

## **Journal Ethelwynne Stringham Collett**

I was born at Salt Lake City, **July 25, 1876.**

My parents, Phillip Stringham and Caroline Ann Crouch moved to Ashley Valley, fall of the year 1878. I spent a happy girlhood, with my goodly parents, went to school, helped on the farm to make us a happy home. In the year **1892**, my father, mother & family moved to Salt Lake City and stayed two years, we children went to school, some to the district school. Claire 19; I, 17 attended the L.D.Saints College. William was the baby when we left Ashley Valley.

I stayed with Aunt Julia S. Woolley while there, and attended the L.D.S. University. We moved back to Maeser Uintah Co Utah, fall of 1893. Father could not stand office work, he wanted to be back on the farm where men gain health out in the broad fields. I attended the dedication of the Salt Lake Temple April 8, 1893. My father, mother, brothers and sister also attended.

**1895-1896.** Just home doing my daily duties, having my up and downs, but when it was downs, it was my own fault. In 1892-1893, father drove mules on the streetcar. It was such a slow ride. I saw an automobile that was made in 1892 just guided by a rod and electricity, I was 16 years old.

**June 22 1898.** Claire married Joseph P. Hacking.

**June 22, 1898.** The most wonderful day. The day I had my endowments in the Salt Lake Temple, worked 2 days in the Temple. Stayed at Salt Lake City that year and earned my clothes and board working for relations.

**1899-1900.** Lived in Salt Lake City and kept Grace company while she attended the L.D.Saints University, we returned home fall of 1900.

**September 26, 1901.** Took another journey to Salt Lake City, (it took four horse team seven days to get there) traveled with Bro. Robert Bodily. James C. Hacking & wife, Belle Bodily Carrie McConkie, Mabel Gerber, attended the special General Conference Nov. 10, 1901 where Pres. Joseph Fielding Smith was chosen President of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, with apostles J.R. Winder and Anthon H. Lund as counselors. Took vocal music lessons. Was called from Uintah Stake to take the Sunday School Kindergarten course. Also the night missionary class in the L.D.S. University. Asked to open the first missionary class meeting – and all were strangers to me. Ate Christmas dinner with dear Grandmother Caroline Crouch, she being a widow at that time.

## 1902

Ate New Years dinner with Uncle Earnest Crouch and family. Stayed with Aunt Julia S. Woolley, worked out by the day for relations (relatives). Worked in the Salt Lake Temple in January did work for six who are dead.

**February 14.** Received a letter from my father on Valentines Day, the wonder of the times and one of my joys.

Sister May was attending school at the U of U. We came home in **June**.

Stayed home all summer and was chosen as class leader in religion class. That is the year when religion classes just begin.

Was chosen 1<sup>st</sup> Counselor to Primary President Elizabeth H. Colton of Mill Ward.

**June 30.** Chosen to be Kindergarten teacher in Mill Ward Sunday School.

**August 7.** Was just in as a member of the Stake Sunday School Union board, to assist in teaching the Kindergarten teachers of the Stake S.S. In my blessing when I was set apart, the brother said my tongue should be loosened to instruct the teachers aright. I stayed home all winter, have enjoyed it very much, have been cross sometimes but hope I can improve.

## 1903

**May.** I planted tomatoes, cucumbers, beans and melons, and enjoy tending the chickens. I expect to have garden stuff and chickens for sale in the fall.

**May 25.** I was chosen as first counselor in the Stake Primary to sister Anna M. Hacking. I was set apart on the same day, by apostle Owen Woodruff, Stake Pres. James Hacking, Pres. Samuel Bennion, Samuel Bennion being mouth. I felt their blessing was a good one, and I hoe I will live worthy of the same.

**August.** I received my Patriarchal Blessing under the hands of Bro. Nelson Merkley.

**September 22.** Sisters Olive Dubredge and Olive Bennion, General Board members of Primary Association, visited the Uintah Stake. They called to see me and had supper. I served as desert watermelon from my garden.

**October.** Tomatoes sold 3 bunches plenty for our family. Hatched 150 chickens sold a few. I am quite satisfied with my summer work. Just been released from the ward Kindergarten in S. School. I was needed to Visit Stake Sunday School.

May and I are putting fruit by the five gallon for the family.

**November 28.** The eventful day of my life. Engaged to be married to Sylvanus Collett. Widower, with four children.

## 1904

**January 20.** Married Sylvanus Collett. Joy of my life. Sylvanus Collett, Forest Ranger.

Sylvanus Collett and Ethelwynne Stringham were married at the Salt Lake Temple on the **20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1904**, by Pres. J. R. Winder. The witnesses were Caroline Ann C. Stringham (mother), Julia S. Woolley (aunt) Bessie Badger (cousin).

Mark M. Hall and sister Mary Fontella Stringham were married the same day.

Sylvanus and I went through the Temple for the following names, Christian Youngquist and Mary Montanque. After coming out of the temple, we were invited to dinner at Cousin Luch Grant Cannon's home Supper at Uncle Earnest Crouch's home. We enjoyed both very much.

**January 30.** May and Mark gone to Alberta, Canada to their home. We are at home January 26 in Naples ward, a small log house.

Sylvanus's children, Wiley 16, Orin 12, Alice 6, Byron living with his grandmother Collett, 2 years old. The three children seem to enjoy their home. Wiley & Orin miss their mother but I hope they will be more contented soon but never forget their dear mother.

**August.** Bought a hand washer. Now the children can help wash.

**November 10.** We have had a glorious summer, the crops have been good, the flower garden lovely and we have everything to be thankful for. We bought an organ, a beauty.

Sylvanus gave me a horse and cow named Fan (horse) Brin (cow).

Veau still Range Rider.

Put up a good supply of fruit 97 qt. fresh, 20 qt. jellies, 23 gal. preserves, 9 gal. pickles. We paid almost an honest tithing and hope to improve \$33.90 in Dec. Also produce for tithing 21 lb. butter, 3 chickens, 11 doz. Eggs, ½ bu. tomatoes, 3 bu. potatoes.

**December 23.** Sister May F. Hall & Mark M Hall have a sweet baby girl. Grace.

## 1905

**January, February.** Pleasant months.

**March 13.** Taking music vocal lessons from E.K. Bassett.

**March 24.** Fruit in the garden, 1 row of onions and peas.

**March 26.** 7 ½ inches of snow.

**March 26.** Byron 3 years old came from his Grandmothers to live with us. He is as contented as can be.

**April 5.** Planted potatoes and radishes.

April. Father and Mother Stringham gave me a wedding present of eight acres of land near the old home in Mill Ward. I am rejoiced and hope to make our home there.

**May 13.** Sylvanus's sister Julia (who is deaf and dumb) married William Postma (also deaf and dumb). She looked so happy. They are both very intelligent both having high school educations. Their brother R.S. Collett married them then they were married later in the Temple in Salt Lake City May 18.

The summer has been a pleasant one, everything so green and lovely, and we have been happy, and the Lord has blessed us.

Wiley went to school at Provo 6 Sept.

**September 27.** Sylvanus is called, by the government, to go and take charge of the Dixie Forest Reserve.

**October 17.** He left Vernal, by way of Dragon, for Kamas to see Supervisor Marshall. He has gone to St. George Utah to make his headquarters.

**November 1.** The rest of us are getting along quite well but expect to go to St. George soon.

**November 29.** We are at St. George with Sylvanus. Our trip was enjoyable going on stage from Vernal to Watson, on train from Watson to Modena Utah, then on stage pulled by horses to St. George. The night before I left Vernal or Naples the Stake offices of Sunday Schools and Primary gave me a party in my honor at Sister Rosella Clader's. They presented me with a small clock and a book "Best American Poems." They said they enjoyed me laboring with them and I know I enjoyed working with them and I give the Lord the praise for all the good I have done.

## 1906

**January, February, March.** I was very sick almost unto death. But by the prayers of the brothers and sisters I was permitted to stay on earth.

**February 28.** Dr. Woodbury of St George preformed an operation. But I have been promised I will still be a mother. Every one was kind to me while sick.

**April 1.** Bro. Cannon, President of St. George Temple, promised me if I would come to the Temple and work that I would improve on my health rapidly, and that was true, for I went and got well immediately. How glad I can go to the Temple of the Lord, I go 4 days each week and enjoy it.

**July.** Very hot. All well. Wiley at Vernal working to get ready for school.

**September 1.** We are enjoying good health. Wiley returned to Provo to school. I, working in the temple again.

**October 1.** Was asked to work in the East St. George Primary. I enjoy it very much. Was asked by Bro. Gardner, the president of religion classes in St. George Stake, to help in one of the classes in St. George East Ward.

**November 22.** Snowed in St. George and we were treated to ice cream. It was stormy weather until the **6 of December.**

Went to Charles H. Worthens for Thanksgiving dinner.

**December.** Word that Wiley had diphtheria at Provo. Later Wiley improved.

## 1907

**January 1.** Susie Stringham was with us for holidays. She was attending B.Y.U. at Provo.

**January 28.** Had the privilege of going to the sealing room to stand for a child who was dead.

**February.** All well and happy. The weather has been lovely, grass, green, trees leaves budding, fruit trees are in bloom the last of **February** radishes and lettuce large enough to eat and many flowers in bloom.

Roses in bloom and strawberries ripe on **29 of March** a lovely day.

**April 30.** I was baptized for 66 persons who are dead. When I dressed to get baptized, I asked if it would matter if I was baptized for one (I had been very ill) but before I came out of the water I had been baptized for 66 persons. The Lord answered my prayers and I was able to do it, and didn't even feel tired.

**May.** We are going back to Naples, Utah soon.

**May 17.** The officers and teachers of the East St. George Ward Primary came and surprised me. Gave me a Primary songbook as a remembrance. They all enjoyed themselves, and wished me success on my journey through life.

**May 19.** The boys I taught in Primary came to bid me good-bye and presented me with a paper hanger and a small looking glass. They were happy boys and I was happy too.

**May 20.** Our neighbors came and surprised us brought picnic, played games, all had a good time and wished us success.

We will start the **23 of May** for Vernal our home.

Arrived at Vernal, **May 30.** We had a pleasant journey, (stopped at Salt Lake two days). All were glad to see us home again.

**June.** Sylvanus put in as teacher of Naples Ward Sunday School Intermediate class. I as teacher in the Kindergarten and as Chorister of the Stake Primary.

Wiley is working at the Power plant in the Ashley Canyon.

Sylvanus has been haying for five weeks. I am putting up fruit. All is well and happy.

**September.** I was asked as Secretary for the M.I.A. Glee Club of Naples Ward June 4, 1908. I organized a boys singing class with Mina Hodgkinson as organist and Reeves Bird as assistant chorister. We had a jolly class, 20 boys had little plays and operettas. And the boys did well. They also sang twice at the Stake Tabernacle.

All Well. **September.** Wiley has gone to Provo to school again he is getting along nicely boarding with Bryant Stringham, Zina Stringham, and Vivian Spears.

**November 17.** Vena was called as a home missionary and Apostle Roger Clawson ordained him.

**December.** I was chosen as Naples Ward Sunday School Chorister. Vean is over on the Leland Ditch working.

**December 20.** Father was Married to Mary Bingham Hall. They arrived in Vernal **Dec. 23.** We as a family are happy over the union.

Settling tithing on **December 30.**

## 1908

**January, February.** Cold weather.

**March 4.** Vena on a trip to find a coal mine on the Reservation.

**March 11.** Vean gone over to work on the Leland Canal. Byron came down with the measles.

**April 7.** A big snow storm. All Well.

**May 2.** I was confirmed by Don B. Colton for chorister of the Stake Primary.

**May 3.** A big snow storm.

**May 8.** A small mess of hot bed radishes.

**June.** Lovely weather. The garden growing beautifully. Weather ideal.

**August 10.** Had green corn.

**August 30.** A severe frost.

**October 15, 16, 17.** A big snow storm about 10 inches. Very cold.

**December.** I was chosen as Naples Relief Society secretary.

## 1909

**January 1.** A Happy New Year. The snow has been very deep and the weather very cold.

**February.** Snow, snow, snow 15 inches deep. The most snow Uintah Co. has had since the hard winter **1879**. All Well.

**March 29.** The snow all gone. All Well. Vean goes over to Leland Canal again tomorrow.

**June.** Bought the Iverson place or farm, at Maeser Ward.

**July 5.** Moved to the Iverson farm just to keep up the hay.

**August.** Sold our home in Naples and bought the Moore home at Maeser moved in the **13 of September.**

**Friday, October 1.** The Naples Ward gave our family a farewell party, which we appreciated very much.

**October.** I was asked to assist May Hacking as assistant chorister of Maeser Sunday School. Veau asked to teach in Maeser Sunday School also Priesthood meeting and Y.M.M.I. Association.

**November 18.** I was asked to assist with the singing in Relief Society of Maeser.

**November 21.** I was chosen as President of the Y.L.M.I. Association of Maeser Ward and by the help of our Heavenly Father I will try to do my best.

**November 29.** Oris has the small pox but is not ill. Our Heavenly Father blessed us. We all escaped the dread disease small pox.

Telephone installed **November 30.**

## 1910

**January 19.** I organized a harmonica band. Thirteen boys joined the first night.

**February 17.** Just think of it, we have the electric lights in our home. How glad we are for such a comfort.

**February 9.** I am teaching singing in the Maeser District school. I enjoy it very much.

**March, April, May.** Beautiful months.

**June 15.** Elizabeth H. Colton died a very sad death leaving four little girls and one boy. One of my very dearest friends.

**Year 1910.** Haley's Comet appeared in the sky.

**June 29.** Brother Phil Stringham married Ella Jane Wimmer.

**October 1.** Went to General Conference at Salt Lake City, enjoyed it very much.

**December 2.** I spent a week, visiting with the Bishopric to the people of Maeser Ward. I was with Joseph P. Hacking, co. We held 34 cottage meetings, the spirit of the Lord accompanied them on our labors, and all rejoiced.

**December 11.** I was chosen as Sunday School Chorister of Maeser Sunday School.



**December 16.** Orin has gone to Dragon to drive Clarence Collett's team. I hope he will shun temptation.

**December 15.** Sylvanus and I was asked by the Bishopric to attend lectures on the Life of Christ given once a week by Prof. Nelson under the auspices of the U.S. academy to be held at Vernal City. We hope we will be able to attend so we can gain more knowledge of our dear Savior and Lord.

## 1911

**January 1.** A bright New Year. Everybody well and happy.

**January 31.** Mud, mud, mud. The warmest winter in Ashley I every remember.

**January 29.** I weigh 160 lb.

**February 6.** I am teaching singing in the two upper grades in Maeser school. I enjoy it very much and trust the children will.

**February 19.** At the Stake Conference I was chosen as the President of the Stake Primary association. I feel very weak but hope I will prove worthy of such a high position.

**March.** A beautiful month I was very sick for two weeks, but the Lord has blessed me and I am greatly improved.

**March 27.** Sylvanus and Orin have been plowing the last two weeks.

**April, May, June, July.** Busy months. Veau, Orin, Wiley busy haying and binding grain. Alice and I busy making quilts, putting up fruit etc. Bryon the busy chore boy. All well and happy.

**September 11.** Wiley gone to Heber on a visit. Veau busy with the farm and road work. All Well.

**October 29.** The greatest event of my life. Our little son Claude S. Collett was born. The joy of my life. I hope Sylvanus and I will try and be worthy of such a blessing.

**November.** Baby has been very sick. But he is better now.

**December 25.** A happy month. Up to Fathers for Christmas dinner with our beautiful son Claude, all the brothers and sisters were there.

## 1912

**February 7.** A sad day our little son Claude went back to his home in the heavens. But Sylvanus and I acknowledge the hand of the Lord in all things and hope we may be able to live worthy so we will meet him again.

**March 1, 9, 10, 11.** Snow storms very wet which makes the farmers rejoice.

**April, May, June.** Rather cold, but pleasant months.

**April 2.** Wiley gone on a mission to England.

**May.** I was asked to help teach the Junior Young Ladies. I hope I may have success.

**July 4.** A big celebration at Vernal. Proceeds to help build Uintah Stake Academy. I helped wait on ice cream stand.

**July.** Ella Stringham and I have made form cheese. A new experience for a woman 36 years old. Academy dedicated and paid for in **September.**

**August, September, October.** Busy busy, with fruit, cheese, and Primary Stake Work. My heart aching for the company of my dear son, and wishing all the time for another one to gladden our hearts.

Sister Zina Reed has a son, born **Oct. 23.** I was with her at the time and the Lord surely blessed her.

**November 30.** All well and happy.

**December 25.** All to Fathers for Xmas. Ray to Provo to school. Briant and Katie on a mission to the Hawaiian Islands. May, Mark & family at Canada. Aunt Mary's son, Thomas Hall, at home and his mother rejoicing for he filled an honorable mission of three years at the New Zealand Islands.

## 1913

**January 1.** A Happy New Year. This month, 19 below zero. A very little sprinkle of snow. Dry dusty roads. I hope to make this year one worthwhile. Sister Grace S. Colton has another daughter born **January.**

First part of **February** lovely weather. Dry dusty roads.

**February 18.** A beautiful snowstorm 8 inches fell. I am thinking of going to Salt Lake City in April.

**March.** Came in like a lion. **March 20.** Going out like a lion. Orin has returned and seems glad.

**April 28.** I started for Salt Lake City to take Primary Association Course that the General Board Primary has planned out. I was called from Uintah Stake. I stayed at Pres. Heber J. Grants home six weeks.

**June 10.** Home after six weeks at Salt Lake City. Byron and Alice stayed with Ella and Phil Stringham while I was gone. The school was held in the Primary rooms in the Bishop's bldg., and Physical Culture in Deseret Gym, and Domestic Science in Lion House. It was one of the grandest schools that I ever attended. I only hope I can give part of it back to help the Primary associations of the Uintah Stake. I have learned "To teach a truth, you must know and feel that truth yourself, then you can give it to others". I went to the Salt Lake Temple. Went through for Mary Walton who is dead. I also had a lovely blessing given me while in the Temple.

**June 24, 25, 26.** A regular fall rain. The rain will do lots of good.

**July.** Myra Colton staying with us while her mother is in Salt Lake City.

**July.** I am trying to give the beautiful truths back that I received while taking the Primary Teachers course.

**July, August.** And I hope I have did (done) some good.

**September, October, November.** Beautiful months and all is well.

**December 1913.** I was very sick but have been blessed by our Heavenly Father and am improving rapidly. I expect to be a mother again so my joy will be complete when the time comes.

## 1914

**January, February.** Lots of snow, and the last of Feb. warm and sloppy all well.

**March 18.** Wiley returned from mission.

**April, May & June.** Beautiful months. June quite a lot of rainfall.

**June 3.** Wiley S. Collett was married to Erma Billings in the Salt Lake Temple by Adair Madison.

**June 22.** Sister Grace Colton had a beautiful son, but he stayed just for days and went back to heaven above, so sad for them all. But our Heavenly Father can comfort those who mourn if they put their trust in him.

**July 11.** Born to Sylvanus and Ethelwynne S. Collett a beautiful 9 ½ lb. son. Name Howard Samuel Collett. Such a comfort he is to us. We hope to be able to do our part to him. I am indeed grateful to Our Heavenly Father for his goodness unto me.

**July, August, September, October.** All beautiful months, a busy time putting up fruit, caring for our beautiful son etc. Vean is busy working on the State road. Orin was married to Essie Reynolds **September 30.** We are very thankful that he has such a good girl for a wife. They were married in the Salt Lake Temple. The rest of the year of 1914 a happy one. Our baby Howard S. growing fast.

## 1915

All Well. All busy with the seasons work. We had more snow in the year 1915 than I ever saw in all my life. Sheepman feeding sheep and hay scarce.

## 1916

Snow, Plenty of it. **January, February, now March** still a lot of snow. Howard saying cute things. Alice attending academy. Byron District School.

**March 12.** I was released as Stake Primary President. Sarah B. Bingham was sustained the 12 of March as President. I know she will be a good President. Bro. William Stringham writes such good letters home. We feel as a family that he will fill an honorable mission. Weather like spring.

**April 2.** Another beautiful child came to bless our home, name Edna. A little daughter how our hearts rejoice.

**May.** A blustery month, frost & winds.

**May 7.** Our baby daughter blessed under the hands of her father, Bishop B.O. Colton, John L. McConkie, Joseph P. Hacking. Her father giving her the fathers blessing.

**June.** I was chosen as ward Relief Society Chorister. I hope I do my best. Everything is going up in price, on account of World War.

**June, July, August, September, October, November.** All busy months. The Stake Relief Society asked me to take a correspondence course in Home Economics. Alice Bodily and I will take it together. Alice Bodily next-door neighbor.

## 1917

The New Year. **January.** Very cold, and much sickness in the valley.

Brother Briant's and sister Katie's little son died of bowel complaint **February 4.** Very sad indeed for we long to keep the little ones with us.

**February 7.** Veau gone after posts with Bro. Mark. M. Hall.

**March.** Cold and snow storms. Aunt Mary hall Stringham had her eye operated on. She is getting on fine. Later she lost the sight of the one eye.

**April 1.** Blustering morning and blowing. Alice Bodily and I enjoy our study in home economics very much.

**May 1.** Rain storm and weather cold.

**June.** At Stake Conference. I was chosen as stake Relief Society Secretary. (succeeding Mrs. George Merkley who was a faithful Secretary) I hope I can fill that office.

**July, August.** Lovely months, very busy putting up fruit making cheese etc. Everybody's orchards are loaded with fruit.

**September 13.** Veau's sister and brother-in-law came to visit us. Princetta and Albert Bills. We have had a good visit.

**October.** A lovely month but cold. Apples froze on the trees, we all left them on too late.

**November 1.** Snowed just enough to lay the dust. I was very sick in Nov. and Dec. But by the blessing of Heavenly Father I recovered.

**December.** A beautiful month. Dry dusty roads up until Christmas.

## 1918

**January 1.** We went to Briant's and Katie's for New Years dinner. Such a beautiful day. The children played out doors in there shirt sleeves and dress, didn't need coats and were joyful and glad.

**February, March.** Lovely months, bright sunshine dry dusty roads all during the winter months.

**April 3.** A snow storm, the heaviest snow we have had since last winter. Farmers glad to see it. All Well.

**June, July.** Lovely months, everything growing. Cherries Plentiful.

**1 of July,** Edith. A lovely little daughter was born to us. She was blessed at home on the 25 of July. She had the whooping cough when two weeks old. She got along fine, and the only medicine she took, was fresh air and olive oil. She was healed by the blessings of the Lord.

**August, September, October.** Fruit ripening and harvest ripening, all nature is grand. There is a dread disease going or spreading all over the United States called Spanish Influenza and all public gatherings are closed. We the people wear masks when going to town. Our Bro. William S. Stringham is gone to serve his country (in the World War). He is in Omaha at present.

**October 23.** Comes in bloom etc. very little frost, lovely weather.

**November 11.** Rejoicing all over the world Peach is Declared. For which I (as one) thank the lord, and hope we may all live lives worthy to have peace on earth.

**November 18.** Father & Aunt Mary gone to California for the winter. I am lonesome without them, and hope they have a pleasant winter. All well and happy but longing for our public meetings and gatherings to commence again.

**November 30.** Vena gone to Nine Mile, near Price to build two bridges. He was gone three months. We were very lonely while he was away, because the dread disease milling took many away to a better land, in this valley. Some of our relations were ill with the disease, but all are well again.

## 1919

**March.** Meetings commenced again.

**April.** Our Bro. William S. Stringham was married to Afton Odekirk, in the Salt Lake Temple.

**April.** A blustery month. Aunt Mary and Father and Beatrice home, they had a lovely winter. Beatrice enjoyed the change very much.

**May 4.** I was asked to assist as leader the Maeser Choir. Bro. Briant Stringham chorister.

**May.** Fruit blossoms out, trees green all nature looks grand. Children Howard, Edna and Edith, well and doing fine.

**May 29.** Alice Collett married Newell Level Snow of Jensen. They were married in Salt Lake Temple.

**June.** Our Bro. Ray Stringham gone to California on a mission at San Diego. Three months after he left his wife and baby joined him, later they have another beautiful baby, a son. From the reports, Ray and Vera are doing a good work.

**June, July, August, September.** Months of seed time and harvest. The harvest was rather poor. The year a dry one. No moisture and very little water. We had plenty of apples, sold three hundred bu. And gave away many bu. We have been blessed and only hope we can appreciate it.

**October.** Sold our five acre lot. and moved to our new home just a quarter of a mile east. Remodeled the house and are living quite comfortable.

**November.** We have the city water pumped inside the house, don't you think there is a lot of rejoicing?

**November 26.** Snowed 8 inches and a very cold blustering day. Veane gone to Watson to load oil shale on the cars to ship east. I hope he is keeping warm and safe.

