

EDWARD GEORGE GARY

(Edward George Gary, son of Edward Long Gary and Alice Criddle Gary, was

born at Round Valley east of Morgan, Utah, May 14, 1878, in a four room stone

dwelling house built by my father before he was married.) I lived at this place

until I was five years of age. During the summer of 1882 my father and James

McNiven of Morgan, Utah, went from Morgan to Castle Valley, San Pete County,

Utah, to look over the country in an effort to locate suitable places to establish

new homes where land, range, timber, and climate had been talked about.) They

went by way of Union Pacific R. R. to Ogden, Utah, then by way of Denver & Rio

Grande, Narrow Gauge R. R. to Price, Utah.

(When they arrived at Price they learned that there was not much travel south-

west into Castle Valley, so they walked over to Huntington Creek, twenty-two miles

distant.) Arriving at Huntington Creek during the afternoon, they crossed the

stream and climbed to the top of a high knoll and took a look over the Huntington

Townsite and country up and down the river. They observed a log house up the

river and decided to go there for information. Upon arriving at the house, they

found that the premises belonged to Jens Nielson. Mr. Nielson was very friendly

and invited them to have something to eat and remain over night. Mr. Nielson

was very much impressed with the country, and he told them that there was a lot

of good land and water there and plenty of good timber and good winter and summer

range for cattle and sheep. The next morning Mr. Nielson took them over the

townsite and the South Flat country and introduced them to several of the settlers.

Father and Mr. McNiven remained in the community for two days during which time

Father located a homestead in the southwest part of the South Flat, and McNiven

selected a place southeast of Huntington Townsite. On their way back to Morgan,

Father and McNiven decided to commence to make arrangements to move to Castle

Valley next spring.

In the meantime, 1882-83, there was a movement of settlers called by the L. D. S. Church to colonize in St. Johns, Arizona. Father and James McNiuen decided to move to St. Johns, Arizona instead of Castle Valley. (During the month of May, 1883, Father and McNiuen left Morgan, Utah, for St. Johns, Arizona.) Father's outfit consisted of a four horse team, (Dan, Frank, Prince, and Nell), with two good wagons. (The family consisted of Father, Edward Long Gary, Mother, Alice Criddle Gary, myself, 5 years old, my brother William Fredrick, 3 years old, and my sister Mary Alice, 1 year old.)

On account of the road being washed out in Weber Canyon it was necessary for the teams to go south, by way of Echo and Heber City. Mother and us children went to Taylorsville, Utah, by way of Union Pacific Railroad, where we visited with Mother's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Mantel for three days. Then we boarded the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad train for Provo, Utah, where we met Father with the teams and all our belongings.

Leaving Provo there were other teams besides Fathers and James McNiuens. We journeyed south then to Nephi, thence to Gunnison and Salina. At Salina we learned that the road was washed out south of Glenwood and that we had to lay over for a few days or else go by way of Cove Fort and Farawan. The group decided to go by way of Cove Fort. Arriving at Cove Fort days later the care-taker had all the wagons which were used as sleeping and commissary purposes, placed inside the walls of the Fort for protection from Indians. This evening before sundown, the men folks went rabbit hunting in the near-by reefs east of the Fort. Guns, sticks, and whips were used as weapons. Father took his four horse lash (buckskin whip) to catch the rabbits with. He would chase the rabbits into the cracks and crevices of the rocky reef and then push his whip stock and whip into the cracks and thrust into the fur of the rabbits and then pull them out. At the end of the hunt, before dark, Father had the largest catch. The group had rabbit meat for several meals.

From Cove Fort we journeyed to Parawan. At Parawan we turned east through a canyon to the summit of the mountain range, thence down a short canyon towards the head of the Sevier River. We then went south to the head of Long Valley, (Virgin River), thence east to the head of Johnson Canyon where we remained for about ten days waiting for the water of the Colorado River to go down that we might cross. This is a beautiful place on the top of a mountain covered with green grass and shaded with tall pine trees. Word finally came that we could cross the Colorado River with safety, so the company of several families gathered up their earthly belongings and started towards Lee's Ferry. We journeyed on south-east down a beautiful canyon for some miles, which opened into a small valley occupied by several ranchers. Emerging from this canyon we came to a large open country to the south and east. After traveling east for two days after leaving Johnson Canyon, we reached Lee's Ferry on the Colorado River.

