, and Bart

I, Thell B. Weekes, was born to Arthur Clarence and Pearl Cleo Bee Weekes June 1, 1937. I grew up in Sunnysdell, attending school in Sunnysdell and Archer, and graduating from Madison High School in Rexburg. Many happy hours were spent with my horse, dog, and teasing four sisters. I learned to take things apart, fix, put back together, and to work hard.

I was in the army from 1959 to 1961, serving most of the time in Korea. I worked at various jobs including: Lockheed, the sugar factory, plastered swimming pools, and drove heavy equipment.

Thell married Beatrice Joan Grover (BeaJo) September

11, 1964, at Archer, later, August 18, 1965, they were sealed in the Idaho Falls Temple.

I, BeaJo, am the daughter of Stephen Elisha and Beatrice Rula Worlton Grover and was born July 28, 1943, at Salem, Idaho. I grew up in Archer attending school in Archer, graduating from Madison High, Ricks College and Brigham Young University. Going camping, picking huckleberries, cutting and picking potatoes, fun with many cousins, and working in the store are the things I remember. I was a teller at First Security Bank, kept a set of books at Ricks College, and taught business for three years at the State Youth Training Center.

After we were married Thell drove heavy equipment, therefore, we spent our summers in various parts of Idaho, Wyoming, and Montana coming home to Archer for the winters. Thell also worked as a potato inspector, ran our parents' farms and kept a few head of cattle.

In 1976 we purchased Thell's father's farm and Thell proceeded to build us a lovely home. In the fall of 1978, Thell went to Alaska to work on the pipeline for three months.

Our happiest times were when we added little ones to our family. Julie JoEll was born August 6, 1969, after a very long wait. She was loved and welcomed and has been much enjoyed.

Thell Bart, the image of his father, was born October 27, 1970. At nine years old he fixes, repairs, and competes.

Jeanie Sue was born December 8, 1973, a dark eyed papoose. At six she has more than her share of energy.

Mynde Lu (or Billie as she calls herself) was born December 4, 1976. She came with her mind made up and a determination all her very own.

If all goes well, another addition will come to our family this September. Oh, joy, it did, our second boy, Bruce Stephen, September 14, 1980.

We have been active in the Church and have held various positions.

This 1980 year Thell has worked in Mountain Home, Idaho; Cooke City, Montana; and presently is at Jackson, Wyoming. BeaJo tries to keep home running smoothly and keep up with five active children.

## *Ursel Weekes*

I, Ursel, was born on September 7, 1907, in the home of my parents, Ida Grover and John S. Weekes, in Sunnysdell, Fremont County, Idaho.

I was the seventh child in a family of eleven children, seven daughters and four sons. The other sons, Leslie, Lyman, and John Samuel had all passed away, two in young manhood and John Samuel in infancy, before I was eleven years old.

I was blessed by my Grandfather Sidney Weekes 6 October 1907, in the Archer Ward. I was baptized in a large canal across the street north of the Jess Sutton home, 4 August 1916. At that time it was a common practice to baptize in open streams since fonts had not been built in ward chapels or stake centers. I was baptized August 4, 1916, by Wayne L. Cheney and confirmed August 6, 1916, by Edward





Ursel

P. Oldham.

My father, John, and Grandfather Sidney Weekes were farmers. Each lived on land they had homesteaded when they moved from Smithfield, Utah, to Sunnyside, Idaho, in 1883. I purchased a portion of my father's farm and live in my home.

Father had a large farm and a dry farm in Herbert, Idaho, so there was always plenty of work to keep me busy. I learned to work early in life, grew up helping with small easy tasks and gradually assumed more responsibility. We always had chickens, pigs, cows, and horses on our farm. As early as I can remember I fed the animals and milked cows.

Our farm crops included alfalfa, grain, potatoes, and sugar beets. In 1940 we bought a four wheel drive power horse tractor which made our work easier. Prior to this time our work was done with horses.

I attended school in grades one through six at Archer, the seventh and eighth in Sunnyside. My high school years were spent at Archer and Ricks College.

The LDS Church has been an important part of my life. I have enjoyed meetings and church work. On March 29, 1930, I entered the mission home in Salt Lake City, then served a mission in the East Central States Mission with headquarters in Louisville, Kentucky, laboring in Virginia, West Virginia and Kentucky. In 1932 I returned home and resumed work on the farm. In 1946-48 I served as a stake missionary with Cyril Weekes as my companion.

I served as counselor in the Elders Quorum and counselor in the Sunnyside Sunday School while Densie Rawls and Keith Clements were presidents. For a number of years I was chairman of the Ward Teaching Committee. Attendance and service has brought much joy to my life.

I enjoy reading, temple work and studying the gospel. We used to go to the Logan Temple before our Idaho Falls Temple was completed. It was common to go by bus leaving early in the morning and returning at night.

I have been blessed with good health and strength but try to find the easy way to do a job, using levers and machinery to prevent injury to my back and body.

Several times in my life I have been healed through blessings of the priesthood. I know our church was restored through the Prophet Joseph Smith and that President Kimball is a true and living prophet of the Lord Jesus Christ.

## Jack and Marjory Wilcock

Jack Acton Wilcock was born May 14, 1932 in Cowley, Wyoming, the son of Glen E. and Elva Acton Wilcock. His father was a farmer and rancher, and Jack always enjoyed helping with the farm work.

During high school his whole life centered around football and basketball. He was three year letterman in football and four year letterman in basketball, and captain of both teams his senior year. During the summer he traveled with a semi-pro baseball team. For two years Jack attended Northwest Community College at Powell, Wyoming on a basketball scholarship. In 1953 he volunteered for the army and spent sixteen months in Korea as an anti-aircraft gunner and radio operator in the 93rd AAA Battalion. He returned to college on the GI bill, this time to Montana State College. This is where he met Marjory Hacking.



Front Row (L. to R.): Marjory, Jack, Kristen.  
Back Row: John, Ryan, and Joan.

Marjory Hacking was born November 17, 1932, the daughter of Marion Hacking and LaVerne Liljenquist Hacking. When she was ten years old her parents bought the Ezra Liljenquist farm in Sunnyside, Idaho, and she attended school in the two room Sunnyside school house. Her graduating class of four students was the last, since Sunnyside consolidated with Archer the next year.

Marjory completed twenty-three 4-H projects and won a trip to Chicago to the National 4-H Congress, plus \$300. She used the money to establish a half acre raspberry patch which helped her financially through college.

At Ricks Marjory gave a piano recital under the direction of her teacher, Ruth Barrus.

In 1954 she graduated from Utah State University with a degree in home economics, and went to work in Bozeman, Montana as Home Demonstration Agent for Gallatin County, and eventually throughout the state. At the end of two years she resigned to marry Jack Wilcock, and they moved to Corvallis, Oregon, to continue their education.

In 1959 Jack obtained a degree in agriculture from Utah State University and began teaching Vo-Ag in his home town of Cowley. One of his outstanding achievements was developing the top team in the national livestock judging competition at Denver. Marjory taught home economics in the

same school. After three years they moved to Burlington, Wyoming where Jack was head coach, and Marjory, home economics teacher. Jack built a winning team for Burlington. The highlight of this experience was taking his team to the state tournament, the first time for Burlington in twenty-four years.

In 1966 they liquidated their assets and went back to school. Jack earned a Master's degree in educational administration from Utah State University and Marjory worked on a major in English. From 1967-69 Jack was principal of Sugar-Salem High School and Marjory taught English for one year. Then back to school they went again, first to Bozeman for a summer's work, then to Logan where he earned his Doctor's degree in 1972.

Then they moved to Rexburg, Idaho where Jack became the principal of Madison High School. Marjory taught English in Rigby. They purchased a new home, but the dream of living on the farm gained new impetus and became a reality in 1973, when they moved next to Marjory's parents, eventually building a log home that Marjory designed and Jack built. They established a small raspberry farm for additional work experience and income.

Jack and Marjory have always been active in the church, Jack as scout leader, teacher, ward clerk and high councilman, Marjory as organist, teacher and counselor.

Over the years their greatest accomplishment and blessing has been seven children: Samuel Robert Wilcock, born June 3, 1957 at Logan, Utah; Susan Wilcock, born December 15, 1958 at Logan, Utah; Wayne Hacking Wilcock, born February 1, 1961 at Lovell, Wyoming (family resided at Cowley); Joan Wilcock, born August 8, 1963 at Cody, Wyoming (family resided at Burlington); John Wilcock, born November 24, 1967, at Rexburg, Idaho (family resided at Sugar City); Kristin Lisa Wilcock, born April 10, 1973, at Rexburg, Idaho (family resided at Sunnyside); Ryan Hacking Wilcock, born May 17, 1975 at Rexburg, Idaho (family resided at Sunnyside).

## *Bill and Vada Wilcox*



*Vada and Bill*

The Lamont (Bill) Wilcox family consists of Lamont, Vada and their only child Gilbert.

Lamont Gilbert Wilcox was born in Sunnyside on September 23, 1917, son of D.O. Wilcox Jr. and Nessie Gilhert

Wilcox. He has lived here most of his life except when he was away for short periods of time.

Lamont was the third child in a family of seven children. His brothers and sisters are Adrian, Fern, Grant (Scott), Clifford, Earl and Verl.

When the twins, Earl and Verl were born everyone was excited and happy. That was short-lived because their mother died just ten days later, leaving seven young children.

Aunt Letha Wilcox took the twins to help raise and also helped the family. Aunt Mary Luthy came and stayed with the family. It was hard for their father to care for them and earn a living too.

Lamont was baptized January 4, 1926 by Leland N. Ricks at Ricks College. Bill, as he was always called, went to Archer grade school.

He was ordained a teacher in the Aaronic Priesthood on February 12, 1933 by Carl Johnson. When a child he attended church regularly.

Bill went to Madison High School, Ricks College and BYU. All during high school and college he played forward and was captain of the basketball team. He played halfback on the football team and was on the track team. He ran the sprints and threw the discus. His record was not beaten for many years.

While at Ricks he received the all-around athletic medal for two years.

During World War II he served on the Fifth Army front in the 363rd Infantry Regiment of the Powder River Division in Italy. He was awarded the bronze star for heroic achievement in action in Italy.

He also played church basketball and coached a church team.

He enjoys fishing and hunting and went on many enjoyable trips with his friends and relatives.

He always enjoyed farming and started to farm, raise cattle and pigs as soon as he got out of the service.

Bill was always close to his father. They did many things together. He was greatly saddened when his father died August 21, 1974.

I, Vada Grace Goldsworthy Wilcox, was born August 20, 1920 in Idaho Falls, daughter of John Goldsworthy and Grace Lafray Goldsworthy.

I grew up in the Methodist Church.

I worked in Epworth League and the Wesleyan Service Guild. Every summer everyone in the league would go to camp up to Ketchum, Idaho. This was always fun.

I was the first child in a family of two children. My sister, Caroline and I were close together in age and always did things together.

I went to Idaho Falls grade and high school.

Times were hard because my father became ill and passed away after a long illness when I was young.

During high school I enjoyed debate, dramatics and played baseball and basketball. I always liked school.

I decided that I'd like to teach so I did babysitting and odd jobs to earn the money for school. I went to Albion State Normal to study teaching. I remember one fun trip our debate team took to Boise.

Teaching jobs were hard to find but in 1944 I got a job at Archer teaching the first and second grades. I was rather frightened but the people were nice to me here. I enjoyed the teaching and the community very much even though I was not a member of the church. Besides teaching in Archer I taught the fourth grade in Rigby.

I was chosen Gold and Green Ball Queen. At that dance in Archer I met Bill and we started to go together. We were married in Idaho Falls at the Methodist Church on August 20, 1946.

I enjoy reading, sewing, gardening and sports.

I was secretary-treasurer of the Sunnydell primary for awhile.

I enjoy visiting teaching and singing in the choir.

After we were married we rented a farm and later bought the place where we farm and now have a dairy with our son, Gilbert.

Our son, Gilbert Lyle, was born February 5, 1953 in Idaho Falls. Gilbert married Marla Wasden and they have two children, Brenna and Jud David.

The best part of getting older is having the two sweet little grandchildren to play with.

## *Earl and Ella Mae Wilcox*



Front Row (L. to R.): Debra, Cathie, Karen, Gary.  
Back Row: Sandra, Ella Mae, Earl, and Blaine.

Earl "V" Wilcox and his twin Verl were born in Archer August 29, 1927, sons of David Oswell Wilcox Jr. and Nessie Gilbert. On September 9, 1927 their mother passed away. They grew up with tender loving care in the home of his grandparents, D.O. Wilcox Sr., attended schools in Archer and Madison High. Earl was inducted into the military service January 1946 and served twenty-one months.

After returning from the service he worked with the Madison County Soil Conservation. He leveled many farms in the county. Later he owned and operated his own land leveling equipment.

On March 3, 1950 in Menan, Idaho, Earl married Ella Mae Hardy. On March 15, 1961 this marriage was solemnized in the Idaho Falls Temple. Ella Mae was born in Menan, August 5, 1931 to Charles Alvin Hardy and Florence

Janet Gray, attended the Menan elementary school and graduated from Midway High School at Lewisville, Idaho in 1949.

They made their first home in Rexburg, Idaho. Other homes were Ashton and Island Park. In 1960 they purchased their present home from Lyle Robison which had been built and occupied by Learin and Edna Terry.

Six children were born to live up their home, each attending elementary schools in Lyman, Archer and Madison Junior and Senior High in Rexburg.

Cathie Ann, born August 18, 1951 in Rigby, Idaho, attended college at Ricks and Cedar City, Utah. She married Lynn J. Schow September 12, 1970 in the Idaho Falls Temple. Cathie and Lynn live in Laketown, Utah, where Lynn is the elementary school principal and now serving as bishop of the Laketown Ward. They have five children: Julie, Gina, David and twin sons, Brent and Brian born this year on May 13.

Karen, born March 16, 1953 in Rigby, is a graduate of Ricks College and BYU with a degree in interior design. From November 1977 to May 1979 she served a mission to the Philippine Cebu City Mission.

Sandra, born November 24, 1956 in Rigby, married Gil J. Shirley, July 18, 1975. Later this marriage was solemnized in the Idaho Falls Temple. Sandra and Gil live in Rexburg, where Gil works for his father in the building contracting business and creates decorative wood pictures from old barn and building wood. They have three sons, Ryan, Robb and Chad.

Blaine "E," born September 24, 1960 in Rigby, is presently serving a mission to the Greensboro North Carolina Mission.

Gary "H" was born July 3, 1966 in Rexburg. Debra was born June 1, 1971 in Rexburg.

Earl has worked several years doing timber work and as a logging contractor for the Idaho Stud Mill in St. Anthony, Idaho. He skillfully quarries travertine rock for a rock company. He enjoys fishing and loves prospecting. He is a member of the Board of Commissioners for the Flood Control District #1 in Idaho. His church service includes Elders Quorum President for several years, president of the Seventies Quorum, presently serving as High Priest president in the Sunnydell Ward and is an initiatory temple officiator for the Idaho Falls Temple.

Ella Mae enjoys being a wife, mother and homemaker. Church service includes chorister of ward organizations, teacher, Relief Society president and presently serving as ward music director and an initiatory temple officiator in the Idaho Falls Temple.

## *Ellis and Elsie Wilcox*

Ellis was born at Coyote, Utah (now Antimony) on October 19, 1899. Elsie Grover was born in Archer, Idaho on March 19, 1911. They were married in the Logan Temple May 8, 1935 by President William A. Noble.

Children born to Ellis and Elsie are: Frances Marie, born July 31, 1936 at Archer, Idaho. She was married to Harrison DeMille Price in the Idaho Falls Temple December 11, 1959.



Left to Right. Elsie, Janice, and Ellis

They live in Junction, and are the parents of one daughter and five sons.

Sharon Deane, born July 14, 1938 at Rexburg, Idaho, was married to Howard Winward Anderson in the Idaho Falls Temple September 2, 1960. Their home is Idaho Falls, Idaho. They have five girls and two boys.

Janice Mary, born on February 7, 1940, lives at home in Archer, Idaho.

Ellis LaMar, born November 15, 1943 at Rexburg, Idaho, married Judy Belnap in the Idaho Falls Temple May 31, 1968. They live in Moreland, Idaho and are the parents of two daughters and four sons, one of which died at birth.

Elsie Mae was born May 1, 1948 at Rigby, Idaho. She was married to Phillip Ray Niederer August 9, 1968. Their home is in Sunnysdell, Idaho. They have two sons and two daughters.

At present Ellis and Elsie do not hold responsible positions in the Church, but have held many in the past. Their children and sons-in-law and daughter-in-law all hold stake and ward positions.

Our family has lived in Archer all of our married lives. We farm and ranch. LaMar served a mission in the Alaskan-Canadian Mission.

Ellis moved to the area as a young boy and has known all of the bishops of the Archer Ward except the first one.

Four of our five children graduated from Ricks College. Sharon graduated as a registered nurse from the LDS School of Nursing at Idaho Falls. Frances graduated from Utah State University in art and special education, and LaMar continued his education at Idaho State University, graduating with a degree in education.

Janice is presently employed as Administrative Assistant to the Director of Admissions at Ricks College. She served in the Ricks College Second Stake as a member of the Stake Young Women's Presidency, Stake Relief Society Presidency, and a member of the Sunday School Stake Board. She was recently released as the Young Women's president in the Sunnysdell Ward and is presently serving as a primary teacher.

## Gilbert and Marla Wilcox

Gilbert Lyle Wilcox was born February 5, 1953 in the Sacred Heart Hospital in Idaho Falls to Mr. Lamont Wilcox and Mrs. Vada Goldsworthy Wilcox. He was blessed May 3, 1953 by Rulon Wilcox and baptized September 2, 1961 in Rexburg. He was ordained a deacon in the Aaronic Priesthood February 19, 1967 by Bishop G.H. Munns and made an Elder June 3, 1979. Gilbert is an Eagle Scout.

He rode his horse, Arod, when he was three. His Aunt Bessie was his kindergarten teacher. He was a catcher in Little League baseball. He played baseball, basketball and track and was in 4-H and FFA and won trophies on pigs, sheep and cattle. He went to school in Lyman-Union, Archer, Madison High and Ricks College where he took mechanics. In 1966 he went to the Boy Scout camp at Farragut, Idaho.

In the meantime I came in. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Rex Wasden on December 26, 1954 I was three months premature and weighed three pounds. I was given a name and blessed at birth. I was five years old when I rode in my first Buck-A-



Let to Right: Jud, Marla, Brenna, and Gilbert

Roo Rodeo. When my school days started I knew then I was no Einstein. My school years were exciting. Being cheerleader was the only activity girls were allowed in and later I was in drama taking part in several plays. My senior year I was Girl of the Month for February and homecoming queen. Going on to Ricks I was involved in track and won Best Women's All-Around Athlete for 1974. I rodeoed for Ricks - events in barrel racing and goat tying. This is where Gil came in. I met him in Rexburg and it was love at first sight. (I just had to convince his girlfriend of that.) We dated for one and a half years then were married in Salem, Idaho by Bishop Shirley on February 5, 1975. We have been on bowling leagues together. He is a friend and a good husband at the same time. Then twenty-one months after being married our daughter, Brenna Wilcox was born to us. She weighed six pounds fourteen ounces with red hair. She learned to talk early and learns fast. She loves to play catch and ride her horse, Arod, the same horse her dad rode. Then our son, Jud David Wilcox, was born March 24, 1979, weighing eight

pounds eight ounces with black hair. Brenna was disappointed to see him come along at first and we had trouble with her trying to hit him every chance she got. Now she loves him more than ever. Gilbert milks dairy cows with his dad and farms.

Gilbert is a home teacher and I teach a class in primary.

## Letha Wilcox



Front Row: (L. to R.): D. Oswel, Jr. (Ossie), Melissa, D. O. Sr.  
Middle Row: Mary, Millie, Letha.  
Back Row: Rulon, Melvin, and Ellis.

Daughter of David Oswell Wilcox, Sr. and Frances Melissa McCullough, Letha was born in the small pioneer village of Antimony, Garfield Co., Utah, May 15, 1894, where the family resided until July, 1904. At that time they moved to Fairview, Idaho, near Preston.

