

**Oral History From: Sherie Fausett**

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WHAT IS YOUR FULL NAME?

Sherie Lynn Thompson Fausett

ARE YOU ALSO CALLED BY A NICKNAME?

I've never had a nickname

WHERE DO YOU LIVE?

I presently live in Castle Dale, Utah

HAVE YOU EVER LIVED ANYWHERE ELSE? IF SO, WHERE AND WHEN?

PLACE AND YEAR

I was born in Moab. my dad was working there at the time, on the Manti La Sal Forest. I grew up in Price. My parents moved there when I was about 2. I moved to Castle Dale in 1984. At the time Ron was working at the Hunter Plant and it was closer to work for him. He was very tired of the commute to Emery County, so we bought a home and moved over here on Thanksgiving Day.

HAVE YOU EVER TRAVELED ANYWHERE? IF, SO, WHERE AND WHEN,

PLACE AND YEAR

When I was young I was in Girl Scouts and I traveled to a lot of places. I have been to such places as, The Grand Canyon, Silverton, Colorado, and different places in Utah. But, the most memorable was defiantly the trip in 1974 to Mexico. We were gone about six weeks. We traveled by bus to the border of Mexico, in Arizona. Then we boarded a train for three days. We were stopped once in a small town, by a riot. It was so scary, the protesters shook the train. Then they boarded the train, looking for people to kidnap. I remember hiding under the fold out bed. I was afraid to even breathe when the men came into our birth. After that we went on into Mexico City. The train station

was also very scary, there were many homeless people begging for money. All along the train station were these homes made of cardboard, with naked children running around outside. These people were starving, they had really no money, I felt guilty for being on such a wonderful vacation. We left the station and arrived by bus to a down town girl scout residence. This motel was owned by the Girl Scouts, and it was free for us to stay there, we found out later it was one of the nicer resorts in all of Mexico City. We stayed there for about a month. We went to the opera, the pyramids' and they various shops in the City. We also went to a bull fight, it was bloody and gory. I actually found myself rooting for the bull. They donate all the meat from the bull fights to the orphanages. I learned later that there were hundreds of orphanages in Mexico City. The people were so poor that they would rather have there children in an orphanage rather than to have them live a life of poverty. We then traveled to Cuernavaca, where the Girl Scout Camp House was. We stayed there one week; we ate bananas off the trees, and squished bugs with our feet at night. From there we went to Acapulco, I remember it being so very hot that, it was hard to breathe. We watched the cliff divers and took a boat out to watch the dolphins. We then came home they same way we went down. But, this time there wasn't any riots; thank goodness. All in all it was very fun.

We have taken a few family vacations. We have been to Montana to see the reenactment of the battle of the Little Big Horn that was in 2001. We have also gone to Yellowstone in 2001. We spent a whole summer in Salt Lake, while Ron had Union Negations. It was fun to get to be down town, and see all the tourist stuff. That was in 2000. In 2002 I had the chance to go to McCall, Idaho. It is a fun little tourist town, it is old and there is not much there. Dana Montgomery, Jackie and Todd went with us. It

was so fun for Dana and I we just did nothing. We would shop, or lay by the pool for a while. We slept in, every day. Jackie and Todd just went constantly. That was in May, then in June we went to Nauvoo. We had tickets to the Temple dedication. We went quite fast going there, Jackie was flying out just three days into the trip. We went fast not seeing much. While there we only had twenty-four hours in Nauvoo. So we did as much as we could, in such a short time. Then coming home, we stopped to see a few wonderful things. We traveled about 4000 miles in just under two weeks. We traveled through 10 states. It was a great trip. In 2003 we spent the whole summer just camping; we tried not to even come home too much. In 2004 we didn't go on a family vacation we just decided to camp and enjoy a few little mini trips. As a family we have been to California twice, Nevada, and Colorado. I think that we would all agree in saying that we love southern California trips the best though. The winter of 2005 brought change into our life as Jackie's boyfriend Todd returned from his Mission. They began to plan a wedding in the early spring and so needless to say we didn't go on a vacation in 2005 either. We did however have a wonderful summer planting flowers, and cleaning a yard and house.

WHERE WERE YOU BORN?