This river appeared to me as being a large stream. It took about two days to cross the river as there were several families. The ferry consisted of a large flat boat and a small boat. The men rolled one wagon each time on the flat boat and oared across the river. The horses were led to the edge of the river and the men sat down on the boat and led the horses into the river and forces them to swim where the river was deep. One of Father's horses named Nell, tried to climb on the boat in crossing. The women and children were ferried over in the small passenger boat.

After leaving the river we journeyed southeast one day and camped near an Indian Village. Some of the Indians spent most of the night around our camp. After traveling for three or four days southeast up the Little Colorado River, we arrived at St. Johns. St. Johns is a typical Mexican village. The houses are mostly made from sun dried large adobes, and have few windows and a flat roof. The town did not have a prosperous appearance. The people were busy building a canal along the southwest side of the Little Colorado River to irrigate a large tract of very fertile land.

Father and James McIverson and others made camp on the west side of the village near the survey line of the proposed canal and near a home owned by a family by the name of Hopkins. Father, having two good teams, commenced to work on the canal as did many other colonizers. The grass on the area west of the proposed canal was good and the horses were turned out each night for grazing. (Horses were used to pull plows, scrapers and friezes in making the canal.)

After a time the Indians commenced to drive the horses away during the night and demand a ransom for their return. Thereupon the man took turns herding the horses at night time. I remember accompanying Father herding one night. The horses were all turned loose, except one team, and started up the trail to the feed. Later on, Father harnessed up the running team and hooked them to a covered wagon, drove up to where the horses were grazing. Hay was taken along to feed the team that was tied to the wagon. We slept in the wagon and at intervals Father would get up and get on one of the horses and ride around the band. In the morning Father would catch two or three of the horses and tie them to the wagon and start for camp, and the running horses would follow.

During the autumn of 1883, Father hauled rock for the new Grist Hill, then being built. (During November of 1883, Father and Mother, the McIversons, and other families decided to leave St. Johns on account of the scarcity of water. They had built a canal but had no water to put in it. During their stay in St. Johns' approximately six months, our family slept in our covered trail wagon and did our cooking in a bowry covered with cedar and pine boughs.)

During the fore-part of November, 1883, Father and Mother and the McIversons decided to move to Castle Valley, Utah. They left St. Johns in ~~the~~ ^{November}, 1883.

They traveled northwest down the Little Colorado River for several days. One day at about camping time, the group of travelers found themselves out of water for their horses and families. After searching for water all afternoon along the river bottom of the Little Colorado River, and finding none, we came to a

railroad water tank where the cure-taker let us have water for our horses and camp use. After several days we reached Lee's Ferry on the Colorado River. The river was low and consequently we did not have much trouble in crossing. Leaving Lee's Ferry we traveled west for two days, and then camped at Jacob's Pools (Jacob's Lake) for the night.

After camp was made and the evening meal over with, one old Danish lady was missing from camp. All the adult members of the camp made a search for her. Father found her and brought her back to camp. Asked where he found her, he said she was under a tree reciting a story, whereupon one of her kin remarked that she was praying in Danish. Probably the good Lord could understand her.

After traveling west all day from Jacob's Pools we found ourselves camped in a canyon (probably Johnson Canyon) where we secured water for our horses and camp use from seeps out of the rock ledges near by. Leaving the camp next morning we journeyed north until noon when we camped near a ranch. Noticing many bee-hives, Mother had an idea that the rancher would have some honey for sale. Father went over to the place and asked if they had honey for sale. The lady told him, "Yes, but what have you to put it in?" "Nothing", Father said, "but the children want some honey." Finally she brought out a large gallon glass pitcher and asked Father if he wanted to pay for the pitcher. Father told her yes, and for her to fill it up with the sugared honey. This was the first time I ever remember eating honey. This pitcher at this date, January 27, 1959, is in my home at Huntington, Utah.

After journeying several days northward, we found ourselves camped on the west side of the Gutter River at Salina, Utah. Our sleeping quarters were in a trail wagon. (Sometime after we had returned for the night, a lone man on horseback came to our camp and woke up Father and advised him to get up and move camp to Salina and camp near some home. I did not know the reason at that time for the move, but learned later that the Indians were very troublesome in San

Edward George Geary

~~Pete and Sevier Counties.~~

(After journeying four days from Salina on November 20, 1883, we arrived at

the Blue Ridge, one mile south from Huntington townsite, when Father told Mother that over the next ridge we would arrive at Huntington, I remember Mother saying all the way over the ridge.)

