

JOURNAL ENTRIES FOR 1940

January 1, 1940 (?)

We left Price at 10 a.m.. Had a lovely trip to Salt Lake. Called on Edna Merrill at Provo. Came from Salt Lake with Paul Greaves. Got in a very bad fog. Mother went to stay with Ariel while we were away and is still there.

January 1, 1940 (?)

Mother has been with us until today. Now she is going to stay at Ariel's until June 1, 1941. On December 30, I went to Salt Lake to meet Harold. We went to supper and then to a show. I stayed at Ilah's. Zenda and Nellie Lou went to Price with Don and Gladys. Flora went back to Pocatello to meet Lorin and stay with Howard while aunt Sadie and uncle Arthur were visiting _____.

January 2, 1940

Nellie Lou back to High School and Zenda back to work.

January 6, 1940

Zenda came home so lonesome and blue tonight that I have been very unhappy all night.

January 8, 1940

Flossie Merrill was put in as Relief Society president today and she asked me to continue giving the Teacher's Topic lessons. I love those topics so I'll try to get off from work to give them.

January 9, 1940

I took charge of the Daughters of the Pioneers meeting today at Mary Condie's. We have wonderful lessons. A beautiful testimony on healing was related.

January 10, 1940

Today we had the trees cut down from in front of our home and we are all very sad about it. Harold is in the mission field and he will be sad too but they wouldn't put in the sidewalk with them there.

January 13, 1940

The unemployed have just cut our big trees down. We all feel so sad about them. They were so beautiful. I hope and pray we have more very soon.

January 15, 1940

Last night I took Jennie Barton and went to the Firemans Banquet and learned to play pinnacle.

January 20, 1940

I went through the Temple three times today. It was grand.

January 22, 1940

I just came home from a Business and Professional Women's banquet at Griggs Café. The new members were initiated. They drew questions and riddles from a basket.

January 26, 1940

Harold is collecting for a book company and writes that he is doing better. I am so glad. I wish he could be home more. We surely need him.

January 29, 1940

Tomorrow is Flora's 24th birthday. She came from Pocatello to get her things and spend the day with us. She has been staying with Sadie and Lorin's folks. Lorin is on the State Highway. We are always so happy when she comes home. She had her teeth fixed.

January 31, 1940

Today Nellie Lou came home very sad about her report card. She is usually very happy and is such a darling but is very quick to speak out and I think some of her teachers don't understand her. Zenda is going to a musical at Logan with Boughs tonight.

February 11, 1940

Harold came home from Salt Lake last night. He was in a very bad storm through the canyon. Today he took Zenda, me and his friend to Pocatello to see Flora, Lorin and Aunt Sadie. We had a very nice visit but short. Harold went right back to Salt Lake. Nellie Lou taught my Sunday School class.

February 12, 1940

I was very happy today when I got a letter from Gladys (who is in Price) saying she teaches a Primary class. I am going to Business and Professional Woman Club meeting tonight.

February 13, 1940

Tonight I have to give the lesson to the Gleaners in Mutual on ordinances. Zenda is going with me.

February 15, 1940

Tonight I am going to the Temple.

February 21, 1940

Seventeen years ago today we said the last goodbye to our dear papa. That's always terrible to think of. We have always needed him. Frank (her son) was born in 1923

February 22, 1940

Today Zenda and I went to Logan to shop. I got a hat (my special weakness) and she got slacks.

February 24 (year not listed)

Today Harold gave me "Out of the Dust" the grandest book I have ever read.

March 3, 1940

Tonight Zenda gave a talk on Beehive work. She did fine and looked beautiful.

March 10, 1940

Today I went to Pocatello with Arthur and Sadie, Flora and Lorin. I hated to leave Zenda and Nellie Lou alone. Nellie Lou went to the show with Louis Christensen and Zenda went with Elta Bowden and Ilah Bishof. Dear little Zenda is so sad.

March 11, 1940

Today I went to see "Gone With the Wind" at Pocatello with Aunt Sadie and Flora. It surely was grand. I had a lovely trip.

March 13, 1940

Today Zenda got a letter of transfer from Preston to the Salt Lake office. I can't see how Nellie Lou and I can possibly get along without her. I earnestly pray that she will be happier.

March 17, 1940

Today in Relief Society Ward Conference I have to open the meeting. All released presidents have to sit on the stand. It's nearly 4 years since I was released.

March 31, 1940

Today Harold came up from Salt Lake with four friends to get Zenda to take her to Salt Lake to start work. I know Nellie Lou and I are going to miss her terribly but I think it is going to be for the best and if she is happier I shall be thankful.

April 5, 1940

Today Nellie Lou and I left home at 4 a.m. with Bishop Larson and Sister Larson to attend Conference and see Zenda and Harold. We called them up and were soon with them. They were fine. Harold's work not so good. We stayed at the YWCA with Zenda. I do hate to leave her.

April 6, 1940

At Salt Lake today. May is very sick from having her teeth out and her eyes are bad.

April 8, 1940

I am so lonesome since I came home from Salt Lake. I just can hardly live. Thanks to my Heavenly Father for work. I have been [cutting] the story "The Lost Ward" for Nellie Lou. She is to give it in Mutual. She is so busy in school and out about every night. It is hard on ____.

April 11, 1940

Ariel brought mother in to see me tonight. She gets so lonesome. My heart aches for her.

April 12, 1940

At a B.P.W. meeting this week I was put in as secretary for the coming year with Ellen Bell as president.

April 15, 1940

Tonight Nellie Lou modeled at the fashion show.

April 18, 1940

I am going to the Temple tonight with Merrills. Nellie Lou is going to the 2nd Ward to dance with a Peterson boy.

April 26, 1940

Today they are putting in our sidewalk and Mr. Kern planted our trees in front and our golden willow tree. The other two Chinese elms are three years old this spring.

May 30, 1940

Just one year ago today Bobbie Shipley was killed and Zenda badly hurt. Four other young people were killed in this accident. We were blessed, but my little girl has been so sad and we have all been sad for her.

June 1, 1940

Mother came to stay with us for the summer today.

June 6, 1940

I spent my birthday in Salt Lake City at Conference. I was with Ilah and Zenda. One year ago I was in the hospital at Logan with Zenda. She was very sick and we were all terribly sad. Two years ago today I was at Utahna's graduation exercises with her folks.

June 16, 1940

Today all my family were at home. Flora from Ashton, Gladys from Price, Harold is going to work on the State Highway Wednesday, Zenda is home from Salt Lake and Carmen from Riverdale.

June 17, 1940

Today Nellie Lou was operated on for appendicitis. It has been a hard day but I was blessed by having my children home and Ruby here to talk to her and help her have more faith. Brother H.A. Stephenson died with a stroke. His wife is just getting over a serious operation.

June 24 (year not entered)

Nellie Lou is doing fine. We will take her home this week. Gladys and family are still with me and our dear mother. We expect Ruby. I have so many statements to make out I must get busy.

July 4, 1940

Spent the day at Bloomington Lake. It's a beautiful place but hard to get all my family with me except Carmen. Colleen was too young to go.

August 27, 1940

Today Nellie Lou, Zenda and I went in the bus to Logan then to Richfield with Alla Hirst. It was warm but very nice. May looked better. Her eyes were improving. Utanah was expecting her boyfriend from Provo and very much in love.

August 28, 1940

Today Ray, May and family took us to Fish Lake. We had supper there. Preston and Utanah are teaching in Richfield this year. We called to see Ariel on the way down. He was operated on for sinus trouble at Salt Lake.

August 29, 1940

Today we went to Bryce Canyon. It's too beautiful to describe or paint. The formations in the red shades are grand.

September 1, 1940

Today Harold took Zenda, Nellie Lou and I to meet Flora and Lorin at Rexburg to go through the National Park. It has been a beautiful ride. We had dinner at the first camp in the Park then visited the paint pots, the Morning Glory Pool, the hot pots.....

September 2, 1940

We visited the Old Faithful and the beautiful Old Faithful Lodge, then to Jennie's Lake and Jackson Hole. Harold, Zenda, Flora, Nellie Lou and Lorin went horseback riding. While we were away Gladys and family visited Carmen. We had a grand trip.

