

Another member family —

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Annis M. R. Peterson. Elder was born 21 of Sep. 1871 in Mount Pleasant, San Pete Co. Utah.

As I remember mother said I weighed 6 lbs. eyes were blue but soon turned brown.

My father name is Jagan Peterson, he was born on the 6 of June 1847 in Madbury, Ohio, Denmark.

My mother name is Annis Lela Marie Jensen, she

was born Aug. 13. 1839 in Lunden Nygving Denmark.

I am not sure as to where my parents were married

It must have been in the endowment house in

Salt Lake City.

He married a second wife her name Christine

Jensen, born at Flavenberg, Denmark. To them was

born my half brother Lova Christian, at Mt. Pleasant

22 June 1876.

Father and this woman separated.

When I was a little girl I had the car ache so

much, I well remember how my father would

get up in the night and put something in my

car and put pillows in the arm chair to make

a little bed for me, then he would rock me to sleep.

My eldest brother Jagan Peterson was born in

Mt. Pleasant San Pete Co. Ut. 14 Apr. 1868 on the

21 Feb 1870 my brother William was born.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> Mar 1874 my brother James Christian Edward  
was born and on the 13<sup>th</sup> of Jan 1876 my sister Annie  
Catherine Josephine was born

James M. Woko gave me a Patriarchal Shaving in  
Mt. Pleasant Feb. 25, 1878

About the year 1878 my father was called from  
Mt. Pleasant along with some more men to settle

East Valley, He came over and raised a little grain  
the year before he moved his family, I was only a  
little girl but I remember how hard it was to get  
through the mountains, Our Wagon tipped over, it  
was in the fall of the year 1878, It was pretty  
cold, as I remember mother would wrap my feet up  
in old rags to keep them warm.

Father had some flour with him but he had  
to go away on the mountains till the next  
spring and then go after it, we had no horses  
to go into but Father soon had a little team  
built

The grain father had raised we had to flour  
out with a flax and of course had had to  
be our bread for the winter.

They brought a coffee grinder with them and  
father on the logs of the horses smooth and

maked the mill on to it. and then we could grind  
about two bushel of wheat a day. that made pretty  
good graham bread, the white flour was a cake  
when we would bake a little of that.

We were all as one family in this new community  
if one family had anything good they would  
share it with the rest ~~that~~ that didnt have

We lived on our farm and on saturday we would  
walk to Oorangville to Sunday school and meeting.

We children had to work, in the daytime was the  
work to be done on the outside, and we would dig  
roots to help to get something to eat, and in  
the evening we would help mother make, soap  
and spin wool to make our clothes

After Mike Peter Miller wore the cloth and then the  
next thing was to sew it and all had to be done  
by hand, we had to make our own hats, we would  
take the best wheat bundles and cut of the heads  
and then punch the top joint off, then we would  
lay this straw in water and when it was

soaked enough then we could bind it into long  
strands, mother would sew this together and  
press them, I remember how proud I was of my  
first hat, I went to Oorangville to Sunday school

That morning, but I was made to feel bad when I get there as there was a lady that ask me all kinds of questions about it. I thought she was making fun of it and how I did say.

Oct 7<sup>th</sup> 1879. Benita Peterson, President of the San Pet. & take organized the saints who had settled in Battle Valley and my father was set apart to be Bishop of the Battle Lake ward.

My father baptized me April 4, 1880, Samuel R. Jones confirmed me the same day. We moved from where we first lived down close to Battle Lake and the river as we had to carry water such a long ways, father made a kind of a yoke to put on our shoulders and he could carry 10 gallons of water at one time, I think it was a good mile to the river.

It was in this home that my sister Emma Elizabeth Chastama was born. 18 Mar. 1881. In 1878 there was a man by the name of Fobush that put a claim on the townsite and the man that was here brought it back. I think it was \$500 they paid this man to get it again and then it was laid out in blocks for the people to start to build a town.