In November, 1910, they came to Sunnysdell, Idaho. Letha attended school in Antimony, Utah; Fairview, Idaho; Sunnysdell, Archer and Ricks College.

Letha has served for years as a teacher in Sunday School, as Beehive leader and literature teacher in Relief Society. Also she was YWMA president, and served as Beehive leader in the stake for many years and several years as counselor in Stake MIA. She is active in collecting material for ward records, family records and pictures. She has a collection of good stories and is remembered by many as a fine storyteller and has committed to memory many pithy quotations from famous authors.

This is Letha's sentiment: Through the years there have been many changes in Sunnysdell but one thing has remained the same--the warm, friendly attitude of the people. One could truly say, "I love those dear hearts and gentle people, that live and love in my home town."

## Melvin Wilcox

Henry Melvin Wilcox, son of David Oswell, Sr. and Frances Melissa McCullough, was born May 11, 1905 in Fairview, Franklin County, Idaho. In November, 1910, the family came to Sunnysdell, Idaho. Melvin's father was engaged in farming and cattle raising. Melvin grew up working on the farm with his father and older brothers, Oswell, Jr.,

Ellis and Rulon.

He attended school in Sunnysdell, Archer and Ricks Normal College. He enjoyed sports and was on the pennant-winning eighth grade basketball team. He also played M-Men basketball in MIA. He was also in the Sunnysdell tumbling squad.

Melvin was the crane operator who raised the beams to support the roof of the present Archer-Sunnysdell chapel. He has assisted in building and remodeling some houses. He built the Ellis Wilcox home and has built several fireplaces. He was a dragline operator on the canal for several years with Charley Sutton.

One winter he turned the dry farm house into a shop and built the little sorter that was in the Sutton warehouse at Byrne Siding. Many other useful things have come out of his shop here at home, four potato bulkers, a metal branding chute, a large disc plow, truck beds, to name a few. He has always been interested in machinery and has spent countless hours keeping the farm machinery in repair and helping the neighbors with theirs. His hobby is raising, training and riding purebred quarterhorses.

Melvin is a veteran of World War II, having served in Africa, Italy and Corsica. At the time of his honorable discharge he was S/Sgt.

## Rulon and Bessie Wilcox



Rulon and Bessie

Rulon Wilcox was born 1 August, 1902, at Antimony, Garfield County, Utah, son of David Oswell, Sr., and Frances Melissa McCullough, who were both children of 1847 Utah pioneers. In 1904, the family moved to Fairview, Franklin County, Idaho. In 1910 they moved to Sunnysdell, arriving in November.

From childhood, Rulon rode horses and drove teams and learned to break saddle horses and draft animals. He became expert at riding horses and handling large hitches of horses and mules on the machinery used in dry farming and harvesting on the Rexburg Bench.

Beginning as a boy, he worked with teams of horses in repair and maintenance of canals and ditches. He helped in land leveling on the farm with a hand scraper drawn by

horses. When the electricity was brought to the community, in 1927, Rulon was on the crew.

In 1944, Wilcox Brothers acquired some range land at Bone, Idaho. They have enjoyed the work with cattle there on the summer range.

Rulon received his elementary education at Sunnyside, in the old rock school, and in makeshift quarters in the old Archer dance hall (since removed) while the new brick building at Archer was being constructed. He has some interesting stories to tell about those years. Later he attended Ricks Normal College.

February 26, 1947 he married Bessie Louisa Williams of Pocatello, Idaho, in the Idaho Falls Temple.

Rulon has served about seven years as assistant superintendent of Sunday School and four years as assistant superintendent of YMMIA. At the time funds were being raised to build the new Archer chapel in 1948-1954, Rulon served as chairman of the livestock committee, supervising feeding and marketing of hogs and cattle. He also helped organize other benefits for fundraising. He has also helped to initiate benefits for someone ill or disabled or in need, helping to raise money, harvest or plant crops, or whatever was necessary.

Neighbors will remember him for many helpful acts and he is a favorite with nieces and nephews.

#### BESSIE WILLIAMS WILCOX

George Williams was the first white man to bring his wife to the rough railroad work camp that was Pocatello in 1885. As a result my father, Herbert J. Williams, was the first white child born there (1887) to George and Elizabeth (Bessie) Jones, English converts.

Olaf P. Johanson came to Archer in 1885. He sent money to Sweden for his sweetheart, Lovisa Ridderbjelke, to come to the United States in 1886. They were both converts. Their first child, Minnie Johnson (born 1888) was my mother. Minnie and her brother Carl (born 1890) told of helping as children to grub sagebrush roots to clear soil for planting. Their father was one of three men who organized and built the original Lenroot Canal. While bishop, he chaired the committee that constructed the old white rock chapel. Because they braved the hardships of an undeveloped frontier, they gave me, Bessie Williams, the privilege of birth in this choice land. This occurred 7 March 1912 in Pocatello, Bannock County, Idaho. In 1914 the family moved to Archer where my father farmed ten years. He was active in Sunday School and was ward clerk a few years. Mother was primary president. My three sisters were born here--Cleo (1915), Audrey (1918), Marie (1920).

My elementary education was in Archer; high school and college was in Pocatello. I taught school fourteen years in the Pocatello area and attended summer sessions at San Francisco, Salt Lake City, and Moscow, Idaho. On February 26, 1947 at the Idaho Falls Temple I was married to Rulon S. Wilcox and moved to Sunnyside.

My activity in music and the church has been continuous since my childhood. Service has been in ward and stake MIA, Relief Society, Sunday School and in ward choir and

primary. My many pupils in school (1932-45), kindergarten (1956-72) and music (1936-) continue to be a joy to me.

### *LaVar and Deborah Wilmot*



*Deborah holding Benjamin and LaVar holding Camille*

LaVar Nelson Wilmot was born 19 January 1954 in Rigby, Idaho in a nursing home because his mother didn't have time to make it to the hospital. He is the son of William (Arthur) and LaRue Wilmot. He is one of seven children. He has lived in Logan, Utah, Aberdeen, Idaho and at the age of ten settled in Blackfoot at the family farm.

LaVar was involved in 4-H for nine years and FFA for four years when he became district leader of Southern Idaho in 1972.

He graduated from Blackfoot High and attended the University of Idaho at Moscow, where he met Deborah Lynn Catron for the first time. They exchanged hello's and didn't meet again for four years. He then served a mission to Seattle, Washington from 1974-1976.

In January of 1977 he again met Deborah Catron at Ricks College on a blind date, set up by his brother. They were married August 6, 1977 in the Idaho Falls Temple by Lowell Biddulph.

LaVar works as a sales manager for a lumber company in Rexburg. He and Deborah moved to Rexburg September of 1979 and then to Archer February of 1980.

LaVar served as Sunday School teacher, first counselor in the Elders Quorum in Blackfoot and is presently serving as a teacher in primary, preparing the boys to receive the priesthood and doing early scout work.

Deborah Lynn Catron was born 15 March 1957 at Lewiston, Idaho to Ward and Carol Catron. She is one of ten children and has a twin brother. Deborah lived in Lewiston until she was married. She graduated from Lewiston High and attended Ricks College.

Deborah joined the Church 24 March 1974, the very same day her eldest brother entered the mission home. They are the only LDS members from their family. Deborah served as primary teacher, ward librarian, Sunday School teacher and as Relief Society secretary. In Archer Ward she is a visiting teacher.

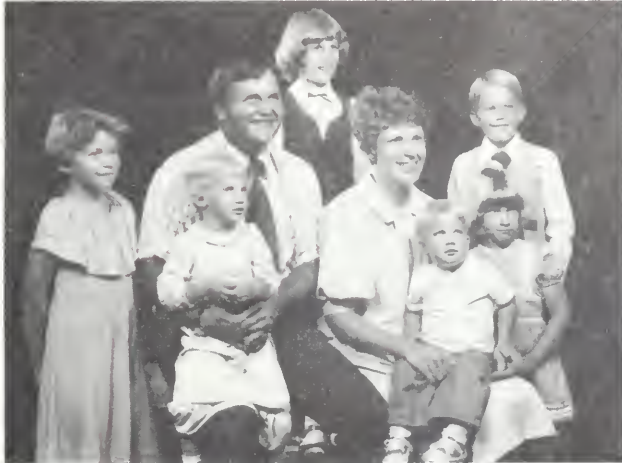
After her marriage, she helped LaVar with the farm and did substitute teaching in the Blackfoot School District.

To earn money for college she worked at a sawmill during the summer right alongside the men. She was one of fifteen girls among the thousands of men there.

Her hobbies include sewing, remodeling things, gardening and genealogy.

LaVar and Deborah's children are Camille Ranae born June 29, 1978 at Idaho Falls, Idaho and Benjamin LaVar born May 27, 1980 also at Idaho Falls. Camille's hobbies are mother's helper and getting into mischief.

## *Ron and Pat Wodskow*



*Left to Right: Ronette, Ron, Alison, Kimberly, Pat, Scott, Sarah Lee, and Chad.*

The Ron Wodskow family became a part of Archer Ward in September 1976. We had just moved from Burley, Idaho. We were so happy to find a home out in the country and be around people so receptive to our needs and who showed so much love toward us. Our family at that time consisted of four children: Ronette, Kimberly, Chad, and Sarah Lee. Since that time we have been blessed with Alison and Scott.

Ron was a carpenter. Work in this area, due to the flood, was plentiful.

Ron was born in Rupert, Idaho, in 1945, to Darrell and Sarah Sutton Wodskow. He was the third child of six. They were Betty, Jim, Ron, Rena, Debbie, and Linda. Most of his life he lived on a farm but his dad was a carpenter at heart. That's where Ron learned to love to build. While still in high school he joined the National Guard and did his active duty. After graduation, this proved to be a real advantage to him, as when he returned he was able to serve a mission and go to college and still serve his country. The years 1965-67 were spent in the Hawaiian Mission. Even though these were challenging years, this is where he really gained his testimony and love for our Father in Heaven. After he returned from his mission he was ready for Ricks and a few changes in his life.

While Ron was serving his country and his Father in Heaven, I was still trying to survive high school. I was born

and raised on a farm in Ashton, Idaho. I was born 1949 to Howard and Grace Murdock. I was number two of eight children: Gwen, Pat, Brian, Molly, Richard, LaRae, Marilyn, and Brad. In 1957, after I had gone to Ricks, Dad went to work at Ricks College and two years later, we moved to Rexburg. Those growing years must have been good ones. Somehow I had learned to love life and the church and have always held to the truths that were taught in my home.

The fall after graduation, I moved to Rexburg to go to Ricks. The next two years were really an exciting time of my life. I really gained my testimony. I met Ron and in May of that year we were married in the Idaho Falls Temple. Our wedding day was the day after finals and the day before my graduation at Ricks. Now I'm not sure what the hurry was but we were happy. Ron needed one more year to graduate, so we got a job managing a girls' apartment building, Maisone Villa, that really prepared us for parenthood - sixty-two daughters. That year we also got a daughter of our own. Ronette was born in February 1970.

After graduation, we had made plans to move to Provo to complete our education, but we got sidetracked in Burley when Ron took a job with the Adolf Coors Company as a job coordinator. They were building grain storage buildings. It was a good experience in construction, so we stayed there. The job lasted about three years, then Ron made the big attempt of contracting on his own.

We were really happy then. We were buying a cute home in Burley with a small yard and garden and lots of really neat neighbors. We both had leadership jobs in the church and everything seemed to be simple in our lives. The only drawback was, work had gotten slow. With the news of the flood and the demand for help, Rexburg looked really tempting.

After a few trips back and forth, we found an older home in Archer and with big plans for remodeling we sold our home in Burley and started a new life. We've never been sorry for our move. The past four years haven't been easy. There have been lots of highs and lows but the highs always outnumbered the lows. We have been blessed with two more children, Alison and Scott. There are times we felt a few growing pains but it is during these times we have grown the most. Our testimonies have been strengthened from the experiences we have had and we are grateful for them. We are sure our Heavenly Father guided us here. We're glad we listened. This has truly become our home.

## *Kirby and Lahna Woods*

Kirby was born in Kingston, Utah, on November 7, 1937. He lived there, in Southern Utah, until 1950 when he moved with his parents, Lawrence, "Briggs" and Carma Woods, two brothers and one sister, to Archer.

Lahna was born at Sunnyside on July 2, 1938 to Delos and Miriam Nelson. She attended the original Sunnyside branch and school in the little rock building until it was consolidated with Archer. We had held Sunday meetings and Primary in the basement of the school house. There were two rooms upstairs where all eight grades of school were taught.



Front Row (L. to R.): Miriam Nelson, Lahna, Kirby, Carma Woods McCullouch.  
Back Row: Sherise, Michael, David, Kevin, Renae (daughter-in-law), and Tracy.

Kirby and Lahna attended school in Archer through the eighth grade then went to Rexburg to high school in the building that is now Washington School.

Kirby and I were married September 26, 1956 in the Relief Society room of the new Archer Ward Church.

We began our married life in Pocatello where Kirby was employed by Garrett Freightlines. Our four sons were born while we lived there; Michael Kirby, born December 1, 1959, our special son; David Lynn, born February 13, 1959, a quiet, ever helpful presence for Mike and his mother to lean on; Tracy Delos, born May 12, 1960, a sensitive boy with a constantly increasing sense of humor, and Kevin Lee, born September 26, 1963, the best anniversary present anyone ever had.

February 1, 1964 was an especially wonderful day for all of us. We were sealed for all eternity in the Idaho Falls Temple. With us were Lahna's parents, to be sealed to each other and have their deceased son, with Kirby as proxy, and Lahna sealed to them. It was a very special day for all of us.

In June 1964 we moved to Orange, California, where Kirby was employed by a swimming pool contractor. It was there our only daughter, Sherise Ann, the sunshine of our lives, was born on October 18, 1966.

While our son, Michael, was attending special education in Orange, Lahna had the opportunity to organize a cub scout pack for the mentally retarded boys in that school. She served as den mother to six boys and by working on a requirement each week, all six boys earned their wolf award. She also served for two years as den mother for the Orange Ward pack.

Kirby served there for a year as a stake missionary and had the privilege of baptizing two new members into the church.

We were transferred to Alexandria, Virginia, in 1970 to open a new area. We found the East an exciting place to be. Our interest in history was aroused and we studied the Civil War and visited the many battle fields and places having to do with that troubled time. We visited Mount Vernon, home of George Washington, often and felt very close to events of our

country's beginning.

It was in Virginia we began square dancing, a hobby we still enjoy.

Kirby managed the office there until 1973. Many obstacles were met and overcome in managing an area covering three states. We met the challenge and enjoyed very much the time that we spent in the Eastern United States. We moved back to Archer in September of 1973 and built the home where we now live.

Our children have grown here and we now have two lovely daughters-in-law, Renae who married Tracy December 1, 1979, and Trina, who married David on July 11, 1980. A beautiful grandson, Brian Delos, born to Tracy and Trina, has also joined our family.

## Garen and Rusty Young



Left to Right: Rusty, Garen, and Tausha

Garen Lucien Young was born August 7, 1939 in Mark Young's home in Archer, to Ellen Marie (Orr) Young and Mark Lucien Young. At a very young age Garen learned to love fishing and hunting at his grandpa's side. He was the oldest of nine children so when he became very ill with rheumatic fever his grandparents took him home with them to nurse him back to health. He loved the farm and spent every weekend and vacation on it. He graduated from Rigby high school, then continued his education for two years at Ricks College in welding, living with his grandparents at this time and helping with the farm work. He has worked as a welder, a foreman, a buyer and a welding instructor for adult education at Eastern Idaho Vo-Tech School.

In 1968 he met and married (Rusty) Delva Jene (Sligar) Young on August 16, 1968. After eight months of courtship they were married in the Archer LDS Church. They bought a trailer home shortly after that and lived in it for nine years, after which they built a beautiful log home just South of Mark and Bertha's home in Archer, where Rusty has a beauty shop.

Rusty was born November 10, 1945 in Twin Falls, Idaho, to Laurel Lavina (Drown) Sligar and Doyle Leland Sligar. She was next to the youngest of seven children. She was raised most of her young life at her parents' resort, 1000 Springs Resort in Hagerman, Idaho. She became a very good



swimmer and had a zoo she started at the age of six. She loved working with people. She graduated from Twin Falls High School, received a scholarship to beauty college where she graduated in 1965. She also loves to paint and does a lot of painting for the holidays on windows. On May 7, 1970 she gave birth to Tausha May Young, a beautiful eight pound four ounce baby girl. Tausha soon became the ruler of the household and the apple of her daddy's eye. Like her daddy she soon learned to love fishing and hunting and even out-fished her daddy from time to time. She loves the farm, her friends, her animals and even parts of school. She attends Adams Grade School and is in the fifth grade. She wants to be a nurse when she grows up.

Tausha and Rusty were baptized into the LDS Church on July 1, 1978 together. Tausha's Uncle Shayne Young performed the ceremony.

Mark Harald Young was born September 20, 1896 (died June 29, 1973). His parents were William J. Young, Sr. and Zelpah Rebecca (Archer) Young. Mark's parents settled in Archer in 1883 where they cleared the land and built their log home, which was the first home to be built in this area. Mark was born in this house, as were Lucien and Garen years later. The house still stands. Mark married Bertha May (Luthy) Young on January 4, 1917. Bertha was born May 23, 1899 to Albert Fredrich Luthy, Sr., 1862-1950, and Ellen E. (Bean) Luthy, 1872-1957, in a grass and mud roofed log shack on the dry farms called Herbert.

## Bertha Young



Mark and Bertha

Mark Harold Young was born September 20, 1896 to William John and Zilpah Archer Young, the youngest of thirteen children. The first seven were born in Fairfield, Utah. They were Zilpah, who married William Squires, William (Will) who married Mary Sharp. Ernest and Clarence died of diphtheria and were buried in Fairfield. Alfred married Janette Millward. George married Margarette Pearson and lived in Idaho Falls.

Mark was born in the oldest house now standing, that was built in this area. The original logs in the wall and the flooring are still in use.

Mark graduated from the eighth grade in Archer.

Mark's father died when he was six years old. His mother died when he was twelve. He went to live with his sister, Zilpah, who was the wife of William Squires. He worked for different people as a laborer.

I, Bertha, was born in Herbert, Idaho, to Albert Fredrick and Ellen Elizabeth Bean Luthy, May 23, 1899. I was born in a two-room log house on the dry farm, the first child born in Herbert but the area was named later that same year for the first boy to be born there, Herbert England. A sweet little old Norwegian lady, Herbert's grandmother, Louisa England, was the midwife when I was born.

I went to eight grades at Herbert. My first teacher was a middle-aged bachelor named Charles Gregory. The second teacher was Ezra Liljenquist. Other teachers were Knute Pearson, Cecil Clements and D. W. Nelson.

The first time Mark and I met was when a group of young people were coming down the canyon from huckleberrying. As we watered our riding horses along came the Young family with Mark driving one of the teams pulling the wagons. Mark said, "Hi, are there any huckleberries up here?" I held my hands up all blue-stained, "Yes, a lot." Mark looked at me and thought to himself, "This is the girl I am going to marry."

On the dry farm, Dad plowed, we kids pulled the sagebrush out of the furrows, and stacked them to burn in the evening. Mice would run out. My brother, Hank and I would see who could catch the most mice and put them in our pockets. I loved to pick the wild flowers.

About three years after I met Mark, we were married January 4, 1917 in Rexburg. We were sealed January 18, 1928 in the Logan Temple.

Mark and I bought thirty acres of land including the house where he was born and lived all his life, except for the seven years he lived with his sister.