September 19, 1940

Last night we saw the show "Brigham Young". Today Frank Merrill was telling me his grandmother and grandfather was at the meeting when the mantle of Joseph Smith fell upon Brigham Young so that they thought that Joseph Smith was speaking to them. He also said when they came to the crossroads at one point on the plains an unknown man told them the road to take and they couldn't find him a few minutes later. The company of non-Mormon emigrants following them took the other road and were all massacred by Indians.

September 20, 1940

Today I am tending Colleen while Carmen is in Salt Lake visiting Gladys and Zenda. Flora and Lorin came from McCammon last night and Leland and Crissie are here but she is leaving tomorrow.

October 20, 1940

Today we celebrated Mother's 84th birthday. There were thirty four people at my home. We served dinner and I think it all went over grand. May was not well enough to be with us. Mother felt fine.

November 9, 1940

Today we are going to Salt Lake to get Zenda and go to Price for Gladys's birthday. Flora, Nellie Lou, Harold and I. Election is just over and Harold and Lorin have lost their jobs on the State Highway.

November 11, 1940

Tonight we came home from Price, had a grand trip. Gladys and family are fine. They live in a very nice place. It was very cold traveling through the canyon and foggy. Harold took us.

November 15, 1940

Today Priscilla called in her new car and took me to see Mother at Ariel's. Sadie and Arthur were there. She cried when I came. She is so lonesome.

JOURNAL ENTRIES FOR 1941

January 4, 1941

Caroline Condie was put in my Sunday School class to help me teach today. I am sure I'll enjoy having her.

February 20, 1941

Today I went through the Temple three times. Missionary excursion. A missionary told of going to administer to a dying man who was up in two days after.

February 24, 1941

Ilah, Paul, Mother and Carmen's family had dinner with us then Ilah and I went to a show. As we came home Carmen came home and her baby was born at 12:20 a.m. She had a hard time and has a beautiful baby.

February 25, 1941

Tonight Lorin and Flora came from Pocatello and took Lile Shipley to Mutual to put on a program. Harold was in a play. Mrs. Shipley and I went with them. We had a grand trip. Had lunch at Flora's. Harold and Enod came home with us and we all went to the hospital to see Carmen.

March 2, 1941

Today Zenda came home for the weekend. We are always so happy when she comes and hate to see her leave.

March 9, 1941

Today Lorin took Nellie Lou, mother and me out to Carmen's. Carmen's baby is two weeks old. Flora is staying with her. We had a birthday dinner for Lorin. Harold was in Pocatello. Nellie Lou was put in as Assistant Secretary in the Sunday School.

March 10, 1941

I have a lesson to give at the junior girls in Mutual tonight.

March 11, 1941

I have to give a lesson in the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers meeting tomorrow. It's a beautiful lesson. I love the pioneer meetings.

March 12, 1941

Had a grand Pioneer meeting at Gladys Baugh's. Edna Eames gave the sketch of the life of Elizabeth Stewart, her grandmother who was baptized in Switzerland in January. Her wet clothes froze to her but she didn't take cold. _____ who was old and deaf for 20 years was baptized and her hearing restored.

April 13, 1941

Today is Easter. It is very cold raining all day and night. Mother is with me. Louis had dinner with us. Harold and Lorin and Flora went to Sun Valley and to Craters of the Moon. I wish I could see Zenda and the rest of the girls.

April 20, 1941

Today we had a B.B.W. club convention. I am secretary of our club.

April 17, 1941

I went to the Temple today with Harold when he went to the W.A.C. to radio school. This is the 10th time I have been through the Temple this year.

April 21, 1941

Tomorrow is City election. No one is against me. I am thankful Mr. Forsgren and Mr. Bowden are up for mayor.

May 10, 1941 (?)

Mrs. Lorin Swenston was in the office today and told of an interesting experience. Right after her husband died she was very nervous at night. She sat up one night all excited. Some force laid her down gently and all fear left her from that time on.

June 6, 1941

I spent my birthday in the office but am going to Salt Lake tomorrow. Flora came for my birthday today. She is a dear little girl.

June 7, 1941

It's so stormy and cold at Salt Lake today. I am afraid we will freeze.

June 10, 1951

Today Moss is drunk and we feel terribly sorry for Carmen.

July 11, 1941

I had a wonderful day at the Womens Encampment at Lava today. I attended 3 grand meetings, danced, swam, ate and visited with Lera Clark, Aunt Nellie and many friends. Beautiful _____?, flowers and scenery.

July 20, 1941

Today the 4th Ward had a pioneer meeting. I took Mother. She enjoyed it. They gave her a corsage. Zenda, Nellie Lou and Harold went. I spoke a few minutes. Flora and Lorin came home, also Carmen and Moss.

July 23, 1941

Carmen and Moss have gone to a funeral. Colleen is with us, 5 months old. She is a darling. Tonight the T and H Club is at Eliza Bingham's. We are going to Honollos (?)

July 24, 1941

Today we are going to Ogden to celebrate, and to see Gladys and family.

August 2, 1941

Today I went to Salt Lake with Jennie, Serge and Linda to Curtis Y. Clawson's funeral. It was a grand service with full military service at the cemetery. Zenda was with me.

August 4, 1941

Martha Larson was in and told me of her son Sanford eye being healed in the Canadian Temple. It had been closed since birth.

August 6, 1941

David O. McKay said to never let the day close if you have made anyone sad and not made it right.

September 1, 1941

Today Harold took Zenda, Nellie Lou, LaRue, Louis and I to Sun Valley then to Ketchum. Sun Valley is very interesting. We had a grand trip. Went to the Craters of the Moon on our way home, then to see the Idaho Temple.

September 28, 1941

Today we took Nellie Lou to Provo to start school. Zenda and I stayed at Provo. Harold had a wreck going for LaRue. No one hurt but the car. We left mother at Ilah's. She has been with me the last four months and is going to Ariel's.

September 30, 1941

I am teaching the Juniors class in Mutual now. I hope and pray I can do good.

October 1, 1941

I have been putting up tomatoes, beets and pickles and I am give out, but I must do my booking.

October 3, 1941

Nellie Lou is homesick but she will be alright. She is a splendid girl (right now her only weakness is Louis).

October 9, 1941

Last night I went to "Gone With the Wind" for the second time. It is a very good picture. Gladys writes me every other day now Nellie Lou has gone to school. She is so thoughtful. Bless my little girl.

October 11, 1941

Today I was released as a Sunday School teacher. I have taught now for five years. When I was younger I taught in S.S. for seven years. I love to teach young people. Now I teach the junior girls in Mutual. Flora and Lorin were down from Pocatello last night.

October 19, 1941

Today I had to give a talk in Sacrament Meeting on the benefit of Sunday School to young boys. All my children except Carmen and Zenda went to meeting to hear me. That made me very happy. Also Lewis and LaRue.

October 20, 1941

Today Lorin took Harold, LaRue, Flora and I to Ariel's to see mother. She was so glad to see us and she looked so sweet. Its her eighty fifth birthday Tuesday.

October 21, 1941

My mother's eighty fifth birthday. The program was as follows: talk by David on Mother's life, Crissie sang two solos, Veda read, Paul sang, Arthur talked, Elean sang two solos and Nellie Lou played a piano solo.

November 20, 1941

Today was Thanksgiving. All of my children were home. There are fourteen of us now. It was grand. Kay played the clarinet, Frankie sang and Ann recited. Nellie Lou was home from Provo. Flora and Lorin will not be home until spring. I am sorry to see them go.

November 21, 1941

Today Flora and Lorin left to go to Seattle. I hated to see them go.

November 23, 1941

Today Nellie Lou went back to school. I miss her so.

JOURNAL ENTRIES FOR 1942

February 19, 1942

My dear husband died on February 19, 1923. That was terrible. I wonder how we lived through it but God always opens the way.

Today, Harold, LaRue and I went to Pocatello. We had a blowout which lost the sail (?) of Harold's car. L.L. Hanson's family had invited us to dinner. They waited an hour and a half for us. We had a grand time and were very happy. Tomorrow we are going to the Temple.

February 22, 1942

Today all my family, except Gladys, went to conference then to Carmen's for dinner. A blizzard came up so bad that we got stuck in the lane and Harold walked to the house to get Moss to come for us with his bobsleigh. We enjoyed the ride back but it was too cold going out. The dinner was good.

February 27, 1942

Today Harold left Salt Lake for San Francisco to serve in the U.S. Navy.