(Arriving at Huntington, we found about fifty log houses scattered over the pricky-pear townsite, and there were about fifteen log houses and dugouts

scattered along Huntington River. Father inquired if there was an empty house in the settlement that he could rent for the winter. He was informed that the

Henry Outatt family lived in one room log house across the river east from town that would be vacated soon, as Mr. Outatt was building a new house in town. We

drove down to the Outatt place across the river and made camp. (We removed the covered wagon box from the trail wagon onto the ground and that served as our bed-

room all winter, as the Outatts did not move out until spring. Our cooking was done on an open fireplace. Father hauled several loads of wood from Poison Spring

Bench, then turned his teams out on open range at the mouth of Cedar Creek for the winter. During the winter, 1883-84, Father worked on the Huntington Canal

and at odd jobs about the settlement. Father purchased Lot 3, Block 23, North Huntington Townsite, for the site

of a new home. The lot was purchased from Orange Seely, Probate Judge of Emery County. The piece of land Father filed on in the South Flat in 1882 had been

jumped by one John Walker who was now living in the place. So, as all the farm lands under the canals were all taken up by prospective settlers, consequently

Father had to buy land from land owners. He purchased 40 acres from Samuel Rowley, one-half mile west from Huntington Townsite.

(During the latter part of February, 1884, Father moved his family back to Morgan, Utah, where my second brother, Earnest Leroy Geary, was born on March 3,

Father secured employment on a stone quarry in Weber Canyon during the spring and summer. Our family resided in a section house close to the side of the Union Pacific Railroad, which kept Mother busy keeping us youngsters from being run over by the trains. During the autumn season Father worked on a threshing machine with his teams.

During the latter part of November, 1884, we moved back to Huntington. Father had secured provisions and clothing and grain to supply us all winter. On our way back to Huntington we got stuck in Price River up in the Park at Kyune. The back wagon was about to tip over. The weather was very cold with snow and wind.

Father put us all out on the snowy ground and covered us with blankets and quilts while he endeavored to keep the wagon from tipping over. After he had made many attempts with his teams to pull the wagons out without tipping over, a cowman rode up and offered his services. This cowman tied his hard-twist rope over the trail wagon and around the horn of his saddle and had his horse hold the wagon from tipping over while Father and his teams pulled the wagons out. This stranger directed us to a log cabin some distance away and told us to make our camp there for the night. Arriving at the cabin, the stranger with other men had a camp made, a roaring fire in the fireplace, and wood and water inside the cabin. After the supper meal, some of the cattlemen moved their bedding outside and let us have the cabin to sleep in.

The next morning the snow covered the whole mountain region. We journeyed on through the Park and down Soldier Canyon into Castle Valley, and arrived at Huntington two days later. We were unable to find an empty house to live in during the coming winter, so one man by the name of Richins from Hanifer, Morgan County, Utah let us have one room of their two-roomed house. We had the back room and had to pass through the front room occupied by the Richins family, when entering and leaving the room.

During the winter of 1884-85, Father worked in the canyon (mostly Crandall Canyon), getting out logs and timber to build with. A Mr. Crandall had a sawmill

own house in connection with his farm and threshing machine work, father and a few
Norgan to care for, and father kept us two boys with him at home. He kept his
care for, and grandmother Mary Ann Childs took hand Maryann aged six months to
Elizabeth Ann Sister Gerry took Mary Alice and Ernest Larry to Norgan, Utah to
At the death of my Mother, our family was divided as follows: Grandmother
one-half years.

1886, leaving a family of five small children, I being the oldest, aged eight and
well after this event and for the lack of proper medical care, died October 20,
Hand Maryann. On May 29, 1886, I was baptized by Jans Nelson. Mother was never
On May 27, 1885, Mother gave birth to my second sister and her fifth child,
the fencing of his farms in connection with planting his crops.

of fruit trees on the south side of his lot (Lot 2, Section 25). He also completed
loads of baled hay to Price. In the spring of 1886 father planted a nice orchard
located and also hauled posts for the fencing of his farm. He also hauled several
these trips. He fenced the lot upon which the home and shed and corrals were
several loads of Cedar posts from Cedar Mountain. I accompanied him on some of
addition to the gathering of his crops. During the winter season, father hauled
Father worked on the Rooley threshing machine during the autumn season in
and a wheat bin in one corner.

