



Groberg  
Heritage

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Cover

When Grandpa and Grandma Groberg,  
John and Johanna, lived in the Lynne  
Ward (Five Points Area of Ogden)  
they could look north and see a  
majestic mountain known as Ben Lomond.  
It provides a theme for this book.  
As many of us know who were acquainted  
with Grandpa and Grandma, they took  
special pride in saying that the name  
Groberg means "Greymountain" in  
Swedish --- hence this pen and ink  
sketch is felt appropriate  
for our book.

Artwork by Charles Alfred Groberg

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## Dedication

To the first officers of the Anders Person Groberg Family Genealogical Association, formed 50 years ago, 13 February, 1940, on the 100th anniversary of the birth of Jan Peter (John) Groberg, 13 February, 1840. John and his wife Johanna were our first Groberg ancestors to join the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

First officers of the Groberg Family organization:

LeRoi B. Groberg, President  
 Charles and Delbert Groberg, Vice presidents  
 Maude Groberg Neeley, Secretary-treasurer  
 Martha Rasicot Groberg, Genealogist  
 Eva C. Dabb Assistant genealogist  
 Ellen Groberg Crowther, Historian  
 Chester G. Crowther, Assistant historian

and to Hermine Groberg Barker, genealogist, who has magnified the calling begun by her mother

1990



Boyd, Mary Jane, Cliff, Eva, Ward, Hermine, Charles, Helen  
 the book committee

## Acknowledgements

First to Eva, who has not only been a family genealogist and friend for 50 years, but has also been my companion and assistant and made her home available to live and work on the book during ten weeks of fall, 1989. And more important, her prayers, along with meals and encouragement, tables and telephone, have been supportive and made the time pleasant. To her mother Ellen, who was the first Groberg association's historian, and who with her son Chester translated the Swedish records. We are also grateful for Chester's translation of the Anders Person Groberg Journal, letters, and other documents.

To Hermine, who has been a loving resource person through many years. Her documented histories of our common ancestors, her preparation of pedigrees, family group sheets, and the descendancy chart and other documentation in easy-to-understand form is greatly appreciated. She is an expert family historian. She has also made her home available for this work. And to her mother, "Aunt Mattie," the first Groberg association's genealogist. By obtaining the Swedish family records she was first to enable the present generation to do temple work for our ancestors during the 1940s. She passed to her children a great appreciation for keeping good family records.

To Charles, who first appointed the editor, and who has assisted with art. To the secretary, Helen, who has also handled the treasury. To Boyd, whose interest has given strength and validity to our committee. To my brother John Holbrook Groberg, who has served the family and the whole Church, as a General Authority, and in callings in the area of Family History. We value his leadership in missionary service, and assisting to "perfect the Saints."

To Lee Groberg, who produced a video that launched this history; and to Farr West historian, Brian Lake Taylor. To the Weber State College personnel who gave moral support and assisted with their archives.

And finally and especially to my family, beginning with my deceased husband, Achim, whose interest in family history was an example I easily caught, an attitude I treasure. Then to our daughters, Anny and Rosy, a joy in my posterity. To my brother Joe and his wife Jeanne who took Rosy into their home while I was in Ogden, and to my parents who have been excellent resource people. Dad was completely cooperative. Mother provided much valuable biographical material of both Dad and his father, John Enoch. I give them much credit, and acknowledge my debt to them.

To others, not mentioned, who contributed, and whose help is necessary for this book to be of worth, and to be paid for.

Mary Jane Fritzen, editor

## Introduction by Mary Jane Groberg Fritzen

Dad wrote:

"On one of my visits to Sweden I spent some time in the little town in Westmanland and met a cousin to my father. Many of the families in that area had just about 'died out.' The 'cousin' and his wife had just one son. He had died without having any children. In one home that dated back to the early 1700s the last known descendant had passed away. No one left to carry on!

"I may have seemed a strange and peculiar person to those folks, for when they asked what had become of Uncle John and cousin John, etc., and I told them I was just one of a great many descendants in America, they just said, 'Good gracious, Good gracious!'

"My gratitude increased for my inspired grandparents and I thought of my particular life and opportunity as it might have been in their hearts and minds--

"Stay in Sweden and - nothing!

Go to America and everything!"

After we read this excerpt from a letter by my father, Delbert Groberg, we worked together to figure just how many descendants Delbert's grandfather, John Groberg, has. With the help of Hermine's Descendancy chart, Family by family, Eva, Rosy (my daughter) and I counted and added. Today at the beginning of 1990 there are 700 descendants. It is for you descendants we publish this book in honor of our common progenitor, John, the first Groberg to join the Church, who emigrated with his parents from Sweden in 1872, settled in Ogden, and two years later married Johanna in Salt Lake City. They resided in Lynn Ward, and later in Farr West, Weber County, Utah.

The purpose of this record is to gather together the stories and interesting documents about our Groberg emigrant ancestors, and their children, grandchildren, and other descendants. Because we are limited in scope due to the numbers and changing status of the generations beyond the third, we are presenting here the parents and first three generations of John and Johanna. We identify you of later generations, and give you valuable help to keep up your family histories.

Some features are the documented histories of John, Johanna, and John's father, Anders, the first two generations of converts. These were prepared by Hermine Barker, enhancing the personal histories left in Swedish and translated by Ellen Groberg Crowther and her son, Chester Crowther. To see at a glance how you fit into the families, we have included an ancestral pedigree chart and family group sheets for these four generations, and a chart of their descendants prepared by Hermine. We have added documents such as handwriting, poetry, certificates, some maps, illustrations, and many photos.

### The Groberg Name.

We bear a rare name. Even in metropolitan New York City, only a handful of "Grobergs" can be found. Even John's brothers and sisters went by the name of Anderson. Delbert wrote to a Robert L. Groberg in New York City: "There is an active interest in our name. One report is that our name grew out of a location - 'Grey Mountain' translated into Groberg. It is interesting that Grandfather gave his name 'Gro'bury' and his brother gave his name, 'Andersson.' They apparently had the option to use the patronymical identification or the army or location name. All of my father's full cousins are named Anderson. So only the descendants of my grandfather are named Groberg as far as our immediate family goes." (Letter from Delbert V. Groberg, June 10, 1983)

### Patronymics, by Hermine G. Barker

Patronymic means derived from the name of a father or ancestor. A name showing descent from a given person as by the addition of a prefix or suffix, such as Stevenson, son of Steven; O'Brien, descendant of Brien.

In Sweden son or daughter (dotter) is added to the given name of the father, and that becomes the surname of the son or daughter. For example, Johanna (our grandmother) was known in Sweden as Johanna Larsdotter because she was the daughter of Lars.

Some males in Sweden added another surname such as the name of a farm or place where they lived or an army name. Our grandfather, John (Jan) Andersson (son of Anders) was known in Sweden as Jan Petter Andersson, and later added his army name of Groberg. We knew him as John Groberg. He had a brother, Eric Gustaf, that kept the surname of Andersson.

### Our Family Historians .

How did Eva and Hermine accomplish their wonderful family history records? Eva tells briefly of their weekly visits to the Salt Lake genealogy Library for several years. And Hermine contributes a valuable chapter on research tools and organizing our family records.

In addition to the four generations of histories preserved here, family representatives are collecting histories of descendants of each of the grandchildren in their own families.

Farr West history compiled by Bryan Lake Taylor and published in 1980 is a fascinating collection of pioneer heritage that enhances Groberg history and reveals a remarkable sense of history among Farr West neighbors. Grobergs and Crowthers were remarkable historians. Aunt Mattie Rasicot Groberg, in particular, gathered a wealth of genealogy sheets from Sweden. It was to verify those records that Hermine and Eva began their extensive genealogy research. I have found that associating with someone with the "spirit of Elijah" can enable me to gain good attitudes that make family history a joy.

### Our Faith in the Mission of the Church

John surely had the spirit of Elijah. When John and Johanna were married in the Salt Lake Temple, Dec. 21, 1874, they remained three days. On Dec. 22 they each received patriarchal blessings and on Dec. 23, they were baptized for 40 ancestors. In his personal history, John names 15 relatives for whom he was baptized. Anders lists names and dates for 60 relatives he can recall.

Another aspect of that spirit is missionary service. John was a missionary in Sweden before he emigrated, and his son John Enoch Groberg also served a mission there. Since then many of his posterity have served missions. Even the two generation names, John and then John Enoch are twice repeated. These are listed.

The Church has three missions: proclaiming the Gospel, Redeeming the dead, and perfecting the Saints. A healthy wholesome value in early Farr West was the youth growing up working hard, especially in agriculture. Then the youth social activities often were service projects. Service seemed to come with the territory. There was a spirit of fellowship and friendship, with common concerns, unity of purpose and firmness in the faith. John R. Groberg applies the Groberg heritage to us in his chapter, "Our Promised Land."

### Our Swedish Research by Eva Dabb.

Martha (Mattie) Rasicot Groberg was quite a genealogist and had done a lot of work on John and Johanna Groberg lines. Hermine found some few discrepancies in birthdates on some of the families, so decided if I would help her, we could verify these dates. We enjoyed working with the Swedish records so much that when we finished the project we continued on and extended some of the lines and also picked up a few names that had been missed by earlier searches. A professional researcher (Ella Hechsler and later Dr. L. Hausler) had been working on the lines too for Aunt Mattie and the Groberg family.

We went to the Salt Lake Genealogical Library every week for a few years during the 1960s. We enjoyed every minute of it. The Swedish people kept excellent records that were easy to follow and interpret even though we didn't know much about the language.

### Tribute to Eva, Hermine, and LeRoi by Mary Jane Fritzen

When employed in Salt Lake area during the 1960s, I was able to join Eva, Hermine, and LeRoi at the genealogy library. My first experience was memorable. Although I had expected to have to understand the language to read Swedish records, Uncle Roi provided me with a copy of the necessary terms, such as "birth, death, marriage, baptism, christened," etc.

He gave me an orientation in less than half an hour, introducing me to the equipment, what records to search, and how to do it. He gave me a specific family in a certain Swedish locality to search, and the microfilm. With ease I read and compiled the vital records. From this short period I contributed records of some families to have temple work done. Thus the hours were fruitful.

also my understanding of the principles upon which these blessings are predicated. I can appreciate the love of Hermine and Eva, who stayed all day once a week for years. Hermine and Eva fixed something for their husbands, packed a sandwich for themselves, and were to the library when it opened at 8 a.m. They returned to North Ogden at about 4 p.m. because the children would be home from school. They consecrated their time and talents to verify the sheets already prepared, to determine carefully when temple ordinances had been done, then to extend the generations of family records, to do more temple work. They have continued forwarding the work in Ogden.

### RESEARCH TOOLS by Hermine G. Barker

As the tractor has replaced the horse in farming, so it is in genealogy. The name has changed to Family History. The methods have become much faster and more accurate with new technology.

When my mother, Martha H. R. Groberg, first started doing research, the Genealogy Library was located in the basement of the old Montgomery Ward Building in Salt Lake City, and the tools were mainly books and manuscripts. Then microfilming of records from original sources began, which was a big contribution to genealogical research. Duplicating machines helped immensely. Information from books and microfilm could be copied instead of having to copy by hand.

Cameras are a genealogy tool--pictures of events in our lives. A family history in pictures can be most interesting to young and old alike.

Now at the new Family History Library in Salt Lake City, as well as in LDS branch libraries we can go to original documents that have been microfilmed to locate our ancestors. We can search the International Genealogical Index (IGI) on microfiche to see if the Temple work has been done. We can have copies made of anything that has been handed in on the Ancestral File by searching the computer, which is now located in branch libraries and stake houses as well as in the Salt Lake Family History Library.

We can type family histories into our home computers and make them easily available to our children and grandchildren.

It is an exciting time to do research with the modern tools available.

Letter writing is and always has been an important tool in research. Writing letters to close relatives for information that, because of the law of privacy, would not be available on microfilm is an important part of research.

## Records meet is geared to people all over world

BY LYNNE HOLLSTEIN HANSEN  
Church News staff writer

"When the Lord spoke of 'the hearts of the children turning to the parents' (Malachi 4:6), he meant this should happen among everyone in the world, not just to members of the Church," said Elder John H. Groberg of the First Quorum of the Seventy.

Elder Groberg, a managing director of the Church Genealogical Department, is chairman of the executive committee for the World Conference on Records, "Preserving Our Heritage," scheduled Aug. 12-15, 1980, in Salt Lake City.

As he discussed the latest plans for the Church-sponsored conference, he stressed that it is to be a world event, aimed at helping Mormons and non-Mormons alike recognize the value of personal and family histories.

The goal of the conference is two-fold — to motivate people to want to preserve their histories, and to give them the skills to do so.

"It is not strictly an academic event, but is geared for everyone," he said. Other General Authorities involved in the planning are Elder Royden G. Derrick of the First Quorum of the Seventy, executive director of the Genealogical Department, and Elder Hartman Rector Jr. and Elder Ronald



Elder John H. Groberg, his wife, Jean, and their 11 children work together on a family history project.

E. Poelman, also members of the First Quorum of the Seventy, and managing directors of the department with Elder Groberg.

Promotion of the event has been going on all over the world during the past few months.

Tom Daniels, publicity director for the Genealogical Department, and chief coordinator for the world conference, traveled to four Asian countries in July and to 15 European countries in September to promote the conference. His assistant, Wayne Metcalfe, toured the South Pacific area in July and August to publicize the event.

"Wherever we have gone, we've received wide acceptance from genealogists and others who are interested in family research," Brother Daniels said. He noted that when he explained the purpose of the conference to people abroad, he frequently told of his own experience in reading from the journals of his great-grandfather.

"I would explain that my great-grandfather is a living, breathing person to me now, and that I can't wait to meet him," he said. "I tell people that

his journals have helped me gain a greater sense of responsibility to my own posterity.

"This helps people realize that the keeping of family records strengthens and solidifies families forever."

Brother Daniels also noted that genealogists throughout the world have asked him why the Mormons are so interested in genealogy and family histories. "Many people have been very impressed when they hear about the Church's doctrines on temple ordinances and the sealing of families for eternity," he said.

More than 200 speakers and 300 hours of classwork on a wide selection of topics will be featured at the World Conference. Two of the keynote speakers are to be President Spencer W. Kimball and Alex Haley, author of "Roots."

"We think there will be tremendous interest in the conference among people all over the world since writing family histories is a worldwide phenomenon," Elder Groberg said. "There will be no separate categories for Church members and non-members."

As the conference is a major event of

the Church's sesquicentennial year in 1980, Church members are strongly encouraged to attend. "We would hope many members will plan their vacations so they can attend the conference," Elder Groberg said.

"We also hope every stake and ward will develop some kind of activity to start people writing their personal and family histories, he added. Stakes are invited to create exhibits on those topics, and the most outstanding ones will be selected for display at the conference by the Church Activities Committee, under the direction of the Sesquicentennial Executive Committee. Further details will be available at a later date.

Fees for the conference are \$50 for adults and \$30 for youth, ages 12 to 25. This does not cover food and housing costs.

Those interested in receiving information about housing and/or registration should write World Conference on Records, Church Genealogical Department, 50 E. North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah 84150.

REUNIONS



1940, Lorin Farr Park

1940



1949 Ogden, at Jennie and Ralph Dabbs



1950



1950, Salt Lake City  
at Maude and Kenneth Neeley's



1953, Youth. Weber Co. Memorial Park



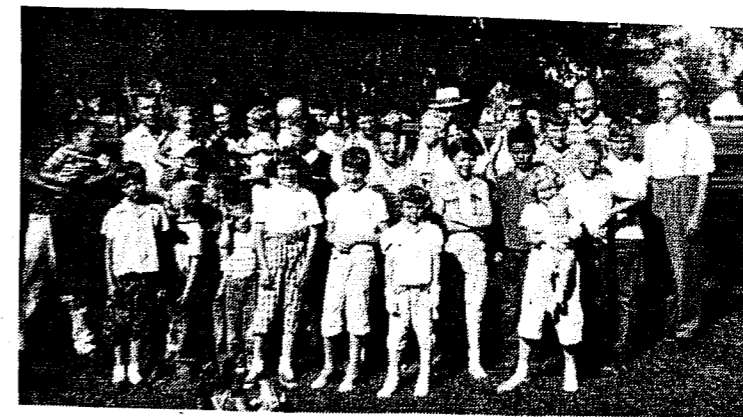
Grove behind Church,  
1952, Harrisville



1953, Adults



1956, Provo, Utah, park



1957, Charlie Groberg reunion  
Monroe Park, Ogden



Groberg Full-time Missionaries (compiled Jan. 1990)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Mission location</u>	<u>Date entered</u>
Allen, Charlie	London, England	1990
Barker, Brent J.	South Africa	1984
Barker, Jay W.	Central States	1959
Barker, Leland Groberg	Argentina, Buenos Aires So.	1976
Barker, Lewis Groberg	Great Lakes, Indiana	1965
Barker, Neil Ward	Mexico	1986
Barker, Robert H.	England	1971
Blair (Lambert), Jenette	Bolivia	1981
Blair (Sabey), Elisabeth "Lisa"	Taiwan	1982
Blair, Delbert Wallace	Guatemala	1975
Blair, James Groberg	Montana	1988
Blair, Robert Groberg	Bolivia	1978
Buehner, Jeff	Pennsylvania	1974 (died)
Buehner, Jon	Chicago, Illinois	1988
Cornwall, David Shirl	Rochester, New York	1984
Cornwall, Jonathan	Portland, Oregon	1985
Cornwall, Joseph Chris	Peru, Lima South	1981
Cornwall, Kent Neeley	London England	1975
Dabb, Eva and Clifford	Nauvoo Restoration	1974
Crowther, Chester G.	Sweden	1935
Crowther, Jay G.	Northern States	1964
Crowther, Marvin	Peru	1972
Crowther, Nathan	Virginia, Roanoke	1989
Crowther, Victor G.	California Spanish	1966
Dabb, Keith	Northwest, South Dakota	1965
Dabb, Leonard L.	Kentucky	1970
Dabb, Lyle M.	Belgian-France	1962
Dabb, Scott Knight	Boston, Mass.	1986
Florence, Kim Larry	Scotland	1983
Florence, R. Todd	Pennsylvania, Pittsburg	1985
Florence, Trent P.	England, Leeds	1989
Groberg (Fritzen), Mary Jane	British	1956
Groberg, Angela	Taiwan	1989
Groberg, Charles A. & Helen	Oklahoma Tulsa	1982
Groberg, Charles Austin	French East	1964
Groberg, Christopher	Chile San Diego No.	1987
Groberg, Curtis R.	Ireland	1964
Groberg, David H.	Southern States	1956
Groberg, Delbert H.	Japan and Tokyo South	1960, 1979
Groberg, Delbert V.	Eastern States	1925
Groberg, Donnell	Korea	1975
Groberg, Enoch J.	Sweden	1963
Groberg, Enoch Taylor	Peru, Trujillo	1986
Groberg, Gayle	Spain, Canary Islands	1987
Groberg, George H.	Indonesia	1975
Groberg, John and Daisy	Ohio, Columbus	1987
Groberg, John Enoch	Brazil	1987
Groberg, John Enoch	Scandinavian, Sweden	1897
Groberg, John H.	Tongan & Tongan Pres.	1954, 1968

Groberg, John R.	Texas Louisiana	1940
Groberg, Joseph H.	Peru & Peru Lima South	1962 & 1981
Groberg, Kenneth Robert	Gulf States	1965
Groberg, Lee B.	Japan East	1970
Groberg, LeRoi Brunt	North Dakota	1922
Groberg, Lewis H.	Philippines	1966
Groberg, Paul C.	Calif. San Bernardino	1988
Groberg, Richard H.	Finland	1958
Groberg, Ronald	Philippines	1989
Groberg, Susan	Uruguay	1988
Hunt, David & Velma Groberg	Birmingham, Alabama	1988
Hunt, Alma	Tucson, Ariz.	1980
Hunt, James	Calgary, Canada	1976
Hunt, Laura	Carcus, Venezuela	1976
Hunt, Roy	British South	1968
Hunt, Tom	Denver, Colorado	1973
Knudson, Daniel Neeley	British Columbia, Vancouver	1988
Knudson, Jamie	Denmark	1980
Knudson, Kenneth Neeley	Los Angeles Spanish	1981
Knudson, Timothy Neeley	Arcadia, California	1983
Larsen, David	West Indies St. Vincent	1989
Mix, Allison	Virginia, Roanoke	1989
Montag, Richard P.	No. and So. Dakota	1984
Neeley (Egli), Susan	Scotland	1963
Neeley, David Groberg	Auckland, New Zealand	1965
Neeley, Jonathan Groberg	England	1970
Neeley, Kenneth Roosevelt	Hawaii and Chicago Pres.	1955, 1989
Painter, Kirt	England North	1972
Woodland, Brian	Brazil, Recife	1989

\*Note: In addition, several others have fulfilled stake missions.

Missionaries to Sweden,



John Enoch Groberg  
1897



Chester Crowther 1935



ENOCH "J" GROBERG

1963

Grobergs who have served in the Military

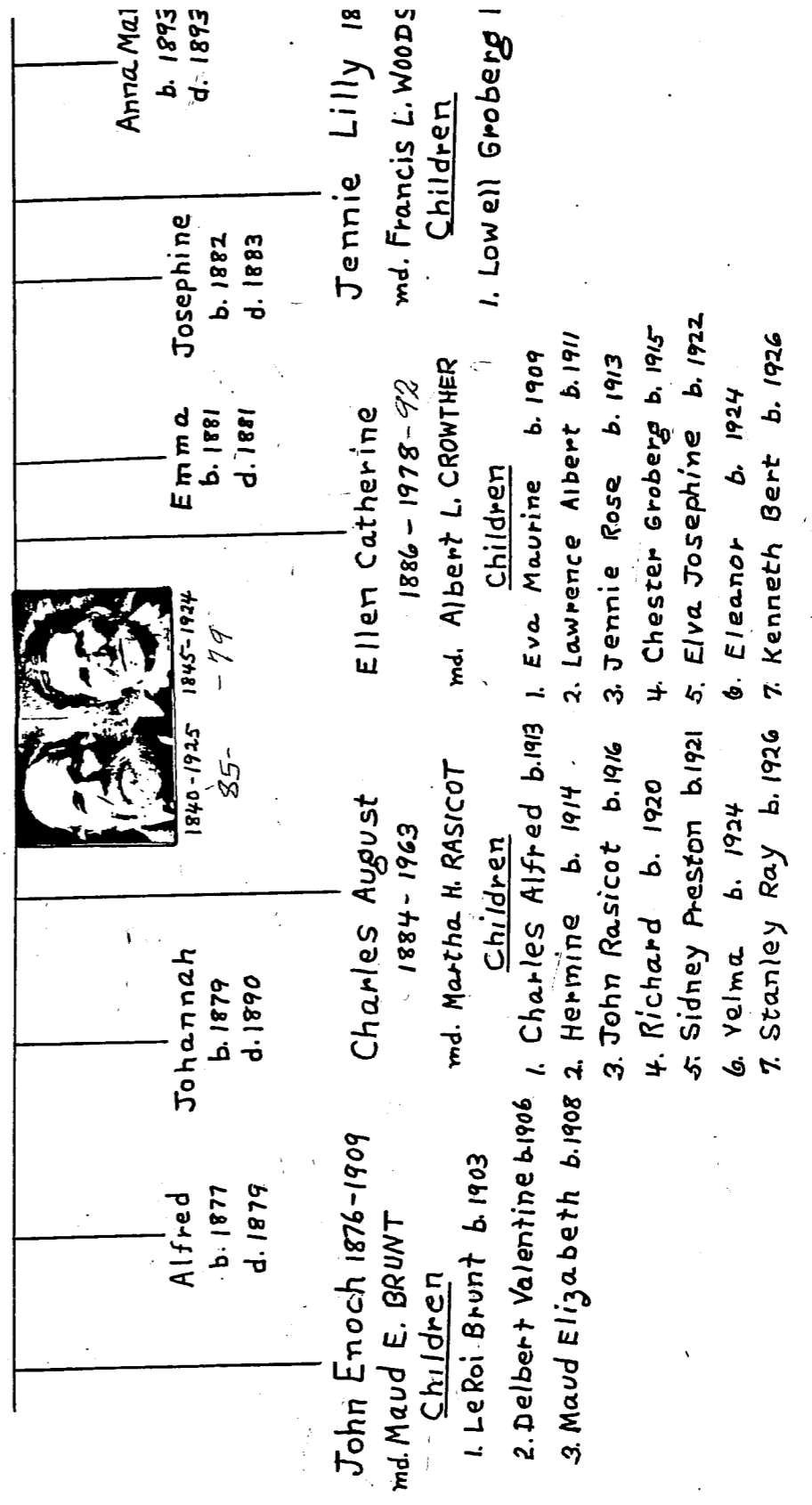
Name	Service and Location	Dates, approximate
Barker, Lewis	Army	1970-76
Barker, Lyman	Viet Nam and Korea	1971
Crowther, Chester	Hill Air Force Base	1941
Crowther, Jay	Army, Transportation, Denver	
Crowther, Kenneth	Navy	1944
Crowther, Victor	Army	1974-82
Dabb, Delbert C.	Illinois, Germany	
Dabb, Keith	Navy, New Jersey, Korea	1972-74
Groberg, Boyd L.	Korea	
Groberg, Charles	Army, Africa, Italy	1941-44
Groberg, Richard	Air Force pilot	
Groberg, Stanley		
Painter, "Larry"	Viet Nam	1970

Note: Also Anders Person Groberg and his father Per Ersson Hellberg served in Swedish army.

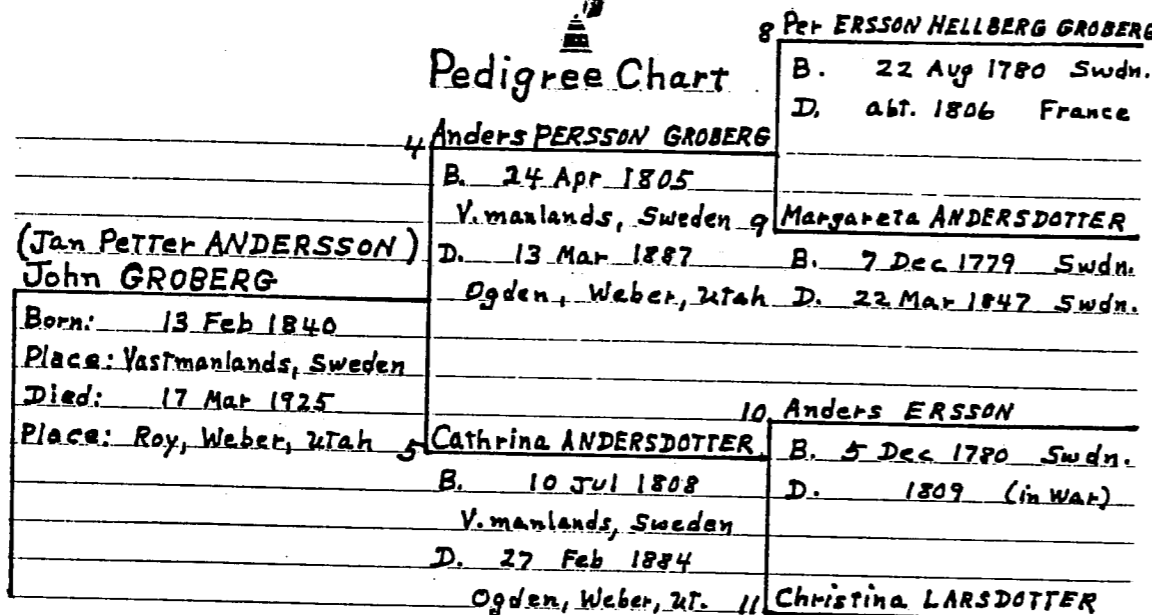
Grobergs Serving in the Name Extraction Program

- Dabb, Eva C.
- Barker, Hermine G.
- Painter, Eleanor C.
- Hawkley, Elva C.
- Crowther, Chester and Delilah
- Groberg, John and Daisy
- Groberg, Helen

Descendants of John GROBERG and Johanna LARSSON



# Pedigree Chart



## Children of John & Johanna

1. John Enoch
  2. Alfred
  3. Johannah
  4. Emma
  5. Josephine
  6. Charles August
  7. Ellen Catherine
  8. Jennie Lilly
  9. Anna Matilda
- 6 Lars PERSSON**  
 B. 28 May 1814  
 Koppabergrs, Sweden  
 D. 7 Aug 1885 Koppabergrs, Sweden
- 13 Sara PERSDOTTER**  
 B. 25 Mar 1786 Swdn.  
 D. 16 Feb 1879 Swdn.

## Johanna LARSDOTTER

Born: 9 Sep 1845  
 place: Koppabergrs, Sweden  
 died: 28 Dec 1924  
 place: Farr West, Weber, Ut.

**14 (Frisk) Pehr ERSSON**  
 B. 13 Oct 1779 Swdn.  
 D. 3 Aug 1836 Swdn.

**15 Catharina ERSDOTTER**  
 B. 22 Mar 1775 Swdn.  
 D. 5 Feb 1823 Swdn.

**HUSBAND 1) PER ERSSON HELLBERG GROBERG \***  
 Birth: 22 Aug 1780 Place: Ingelstorp, Ramnas, Vestmanland, Swed.  
 Chr. 1806 Place: France  
 Death: 1806 Place: France  
 Burial: 1806 Place: France  
 Father: Erik Persson \* Mother: Catarina Andersson  
 Married: 18 Oct 1801 Place: Vestmanland, Swed.  
 (if any)

**WIFE MARGARETA ANDERSSON \* #9 on page 14**  
 Birth: 7 Dec 1779 Place: Tappebo, Vesterfarnebo, /  
 Chr. 22 Mar 1847 Place: /  
 Death: 22 Mar 1847 Place: /  
 Burial: /  
 Father: Anders Goransson \* Mother: Anna Carlsson  
 (if any) 2) 26 Dec 1811, Per Persson Asp \*

**HUSBANDS** Groberg (1780)  
 Name (in full) Per Ersson Hellberg/  
 Wife Margareta Andersson

**TEMPLE ORDINANCE DATA**

**HUSBAND**  
 Baptized 23 Dec 1874  
 Endowed 26 June 1934  
 SON  
 (Relationship of Family Representative to Husband)

**WIFE**  
 Baptized 23 Dec 1874  
 Endowed 18 Mar 1926  
 Sealed to Husband 16 Mar 1948  
 SON  
 (Relationship of Family Representative to Wife)

Where was information shown on this family record obtained?  
 Family Record and Records received from Sweden.  
 Family Representative: Andres Persson Groberg  
 Name and address of person submitting this sheet: Martha H. R. Groberg, Box 186, Rt. 2, Ogden, Utah

Sex	CHILDREN	List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			DIED	MARRIED (First Husband or Wife) List Additional Marriages with Dates on Reverse Side of Sheet	BAPTIZED (Date)	ENDOWED (Date)	SEALED To Parent Date & Year
			Day	Mo.	Yr.	Town	County	State or Country					
F	1	Anna Persson	23 July	1802		Vesterfarnebo, /	Swed.	1859		23 Dec 1874	2 July 1934	16 Mar 1948	
M	2	X Andres or Andrew Persson Groberg * (Brant)	24 Apr	1805		"	"	13 Mar 1887		24 Feb 1870	3 May 1875	16 Mar 1948	
M	3	Matts Persson Groberg	abt.	1807		"	"			25 Apr 1947	11 July 1947	16 Mar 1948	
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\*Christening date requested only in lieu of birth date (not L.D.S. Church blessing).  
 †List other wives or husbands in order of marriage. ‡List complete maiden name for all females.  
 §When applicable indicate which child is ancestor of family representative by placing "X" in front of name.  
 ¶Place Additional Genealogical and Historical Data on Reverse Side.