I don't know whether it was a full block or just one lot that my father got, he built a log house on it and it is the place that my brother James lives in now, only the log house has been torn away and a brick house stands there now

My father married a third wife 1885 her name was Evelyn Eloy, was born in Copenhagen, Denmark, on the 28 of Oct 1886 he went on a mission to the southern states but on account of chills and fever was sent from there to Denmark about 1 Jan 1887 but did not get well so died ~~19th~~ 23 of June 1889 My half brother Axel Edward was born 6 of Jan 1887 just a few months before father's death

In our morning prayer just after father's death it was mother's turn to pray and I can well remember how hard it was for her to pray that morning when we were all dead to us. children that father was dead and was enough he was, it was three weeks after that we got the word that was sent to President Hansen telling of his death. I didn't get but very little schooling in my young days whenever there was a chance for me to get work I had to learn school to do it.

to help make what little I could for us was not  
flushed with much to do with in these days  
especially after father died.

I was about fourteen years old when I had my  
first tooth pulled, there was some folks brought  
a little girl from Paris to C. D. to have a tooth  
pulled, and when she got here she didn't dare  
to get out. Brother George Seely was the dentist  
I was there with my girl Sarah when there  
folks come. I felt so bad for the little girl that  
I sat down and had one pulled out to show  
her that he could pull teeth, so she let him  
pull her

Our children never run out of a job, there  
was, carding, spinning and knitting all the  
time, when I would visit with my girls  
my mother to me "you must take your knitting  
with you" there was so many to knit for she  
had to make us of as many as would knit, my  
brother John could knit as good as anybody.

July 1890 I went with my James Putnam to the  
Mark Temple to do work for our dead relatives  
I was happy for several, and then I went through  
for my own endeavours, next for my grandma

Shortly after I had been to the temple I went up to  
a sawmill in Deepford canyon to work for the mill  
hands, and of course there was my old boss, I  
had been keeping company with him for about  
three years, during this time he would speak of  
getting married but I felt as though I was too  
young and we decided to quit, from his mill he  
came down to Gate Dale to get some one to go  
and work for his men, he ran into my brother  
William and told him what he wanted, William  
told him he believed I would come as I would  
get better wages than then working in C.D.  
of course when Will told me about it and about  
getting better wages I thought I had better  
try it, but I didn't hardly like the idea of  
going to the mill where my old boss was but  
I went anyway.  
We didn't hardly speak for a few days, then  
we other boys that wanted keep company  
with me and I could see that my old boss was  
jealous of them but he didn't say anything  
One day when they were running the mill  
he had a boy by the name of David Edmondson  
cleaning the saw dust from under the saw

and he got his hand to close to the saw and  
cut his hand half off just above the wrist

Boyer had to hurry and take him to town, it  
was then that we had to start and as he left  
the house with that boy I said to him to take  
care of him self and not get hurt on the way.  
When he got back he come and spoke to me  
and he hoped we would make up again.

and go and get married that fall, he come  
home and got his sister Maria to help me  
with the work as there between 25 and 30 men  
to work for.

In Oct they about the mill down and we went  
home and got ready and was married in the

month temple Oct. 29 1890 Boyer's mother went to  
the temple with us that day and I took

endorsements for one of her relatives as I had  
been to the temple before and got my own  
endorsements.

When we returned back to C. D. we had  
no home, Boyer had about \$75 but in

those days everybody that got married had  
to give a big party so that took all the money  
we had, of course we had a lot of presents



given to us, there was a cow and that was a  
big thing towards our living.

Mother let us live in her kitchen for a while

and then we moved into a little house owned by

a man named Chastemon. It is the place now

owned by Bob Sam Bunnell, in this house our

first baby was born on the 27 Aug. 1891, weighed

7½ lbs had dark blue eyes but soon turned

brown we had her blessed on the 1 Oct 1891.

