

My Mother Family

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Baby to 5 yrs

1 - Born July ~~1923~~ Salt Lake City Utah

2 - ~~same~~ - ~~7 months~~ lbs 3 paralyzed

3 - Mother had stroke left side ~~paralyzed~~  
arm curled up <sup>left leg dragged,</sup> walked with cane.

She was young and had lost a baby girl 1 yr before. Wasn't suppose to have another baby for 2 yrs. Blood clot right side of ~~brain~~ brain would move when down or when up pain made her insane until it moved down.

4 - Dad, young, married when yrs  
Mother married when yrs

5 - Lived with his parents for awhile  
Then apt of their own upstairs.

6 - Dad worked for ~~Hoggen~~  
in ice company.

8 - Had someone come in to take care of  
me + mother - sometimes afraid and left  
us alone - Dad sometimes had ~~a~~

~~Edie~~ come over to take care of me + mom  
<sup>older</sup> (her sister) She was wonderful to

Dad - his daughter Ruth also helped  
take care of me. Dad put Mother in  
hospital - so people couldn't be

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dependable, He had to work and I needed care. Her people became angry because he put her in hospital.

9 - My Mother's mother died ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> child birth having my mother <sup>sister</sup> the youngest of 5 children. Elsie oldest (2 boys twins Mon youngest sister) and my mother

The last two both girls were very close - sang duets together in church and were very pretty. My Mother's grandmother

took all the children in (as ~~my~~ my grandfather (mother's Dad) could not cope with it all and ran away.

It was a hard life on farm as her grandmother had children of her own to raise. My great grandfather (mother's grandfather) had a <sup>grocery store</sup> for a living.

One day when Elsie was sad & crying for her mother on her grandmother's front porch - she said a lady came up to where she was sitting

and asked her if she was happy.  
She said she missed her mother much,  
but grandparent good to her & rest of  
children. The lady told her to be a  
good girl - ~~obey~~ her grand parents & help  
with children and then said ("I love  
you very much") She then for the  
first time realized it was her own  
mother - then the lady turned &  
left yard - Elsie started to run after  
her - but she was gone. Elsie grew  
up married had one daughter - husband  
left her - she went to work while  
pregn. in a \_\_\_\_\_. Worked hard  
and had child there (a girl) called  
Ruth. She met a man called \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ married him and had ? children.  
She lived a wonderful life - loved all  
she met and helped every one. Her  
children all lived but \_\_\_\_\_.  
I knew her - the only one of all my  
mother's side of family. Her husband  
wonderful man - died \_\_\_\_\_ of bone  
deteration - She has trouble with her  
mind now and is \_\_\_\_\_ yrs old.  
alzheimer disease

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Born 1923 at Salt Lake City Utah  
preemie — lb of <sup>Dr</sup> Said I was  
going to die — could not keep food  
down. Grandma W. Robbins (Dad's  
mother) took me home to her house  
and kneded me on bread board — gave  
me sazan water every 15 min & then  
kneded me again — put me in  
<sup>10 size</sup> shoe box on oven door. I lived —  
was ~~living~~ <sup>living</sup> and very sickly &  
my Uncle's <sup>Ed</sup> wife Helen Robbins took  
me to health ~~clinic~~ <sup>clinic</sup>. Until the age  
of 10 yrs I lived mostly on Stewart's  
formula and other medicine — plus  
little food here & there — I was taken  
care of by Elsie — Ruth — Aunts & Uncles  
of Father's side & others. Even lived in  
(a box car) train as my father peeped  
the <sup>train</sup> tracks. I learned to walk holding  
my mother's dress (for she was <sup>had a stroke</sup> paralyzed  
and could not hold my hand) but we  
walked around the block every day.

When Dad put her in hospital I never saw any of her side of the family except Elkie & Ruth - except I saw my great grandmother once at age 9 yrs. I still remember her, as I stood ~~by~~ on porch <sup>white</sup> ~~hair~~ hair pulled back & a bun on her head, straight back, large woman, probably around 80 yrs old. My father would not let me get to know them on my mother's side.