1825

ANDERS PERSSON GROBERG (soldier) ③  
 Catharina ANDERSDOTTER  
 NAME & ADDRESS OF PERSON SUBMITTING SHEET  
 Hermine G. Barker  
 2264 Fruitland Dr.  
 No. Ogden, Utah 84404

RELATION OF ABOVE TO HUSBAND: EG dau  
 RELATION OF ABOVE TO WIFE: EG dau

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CHILDREN	CHILDREN DATE OF BIRTH	WHERE BORN	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY	DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE TO WHOM	WHEN DIED	YEAR	LDS ORDINANCE DATA	
									BAPTIZED	ENDOWED
F	Stina ANDERSDOTTER chr 27 May 1830	Lasjön, Västernärnebo, Västmanlands, Sweden	Fordbron Västernärnebo	Väst- manlands	Sweden	29 Apr 1865			⑤	⑤
M	Anders ANDERSSON chr 10 May 1833	Lasjön, Västernärnebo, Västmanlands, Sweden	"	"	"				⑥	⑥
④	John GROBERG chr 12 May 1835	Ogden, Weber, Utah	Sumners ägor Västernärnebo	"	"	21 Dec 1874			⑤	⑤
⑤	Jan Peter ANDERSSON chr 13 Feb 1840	Ogden, Weber, Utah	"	"	"	Johanna LARSDOTTER			⑥	⑥
M	Eric Gustaf ANDERSSON chr 9 Aug 1843	Ogden, Weber, Utah	"	"	"	Christina ERIKSDOTTER			⑥	⑥
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NECESSARY EXPLANATIONS  
 Temple work done for children  
 under surname of Groberg, but # 3  
 John was the only one that went  
 by the name of Groberg.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION  
 1. Births, Swedish Lutheran Ch. rec.  
 2. Rec from Sweden in 1944 by Ella  
 Heckscher, genealogist  
 3. Swedish Lutheran Ch. rec. (C. Survey)  
 4. Autobiography of John Groberg, #3  
 5. Letter from Opal Smith, & dau of  
 # 4 Eric Gustaf.

All above records or extracts of records, in poss of Hermine G. Barker

OTHER MARRIAGES  
 6. Sexton's rec., Ogden City Cemetery  
 7. Bapt for the dead, SL Temple.  
 8. #1B  
 9. Gen rec of Charles A. Groberg,  
 # 3 above.  
 10. Parr West Ward record.



Anders and Catharina Andersdotter Groberg  
 1805-1887 & 2 1805-1884-79  
 Bbth are buried in Ogden Cemetery

*Min mor Catharina  
 Andersdotter Groberg  
 född den 10 juli 1808*

*min moder Catharina  
 Groberg dog den 27 februari  
 1884  
 min fader Anders Gustaf  
 dog den 13 mars 1887*

Above: Anders writes the date of his wife's birth.  
 Beneath: John writes the death dates of his parents.



This small pocket Almanack (actual size) served double-duty for Anders Person. As well as calendar, weather, distances, astronomy, it also became his journal. Chester has translated it.

## Anders

It is important to realize that Anders and his wife were of retirement age when they emigrated to this newly-settled land. He was 67 and his wife 64. They had left long-established homes and lives among friends and family in Sweden. They had joined the LDS Church in 1870, then emigrated to America in 1872. At that time their first daughter Stina was probably married. She remained in Bjurfors, Sweden. She did not accept the Restored Gospel but was a practicing Lutheran. Living in Bjurfors, where she reared a family, she corresponded with her emigrant family. However we have little information about her. Their next child, Anders Andersson died as a young man of about 30 in Sweden. Janne was 32 and single when they emigrated. He had joined the Church in 1868.

Their third son, Eric Gustaf, had been baptized in 1870 with his wife Christina the same year his parents were. Married with two sons, he remained in Sweden. However, he died the next year, 1873, in an accident, and his third child, a son, was born after his death. (For more about Eric Gustaf's descendants see account by Hermine.) Later his wife, Christina emigrated to Utah, where she married Daniel Stuart and they lived in Wellsville. Four more children were born to them, and the family moved to Burton Idaho, where her son Alfred Anderson was married.

Anders' terse summaries of the days are filled with human interest when we can put ourselves into his shoes. One of our favorite parts is his record of the day he and his wife were endowed and sealed for time and eternity, May 3, 1875. His diary:

May 1875

1. Sat. In Salt Lake the whole day.
2. Sun. At several meetings in Salt Lake.
3. Mon. Went through the Endowment House.
4. Tues. Traveled home. Janne was joyful.
5. Wed. We were both joyful.

By comparing records we also find he was friendly with a supportive group of Swedish emigrants, such as the Per Matts and the Westmans. Anders refers frequently to Pehr Matts. For example, in Feb. 1875:

11. Thurs. With Pehr Matts, cut sellerbros.
12. Fri. ditto.

Their first home on the Ogden bench was maybe little more than a dug-out. At least it was cold and inadequate for the cold windy weather. Janne wrote: "On the 17th we reached Utah and Ogden July 1872. My parents and I stayed with Per Mattsens. I went to American Fork Canyon and worked on the railroad. My parents stayed with Per Mattsens for two months, then

we built us a house on Ogden Bench and lived there until the middle of February 1873. Then I bought a house and land in the Lynn district in Ogden. I worked at different jobs, mostly away from home."

Here are Anders' entries:

Dec. 1872. 23. Janne came home and looked at the house we should buy.

Feb. 1873. 3. Janne bought a house for the future.

17. Moved to our own home.

March 8. To Ogden and bought carpets.

After that Anders seems to be farming for himself, rather than working for neighbors as before. He was faithful, usually attending meetings twice a week, Sundays and Thursdays. August 24, 1873 he wrote:

Sun. Was ordained by the laying on of hands an Elder in Christ's Church.

He made the most of what he had. In spite of the small day book he carried, he revealed literary talents. This is evident in his frequent notations in his diary of writing a letter for someone in Swedish. Paper was scarce, yet he left us his faithful record. (We are indebted to Chester and his mother, Ellen Groberg Crowther, for the translations). These brief one-liners limited by space reveal an industrious educated man filled with a Christian spirit, frequently working for his fellowmen by farming, tailoring, writing, etc. However we have no indication that his wife Catharina could write.

When Janne (pronounced like Johnny with initial sound of Y) worked away from home--which was most of the time during the first several years--he corresponded with his father. Janne was gone for months to the mines, and on the railroad.

Anders' brief entries come to life when we compare them with others. For example, Johanna. Anders wrote, July 15, 1874:

"The emigrants came to Utah."

This is the important day Johanna wrote about:

"We reached Utah and Salt Lake City July 15, 1874."

A big day for Johanna who would marry Janne the next December.

Did Anders meet Johanna in Sweden? We believe they did, because Anders recorded: "The 22 May we traveled from Byurfors to Ekeby. The 23rd to Stockholm. There we stayed about two weeks and had the opportunity to visit with our brothers and sisters and be inspired by the Gospel." Johanna was living and working in Stockholm. When she came to America, she at first stayed with the Westman's, probably mutual friends of hers and of her future in-laws. She wrote:

"I stayed with Brother and Sister Westman one week when I started to work in a boarding house where I

stayed until I was married to John Groberg Dec. 21, 1874."

On Dec. 4, 1874, Anders wrote: "To Ogden with a letter for Janne. To Westmans."

Johanna continued: "Then I moved to my new home in Ogden and Lynn Ward Dec. 24, 1874."

And Anders:

Dec. 22 Tues. Various things at home.

23 Wed. Made it clean around the house, etc.

24 Thurs. Expected Janne and Johanna from Salt Lake.

25 Fri. Was home the whole day and celebrated Christmas.

What a joyful celebration that must have been!

Many entries reveal his loving care for his son and daughter-in-law with whom he and his wife shared a home:

Jan. 10. Sun. Janne and Johanna to the Tabernacle in Ogden.

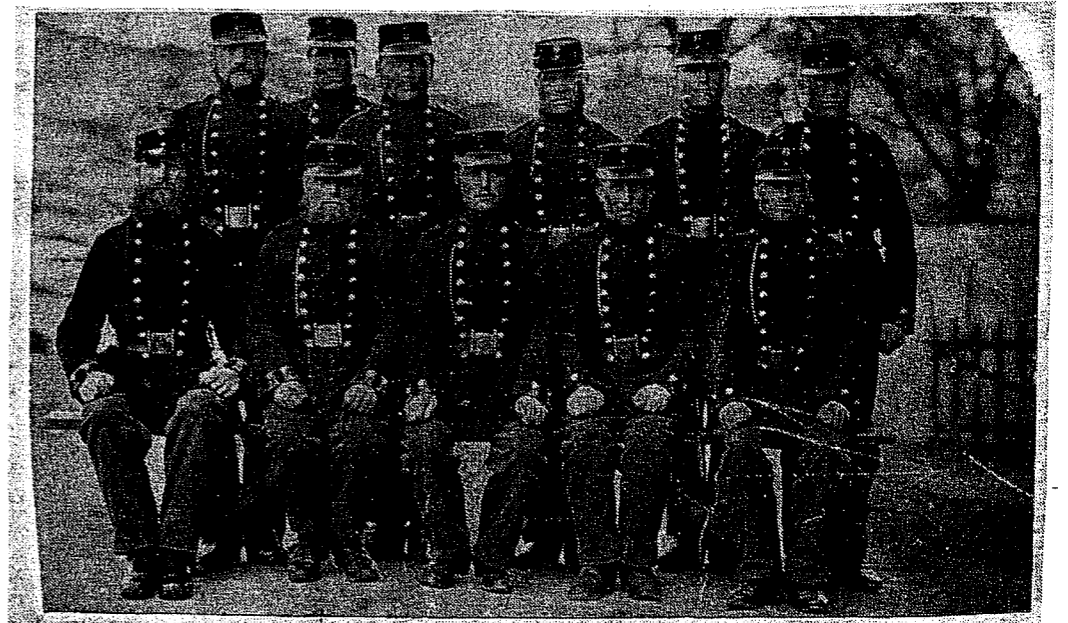
21. Thurs. Janne and Johanna to Slaterville.

22 Fri. To Ogden, received a letter for Johanna.

Anders also had a keen memory. On 14 March, 1876 he wrote the names and dates to identify 60 relatives. The list (in English translation) began:

1. My father soldier Pehr Ersson Hallberg, born in Sweden, Westmanland and Ramnas congregation, the year and day is unknown to me. Died in France year and day unknown to me.

After the sixty family names, showing his genealogical interest, and dated Utah, Weber County, Lynne, he signed, Anders Groberg Soldier.

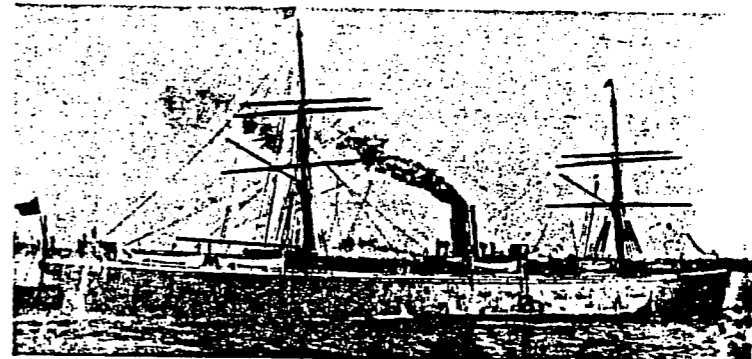


My father Soldier Pehr Ersson Hällberg  
Anders Groberg, Soldier

Levnadsöfvervakning af J. d. Solbaten  
Anders Groberg som följande samlingen.

År 1805 den 24 April föddes jag hit  
Till wäntelen i min Fäder war Soldaten  
Pehr Ericson Hellberg och Modern  
Margareta Andersson. Min Födelseort  
war Sverige wästmanland wester-Fernbo  
Forsgård och Hellsbygor år 1805  
Då jag war ett och ett halft år gammal  
blef min Fäder i kommandet i krig  
och kom aldrig mera åter under detta  
krig jag har i Smårike af en Sönade  
Långbat och jag och min lilla syster  
och Anna war således så tidigt tvärlid  
läsa och ingen annan än en Sönade  
moder att bita af till i en Wagners om  
ständigheter hon befan sig. År 1810 ingick  
min Moder i ett nytt äktenskap med  
Solbaten, Pehr Johansson som 20 år gammal  
vi äro en skulle anse som en ny Fäder  
känna denna icke så wäl här den Fäder  
siga kändt och om det om wäl det som  
om det har varit war naturliga Fäder  
i följet förat och vi som barn tillbring  
war sparat ungdom med ett wäl  
hos andra i sysselsättning med att herja.

Enlarged first page of Anders Person Groberg's first page of personal history, in his handwriting.



S.S. NEVADA, 1869 Guion Line  
Courtesy The Peabody Museum of Salem

Line No - 1872  
of 3, 1872

Name	Age	Profession or Occupation	Address	Country
Erin Phillips	32		Message	
Johan Andersson	37			
Maria	27			
Johan V.	6			
Maria C.	18			
Augusta	14			
Carl G. Lind	50			
Maria C.	36			
Johan	4			
Emma	3			
Erin G.	35			
Anna M. Eriksson	40			
Anders G.	6			
Anders Christberg	57			
Catherine	54			
Johan	32			
E. P. Westmann	43			
Mathilda	38			
Christof B.	6			
Augusta	14			

Old Family  
The Westmann

(Births, Enc.229, 1805)

From the Lutheran Church records in Sweden we learn that Anders, son of soldier Per ERSSON HELLBERG of Hellbyagor and Margta ANDERSDOTTER age 26, was born 24 April 1805 and christened the 28 of April. Friends and relatives were present at the christening. Anders was the second and last child born to this couple and is our direct ancestral line. His sister Anna was born in 1802.

(Diary, Enc. 29)

The following is from Anders' notebook and translated from Swedish to English by Ellen GROBERG CROWTHER and her son, Chester:

"I was born April 24, 1805 in Vastmanlands, Vasterfarnebo, Sweden. My father's name was pehr ERSSON HELLBERG. He was a soldier. My mother's name was Margreta ANDERSON. [ANDERSDOTTER]

(1806)

In the year of 1806, when I was one and a half years old, my father was sent out to war, but he never came back. He died somewhere in France of lung trouble.

My little sister Anna and I were left with our sorrowing mother to get along as best we could. In 1810 my mother married again to another soldier, Per PERSSON, who was just as kind and thoughtful of us as though he was our own father."

(1811, Marriages, Enc. 245)

From the Lutheran Church records we find the marriage of Soldier Per PERSSON ASP and Margareta ANDERSDOTTER 26 Dec. 1811.

(1815)

Anders goes on to say in his note book:

"When I was ten years old I was an apprentice in a tailor shop, where I stayed for five years. I also had to herd cows and sheep."

(1820, 1821, 1824)

Anders' diary continues:

"I was a member of the Luthern church and studied therein. Was confirmed in 1820 by the pastor of this church.

When this was done I was sent to another place called Mocklinte, where my mother's brother lived. He taught me how to work on the farm. I was with him until the fall of 1821 when I moved to another place in the same county where I stayed for three years, leaving the 23 of February 1824. I then became a soldier in place of my stepfather. I went to the soldiers' training school for ten days. (regiment no. 147, April 1825)" [This is as far as he wrote.]

(1826, Enc. 264, Enc. 229)

He was now 29 years old. He got married when he was 21 years old. The luthern church record tells us that Anders PERSSON ASP born 24 April 1805 married Cathrina ANDERSDOTTER in 1826. She was 18 years old. (no day or month given). Cathrina was born 10 July

1808 in Lasjon, Vasterfarnebo, Vastmanlands, Sweden and christened on the 11 July. She was the daughter of Anders ERSSON HAKE, a soldier and Stina LARSDOTTER. We don't know very much about Cathrina's early life, but she was an only child. Her mother and father were not married and her father was killed in France. Her mother never married and lived much of the time with Anders and Cathrina.

(1830, Enc. 241)

A baby girl was born to Anders and Cathrina 27 May 1830. She was christened the 30 of May and given the name of Stina. Cathrina was 22 years old when Stina was born.

(1833, Enc. 241)

The 10 May 1833 a son was born to them and he was christened 12 May and given the name of Anders. Cathrina was now 25 years old.

(1840, Enc. 211)

The 13 Feb. 1840 another son was born to Anders and Cathrina. He was given the name of Jan Peter, later known as John GROBERG. GROBERG was an army name which some chose to use instead of or with the patronimic name. As for the middle name of Peter, Aunt Ellen G. Crowther told me that her father never liked the name of Peter and wouldn't even use the initial P.

(1843, Enc. 268)

Another son was born to Anders and Cathrina 8 Aug. 1843. He was chr. 10 Aug. and given the name of Eric Gustaf. On the birth record the father is listed as Anders GROBERG and his wife, Cathrina ANDERSDOTTER. She was 35 years old when this child was born. Eric Gustaf kept the patronimic name of ANDERSSON.

(1837-1844)

In the Luthern church clerical survey 1835-1844 in Hebo Roten, Sunnakers agor, V. Farnebo, Vastmanlands, Sweden, Anders is listed as soldier Anders PERSSON GROBERG, his wife Cathrina ANDERSDOTTER, her mother, Stina LARSDOTTER and four children: Stina, Anders, Jan Peter and Eric Gustaf.

(1847, Enc. 254, 1857, Enc. 244)

Anders' mother, Margreta ANDERSDOTTER died 22 March 1847 in Malby agor, Vasterfarnebo, Vastmanlands, Sweden at the age of 67 years 3 mo. and 15 days. Ten years later his stepfather died 8 Aug 1857 at the age of 68 years 2 mo. and 13 days.

(1858, Enc. 260)

Anders, his wife Cathrine and her mother, Stina, were in Backa agor, Forstby Roten, 1858-1867. Their son, Jans Petter (John) was here with them in 1859 to 1862. Eric Gustaf was with them 1864 and 65 then went to Hedemora.

(1860 Enc. 273)

Anders' sister Anna died 18 July 1860 in Salbo agor. She was 57 years 11 mo. and 25 days old.



(1865, Bapt. for the dead, S.L.)

John GROBERG was baptised 23 Dec. 1874 for his brother Anders who died 29 Apr. 1865 in Sweden. He would have been 32 in May.

(1868, Enc. 231)

Cathrina's mother, Stina, died 27 Mar 1868 at the age of 92 yrs. 5 mo. She never married, but was sealed by proxy to Anders ERSSON HAKE 14 Jun 1946.

(1870)

Anders, Cathrina and their son Eric Gustaf were all baptised in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 1870. Cathrina was first. She was baptised 13 Jan 1870, then her husband, Anders was bapt. 24 Feb 1870 and the 10 July the same year Eric Gustaf was bapt.

(1872, Enc. 24)

In the Stockholm Conference emigration list June 1872 we find on page 32:

Sailed on "Nevada"  
June 28, 1872

No.	age	Birthplace	Occupation
13 Anders Groberg	57	Vester farnebo	Laborer
14 Kathrine "	54	" "	
15 Johan "	32	" "	

I checked Anders Persson Groberg's daily diary to see how he spent his time prior to coming to the U.S. and also on the journey and after they arrived. He was a man of few words, but here is a copy of some of his diary: The dairy was translated by Chester G. Crowther. [The dairy was small.]

April 1872

1. Meeting here and in Lars.
2. Auction
3. Sanberg went home to Hedemora.
4. Began to sew my fur.
5. To Westerby mill.
6. Finished sewing my fur. Janne to Wadsjoebo.
7. Home the whole day.
8. Began to bed a field. (prepare ground for seed)
9. Stentorp family moved here.
10. Continued with preparing garden ground.
11. To Gersbo and Salbo.
12. Prepared another field.
13. To Salbo
14. To Nyhagen
15. Repaired shoes, etc.
16. Sewed linen trousers, etc.
17. Various duties, groceries
18. These days.
19. To Nyberg and Anders Pehrs. Visited with them.
10. Getting various groceries home.
21. To Onbeck.
22. Preparing various clothing

23. Began cutting trunk for me.
24. Cut a trunk for me.
25. ditto
26. ditto
27. ditto. Sewed on rain trousers for Alfred.
28. To Nyhagen, Gullvale, Stina came here.
29. Sew. Ready Alfred's trousers again.
30. Alfred moved to Gullvala.

May 1872

1. Sewed a (piece of clothing) for me.
2. Repaired my wife's jacket.
3. To Nyhagen after boots.
4. Sewed together a quilt.
5. Home all day.
6. Prepared various clothing.
7. To Ralfors after milk.
8. To Uilberg and store, etc.
9. To Bowaln for meeting
10. To Moesby after more milk.
11. Eventually here home.
12. To Gersbo for meetings.
13. Sewed a hand rope onto a sack.
14. Padded in lining and ironed.
15. To Salbo.
16. Sewed pillows, etc.
17. To Aberg after travel certificate.
18. Cut a walking cane for Erliljica.
19. Meeting in Norr Horende.
20. Meeting in watchmaker.
21. To Soer salbo. ditto
22. Traveled from Bjoerfors. Rain.
23. Arrived at Stockholm meeting.
24. Went to North Bridge, etc.
25. Went also and looked over the city.
26. Meeting second time in the hall.
27. Went around the city.
28. ditto
29. Cut wood for a lady.
30. To Solna
31. Bought herring and rye for planting. The whole day.

June 1872

1. Sawed wood at Madam Pettersson.
2. Meeting second time in Stockholm.
3. Without jacket went around in Stockholm.
4. Sawed wood and cut it up in Stockholm.
5. Instruction meeting. Emigrants came from Jemtland to Stockholm.
6. To Langholmen sight seeing in the city.
7. No pain with me the whole day.
8. Almost like time was not. (time stood still)
9. Meeting in the hall second time to explain travels.
10. Wrote letter to Salbo from Stockholm.
11. To Redderhalver. Cloudy weather.
12. Home in (Fontenet) The whole day. Rain weather.
13. Traveled from Stockholm on way to Copenhagen. On steamboat,

passed by Sodertalje in a manner of minutes.

14. Passed Westerwik.
15. Traveled from Oskarshamem. Strong seas along the way. Washed over the deck.
16. We passed Solwiteborg.
17. One o'clock in the night to Malmo. The same day to Kopenhamn (Copenhagen)
18. In Kopenhamn the whole day.
19. ditto
20. Also in Kopenhamn.
22. On the steam boat OTTO HULL.
23. Continued to travel also.
24. Straits and the North Sea.
25. Arrived at Hull and traveled from there on railroad to Liverpool.
26. Traveled from Liverpool.
27. Continued sailing on steamboat NEVADA.
- 28.
- 29.
30. Heavy strong seas.

#### July 1872

1. Continued travel on the seas. (From the first to the 8 of July was on ship crossing the ocean. No mention of any events.)

9. Nearing America mainland.
10. Traveled on railroad from New York.
11. Ditto through Pennsylvania, etc.
12. Passed Chicago.
13. Further on to Omaha.
14. And through the plains.
15. Traveled past several stations.

This year's crop of rye which we planted we will not harvest, but we shall harvest in Utah instead if God so wills. Yes, without Him we could not.

16. Traveled through some of the Rocky Mountains.
17. Arrived in Utah.
18. Received the home things from the station. (personal belongings)
19. Without friends we went forth.

#### Anotation (from his dairy)

The 22 we traveled from Bjurfors to Ekeby. The 23rd to Stockholm. There we stayed about 2 weeks and had the opportunity to visit with our brothers and sisters and be inspired by the gospel.

21. After sundown the 21 to Ogden Valley to Caroline PETERSSON.
22. Inquired after a place to live

Anders and Cathrina's son Gustaf died 17 No 1873. This is Eric Gustaf. He was born in Aug 1843 so he was only 30 years old when he died, leaving a wife and two sons. (I believe he was drowned.) His wife, Christina, gave birth to their 3rd son a month after his death. Christina later came to the U. S. and married Daniel STUART.

1874

Anders' son John GROBERG married Johanna LARSDOTTER 21 Dec. 1874. She was known as Johanna LARSSON in U.S. I was interested to see what Anders had to say about the marriage in his diary. Here it is:

#### Dec. 1874

19. Sat. To Ogden for conference.
20. Sun. Home the whole day.
21. Mon. To the meadow to cut reeds for Matts.
22. Tue. Various things at home.
23. Wed. Made it clean around the house, etc.
24. Thur. Expected Janne and Johanna from Salt Lake.
25. Fri. Was home the whole day and celebrated Christmas.

#### 1875

On 3 May 1875 Anders and Cathrina got their endowments and were sealed for time and eternity. Here is the entry for the month of May 1875 from Anders' diary:

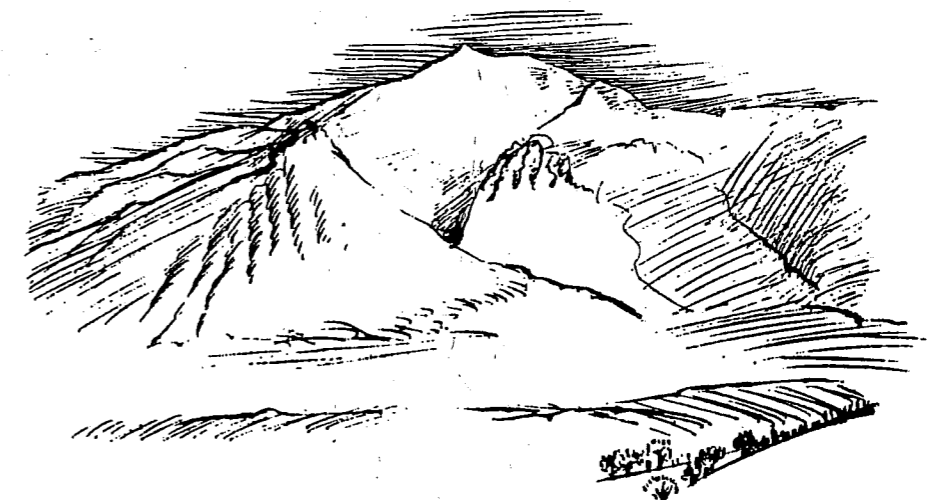
1. Sat. In Salt Lake the whole day.
2. Sun. At several meetings in Salt Lake.
3. Mon. Went through the Endowment House.
4. Tue. Traveled home. Janne (John) was joyful.
5. Wed. We were both joyful.
6. Thur. Fast meeting in the school house.
7. Fri. Dug in the garden.
8. Sat. To Ogden, received letter from Sweden.
9. Sun. Testimony meeting in the school house.

#### 1884

Anders' wife Cathrina died 27 Feb. 1884 at the age of 75 years and 5 months. Anders and Cathrina lived with their son John and his wife Johanna the later part of their lives.

#### 1887

Anders died 13 Mar 1887. He would have been 82 years old in April. They are both buried in Ogden City Cemetery in the GROBERG plot.





John GROBERG and Johanna LARSDOTTER  
by  
Hermine Groberg Barker

John Groberg, as he was known by his friends and relatives in the United States, is listed on the Lutheran Church records in Sweden as Jan Peter Andersson. Jan was John to us. He never liked the name of Peter and wouldn't even use the initial "p". Andersson was the Patronymic surname in Sweden and Groberg was his army name. The Lutheran Church record gives his birth as 13 Feb 1840 in Sungathers agor, Vasterfarnebo, Vastmanlands, Sweden, the son of Anders Persson Groberg and his wife Catharina Andersdotter.

Following is a short sketch of John Groberg's life, which was written by him in Swedish and translated by his daughter, Ellen G. Crowther and her son, Chester.

"I John Groberg was born 13 Feb 1840 in Sweden, Vastmanland County, Vasterfarnebo Parish in Tvaranskeckan. My father was the son of Per Ersson Hellberg and his wife Margreta Anderson (Andersdotter) He was born in Vasterfarnebo 24 April 1805 and my mother was born in the same Parish of Andrew Ersson and Christina Larson (Larsdotter) 10 July 1808.

I was brought up in the Lutheran Church and confirmed in the same when I was 15 years old. From then on I lived as a helper to different farmers and didn't think much of life's more serious side but fastened my attentions on the empty pleasures which are the habits of youngsters around the same age. When I was 22 years old I began to think a little more seriously about religion and the possibility of whether it could be true or not but came to no conclusion that it was necessary to be so true to a religion, because I almost decided that the Priests used it to hold people under their will, so I began to take in the Free Thinkers principles, but I couldn't however have peace with that, because my conscience told me there was a God, that commanded nature's forces, which means that one is duty bound to worship. I began thereafter to follow a sect called the Readers, which I thought to be the most upright of the Lutheran Church and I was happy in their congregation for a time of three years. Then came the missionaries of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and declared to me that the Lord God had again talked to the earth and sent his angels which revealed to Joseph Smith where the American Indian's ancient history was--which on the plates were hidden in the earth since 400 years A. D. and was taken there by commandment of the Angel Sept. 22, 1827 by Joseph Smith. The contents of the plates can be read in the Book of Mormon. I began to examine this book and came to a complete satisfaction that it was true. I accepted this teaching and was baptized Sept. 1, 1869 by Elder C. J. Oberg and confirmed by the laying on of hands by Erick Petterson. I have since traveled this path and found it good.

I was called as a deacon in the year 1870 by Elder C. J. Oberg and Kemet Karlgren and in the same year I was ordained a teacher by Elder Y. S. H. Lundquist and in 1871 I was ordained to a Priest.

I immigrated to North America and Utah in 1872. My father and mother and myself left Farnebo and Byurfors the 22 May 1872 and went to Stockholm and gathered there with the rest of the brothers and sisters. On June 13th we went from Stockholm to Copenhagen and on our way we stopped in the following cities: Westernck, Ockarsham, Cellmar, Carlskrona, Carlsham, Alus, Lontsberg and Malmo. We reached Copenhagen June 17 at 10 A.M. Left there on the 21 of June on the steamboat Atto Hull. We had beautiful weather on the north sea and reached Hull June 25th at 10 P.M.

We realized the big event of our lives as we got on the S.S. Nevada on the 26th at 1 P.M. The machines were started and we began our trip on the Atlantic Ocean. There was a hard wind blowing against us for several days. Sunday the 30th the storm and wind slowed down more and more. The 7th of July it was still and calm and we saw many kinds of fish and ocean life on the clear surface of the water. On the 9th we saw land and the boat went into the harbor of New York. On the 10th we went to the railroad station and continued our journey, reached Pittsburgh, then on the 13th to Omaha over Missouri and Mississippi rivers. The 14th from Omaha over Platt River. The 15th we started for the West. On the 16th we reached the Rocky Mountains. On the 17th we reached Utah and Ogden July 1872. My parents and I stayed with Per Mattsens for two months, then we built a house on Ogden Bench and lived there until the middle of Feb. 1873. Then I bought a house and land in the Lynn district in Ogden. (Five Points) I worked at different jobs, mostly away from home.

On the 21st of Dec 1874 I was married to Johanna Larson (Larsdotter) who was born in Hedemora, Sweden, Dala Lan. On the 22nd of Dec. my wife and I got our Patriarchal Blessings from C. W. Hyde and on the 23rd we were baptized for 40 persons." This is as far as his writing went.

The Endowment House Sealing record shows that John Groberg and Johanna Larson were sealed the 21st Dec. 1874 by Pres. D. H. Wells. According to the Lutheran Church record of Births in Hedemora landsf., Kopparbergs, Sweden, Johanna was born the 9th Sept. 1845 and Chr. the 14 Sept. She is the daughter of Lars Persson and his wife Carin Persdotter of Dracke. Johanna's mother was 32 years old at the time of this birth.

The following is a sketch of Johanna's life which was written by her in Swedish and translated by her daughter, Ellen G. Crowther and Ellen's son, Chester.