March 5, 1942

Tonight the B.P.W. club women are having a social at Dora Henderson's. We are doing Red Cross knitting. I got my first letter from Harold since he went into the service today. He is fine. I hope he is home soon.

March 19, 1942

Tonight Ollie Foss, Allie Packer and Emily Foss came to my home for lunch at 7 p.m. then we played Rook. It was all lovely. They have beautiful homes but they are nice people.

March 20, 1942

Today mother fell and broke her hip so we are taking her to the hospital in the morning.

May 5, 1942

Today at 8:45 our dear mother passed away after being at the hospital for six and a half weeks. She was 85 last October. The sweetest mother that ever lived.

May 10, 1942

Today we buried our dear mother. All her family were here but Ruby. All my family was here but Harold. He is in Radio School in San Francisco. We had a grand funeral. 33 people had dinner at our home after the services.

May 30, 1942

Today, Lorin and Flora took Zenda, Nellie Lou, LaRue Anderson and I to Logan to Paradise (?) to the cemetery. It was beautiful with flowers but always very sad.

June 16, 1942

Today I am at Sun Valley to a B.P.W. (Business and Professional Women ?) convention. Mrs. Wills and I were sent here as delegates. It's a beautiful place to hold a convention. We are meeting fine people. The rooms, meals, and meetings are exceptionally good.

July 4, 1942

Today Nellie Lou and I went to Logan with Mr. and Mrs. Martin to the celebration and back through the canyon.

August 13, 1942

Today Nellie Lou and I are leaving for San Francisco to see Harold who is in Navy Radio School. His girlfriend LaRue A. and he have quit and we are all sad about it. I hope he is happy.

August 15, 1942

Tonight Nellie Lou and I went to the Ice Carnival with Harold in Frisco. It was marvelous.

August 20, 1942

San Francisco—Today Nellie Lou and I caught the bus in 20 minutes and went to Sacramento to visit Aunt Anna(?). She and Perry Jr. met us in town. We stayed with them one night and had a grand time. Saw so many things.

August 23, 1942

Today we are leaving San Francisco. We have had a grand trip and visited 8 days with Harold. He surely has treated us grand and we have been very happy with him. If he was only coming home with us.

September 7, 1942

Today is Labor Day. Zenda is home on her vacation. Nellie Lou drove Harold's car and we went to see Carmen. He (Harold) is overseas.

September 9, 1942

Today Nellie Lou's girl friends had a party at our home. They brought her a pretty birthday cake and presents and they all seemed very happy.

September 10, 1942

Today Nellie Lou started to work at the Courthouse. It's a good job and we are happy about it.

September 11, 1942

Today Louis came home and gave Nellie Lou a diamond. She didn't tell me and I am sad. She seems so young.

September 21, 1942

Today Frank Merrill and Mrs. Merrill invited me to go to the canyon with them up Cottonwood. It was beautiful up there. I'd love to live there. We had hamburgers and pie. I got very pretty fall flowers for Mrs. Stephenson.

September 22, 1942

Tonight Mutual starts. I hope and pray my class will be very good this year.

November 4, 1942

Today Harold left San Francisco for parts unknown and it has made me right sick.

November 7, 1942

Crissie and Leland are staying with me. Nellie Lou is counting on being married on the 3rd of Dec. Mrs. Millie Stevenson is sick so she is going to her sister's in Salt Lake to stay for the winter.

December 15, 1942

Today I went to Salt Lake with Nellie Lou and Louis to get married. We had bus trouble all the way. They had to get their license at Brigham it was so late and Louis was too young so more delay.

December 16, 1942

We went to the Temple early to get through with the first company. We had a grand day but didn't get out until 5:30 p.m.

JOURNAL ENTRIES FOR 1943

January 6, 1943

Got a letter from Harold today from Midway Island.

January 30, 1943

Today Flora and Lorin came home from McCammon. Moss and Carmen came in and we had Flora's birthday dinner together. We had a nice day.

April 20, 1943

Today I have been with Flora at the hospital at Pocatello. Gene was born at 1:30 p.m. Flora is doing fine. I am sending an Easter card to Harold at Midway Island.

April 27, 1943

Today was our city election. Edwin Crockett is our new mayor. I have been City Treasurer now for ten years. I am thankful for this work

May 10, 1943

Mutual is out so I am through with my Junior Girls. Today I start teaching the Advanced Juniors in Sunday School. I hope and pray that I do them good.

May 1, 1943

Today while I was at McCammon with Flora, Nellie Lou and Louis moved to a little apartment. It's nicer for them. I hope I shall not have to live alone long.

May 30, 1943

Zenda is coming home. Kim may come with her. They are engaged.

July 17, 1943

Today Zenda was married to Kimber Mabey at our home by Bishop Horace Baugh. The family was all here but Gladys and Harold. It was all very nice for a home wedding. The flowers, the dinner and everything was fine.

July 24, 1943

Nellie Lou was threatened with a miscarriage so I am going to stay home with her today. I'd love to go to McCammon to celebrate with Flora. Zenda and Kim were disappointed and didn't get their apartment. They are with Gladys.

July 26, 1943

The Business and Professional Women are going to the canyon tonight.

August 9, 1943

Uncle Roland wrote me today saying he was 80 years old. He is so dear.

December 30, 1943

Gladys's Lorraine was born today. Flora and Gene are with her.

JOURNAL ENTRIES FOR 1944

January 7, 1944

I am going to Salt Lake today to help Gladys for a week. Flora came home yesterday. We expect Lorin on a furlough. I have two girls living with me, Betty and Mar Rue.

January 16, 1944

Nellie Lou went to the hospital today and her baby came in two and a half hours so she is very proud of herself. They are living at Cord Greaves' apartment. Kathleen is a beautiful baby.

February 14, 1944

Today Mr. Goff visited June Jensen in his new business at Burley, Idaho. He said that he was promised at the Temple that things would be easier financially. He had been guided to buy the hotel and was doing fine.

May 16, 1944 (Mother's Day)

Kim called tonight from Salt Lake and said Zenda has a baby boy. All are fine. I was at Nellie Lou's and Lorin came for me. He has just been released from the Navy. Harold is at Pearl Harbor.

June 6, 1944

I am 60 today. I only feel 50. Nellie Lou and I are going to Flora's for dinner. I got some beautiful handkerchiefs from Harold, a house dress and oil from Flora and Lorin, dishes from Nellie Lou and Louis, candy from Carmen and cards from aunt Nellie, Annie and May.

October 19, 1944

Today I had to give a talk in Sacrament meeting on the concept of Sunday School to young boys. All of my children except Carmen and Zenda went to meeting to hear me. That made me very happy. Also Louis and LaRue.

November 18, 1944

I am going to Pocatello today to see Flora. They have just moved from Preston up there. I can hardly wait to see them.

November 23, 1944

Today I am going to Salt Lake to have Thanksgiving dinner at Zenda's with Nellie Lou. Gladys said their family's _____ and _____ are with me.

JOURNAL ENTRIES FOR 1945

March 23, 1945

Today Clair Benson Ransom was born at the Preston hospital. He is darling but Gene is the life of the party right now.

April 1, 1945

All my daughters and four sons-in-law were home over this weekend and 9 grandchildren.

September 26, 1945

Tonight Louis left for the service. We all hated to see him go but he didn't mind it. Nellie Lou and her two babies are with me. Dale is four months old and is a poor little half sick baby and is lots of care.

November 2, 1945

Today Nellie Lou and I drove to Pocatello to meet Harold. We were very happy he is released after serving three years and about nine months. We took Dale and Kathleen.

November 13, 1945

Last night Kaye received his Eagle Scout badge. I went to Salt Lake to see him and it was very interesting. We got stuck and were in a terrible blizzard in Sardine Canyon.

December 16, 1945

Today I was asked to work as class leader on the Stake Sunday School Board.

December 25, 1945

Today, Nellie Lou, Louis and I went to Salt Lake. Got to Zenda's at 4 p.m. and took them to Gladys's. They were waiting dinner for us. After dinner we opened our presents by the Christmas tree. (all there Carmen and Harold)

July 9, 1946

Today we (Zenda, Kim, Dee and I) are starting on a trip. First we will stop at Flora's. Then go to Arco and meet Harold and all go to the Craters of the Moon, then to the canyons.