on the wall, a woodbury clock, a few chairs including a rocking chair, a cradle,
cook stove, a wooden bedstead, a home made wash bench, a looking glass which hung
the fall season he completed the house and moved into it. He had a Charter Oak
ton Towards Survey. He also built some sheds of slabs and a corral. During
house, with shingled roof and lime plastered ceiling on lot 2, Block 25, Hunting-
the summer commenced the erection of a one-room hewn logs, (hewn on both sides)
sugar cane on his forty-acre farm previously purchased from Rooley, and during
In the spring of 1885, father planted a crop of wheat, oats, alfalfa, and
in Crandell Canyon, and father hauled lumber for him, taking lumber for payment.

other farmers having that season purchased a new threshing machine.

Not long after Mother died, Aunt Sarah Louisa Geary, Father's sister, came from Morgan, Utah, and kept house for Father until Christmas time 1886. George London of Craydon, Utah, also came and helped Father gather the crops. Stella McElprang was our housekeeper during the spring of 1887 and Josephine Munson and Josephine Johnson during the autumn season.

During the summer and fall season of 1888, an epidemic of Typhoid Fever struck Huntington and caused many deaths. My brother William Frederick Geary was one of those who died, September 13, 1888. The night he died, Father and I were alone with him. I remember Father waking me up and telling me that Fred was dying, and for me to go to the neighbors and get some help to lay him out. I went to Allan Cox's and Ed Pickup's homes and secured help.

During the year of 1888 Father commenced freighting from Price, Utah to Fort Duchesne, Utah. I lived with the Don Washburn family when Father was not at home until after Christmas. I lived with the Narwood family until spring. The Narwoods lived just across the street south from our home, in a one-room log house. The family consisted of Mrs. Narwood and her two grown up sons and a son about my age, making a total of five of us.

The spring season of 1889, Father started keeping company with Ann L. Guymon of Huntington and during the month of March, accompanied by two other couples with teams of horses and wagons, Owen Guyman and Esther Davis, and Samuel J. Rowley and Maggie Black, went to the Manti Temple and were married March 13, 1889. I accompanied Father on this trip. It took us three days to go to Manti. I had the privilege of witnessing the three marriages in the Temple.

As we were leaving the Temple, Father received a telegram from Grandmother Geary at Market Lake, Idaho, that my brother Earnest Leroy had died, March 10, 1889, and that she and my uncle Larry Larson were on their way to Huntington with the remains. Father

arranged with Owen (myman) to drive his team back to Huntington and then hired Alvey Day to take us, Alvy father, his new wife Anna, and myself to Hepp, Utah to catch a train for Provo, Utah. After traveling all day we arrived at Hepp, Utah and took the train for Provo, Utah. We had to remain in Provo until morning before the B & N narrow Gauge railroad train arrived. It took the train most all day to get to Provo, Utah. When we arrived at Provo we had to remain all night before we could find a way to get to Huntington. (When we arrived at Huntington, (Frank) brother Alvy and Uncle Alvy Larson had come, buried my brother, and returned to Idaho.

During the spring of 1889 we build a nice kitchen adjoining the east side of our log house. (The first school I ever attended were under the following teachers: Harlet Cox, Eliza W. Jones, Estella Kestlen, Ira B. Whitely, and J. A. Dixon. Estella Kestlen kept house for us part of the time during the school season.)

During the summer of 1889 I assisted father in the farming, driving a team on farm, wagon, etc. Father made several trips in to the canyon after lumber and timber. We also made some trips on the freight roads. (On October 16, 1889 my step-mother Anna L. Gentry died, again breaking up our home. This year was a splendid year for the harvest- ing of alfalfa seed. The Gentry threshing machine was threshing until after Christmas. The seed sold for 5 to 7 cents per pound.

(During the fore-part of the winter, 1890, I lived for a while at the James A. McKee home just over the ridge south from Huntington. While residing here I had a very bad attack of asthma. The folks all thought I would die. Father was on the freight road at the time. During the summer of 1890 I drove my first team on the freight road. Father had a six-horse freight team and bought a four-horse team from Hyman Jones, which I drove. We hauled lumber, kerosene, beer, groceries, apples, etc., to Ft. Duchesne, Utah, White Rocks, and Curry, and hauled alfalfa back to Provo.)