**December.** Very cold, all well. I am taking the dancing, given by Bro. Clive Davis at the Orphas, like it very much. Bro. Davis giving dancing to promote better dancing in the Uintah Stake of Zion.

## 1920

**January.** A very cold month. I am busy and with the help of Lucy Jones preparing a Sunday School Concert. We are going to surprise the superintendency. All willing **February 5.**

**February 5.** Concert postponed. The influenza has come again and all are staying home. Byron has the flu. Later Howard, Edna, and Edith. Edith very sick, but all well now, for which we thank our Heavenly Father. The last of **February** still lots of snow cold, and plenty of mud. The Bishop has asked me to be the President of Maeser Relief Society. Alice Bodily 1<sup>st</sup> counselor, Ammie E. Jones 2<sup>nd</sup> counselor, Maria Carpenter Sec. Treas, Sylvia Richens chorister, Caroline Oaks assis chorister, Hazel Allen organist, Joanne Furgham, assist. chorister, later Oletta Carroll chorister. I am just considering it and feel very incompetent and weak. For it is a great mission.

**March 14.** Was voted in as Relief Society President of Maeser Ward. Was set apart by the Bishop J.H. Bodily and counselors. John L. McConkie being mouth.

Alice Collett Snow. A son Orin born **March 25.** All doing well.

**March 26.** The Sunday School concert a success. A wet, muddy night but a good crowd out.

**April, May, June.** Not extra warm months, but no frost and everything in nature looking grand.

**July 15.** Ella Stringham a baby girl. I was there at the time. A beautiful little one born before the Dr. arrived.

**July 23.** The Maeser Relief Society gave a concert. Mrs. Sylvia Richens taking charge. They had a small play where nine sisters took part, (I being one of them). They all took their parts well and all had a jolly time while practicing. Then we took the concert to Naples Ward. We cleared about \$41 dollars from both concerts, charging 10 and 15 cents.

Uncle William Ashby, (Father's uncle) came to visit Father a week before he was 91 years old. He sure is a spry old man. He went back to Duchesne **July 16.**

The rest of the summer spent happily. Apples were not so plentiful. Our sister Zina S. Ried and family moved to St. George to live and Lorenzo is teaching them in the Academy.  
**September** Was the date.

The winter months were pleasant compared with the previous year. Not much snow but mild and pleasant.

Vean left the **5 of November** to work on Hill Creek in the oil shale. 56 men went with him working the assessments. We (the family) got along fine while he was gone and Byron did splendid with chores and school. Vean arrived home **December 20** for Christmas.

Don B. Colton was elected Congressman and Grace and family are thinking of going to Washington.

## 1921

The New Year. A happy one. We ate New Year dinner at home, had Wiley and family and Clarence Collett and family. Vean went back to the oil share again the fore part of **January** and stayed until **February 13.**

Byron asked to be a Sunday School teacher. I hope and pray he makes a good one. Edith (the baby) two years and a half old. Sings cute little songs and carried the tune well. Edna learns the words well, but not much of a tune as yet. Howard sings pretty well. Howard's first year of school. He is doing well and reads very good. March more like April the fields begin to look green. Sister Beatrice Stringham teaching school. Doing well.

**March 28.** Vean gone to Willow Creek to find corners on oil shale claims. Will be gone a month.

**April 5-6, 16-17.** Windy, cold and snow.

**May 1.** Beautiful day.



**May 28.** Wind but warm.

Veau gone again to the oil shale at Willow Creek. **May 6.**

**June.** Stormy more like fall. Ashley river higher than has been for thirty years so the older people say. Still working in the church, with a desire to improve. Making a sacrament school. The second on garden growing fast. Veau still at Willow Creek.

**July 3.** A heavy frost. Tomatoes, corn and squash froze black. I was released as Maeser Sunday School Chorister, niece Josephine Hacking sustained in my place. I have been a Sunday School Chorister for 14 years. 2 years at Naples Ward, 12 Years at Maeser. I was Stake Primary Chorister two years. Assistant Ward Chorister (Maeser) one year. Relief Society Chorister (Maeser) 2 years. Byron is doing fine working on the farm while his father is away. Edna, Edith and Howard, growing and learning little duties each day. The frost in July did not do so much harm. Vegetables are growing nicely, but ripening slower. Veau at oil shale all summer. Byron took care of the farm and did splendid.

**August.** Byron called on a mission to Australia. Byron willing to go.

**October.** Apple harvest good prices. Apples \$.50 apricots \$.75.

Veau arrived home **September 5.** From oil shale.

**October.** I attended General Conference going to Salt Lake City with Father, pleasant journey both ways.

Byron getting ready to go on his mission leaves Salt Lake City **November 8** and sails from California on the ship Ventura.

**November, December.** Byron gone on mission and we are all well, and hope we will be able to keep Byron on his mission. We know we can if we do our part and trust in the Lord.

**November 16.** Big snow storm. I have been very sick again but am improving and am thankful to my Heavenly Father for His goodness unto me. I expect to be a mother again in June.

**December 26.** At Father's for Christmas dinner all the families were there. Beatrice. Grace and Zina and families being absent, a beautiful day.

## 1922

**January 1.** To Briant's for New Year dinner, all the families. All had a good time. Howard doing well in school, this is the second year from him. He is also practicing ½ hour each day on the piano. Edna and Edith busy bodies cutting out pictures, making Valentines, playing house, setting table, washing dishes, busy every moment. All Well. Received two letter from Byron in Australia. He is beginning to know what missionary work is.

**March.** A cold month, snow and rain all month, very muddy roads.

**April.** A wet month on the 5<sup>th</sup>, ground covered with snow on the 8<sup>th</sup>. A regular blizzard, 4 inches of snow fell.

**April 14.** 7 inches of snow fell.

Vean gone to Hill Creek for five days. Vean got work at Hill Creek for two months. Young George Holfeltz doing chores. Nellie Oaks helping in the home. Nellie stayed 4 weeks then Pearl Johnson came to help. Vean came home **3<sup>rd</sup> of June** to stay a few days.

**June 10.** Carl S. Collett a lovely baby boy was born to gladden our hearts weighing 10 lb. All doing fine and feeling blest and happy. Baby four days old Vean gone back to Hill Creek.

**July.** Vean back putting up hay.

**July 2.** Carl blessed at church by Don B. Colton. Sylvanus, the same Sunday, was put in as Bishop of Maeser Ward. Such a surprise to me, I knew nothing of it until his name was read off. We know he will succeed if he puts his trust in Our Heavenly Father and does his part.

We had quite a wet **July and Aug.** Baby Carl growing and doing fine. The best natured baby I ever had. Fruit scarce this year. Quite hot weather during **June, July, and August.** We receive good letters from Byron once a month. He is doing fine. Edna starting to school. **September 18.**

**December.** Had Christmas dinner at Sister Claire S. Hacking's home with the families. A jolly time we had, the children gave the program. All had dinner.

## 1923

**January 1.** At Briant's home. We received some money for sale of oil shale, which helped pay taxes and small debts. We were very thankful for the same.

**January 14.** Was released as Relief Society President Maeser.

A very mild winter quite a lot of moisture but warm. In **February, 1923** about a week of very cold weather.

Bro. Phil and Sister Ella lost their beautiful baby boy **February 2**. Died with a severe cold. The baby was six weeks old. Our baby Carl sitting alone and all the children growing.

### 1924, 1925, 1926

Failed to write in book.

### 1927

Sylvanus was released as Bishop in **June 1927**. He tried to do his part as near as he knew how but had many a sleepless night worrying about the work. Byron came back from Australian Mission and we never lacked means or money for him. Heavenly Father sure blessed us as a family while he was gone. Byron is home and is working for Wiley at Burnt Fork Wyoming. I am chorister in Stake Relief Society. I have been working in Primary in ward teaching Trail Builders. Apple crop a failure.

### 1928

Howard, Edna, Edith and Carl growing in knowledge and stature. I hope we will be able to do our duty to them.

**February 10**. Bryant Stringham, my brother, his wife Katy, sister Claire H., Sylvanus and myself. Went to St. George, Utah for a trip. Arrived at St George the **11<sup>th</sup>** at one o'clock P.M. Wonderful for that time of year. All came back **February 21**, but Sylvanus, he stayed there to improve his health. We expect him back in March, and hope and trust he will come back improved in health.

**May 26**. My brothers and Father gave us a new Chev Car, or rather we paid \$250 and they paid the rest, we sure are enjoying the car and appreciate from the bottom of our hearts the kindness of our father and brothers.

**October**. Beatrice Stringham gone to New Orleans on a mission. Fall and winter, very wet season, mud, mud, mud. Teacher in fourth grade Religion Class and enjoying the work very much. Byron came over the mountain and spent the holidays with us. Howard in eighth Grade. Edna in sixth and Edith in fourth. Carl learning to write. We have 66 head of sheep. I am teaching the Third Grade religion class. I enjoy it very much. I hope and pray I will impress truths upon them that will help them to want more truth. Sylvanus feeling a little better, but not able to do much work. We have been blessed this year. Everyone has been good very good to us and we have been blessed indeed with food and raiment.

## 1929

Today **January 20**. Vean and I have been married 25 years. Our silver wedding today. Twenty-five happy years.

**February 26**. Was chosen to be Maeser Sunday School Chorister.

**January, February, and March**. I wrote the Maeser Items for Vernal Express.

**March 23**. Twelve inches of snow fell. Sylvanus has been real sick, but he is a little better. We hope he is well when warm weather arrives.

**April, May, June**. Lovely months.

**July**. Home coming month for Maeser. Princetta Bills and husband and small son came and stayed with us during the homecoming. There (their) home is in the Meeker Colorado. The homecoming was a huge success. So many old friends returned to greet those living here.

**September 11**. Byron married to Clela Young, by Bishop Christopher Bodily. We hope they will live happily and make them a good home.

**August, September, October**. Wonderful months weather ideal. Vean feeling much better. Howard taking football in school. I hope he does not get hurt, but has good sport out of it. All the children in school, and doing well.

**November, December**. All Well, The weather has been ideal. Dry dusty roads.

**December 29**. The Maeser Chapel was dedicated. There were present at the meeting 954 souls, a wonderful sight. The chapel is a beautiful edifice. I have worked in Primary, Relief Society, Sunday School and Mutual, and enjoyed my labors. Where I have worked hardest, I have enjoyed most. My home, I have tried to do my part there, and hope I may do better this coming year. Now at the close of this year I am a home-maker, a Relief Society Stake Chorister, a Sunday School Chorister and a teacher in the Adult M.I.A. class. I hope I may still be able to perform my work well and always have the Spirit of our Heavenly Father to direct me.

## 1930

**January, February**. Just four inches of snow and very cold for one week in Jan. As low as 29 below.

**February**. An ideal month very little storm. Byron & Clela came to visit us.

**March.** Have taken test for one of Uintah Co. Census Enumerators, will start in **April** to take census. Howard has the mumps. The weather fine, farmers plowing and getting ready for spring planting.

Started **2<sup>nd</sup> of April** to take Census of three Districts. Dry Fork, Maeser, Glines, and part of South Vernal, ended **2<sup>nd</sup> of May**, made \$180.00 dollars.

The summer months. Veau and all the children went over Taylor Mountain to visit Wiley and Byron. I went to Salt Lake to attend June Conference, all home again, except Howard, he stayed over the mountain helping build a dam. He stayed **June, July, and August** and made enough to pay his schooling and help us at home.

We had a delightful summer but busy one. Each one doing their Church duties and getting fruit put up for winter. The fruit trees were loaded with apples.

Zina & family came to visit us in **September**. Also Grace Colton and Family, Byron & Clela, Clarence and family, and Albert Nielson Jr. & bride.

Howard and Edna going to High School. Edith and Carl to District school. We all rejoice in the blessings we are receiving. Veau is doing pretty well, and we hope some day that we hit upon a cure for his asthma.

The rest of **1930** we as a family rejoice in all we have done, and thank our Heavenly Father for All Blessings.

## 1931

Beatrice Stringham returned from her mission feeling well, and fulfilled a wonderful mission. The summer has been a wonderful summer. Everything ripening early, but very little moisture. Veau took five trips this summer, one to his own Wiley's, twice to see his sister Princetta at Meeker, and twice to Salt Lake City and Provo.

The rest of the family had an outing at U.B.I.C. at Fort Duchesne **August 5, 6, 7.**

**September.** The children all going to school. Howard the last year High School. Edna second year High school. Edith eight grade. Carl 4<sup>th</sup> grade. All doing well.

**October.** Howard went with the football team to Price (they won). A beautiful fall not a real frost until **November** and such beautiful autumn leaves all shades and tints.

**December.** Plenty of snow and also plenty of good cheer. All Well. I am working as Chorister of the Sunday School, chorister of Stake Relief Society, Adults class teacher M.I.A. I enjoy the work and expect to get a lot out of it.

## 1932

**January.** A pleasant month, plenty of snow. 13 inches after it stood a while. Byron and Clela came and stayed 5 days with us. All Well. Howard, Edna, Edith, Carl doing well at school. I hope this year will be one of doing good to all (We can if we try) Help others to see the light and keep in the light ourselves, especially me. I was appointed to act as Parent Teacher President until school closes. I am Sensor in Daughters of the Pioneers. I know if I do my part I will grow in knowledge, and perhaps help others to do the same. In Sunday School a song contest is on. And the joy that one sees on the children's faces pays one for the effort put forth.

**January 25.** Very cold, plenty of snow.

**February.** Snow 20-22 inches deep.

**March 4.** Snow 15 inches. It has started to melt. A poor year for sheep, and cattle. The farmers are having a great loss. James Fisher has our hundred head of sheep. We are anxiously waiting for spring to know how the sheep will fare. Money very scarce, especially at this home. But we look at other homes, and rejoice or feel that we are blessed, so it is better to smile, than to weep or worry. We hope Howard can or will complete his High School this year with honors. He has had to sacrifice and do without things, but that makes him more of a man, and I hope some day he will appreciate all we have tried to do for him. Edna, Edith and Carl are patient too. And so are we all. We are just waiting for spring where we can all make things count, put in gardens, and keep life happy by work.

**March 31.** Snow gone. I hope we will get out of debt this year, and never get in debt to anyone again.

**April.** Byron and Clela staying a week. Byron is helping his father plow which we very much appreciate. Byron not able to do all he would like to. Veau plowing, harrowing and leveling. Something he hasn't done for a long time. So you see he is much better in health. The weather has been pleasant this month, but cool.

**April 15.** Howard left for Price with the Boys and Girls school band to a band concert or contest of 32 bands. Utah, Idaho, Wyoming.

**April 29.** The saddest day in our lives, our dear husband and father died. He had been planning all spring to get a place for me and the children. He must have known his time was short. He died of the dreaded disease asthma. He had a host of friends because at his funeral the folding doors at the chapel were opened to seat the friends. He was the best of men to women kind. The best of husbands and the dearest father. May we ever reverence his memory. He did not have one enemy. Every one loved him.

Howard graduated from High School the day his father died **April 29, 1932.**

The brethren of the Maeser Ward came **May 3** and harrowed and drilled the wheat, oats and barley. How thankful we are. They also brought us 4 loads of sawed cottonwood. We hope some day to pass it on to others. Our hearts rejoice for their thoughtfulness.

**June, July.** Busy weeding, planting and doing everything to get things ready for winter. Howard doing his part, Edna, Edith and Carl all willing to do their share.

**July 6-15.** Howard went to Yellow Stone Park with the Ag. Club of boys of U.H. School, had a wonderful time. I am doing all I can to get out of the bondage of debt.

**July 27.** Apricots just beginning to ripen. I am doing all I can to get out of the bondage of debt.

**August.** Went to St, George with D.B. Colton, Grace, Glade, and sisters Clair, May, Beatrice to see sister Zina. Had a lovely trip, left Vernal at five a.m. arrived in St. George 6 p.m.

The summer was a busy one gathering and drying apples and corn. **September, October.** Gathering garden crops etc. Howard worked on the State road and relief work, earned \$71 dollars. I earned \$40.80 as registration agent. Work has been a blessing to me because it makes one forget their troubles. It has been a lonesome summer, but hope I can help the children to be good men and women.

We have indeed been blessed by our Heavenly Father and hope I can merit his blessings. Howard has truly done his part this summer, and I hope and pray that he keeps on feeling like being a father to the children and a helper to his mother. Edna, Edith and Carl have done their part now and **November 23** are still going to school and doing well in their studies.

We are going to Orin's, for Thanksgiving dinner, Clela, Byron, Alice Newell and children.

**November 5.** Election. My brother-in-law D.B. Colton was defeated, but he will succeed wherever he goes or does.

Thanksgiving day, sky clear as a bell, sun just coming up. 7:15 a.m. and not very cold, ground not froze as yet. Farmers still plowing. Truly a Thanksgiving day. How thankful I am for all my blessings. All been well so far this fall.

**December.** A lonesome month for me. Veau not here to help fill the stockings.

## 1933

Not much snow, a mild winter and we are getting along real well. How thankful we are to our Heavenly Father for His blessings, through this depression. We need to rejoice in this Ashley Valley.

**March.** The farm to William Ashby.

**March.** Earned \$18 dollars being on a jury, a pleasant job, do you think? No.

**April 6.** A big snowstorm. 6 in.

**April 19.** Another snow storm.

Wheat is coming up. Howard gone to help Mark M. Hall (brother-in-law to me) shear sheep. Carl's last week of school. Edith, Edna one more week. Very cold and backward  
**May.** All busy putting in garden, cleaning house etc.

Howard joined the C.C.C. forest work. Will go in near future. We have been blessed with the necessities of life and hope to come out alright.

**June 1.** Lovely month blossoms all out.

**June, July.** Howard gone to C.C.C. camp, doing carpenter work on ranger stations. Crop growing fine. Howard over to Elk Horn Station doing carpenter work with C.C.C. boys.

**August.** I was asked to be Register for Utah Statistics for North Ashley Precinct. Another busy summer drying corn, apples, weeding etc.

**November.** Sold cows to pay debt to Uintah State Bank. We have one cow, two small heifer calves left. Milking one of sister May's cows. The children rejoice because no more cows to milk. But I am sad because where are we going to get money to live on, well such is life. Howard gone to Glendale, Utah with C.C.C. Camp. Doesn't like it so well as up north.

**November.** Sold 25 acre pasture on creek to Mrs. Anna Smith another debt paid.

**November.** Earned \$40 at Registration time.

Thanksgiving, had dinner at Orin's house. Howard came home for the holidays but went over to Elk Horn Station for Thanksgiving dinner. He has a girl there, Fern Walkup.

**November 29.** Howard gone back to camp.

Xmas dinner at Sister Claire's. All the families met and had a program.

Phillip Hall returned from mission sang a funny song, all was jolly.

We have had one of the warmest winters, very little snow.

**December 31.** Paid an honest tithing the family.



**December 31.** Sold 23 acres of our farm to Morgan Merkley. Also the 25 acres to Leo Smith in **November**. The dread of debt is slowly lifting. I owe now \$2.50 dollars on place. I rejoice still in the glorious gospel. May I still do so another year.

## 1934

**January.** Children keeping well and we are getting along nicely. Howard will be home in **February**. We will be glad to welcome him. Went to see Alice Snow and family.

**January 30.** Just like spring. Snow in fields almost gone. Dry dusty roads. Howard honorably discharged. Home **5 of February**.

40 doz. Eggs the chickens laid in Jan., about 28 hens.

Mr. William Vernon drilled wheat. Second year of depression and all of the United States is standing up for the code. N.R.A. Success is sure if all do their part.

Howard moving fences, building corral etc.

**February.** Brother Phil plowed the pasture for us.

**March.** Very warm. Apricots and cherry blossoms out the last of March.

**April 3.** I went to General Relief Society Conference. Went on the bus for \$4 dollars. Stayed at Lutie Grant Cannons. She made me feel welcome.

**May.** Lovely month, but water shortage, put in barley, wheat and Lucerne seed.

**June, July, August, September.** Garden did well, but crops a failure. We gathered a good garden and 20 bu. of shrunken wheat. We had a good yield of apricots, wealthy apples, but the other apples dropped off before ripe. Summers very warm and dry.

**September, October.** Howard worked in Dry Fork Canyon three weeks. I sold \$8 dollars of sweet corn, most on the cob. I have been asked again to be teacher of the M.I.A. Adult class.

I bought me a pair of rubbers to wear when I went to April Conference in the spring. I didn't wear them until Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> to Sunday School one morning and the road was dry coming home. So that tells how dry the year was 1943. Am I complaining? Perhaps so. But I have had so many blessings that I will try and forget the dry weather.

I have the job of school census for all the ward earned \$18 dollars, registrar \$40, and earned enough to pay taxes and a few little bills and Howard's earnings has helped a lot, and he has been so kind to give his wages for the home and glad to do it. I hope another year he may be able to save some money so he can improve along the lines he wishes to. I would like him to go to school or a mission and be a man among men. I hope he will be rewarded some day for his kindness to us all.

**December.** Wonderful month, very little snow. Edna and Howard both home for Xmas. Howard has been to Indian Canyon. Edna to Provo to school. Howard had dinner at Elk Horn Station with his girl Fern Walkup. We had Christmas dinner at Brother Phil's. Aunt Mary, Father, May & family, Leona & family were the guests. Had a good dinner and time. Then all the families went to Sister Clair's for program and Christmas tree. All had a good time especially the little children.

Grace Colton helped this family to have a better Christmas. May she be blessed by so doing.

Had a dinner for Howard **December 28** and his friends. Had a jolly good time. Edna and all the family had a jolly holiday.

We all paid an honest tithing in **Dec. 1943**

## 1935

Edna went back to school **January 6.**

**January 9.** Rose bush at south of house still green and autumn leaves on it.

**November.** I forgot I helped with a ward contest. I was captain of the North. Mrs. Singleton Captain of the South. It was divided at the chapel steps. We worked for one month to see who would have the most in Sacrament meeting. The South one (won) out being 5 ahead. At the last meeting there were 600 souls. A wonderful sight. They had to throw the folding doors open. Their (There) we had dinner, the ward being united. A jolly time was enjoyed by all. The ward all worked for the success of it.

Howard and Carl cutting down trees in orchard, doing good work.

**January 13.** Howard went to work in Indian Canyon. I hope he has success and gets pleasure out of it too.

**January 13.** Took charge of games at Relief Society membership day in Maeser Ward. All the sisters had a jolly time.

A slight skiff of snow **January 15.**

**January.** A warm month. All the snow melted.

**January 27.** Byron and Clela came to see us. Reported Howard doing fine.

**January.** Edith in M.I.A. play. They are going from the ward to ward taking the play. A good experience for her.

**January.** The fore part was quite cold and eight inches of snow fell.

**January 31.** Quite a bit of snow gone. Melting made muddy.

Our neighbors (Merkleys) having electric lights in their home.

Howard at Indian Canyon working hard. Edna in Provo to College working for board and schooling. Edith at U>H> School studying hard. Carl at district school doing his best. We have all spend a joyful month with no sickness. How I thank my Heavenly Father for all his blessings.

**February 1.** Parents day at High School. I enjoyed the day. Never been without food or clothing this month for which I thank my Heavenly Father. He has been very kind to us. Snow and moisture during the month.

**March 1.** Clela and Byron came to see us. Clela staying for a few days to see if her health will be better.

**March 1.** Howard at Elkhorn Station cutting logs.

**March 12.** Byron & Clela went to Deluth, Minnesota. Byron has work in the forest at \$160 per month. A snowstorm and dry dusty roads. Everybody putting in crops. We are all well for which we are thankful.

**March 29.** I am learning a part in a farce for M.I.A. I am enjoying it. Edna still at Provo at the B.Y.U. Howard at Elkhorn Station. Carl and Edith at home. Pauline Fisher is staying with us until school closes. Tomorrow the Sabbath day is the last of March and we start on another month. May I do some good to some one passing along my way.

Grace S. Colton has surely been a sister to me, sending a dollar or so each time she writes. May she have it back a hundredfold. May is always doing some kindness to me and giving me things I need. A real sister. Claire is helping me a lot. All my brothers and sisters are very kind to us. Phil gave us 4 bales of hay. May he be rewarded. He is always generous and kind. Also a sack of graham flower by his good wife.

**March 30.** Father gave us 1 sack of potatoes for planting. Joseph also. Father & Aunt Mary always giving us something to make life more pleasant.

**April.** A Cold windy beginning. Howard went back to Whiterocks to cut ties. Edna 19, Birthday **April 2.** She is getting on O.K. at college.

**April 11.** Grace Colton and husband out to see us from Brooklyn, New York.

**April 14.** Grace gave a supper for her brothers and wives at our home and presented each with a Bible, Doc. & Cov. & Pear of Great Price. We all had a jolly time relating their boyhood days, etc. Grace left for N. York the **16<sup>th</sup> of April.**

Today Phil pulled stumps in orchard. Two boys did the work.