~~at the~~ I adored my father - did not see him too much except on holidays and at X mas he always brought home to Grandmother <sup>Rabbits</sup> house 2 <sup>Pigs</sup> trees

1 for each side of fire place - I trimmed them with popcorn paper chains, cran berries & some ornaments. I still have some of the ornaments left to this day. X mas was always wonderful - Dad was home - we sang - told stories - hanging our stockings up & on year I received a puppy in my stockings - I was thrilled as I

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loved animals - birds - dogs - cats  
& horses. Many times I was late  
for school because I stopped to play  
with birds - and I had many days  
palled me to school & back. I was always  
helping fix up dogs or cats that were  
hurt - my grandmother figured I'd be  
a doctor or vet. I can remember a  
dog called woody (neighbor dog) I loved  
so much when he got hit by a car I  
thought I could never get over it. ~~Robins~~<sup>Robins</sup>  
would ride on handle of my doll buggy  
as I pushed dolls & bird up & down the  
street. (Robins were pretty tame in that.)  
I sometimes went to Laguna - a rubber  
pool enclosed so if you were not  
swimming you could watch. I hiked  
behind the capital and when it  
rained & lightning my Grandfather (Dad)  
whom I loved dearly gently taught  
me not to be afraid by having me  
sit on his lap & eat ice bar of 3074  
colors and each time the lightning  
came ~~we~~ checked to see how far it  
had eaten before the next time - in

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The dark. I loved my grandparents  
every much & they loved me because  
they had 5 boys (one died of speckle  
of) and I was like their child & a girl.

They taught me charity - at Xmas  
I had to pick <sup>one of my</sup> ~~my~~ favourit dolls &  
help fill a basket of goodies while  
Grandma made pies & cooked a turkey,

then Xmas eve Grandpa put all  
the things in box (they had <sup>for the family</sup> ~~picked~~  
~~they picked~~ ~~family~~) (always had a girl my  
age) and other children) We put it

on a sled - I sat on sled to keep  
box steady - Grandpa put bells  
around his waist and we took  
the Xma box close to house. then  
Grandpa put box on door step ~~the~~ ~~bed~~  
~~then~~ ~~the~~ with sled - then he knocked  
shook bells and ran away - we

watched them open door. ~~see~~ ~~then~~  
screamed - ~~some yelling~~ ~~others~~. Children  
really believed Santa came - It was  
fun & made our Christmas so exciting  
I looked forward to Xmas. ever, every

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appear. Sometimes it was hard for me to give up my year old doll - but I learned to ~~sacrifice~~ sacrifice for others <sup>early</sup> in my life - I loved Salt Lake and my life there - though I missed my father & I was not happy when he married again in California. My grand parents <sup>80</sup> said I was too much for them at age 10 yrs and so sent me to my father in Calif. I missed my cousins and their parents as I stayed there much of the time after school started as my grand parents had been school in England & did not understand American school work & could not help me in the work. I also missed the snow in winter & all my school friends.

In Calif my father took all the medicine I had lived on all my 9 yrs away and made me eat real food. I was little for my age - skinny loved dolls but preferred to play boy games and wished for a long time I had been a boy.



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I played with boys - loved to dance  
and could waltz by age 3 yrs. I loved  
to tap dance - so after hats & Dad & I  
did celebrate dancing until one day  
I fell off his head and broke my arm.  
It was double jointed.

My 2 cousins (Juanita Robbins) <sup>Lairain</sup> came  
to Calif to visit - also their parents  
many times - we had many family  
gatherings of all Dad's side of family.  
and enjoyed it and became close knit.  
But never saw my own Mother  
side of family, I became close to  
step mother's side of family and loved  
them and enjoyed my visits to  
them. Some had horses & I still  
loved animals very much especially  
horses which many of them had.  
I had 2 brothers Harry (who was a  
baby when I came to live with  
my Dad) He was a big handsome  
beautiful baby & small child. He  
was very shy - loved people & would

not fight the other children even though he was taller than they. So they bullied him - much to my Dad's disapproval. He is about  $9\frac{1}{2}$  yrs younger - still very good - still does not like to fight or quarrel with anyone - very lovable and close to church. I baby sat him.

Karolyn - 5 year younger than Harry. We had to baby sit her - She was a beautiful baby - many curds and like Harry mostly quite & shy. She is a mother of 1 girl & boys - all wonderful children - but she had been very sick with arthritis - even to going to bed for long periods of time. She is tall, thin, beautiful, blond, & smart - got reader ships at school & was to become queen of \_\_\_\_\_

She went to Seattle Wash. met her husband and stayed there. all her children so far have married in temple.

Roy is 5 years younger than Karolyn. I kept him & my first child together and people thought he was mine. Mother

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worked at Thrifty Drug Store (25 yrs)

During my teen yrs I was very close to the church activities. Dances and had 1 girl friend Myrl Bell. She and I were like sisters. We made friends in church & boys and & girls including us. We enjoyed each other went places together and when 13-14 went dancing - parents included at that time - She was picked sweet heart of the sweet heart ball. Those dances were hell some - clean & happy times - we danced with everyone including parents. Our Bishop was always there and ~~was~~ counsilers too. I moved from one ward to another and had so many friends in both wards - I had to run from 1 side to other, to root for both teams.