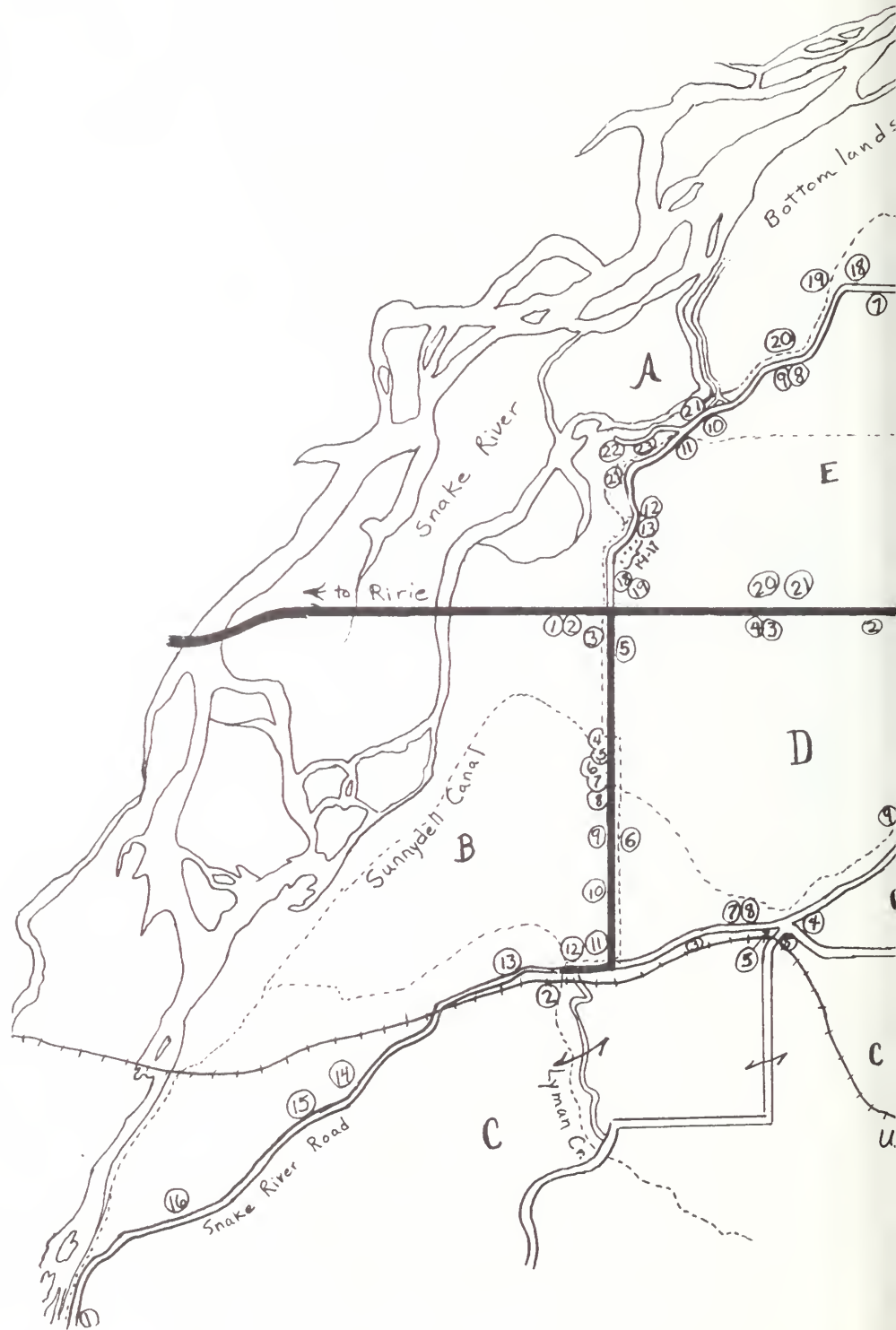
Mark and I had eleven boys, but Mark Lucein was the only one to live.

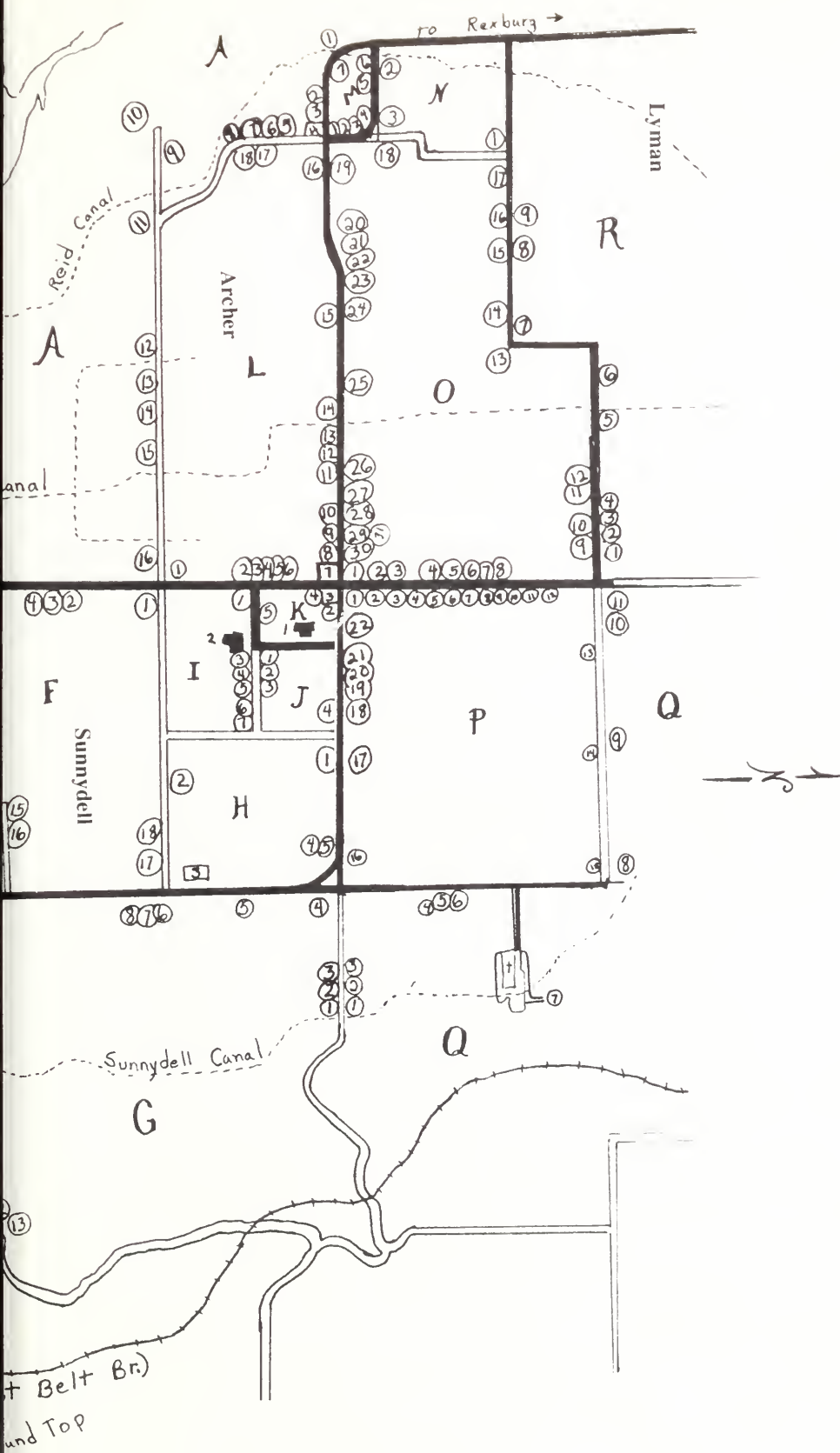
Mark played fifty years in the Young Orchestra, fifteen with the original members which consisted of Alfred on the trumpet; Clem, trombone; Rob, violin; Mark played the piano, saxophone or banjo, as needed; Lawrence Squires played the drums. Mark's sister, Leah Young, would sometimes play the piano and sometimes Alf's wife, Nettie. They played for Church dances all around, but mostly in the Archer dance hall. After the dance hall was torn down, Clem moved away, Alf went to Salt Lake and Rob died. A new orchestra was formed with Mark, Glen Squires, Ray Palmer of Rigby and Mark Lee of Idaho Falls. These four played together for thirty-five years.

Mark was ward chorister from 1925 to January 12, 1932, and MIA chorister during the time I was president of the MIA from August 11, 1935 until 1941. Previous to that I was counselor to Letha Wilcox.

In the Primary I was counselor to Ora Squires, Lilly Briggs and Agnes Orr and president from July 15, 1928 to July 12, 1932.

On January 18, 1980, I married Leo S. Weatherston. We have spent our time between his home in Rexburg and mine in Archer.





### Map of Archer and Sunnydell Wards

Residents listed by Section and House Number on map (houses numbered around block sections without crossing streets).

# Legend

## Section A (numbered Northwest to Southeast)

1. James Barrett
2. Learin Terry
3. Robert Howell (residence in rear of store)
4. Howell's Kountry Korner (original Aeschbacher store)
5. Merlin Orr
6. Richard Holloway
7. Russell H. Simon
8. Ron Wodscow
9. Randy Sutton
10. T.J. Brown
11. (vacant) Jack Stacey home
12. Marshall Grover
13. Grant Neilson
14. Clayton Grover
15. Gwen Sutton
16. Irvine Burns
17. Lyle Robison
18. Earl Wilcox
19. Dayton Grover
20. Grant Peterson
21. Michael Goodmansen
22. Theron Cheney (on mission)
23. Darrell Cheney (Marion Cheney home)
24. Jack Wilcock

## Section B (numbered South to North)

1. Reginald Child
2. Kirby Woods
3. Scott Shirley
4. R. R. Evans
5. Laurence Buckland
6. Jerry Beck
7. Old Sunnyside Schoolhouse
8. Max Oakey
9. Stanley Nielson
10. Garth Sutton
11. Lee Sutton
12. Steve Sutton
13. E. J. Goodson
14. Keith Clements
15. Clay home (vacant)
16. Walter Bybee

## Section C (Dryfarms)

1. Kyle Bybee
2. (vacant) log cabin
3. Robert Thayer
4. Mark Grover
5. Byrne Siding

## Section D (numbered North to South)

1. Myrl Weekes
2. Gary Hill
3. Terrell Niederer
4. Norman Niederer
5. Sterling Magleby
6. Afton Hansen
7. (vacant) Howard Allen home
8. Joel Sedgwick
9. Earl Beck
10. Old honeymoon cottage
11. Gilbert Wilcox

## Section E (numbered East to West)

1. Royle Erickson
2. Ursel Weekes
3. Kay Jeppson
4. Norman Hill
5. Bill Cook
6. Delmoe Cook
7. Bertha Jeppson
8. Morgan Anderson

9. Wayne Siddoway
10. Elden Laurantzen
11. Elmo Cheney
12. Marion Hacking
13. Bernice Weekes (on mission)
14. Gregory Twitchell
15. (vacant)
16. Martin Davidson
17. Mahlon England
18. Thell Weekes
19. Clarence Weekes
20. Carl Grover
21. Everett Brindle

## Section F (numbered North to South)

1. Earl Briggs
2. Ben Homer
3. Merrill Lundberg
4. Spencer Orr
5. John Nelson
6. Cleo Kirkham
7. Kenneth Hacking (on mission)
8. Gene Clements
9. Walter Smith
10. Bill Wilcox
11. Mike Summers
12. (vacant)
13. Phillip Niederer

## Section G (numbered from Squires Dugway East to West)

1. LaVar Squires
2. Glen Squires
3. Merlin Munns
4. Martha (Mattie) Erickson (on mission)
5. Carlo Erickson
6. Leonard Clements
7. Darlene Clements
8. Artella Schneider
9. Melvin & Letha Wilcox
10. Ellis Wilcox
11. Rulon Wilcox
12. Laurence Byrne
13. Ross Byrne

## Section H (numbered North to South)

1. Larry Weekes
2. Brent Peterson
3. Peterson Room Dividers factory
4. Reese Sharp
5. (vacant)

## Section I (numbered West to East)

1. (vacant)
2. Archer-Sunnyside Churchhouse
- Site of the old stone chapel; East Parking lot
3. George H. Munns
4. Minnie Weekes
5. Chad Weekes
6. Victor Erickson
7. Norman S. Erickson

## Section J (numbered West to East)

1. Edward Smith
2. Stanley Erickson
3. Danny Crossley
4. Norman B. Erickson

## Section K (numbered school around block) Old Dalby Townsite

1. Archer School
2. Esther Boulter
3. England Store (vacant) Earl Wilcox bldg.
4. Roy Boulter
5. Nolan Erickson

**Section L** (numbered from South to North)

1. Ken Biorn
2. Russell Grover
3. De Von Erickson
4. Clarence Hoopes
5. Lynn Briggs
6. William Bell
7. Archer Merc
8. Brett Sutton
9. John Bee
10. Chester Nelson
11. Lynn Nelson
12. Dennis Nelson
13. Garth Nelson
14. George Nelson
15. Brent Grover
16. Ross & Grant Burns
17. Bertha Young
18. Garen Young

**Section M** (numbered South to North) Archer Townsite

1. Gerald Junkert
2. Vernon Jeffs
3. Mildred Corey
4. Lamont Merrill
5. Budge Clay
6. Gary Clay
7. Dennis Pope

**Section N** Archer Townsite

1. (Home under construction for Harlan Robison)
2. LaVar Wilmot
3. Old Isaac Nelson homestead  
(old Sharp home)

**Section O** (numbered Southeast corner to the North)

1. Kendall Davidson
2. Ron Weaver
3. Jon Larson
4. Hal Moon
5. Lila Anderson
6. Ed Reichenbach
7. Glen Leak
8. Lovell Orr
9. Vive Larsen
10. Ray Muir
11. (vacant)
12. (vacant)
13. Craig Hill
14. Stephen Grover
15. George Hall
16. Larry Grover
17. Richard Grover
18. Lee Roy Adams
19. Max Briggs
20. Grace Grover
21. Wallace Grover
22. Steve Sorensen
23. DeLore Grover
24. Billy Grover
25. Trieste Robison (on mission)
26. Lind Robison
27. Ada Greene
28. Wilma Hatton

29. Donald Erickson
30. Jack Thompson
31. Old Creamery (Snake River Cheese factory)

**Section P** (numbered Southwest corner towards the North)

1. Elmer Briggs
2. David Niederer
3. Keith Haroldson
4. Kim Sorensen
5. Tom Suddeth
6. Tim Peterson
7. Jack Reese
8. Dean Quinton
9. (vacant)
10. Ken Rose
11. Foryl Kidd
12. Dale Larsen
13. Bert Larsen
14. Damell Weekes
15. Lillis Sutton
16. (vacant) Bishop Smith home
17. Rose Weekes
18. Keith Munns
19. Henry Erickson
20. Viola Erickson
21. (vacant) Ernest Weekes home
22. Greg Brown

**Section Q** (numbered from Squires Dugway towards West)

1. Mary Luthy
2. Billy Luthy
3. Myrtle Kennington
4. Dale Drussell
5. Mary Harper
6. Don Drussell
7. Dale Clay
8. Stanley Sutton
9. Minnie Nielson home (vacant)
10. Melba Kinzer
11. Russell Munns

**Section R** (numbered Southeast corner to the West)

1. Bob Thompson
2. Leslie Grover
3. Kent Grover
4. Ina Grover
5. Reed Howell
6. Bert Howell
7. John Perham
8. Gene Dumont
9. Delas Munns

**Historical Buildings**

- N-3 Nelson Homestead
- I-2 Old Stone Chapel site located in East parking lot
- G-11 Old Lewis Byrne home built 1900
- L-17 Bertha Young home built about 1896
- B-7 Old Sunnydell Schoolhouse
- A-4 Nearby once stood the first chapel serving this area, log building for Lyman Ward
- C-2 Cabin on Lyman Creek
- D-10 Honeymoon cottage, first home of many area residents
- K-1 Archer School, built 1915
- A-4 Briggs store, built 1884

## *The Church Parking Lot*

On October 27, 1979, the Sunnyside and Archer Wards had a project to haul gravel from the pit located on Bishop Lyle Robison's farm along the Reid Canal to an area seventy-five feet by two hundred seventy-five feet just west of the church house to provide additional parking. Ward members donated their trucks and labor. They began at 7:30 a.m. and stopped about 30 minutes after dark.

The following is a list of those who participated. Those marked with an \* drove trucks.

Walters Concrete (Bill Blamberg)\*  
Larry Weekes\*  
Kevin Howell\*  
Richard Grover  
Paul Niederer\*  
Lamont Merrill  
Nolan Erickson\*  
Bill Cook\*  
Stanley Erickson\*  
Stanley Nielson\*  
Earl Wilcox  
Bishop Lyle Robison\*  
Wallace Grover\*  
Wayne Siddoway  
Delas Munns  
Carlo Erickson\*  
Wayne Beck\*  
Jerry Beck\*  
Earl Beck\*  
Ben Homer\*  
Bob Howell  
Tommy Roth  
Dennis Nelson  
Bishop Glen Leak  
Gordon Allen\*  
Marilee Byrne\*  
Spencer Orr  
Gilbert Wilcox

The trucks entered the land at Bishop Lyle Robison's house and traveled to the gravel pit. There were enough trucks to keep the loader busy all the time. The trucks exited by the canal headgates so they didn't have to pass each other on the narrow roads. Earl Wilcox used his tractor and blade to push the gravel around at the parking lot.

The Relief Society sisters provided lunch. Those sisters who helped with this were Zara Beck, LeeRaye Robison, Hedy Sutton, and Sarah Grover.

Tom Roth ran the loader at the gravel pit. They hauled 2250 yards of gravel.

Earl and Wayne Beck used the county roller to pack the gravel.

## *Ball Park*

During 1956 and 1957, there had been talk of having a lighted ball field on the ward owned property just east of the ward chapel. On May 24, 1958, the first hole was dug by Bishop Erickson for the poles which were donated by Clar-

ence Hoopes. The ball park cost \$1600 for the construction, wiring and labor. It was necessary to pay the power company \$235 down and to give them a guarantee of \$150 a year for five years. July 14, 1958, a committee was organized to supervise the ball park. Calvin Cook represented the high priests as chairman, Lynn Nelson represented the seventies quorum, and Eldon Robison represented the Elders quorum, Bert Howell, the YMMIA president, and LaMar Davidson, the YWMIA president.

## *Improvements in 1979-80*

The old cement walks around the church house have been replaced with new ones. Repairs have been made on the roof.

A large rock fireplace has been added to the shelter. This was a joint project of the Elders' quorums. The following people went with trucks to the Nicolina Mine at Leadore for the rock.

From Sunnyside Ward: Royle Erickson, Phillip Niederer, and Bill Cook.

From Archer Ward: Mont Merrill, Carlo Erickson, Nolan Erickson, Bob Howell, Ken Rose, Kim Sorenson, John Perham, Hal Moon, Terry Coon, Merlin Munns, and Phillip Boulter.

The rock work on the fireplace was done by Lamont Merrill with assistance from Kenny Grover and Merlin Orr.

This beautiful fireplace is a welcome addition to our shelter.

## *The Sunnyside Ward Granary*

The Sunnyside Ward Granary came about by prayer and inspiration. It will hold enough wheat to provide bread for every man, woman, and child in the Sunnyside Ward for one year in case of emergency.

Bishop Lyle Robison donated the granary (we weren't to even have mentioned that), and the ward members furnished the money and grain to purchase the wheat necessary to fill the bin.

The donated grain has been sold, enough other money collected, and the hard red, high protein - 13½ percent wheat purchased. As soon as it is cleaned and delivered, the granary will be filled, sealed, and dedicated for the use of those in need.

As far as we know this is the first granary of its kind in the Church today.

The committee for this project were: Wayne Beck, Myrl Weekes, and Steve Sutton.

Bishop Sidney Weekes, first bishop of the Lyman Ward tells in his history of coming to this sagebrush-covered land and hurrying to grub the brush so he could plant grain and store it for a time of need. He recalled a time when he went without bread for several months, living on leaves and roots. The first taste of bread after that period

was the sweetest thing he had ever put into his mouth.

After providing a home for his family, he built a granary and the granary was never empty. And though this was a privately owned granary, many families who would find themselves without grain to plant in the spring were thankful Bishop Weekes had grain to help them fill their need.

It is a comforting feeling for members of the Sunnydell Ward to have a fine 1000 bushel granary ready for use as needed in the future.



## *Epilogue*

As we go to press, the Archer-Sunnydell Community is getting all buttoned up for the winter. The bountiful harvest has been gathered in from field and garden, and fall plowing has been completed.

The two wards in our community are in good shape — the bishops having called all ward members to activity and to good works.

Recognizing that we are in the midst of inflation, the people are carefully storing for future need and are heeding the counsel of their bishops.