"I Johannah Groberg, wife of John Groberg, was born in Hedemora Socken. Dalarne, Sweden on the 8th of Sep 1845. (Lutheran Church rec. says 9th Sept.) My father was Lars Persson, born 28 May 1814 in Norbarke, Dalarne. There were eight of us in the family. I was brought up

in the Lutheran Church. My mother taught me to read at home as they couldn't afford to send me to school. My mother died Sept. 8th 1859 when I was 14 years old. She had been sick for a long time. I did my duty and took care of her and the home during her sickness. Afterwards I was confirmed a member of the Lutheran Church in Hedenora Socken.

I spent my days as a servant in the homes around my home town. I had a good faith and respect for the Lutheran Religion until I was 23 years old, when the missionaries of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints came to our town and preached. I began to investigate their religion known as Mormonism. I was convinced that this was the true church and I was baptized July 26 1868 by Elder Persson and confirmed the same day by the same man. After this I was reprimanded and hated by the Priests as well as all my friends and relatives. I didn't have any peace or happiness in my home town, so I moved to Stockholm on July 24 1871 and on the 30th I started to work in a silver plating factory where I worked until June 11th 1874, when I came to America and Utah. We reached Utah and Salt Lake City July 15th 1874. I stayed with Brother and Sister Westman one week then I started to work in a boarding house where I stayed until I was married to John Groberg Dec. 21st 1874. Then I moved to my new home in Ogden and Lynn Ward Dec. 21, 1874."

This is as far as the Swedish Sketch went.

Grandma came to the U. S. on the ship "Idaho". She was 29 years old at the time.

The 8th of Jan 1874 Grandpa made a declaration of intention to become a citizen of the U. S. but it wasn't until 16 Sep 1882 that he received his Certificate of Citizenship to the United States of America---territory of Utah.

John and Johanna became the proud parents of a baby boy born 2 Apr 1876 in the home in Lynn (Five Points) Ogden, Utah where they lived. They named the baby John Enoch.

The 22nd Nov 1877 Alfred was born, but he was only permitted to remain here 2 years. He died 6 Dec 1879.

A little girl was born to them 5 Aug 1879 and they named her Johannah, but called her Hannah. She was with them eleven years when she was called home. She died 7 July 1890.

Another daughter was born 18 Jan 1881 and was given the name of Emma. She too was called home early, living only six and a half months. She died 6 Aug 1881.

Josephine was born 30 Apr 1882. She lived a little over a year, being called home 26 July 1883.

The 27 May 1884 a son was born to them, whom they named Charles August. He is listed on the Farr West Ward record in one place as Carl, but in another place it is Charles. He lived to be married and raise a family.

Jennie Lilly was born 29 Apr 1889 according to the Farr West Ward record, but family records say she was born in March. She lived to be married and gave birth to one child--a son named Lowell Groberg Woods, born 26 Aug

1909. Jennie died 14 Nov 1909

Aunt Ellen (John and Johanna's Dau.) wrote: "Father and Mother lived in the home in Lynn, together with Father's parents. All their children except one was born there. In the year 1889 father bought a home and farm in West Harrisville, now Farr West and moved the family in the spring of 1890."

The 9th May 1893 Anna Matilda was born, but she was permitted to stay only a short time. She died the 26 Aug 1893. The family now consisted of father, mother and four living children.

The 11 May 1908 was a sad day for the Groberg family for that day John Enoch's wife, Maude died leaving 3 small children. Then tragedy struck this family again 6 June 1909 with the death of the father, John Enoch. The two boys, Delbert and LeRoi were taken care of by John Enoch's sister, Ellen Crowther for about 2 years and Maude, the baby was taken to her grandmother Brunt in Idaho Falls. In 1911 John Enoch's boys went to live with Uncle Charlie and Aunt Mattie. Charlie was John Enoch's brother.

The 14 Nov 1909 was another sad day. John and Johanna's daughter, Jennie Lilly, the wife of Francis Lowell Woods died leaving an infant son, Lowell Groberg Woods, who was a little over two and a half months old.

Johanna Larson (Larsdotter) Groberg died Sunday 28 Dec 1924 at her home in Farr West. In those days they had the viewing in the home so people came to the home Thursday and Friday until time for the funeral which was at 1 o'clock in the Farr West Ward meeting house. Bishop Moroni Chugg conducted the funeral services. A mixed quartet composed of Harry Brown, A. D. Brown, Lorna Stephenson and Lila Brown sang "Sometime we'll understand" and "Oh My Father". Lila and Lorna sang "Come unto Me" and Lila sang "I'm a Pilgrim". Speakers were Bishop M. P. Brown and Bishop Chugg. The interment was in the Ogden City Cemetery and Bishop Chugg dedicated the grave.

John Groberg died at 5 O'clock on Tuesday afternoon 17 March 1925. The viewing was in the home in Farr West and the funeral was Friday morning at 10:30 in the Farr West Ward Chapel with Bishop Moroni Chugg presiding. Mrs. Lorna Giles and Lila Brown sang "Rock of Ages" and "I'm a Pilgrim". Lila sang "Face to Face". The speakers were David Jensen, Joseph A. Taylor. Patriarch E. A. Olsen and Bishop Chugg. The opening prayer was given by Howard Dabb and the benediction by George B. Taylor. The grave in the Ogden City Cemetery was dedicated by C. J. A. Lindquist.

Aunt Ellen said of her father: "Father's activity in the Church died down due mainly to his association with fault-finding men, etc. He asked to be ~~dismembered~~ *dropped from* and ceased all activity, however we have found out that *memberships* no action was taken by the Church leaders in this respect to this request. We know from remarks made by father that he still believed in the principles of the Church. He lived a good life, made a successful and prosperous farmer, loved by those who knew him, had a

seated 21 Dec. 1874 Endowment House

jovial and happy disposition. He was honest and believed that a man's word should be as good as his bond. In his later years he sold the farm to his son, Charlie and he and mother lived in the little two room frame house that was built for them on the farm until their death.

He was a good father and provided all the necessities of life for us. He always encouraged us to attend Church duties, sent his son, Enoch on a mission to Sweden. He had his weaknesses but his good qualities out-numbered them all".



Grandma (Johanna) Groberg  
with Hermine and Charles



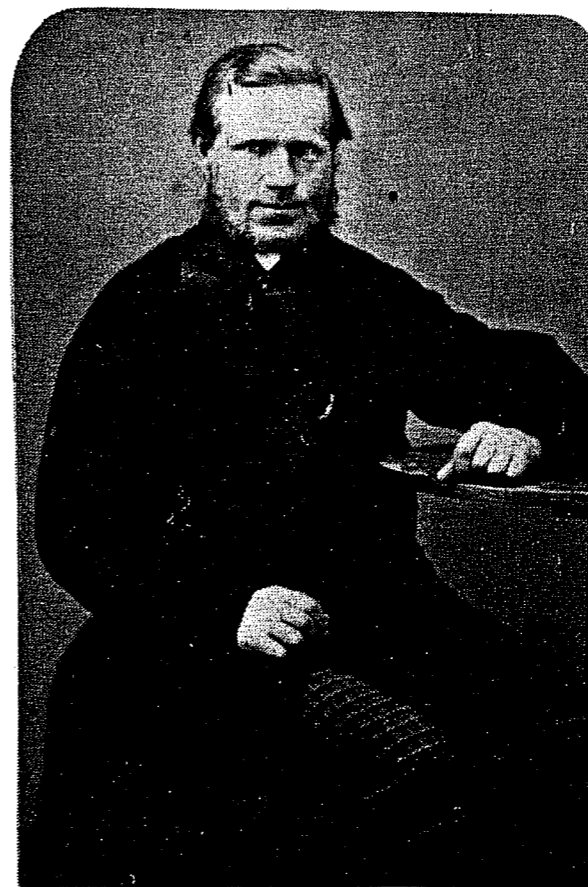
Grandpa (John) Groberg  
as his grandchildren  
remember him



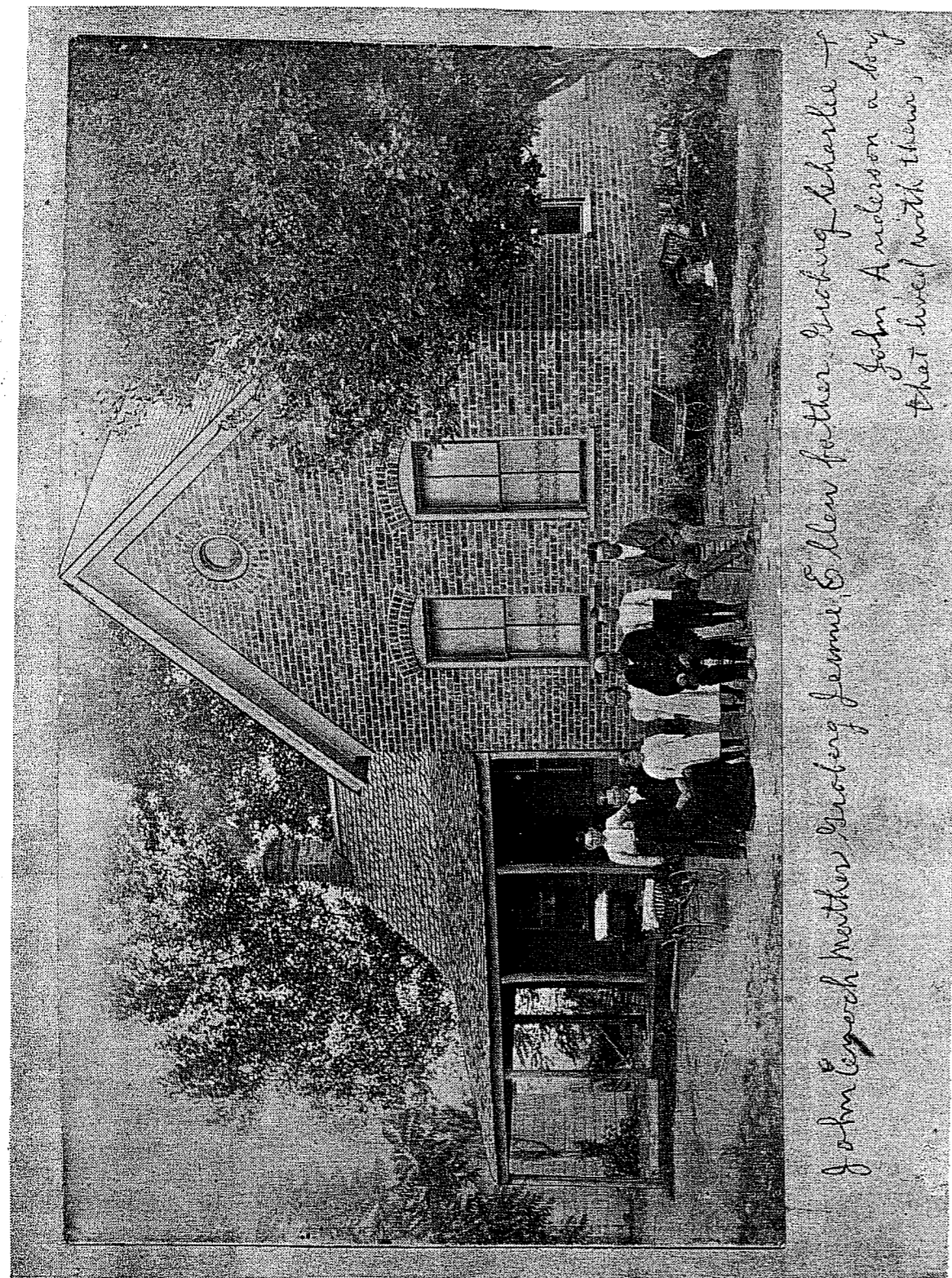
Jan Groberg  
1869, Sweden



Johanna Hanson  
1865, Sweden



John and Johanna Groberg, Ogden



*John & Cygeroch mother, Groberg Jennie, & Clew father, Groberg Charles & John Anderson a boy that lived with them.*

John and Johanna Groberg family at Farr West home, about 1893.

Letters to John, Translated from Swedish

Good luck and a good new year, all of you.  
The letter is to you all.

St. George, 29 December 1874

J. Groberg, Dear Brother:

I have received your letter with pleasure and I thank you so much for the same. It makes me happy to hear that you have come home from the mountains and that all is well both with you and yours. I see by your letter that you shall go and get married at Christmas, which I think is good now, and I will now wish you all possible happiness and the Heaven's and the Earth's best blessings, so you can build you a heavenly kingdom on the earth. I know there is nothing better and dearer and more lovable than a good wife, and if one can so raise up strong, good and healthy children, that is so much the better.

I shall now talk a little about myself and St. George. I am healthy and feel fine. It has been a little cold here now for some days, but Christmas should have snow. We have had a wonderful time here this Christmas. We had meetings in the tabernacle 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. In the afternoon we had a picnic and we received different kinds of food as well as grape juice, and various songs and talks were limited (voluntarily refrained from). It was the most pleasant Christmas day I have had since I came to Utah.


The Temple proceeds rapidly. The walls are about 50 feet high now but they should come to be full height in seven months, though that I do not believe. How many there are who work here now I do not know, but they say there are three- or four-hundred, but they work trades all over the Temple. They are placed on many different spots. Since I work with stones I have a good opportunity to learn to be a skilled stonemason. I have now been here half the time as you when you receive this letter, I think. You have now heartiest greetings from me.

a brother in the Gospel,  
P. E. Westman

Our gratitude to Chester G. Crowther, who translated these Swedish letters. He said, "I didn't try to put the phraseology into good English but the thoughts are there."


Note: The Westmans are frequently mentioned in Anders' journal.

**CERTIFICATE OF CITIZENSHIP**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  TERRITORY OF UTAH--SS.

Be it Remembered, That on the 16 day of September in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty two, John Groberg late of Sueden in the Kingdom of Norway at present of Lynne in the Territory aforesaid, appeared in the First Judicial District Court of the United States, in and for Utah Territory, and applied to the said Court to be admitted to become a Citizen of the United States of America, pursuant to the directions and requirements of the several Acts of Congress in relation thereto. And the said John Groberg having thereupon produced to the Court such evidence, made such declaration and renunciation, and taken such oaths as are by the said Acts required; thereupon it was ordered by the said Court that the said John Groberg be admitted, and he was accordingly admitted by the said Court to be a Citizen of the United States of America.


IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Seal of the said Court is hereto affixed, this 16 day of Sept, in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty two and in the year of our Independence the One Hundred and seventy

 By the Court. A. C. ... Clerk.

My mother, Carin Persson was born in Sweden, March 16, 1817. Died in Hedemora, Sweden September 8th, 1859. I was baptized for her on the 23rd of Dec. - 1874

**Declaration of Intention**

TO BECOME A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES.



I, John Groberg do declare, on oath, that it is bona fide my intention to become a Citizen of the United States of America, and to renounce and abjure forever, all allegiance and fidelity to all reigning foreign Princes, Potentates, States and Sovereigns whatever, and particularly to the King of Sweden of whom I was a subject.

SUBSCRIBED and subscribed to before me at my office, at Salt Lake City, this 8th day of Sept 1874.

John Groberg Clerk of the U. S. Third Judicial District for the Territory of Utah.

I, Janet ... Clerk of the U. S. Third Judicial District Court in and for the Territory of Utah, do certify that the above is a true copy of the Original Declaration of Intention of John Groberg to become a Citizen of the United States of America, remaining on record in my office.

In Testimony Whereof, I have herunto subscribed my name, and affixed the Seal of said Court, at my office, in Salt Lake City, in said District, this 8th day of Sept 1874.

Janet ... Clerk.  
Dep. Clerk.

My daughter, Hannah Groberg was born in Ogden, Utah August 5th 1879. She was baptized the 6th of September, 1888. Died in Harrisville, Utah. July 7th 1898

by Johanna



John and Johanna's patriarchal blessings

Alla dessa personer Blef det utferd i Dens ordsmåner den 23 december 1874

Den Patriarkalka välsignelse är af följande innehåll

En Patriarkalk välsignelse gifven af E. W. Hyde på Johans Gråbergs Huvud Samt af Anders Gråberg och Catarina Andersson född den 13 februari 1840 Westmanland Sverige jag i Jesu Christi namn jag lägger mina händer på ditt huvud

och beseglar på dig en patriarkalk välsignelse Du om en kort tid skall bliva kallad att förkunnat denna detta Evangelium ty den dag är när för handen och ingen makt skall stoppa dina händer och du skall glädja tro att lösa villka somhätt mirakel att främja riket och du skall göra mycket gott och bringa många till Zion Du skall Hellbregda de Sjuka och Måtkasta djulför och du skall kasta många i försäelse i de samma dagar hutes och du skall bliva förlöst och Herans anset skall säga till dig Johans Johans Följ mig och du skall bliva förlöst lik Petrus i hundra dagar och du skall med glädje över ditt huvud åter vända Du är af Jacob och

60 Laglig arvinge till Prösta Dömmets fullhet och rätt till Hustrun och ett stort Rike på denna jord ty det är ditt privilegium att stå vid din förkastare när han hamnar på jorden - och med Adam och alla de Heliga profeter Dessa välsignelser beseglar jag på ditt Huvud i försening med Evighetslikhet bif för hela din faders Hus i Jesu namn ammen  
Salt Lake City den 22 desamb 1874 Recordad in Book G. Page 554  
Alla Hustrus välsignelse är som följer

61 En Patriarkalk välsignelse gifven af E. W. Hyde på Huvudet af Johanna Pettersson Dötter af Lars Pettersson och Carin Pettersson född den 8 September 1845 Hedemora Dalarna Sveden Johanna älskade syster Det är i Christi namn att jag lägger mina händer på ditt Huvud Ty det var glädje i Himmelen när du anammade detta Evangelium Fadern slaver himmels änglar omfång över dig så att du må leva länge på jorden För du skall tillhöra af alla de Helliga Heter af Zion - Heliga profeter skall spisa middag vid ditt bord och du skall gläda alla dina hjärtans önskar migar uppfylla och skall samtala med änglar ansikte

62 mot ansikte Du är af Efraim och en laglig arvinge till Pröstadömmet med din man och ett Rike på jorden från Lighet till evighet och man gäta ting skall bliva till batin skälnd från dig för dina sista dagar skall bliva dina Borta dagar Du skall bliva exander i Israel och deltaga i alla Leons Hår ligheter och jag beseglar på dig de eviga lifs välsignelser i försening med din faders Hus Gud och Lammet ammen

Salt Lake City den 22 december 1874 Recordad in Book G. Page 555

(above) Close of patriarchal blessings.

64 Syster Stina Lisa född 29 april 1838 i frångårde socken Syster Carolina dog i sin späda Barndom af 23 veckor gammal jag Blef Hedemora Alppoststad i den Lutteriska församlingen och innehöll en Undervisning Skolan som min föräldrar i deras Högskola om ständigheter kunde erbjuda mig min moder lärde mig Lasa i Himmlet ty det blef mig och tillhåll att få i skolan min moder dog i en långvarig sjukdom den 8 September 1859 då jag var 14 år gammal jag fick berisa henne denna sista tjänst och uppfylla min plikt i att värda henne under hennes sjukdom året derefter konfirmerades jag af Brosten Ljusgård i

63 Några ord om min Hustru 3 jag Johanna Larsson Husfru till John Gråberg jag är född i Hedemora Socken Byggen Duåke - Dalarna - Söder den 8 September 1845 min fader var Lars Persson född den 28 Maj 1814 i Norbergs Dalarna och min moder Carin Persson född den 16 mars 1817 i frångårde Socken Dalarna - vi voro 8 ättars syskon n.m. Bröderna Peter Renholdt född den 16 februari 1836 i frångårde - Dod i Hedemora Bröder Carl August född den 19 mars 1853 i Hedemora död december 1865 Samnastaden Bröder Anders Erik född 1840 - i dyp Bröder Lars Johan född 7 april 1843 Bröder Gustaf född den 24 maj 1849 Alla i Hedemora och Dalarna

Beginning of Johanna's personal history

65 Hedemora Socken och fram ledde sedan mina dagar i Hjärt som pige hos Bröder i min födelse ort jag hade god tro och Räktnings för Lutteriska Religionen tills jag var 25 år gammal då det kom missionärer af de sista dagars helige och kunde hade i min Hjembygd så jag började att få Humskap om den Gärdom som kallas Mormonismen jag blef af Judes and upplyst att detta var Jesu Christi Evangelium och Lät mig döpa den 26 juli 1868 jag af abt Persson och fick hans påläggelse af samma man jag blef sedan känd och för följt af Bröder och hemma så valde mina släktingar som andra jag hade därför ingen tvivnad och glädje i denna min förter Bygd men



for America.

*Ordained  
as  
Priest*

- 1871 John was ordained a Priest in the L.D.S. Church by Y.S.H. Lundquist.
- 1872 May 22 John went to Stockholm and gathered there with the rest of the Brothers and Sisters. (Saints)
- 1872 June 13 John went from Stockholm to Copenhagen, stopped in Cities along the way.
- 1872 June 17 They reached Copenhagen 10 A.M. (John)
- 1872 June 21 John left Copenhagen on the Steamboat Atto Hull.
- 1872 June 25 They (John) reached Hull at 10 P.M. Beautiful weather.
- 1872 June 26 John (age 32) with his Mother and Father boarded the S.S. Nevada at 1 P.M. and began their trip on the Atlantic Ocean for the U.S. Hard wind for several days.
- 1872 Sunday June 30 Storm and wind slowed down.
- 1872 July 7 Weather still calm (John)
- 1872 July 9 (John) "We saw land and the boat went into New York harbor."
- 1872 July 10 (John) "We went to R.R. Station and continued on our journey.
- 1872 July 13 (John) To Omaha, over Missouri and Miss. rivers.
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- 1872 July 15 (John) We started for the West.
- 1872 July 16 (John) We reached the Rocky Mountains.
- 1872 July 17 (John) We reached Utah and Ogden. We stayed with Per Mattsen. I went to American Fork Canyon and worked on the Railroad. My parents stayed with Per Mattsens for two months.
- 1872 (John) "We built a house on Ogden Bench and lived there until the middle of Feb. 1873.
- 1873 Feb (John) "I bought a house and land in the Lynne district in Ogden. (Five Points) I worked at different jobs---mostly away from home.
- 1874 Jan 8 John Groberg made declaration of intention to become a Citizen of the U. S.
- 1874 June 11 Johanna left Stockholm to come to America.
- 1874 (From the Stockholm Emigration list dated June 19.) Johanna (age 29) boarded the ship "Idaho"
- 1874 July 15 Johanna reached Utah and Salt Lake City.
- 1874 Dec 21 John married Johanna. Sld 21 Dec 1874 by Pres. D. H. Wells.
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- 1874 Dec 23 We (John and Johanna) were bapt. for 40 persons.
- 1874 Dec 24 (Johanna) "I moved to my new home in Ogden and Lynne Ward." Aunt Ellen (their dau.) said her father's parents lived here with her father and mother to the

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time of their death.

- 1876 Apr 2 John Enoch was born here in Lynne Ward.
- 1877 Nov 22 Alfred was born " " "
- 1879 Aug 5 Girl born. They named her Johanna but called her Hannah.
- 1879 Dec 6 Alfred died and is buried in Ogden City Cemetery.
- 1881 Jan 18 Another girl born to John and Johanna. They named her Emma.
- 1881 Aug 6 Emma died. she was only 6 1/2 months old.
- 1882 Apr 30 Josephine was born to John and Johanna in Lynne Ward.
- 1882 Sep 16 John GROBERG received his Certificate of Citizenship to the United States of America. Territory of Utah.
- 1883 July 26 Josephine died. She lived about a year and 3 Mo.
- 1884 May 27 Charles August was born in Lynne Ward. He lived to be married and raise a family.
- 1886 Oct 27 Ellen Catherine was born. She too, lived to be married and raise a family. She was born in Lynne Ward.
- 1889 Mar or Apr 29 Jennie Lilly was born in Lynne Ward.
- 1889 John GROBERG bought a house and land in Farr West. At time it was West Harrisville.
- 1890 In the Spring, John and Johanna moved to Farr West. At that time it was West Harrisville.
- 1890 July 7 Hannah died at age 11. She is buried in Ogden City Cemetery.
- 1890 Nov 30 West Harrisville became Farr West in honor of Lorin Farr, former president of Weber Stake and Chauncy West, who, prior to his death was presiding bishop of Weber County. They both held many outstanding positions.
- 1891 Nov 30 Construction began on Farr West's first Chapel. It was completed in four months.
- 1893 May 9 Anna Matilda was born in Farr West to John and Johanna.
- 1893 Aug 26 Anna Matilda died. She was buried in Ogden City Cemetery.
- 1895 John Enoch, son of John and Johanna taught school in the little red brick school house in Farr West. Enoch's brother, Charles was one of his students in Oct. and Nov 1895. He is listed in the School Register as Chas A. Groberg. In the History of Farr West by Brian Taylor on page 8 it says: Then, approximately 120 students were enrolled, ranging from those who were learning their ABC's to those who were on the Fifth Reader. There were no grades.

- 1902 Dec 24 John Enoch married Maud BRUNT in Logan Temple. They were married by Marriner W. Merrill.
- 1908 May 11 John Enoch's wife, Maud died leaving 3 small children.
- 1909 June 6 John Enoch died at age 33 while on a visit at his parent's home in Farr West. Ellen took the 2 boys and Maud, the baby, was taken to her Grandmother Brunt in Idaho Falls.
- 1909 Nov 14 Jennie Lilly died leaving an infant son, Lowell Groberg WOODS.
- 1910 Jan 19 Charles (Chas A.) married Martha Hermine RASICOT in the Salt Lake Temple. They lived in the old Groberg home in Farr West.
- 1911 Delbert and LeRoi went to live with Charlie and Mattie GROBERG.
- 1914 The yellow brick school house was built in Farr West.
- 1924 Sunday Dec 28 Johanna LARSDOTTER GROBERG died at her home in Farr West. She was buried the following Friday in Ogden City Cemetery.
- 1925 Tuesday Mar 17 John GROBERG died. He was buried Mar 19 in Ogden City Cemetery by his wife and 5 of their children. John's parents, Anders and Catharina are in the same Cemetery plot.

28 Dec. 1924:

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2 Jan. 1925

Bishop Moroni Chugg conducted funeral services for Mrs. Johannah Groberg on Friday afternoon at the Farr West meeting house. A mixed quartet composed of Harry Brown, A. D. Brown, Lorna Stephenson and Lila Brown sang "Sometime We'll Understand" and "O My Father." Miss Brown and Miss Stephenson sang "Come Unto Me." Miss Brown sang, "I'm a Pilgrim." Speakers were Bishop James Martin, W. A. Taylor, C. O. Turnquist, C. J. A. Lindquist, David Jenson, Bishop M. P. Brown and Bishop Chugg. Bishop Chugg dedicated the grave in Ogden City cemetery.

17 March 1925 DEATHS

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20 March 1925 FUNERALS

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17 March 1925

DEATHS

John Groberg died at 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at a local hospital following a long illness. He was born in Westmanland, Sweden, February 13, 1840, the son of Andres and Katherine Anderson Groberg. He came to America with his parents on the ship "Nevada" in 1872 and arrived in Ogden in July of the same year. He was married in Salt Lake in 1874 to Johanna Larson and moved to Five Points, where he lived until 1890. Since that time he had made his home at Farr West. Mrs. Groberg died a few months ago. Surviving are two children, Charles Groberg of Farr West and Mrs. Ellen Crowther of Harrisville; and fifteen grandchildren. Funeral services will be held Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock in the Farr West meeting house with Bishop Moroni Chugg presiding. The body may be viewed at the residence of the son at Farr West Thursday afternoon and evening and on Friday until time of services. Interment will be made in the City cemetery. Flowers may be left at Lindquist's until 8:30 Friday morning.

OUR PROMISED LAND  
by John R. Groberg

One day in mid-June of 1872 three Swedish converts of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints boarded a small boat in Stockholm Sweden. This was not to be a pleasure cruise but they had sold all they owned, packed their home made trunks and were turning their backs upon home, family, friends and country for a new life in a promised land. So it was that at age 67, 63 and 32 Anders Persson Groberg his wife Catharina and son John (John) began an adventure that would forever alter their lives and that of their descendants.

As their journey continued they would be joined by other immigrants from neighboring Scandinavian countries and Europe to begin a new life on the frontiers of America. Their destination was the "Top of the Mountains" in the newly established Territory of Utah in the Western United States. In response to a call from a prophet of God they were going to Zion. Anders and company did not qualify as pioneers because they crossed the continent by R.R. and the coming of the R.R. is the dividing line between pioneer and Immigrant. Today we can only try to imagine their fears, concerns and expectations as they traveled to an unknown end in a strange land.

The different customs of the Saints and the persecutions of an exiled and driven people did not dissuade them nor dampen their determination to follow their leaders, keep the faith and then, having put their hand to the plow, they did not look back.

John records how he was rather thoughtless as a youth being subject to lightheartedness and being somewhat frivolous but his actions as a young man indicate a devotion to his church and parents. Perhaps at their age they would never have attempted such a journey without their son and it is possible that John would not have gone without them. So it was that by the 4th of July these three had joined with the Saints in Ogden Utah to help celebrate the birth of a free nation.

John and Johanna undoubtedly met in Sweden through church affiliations. They both knew and referred to some of the same friends both in and out of the church. Johanna was estranged from her family and some friends

after joining the church. She went to Stockholm to work for a family named Westman. Some of this family joined the church also and are referred to in Anders little black book.

John and Johanna joined the church the same year, Johanna a few months before John and he joined just shortly ahead of his parents. They must have corresponded and according to Anders book he may have been involved in their correspondence.

Johanna joined the church at age 23 and from then on she was on her own, eking out a living on a meager income. Circumstances would indicate that she could not have saved much towards passage to America in the five years before she and John were married. Whether marriage had been discussed we do not know. This can only be left to conjecture today. Perhaps an unconfirmed tradition that he sent money to Johanna to come to America if she would become his wife carries some credence.

Anders and Catherina relied upon John for support and strength in their new land and he did not let them down. We do not know any details except for some very brief notes in Anders diary but it is evident that John worked away at the best paying jobs he could find while Anders kept the home fires burning with Sallerbras (Sagebrush). One of John's first jobs was in American Fork canyon working on R.R. construction. This was in 72 and 73 but this R.R. never really met any of it's expectations. The mines up the canyon played out almost before the road was built. Then in 73-74 John became a hard rock miner.

It is not surprising that John followed these jobs at this time for they were the highest paying manual labor type work available and the mining boom had reached its peak (enthusiasm) in 1873. Prior to 72 there were only 3 mining districts in Utah but by the end of 73 this number had increased seven-fold. The really big mining in Utah never got under way until the turn of the century but in 73 Salt Lake City was considered a mining boom town. This distinction, (or curse) only lasted for a year or two but it served John well in providing him with means to purchase property and build a home for both he and Johanna when they were married in 74 and his parents until their death. John worked in the Bingham Canyon area, probably in a gold mine, we have no details. By this time the "Roaring" mining camps in California and Nevada were becoming tamed and many of those roughhouse miners had followed the boom to Utah. But John's love was with the land and his destiny was farming.

After those hectic years John and Johanna sold their property in Ogden and purchased a farm from Jim Westergard in Farr West, Weber Co. Utah. It was there they finished raising their family and lived out their lives. Life on the frontier was hard and tenuous.

Of their nine children John and Johanna Outlived all but two of them. Now they and five of their little ones are buried in the Ogden City Cemetery near to his parents.

After moving to Farr West John began associating with some new found Swedish friends (?) who's faith had faltered because of the opposition generated by apostates and gentiles over polygamy and other issues of the times. He became disillusioned and asked the bishop to remove his name from the records. This was never done, however, but he thought it had. His health failed and he believed he was no longer in the church. Johanna's faith never faltered and he never opposed her convictions. She left a spiritual legacy for all her descendants to follow. Her message to all was keep the faith, love the Lord and resist the adversary.