By 9 years and gave her the name of  
Emma Maria

Emma had dark brown eyes, she was always

arriving or playing some instrument near

gives up to feel blue or sad. When he could

see that I felt kind of sad he would talk

to me and tell me to always look on the

bright side, would sing some good song

and of course that couldn't help but make

a home happy

He was in the great mill for some years

it was owned by Wellington Kelly I think.

and when he had a few minutes to spare

he was repairing or reading, was always busy

at something trying to make a living.

We moved from this house into a home  
then owned by Sister Walker in this home our  
second child baby was born 24 Feb 1893  
we had him blessed by Bro Orange Kelly &  
13 Mar 1893, died 14 Mar 1893

I had a warning that either the baby or  
myself would die a few months before the  
baby was born, I said to Bayan that I felt  
that one of us had to go, when he was a  
day and a half old I took a hard chill and  
started with pneumonia, had it in both  
lungs and I was so weak I could hardly move  
a finger, in an hour after the chill

after a week they gave me up to die, said I  
couldn't live, they said when I slept I didn't  
close my eyes as they had never so far back  
in my head, they had me administered to  
and prayed for in meeting and one day as I  
was lying there in such awful agony my  
Dear loving dead father visited me and he  
told me I wasn't going to die that he hadn't  
come for this time but some other time he  
would come for me.

The baby took sick when he was two weeks old

We dedicate our little one  
into the hands of God  
And in our future life we'll seek  
To follow the way of  
Casper and Mary Anderson

He is now at rest in peaceful sleep  
With others true and pure  
Too hard to lose our little one  
But trials we must endure

He suffered long and suffered hard  
For mercy we did pray  
In answer to our humble prayers  
The Lord took him away

Here lies our little Edward boy  
Beneath this chinking clay  
He came to us to cheer and bless  
But now he passed away

and was blessed by Liberator D. Garrison & Co. 5 June 1895  
 from, she was born the 5 day of May 1895, @ 8.  
 It was in this home that our third baby was  
 prepared himself to go on a mission  
 to do our duty in every way. He was trying to  
 find these and was as happy as could be trying  
 We frankly moved into a place of our own, planted  
 to help him.

was so busy all the time I did all I could  
 on it I helped put the adobe in it as before  
 We bought a lot and built a little house  
 this is what he composed, on great things  
 had seen fit to call back home again and  
 just knew about our darling baby who the  
 that gave him new hope, before composed a  
 I told before that I want going to die and  
 near gone myself.

was dead but I didn't realize it as I was so  
 me was and I said to them that I knew he  
 folks hated to tell me for fear it would make  
 took him out of the door, when I awoke the  
 died and I seen him in his coffin and they  
 when he died, and while asleep I dreamed he  
 was sick about four days and died, I was asleep

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This girl weighed about 8 lbs and had blue eyes  
and they never did turn dark as did the other children  
I was called to be a relief Society teacher about the year  
1895 and have been as such up until now 1928, am  
still a teacher, we was to enjoy the conference so  
much, I well remember one that was held in C. B.  
I was to furnish the bread for the government  
for that conference and I should take the bread  
on Saturday for Sunday and there was a relief  
Society meeting and I said to Baker that I couldn't  
go as I was afraid that my bread wouldn't be good  
enough to take to meeting and he said if I would  
go he would provide my bread would be alright  
and this was one testimony to me for Cyrus the hymn  
was there and after the sacrament had been passed  
he got up and said that was the best bread he  
had ever tasted, we was to the meeting and he  
said that we never lost anything by doing our duty.  
The Seely Brothers had Baker come and run  
their own mill for them and that winter he  
stayed in Mt. Pleasant and run the great mill  
for a man by the name of Tipton as Baker sent  
for me and we lived in Mt. Pleasant that winter  
We lived in a house with a deep cellar under

it the door of this cellar was in the kitchen and it

was open and Emma fell into it, I got her up as quick  
as possible. I thought that her back was broken as there  
was a big lump raised on it. I took my conversation  
out and pulled her good with it, she went to sleep.

about a couple of hours were up and the lumpy was gone  
We came home in the spring, Cooper took up a  
piece of land out north of town and we intended

to make a home there, we sold our home in town  
and through the summer when he could find time  
he would go to the saw mill and get lumber.

during this time he was always talking about  
going on a mission and I said that it would  
be impossible to go until we get fixed a little

better and he would say when the Lord called he  
would be ready to go

This place we lived in was about four miles from  
town but that distance didn't keep us from our  
meetings and Sunday schools, he would say

mother for something on Saturday as it would be  
easy to get a bite as we could attend to our  
duties on Sunday.