When I was septon my first boy friend was our newspaper boy a Mormon called Frank Flarity - he was a good boy and we had many

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happy times together making candy  
pop corn and ~~to~~ my first long  
formal dance. It was a disaster!  
My father couldn't buy me a formal  
and myrl has 3 or 4 - but even though  
I could wear them - he would not  
allow me to borrow - so my ~~step~~  
mother <sup>size 16</sup> ~~wasted~~ her formal to make  
it smaller <sup>size 9</sup> so I could wear it. The  
first ~~dance~~ while dancing my boy-  
friend stepped on bottom of dress &  
~~at~~ the buttoning broke and it all  
came apart - I almost died - so did  
he - the other kids laughed so hard  
I hid the rest of the dancing (my  
mother had not sewed it as she wanted  
to wear it again)

I worked for a bakery or bakery's <sup>(my first job)</sup>  
collecting their money each night  
and bought my own formal. All  
the boys took us 6 girls on their  
2 wheel bikes to the dances. We  
provided a pillow - put it on the  
front of handle bars and sat on it  
holding up our long formal skirts.

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In those days money was ~~had~~ <sup>paid</sup> to  
~~get~~ come by and we did not miss  
a car because very few kids had  
one. ~~And~~ We had trips in the  
mountains - all Teenagers from 16-21  
and enjoy a week or two there with  
chaperones. We <sup>Boys & girls</sup> also went on  
mountain trips enjoying them - our  
parents knew we were safe and  
I love our Father in heaven, so did not  
do wrong things. They were like  
true brothers & sisters and we helped  
and took care of each other, no matter  
what. I was the different one - I foot  
on earth the other + my head in  
the heavens - or so they said. I  
Trusted everyone and if it were not  
for the boys I probably would have  
been in trouble a few times. But  
they watched over me at all times.  
On Saturday I had to clean house  
and I wanted to be with my  
friends - so they (boys) all came

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over and helped me clean so I  
could go out until 5 when I had  
to come home - take care of my  
brothers + sisters while my parents  
went out. Teri was my first out  
and we went to church to dance.

I was friendly to everyone <sup>in or out of church</sup> and  
my folks worried much - I would  
always say "Don't worry - The Lord is  
watching over me." I went to things  
+ places Angel's feared to go. <sup>So my dad said</sup> But  
my garden angel's watch over me and  
the holy spirit always warned me if  
and when I might get into trouble.  
It was in my mind by look like  
it was in front of my eyes (a black  
board with white letters on it or a white  
board with black letters on it, telling  
me what to do or what not what to do  
but never explaining why. If I obeyed all  
was fine - if I didn't - I was in trouble)  
Example - Teresa - when she wanted to  
watch bowling - after mutual - the  
board told me no but I listened to her  
begging - and we stopped. In parking,  
let me started for bowling. also budding

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and got half way there - a car pulled in & 2 men 26-35 got out & grabbed us. They were drunk - we were afraid - again the black board said to me "look them straight in the eye" I did and they let go of us like we were on fire - we ran to building - scared - stayed there 2 hrs instead of the 15 min I had planned on. Many times I was warned when out with boys & men not of the church - told what to do - even when things seemed OK. Another time my girl friend & I were at a miniature golf course - I was told to look all doors - wind up windows - it was a hot July day - we had come for a cool drink - but I obeyed and my girl friend didn't want windows rolled up - she kept rolling them down & up - she thought I was crazy & asked me why I was doing that - I thought everyone had that gift so I couldn't understand why she was so upset - I couldn't explain why

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as the black board didn't explain why. I finally was told "hurry" - I just barely lock her side window up when 2 men parked further up. came riding very fast to our car - jumped out and screamed & yelled & pulled on door handles on her side. It was very scary & she screamed and climbed all over me. Later she wanted to know how I knew - I told her about the black board - she said she had never heard of anything like that before - ~~at least~~ I realized for the first time - Everyone else didn't have that.

Another time a dear old friend (in age) was visiting me one night and was leaving for Utah Ave. She said "I'll see you at Relief Society in AM to say good bye - when she left I was told "you will not see her". I was frightened, I felt like she was going to die - that night after leaving me she went to La Temple - coming home she had a heart attack & did die - but was a block from hospital - they gave her shock.



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Treatments - and she lived - but I couldn't see her for 3 weeks.

My second son at 18 months fell into a large tub of water - hanging ~~down~~ half in and half out couldn't save himself if he knew how - I was out hanging ~~clothes~~ diapers - house all closed up & I couldn't have heard a thing - but was told (Mary help Denny) I dropped my diapers & ran into house not knowing what was wrong & found him in bathroom - door had been left open by older son after he went to bathroom - then he had gone outside again shutting outside door but not bathroom door I saved him only because of that blackboard. I have many more wonderful experiences but will write them & label them separately.