Anders and Catharina, John and Johanna followed their star across mountains seas and plains to reach their promised land because they believed in a latter day prophet of God. Deep within their souls a kindred spirit was answering the muted call echoing down the centuries from the voice of another prophet declaring; "when all these things are come upon thee, even in the latter days, if thou turn to the Lord thy God and shalt be obedient to his voice; - he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers ---." We are of that same blood seeking that same God and looking for our PROMISED LAND.

**HUSBAND GROBERG, John Enoch** (School Teacher and Accountant)  
 Born 2 April 1876 Place Ogden, Weber, Utah

**WIFE BRUNT, Naude Elizabeth**  
 Born 16 March 1881 Place Mill Creek, S-Lk, Utah

**CHILDREN**

NAME	Given Names	SURNAME	WHEN BORN	WHERE BORN	DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE	WHEN DIED
1	2	3	DAY MONTH YEAR	TOWN COUNTY STATE OR COUNTRY	TO WHOM	DAY MONTH YEAR
1	LeRoy Brunt	GROBERG	10 Oct 1903	Ogden Weber Utah	31 Dec 1928	10 June 1970
2	Delbert Valentine	GROBERG	14 Feb 1906	Idaho Falls Bannville Idaho	11 June 1930	
3	Naude Elizabeth	GROBERG	30 Apr 1908	Idaho Falls Bannville Idaho	14 Sept 1927	17 Dec 1977
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**OTHER MARRIAGES**

DATE	NAME	RELATION
2 July 1885	4 AUG 1897	24 Dec 1902
23 June 1889	24 Dec 1902	
2 July 1912	18 Oct 1922	b1c
5 July 1914	4 June 1925	b1c
4 Nov 1916	14 Sept. 1927	b1c

**SOURCES OF INFORMATION**  
 Richard Groberg

**NECESSARY EXPLANATIONS**

## JOHON ENOCH GROBERG

by Mary Jane Groberg Fritzen

As a missionary in Sweden in 1899, John Enoch Groberg arranged the funeral and burial for his friend and fellow missionary, Albert Peterson. Reflecting on how this man gave his life for the Gospel, John understood life's purpose. He determined to complete his own mission, to return to Ogden, take the Normal course at Weber Stake Academy, teach school again at Farr West, find a wife, marry in the Temple, and begin a family.

Parents. He was grateful for his father, Jan (John), a member-missionary, who had accepted the Restored Gospel when a young man in Sweden, and emigrated to America with his parents--Anders, then 67 and Catharina, 64. John went to work in Utah to provide a home for his parents. Then he sent money for Johanna Larson, who had also accepted the Gospel in Sweden, but had therefore been rejected by her former friends and her family. Bravely, Johanna emigrated to Salt Lake City in June 1874. That December the two were married. John was 34, and Johanna 29.

Following the marriage they remained in Salt Lake City three days: Dec. 21. Married in Endowment House. Dec. 22. Received patriarchal blessings. Dec. 23. Did baptisms for 40 deceased relatives. Dec. 24. Returned to Ogden, where John introduced his bride to her new home where they would live with his parents. Probably they had met in Stockholm, and now were glad to welcome her into the family and into the fellowship of the Lynn Ward. Upon this foundation they built their marriage.

Youth. A year later on April 2, 1876, their son John Enoch was born in what is now "Five Points," Ogden. His boyhood was filled with faith as well as sorrow. Money was scarce, and his father (John) mostly worked away from home. In Lynn young John Enoch experienced the death of one brother and two sisters, as well as of his grandparents. His devoted father bought a larger farm and home a few miles north and west in Harrisville (now Farr West). When they moved in 1890, the family consisted of his parents, his brother Charlie, and sisters, Ellen, Hannah, and Jennie Lilly. Enoch, 13, went ahead with his father to help him ready the place for the rest of the family. They raised berries, fruit, and nuts, some animals, vegetables and grain. Enoch's sorrowing mother carefully moved and bedded eleven-year-old Hannah, who nevertheless died the first summer in the new home. Although one more daughter was born in 1893, she only lived a few months.

There was sufficient work to do on the farm and Enoch worked, but he was inclined to books. His parents were also interested in letters. He probably attended the ward schools in Lynn and Farr West. Public schools began in Utah after 1890. In 1893 at age 17, he enrolled at Weber Stake Academy, a Church preparatory school in downtown Ogden. He was graduated after two years, and participated in the 1895 commencement program. At 19 he became a teacher in the two-room public school across from the Church. His friend Mary Taylor taught grades one through four and he taught five through

eight. His brother Charlie was one of his pupils. Another pupil, Iraminde Taylor [Stephenson] remembered at 93 the drawing lessons he taught once a week.

Before Enoch was 20 he was sustained as superintendent of Farr West Sunday School, a position of importance. So well did he serve that he was not released until after he had left on his mission to Scandinavia. And as soon as he returned, his replacement was released and Enoch was again sustained Sunday School superintendent.

Mission to Sweden. The mission call that came in July 1897 was a time of happy social activities. As well as speaking in meeting, he was feted by a farewell dance, and the local band played for him. At the Temple he performed ordinances for himself and also for some kindred dead. Then the setting apart, licensing, and journey by train to Philadelphia, by ship to Liverpool, then to Hamburg, Copenhagen,, and finally to Sweden, his parents' homeland. His best friend John Lefgren journeyed with him, and both served in Sweden. John E. spoke Swedish as his first language, and had learned English at school and Church. His family, relatives and Farr West friends, including several young ladies, corresponded with him, and he also made many friends in Sweden. He also met and corresponded with relatives there. A severe sickness laid him low for about six weeks his first winter in Sweden and attacked him intermittently thereafter; but in spite of this and other challenges, he was a respected and faithful leader, calm and pleasant. He completed an honorable mission, and returned at the close of 1899.

January 4th he enrolled at Weber Stake Academy in the Normal Department and continued till June. Again he received a position to teach school at Farr West. A diploma for his sister Ellen in 1901 he signed as Principal, and W. B. Wilson signed as Weber County Superintendent of Schools. In the meantime Utah had become a state in 1896. Weber Stake Academy celebrated with a program and holiday.

Marriage. On a visit to his friends, particularly John Lefgren, and cousins in Idaho Falls area, he was introduced to vivacious Maud Elisabeth Brunt. In December 1902 they were married in the Logan Temple. John was 26 and Maude 21. They lived with his parents for at least a year, as he continued superintendent of eh Sunday School. Then they moved into a home of their own in the Lynn Ward, where he was bookkeeper for Utah Light and Railway Co. Maude gladly decorated their home and happily prepared for their first child, a son they named LeRoy Brunt Groberg. With Maud the home was filled with joy. He served in the Weber Stake Sunday School board.

The family of three moved to Idaho Falls in 1905 where they lived temporarily with Maud's mother, Elisabeth Brunt, and John was bookkeeper for Brunt Grocery, owned by Maud's brothers. John purchased a home on the corner of Sage and H (599-H) beside three homes of Maud's family, the Brunts. A second son Delbert Valentine Groberg was born on Valentine's Day 1906.

In March 1907 John was sustained superintendent of Bingham Stake Sunday School, and a year later their daughter was born and named for her mother, Maude Elizabeth. When the baby was eleven days old her mother died, leaving John with a baby girl as well as two little motherless boys. Family and friends mourned and

assisted. John's newly married sister Ellen and her husband Albert Crowther moved from Harrisville into the home to help. The next spring, John, whose health had deteriorated, had provided investments for the care of Maude and for the boys' future missions. He took his boys on the train for a rest and visit to Farr West. His father met the train in his buggy, and the grandparents were delighted to hear the boys greet them in Swedish.

John Enoch died at his parents' home June 6, 1909, at age 33. The boys grew up in a loving environment with their Uncle Charlie and Aunt Mattie's family in Farr West. Both LeRoy and Delbert lived to serve missions and afterwards marry, rear families and serve in the Temples.

Maud Elisabeth Brunt and John Enoch Groberg  
married 24 December, 1902, Logan Temple



#### John Enoch's Sons Write of Their Father.

##### LeRoy.

Father had been ill for some time. We were together at the old home at Ogden. This day he came out on the porch and sat down on the long wood bench that was there. He bid me come and sit beside him on the bench. I did. He noticed that my shoe was untied. I showed him a knot in the lace and tried to get it loose. It didn't yield. He then took me on his lap and with his fingers quickly untied the knot and laced up the shoe. I looked up at him with great admiration. I recall thinking that my father can do anything.

On another occasion on this same porch, father sat with me on the rim with feet on the ground. I had an air gun. He asked if I could shoot straight. He then took the gun and shot it several times, showing me how to use it. Then he aimed at a sparrow in the walnut tree that spread out right before us. "You hit it, you hit it," I said gleefully. He handed me the gun and cautioned me about shooting birds, or doing any harm with the gun.

##### Delbert in a letter to his sons, 8 October, 1963:

I was impressed by the blessing at the conclusion of the great conference, given by President McKay. "Be the father of a man" still rings in my ears and swells in my heart, for I have the honor of being father of seven men. "I bless each member in all the world that you might have God's peace in your hearts, and in your homes everywhere."

My thoughts were also about my father, John Enoch Groberg, who died when I was three, but whose life and works have been a beacon light to me. He left me a heritage of faith in and love for the living prophet. Father was an associate of Pres. McKay both at Weber Academy and in the Weber Stake Sunday School. Every person I have talked to, who knew father, has told me how much he admired him and has encouraged me to try to be as good and noble as my father.

One day while eating dinner in President [Cecil E.] Hart's home with Pres. McKay, I noticed the soul-searching eyes of Pres. McKay had fastened upon my face. After a moment he said, "Brother Groberg, you look like your father." I have always wanted to be like him, for I want to be worthy to be the son of a noble father and worthy to be your father, the "father of a man."

##### President McKay quoted a poem by Edgar A. Guest:

We have never seen the Father here, but we have known the Son,  
The finest type of manhood since the world was first begun,  
And summing up the works of God, I write with reverent pen,  
The greatest is the Son He sent to cheer the lives of men.

It matters not what I may win of fleeting gold or fame,  
My hope of joy depends alone on what my boy shall claim.  
My story must be told through him; for him I work and plan,  
Man's greatest duty is to be the father of a man.



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44 EAST SOUTH TEMPLE STREET

Salt Lake City, Utah, June 11th, 1909

Elder John Groberg and Family,  
 Farr West, Utah

Dear Brethren and Sisters:

The General Board of the Deseret Sunday School Union desires to express to you its sympathy in your bereavement. In the death of your son and brother, Superintendent John E. Groberg, the Sunday School cause has lost a most devoted worker. As Superintendent of the Farr West school, he made an excellent record; as a stake worker in Weber his faithfulness was always manifest, and was frequently commented upon by his fellow workers; and as superintendent of the Bingham Stake Sunday Schools, his labors have been highly commendable. We recall with approval Brother Groberg's noble influence and energetic efforts in the Church at home and abroad, and we know that for labors well performed he will receive the approbation of our Heavenly Father.

In behalf of the General Sunday School Union Board, we extend to you our sympathy and good will. May our Father in Heaven be indeed a kind Father to the little children now left fatherless and motherless. God grant that they may be as pure in their lives and as faithful to their trusts as their father.

Respectfully  
 Your brethren in the Gospel  
*Joseph F. Smith*  
*David O. McKay*  
*Stephen L. Richards*  
 General Superintendency  
 of Sunday Schools.

Finding the Letter, by Delbert V. Groberg:

The interest and attention given by Church leaders to the members is remarkable. Father was stake superintendent of the Sunday Schools in the Bingham Stake at the time of his death in 1909.

As a child I heard Grandma Groberg tell about a letter Grandpa had received from the prophet. The thing about the letter that Grandma thought was special was that President Joseph F. Smith addressed him as Elder John Groberg; and though Grandpa had not remained active in the Church, Grandma said he thought it was significant that the prophet called him Elder.

Years after my grandparents' death and being anxious to see the letter Grandma had mentioned, I searched through the contents of an old trunk where I found the letter. It was in the envelope it was mailed in, and it was truly addressed Elder John Groberg. I was happy to find the letter, but tears filled my eyes as I read the letter and pondered the great love and concern the prophet and his close associates had for the members and their families. They knew about Father's work in Idaho, and they knew and cared about us.



Groberg home, Farr West, early 1900s

Enoch Groberg  
 gick i dop 1885  
 den 2 julle  
 Den 2 februae  
 kief jag diakon  
 Charles August Groberg  
 got baptised the 7th of July  
 1892  
 datter Anna Matilda föd den  
 april 1893 - blot jun 1 = 1893  
 datter Anna Matilda dö  
 den 25 augusti 1893  
 Ellen Groberg  
 was baptised July 2  
 1885  
 J. E. Groberg was baptised  
 July 2, 1885 by A. O. Perry, and  
 confirmed the same day by  
 O. F. Thomas.

Twice John Enoch recorded his baptism in his family's record. The first in Swedish: "Enock Groberg gick i dop 1885 den 2 julle." This in a boyish pencil hand. The second by a mature hand, "J. E. Groberg was baptised July 2, 1885 by A. O. Perry, and confirmed the same day by O. F. Thomas." Other entries on this page show baptisms of Jennie, Charles and Ellen, and the mother's hand tells of the birth, blessing, and death of her "datter," Anna Matilda.

My Song.  
 My name is Enoch Groberg  
 And when I go to school  
 I never get knocked over  
 For I obey the rule

I'm just like all those others  
 You must not think I'm <sup>lazy</sup> ~~lazy~~  
 But when it comes to make a noise  
 I'm really not so lazy.

Some one might think that I  
 do smoke.  
 Another might think I chew  
 I fool those fellows all a joke,  
 The part I'll give to you.

And if I dont use - liquor,  
 Or any kind of snuff,  
 I be a man much quicker,  
 Excuse me thats enough.

As a boy John Enoch wrote this verse in the family records.

Fast Meeting held Thursday June 7, 1895. Singing on page 218. Sermon by Joseph F. Thomas. Singing again on page 240. The following brethren and sisters bore their testimonies. Prof. Mouch, Prof. Jones, Prof. Ballantyne and Fern. Chariton Ferrin, George Ritchie, Joseph Deluaf, Samuel Glasgow, Quincy Blylock, Leta Scoville, Samuel Biddisfield, Oliver Leonard, Louis Mouch, Nathan Clarke, Elias Letour, John Arbug, David Whelright, Willard Spruce, John Smith, Ernest Brown, Joseph Halgum, David Crane, Thomas Cook, Joseph Thomas, Walter Gray, Leticia Conick Seal, Bingham, Oueline Agnew, Mary Mc Bride, Mary Dulin, Meda McQuarrie, Stella Mc Bride, Cora Wilson, Agnes Johnson, Lulla Ferrin, Esther Harris, Lucy Randall, Emma Anderson, Emily Tanner, Ida Farley, Ruth Mouch, Susie Becraft, Hedwig Gaff, May Walton, Lottie Johnson, Maggie McFarland, Sarah Luckin, Janet McFarland, Sarah Powell, Maud Brown, Jessie Moore, Maggie Ritchie, Frances Patton, Lily Montgomery.

Weber Stake Academy minutes for June 7, 1895, report the regular Thursday fast and testimony meeting. Among those bearing testimonies was a second-year student to be graduated in commencement exercises the following week, John Groberg.

Mr. John E. Groberg, 19, was speaker representing the physics class for the Weber Stake Academy's 1895 commencement program of practical work. With Miss Ida Farley, he presented a reading, "Sir Peter and Lady Teasal," at the entertainment. John was an active participant in his graduation from the two-year course. (See next page)

## Programme.

Wednesday, 2 p.m., at Academy Building.

"Sing, O Heavens,".....Choir  
 Invocation.....Elias Peterson  
 Theology, A.....Mr. George Ritchie  
 Theology, B.....Mr. Willard Spiers  
 Solo.....Miss Ray Woodcock  
 Science of Numbers.....Miss Janet McFarland  
 History.....Mr. Thomas Cook  
 Science of Language.....Miss Luella Ferrin  
 Recitation.....Miss Susie Becraft  
 Physics.....Mr. John E. Groberg  
 Science of Accounts.....Mr. Peter Peterson  
 Duet.....Misses Ida Farley and May Driver  
 Physical Geography.....Miss May Walton  
 Civil Government.....Mr. Lester Scoville  
 Essay.....Miss Cora Wilson  
 Quartette, "Woman's Rights,".....  
 Misses Maud Carver, Esther Harris, Masters  
 Samuel Glasgow, Wilford Madson.  
 Elocution.....Mr. C. P. Ferrin  
 Physiology.....Mr. D. R. Wheelwright  
 Solo.....Miss Nannie Tout  
 Sunday School.....Mr. Ernest Brown  
 Essay, "Our School,".....Miss Meda McQuarrie  
 Recitation (Comic).....Mr. Joseph Belnap  
 Statistics.....Mr. John Wintle  
 Quartette—Misses Luella Ferrin, Mary McBride,  
 Messrs. C. P. Ferrin, Alexander Morrison.

Representative Graduates limited to from 3 to 5 minutes each.

## Programme.

Thursday Evening, June 13, 5th Wld. Institute

"Sing Ye Jehovah's Praises,".....Academy Choir  
 Invocation.....Mr. John Wintle  
 Essay, "Our Future,".....Miss Letitia Herrick  
 Presentation of Certificates to Graduates  
 .....By the Teachers  
 "The Student and the Teacher,".....  
 .....Mr. George E. Ferrin  
 "The Banner of Light,"  
 Miss Ariadna A. Moench.....Editor  
 Mr. Lester Scoville. Associate Editor  
 Solo.....Miss Janie Fowler  
 "The Rising of 1770,".....Elocution Class  
 "Sir Peter and Lady Teasel,".....  
 .....Mr. John E. Groberg, Miss Ida Farley  
 Organ Quartette, Messrs. Henry Ware, Orson  
 Griffin, Ed. Tout and Egbert Anderson.  
 "Ludwig's Love," (Violin accompaniment)  
 .....Miss Ruth Moench  
 Duet.....Mr. C. P. Ferrin, Miss Luella Ferrin  
 Overture.....Maccabee Mandolin Club



## Grand Re-union Party,

Pavilion, Lester Square,

Friday Evening, June 14, 8 p.m.

### General:

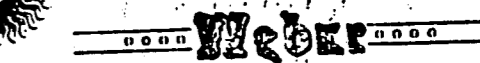
All past members of the school are cordially invited.

### Special:

The students of the Academy respectfully solicit the presence of yourself and ladies at the above Grand Re-union Party.

Full Orchestra. Tickets 50 cts.

Ice Cream Served at Pavilion.



## Stake Stake Academy.

## Commencement Exercises

1895.

### Practical Work:

June 12, Wednesday, 2 p.m., Academy.

### Entertainment:

June 13, Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Fifth Ward Institute.

### Grand Re-union Party:

June 14, Friday, 8 p.m., Pavilion, Lester Square.

Daily School Register. For the Term

First

Term of School Year.

No.	NAME OF PUPIL	Age	MONTHS OF YEAR																	
			Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June								
33	Sarah Taylor	11																		
34	Sally Ann Jensen	13																		
35	Lelia Thomas	11																		
36	Sarah Hegstead	9																		
37	Leticia Taylor																			
38	Christina Jensen																			
39	Sarah A. Jensen	13																		
40	Sarah Taylor	14																		
41	Sarah C. Crane	12																		
42	Sarah A. Jensen	16																		
43	William Gaggan	8																		
44	Henry D. Smith	12																		
44	Justie Painter	11																		
45	James C. Henderson																			
46	Julia A. Jensen	16																		
47	David Lee	13																		
48	Melba Hegstead	12																		
49	Joseph Williams																			
50	Oliver A. Groberg																			
51	George Martin	13																		

SUMMARY.

From 11 1895, Ending Jan 26 1896

Number who could read and write at beginning of term.	Color of pupils.			Whole number of days school was in session.	Branches Pursued.										Number of pupils who did not attend first term.									
	White.	Indian.	Of African descent.		Book-keeping.	Algebra.	Natural Philosophy.	Physical Geography.	Civil Government.	Music.	Education.	Drawing.	Compositing.	Psychology and Hygiene.	Artistic.	U. S. History.	Geography.	English Grammar.	Language Lessons.	Spelling.	Writing.	Reading.	Of non-Mormon parents.	Of Mormon parents.
63	53			48	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53

2 teachers

J. E. Groberg Teacher.

I received my first letter of inquiry about going on a mission, May 21, 1897. In this letter I was asked to make a reply as to how soon I could go and if it was agreeable to feelings to go on a mission to promulgate the principles of the Gospel. I answered the letter about a week afterwards and stated that I would be ready to go any time after August 1st, 1897. In their reply I was asked to get ready for to leave on a mission to Scandinavia on August 7th 1897. Shortly afterwards I began to make preparations for my work. I ordered a suit of clothes made to order,

much in my life as I did that night. I never danced with the same girl twice during the whole evening. A large crowd came from Five Point some from Pleasant View and Plain City. My 1st being Sunday I had to prepare myself for making fare well speeches. Prof. Wench, Brothers Ross, Evans, and Ballantyne came to Sunday School. The exercises were short and most of the time was taken up in remarks from the Brothers. I made my fare well remarks to the Sunday School members, but felt rather bad to think about leaving the Sunday

and on August the 2nd, John Seafren and myself went to Ogden and made purchases of underwear, shoes, walrus etc. which we should have before going on our mission. On July 27, the young ladies of Fair West had a surprise on me, which was a grand success as I was expecting some other party that evening. They had with them picnic of all kinds and lots of frozen ice cream. The evening was spent in pleasure and fun. July 30 my farewell dance took place. There was a grand crowd there and I never danced so

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Sept 5 Sun.

In the morning at 11 o'clock we had Sunday School here at our hall. The school was well attended by all the children of the Saints numbering about 40. After the exercises Bro Lefgren and I spoke a few words to the children. I reminded me of the Sunday School at home, and was a great pleasure for me to meet again with children of the Saints. The school was organized into three departments, with good teachers for each. I was after noon at 4 o'clock, we had fast meeting which was well attended by the Saints, and

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the time was occupied by testimonies from them. The meeting was held at a brethren's meeting which lasted until 10 o'clock, after which we went to Bro Johnson for supper. Sept 16 Mon.

John P. Lefgren went to Trollhattan to labor with Bro. Fred Peterson from Murray, Utah. He left at 7 o'clock in the morning on a steamer which went to the Gota Canal to his destination. I was called to labor in Göteborg until conference. In the afternoon I went to spread some tracts. I visited about 8 families and had 2 good conversations. In evening Bro J. M. Svoboda from Salt Lake City spoke to the

Nov. 3rd Wed. Elders A. S. Ericksen, Ross and Jensen and I visited the museum in Göteborg. In the evening we went out to the sea and baptized four young ladies. Elders H. M. Pearson, Chas M. Olson, A. S. Ericksen and myself were present. Bro H. M. Pearson performed the baptism. The young ladies names were, Anna Peterson, Ruth Johanson, Edith Maria Soderberg, Olga Jansson. When we went out, we only saw of two who should be baptized. On our way out there Miss Anna Peterson, a young lady 19 years old, came and stated that she wanted to be baptized too. and while we were at the sea baptizing, Bro Soderberg's girl,

Preceding pages: John Enoch's first missionary journal, 1897, recounting his mission call and farewell activities, pages 2-5. After arriving in Sweden he was with his traveling companion John P. Lefgren, also a friend from Ogden, and the two spoke at Sunday School; before they were assigned to different areas to labor. (pages 54-55) Later that fall he tells of baptisms (pages 82-83). During his first year he was ill most of the winter, then recovered. (copies reduced in size)

Monday Livia several Saints were at the docks to bid him farewell, as he was released to go home to Iowa. June 10 Fri. Got a large package of books and tracts from Copenhagen. Had a hard time getting them from the custom house. Elder Wm. Anderson helped me. June 11 Sat. Studying and writing all day. June 12 Sun. Had a fine Sunday.

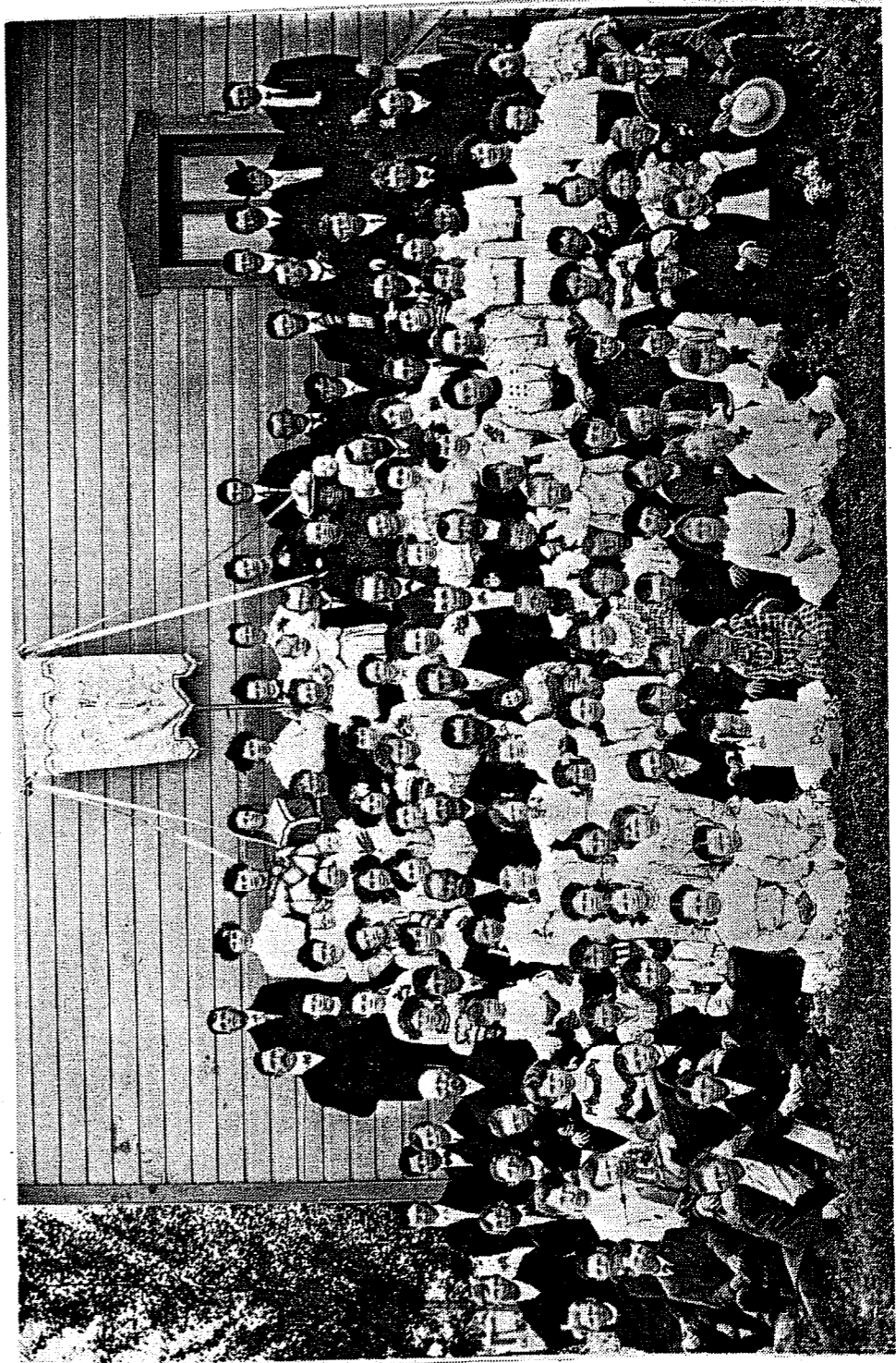
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Leaves from John Enoch's missionary journal: "Day Book from June 3rd 1898 until May 9th 1899. Kept by J. E. Groberg while on his mission in Sweden."

These excerpts reveal his health problems, his consideration of the feelings and needs of the members, his arrangements for the funeral and burial of a fellow missionary, Albert Peterson; and his corresponding with two Swedish relatives, a cousin Alfred Stuart and Uncle Gustaf Larson. (Not included)



Above: Swedish Saints  
 Below: Swedish Missionaries. John Enoch 2nd row, 3rd from right.  
 Taken by James Bourn at Goteborg.



Farr West Sunday School, 1903. John Enoch, superintendent, center. Maude, 4th from left, top row. Jennie and Ellen first two girls on left of third row. (For more explanation and identifications see Farr West History by Brian L. Taylor.)

(Ribbon)



# Certificates of Graduation

## WEBER COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

This is to Certify that Ellen Groberg  
has pursued and completed in a satisfactory manner the Course of Study  
prescribed for the **FIRST EIGHT GRADES** of the Public Schools of Weber  
County, Utah and is entitled to this

### CERTIFICATE

In testimony Whereof, we have hereunto appended our signatures

Given at Ogden, Utah, this 5<sup>th</sup>  
day of June, 1901.

John E. Groberg, PRINCIPAL  
W. B. Wilson, COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

One of John E. Groberg's students who satisfactorily completed the first eight grades of the public schools of Weber County, Utah, was Ellen Groberg, his sister. The certificate dated in June, 1901, is signed by John E. Groberg, Principal, and W. B. Wilson, county superintendent. It is a large certificate with a ribbon in the upper left corner. For many this graduation was the end of their formal schooling.

J. E. Groberg kept records at Farr West School, which show there were two teachers and 53 students that term, Nov. to January 1895-96. It tells subjects taught. Notice student No. 50 is Chas. A. Groberg, young brother of John Enoch. John Anderson, another boy who lived with the Groberg family, was also enrolled. What degree of respect would abide both at home and at school? (Page 66)



Above: John Enoch in his study.  
Below: LeRoi is the baby in front of Ogden home of John Enoch and Maude in Lynne Ward.

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Mrs. Ellen Crowther  
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Farr West, Utah  
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John Enoch and his boys returned to Farr West to visit his parents in 1909, nearly a year after Maud had died. He wrote a letter back to Ellen living in his home in Idaho Falls with her husband Albert and their baby, Eva. He mailed the letter in Ogden, March 5, 8 a.m., and it was received in Idaho Falls at 9 p.m. John, who revealed a good spirit, would die just three months later. 74

The letter indicated his good spirit. The complete text is typed below. A copy of the beginning and end in his handwriting is shown.

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Your dear brother  
John Enoch

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LeRoi Brunt Groberg and Nellie Lee Groberg  
by Boyd LeRoi Groberg (son)

My father, LeRoi Brunt Groberg, was born in Ogden, Utah on October 10, 1903 to John Enoch and Maude Elizabeth Brunt Groberg. My father's mother died shortly after giving birth to her only daughter, Maude in 1908. His father died a year later. My father and his brother, Delbert, lived with Aunt Ellen and Uncle Albert and eventually moved to Farr West where they were raised by Uncle Charles and Aunt Mattie Groberg. His sister, Maude, lived with her grandmother in Idaho Falls, Idaho and in Salt Lake City, Utah.

My mother, Nellie Lee, was born in Rigby, Idaho on May 28, 1906 to Hyrum and Eliza Savina Farnsworth Lee. She was raised on the family farm in Lewisville near Rigby. She had three brothers and three sisters. After schooling, Mom attended Ricks College where she met LeRoi. She was a school teacher in Rigby for two years.

In 1922 my Dad was called on a mission for the LDS church in the north central mission field, primarily North Dakota. During his mission, he gained a respect and understanding for the American Indians that he maintained all of his life. Upon dad's return from the mission field, he attended college at Brigham Young University and Ricks College in Rexburg, Idaho.

Mom and dad were married on January 1, 1929. It was a custom in the Idaho school system at that time to not employ married female school teachers, and mom and dad's marriage was not announced until it was solemnized in the LDS Temple on June 12, 1929.

Upon graduation from Brigham Young University, my father began employment with the seminary system of the LDS church, a job he was to retain throughout his life. During World War II, he was also employed as a defense worker. He worked as a carpenter and helped in the building of Camp Kearns, which is now Kearns, Utah.