I was born in Moab, Utah in 1960

ARE YOU MARRIED? IF SO,

Yes

WHAT IS YOUR SPOUSE'S NAME?

Ron Fausett

WHERE WAS HE BORN?

Ron was born in Price, Utah

WHEN WAS HE BORN?

April 2, 1960

DO YOU HAVE ANY CHILDREN?

IF SO, THEIR NAMES, DATES OF BIRTH AND PRESENT RESIDENCES.

Yes, we have six children. Our oldest child is Mandy Lynn Fausett she lives in Price, she has one daughter her name is Gracie. Mandy was born May 2, 1980. Mandy was born in Provo, UT Gracie Ann was born June 25, 2000

Our second child is Jay Fausett he lives in Orangeville with his wife Misty and their son Jayson. Jay was born June 15, 1981 in Aurora, CO Jay's wife Misty was born in Price on August 18, 1982. Jayson Randall was born in Price on February 25, 2003.

Our third child is Jackie Lynn Fausett Childs. Jackie was born in Price, UT on July 28, 1984. Jackie lives in Caldwell, Idaho. She is married to Todd Childs of Huntington, UT. Todd was born on December 23, 1983. Robert Allen Fausett is our fourth child he was born March 6, 1987. He was born in Price, UT. He is presently living at home, but he will be living in Provo, UT on April 12. Then 10-12 weeks later he will be living in Ecuador, while he serves a mission.

Our fifth child is Jake R. Fausett he was born in Price, UT. He was born on August 4, 1988. Jake still lives at home and is 17 years old.

Aaron Morgan Fausett is our sixth child; he was born July 26, 1990 in Price, UT. He also lives at home, he is fifteen years old.

WHAT KIND OF WORK DO YOU DO?

I am an educator specialist. I work at the high school in the resource department. I worked with Mr. Wagoner until the third week in September. He became very ill and

has been gone on sick leave. This year I have been working with Mrs. Linda Wilberg; she is a wonderful teacher. I specialize in teaching children to read. In the last few years I have been teaching English. I have a lot to still learn, about teaching resource children; however I really enjoy my job. I have been doing this job for 12 years.

#### WHEN DID YOU BEGIN DOING THIS KIND OF WORK?

I began to work when Aaron started pre-school. I was hired in the Castle Dale Elementary School. It was so much fun, I worked in the kindergarten. I worked at the time with Mrs. Ann Jorgensen. I was able to learn so much from her, and we are still good friends today. I have work in every grade level in the school system now. I think lately I would like to return to the kindergarten. My favorite place to work was still the Jr. High. I felt so at home there. I am presently enjoying my work with the High School. It has been an up and down two-years. But now I finally feel so comfortable here. (At the High School)

#### WHAT IS THE FIRST KIND OF WORK YOU EVER DID?

The first job I think I ever had, was probably like a lot of other girls I babysat. When I was in 9<sup>th</sup> grade I was given a job at the movie theaters. I worked there for four years. My favorite part of that job was the drive in. It was so fun, I worked with my best friends so that was great too. When I became a Sophomore I also started to work in the Pharmacy. I work there also for four years. I worked both jobs all through high school. When I was a senior I was offered a job in a new restaurant, so I work that job too for a while. By the time graduation came I was working three jobs.

#### HOW OLD WERE YOU WHEN YOU FIRST BEGAN WORKING?

I started to baby-sit my brothers when I was just 10, then I babysat for other people after that.

**HOW MUCH SCHOOLING HAVE YOU HAD?**

I finished high school in 1978, while I was a senior I also went to college. I graduated from CEU with a degree in cosmetology, and almost all of my associates.

**ARE YOU A MEMBER OF ANY CLUBS, ORGANIZATIONS OR CHURCHES?**

I am currently the advisor of the Youth City council. I have only been doing this for a short time, but it is fun. I serve on the PTO board for San Rafael Jr. High. I am a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. I serve as the Young Women's Secretary in our ward.