Emma and Ammie had whooping cough. The  
winter we lived in this dug out.

While on one of these trips to the east mill he took  
apartments they brought him home and sent him  
to the Holy Cross Hospital in Salt Lake City, operated  
on him in the morning and he died that evening  
I was there with him, at that moment I felt as  
though I would like to die too, there was a woman  
in the hospital that care me if I had any children  
I said yes I had two little girls, and she ask me  
if I would let her have the oldest one I told her  
I couldn't part with my children

There was a hand blow on me leaving my husband  
I felt as though I was clear forever, because  
mother had me come and live with her as I couldn't  
live out on that flat alone with those small children  
There was a great problem staying me in the  
face now how was I going to make a living for  
my children and another big thing our fourth  
baby was born 17 Nov 1897

Blessed by Alexander 6 Mar 1898.

I want nothing I owned and got a lot in  
E.B. and the good people of Salt Lake helped me  
get a live roomed house put up  
as soon as I was able I took in all the work I

could get, and it went long till I had more work  
than I was able to do. many days I would do two  
and three washings, the washer then went as  
they are now days.

I was too proud to ask the Bishop for help  
the Lord helped me some times it looked pretty  
dark and I was comforted many through dreams.  
Several times I would dream of Egypt and he  
would tell me I would get the messengers of life  
and one special dream I had was, I thought I  
seen him and he said he was just about ready  
to go on that mission that we had refused to  
often while he was here on earth.

I prayed my things again every month  
but there was one month I felt as though I  
couldn't pay it, so now I was washing and  
there was something said to me, pay your  
things and the Lord would provide, that day  
just toward evening there was a young man  
that didn't believe in paying things over up to  
my face when I was standing and he said to  
me, I have brought you my thing he said. it  
was just like somebody told him that morning to  
bring me something, what he brought me would



amount to a lot more than my talking would have brought.

I told him I was appriciated what what he did but that I would like to see him pay his talking where it belonged. I thanked him and he was glad for what he did, it strengthened my testimony in regards to the praying.

The little boy Ephraim that was born shortly after Eager died took over with Tomoko was

over about six weeks and died 16 May 1889. That was another hard trial for me as I thought he

would be a great help to me when he got older. I couldn't see that it could be the Lord's will

that he should die until one night I had a dream, I thought I saw a white headed man

and I thought he was a messenger from heaven he said to me that it was the

will of the Lord that that baby was to go back again and that his time had come to leave

this earth.

Two times during my widowhood I was called to be second assistant to the President of the Young Ladies and I enjoyed it as it took my mind away from other cares of life.

On the 26<sup>th</sup> day of December I went over to Ferron  
to keep house for Elaybourn P. Eldon for a couple  
of months as he had lost his wife Sabell Eldon.  
He had two children May and Grace and one dead.  
Elaybourn was born in Shanterville Tarkenton Co. Wt. 1 Aug. 1859  
May was born in Grant, Miland Co. Wt. 7 May 1888  
Grace was born at Hambley Miland Co. 3 May 1891  
The little girl that died was born at Hambley. 27 Sep. 1894  
I stayed three the rest of that winter come home in  
the spring intending to raise a garden and take  
up my usual work which was washing and mending  
other things, I had been home only a few days  
when Clark wanted me to come back and go to  
the cow mill to work for his milk hands that  
summer, come home in the fall and did the  
ganter work in the Academy, next spring went  
and worked for him again in the fall come  
home and worked in the Academy again, May  
and Grace come home with me to go to school, May  
attending the Academy and Grace the district school  
after coming off the mountain. Stayed in Ferron  
a short time, Clark was hauling lumber down  
off the mountain, one night I thought I seen  
him get hurt and I told his mother Clark was

was hurt for I had seen it so plain, it went on till  
the next day and he came home and was enough  
he couldn't get off the wagon some of the bones  
was broken in his foot

In the spring of 1904 we went to the saw mill  
again, went from there to Mantz and was married  
in the temple 28 June 1904 stayed on the mountain  
that summer, in the fall moved home to G.D.