We have been blessed by our Heavenly Father and we appreciate it with all our hearts. Our relations, the Grant girls, have been very thoughtful this month. My heart is touched with gratitude.

Pauline Fisher staying with us going to school.

I am taking part in a Farce. I enjoy doing it.

**April.** Was a cold blustery month. Apricots blossomed.

**May.** Still cold and blustery. We are all doing fine for which we are thankful. The M.I.A. adult and officers play came off without success. The money turned to get books for the Sunday School. School out and time to plant gardens. How glad I am.

**May 12.** Mother's Day. Howard came over from White Rocks. Brought me a big load of chopped wood, which I appreciated very much. A very good Mother's Day present. Also told me of his engagement to Fern Walkup, a beautiful girl. I only hope his choice is for the best. Erma & Wiley sent me a Mother's Day card, Alice a pretty apron, Mrs. Carl Hein a present of 30 cents, so I certainly rejoice and hope some day to show my appreciation by helping others.

**June.** A lovely month. Edna home from the B.Y.U. So glad she had a school year at the B.Y.U. We were rejoiced to meet again. Grace wants her to come up to New York to help her so she will leave in July. Gardens all growing fine. Peas the last of June. Apricots are a month later this year.

**July.** Girls went up to Iron Springs with the celebration. Carl working, Howard working over at White Rocks. I went up the canyon with our people. Had a jolly time.

Apricots just turning **July 24<sup>th</sup>.** Raspberries were ripe about the **15 of July.**

I am still chorister of the Uintah Stake Relief Society. I helped with a Stake musical the **21 of June.** Also an outing the **17 of July.** I hope I can be active the rest of my life.

**July 25.** My birthday. I am 59 years old and am trying to go back over my childhood days the joys and sorrows and trying to imagine whether my parents were rejoicing when I was born in Salt Lake City **July 25, 1876.** A good long while ago and not many advantages in future at that time. The boys and girls of today should rejoice now over their good fortune.

We are all getting on fine. Howard has a job in the forest building trails. Edna still here waiting for Aunt Grace C. to send for her. Edith been working out and getting a few dollars. Carl helped hay and got a few cents, and our garden yealding (yielding) a good crop. Barley and wheat almost ready to cut.

I rejoice for all my good fortune and am very thankful. Zina Reid and family are here visiting. We are glad to see them. Claire Westover painting Phil's house. Invited to eat dinner at Phil's home. Aunt Mary, Father, Beatrice, Zina and family, Claire Westover, myself and family. The dinner in honor of Zina and my 59<sup>th</sup> birthday. I had a delicious dinner and a nice visit.

Barley cut.

**July.** Has gone sailing by but we have all been blessed with good health and plenty to eat and wear. A busy month.

**August.** Edith, Carl and myself went to the U.B.I.C. and camped. Had a good time and glad to get back.

**August 17.** Howard's wedding day. A surprise to all. We had 23 here at home and had ice cream and cake for refreshments. I hope Howard will be a good husband, as good as his father, who was always kind to woman-kind. I felt rather lonely when I saw him married, but I hope Fern Walkup makes him a good wife and companion. May the Lord bless them both.

**August 22.** Susie and Marion are here to visit us. They look well and happy.

We are busy putting up apricots (108) bottles and drying corn. Tomatoes and melons are getting rope. Edna started to New York to help Grace S. Colton in the mission home. (The Eastern States Mission) **September 1.** Left on the bus Sunday morning. Left Salt Lake City at nine o'clock.

**September.** A lovely month, everything ripening fast. All well and waiting anxiously to hear from Edna that she arrived safely at New York. Rejoicing every day for all the blessings we enjoy.

Thrashing done. 296 bu. Barley, 127 of wheat. Plenty to give us bread and some I hope to help others. Phillip Hall rented the farm and he gets half of all things raised on the farm land.

**September 7.** Edna arrived in New York. How thankful I was to hear of her safe arrival. She traveled in private car to Chicago, then on bus to New York.

**September 14.** Howard & Ferns reception, the wedding shower at Fern's home. I got disappointed and did not go. I regret it very much.

**September 21.** Went over to Farm Creek to Howard's and Fern's wedding dance. Arrived home in the wee hours of the morning more convinced than ever that parties given on Saturday night keeps people away from obeying the Sabbath day, because they are too tired to enjoy the Sabbath and go to church.

**September.** A lovely month. Letters from Edna saying she enjoys her experience in the Mission Home. Put up plenty of fruit for winter for which I am thankful.

**October 2.** Went to General Conference and Relief society General Conference. Had a good time. I stayed two nights with Aunt Mary Crouch the other night with Florence Grant Smith. They made me very welcome. I went to all Relief Society meetings, Sunday School officers meeting, and all General Conference meetings except Sat. afternoon. I hope I can live up to the commandments of the Lord and help others do the same.

We came home with Sister Grace Colton (Aunt Mary Crouch, Claire and myself) and glad to get back. Carl and Edith got along splendid. Grace C. came in to see the folks and went home **October 11.**

It snowed the first part of **November.** Howard & Fern came over from White Rocks and Howard got me 2 loads of wood and a load of coal. They are now over to Uintah Canyon taking care of C.C.C. Camp cabins.

Thanksgiving Day, Orin and family, Alice and family, were the guests. We had a delicious dinner. And I am thankful on this Thanksgiving Day. We are getting on splendid and rejoicing for our Heavenly Father's goodness unto us. Howard and Fern could not leave their work. Edna too far away to come to Thanksgiving dinner.

**December.** A lovely month no snow a little fog, not very cold and a lot of sunshine. Bought a cow from Wilsons, paying \$10.00 month.

**December.** Edna gave the family Philco Radio and oh how we enjoy it. It has brought much joy and pleasure already. Grace sent us \$10.00 for Christmas and it helped buy Christmas presents and made Christmas more joyful. I hope I can pay it back, if not to her, to others. Edna is still enjoying herself in New York and Aunt Grace is giving her many privileges, which I believe she appreciates.

Howard and Fern were here Christmas eve. We had a few friends to meet them. Edith and Carl appreciated all their Christmas gifts and I did mine also.

We went to Phil's for Christmas dinner. Had a good time.

I am thankful for such a year and hope I have gained a little knowledge in the year that is passed. Lonesome. Well, I'll say, but I hope I can do some thing to drive loneliness away. I'm living in hopes. All well and hope to make 1936 a better year.

I'm thankful to my Heavenly Father for everything we have and hope that we will do our part in helping others.

I am chorister in the Stake Relief Society and teacher in Guide Class in Maeser Primary.

## 1936

**January 1.** Edith, Carl and I had New Years dinner at home and enjoyed it.

**January 2.** Ironed. Made yearly report out about Vital Statistics for North Ashley and North Vernal, etc.

**January 3.** Wrote letter. Mended Carl's pants.

**January 4.** Getting lessons to teach Guides. Checking yearly account. Find we paid \$38 tithing, Edith, Edna, Carl & I. Month so far not very cold, just an inch of snow.

**January 13.** We are doing fine. I am getting games for Relief Society Social annual membership day and also washing. I wish I could get more work to do to earn something to make a living. I am worried but they say never cross a bridge until you come to it, and I try as hard as I can but sometimes I worry just the same. I try to keep it to myself so I don't make others miserable.

**January 12.** Ate Sunday dinner with Orin and family.

**January 19.** Had Mrs. Sara Rudge, Mrs. Ethel Lane (an English lady, Mrs. R's sister), Aunt Mary, Father, Claire, Joseph, Mark and May to Sunday dinner. Occasion to meet Mrs. Lane.

**January 30.** Plodding along, trying to get witnesses so that I can prove up on the homestead over the mountain. We received very good letters from Edna and she is having experiences talking at meetings which will be a benefit to her.

**January 31.** Howard moved from Uintah Canyon. Fern and he will stay a few days with Fern's mother & father.

We are all well and getting on O.K. Have paid \$14.60 on cow and will rejoice when all is paid.

Orin bought wagon and I am paying the price of the cow. Get paid 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. All well. No more snow as yet.

**February 2.** Snowed about 3 inches. The first real snow storm this winter. All well. Helped Mrs. Rudge in her store and enjoyed it.

**February 3.** Coldest weather we have had this winter. Until February, quite cold and cloudy.

**February 13.** Fern and Howard came over to stay a few days. Howard helping Floyd Hall's boys build chicken coop.

**February 18.** Edna sent us her picture but I was disappointed. It is a poor picture.

**February 13.** Paid another \$10 on cow. I'm sure glad.

**February 13.** Howard and Fern decided to stay in Maeser, so they are living in the northwest room of our home. We get along swell and try to help each other along from day to day.

**February 13.** Margaret Collett came and spent the day with me. She lives in Salt Lake City now. She was out here to her father's funeral.

**February 28.** Our cow had a heifer calf. How glad we are. We will have plenty of milk now.

**February 28.** Today May's birthday. I made May some homemade candy, wrote Grace, Edna and Susie a letter. Also copied some family records for Susie. Gave Mr. & Mrs. James Fisher some dinner. They came to see me when I was getting ready for Utah Pioneers meeting. Went to U>P> meeting, came home, hooked a while on a rug, milked cow. So I could tell if she was alright, etc. Cow a good one.

**March 2.** Went with Sister Claire to picture show of Will Rogers, enjoyed it very much. Claire took Ella, May, Claire Westover and myself. It was Ella Stringham's birthday party after show. Went to Vernal Drug store where Beatrice treated the party to soda ice cream. We had a jolly time and hope Ella has more birthday parties.

The weather is like spring. Not any more moisture.

**March 7.** Sang at Mr. Luck's funeral with Allen Jones, Luella Merkley, Leslie Thacker.

Received from the Treasures of U.S. \$10. It will help us so very much. I am thankful for the same.

**March.** Worked three days for Mrs. Sarah Rudge or rather stayed at her home while she and her sister Mrs. Lane went to Salt Lake City and home again. I enjoyed it and earned a little to help things along.



**March 24.** Paid \$10 on cow to Mrs. Wilson. The great event in the weather happened on **March 23** when we had our first real snow storm. The deepest snow this winter it being 4-5 inches.

**March 24 & 25.** It snowed some more, so now when it goes off, we (the farmers of the Valley) can plow their farm land. It was so dry that plowing could not be done.

Edna sent in **March** a graduation dress, and things to trim it to Edith. **March 24** she sent her two dollars to pay for dress to be made. Do I appreciate it? Well I should say and I hope that Edna finds joy in doing it helping her sister and us. She is still having a wonderful experience in new York which will help her thru her lives path.

I still enjoy teaching the Guide Class in Primary and going to M.I.A. taking part etc. May we in this family be thankful for all our blessings at this the end of March.

**March 31.** A good wet and cold snow storm. 5 inches of snow at our house.

**March 31.** Howard helped Brother Phil pulled 50 stumps out of the orchard. May he be blessed for his kind deed.

**April.** Came in like a lion with snow and cold.

**April 2.** Twenty years ago today, Edna, our beautiful daughter was born. I hope Edna had as much joy on her 20<sup>th</sup> birthday as I had twenty years ago today.

**April 3.** Brother Phil is still helping me. He took 16 of our chickens out to Salt Lake to cell, then brought in chicken feed for me. He is also helping me to get 500 little chickens. I sure appreciate it for he has enough to do without helping me, but that just shows what a good brother he is to me.

**April 14.** Phil got Bry and Ray to help me get chickens. Each brother gave me \$23 dollars, amount \$70 dollars for chickens, feed, etc. Can anyone imagine my feelings? One of rejoicing, and also humbleness and it makes me feel so dependent. But I hope some day I can repay for such deeds of kindness. May Ray, Bry and Phil be blessed and feel the blessing. May I have success with the chickens.

Well, the 500 chickens came on **15 of April** and what a sight it was. Now **April 18** have lost 20 chickens. I am a little worried but I hope I will have better luck soon.

Grace Colton came to see us all at **1936** spring conference and is still doing good deeds. May she still have joy in her mission in N.Y.

Howard put up the chicken fence for me. So now we are going to have peace and keep our neighbors chickens out. Also ours will learn to stay home also. Howard also cemented the coop partly. I sure appreciate it.

**April 18.** Fern and Howard gone over to see Fern's mother, also Howard gone to see about his Dude Ranch job. I am tending chickens and very busy and get right tired.

**16 of April,** Edith went with the U.H. chorus and band to Price. I hope she has a wonderful time and learns to appreciate home sweet home. Today planted garden with Carl's help. (Peas, radishes, onions, lettuce)

**April.** The season is backward this year. I sure appreciate what Howard has done for me this year.

**April 18.** Received \$24 for letting Vernal City go thru land to dig trench for water pipe. I hope we can have the water when new pipe is laid.

The last of **April,** Vernal City digging trench thru the farm. They have a machine that does the digging. A wonderful bit of machinery. We have been helped by our Heavenly Father this wonderful month of April. May we always rejoice and be glad.

**May** came in quite cold. **6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>** a very cold wind. We have radishes, lettuce, peas and onions coming up, but a little cold for the other vegetables. All well the **8<sup>th</sup> of May.** Byron wrote me a Mother's Day letter. I appreciate it very much. Wiley also wrote me a letter and sent me a dollar. I went to town and bought me a pretty underslip with the dollar. Edna sent me from New York a lovely white purse and gloves. Sure appreciate being a Mother.

Howard & Fern still at Dude Ranch **May 23.**

**May** has been a busy month planting gardens. I planted 8 rows of potatoes by myself and covered them up with a rake.

Chickens doing fine and growing fast.

**May** has been cold and windy the latter part.

Edith graduated from High School **May 22.** She wore a rose short dress. I am proud of her.

**May 23.** Went to Iron Springs and graduated from 4 year Seminary. Carl graduated from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade of school – age 13 years 11 months.

May and I entertained the Daughters of the Pioneers (Thornburg Camp) May 22. Had for lunch meat loaf, cake, pickles, and lemonade.

**May 28.** Coleen, my first grand child was born. A beautiful baby girl. Howard and Fern are the proud parents and I the proud Grandmother. Dr. Homer E. Rich, the doctor. Howard and Fern surely love their little daughter.

A very busy month, the **last of May,** and we are still thankful to our Heavenly Father for all his blessings and especially for our beautiful granddaughter Coleen.

**June 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>**, a wonderful rain storm. Just a gentle rain but plenty of it. It did very much good and made the Uintah Stake of Zion rejoice and thank our Heavenly Father. All feel more like we are going to reap what we have planted.

**June 10**, Carl's 14<sup>th</sup> birthday. He had a happy birthday. Edna sent him from New York a watch and 25 cents. He was so very thankful. Then he went up the creek and caught 27 trout. Edna is still rejoicing and doing her part in the Mission Home in New York. Edith helping in the home, and we all have plenty to do.

Today, **June 10**, Carl and I finished cementing the floor in the chicken coop.

**June 13**. Edna sent me \$40 dollars to help pay on the place over the mountain.

**June 15**. Fern went to stay with her mother. I surely will miss the darling baby, but they cannot always stay with me. So we'll have to be content and try and keep busy so time will pass the best way.

**June 15**. Proved up on the place over the mountain. Price \$31. I am so grateful unto Edna for her goodness unto me that I cry for joy and feel sad that she has to earn it working out. But I know she will be blessed for her gift unto us.

**June 17**. Edith and I cleaning house, hoeing in garden. Carl helping Uncle Joseph and started to take lessons on David's cornet.

Carl giving up on learning cornet. He said too hard to blow.

Edith's birthday the **1<sup>st</sup> of July**. 18 years old and a beautiful daughter she is. Howard's birthday **July 11<sup>th</sup>** and a lovely young man. I gave him Bossie's calf for a present.

Aunt Mary B. Stringham died peacefully **July 20, 1936**. She fractured her hip the day before. Sad and yet not sad in her parting for she had lived a very useful and busy life and was prepared to go to her maker. We shall all miss her very much, but her memory will stay with us forever.

**July 21**. Fern came over to get apricots and apples put up. The baby is getting cuter each day.

I am very busy with chickens and fruit. Have sold a good many bu. Of apricots and thankful I had them to sell.

Edith started to work at the café of Mrs. Bills **July 31**. She likes it very much. I take her down in the car and go get her at night. Then it makes it nicer for me, so can be home night and morning.

I get very lonesome this summer. More lonely all the time. I cannot seem to throw the feeling off. I am trying to plan so I can go to Provo this winter and keep house for Edith and Carl. Edith go to college and Carl to high school. I hope things will come along for the best. Edna, the dear girl is going to pay Edith's schooling.

**August 11.** Carl has gone for a week to the sheep camps with Uncle Mark and Acel. I hope he has a good time. I will tend to cow and everything while he is away, but I am glad and thankful I am able to do it so he can have a good time.

**August 21.** Sold chickens 336 for \$148.40. A lot of work, but they say no excellence without labor. I am very thankful just the same.

**August 25.** Still planning to go to Provo.

**August 30.** Howard and Fern came over to get recommends to go to the Salt Lake Temple. Howard ordained an Elder Sunday **August 30, 1936.** How glad I am that they are going to get married in the Temple and they seem very happy too.

**August 31.** Last day of Aug.. I have enjoyed the month and we have been blessed with the things we need and are planning going to Provo for the winter. I hope we realize our hopes.

**September.** Busy putting up fruit, drying fruit, gathering wealthy apples, tomatoes, etc. We had a nice melon patch this year. Our crops were very poor. Poor winter and rather dry season. I received \$30 for my share of corn and corn field.

Our plans came true, we are in Provo **September 15.** We had a safe journey only the car did not go so good. But Carl found part of the trouble, so we arrived safe. We are living in one large room in the home of Ellis Peay, just across the street north of B.Y. High and Training School. Such a nice location for school and things worthwhile this winter.

**September 21.** Trying out tending children for Mrs. Peay getting \$2.50 on our rent per week. So that will help a lot. I hope they can pay more later. Got along the rest of the month. Getting Edith and Carl started in school Sept. 27. I am thankful for all I have and hope everything will go O.K. with us.

Mrs. Peay could not hire me any longer so I am going out by the day when anyone wants me. It reminds me of younger days doing someone's house work for pay.

**October 17.** A beautiful month and I hear from Howard, and Edna, and they still are plodding on doing their part and are dutiful to me, for which I am grateful.

Byron & Clela also write often and I appreciate it very much.

I went out by the day for a week. Do you think I was tired? Well, I should say. But the money helped us out. I am thankful for health and strength and thankful for all we have to our Heavenly Father. We are blessed every day.

**October.** Went out cold and **November** came in with a snow storm.

I was watcher at the polls at General Election Nov. 3 at Provo on 8<sup>th</sup> North 1<sup>st</sup> East. I learned a lot that day and earned \$3.00. The same day, election day, I received a letter from Edna which had \$25.00 in. She, the dear girl, sent it to me to get a coat for winter. I got the coat, hat, shoes and stockings. I am so very grateful to my dear daughter. May she have joy in her good works.

**November.** I am enjoying this month going to hear lectures from renowned men.

**November 10.** Tonight I went and heard Charming Pollock, noted playwright and author. He was very entertaining.

Along the **first of November** I received \$5. from Edna. She said she decided to help us out this winter, so I would stay home and not work so hard, for which I am thankful. But I wish just the same I could get a day or two to help out more.

**November 24.** Carl went home for Thanksgiving. He came back rejoicing in the good time he had. I hope he will settle down better now and be more content.

**November 25.** Edna sent another \$5 for which will help us out wonderful. May she find joy and happiness in so doing. Edith & I ate Thanksgiving dinner alone. But we had a very good meal and made the best of it. I am indeed grateful and thankful to my Heavenly Father for all our blessings and may I try to pass the things on to others.

**November 28.** Brother Ray Stringham brought me some wood and may he be blessed for his generous gift. I hope to pass good deeds on to others. I hope I get the chance.

**November.** No snow, only the fore part day, dusty roads.

**December 1.** Went to Relief Society in Manavu Ward. They had a lovely meeting. I am enjoying my self very much and hope Edith and Carl make good here at school.

Howard and Fern still at White Rocks and still loving their cute little Coleen. Edna writes good letters home and tells of her wonderful advantages there. She went to Washington in

**December 1936.**

Christmas **25 December 1936** was a joyous one. Mrs. Evelyn Riddle of Provo invited Carl, Edith and I to dinner. We appreciated it very much. May she be blessed for her kindness.

Claire sent me \$3, Grace \$10, Father \$10. Edna sent Carl \$5 and Edith \$5 and \$5 for the family to keep us in groceries. Can anyone tell how much I appreciate all their thoughtfulness. I cannot for my tears do come, feeling grateful and wishing I could give instead of receiving. But I will just do my part as good as I am leaded, guided and directed by my Heavenly Father. Then maybe all will come out just right. Edna sent a Christmas telegram saying "My heart is with you today. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all. Edna." We thought of her, Howard & Fern and Coleen and wished we could all be together. Luttie Grant Cannon sent me \$5. Dollars for Christmas. Grateful I am. We are getting on O.K. for which I am thankful. Edith's going to Vernal for the holidays **December 26.**

**December 29.** Carl & I stayed in the home of C.J. Hart. Mr. & Mrs. Hart went to California for the Rose Bowl. We took care of the home and two children. Charles 14, Elaine 9, years old. We stayed six days and returned home. Found Edith back from her holiday for Christmas and New Years. She had a lovely time and stayed with sister Beatrice most of the time. We spent New Years in the Hart home. How thankful that another year has come bringing joy and peace to the world if the world will accept him.

## 1937

**January.** Worked 2 days and ½ for Mrs. Swisher. Cleaned house. I was wore out, but kept well. The Word of Wisdom is a great help to my body. I can do things and still feel well and strong. I love to walk and get a thrill out of it.

**January 18.** Working for Mrs. Rose Stewart this week a few hours a every day. 12 ½ cents per hour.

**January 18.** And from then on very cold 23 below and snow very deep. I am having a rest during the coldest weather.

**January 25 to 29,** Leadership week. A wonderful week. I went to hear lectures, demonstrations, etc. which was very good. I had over to dinner that week Mrs. Pearl Mitchell Boyce, a dear friend who used to live in Vernal when she was a girl. To supper, Mrs. Janet Bingham & Enos Bennion. How I wished all of Uintah Stake was there at Leadership week.

We are getting on O.K. and hope we are getting things worthwhile. How thankful I am for all our blessings. Now another month is coming, I think of mother's Birthday and father in St. George working in the Temple. And Edna in New York and the wonderful things she is seeing, and Howard and Fern struggling along at Farm Creek, but happy just the same, and dear little Coleen. May they plod on and things will turn out alright in the end.

**February 4.** Carl had the privilege to visit the State Capitol along with his 9<sup>th</sup> grade class.

Now **February 9** we are enjoying a warm room and so thankful we are blessed with the same. Just received a cheerful letter from Edna.

During **February** we got along alright and thankful to our Heavenly Father for his many blessings. **March 3.** I went to Manti on a sad errand. Marion K. Shaffer, Susie's husband died from an operation for the appendix. All that loving hands could do was of no avail. He was ready to go. So Susie is reconciled to think he was wanted on the other side. Perhaps he has a mission there. I stayed five days helping and trying to comfort sister Susie. Took a trip to Manti again **March 10.** Found Susie and girls feeling better. I do hope their hearts will be comforted.

**March 15.** I went up to Salt Lake City with Provo Temple Excursion on the Orem. Went two sessions in the Temple. Worked on the Couch record. I enjoyed it very much so glad I could go.

**March 27.** Went Easter walking with Mrs. Nellie H. Colton over to Mrs. Mabel H. Gardner's home, two miles from where we live. Had a delightful walk. We ate our lunch by the side of a brook. Then Mabel made some ice cream. We had a jolly time. Returned home 8 P.M.

Easter Sunday **March 28** at 6:30 A.M. went with Nellie H. Colton over to the Easter Service by Utah Lake. It was an impressive service. Adam S. Bennion, main speaker. He compared the Utah Lake with the sea of Galilee.

**April.** Went over to American Fork to quilt at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Bingham. Had a lovely day and met four Gerber sisters and their father Morino Gerber. At the hospital last of **March** to see Lela Hall operated for sinus. It was a successful operation. Dr. Weston Oaks the doctor.

**April 4.** Went on the Arena to General Conference at Salt Lake City. Had a good time. It was very cold and stormy weather. Grace & Don B. Colton were there. I met many dear friends. Maysie Hall returned home from her California mission. Stayed at the home of Mary Crouch and Clarence Collett. Edna sent me a beautiful dress with lace. I sure appreciated it so much. Carl and Edith also rejoiced for their presents (dress & pants & shirt.) Grace also gave me \$4. Dollars. I sure appreciate it, but I always feel helpless when one is so good to me. But I appreciate it very much.

After I came from Conference, Edna sent us \$11 to help with our expenses and it sure helps us very much.