With winter coming, and the prospect of wind, rain and snow, all of us who have arthritis are beginning to stiffen up and ache a bit. The young people are wondering how they can get gas for their weekly dates in town. Mothers and fathers will soon sleep less and worry more about how to feed and clothe their families.

But the bishops — bless them, are dependent upon the Lord and He has never failed to sustain and bless them.

There is a very soft whisper going around that the spring of next year may bring a new addition for the Archer Chapel along with many other improvements. A proper birth announcement will be given in due time.

There is a feeling of love and good fellowship in both wards and we are all looking forward to a continuing time of happiness and service.

# *Roster of Officers*

## *Lyman Ward Bishops*

Sidney Weekes presiding Elder, October 27, 1883.  
 1884 Lyman Branch organized into a ward, Sidney Weekes, bishop; George Briggs, Sr., first counselor; Niels Christensen, second counselor. Thomas E. Ricks and Elders Heber J. Grant and Wilford Woodruff of the Quorum of the Twelve were present.  
 May 1886 Amos G. Arnold, bishop.  
 1887 William J. Young was presiding priest with George Briggs as assistant.

Lyman again became a branch and was attached to Rexburg First Ward until August 21.  
 1887 Samuel A. Wilcox was sustained as bishop.  
 1900 Thomas Atkins became bishop.  
 1902 wards divided; George Briggs, Sr., was bishop in Archer, and Casey Bowen in Lyman.

## *Archer Ward Bishopric*

<b>Bishoprics</b>	<b>Sustained</b>	<b>Released</b>	<b>Bishoprics</b>	<b>Sustained</b>	<b>Released</b>
1. Bishop George Briggs, Sr.	Mar. 2, 1902	Feb. 10, 1907	2nd Coun. John Wilcox	Dec. 7, 1952	Sept. 26, 1954
1st Coun. Olof P. Johanson	Mar. 2, 1902	Feb. 10, 1907	1st Coun. John Wilcox	Sept. 26, 1954	Jan. 8, 1956
2nd Coun. Charles Burns	Mar. 2, 1902	Feb. 10, 1907	2nd Coun. Gayland Robison	Sept. 26, 1954	Jan. 8, 1956
Ward Clerk Edwin W. Stacy	Mar. 14, 1902	June 14, 1903	1st Coun. Gayland Robison	Jan. 8, 1956	Dec. 9, 1956
Asst. Clerk George Briggs, Jr.	Mar. 14, 1902	June 14, 1903	2nd Coun. Calvin Cook	Jan. 8, 1956	Dec. 9, 1956
Asst. Clerk, Roxey Jeppson	June 15, 1902	June 14, 1903	1st Coun. Calvin Cook	Dec. 9, 1956	May 10, 1959
Ward Clerk Charles O. Jeppson	June 14, 1902	Feb. 10, 1907	2nd Coun. Billy Luthy	Dec. 9, 1956	May 10, 1959
2. Bishop George Briggs, Jr.	Feb. 10, 1907	July 14, 1912	8. Bishop George H. Munns	May 10, 1959	Mar. 30, 1969
1st Coun. William Blanthorn	Feb. 10, 1907	July 14, 1912	1st Coun. Loren H. Grover	May 10, 1959	Dec. 20, 1959
2nd Coun. Charles O. Jeppson	Aug. 11, 1907	July 14, 1912	2nd Coun. Lynn C. Nelson	May 10, 1959	Dec. 20, 1959
Ward Clerk Frank C. Burns	Feb. 10, 1907	July 14, 1912	Ward Clerk, Max Briggs	May 24, 1959	Dec. 29, 1963
3. Bishop Olof P. Johanson	July 14, 1912	Sept. 9, 1928	Finance Clerk, Calvin Cook	May 24, 1959	Apr. 16, 1961
1st Coun. Chas. O. Jeppson	July 14, 1912	Nov. 16, 1924	Welfare Clerk Stanley E. Nielson	May 24, 1959	Sept. 6, 1964
2nd Coun. Samuel P. Oldham	July 14, 1912	Feb. 22, 1914	1st Coun. Lynn C. Nelson	Dec. 20, 1959	July 7, 1968
2nd Coun. Luke Briggs	Feb. 22, 1914	July 23, 1916	2nd Coun. Eldon Robison	Dec. 20, 1959	July 7, 1968
2nd Coun. Edward P. Oldham	July 23, 1916	Feb. 10, 1919	Finance Clerk, Afton Hansen	Apr. 16, 1961	Mar. 30, 1969
2nd Coun. Clarence Cheney	Feb. 10, 1919	Nov. 16, 1924	Ward Clerk, Stephen Grover	Dec. 29, 1963	
1st Coun. J. R. Smith	July 23, 1924	Sept. 9, 1928	Ass't. Clerk (Ward Teaching)		
2nd Coun. Olin H. Jeppson	July 23, 1924	Sept. 9, 1928	Wallace Grover	Nov. 24, 1963	July 7, 1968
Ward Clerk Carl J. Johnson	July 14, 1912	Jan. 12, 1913	Welfare Clerk, Kendall Davidson	Sept. 6, 1964	July 7, 1968
Asst. Clerk Thomas Jeppson	Oct. 6, 1912	Jan. 12, 1913	1st Coun. Eldon Robison	July 7, 1968	Mar. 30, 1969
Ward Clerk George Briggs, Jr.	Jan. 12, 1913	May 18, 1919	2nd Coun. Kendall Davidson	July 7, 1968	Mar. 30, 1968
Ward Clerk Herbert Williams	May 18, 1919	May 7, 1922	Welfare Clerk, Wallace Grover	July 7, 1968	Mar. 30, 1969
Ward Clerk A. Clarence Weekes	May 7, 1922	Nov. 19, 1922	9. Bishop John Russell Grover	Mar. 30, 1969	Feb. 15, 1976
Ward Clerk Carl J. Johnson	Nov. 19, 1922	Feb. 5, 1928	1st Coun. Keith Clements	Mar. 30, 1969	Feb. 15, 1976
Ward Clerk John B. Carlstrom	Feb. 5, 1928	Sept. 9, 1928	2nd Coun. C. Myrl Weekes	Mar. 30, 1969	Feb. 15, 1976
4. Bishop James R. Smith	Sept. 9, 1928	July 13, 1941	Ward Clerk, Stephen Grover	Mar. 30, 1969	Feb. 15, 1976
1st Coun. D. O. Wilcox, Sr.	Sept. 9, 1928		Finance Clerk Afton Hansen	Mar. 30, 1969	Jan. 4, 1970
2nd Coun. Carl J. Johnson	Sept. 9, 1928	Nov. 18, 1934	Finance Clerk Steve Sutton	Jan. 4, 1970	Feb. 15, 1976
Ward Clerk John B. Carlstrom	Sept. 9, 1928		Ward Clerk, Dennis Wright		
2nd Coun. Raymond G. Briggs	Nov. 18, 1934	July 13, 1941	10. Bishop Lyle James Robison	Feb. 15, 1976	Oct. 8, 1978
5. Bishop Sterling Magleby	July 13, 1941	July 13, 1946	1st Coun. Stanley Elmer Nielson	Feb. 15, 1976	Oct. 8, 1978
1st Coun. W. Delmoe Cook	July 13, 1941	July 13, 1946	2nd Coun. Ralph Wayne Siddoway	Feb. 15, 1976	Oct. 8, 1978
2nd Coun. George F. Nelson	July 13, 1941	July 13, 1946	Exec. Sec. Renell W. Cook	Feb. 15, 1976	Oct. 8, 1978
Ward Clerk John B. Carlstrom	July 13, 1941	May 24, 1959	Ward Clerk (Finance)		
6. Bishop William Ingram Holley	July 13, 1946	Jan. 13, 1952	Norman S. Erickson	Feb. 22, 1976	Jan. 16, 1977
1st Coun. Raymond G. Briggs	July 13, 1946	Jan. 13, 1952	Ass't. Ward Clerk (Historical)		
2nd Coun. Kenneth Elbert Hacking	July 13, 1946	Jan. 13, 1952	James Elmer Loftus	Feb. 22, 1976	Jan. 16, 1977
7. Bishop Bemarr B. Erickson	Jan. 13, 1952	May 10, 1959	Ward Clerk (Historical)		
1st Coun. Newel Piquet	Jan. 13, 1952	Dec. 7, 1952	James Elmer Loftus	Jan. 16, 1977	Sept. 18, 1977
2nd Coun. Loren Grover	Jan. 13, 1952	Dec. 7, 1952	Ass't Clerk (Membership)		
1st Coun. Loren Grover	Dec. 7, 1952	Sept. 26, 1954	Dennis Wright	Feb. 22, 1976	Aug. 8, 1976
			Ass't Clerk (Fast Offering)		
			Earl Lee Beck	Feb. 22, 1976	Oct. 8, 1978



Bishoprics	Sustained	Released
Ass't Clerk (Membership) James Laurence Byrne	Aug. 8, 1976	Jan. 16, 1977
Ass't Clerk (Finance) James Laurence Byrne	Jan. 16, 1977	Oct. 8, 1978
Ass't Clerk (Membership) Dayton E. Grover	Jan. 16, 1977	Oct. 8, 1978
Ward Clerk (Historical) LaVar Squires	Sept. 18, 1977	Oct. 8, 1978

Bishoprics	Sustained	Released
The ward was divided (Archer-Sunnydell) 8 October 1978		
1. Bishop Glen Don Leak	Oct. 8, 1978	
1st Coun. Delas Arthur Munns	Oct. 8, 1978	
2nd Coun. Jon Wallace Larson	Oct. 8, 1978	

## *Officers of the Genealogy Organization*

The following were sustained at Ward Conference May 30, 1915.

	Sustained	Released
Chairman: David Cheney	May 30, 1915	Nov. 26, 1922
Mem. Sister David Cheney	May 30, 1915	Nov. 26, 1922
Chairman: Jacob Magleby	Nov. 26, 1922	May 1, 1927
Members:		
George Weekes	Nov. 26, 1922	May 1, 1927
Mary Magleby	Nov. 26, 1922	May 1, 1927
Charles O. Jeppson	Jan. 4, 1925	Oct. 23, 1930
H. Edward Smart	Jan. 4, 1925	May 1, 1927
Selma Smart	Jan. 4, 1925	Oct. 1928
Chairman: H. Edward Smart	May 1, 1927	Oct. 1928
Members:		
D. O. Wilcox	June 5, 1927	Oct. 1928
Helen Mar Wilcox	June 5, 1927	Oct. 1928
Melisa Wilcox	June 5, 1927	Oct. 1928
Thomas C. Jeppson	June 5, 1927	Mar. 10, 1926
John B. Carlstrom	June 5, 1927	Mar. 10, 1926
William P. Squires	June 5, 1927	Mar. 10, 1926
Zelpha E. Squires	June 5, 1927	Oct. 1928
Jacob Magleby	May 5, 1929	Nov. 30, 1930
Mary Magleby	May 5, 1929	Nov. 30, 1930

The Genealogy work was under a new organization and December 3, 1928, I was called to a bishopric meeting held at James R. Smith's. I was asked to be chairman of the Genealogy Committee. A committee was also chosen to work with us. The day after this meeting I was seriously burned and was in the hospital for nearly a month and did not come back to the ward for three months.

Chairman: Olof P. Johanson	April 2, 1929	Sept. 10, 1933
Sec. Sarah A. Munns	April 2, 1929	Sept. 10, 1933
Members:		
C. O. Jeppson	April 2, 1929	Oct. 23, 1930
Selar Cheney	April 2, 1929	Oct. 23, 1930
Florence Cheney	April 2, 1929	Oct. 23, 1930
Nora Grover	April 2, 1929	Oct. 13, 1929
George S. Weekes	April 2, 1929	Oct. 13, 1929
Lottie Rice	April 2, 1929	Oct. 8, 1929
Anna H. Olsen	April 2, 1929	Oct. 8, 1929
Isabell Nelson	April 2, 1929	Oct. 8, 1929
George F. Nelson	April 2, 1929	Sept. 18, 1932
Hannah Briggs	Oct. 13, 1929	Sept. 18, 1932
Jacob Magleby	May 5, 1929	Nov. 30, 1930
Mary Magleby	May 5, 1929	Nov. 30, 1930
Zelpha E. Squires	Oct. 13, 1929	Nov. 30, 1930
Martha Weekes	Oct. 13, 1929	Nov. 30, 1930
Laura T. Johnson	Aug. 12, 1930	Sept. 1931
Albert Bayliff	Sept. 18, 1932	
Henry Whitaker	Sept. 18, 1932	
Althea Bayliff	Nov. 20, 1932	
Elda Butler	Nov. 20, 1932	

	Sustained	Released
Martha Hacking	Nov. 20, 1932	
Marshall Grover	Nov. 20, 1932	
Lavon Stacey	Nov. 20, 1932	
Clem Young	Nov. 20, 1932	
A. Clarence Weekes	Dec. 28, 1930	
Pearl B. Weekes	Dec. 28, 1930	
Peter W. Peterson	Dec. 28, 1930	
Hazel Peterson	Dec. 28, 1930	
Chairman: Olof P. Johanson	Nov. 6, 1932	Sept. 10, 1933
1st Coun. Clarence Weekes	Nov. 6, 1932	Sept. 10, 1933
2nd Coun. Peter W. Peterson	Nov. 6, 1932	Sept. 10, 1933
Chairman: Albert Bayliff	Sept. 10, 1933	
1st Coun. Peter W. Peterson	Oct. 1, 1933	
2nd Coun. Martha Weekes	Oct. 1, 1933	
Chairman: Selar Cheney	Dec. 1934	Nov. 8, 1936
1st Coun. Walter Peterson	Dec. 1934	Sept. 15, 1935
2nd Coun. Martha Weekes	Dec. 1934	Nov. 8, 1936
Sec. Sarah A. Munns	Jan. 1935	Sept. 15, 1935
Asst. Sec. Bessie Whittaker	Sept. 15, 1935	Nov. 8, 1936
Committee:		
Theron Cheney	Dec. 1934	Jan. 5, 1936
Florence Cheney	Dec. 1934	Nov. 8, 1936
Clarence Weekes	Dec. 1934	Nov. 8, 1936
Pearl Weekes	Dec. 1934	Nov. 8, 1936
Martha Hacking	Dec. 1934	Nov. 8, 1936
Hazel Peterson	Dec. 1934	Sept. 15, 1935
Geneva Aeschbacher	Dec. 1934	Nov. 8, 1936
Evalyne Grover	Dec. 1934	April 26, 1936
Myron Jeppson	Dec. 1934	April 25, 1935
Maude Jeppson	Dec. 1934	April 25, 1935
Lelen Weekes	Dec. 1934	Nov. 8, 1936
Harold Briggs	Dec. 1934	Jan. 5, 1936
Hazel Briggs	Dec. 1934	Jan. 5, 1936
Clem Young	Dec. 1934	Nov. 8, 1936
George Weekes	Dec. 1934	Nov. 8, 1936
Bessie Whittaker	Dec. 1934	Nov. 8, 1936
Eldon Briggs	Dec. 1934	Nov. 8, 1936
Artella Weekes	Dec. 1934	Nov. 8, 1936
Dee Smith	Dec. 1934	Nov. 8, 1936
Ruth Cook	Dec. 1934	Nov. 8, 1936
Lester Briggs	June 1935	
Leal Cheney	Sept. 15, 1935	
Chairman: Delmoe Cook	Nov. 8, 1936	
1st Coun. Charles Weekes	Nov. 8, 1936	
2nd Coun. Bernarr Erickson	Nov. 8, 1936	
Sec. Sarah A. Munns	Nov. 8, 1936	
Asst Sec. Bessie Whittaker	Nov. 8, 1936	
Committee:		
Dewey Niederer	Dec. 6, 1936	
Tressa Niederer	Dec. 6, 1936	
Marion Cheney	Dec. 6, 1936	

	Sustained	Released
Beatrice Hathcock	Dec. 6, 1936	
Martha Weekes	May 31, 1936	
Bessie Whittaker	May 31, 1936	
Pearl Weekes	May 31, 1936	

	Sustained	Released
Thelma Cheney	May 31, 1936	
Martha Hacking	May 31, 1936	
Sam Grover	May 31, 1936	

## *Officers of Archer Ward Relief Society*

	Sustained	Released
1st Pres.	Sarah S. Briggs	Mar. 6, 1902
1st Coun.	Susannah Burns	Mar. 6, 1902
2nd Coun.	Zilpah A. Young	Mar. 6, 1902
Sec.	Margaret A. Briggs	Mar. 6, 1902
Treas.	Mary A. Weekes	Mar. 6, 1902
2nd Coun.	Louisa Johanson	Oct. 17, 1904
Sec.	Roxcy L. Jeppson	May 1905
2nd Pres.	Roxcy L. Jeppson	Feb. 10, 1907
1st Coun.	Janette Young	Feb. 17, 1907
2nd Coun.	Margaret A. Briggs	Feb. 17, 1907
Sec.	Pearl B. Hill	Feb. 17, 1907
Treas.	Mary A. Weekes	July 21, 1907
Sec.	Zilpha E. Squires	Dec. 1, 1907
Sec.	Mary Nelson	Apr. 3, 1909
Sec.	Gladys E. Erickson	Nov. 1, 1914
2nd Coun.	Lodema Cheney	Oct. 19, 1913
1st Coun.	Margaret A. Briggs	Oct. 19, 1913
2nd Coun.	Zilpah E. Squires	Mar. 18, 1919
3rd Pres.	Zilpha E. Squires	Apr. 25, 1920
1st Coun.	Melissa Wilcox	Apr. 25, 1920
2nd Coun.	Mary Ann Niederer	Apr. 25, 1920
Sec.	Gladys E. Erickson	Apr. 25, 1920
Treas.	Mary Ann Weekes	Apr. 25, 1920
4th Pres.	Mary Ann Niederer	Dec. 7, 1924
1st Coun.	Melissa Wilcox	Dec. 7, 1924
2nd Coun.	Rachel Sutton	Dec. 7, 1924
Sec.	Gladys E. Erickson	Dec. 7, 1924
Treas.	Mary Ann Weekes	Dec. 7, 1924
5th Pres.	Mary Liljenquist	Nov. 6, 1927
1st Coun.	Martha Hacking	Nov. 6, 1927
2nd Coun.	Rachel Sutton	Nov. 6, 1927
2nd Coun.	Pauline Smith	June 3, 1928
Sec.	Gladys E. Erickson	Dec. 7, 1924
6th Pres.	Martha Briggs	Sept. 8, 1929
1st Coun.	Pauline Smith	Sept. 8, 1929
2nd Coun.	Olive Chloe Robison	Sept. 8, 1929
2nd Coun.	Melissa Wilcox	Mar. 30, 1930
Sec.	Gladys E. Erickson	Sept. 8, 1929
Treasurer	Mary Ann Weekes	Apr. 25, 1920
7th Pres.	Evalyne Grover	Apr. 19, 1936
1st Asst.	Elsie Wilcox	Apr. 19, 1936
2nd Asst.	Leah Briggs	Apr. 19, 1936
Sec.-Tr.	Martha Briggs	Apr. 19, 1936
1st Coun.	Leah Briggs	Mar. 27, 1938
2nd Coun.	Rachel Sutton	Mar. 27, 1938
8th Pres.	Rachel Sutton	Apr. 30, 1939
1st Coun.	Erma Magleby	Apr. 30, 1939
2nd Coun.	Lilly Briggs	Apr. 30, 1939
Sec.-Tr.	Martha Briggs	Apr. 30, 1939
2nd Coun.	Leah Briggs	Sept. 5, 1943

	Sustained	Released
9th Pres.	LaVerne Hacking	Aug. 12, 1945
1st Coun.	Erma Magleby	Aug. 12, 1945
2nd Coun.	Leah Briggs	Aug. 12, 1945
Sec.-Tr.	Pearl B. Weekes	Aug. 12, 1945
10th Pres.	Opal Clements	Dec. 30, 1945
1st Coun.	Myrtle Kennington	Jan. 6, 1946
2nd Coun.	Trieste Robison	Jan. 6, 1946
Sec.	Pearl B. Weekes	Jan. 6, 1946
Sec.	Ruth Clay	Feb. 2, 1947
Sec.	Martha Erickson	Jan. 1948
2nd Coun.	Martha Erickson	Mar. 20, 1949
Sec.	Olive E. Smith	Mar. 20, 1949
2nd Coun.	Eva Howell	Dec. 16, 1951
		Aug. 11, 1957
		Aug. 11, 1957
		Feb. 6, 1948
		Feb. 2, 1947
		Jan. 1948
		Mar. 20, 1949
		Dec. 16, 1951
		Aug. 11, 1957
		Aug. 11, 1957

Discrepancies found in two ward records were corrected from the history kept by Opal Clements, president, during her years of service. Opal's records are in the ward library.