**DO YOU HAVE ANY BROTHERS OR SISTERS? NAME, BIRTH DATE, RESIDENCE?**

I have three brothers. I am the oldest of my parent's children; and the only girl. My brother Glen is two years younger than me. He was born the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October 1963. He was actually three grades younger than me in school, so after I left elementary we never went to school together again. He is married and lives with his wife and daughter in Price. He just changed jobs after 24 years; he now works for DBT in Huntington. He is a foreman there, and has several men he supervisores. His wife Terie works for a company in Hiawatha. Their daughter Whitney is in the eighth grade. Glen lives on a small farm and raises horses and cows. He looks a lot like Alan Jackson. People are always taking a double take at him.

My twin brothers were born on January 16, 1969. The oldest of the twins is James he lives in Spanish Fork. He was recently divorced; shortly after the divorce he lost his

business. He is now doing much better and works for a company that builds and sells lawn mowers, and does landscaping. He has done work for some prestigious people including the governor of Utah. He has done landscaping for million dollar homes. He is now dating again, something he does not recommend at 35. He has two little boys, Jadee is 9 and Dean is 7. They live with their mom in Goshen. My youngest brother is going to receive his master degree in May. I am so proud of him. He has worked so hard to go to school and work full time. He also is one of those dads that coach everything. He lives in Taylorsville with his wife Dana and their two children Kendra who is 13 and Levi who is 10. John is an accountant and works for a large company, he is the head supervisor for that company. He has 80 people under his direction. John wife Dana works for a company as an accountant also. She goes all over the world giving training on a computer program, for accountants.

**WHAT IS YOUR FATHER'S FULL NAME?**

Robert Maeser Thompson

**WHAT WAS HIS PLACE OF BIRTH AND BIRTHDAY?**

He was born in Spring City, UT which is in San Pete County. He was born September 3, 1929.

**WHAT IS HIS CURRENT RESIDENCE?**

My dad lives in Price, UT which is in Carbon County

**WHAT KIND OF WORK DID HE DO?**

My dad has worked for the United States Department of Agriculture for 54 years and 8 months. He recently retired; however he still goes to work each day for free! He is



a botanist and a range manager. He received his education from BYU; he has a Bachelors degree in Science.

WHAT IS YOUR MOTHER'S FULL NAME?

Nancy Elaine Nelson Thompson

WHAT WAS HER PLACE OF BIRTH AND BIRTHDAY?

She was born in Park City, UT which is in Summit County. She was born the 30<sup>th</sup> of October, 1938.

WHAT IS HER CURRENT RESIDENCE?

She lives with my dad in Price, UT

WHAT KIND OF WORK DID SHE DO?

She always worked in retail. She was the manager of Montgomery Ward for 20 years. Then she ran her own business, she owned B and D discount. It was a clothing store. She did that for 10 years then she retired. She now stays at home, and enjoys her grandkids and great grandkids. She is busy being in the Relief Society presidency and she goes to the temple twice a week. She loves to travel, she has just returned from Mexico.

WHERE DID YOUR ANCESTOR COME FROM?

My dad's family came from Germany. His great-great grandparents came over with the first company to enter the Salt Lake Valley. They were wealthy in Germany, they owned a china company. My dad's great-grandfather was the first Dean at BYU, he was asked to start the University by Brigham Young. My grandmother was the youngest child of her father's second wife. His second wife lived in Spring City. My mother's family came from Sweden. They also came to the United States to join the members of the church going west. They settled for a time in Nauvoo. They worked on the temple

and built many of the stone buildings that stand there. Her great-grandfather was a mason by trade they settled in Ephraim, UT.

**DO YOU RECALL ANY STORIES ABOUT THE HISTORY OF YOUR FAMILY?**

I know many stories of our family. But the story I like the best is of my grandparents' marriage. They meet and fell in love. My grandmother was teaching school at an elementary. In those days you could not teach if you were married and pregnant. My grandfather was a Seventh - day Adventist. My grandparents were not supposed to even be seeing each other. Grandmother was forbidden, to see my grandfather because of his religion. Grandpa was able to get a job in Wyoming searing sheep; he was going to be gone for four months. So before he left, they married, secretly. Grandmother began to teach school that fall, people commented that she was a little heavier than she had ever been she must be happy. She said that she was very happy. Her mom thought that she had solved that problem, and wanted her start dating, she said no. Soon it was more than apparent that she was not just a little heavy she was pregnant. She lost her job, and her mom was so mad. But she married the man that she wanted and my dad was born three weeks after he returned from Wyoming. She was married to my grandfather for over 60 years.