August 13, 1946

Today at 8:30 p.m. Carmen had a fine baby boy. She was so happy she couldn't sleep. I have Clair with me. Flora and Gene are at Boise.

September 1, 1946

Today Zenda's little Paula was born at the Holy Cross Hospital. I am going down to stay with her for a week. We are very happy about her little girl.

October 6, 1946

Today Zenda and family came to visit us. We have had a lovely day. Nellie Lou, Flora, Carmen and their families were here. We all tried to hear General Conference at Salt Lake.

October 13, 1946

Sunday. Nellie Lou and Flora and their families are staying with me. I am glad to have them. Gladys and her family came home and surprised us. Carmen and family were with us. Ten grandchildren here. All just grand.

October 19, 1946

Today Harold came home from Arco. He took Nellie Lou, Flora, Gene, Clair, Kathleen, Dale and I to Logan. What a day! We were happy going but tired coming home. Went to see Estelle McCoy. She is a lovely person.

December 25, 1946

I went with Harold as far as Pocatello Christmas Eve and spent Christmas with Flora and family. (F.L.) and I opened our gifts Christmas eve. and had a very nice time Christmas Day with the children.

JOURNAL ENTRIES FOR 1947

January 1, 1947

Wednesday we got an oil heater. Today Flora, Nellie Lou and families had dinner with me. Carmen and family came after having dinner with Browers. We all had a nice day. Flora and boys stayed until Saturday and went back with Harold.

February 9, 1947

Today I gave a talk in the Sunday School 3 Stake Convention. I know that my Heavenly Father blessed me in taking this part.

March 2, 1947

Harold brought Shirley Anderson home with him to spend the weekend.

March 8, 1947

Tonight the Business Women's Club met at my home. There were 22 present. Oreta Carlson gave a talk on vocations for women. It was all very good.

March 13, 1947

Today the Daughters of the Pioneers met at my home. They honored Mrs. [Dera] Crockett, Mrs. Mary Dalley, Mrs. Workman, Mrs. Westerburg. Lera and Margaret sang. Edna helped me serve. It was all very good.

March 30, 1947

Tonight I gave a talk at the Mutual conference. I know that the Spirit of the Lord blessed me and I am grateful for the kindness of my Heavenly Father.

March 31, 1947

Tonight I spoke at the Mutual Stake Conference and Clifford D. Young of the Twelve was there from Salt Lake. He said he had never been more impressed by a testimony. So I was blessed by my Heavenly Father as I have been many times. I am thankful.

April 3, 1947

Today at 4 p.m. Flora's girl was born at Pocatello. Lorin brought Gene and Clair to stay with me. Carmen is tending Clair. I am going to Flora's on Friday .

April 6, 1947

Today is Easter and the Church General Conference. I had 20 of my family home and loved having them but we missed lots of the Conference.

April 22, 1947

Today was the City election. I had no opposition. I have been here fourteen years. Mr. Eberhard and Mr. Bowden were up for mayor. Mr. Eberhard won. Mr. Allred beat Roy. I am sorry about that.

June 15, 1947

Today Harold took Nellie Lou, Dale and I to Salt Lake. We stopped and went to the meeting at Franklin and Heard Ezra T. speak. Then we all went through the Temple on the 16th to see Harold and Shirley married.

June 16, 1947

Today Harold married Shirley Anderson in the Salt Lake Temple. Her mother, father, grandparents, Nellie Lou and I went through with them. Ezra T. married them. Sister L.S. Cowley was with us. It was a grand time.

July 5, 1947

All my family except Don, Gladys, their two children, Lorin and Kim had a picnic dinner at Carmen's in honor of Shirley and Harold. 20 of us and we had a nice day.

July 9, 1947

Harold took us every place and paid most of the expenses. He is the best son in the world.

July 12, 1947

Tonight Lorin and Flora took Colleen and I to American Falls to a reception for Harold and Shirley. We had a very nice time. Shirley's people are very nice. Carmen and family were on a trip. Nellie Lou and family were at Bear Lake.

August 29, 1947

This morning I went on my first airplane ride. It was thrilling and I surely enjoyed it. Eldon Tanner took me. We were 10,350 feet above sea level and went over Bear Lake.

September 1, 1947

Today Louis moved Nellie Lou and the children home with me. He is working in Rexburg. I love to have them but Nellie Lou isn't happy about it.

December 25, 1947

I spent Christmas with Zenda and family. We went to Gladys's in the evening and all had a nice time.

JOURNAL ENTRIES FOR 1948

January 1, 1948

Today I went to Pocatello to visit Flora and family. I got the flu, stayed 4 days then came home. Went to work for 5 days then was sick for three weeks. Margueritte Keller, Jennie S., Mrs. Christensen and Gladys all took care of me February 4, 1948

February 4, 1948

Tonight Kim called and said that Zenda has a new boy. His folks are coming to be with them. I am not well enough to go yet.

February 6, 1948

Today Harold called to see me on his way to Arco to get his furniture. He is moving to Salt Lake.

February 8, 1948

Today I attended a Sunday School Convention at Smithfield with brother Smart and others. It was very good. I gave a talk at the convention a year ago.

February 14, 1948

Carmen and her family came in today. She and Colleen are half sick and they were unhappy. I am so lonesome when they miss coming for a few days.

February 15, 1948

Today I attended the 7th Ward Sunday School and then went to Glendale to their Sunday School with brother Harris. He is an interesting person. I was set apart as a S.S. Stake officer by Bro. Alvin Harris but I have been working for over a year.

February 16, 1948

Today Nellie Lou and her family are coming from Rexburg for a visit. I am so anxious I can hardly wait to see them.

March 10, 1948

Tonight at 10 o'clock Harold and Shirley's baby was born in American Falls. I went to visit David and Pearl with a friend and had a nice evening.

May 9, 1948

Today was Mothers Day. Zenda and family and Carmen and family had dinner with us. Harold and family called and brought flowers. Flora and Margaret sent me flowers, Gladys a slip, Zenda a blouse, Carmen hose, Nellie Lou hose and....(?)

May 16, 1948

I have to give a talk to our graduates at our P.B.W.(?) entertainment. (Evening) It seemed like everyone told me how good my talk was.

May 30, 1948

Today Shirley and family, Flora and Lorin and family, and Carmen and I went to Logan to the cemetery. Gladys and Don were there. It's always so sad for all of us.

June 6, 1948

At 5:30 a.m. Nellie Lou's baby was born. That was a grand birthday present. My neighbors had dinner with me. All the children remembered my birthday and I was very happy.

June 7, 1948(?)

Today Harold and Shirley left Linda with Gladys and flew up to see us.

June 25, 1948

Today I went to Logan with Orval and Lorena to Fay's husband's funeral. It was a beautiful service.

June 27, 1948

Today Louis came from Rexburg and took Nellie Lou and the children home. They were with me for six weeks so I am awfully lonesome without them. Flora let Gene come down for the day. Carmen and children had dinner with me.

July 12, 1948

Today Harold and family and Shirley's two sisters were visiting me. We went to Carmen's, picked peas and had dinner there then went home, put up a lunch and went to the canyon (Willow Flat) . We had a grand time. I am thankful for this.

July 13, 1948

This was the last day I ever saw my son. He told me when he left how he had enjoyed everything while home. We loved him so.

July 19, 1948

I went to Lava to the Womens Encampment and had one of the nicest days I have ever had.

July 20, 1948

The saddest day I have seen since I buried my dear husband. Thank God for my daughters. My only son was taken from us today.

July 21, 1948

Ariel took Frankie and I to Salt Lake. My poor children. How can we live without Harold?

July 23, 1948

Harold's funeral. It was a beautiful service but few knew how we suffered. What agony of soul. Only God can help.

August 26, 1948

Tonight was the fourth time I have let T. N. (NFI) call to see me. He gave me some comforting thoughts about our religion. One prophet whose life was extended because he pled for it , others whose lives have been shortened, they were needed. God who sees each sparrow fall would save his children if their time was not up.

August 27, 1948

Tonight Carmen had a big fine baby boy with long black hair. She is naming him for Harold. It makes me sad every time I hear that dear sweet name. May God help us to understand.

October 12, 1948

Today I went to Pocatello. Nellie Lou was there visiting Flora with her three children. Shirley came to take her music lesson and Carmen and family came so we had a nice visit. Eleven grandchildren and they were happy.