**April 14.** At the College Hall, I attended the opera "Bleeding Heart" written by William Hansen. I enjoyed it very much. The scenery was splendid.

**April 15.** Attended an operetta given by the Franklin School. Six grades attend there. The operetta was excellent of a fine type. I sure enjoyed it. Weather very warm.

**April 16.** A cool day, trying to hail or snow.

**April 21.** Went to Salt Lake Temple and worked for the dead. (two.) Enjoyed it very much.

Another month has gone. I haven't accomplished very much, but hope to make up for lost time when I have the chance.

**Middle of April,** Father on his way home from St. George. Carl and Stephen S. drove him home. Father looks real well. So glad to have him with us.

I hope the month of May will be a brighter month for me in spirits.

**May.** Helping Mrs. Rose Stewart again which helps us to live. Thankful for all we have and hope I can always be.

**May 10.** For Mothers Day went to a picture show (Wake Up and Live", a letter from Byron, Alice and Wiley. A dollar from Wiley. I bought me a new hat with the dollar. Edna sent me a letter, Mother's Day card, pair of gloves and a useful purse. I appreciate the remembrances very much. Edna's especially.

**May 13.** Went to a tea at B.Y.U. girls day. I enjoyed it very much. Also a girls program. The girls chorus was excellent.

**May 17.** Went to Salt Lake City Temple. Enjoyed the day very much. Did work for two women.

**May 27.** Went to the Manti Temple with Manavu Ward in Provo. 75 people went from the ward to do work in the Temple. We went in busses and had a jolly trip. Went thru the Temple twice that day. Then went and visited sister Susie Shaffer. Returned home at 2 o'clock at night, tired but contented because the day was well spent.

**May 28.** Carl went home to Vernal.

**May 28.** Father and Beatrice came and called on us. They went to Zions Canyon to hear the Tabernacle Choir singing in the beautiful canyon. Will take Susie and girls along. Then to Vernal for the summer.

Came home to Vernal **May 31** from Provo with Merrill Colton on an oil truck. Had a pleasant trip. Came up home next morning and found the house very dirty. Carl and I cleaned and then Edith came home **June 12<sup>th</sup>** and now we are enjoying our own home again.

**June 11<sup>th</sup>.** Carl went over to White Rocks or near there to stay and help Howard & Fern.



Our water pipe broke down by the garage. We had the pipe moved up near the cellar. Bro. John McConkie helped his son fix everything for me and did not charge a cent. You will never know how grateful I am for his kindness. Lynn, his son, worked two days real hard, so he wanted some apricots when they get ripe.

**June 17.** Bought a \$19.00 second hand stove. It will do until we can get a new one.

I forgot to mention that when I arrived home I found a wonderful garden growing. Sister May planted it for me. (I furnished the seed.) I will never forget her kindness.

Susie Shaffer is here with her daughters for the summer. She is very sick but we are all praying that she will fully recover soon.

**July 6.** Susie is very much better and we are all rejoicing.

Edith is over to Rector Mine near Dragon working for Fred Hodgkinson & family. She came in for the **4<sup>th</sup> of July**.

**July 6.** I stayed at Orin's home for ten days while Essie went to see her husband and sons working at Indian Canyon. Milked two cows for them, one for me. I was very glad to give Essie the holiday and more glad to get home again.

**July 19.** Edith came home from Rector Mine and has gone to Salt Lake to work for President Grant and Aunt Augusta. I hope she makes good and likes working for them.

**July 21.** My 61<sup>st</sup> birthday. Zina gave me an apron and \$1.00 which helps me along. May gave me 50 cents. I appreciate it very much. I hope to have many more birthdays and hope I can do someone some good. Now the last part of July and I am all alone, putting up raspberries, etc. I wouldn't like the idea of living alone for long.

Edna came home from New York **July 29**. How rejoiced I am. She is the same dear Edna and glad to get home too.

**August.** She has gone to work for J.H. Moyle at 6500 Highland Drive, Salt Lake City. Getting ready for school this fall. I do miss my children.

**August 12.** Carl is here for a week and I am rejoicing again. Busy putting up apricots, etc. Getting ready to go to Provo again. I hope we can go.

**August 21.** Byron & Clela and Neta came over for a visit. I certainly rejoice to see them. They went back **August 23** to Hanna.

**August 22.** Grace Hall Kimball is rejoicing because a baby girl came to bless their home.

**September.** Bottled chicken, corn, dried corn. Sold \$16 of dried corn. I have worked very hard and rejoice because I have kept well.

Edna, Edith, and Carl came home from their work **September 16**. Now we are all working hard getting ready to go to school at Provo.

**September 21**. I came to Provo with Christensens. Tramped all day over the streets of Provo and found a small apartment in the back yard of Edward J. Newton. Carl and the girls came.

**September 23**. Orin brought them out and our winter supply of food etc. I sure appreciate his kindness.

**September 23**. Settled in a small apartment. Edna, Edith and Carl going to school and college.

**September**. A lovely month.

**October 1**. Edna and I went one day to General conference. We rode up to Salt Lake with the Thayns, second cousins.

**October 7**. Took two boarders. They eat one meal a day. Getting on quite well. Boarders names: Dean Peterson and Grant Stewart. Their home is at Mt. Pleasant. They are college students at Provo. Gwen Colton eating four meals a week.

I have been asked to help the relief Society teachers in Manavu Ward. I am going on my first visit tomorrow **October 21, 1937**. I hope I do a little bit of good.

**October 20**. Went to Salt Lake Temple. Went thru two sessions and enjoyed it very much.

**October**. A lovely fall month. Beautiful roses and flowers in bloom. It did not freeze flowers until the **1<sup>st</sup> of November**.

**November 12**. The boarders left with thanks and hoped to come back again.

**November 15, 16, 17**. Went to Salt Lake and worked in the Temple and enjoyed it very much. I stayed at Grace's & Don's. Father was there and we had a good visit together. Father is enjoying the Temple work.

**November**. We are moving to a basement apartment and will have more room and a better apartment.

**November 20**. Went to the Salt Lake Temple, did work for two. I rejoice because I can do the work.

And another month has gone and we are enjoying our new apartment and I am thankful for all our blessings and hope we or I may remain faithful to the Gospel.

**December 3.** Byron and Clela and Neta came to see us. Carl bought him a new suit with the money he earned in the summer.

Went to the temple. Have been doing housework for one dollar a day for a Mrs. Sessions and Anderson. I have kept well.

Leutie G. (Grant) Cannon sent me five dollars for fare to go to Salt Lake to do temple work. I rejoice and hope I can do my part in the Temple of our Lord.

Received a five dollar bill from sister May to help us out. Also one from sister Claire. The money will help us very much and the days will pass more pleasant. We are going to have Christmas dinner at Millie Stephens Deckers. We are grateful for the invitation. This morning, Dec. 22, a five dollar bill was sent to us from Leutie G. Cannon. How can I ever repay her for her kindness. I suppose by helping others be happy. I hope I can do something worthwhile somehow, or somewhere.

Christmas day dawned and we, or I, had much to be thankful for. The girls and Carl were content with their small gifts and we had a good turkey dinner at the Deckers and had a pleasant day. Susie and Zina each sent a dollar bill to help for Christmas. I will be glad of the day when I can help as they have done.

A year of rejoicing and learning and labor. May I ever serve the Lord the rest of my life.

## 1938

**January 1.** We had dinner at home. David Hall came to live with us and go to school. Mark Stringham and David had New Year's dinner with us.

I worked for Mrs. Charles Sessions for weeks at a dollar a day. I wonder sometimes if I can keep on working so hard, but work is the only road to success. Edna, Edith and Carl are doing well in college and high school and the girls work hard too Saturdays, etc.

This Jan. has been warm and very little snow.

Leadership, the 24-28<sup>th</sup> was well attended and I gained many a point that will help me through life. Mrs. Enos Bennion and Aunt Emma Jacobs spent one evening with us.

Howard and Fern came to see us just after New Years. We were glad and dearly loved to squeeze and love my granddaughter Coleen. She is surely a lovely child. They brought us a can of honey and a load of wood. May they be blessed for their goodness.

**February 2.** Went to the Salt Lake Temple and did work for the dead. (Two ladies, Mrs. Elizabeth Crouch and Sarah Crouch.) One wonders whether they are glad up in heaven, and will accept our labors for them. We have faith that they will if we do our part. Edna went with me, and was baptized for 20 souls.

We visited Glade Colton and found his wound healing nicely. Also visited Ruben Collett and family and Rose Nielson and family. Vean Postma and wife and Marcella Collett took us to visit them.

**February 18.** Helped Mrs. Arthur Gaeth, tended her children.

**February 14, 15, 16, 17.** Snowed and was very cold. We have had a lovely mild winter. Edith went to Vernal and stayed 4 days and came home Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>.

**February 20.** Father came from St. George to see us and stayed one night then Carl went with him to Vernal. Carl came back on Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>. He had a jolly time going and coming. Jay Reid drove Father as far as Provo. Stayed here over night then went on his way back home.

Another month has passed by and we are all doing fine and working hard to make ends meet. Thankful to our Heavenly Father for all our blessings.

**March.** A stormy beginning. Snow and showers. Mark Stringham came March 5<sup>th</sup> to stay all night. He came from Logan where he was taking a club course to give to boys in Maeser.

**March 9, 10, 11.** I tended baby and home for Mrs. Floyd Anderson. (Their son was operated on for appendix.)

**March 12.** Tended baby for Mrs. Arthur Gaeth.

**March 13.** Tended baby for Doyl Eaton.

**March 12.** Phil and Ella were here to see us, but alas I did not see them.

**March 13.** Rain, snow, thunder and hail but not very cold.

**March 15.** Went to Salt Lake to the Temple and once thru for the dead. Visited sister Grace and Pearl M. Boyce. Returned on the Orem train. Enjoyed the day very much.

**March 19.** Edith and Edna spent the week end away from home. Edna went to visit Rea Holliday at Pleasant Grove. Edith went to Salt Lake City and visited George Collett and friends.

**March 20.** A real snow storm and Monday and Tuesday real cold. Ice cycles on the houses and barns. I worked for Mrs. Arthur Gaeth washing windows on the outside of house (March 22) under a canopy of icicles. Cold I say.

March has passed and we as a family are doing our bit. May we always do the right thing.

**April.** Is here with plenty of showers also quite cold. Edna went to Salt Lake to conference. I stayed home with Edith and Carl. I listened to the conference news and rejoiced that I could hear such wonderful truths spoken by our prophets.

**April 12.** Went through the Salt Lake temple. I went with a Temple excursion from Manavu Ward, Utah Stake. Two hundred were there from that ward. The ward was privileged to hold a meeting in the Temple explaining the use of the holy garment. All rejoiced to hear such truths. I was glad of the privilege to go along with the ward.

**April 13, 14, 15.** Tended children for Mrs. Gaeth.

**April 19.** Went to Salt Lake City to help Grace Colton clean her house. Cleaned house four days. Grace gave me three dollars a day. We had a good visit also. When I returned to Provo, I found Fern and Colleen there. They came April 20. We all are enjoying dear little Coleen's cute ways.

**April 30.** Colleen and Fern went home. We are lonely without them but they are needed at home so we cannot keep them any longer.

**April 28.** Carl went to Vernal. We hope he comes back with a determination to get in and study and we all live a happy and useful life the rest of the school year.

Spring is a lovely month, buds bursting, birds singing. All nature green and beautiful. It has been six long years since Veau passed away, and lonely ones too. May I try to do my duty and succeed and may the girls and boys do it the same.

**May.** A lovely month. Lot of rain fall.

Father came to see us May 14<sup>th</sup>. 40 Bands from different part of Utah, Idaho, Colorado, etc. were here in Provo. May 12, 13, 14. It was a feast of wonderful, beautiful music and colorful bands played and marched each day. Then all bands marched to the BYU Stadium. It was a grand sight, one to be remembered. Father, Grace, Bryant, Katie, Vera were there from Vernal. Four of Father's grandchildren played in Uintah High School Band. Barta was one of the Pep girls of U.H.

**May 16-17.** I went to the Salt Lake City Temple and worked for one person who is dead each day. Also visited sister Grace. Father gave me \$25 in stock dollars to get me a suit at the Woolen Mills. I am getting one made to measure suit. I hope I like it and it will last me for years because I am getting a good one. I am very grateful for the gift from my dear Father.

**May 20.** Father got lost or rather we thought he was lost. He stayed all night to Bryant Jacobs and didn't tell sister Grace where he was. All's well that ends well.

**May 25.** Went to Salt Lake City. Went thru the Temple once for the dead. Tried on my suit at the Woolen Mills. Went to see Grace and Father. Father is going to Vernal Friday, May 27 and Carl will go with him. Worked for Mrs. Jackson May 31, then went with the Stake Relief Society of Utah Stake to visit the American Fork Training School for the mentally deficient. A beautiful place and everything in order. Sad because children are born so afflicted. But I enjoyed the day and hope I get a lesson from each day.

**June 8.** Graduation exercises were very good. So many beautiful young men and ladies dressed in the graduation gown ready to go out to give service to others from the BYU Provo, Utah. Sister Claire and brother Joseph Hacking came and saw their two children, Florence and Leo graduate from BYU Provo, Utah. They came and stayed all night at our house. Zina and Lorenzo came to see their son Ray G. Ried graduate. Grace was also down at our home. Beatrice came from Vernal and brought us home. We had a lovely time.

Carl earned our gas bill to bring us home. Carl had a lovely garden planted. He did a few things toward cleaning the place, then he went over near Farm Creek to work in the timber with his brother Howard **June 13.** I hope and pray he does his duty and grows to be an honorable man. Edna helped clean up yards and home. She left **June 16** for Salt Lake City to find a place for her and Edith to work this summer so they can go to BYU at Provo and complete their three years normal course. I hope and pray they have success.

**June 1938.** Well I am rejoicing because the garden and farm looks so green and profitable this year. I am helping weed garden, watering, etc. I love to see things grow. I cannot tell you how I feel coming back to Vernal. Feel like I wish we could all have pavements and people who would be more refined all over the world. I wonder if the time will ever come. I surely hope so. I am thankful for all I have and I hope the way will be opened so I can do my part as a mother in Israel. Edna found work in Salt Lake City at 1359 Harvard Ave. People by the name of Sheets. Edna sends a fine report of her home. I hope she has success and gets along fine. Edith left for Salt Lake City the **21 of June.** She has a place where the lady is going (some) place. I will tell you later where she went for Edith hasn't written yet.

**July.** Edith went to Yellowstone Park with Mr. and Mrs. Greenhagen and little daughter. She has had a wonder outing and trip. She is now (**July 22**) back in Salt Lake City.

Fern and Colleen were over today. I enjoy their being over. Howard and Carl work on the mountain.

Our raspberries did very well. I have 59 quarts of fresh fruit and 2 quarts of jam and sold six dollars worth and Mrs. Allen has been helping pick for a third. Maysie picked for a half so the raspberries are OK this year. Today (July 22) the barley is being cut. I have been working hard this month, helping Claire, Grace, making quilt blocks, etc.

Zina, Susie, Grace were here for Father's 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday. We, the children, had dinner in father's honor at the old home. Then the children, grandchildren and great grandchildren met at the home and all had a good time wishing Father a happy birthday. Grace stayed a week, but Susie and Zina went right back.

The grain cut the first of Aug. and a very good crop for which I am very thankful.

**August.** Howard went on the Forest Trail with Lynn and Phillip Hall. Carl hauling timber over near Farm Creek.

Edith and Edna doing well in Salt Lake City. Edith came home from her trip and will stay in Salt Lake City until she goes to school. Both girls write good letters home.

**August 7.** Orin and family were over from Hanna, all well. They took some apricots home. The latter part of July, apricots began to get ripe and by Aug 6, 29 bushels of apricots went out of the orchard. Always trade and sold \$11.00 worth.

**August.** Busy putting up apricots, apples, etc. Sold \$3.20 apples. 8 bushels at 40 cents per bushel.

**August 13.** Attended a testimonial in honor of Sarah Bingham and sister Claire S. Hacking for their faithfulness in the Stake Primary work. It was in the order of an afternoon tea. Beautiful flowers were everywhere present. It was at the home of Mrs. John Siddoway in Vernal.

Went to Salt Lake **August 16** with May, Maysie, and Joseph Hacking, May (my sister) went to see what her ailment was. She finds by diet she can correct her ailment. I went to see Edith and Edna. I was rejoiced to see them both looking so well but working hard to get money to go to school or college. I am glad for May's kindness to me. We all stayed at Sister Grace's. I appreciate her hospitality and Don's good wishes and kindness to us.

I bought two dresses with the money the girls have gave me for my birthday. Arrived back home Friday Aug. 19. Pitched right in and dried apricots. Busy drying wealthy apples Aug. 24.

Wiley and Erma came to see me Aug. 20. They look well and they went back today.

I went to UBIC Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Enjoyed one day. Saw Carl there.

**August 26.** Maids of Maeser met at Ester Carrol's home. 60 guests or maids were there. Grace Colton, Flora Collett, Gertrude Collett and Jean G. Merkley came from Salt Lake to be there. All had a good time talking over old times. Received a letter on the **25 of August** from sister Grace. She sent \$2.00. May she ever be blessed for her good deeds.

**September 1.** Carl came home (from over at Farm Creek) to go to school. I am so glad to have him home again. Drying corn, selling apples, teaching little two year and four year olds children in Sunday School. Sure it is a busy world, bottling time, drying time, etc. How thankful I am for it all.

**September 16.** Came to live the school year at Father's home with sister Beatrice. Father left for St. George Sept. 9 to be at the opening day of the St. George Temple. It being repaired before. When he arrived at Manti to take Susie with him, he found her ill and brought her back to Salt Lake City where she was operated on for appendicitis. She got along OK. Father then went to St. George. Mark Stringham drove him down. Susie is well now, **September 30<sup>th</sup>**, and is back at Manti.

Edith and Edna came home **September 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>**. We all went to see Alice Collett Snow. Had a pleasant 2 days together with all the family. I certainly rejoice that I have such good children and hope they will live pure lives and help each other do the same. Wiley was over during UBIC from Robertson, Wyoming. Also Erma and baby. I enjoyed a few hours with them.

Orin, Essie and Byron were over from Hanna, Utah the **12<sup>th</sup> of September** Byron stayed all night. I had a good visit with them all.

**September 30.** I was asked to help with selling the Era being the manager of the Y.L. part of mutual. I hope I can do it well and have success selling the Era.

**October.** Work, work, work. Trying to take care of two places. But I know work is good for one, better than idleness.

Beatrice and Irene gone to Salt Lake City to teacher institute 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>.

Carl and I caring for this place and picking apples for winter. We have a nice lots of apples only they are wormy.

I was receiving Judge of Election for the Primaries. Sept. first part and latter part. I enjoyed it very much.

**October 24.** Wiley stopped in a few minutes today. Went home.

**October.** Gone. A beautiful month. Flowers in bloom, raspberries until the latter part of the month. Also we didn't have a hard freeze until the middle of Oct. I am thankful for all I have and hope I will appreciate it.

Sometimes I get a grumbling and dislike myself for it. I have many blessings for which I thank my Heavenly Father. Edith, Edna write good letters home. I hope they are also thankful for all their blessings.

**November 1.** It stormed all day and in the evening the ground was covered with snow and when we awoke Nov. 2 the mountains and dales were white with snow, but by night it was almost all gone. The ground is sure wet with moisture.

**November 10.** It snowed 5 inches. Fern was over with dear little Coleen. She sure is a dear. Howard was on the mountain hauling timber.



**December.** A lovely month. I am trying to be more congenial. I hope I succeed. Beatrice is getting on OK and helping us all.

**December 7, 8, 9.** Fern was over with dear Coleen. Coleen was sick and broke out with the chicken pox.

**December 14.** Lutie Grant Cannon sent me a Christmas present of five dollars. I appreciate it very much especially this year, the last year of the girls at college. May she be blessed doubly for her great kindness.

**December 21.** Grace sent me \$10.00, petticoat, dish. Se will never know how much I appreciate them. May I do deeds that will pay for her goodness to me and mine. Sister Zina sent me \$1.00. I sure appreciate it. I bought me a pair of galoshes.

Christmas at Father's home, with sister Beatrice was joyful one. Edith came home from Provo for the holidays. Edna stayed at sister Graces in Salt Lake City. I hope she feels repaid. Edith came in from Provo with Bishop Lester Bingham. Edith had a jolly holiday and went back with Merrill Anderson, etc. Had a good and safe trip.

Howard, Fern and Coleen had a joyous Christmas. So Fern and Howard said. We, Beatrice, Edith, Irene Jackson, Carl and myself had Christmas dinner with May and Mark and family. Maysie, David, Acel, Grace, Heber, RoseMary. We had a lovely time.

This 1938 year has been a grand year. May I try to improve my talents more this 1939 year.

## 1939

**January.** New year, may I profit by doing things worthwhile. Carl and I stayed with Beatrice until **January 10<sup>th</sup>**.

Sister May went to (**January 10**) Salt Lake to be doctored for kidney trouble and asked Carl and I to come and do chores and help keep house while her and Mark was gone. Between times I have been fixing up the home, my home, because I find there is no place like your own home, no matter how humble.

**January 14.** We are getting on OK. Maysie is busy with school work. Carl and Acel with chores. Carl got two loads of coal from father's mine. Phil asked us to get it. We appreciate it very much.

**February 3.** We came home to live, Carl and I. I am so happy for the home sweet home. I enjoyed helping May's family though. Sister May came home and is a little better. She will keep in touch with the Doctor until better. I go down each day and help a bit too.

**February 10.** Carl has gone to Salt Lake City with 16 high school glee or chorus pupils to sing at Salt Lake High schools. I hope he has a wonderful time. He will stay with sister Grace. Sister Grace wrote today and said Glade was operated on Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> of February and was getting on real well. I hope his arm is healed soon. Jennie Snow is staying with me this weekend while Carl is gone to Salt Lake City.

**February.** 16 inches of snowfall. A boon to the farms. How thankful I am for everything. Carl returned, thrilled with his experience. Sister Grace treated him royal.

Papered the kitchen, Carl and I. **February 25.** We had ups and downs and good laughs while doing it. Sunday had a cold.

**Monday, February 27.** Painted the kitchen cupboards and chairs, etc.

**February.** Is gone and I hope spring will soon be here. We have a lot of snow yet.

**February 28.** I am thankful for everything and hope next month will be as profitable.

**March** came in like a lamb. The girls moved to 261 East 6 North in Provo. They are getting on OK. Carl and I doing fine. I help Aunt May each day and she is much better.

**March 6.** It is melting a little.

**March 9.** The snow is still deep and in the road it is muddy melting a little. I am carding wool today. Carl is trimming the fruit trees or rather cutting dead limbs off the trees.

I attended a party in honor of the Captain of the Daughters of the Pioneers and her retiring officers. (Mrs. Minnie Wilson). Oral, her daughter is the Captain now, **March 8<sup>th</sup>, 1939.**

**March.** I put Edna's star quilt on to quilt. I thought I could do it myself, but alas it was too big a job. Alice Snow, Mrs. Florence Kelly, Alice Bodily, Erma Merkley helped me finish it.

The evening of **March 17,** Edith and Edna came in to stay the weekend. I certainly enjoyed their stay, only it was too short. Edith brought her girl friend, Jo Graham, to visit here. Edward Collett took them back to Provo.

**March 21.** Snow all gone, spring is surely here.

**March.** Edna, Edith signed contracts to teach in Uintah County. I am indeed pleased that they are worthy to receive contracts so early. I hope and pray everything will be for their good and also others. Carl working hard getting raspberries cleaned.

I am helping with Sister Claire while she is gone to quarterly April Conference. I go up to get dinner for the men, wash dishes, etc.

Today **April 9, 1939**, Carl cut his foot. A very bad cut. He was trimming trees in the orchard. The doctor took a good many stitches in his foot. I hope and pray that it heals quickly so he can complete his school work.

Glen Murray, our renter, has just finished putting the oats, barley, lucerne seed in **April 7, 1939**.

**April 7, 1939.** Princetta Collett Bills died, Sylvanus's sister. I went to the funeral April 10<sup>th</sup>. The service was very good and the people at Meeker, Colorado were very good to the family. I traveled to Meeker with Sylvanus's brother Charles, his wife, daughter Marcella, son Farrell. Edna and Edith were with us. Clarence Dell and son Edward, Rose and husband Albert Nielsen, George and wife and three children. A good representation of the Collett family.

**April 12.** A windy day but bright sunshine. Carl's foot is better.

**April 15.** Helped sister Claire do Saturday's work.

**April 19.** Acel Hall, Raymond and George Bascom, Eugene McLean, Bert Jolly, Junior Merkley and Garth Massey helped clean up my part of the street for clean up week. I gave them a big supper. All did their work well. I painted mail box and gate.