Dad's first assignment as a seminary teacher was to establish the first seminary in Wayne County, Utah. Mom and dad moved to Bicknell, Utah in 1929. They loved to explore the National Parks and Red Rocks country in Wayne County, and really enjoyed the five years they spent on this assignment. I was born in Bicknell on January 27, 1933. I recently travelled to Bicknell and had conversations with some of dad's students and neighbors. All expressed high respect for mom and dad.

In 1934, we were transferred to Fillmore, Utah. My sister, Phyllis was born on April 14, 1935. During this period, mom and dad moved to New York City where dad worked on his doctorate in theology at Columbia University. Unfortunately, mother developed complications from an appendectomy, and dad cut short his doctoral education and returned with mom to Utah. While my parents were in New York, Phyllis and I stayed with Grandma and Grandpa Lee on their farm in Idaho.

In 1938, the seminary system transferred dad to Salt Lake City to teach seminary at Granite High School, where he later became principal. In Salt Lake City we first lived in the Parley's area and later purchased a home on 33rd South. My sister Karen was born there on March 12, 1942. Shortly before the end of World War II, we moved to East Mill Creek. My father continued teaching at Granite High School and later at Olympus High Seminary. During

this period, both mom and da held various positions in the East Mill Creek Ward.

Mom and dad both enjoyed gardening and took great pride in their flowers in the yard on East Mill Creek. They travelled all over the West, mostly to see famous gardens, such as Bucharth Gardens in Canada. I have always felt that their property on the banks of the East Mill Creek was as beautiful as any residential area in this part of the country.

My parents loved to travel and they and Karen spent the summer in Europe in 1960. Dad retired from the seminary system in 1968, but did not have much time to enjoy retirement. In mid-1969, dad developed adrenal cancer and passed away June 10, 1970.

Prior to dad's death,, he had purchased around-the-world tickets for mom and himself. My two sisters and I encouraged mom to complete this trip with a friend from the Relief Society. During mom's trip, I was surprised to find that she stayed in some of the same hotels in the Orient that I was billeted in during the Korean War. Mom spent many Christmases visiting Phyllis and her family in San Anselmo, California. She also visited with my family in Denver.

In 1982, Mother was diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's Disease). Mom never wanted to burden her children in her later years and it was with great reluctance that she agreed to live with me and my family in Ogden, Utah. She seemed to enjoy her last year with us. Mom passed away from complications of ALS while visiting Phyllis in San Francisco at Christmas time in 1983.

Uncle Roi, by Mary Jane Groberg Fritzen

My memories of Uncle Roi are particularly in Salt Lake in the 1960s. I remember how he helped me in the genealogy library there. I remember studying with him in the County Library when I was a school teacher. Usually when people recognized my name it was because they had taken seminary from Brother Groberg, and I felt they respected him. Once when I wanted to have a party with slides I asked to borrow his slide projector. This was in 1966-7; and he brought it to me in Granger, where I then lived. Aunt Maude said when he died that she missed him greatly as he had been her best friend. He died the day after I was married, so I could not attend the funeral, but admired him.

Some autobiographical writings of LeRoi

Early teaching backfires. My earliest recollection goes back to Idaho Falls, to the little house on "H" street. It was in the front room. It seems that a man stopped in and was making somewhat of a fuss over me, a youngster on the floor. I drew back, but he continued to talk to me, asking, "Don't you like me?" My reply charged the atmosphere of that home as if it had been struck with lightning. "You are a bad man; you drink." Though I must not have been more than three years old at the time, I shall never forget

the astonishment that followed that remark. Everyone looked embarrassed. My folks whisked me off to bed. I do not know who the man was, nor what explanation was made. I have never heard anyone mention the situation. But I recall that after "the man" was gone there was some serious discussion in the home. I was chastened. Hereafter I must not offend people no matter what they do.

Mother's death. I recall the casket being up against what now seems to be a north wall. Folks were in the house. Everyone was sad. Someone lifted me up to look at my mother. I looked but she appeared asleep and peaceful. I did not cry. Then they took her to the cemetery. (I don't recall ever going to the Church.) There was a crowd again and the flowers were all around. Finally they let the casket down into the ground. It went slowly into the ground. I started to cry. I tried to follow the casket. Someone held me. I struggled and got away. On my knees at the side of the grave, scrambling for the lowering white box, I was again stopped. Someone took me in their arms, held me close. "Poor child, poor child," I heard them say. I was four years old.

Boyish admiration. (See after chapter, John Enoch Groberg.)

Father's last words. Delbert and I were together outside. Father was in the large northeast room. His bed was up against the window (seems like the east window). We were called in. He wanted to talk to us. I remember that he couldn't come out on the porch now. He was very sick. The little red car belonging to Dr. Robinson had come out several times. He had even given us a ride in it, and we knew what it meant to see that car. Today they had called the doctor again but the red car was not there yet. We went in. Father had us come up close. He reached out his arms as though he would give us a blessing. He rested his hand on my head in an affectionate gesture. He talked to us. I don't remember all that he said. But I shall never forget his last words. Above everything else, "Be good boys. Be good boys." (I think he said it twice, but I'm not quite sure. It has been running through my head ever since. And it could be the repetition in my own mind that I recall.) This single incident has been the most formative in my life. On innumerable occasions that final request has been a bulwark for me.

It is my sincerest hope that some day, in a better world, when I have the rich opportunity of meeting my good father face to face, that in some measure I shall have met this one last request; I hope he can say that I have been, to his satisfaction, a good boy.

The Man. Father's life was cut short. No one could possibly tell what he would have accomplished had he been permitted to live a normal life span. This much is known, he made very good use of the time that he did have allotted to him here on the earth. That is quite remarkable in itself. While it is well known that the foundation for one's life is set in his early years, it is also well understood that most young people have a terrific struggle with themselves trying to make sense out of the mixed-up drives and aspirations that they have. Most of these eventually come back to the course of their early training in some way or another; few

would say that the years in between have been wasted, but all stand in admiration for the one in a hundred who can steer straight and strong through those years of unrest and never miss the main course on which he set out. Such a one was my father.

It has been said, "Mastery over self is the primary concern of morality." This is a great truth. A few learn it early and some learn it late, but very few there be that really achieve what it implies. Here father was strong. Recall, when he was in school, each of his friends stressed his ability to stay with the work at hand and not be diverted by "a lot of nonsense" like the rest. He was determined to get all he could out of those years and would not let present desires or difficulties interfere. One might even think that deep down he had an understanding that his time was short and that he must not waste any of it.



Nell, LeRoi



Entrance to home on East Mill Creek, Salt Lake City

LeRoi's homes

Uncle Charles & Aunt Mattie's home in Farr West, Utah. My father lived here with his brother Delbert during his childhood. (pictured in preceding chapter)

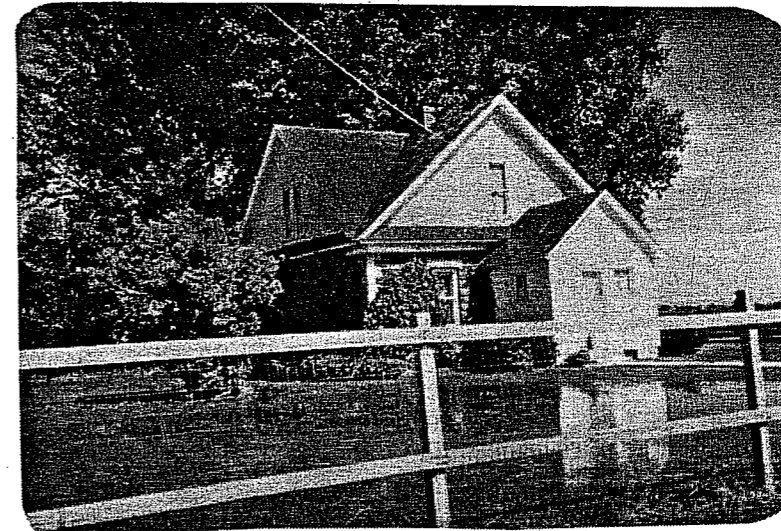
Other homes before Farr West were in Lynne Ward, Ogden, where father was born; (pictured earlier in this book), and 599 "H" Street, Idaho Falls before his parents died.



599 "H" Street, Idaho Falls, Idaho  
The home of John Enoch and Maud Elizabeth Brunt Groberg, where Delbert V. Groberg was born, where Maude Elizabeth Groberg was born, where Maud E. Brunt Groberg died and where Eva Crowther was born. It is also where the modern English condo cottages are now being built, as a fitting honor to Elizabeth Susan Burnett Brunt and her descendants. These descendants now number enough for a ward about ready to be divided.

Our Homes (photos by Boyd)

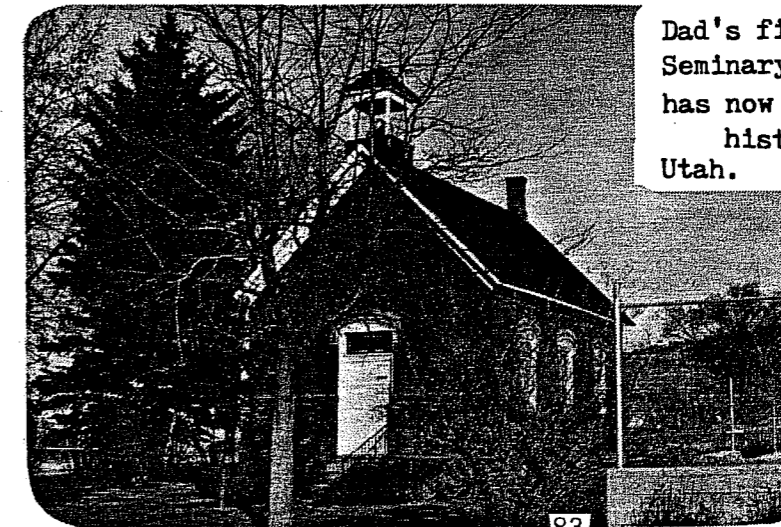
The Lee family farm in Lewisville (Rigby), Idaho. Mom was born here in 1906 and lived here until 1929 when she married my father.

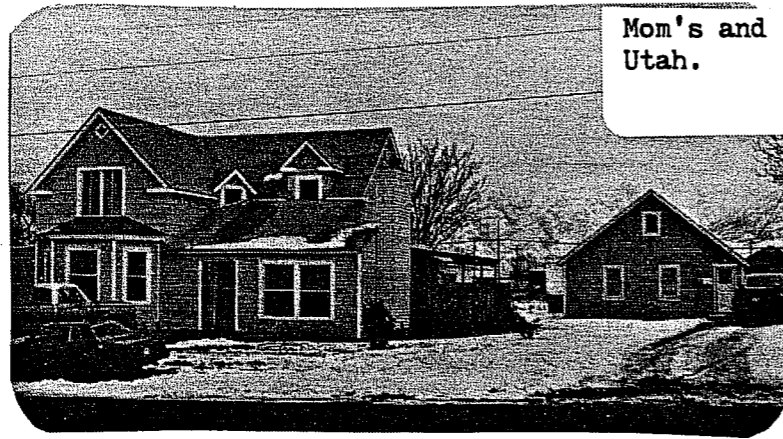


My parents home in Bicknell, Ut from 1929 to 1934. I was born here in 1933. This house has recently undergone extensive remodeling.

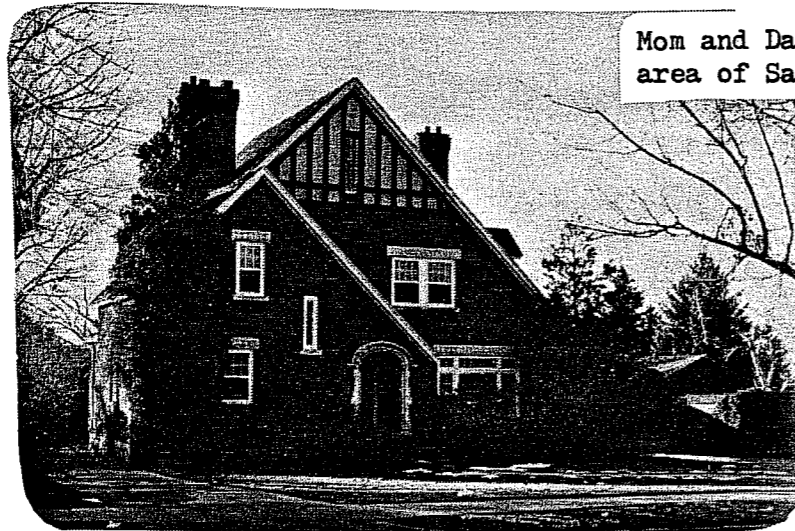


Dad's first assignment in the Seminary system. This building has now been restored and is an historical site in Bicknell, Utah.

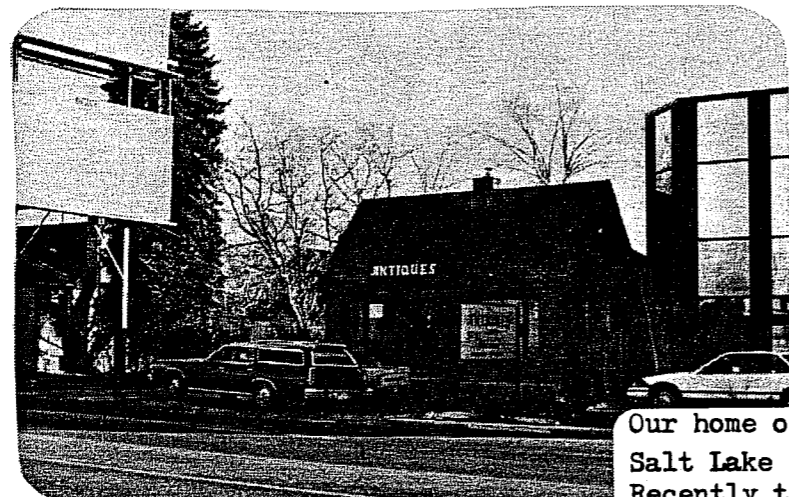




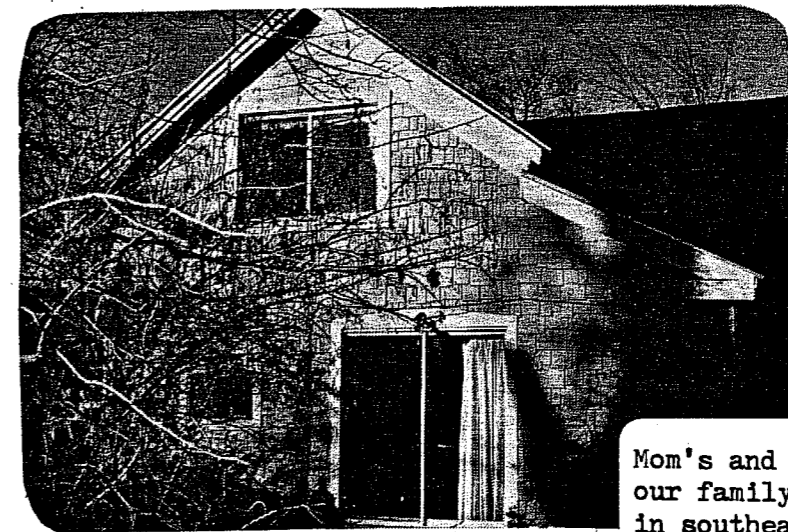
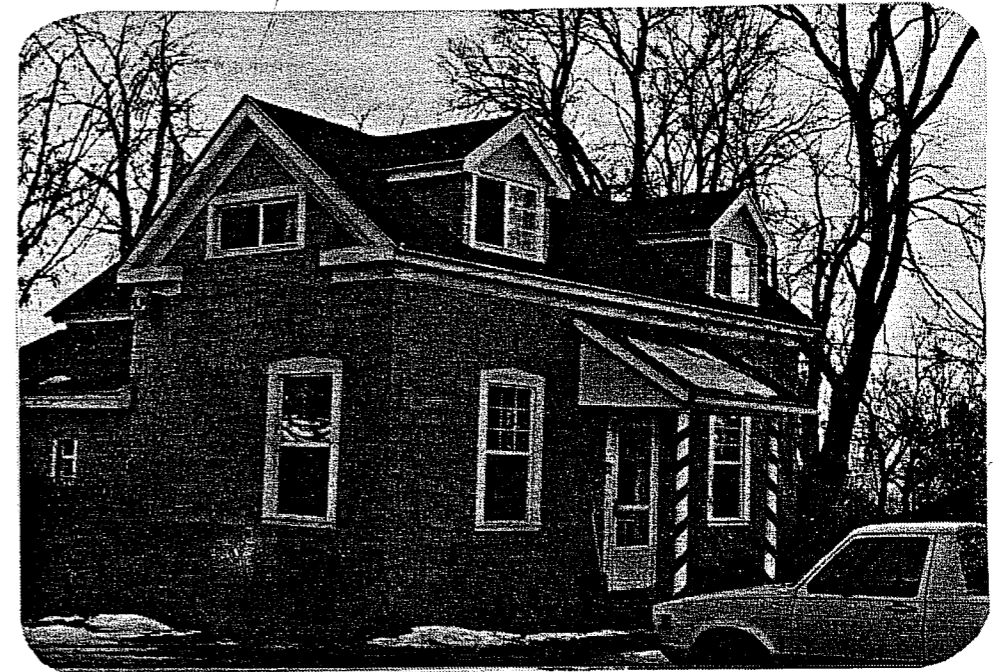
Mom's and Dad's home in Tooele, Utah.



Mom and Dad's home in the Parley's area of Salt Lake City, 1939.

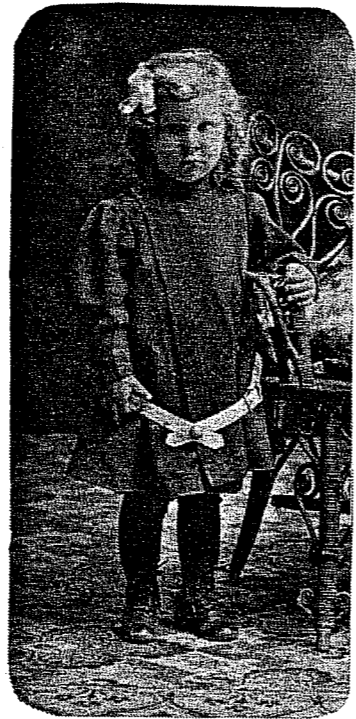


Our home on East 33rd South in Salt Lake City, from 1940 to 1944. Recently this home has been turned into a commercial business.

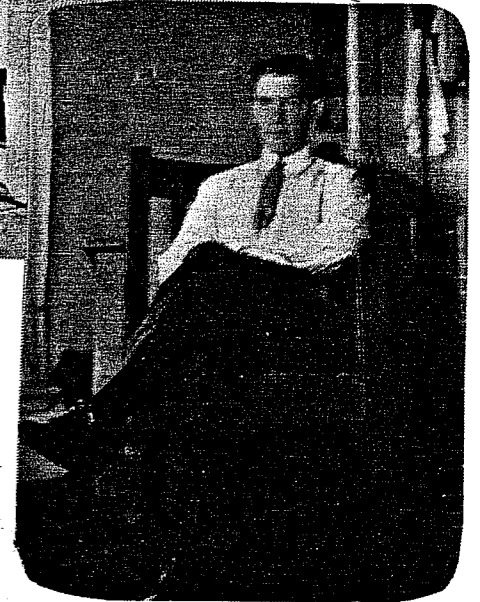
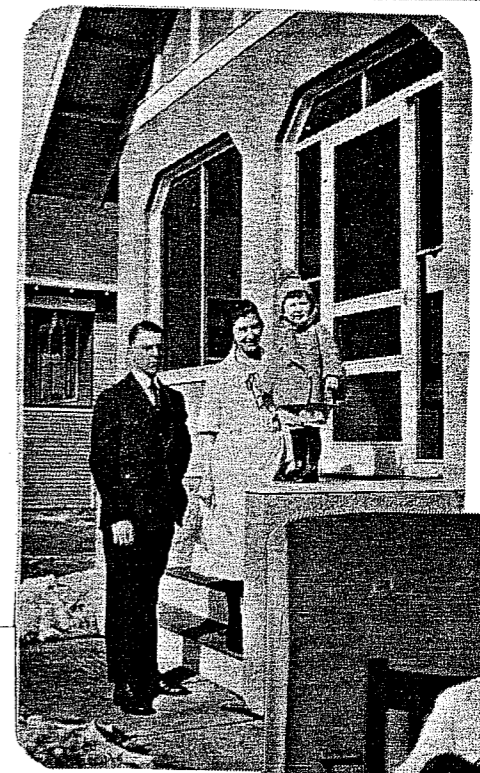


Mom's and Dad's pride and joy... our family home on East Mill Creek in southeast Salt Lake City.





LeRoy as baby, toddler  
and young man

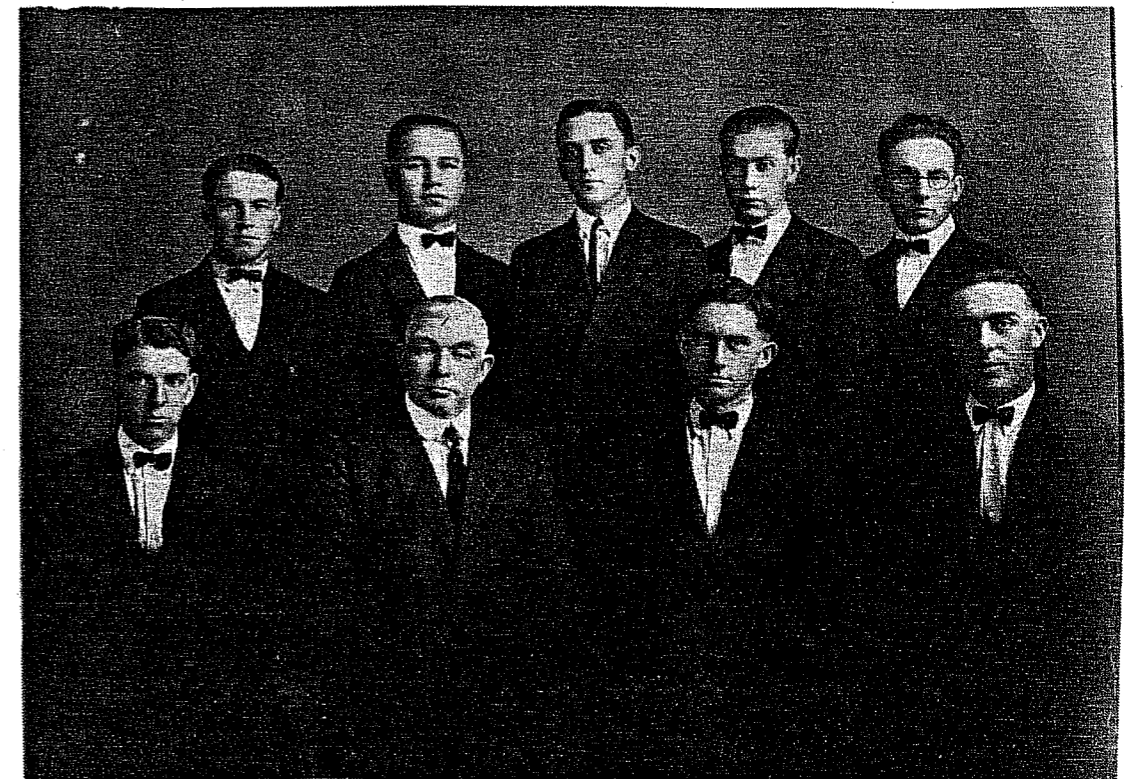


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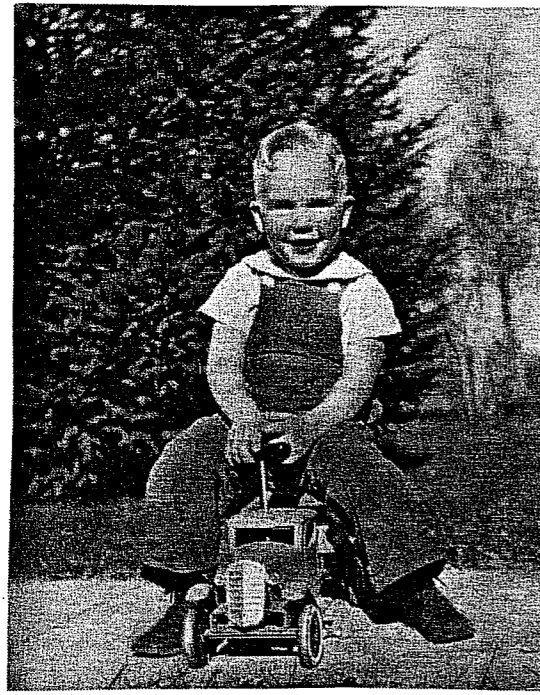
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Le Roy (left) with missionaries

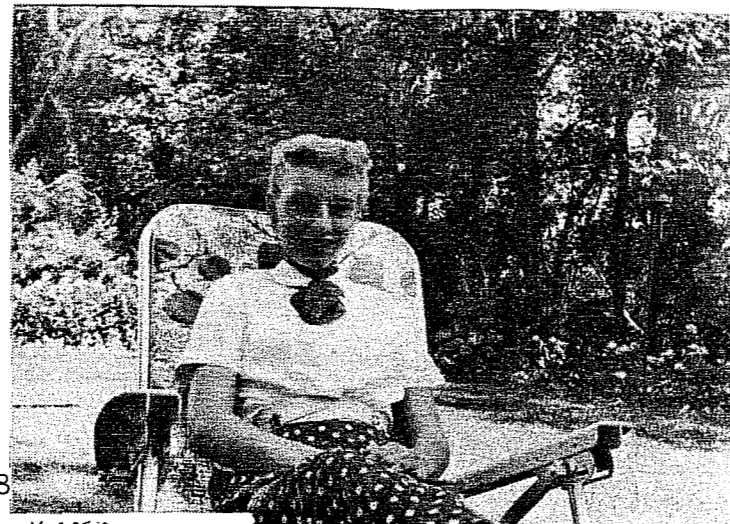


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### LeRoi Brunt Groberg

#### Youth Memories by Delbert V. Groberg

The very first memory I have of my older brother LeRoi was when he and I were in father's bedroom in the old Groberg home at Farr West at the time father died, August 1909. Father had given us his last counsel, "Be good boys." I didn't really know all that was happening, but I knew I had a big brother to cling to and I felt very secure. I remember the expressions of grief and sadness by the older folks who gathered around, but I didn't feel sorry for myself because LeRoi was with me, and he would always be close, so I could hold on to him.

This closeness and this real holding-on lasted for many years. I expect LeRoi may have wondered at times if he would ever be able to be free to just have his own friends his own age, and not always have a little brother with him all the time. If he ever had concerns about this, he never showed it, for I felt he was pleased and grateful for me and enjoyed having me with him just as I enjoyed being with him.

One experience that I recall quite clearly was our moving from Slaterville where we had been living with Aunt Ellen and Uncle Albert, to Farr West, where we were to live with Aunt Mattie and Uncle Charlie and Grandma and Grandpa Groberg. LeRoi and I unloaded from the horse and buggy in front of the big house. LeRoi was six and I was four. He knew we were making a major move, but I thought it was just a trip--we had made trips before to see Grandpa and Grandma Groberg, and I felt real close to them. As a means of saving me the shock and upset of seeing Aunt Ellen and Uncle Albert drive away and leave us, LeRoi let me go clear over to the school land, nearly half a mile from the home, to see if I could find grandpa, who was there irrigating. I remember how excited and kind of scared I was as LeRoi headed me down the lane. I figured I was being trusted to do something on my own that was very strange. . . . I was so happy to find grandpa and I was sure he was thrilled to see me because he picked me up and kissed me and said I had frightened him because when he heard me coming he thought it was a pony that had broken loose and come running down the lane. LeRoi's plan worked. I was completely involved in other interests and didn't even know when Aunt Ellen and Uncle Albert left. Anyway LeRoi and I were still together, and Grandpa and I would be good pals.

As I have looked back on this I am amazed at how much more advanced LeRoi was compared to me. This being more grown up and more serious and responsible has been a characteristic I realized was always a part of my big brother. . . . He always made me feel important and capable and equal. He was my constant friend all during the tender years. He wouldn't stay after school to play with the other kids but would come home, often all alone, to play with me, and I was always waiting or going up the road to meet him.

As we lived together on the farm, at Farr West from 1910, when Roi was six and I was four, until he left for his mission at age 18 and I was 16 in 1922, we were as close as any two brothers could be.

A sad, difficult experience occurred one day when I saw

LeRoi coming home from school early, when I was five. I always watched for him. This time as I ran to meet him, he tried to avoid me and didn't let me take his lunch pail. I was really puzzled and concerned. He told me he had come home because he had the old chickenpox, and that he didn't want me to get it. I did get it too, and thought it was well worth it to have LeRoi home. We were quarantened and the sign on the house was a signal to others not to come to our place. We didn't need others. We had a good time by ourselves. I can still see how hopefully LeRoi tried to protect me against anything he thought would be unpleasant.

There were two big black-walnut trees right in the yard. I don't believe there was ever a time when we didn't have a supply of nuts to husk, to crack and to eat. I remember the walnut stain we had on our fingers. This was a badge of our interest in preparing and enjoying the plentiful supply of these delicious nuts. We had a special store up in the attic over our bedroom where we kept nuts for winter time, just like squirrels. Aunt Mattie used nuts for nut cookies and nut bread, and I was amazed at how much stick-to-itiveness LeRoi had, to prepare a whole big cupfull of the nut meat. I used to try to help, but it was hard for me to have any left over after I had served myself. We had a short section of railroad track that served as a nut cracking block, and with a hammer we had a well-equipped walnut cracking shop.

Milking cows was a job for us twice every day. Because LeRoi was older and bigger than me, he was privileged to start milking the cows. I would watch him and wish I could milk. I remember once he told me I ought to be glad I was too little to milk because it really wasn't too much fun. I coaxed to try, and LeRoi let me stand by him and lean down and squirt the milk. The cow could tell I was not doing the milking right. She kicked the milk pail over and switched me in the face with her tail. LeRoi said, "Let that be a lesson to you. Now you can go without milk today, and wait until the cows know you are big enough before you try to milk again." A restriction was put on me that I couldn't even go into the milking shed while the cows were being milked because I seemed to disturb the cows so they wanted to kick and switch. I told LeRoi it seemed strange to me that the cows behaved so good for him and Uncle Charlie, and were so bad for me. He said I was just too little and my hands tickled the cows and reminded them of a pesky horse fly. So the cows switched their tails and kicked when I came around them just like they did to get rid of pesky flies.

Instead of making me feel bad and useless, LeRoi let me give milk to the cats and dog. After the milk was separated, I would also give skimmed milk to the calves. The calves would get so excited they would tip the bucket over and spill their milk. LeRoi told me, the calves were like me, too young to know how to handle milk.

When I started school LeRoi explained to me that it was serious business and I must not just fool around like some of the kids did. I wanted my big brother to be happy with me and I remember I told him the boys that were quiet and paid attention really didn't have any fun. He told me recess was the time to play and have fun. He really helped me enjoy school, especially recess.

LeRoi looked after me with the care of a guardian angel,

and I was always grateful to him even when he corrected me.

When LeRoi was called on his mission, I was so thrilled and excited, I couldn't figure why he was so calm and steady. He shared his mission by regular letters and pictures, etc., with me in such a meaningful way, that I knew all his companions and all the places and many of the Saints. LeRoi had a special mission to the Western States. He admired Pres. John M. Knight, his mission president, so sincerely that I felt he was one of the greatest men in the Church.