November 4, 1948

Today Shirley and Linda came to visit me for a week. We went out to Carmen's in the evening to spend her birthday and took ice cream and cake. We had a nice visit but it was sad. We missed our dear Harold.

November 7, 1948

Today, Shirley and I went to Riverdale with David to bless Carmen's baby, he was named Harold Benson, it was sad

November 22, 1948

I went to Carmen's to tend her children and the garage and shed burned down, no telephone and no water. I sure felt trapped but our prayers were answered and the hired man came home for something and helped us.

November 28, 1948

Today all my family except Nellie Lou and family were home for Thanksgiving. We had a nice dinner but were all sad because we missed our dear son and brother. Shirley and Linda didn't come. 22 of us at dinner

December 25, 1948

I went to Carmen's Christmas Eve. and Nellie Lou and family came from Rexburg and had dinner with us, then we went home and Nellie Lou and children stayed with me for a week.

JOURNAL ENTRIES FOR 1949

January 4, 1949

Nellie Lou went to Rexburg with her three little children today and it is 18 below zero here. I am anxious about them.

January 5, 1949

Last night it was 20 below zero here and it felt colder to me.

April 4, 1949

Today Kim took Mrs. Mabey and me to the Tabernacle and we attended the conference. It was very good. I guess spring is here after the longest, coldest and loneliest winter I have ever seen.

April 5, 1949

Today Don took me to visit Gladys' and Lorraine's school. They were interesting then I visited Ilah until Ariel and Edna called for me to go home.

April 6, 1949

Michael is 10 months 26 lbs. Nellie Lou going to get her teeth out.

May 8, 1949

Mothers Day. Zenda sent me a dress. Shirley sent candy, Gladys \$5.00, Flora bought a light fixture and we went to Carmen's for dinner. \$5.00 from Carmen, a purse from Nellie Lou, \$5.00 from aunt May (I know I have these presents mixed up with my birthday). Flowers from David and Pearl, a book from Margarrett.

May 30, 1949

All my family came home for this sad day. We went to Logan Sunday night and again Monday morning. Ilah and Paul were with us. Six daughters, 17 grandchildren and five sons-in-law. Nellie Lou and her children stayed with me for a month and then Zenda came for two weeks.

April 6, 1949

Michael 10 months 26 pounds. Nellie Lou going to get her teeth out.

June 6, 1949

Nellie Lou and children were with me. Carmen took us all out to her home to dinner. How I missed my dear son. Everyone was very good to me.

July 16, 1949

Zenda and her children have been with me two weeks. Today her husband came for her so I called Flora at Pocatello and went with them on the nicest trip I have been on for a long time in Northern Idaho. Came home by Boise visited Carmen, then to Nellie Lou at Rexburg and Shirley brought me to Pocatello on the 26th. Flora and Lorin brought me home on the 27th. I am so tired I can't see but I enjoyed the trip and Flora is with me putting up her beans.

October 6, 1946

Today I went to Relief Society meeting. It was at 10 o'clock. After dinner I went to see Mary Merrill. She is one hundred years old in December and is as spry as anyone. I then went to see Emily Foss. She has just had a cancer operation. Then to see Zeffa Peterson. I enjoyed all of them so much.

November 18, 1949

I had Travel Club. 24 present Garth Eames and Richard Hendricks told about their travels in Europe while on a mission.

November 22, 1949 (?)

Today Gladys and Zenda and families came up and surprised us. We were cooking dinner for Flora and family so when they all arrived we just stretched everything and all had a very nice dinner and a nice visit.

November 24, 1949

Today is Thanksgiving. Gladys and Carmen and their families had dinner with me. Shirley called to say that Linda was sick and she couldn't come. Flora and Lorin went to Boise. Flora had just been operated on. Kim's brother came so Zenda had to stay home.

November 28, 1949

All my family but Zenda and family were home for Thanksgiving dinner. We were very happy. I read \$64.00 questions and they all guessed at the answers. We had a good dinner. 21 of us there.

December 13, 1949

Today was pioneer meeting at (Thehuces) Keller's. The centerpieces were beautiful with two large red _____ and red ribbon, pine cones and holly.

December 15, 1949

Today we had our Travel Club at Ray Hawkes'. The home was beautifully decorated. The tables were very pretty, Chocolate cup of favors, olives and pineapple on toothpicks in a grapefruit. Holly. Santa Claus cakes. A book review by Selma H. exchange of presents. It was a lovely party.

December 17, 1949

Today was the Relief Society Stake and local meeting. The table decorations they had were lovely and the homemade candy. Tin foil with a gum drop on the end, painted weeds trimmed up, popcorn house and Santa Claus.

December 22, 1949

Tonight after work, Rulin Keller came for me and a number of women to go to a party at his house. It was all very pretty. We played games and had a program and a lovely lunch. I enjoyed it very much

December 25, 1949

I think I was at Flora's for Christmas.

JOURNAL ENTRIES FOR 1950

May 7, 1950

Today I am in Pocatello with Flora and family. I came to tend the children so they could paint their new home, and to get my tooth pulled. Lorin has had a bad headache. All the rest are well. We hope he will soon be well.

June 15, 1950

Today Shirley called for me to go to Salt Lake with her but I had sick headache and couldn't go. Flora and family went. I went to the Condie family reception with Zeffa.

July 21, 1950

Today Ezra T. and his two sons who had just returned from a mission came and took Dale and I to the canyon with them. Margarete, Orval and family were with us. It was a very nice day.

July 23, 1950

Today Nellie Lou and family came from Rexburg this morning to get Dale. He had been with me 3 weeks. I went as far as Flora's at Pocatello on the 24th then met Zenda and family. They visited me for a week.

October 15, 1950

Sunday. Elean and her husband brought Aunt Sadie and Uncle Arthur to spend the day. Uncle Dave is sick.

October 21, 1950

Saturday evening, Sadie and Arthur just arrived. They are going to visit me for a few days. I am so thrilled to have them. They both look fine. We are going to the park uptown and just watch people walk by.

November 5, 1950

Friday, Nov. 3, I came to Rexburg to go with N.L. and family to see Frank blessed. We all went to meeting I certainly enjoyed the trip. We went to St. Anthony and had dinner and to the outdoor theatre it was good

November 6, 1950

I shopped at Pocatello and visited Flora and family it was a cold day. We went to mutual. I love to visit at Flora's and all my children, but I am anxious now about Carmen

November 11, 1950

Today I left home at 6 a.m. with aunt Pearl and uncle David to go to Richfield. We had a grand trip. I visited aunt May and uncle Ray. They felt real good. I saw more turkey around the Manti Temple than I

have ever seen before in my life. We walked around the Manti Temple and came back through Thistle Canyon. It is beautiful.

November 23, 1950

Today is Thanksgiving. Shirley, Linda and Carmen's family had dinner with me. I prepared for Nellie Lou and family and Gladys and family. Kathleen had the measles. Don and Kay went to the game. They had dinner at Zenda's. Ransoms were at ??

November 25, 1950

Shirley and Linda went home today. I surely had a nice visit with them. Linda loved me this time.

November 28, 1950

Tonight our Mutual Special Interest class had a very lovely party. I am class president, Bro. Hubbard vice pres. and Mae ? sec.

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Today Margarete Keller came and spent the morning with me. I love Margarete she is good all the way through.

December 25, 1950

I spent Christmas in Salt Lake with Gladys and Zenda.

JOURNAL ENTRIES FOR 1951

March 24, 1951

Today is Mothers Day. Ann stayed with me and Flora and family came right after Sunday School. Carmen and family came in the afternoon. Moss is getting better. All my family sent me gifts. I am thankful for them all but I surely miss my son and it is hard.

March 29, 1951

Today Travel and Hobby Club was held at Welthy Fackerall's. Last night a young girl, a school teacher, told of her visits to Guam, Tokyo, The Philippines, Hawaii, etc.

May 12, 1951(?)

Today is Mothers Day. Zenda, Flora, Carmen and families are here. 19 of us and we are glad to be together but sorry the rest of the family are not with us especially Nellie Lou. She is very sad and we hope to see her soon.

May 15, 1951

Colleen stayed with me tonight. We went to Mutual.

May 16, 1951

Colleen stayed with me and we went to see Sampson and Delilah. It was very good.

May 17, 1951

Tonight I went to the Temple with Brother and Sister Palmer. It was very lovely.