Mary M. Burns and Trieste P. Robison were sustained 8 January 1961 to care for flowers at funerals.

11th Pres.	Erma H. Magleby	Aug. 11, 1957	May 26, 1963
1st Coun.	Rachel B. Sutton	Aug. 11, 1957	May 26, 1963
2nd Coun.	LaVerne L. Hacking	Aug. 11, 1957	June 21, 1959
Sec.	Zella S. Bybee	Sept. 1, 1957	May 26, 1959
2nd Coun.	Leona Grover	June 21, 1959	Nov. 1, 1959
2nd Coun.	Leah Briggs	Nov. 1, 1959	May 26, 1963
12th Pres.	Gwen A. Sutton	May 26, 1963	June 18, 1967
1st Coun.	Bernice B. Weekes	May 26, 1963	Sept. 5, 1965
2nd Coun.	Marjean Weekes	May 26, 1963	Jan. 16, 1966
Sec.	Zara Beck	May 26, 1963	Sept. 5, 1965
1st Coun.	Zara Beck	Sept. 5, 1965	June 18, 1967
2nd Coun.	Myrtle Kennington	Jan. 16, 1966	June 18, 1967
Sec.	Joann Oakey	Sept. 20, 1965	June 18, 1967
13th Pres.	Shirley B. Squires	June 18, 1967	Sept. 1, 1968
1st Coun.	Ruth G. Hansen	June 18, 1967	Sept. 1, 1968
2nd Coun.	Carmen Nielson	June 18, 1967	Sept. 1, 1968
Sec.	Ellen Marie Erickson	June 18, 1967	Sept. 1, 1968
14th Pres.	Ella Mae H. Wilcox	Sept. 1, 1968	Aug. 23, 1970
1st Coun.	Marjory E. Nelson	Sept. 1, 1968	Jan. 5, 1969
2nd Coun.	Diane A. Siddoway	Sept. 1, 1968	Sept. 7, 1969
Sec.	Ellen Marie M. Erickson	Sept. 1, 1968	Sept. 7, 1969
1st Coun.	LaVon Munns	Jan. 5, 1969	Sept. 7, 1969
1st Coun.	Joann D. Oakey	Sept. 7, 1969	Aug. 23, 1970
2nd Coun.	Ellen Marie M. Erickson	Sept. 7, 1969	Aug. 23, 1970
Sec.	Heddy R. Sutton	Sept. 7, 1969	Sept. 5, 1971
15th Pres.	Zella S. Bybee	Aug. 23, 1970	Aug. 27, 1972
1st Coun.	Rhea Beck	Aug. 23, 1970	Aug. 27, 1972
2nd Coun.	Elsie G. Wilcox	Aug. 23, 1970	Aug. 27, 1972
Sec.	Ethel Allen	Sept. 5, 1971	Aug. 27, 1972
Sec.	Heddy R. Sutton		

		Sustained	Released
16th Pres.	Mary W. Luthy	Aug. 27, 1972	Aug. 7, 1977
1st Coun.	Marjory E. Nelson	Aug. 27, 1972	Sept. 15, 1974
2nd Coun.	Elaine S. Munns	Aug. 27, 1972	Sept. 15, 1974
Sec.	Ethel Allen	Aug. 27, 1972	Jan. 1973
1st Coun.	Elaine S. Munns	Sept. 15, 1974	Aug. 7, 1977
2nd Coun.	Beatrice G. Weekes	Sept. 15, 1974	Aug. 7, 1977
Sec.	Maureen Grover	Jan. 1973	July 28, 1974
Sec.	Edna G. Terry	July 28, 1974	Aug. 7, 1977

		Sustained	Released
17th Pres.	Trieste P. Robison	Aug. 7, 1977	Oct. 8, 1978
1st Coun.	Sarah Grover	Aug. 7, 1977	Oct. 8, 1978
2nd Coun.	Patricia M. Wodskow	Aug. 7, 1977	Oct. 8, 1978
Sec.	LuDean A. Grover	Aug. 7, 1977	Jan. 22, 1978
Sec.	Edna Terry	Jan. 22, 1978	Oct. 8, 1978

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## Officers of Archer Ward Sunday School

		Sustained	Released
1st Supt.	Luke Briggs	Mar. 9, 1902	Sept. 13, 1908
1st Coun.	Herman Erickson	Mar. 9, 1902	Sept. 13, 1908
2nd Coun.	Alfred P. Young	Mar. 9, 1902	Oct. 11, 1903
Sec.	Emma Briggs	Mar. 9, 1902	Sept. 13, 1908
2nd Coun.	Charles O. Jeppson	Oct. 11, 1903	Sept. 13, 1908
2nd Supt.	David P. Cheney	Sept. 13, 1908	Apr. 11, 1909
1st Coun.	Olof P. Johanson	Sept. 13, 1908	Apr. 11, 1909
2nd Coun.	Vern Wilcox	Sept. 13, 1908	Apr. 11, 1909
Sec.	Margret E. Briggs	Sept. 13, 1908	Apr. 11, 1909
3rd Supt.	Olof P. Johanson	Apr. 11, 1909	July 24, 1910
1st Coun.	Carl A. Erickson	Apr. 11, 1909	Jan. 16, 1910
2nd Coun.	Oscar B. Neilson	Apr. 11, 1909	Mar. 20, 1910
Sec.	Carl J. Johnson	Apr. 11, 1909	July 24, 1910
2nd Coun.	Arthur E. Niederer	Mar. 20, 1910	July 24, 1910
1st Coun.	Oscar B. Neilson	Mar. 20, 1910	July 24, 1910
4th Supt.	Samuel P. Oldham	July 24, 1910	July 14, 1912
1st Coun.	Alfred P. Young	July 24, 1910	July 14, 1912
2nd Coun.	Arthur E. Niederer	July 24, 1910	July 14, 1912
Sec.	Carl J. Johnson	July 24, 1910	July 28, 1912
5th Supt.	Frank M. Pratt	July 14, 1912	Feb. 28, 1915
1st Coun.	Alfred P. Young	July 14, 1912	Feb. 28, 1915
2nd Coun.	Lawrence C. Squires	July 28, 1912	Feb. 28, 1915
Sec.	Susan E. Weekes	July 28, 1912	May 24, 1914
Sec.	Olin H. Jeppson	May 24, 1914	Feb. 28, 1915
6th Supt.	Edward P. Oldham	Feb. 28, 1915	July 23, 1916
1st Coun.	Carl J. Johnson	Feb. 28, 1915	July 23, 1916
2nd Coun.	Thomas C. Jeppson	Oct. 23, 1915	July 23, 1916
Sec.	Schlyler C. Clay	Oct. 23, 1915	July 23, 1916
7th Supt.	Carl J. Johnson	July 23, 1916	Feb. 20, 1921
1st Coun.	Oscar B. Neilson	July 23, 1916	Dec. 16, 1919
2nd Coun.	Schlyler C. Clay	July 23, 1916	July 29, 1917
Sec.	Bertil J. Carlstrom	July 23, 1916	Jan. 11, 1918
2nd Coun.	Charles Weekes	July 29, 1917	April 6, 1919
Sec.	Gerald J. Jeppson	Jan. 11, 1918	Aug. 20, 1922
1st Coun.	Wayne L. Cheney	Dec. 28, 1919	Feb. 20, 1921
2nd Coun.	Jedediah L. Snedaker	Apr. 27, 1919	Dec. 16, 1919
2nd Coun.	George F. Nelson	Dec. 28, 1919	Feb. 20, 1921
8th Supt.	James R. Smith	Feb. 20, 1921	Dec. 14, 1924
1st Coun.	George F. Nelson	Feb. 20, 1921	Dec. 14, 1924
2nd Coun.	Selar Cheney	Oct. 8, 1922	Sept. 9, 1924
Sec.	Ernest S. Weekes	Aug. 20, 1922	Aug. 24, 1924
2nd Coun.	George R. Briggs	Sept. 9, 1924	Dec. 14, 1924
9th Supt.	George F. Nelson	Dec. 14, 1924	Jan. 9, 1927
1st Coun.	George R. Briggs	Dec. 14, 1924	Jan. 10, 1926

		Sustained	Released
2nd Coun.	Orrin B. Jeppson	Dec. 14, 1924	Jan. 9, 1927
Sec.	Esther May Weekes	Aug. 24, 1924	Jan. 31, 1926
Sec.	Earl A. Briggs	Jan. 31, 1926	Apr. 20, 1930
1st Coun.	Delmoe Cook	Jan. 10, 1926	Jan. 9, 1927
10th Supt.	A. Clarence Weekes	Jan. 9, 1927	Apr. 20, 1930
1st Coun.	Ellis W. Wilcox	Jan. 9, 1927	Apr. 20, 1930
2nd Coun.	Irvine F. Burns	Jan. 9, 1927	Apr. 20, 1930
Sec.	Earl A. Briggs	Jan. 31, 1926	Apr. 20, 1930
11th Supt.	Sterling Magleby	Apr. 20, 1930	Sept. 18, 1932
1st Coun.	Orrin B. Jeppson	Apr. 20, 1930	June 7, 1931
2nd Coun.	Marion L. Cheney	Apr. 20, 1930	June 7, 1931
Sec.	Elmo R. Smith	Apr. 20, 1930	July 2, 1933
1st Coun.	Milton L. Squires	June 7, 1931	Sept. 18, 1932
2nd Coun.	Harold G. Briggs	June 7, 1931	Sept. 18, 1932
12th Supt.	Louis A. Wilcox	Sept. 18, 1932	May 1, 1938
1st Coun.	Rulon S. Wilcox	Sept. 18, 1932	May 1, 1938
2nd Coun.	John N. Jackson	Sept. 18, 1932	May 1, 1938
Sec.	Elmo R. Smith	Apr. 20, 1930	July 2, 1933
Sec.	Earl A. Briggs	July 2, 1933	May 1, 1938
13th Supt.	Kenneth E. Hacking	1938	1946
1st Coun.	Earl A. Briggs	1938	1943
2nd Coun.	M. Dee Smith	1938	1938
Sec.	Keith Wilcox	1938	1939
2nd Coun.	Lynn C. Nelson	1939	Nov. 1940
Sec.	Wyora A. Briggs	1939	1941
2nd Coun.	Max E. Briggs	Nov. 1940	1943
1st Coun.	Max E. Briggs	1943	June 1946
2nd Coun.	Alvin Holley	1943	1944
Sec.	Isabel Whittaker	1941	
Sec.	Lola A. Fyfe		
Sec.	Doralie Briggs		Aug. 1946
2nd Coun.	C. Keith Clements	1944	Aug. 1946
14th Supt.	Lynn C. Nelson	1946	1952
1st Coun.	Glen C. Sharp	1946	1952
2nd Coun.	Bernarr B. Erickson	1946	1952
Sec.	Doralie Briggs	1946	
Sec.	LaRee Munns		1952
15th Supt.	J. Russell Grover	1952	1954
1st Coun.	Verl G. Wilcox	1952	Jan. 1953
2nd Coun.	Stanley E. Nielson	1952	Jan. 1953
1st Coun.	Stanley E. Neilson	Jan. 1953	1954
2nd Coun.	Jesse L. Sutton	Jan. 1953	1954
Sec.	Frances Wilcox	1952	1954
16th Supt.	Jesse L. Sutton	1954	1955
1st Coun.	Stanley E. Nielson	1954	1955

		<b>Sustained</b>		<b>Released</b>				<b>Sustained</b>		<b>Released</b>	
2nd Coun.	Lewis W. Bowen		1954		1955	2nd Coun.	J. Laurence Byrne	Feb. 19, 1961		Sept. 10, 1961	
Sec.	Frances Wilcox		1954		1955	Sec.	Madge Orr	July 16, 1961		Oct. 8, 1978	
17th Supt.	R. Kay Briggs		1955	Aug.	1956	20th Supt.	Keith Clements	Dec. 2, 1962		Nov. 17, 1968	
1st Coun.	Henry E. Erickson		1955	Aug.	1956	1st Coun.	Lyle Robison	Dec. 2, 1962		Jan. 23, 1966	
2nd Coun.	Calvin M. Cook		1955	Jan.	1956	2nd Coun.	Blair Bybee	Dec. 2, 1962		Sept. 22, 1963	
2nd Coun.	Stanley E. Nielson	Jan.	1956	Aug.	1956	2nd Coun.	Earl Beck	Sept. 22, 1963		Jan. 23, 1966	
Sec.	David M. Cheney		1955	Aug.	1956	1st Coun.	Earl Beck	Jan. 23, 1966		Nov. 17, 1968	
						2nd Coun.	Spencer Orr	Jan. 23, 1966		July 1967	
18th Supt.	Stanley E. Nielson	Aug.	1956	May	1958	2nd Coun.	Leslie Grover	July 1967		Nov. 17, 1968	
1st Coun.	Kendall G. Davidson	Aug.	1956	Apr.	1957						
2nd Coun.	George H. Munns	Aug.	1956	May	1958	21st Supt.	Norman Hill	Nov. 17, 1968		Sept. 9, 1973	
Sec.	David M. Cheney	Aug.	1956	Apr.	1957	1st Coun.	Lynn Nelson	Nov. 17, 1968		Oct. 8, 1978	
Sec.	Afton E. Hansen	Apr.	1957	May	1958	2nd Coun.	Leslie Grover	Nov. 17, 1968		Oct. 8, 1978	
						Sec.	Madge Orr	Dec. 2, 1962		Oct. 8, 1978	
19th Supt.	Joseph Lovell Orr	May	1958	Dec. 2,	1962						
1st Coun.	Ernest S. Weekes	May	1958	Dec. 2,	1962	22nd Supt.	Wayne Beck	Sept. 9, 1973		Oct. 8, 1978	
2nd Coun.	Frank E. Weeks	May	1958	Feb. 19	1961						
Sec.	Lowell L. Cheney	May	1958		1959						
Sec.	Beatrice Joan Grover		1959	July 16,	1961						

The Ward was divided (Archer and Sunnyside) October 8 1978

## *Junior Sunday School*

The Junior Sunday School was organized in October, 1944.

The title of the one in charge was changed from superintendent to supervisor to coordinator.

		<b>Sustained</b>		<b>Released</b>	
1st Supt.	LaVon Munns	Oct.	1944		1952
1st 1st Coun.	Marjorie Nelson				
2nd 1st Coun.	Trieste Robison				
3rd 1st Coun.	Veola Grover				
4th 1st Coun.	Jeannette Sharp				
2nd Supv.	Jeannette Sharp		1952		1962
1st 1st Coun.	Pearl F. Weekes				

		<b>Sustained</b>		<b>Released</b>	
2nd 1st Coun.	Naomi Clements				
3rd 1st Coun.	Bertha Young				
3rd Coord.	Rula Grover	Dec. 2	1962	Oct. 20,	1968
1st 1st Assist.	Mary L. Burns			Oct. 20,	1968
4th Coord.	Mary L. Burns	Oct. 20,	1968	Oct. 8,	1972
Assist.	Zella Bybee	Oct. 27,	1968	Aug. 23,	1970
Assist.	Blanche Kirkham	Aug. 23,	1970	Oct. 8,	1972
5th Coord.	Blanche Kirkham	Oct. 8,	1972	Oct. 8,	1978
Assist.	Marjean Weekes	Oct. 8,	1972		1974
Assist.	Ella Mae Wilcox		1974	Oct. 8,	1978

## *Officers of Sunnyside Sunday School*

According to records now available.

		<b>Sustained</b>		<b>Released</b>	
Supt.	Neils Christensen		1903		
1st Coun.	John S. Weekes		1903		
2nd Coun.	Andrew Christensen		1903		
Sec.	Jane Weekes		1903		
Supt.	Niels Christensen		1904		
Sec.	Jane Weeks		1904		
Supt.	Neils Christensen		1905		
Sec.	Mable Weekes		1905		
Supt.	Olof P. Johanson	Mar. 18,	1906	Jan. 30,	1907
1st Coun.	Frank Pratt	Mar. 18,	1906	Jan. 30,	1907
2nd Coun.	William P. Squires	Mar. 18,	1906	Jan. 30,	1907
Sec.	Mable Weekes	Mar. 18,	1906	Jan. 30,	1907

The Sunnyside Sunday School was discontinued January 30, 1907 and all officers were released by the Stake Presidency and the High Council.

April 5, 1931 the Sunnyside Sunday School was again organized and held in the district school house.

		<b>Sustained</b>		<b>Released</b>	
Supt.	D. O. Wilcox	Apr. 5,	1931	Feb. 5,	1933
1st Coun.	Olin H. Jeppson	Apr. 5,	1931	Feb. 5,	1933
2nd Coun.	Cyril Weekes	Aug. 7,	1932	Feb. 5,	1933
Sec.	Luella Buckland	Apr. 5,	1931	Feb. 5,	1933
Supt.	Olin H. Jeppson	Feb. 5,	1933	Sept. 3,	1933
1st Coun.	Cyril Weekes	Feb. 5,	1933	Sept. 3,	1933
2nd Coun.	Robert Ursel Weekes	Feb. 5,	1933	Sept. 3,	1933
Sec.	Opal Cheney	Feb. 5,	1933	Sept. 3,	1933
Supt.	Ermil E. Liljenquist	Sept. 3,	1933		
1st Coun.	Cyril Weekes	Sept. 3,	1933		
2nd Coun.	Robert Ursel Weekes	Sept. 3,	1933		
Sec.	Opal Cheney				
Supt.	Dencie B. Rawls			Nov.	1941
1st Coun.	Cyril Weekes			Nov.	1941
2nd Coun.	R. Ursel Weekes			Nov.	1941
Sec.	Ethel Weekes			Nov.	1941

		Sustained	Released			Sustained	Released
Supt.	C. Budge Clay	Nov. 1941	Sept. 1942	2nd Coun.	Lewis A. Wilcox	Sept. 1942	May 7, 1944
1st Coun.	E. Delos Nelson	Nov. 1941	Sept. 1942	Sec.	Ethel Weekes	Sept. 1942	May 7, 1944
2nd Coun.	Frank E. Weekes	Nov. 1941	Sept. 1942	Sec.	Dorothy Lou Allen	Sept. 1942	May 7, 1944
Sec.	Ethel Weekes	Nov. 1941	Sept. 1942				
(Discontinued 7 May 1944)							
Supt.	C. Keith Clements	Sept. 1942	May 7, 1944				
1st Coun.	R. Ursel Weekes	Sept. 1942	May 7, 1944				