For about ten years we would make several trips on the freight road in connection with our farm and canyon work. We had hired Alvy as keeping house for us part of the time

the deacons and teachers held their weekly meetings. I assisted in the remodeling of the

Bishop Peter Johnson had his office at the south side of the Tithing Granary where

ward would give us a free dance which was a great event in our early lives.

who were unable to haul their own fuel. After this job was completed each autumn the

community would haul wood from the hills for the widows, old people, and other people

who handled it for the Bishop. Every fall season of the year the young men of the

flour, hens, meat, grains, and dried fruit, which we delivered to one Mrs. John Riley

son. It always fell to my lot to furnish a team and wagon to gather fast offerings of

In my boyhood days I was ordained a deacon and later a teacher by Bishop Peter John-

and dancing was our main amusements during the winter season.

my life. I attended the seminary school part of 1895-6 under A. B. Wall. Steinhilberding

poor dancer and not popular with the ladies. I did not attend a full term of school in

head of thick black hair, a very large Roman nose, had a very poor personality, was a

During the gay nineties I was a partly grown up boy. I was small in size, had a

also 32 windows and 8 doors in the room.

chandelier containing 30 lights, making a total of 220 lights in the room. There was

122 small electric lights, 4 chandeliers containing 17 lights each, and one large center

from Bishop Peter Johnson. In the assembly room where the services were held, there was

I attended with my father the dedication of the Salt Lake Temple with recommendation

of the Salt Lake Temple under the direction of President Willford Woodruff. April 7, 1893

April 6, 1892 I attended with my father, the laying of the capstone, (Angel Moroni)

shack. The teachers were James A. Brown and A. B. Wall.

inary school on lot 3, Block 46, in a frame building which had formerly been a carpenter's

lived at the Kate Truman home during the forepart of 1891. In 1892 I attended the sem-

part brick and part frame building located on lot 2, Block 37, Huntington Townsite. I

Allen. During part of the school years of 1890-91 I attended J. W. Nixon's school in a

when we were home, viz: Julia Black, Tilda Johnson, Nell Truman, Josephine Johnson, Nora

ward Church and Amusement Hall. The building was rebuilt, made much wider and longer. It was plastered on the inside and weatherboarded on the outside, had a shingle roof and portable stages in the west end of the building which was used for dramatics, and a nice Oregon pine floor was put down for dancing. A bell-tower and bell was placed on top of the roof on the east end.

During the middle eighties the ward meetinghouse was commenced under the leadership of Bishop Charles Pulispher. At first a trench about 2 1/2 feet by 2 1/2 was dug and a rock foundation was laid in part of the trench when the building committees viz: John L. Brasher, E. L. Geary, Joseph Jones, decided that the foundation they had started was too light to hold up a heavy brick-adobe wall. They had the partly made foundation dug out and made the trench team-scraper wide and about three feet deep. This trench was kept filled with water for months to settle the ground before again starting the foundation. Work on this foundation lasted for more than a year.

I remember father hauling large rocks which he loaded and unloaded with his team. Work continued at intervals on this building for ten years. Father and I hauled many loads of lumber from the canyon for the new Meeting House, and it was my job when not working on the farm or freight road to haul brick and adobes from William Green's brickyard for the new Church. I also remember very well working on high scaffolds to keep the masons supplied with brick-adobes and mortar. The building was rectangular in shape, being seventy-five feet long and forty-five feet wide and as tall as a two story building. A large balcony was erected on the inside of the building circling the south, east, and north sides. The building was completed in 1879 except for the tower which was erected about 1904 under the leadership of Bishop J. W. Nixon.

On May 23, 1984, father married Isobella Walker Wells, recently from Mantt. She was a widow with two children, Joseph and Mary. Aunt Bell, as she was best known, was an Englishwoman with a lot of wit and humor. She was a midwife and a splendid house-keeper. Her entrance into our home made living conditions much better. Soon after the

marriage of Father and Aunt Bell, my sister May came from Morgan and lived with us until she was married to H. D. Morgan. Joseph resided with us for a few years and then moved away. Where he went, we do not know.

About 1895, Father commenced the erection of a seven-room, story and a half, brick home, just south of our old log house home. We were about two years building this new home. The surface stone of the foundation and stone cap and sills of the windows and doors were all brought from the stone quarry east of Castle Dale, Utah. The brick and adobe were furnished by Wm. Green. We used native lumber for roof and imported Oregon lumber for floors and finishings. When completed, one J. K. Ingle painted the inside of the building and I painted the outside and roof. When completed it was for many years the nicest house in town.