I guess the part of LeRoi's mission that impressed me most was the time he spent on the Indian reservation in North Dakota. He had a genuine interest in the Indians, and he filled me with a love and concern for them, that has been lasting. If LeRoi had ever complained or wondered about the wisdom of his being sent to the Lamanite people, I likely would have been concerned, but he was just happy and thrilled to help them. To me the Indians were very fortunate to have LeRoi there to patiently teach them and influence them to become independent and useful. I thought LeRoi had developed the tender love and kindness in caring for me and training me, that qualified him to be a great blessing to all he worked with. I used to think and say, "LeRoi can do almost anything better than anyone else I know."  
(Feb. 14, 1978)



LeRoi Groberg  
Kenneth Neeley



**HUSBAND GROBERG, Delbert Valentine 1906**  
 Born 14 Feb 1906 Place Idaho Falls, Bannville, Idaho  
 Chr. Examined 1. D. V. Groberg  
 2. 1000 Memorial Drive  
 Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401  
 Died 11 June 1930 Place Salt Lake City, S-Lk, Utah  
 Bur. HUSBAND'S FATHER GROBERG, John Enoch  
 HUSBAND'S MOTHER BR. IMELDA, Aelina Elizabeth  
 WIFE HOLBROOK, Jennie  
 Born 3 March 1908 Place Provo, Utah, Utah  
 Chr. Place  
 Died Place  
 Bur. Place  
 WIFE'S FATHER HOLBROOK, Lafayette Hinckley  
 WIFE'S MOTHER BR. IMELDA, Aelina Elizabeth  
 HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES  
 1. MARY JANE GROBERG  
 2. JULIA GAY GROBERG  
 3. JOHN HOLBROOK GROBERG  
 4. M. JOHN HOLBROOK GROBERG  
 5. M. DAVID HOLBROOK GROBERG  
 6. M. RICHARD HOLBROOK GROBERG  
 7. M. DELBERT HOLBROOK GROBERG  
 8. M. JOSEPH HOLBROOK GROBERG  
 9. F. ELIZABETH GROBERG  
 10. M. LEWIS HOLBROOK GROBERG  
 11. F. GLORIA JEAN GROBERG  
 12. M. GEORGE HOLBROOK GROBERG

SEX	CHILDREN	WHEN BORN	WHERE BORN	DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE	WHEN MARRIED	ENDOWED	SL
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
F	Mary Jane Groberg	13 July 1931	Idaho Falls	9 June 1970	9 June 1970	4 June 1925	11 June 1920
F	Julia Gay Groberg	28 Dec 1932	Idaho Falls	17 Aug 1954	17 Aug 1954	11 June 1930	11 June 1930
M	John Holbrook Groberg	17 June 1934	Idaho Falls	Robert Wallace Blair	5 Aug 1939	11 Oct 1956	BIC
M	John Holbrook Groberg	12 Mar 1936	Idaho Falls	Jean Sabin	4 Jan 1941	17 Aug 1954	BIC
M	David Holbrook Groberg	22 June 1938	Idaho Falls	Lorraine Herring	5 July 1942	13 Aug 1954	BIC
M	Richard Holbrook Groberg	3 Dec 1940	Idaho Falls	Barbara Jean Colby	25 Mar 1944	3 Apr 1955	BIC
M	Delbert Holbrook Groberg	30 Nov 1942	Idaho Falls	Sharon Key Nelson	6 July 1946	11 June 1959	BIC
M	Joseph Holbrook Groberg	28 Dec 1944	Idaho Falls	Jeanne Pratt	4 Dec 1948	23 Aug 1960	BIC
F	Elizabeth Groberg	6 Feb 1947	Idaho Falls	Harry Johnson Stratton	25 Nov 1950	8 June 1962	BIC
M	Lewis Holbrook Groberg	19 Jan 1950	Idaho Falls	Marie Hansen	3 Jan 1953	3 Aug 1967	BIC
F	Gloria Jean Groberg	26 Apr 1952	Idaho Falls	Jon Glyce Hubble	5 Feb 1955	16 June 1966	BIC
M	George Holbrook Groberg			Bonnie Jensen	1 Feb 1958	19 Aug 1972	BIC
M					30 Apr 1960	4 Sep 1971	BIC

D. V. Groberg family records

My name is Delbert Valentine Groberg. I was born in Idaho Falls, Idaho Feb. 14, 1906.

Father: John Enoch Groberg, who was born in Ogden, Utah April 2, 1876.

Mother: Maud Elizabeth Brunt, who was born in the Mill Creek area of Salt Lake City, Utah, 16 March 1881. My parents were married Dec. 24, 1901.

At the time of my birth Father was 29 and mother was 24. My parents lived at 599 "H" St. in a house Father had bought and I understand he finished building it in time for my arrival.

My brother LeRoi (born Oct. 10, 1903) was 28 months old when I was born. He was born in Ogden, Utah before my parents moved to Idaho Falls.

Grandma Brunt lived on the same block. So did Uncle Joe and Uncle George Brunt. In 1906 Idaho Falls was still a part of Bingham County. Bonneville County was organized out of part of Bingham County in 1910.

The day I was born was Valentine's day and the story is told that Father made the announcement that Mother had a ten pound Valentine. (I told Jeffrey Sterling Hubble, our grandson who was born in Sterling, Va., that he and I had something in common about our middle names. He was named Sterling to remind him where he was born and I was named Valentine to remind me when I was born.) I have seldom used my middle name except the initial and when the full name has been needed.

As I young boy I used to be content to just be called Delbert, and during my adult and business life Delbert V. or Just D. V. Groberg. I had two common nicknames, Deb and Del, but "D.V." has been the usual way I am called. For almost 60 years the D. V. Groberg Co. has been active in Real Estate, insurance, and appraising, etc., and has been referred to and advertized in various ways.

When my baby sister Maude was born April 30, 1908, mother did not recover and she died on May 11. April 30 was also Grandma Brunt's birthday. It was her 54th birthday, and mother told her mother she had a real special birthday present for her. Grandma Brunt had been a widow 22 years. Mother was just five years old when her father had died. After Mother's death the real special birthday present was a reality for Grandma, and she took baby Maudie (as they called her) into her home and Maude called her "mother" and that was the relationship until Maude was married.

Father was not well and some said his heart was broken. Grandma told me that father had a bad cough and he tried to take care of LeRoi and me with the help of his sister Aunt Ellen and Uncle Albert Crowther, who came and lived with him. Their first child Eva was born there. Grandma and Aunt Violet helped and Aunt Clara and Uncle George were close and everyone was most helpful. Father took LeRoi and me to Grandpa and Grandma Groberg's at Farr West with the hope his health would improve. However on June 6, 1909, just a little over one year after Mother died, father passed away at the Farr West, Utah home. LeRoi and I were good pals with

Grandpa and Grandma Groberg.

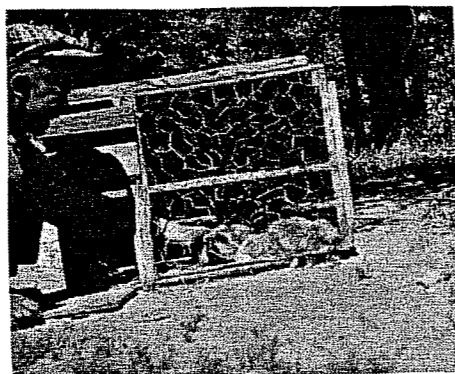
Father was in bed in the big front room. I can see the scene quite clearly. Father had asked that we be brought into him. Someone--I think it was Grandpa--held us up to father. He kissed each of us and in a soft voice said, "Be good boys," and we were taken out. I have the recollection of Dr. Clark meeting us out in the driveway in front of the house. It may not have been right as we left Father, but whether it was a little while later or immediately, Dr. Clark said he would like to take us for a ride in his automobile. We got in and he drove us down the road to the Utah Hot Springs. I held on to LeRoi and we felt it was special for the doctor to be so thoughtful.

My memory is quite clear on several events and scenes from then on, but I have no clear memory of events before that; for instance I don't remember how we traveled from Idaho Falls to Farr West. My first clear picture and event that I remember is of LeRoi and me in the bedroom with father and hearing him say, "Be good boys," and kissing each of us.

I remember many people coming to the house and I stayed close to LeRoi. We were on the porch and I recall the black horse-drawn carriages driving out of the driveway. I have wondered if we stayed right there and did not go to the funeral, as I remember the carriages all going and don't remember getting into a carriage, and I don't remember anything about the funeral.

There were just single flashes of scenes from then on, but no clear on-going memory until I was brought by Aunt Ellen and Uncle Albert from their home in Slaterville to the Farr West home of Grandpa and Grandma Groberg. That was in the summer of 1910 and I was four years old. I remember getting ready for the trip and the ride and the arrival. I ran right to Grandma and asked where Grandpa was. Grandma said he was down the lane on the school land. I knew right where that was and said I would go there and find him. I felt right at home with him and he acted so surprised when he saw me and said he thought it was a little pony running up the lane. He had a shovel and was irrigating. In a little while we walked back to the house. It was only a little ways.

We settled right then and there. I thought Aunt Mattie was very beautiful and Uncle Charlie was handsome. There was some question in my mind just where we all fit in, with Grandma and Grandpa and Uncle Charlie and Aunt Mattie and LeRoi and me, when Aunt Ellen and Uncle Albert left. There were six of us, and it was arranged that we would have a room in the big house and live with Uncle Charlie and Aunt Mattie. The move and the adjustment were so easy and natural for me that I don't recall any feeling except being grateful and happy to be with Uncle Charlie and Aunt Mattie and close to Grandpa and Grandma.



George  
Brunt  
on wagon

Albert  
Crowther  
and  
John Enock  
at store  
Idaho Falls

Loving grandparents, aunts and uncles, especially Aunt Mattie and Uncle Charley, became our foster parents. Uncle Joe Brunt, Mother's brother, was our official guardian. A large circle of loved ones became our expanded family, who often reminded us of how beautiful and loving, tender and young mother was when she gave her life for us. They described the glorious place Heaven was and the importance of the Lord's work there, even more important than here for these special parents. As I pondered with heart and uncluttered mind, I felt close to heaven and to my parents. Climbing a small apple tree I could nearly reach up and touch them. When I was good and helpful to those about me, it made my parents also happy. Every year LeRoi, Maude and I had reunions either in Idaho Falls or in Ogden. When Maude was little, Grandma Brunt would say to us, "Mind Maudie," meaning, watch her, take care of her.

By the time I was six years old I was so convinced of the close communication of Heaven to Earth that I easily accepted the account of the First Vision and visit of the Angel Moroni to the Prophet Joseph Smith. Grandma would read the Book of Mormon to me and tell me about the Prophet before school.

Grandma told me about a letter from the Prophet Joseph F. Smith to Grandpa, expressing the love and blessing of the General Sunday School superintendency for us when our father died. After the death of Grandma and Grandpa, I found the letter in an old family trunk. As I read the letter praying that Heaven should be indeed kind to the three little children who were fatherless and motherless, I shed tears of gratitude that their prayers had been heard and answered. (See letter in preceding chapter.)

I always felt Father had something to do with President McKay ordaining me a High Priest and setting me apart as a member of the bishopric in the ward where I was born. That was the year we were married. (It is the same area where we live as President and Matron of the Temple.) Some years later as we had dinner with our stake president and with President McKay who was our stake conference visitor, President McKay looked across the table at me, then smiled and said: "You look like your father."

Father was fluent in Swedish. I wish I had learned to

speak Swedish. Grandpa and Grandma Groberg spoke Swedish. Grandma was proud to tell how Grandpa and her son had been missionaries to Sweden. Grandma and Grandpa lived next door to us in the same yard.

Some memories of work on the farm are of finding eggs in the bushes or else eggs hatched. We took the cows to pasture with the dog named Old Guess. After old Guess encountered a porcupine he disappeared, but Uncle Charlie said the dog was a hero to save the chickens. We used to milk cows and do general farm work--hay, beets, potatoes, irrigating, feeding stock. After we were aged ten to twelve we were farmhands. I exhibited some of my best potatoes at the county fair, but they were not given a prize. I was disappointed, but someone encouraged me to enter them in the state fair anyway. I did, and received First Place.

I attended school at the church at Farr West, then Weber high School. When Weber became a Church college I went to Ogden High School, a big change; I graduated there in 1925.

There followed in the succeeding years the meaningful ordinances and ordinations and then a letter from President Grant and a mission call to the Eastern States, a patriarchal blessing, as dear and close to me as any revelations; a setting apart by Elder Melvin J. Ballard, and a happy, close association in the mission with President B. H. Roberts of the First Council of Seventy.

Then home, to work, to school, to the temple with my sweetheart. I had met Jennie Holbrook of Provo when I first enrolled at BYU after my mission. We were both active in student activities, particularly public service, public speaking, dramatics, etc. Before our marriage Jennie taught school a year in Ammon, near Idaho Falls.

When we were married in the Salt Lake Temple, June 11, 1930, President McKay, who was then a member of the Quorum of the Twelve, had told us that he might not be able to be there, but had given us the hope that he was going to do it if at all possible, and he would perform the ceremony. This was also noted on the temple records, so as they called up the couples, they called everyone else before they called us. As I recall, there were 46 or 47 other couples besides us who were being married, and Jennie and I had plenty of opportunity to see the beautiful scenery and think a lot about this marriage. Finally they called, and President Joseph Fielding Smith, who was then president of the Temple, said, "I will perform the ceremony." So we were married by Elder Joseph Fielding Smith.

Jennie's father gave us a reception at Provo the next day. Her Uncle Will Knight, her grandfather, President George H. Brimhall, and President B. H. Roberts spoke. President Brimhall told about Jennie being his secretary and how much he enjoyed having her work for him. He gave us some suggestions, and in his characteristic manner of putting it into a few words he said: "Remember these ~~three~~ <sup>three</sup> C's, when you sail on the Sea of Matrimony: Constant Courtship, Constant Confidence and Constant Compromise; and if you will remember these three C's, the Sea of Matrimony will never get too rough." My Aunt Clara Brunt, who was Aunt Mattie's sister; and BYU President Franklin S. Harris also spoke.

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They moved to Idaho Falls, where their first child was born the next summer. Eleven children were born to them during the next 21 years. Each of the seven sons was given the middle name of Holbrook. As shown on the family group sheet, they are Mary Jane, Julia Gay, John, David, Richard, Delbert, Joseph, Elizabeth, Lewis, Gloria Jean, and George. They first lived in part of Grandma Brunt's home. After Mary Jane was born, they moved to 6th Street, then to 10th Street, then to 12th Street, where they lived several years; then to Redbarn Lane. Jennie played organ at Church, and encouraged each of the children to play piano, and most to play a second instrument or sing.

Their first child to be married, Julia, chose the date of August 17, 1954, the same as their first son John would leave for his mission training. All seven sons and one daughter filled missions, each to a different land. One daughter-in-law, and three sons-in-law also served missions, representing the four quarters of the earth. Three sons became mission presidents: John to Tonga, Dee (Delbert H.) to Tokyo South Mission, and Joe to Peru Lima South.

Each of their children earned <sup>alumni</sup> a bachelor's degree at Brigham Young University, which later in 1989, honored Delbert with their "Service to Family" award. By the time of their Golden Wedding in 1980, Delbert and Jennie had 50 grandchildren. They began signing their letters "Gr Gr Gr" (Grandma and Grandpa Groberg) or else "Gr Gr Gr Gr." They organized their immediate family into an organization in August, 1969, at their home, 2885 Redbarn Lane.

Church service began for the newlyweds in the Idaho Falls First Ward. Delbert served successively as Sunday School teacher, member of stake board, member of stake superintendency, and then counselor to the Bishop, when he was 24. Moving to the Second Ward, and then to the Third Ward, he served in the bishoprics and on the High Council, and as Bishop, serving in the Third Ward bishopric for twelve years. He again served on the High Council of the new South Idaho Falls Stake. He was called to be Stake Patriarch and ordained by Elder Mark E. Petersen in June, 1955.

Jennie worked in all of the auxiliaries. She dedicated her life to rearing her children in the Gospel light, and found joy with them at home.

Delbert started selling insurance while in college, then established himself in insurance in Idaho Falls in 1929, adding eventually the related services of real estate, appraising, developing, and managing. He earned high recognition in his profession and gave nationwide service. He studied appraising at the University of Illinois, the University of Michigan, and the University of Washington at Seattle, and also taught appraising courses.

Besides forming the D. V. Groberg Co. he also helped organize KID radio, and served long years on its board of directors. He was also an original incorporator for the Bank of Commerce in Idaho Falls.

His community service record is impressive. He served as president of the Chamber of Commerce, the Kiwanis Club, on the Teton Peaks Council of Boy Scouts of America. He was chairman of

the Bonneville Commission for the Centennial of the Territory of Idaho, 1963, founder and chairman of the Bonneville Tricentennial Commission (an optimistic outgrowth of the commission celebrating the United States Bicentennial), and chairman of the active Bonneville Commission for the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution.

On 19 December 1939, Delbert recorded: "This morning I had a thrill that comes once in a lifetime--I attended the services for the breaking of the ground for the construction of the Temple at Idaho Falls. During the past three or four years it has been my privilege, as a Realtor, to assist in buying nearly all the lots in the Temple site. . . The grounds are very rough now, but will be the most beautiful spot in the valley when improved and landscaped."

On October 25, 1975, Delbert V. Groberg was named President of the Idaho Falls Temple, and Jennie the matron. Jennie joyfully recorded the following family history:

"President Spencer W. Kimball, President Marion G. Romney and President Haycock were overnight guests in our home at Redbarn Lane. . . . What a hustle and bustle went on in our home, and outside as family members cleaned and fixed everything. The whole thing was such a challenging, humbling and marvelous experience that it is difficult to put it down in words. President Kimball had suggested we have our family come, and they all came except for Barry who was speaking in his stake conference in Wisconsin. . . ."

"When we brought our special guests from the airport all the family members were there. John and Jean had prepared two big charts showing where our family had gone on missions and the marriages, missions, children, in each family. We still treasure these two charts--the one with strings from home all around the world to England, Finland, Tonga, Southern States, Peru, Japan, Germany, Philippines, Indonesia, Brazil. John was in charge of having all there, all shaking hands and visiting briefly with the brethren. Then with President Kimball accompanying on the piano and David conducting, all sang, "I Am a Child of God." President Romney explained how President Kimball had changed one word in the song from "teach me all that I must know," to "teach me all that I must do."

"President Kimball and President Romney sat on the magnificent new couch Dee had remade for us, upholstered in elaborate velvet of green and gold."

Almost all the adults of the family attended the big meeting in the Temple at which Delbert was named president. The family also were present for the setting apart of Delbert and Jennie to their positions. Delbert wrote in 1978:

"Our call to be President and Matron of the Idaho Falls Temple has been such a fulfilling and challenging opportunity. Work in the temple is made up of long, pleasant hours, and short pleasant years. Temple work is named well, it is work, but it's work that has depth, that has meaning, that has purpose. It's like being able to view eternity from a window." (See poetry section.)

On April 6, 1976, John was named to the First Quorum of the Seventy, to give full-lifetime Church service. Delbert wrote: "There are few thrills that come to parents that are more moving

and more gratifying and require more soul searching than to be invited by the Prophet to come into the temple and witness our son's ordination to be a special witness with keys, authority and power to regulate and direct the work of the Lord in all the world."

Delbert has traveled much. He wrote to Joe in June, 1964: "Life has surely been thrilling, challenging, and exciting. Mama and I have had some of the greatest joys that could ever come to a couple. . . . Mama made a trip to meet Mary at the completion of her mission and visited Europe. I made a trip down to New Zealand and Australia at the completion of John's mission. Then I made a trip to Helsinki and met Richard at the completion of his mission and we toured. Then, just a year ago, Mama and I flew to Tokyo where we met Dee, and after visiting Japan for about ten days, went on around the world visiting in various places and seeing places of historical interest. In all we made about 42 stops. . . . we spent some most interesting days in Leningrad and in Moscow and attended the Bolshoi Ballet in Moscow." He also met Joe in Peru and Lewis in the Philippines. They try to attend all the weddings, blessings of babies, baptisms, missionary farewells, homecoming, and university graduations.

Upon retiring from the temple presidency, Delbert commenced writing with Mary Jane the history of the Idaho Falls Temple. That beautiful history book was published in 1980 and is available at bookstores and in some libraries. He and Jennie next worked enthusiastically on a memorial room with gallery and library in honor of George H. Brimhall, Jennie's grandfather, at Brigham Young University. This room in the remodeled Brimhall Building was dedicated April 4, 1988, in beautiful ceremonies, attending by BYU President Jeffery Holland, who spoke. Jennie has been anxiously engaged in compiling her Grandpa Brimhall's works into several volumes during her retirement. Jennie and Delbert both have been members and officers of the BYU Emeritus Club. Delbert received a distinctive award at BYU in October 1989. He wrote about it in the following report.



President Marion G. Romney and President Spencer W. Kimball  
with the Grobergs, October 25, 1975

# GROBERG

REALTORS

Oct 24-1989

Dear Mary, Julia, John, David, Dick, Joe, Beth, Lew, Gloria & George  
and your precious families - here is a report.  
For John, Beth & Gloria - yours - this will be your gift  
but for the rest along with a total of 64 it will be  
a retelling of what was seen and heard at you attended  
the BYU Homecoming. We were very pleased to have so  
many there and really thought a good point was  
made that the family is of so much importance that  
the Service to Family award has meaning. Thank you  
all for making it possible - The John Grobergs & Barry  
Stations and Jan Huddle were right where they needed  
to be and we did not expect them - Rex Lee said "John  
is an assignment - give him my best wishes, I have not  
seen him for a while!" Then again Rex Lee said "John and  
Gloria are special to us" He told David it had been years  
since he had seen him, etc.

Dale Murphy signed baseballs and cards and  
programs and the Mike is pleased with the message  
to Mike from Dale Murphy, signed on a big league ball  
he thought the talk by Dr. James Fletcher on messages from  
outer space was even more interesting - We were  
seated next to Dr. Fletcher at the football game and told  
him both Mike & George thought his remarks were special  
and that George said his mind was ahead of his speech,  
he said that was always a problem - Beth & sister Gordon  
& D. Hinckley were also at the game with us in the Presidents  
Lodge - it was a most delightful place to watch the  
game - while there a lady said "I have a cousin named  
Groberg Woods" I said "so do I" - Her father was a brother  
to Grobergs father and his mother was a sister to my  
father - it is a small world - We rode in the parade  
and saw many family and friends along the route.  
They put our name on a granite monument and  
gave us a plaque with a family picture - We attended  
the career connection for 4 hours and went to the  
grave side service for Alva Maxwell - many of  
the families were there - We stayed at Henninger and  
visited at Blair and went to church with them - then  
stopped & visited with dear Theresa and came home  
with a homecoming one to remember.

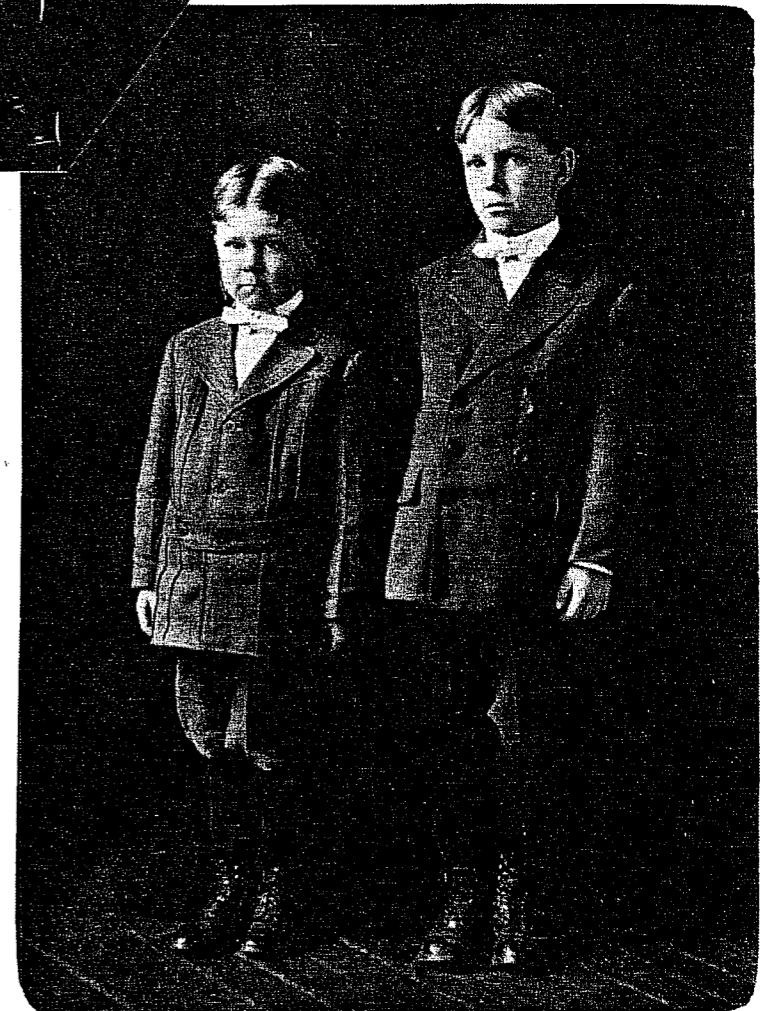
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with his family.



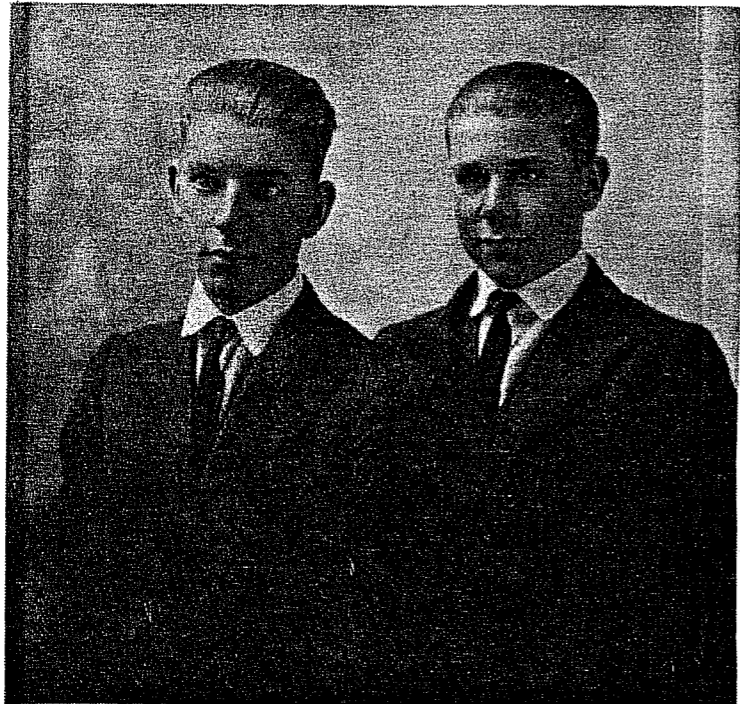
Delbert at age three in curls



Delbert and LeRoi

at Ogden,

age 6 and 8



LeRoi and Delbert, 15, starting high school

LeRoi and Delbert with Maude, age 18, 16, 14.

Delbert and friend play ball, age 17.



Delbert, front row right, graduating 8th grade, Farr West. Clifford Dabb, 2nd row left.



Delbert in Farr West grade school, "from Miss Flygare," back row, 2nd from right

# Ogden High School

Ogden, Utah



his Certifies that **Delbert Groberg** has completed with credit the course of study prescribed for graduation from the Ogden High School and is therefore awarded this Diploma

Given at Ogden in the State of Utah this **Twenty-seventh** day of **May** A. D.  **nineteen hundred and Twenty-five**

*W. H. Hopkins* *Edward Beckard*  
Superintendent Chairman of Board of Education

*A. M. Murrell* *Carl M. Clary*  
Principal Clerk of Board of Education

As a missionary to Eastern States under Pres. B. H. Roberts, Delbert handed out this notice of a meeting.

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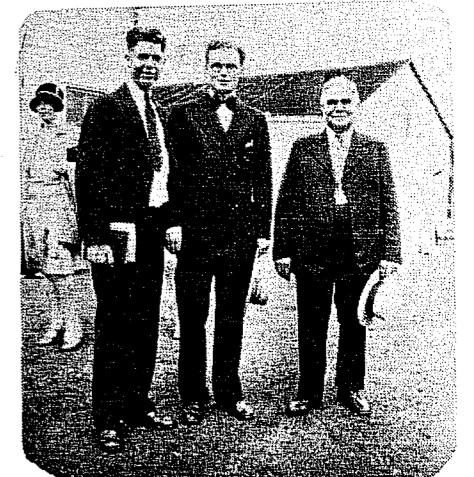
Called to Eastern States Mission,

age 19

LeRoi, Eva, Groberg Woods, Delbert, at mission call.

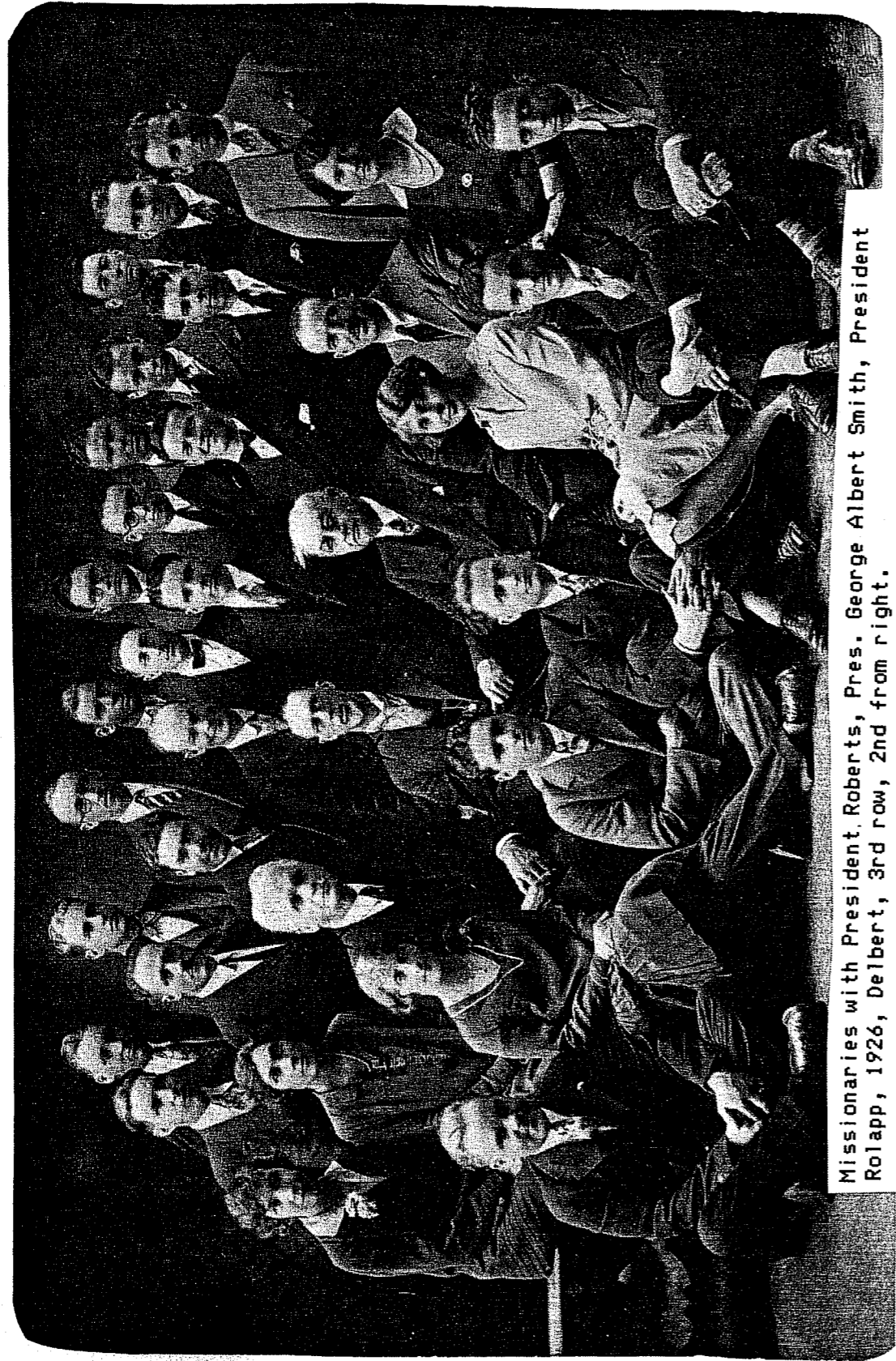


Delbert on 21st birthday, Feb. 14, 1927,  
Charleston, W. V., with missionaries.