**WHAT DO YOU REMEMBER ABOUT THE HOUSE YOU GREW UP IN?**

My parents lived in that house on 8<sup>th</sup> north for over 40 years. They moved into a one level home about 8 years ago. I remember feeling a little sad that they were leaving that home. It was a good home to grow up in. I lived in a neighbor hood of mostly boys. Which for me was a good thing, I was a tom boy. I played a lot of backyard baseball, football, and basketball. We lived at the end of the road. We played a lot in the fields

and canals around our house. The house had a large front room, and a good sized kitchen. It had four bedrooms and two bathrooms. My dad had built a large storage room that we all called the “store”, because of all of the food storage there. It had a large shop on the back, for my dad’s wood working. It had a small garden in the back, (he had four large ones other places). The family room downstairs was cool and dark; it was a great place to watch T.V.

**HOW IS IT DIFFERENT FROM THE HOUSE WE LIVE IN TODAY?**

Well the first thing I can think of is the color, my parents home was blue and green. To this day I hate blue and green. The front room was probably the biggest difference, it was huge. The bedrooms were also a lot larger than our house.

**WHAT DO YOU REMEMBER ABOUT THE COMMUNITY WHERE YOU GREW UP?**

I grew up in Price, which was a different world than here. I grew up with friends that were not my same religion. I had friends that were every religion that you could imagine. We always supported each other, so that meant going to different churches that was cool. I had friends that were Greek, Italian, and Mexican. We ate a variety of foods, and I was exposed to a range of a cultures. Price was smaller then, and we rode our bikes or walked everywhere. It reminds me of Castle Dale now.

**WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE FAMILY STORIES THAT INCLUDE YOUR PARTENTS OR YOUR SIBLINGS?**

I think that I like the story of going to the desert on Sundays and having a picnic. We only took one family vacation growing up, it was to Yellowstone. My dad was chased by a mother moose that wasn’t too impressed with him taking a picture of her

baby. We vacationed a lot but not all of us could always go, so, it was just who could go went. I remember visiting grandparents and gardening as the best times we had as a family.

#### WHAT ARE SOME SPECIAL OCCASION IN YOUR FAMILY AND COMMUNITY?

I guess the most memorable occasions at our house were Thanksgiving, and Christmas. My dad always got the tree on the Saturday before Christmas. Then we spent the next week decorating it. Our house was always full of family and friends at the holidays. We would play cards and laugh late into the night. I hated the family reunions in the summer with extended family. I just didn't know how important it was to stay in touch with your extended family. My mom is still a big Christmas party doer. I think it is still fun to get together with my extended family at the holidays. My grandparents coming to Thanksgiving dinner has changed, they are no longer here to do that. That was different when we had the first dinner after they had passed away. We still all eat at my mother's, but in the last two years we have had dinner at our house, so that my grandchildren can come to grandma's house. As the family has moved farther apart the bigness of the Thanksgiving dinner has grown smaller.

#### NAME SOME OF THE SPECIAL HOMEMADE FOODS YOU ATE AS A CHILD?

I grew up eating food that came from the garden. I really didn't know that you could buy food like vegetable and fruit from the store. I also didn't know that you could buy beef and chicken from the store. It was a real shock for me to find that out! I love fresh vegetable and fruit still, my favorite meal that my mother cooks is nothing she is a

terrible cook. My dad however is a great cook; I love his beans and ham soup the best. My boys love his marijuana soup. Don't ask what it has in it.

DO YOU HAVE ANY SPECIAL RECIPES THAT HAVE BEEN HANDED DOWN IN YOUR FAMILY? WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO SHARE ANY OF THESE RECIPES?

My grandmother has handed down her baked beans recipe and her famous pudding cake recipe. My dad has shown me how to cook beans with ham, and marijuana soup. I am willing to always share any recipes.

NAME AND DESCRIBE SOME OF THE GAMES YOU PLAYED AS A CHILD.

We played a lot of spoons when I was a kid, we still play that today. Kick the cans as a kid. The rules are still the same today. We played monopoly and clue. We had the first Atari I think the new game systems are so much better.

DID ANYONE IN YOUR FAMILY EVER MAKE HOMEMADE TOYS? IF SO WHAT KIND OF TOYS?