**April 24-25.** Howard, Fern and Coleen were over. I was so glad to see them. Coleen is sure a dear.

**April 25.** Carl broke the small bone in his hand that joins his little finger to his wrist. Some more trouble. His food is well. So very glad it is nothing worse.

**May 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.** Planted garden. Carl couldn't help much so I did get real tired and stiff, but glad I am well so I can plant and see things grow.

**May 4.** Lillocks (lilacs) out. Plumbs (plums) in bloom. Apricots forming. All nature looks grand.

**May 12.** Rowena Stringham James sent me an invitation to the graduation exercises in Ogden. She graduates as a nurse. I wish I could go but I expect to go to Provo in June to Edna and Edith's graduation, so cannot.

**May 14.** Mother's Day. Carl took part on program in Sunday School. He sang a song entitled *Be the Boy Mother Thinks You Are*.

Wiley, Erma, Alice, Edna and Edith sent me a Mother's Day card with beautiful sentiments on which I appreciate.

**May 19.** U.H.S. school closed for the year. Carl has passed his grade. I hope he finds a good job for the summer.

**May 21.** Eldon and Wayne Bills called to see me. I sure appreciate their calling.

**May 25.** Clarence Collett and family called to see us.

**May 31.** Rose Collett Neilson and family called to see us.

**May 31.** I went to Provo to see Edith and Edna. Mrs. Lola Christensen was kind enough to take me there free of charge. I sure appreciate it. I stayed with the girls a week. Vella Collett was a guest of the girls.

**June 7.** An eventful day. Edna and Edith graduated from third year college. They were dressed in a gray cap and gown. The first year that the third year college at BYU wore such suits. Quite an honor, don't you think. Byron, Carl, Alice Collett (Snow) were there to see them graduate. Alice Collett Snow's husband Newell Snow, Jennie and Meril (children) were also there. They brought our things used in keeping house at Provo back to Vernal. Also on **June 8**, Edna, Carl and myself rode back with them. We sure appreciate their kindness. I hope we can do them a kindness some day. Edith went to Robertson, Wyoming with Vella Collett to visit a week. While I was out to Provo, I went to Salt Lake June 8 and had my eyes tested and bought some spectacles costing \$15.50.

Edna left for Salt Lake City **June 15** to work in the LDS Mission home for sister Grace Colton. I hope she has a pleasant summer.

**June 17.** Little Rose Collett was born. Another beautiful daughter born to Howard S. Collett and wife Fern Walkup Collett. So now I have two grandchildren for which I rejoice.

**June 16, 17, 18, 19, 20.** Of June was very cold winds. Some of the gardens are nipped here and there by the frost. Gardens are growing slowly because it is a cold June.

I went over to see my grandchild, Rose, the **22 of June** and found a lovely child. My sister May and daughter Grace took us over. Carl went to work on the Meriman's Ranch **June 25**, I went again to see my granddaughters. Found them doing fine. I wished they lived nearer so we would get better acquainted. Vella Collett is visiting here. She took us over. Edith, Vella, Anna, Eva Robins and myself rode in a coop car. Crowded, but happy. Vella brought Edith back home from Wyoming. I am making a rag piece rug today and Edith is straightening her things up.

**June 27.** Clela and Byron and Neta came to see us. They stayed about one hour. I was very glad to see them. Neta has lovely eyes and teeth and is sure a lovely child. Alice, Newell and Jennie also came up that afternoon.

**June 30.** Edith C., Beatrice S., Irene J., Marie S., Jay R., Father, Claire Westover Ned Stringham left to go on a fishing trip. Before Edith went, she and I weeded 15 rows of corn. Can you beat that at my age.

**July 2.** Brother Phil had a terrible accident. He had a stiff neck so a man said he could help him. So he gave him a turn or jerk on the neck and broke his neck bones. He was rushed to Salt Lake City. Now he lays in the hospital very ill.

**July 5.** Edith, Father, etc. returned from the mountain trip. They brought us some fish. Carl came back from Farm Creek. He worked about two weeks. I hope we can get him another job.

**July 7.** I picked the first peas. Edith going to dentist to get teeth fixed.

**July 14.** Father's birthday. 83 years old. Carl went up to Massy Mill to cut poles. Gene McClean went with him. They are making themselves a job. I do hope and pray they have success.

**July 18.** Brother Phil a very sick man and still paralyzed.

**July 19.** Edith went to the mountain with Beehive group.

**July.** A very hot month. Apricots beginning to get ripe and fall. Wheat being cut today. Barley 3 days later was cut.

Byron and Clela came over with the cream for Calder's **July 19**. They came to get Carl to go over to get a job. I sent for Carl at Massy Mill, so Carl went to Hanna to find a job. **July 22**, I hope he has success. Yes, he had success.

Fern, Coleen, and little Rose came to stay a while with us.

**July 21.** Edith went to Salt Lake City to Collett and Merrill reunion with Eldon Bills.

**July 22.** I could not go. No money and chores to do. Apricots getting ripe, raspberries to pick, etc. So you see I am rich anyway. No rain in July to speak about.

Brother Phil Stringham still helpless. **August 6** Sad, very sad.

**August 6.** Fern and Howard's baby was blessed by Father Phillip Stringham **July 6<sup>th</sup>** at Fast Meeting. Howard was on the mountain and couldn't be there. We are all very busy putting up apricots, etc. Apricots seemed to get ripe all at once.

**August 7.** Oats being cut.

Fern, Coleen and little Rose went home **August 4**.

Howard has a job at sawmill on mountain. We will be lonely again.

**August 14.** Edna came home to get ready for school and have a rest.

**August 16.** Sister Zina, Reta, and Phil came from St. George to see Brother Phil. Susie and Marie came with her. They find brother Phil still a very helpless and sick man.

**August 18.** They returned to their different homes. We were glad to see them.

**August.** A very hot month. Everything getting ready to harvest.

**August 28.** Brother Phil G. Stringham passed to the great beyond. His funeral services Wednesday, **August 30.** The service was very splendid and there he was paid a great tribute for his cooperation and splendid spirit of helping others. We will all miss him and hope to meet him again. All his brothers and sisters were at the funeral. Father stood it real well but you could see his heart ached for the loss of our dear brother.

**September 4.** One of the joys of my life, Edna and Edith first day of teaching school. How I rejoice and hope they have the best of success. Carl also started to school. I hope he has success this school year and that we as a family rejoice at our blessings.

Edna is teaching in Vernal Central School, 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Edith over at Ft. Duchesne teaching the second and third grades.

**September 6, 7, 8.** Very wet and storming.

**September 10, 11, 12, 13.** Good wet storms. Ground wet enough to plow. The **13<sup>th</sup> of September, 1938,** we received the patent to our land over the mountain. I hope I do with it for the best. We sure waited a long time to get the patent.

**October 11.** Edith and Edna gone to Salt Lake City to school convention. I hope they get things worthwhile to help them build character in their school children's lives. We are getting on OK. I walked up to Claire's home for one way to help keep the house and cook dinner for the men in the home. I enjoyed doing it.

**October 19.** Fern came over with the two dear children and stayed four days. Howard went down to Salina, Utah deer hunting. He killed his deer and was delighted.

Edna bought a rug for the front room. I am so delighted. We look more home-like now. I am proud of Edna, she is always thinking of others.

A beautiful month it has been. All the farm products gathered and we are very thankful for all we have and hope we can help others.

**November 1.** Orin Snow got married to Thelma Peterson. They look happy. President Hyrum B. Calder married them at the home of Mrs. Florence Kelly. I was present and we will go to the reception Saturday at Jensen. We went to reception and had a good time.

**November.** Month up to the 23<sup>rd</sup>, no bad weather nor snow.

**November 29.** Mr. Sheldon of McKinnon, Wyoming came and offered \$1,000 for the homestead over the mountain, depositing \$10 until he could pay for it in Jan., the last.

A beautiful month and we have had many blessings. Alice and Newell and family were with us on Thanksgiving. We had a jolly time together. Carl sprained his foot, but in a few days he was all right.

**December.** The fore part was very warm. Still **December 14** very warm and dry, dusty roads. All well and doing fine. Getting ready for Xmas the joyful time of the year.

Christmas is here and all my family together this year. The first time for a long time. Howard and Fern came over and dear little Coleen and Rose. Christmas was a jolly one for we all enjoyed seeing Coleen see what Santa Claus brought to her. We had dinner together Christmas day. Then Howard and family returned to their home. The rest of Dec. warm, a little snow fall Wednesday **December 28.**

Newell came up and took us down for dinner. We, Carl, Edna, Edith and I enjoyed the dinner and trip to Jensen. It snowed a little that day, Saturday **December 30<sup>th</sup>**. Fern, Howard and family came again to see us. Fern came to have her wisdom teeth pulled. They stayed and had Sunday dinner with us. We sure enjoyed having them and babies with us again. Beatrice and Irene came to dinner also.

## 1940

**January 4.** I had my two last teeth out on the top jaw, so now I will get an upper set of teeth.

**December 1939.** At Christmas time it snowed about 3 inches. It melted a lot and **January 5, 6** it snowed another 3 inches and **January 6** at 4:30 pm still drizzling, not a lot of snow, but a few flakes. We are all glad to see the snow fall so the farmers will profit by it.

**January 1.** Sold the farm grazing land over near McKinnon Wyoming. But this land is in Utah. How glad I am, I am waiting for the money which will be here some time this month. I hope to make this home more pleasant to live in with some of the money. It sold for one thousand dollars in cash.

**January 11.** I received the money for the land. I am sure rejoicing. I feel secure for the winter now.

I went to Salt Lake City with Beatrice and Father **June** the latter part. Stayed four days and worked in the Salt Lake Temple which I enjoyed very much.

Raspberries almost all gone **July 12**, they were earlier than usual this year. Apricots getting ripe also. Coleen and little Rose have the whooping cough, but getting on all right. Apricots **July 24**, almost all gone, they ripened earlier this year.

Carl is down from the mountain with a sore foot, and accident. He shot his foot or big toe with the twenty-two. No serious results. Will stay down until after the rodeo **August 1, 2, 3.**

Edna went to Salt Lake **July 17** to help Grace Colton in the mission home and will stay one month. Edith and Edna was out to the Collett reunion **July 19, 20** at Cottonwood Canyon. Edith will be home **July 25.**

I am very busy. I had Mrs. Martin Strong here a week. She was convalescing from the hospital.

**July 24.** I am putting up apricots and it is hot work.

Tomorrow, **July 25,** I will be 64 years old. A long time but short one too. I hope I can make my life useful the later part of my life.

**July, August.** Carl up working and doing splendid up on Diamond Mountain helping Jay Thorl Stringham make reservoirs. Edna in Mission Home **July 17.**

Edith and Edna at Collett reunion **July 20-21** at Cottonwood Canyon.

Alice came up **August 3** and brought dinner or part of it and 4 of her friends, son Orin Snow and wife, and Jennie. We had lunch on the lawn and had a nice visit. Erma B. Collett came and got some fruit and Edith went over the mountain with her. Apricots all gone the last of July.

Went over to Howard's **August 8** gathered choke cherries. Found all well and working hard.

Edith came home **August 9.**

Thrashing done by **August 10.**

Carl came from work on Diamond Mountain **August 17.** He went to work with Howard at their sawmill.

**August 29, 1940.** A sad day for the Stringham family. Our dear father passed away **August 24** with a heart attack. He and sister Sue and daughter Marie were at our home **August 23** for dinner. Father was feeling real well, but he died as he wanted to. A beautiful death if we look at it as it should be. We will miss father's visits and his car going by. But we hope we as a family will profit by his life of good nature and loveable to all.



**August 30.** Met at father's home and had a will read. All decided to let Beatrice have the home. All father's children was at his funeral service. Zina and family came and had two meals with us. So glad to greet them. **August** and **September** has been a month of apples. I haven't sold many, but just gave them away. So many wealthies. Trees just loaded.

I forgot that Edith and Edna are teaching since **September 2.** Edna at Vernal Central and Edith at Ballard. I hope they have success.

Tomorrow, **September 20,** Edna, Edith and I are going over to Farm Creek to a barn dance given in honor of Fern, it being near her birthday. I expect all of our family to meet there. I hope we all have an enjoyable time. Winter apples and potatoes are ready for the cellar.

**October 10.** Bernice C. Young came here to stay a while. **October 11,** a beautiful baby girl born to her. I and Alice C. Snow was the Dr. The baby was born before the Dr. arrived. Bernice left the **24<sup>th</sup> of October** feeling fine and the baby OK.

Edna bought a second handed car, enjoying it for two months and bought Father's car **November 6, 1940.** We hope we all enjoy it. Edna pays what father didn't pay and what he did pay goes on the estate as part of my share. I certainly hope we can keep the car in good repair and enjoy it. Later Edna pays full price for car \$692 dollars for estate needs to be settled first.

**November.** Bought me an accordion, which I wanted. **November** a cold month and a little snow.

**December.** A cloudy month and quite cold. Howard and Fern has gone to live up to the saw mill where Howard is working. Six miles from Elk Horn Station west and north. I hope they have success with the ventures of a new saw mill, with a Mr. Mark Stranz and wife.

Sister May has been quite ill this month. May she soon be herself again. I hope and pray.

**December 20.** Essie, Orin and Billy Collett came over for a short visit. We were very glad to see them for it has been quite a spell since they were here. Essie came over to see her mother. (Mother 85 years old.)

Holiday time is here. Edith back home for her vacation. I hope the girls, Edna and Edith, have a real good relax from school work.

Carl had a job up to Ferron Hacking's and it is finished tonight **December 21.** Then he expects to go to high school and finish it this month. We hope we all have a Merry Christmas this year.

**December 25, 1940.** At Sister Beatrice's home for Christmas dinner. We all had a joyous time and a good dinner and are so thankful in this land of peace and plenty. All received gifts that were useful. Had a Christmas tree. Howard and Fern sent it to us. They couldn't be over to Christmas but I hope they had a jolly Christmas. We missed them very much this year.

Edith returned to Roosevelt and now, today the **31<sup>st</sup> of December, 1940**, I went to Relief Society party for the outgoing officers and had a jolly time. The released officers received 12 fruit goblets. I am proud of mine. I hope I may help in the church as much as I am able and I hope in the year of 1941 I may do my part better as a mother in Israel.

Carl is going to High School now. Started **December 30, 1940**. I hope we as a family will do our part well upon this earth. I hope to be able to thank my Heavenly Father for all blessings I have received.

## 1941

**January.** A real cold month not much snow. Carl, Edith and Edna busy in school work, all well and happy. I hope we will all do our part in the church and home.

Sister May had a kidney stone removed **January 18** and is improving each day.

**February.** Asked to be a teacher in Primary helping in the Guide class. I hope wI will have the spirit of my Heavenly Father to help me.

**February.** So far a cold month. Today **February 14** snow is melting and I hope it will continue so spring can come.

Heard from Howard today, **February 14**. They as a family are keeping well. We haven't seen them since Thanksgiving. (A sketch of a rocking horse) Rocking horse.

**February 16.** Howard and family came to stay a while because Howard was very sick with rheumatic fever. He was a while getting rid of the disease and the Dr. advised Howard to quit the mountain work. So the family is staying here and Howard is working for Mark Stringham.

**March 17.** I went to Salt Lake City and stayed with Grace and worked in the temple. I enjoyed it very much and came back the last of March.

**April 25, 26.** A musical feast given by High Schools near around and bands playing and marching looked very grand. Edith bugle and drum core did excellent. The Marching was very good.

**April.** A stormy month, rained, snowed and hailed for 12 days. Tomorrow is Easter. It will be wet and muddy roads. All the family home for the spring holiday. All well. Howard and family still here.

**April 25.** Played accordion in Daughter of Pioneers meeting. Expect to do better this time next year.

**May.** A warm month and a beautiful one. Trees blooming and everything a beautiful dark green.

Mother's Day all my family were here to dinner, except Edith. They, Edna and Fern, took charge and I was a lady for once. All went to church that Sunday morning. Alice and Jennie came up to dinner. Also Eldon Bills from Colorado came to see us. A wet month.

**June 5.** Edna and Edith went to summer school. Edna went to BYU earning her school by working in the library. Edith at Logan with sister Beatrice. Both enjoying themselves. Carl found work.

Upper set of teeth, **February 1940.**

Washer, **1940.**

**June (May 30).** With Howard, Carl's job is lifting sacks at the Castles Peak Mine. I hope he makes good and likes his job.

**June 6.** I went as nurse and helper at May's home nursing Grace Kimball. I stayed 13 days. I am glad to get home where I belong. Grace had a baby girl and named it Maysie.

**June.** So far, 15<sup>th</sup>, very wet and stormy all the first part of the month. Watermelons did not grow but wilted during the storm. Something unusual.

**July 3, 4, 5.** Carl had to stay at mine. We sure missed him.

Howard sick again but much better now. He went to Meeker with Eldon Bills **July 6.** We hope it makes him feel better.

**July 3, 4, 5.** Edna came in from summer school at Provo for the weekend. Went back **July 6<sup>th</sup>.**

Raspberries are on now. First pick 7 cups. Edith mowing lawn.

**July 18.** I went to Salt Lake City with cousin Horace Burgon and wife. Had a pleasant trip. Went to Rose C. Neilsons and stayed Friday and Saturday night. Then Sunday attended the Collett reunion in Big Cottonwood Canyon. Edith and Edna were there of my family and Veans. Orin Collett and family of Veans. A good many of the Colletts were there. We had a nice visit then returned to Sister Grace's at the Mission Home. Returned to Vernal **July 22.**

**July 24.** Kept tab on the money taken in for refreshments at the Daughter of Pioneers program and celebration and unveiling of the pioneer monument at the church grounds. Programs went off well and all had a good time.

**July 25.** Beatrice, Grace, Don, Claire, Joseph, May and Mark, Irene J. and myself at my 65<sup>th</sup> birthday dinner. Grace and Bea were the hostesses at Bea's home. I appreciated it very much and hope I can be thankful for all my blessings. Edna staying at Mission Home while Grace and Don are having their vacation. Edith also staying there a short time.

Carl still working at the mine and he brought me for my birthday some cake, candy and ice cream which I appreciated so very much. Edith gave me a purse. Howard and Fern some pretty water glasses, Edna a lovely birthday card. Received other presents from others also. All well.

**July 27.** Howard and Fern gone over in Sister Grace's car to bring back flour and fruit etc. from the mountain home at Farm Creek. I was a Beatrice's to dinner, Sister, Grace still here. Fern and Howard moved into their summer trailer **August 7.** A happy family.

I am busy putting up fruit, raspberries, apricots, beats, etc. The cow was very sick **Aug 8<sup>th</sup>.** All well today and very nice weather.

**September.** A shower month, frost the fore part and **September 22** rained all night and I never in all my life saw it rain all day before. **September 23** rained all morning steady. At 2:00 o'clock pm still cloudy but not raining. We had 3 bushels apples and others to pick from trees this year.

Carl still working at mine (Gilsonite). He does not like the job. I hope he can stick with it long enough to pay for his second handed car. Edith and Edna busy with school work.

Howard and family getting ready to build two rooms up by the orchard.

I am still busy filling bottles for the winter and so happy to think we can fill them.

**October 6.** Carl gone to find a job in California. He and Garth Massey. He went in his car and he hopes to get a job he likes. I only hope so and I hope and pray he has his attitude changed in the right way so he will stay true to the Gospel and the teachings of his father and mother and friends and brethren and sisters.

Edna gone to UEA **October 9.**

**October 12.** Sister May serious. I hope and pray she will get relief soon and that everything will be for the best of all concerned.

Raining **October 13.** Everything soaked and who knows but it is for our good. For if we trust in our Heavenly Father, everything will be alright and we will feel it so.

**October 26, 1941.** I went on the bus to Salt Lake City. Monday I washed and ironed my temple suit at Graces. Then I went to the Temple each day for the two weeks. Returned home **Saturday, November 7, 1941.** I enjoyed working in the Temple of our God and hope I may in the future have the same privilege. Sister Grace let me stay with her in the Mission Home. I hope her and Don B. are blessed each day for their kindness.

Fern and Howard living in Vet Carroll's home. They moved there **October 20** and they are sure happy. Will build later. Carl working in California by Compton. Having success so far. Edith home for the Thanksgiving holiday. Edna, Edith and myself went to Alice Collett Snow's for Thanksgiving dinner. All of their family was there. We had a very good dinner and a good visit. Thankful to our Heavenly Father for all his goodness.

**27 of November.** Carl returned fro California. Glad to be home.

**December 1.** Carl went to work at Lucks Saw Mill. I hope he has success.

Sister May very sick again. She went to Salt Lake City the last of Nov. but is returning **December 5,** not very much better. I do hope some one will find a cure for her. Her husband a loyal man to his dear wife.

Sunday, I teach the Cradle Roll class in Sunday School. Tuesday I go to Relief Society and quite often lead the singing there. Wednesday I teach the Guide Class in Primary and enjoy it very much. I go teaching once a month as a Relief Society Teacher and enjoy it.

**December 7, 1941.** The Japanese have bombed Pearl Harbor in Hawaii.

**December 8.** War is Declared by United States on Japan.

**December 21.** I received from Father's estate \$650. I hope I appreciate it by doing things worthwhile upon this earth and always think of others and the memory of my Father.

We hope to have a joyous Christmas and keep faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

This month so far has been foggy, but warm. Not too cold

Carl returned from California the first of the month. I am glad he is home and hope he appreciates his home.

**December 20.** Edith home for the holidays. We are glad we can all be here for Christmas.

We went over to Howard's house at 6:30 Christmas morning to see Little Rose and Coleen get up and find what Santa had brought them. Oh, it was a joyful time. They were so happy and we were happy too. (Carl, Edith, Edna and myself.) We then came home and Howard and family came over for Christmas dinner. We all had a good time and plenty to eat.

**December 27.** Edith gone back to teach and all are doing their part. Carl without a job, but we hope after the holidays that he can find one.

One of the saddest days, **December 29, 1941.** Sister May S. Hall passed to the great beyond. She has suffered so long that we can say blessed be her rest and may we be comforted by thinking she is happy and well now.

**December 31.** Partly clear and partly cloudy and about 3 inches of snow.

**January 6, 7, 8.** Very cold and a little snow.

**January 15.** Carl and Howard gone to California at Compton to get a job. I only hope they keep well and get a job, especially a steady job so Howard can support his family and build a home. I am lonesome without them, especially Carl for he lives at home as yet.

**February** is here. Byron writes that they have another lovely daughter born **January 3, 1942.** Orin and family have moved to Heber on a farm. Edna and I are alone trying to do our part.

**February.** First part, mild weather and plenty of mud. It looks as though it will be an early spring.

**February 16, 1942.** A baby boy (Floyd) born to Howard S. Collett and Fern Walker Collett. I was there when he was born. The mother got along fine and the lovely baby boy perfect in body weighing 9 ¼ lb. I stayed and nursed the mother and baby ten days. All well. Home on **February 25** at night.

Howard and Carl still in California. They are at Linwood now. Howard rejoiced to hear about his lovely son.

From **February 16 to 25** very cold and still quite cold the last of February.

**March 2.** Howard working in the Douglas Air Craft at \$4.20 per day. If he succeeds in doing the work he gets a raise (Santa Monica, California). Carl working for Pearce Brothers at \$4.50 per day. Expects a raise at Linwood, California.

We are having the bathroom and fixtures put in starting March 17. How thankful I am. Mr. Wayne Robert doing the job and Gene McLean helping.

**March 28.** Using the bathroom and how thankful I am and the rest of the family also is thankful.

March has been real cold, especially at nights.

Fern and babies were here spending Sunday afternoon **March 29.** Edna and I were over to Fern's to dinner the same day. How thankful for all we have and for health and strength.

Edna and Edith (Alice and Newell Snow) went to Meeker for a trip **March 21**.

**April 10.** Fern and babies with myself going to California. Edna took us as far as Salt Lake City. Then we went on the Burlington Bus. All stood the trip fine. Found Howard looking fine, but found Carl had come home (**April 11**). I stayed nine days and had a lovely time. Kate Woolley and Lucille took me to many places of interest. I on my return trip stopped off at St. George with sister Zina. Had a good visit. Also stopped over night with sister Grace. Returned home **April 24, 1942**.

**April 20.** Edna to Maeser. Carl working in Gilsonite mine.

**April.** A cold month. Apricots I am afraid are froze. No garden in as yet, **April 28**.

**May 9.** Put in garden. Planted all that day.

**May 11, 12, 13.** Very cold and windy.

**May 12.** White frost over everything. Apple trees loaded with blossoms. The month of May a real cold month.

**May 22.** Edna, Edith, Maysie Hall, and Irene Jackson have gone on a trip to California to Santa Monica. They report having a good time.

All the family are well and I thank our Heavenly Father for all his blessings.