May 14, 1897. I was nineteen years of age and although not very large in stature was kept busy by my Father on the now enlarged farm, the freight road, and hauling timber and lumber from the Huntington Canyon. During the month of June 1897 Father and I were on the freight road and upon arriving at Price, Utah with loads of Gilsontite, (asphaltum), learned from C. H. Taylor the freight contractor that there was only one told him that he would load it and let Eddie take it out. This was my first trip along on the freight road. I had a four-horse team heavily loaded and a trip of two weeks ahead of me.

I became homesick the first day out from Price. The second night from Price I camped down nine-mile canyon. I unharnessed my four-horse team and watered and grained them and while they were eating, I gathered wood and made a fire. After the horses had eaten their grain, I took them across the creek and up on the mountainside where there was good grazing. I then returned to my camp, and it was just getting dark. I prepared my supper and after eating, made my bed on the ground and retired. Soon after retiring, I heard somebody saying, "Who is there?" "Who is there?"

ted of merchandise for a merchant by the name of Mack Wilson. Ouray was an Indian trading

The sixth day, I arrived at Ouray on the banks of the Green River. My load donkeys-

I do not know what became of the bully Indian.

the conclusion that the grapes the Indian and I had eaten had given us both a poison.

sick and was sick all afternoon. When I camped at evening and investigated, I came to

for him, so I journeyed on my way. I had not traveled very far until I began to get

with me and not far away lay the Indian. Was he sick! Of course I could do nothing

the spot, I found it to be the horse and saddle of the big Indian who had eaten dinner

I noticed a horse with a saddle on standing by the side of the road. When I arrived at

one hour later I resumed my journey down the road and had gone about three miles when

He finally got filled up and got on his horse and rode away down the road. About

far of the can.

that I open it; when I did, he ate about three-fourths of the grapes and I ate the remain-

about through his meal he took a can of canned grapes from the grub box and demanded

then sat down by the side of my grub box and helped himself to dinner. When he was

ner and, of course, the old Indian got off his horse and fed him some of my hay and

Finally I came to Dry Gulch where there was water and camped for noon. I prepared din-

your camp?" I told him, "I no camp. I keep going." He kept alongside me for hours.

of my trip when a large, ugly Indian rode on his horse alongside me and asked, "Where

I was driving along the road between Duchesne River and Dry Gulch the fifth day

ened me!

days after this horrible night that it was nobody but an old hoot-owl that had fright-

as it was daylight, but was unable to find anybody around my camp. I did not learn for

saying, "Who is there?" "Who is there?" I crawled out from under my quilts as soon

load on my trail wagon, and no sooner had I got into bed than I again heard somebody

was certainly homestick! I became frightened and got up and moved my bed on top of the

"Who is there?" I layed there all night hearing the same words, "Who is there?" I

post and when I drove to the Wilson store there were dozens of Indians following me. Mr. Wilson told me where to drive and had me get in the wagons and hand out the goods for the Indians to carry into the store. My horses were afraid of the Indians and I had considerable trouble handling them and passing out the load. When we were about through unloading, and Indian dropped an 80 lb. box of gum, which broke and spilled gum packages and small boxes all over the ground. The Indians soon had their pockets and mouths full of gum. Mr. Wilson soon became aware that something had happened and came out and seeing that I was excited he told me not to worry, that he would bill the Indian Agency for the entire box, and for me to fill my pockets as were the Indians! After getting unloaded, Mr. Wilson asked me if I would haul a wagonload of wool back to Price, that he would pay me twice as much as hauling Gilsonite and that he would pay me in advance. The Indians soon had my trail wagon loaded with the large 250# bags which stood up in the wagon. When all was ready, Mr. Wilson went into the store and brought out several pieces of gold coin amounting to about \$40 in payment for freighting the wool to Price. I put the money into a buckskin drawing money bag and had it in my pocket when I left the premises to go back to the Gilsonite mine near Ft. Duchesne to load my other wagon with Gilsonite. I drove up the Duchesne River about seven miles and camped for the night. Soon after dark, I was eating my supper when a bunch of about 8 half-drunk Indians rode into my camp and began helping themselves from my grub box. They became very brave and finally asked about the money I had received from the store man. I became frightened and moved towards my horses which I had tied on both sides of my trail wagon and began to feed them some flakes of baled hay, and while doing so, I very quickly took the money bag from my pocket and dropped down between the standing wool bags and returned to the fire and the grub box. The Indians finally ate up everything I had cooked and searched everything I had. I emptied my pockets so they knew the money was not on my possession. After hours of torment from those Indians, I decided to harness up my horses and

Year, March 11, 1898.

