

## PHILIP CROUCH STRINGHAM

(Written by his wife, Ella Jane Wimmer Stringham)

Philip Crouch Stringham was born Feb. 19, 1883 at Vernal, (Ashley), Uintah County, Utah, to Philip Stringham and Caroline Ann Crouch Stringham. He was the fifth child and the first son of his parents.

He grew up on the new homestead where he learned to enjoy the great out of doors. He being the only son, for a time and his father having had a serious sickness, that took years for him to fully recover, required "Phip" as his father affectionally called him, to learn to work on the farm early.

He was strapped on the mowing machine, so he could drive the team and cut the hay. His father laid near by where he could watch for his safety. Later he drove a team and wagon down those steep mountains and hauled lumber for the granary, sheds and outbuildings. In the early days, before modern farm machinery was used the boys helped to harvest the crops, before starting school, in the fall and quit in the spring to plant the crops. My husband was one of them. He also worked in a shingle mill, that was up in the mountains.

Philip loved nature in every way. He loved flowers, especially wild flowers. He has hauled baskets of beautiful wild columbine down from the mountains and distributed them among his family, friends and neighbors. There was a family tradition in the Stringham family to gather wild Indian flowers for his sister May Stringham Hall's birthday on Feb. 28.

One year Phil came in from the sheep camp in Colorado. He reached in his pocket and drew out two very small packages, wrapped carefully in wax paper. He unrolled them with the greatest of care. When the contents came to view it was Indian flowers, he had gathered on the 17th of Feb. He could not have been prouder if it had been a million dollars. He took the children and found more in the place where Grandfather's family used to gather them and found enough for 2 bouquets, one for his birthday and one for the Kindergarten in Sunday School.

Phil loved horses. Had one that was very dear to him, he called "Monk". He was a small dark bay, with a white star in his head. He was trained to run races and was a good mountain pony. He knew all the trails and could follow them on the darkest night. Always carried his rider to camp or home. If it was necessary to leave him, the reins were dropped and he would stand there and wait for the return of his master.

Phil loved dogs and good livestock. He had a kind and tender touch with the sick. He met emergencies with calmness. He was grand in his home and had a lovely way of handling young children. He was always cheerful and could turn a house of confusion, into a cheerful ray of sunshine in just a few minutes. He loved children and children loved him. When he played the tune "Little Brown Jug" on the piano the children knew it was time to get up.

He had a whistle that was the call when he needed something and when that whistle came, you saw children from all directions come to answer that call. One night at the U.B.I.C. Convention, a yearly gathering held at Fort Duchesne, where there was usually 10,000 people gathered, after the evening program, Phil went into the middle of the public square and gave the whistle, Here came children from every direction, all were there except one daughter and we knew where she was and picked her up.

Phil loved old people and was kind and considerate of them. One thing I loved him for was the way he treated my mother, Emma L. Wimmer. Once she said, "Phil Stringham is the best man I ever saw live in his home".

He made many trips to different mountains and out of the way places on horseback, because he knew the country, to get men in case of sickness and death.

He was a good fisherman and gave hundreds of them to relatives, friends, and neighbors.

On one occasion he had gone out toward Roosevelt to move camp, or something, I do not remember, but I do remember at about 10:30 P.M. the door opened and in he came struggling with a man, by the name of Arnold, on his back. The man would weigh around 160 lbs. Arnold had hurt his leg, seriously, and could not help himself. Phil had tied his team and wagon to the back of his camp wagon. He was at out place for 10 days and it never cost him a dollar.

One year hay was scarce. Phil bought some for \$18.00 per ton. It went to \$35.00 but he still sold his for \$18.00 and did not get all his money for that. The straw was taken from our shed to help people feed their animals that year.

Phil always kept a pair of clippers in his car to cut shaggy shepherders hair. After his serious sickness of 56 days in, with the flu of 1918-1919 the first thing he did, when he could walk without a cane, was to cut 13 heads of hair, in one day. Six, were Uncle Joseph and Aunt Claire's boys. Rulon Hacking might remember it.

Phil was clean in his speech. I never heard him take the name of the Lord in Vain and I lived with him 29 years. He sandwiched his criticism with compliments.



I want to say this about the Stringham boys--they were taught to have initiative and have always been good to their father and mother and their sisters. I love and respect them.

My husband was a member of the Building Committee of the Maeser Ward Chapel that was built in the year 1929. That chapel was started, completed and dedicated in 7 months. When it came to choosing the site for the new building there was some difference of opinion as where to put it. It had been decided to put it on the same ground where the old chapel was, as the church already owned that. Phil was a fair minded person. He said, "It should be in a more central location to be fair in serving the people of the ward. It finally came where he stood alone for a principle of justice. He bought the ground from Leslie Thacker and presented it to the Maeser Ward.