May 18, 1951

Tonight I went to the Seminary graduation with Rulon and Margarete Keller. It was very good. They showed how evil habits bind you and you are not free. Rulon and Margarete are moving and I am very sad about it. They are grand.

May 30, 1951

All my family came home today except Kay and Louis. Louis was at camp. 29 of my family and Sadie and Arthur called. It was nice seeing each one but it's always a hard day.

June 6, 1951

Nellie Lou and children are visiting me. Flora and Carmen.....(remainder is illegible)

June 24, 1951

Today the new Oneida Stake House was dedicated by Apostle Ezra T. Benson. It was grand.

July 4, 1951

Colleen stayed with me and then we went to the celebration. Then Carmen and family came in for dinner. Mrs. Head and I saw the fireworks.

July 15, 1951

Today I have been visiting with Nellie Lou and family. Louis took us at the canyon, up through Island Park and we had dinner at Box Canyon. Shirley is going to take me home tomorrow. She is going to stay with me a couple of weeks. She is going to Salt Lake to meet a fellow. It's alright but it makes me very sad.

September 1, 1951

This is my father's 100th birthday anniversary. All his family went to Salt Lake to celebrate his birthday.

October 22, 1951

Ira Neeley's funeral was held in the Oneida Stake House today.

October 24, 1951

Today Ariel, Edna, Leona and I attended Esther Eams' (sp?) funeral. A Eastern Star service and very impressive.

JOURNAL ENTRIES FROM 1952

May 11, 1952

Today Is Mothers Day. Zenda and her family came yesterday. Flora and Carmen and families came today. It was grand to have all of them. Wish the others could have been here but they all sent love and presents. Rhyle gave me gloves, Carmen nylon garments, Zenda a house dress, Flora a tree.

May 30, 1952

Today Carmen and family took me to the cemetery at Logan. We met Gladys and family there. Shirley and her sisters came later and we all went to the canyon at Logan Girls camp to the Benson reunion. We had dinner and a program and were all glad to see all the folks. Nellie Lou came the next day.

June 6, 1952

Nellie Lou, Carmen, Flora and their families all had dinner with me today. I received love and presents from all the other members of the family. I bought a parasol with the money Zenda sent at Rexburg, a purse from Shirley, a slip from Carmen, hot pot holders from Sadie, Hose from May and Mrs. Christensen and handkerchiefs from Zeffa.

June 7, 1952

Today Jennie Swainston died. She was the best friend I ever had and I will miss her always. She had a wonderful testimony of the gospel and was so thoughtful.

June 13, 1952

Today I went to Rexburg with Nellie Lou and her family. We had a nice time and ate our lunch on the way.

June 16, 1852

I just received a card from Caroline Condie. She is on a trip to Oregon and California. I miss her. Zeffa is still on crutches. Since Emma Davis and Jennie died it's lonely and Myrtle Nelley is still not able to go anyplace.

July 4, 1952

Today I went to Flora's. She and the children met me. I was glad to be with them. Shirley came and took me to Rexburg on the 5th. Louis was working in the hay. Nellie Lou was not happy. Shirley, Linda and Kathleen came home with me.....(remainder illegible)

July 13, 1952

Today Priscilla and I came home from Montpelier. We stopped at Fish Lake and it was surely an interesting sight. I love to go on a nice trip. We enjoyed visiting dear aunt Nellie. She is such a wonderful person.

July 24, 1952

I spent the day with Nellie Lou and children. She was sick and had sent for me to come to Rexburg. Louis didn't come home until morning. We are so sad for him. My heart aches for Nellie Lou.

August 31, 1952

Today my father's family all met at the old home. Ariel n.....

January 1, 1953(?)

I had the flu and was home alone all day but was alright and not bad.

January 1, 1953(?) same date as above

Today Nellie Lou and the children are alone. We had a nice dinner and are glad we are together but Nellie Lou is lonesome and I am sorry for her. Carmen and family and Flora and family will be here for dinner Sunday. I am saving the turkey for them.

January 2, 1953

This is the day our darling little Frank left us. It breaks my heart to think of it.

January 11, 1953

Today Louis and family came from Salt Lake to show us the new car. I hope it is a blessing to them. Don and family came so I had twelve to dinner. I expected one. I am so glad to have any of my family and so very thankful for this.

February 29, 1953

Today Carmen stumbled and broke her ankle. She isn't well and this is surely hard on her. Mrs. Brower is tending Lynn. I have Colleen with the measles.

May 5, 1953

Today Gladys called to tell me Frankie has a baby boy. Gladys was operated on for cancer of the breast on March 30, 1953. She is getting better. Kay is in Spokane, WA playing in the Navy Band. Nellie Lou is working. I think it's hard on her.....(?) I am going to Relief Society.

May 9, 1953

Today Thomas Rowland's funeral was held at Salt Lake. I went down with Ariel and David and met many of the family and went to Provo the next day to see May and family. Ilah and Paul took Sadie, Arthur and me there then I rode home with Priscilla.

May 10, 1953

Mothers Day. I was in Salt Lake and had dinner with Gladys and F. The girls and families came to Gladys's. I heard from all my family.

May 22, 1953 (?)

Today I got a hearing aid. Zenda and Gladys helped me. I hope it helps me.

May 30, 1963

Shirley came 3 days before Decoration Day and stayed after so I had a nice visit with Linda. All the family was home except Zenda. I am so glad Gladys was better and with us. Frankie's baby is lovely. We went to Logan on Saturday and Sunday.

June 6, 1953

My 69th birthday. I was alone all day today and very lonely. I went to the show with Alta P. and received 3 phone calls from my girls and \$5.00 from May, \$1.00 from Nellie Lou, a package from Zenda and cards and letter from Ruby, Leland, Ilah, Flora, Priscilla, Edna, Gladys....

June 25, 1953

Today Carmen's baby arrived. She is a darling and we are glad she is here. I went to the Temple then came home and washed and then to the hospital for the night. Flora and Lorin are going to Salt Lake to bring Nellie Lou and family home. I am so sorry for her and her family. I hope it is for the best.

June 28, 1953

Today Flora and Lorin moved Nellie Lou and her family and their furniture from Salt Lake to my home. We are trying to make room for everything. I hope they are all happy.

August 9, 1953

Uncle Roland wrote me today. He is 90 and is fine. I wish we could see him.

August 12, 1953

Nellie Lou has part time work at the Soil Conservation Office. We are very happy about it. I am glad to have her as long as it's for the best.

October 8, 1953

Today Sadie was visiting me and Pearl came to dinner then Priscilla came and we went to see Lavene. The poor dear cousin Edna was sick so we didn't see them but Carmen came and brought pie and hot rolls.

JOURNAL ENTRIES FOR 1954

January 12, 1954

Today the men got the furnace put in. I hope it is a blessing in my home and not too expensive.

May 9, 1954

Today is Mothers Day. Nellie Lou , Flora and their families came from Pocatello to visit me. We all had a nice day. Carmen came in for the day. I got nice presents from all my family. Gladys \$5.00, Zenda and Flora each a slip.

May 27, 1954

Tonight I went to Shirley Greaves' wedding reception at the Stake House. It was beautiful. I went with Esther Smith.

May 28, 1954

Tonight Mary Condie and I entertained the Travel and Hobby Club at my home. Maxine Hymas sang lovely. Allie Parker gave a book review. It was all lovely and there were 17 present.

June 2, 1954

Today Nellie Lou had a baby boy at Pocatello. Mrs. Christensen is up there taking care of her children and I am going when she comes home.

June 3, 1954

Today Priscilla came for me and we went to B....(?) to see Aunt Nellie. She was clean but getting so feeble. We saw Nellie Lou and she looked lovely and the baby is a darling.

June 4, 1954

Today I quit work at the City Water Office. I was at City Treasurer for 25 years. I have worked with the nicest people and enjoyed my work very much.

June 6, 1954

Today is my birthday. Nellie Lou is in the hospital. She sent me \$3.00, Gladys hose, Zenda stationary, Shirley a shell light, Carmen stationary, Flora a plant. Carmen came in and took out to her home to dinner.

June 8, 1954

Today is Ilah's 52nd birthday. Dr. Joseph Greaves' funeral was today. I went with Ariel, Edna and David. It was nice seeing everyone. Gladys and Zenda came from Salt Lake.