My dad made toys in his workshop. One of the first things that I remembered that he made me was a dish cupboard and table to play house with. I was about 3. He built airplanes and whirligigs. He built a tree house and a swing set. The best thing he built by the tons was the rubber band guns. My grandfather and taught my dad how to build them for all the kids and grandkids. Later on my dad built them for grandkids and neighbors. Ron built some of these guns for the neighbor kids and the grandkids last year.

DID YOUR PARENTS HAVE ANY SPECIAL HOBBIES OR CRAFTS, SUCH AS KNITTING, CARVING, QUILTING, BASKET-MAKING ETC?

My mother still quilts and sews. She learned from her mother, who learned from her mother. My grandmother taught me crochet. My dad is a collector of plants; he has the largest plant collection in the western United States. When he was younger he also collected different types of animals. He always had a shed that had all of these stuffed animals in it. I remember using some of them for different projects at school; I was always so cool to have these stuffed creatures. He had also a great bug collection. Which came in really handy when I needed to collect a bug collection for biology. My dad's hobby of collecting flowers turned into a life long passion, and it has turned out to be his life's work. It was his job, and his greatest achievement. I remember my grandmother tell a story of my dad when he was in college. He was supposed to collect a variety of reptiles. He went about collecting different things like water snakes and such. On one afternoon my grandmother went to the freezer to get something out, and there she found quite a surprise. As she opened the freezer, she saw a large rattle snake coiled and ready to spring. She screams bloody murder. My dad came running to see what was wrong with her, and found that she was now so mad, realizing that it was nothing more than a frozen snake. She used to look at my dad and say that she was still mad after all of these years. And dad would roll his eyes and laugh, and say it was definitely the funniest thing he ever saw, was his mother shaking with either fear or anger.

**DO YOU HAVE ANY FAVORITE HOBBIES?**

I still crochet and sew. I quilt a little now and then, I can but it is usually in the hurry mode and it is not as fun as I would like it to be. I cross stitch, and I love to read.

**DO YOU REMEMBER ANY STORIES THAT WERE TOLD TO YOU AS A CHILD?**

I remember the story of my great-great grandparents coming across the plains. I also heard the story of the antique desk that sits in my mother's living room. It was a gift to my great-great grandfather from his students at BYU. He wanted it to be passed down to his oldest child. So it was passed down to my grandmother's father. He passed away while she was at BYU finishing her teaching degree; he broke tradition and gave it to her. He left the request that she pass it down to her oldest child again. Years later, it was in the workshop of my grandfather, it was old and worn. My mom asked grandpa about it and he told her the story, and then said if my dad would promise to restore it they could take it home. If not he would restore it and then it would be handed down to my dad. They took it home and my dad did restore it, the first time my grandmother saw it fully restored she cried. It will be mine someday, and will sit in my living room, as a wonderful token of our great heritage.

**DO YOU REMEMBER ANY JOKES OR RIDDLES FROM YOUR CHILDHOOD?**

I never remember any jokes, and I am sure there were plenty with a dad like mine.

**DID YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO SANG? IF SO WHO?**

My mom sang with the honor choir in high school. She loves to sing and sing in her ward choir now. I did not get the gift; I am a horrible singer, people move away from me when I sing.

**DID YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO PLAYED MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS?**

I played the clarinet all through Jr. High and High School. I was in the marching band and honor band in High School. I also played the piano. You notice I said played. I haven't played in years. I don't even think I remember how.

**DID YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO DID ANY KIND OF DANCING?**

I took dancing from the time I was about three. I dance all through High School and was on the drill team in Jr. High and my sophomore year. My grandmother was a wonderful dancer; she danced until she passed away in some dance group or another.

DO YOU OR DO YOU STILL DO ANY OF THE ABOVE?

I sing and dance to the radio in the privacy of my home. That is it. The music has changed from the 60's and 70's of course. I still love to listen to the music from the 70's it was the best. Maybe everyone says that of their music, I don't know. The hard rock now was nothing more than country music then. Ha Ha

DO YOU REMEMBER BEING SICK AS A CHILD?