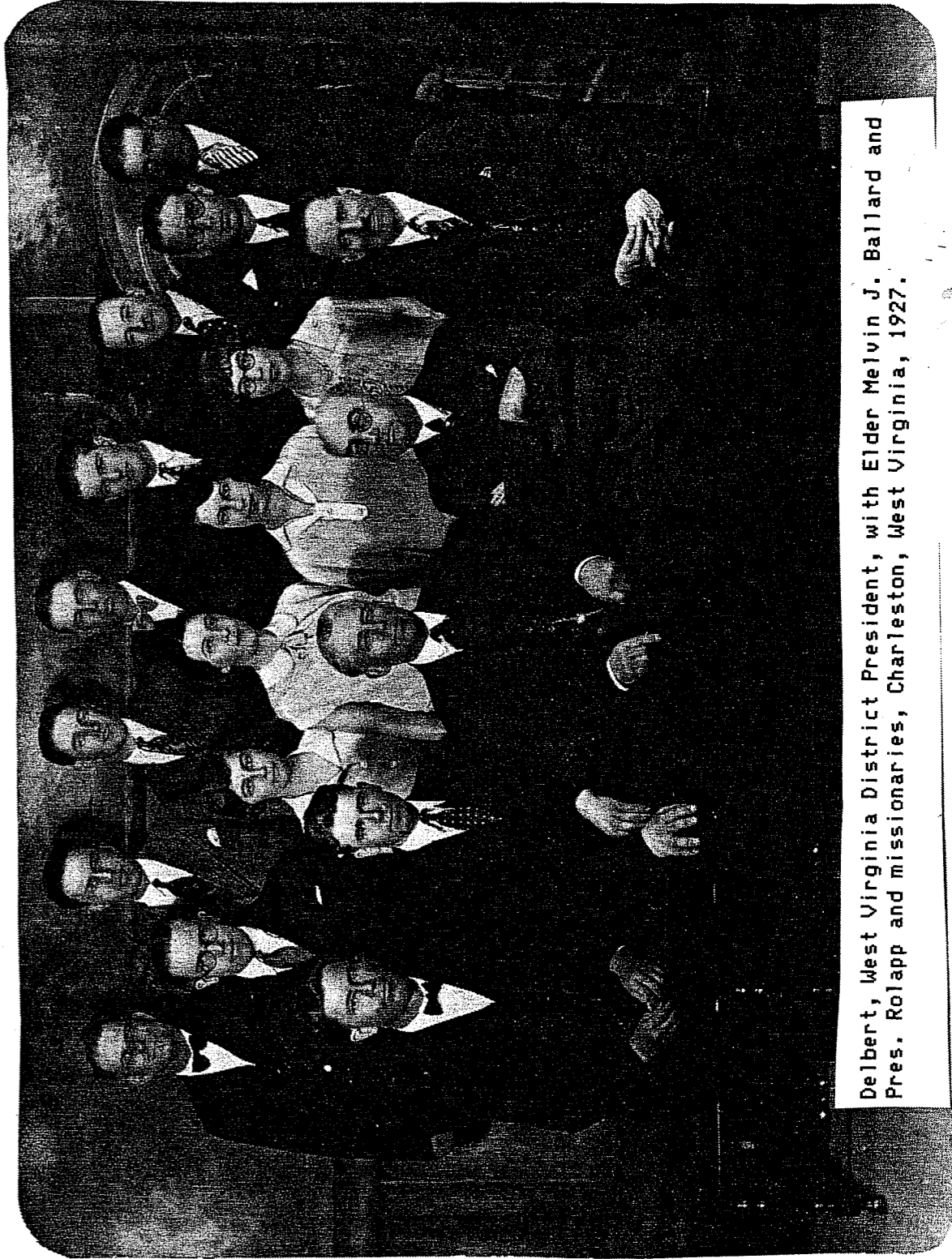


with Delmont White and Pres

Charles A. Callis  
of Southern States  
Mission



Missionaries with President Roberts, Pres. George Albert Smith, President Rolapp, 1926, Delbert, 3rd row, 2nd from right.



Delbert, West Virginia District President, with Elder Melvin J. Ballard and Pres. Rolapp and missionaries, Charleston, West Virginia, 1927.

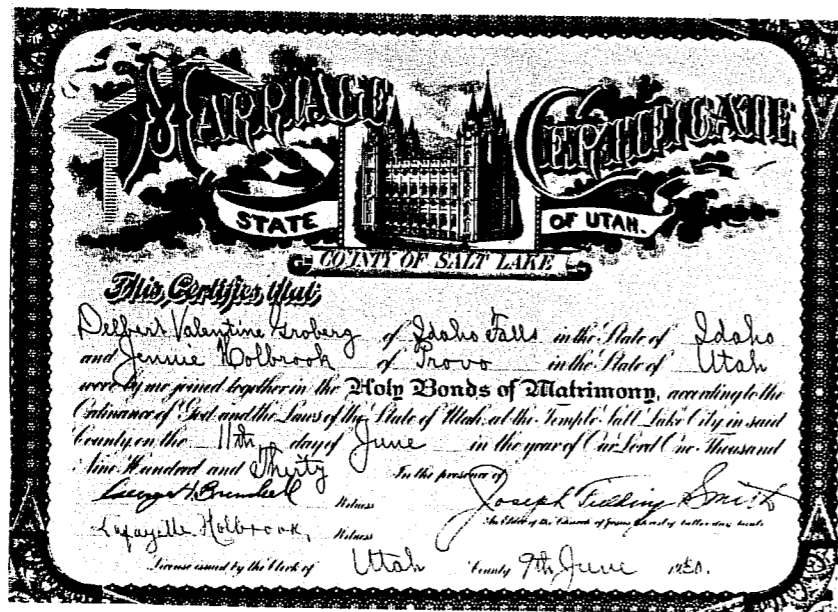




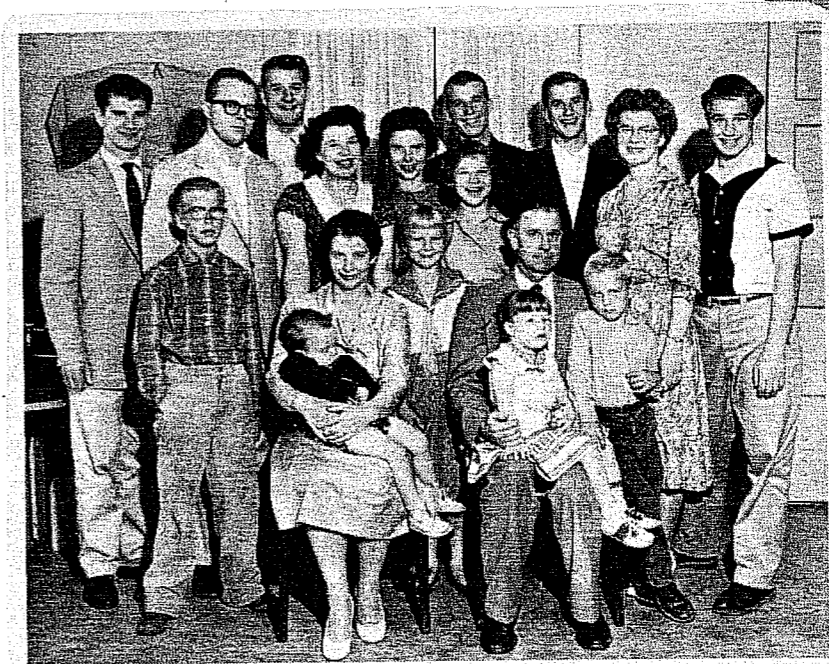
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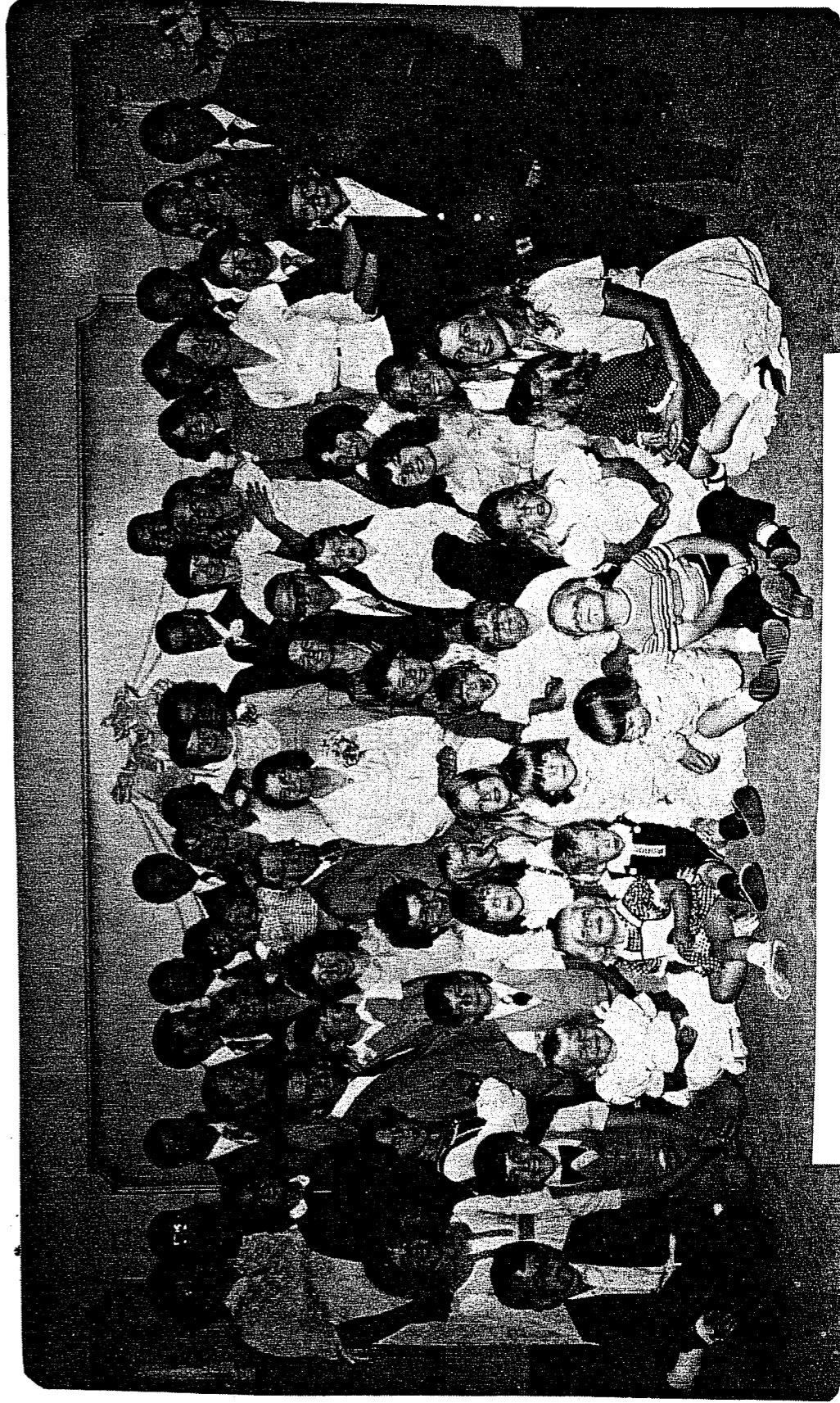
First six children



Jennie and Delbert with all their children and two grandchildren and spouses of Julia and John



With all children at Golden Wedding. Dee, insert, on mission



Delbert, Jennie, and family group at Golden Wedding. 1980

The Flame that Stole Our Recreation Hall  
by Delbert V. Groberg

Memories are not sufficient guards, I guess,  
To keep the watch throughout the night  
And save from harm that old familiar hall  
Where everything took place for many years.

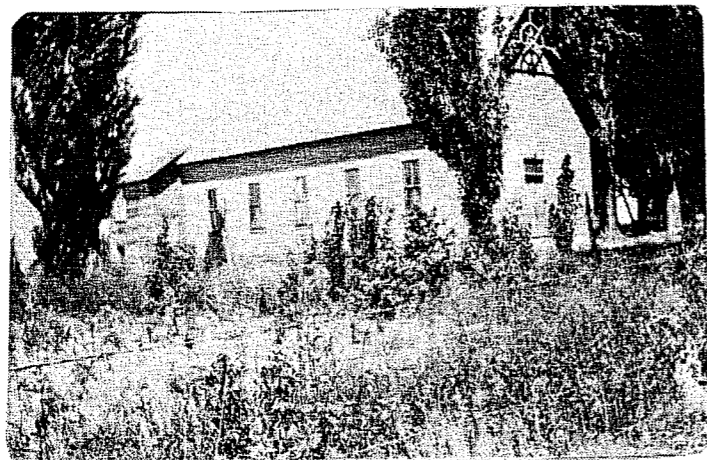
Aroused by the crackling of burning walls,  
My dozing memories awoke and blinked  
And let me live again some very happy hours  
Where everything took place for many years.

It seemed the passing time had packed my thoughts  
And compressed them in a sealed compartment  
Where they enjoyed seclusion if not confinement  
Where everything took place for many years.

I started school there in that bottom room;  
So did many others, seemed like everybody did.  
I wonder if the world was smaller then;  
It revolved around that place for many years.

It was there I started attending Sunday School and Religion  
Class,  
Dances, programs, games, shows and meetings.  
Babies were named and funerals were held there.  
There was nothing of importance that didn't take place there  
for many years. . . .

*My first calling was to put the song  
book at each seat - It was an  
important job each Sunday.*



The  
Idaho Falls Temple

The First LDS Temple in Idaho

Delbert V. Groberg

Vision — faith — and works  
march forward hand in hand,  
fulfilling prophecy and hopes,  
moving mountains of sand,  
beautifying waste places for a site,  
laying a cornerstone,  
designing,  
erecting,  
opening and sharing  
a magnificent edifice . . .  
then dedicating it to the Lord and to his  
eternal purposes for all his children . . .

as this story of the Idaho Falls Temple unfolds.

It begins with the story of the growth of the Church in the Upper Snake River Valley even before the 1880's and ends with accounts of temple events up to December 1984. With tables, charts, official statements, chronology, bibliography, etc. it should be a helpful reference book.

This history tells how spontaneous, unselfish community leaders — members and non-members — joined in heralding a temple in Idaho Falls — the first L.D.S. temple in Idaho. It tells how they worked together to help bring it to reality.

It records how the service and willing sacrifice of faithful workers of the past and of the present make an on-going history that is but briefly and partially told. Much more is written in the hearts and memories of thousands who have partaken of the sweet fruits of temple service.

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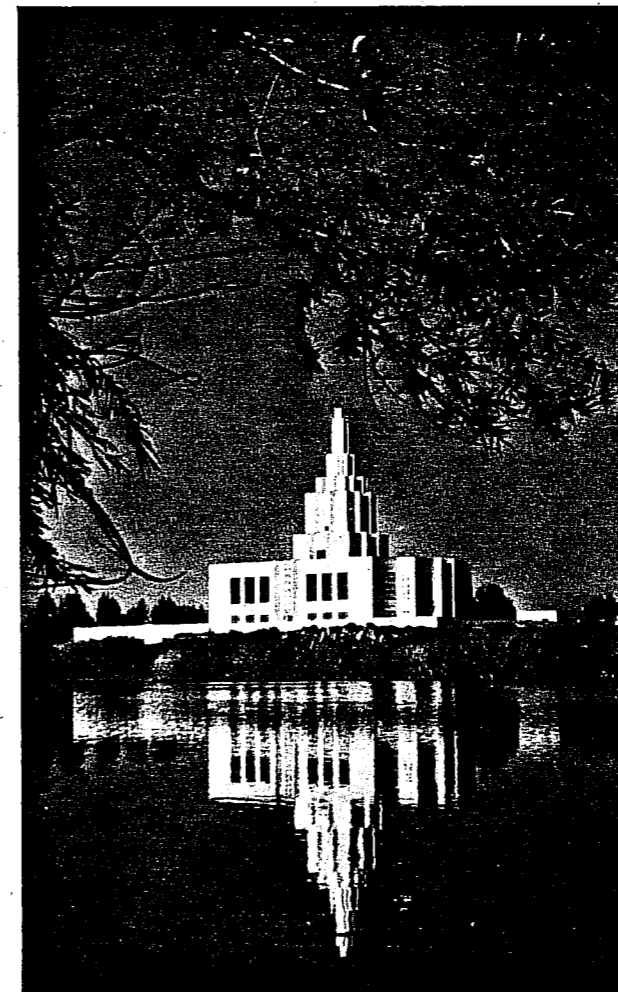
The reader should receive insight and truer understanding about the temple as he reads and ponders the Dedicatory Prayer — the central message of the book.

This history contains many pictures, some historical, some beautiful colored scenes of both the interior and exterior of the temple.

The inspiration for the title of this book came from the message given by President J. Reuben Clark, Jr. at the Cornerstone Ceremonies.

It is hoped this record, even with its limitations, will help preserve many precious experiences and promises and give some inspiration to carry on.

— The Author.



Latter-Day Saints Temple, Idaho Falls, Idaho



MAUDE  
ELIZABETH  
GROBERG  
NEELEY

#### A SHORT LIFE SKETCH

Maude Elizabeth Groberg Neeley was born in Idaho Falls, Idaho on April 30, 1908. She shared this birth date with her maternal Grandmother. She always thought of herself a birthday gift to her Grandmother, Elizabeth Susan Burnett Brunt. Her mother, Maude Brunt Groberg contracted and died of infection due to childbirth, not an uncommon occurrence in those days, just 8 days after little Maudie's birth.

Her Father, John Enoch Groberg, son of John Groberg and Johanna Larson suffered from poor health. As we read his mission journal we see his health was a constant trial. Most of his ailments centered in his ears and throat. After his wife's death, he willingly allowed his wife's mother to keep the Baby in Idaho Falls and care for the new little girl. He returned and rested and tried to heal his broken heart and health at home in Far West Ogden. Here his loving parents and married brothers and sisters helped him with his two little boys aged four and six years, Delbert and LeRoi.

John Enoch Groberg did not heal. The young father of three, John Enoch Groberg, departed this life just eight (8) months after his young bride. 13 ✓

In their few short years together, this couple, John and Maude, accomplished all that heaven requires of earth's life experience. They found the gospel, were baptized, were married in the Temple, bore children under the Covenant and departed this life worthy of Heaven's richest blessings.

Maude Groberg Neeley was proud of her Groberg Heritage. She gave her boys Groberg for their middle name.

She was raised in Idaho Falls by Her Grandmother and for a short time it was hoped that her father would marry her Mother's younger sister Violet. But death intervened. With John's death Grandma Brunt became "Mama" to Maudie. When asked in later years to whom she would run when at Heaven's gate she was greeted by both her Mother and Grandmother, the answer was, "Mama!"

She loved being raised adjacent to her Brunt cousins and Aunts and Uncles. She considers Opal Nixon the sister she never had. But her most joyous memories of childhood were her

visits to her brothers and Aunts and Uncles in Far West Ogden, Utah. It was during those visits that she sensed FAMILY. To this end FAMILY became the Mission statement of her life.

Through her early years she experienced the first world war, the death of Pres. Joseph F. Smith, the Prophet, the death of loved ones, especially cousin Virgil, and learned to know and love her Heavenly Father. Her testimony came easier as she was so young. She saw and learned about life from her wise and tested "Mama." A missing parental generation of inexperience spared Maudie any mislearned lessons about "life." The loss of her parents was never counted greater than the blessing of being raised by her Grandmother.

She and Grandmother rented their house in 1922-23 and moved to Salt Lake City where Maudie attended L.D.S. high school. It was a pleasant arrangement as Mama worked in the S.L. Temple and Maudie went to school.

MAUDE GROBERG  
p. 82

The "S" Book  
1925



L.D.S.  
High  
School

S.L.C., Utah

She attended Rick's college where she was so proud that her Grandmother was able to board with her in her apartment in Rexburg and provide the food and support necessary for her and her brother LeRoi, who was also enrolled on campus.

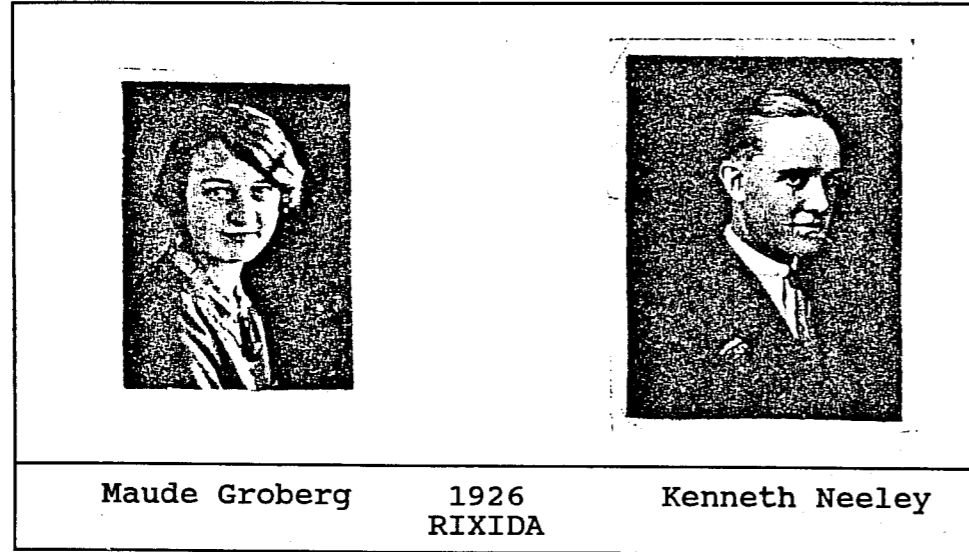


Maude Groberg

1926  
RIXIDA

LeRoy Groberg

While a student at Ricks College Maude met Kenneth Neeley. She described him as a tall dark handsome boy who was acting in the school play. The 1926 Rixida Yearbook Shows a few photos of the play with Kenneth on stage. She was enamoured as was he. Maude seems to be on every page, in every club and really happy.



Kenneth and Maude were married in 1927. They quietly made plans to drive to Salt Lake City and be married in the Temple. There was no money for a big party or reception. The plans called for no one to tell. It was the romance of surprise which substituted for the gaiety of the celebrations. This played hardest of all on the little grandmother. Imagine the contradiction in her life, seeing her mission, the raising of Maudie, coming to an end, and the happiness of the occasion. And she could tell no one.



Maude and Kenneth Neeley gave birth to eight children.

They lived through the death of Maude's "Mama." They lived through the death of Kenneth's parents. They were married for twenty two years and they lived thru the depression of the 1920'S. They lived through business failures and successes. They lived through measles, and chicken pox and many near death illnesses with their children and themselves. Still they kept the faith. The iron rod was visible through the good times and the bad.

When Kenneth died in 1953 he was only 47 years old. He had damage to his heart from a scarlet fever he suffered in his youth. The physicians said it was a miracle he had lived the last 15 years of his life, with the scarring present at autopsy.

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in 1966. We were all so proud of her.

During those student years she was a great mom. I remember her being mostly concerned about Jon. She had sacrificed to stay home with all her other children. She had been there for us each day after school and at lunch and she wasn't going to deny Jon the blessing of a Mother at home. Her wants and desires and even her need for survival were subordinated to the calling from the Lord she accepted of Mother. . . at Home. However, she also felt inspired in her school ambitions and energy and was able to balance her load once Jon entered High School. What a testimony of love, sacrifice and devotion to the Lord, by serving us.

During those years, Mother faced the pending "empty nest". She loved Lynette and was so satisfied at her love for Jon. No other girl had been so devoted to him. No other girl had been so patient with his Mom. No other girl had won his love so completely. Mom loved him so much and was so sorry for him not having had a dad that she knew that only Lynette could add balance where her love had over-compensated. During these years I can guarantee there was no irreparable damage done to her kids. I can only facetiously submit that all six of us in her care during those years have a great reverence for education which we are teaching our children. Each of the six of us has graduated from the University of Utah or BYU. Jon has earned a Ph.D. from UCLA.



Our family made a landmark purchase of a cabin in Island Park, Idaho in 1972. Mother felt that all her troubles would

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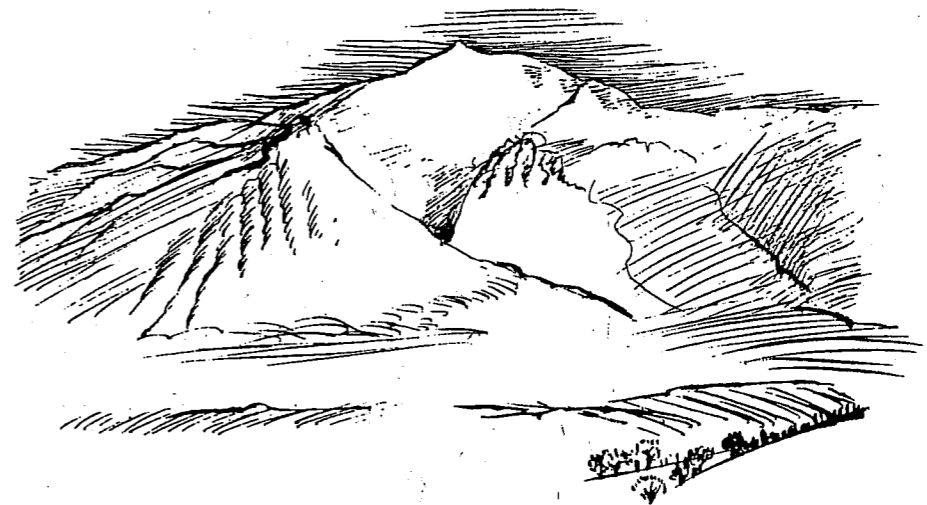
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first and foremost.

Delbert felt we should be grateful for after all the years of separation, Kenneth now had his helpmate to help him with his work of parenting through the veil. He now had help to inspire and teach and touch his children as only a loving father can do.

How grateful we are for this heavenly vision of unified parents loving and helping each other with the Lord's most important work . . . FAMILY.

How grateful we are for our Mother and her Heritage of Faith. Although unknown to us or our Mother, her parents left a rich heritage, which we humbly receive as the legacy it is. We, as sons, daughters and grand children hold this birthright dear. It binds us to her and her parents. This Heritage yokes us together with love and obligation. To be faithful and worthy of our parents and participate in eternal family blessings for eternity is our duty to which we will be held accountable.





THE WISDOM OF

MAUDE  
ELIZABETH  
GROBERG  
NEELEY

The following are excerpts from letters written to us by our mother. The love, support, testimony, and values taught are timeless and to be shared with all who care to know her better and understand her values. Mother did not keep a journal. These entries will serve as such.

I will quote Mother as having once said to me, "When you have a spiritual experience, write it down. It is not for you alone, but to be shared with all His children who will hear and listen and learn." Each of her letters was a spiritual experience. It is hoped that her beloved children, their husbands and wives, grand children, great grandchildren and her great great grandchildren will personally read each entry. Please, as you read, substitute your name in the original.

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Summer 1964

"You are a special spirit and have special blessings in store for you if you prove yourself strong enough to receive them. Of course there will be blessings (ordinary) for you even if you're weak and have to learn by experience instead of faith some of the lessons of life. But the great and most desirable privileges and blessings come to those who learn and believe the plan by faith and by seeing it manifest the lives of others. The wives of the apostles, the first presidency and many general authorities show that constant devotion to their ideals and constant vigilance against compromise and little indulgences has made them strong and wise and blessed above the throng of those who couldn't stand the test."

"Try to remember who you are and ask yourself who do I want to be admired by, the leaders in the church...those who have followed the pattern and are receiving the blessings or the kids at Jackson who you will never see (most of them) again after this summer? What experiences do you want to write about when you are asked, 'What has made you what you are?' What do you want to tell your girls

when they want to go to a resort for the summer to work? Will you be able to tell all and say, "do as I did." or will you have much to hold back and not tell. For even a 'little' that you cannot tell will grow and grow and grow in your mind."

"Was it you that had a little baby shoe for your Beehive symbol? Anyway it stood for the first step. If you don't take the first step in the wrong direction you won't have to take the second. The first step in the wrong or right direction will always make the second easier. I thought of this when I read your letter."

"I love you and have great faith in you. I feel that through your strength and the blessings you will receive from your strength that I will receive many of the rewards that I have tried to live for."

October, 1968

"Did I tell you that Jerry, Shirl's partner took a job in Oregon. That is his home and her's too. Shirl feels that it is for the best. I surely hope so and I hope something BIG breaks right soon for Shirl, too. Shirl and Lenore are sure good, and devoted and uncomplaining kids. I love them and admire and respect ehm. I think they are true Latter day Saints. Today is Craig's birthday. I got him a cute game in sugar house which I will mail when I mail this letter.

October 1968

"In case you feel you just aren't the type to stay home and baby sit, I thought I'd tell you. Many others have felt this way too and they have gone to work and this is a great reason why we have so many teenagers and older young adults that have no security, no concerns. They weren't exposed to these things while in their formative years, ages one to three or one to five, but mostly one to three, and stability and security didn't grow to be a part of them. The Adversary put in a very effective play here and he led many away. You have knowledge of a better way...harder yes, but a better way of light and truth and happiness for now and for years to come."

"You know 'good things don't come easy!' Struggles make good things yours. But don't let the struggle be for the things that the prophet has advised against. You will not only lose your blessings but Allison will not be able to have hers either. I love you. I know this is a hard time but count the cost for everything and I know you'll be able to muster the strength to make wise (right) decisions and receive the strength to stick by it.

November, 1968

"Your letter came and I see you are having a struggle. Struggles are good if you have faith with them. Struggles are the best sanctifiers I know. Remember your Heavenly Father wants you to succeed as much as you yourselves want

to succeed. And he wants little Allison to succeed and she is just as important to him as either of you are, maybe more. You be careful who you leave her with. Give Allison a good start. Be happy. Get along on what you have and encourage your husband. I know this sounds hard. It is hard. But, good things don't come easy. It will take prayer for courage and health (in mind and body) love, love, and more love. It will take ingenuity faith and determination to receive the Lord's guidance. You know He helped you to get where you are. He will not desert you now."

"Give this birthday gift to Jeff with my love and tell him I think he's made of wonderful stuff. I know it is not going to be easy but ease softens things and people and struggle strengthens or breaks. I am sure he is going to be stronger and stronger and bigger and bigger. I'm so proud of him. Remember the strength and power he has in the Priesthood. Anything is possible if he honors that and lives so that its influence can be poured down upon him constantly. I expect to hear that he is tops in not only anatomy but all the other subjects. It will come not fast or easy but it will come through being in tune with the greatest wisdom, source of knowledge and purest love of all. I love Jeff too, Chris and I am sure he's a choice spirit whom the Lord will bless abundantly if he keeps close to Him and His ways."

"I have so many thoughts I want to pass on to you kids/ The other day I was able to attend a class where they were studying the scriptures and that wonderful passage from the Book of Mormon was quoted where the Lord tells the people of Jared that he gave men their weakness so they will come to Him. And, that if we will come to Him, He will make our weak things strong. I ask how this would be done and was told that through the Holy Ghost, if we live close to His influence, He could make known to us our mistakes and encourage us in overcoming them. The Holy Ghost could literally make us strong where we alone were weak. I love you. Love, Mom."