When the children went to school

Name Vada Leibel was born 26 Mar 1905 in G.D.  
weighed about 8 lbs her eyes were blue but soon  
turned brown. Blessed by P.E. Swanson 4 June 1905  
In the spring of 1906 we moved back to Gunn  
in the canyon on Lakso farm and that summer  
I stayed on the farm in the fall we came back to  
Kaath Dale for school

Our second baby was born 13 Jan 1907 at G.D.

weighed 8 lbs. Blue eyes but soon turned brown.

Blessed by J.Y. Jensen 3 Mar 1907 and given the  
name of Leah.

Vada and Leah took a few more lessons

played in some of the church gatherings, Vada

is now organist in Bennet Rossett and Leah was  
organist in the Mutual for a while

Our third baby was born at E.D. 7 Sept. 1909

was blessed by Theodor J Evans and given the name of Nellie Lucille, when she was four months old

took whooping cough and died 25 Feb 1910

The 15 Jan 1911 our fourth child was born in E.D.

weighed 7 1/2 lbs and had blue eyes that shortly

turned brown, was blessed by G.Y. Jensen 2 Apr 1911

and given the name of Dawn Pratt. was baptized

by N.S. Williams 26 Apr. 1919.

Confirmed by Ole Sorenson 26 Apr 1919

Baptized a Beacon by Almeda Olsen 4 Feb 1923

Baptized a Teacher by Nygum Rasmussen 14 Feb 1926

On his fourth year he was kicked on the head by

a cat. His father carried him in the house the

blood was running in a stream from his head

we sent for Dr. Abraham he said we would have

to get another doctor to help him and that we

would have to bring him down to his hospital

and while he was getting ready for us, we

had him administered to. He went to sleep

a few minutes and the Brother Knut down

around him and prayed for him, We took him

down to the hospital, he was on the operating

table over an hour, his skull was cracked

nearly all over. They took out two pieces nearly  
one inch square, I ask the Doctor if he had any  
objections if we had the Eldon come in and he  
so no we was welcome to have them come as  
often as we liked

The doctor didnt give us any hopes, said he  
couldn't, but the Lord surely can heal, he said  
he never saw anything heal as did his head  
he was surprised, we were in the hospital nearly  
three weeks

A few years later we took up a homestead  
one day I was warned that I am would get  
hurt, he went up the canyon after the cows  
came home and I thought for myself, why  
checked why should I be so worried all day  
about him that he was alright. we went out  
to milk the cows, I am went over the fence  
fell and broke his right leg. we had to stay  
at the ranch all night, next morning brought  
him down to have his leg set, this was  
in July and he still had to go on crutches  
when school started.

May 1. 1916 our fifth baby was born, weighed  
about 7 lbs. eyes blue but likes the milk soon

learned known. When this baby was born I  
thought my day was ended, but my life  
was spared again, she was blessed by J. J. Jensen  
4 June 1916 and given the name Norma Helen  
was baptized by Carl Batt <sup>17 May 1924</sup>  
was confirmed by Louis Dawson 17 May 1924  
I didn't think when she was born we would  
even raise her for three months she didn't  
grow, when about three years old we had  
to have her tonsils and adenoids removed  
She started to school in Eagle Lake in her  
7<sup>th</sup> year  
The younger children at home have all  
had measles we included at the age of  
50 years, they had chicken pox, flu, whooping  
cough and mumps.