He married Ella Jane Wimmer June 29, 1910, at a quiet wedding at the home of his father. We were married by Don B. Colton (a brother-in-law). Music was furnished by Briant H. Stringham's orchestra. Later this marriage was solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple September 6, 1924. To the marriage there were born 10 lovely children:

1. Rowena; 2. Ethelwynne; 3. Mark Wimmer; 4. Lucile; 5. Beulah; 6. Barta; 7. Ralph Philip (deceased); 8. Louise; 9. Phil Briant(deceased); 10. Thad Junius.

He loved every one of them and they love and revere his memory. In the fall of 1911 we bought the home from Mrs. McLawn. It was the family home for 49 years. We had water piped in the house when he bought it. Had electric and telephone service as soon as it was available.

Phil met with an accident. He lay helpless several weeks before passing away, August 28, 1939. He is buried in Fairview Cemetery. He spent his life in service to his family and friends. He had a great mind. He could have been a musician, a doctor or anything he chose. We all revere his memory and are proud to call him, "Father Phil Stringham".

#### CHILDREN OF PHILIP CROUCH STRINGHAM AND ELLA WIMMER STRINGHAM

I. Rowena Stringham James born 23 Jan. 1912 Married Melvin D. James 19, Nov. 1936 in the Salt Lake Temple. They live at 719-27th St. Ogden, Utah  
Melvin D. James born 9 Feb. 1913.

Their children:

1. Philip Albert James
2. Paul Stringham James
3. Ruth Ann James
4. Melvin Douglas James (Targie)

Melvin has his Degree and is teaching School (councilor) in Ogden, Utah. C.L.U. Life Insurance Agent. Melvin is Bishop in 18th Ward in Ogden. Rowena is a Registered Nurse. Has worked at her profession for twenty years.

Albert has been a successful newspaper boy. Plays the Electric organ. He had the misfortune of having a serious accident while working in Chemistry which resulted in the loss of one eye and serious injury of his left hand; the Dr. Tanner, a Plastic Surgeon says he will be able to play the organ again in two years. He had been organist in 18th Ward in Ogden, Utah.

Paul Stringham James is a successful News Paper boy, an Eagle Scout, An Honor student in High School.

Ruth is studying piano.

Targie is an outstanding child.

II. Ethelwynne Stringham was born 18 June 1913. Married William Horton Ferry Karren 8 Aug. 1931. He was born 2 June 1913. They had one son.

1. Kenneth William Karren

They were divorced.

Ethelwynne Stringham Karren married Wilford Shiblun White, 19 Oct. 1940.

They were sealed in the Temple 3 Dec. 1951.

Wilford Shiblun White was born 13 Dec. 1910. They have a home at 2153 Hannibal Street. Salt Lake City, Utah They have two children.

2. Anita Louise White
3. Whitney Kirk White

Wilford S. White has filled a mission for the church in the North Western States. He is an outstanding salesman for Petty Motor Co., Salt Lake City, Utah. Their daughter Louise will be married in the Salt Lake Temple 17 of June 1960, to Daniel William Myrick.



III Mark Wimmer Stringham born 4 Mar, 1915. Married Ruth Robins, 18 Feb., 1943, at Manhattan, New York. They were sealed in Salt Lake Temple, 17, May, 1944:

Ruth Robins born 22, April 1918.

Mark filled a mission in the Eastern States from 1935 to 1937. Served in the Navy four years. Graduated from U.S.U. at Logan at age of 35, Majored in Vocational Ag. Taught in Idaho. He is teaching school in Lodi, California. Will have his Masters Degree this year. Has been a Stake Missionary in California.

Ruth graduated from the University of Utah. Has taught school in Utah, Idaho, and is now teaching at Lodi, California. They are all active in the Church. Mark plays the piano enough to accompany his family in singing.

Their children:

1. Gregory Mark Stringham
2. Melanie Stringham
3. Kent Robins Stringham
4. LaNae Stringham

IV Lucille Stringham born 2 Sept. 1916 Married Neldon LeRoy Richens in the Salt Lake Temple 2 June 1938. They have a farm and nice home in Warden, Washington.

Neldon LeRoy Richens born 24 April 1916. Their whole family came to Provo for the school year, 1959-60 at the Brigham Young University. Lucille attended as a freshman in College. Neldon came for the second quarter, but due to an eye operation for skin cancer he was forced to discontinue school and they went home. They had a son and two daughters attend the B.Y.U. Neldon is Stake Clerk.

Lucille has worked in Primary, Mutual, and Relief Society. She has come from Washington to Provo three consecutive years to attend Leadership week at Provo.

