

MABEL ELLEN COTTAM ELLIS was born October 25, 1893, in Pleasant View, Weber County, Utah, the daughter of John Cottam (born August 5, 1861,) and Lillie Rose Wade Cottam (born April 6, 1871). Children of the Cottam family were: Josephine C. Shaw, born May 6, 1892, and died May 15, 1951; Mabel Cottam Ellis; John Andrew Cottam, born Nov. 27, 1896, and died Dec. 1, 1896; and Lillie Mozella Cottam, born July 24, 1902, and died May 17, 1915. Mabel was married to ALMA LeROY ELLIS on June 21, 1911, in the Salt Lake Temple. Alma died on May 2, 1985, in Ogden, Utah, at the age of 95 years.

Mabel remembers that her life has been through the span of time from "horse and buggy days" to Jet airplanes faster than sound; and from candlelight to the wonders of electricity. Through the years she felt deeply indebted to and had an abiding love for her Pioneer Ancestors, Great-great Grandparents Andrew I. and Elizabeth Daniels Rose, who were baptized in Upper Canada by the Prophet Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdrey; and Grandparents William and Bridget Mary Ellen Gallagher Cottam, who were born, married, and baptized members of the Latter-day Saints Church in Lancashire County, England. In 1865 William joined a group of converts and came to the United States to work as an engineer in the coal mines in Pennsylvania to earn enough money to send for his wife and four small children. His family arrived in New York City on New Year's Day 1866, following six weeks on the stormy Atlantic. The Cottam Family traveled to Utah in an open cattle car on one of the first trains into Utah.

In 1877 the Cottam family moved to Curlew Valley, Box Elder County, Utah, and homesteaded land.

Great-great--Grandfather Andrew Rose I and his dear wife, Elizabeth Daniels Rose, were driven from their home with the other Saints by the mobs. and started across the Plains with the Pioneer. Andrew paid the supreme sacrifice for his religion. He died of cholera on the wind-swept banks of the south Platte River in Nebraska, and his grave is unmarked. His dear Wife, Elizabeth, gathered her family around her and crossed the Plains.

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The Rose Family arrived in Salt Lake City in late November 1849. A baby son, Andrew (Mabel's Grandfather), was born to George Washington Rose and Mary Moore Rose on January 1, 1850. Six weeks after arriving in Salt Lake Valley, the family of Elizabeth Daniels Rose was asked to move immediately to North Ogden, Weber County, Utah. Because of trouble with the Indians, it was necessary for them to seek shelter in the lean-to/^{sheds}at Mound Fort. The families and their livestock were huddled together in the Fort in the cold Winter weather. The Rose family later built their log home and farmed land in the foothills of Pleasant View.

Following the marriage of Mabel's Father and Mother, John and Lillie Rose Wade Cottam, they lived in Snowville, Box Elder County. Mabel was born in Pleasant View, as her Mother, Lillie, went there so she could be assisted by Midwife Jane Alvord. They then returned to Stone, Idaho.

Mabel's school days were real Pioneer Days. Her Mother, Lillie Rose Cottam, moved out of her own bedroom and converted it into a one-room school, so that the neighbor and her own children could attend school in Stone, Idaho. Lillie's Sister, Josephine Rose, came to live with Lillie and teach the first school. Her pay was very little. She taught for three years - the first through the sixth grades.

Later in life at the age of 16-17, Mabel lived in her Aunt Josephine Rose Chugg's home while she attended school in Providence, Cache County, Utah. During this time she became interested in her Never-ending search for her kin-folk's records, and a great start was made in her genealogy work, along with the help of her Mother. It was Mabel's privilege to complete hundreds of entire family group sheets and have the Temple work done for her ancestors.

Mabel writes of her life:

Both of our sons, Don Fredrick and Howard John Ellis, served in the Navy during World War II, and Howard later served a Mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Hawaiian Islands from 1947 to 1949.

Five of our Grandsons have served Missions for the LDS Church
Sons of Leona Ellis and John L. Thompson:

John Ellis Thompson - Mexican Mission in 1963-1965

Michael LeRoy Thompson - Guatemala-El Salvador Mission in 1965-1966

Son of Don Fredrick and Ardis Hickenlooper Ellis:

Brent Don Ellis - Brazil Mission in 1966-1968.