→ at sixteen I was given a paternal blessing - all of our group of 8 boys & 8 girls were allowed to stay and hear them - I was last one after giving me

<sup>every page</sup>  
a blessing he held me in his arms  
& cried - telling me to listen to my  
parents - not to be taken in by vain  
men & women, I didn't understand  
then as I was so close to gospel,  
but how things change.

I fell in love with guy at the -  
but his parents wanted him to  
marry a college girl - I wasn't good  
enough - (I'm glad now I didn't marry  
him) The Lord knows best - then  
I fell in love with one of the 8 boys  
we went with, his name was Jim  
Morris - we had our engagement party  
and were to go to Friday dance &  
Utah to temple leaving Sat. Fri. nite  
Jim became very sick was taken to  
County Hospital & died 6 months later -  
I was heart broken -

Another story I had a dream long  
before I met Jim or boys about a  
three heart ring & rubys (my birth stone  
with I love and a diamond in the  
middle I would walk down the aisle,  
met my husband to be - not see his face  
face then ring boy would hold up  
pillow with ring and it would glow big.

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I never seemed to marry - I would wake up - I had that dream 3 times everyone in awhile - my girlfriend Myrl & I hunted for that ring for quite a few years - never saw it. When Jim gave me his ring - that was it - He didn't know about the dream.

Now I made a mistake I fell in love with a non member (with a child I loved) & married him.

Thinking he would join the church because he said he would & went to church with me - said his prayers and never smoked or drank. But he never did join & made my life miserable after children came, and ~~they~~ needed to be baptized.

Married Life

Pat & I went together for 2 yrs then he didn't want to have a wedding so we ran away to Iniquity

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and were married in a Protestant church. My parents didn't know. My mother Nancy had heard our plans and told my parents (my Dad had not approved of Pat.) We came home next day - Dad discovered me - but Edna made sure we had a

I had many friends. I was to stay at a friend's house (because my Dad kicked me out) until I could find a place to live (It was starting of World War 2 ~~no~~ place to live as people moving to Calif to be near service troops. Pat wasn't suppose to go in service because he was a fire man but ~~was~~ was taken from Portsmouth Pen. The friend had a heart attack & died. Pat & I found a bed room in Eaglewood no eating there only sleeping. He was called up so only had a week together - I worked in P & A so gave up room & lived in car - preg for 2 months. ~~I had~~ my first car driving lesson the day I gave up my room in Eaglewood. a friend gave

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drove me around the block & showed  
me the hand sign & foot pedals - then I  
followed him through to East Lo  
to my work place Sterling Motors  
& then fainted. He & Men at work  
helped me learn to drive (as my  
father never would teach me) and I  
got a driver's licence. When some  
of boy friends (youth boys) found out I  
was living in my car they  
all went together in one house & gave  
me that house or apt. 1 bed room 1 bath 1  
Front room (small) & Kitchen small. But  
my Brother Dave at age 12 came over &  
helped me clean it (against Dad's  
wishes) and I stayed until after  
war was over & 2 boys born there  
Joe & Dan

save my sister's life

Joe called Sterling babies

I died after Dan born I brought home  
from hospital had too much good  
breast milk - feed a baby who <sup>were</sup> ~~would~~

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having trouble - couldn't keep food  
in her - gave a bottle each feeding  
time to premature babies also fed my own Dan.  
Katy saved my life

Friend of Dad's + one I grew up with  
tried to rape me when I first moved  
into apt - + he came to see it.

Dad came around after Joe born. He loved  
babies.

age 13 to 18 yrs

Dad + I had lots of fun - sold meat pies  
during depression

he drove big double trucks full of ice to  
Movie studios I went along - saw + ate  
with stars +

I went to year operettas

enjoyed going to dances + loud dancing  
with my Dad - he could really dance.

People stopped to watch us dance.

We<sup>all</sup> went to Long Beach for a week or so  
every year with Aunt Helen + Uncle Ed  
+ family - also up in Mountains —

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had a bear walk across Lorraine front  
& my face in ~~the~~ text,  
swam in Mudd. Salt Lake  
went in cave

fought off large birds —

at age 9 won best book of Beehive

Church lessons - got a Honey Bee jar.

gave a talk on smoking so good

went to many wards to give into

went to Radlos

Put flowers on floats in Rose Parade

was tragic artist for 2 yrs in

Summer.

Blood poisoning operation

Put sleep

went to Europe

rode horses bareback

has had senses as Utah child - even

in Calif - friend helped me over coast.

Love to play organ - make apple

pies fix flowers sew crafts

help people in need especially

in Santa Paula.

loved being a waitress.

was very sick for 2 or 3 yrs  
with ear problems.