**June 1.** Beginning to get real warm.

Carl bought a second hand car for \$145 **June 1<sup>st</sup>**.

**June 11, 1942.** Edna, Edith, Maysie and Irene home from California. They had a wonderful trip.

**June 15.** Asked to be registrar for election **1942**. Glad to accept. Garden growing fine. Drying up cow and putting in pasture of Orson Hall **June 20**.

Carl gave his car up because the tires were so bad. Thought it best to do so.

**June 30.** Edith and Edna went to Salt Lake City. Edith to find a job, Edna to stay in the Mission Home while Aunt Grace has a holiday.

Carl signed up for the draft. We hope that they year will still bring thankfulness as this month ends. I am thankful for all my and our blessings and hope I may be directed by the Holy Spirit to do my part.

**July 1.** Edith's birthday. I hope she has many more happy birthdays. Fern writes that Howard is enjoying his work and school and that the children are all doing fine and baby Floyd is growing every day and a real boy that she loves.

**July.** Edith returned and I was glad so I would not be alone. She has helped pick the raspberries. We are so glad to have them to put up in our cupboard for winter.

**July 8.** Carl signed his papers answering questions whether he will be able to go in the army or not. Also Monday, **August 10**, he received notice to go down to local Selective Board and be examined. A physical examination, Carl's. I hope everything turns out for best and good and that every young man learns a lesson that will help them through life and that will be banished from the earth.

We have corn ready **August 11** to use. Also plenty of cucumbers and tomatoes are trying to ripen. Transparent apples and Duchees are ripe now.

**August, last.** Carl took a trip to Santa Monica to visit his brother, Howard and wife and children. He had a good time and returned **September 8** with us.

We, Edna and I, took Edith to Milford, Utah to teach. We left her **September 5**. Went to Milford, then back to Manti. Manti to Salt Lake where we met Carl, then to Hanna, Utah where we visited Byron, wife and family. Then home. We had a nice time but glad to get home.

**October 8.** Carl and I went to Salt Lake City to let Carl join the Army. He will try to get in and learn to be a mechanic in the air core. While there, I worked in the Temple Friday **October 9**. At home **October 12**. Glad to be home. Edna surprised me by putting a new linoleum on the kitchen floor.

Edith came to Salt Lake City to see us and especially Carl. We had a good visit together. Carl took the oath saying he would be a soldier in the United States Army **October 13**. I hope he will be true to the cause of truth and always honor the flag of this our America. And I know he will.

Received word Carl is in Louisville, Kentucky, Bowman Field. He is taking his basic training. I hope he gets to go to school and take mechanics.

**November 4.** We bought a rug from Beatrice and also linoleum for the base around floor of front room. So we are fixed right nice and comfortable in the front room. Edna went to Salt Lake twice this fall.

I went to Salt Lake City on **November 12** and went to the Salt Lake Temple for 12 persons as proxy. I stayed with Sister Grace Colton. I am going to Santa Monica, California.

Missouri, Carl's second address. Now Seymore Johnson Field, North Carolina. He is now going to mechanical school **December 1**.



**December 7.** Going to stay with Howard and Fern. I hope I like it. It will be a change for a while out of the cold weather here. Edna saying she will keep the home fires burning while I am away.

## 1943

**December, January, and 13<sup>th</sup> of February.** I stayed in California. It was a cold and foggy winter down there. I enjoyed taking care of the children. Fern worked two months in Douglas Air Craft Works. I returned home **February 13** to be with Edna who had an operation for appendicitis **February 1**. She got along fine and is now home **February 18**. Edith came to California in Feb. to have a change from teaching school. I hope she gets a good job and likes it. This winter has been a warm winter so says Edna and now it is still a beautiful lovely day today.

**March 3, 1943.** David B. Hall came to see us and his brothers and sister Maysie. And Johnnie Walkup came to see his mother **March 4, 1943**. Came over to see us **March 6<sup>th</sup>**.

Alice Collett Snow came to see us today, **March 2**. We were very glad to see her.

**March 27.** Went up to see Beulah and Francis Byrne and baby Michael to Aunt Ella. They go to Minnesota tomorrow morning. Francis is in the army, a first Lieutenant as an officer. We also saw Barth S. Place. She is going back to Rowena's to help for a while.

I have leased the farm land to Harvey Christensen for one year and I will try to have a garden in the orchard this year. Today just like early spring. Birds chattering everywhere. **March 27**, snow all gone two weeks ago. Leased farm for \$128 dollars.

**April 19.** Edith writes that she would like to join the W.A.V.E.S. in the army. I hope she is doing it for the best.

Merill Snow went to Ft. Douglas the first part of April to be in the armed forces. I do hope he gets along OK. Such tender ages to go in the army. His mother is Alice Collett Snow. Father is Newell Snow.

Edith joined the W.A.V.E.S. **May 4, 1943** and will leave the **26<sup>th</sup> of May** for Hunters College New York. I am going to California to see her off. Edna will go to Salt Lake to find work. Maysie Hall to live with her Sister Grace.

**May 6, 7, 8.** Very cold. Snow covered the ground and a very cold wind froze the apricots. The trees were loaded with blossoms. I noticed the tender grass in the garden was frozen. Some gardens were froze.

**May 13.** Went to Salt Lake with Edna and Maysie. Both girls finding work in Salt Lake City. Edna in defense work up near Ogden. She stayed with Grace Kimball. Then I went on to Brocklyn Ave in West Los Angeles, California to see Edith go to New York as a W.A.V.E. She left **May 26** for Hunter College and had her basic training there, then she was sent to Washington D.C. where she now is.

**August 28.** Edna surprised us all and Married Sgt. Adrian A. Raines of Missouri **June 13**, in Ely Nevada by a president of a stake there. She says she is very happy and I know she will be if she does her best.

Her husband seems to be a real good man. Edna now lives in a trailer at Wendover, Utah near where her husband works and he can be with her night and morning. Edna also works at Wendover in defense work.

Carl completed his mechanical course in Seymour Johnson Field, North Carolina in **May, 1943**. Then they, the government, sent him to Florida to a gunnery school. He writes he is flying in the air shooting at targets and enjoys it and enjoys knowing all about guns and expects to be going somewhere else in a few days this **August 25**.

Edna and her husband came home **August 21**. I had a small reception for her. The families and neighbors met Sunday afternoon **August 22** and Edna received some useful presents and all had a good time. Adrian and Edna left **August 24<sup>th</sup>** happy and glad to go on and do their best to win this war.

I am home now trying to keep the home fires burning **August 28** and hope I can be a mother in very deed and help all I can in doing good on the earth.

I had my lower teeth out **August 13** and hope to go back soon and get a complete set of teeth soon.

I stayed while in California with Fern and Howard's two younger children Rosie and Floyd while Fern and Coleen visited in White Rocks with Fern's people. I enjoyed it but was glad to get back home where we see the sun rise and set and breathe good pure air. Howard still working in Douglas Air Craft factory and is a welder. He likes it real well, but, like all of us, will be glad when this war is over.

**August 3.** A call from Salt Lake City, Utah telling me Carl is in Salt Lake city and wants me to come to the city. So Friday morning left for Salt Lake City to see Carl. He met me at the station and wasn't I glad to see him, and he me. So glad to meet him. A mother's love is lasting. Carl stayed at the Army Air Base 6 days then went to Mountain Home, Idaho. He could just see us three evenings, but he phoned to me each day. I stayed with Grace 10 days, got my teeth and came home and am busy putting up tomatoes, fixing the bedroom. Putting up a bedroom set. It is a lovely suite. I bought it in Salt Lake City **September 14**. It will last a life time.

**October 10.** Carl is through school, and is now waiting for a furlough or an assignment to a crew on an airplane.

**October 13.** Had a cement walk put in front kitchen door to front of lawn. Yes, it is a joy to walk on and look at. I, with the help of Harold Bodily, fixed steps and a portion of walk south of kitchen door.

**October 12.** Tomatoes froze. Late frost.

**October 15.** Potatoes in bin. Markle Caldwell and Donald helped me pick them up. I helped drive the team up each row. I feel tired tonight but glad that I still can help harvest crops, which I like to gather.

Byron, Orin and Essie came to see me in Oct. along the first. I was sure glad to see them. Orin and family at Hill Field Ogden working in defense work, and Byron and family in Hanna, Utah.

**October 19.** Received first check allotment from Army. Carl sponsoring it for me which I am very thankful for. Back porch fixed.

**October 19.** Rain and snow, hail and wind. A very disagreeable day but one that will do a lot of good to the farms. The last of October was nurse to Leo Hacking's wife Virginia. She being mother of a fine baby boy. She stayed here three days.

Hired the bridge fixed, wood chopper and cellar cover for winter.

The **23 of October** went to Aunt Ella's and nursed her daughter Beulah S. Byrne who has another lovely baby boy. I stayed nine days. The baby named Vincent. A lovely boy.

**November 10.** Joseph Bodily put in the cabinet for fruit. So now we are more comfortable as each thing is fixed. The cabinet in the kitchen. Bedroom now looks better.

**November 15.** Edna Collett Raines and husband came in from Wendover on a furlough. Edna stayed here while her husband went to see his mother and father in Missouri. His mother being ill. Edna did not feel able to go.

**November 17.** Alice Collett Snow came up to make arrangement for Thanksgiving dinner. We will meet at Wiley Collett's this year. Edith is coming from Washington, and perhaps Carl from Wendover. Carl is stationed in Wendover Army Air Field, Utah. A little nearer home.

**November 23.** Carl came at 2:00 a.m. from Wendover, and Edith Nov. 23 at 6:00 p.m. from Washington D.C. I am surely thrilled to have my son and two daughters and son-in-law home. And we have had a good time together visiting and going around visiting friends and relatives.

**December.** Has been a real warm month. Deacons and Elders brought me a load of sawed wood. Carl, Byron and Caldwell boys cut it up. All under shelter for winter. Snow, 5 inches fell **December 19 and 20.**

Attended a party in honor of Mrs. Hyrum B. Calder at First Ward given by the Relief Society. She is released as Relief Society President. I enjoyed the party very much.

At **Christmas**, I stayed at Sister Beatrice Stringham. Had a very good time opening packages Christmas morning. Went to dinner for Christmas dinner to Ella Stringhams. Had a real nice dinner and enjoyable time.

Pail \$170.00 tithing. One hundred seventy dollars. Carl paid \$12.00.

I forgot to state Byron, Clela and daughters came to see us while Carl, Edna and Edith were here for Thanksgiving. They stayed all night and we all enjoyed their visit very much. Thankful that all is well with my family and so thankful for food and raiment. And so thankful for freedom. May I prove faithful to the glorious gospel this another year **1944.**

## 1944

**January 1.** Wiley and family was here for dinner. All enjoyed themselves. Then they took me to a picture show. Howard was out of work during Christmas but is now working for an oil company in Brockton West Los Angeles, California. He has been in California now two years and is now helping or working in the L.D.S. church near his home. A new ward just organized. How thankful he and his wife are working in the church, and they are thankful too.

**January.** Carl had an experience. He went up in the airplane with his crew, 10 men in all. (He is a gunner). Well it was so cloudy they could not land on the air field at Wendover (which was their station) but had to go to Pocatello, Idaho. He with his pals were grounded 7 days. What an experience.

**January 5, 6.** It snowed about 9 inches. Quite cold. But the valley is a beautiful white blanket and the shrubs and trees are loaded with white balls. A beautiful sight for month of winter. Our home is warmer than usual.

**January 21.** Carl came home on a three day pass. Got here 2 o'clock a.m. A perfect surprise to me. Had Wiley's family to supper at 7:00 p.m. Had a good visit with Carl. Alice and Jennie Snow from Jensen came to see Carl. Also Orin Snow and wife from Rawlins, Wyoming. Uncle Joseph, Aunt Claire, Aunt Ella and Barta came to see Carl also. Thora and children and Anna Ashby Oldham.

Received word that Carl arrived safely **January 23** at Wendover. Told Edna that he had a good time while at home.

**January 25.** Mrs. Wilma Robb and son Roland came to stay a few days with me. Ronald has been sick with pneumonia at the Basin Hospital.

**January 23 & 24.** It snowed eight inches each night. We have now **January 26<sup>th</sup>** 24 inches in field of old and new snow. 30 inches in all. A beautiful sight.

Now **February** and snow very deep.

**February 9.** Jennie Snow was married to DeWayne Merriam. I hope they have a joyful life. I went to the reception with Wiley and family **February 10.** The reception was held at Albert Snow residence, Jennie's grandfathers. A real nice reception.

**February 14.** Three feet of snow North of house. 18 inches walks, 15 inches lawn, street 3 feet wide, 18 inches high.

**February 13.** Carl called from Wendover and said he was leaving for parts unknown at any time. I do hope and pray he has a safe journey.

**February 24.** Received word or letter written **February 19** from Carl. He is at Herrington, Kansas Air Base for a few days. I hope he keeps well and has safe landings wherever he goes from there.

**February 19.** Edna and Adrian and Maysie landed in Vernal from Wendover and Salt Lake City. Maysie went back Sunday, Adrian on Monday, and Edna is staying home with me until after she becomes a mother which will be 1<sup>st</sup> of April. I am so glad she can be with me for a while.

**February 26.** Six more inches of snow the latter part of February. I never remember seeing so much snow and it staying so long without melting.

**March 10.** Received a card from army with Carl's address. It was New York. That means he is going over the ocean. I hope he has a safe landing.

**March 14.** Received a letter from Carl and he was somewhere in Brazil (S. A.) So glad to hear from him and that he was that far without mishap. He was on his last lap going over seas in a B24 plane. He is first engineer, a responsible position.

**March 14.** Four inches of snow. **March 16, 62"** snow and it is melting a lot today. We wonder if it ever is going to stop snowing. But perhaps this is just what we need, who knows?

**March 6** Edna went to the Valley Hospital and **March 7<sup>th</sup>** a baby boy was born, but it was dead. Sad, yes, sad, but Edna was very sick, but has been blessed and is improving right along. Adrian, her husband, is with her. I hope and pray her and Adrian's heart will be comforted and they will acknowledge the hand of the Lord in all things. And that I will also. Adrian left for Wendover **March 24<sup>th</sup>** with brother Bryant.

Received word from Carl that he was in Africa, **March 8<sup>th</sup>**. Received word he was in England, **March 14<sup>th</sup>, 1944** and saw a lot of country in his travels. Edna is staying with me until **April 24<sup>th</sup>**, then she will go to her husband in Wendover. April has been a blustery month. Snow and rain to help bring in May flowers.

I am helping a little in the Maeser Ward as Relief Society Ward Teacher and assistant chorister. I hope I can do my duty always. I hope to go work in the Temple in May. I rented the place orchard and farm land to Howard Hurst. (Now Van O. Fulmer.) Howard Hurst moved to LaPoint.

Went to Salt Lake City **April 24** with Edna to meet her husband. Lela Colton went along with us. I worked in the Temple, helped Grace clean house. Helped nurse Aunt Augusta Grant eight nights. She is not able to walk without help. Went to California **May 20**. Landed there **May 21**. Stayed with Howard and Fern. Visited Aunto Julia Grant at Glendale, California. Saw the beautiful homes in Hollywood, California. Visited Kate Woolley and family, Lucille and Jessie Woolley, Claude Woolley, Josephine & Lamar Bird and family, Alice and Whitney Smith, Myra and Grant Brazer. Came home **June 14**. Arrived in Salt Lake City **June 15**. Maysie Hall met us at the station (Rosie, Colleen and myself) and took us to Grace H. Kimball's. Met Edna and Adrian so they could see Coleen and Rosie. Got on the bus at S.L. City **June 16, 4:00 pm**. Got as far as Heber and sister Beatrice brought us the rest of the way. Coleen and Rosie were sure glad to get here. They stayed here with me Saturday and Sunday then their grandparents came and got them. So tonight, **June 19**, I am here alone writing this, glad I am a grandmother. They will come back again before going home to stay a day or two. Fern will come for them late in the summer.

**June 6** was the invasion of the World War II. I am sure worried about Carl for he wrote and tells me he has been over bombing Germany and came back with 10 holes in his plane. Carl writes good letters home and I hope and pray he may be protected and return home safe.

Edith is having a wonderful time in Washington, D.C. visiting points of interest.

**June 10**. I received a letter from Carl saying he flew 14 hours in the air on D. Day and went without sleep for 36 hours. How thankful I am that he is spared so far and hope he remembers to prove faithful to the cause he is fighting for, which is love toward all men.

**June 25** at 11:00 pm, Edna and Adrian came from Wendover on their way to Texas. They left at 9:00 a.m. on the **26<sup>th</sup> of June**. They brought their belongings from Wendover and left here. Adrian is taking advanced link training down there. Maysie went as far as Colorado and then back to Salt Lake City because she was ill.

**July**. Edna in Texas. Edith still in Washington. Carl in England. He has received the air medal. Three Oak Leaf Clusters and one bronze star and (D.F.C.) Distinguished Flying Cross.

**July 20.** He has completed thirty-one (31) air missions over enemy territory. He writes he is enjoying good health and will be glad when this terrible war is over.

Today **August 3**, Edith tells about the anniversary day of the W.A.V.E.S. 10,000 (ten thousand) W.A.V.E.S. marched around the Washington Monument dressed in their grays and their black shoes. A pretty sight so Edith says.

Howard still in West Los Angeles plodding on, making a living for his wife and three children. I have Rosie still with me. Coleen over to her grandmother's, Mrs. George Walkup. Fern will be here **August 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup>** to take the girls home.

I had for my share of the raspberries 14 crates of raspberries. I rented the orchard and farm to Van Fulmer. Apricots just commencing to ripen **1<sup>st</sup> of August**. Apricots all ripened **August 31**. Apples, Red Astukin, Yellow Transparent, and Duchees ripe **August 31<sup>st</sup>**.

Fern came and gone **August 31**. She left for California **August 29** at 3:00 a.m. Wednesday morning. I hope I hear soon how she got along with her three children.

Received a letter from Edith **August 30**, telling me about her visiting North Virginia, and Edna and Adrian on their way to Almagordo, New Mexico.

A letter from Carl written on **August 12** saying he is working on the ground now as a mechanic and hoping to load bombs in England somewhere. Also that his crew that he was with in the B24 performed 35 missions over enemy territory and none were wounded. They all received the same medals that he did. (Air medal, Three oak leaf clusters, a bronze star and distinguished flying cross.)

Sister Grace Colton is visiting here this end of **August**. She says she is feeling fine and will go home tomorrow.

**September 1<sup>st</sup>**. Josephine Bird visiting here this summer. She looks well. Fern arrived home safely and had a pleasant journey.

Carl wrote **August 22** saying he would be home in 30 days and that will be Sept. 22. I hope he gets here safe.

Edna and Adrian arrived in Almagordo, New Mexico safely and likes it better than Texas because it is cooler.

**September**. Edith still at Washington D.C. and expects to have a furlough in Dec.

**October 9**. A happy and joyous day in my life. A telegram from Carl saying he is on the East coast on his way home. Also a telegram from Edna and Adrian saying they were on their way to Missouri and would be here in ten days. A surprise and I hope we all have a good time together while Carl is here. So sorry Edith could not get a furlough at this time.

**October.** Apples, apples. Plenty of them. I have been drying wealthys this last two weeks, **September** and **October** the first part. Gave away many a bushel of wealthys this year.

**October 15.** Carl is on the bus from Salt Lake City. We are going to meet him. **October 14,** Clela and Byron and family came to see Carl and us. Today Sunday Alice, Newell Snow and Orin's wife came up and we all had dinner together a happy family because Adrian and Edna was here. They arrived **Oct. 13,** 11:30 p.m. from Missouri. Adrian was called to Kearns Army Camp and has to be there **October 16.** Edna and he will leave to-morrow for Salt Lake. Then when Adrian knows what he will do, Edna will return here to stay with me.

**October 15.** Carl was on the bus and is home today which we thank our Heavenly Father for his safe return and He came back with honors. A certificate of Valor, Air Medal, Distinguished flying cross, Three Oak leaf clusters with air medal, 2 bronze stars. How thankful I am to my Heavenly Father for his blessings to us as a family. May I ever prove faithful to the cause of truth and Carl, Edith, Edna & Adrian, the same. Carl will be here 21 days, and will report at Santa Monica, California **November 10, 1944.** He came over the ocean on the queen Mary. His next address will be AAF Redistribution Station No. 3, Edgewater Beach Club, Santa Monica California.

**October 29.** Edna still in Salt Lake City waiting for her husband assignment.

Carl talked at M.I.A. and told of his travels, all enjoyed what he said.

**November 7.** Carl talked to the Maeser School about his travels and experiences. I had a party for him and they all had a jolly time. Most of the guests were women for all the men have gone to the army. Carl left November 8 for Santa Monica, California.

I sent to day, **November 10** apples boxes of fruit flour, potatoes, etc. to Salt Lake City. I expect to stay in Salt Lake City this winter and work in the Temple whenever I can. Edna will be with me.

**November 19.** Came to Salt Lake City to live for a while. Edna and I. Edna's husband has gone over Seas. We hope to hear where he has gone soon.

He is in Anchorage Alaska, **December 1944.** Carl left Santa Monica **November 20, 1944** to go to Mississippi. **November 24** he wrote and said his address is Keesler Field, Mississippi and said he didn't like the South at all and hoped he could have a better place some day, and I hope he can too. Carl has had eight addresses up to date. First Kentucky 2. Missouri. North Carolina, Florida, Idaho, (Wendover Utah), England, Mississippi.

Edna and I enjoying the winter. I am going to the Salt Lake Temple three times a week and hope to go oftener later.

**December 21.** We will stay in the Mission Home, 31 North State Street while Grace Don & Gwen go to California to visit their children & grand children. We will be there two weeks. Edith still in Washington D.C. Howard and Fern in West Los Angeles, California.



I am thankful as a mother for my children and family and hope I may live worthy of them. I have been blessed this year for which I am thankful. Thankful for our son Carl coming home safe and sound from the terrible battles in the area over Germany territory. Thankful to my Heavenly Father for such blessings. May other mothers and fathers have the same wonderful blessings as I have and may peace and good will come soon again.

Had Christmas at the L.D.S. Mission Home. Maysie Hall and her friend Marie were our guests. Got some useful Christmas presents but the best one was a Bulova wrist watch from Edna, Carl & Edith. I surely treasure it and am proud that my dear children as so thoughtful. Had New Year supper with Charles & Nellie Colton.

Went to the Mission Home **December 21.**

## 1945

Stayed in Mission home until the night of **January 3.** Glad to get home. While there Joseph P. Hacking died in Vernal Dec 31<sup>st</sup> with a heart attack. Sad but a good way to die a peaceful death and he has lived a good and useful life and left a noble family. Sister Zina & Susie went to Vernal for the funeral.

**January 4<sup>th</sup>.** Received a telegram from Carl at Buffalo, New York saying he had been slightly injured or had a little accident and wanted \$50 dollars. He is now in Buffalo, New York going to school. The accident was ran into another car (all well).

**January 9.** Marie Shafer was married to Richard D. Olsen of Manti. Married in the Salt Lake Temple. Sister Grace Colton, mother Susie Shaffer, mother, father, aunt and cousin of Richard D. Olsen and myself were there to witness the ceremony. It was a beautiful wedding and they were a fine looking couple. May they ever be happy in their married life.

Carl is now going to school at Buffalo, New York at Curtis Technical Training School and will fly in the C46 Transport plane. I hope he likes his school and has success in whatever he does.

Edith stationed at Washington D.C. Carl stationed at Buffalo, New York met at Buffalo New York Jan. 21, 1945. They write they were glad to see each other. Carl and Edith hadn't seen each other since before Carl went over seas. I am glad they got to visit each other. Cousin Glade Colton met with them a few hours as he is on a L.D.S. mission near there.

Edna's husband is now in the Aleutians Islands. He writes real good letters home. Edna feeling fine. We are enjoying the winter.

**February 7.** Went to a session in the Temple then went to the Sealing Room in the Temple and witnessed 35 Marriage sealings and had 80 children sealed to the parents. A glorious privilege which I appreciated. A wonderful winter so warm and pleasant so far this year. Very little snow.

**February 8.** Alice, Newell, Jennie & Dewayne came to see us. A lovely day, robins hopping on the lawn.

**February 15.** Received a valentine. A box of candy from Edith, also a bookmark. I sure appreciate it or them with all my heart. May Edith find joy in what she does to make other happy.

I also received a Telegram from Carl, for he will come home around Feb. 19. I am thrilled to think he can come home for a while. Carl arrived Monday morning **February 19, 1945** from Buffalo, New York. He went to Vernal and stayed three days. **February 23.** He had a good time while here and Edna and I surely enjoyed having him with us. He left for Lawrenceville, Ill. **Sat. March 3<sup>rd</sup>** 7:00 P.M. to be an Engineer on a C46 Transport Plane. I hope he appreciates his blessings. I think I am blessed each day by having him come home on furlough well and healthy. May I live worthy of my children.