June 9, 1954

Today I went to Edna's to a pioneer meeting and everything was lovely.

July 2, 1954

Today Ann and I went to Salt Lake to see Kay married. The wedding and reception were lovely in every way. Ann stayed at Gladys's and went out with Paul. I stayed at Zenda's. It was nice being with Zenda. We went to a show and fireworks.

February 18, 1955

Today we received word Ray had died. This was a very sad thing. Our poor sister helpless and Ray always so well and good to everyone.

February 19, 1955

Ariel and I went to Richfield. It was all so very sad. My heart ached for my dear sister and her family.

February 21, 1955

Today Ray was buried. Everything was beautiful but so very sad. Of mother's family Ilah, Sadie, Elean and Gene, Leland, Crissie and I were there. May has a wonderful family. Thirty two years ago today Frank was buried.

March 13, 1955

Today the Daughters of the Pioneers met at my home. We had a very poor turn out but a good program and a good lunch.

April 6, 1955

Today is our Preston City election. I have been City Treasurer for 22 years. I ran on the ticket nine times and have been appointed three terms. I have worked with six mayors Lorenzo Hanson, Dick Bowden, Clifford Forsgren, Edwin Crockett, Ernest Eberhard, Rulon Dunn and now Mayor Webb. I still teach in the Relief Society. It does me good to have.....

May 25, 1955

Tonight Ann graduated. She was an honor student. She is going to stay with me and work at Fosses Drug Store. I am glad to have her.

May 29, 1955

Today Shirley and Linda came home and we went to Logan to decorate the graves of our loved ones. It's always very sad.

May 30, 1955

It's Sunday so it's Decoration Day tomorrow. Ilah, Casey, Arthur, Sadie, Elean, and Gene came and spent most of the day.

May 31, 1955

Today I had 35 of my family home and I was surely happy they came. It's so hard for the girls to come. I do appreciate them. Nellie Lou stayed over a day. Louis was with the Guard.

June 6, 1955

Sadie and Arthur took me all over Pocatello and up the canyon. I came home happy but tired. Today is my birthday. I went to Pocatello Friday with Kathleen. Saturday Nellie Lou and I took cake and ice cream and went to Flora's for dinner. We had such a nice time. Sunday I tended the babies then Flora and 3 little ones came and had dinner at Nellie Lou's. It was lovely.

July 25, 1955

My dear sister May passed away today at Salt Lake. All of our father's family went to Richfield to the services. They were very good.

July 29, 1955

My dear sister May's funeral was held at Richfield today. I went down with my two brothers and their wives.

August 31, 1955

Tonight Mary Johnson and I entertained the Travel Club at Johnson's. Irvin Palmer showed pictures of South Africa and told of the country out there.

JOURNAL ENTRIES FOR 1956

January 1, 1956

Today is Sunday. Flora and Nellie Lou and their families came for dinner and Carmen's children. Carmen was sick. We had a very nice time. The City Council gave me a ham and it was lovely. The children are so grand but too noisy for the grown up people.

May 30, 1956

Shirley went to the cemetery at Logan on Sunday and decorated Harold's grave. All my family went on Tuesday, Decoration Day. How thankful I am for each one. It's been so hard to live without Harold.

July 13, 1956

Today Priscilla came from Logan and took LaVean and I to a play and then to Ogden to "All Faces West" in the stadium. It was all beautiful and we certainly had a grand weekend.

July 18, 1956

At the Temple. "Will you join me in the Prayer Circle".

August 26, 1956

Today we had a family reunion at Carmen's. A picnic dinner outside then a musical program and Gladys read the sketch of her father's life. It was all very good. All were there (37) less Kay and Marilyn and Shirley and Linda. Gene played his clarinet then Clair played his trumpet. Kathleen, Dee, Bobby and Lee Ann sang and the children from Pocatello sang "A Mormon Boy" led by Flora.

September 2, 1956

Today Colleen came for me and I went home with her. We all went to see Benson confirmed. Rhyley Mickelson confirmed him.

September 3, 1956

Today I went to Logan with Flora, Lorin and family and attended a Benson reunion. There was a good crowd and it was very good. The program was excellent. Gene and Clair played a duet.

September 17, 1956

Today Ruby Eames called for me and I went to Pocatello with her, visited Nellie Lou and Flora and their families. They were all well. The weather was beautiful and Lorin took us to see Shirley and Linda.

October 18, 1956

Today I went to the Temple to see Ann and Corval married. It was really a very lovely wedding. Ann looked beautiful. My dear Carmen is very sad because she can't go with us. I hope she does some day.

October 20, 1956

Tonight all my family and 250 other people attended a beautiful reception for Ann Lewis and Corval Stevenson. All my children were there and many relatives. I hope they are always very happy.

November 2, 1956

Today Shirley remarried. Harold has been gone eight and a half years so it is right for her to marry again. I hope they are all very happy.

December 30, 1956

I am so lonesome and have the flu and it's Sunday.

JOURNAL ENTRIES FOR 1957

January 1, 1957

Today I have the flu. I was going to Carmen's for dinner but didn't feel like going. Carmen will be in. They are taking Ann and Carval to Logan this evening so they will be there for school.

January 12, 1957

Tonight Ruby Negley Eames died with cancer. We are very sad about this but she was a very good person and we feel she has been a blessing to all who knew her.

January 20, 1957

Today I expected Nellie Lou and her family for the day but we were having a blizzard and they couldn't come. I am disappointed. I hope I see them soon.

February 22, 1957

Today, about noon, Zenda and her family called to see me. I was so very happy to see them. They come so seldom. We had dinner then they went on their way to Oakley.

February 23, 1957

Today we are having the funeral services for Ruby N. Eames, my brother's wife. Her remains were sent home from New York. We will meet at Ariel's and after a short service go to the cemetery then to my home for dinner. (Later) There were 25 present. Others had called it was very good.

February 24, 1957

Today is Colleen's 16th birthday. Carmen and family came in and had dinner with me. Aunt Sadie and Uncle Arthur were with us. We had a nice day. Ann and Carvel were with us. Steve came early for Colleen. He seems nice.

April 21, 1957

Today is Easter. Zenda and family came from Salt Lake last night to be with me today. I am so happy to have them. They all had pretty baskets and Easter clothes.

May 12, 1957

Today is Mothers Day. Carmen and family sent me a corsage. Gladys, Don and Lorraine came to spend the day. It was lovely to have them. After dinner we went to Carmen's.

May 15, 1957

Today Nellie Lou's 5th boy was born. We are glad. I am going to Pocatello to get Frank and Michael to stay with me a week then Dale will come. I am happy to have them.

May 29, 1957

Yesterday, Flora and family came from Pocatello and took me to Logan to decorate our graves. Shirley and Carmen and their families came today and we all went to Logan to Logan and decorated our loved ones' graves. I went to the Preston cemetery with Ilah and Casey this morning.

June 6, 1957

Today is my birthday. I received cards and some presents but was alone all day. I had to work so it was fine.

June 23, 1957

Today we had our family reunion. All the family but Ann and Shirley came. It was grand to have so many—38, we should have had 44. We had dinner, a program and played at the ball park. It was lovely.

July 24, 1957

Today Colleen came in for me and we all went to Riverdale for the celebration and to Carmen's for dinner. Steve brought his mother to dinner.

July 25, 1957

Today I went to Logan with Aunt Jennie, Uncle Earl and Aunt Carmen to the funeral. It was very sad. It was nice to meet so many of our relatives.

Thanksgiving Day 1957 (No date given)

Today I went to Pocatello. Lorin met me. I stayed with them two nights. Nellie Lou's family all came to Flora's and we had Thanksgiving dinner together. It is always lovely to be with my children. I stayed with Nellie Lou's family the last two nights. They are all so good to me.

January 1, 1958

I invited all my family home for dinner today but only Carmen and family came. We had a nice dinner but I had prepared enough for everyone. Shirley's baby was sick. Lorin, Gladys and Don had to work, Louis and family came yesterday. It's always nice to have them.

January 31, 1958

Today I went to Pocatello to be with Flora and Nellie Lou on Flora's birthday. She is 42. How the years do fly. I always love visiting with my children. I have such good grandchildren.

April 5, 1958

It is General Conference today at Salt Lake. Shirley and her family and Flora and family were here. They have gone now and Zenda and family are with me. Nellie Lou and Carmen and their families will be here tomorrow so I have a crowd. I love to have my family.