Huntington Seminary during December and January of 1897 and to the end of the school year, March 11, 1898.

January 13, 1897, I was ordained a priest by Don B. Woodward. I attended the "Oh, he is damn sick and will be dead before we get to Price." I did not die, however, Bob answered, "Ed Geary's". "Where is the kid", the other one asked, and Bob answered, and asked whose team he was driving. I heard the conversation from under the cover. Some teams going down the canyon. One of the men was acquainted with "Six-Shooter Bob" the way to Price, which took five days. We were coming up nine-mile canyon when we met a bed on top of the load under the cover of one of my wagons and I rode there most all a questionable reputation, offered to drive my team back to Price. The men folks made Ft. Duchesne. As we were about to leave the mine a young man, "Six-Shooter Bob", with The other freighters helped me unload government freight and load up with gilsonite at sick with cold and some asthma which made it hard to drive and care for my horses. a four-horse team, and after a few days out from Price, I caught cold and became real During the late fall of 1897 I was on the freight road with other freighters with saw and heard William Jennings Bryan speak.

The 50th Anniversary of the Pioneers was a great event. I had a wonderful time; to go to Salt Lake City.

City, July 24, 1897. I did not let Father know about the wool deal until I was ready would have enough money to attend the 50th Pioneer Celebration to be held in Salt Lake my money O K and deposited it in the L. M. Olson Store in Price, Utah, so that I surely wagon and after five days travel, reached Price. When I unloaded the wool I received the ground, apparently drunk. I proceeded to the gilsonite mine and loaded my other I left camp early and had not gone far when I found two of the Indians laying flat on vined that I was going to move and got on their horses and rode away. The next morning and their horses and consequently were hard to handle. Finally the Indians became con- drove on to Handlett, several miles up the road. My horses were afraid of the Indians

I, under David Prior, was in the graduation class of 1898 and had the honor of being Master of Ceremonies at Graduation Exercises held in the Huntington Ward Church

House March 11, 1898 at 2:00 p. m. An oyster supper was served in the evening for the class, and there being no oysters in town, I had to drive a team and buggy to Cleveland to purchase the oysters.

During the late nineties, a Martial Band was organized by Oscar Wood, who with

David H. Wood, played fifes. Lewis Allen played bass drum and Oscar Guyman, Henry A.

Fowler, Elam L. Jones, and J. B. Johnson played snare drums. Edward G. Geary played

symbols. I was teamster when this band serenaded the towns. I remember taking this

band to Castle Dale and Orangeville with a spirited four-horse bay team.

By 1898 father had purchased 40 acres of land from Elisha Jones and James A. McKee

40 acres from A. D. Dixon, 29 acres from Harrison Harrison, and 10 acres from Wm. H.

Leonard, all in the Huntington South Flat region. He also purchased 33 adjoining Hunt-

ington on the South-West Corner from Abandi Porter and sold back to Samuel Rowley the

40-acre tract he had purchased from him in 1888.

On my 21st birthday, May 14, 1899, father gave to me one of his best teams and

harnesses and a wagon. He also gave me the Elisha Jones and McKee farm of 40 acres

with water, and a city building lot planted with a prune orchard, (east of the lot on

which our home now stands), for a start in making a livelihood for myself. The team was

a pair of bay horses, full of life and the fastest sleigh team in town. The year 1899

I raised a crop of hay and grain, besides helping father on his farm.

During the year 1900, I rented Aunt Bell's farm which she had purchased for her

son should he return home. This farm was known as the Prince Farm and was located in

the south-west corner of the South Flat. I raised hay and grain on this farm in con-

nection with my own farm. In the fall season I traded a stack of hay and grain on

Aunt Bell's farm to one man by the name of Thayne from Orangeville for one large roan

cow. I also baled and hauled several four-horse team loads of hay and oats to the Price,

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own two tracts of land. On Sunday, April 14, 1901, I commenced keeping company with Lauretta Jane Wakefield, and on August 11, 1901, I asked her if she would marry me. It was a beautiful moonlight evening and we were sitting on the lawn at the Wakefield home. She replied that she would gladly accept me as companion for life and all eternity. The time of marriage was not definitely set until September, when we decided to marry during April.