**March 4.** Snow in S.L. City about 4 inches but quite mild weather.

**March 12.** I received a letter from Fern saying Howard is taking his physical examination for the army at Los Angeles, California.

**March 14.** They were all well. Howard took his physical examination and did not pass. He has a slight heart ailment. I pray that he will be healed and thankful from all his blessings.

**April 3.** Edna's lovely baby girl was born at the L.D.S. Hospital. She got along fine and is thankful for such a blessing. The baby weighed 6 lb. 7 ½ ozs. A healthy baby and will grow fast now if Edna keeps well. She has named her Janice Raines. Her father, Adrian A. Raines, is in the Aleutians Islands at present and I know he will rejoice when he hears the good news.

Edith surprised us **April 7<sup>th</sup>** by arriving in Salt Lake City on a furlough from Washington D.C. We are sure glad to have her with us and thank our heavenly Father for such a blessing. For Edith is surely having a wonderful experience in her work as a W.A.V.E. And now she can enjoy the lovely baby Janice while she is here.

Edna came home from the L.D.S. Hospital **April 11<sup>th</sup>** with her lovely daughter Janice feeling fine. Edith went to visit in Vernal **April 13<sup>th</sup>** returning **April 18<sup>th</sup>**. She enjoyed herself while here and left for Washington D.C. April 23 (7 P.M.)

**May 6.** Baby Janice Raines was named & blessed by Don B. Colton at the 18<sup>th</sup> Ward Chapel. He gave her a fine blessing.

**May 7.** Was unofficially announced by the press V.E. day and that it would be announced officially **May 8<sup>th</sup>**. So very much rejoicing all over the World. But how much more joy there will be when we hear Japan has surrendered. May that good word soon come.

**May 8.** Peace in Europe. V.E. day a solemn day but a day of rejoicing. May we always thank our Heavenly Father for this victory. So thankful am I that Carl had a had in bringing V.E. day and very thankful to my Heavenly Father for his safe return **October 15, 1944**.

**May 11.** Edna and Janice and I left Salt Lake City. Came to visit Byron & family that night at Tabiona. Left for Vernal, **May 12.** Byron bringing our belongings arrived at home 2 P.M.  
**May 12** glad to get back.

Byron helped us get our furniture moved about and left for his home **May 13.** I am grateful for his being so kind to help us.

Edna and I planted a garden and now it is coming up **May 25.** We have been very busy sorting things and changing drawers, cupboards etc.

Now **May 25,** Fern and family Coleen, Rosie & Floyd are here with us from West Los Angeles, California. They have been in California three years but Howard and Fern decided to move back. Howard will be here **July 1<sup>st</sup>** and try to make a home for them. They will rent a place until they can build. Rented Tillie Bascom home. Fern put in a garden so now everything will be alright for winter.

**June first part.** Carl went to Cuba in a C47 Transport plane helping as crew chief bringing U.S. Troops from Cuba to Florida. A wonderful experience.

**June 18.** Garden growing and the radishes are nearly big enough to pull. Fore part of June a wet one and things are growing fast and the orchards and fields are a beautiful green food for the eyes to look at.

**June 13.** Edith still at Washington. She writes and says she will probably stay there until the war with Japan is over. She is having a wonderful experience visiting places of interest etc.

**July.** Edith has a new job but still at Washington D.C.

**July 14<sup>th</sup>.** Howard here in Maeser went on a fishing trip with Mark M. Hall, Dr. Charles Wonder & son Joseph. They had a wonderful time fishing and taking pictures of the beautiful mountain scenery.

Carl is in Indianapolis, Indiana at Stout Field. Another experience for him doing ground work for a while keeping planes in order.

**July 6.** Raspberries on picking every other day and selling a few. Peas, beans, carrots are ready to eat.

**August.** Edna painted the house and it looks so very much better for which I am thankful to her.

**August 14, 1945.** Uncle Mark painted the gables.

**August 14.** Rejoicing all over the world for the Japanese surrendered to the allies, five o'clock P.M. **August 14, 1945** called V.J. day. I am thankful to my Heavenly Father for such a blessing and the whole world rejoices. Celebrations all over the nation, are and was transpiring. We as a family hope Carl, Edith and Adrian will soon be home.

Official V.J. Day. **September 2** the day the Japanese signed the surrender to the United States etc.

**September.** Carl traveling from one State to another in a C46 Transport Plane taking patients from one state to another. A wonderful experience. Edith expects to return home soon and Adrian just waiting for his turn.

We have had a stormy summer but garden and crops have surely grown prolific. We are surely rejoicing for our blessings. Howard has his home finished enough to move in. **September 2, 1945.** Fern is surely rejoicing and we are all happy for she and Howard and hope they can make a real home of it.

Edna went and visited sister Alice Snow **September 1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup>**. She and Janice had a good time.

**September 20.** A telegram from Carl stating he might be home soon. Edith still waiting her release from being a W.A.V.E.

**October 6, 1945.** Had oil put in the kitchen stove. So now I will have comfort getting up winter mornings and just lighting the oil. I hope it proves as good as it is now.

**October 10.** Helped Fern get the electric lights in their home. Howard will pay me later. I am rejoiced they have the lights in their home.

**October 21.** Carl left Indianapolis, Indiana for Denver to get his discharge papers. He is sure rejoicing and so are we all.

**October 25.** Carl phoned from Denver saying he will be here tonight on the 8:30 a.m. bus. How happy we all will be to see him and he us. Carl arrived **October 27** from Denver. Now he is a civilian again. He is working on the mountain with Howard for a while.

**November.** Edna received word from her husband the first part of November that he was in the United States. She has gone to Salt Lake City to meet him there. Carl went with her to drive the car. Carl returned on the bus the same day.

Edna met Adrian and so glad to see him and as he was being discharged they found he had a slight fever so now **November** he is in the hospital in Salt Lake City being treated. They expect to be here the **21<sup>st</sup> of November** for Thanksgiving.

Edith left Washington **November 15<sup>th</sup>** for San Francisco to be released from the Waves. She expects to be home by the **25<sup>th</sup> of November**. How happy will be that day.

Edna and Adrian arrived here on Thanksgiving Day 11:30 a.m. **November 22**. Now **November 27** they are getting ready to move in our old home, across the road from Wm. Akhurst. They will live in the two front rooms.

Edith came home Monday, **November 26** (night) 11:20 P.M. How happy we can all be again. May we as a family rejoice and try to help others rejoice also.

Thanksgiving day. Alice & Newell Snow, Thelma Snow, Orin's wife & children, Howard and family, Edna and Husband, Carl and myself had Thanksgiving dinner together all rejoiced for such blessings we had and hoped we could all meet soon again.

Carl is engaged to Donna Williams (**December 14**) a lovely young girl, daughter of Hilda Williams. December 14 fore part.

Christmas **1945**, Edna, Adrian, Janice, Edith, Carl & Donna Williams and myself had Christmas dinner together. Howard & family at their home. Their little daughter Judy was too young to bring out in the cold. Born (**December 12, 1945**).

We all rejoiced for having a Merry Christmas this peaceful year.

**December 27**, Howard & Fern rejoice for the water is in their new home.

**January & February**. Months of little moisture but pleasant for us to go outdoors and warmer than usual in the home.

**October 6, 1945**. Oil was put in the kitchen stove. It has been less work making fires but I believe the water heats faster with coal than oil in my stove. It is quite expensive also, \$40.00 for oil as far as **February 1946** just kitchen stove.

**February 20**. I went to Salt Lake City to Gwen May Colton's wedding. She married Joseph M. Anderson, a high school teacher living in Salt Lake City. I stayed with sister Grace 4 days and enjoyed my trip arriving home **February 25**.

Now **March**, Edith is getting things or clothes ready so she can marry Clarence J. Hatch. A Latter-day Saint young man from Los Angeles, California. Grandson of Jeremiah M. Hatch, a fine man who used to live here, but is now deceased. I hope and pray it is for the best and that they will happily forever.

Today Sunday **March 10**, A beautiful spring day.

**March 14.** Carl severely cut his arm in a power saw. Howard and he were sawing up trees on the old Colthorp lot home. He has to stay in hospital 24 hours. He returned home and is doing fine **March 23.**

**March 13.** We had an engagement shower for Edith. 35 guests were present. Some lovely & useful gifts Edith received.

**March.** Edith's husband arrived from Los Angeles, Ca. Of course they were married the **3<sup>rd</sup> of April** in the Salt Lake City Temple. His name is Clarence J. Hatch.

**April 3.** It was a beautiful day and a beautiful wedding and I feel that Edith will be happy. I have received word from Edith from Los Angeles, California, and she is happy as can be.

**April 30.** A terrible frost. It looks as tho (though) that all the fruit has been froze. The apple trees and apricots were all out in full bloom. But now they look real sick. The lucerne was killed more than I have ever seen before.

**April & May,** Real cold and blustery months.

Another happy wedding.

**May 25** at Mrs. Roland Williams home, Carl S. Collett and Donna Williams were married. Bishop Harvey McKee married them. The house was decorated with beautiful flowers & pink candles. 50 guests were present, friends and relatives. Now tonight, **May 27** will be a dance in Maeser Amusement Hall for them. Donna wore a beautiful white dress. Her sister Marita was bridesmaid. Howard Collett was best man. I know they will be very happy for Donna is a swell girl and Carl a dutiful son.

**May 30.** Byron, Clela and daughters, Jack and Bernice Young & 4 children came to the home. I was very glad to see them. I left for Salt Lake City to attend John H. Taylor's funeral and felt sorry to go, but promised Byron I would come to Tabiona this summer to see them. I went to Salt Lake with Claire, Rulon Hacking & Lucille Calder. Stayed with sister Grace and she is sure good to all of us. I hope some day that she can have a home of her own, so she'll not work so hard for missionaries.

Orin & Essie also came the **31<sup>st</sup> of May.** So very glad to see them.

**June 3.** A warm day. Gardens can grow if it keeps up the warmth. In May we had some severe frosts and most all the fruit froze. A few apples are trying to grow.

**June 2.** Edna & Adrian took a trip to Missouri to see Adrian's parents. I have received word that they are having a real nice time and will return on the **19 of June.**

Eldon Bills and wife came to see us **June 16.** They live in S.L.City now.

Today the **18 of June**, I received the release of the mortgage from the Federal Land Bank of Berkley Cal. I sure am rejoicing and hope I can settle the land on the boys & girls.

Gardens growing slowly.

**July 29.** I gave deeds to my land to Howard, Edna, Carl. Edith sold her share to Carl & Howard. I hope they can make some real nice homes.

Fern and family on the mountain spending the summer days and enjoying it because they are with Howard. Carl & Donna are living on the mountain this summer. They come down weekends, get supplies and return. They are sure happy.

**August 3.** Grace & Don B. Colton, her husband, and Zina S. Reid came and stayed with me 9 days. They came on a vacation and went around visiting friends and relatives. We all enjoyed each other very much.

Sister Susie Shaffer came to see us **August 17, 1946.** So glad to see her. She is working in a factory in Manti.

**August 29.** I went with Byron and Clela to Tabiona. (They were here to see us.) I enjoyed my visit of 5 days. I stayed one night in Hanna with Bernice Young and family. I was very glad to get home.

**September 7.** Now putting up apples, peaches and pickles.

Fern and family back from the mountain.

**September 7.** William S. Stringham brother came and stayed all night. So glad to see him and learn all about his family. His daughter Betty also came to see me.

**October.** Donna & Carl down from the mountain and staying with me.

**October 5.** The night of October 4 & 4 a lot of rain and snow on the mountains.

**October 3.** Sold the cow. (A sad day.)

**October 4.** Mark Woolley & wife Kate called to see us. They still live in California. So glad to see them.

**October 5.** Howard down from the mountain to stay so he says.

**October 6, 7, 8.** Stormy but mild weather. The frost hasn't been too severe as yet. The rain will do a lot of good.

**November 1.** Carl and Donna living out to the Gilsonite mine near Watson 70 miles from here. They come in weekends. Howard working in Vernal.

**November 5.** Election day majority Republican. I am Registration Agent for Maeser Precinct District 6.

**November 8.** A heavy snow good and wet.

**November 9.** Blowing and cold. A lot of moisture during fore part of November.

**November 24.** I paid \$5.00 for budget ticket. I as assistant chorister for the Daughters of Utah Pioneers in Maeser. Name of camp Ft. Thronburg.

**November 28.** Thanksgiving day a beautiful day. Carl, Donna, Edna, Adrian, Janice, Howard, Fern, Coleen, Rosie, Floyd & Judy and myself ate a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner together. How happy I was to have my children & grandchildren with me.

Edith telephoned from Los Angeles. So glad to hear from her & Clarence. So very thankful this Thanksgiving Day.

The rest of **November** a wet month but pleasant. Also the first of **December** not much snow but Christmas day it began to snow, so now **December 28** about 5 inches of snow and quite cold.

For Christmas dinner I had as my guests Edna, Adrian, Janice (daughter) Alice C. Snow, Newel Snow, & Meril Snow. Alice and Newell brought the 20 lb. turkey and with the rest of the dinner we had a lovely time together.

Edith & Clarence called on the phone and wished us all a Merry Christmas. They live in Los Angeles.

Carl & Donna went to Donna's mothers for Christmas dinner. Howard & family went to Fern's mothers for Christmas dinner. All had a joyous Christmas.

## 1947

**1<sup>st</sup> of January.** I had New Years dinner at Edna C. Raine's. Adrian had to work that day. Howard, Fern and family were there also. Carl & wife out to mines. Edith and Clarence at California.

I am thankful for the new year and hope I can improve myself a little this year. I am thankful for food, raiment, friends, neighbors and children & grandchildren. I am thankful to my Heavenly Father for all my blessings. **January** the fore part real cold but I have a warm house for which I am thankful.

Middle of **January** Edith wrote and says she expects to be a mother in July. Joyful news.



Carl & Donna went on a honeymoon trip to Salt Lake City first part of January. They are now out to the mines near Dragon again.

**January 26.** It thawed a lot. The water just ran off the fields and street. **January 27.** Colder again. Snowed in the evening. **January 28.** Snowed but warmer evening. It drifted the snow.

**January 29.** Quite cold. Carl & Donna came in from mine. So glad to see them well & happy.

This last day of **January 31** a sunny day, but cold.

I am thankful for all my blessings. I am assistant D.U.P. Chorister, Ward Relief society Chorister and teacher. I hope I can do my part well.

**February.** Quite a mild Feb. Donna & Carl back from the Gilsonite mine to stay.

**February 21.** Carl now working cutting trees at Wm. McCoys.

**February 25.** Mark M. Hall and Eleanore M. Allen were married in the Salt Lake Temple. I hope they will always be happy.

I am trying to make rag rugs, something to pass the winter days away.

**February** Howard made a trailer wagon something to be proud of. I am proud that he can do such good work.

**February 28.** Also the last day of Feb. a cold day and wind blowing.

**March.** Warm the first part of the month. **March 16,** I went and stayed at the Mission Home with sister Grace and Bro. Don. Had a good visit. Their daughter Gwen & husband and son Richard was there.

Baby Richard two weeks old when I left. I went thru the Temple for some of grandmother Crouch's relatives who had lived 300 years ago. I hope they were willing to accept the gospel and Temple work.

Returned the last of March coming with Hugh Colton making the trip in 3 hours. It didn't seem too fast. But I think it was.

**April.** A very cold month so far. **April 12.** I hope it warms up so we can plant a garden.

Went teaching (Relief Society) **April 11.** Enjoyed the day.

Now the last of **April** and first part of **May**, real warm and all nature looking grand. Fruit trees loaded with beautiful blossoms and **May 8<sup>th</sup>** a beautiful baby daughter (Adreana) born to Edna & Adrian. All doing fine. **May 9**, Janice is staying with me.

**May.** Edna home again with her lovely daughter, and Janice was such a little lady while she stayed here with us.

**May.** A dry cool month everything green and summer is here.

**June 3.** And a lovely gentle rain storm.

All doing fine. Rosie and Judy with the chicken pox. Floyd just over them. (My grandchildren.)

**May 16,** I went to Salt Lake City to see the Centennial Pageant. The scenery and all was grand. It told about the beginning of the world until now.

**June 9.** Carl & Donna over to Farm Creek ready to go on forest to Mark timber. I hope they all make good. Howard also working on the forest doing the same kind of work. May he succeed also.

**June 20.** A very wet rain, raining all afternoon and still raining.

Edith and Clarence Hatch have moved in their new home the last of **May**.

**June.** I am going down to Bell, California to be with Edith when her child is born about **July 11**. I will leave here to go stay with sister Zina Reid about **June the 24<sup>th</sup>**. Stay there a day or two then go on to Bell, California. Stayed in Salt Lake City with sister Grace **June 25, 26, 27** then went and stayed with sister Zina four days then on to Edith's home **July 1<sup>st</sup>**. Arrived in Bell, California **July 2<sup>nd</sup>** then waited until **August 3<sup>rd</sup>** for Edith's dear baby boy, James Aaron Hatch. But he was worth waiting for.

While in California, I visited William & Afton Stringham. Saw their son Ralph married to Orpha Jolly. I hope they live happy ever after. I also visited Seal Beach on a luncheon with Edith & Clarence. Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Hatch. Went to one picture show, two Sunday School sessions. Went to see Lucille & Jessie Woolley. Saw Mark & Kate Woolley. Came home **August 18** on the train. (The Pony Express.) Went and stayed all night at Ray & Vera's Stringham's. Saw J. Thorals' wife and baby girl (born **August 17**) Arrived home **Wed, Aug 20**. Glad to get home. Found all the families well.

**August 24.** Byron and Clela and two girls came over from Duchesne and stayed two nights. While they were here we went to Wiley's and Erma's for dinner. Then that evening, Aug 23 went with Byron, Clela, Howard & Fern to Meril Snow's wedding reception. Had a real nice time. Byron & Clela and girls left today for Duchesne **August 24<sup>th</sup>**. Merrill Snow married Maynell Merckley **August 20** in the Salt Lake Temple.

Now tomorrow will try and help put up and save some of the apricots. This year many bushels of apples and apricots, plumbs, etc.

I am now Theology teacher in Maeser Relief Society. Sustained in **September**. I hope I can succeed and I know I can if I put my trust in my Heavenly Father and study and be humble.

**September**. Dried a lot of apples and put up fruit. A lovely fall and still is. **October 17**. The whole families have been busy putting up fruit etc. Byron & family came over **October 10** and stayed two nights and went home Sunday. He is in much better health now. Clela, Nita & Renae came also. We went to Jensen to have birthday dinner with Alice C. Snow.

**October 18**. Howard went deer hunting on Blue Mt. and got his deer.

**October 20**. Donna & Carl went to Green Draw on Manila Road to hunt deer. A storm arose and deer hunters up on high mountain was trapped in the snow. Now, **October 23** the State highway patrol have gone up to get the snow away from roads (15 inches) so they who are up in the snow may return home. The storm came up so sudden. It had been such bright and lovely weather up until then. But now **October 23** it isn't very cold as yet. Things or vegetation still nice and green. Carl & Donna returned safe after a stormy experience.

Edna, Adrian and girls went to Blue Mt. for their deer. They were trapped in a cow cabin for two days. The snow 12 in. They had to leave their car on the mountain a day or two. They came down on a tractor with their girls in their arms. Quite an experience for **October**. Alice and Newell were there also.

We have had snow twice now, **November 16** but all melted.

My children are giving me now **November** so much a month. \$5.00 each one. I appreciate it very much for I like to buy things once in a while for myself and others.

**November 18**. Snowing again so perhaps there will be a lot of snow in the mountains this year. I went Relief Society teaching yesterday **November 17**. Had a good visit with the sisters visited. Eleanor A. Hall my companion. We have made all our visits this year so far and hope to complete the year with a perfect record.

**November 27**. Byron, Clela, Neta & Renae Collett, Howard, Fern, Coleen, Rosie, Floyd, Judy, & Jack Collett, Adrian A. Raines, Edna, Janice, & Adreana, Beatrice Stringham, and myself were at Thanksgiving dinner at my house. Donna & Carl were at Donna's mothers for Thanksgiving. Byron & family stayed all night and went home the next morning. Edith & Clarence called on the phone. **November** gone and I am thankful for all my blessings.

**December**. Three inches of wet snow. I am the Theology Teacher in Relief Society and today being Tuesday I have a lesson to give. I feel very humble but will try to give it the best I can with the help of our Heavenly Father.

**December 5.** Went Relief Society teaching with Eleanor A. Hall. Our street is the street that I live on from Acel Halls to Mrs. Effie Caldwell's.

I have been tending children this week, Edna's and Fern's.

**December 11.** Went to town with Edna & Donna to get me a dress for Christmas. I tried on some nice dresses but alas I am hard to fit, but at last one was selected so it is just put away for Christmas. Howard, Carl & Adrian and wives are getting it for me. I appreciate it very much.

Sending **December 12,** a Christmas package. Not very much but a lot of love goes with it to Edith, Clarence & baby Jim.

**December.** Month so far has been foggy and cloudy and quite a lot of snow. The sun comes out a short time each day. I will be glad when it stays out.

**December 18.** Clair Westover, a cousin, died of dropsy & pneumonia. Buried in Rock Point Cemetery. The funeral was at the First Ward Chapel. A very impressive service. We learned a friend is one of the most important things in the world. Clair has been a painter for years and a very good one. Alfred Claire Westover, cousin, died in the Basin Hospital. His mother is my mother's sister. He was the second child born in Ashley Valley, now called Vernal. He was a painter by trade. His wife died in Jan. 194? Florence Atkins W. He had a son Lynn W. Westover, a daughter Ethel W. Phillips, two grandchildren. Two great grandchildren.

**December 21.** Still foggy and Christmas very near.

**December 24.** In the evening Howard & family, Edna & family, Carl & Donna came and brought Christmas gifts and I with mine. We had a jolly Christmas even opening presents and the little children were sure happy. Such joy on their dear faces. Beatrice went to Salt Lake City to spend Christmas with sister Grace Colton.

**Christmas Day, 25 of December.** I went to see the children's presents that Santa Claus brought. All were sure happy and all the families came to have Christmas dinner. We had a good dinner and were happy together. Now I am sitting here writing this Christmas night all alone listening to the radio. The programs are all about Christmas. My children bought me a new green dress for Christmas. I appreciate it very much. I received other presents for which I am very thankful. Grace gave me \$10 and other presents. Claire \$5. etc.

## 1948

The old year passed very profitable. I hope tho (though) that I may do more to make the world brighter this New Year **1948 January 1.**

We, Edna, Janice, Adreana, Carl & Donna & myself had New Years dinner with sister Beatrice Stringham. We had a nice time and a good dinner. Howard & family had Fern's parents for New Years supper. Edith & Clarence talked to us from Los Angeles. Edith has been real sick with the flu but is O.K. now and says baby Jim the only baby, so Edith & Clarence think.

**January 17, 18, 19.** Real cold.

The latter part of **January**. I was very sick with the flu. I helped Howard's family who were all sick, then I got it. But now **Feb**. I am much better and thankful to my Heavenly Father for every blessing I enjoy. Howard's family getting well.

**January**. A very cold month. Very little snow. Edith reports that it froze plants down in Bell, California, something unusual.

**February**. Made six aprons for sister Grace. **February**. A very cold month. Two days it blew so hard and cold. Just a real blizzard. Nothing important happened this month but I am thankful for all my blessings.

Now **March 1** it came like a lamb. I hope it goes out like a lamb. Two days later a cold wind blew. Went Relief Society Teaching **March 3**. My companion Tharon Merkley. I also helped Mrs. Grace Vernon cut carpet rags. Cut and sewed stocking for Claire for a rug. A slow tedious job but something to keep me busy. Also made two aprons for Claire.

**March 10**. An eventful day another grandson, Carl & Donna's. They are sure proud parents. Son named Craig. Donna home from hospital **March 17, 1948**.

**March**, a cold and blustery month.

**April 1**. I went to Salt Lake City with Verdon Johnson, his wife Marie Johnson, Mrs. Fulmer, Mrs. Andrew Vernon, Mrs. Ferron Hacking to attend April General Conference. I attended the sessions each day also saw the Television in Assembly Hall. Had a glorious time. I stayed in the L.D.S. Mission Home with sister Grace Colton. Don B. was at Washington. Also sister Susie Shaffer and Claire C. Hacking stayed there and many others came & went. Alice Mae Colton & children were there. They went to Idaho to stay a while with her father's family. Now I am home doing daily jobs. The weather is more like spring. Howard and family over to Fern's parents (George W. Walkups) to spend the week-end. Edna & family well. Donna, Carl & baby O.K.

Ray Stringham, brother, came to see us **April 10**.