June 6, 1958

Today Nellie Lou and family are with me. Louis is with the Guard. Flora and family came and we all went to Mink creek and had our dinner. It was all lovely. I love to have my good children.

June 22, 1958

Today we had the Eames family reunion. There were 74 members of the family present. It was held at the City Park and was just grand. 12 of Sadie's family, 25 of Lillie's family, 15 of May's family, 19 of Ariel's family, then there was Leland, David, Ilah and Billie. It's grand to get together and keep acquainted. Donna took charge of the program and it was very good.

August 12, 1958

Today Flora was operated on at the St. Anthony Hospital, Pocatello. We were all very upset about her but our Father in Heaven heard our prayers and she got along fine for which we are all very thankful.

August 31, 1958

Today I came to Salt Lake. I hadn't been for a long time and everyone was so nice to me. Frankie's little boys are darlings. Gladys is too tired. Zenda is coming up soon I hope.

September 2, 1958

Today at 5 a.m. Ruby took her father and mother, Priscilla and I on a trip. We went through Utah and Arizona and into Mexico. It was a grand trip. We were gone 8 days. Went through the Mesa Temple and saw the Grand Canyon and everything of interest.

JOURNAL FOR 1959

January 5, 1959

Tonight I played Rook at Fosses with Emily F., Allie Packer and Ollie Foss. The table and the room looked like a picture from a magazine. It was all so pretty and the food was grand. Everything was so lovely. We had a nice visit.

January 20, 1959

Today my dear husband's brother Serge is being buried. He is a wonderful person. No one has been kinder to us and we love him.

January 27, 1959

Today is my golden wedding day. Carmen and Colleen came in with a grand chicken dinner. Flora, Lorin and Nellie Lou came and we had the nicest evening you can imagine. It was too stormy for the families at Salt Lake to come. We were sorry but I was surprised and happy to have part of my family. Carmen and Moss sent a basket of flowers and other presents from others. The girls from Salt Lake telephoned.

May 24, 1959

Today we went to Salt Lake with Colleen to go on a plane to Germany. She left here at 1 a.m. and on Tuesday Carmen received a cablegram saying she had arrived safely. We were grateful. We had a nice visit and dinner at Zenda's.

June 3, 1959

Today I was in Salt Lake and I went to see Dee and Lorraine graduate from the 9th grade. They are both very good and very good-looking. Colleen has just gone to Germany to Steve.

June 4, 1959

Today Nellie Lou had her sixth boy (David). He is just like a doll. She had a very bad time but they are both fine now.

June 6, 1959

Today is my birthday. I came home with Ilah from Salt Lake. Because Nellie Lou is so sick I am going to Pocatello tomorrow. I missed Kay's and Paula's graduation exercises, but I am very proud of them.

August 30, 1959

Today my family held a family reunion at the City Park. 39 were there, there are 49. Shirley, Ann and Colleen and families were not there.

September 7, 1959

Today I visited Lava Hot Springs with Priscilla, Mrs. Linford and Mrs. Nelson. It was so beautiful and I can't describe it and we had a lovely time. Tomorrow we are going to Pocatello to see Sadie and Arthur.

September 9, 1959

This morning I went to Blackfoot to see the fair with Carmen and her boys. It was all very interesting. I especially loved the art and the horse races. I am going to stay at Pocatello. I love to be with the children.

September 11, 1959

Today I am at Nellie Lou's. It is her 36th birthday. I love to be with her dear little children. Louis is starting to drive a truck to Salt Lake. I hope he does well.

September 21, 1959

Today I went through the Temple twice with Pearl, David and Caroline. It was a nice day but cold.

December 30, 1959

Today is Lorraine's 16th birthday and she was married tonight to a handsome boy. I hope they are very happy. The reception was just lovely. Kay couldn't come.

JOURNAL ENTRIES FOR 1960

January 1, 1960

Today I spent the day at Gladys's. Lorraine and Frankie and family were there. We had a lovely time. I came to Salt Lake for the Lorraine's wedding and the trip has been lovely but I must go home tonight.

January 10, 1960

Today Francis asked me to go to Logan with her and Roma to a genealogy meeting. It was just grand. Just a young man from England spoke but he was just wonderful. I hope I do some good in temple work.

March 24, 1960

Today I went to Salt Lake with Orval to aunt Kinnie's funeral.

March 30, 1960

Today Lorin brought Flora, Nellie Lou and children to Preston. Three boys stayed with me and baby David with Mrs. C. while Nellie Lou went to the Primary Conference and Lorin tended George and Gordon.

August 21, 1960

It has been very cold all week. Yesterday Louis came for Nellie Lou and the children. They have been with me for a week Saturday. I was very glad to have them but the boys were all sick. I hope they are better now.

August 22, 1960

Today Edna brought Ariel home from the hospital at Salt Lake. He surely looks bad and I am very sorry about him. Ilah and Casey came to visit me.

August 23, 1960

Today Billie Moore and son and wife came to see me. They had been to see Ariel. I have been half sick.

October 10, 1960

I came to S.L. for Conference. Kay took me to the early meeting. It was all very good and it was nice to be with Kay, Marilyn and the two boys are fine.

October 12, 1960

Today Priscilla and two friends came for me to go to Lava with them. Its just beautiful up there and we had a lovely day. We went to see Lavene. She is not very well.

December 25, 1960

Today is Sunday and it's Christmas. I am at Carmen's. Her four children are home and very happy.

January 16, 1961

It is Sunday and I went to Pocatello with Mr. and Mrs. Christensen to hear Dale sing at a music student program. He sang "I believe. He sang it beautifully. We had a nice day. Nellie Lou's family is so grand.

January 17, 1961

Today Anna Palmer and I went Relief Society teaching. We met nice people. Our lesson was on "remember to improve your habits and think good thoughts and put them in your daily lives."

January 18, 1961

Today Brother and Sister Jeddie Palmer took me with them to the Temple and we went through twice. It was a lovely day.

January 20, 1961

Today I went to Allie Bodily's to quilt for a neighbor lady. When I had been there five hours Flora and Lorin came for me and I am always glad to see them.

January 21, 1961

Today was our Relief Society meeting. It was very good Literary Lesson. Ilah and Casey came to see me and I missed them. It was out Travel and Hobby club; a book review.

January 22, 1961

Today was the Inauguration Day. Pres. Eisenhower who is 70 went out and John Kennedy a Democrat was put in as President. Everyone loved Eisenhower. I hope they like the new President Kennedy.

January 27, 1961

Today my oldest brother was buried. The funeral was crowded and the speaking was grand. He has a grand family. I had 24 here for dinner. All my girls were here.

March 3, 1961

I came home from Pocatello last night and found the fire out and most of the plants frozen. The furnace went out. I saw Shirley and family and three little children. I heard Dale sing. He surely does fine and heard Flora's three oldest children play (Gene does wonderful). They all do so well and sing and so does Michael. Tomorrow morning I am going to the Temple early. I went through 13 times last month.

June 3, 1961

I have such grand daughters that it's nice to have a birthday even if I do get older-77. I guess that's not very old but it will be in a few more years. The girls sent me lovely cards and money and I am going to Carmen's for dinner. Lorin and Flora are going to California for him to get work so I am going to stay with the children at Pocatello. Ruby Eames gets married Wednesday. They had a shower.

August 25, 1961

Today 48 members of my family met at the ballpark. The family count now up to 58. Kay and Colleen and their families couldn't be with us. Don, Louis and Flora were not with us. Flora expects a baby anytime now. We all had a good time, program first then dinner. It was all very good and grand to see each one. They all did so well. Gene accompanied Dale and he sang "Mother McCree". Flora's three oldest sang beautifully and the 2 little boys sang good. Shirley led the singing and we all sang. The Life's Sketch is to be given next reunion. So many boys all ages and all so precious. We sat at tables and all had dinner.

February 14, 1962

Today I went to see Lavean G. at the mortuary. I was sad to see her leave but she was so very ill. Tonight I have to have the Travel Club and the storm is terrible. Ariel is keeping the snow out.

February 16, 1962

As I sit waiting for Carmen I have read this book. In a way we were happy but we always missed the members of our family who were called away so early in life, but God has blessed us and I thank Him for my dear family and friends. May He bless you always.