Sons of Howard John and Janet Rhees Ellis:

Scott Rhees Ellis - Spanish Speaking Mission in New York-1979-1981

Todd Rhees Ellis - Atlanta, Georgia, Mission

Howard John Ellis served in the Hawaiian Mission - 1944 -1946

and in the Japanese (Weber County) Mission

Janet Rhees Ellis (Howard's Wife) served in the Mount Ogden Stake Mission

Our Family are products of a hard-working farm life. Each is a faithful member of the Church and all have had Temple work completed and marriages performed in the Temples. My 12 Grandchildren have been a great joy to me -- five boys and seven girls. My Great-grandchildren number nine boys and eighteen girls. They are all precious, healthy children, and have brought much joy into our lives.

LEONA Married John L. Thompson - Son: John Ellis Thompson
msrried Julene Julian

Their Children: Jennifer Ann
Joanna
Joni
James Julian
Jacqueline
Josie
Jill

Son: Michael LeRoy Thompson
married Sharon Diane Niels

Their Children: Michelle Leona
Melody Wilora

ALMA GLEN Married Adella Kendell - Daughters:
Charleen
married George Cook

Their Children: Judd Ellis
Jennifer Joee

My early life in Pleasant View, Utah, was happy. The large group of young people enjoyed the dances and production of plays in the Ward there. We all worked hard. In addition to helping my Mother in the work on her fruit orchard, I helped my aunts with the care of their families.

On June 21, 1911, Alma LeRoy Ellis and I were married in the Salt Lake Temple. We rode the Bamberger electric train to Salt Lake, traveling alone. The following day we went through the day-long Temple endowment session. We returned to Pleasant View that night and made our home in the Pioneer brick house in which Alma and his brothers and sisters were born, which Alma purchased from his father, Frederick W. Ellis.

My children, Leona, born May 1, 1912, Wallace, who died at birth on January 5, 1916, and Alma Glen, born October 3, 1917, were born while we lived in Pleasant View. In December 1920 we moved to Riverdale, Utah, where we managed a large fruit orchard for Mr. Archie P. Bigelow of the Ogden State Bank. It was during depression times and wages were very low. We later purchased the Bigelow fruit orchard.

Our sons, Don Frederick, born November 10, 1923, and Howard John, born June 16, 1925, were born after we moved to Riverdale. All our family spent many hours working on the fruit orchard, and in later years we purchased the Keyes home and acreage, where we lived after both Don and Howard married.

I have been honored by being asked to serve as President of the Primary in both Pleasant View and Riverdale, and President of the M.I.A. in Riverdale. While Bishop Murray K. Jacobs was Bishop of the Riverdale Ward, I worked with Arthur Bingham on the Ward Recreation and Building Fund Committee. We were able to build the new Chapel for the Riverdale Ward, which was paid for and dedicated in one year during the depression years. I sold the first Ward Budget ticket in our Ward. I also helped serve the first hot lunch program in Weber County at the Riverdale School. It was a proud day when President Heber J. Grant dedicated our beautiful Chapel.

I have served on the Relief Society Stake Board and Sunday School Stake Board of Weber and Lakeview Stakes. I have taught classes in all three organizations, including Religion Class while living in Pleasant View.

Through the rush of the Church work and farm work, my family never once complained. We always went to Church together, walking together, riding in our buggy behind our trotting "Old Jenny," or in our little open Overland touring car.

I have always been an active member of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers, serving as 2nd Lt. in 1956 to 1958, and as Captain from January 1958 - 1960.

It is a marvelous thing to review the great changes from the turn of the Century 1900. I can review the growth of the Church through the Presidents, Pres. Joseph Fielding Smith, Pres. Heber J. Grant, Pres. George Albert Smith, Pres. David O. McKay, Pres. Harold B. Lee, and Pres. Spencer W. Kimball. It has been grand to live and see the building of the many Temples during my lifetime and we had the privilege of attending five of these wonderful Temples.

ALMA GLEN and
ADELLA KENDALL ELLIS

Daughter: Kathleen
married Glen Anderson

Their Children: Robert Glen
Nicole
Aimee
Jill

Daughter; Adele Maree
married Larry Roy Wadman

Their Children: Natalee
Angela Maree

DON FREDRICK married
HICKENLOOPER

ARDIS ILENE

Their Children: Brent Don (Son)
Married Tamra Moore

Their Children: Kirsten
Kevin Brent
Karianne
Kurtis Don

Daughter: Sherry Ilene married
Chariton A. (Tres) Ferrin II

Their Children: Chariton Seth
Devery Dawn
Joshua Shawn

Daughter: Jana Lee married
Breon Roy Jacobs

Their Children Jared Breon
Trevor Joseph
Cortney

HOWARD JOHN married JANET RHEES

Their Children: Scott Rhees
Todd Rhees
Lisa
Janilyn