Beatrice (sister) went to St. Louis, Missouri, **April 14** to a convention for Teacher Supervisors. She will be gone 13 days. Arrived home **April 27**. Today, **April 28**, writing part of this history. Still a cold April everything backward. Gardens, lucerne, grass just getting real green.

**May 1948.** A cold month up to May 11. Having backward spring.

**May 9.** Mothers day. Received a \$5 bill Edna & Adrian, a box of candy Howard & Fern, Clarence & Edith a lovely locket and perfume, Carl & Donna cloth for a second best dress also Craig's babys picture. Wiley & Erma a slip, Alice & Newell a lovely Mothers day card. Fern, Coleen & Floyd has the mumps the month of May.

**May 13.** A surprise. Here steps in Edith and Clarence & baby Jim from Bell, California. I didn't know they were coming. I was sure glad to see them. They just stayed one day. Wiley & Erma Collett, Velda Robins & husband, Beth Collett Sweatfield & husband, Alice & Newell Snow, Merrill Snow & wife, Beatrice Stringham, Claire Hacking or Aunt Claire came in the evening to see them.

**May 13.** (also) Reuben Bills and sister Julia B. Coleman called to see us. They live in Meeker.

**18 of May.** I went to Duchesne, Utah to visit Byron & family. I stayed 2 days. Had a nice visit.

**May 24.** Carl & Donna moved in their new home. The home is not finished but they can finish it at leisure. They stayed with me the most of two years. May they have success in their new home.

Now **June 3**, I am going to Salt Lake with sister Claire. Stayed in Salt Lake City with sister Grace until June 14. Arrived home **June 14**. I went in the Temple and did work for three persons who are dead. Sister Grace was very good and kind to me giving me a nice dress and also money to make life more pleasant, for which I appreciate very much. May she find joy in doing so. Sister Claire also gave me some money and a few trip to Salt Lake City for which I appreciate very much.

**June 20.** Edna, Adrian, Janice and Adreana left for Washburn, Missouri. I hoe they have a nice trip.

**June 21-22.** A lovely rain storm which will do the valley a great deal of good.

Edna, Adrian and girls returned safe after two weeks visit to Missouri.

Carl & Donna took a trip to Yellowstone Park, leaving July 11 returning July 17. They report having a good time.

Coleen Collett (granddaughter) left for California at Bell staying with daughter, Edith & husband (**29 of June**).

**July.** Has been real warm and everything is growing and gardens look grand.

**July 25.** My 72 birthday. Edna, Fern & Donna got a lawn party up for me. 48 relatives were present. We had a pot luck lunch and a jolly time.

Byron & Clela came over **July 24<sup>th</sup>** and wished me a happy birthday. Byron being Bishop of Duchesne Ward they couldn't be here Sunday **July 25.**

Grace & Don B. Colton are visiting. They stayed here Sat. night. Tonight **July 26**, Eldon Bills & wife are here. Stayed all night went home next day (**27**). Gwen Colton Anderson & husband are here on a short visit staying in Beatrice's home, Beatrice in Salt Lake going to summer school for a week.

**August.** Maids O. Maeser met on the chapel lawn Aug. 18. Not so many there but all had a good time renewing old times.

I made 10 aprons for Grace C. this month **August.**

I am Registrar for District no. 6 Maeser. I have acted as Registrar for 6 years now.

Carl and Donna & baby Craig went to Yellowstone Park in **July.**

**August.** Put up wealthy apples, apricots and dried apples.

**September.** Still helping with tomatoes, pickles & raspberries. Edna has some ever bearer raspberries. Wealthy apples not so many and winter apples are scarce. Apples fall from trees so easily this year 1948 in the valley. A lovely fall now **25 of September** and no frost as yet.

**September 7.** Was Primary Election for Utah. I went as Registration agent and stayed the day. It was a long day and not many came to vote. Election was held in Maeser School house.

**September 5.** Byron & family were over to see us all. They live in Duchesne.

**September 28.** I expect to go to General Relief Society Conference with sister Claire. She has paid my way. I hope I get some good instructions to bring back to Maeser Ward relief Society. **September 28, 29, 30.** I went to Relief Society & General Conference. Attended every meeting. Received a lot of instructions which will help me give my Relief Society Theology lessons this year. I have been asked by the President of the Relief Society to assist in the Theology lesson this year **1948-49.** I hope and pray I may have success in getting the sisters interested in Theology.

Now **October 10.** Yesterday picked raspberries for Edna. A beautiful fall. The first frost was **October 6** for this year.

Edith & little Jim arrived here for a visit. Little Jim is sure a sweet child and full of life. Busy every minute.

Fern, Judy, Jack and Howard gone deer hunting.

Carl & Adrian got their deer, **October 16.**

Edith and little Jim went back to Bell, California **October 31<sup>st</sup>.** We or I enjoyed every minute while she was here with her darling baby Jim. We hope Clarence can come next time.

**27 of October.** Sister Zina, Reta and Lorenzo Reid came to see us. We enjoyed their short visit. They left on the **30 of October.** It was rather a stormy time while they were here but now **November 1<sup>st</sup>** lovely weather again.

Howard & Fern getting ready to leave for Mesa, Arizona now **November 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**November 2.** I was registration agent for Maeser district and stayed at the poles all day on election day. Sorry that Governor Dewey lost the race and Hope that Pres. Truman succeeds with his great burden.

Howard and family left for the south, perhaps Mesa, Arizona the **6<sup>th</sup> of November.** We are all hoping they find a home and friends way down there.

Colleen 12, Rosie 9, Floyd 9, Judy 2 and Jack 1. Howard & Fern's children. Received word that they bought a new home and are very happy. I hope they stay true to the Gospel.

**November 30.** Edna gave birth to a little baby girl (Darlene). So Edna has three little girls now. A joy to a mother's heart. I am taking care of the children Janice & Adreana.

We had a real mild Nov. not so very cold and very little snow.

**December.** The first part was without snow. Had a good Christmas. Edna & family, Carl & family had Christmas dinner with me.

**December 28.** I started on my way to Bell, California.

## 1949

Arrived in Bell, California **Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>** to stay with Edith, Clarence & baby Jim. I went to California on Pony Express. Sister Grace Colton paid for a Pullman bed for me. The first time I ever slept in a Pullman.

Very cold in California **January. February** the shrubs froze that never freeze other times. Clarence had an operation for appendicitis **January 7** a very serious time. But he was blessed and got along real fast.



**January 1<sup>st</sup>** went to see Bro. William S. Stringham and wife Afton. Also had New Year's dinner at Clarence's parent's home. Mr. & Mrs. C.A. Hatch. Then went to see the Rose Bowl floats and such beauty I never saw before. Sure beautiful.

**January 27.** Went to Santa Monica, California and stayed with Kate & Mark Woolley for two weeks which I enjoyed. They were very good to me. Spent a day with Jessie & Lucille Woolley. I went to many points of interest while in California. A Bit of Sweden, a café. Angelus Church. Stayed with Bro. Will & Afton **2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> of March.** Had a nice visit.

**March 18.** Clarence & Edith took me to Mesa, Arizona to visit Howard and family who moved there in **November.** Had a nice trip. I stayed two weeks, visited many places of interest, especially the Mesa Temple. Left Mesa, Arizona **April 1<sup>st</sup>.** Got sick on the way. Stopped at mission home for three days. Arrived home **April 5<sup>th</sup>.**

Byron & family brought me home. Glad to be home.

Now **April 27,** sewing aprons for Sister Grace and trying to make a garden and am feeling much better.

Carl working in Gilsonite mine near Myton. Started the first part of **April.**

Planted my small garden **May 10,** and in two weeks radishes, lettuce, beans, carrots peeking thru. Also shortly after, melons and squash and corn. And **May,** quite a blustery month and cold.

**May 29.** Went to Jensen with Beatrice Stringham and Lucille Calder to Alice & Newell Snow's Thirtieth Wedding anniversary. Returned at 10 P.M. with Alice & Newell bringing me home. Had a good time. Byron & family came over **May 30** for Decoration day. Neta is staying a while with me.

Edna C. Raines went to Salt Lake City with Beatrice S. **May 28** returning the same day. I took care of Janice & Adreana while she was gone. She took little Darlene with her.

Now **June 4,** a real wet day and cold. All June so far has been cold and damp. June a blustery month, but no frost. Everything growing fast.

**July 1<sup>st</sup>,** Edith's birthday. Now living in Bell, California. Edith C. Hatch.

**July 1.** Challenger Air Lines complete to come to Vernal carrying passengers and mail. They came in from S.L. City at 7 a.m. **July 1<sup>st</sup>.** The Vernal airport has a good landing airport south east in the Valley. Vernal now on the airline of America.

**July 4.** At midnight, Edna, Adrian and family left for a trip to Washburn, Missouri to visit Adrian's parents and brothers and sisters. They went in a Jeep. I hope they arrive safe and have a nice visit.

Howard's birthday **July 11<sup>th</sup>**. I hope he has a happy one.

Raspberries are ripe **July 6**, also red and yellow currants.

Edna & family came back from Missouri, **July 18**. They had a lovely trip. I took care of their chickens and yard while away.

Now **July 20**, Eldon Bills wife and mother-in-law Mrs. Thomas came and stayed the weekend.

**July 22, 23, 24, 25**. Homecoming in Uintah Stake of Zion and also the county. Many returned to visit that had lived here before. I met many old friends. **July 22** The Maids of Maeser had a 7:30 a.m. breakfast in the Maeser chapel or amusement hall which was a jolly time and many old friends did we meet.

The Naples, Glines chapel was dedicated, **July 24, 1949**.

**July the 25**, the hospital was dedicated. It is a credit to Uintah Co. A beautiful building.

**July 22**. The Stringham family reunion. We organized and each living child of the original family holds an office. We organized the family. Grace Colton of Salt Lake City, Susie Shaffer of Manti, Zina S. Reid & husband of St. George, Ray Stringham and wife to Salt Lake City, William Stringham and wife of Mayo, California, Mark M. Hall & wife, Ella Stringham, Claire S. Hacking, Beatrice Stringham. Briant Stringham & wife, and myself. We had a good dinner together, each bringing a dish of food to set on the table. We met at the old home where Beatrice lives at two o'clock P.M. All the grandchildren and their families met and had a program and refreshments and all had a jolly time. About 150 present descendants of Phillip Stringham and Caroline Ann Crouch Stringham. Then **July 25**, my birthday, my brothers and sisters and husbands & wives had diner in Vernal Hotel had a good dinner. It being Bro. William Stringham's birthday also. Briant paid for the dinner. The brothers & sisters gave me a Frigidaire, one that Beatrice had. She is going to get a bigger one. I sure appreciate it and hope they will know it by my actions. Now food can be kept longer. I will not need to throw it away. I rejoice.

Susie, Zina & Lorenzo left this morning for their different homes. **July 27**, Sister Grace, Whitney Smith & family left for Salt Lake City. They stayed while here at the home of sister Beatrice's. Grace staying eleven days. Susie stayed with me part of the time. She stayed at Beatrice's part of her stay. Staying ten days.

I received from Howard and family for my birthday, photos of the children. Coleen, Rosie, Floyd, Judy & Jack for which I rejoice to see my grand children. Edna & family some writing paper and a dollar which is very useful. Edith & family phoned from Bell, Cal. wishing me a happy birthday, also sent me a vegetable masher and a second hand dress. Donna & Carl gave me material for a dress. So I have been blessed very much this 73<sup>rd</sup> birthday 1949.

**August.** A month that was cloudy but very little moisture fell. Things ripening for to gather in the fall.

**September.** Getting ready to teach the Theology class in the Maeser Relief Society. Relief Society starts October 4<sup>th</sup>.

Now **September 6<sup>th</sup>**, I am tending Edna's & Adrian's children, at their own home each school day from 12:30 a.m. (p.m.) to 4:30 p.m. Edna is teaching the 7<sup>th</sup> grade in Maeser School for half a day. Year 1949-50. I have tended them two weeks now, **September 16<sup>th</sup>** and got along O.K. I am also sewing aprons for sister Grace and putting up fruit for the winter. Also helped Donna and Edna with their fruit and vegetables.

The **10 of September.** We in this part of the valley had a very destructive hail storm, hail as big as a marble, and they stayed on the ground for 24 hours in shaded places. But now **Sept. 17** things are looking better but tomatoes, melons, squash, apples had dents in them, which made them decay if not put in bottles. No real hard frost as yet now.

**October 1, 1949.** Edna & Adrian building a new home. Wiley Collett and son-in-law Tex Sweatfield is building it for them.

**October 5.** A baby girl (Randy) born to Carl S. Collett and wife Donna Williams Collett weighing 7 ½ lbs. with a lot of black hair. A beautiful baby. My 7<sup>th</sup> granddaughter.

**October 7, 8, 9.** A very wet week and snow on the mountains report 9 inches above Mrs. G. Walkups home at Ranger station. Other places on the mountain 16 in and 18 inches, and here hail stayed on the ground all night and far into the day of **Oct. 10** still very cloudy and cold.

**October 14.** A beautiful baby girl (Cathy) born to Edith & Clarence J. Hatch weighing 7 ½ lb. all doing fine. The eighth granddaughter.

**October 13, 14, 15.** Edna went to Salt Lake City to the U.E.A. with the Uintah Co. teachers. The little girls stayed with me here in my home. Got along real well but mighty glad when Edna returned.

**October 19, 20.** Stormy and the morning of the **20<sup>th</sup>** a foot of snow in the valley. Something I never saw before for this time of the year.

**October 20.** Carl, Donna and children staying here tonight. Carl and Adrian going deer hunting tomorrow. I am correspondent to the Express for Maeser year **1949-50**.

**November.** A pleasant month not too cold. Went over to Byron's for Thanksgiving dinner. Went over with Mark M. Hall & wife. Came back with Carl to Roosevelt and from Roosevelt with Mr. Driver Smith & wife, Wiley & Erma. Those who were at Byrons, Wiley, Erma, LeRay, Adrian, Edna, Janice, Adreana, Darlene, Carl, Donna, Craig and Randy, myself, Byron & family. I enjoyed the day very much.

**December 10.** A snow storm and a little colder.

Now **December 15**, Edna & Adrian have moved into their new home. Such happiness is theirs in their new home.

I am trying to get Xmas presents ready and am having joy by doing so.

**December 18 & 19.** It snowed both days and nearly all day. 23 inches night of **19 December**. It has never before in the history of Uintah Co. so much snowfall in one day storm, 24 inches.

**December.** Grace Colton gave me her fur coat and hat to match. I appreciate it very much.

Christmas come & gone. A merry Christmas it was. My family got me a radio, Claire, Bryant & Grace gave me some money for which I am thankful. Bea a nice scarf and stockings. Zina, apron. Susie, shaker. Had Christmas diner at Edna's new house. Byron & family, Carl, Donna and family were there.

Howard & family from Mesa, Arizona sent me oranges, nuts, dates and a nice flower to go on coat for Christmas. Now the last day of **December**. I am very thankful for all I have and hope I may appreciate the same by doing all the good I can.

## 1950

**January 1<sup>st</sup>.** I am listening to the Radio and the greetings of a Happy New Year all over the land.

**January 6.** Sister Claire gave me 100 gal of oil for my kitchen stove. Water pipes froze two nights. 30 below **January 6**. The middle of January warmer.

Carl & Donna & family, Craig and Randy, went to Phoenix, Arizona **January 22** to sell Mirical (Miracle) Maid Elimimm (Aluminum) Ware and little Craig has a touch of asthma. They think it will help him.

I made three rugs in January – 2 Edna, 1 me.

**January 25, 26, 27.** Real cold again. **February** came in real cold. 30 below the **2<sup>nd</sup>**. 14 below the **3<sup>rd</sup>**. I am sleeping in front room. I am making aprons for Grace again. It is so cold one likes to be near a stove the biggest part of the time. I am also learning to crochet little dollies.

**February 22.** Snow two feet in the fields. 32 inches along my walk. 4 feet and five feet north of house where snow was scraped from the roof. Moved back to the bedroom.

I am an active Relief Society Teacher with Mrs. Rowena Richens. I enjoy it very much. Am also teaching the Theology in Relief Society. Year 1949 & 50.

My sisters Claire, Grace and Beatrice are sure good to me. Grace gives me work to do making aprons and pays me triple for doing them.

**March 1<sup>st</sup>.** A beautiful sunshiny day. Snow all over fields as yet no bare ground.

**March 23.** Snow all gone only north of dwellings.

**March 25.** 1 ½ " snow fell and it was wet snow. Not very cold.

**March 26.** Now March almost gone.

I am Theology teacher in Relief Society and also Visiting teacher with Rowena Richens.

Children. Howard and family in Mesa, Arizona. Howard working in the Forest Service. Carl & family in Phoenix, Arizona selling "Mirical (Miracle) Maid Ware". Edith & family in Bell, California and their own home. Edna & family here and built a lovely home year 1949-1950. Edna teaching school at Maeser in the afternoons and I tend the children every afternoon. All well.

I am thankful for everything and know if I do my part upon this earth that I will be blessed and I try to do that and know I am blessed each day. Made rugs, doilies, and aprons. Try to keep myself busy.

Carl & family came home from Phoenix, Arizona, **March 28.** We were all glad to see them. It has been real cold and stormy & windy the rest of March. Now **April** still a late spring **April 10<sup>th</sup>.**

Edith & Clarence called on phone to me for Easter. I sure was glad to know they remember me. May they have joy in remembering me.

**April.** A very stormy and cold month. **May** very cold and we have had snow two or three times. Now today **May 9<sup>th</sup>** snow, hail & rain all in one day. Gardens not planted as yet on our place. Early gardens not growing very much. Early fruit all froze. Trees coming out in bloom slowly. Apple trees budded.

**May 14.** Mothers Day a warm day. 9:30 a.m. Edith & family called on the telephone. All well. Edith has all her teeth out. Byron & Clela gave me a plastic table cloth. Orin a nice letter. Wiley \$2.50 and a chicken. Alice a pair of pillow cases. Edna permanent and a nice Mother day book. Carl a Miracle Maid fry pan and Aunt Grace \$5.00. So I have had a real Mother's Day and am thankful to my Heavenly Father for all my blessings. Fern also wrote a letter. Later a beautiful kerchief for the neck.

I have been appointed registrar agent for Maeser District for 2 years.

**May** a real cold month. Now **June 5** getting warmer.

Carl working on mountain to Thomas Saw Mill. Warmer weather, everything growing.

Now **July**, I tend little Randy, Carl & Donna's daughter, for four days while Donna went to Salt Lake City to be with her mother who was operated on for a growth in her breast. Now, **July the 4<sup>th</sup>**, Donna had to go back again. Her mother had to have a breast taken off. She left the children with Jenus Hall this time. (Craig & Randy). Her sister Marita called this morning and said she would take one of the children until Donna returned. Her mother, Hilda Williams, operation was successful.

Still nice & warm. Gardens growing. I am thinking of going to Mesa, Arizona for the winter. I only hope the way will be opened if it is wise that I go there.

Sat. **July 8**. I went to Salt Lake City to attend the Collett reunion held at the Fairmont Park in the city. Went out with Mark M. Hall and wife. Stayed at Eldon Bills home at night. Had a good time while at the reunion. Saw Grace & Don a few minutes. Also Myra Brazer and family. Returned with F.E. Colton and wife & son Boyd & wife & little son. Had a pleasant ride both ways. Now this day, **July 10<sup>th</sup>** helping tend Donna's baby while she cultivates the garden. Her mother is getting along O.K. at the L.D.S. hospital, now **July 10<sup>th</sup>**.

**July 24** was celebrated on the school lawn and amusement hall. All had a good time. That night was very cool.

**July 25**. My 74<sup>th</sup> birthday. Mrs. Linsay Oaks brought me a lovely bouquet. Mrs. Ida Caldwell a pretty kerchief. Alice & Newell a very pretty slip. Edna & Adrian a very pretty white slip. Beatrice a pretty homemade rug. Bry called on phone. Will & Afton called. Byron called on phone from Duchesne, then he & family came Sunday to see me and gave me a pretty pin cushion. Edith & Clarence called on the phone from Bell, California and sent in the mail some pretty writing material. Grace & Don called on the phone from Salt Lake City and sent in the mail \$5.00 dollars. Went to the movies with Claire.

Then **July 26**, Alice had a dinner at Jensen in honor of her son Merrill and I. His birthday being on the 28<sup>th</sup> of July. So I am really rejoicing this birthday.

**Thursday, August 10**. Beatrice had the Stringham descendants up on her lawn for breakfast. She served pancakes & eggs and cooked them on a grill on her out door fireplace which was enjoyed by 54 descendants. All had a delightful time.

**August 10**. Jennie Snow Merriam had twins (Joe and Joann). A boy and a girl born at Uintah Co. Hospital. Now **August 15** Grace and Don out to Vernal for their vacation and staying at Beatrice Stringham's.

(I forgot) Susie Shaffer & Marie Olsen & family & Beth S. Brown and husband were here to attend Mrs. Lydia Shaffers funeral and visit the families here.

**August.** Thus far has been pleasant but cool.

Beatrice Stringham had a barbecue supper on her wonderful fireplace and beautiful lawn. The Stringham descendants and near neighbors were there. 100 in all on the **22 of August.**

On the **22<sup>nd</sup> of Aug.** Edith & Clarence, Jim & Cathy came to see me and others. Stayed a week and went back **August 29.** They are going to Mesa, Arizona to live and go to school this winter at Tempe, Arizona 6 miles from Mesa.

Byron Collett's wife, Clela, had a gal stone operation at the L.D.S. Hospital in **August**, which was very serious. She was brought home to Duchesne, thinking she would be alright. But then, her husband had to take her back **August 27** to the L.D.S. Hospital. We only hope she will be alright this time.

Clela Collett, Byron's wife, is home now. She is improving daily.

**September.** A cloudy month but no frost as yet, **September 27.**

I am going to Salt Lake City to General Conference with Claire. She is paying my way for which I am thankful. We are going with Don Hacking in a truck.

**October 1.** Enjoyed General Conference very much. Stayed at the Mission Home. Grace gave me \$20 dollars for which I am thankful for it will help me out very much this winter.

Claire gave me \$5.00 for which I am thankful and hope as my sisters help me along that I can help others.

**October 1<sup>st</sup>** first frost of the fall season, **1950.**

**October 10.** A joyous time for the Raines family. A son was born. Edna and Adrian are very proud of their lovely son born at the Uintah Co. Hospital **October 10.** They gave him the name of Robert Joseph and will call him, while a child, Bobbie Jo (Bobby Joe). Adreana named him Bobbie and Darlene, Jo. The three sisters are proud of their baby brother. I stayed six days and I took care of Edna's home. I am glad I could do it, but also glad to be home again, **October 16.**

**October.** Month been very pleasant. Not very cold.

I am busy getting ready to go to Mesa for the winter after election, **November 7.** I will go about the ninth. Yesterday, **October 31** was the last Registration day. 22 came to Register that day. I enjoy being Registration Agent for Maeser District 6.

Carl & Donna will stay in my home while I am gone to Mesa. They went deer hunting and got their deer. Thora Hall took care of their children while deer hunting.

Edna's baby boy is doing real well.

All well this **1<sup>st</sup> day of November 1950.**



**The following ledger was also written in Grandma Collett's journal:**

**Oct 17, 1919**

**1923 Uintah National Land Loan Co**

	Principle	Interest
April 17) 1920	74.25	13.50
Oct. 17	73.88	13.87
April 17) 1921	73.50	14.25
Oct. 17	73.10	14.65
April 17) 1922	87.75	15.04
Oct. 17	87.75	15.46
April 17 Check to Manker	71.86	15.89
Oct 17 Check sent to Bank	71.43	16.32
April 17        1924	70.98	16.77
Oct 17        1924	70.51	17.24
Apr 17        1925	70.05	17.70

Bal Due 2582.02

Clara Josephine Crouch born at Greenwich Kent England. June 10, 1859.

Died Sept. 16, 1878

Daughter of William Crouch and Caroline Baker Crouch

Buick

Motor No 227007

Serial Number 219348

Cow            Aug 10

Bascom        Jan 19, 1925

Beef 88#       \$7.90

May Hall Jan 19

Beef 44#       \$3.50

Dickins 657 N. 3 E. Provo

Sanders 688 N. 2 E. Provo

Muhlstein 457 E. 5 N. Provo

Mrs. Mitchie

This is written in Edna's writing:

May 23, 1907

Arrived May 30, 1907

June 1909 Bought the Iverson place. Moved July 5, 1909

Aug. 1909 Sold home in Naples. Moved Sept. 13, 1909 Moore place.

Will Vernon

Went to St. George

Came back.

Iverson place

Moore place

Jan. 20, 1904

A small log house in Naples.

Nov. 1, 1905 to go to St. George

In St. George Nov. 29, 1905