## *Officers of Archer Ward Primary*

		Sustained	Released			Sustained	Released
1st Pres.	Janett Lenroot	Mar. 15, 1902	May 21, 1905	Sec.	Martha Briggs	July 15, 1928	Sept. 8, 1929
1st Coun.	Amelia Steek	Mar. 15, 1902	May 21, 1905	1st Coun.	Rachel Sutton	Oct. 14, 1928	July 12, 1932
2nd Coun.	Mary Neilson	Mar. 15, 1902	June 5, 1904	2nd Coun.	Mable Burns	Sept. 8, 1929	July 12, 1932
Sec.	Emma Briggs	Mar. 15, 1902	May 21, 1905	Sec.	Esther May Boulter	Sept. 8, 1929	July 12, 1932
2nd Coun.	Emma Adams	June 5, 1904	May 21, 1905				
2nd Pres.	Hannah E. Briggs	May 1905	Nov. 12, 1905	10th Pres.	Rachel Sutton	July 12, 1932	Feb. 24, 1935
1st Coun.	Iva Lenroot	May 1905	Nov. 12, 1905	1st Coun.	Lilly Briggs	July 12, 1932	Feb. 24, 1935
2nd Coun.	Emma Briggs	May 1905	Nov. 12, 1905	2nd Coun.	Mable Burns	July 12, 1932	Nov. 13, 1932
Sec.	Sarah J. Martin	May 1905	Nov. 12, 1905	Sec.	Esther May Boulter	July 12, 1932	Nov. 13, 1932
2nd Coun.				2nd Coun.	Edna Grover	Nov. 13, 1932	Feb. 24, 1935
3rd Pres.	Gladys Erickson	Nov. 12, 1905	Jan. 19, 1908	11th Pres.	Lilly Briggs	Feb. 24, 1935,	Sept. 6, 1936
1st Coun.	Zelpha E. Squires	Nov. 12, 1905	Mar. 4, 1906	1st Coun.	Edna Grover	Feb. 24, 1935	Sept. 6, 1936
2nd Coun.	Sarah J. Martin	Nov. 12, 1905	Mar. 4, 1906	2nd Coun.	Bertha Young	Feb. 24, 1935	Sept. 2, 1935
1st Coun.	Sarah J. Martin	Mar. 4, 1906	Mar. 3, 1907	Sec.	Esther May Boulter	Sept. 8, 1929	Sept. 2, 1935
1st Coun.	Anna E. Olson	June 21, 1907	Jan. 19, 1908	2nd Coun.	Pearl Weekes	Sept. 2, 1935	Sept. 6, 1936
2nd Coun.	Ellen Briggs	Mar. 4, 1906					
Sec.	Florence Briggs			12th Pres.	Agnes Grover Orr	Sept. 6, 1936	Sept. 25, 1938
4th Pres.	Anna H. Olson	Jan. 19, 1908	Sept. 21, 1913	1st Coun.	Martha Erickson	Sept. 6, 1936	Sept. 25, 1938
1st Coun.	Alice Blanthorn	Jan. 19, 1908	Sept. 21, 1913	2nd Coun.	Myrtle Kennington	Sept. 6, 1936	Sept. 25, 1938
2nd Coun.	Mary A. Weekes	Jan. 19, 1908	Sept. 21, 1913	Sec.	Esther May Boulter	Sept. 8, 1929	Sept. 25, 1938
Sec.	Martha Briggs	Jan. 19, 1908	Sept. 21, 1913	2nd Coun.	Esther May Boulter	June 13, 1937	Sept. 25, 1938
5th Pres.	Janet Young	Sept. 21, 1913	Nov. 1, 1914	13th Pres.	Myrtle Kennington	Sept. 25, 1938	Jan. 27, 1946
1st Coun.	Myrtle Pratt	Sept. 21, 1913	Nov. 1, 1914	1st Coun.	Lulu Cook	Sept. 25, 1938	Oct. 8, 1938
2nd Coun.	Ellen Tea	Sept. 21, 1913	Nov. 1, 1914	2nd Coun.	Deveda Erickson	Sept. 25, 1938	Oct. 8, 1938
Sec.	Sarah Martin	Sept. 21, 1913		Sec.	Zola Grover	Sept. 25, 1938	Oct. 1, 1939
Sec.	Mary Byrne		Nov. 1, 1914	Sec.	Mary L. Burns	Oct. 1, 1939	
6th Pres.	Myrtle Pratt	Nov. 1, 1914	Feb. 23, 1915	2nd Coun.	Bertha Young		Apr. 9, 1945
1st Coun.	Minnie J. Williams	Nov. 1, 1914	Feb. 23, 1915	2nd Coun.	Lucille Spaulding	Apr. 9, 1944	Jan. 27, 1946
2nd Coun.	Annie Oldham	Nov. 1, 1914	Feb. 23, 1915				
Sec.	Susan E. Weekes	Nov. 1, 1914	Feb. 23, 1915	14th Pres.	Elsie G. Wilcox	Aug. 25, 1946	
7th Pres.	Minnie Williams	Feb. 23, 1915	Sept. 20, 1925	1st Coun.	Lulu M. Cook		Mar. 21, 1948
1st Coun.	Martha Briggs	Mar. 7, 1915	Sept. 20, 1925	2nd Coun.	Evelyn Grover	Aug. 25, 1946	
2nd Coun.	Eleanor Grover	May 23, 1915	Aug. 22, 1917	Sec.	Mary Burns		
Sec.	Susie A. Burns	Mar. 7, 1915	Mar. 3, 1919	15 Pres.	Edna Hill	Mar. 21, 1948	Aug. 15, 1948
2nd Coun.	Esther Burns	Apr. 22, 1917	Sept. 20, 1925	1st Coun.	Jeanette Sharp	Mar. 21, 1948	Aug. 15, 1948
Sec.	Maud Weekes	Mar. 31, 1919	Oct. 6, 1919	2nd Coun.	Zella Bybee	Mar. 21, 1948	Aug. 15, 1948
Sec.	Verna Olsen	Oct. 19, 1919	Aug. 20, 1922	Sec.	Blanche Kirkham	Mar. 21, 1948	Aug. 15, 1948
Sec.	Ann Jeppson	Aug. 20, 1922	Sept. 20, 1925	16th Pres.	Evalyne Grover	Aug. 15, 1948	Aug. 26, 1951
8th Pres.	Ora M. Squires	Sept. 20, 1925	July 15, 1928	1st Coun.	Zella Bybee	Aug. 15, 1948	Aug. 26, 1951
1st Coun.	Grace S. Grover	Sept. 20, 1925	Feb. 27, 1927	2nd Coun.	Elsie Wilcox	Nov. 28, 1948	Aug. 26, 1951
2nd Coun.	Mable Burns	Sept. 20, 1925	Feb. 27, 1927	Sec.	Mary L. Burns	Aug. 15, 1948	Aug. 26, 1951
Sec.	Ann Jeppson	Sept. 20, 1925	Oct. 3, 1926	17th Pres.	Zella Bybee	Aug. 26, 1951	Feb. 13, 1955
Sec.	Martha Briggs	Oct. 3, 1926	July 15, 1928	1st Coun.	Elsie Wilcox	Aug. 26, 1951	Feb. 13, 1955
1st Coun.	Bertha Young	Feb. 5, 1927	July 15, 1928	2nd Coun.	Rita Nelson	Aug. 26, 1951	Feb. 13, 1955
2nd Coun.	Olive Chloe Robison	Feb. 5, 1927	July 15, 1928	Sec.	Mary L. Burns	Aug. 26, 1951	Feb. 13, 1955
9th Pres.	Bertha Young	July 15, 1928	July 12, 1932	18th Pres.	Marjorie Nelson	Feb. 13, 1955	Jan. 29, 1956
1st Coun.	Leah Briggs	July 15, 1928	Oct. 14, 1928	1st Coun.	Madge Orr	Feb. 13, 1955	Jan. 29, 1956
2nd Coun.	Olive Chloe Robison	July 15, 1928	Oct. 14, 1928	2nd Coun.	Rhea Beck	Feb. 13, 1955	Jan. 29, 1956
				Sec.	Edna Briggs	Feb. 13, 1955	Jan. 29, 1956

		Sustained	Released			Sustained	Released
19th Pres.	Rula Grover	Jan. 29, 1956	April 20, 1958	23rd Pres.	Rhea Beck	Aug. 13, 1967	Aug. 23, 1970
1st Coun.	Rhea Beck	Jan. 29, 1956	Jan. 13, 1957	1st Coun.	Nikki Nelson	Aug. 13, 1967	Jan. 4, 1970
2nd Coun.	Donna Niederer	Jan. 29, 1956		2nd Coun.	Darlene Clements	Aug. 13, 1967	
Sec.	Edna Briggs	Jan. 29, 1956	Apr. 20, 1958	Sec.	Sarah Grover	Aug. 13, 1967	
20th Pres.	Donna Niederer	Apr. 20, 1958	Nov. 16, 1958	1st Coun.	Shirley Squires	Jan. 4, 1970	
1st Coun.	Rhea Beck	Apr. 20, 1958	Nov. 23, 1958	24th Pres.	Terri Merrill	Aug. 16, 1970	Aug. 11, 1974
2nd Coun.	Joyce Byrne	Apr. 20, 1958	Nov. 23, 1958	1st Coun.	Luella Jeppson	Aug. 16, 1970	Aug. 19, 1973
Sec.	Edna Briggs	Apr. 20, 1958	Nov. 23, 1958	2nd Coun.	Diane Siddoway	Aug. 16, 1970	Aug. 19, 1973
21st Pres.	Alice Cheney	Nov. 16, 1958	Aug. 21, 1960	Sec.	Sue Ann Weekes	Aug. 23, 1970	Aug. 11, 1974
1st Coun.	Berniece Neilson	Nov. 30, 1958	Aug. 21, 1960	1st Coun.	Thelma Grover	Aug. 19, 1973	Aug. 11, 1974
2nd Coun.	Bessie Erickson	Nov. 23, 1958	Aug. 21, 1960	2nd Coun.	Heddy Sutton	Aug. 19, 1973	Aug. 11, 1974
Sec.	Edna Briggs	Nov. 23, 1958	Aug. 21, 1960	25th Pres.	Heddy Sutton	Aug. 11, 1974	Aug. 6, 1978
22nd Pres.	Opal Clements	Aug. 21, 1960	Aug. 13, 1967	1st Coun.	Thelma Grover	Aug. 11, 1974	Aug. 6, 1978
1st Coun.	Sarah Grover	Aug. 21, 1960	Jan. 30, 1966	2nd Coun.	Sue Ann Weekes	Aug. 11, 1974	Aug. 6, 1978
2nd Coun.	Blanche Kirkham	Aug. 21, 1960	June 11, 1961	Sec.	Joyce Grover	Aug. 11, 1974	Aug. 29, 1976
Sec.	Donna Hill	Aug. 21, 1960	Mar. 24, 1963	Sec.	Brenda Sutton	Aug. 29, 1976	Aug. 6, 1978
2nd Coun.	Trieste Robison	June 11, 1961	Jan. 3, 1965	26th Pres.	Darlene Clements	Aug. 6, 1978	
2nd Coun.	Donna Hill	Jan. 3, 1965	Jan. 30, 1966	1st Coun.	Sheryl Beck	Aug. 6, 1978	
Sec.	Darlene Clements	Mar. 24, 1963	Aug. 13, 1967	2nd Coun.	Janice Shirley	Aug. 6, 1978	
1st Coun.	Donna Hill	Jan. 30, 1966	Aug. 13, 1967				
2nd Coun.	Shirley Squires	Jan. 30, 1966	Aug. 13, 1967				

The Ward was divided (Archer and Sunnydell) 8 Oct. 1978.

## Sunnydell Primary Organization

October 7, 1929 - May 15, 1932

A Primary organization was needed in the Sunnydell District, due to the distance the people had to come to Archer. At ward conference, held October 7, 1929, in the Archer Meeting House, the Sunnydell Primary was organized. Bishop James R. Smith presided.

The Sunnydell Primary was not reorganized after May 1933, but was discontinued until 1935. It was then continued until 1944, in September, when the entire Sunnydell branch was disorganized and joined the rest of the Archer Ward.

		Sustained	Released			Sustained	Released
Pres.	Helen Hillman	Oct. 7, 1929	May 15, 1932	Pres.	Mary Liljenquist	Sept. 15, 1935	Sept. 1939
1st Coun.	Ivy Weekes	Oct. 7, 1929	May 15, 1932	1st Coun.	Florence Cheney	Sept. 15, 1935	Sept. 1939
2nd Coun.	Clara Hunsaker	Oct. 7, 1929	May 15, 1932	2nd Coun.	Nellie Buckland	Sept. 15, 1935	Sept. 1939
Sec.	Edna Wilcox	Oct. 7, 1929	May 15, 1932	Sec.	Ivy Weekes	Sept. 15, 1935	Sept. 1939
Pres.	Pearl B. Weekes	May 15, 1932	May 7, 1933	Pres.		Sept. 1939	Apr. 1944
1st Coun.	Ivy Weekes	May 15, 1932	May 7, 1933	1st Coun.	Florence Cheney	Sept. 1939	Apr. 1944
2nd Coun.	Odessa Christensen	May 15, 1932	May 7, 1933	2nd Coun.		Sept. 1939	Apr. 1944
Sec.	Edna Wilcox	May 15, 1932	May 7, 1933	Sec.	Afton Cheney	1942	

## Officers of Archer Ward Ladies, Y.L.M.I.A.

		Sustained	Released			Sustained	Released
1st Pres.	Rozella Osborne	Nov. 9, 1902	Jan. 4, 1903	Sec.-Tr.	Martha Briggs	Feb. 3, 1907	Aug. 19, 1912
1st Coun.	Ellen Briggs	Nov. 9, 1902	Jan. 4, 1903	2nd Coun.	Zelpha Squires	Aug. 30, 1908	Aug. 19, 1912
2nd Coun.	Zelpha E. Squires	Nov. 9, 1902	Jan. 4, 1903	4th Pres.	Zelpha Squires	Aug. 18, 1912	Apr. 30, 1916
Sec.	Esther Briggs	Nov. 9, 1902	Jan. 4, 1903	1st Coun.	Florence Smart	Aug. 18, 1912	Apr. 30, 1916
Asst.	Martha Burns	Nov. 9, 1902	Jan. 4, 1903	2nd Coun.	Phyllis Oldham	Sept. 1, 1912	Jan. 25, 1915
2nd Pres.	Janet Lenroot	Jan. 4, 1903	Jan. 27, 1907	Sec.	Treva Young	Sept. 1, 1912	Oct. 26, 1913
1st Coun.	Ellen Briggs	Jan. 4, 1903	Jan. 27, 1907	Sec.-Tr.	Minnie Williams	Oct. 26, 1913	Apr. 30, 1916
2nd Coun.	Myrtle Young	Jan. 4, 1903	Jan. 27, 1907	2nd Coun.	Leal B. Cheney	Jan. 25, 1915	Apr. 30, 1916
Sec.-Tr.	Esther Briggs	Jan. 4, 1903	Jan. 27, 1907	Sec.-Tr.	Susan E. Weekes	Sept. 27, 1914	Apr. 30, 1916
3rd Pres.	Esther Briggs Burns	Jan. 27, 1907	Aug. 18, 1912	5th Pres.	Martha Hacking	Apr. 30, 1915	May 1, 1921
1st Coun.	Ellen Briggs	Feb. 3, 1907	Aug. 18, 1912	1st Coun.	Geraldine Johnson	Apr. 30, 1915	May 18, 1920
2nd Coun.	Ella Young	Feb. 3, 1907	Aug. 30, 1908	2nd Coun.	Letha Wilcox	Apr. 30, 1915	Dec. 2, 1917

		Sustained	Released			Sustained	Released
Sec.-Tr.	Geneva Niederer	Apr. 30, 1915	May 1, 1921	14th Pres.	Millie Wilcox	1941	Jan. 4, 1942
2nd Coun.	Anna A. Oldham	Dec. 21, 1918	May 5, 1918	1st Coun.	Leah H. Briggs	1941	Jan. 4, 1942
2nd Coun.	Jane Terry	May 5, 1918	May 18, 1919	2nd Coun.	Jeanette Sharp	1941	Jan. 4, 1942
1st Coun.	Jane Terry	May 18, 1919	May 1, 1921	Sec.	Edna Briggs	1941	Jan. 4, 1942
2nd Coun.	Lavon Weekes	Oct. 12, 1919	May 1, 1921				
6th Pres.	Isabelle Weekes	May 1, 1921	May 28, 1922	15th Pres.	Leah H. Briggs	Jan. 4, 1942	Sept. 13, 1942
1st Coun.	Geraldine Johnson	May 1, 1921	May 28, 1922	1st Coun.	Jeannette Sharp	Jan. 4, 1942	Sept. 13, 1942
2nd Coun.	Anna Dalling	May 1, 1921	Feb. 5, 1922	2nd Coun.	Doris Carlstrom	Jan. 4, 1942	
2nd Coun.	Martha Wilcox	May 5, 1922	May 28, 1922	Sec.	Edna Briggs	Jan. 4, 1942	
Sec.	Bertha Weekes	May 1, 1921	Oct. 16, 1921	16th Pres.	Jeannette Sharp	Sept. 13, 1942	June 15, 1947
Sec.	Janet Nelson	Oct. 16, 1921	Apr. 25, 1922	1st Coun.	Doris Carlstrom	Sept. 13, 1942	June 15, 1947
Sec.	LaRue Magleby	Apr. 25, 1922	May 28, 1922	2nd Coun.	Ruth Clay	Sept. 13, 1942	June 15, 1947
Asst.	Maud Weekes	Apr. 25, 1922	May 28, 1922	Sec.	Edna Briggs	Sept. 13, 1942	June 15, 1947
				1st Coun.	Ruth Clay	Sept. 1943	
7th Pres.	Geraldine B. Johnson	May 28, 1922	Jan. 11, 1925	2nd Coun.	Martha E. Erickson	Sept. 1943	
1st Coun.	Martha Wilcox	May 28, 1922	Jan. 11, 1925	1st Coun.	Martha E. Erickson	1944	June 15, 1947
2nd Coun.	Florence Cheney	Sept. 10, 1922	Oct. 7, 1923	2nd Coun.	LaVerne Hacking	Feb. 18, 1944	Aug. 19, 1945
2nd Coun.	Bertha Weekes	Oct. 7, 1923	Jan. 11, 1925	Sec.	Olive Erickson		
Sec.	LaRue Magleby	May 28, 1922	Dec. 3, 1922	2nd Coun.	Letha Wilcox		
Sec.	Alice Tea	Dec. 3, 1922	Jan. 11, 1925	Sec.	Edna Briggs		
Organist	Opal Young	May 28, 1922	June 1924				
8th Pres.	Roxey L. Jeppson	Jan. 11, 1925	May 27, 1930	17th Pres.	Gwen Sutton	June 15, 1947	May 21, 1950
1st Coun.	Martha Wilcox	Jan. 11, 1925	May 27, 1930	1st Coun.	Mariam Johnson	June 15, 1947	Nov. 16, 1947
2nd Coun.	Selma Smart	Jan. 11, 1925	Nov. 29, 1925	1st Coun.	Ethelyn Erickson	Nov. 16, 1947	1949
Sec.	Opal Weekes	Jan. 11, 1925	Sept. 19, 1928	2nd Coun.	Norma S. Robison	Nov. 16, 1947	
Organist	Verna Olson	Jan. 11, 1925	Oct. 7, 1929	Sec.	Edna Briggs	Nov. 16, 1947	
Chorister	Agnes Grover	Jan. 11, 1925		1st Coun.	Norma S. Robison	1949	
2nd Coun.	Lulu M. Cook	Jan. 11, 1925	May 27, 1930	2nd Coun.	Zula Nelson	1949	
Sec.	Rebecca Munns	Sept. 19, 1926		1st Coun.	Clea Briggs	1950	
Sec.	Mary Wilcox			2nd Coun.	Ila McBride	1950	
9th Pres.	Letha Wilcox	May 27, 1930	Aug. 28, 1932	18th Pres.	Trieste Robison	May 21, 1950	Dec. 1952
1st Coun.	Lola May Williams	May 27, 1930	Sept. 18, 1931	1st Coun.	Clea Briggs	June 4, 1950	Dec. 1952
2nd Coun.	Agnes G. Orr	May 27, 1930	Sept. 18, 1931	2nd Coun.	Mary Luthy	June 4, 1950	
1st Coun.	Agnes G. Orr	Sept. 18, 1931	Apr. 10, 1932	Sec.	Edna Briggs	Dec. 1952	Sept. 1953
2nd Coun.	Bertha Young	Sept. 18, 1931	Apr. 10, 1932	19th Pres.	Rula Grover	Dec. 1952	Sept. 1953
1st Coun.	Gretta Romney	Apr. 10, 1932	Aug. 28, 1932	1st Coun.	Mary Burns	Dec. 1952	Nov. 1953
2nd Coun.	Myrtle Wilcox	Apr. 10, 1932	Aug. 28, 1932	2nd Coun.	Della Buckland	Dec. 1952	
Sec.	Lucile Johnson	Dec. 9, 1931	Sept. 1932	2nd Coun.	LaRee Munns		
				Sec.	Mary Lynne Magleby		
10th Pres.	Evalene Grover	Aug. 28, 1932	Sept. 10, 1933	20th Pres.	Lucille Wilcox	Sept. 1953	1954
1st Coun.	Elsie Grover	Aug. 28, 1932	Sept. 10, 1933	1st Coun.	Mary Burns		
2nd Coun.	Martha Jackson	Aug. 28, 1932	Sept. 10, 1933	2nd Coun.	Trieste Robison		
Sec.	Meda Briggs	Aug. 28, 1932	Sept. 10, 1933	Sec.	Bernice Weekes		
11th Pres.	Elsie Grover	Sept. 10, 1933	Oct. 10, 1934	21st Pres.	Scottie R. Munns	1955	Jan. 22, 1956
1st Coun.	Martha Jackson	Sept. 10, 1933	Oct. 10, 1934	1st Coun.	Shirley Luthy		
2nd Coun.	Clea Briggs	Sept. 10, 1933	Oct. 10, 1934	2nd Coun.	Elaine Munns		
2nd Coun.	Viola Rawles	Oct. 10, 1933	Oct. 10, 1934	Sec.	Sharon Wilcox		
12th Pres.	Velma Burns	Oct. 16, 1934	Aug. 11, 1935	22nd Pres.	Elaine Munns	Jan. 22, 1956	Apr. 29, 1956
1st Coun.	Trieste Payne	Oct. 16, 1934	Aug. 11, 1935	1st Coun.	Mary Burns	Jan. 22, 1956	Apr. 29, 1956
2nd Coun.	Clea Briggs	Oct. 16, 1934	Aug. 11, 1935	2nd Coun.	Nila Cook	Jan. 22, 1956	Apr. 29, 1956
Sec.	Viola Rawles	Sept. 10, 1933	Jan. 22, 1935	Sec.	Bernice Weekes	Jan. 22, 1956	Apr. 29, 1956
Sec.	Eva Niederer	Jan. 22, 1935	Sept. 19, 1937				
13th Pres.	Bertha Young	Aug. 11, 1935	1941	23rd Pres.	Pres. Nila Cook	Apr. 29, 1956	June 23, 1957
1st Coun.	Letha Wilcox	Aug. 11, 1935	1941	1st Coun.	Thelma Grover	Apr. 29, 1956	June 23, 1957
2nd Coun.	Janette Sharp	Aug. 11, 1935	July 25, 1937	2nd Coun.		Apr. 29, 1956	June 23, 1957
Sec.	Eva Niederer	Jan. 29, 1935	Sept. 19, 1937	Sec.	Bernice Weekes	Apr. 29, 1956	Nov. 1956
Chorister	Millie Wilcox			1st Coun.	LaMarr Davidson	Apr. 29, 1956	June 23, 1957
2nd Coun.	Edna Grover	July 25, 1937					
Sec.	Meda Briggs	Sept. 19, 1937	Oct. 24, 1937	24th Pres.	LaMar Davidson	June 23, 1957	Oct. 22, 1961
2nd Coun.	Trieste Robison	Oct. 24, 1937	Mar. 10, 1940	1st Coun.	Trieste Robison	June 23, 1957	Sept. 11, 1960
2nd Coun.	Eva Niederer	Mar. 10, 1940	1941	2nd Coun.	Twila Cheney	June 23, 1957	Jan. 1958
Sec.	Alviria Jeppson	Sept. 25, 1938	1941	2nd Coun.	Marjean Weekes	Jan. 1958	Sept. 13, 1959