Their children:

1. Nancy Carolyn Richens
2. Brent LeRoy Richens
3. Mina Evelyn Richens
4. Ann Richens
5. Rebecca Lynne Richens
6. Charles Stringham Richens
7. Marla Jean Richens

V. Beulah Stringham born 21 Dec. 1917. Married Clement Augustus Byrne (Francis) 16 Nov. 1940. They live at home 1617 Valencia Avenue, Stockton, California.

Clement Augustus Byrne born 14 Feb. 1907

Francis had an army career, was retired as Lt. Colonel. He was in World War Two. Was a quarter master of supplies and in the Bulge when they were cut off from the army. He is working at present out of an Army Post in California, as a District Manager in caring for army cemeteries.

Beulah has been with him in Germany and Japan; New York City, Chicago, Wisconsin, Texas and California.

Beulah Stringham

Beulah has taken a lovely place in her home with her family. Her two sons are 6 ft. 2 in. tall. Michael graduated with honors 1960 from High School. Will go on to college. Both boys are Scouts and Priests in the L.D.S. Church. Beulah has worked in the Mutual and Jr. Sunday School organizations in the church. At present she and her husband are Dance Directors in Mutual. Geraldine is studying the Piano.

Their Children:

1. Michael Francis Byrne
2. Vincent Stringham Byrne
3. Geraldine Byrne



VI Barta Stringham born 15 July 1920. Married Ralph Joseph Place 3, Mar, 1941. Ralph Joseph Place was born 14 April 1914. Ralph served in the Army 3 years. Barta spent some time in New York during that time. Ralph is Sales Manager for Petro-Flex Corp. Barta has worked as a successful Secretary but at present declined a responsible and profitable Civil Service job to be at home and care for her family. She has worked in Primary, Junior Sunday School and as Secretary in the Relief Society of Bountiful Ward. Their daughter Carolyn graduated from Seminary this year 1960. Kristine is taking a Special course under Grace Nixon Stewart. Kay is learning to swim and play the clarinet. They have a nice home at 507 East Mill Creek Way. Bountiful, Utah

Their children:

1. Carolyn Place
2. Kristine Place
3. Ralph Kay Place

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VIII Louise Stringham born 19 July 1925. Married Alburn Dee Atwood 24 Nov. 1944 at Salt Lake City, Utah. They were sealed in the Salt Lake Temple 30 Oct. 1946.

Alburn Dee Atwood born 6 Dec. 1925..

Louise had 3/4 of college at Weber College at Ogden, Utah. She has a beautiful true soprano voice. I heard Mrs. Elinor T. Young say to Aunt Winnie once, "Sister Winnie, you have the same beautiful voice your mother had". While I never heard Grandmother Stringham sing I have given her the credit of transmitting her voice to my daughter Louise. Louise loves to sing, and sings in all classes or groups of singers, sings to many funerals. She has many outstanding talents, sews lovely, swims, cooks and has a green thumb for lovely gardens, and beautiful flowers. At present she is a counselor in the Relief Society. She sees that her children go to Sunday School, Primaries, and Mutual.

Al is a machinical Farmer, the need for Idaho farming is a good farmer He also has many talents. A good hunter and fisherman. Has a hobby for Photography, sees all the beauties of nature and produces them so that they can be seen on the Screen and Projector. He has been class leader for the Junior Aaronic Priesthood boys, has good influence with boys. At present he is Superintendent of the Sunday School of the Acequia Ward, Idaho.

They have a good farm of virgin soil and a lovely new home at Rupert, Idaho, Rt. No. 5 They have had six children:

1. David "S" Atwood born 26 Oct. 1945. died 17 Oct. 1946.
2. Layne Atwood
3. Kathleen Atwood
4. Billie Atwood (girl)
5. Janice Atwood
6. Joanne Atwood

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X Thad Junius Stringham born 5 Feb. 1930. Married Ione Goodrich Stringham in the Manti Temple 5 Sept. 1950.

Ione Goodrich Stringham born 29 July 1929.

Thad went to the U.S.U: one year and three quarters. Graduated from Seminary in Ogden, Utah. He managed the home farm in Maeser. Had a Grade A. Dairy herd of good quality cows, a herd averagi of 452 pounds of butterfat; brought the farm up to a high standard of production. He has a farm of virgin soil near Rupert, Idaho. He owns a nice home at 445 East 5500 South in Salt Lake City. He is working for the Uintah National Insurance Co. at present.

#### Thad Junius Stringham

He has been advisor in the Aaronic Priesthood boys. Assistant Ward Clerk.

His wife has kept her home lovely and cared for her children. She is at present counselor in the Primary, in the Millcreek 3rd Ward Winder Stake. They have three children:

1. Lynette Stringham
2. Brice Thad Stringham
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