December 1, 1968

"We all went to Fast meeting over at Lenore and Shirl's ward. Cherie was confirmed. Shirl gave her a very sweet blessing. We had a lovely Thanksgiving. Lenore and her wonderful family came over. How thankful I am that they are here! We had a fine turkey dinner with all the trimmings."

December 29, 1968

"I have always said that when there are enough good Saints to carry on or form an organization of the Church in every sizeable area in the world the Savior will come and be the head of the Church which shall be established in all the world. Everyone doesn't have to be preached to before his coming but there must be an organization near enough

for everyone to reach and be taught and directed from. An organization under the direction of Jesus Christ who will be the personal head. Doesn't this sound exciting and doesn't it make you want to be a vital part of the great organization when that time comes? Great things are beginning to happen and we'll see wondrous miracles in the Asian areas in the very near future."

"I love and miss you but pray the Lord's blessing on you to make you strong to prove that you can be a worthy member of His church to do His work and lead many to serve him better. You can! Easy living never made anyone strong. Life without struggle is flabby and soon worthless. Love, M."

January 5, 1969

"Our dinner is ready to put on the table so I'll quit after I tell you how much I love you and how proud I am of your integrity and love for the greatest strength on earth, "The Gospel of Jesus Christ". Always remember the Lord loves you and wants you to succeed and can open the way if you have faith and works to prove your faith and love for Him and His ways. I love you and miss you and pray for you and have faith in you." Lovingly, Mom

January 24, 1970

"I talked to David Cornwall on his 5th birthday and he said 3 times, 'I miss you Grandma'. If only I could see him for a little while. I love him so much and I'm so lonesome."

"I hope and pray that I and all of mine will be able to accept our new Prophet, President Smith, whole heartedly and, no matter what others may say, realize that he is doing that which the Lord requires at this time. We can listen to him and learn and save ourselves and others by following implicitly his councils."

"Kevin is real fine. I'm happy he can be here. He isn't home much but he lets me know where he is and is considerate that way."

Labor Day, Sept. 7, 1970

"Darling little Allison is so precious and choice. Be sure to keep her growing as beautifully as she is now and don't neglect her spiritual development for one day."

"The times ahead are going to require great spiritual strength and the easiest most effective time to get that strength or a foundation for it is in the early years. She is going to have opportunity for a most important calling in her life and the closer you keep her to her Heavenly Father the easier and more successfully she'll fill her role. She is so very choice and has every chance to reach great heights, if you do your part well, now."

"I had a letter from Jon and he's been given a new Elder. He had to go to Bristol to get him from the Mission Office. He is real conscientious about it and says he hopes he'll be as good a first Elder to this new Elder

as his first companion was to him. I hope he will, too. I think he'll really try. I am so grateful for him and his desire to do a good job. He has desire accompanied by a willingness to work and learn."

September, 1970

"I am so very grateful for Dave Egli. He is so good for Susan and Susan suits him so well, He is more in love than anyone except maybe Nola and he equals her, I think, from all appearances and all that I see and hear. Oh, it is so wonderful to have this satisfaction. It is a real blessing to me. Of course, I think Karen is wonderful and A.O.K., too. She is so in love with Dave, and he with her. The are so good for each other. I told Dave that because they were seeing each other so much that wisdom might be planning a winter wedding. I've said that I'll be happier with that than with letting down of our standards.

October 17, 1970

"I tried to call you last night. I wonder how you are feeling. I am sure you are very much loved but Jeff does not show it sometimes the way you want him to. Look hard for the ways he does show you and appreciate those ways."

"Right now you are low in energy (being pregnant) and low in self esteem and it would be nice if he could supply a little extra of each. But if he doesn't, you remember that your Heavenly Father is as interested in giving a good strong body and mind to your child as you are. It is his child too. He will help you and sustain you and see you through. But, you must have faith and be humble and peaceful and loving and worthy of His spirit. It will come and magnify you and strengthen you and bless you with the things that are of greatest worth in the world. Sacrifice brings forth the blessings of heaven, not earth."

"The other reason I called besides wanting to know how you were was to tell you that Susan got a beautiful diamond tonight. It is really big. It is just beautiful. She is so thrilled and Dave was so cute and pleased and proud and happy. I love him more every time I see him. They haven't set a date but it will be after school is out. David and Karen haven't set a date either but I don't think they will last that long."

"I know you are looking forward to my coming, but don't make Jeff not want me by talking about it too much and giving him any reason to feel second or neglected. I know you don't feel that he is second but sometimes a man gets to feeling that way. If the situation or background is right they become unhappy and grow to dislike the person whom they suppose makes them feel that way. So be careful. Always be sure he knows for sure that he is first."

January, 1971

"With all your busyness don't neglect your two precious

little girls. And remember, anyone can do anything you can do except be mother to your little ones. You be a good mother and be jealous of the privilege."

Sept 10, 1973

"It isn't work that wears you out. It is worry and unsettledness and heartbreak."

Dec 2, 1973

"I am so grateful for my choice family. I tell the Lord always that the part of my family that pleases me the most is that they all love Him and are willing and able to serve in his kingdom. It is such a blessing to me to know this is the case."

"I'm feeling a little stronger as the days go by for which I'm thankful. I think if I can just build up a little reserve energy (I'll have to get into the national account), I'll be very fine. The deal now is that anything and everything extra just throws me. But I can feel I'm doing better the last day or two."

"It was a joy to have Jeff Buehner leave from here for his mission. I am so pleased to have two missionaries in the field. I pray each day for their success and satisfaction in their labors. Also their health and strength in the work."

Jan. 22, 1974

"I must tell you about the stay at Joanne's. Joanne was "simply", "beautifully" wonderful. She had more strength and courage and faith than any of us. Her heart was broken but as Joanne is, she kept up and thought of Walt and me and Grandma Buehner and all the many friends who were constantly coming. (A steady stream for five days) It was such along time to wait because the Salt Lake Missionary Department wanted a General Authority to speak. Lenore said she sent a program so you know Bro. Stapely came. He was very powerful."

"Walt was really broken up. But before Friday or at least by Friday he was much stronger. In fact, Brother Tanner (Pres. Tanner) their Stake President told me he had seen a miracle take place in Walt from Sunday till Friday. We must all keep and help him to keep that miracle which (I think) was the "peace that passeth understanding" that comes only from our Heavenly Father. It comes through love when much is present. Love and faith and sacrifice brings this blessing of peace. I guess no one but no one gets it without paying the price, more or less depending on the circumstance."

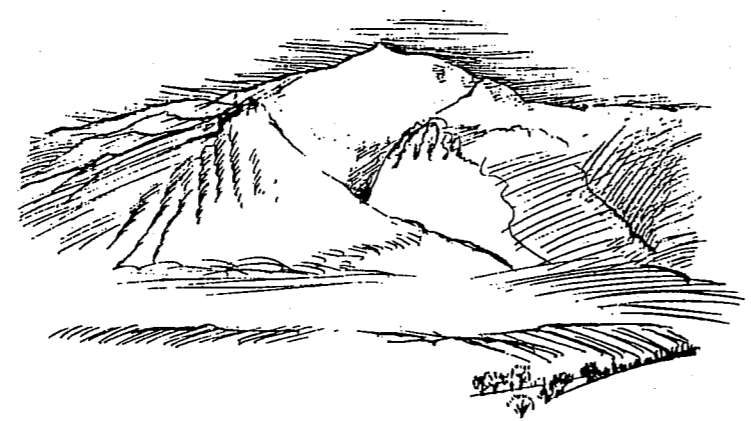
"Everything last week was so beautiful, but so hard. What shall I say? . . . Heavenly, I guess. The love shown by neighbors and friends, the strength and growth of Walt and the quiet assurance of faith and Joanne all proved that

it is true. It is by trial and sacrifice that we reach our highest peaks. Jon was so wonderful at the funeral and he spoke at the graveside services, too. He is really great. David went to the funeral, too, and he was so sweet to me, . . . just precious."  
 "The Lord is so wonderful to help us when we're on the right track, isn't he?"

May, 1977

"Another Mother's Day and you have 5 precious ones to call you mother. How Wonderful! I am so proud of you. I love each one of your beautiful choice children as only a Grandmother who is as blessed as I am, can."

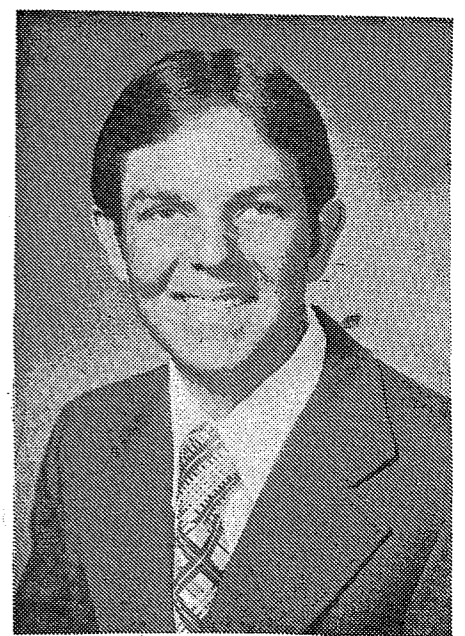
"I am sure the Lord hears our prayers and blesses us in our needs. It is wonderful to know there is a loving Father in Heaven when all others fail. He can help us to endure and be patient at it when no other source can. Of course, it is our own strength, will and determination that accomplishes our purpose. But, it is the Lord who can enable us to use our capacities to their fullest and thus enable us to gain success."



MAUDE  
 ELIZABETH  
 GROBERG  
 NEELEY

BY  
 HER  
 FRUITS

To this end we dedicate the next few pages to Maude's children. That you may know her better, we share these, our families with you.



JEFF BUEHNER Died while serving a mission in Pennsylvania, 1974.

The JOANNE AND WALT BUEHNER FAMILY



FROM JOANNE NEELEY AND WALT BUEHNER - GILBERT ARIZONA

I am Maude and Kenneth's second oldest daughter. I was born in Blackfoot Idaho in 1930. We moved to Salt Lake soon after that where we resided at 524 Downington Avenue and in 1938 we moved to 2052 Wilmington Avenue in the Parleys Ward Area. We had a lovely two story home there with room for a garden and fruit trees and a big lawn. Everyone thought we were very rich and we were. It was a great area to live in and as a child I couldn't believe that any place could lay beyond those Wasatch Mountains. That seemed like the end of my world. My father died in 1953 when Lenore and I were married just two years. He left Mother with six children to raise and she did an admirable job. In the process she was able to get her own college degree and teach for a number of years.

In 1951 I married E. Walter Buehner, the son of Otto and Ruth Folsom Buehner. We moved to Phoenix in 1956. Walt started into business in 1957 and has been in the same spot doing Pre-Cast Concrete work ever since. He is the third generation in that business and our boys are looking to carry on the tradition. We were blessed with four children, Jody, who married Randy Clawson. They live in Tempe, Arizona with their four children. Jon, our second boy is married to Lisa Pullen and they also live in Gilbert with their two children. Jim, our youngest, is to be married in April of 1990 to Richelle Hansen, daughter of Nancy and Richard Hansen of Gilbert, Arizona. We are grateful to have our married children settle so close. We enjoy their association.

It was in 1974 when our eldest son Jeffrey Walter Buehner's life was taken in an automobile accident as he served a mission in Pennsylvania. It was a blow to the family as he had just been out 7 weeks. After much anguish and sadness it was Grandma Neeley who set the world back in orbit by saying, "Won't it be wonderful when you pass through the veil and see Jeff coming toward you with his arms outstretched saying, "Come and see the work we've been doing."

We will always be grateful for her wisdom and her inspiration not only at this important time in our lives, but throughout her life we depended on her spirituality and great faith. She is surely missed, not only by her children, but by her grandchildren. She is missed by those great grandchildren who are unable to be blessed by her influence.

Our boys have all filled missions and our kids all married in the temple. We are all active in the LDS church and count our blessings daily. Ten years ago we moved to Gilbert Arizona where we are able to have horses and a garden and chickens and dogs and cats. We are enjoying trying to turn the place into what we think it can be.

## MAUDIE

A poem about my Mother as a baby, her newly departed Mother, Maude Elizabeth Brunt Groberg and her Grandmother Elizabeth Susan Burnett Brunt at the emotional time of her dear daughter, Maudie's death in 1908.

Joanne Neeley Buehner 1985

Her grey head bent over her handwork  
As she pulled the stitches apart.  
It helped to keep her hands busy  
Helped ease the pain in her heart.

Her thoughts raced back to her daughter  
Buried today in this dreadful weather.  
Once again the tears she fought against  
Made her stitches fade together.

Her lovely precious daughter gone,  
Seemed too much to bear, but more-  
She had left a newborn baby girl  
Who needed to be cared for.

She could tear all the stitches out  
And start all fresh and new.  
No, life is not meant to be torn up.  
She would have to struggle through.

She would try to weave the chain  
That connects this life to another.  
She would be the golden link  
From the baby to it's mother.

She counted the stitches again and again  
Her eyes all swollen from tears.  
Was that her Granddaughter stirring?  
Could she learn to depend on her ears

Again? Could she meet the needs of the child?  
It was the direction she should be taking,  
To raise the child as she had its mother  
And keep the thread from breaking.

She studied the pattern in her lap  
And cocked her head from side to side.  
Yes, things were beginning to take shape.  
They had the Lord to be their guide.

Joanne Neeley Buehner 1985

MAUDE G. NEELEY  
As I Remember Her

By Lenore Neeley Cornwall

It is a wonderful thing to be born of goodly parents, but even more wonderful to be raised by them. How very sad it must have been for mother to have lost both of her parents in infancy and thus to have been separated from her two older brothers. How very fortunate that she had a loving, caring grandmother to take her and raise her as her own. Gramma Brunt, or "Mama" as mother always called her, must have been a very special lady to be able to lose her only daughter at such an early age and then be able to take her infant granddaughter to care for and raise to maturity.

Grama Brunt was the president of the Relief Society and Mother remembers traveling all over the Snake River Valley in a horse and Buggy doing Relief Society Work. I have heard her say so many times that she was raised in the midst of plenty, but literally raised on faith. Little did Mother know in her growing up years how important that faith would be when she lost her own husband at age 47 and was left with a family to raise by herself. Not really by herself though, because I never remember feeling that Mother was alone. She was so close to her Father In Heaven and talked everything over with Him so personally even in our family prayers that it was sometimes hard not to open your eyes and see if He wasn't standing right there in the room with us. Mother was not strong physically, but she made up for it spiritually and every time she got her strength back after having a new baby she was ready to have another one.

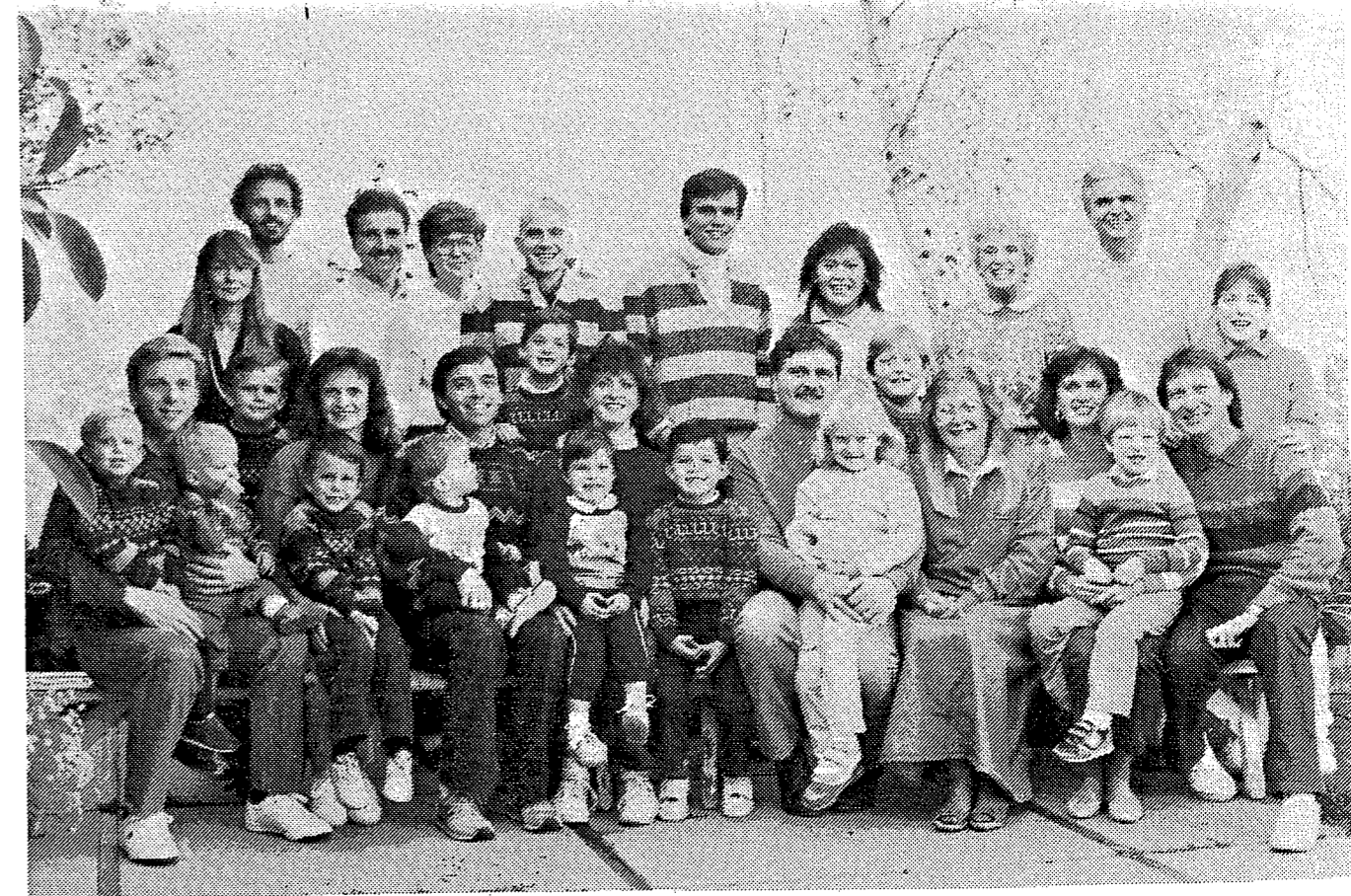
She was so very lonesome as a child and on a visit to Aunt Matties home in Ogden to visit her brothers she was so excited about her big family and seeing how much fun they all had together that she decided right then that if it were at all possible she wanted to have eight children and she made a deal with her Father in Heaven that she would do her part if he would permit her to have that blessing. She did, and He did, and how very grateful we Neeley's are to be a part of such a big happy family.

One of the most special gifts I received from Mother is a love for General Conference. When I was growing up, Conference was held in Salt Lake for three days and Mother used to let us stay home from school on Friday to listen to Conference. All of the Neeley girls learned to knit, crochet, cross-stitch and embroider just before a General Conference, then there would be a set of pillowcases or a pattern for a scarf or some simple thing for us to work on during the Conference Sessions. We thought it was great to be learning these crafts, but so much more important was the Spiritual Food with which we were being nourished by our General Authorities. At the end of every Conference Mother would clap her hands together and exclaim, "Oh, that was the best conference we have ever had", and we were all sure that it was. I still love General Conference and have tried to make it as important in the lives of my children as Mother made it in ours.

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As I Remember Her  
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Mother was so grateful for Dad's association with Brother Harold B. Lee in the early days of the Church Welfare Program. When she was teaching First Grade and started having trouble with her good ear (she had lost the hearing in one ear because of having Typhoid Fever when she was a child) she mustered up her courage and called Brother Lee to see if he would give her a blessing before having the Doctor operate on it. She called me to ask if I could go with her. Luckily, I was able to get a baby sitter and go with her down to Brother Lee's office and witness this beautiful blessing. How hard it was to go back out into the world again after being so close to Heaven. Of course the operation was successful and she was able to continue teaching and hearing the little children until she retired.

Another choice memory I have of Mother is after she fell and broke her hip. I got to the hospital just before she came out of the anesthetic. As she opened her eyes and realized I was there she took hold of my hand and said, "Well Lenore, now what am I going to learn from this experience?". What a blessing it has been in my life to have her as a guide and an example to follow. Life is not easy for any of us, but as trials and tribulations come I know that I can get my strength and help from the same place Mother did. On my knees talking to my Father in Heaven who loves me and will hear and answer my prayers. I am so grateful for my heritage, and it is my constant prayer that as these choice people look down upon me that I will never do anything to disappoint them and that I may live up to my choice blessings which are mine because of them.

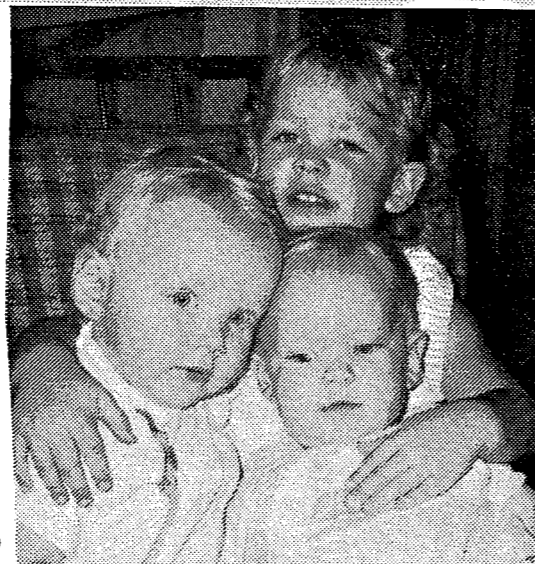


THE MARILYN AND J. ELLSWORTH KNUDSON FAMILY  
Photo taken at Kent and Lola's Wedding.



Our message is:

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Children  
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The  
GREATEST!



THE KENNETH R. AND NOLA P. NEELEY FAMILY

Photo taken at Christmas 1989

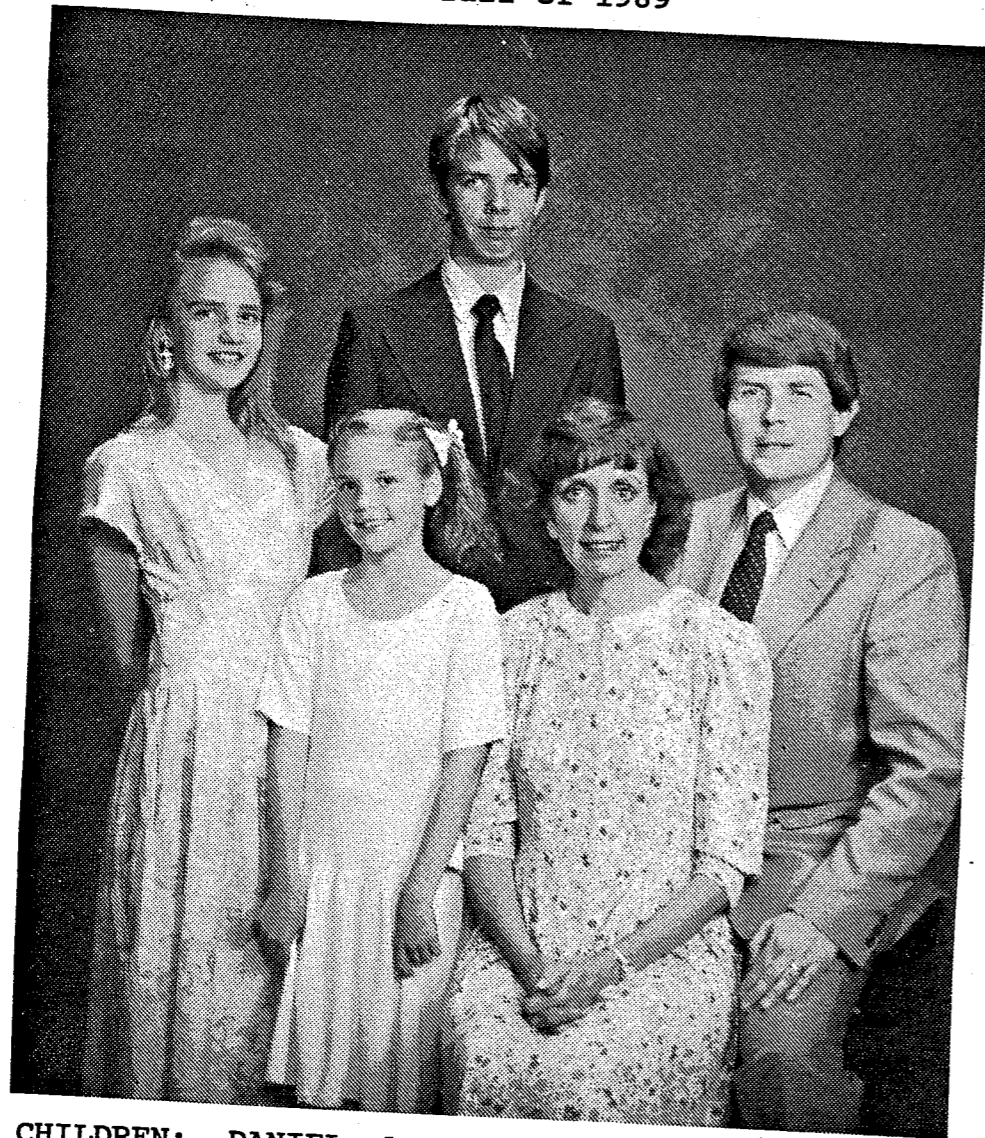


Ken and Nola are currently serving as mission presidents for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in the Chicago Illinois, Mission. They lost their oldest son, Robert, to a lightening accident in Provo, Utah in 1980, not long after having completed his LDS mission. He was a BYU Young Ambassador. The older children are all returned missionaries and currently, Nathan is serving in Washington D.C. Nanette is residing between California and Chicago and attending school. Scott is in Chiropractic school and have blessed Ken and Nola with two darling grand children. Our message is:

YOU ARE LOVED AND CHERISHED BY ALL OF US!

THE SUSAN AND DAVID L. EGLI FAMILY

Photo taken fall of 1989



CHILDREN: DANIEL, Age 16 LISSY, Age 13  
MICHELLE, Age 10

David and Susan are living in SLC where Dave's business is a Psychiatric Medical practice. Susan continues to sing in the tabernacle choir and Dave continues to hold the home together on Sunday's and Thursday Evenings. The Eglis bless the lives of all who cross their paths with their love and hospitality and beauty.  
Our message is: FAMILIES ARE FOREVER!

THE CHRISTINE AND JEFFREY W. MIX FAMILY

Photo taken in fall, 1989



Left to Right: Tiffany, Allison, Cannon, Heather, David, Kellie. Front: Jeff, Chris, and Holly Beth, age 5.

Jeff and Chris are living in Rexburg, Idaho and are family cabin caretakers. Jeff is engaged in practicing Orthodontics in Rexburg and Phoenix. (Thanks to Buehners hospitality.) Chris is enjoying a new house they moved into in the summer of 1989. Allison is serving on a LDS mission in Roanoke, Va.  
Our message is: THE GOSPEL IS TRUE!



THE DAVID G. AND KAREN H. NEELEY FAMILY

Photo taken in the fall of 1989



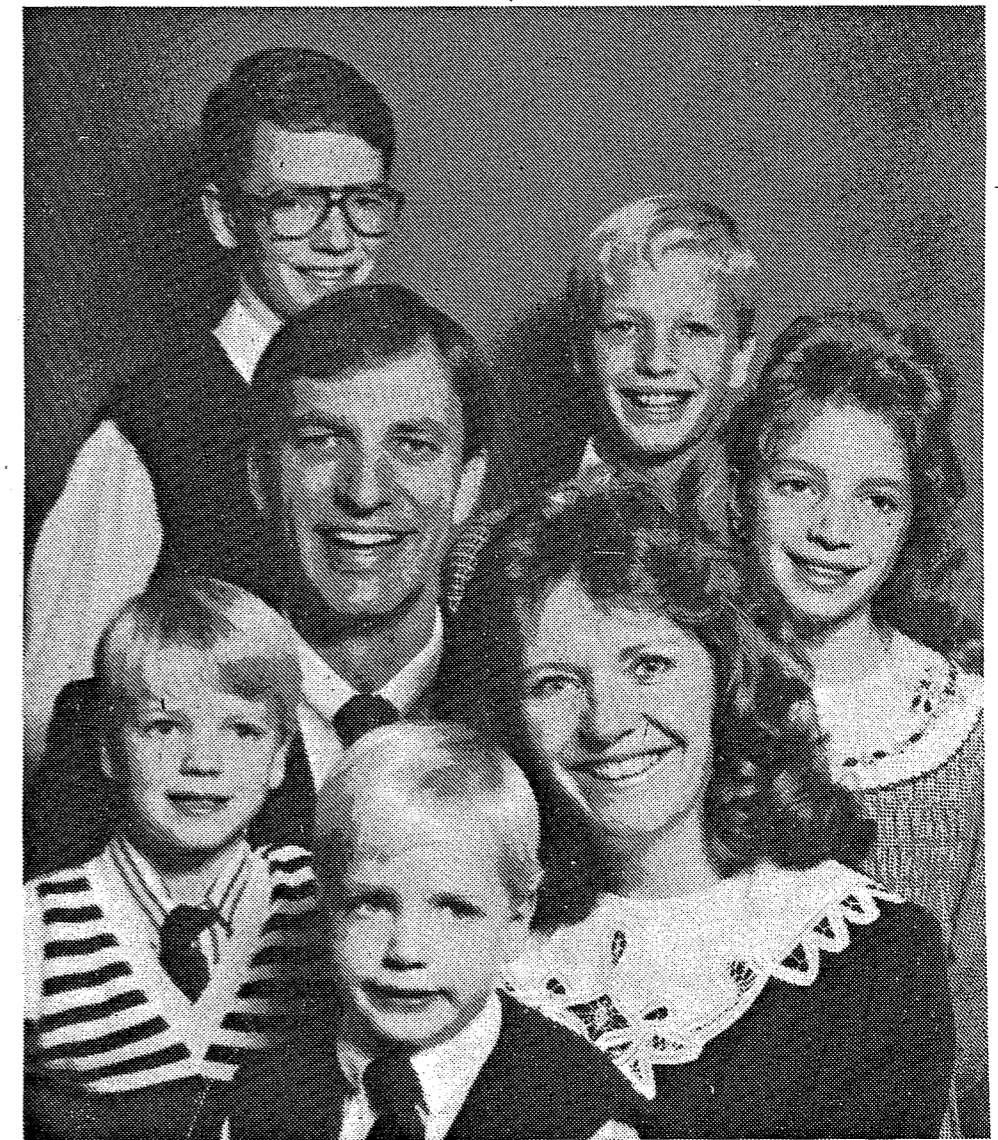
Left to right: Darren, Karen, Jason, Tara, David, Bryce, and Trisha, age 3.

David and Karen are living in SLC Utah where they are both school teachers. Karen teaches Kindergarten and David teaches handicapped high school students vocational skills. David is in his ward bishopric. Karen is a past primary president. Jason age 15, eats, sleeps and drinks basketball. (So does his dad!)

Our message is: Our children are our best friends. I'd rather spend time with them than anyone else I know. They are the joy of our lives now and eternally.

THE JONATHAN G. AND LYNETTE Z. NEELEY FAMILY

Photo taken at Christmas time, 1989



KIDS: (top to bottom) Kenny, age 14, Jeffrey, age 12, Emily, age 9, Davy, age 6, Jonny, age 3.

Jon and Lynette are living in LaCrescenta, Ca. Jon is the LDS Institute director at Glendale, Ca. Lynette is an artist and has her own craft and woodworking hobbies as a small business in their garage. Jon is a new scoutmaster.. (Tough battles make great warriors!) Lynette is in the primary. They enjoy the highest respect of their friends and neighbors.

Our message is: WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR OUR GROBERG HERITAGE!