		Sustained	Released			Sustained	Released
2nd Coun.	LeeRaye Robison	Nov. 1, 1959	May 8, 1960	27th Pres.	Joan Drussell	Aug. 2, 1970	Feb. 4, 1973
2nd Coun.	Marjorie Nelson	May 29, 1960	June 18, 1961	1st Coun.	Pauline Sutton	Aug. 2, 1970	
2nd Coun.	Mary Luthy	Dec. 11, 1960	Dec. 11, 1960	2nd Coun.	Dixie Petersen	Aug. 2, 1970	Aug. 30, 1970
Sec.	Bernice Weekes	June 23, 1957	Sept. 11, 1960	2nd Coun.	Carole Erickson	Aug. 30, 1970	
1st Coun.	Mary Luthy	Dec. 11, 1960	Oct. 22, 1961	Sec.	Genevieve Kennington	Nov. 1, 1970	
Sec.	Myrtle Kennington	Jan. 17, 1960	Oct. 22, 1961				
25th Pres.	Mary Luthy	Oct. 22, 1961	Aug. 23, 1964	28th Pres.	Heddy R. Sutton	Feb. 4, 1973	Aug. 5, 1973
1st Coun.	Nila Cook	Jan. 28, 1962	Sept. 16, 1962				
2nd Coun.	Madge Orr	Oct. 22, 1961	Aug. 23, 1964	Under New Plan:			
Sec.	Olive Smith	Oct. 22, 1961	Aug. 23, 1964	29th Pres.	Pauline Sutton	Aug. 5, 1973	
Sec.	Lynette Orr	Mar. 25, 1962	June 17, 1962	Sec.	Genevieve Kennington		
2nd Coun.	Donna Niederer	Sept. 23, 1962	Aug. 23, 1964				
Sec.	Myrtle Kennington	June 17, 1962	Aug. 23, 1964	Ward			
				Librarian	Bessie Erickson	Sept. 18, 1960	Sept. 28, 1980
				Ass't.	Joyce S. Byrne		
				Ass't.	Leola Niederer		
				Ass't.	Edna Briggs	Jan. 1978	
26th Pres.	Donna Niederer	Aug. 23, 1964	Aug. 2, 1970				
1st Coun.	Madge Orr	Aug. 30, 1964	May 21, 1967				
2nd Coun.	Rhea Beck	Sept. 20, 1964	May 21, 1967				
2nd Coun.	Bea Jo Weekes	May 21, 1967	Nov. 1, 1970				
Sec.	Myrtle Kennington	Aug. 23, 1964	Sept. 1967				
Sec.	Olive Smith	Aug. 23, 1964					
Sec.	Ina Mae H. Nelson	Oct. 1970	Nov. 1970				

Leola Niederer was sustained Ward Librarian for both wards Sept. 28, 1980.

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		Sustained	Released			Sustained	Released
1st Pres.	Edward A. Lenroot	Mar. 9, 1902	Nov. 13, 1904	7th Pres.	D. O. Wilcox	Mar. 7 1915	Nov. 20, 1921
1st Coun.	John S. Weekes	Mar. 9, 1902	Mar. 16, 1903	1st Coun.	Laurence Squires	Mar. 7 1915	July 29, 1917
2nd Coun.	Elisha Grover	Mar. 9, 1902	Mar. 16, 1903	2nd Coun.	Oscar B. Neilson	Mar. 7 1915	July 23, 1916
Sec.-Tr.	Frank Burns	Mar. 9, 1902	Nov. 13, 1904	Sec.	Clarence Burr	Mar. 7 1915	July 23, 1916
1st Coun.	George S. Weekes	Mar. 16, 1903	Nov. 13, 1904	Lib.	Henry S. Burns	Mar. 7 1915	July 23, 1916
2nd Coun.	George S. Briggs	Mar. 16, 1903	Nov. 13, 1904	Sec.	Donald Hacking	Mar. 7 1915	July 23, 1916
				1st Coun.	Clarence M. Cheney	July 29, 1917	Mar. 3, 1918
2nd Pres.	Herman Erickson	Nov. 13 1904	Sept. 3, 1905	2nd Coun.	Eathan Young	Oct. 22, 1916	Mar. 3, 1918
1st Coun.	Bert Atkinson	Nov. 13 1904	Sept. 3, 1905	Sec.	Marion Hacking	1917	Feb. 1919
2nd Coun.	Charles O. Jeppson	Nov. 13 1904	Sept. 3, 1905	1st Coun.	Albert Terry	May 6, 1918	Nov. 20, 1921
Sec.-Tr.	Griffies Jones	Nov. 13 1904	Sept. 3, 1905	2nd Coun.	Frank C. Burns	May 6, 1918	Oct. 26, 1919
Lib.	Bert Carlstrom	Nov. 13 1904	Sept. 3, 1905	Sec.	John Leroy Stacey	Feb. 16, 1919	Oct. 26, 1919
				Sec.	Lester L. Briggs	Oct. 26, 1919	May 1, 1921
3rd Pres.	George Briggs, Jr.	Sept. 3 1905	Feb. 10, 1907	2nd Coun.	George Briggs, Jr.	Oct. 26, 1919	Nov. 20, 1921
1st Coun.	William S. Squires	Sept. 3 1905	Feb. 10, 1907	Sec.	Raymond Briggs	May 1, 1921	Nov. 20, 1921
2nd Coun.	Frank C. Burns	Sept. 3 1905	Feb. 10, 1907				
Sec.	Robert Young	Sept. 3 1905	Feb. 10, 1907	8th Pres.	Rulon Magleby	Nov. 20, 1921	Sept. 3, 1922
Lib.	Bert Carlstrom	Sept. 3 1905	Feb. 10, 1907	1st Coun.	Charles Weekes	Nov. 20, 1921	Sept. 3, 1922
				2nd Coun.	Thomas E. Dalling	Nov. 20, 1921	May 28, 1922
				Sec.	Dewey Niederer	Nov. 20, 1921	May 28, 1922
4th Pres.	William Squires	Feb. 10, 1907	Jan. 29, 1911				
1st Coun.	Eathan Young	Feb. 17, 1907	Jan. 8, 1910	9th Pres.	George Briggs, Jr.	Sept. 3, 1922	Aug. 17, 1924
2nd Coun.	Clement Young	Feb. 17, 1907	Jan. 8, 1910	1st Coun.	Charles Weekes	Sept. 3, 1922	Aug. 17, 1924
Sec.	Frank C. Burns	Feb. 17, 1907	Jan. 29, 1911	2nd Coun.	Fredrick Aeschbaker	Sept. 3, 1922	Aug. 17, 1924
1st Coun.	H. Bert Atkinson	Jan. 8, 1910	Jan. 29, 1911	Sec.	Albert Terry	Sept. 3, 1922	Aug. 17, 1924
2nd Coun.	H. Edward Smart	Jan. 8, 1910	Jan. 29, 1911				
				10th Pres.	Ernest Weekes	Aug. 17, 1924	July 29, 1928
5th Pres.	Carl Johnson	Jan. 29, 1911	July 14, 1912	1st Coun.	Thomas M. Grover	Aug. 17, 1924	Jan. 16, 1927
1st Coun.	Oscar B. Neilson	Jan. 29, 1911	Feb. 4, 1912	2nd Coun.	Irvine F. Burns	Aug. 17, 1924	Nov. 21, 1926
2nd Coun.	John M. Grover	Jan. 29, 1911	Feb. 4, 1912	Sec.	Ernest J. Payne	Aug. 17, 1924	Jan. 1, 1928
Sec.	John B. Carlstrom	Jan. 29, 1911	July 14, 1912	2nd Coun.	Glen C. Sharp	Dec. 5, 1926	July 29, 1928
1st Coun.	Clarence Cheney	Feb. 4, 1912	July 14, 1912	1st Coun.	George F. Nelson	Apr. 17, 1927	July 29, 1928
2nd Coun.	H. E. Smart	Feb. 4, 1912	July 14, 1912	Sec.	Harold G. Briggs	Jan. 1, 1928	July 29, 1928
6th Pres.	Clarence Cheney	July 14, 1912	Mar. 7, 1915	11th Pres.	Raymond G. Briggs	July 29, 1928	Oct. 16, 1928
1st Coun.	H. E. Smart	Aug. 11, 1912	Mar. 7, 1915	1st Coun.	Rulon Wilcox	Aug. 19, 1928	Oct. 16, 1928
2nd Coun.	Laurence B. Squires	Aug. 18, 1912	Mar. 7, 1915	2nd Coun.	Lelan Weekes	Aug. 19, 1928	Oct. 16, 1928
Sec.	John B. Carlstrom	Aug. 11, 1912	Mar. 7, 1915	Sec.	Carl J. Johnson	July 29, 1928	Oct. 16, 1928
Asst.	Frank C. Burns	Dec. 22, 1912	Mar. 7, 1915				



		Sustained	Released			Sustained	Released
12th Pres.	Olin H. Jeppson	Oct. 16, 1928		2nd Coun.	Denver Erickson	1955	Mar. 1956
1st Coun.	Rulon Wilcox	Oct. 16, 1928		2nd Coun.	Renell Cook	Mar. 1956	
2nd Coun.	Lelan Weekes	Oct. 16, 1928		Sec.	Garth Briggs		
Sec.	Charles Eldon Blackburn	Oct. 16, 1928	Aug. 27, 1929				
Sec.	Myron Jeppson	Aug. 27, 1929		22nd Pres.	Rodney B. Howell	Sept. 22, 1957	Aug. 14, 1960
13 Pres.	Orrin B. Jeppson	May 26, 1931	Aug. 14, 1932	1st Coun.	Marion Cheney	Sept. 22, 1957	Aug. 14, 1960
1st Coun.	Samuel E. Grover	May 26, 1931	Aug. 14, 1932	2nd Coun.	Dwayne Luthy	Sept. 22, 1957	Aug. 10, 1958
2nd Coun.	J. Thomas Williams	May 26, 1931	Nov. 10, 1931	2nd Coun.	Stanley Nielson	Aug. 10, 1958	June 8, 1959
Sec.	Jacob Whittaker	May 26, 1931		2nd Coun.	Myrl Weekes	June 28, 1959	Aug. 14, 1960
2nd Coun.	John N. Jackson	Nov. 10, 1931	Aug. 14, 1932	Sec.	Garth Briggs	Sept. 22, 1957	Dec. 6, 1959
				Sec.	Melvin Cheney	Dec. 6, 1959	Aug. 14, 1960
14th Pres.	Ellis W. Wilcox	Aug. 14 1932		23rd Pres.	Kendall Davidson	Aug. 14, 1960	Aug. 30, 1964
1st Coun.	Lorin F. Butler	Aug. 14 1932	Sept. 10, 1933	1st Coun.	Lyle Cheney	Aug. 14, 1960	Apr. 16, 1961
2nd Coun.	Howard B. Erickson	Aug. 14 1932	Sept. 10, 1933	2nd Coun.	Earl Wilcox	Sept. 11, 1960	Sept. 30, 1962
Sec.	Jacob Whittaker	Aug. 14 1932	Sept. 10, 1933	Sec.	Spencer Orr	Aug. 14, 1960	June 18, 1961
1st Coun.	Howard B. Erickson	Sept. 10, 1933		1st Coun.	Gary Hill	Apr. 16, 1961	Mar. 11, 1962
2nd Coun.	Calvin Nielson	Sept. 10, 1933		Sec.	Blair Bybee	June 18, 1961	Mar. 11, 1962
15th Pres.	Sterling Magleby	1939		1st Coun.	Wallace Grover	Sept. 30, 1962	Aug. 30, 1964
1st Coun.	Lee C. Murphy	1939		2nd Coun.	Dennis Nelson	Sept. 30, 1962	Jan. 27, 1963
2nd Coun.	Henry Erickson	1939		2nd Coun.	Merlin Orr	Jan. 27, 1963	Aug. 30, 1964
Sec.	Dayton Grover	1939		Sec.	Kenneth Hacking	July 5, 1964	Oct. 4, 1964
16th Pres.	J. Lavell Orr	1941		24th Pres.	Stanley Nielson	Aug. 30, 1964	Jan. 5, 1969
1st Coun.	Theron A. Cheney	1941		1st Coun.	Wallace Grover	Aug. 30, 1964	June 26, 1966
2nd Coun.	Newel Piquet	1941		2nd Coun.	Wayne Siddoway	Aug. 30, 1964	Jan. 29, 1967
2nd Coun.	J. LeRoy Hardy	1942		Sec.	Julian Cheney	Oct. 4, 1964	May 30, 1965
Sec.	Eldon Robison	1942		Sec.	Darrell Cheney	May 30, 1965	Sept. 25, 1966
2nd Coun.	Learin Terry	1945		Sec.	Earl Wilcox	Sept. 25, 1966	Mar. 12, 1967
Sec.	Howard Erickson	1945		1st Coun.	Wayne Siddoway	Jan. 29, 1967	Jan. 5, 1969
				2nd Coun.	LaMar Wilcox	June 26, 1966	Jan. 29, 1967
				2nd Coun.	Dennis Nelson	Jan. 29, 1967	
17th Pres.	C. Marion Hacking	1946		25th Pres.	Wayne Siddoway	Jan. 5, 1969	May 17, 1970
1st Coun.	Newel Piquet	1946		1st Coun.	Lee Sutton	Jan. 5, 1969	May 17, 1970
2nd Coun.	Keith Wilcox	1946	June 25, 1950	2nd Coun.	LaVar Squires	Jan. 12, 1969	May 17, 1970
Sec.	Howard Erickson	1946		Sec.	Alden Brindle		
2nd Coun.	Elmer Briggs	1947					
1st Coun.	Rulon Wilcox	1948	Nov. 20, 1949	26th Pres.	John Nelson	May 17, 1970	Apr. 2, 1972
Sec.	Edward Smith	1949	June 25, 1950	1st Coun.	Lee Sutton	May 17, 1970	
Sec.	Joseph Rice	1949		2nd Coun.	Eldon Robison		
2nd Coun.	LeRoy Wilcox	1950	June 25, 1950	Sec.	Alden Brindle		
Sec.	Donald Reno	1950	June 1952		Brent Petersen		
2nd Coun.	Spence Munns	June 1948	June 1950		Brent Grover		
					Bobby Schneiter		Apr. 22, 1973
18th Pres.	G. LaVar Squires	1952		27th Pres.	Eldon Robison	Apr. 2, 1972	
2nd Coun.	Kay Luthy	1952	Feb. 1953	1st Coun.	Earl Wilcox	Apr. 2, 1972	
1st Coun.	Spence Munns	1952		2nd Coun.	Garth Sutton	Apr. 2, 1972	
Sec.	Lyle Briggs	1952		Sec.	Garth Sutton	Apr. 22, 1973	
19th Pres.	James J. Holley	1953					
1st Coun.	Lind Robison	1953		Under New Plan			
2nd Coun.	Walter Bybee	1953		Pres.	Eldon Robison	Aug. 5, 1973	
Sec.	N. Dell Barney	1953		Sec.	Herman Erickson		
20th Pres.	M. Dell Barney	1954					
1st Coun.	Merlin Orr	1954		Director of Aaronic Priesthood			
2nd Coun.	Lyle Briggs	1954			Max Oakey	Sept. 1976	Jan. 22, 1977
Sec.	Stanley Erickson	1954		Sec.	Eric Hill		
21st Pres.	Frank Weekes	1955	Sept. 22, 1957	Aaronic Priesthood Advisor			
1st Coun.	Marion S. Cheney	1955			Charles K. Hinds		