I do, I remember always going to get shots from the doctors office. If you sneezed you got a shot, if you coughed you got a shot. Always penicillin; I hated it! When I was in High School I got a case of Rosella, it is where you whole body is covered in a rash and you run a high fever. Light bothers your eyes, so you must stay in the dark. It was awful, and the recovery was long. I couldn't do homework though, because of the light. So I got a 4.0 without any work! Later in my life I was diagnosed with fibromyalgia I realize now that I had it as a child also.

WHAT KIND OF MEDICINE DID YOU TAKE WHEN YOU WERE SICK?

We always had a cabinet full of antibiotics, when my mom felt you were in need of an antibiotic she would just give you one. Then for a stomach ach, it was always just alka- seltzer. It was yucky, it would bubble and fizz in the cup. My dad was so weird he thinks that you can cure anything with Vicks vapor rub, everything I am not kidding. He even once put it in his eye; because his eye hurt, well then it really hurt! Oh, no kidding! Ha, ha, ha, it still cracks me up.



DO YOU REMEMBER ANY SAYING OR BELIEFS CONCERNING THE WEATHER, GOOD LUCK AND BAD LUCK, DREAMS, MARRIAGE, BIRTH, DEATH, ECT?

I really don't remember any funny or strange things concerning the weather or such. The only thing I remember that death comes in threes. Meaning, that you will know three people who die within just a short time. I don't know if that is true or not, it seems like it though. My dad always taught me to look for the signs of rain, and snow by watching the clouds over the tops of the mountains. I have always been able to tell a storm by the way the clouds look. My dad also taught me what day of the month to plant different plants, if you don't they won't grow as well. You must never have a fever or a cut on your hand when you plant tomatoes or they will wilt. Now that is an old wives tale. But I have been scared to not do it. Ha, ha,

WHAT WAS THE MOST VALUABLE THING YOUR PARENTS OR OTHER ADULTS EVER TOLD YOU ABOUT GETTING ALONG IN LIFE?

Always do what was right no matter the cost, no matter the price, even if it cost you so called friends. That is and always been very good advice. I have tried to follow that advice all of my life. I have always told my kids to always do what is right. We already know what is right and what is wrong. We have a moral compass that gives us direction.

My grandmother used to always tell me if the first marriage doesn't work out then the next times marry for money, to hell with love. Ha, Ha, Ha, Great advice from a woman who was married for over 60 years Huh?

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE THINGS YOU REMEMBER ABOUT SCHOOL—  
SCHOOL FRIENDS, TEACHERS, RECESS, AFTER SCHOOL?

In elementary I remember playing four-square at recess it was the best game ever, we used to just wait and wait for recess so we could play four-square. I loved to roller-skate you know the kind that had four wheels; I would do that for hours. I loved to ride my bike; with no hands I thought I was so cool. I remember the day that I crashed thinking I was so cool. I was riding with no hands and came around a corner, not realizing that I must use the handle bars to turn the corner. I went one way and the bike went the other. You know you look up to see who saw you crash, you're so embarrassed. Then I looked down to see blood coming from my knees and elbows. It took my mom a while to dig out all of the gravel of my cuts, I still have the scares. In Jr. High I remember learning to type on a type writer for the first time. I liked science in Jr. High we cut up a squid. It was so gross. Then the next day the science teacher had a luncheon, for us kids, it was the squid now that was gross! I have never really liked science too much after that. The big event in Jr. High was when my cat had kittens; I will never forget watching her have kittens. She had 6 and I watched every one of them be born. I think it was when I first learned where babies really come from. Who knew that I would see a lot of baby animals being born, and even deliver a few?

High school was a great learning experience for me, not as much academic but life wise. I dated the same boy all through high school and into the first year of college. We dated until he left on his mission. Then I dated a few other boys. I still have friends from high school; we still see each other and are friends. I got good grades in high school, but my favorite subject was history, I loved it. In fact I saw my old history

teacher just the other day; he works at Wal-Mart. He looks exactly the same, only older. I have always said that history is important because without our past to learn from we would make the same mistakes in the future. I also liked the creative writing class. I won several awards for my writing, even a national writing award. I was in the marching band in high school; we took several trips out of the state to march competitions. It was the largest marching band that Carbon High has ever had, there were over a 200 members. We had our graduation on the football field the only class to ever do that. It was a hot day in May. You know that there had to be the rebellious ones that brought fire extinguishers to shoot water after graduation. And of course there was the guy that was completely naked under his gown. The strict instructions told you not to throw your cap, whatever everyone through their cap high in the air, what were they going to do tell us not to come back? I really hoped so!