## *Officers of Archer Ward Religion Class*

		Sustained	Released			Sustained	Released
1st Supt.	George S. Weekes	Mar. 16, 1902	Feb. 10, 1907	2nd Asst.	Mary A. Weekes	Sept. 21, 1913	Aug. 30, 1914
1st Asst.	William P. Squires	Mar. 16, 1902	Feb. 10, 1907	Sec.	Lucille Barker	Sept. 21, 1913	May 8, 1914
2nd Asst.	Louise Weekes	Mar. 16, 1902	Feb.				
Sec.	May Burns	Mar. 16, 1902	Feb. 10, 1907	6th Supt.	Oscar B. Neilson	Aug. 30, 1914	Aug. 1, 1915
Aid.	Myrtle Young	Mar. 16, 1902	Feb.	1st Asst.	S. C. Clay	Aug. 30, 1914	Aug. 1, 1915
Aid.	Minnie Rohanson	Mar. 16, 1902	Feb. 10, 1907	2nd Asst.	Martha Weekes	Aug. 30, 1914	Aug. 1, 1915
				Sec.	Gertude Summers	Aug. 30, 1914	Aug. 1, 1915
<b>ARCHER</b>							
2nd Supt.	Olaf P. Johanson	Mar. 10, 1907	Oct. 10, 1909	7th Supt.	Martha Weekes	Aug. 1, 1915	May 18, 1919
1st Asst.	Charles O. Jeppson	Feb. 10, 1907	Aug. 11, 1907	1st Asst.	Susan Nelson	Aug. 1, 1915	May 18, 1919
2nd Asst.	George S. Weekes	Feb. 10, 1907	Aug. 11, 1907	2nd Asst.	Isabell Weekes	Aug. 1, 1915	May 18, 1919
Sec.	Minnie Burns	Feb. 10, 1907	Dec. 8, 1907	Sec.	Esther May Weekes	Feb. 11, 1917	May 18, 1919
Asst. Sec.	Ellen Briggs	Feb. 10, 1907	Oct. 10, 1909	Aid.	Althea Briggs	Feb. 11, 1917	May 18, 1919
1st Asst.	George S. Weekes	Dec. 8, 1907	Oct. 10, 1908	Aid.	Olin H. Jeppson	Feb. 11, 1917	May 18, 1919
2nd Asst.	Mary A. Weekes	Nov. 15, 1907	Oct. 10, 1907				
Treas.	Ella Young			8th Supt.	Minnie Snedaker	May 18, 1919	Dec. 28, 1919
				1st Asst.	Susan Nelson	May 18, 1919	Dec. 28, 1919
<b>SUNNYDELL</b>							
1st Asst.	John D. Wilcox	Nov. 3, 1907	Oct. 10, 1909	2nd Asst.	Esther May Weekes	May 18, 1919	Dec. 2, 1919
2nd Asst.	Mary T. Wilcox	Nov. 3, 1907	Oct. 10, 1909	2nd Asst.	Lily Briggs	Dec. 2, 1919	Dec. 28, 1919
Sec.	Mabel Weekes	Nov. 3, 1907	Oct. 25, 1909				
Aid.	Mary Christensen	Nov. 3, 1907	Oct. 10, 1909	9th Supt.	Susan E. Nelson	Dec. 28, 1919	Oct. 22, 1922
Aid.	Mary Hazel Niederer	Nov. 3, 1907	Oct. 25, 1908	1st Asst.	Lily Briggs	Dec. 28, 1919	Oct. 22, 1922
				2nd Asst.	Lula Cheney	Dec. 28, 1919	May 15, 1921
<b>ARCHER</b>							
3rd Supt.	Lucy Burr	Oct. 10, 1909	Aug. 13, 1911	10th Supt.	Jane Terry	Oct. 22, 1922	Sept. 20, 1925
1st Asst.	Andrew Nelson	Oct. 10, 1909	Apr. 1910	1st Asst.	Lily Briggs	Oct. 22, 1922	Sept. 20, 1925
2nd Asst.	Blanche Young	Oct. 10, 1909					
Sec.	Mary Weekes	Oct. 10, 1909	Aug. 13, 1911	11th Supt.	Zelpha E. Squires	Sept. 20, 1925	
1st. Asst.	Sterling Nelson	Oct. 13, 1910	Aug. 31, 1911	1st Asst.	Martha Weekes	Sept. 20, 1925	
Sec.	Alice Briggs	Oct. 16, 1910	Oct.				
Asst. Sec.	Susan Weekes	Nov. 19, 1910	Aug. 31, 1911				
<b>SUNNYDELL</b>							
1st Asst.	Louisa Weekes	Jan. 2, 1910	Aug. 31, 1911				
2nd Asst.	Mable Weekes	Jan. 2, 1910	Aug. 31, 1911				
Sec.	Lavon Weekes	Jan. 2, 1910	Aug. 31, 1911				
Aid.	Phillis Oldham	Oct. 16, 1910	Aug. 31, 1911				
Aid.	Samuel Oldham	Oct. 16, 1910	Aug. 31, 1911				
4th Supt.	Maude Squires	Sept. 22, 1912	Sept. 21, 1913				
1st Asst.	Mary A. Weekes	Sept. 22, 1912	Sept. 21, 1913				
2nd Asst.	Silas S. Cheney	Sept. 22, 1912	Sept. 21, 1913				
5th Supt.	Elizabeth Squires	Sept. 21, 1913	Aug. 30, 1914				
1st Asst.	Charles M. Squires	Sept. 21, 1913	Aug. 30, 1914				

In the fall of 1929 the Religion class was discontinued by the General Board of the Church. Junior Seminary took its place.

**NOTE:**

At a sacrament meeting held in Lyman Ward February 18, 1894, William P. Squires and Rebecca Jensen were selected and sustained teachers in the religion class as soon as it was organized.

At a sacrament meeting February 25, 1894 a notice was given out that religion class would meet the following Thursday at ten o'clock February 27, 1894, in the district school.

## *Archer Ward Choristers*

		Sustained	Released			Sustained	Released
William J. Young			Mar. 27, 1903	Robert Young		Dec. 3, 1922	
Edwin Bunnell	May 24, 1903		Apr. 10, 1904	Geraldine B. Johnson		1923	1925
Alfred P. Young	Apr. 10, 1904		May 2, 1915	Mark Young		1925,	Jan. 17, 1932
Carl J. Johnson	May 2, 1915		July 23, 1916	Edith Harding	Jan. 17, 1932		May 1932
Alfred P. Young	Dec. 24, 1916		July 29, 1917	Glen Squires	May 1932		Mar. 31, 1935
Olin H. Jeppson	July 29, 1917		Sept. 15, 1918	Clement A. Young	Mar. 31, 1935		Jan. 26, 1936
Clyde Bowen	Sept. 15, 1918		May 18, 1919	Olin H. Jeppson	Jan. 26, 1936		
Carl J. Johnson	May 18, 1919		Dec. 3, 1922				

## Archer Ward Organists

	Sustained	Released		Sustained	Released
Myrtle Young			Verna Olsen	Dec. 3, 1922	Jan. 1925
Esther & Florence Briggs			Bertha Jeppson	Jan. 1925	Sept. 17, 1933
Florence Briggs	July 23, 1916	Sept. 15, 1918	Agnes Grover Orr	Sept. 17, 1933	
Susie Bowen	Sept. 15, 1918	May 18, 1919	Bertha Jeppson	May 12, 1935	
Geraldine Johnson	May 18, 1919	Oct. 1, 1922			
Bertha Weekes	Oct. 1, 1922	Dec. 3, 1922			

End of ward record for Choristers and Organists.

To all the teachers who have served in the Archer-Sunnydell Ward, we pay sincere tribute: their influence for good has been effective and far-reaching.

## Elders Quorums

### Fremont Stake Elders Quorum

Pres.	James Fogg	(He was president for many years)
Coun.	Olin Anderson	
Sec.	James Young	

Met in Rexburg First Ward

### Fourth Elders Quorum

	Sustained	Released
Pres.	James R. Smith	1913
1st Coun.	Carl J. Johnson	1913
2nd Coun.	Alfred Bybee	1913

Pres.	Carl J. Johnson	Nov. 26, 1916	Apr. 21, 1918
1st Coun.	Alfred Bybee	Nov. 26, 1916	Apr. 21, 1918
2nd Coun.	Grover Peterson	Nov. 26, 1916	Nov. 25, 1917
2nd Coun.	Rudolph Rytting	Nov. 25, 1917	Apr. 21, 1918
Sec.	Oscar B. Neilson	Nov. 26, 1916	Apr. 21, 1918

Pres.	John Weekes	Apr. 21, 1918	Aug. 24, 1919
1st Coun.	Alfred Bybee	Apr. 21, 1918	Aug. 24, 1919
2nd Coun.	Jessie M. Robison	Apr. 21, 1918	Aug. 18, 1918
2nd Coun.	Albert Terry	Aug. 18, 1918	Aug. 24, 1919
Sec.	Leslie L. Weekes	Apr. 21, 1918	Sept. 15, 1918
Sec.	Oscar B. Neilson	Sept. 15, 1918	Nov. 23, 1919

Pres.	John Weekes	Nov. 23, 1919	Jan. 2, 1921
1st Coun.	Clyde Bowen	Nov. 23, 1919	Jan. 2, 1921
2nd Coun.	Wayne Cheney	Nov. 23, 1919	Jan. 2, 1921

The Ninth Quorum of Elders was organized January 2, 1921, from the Fourth Quorum and just took in the Elders in Archer Ward.

### Ninth Elders Quorum

Pres.	Wayne Cheney	Jan. 2, 1921	June 24, 1923
1st Coun.	A. Clarence Weekes	Jan. 2, 1921	June 24, 1923
2nd Coun.	Arthur E. Niederer	Jan. 2, 1921	June 24, 1923

Pres.	Peter W. Peterson	June 24, 1923	Mar. 10, 1927
1st Coun.	Clarence Weekes	June 24, 1923	Mar. 10, 1927
2nd Coun.	Marion Hacking	June 24, 1923	Dec. 27, 1925
2nd Coun.	George Lelen Weekes	Dec. 27, 1925	Mar. 10, 1927
Sec.	Gerald J. Jeppson	June 24, 1923	Dec. 30, 1923
Sec.	S. C. Clay	Dec. 30, 1923	Dec. 27, 1925
Sec.	Delmo Cook	Dec. 27, 1925	Mar. 10, 1927

On March 10th the Ninth Elders Quorum was released and the Elders of the Archer Ward went back to the Fourth Elders Quorum and was reorganized.

### Fourth Elders Quorum

		Sustained	Released
Pres.	L. H. Hendricks	Mar. 10, 1927	Feb. 16, 1930
1st Coun.	Cecil B. Simmons	Mar. 10, 1927	July 21, 1929
2nd Coun.	Thomas Stanley Arnold	Mar. 10, 1927	July 21, 1929
Sec.	Delmoe Cook	Mar. 10, 1927	July 21, 1929

Pres.	Elmer Weekes	Feb. 16, 1930	Dec. 10, 1933
1st Coun.	Oral Beck	Feb. 16, 1930	Dec. 10, 1933
2nd Coun.	Irvine F. Burns	Feb. 16, 1930	Dec. 10, 1933
Sec.	Delmo Cook	Feb. 16, 1930	Dec. 10, 1933

Pres.	Ernest Weekes	Dec. 10, 1933
1st Coun.	Acie Simmons	Dec. 10, 1933
2nd Coun.	Angus Peterson	Dec. 10, 1933
Sec.	Myron Jeppson	Dec. 10, 1933

Pres.	George P. Nelson	Dec. 31, 1938
	John N. Jackson	
	James C. Briggs, Jr.	

### Second Elders Quorum

Pres.	Henry Erickson	
1st Coun.	Frank Weekes	
2nd Coun.	Newel Piquet	
Sec.	Edward Smith	Mar. 31, 1952

Changes:

1st Coun.	Budge Clay
2nd Coun.	DeLore Grover
Sec.	Dennis Nelson

### Second Elders Quorum

Pres.	Keith Clements	Mar. 31, 1952	Dec. 6, 1953
1st Coun.	Rodney Howell	Mar. 31, 1952	Dec. 6, 1953
2nd Coun.	Lyle Robison	Mar. 31, 1952	Dec. 6, 1953
Sec.	Edward Smith	Mar. 31, 1952	Dec. 6, 1953

Pres.	George H. Munns	Dec. 6, 1953	Aug. 26, 1956
1st Coun.	Learn Terry		
2nd Coun.	Dennis Nelson		
Sec.	Edward Smith		

Changes:

1st Coun.	Kay Luthy
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### *Sixth Elders Quorum*

		Sustained	Released
Pres.	Lyle Robison	Aug. 25, 1956	Oct. 5, 1958
1st Coun.	Ellis Rice		
2nd Coun.	Kay Luthy		
Sec.	Edward Smith		

### *Eighth Elders Quorum*

		Sustained	Released
Pres.	Ronald Hill	Oct. 5, 1958	Mar. 25, 1962
1st Coun.	Learin Terry		
2nd Coun.	Stanley Nielson		
Sec.	Edward Smith		

Changes:  
1st Coun. Wallace Grover

		Sustained	Released
Pres.	Earl Wilcox	Mar. 25, 1962	May 1970
1st Coun.	Stanley Nielson		
2nd Coun.	Wallace Grover		
Sec.	Edward Smith		

Changes:  
2nd Coun. Kay Jeppson  
1st Coun. Kay Jeppson  
2nd Coun. Gordon Niederer  
1st Coun. Gordon Niederer

## *Deacon Quorums of the Archer Ward*

		Sustained	Released			Sustained	Released
1st Pres.	Oscar B. Neilson		Nov. 22, 1909	2nd Coun.	Albert Blanthorn	Nov. 19, 1916	Dec. 22, 1918
1st Coun.	Lelan Weekes		Nov. 22, 1909	Sec.	Gerald J. Jeppson	Nov. 19, 1916	Dec. 22, 1918
2nd Coun.	Henry Briggs		Nov. 22, 1909	7th Pres.	Leonard Hacking	Dec. 22, 1918	Apr. 25, 1920
Sec.	Linnis Burns		Nov. 22, 1909	1st Coun.	Raymond Briggs	Dec. 22, 1918	Apr. 25, 1920
2nd Pres.	Thomas C. Jeppson	Nov. 28, 1909	Aug. 25, 1912	2nd Coun.	Eugene Erickson	Dec. 22, 1918	Apr. 25, 1920
1st Coun.	Charles Weekes	Dec. 5, 1909	Aug. 25, 1912	Sec.	Orrin B. Jeppson	Dec. 22, 1918	Apr. 25, 1920
2nd Coun.	Lester Briggs	Dec. 5, 1909	Aug. 25, 1912	8th Pres.	Elmo R. Smith	Dec. 29, 1929	July 6, 1930
Sec.	Olin H. Jeppson	Dec. 5, 1909	Aug. 25, 1912	1st Coun.	Marshall Glen Grover	Dec. 29, 1929	July 6, 1930
3rd Pres.	Charles Weekes	Sept. 1, 1912	Mar. 1, 1914	2nd Coun.	Norman B. Erickson	Dec. 29, 1929	July 6, 1930
1st Coun.	Henry Burns	Sept. 1, 1912	Mar. 1, 1914	Sec.	Mark Grover	Dec. 29, 1929	July 6, 1930
2nd Coun.	George F. Nelson	Sept. 1, 1912	Mar. 1, 1914	9th Pres.	Mark Grover	July 6, 1930	Jan. 31, 1932
Sec.	Olin H. Jeppson	Sept. 1, 1912	Mar. 1, 1914	1st Coun.	George Whittaker	July 6, 1930	Jan. 31, 1932
4th Pres.	Murtis C Burr	Mar. 1, 1914	Nov. 7, 1915	2nd Coun.	Lamont G. Wilcox	July 6, 1930	Jan. 31, 1932
1st Coun.	Dewey L. Niederer	Mar. 1, 1914	Nov. 7, 1915	Sec.	Lee Squires	July 6, 1930	Jan. 31, 1932
2nd Coun.	Isaac Briggs	Mar. 1, 1914	Nov. 7, 1915	10th Pres.	Lamont G. Wilcox	Jan. 31, 1932	Feb. 5, 1933
Sec.	John L. Stacey	Mar. 1, 1914	Nov. 7, 1915	1st Coun.	Lynn Hillman	Jan. 31, 1932	Feb. 5, 1933
5th Pres.	John L. Stacey	Nov. 7, 1915	Nov. 19, 1916	2nd Coun.	Carl S. Grover	Jan. 31, 1932	Feb. 5, 1933
1st Coun.	Isaac Briggs	Nov. 7, 1915	Nov. 19, 1916	Sec.	Eldon Briggs	Jan. 31, 1932	Feb. 5, 1933
2nd Coun.	Lyman Weekes	Nov. 7, 1915	Nov. 19, 1916	11th Pres.	Carl S. Grover	Feb. 12, 1933	
Sec.	Gerald J. Jeppson	Nov. 7, 1915	Nov. 19, 1916	1st Coun.	Gordon Niederer	Feb. 12, 1933	
6th Pres.	Lyle Squires	Nov. 19, 1916	Dec. 22, 1918	2nd Coun.	Stanley Erickson	Feb. 12, 1933	
1st Coun.	Glen Squires	Nov. 19, 1916	Dec. 22, 1918	Sec.	Eldon L. Briggs	Feb. 12, 1923	

## *Teachers Quorum of the Archer Ward*

		Sustained	Released			Sustained	Released
Pres.	Carl J. Johnson		Jan. 29, 1911	Pres.	Edward Briggs	Mar. 1, 1914	Nov. 19, 1916
1st Coun.	John B. Carlstrom		Jan. 29, 1911	1st Coun.	Olin H. Jeppson	Mar. 1, 1914	Nov. 19, 1916
2nd Coun.	Clem A. Young		Jan. 29, 1911	2nd Coun.	George F. Nelson	Mar. 1, 1914	Dec. 19, 1915
Sec.	Laurence B. Squires		Jan. 29, 1911	Sec.	Henry Burns	Mar. 1, 1914	Nov. 19, 1916
Pres.	Lelen Weekes	Jan. 29, 1911	Aug. 25, 1912	Pres.	Rulon Cheney	Nov. 19, 1916	Dec. 15, 1918
1st Coun.	Oscar B. Neilson	Jan. 29, 1911	Feb. 4, 1912	1st Coun.	John L. Stacey	Nov. 19, 1916	Dec. 15, 1918
2nd Coun.	Henry Briggs	Jan. 29, 1911	Aug. 25, 1912	2nd Coun.	Marion Hacking	Nov. 19, 1916	Dec. 15, 1918
Sec.	Linnis Burns	Jan. 29, 1911	Aug. 25, 1912	Sec.	Elmer Weekes	Nov. 19, 1916	Dec. 15, 1918
Pres.	Thomas C. Jeppson	Aug. 25, 1912	Mar. 1, 1914	Pres.	Gerald Jeppson	Dec. 15, 1918	May 30, 1920
1st Coun.	Wayne Cheney	Jan. 5, 1913	Mar. 1, 1914	1st Coun.	Ernest Weekes	Dec. 15, 1918	May 30, 1920
Sec.	Lester Briggs	Jan. 5, 1913	Mar. 1, 1914	2nd Coun.	Clarence Weekes	Dec. 15, 1918	May 30, 1920
				Sec.	Lyle Squires	Dec. 15, 1918	May 30, 1920

## *Deacons Quorum*

Organized December 22, 1918

Leonard Hacking, President  
Raymond Briggs, 1st Counselor  
Herman Eugene Erickson, 2nd Counselor  
Orson I. Jeppson, Secretary

Released April 25, 1920

## *Teachers Quorum*

On May 30, 1920, the following officers were sustained:

George Raymond Briggs, President  
Owen Jeppson, 1st Counselor  
Marshall Grover, 2nd Counselor  
Francis Briggs, Secretary

## *Deacons Quorum*

On May 30, 1920, there was also a reorganization of the Deacons Quorum. The following officers were sustained:

Joseph Alvin Erickson, President  
Robert Ursel Weekes, 1st Counselor  
Irvine F. Burns, 2nd Counselor  
Joseph Hill, Secretary

On February 5, 1922, at a bishopric meeting, it was decided to split the Deacons quorum into two sections. The road that goes north from Aeschbacher's place to William Fyfe's place was decided on as the dividing line on the Nelson street. The east section is Quorum No. 1 and the west section, Quorum No. 2.

Officers of Quorum No. 1 were sustained on February 19, 1922, as follows:

Alvin Erickson, President  
Ursel Weekes, 1st Counselor  
Milton Squires, 2nd Counselor  
Ethan Young, Secretary

Officers of Quorum No. 2 were also sustained on February 19, 1922, as follows:

Irvine Burns, President  
Lawrence Burns, 1st Counselor  
Joseph Ernest Payn, 2nd Counselor

## *Teachers Quorum*

		<b>Sustained</b>	<b>Released</b>
Pres.	Norman Erickson		Feb. 5, 1933
1st Coun.	Thayne Hacking		Feb. 5, 1933
2nd Coun.	George Whittaker		Feb. 5, 1933
Pres.	James A. Hendricks	Feb. 12, 1933	Apr. 1, 1934
1st Coun.	Lamont G. Wilcox	Feb. 12, 1933	Apr. 1, 1934
2nd Coun.	Howard R. Grover	Feb. 12, 1933	Apr. 1, 1934
Sec.	Darwin B. Bayliff	Feb. 12, 1933	Apr. 1, 1934
Pres.	Budge Clay	May 6, 1934	
1st Coun.	Lucein Young	May 6, 1934	
2nd Coun.	Carl S. Grover	May 6, 1934	
Sec.	Eldon L. Briggs	May 6, 1934	

End of ward record for Elders, Priests, Teachers and Deacons Quorums kept in the ward.

*And so,  
We are builders in the kingdom,  
First to last,  
A part of God's great plan.*