#### WHAT IS THE MOST AMAZING THING YOU HAVE EVER SEEN?

Those dang kittens being born. Ha, Ha, I am not really sure; I think it might have been realizing time after time that there really was a human being born when I had my children. That round belly went from just being fat to a child. That was amazing. The thrill and surprise of seeing each one of them for the first time. The Grand Canyon from an air-plane was a pretty amazing site. That is one large hole; it is totally different from the air than from the ground. Seeing Mount Rushmore for the first time was amazing to me; who would take all of their life to carve out a mountain?

#### WHAT HISTORICAL EVENTS TO YOU REMEMBER?

The first event I remember was when John F. Kennedy was killed. I was only three; I don't think I really remember the shooting. But I remember my mom crying and

telling me what had happened. I remember being in elementary and watching on the big projector screen the landing on man on the moon. I remember watching at home the drama of the Apollo 13 space voyage. In Jr. High I remember my across the street neighbor boy being killed in Viet Nam. I will never forget the shock and the sadness I felt that day. I didn't even know where Viet Nam was, but I knew we were at war, and it took Garth. It was 1972 and war protesters were everywhere even in Price. Right after that Garth's mom became ill with cancer and died. She died within a year of her son. Who says you can't die of a broken heart? I remember when the war ended and the men were treated so badly. I thought that maybe Katie had died in vain, and so had Garth.

I remember being in High School and listening to Richard Nixon our President and hearing him say on national TV. I didn't lie I didn't do any thing wrong. Well, he did lie and he did steal and cheat. I remember thinking why did I believe him? I remember feeling foolish for thinking he was an honest man; I mean how could the president lie?

In 1988 the big earth quake in Emery County. It was a personal shake up too. Allen had just come from the burn unit in Salt Lake. He had felt into the camp fire the night before, and we had experience the worst day or so of our lives. We were just sitting and telling my in-laws about Al, and the earth quake hit, I remember think could there really be any else happen? We stood and watched with amazement as it cracked the earth open all along the desert. It was so odd to watch it just zig zag along. It was like watching a movie, like in the Super Man movie when it cracks open. It looked just like that it was weird. Then for days after, even weeks after were the after shocks. It rattled the house and the windows. I guess the biggest thing in history I remember was the 9/11 attacks. That morning we had on the TV before school we were watching the Today show. And

they broke to show up what had just happened. I remember watching the plane hit the tower. Then in the back ground you could see another plane. And we watched as the second plane hit the other tower. It was hard to leave for work and school not knowing really what was going on. It was as if the world was trying to stand still for a minute. The TV's were on at school and every one was in the same kind of shock that we were. I remember being glued to the TV for days; we just couldn't believe what was going on. That day was so surreal, as a person I don't know if I can ever forget the feelings and emotions of that day. Other days not so historical for the rest of the world have been: , having Al leave on his mission; those days are not earth shattering to the rest of the world, but to us they are great events. They have changed the way we are in our life. I have watched my dad who could once out walk me to slow way down, and have trouble walking. I have seen loved ones pass away from this life. This life is an amazing thing in and of its self. It is full of changes and we would really never want it any different would we?

#### STUDENT INTERVIEWE

**How did you become acquainted with the person you have interviewed?**

Well she is my mom. I don't know what other relationship you can have with your mom.

**How much time did it take to complete all the questions with the person you interviewed?**

About a hour.

**What is your name?**

Jake R Fausett (R stands for Ron but I just go by the letter)

**Your home address**

805 Valley View Drive Castle Dale Utah 84513 (it used to be 825 Valley View Drive)

**Your Telephone number**

Home (435) 381-2093 cell 749-0371

## Oral History: Interview Release Form

In view of the historical value of this oral history, I,

Shirley Fausett  
person being interviewed

knowingly and voluntarily permit Jake Fausett  
student interviewer

and Diane Carter the full use of this information for educational purposes.

Signature Shirley Fausett

Date 4-8-06