During the summer season I again operated Aunt Bell's farm in connection with my

Salt Lake Business College
Per Jos. Nelson, President

Respectfully,

The Bearer, Mr. Edw. C. Geary, attended this institution for three months studying Bookkeeping, Arithmetic, and Penmanship. He did very satisfactory work, and has such a knowledge of Bookkeeping, though he did not complete the course, that he will make a good assistant book-keeper. He is energetic and reliable, and I believe would satisfy the reasonable expectations of his employers.

To whom it may concern:

Salt Lake City, Utah
April 8, 1901

received the following recommendations:
the Presidency of the L. D. S. Church. Upon leaving the Salt Lake Business College, I Clark, who later became U. S. Ambassador to Mexico and at the present time serves in the upper (5th) story rooms of the Templeton Building. One of my teachers was J. Ruben ruary and March of this year I attended school at the Salt Lake Business College in The year 1901 was one of the most eventful years of my life. During January, Feb- Harmon for this real estate by hauling my oats and baled hay to Price, Utah. Price, Utah twelve acres of land adjoining the grist mill on the south. I paid Levi Utah market. This was my first cow. During this year I purchased from Levi Harmon of

Lauretta Wakefield was the daughter of John F. Wakefield and Julia Wakefield. On September 24, 1901, and October 13, 1901, I delivered to Levi Harton at Price, Utah, hay and oats amounting to \$55.13 in full payment on the Hill-Side Farm I had purchased in 1900.

During the year 1900 in August, the Huntington Canal and Reservoir Association Board of Directors sent my father, E. L. Geary, and John H. Killpack up the Huntington Canyon to locate a suitable site for a reservoir. In about six days they returned and reported that Erickson Flat site was the best to be found. The Board of Directors, (father and J. H. Killpack being two of them), hired an engineer by the name of Tally-

montus (an Indian) from Salt Lake City, Utah to draw up plans and specifications for the proposed reservoir. The reservoir site having been secured and plans and specifications for the reservoir having been accepted by the Board of Directors and the Stock-

holders of the Huntington Canal and Reservoir Assn., father was appointed as the first foreman on the construction of the proposed dam. So, in the fore-part of October, 1901, he took about twelve teams including two of his own and mine, and started work on the reservoir. I had the privilege of putting the first scraper-full of dirt on the "Geary

Fill", which is the embankment on the eastern part of the reservoir dam. He worked on the fill for about one month and then came home because of bad weather. Upon arriving home, I received the following letter from Box "B":

Salt Lake City, Utah
November 4, 1901

Brother Edward Geary
Huntington,
Utah

Dear Brother:

I am directed by the Missionary Committee of the Apostles to inquire if it would be agreeable to your feelings and consistent with your circumstances to be called to take a mission to preach the Gospel? If so, what is the earliest date at which you could be prepared to leave? Please state in your answer whether you speak any language but English. A prompt reply will be appreciated.

Your Brother, Geo. Reynolds, Secretary.

Aunt Bell and the others soon informed me that Lauretta was very sick with a heart ailment and had been every since I went to work on the reservoir. Calling at the Wakefield home, I found Netta in very bad condition. We discussed her condition and the call for me to go on a mission, and after considerable deliberation, decided to postpone our marriage until after I fulfilled a mission and she had regained her better health. On November 8, 1901, I received the following letter calling me on a mission to the Northern States, February 5, 1902.

Salt Lake City, Utah
November 8, 1901

Elder Edw. G. Geary
Huntington, Utah

Dear Brother:

Your name has been suggested and accepted as a missionary to the Northern States.

The work of the Lord is progressing in the nations, and faithful, energetic Elders are needed in the ministry to promulgate the Everlasting Gospel, openings for doing good appearing in numerous directions. Yourself, with others, having been selected for this mission, should there be no reasonable obstacles to hinder you from going, we would be pleased to have you make your arrangements to start from this city at as early a date as February 5, 1902.

Please let us know at your earliest convenience what your feelings are with regard to this call. If you accept it you will receive no further notification, but will be expected to present yourself at the President's Office to be set apart on the day previous to that appointed for your departure.

Your Brother in the Gospel,

Jos. F. Smith

P.S. Please have your Bishop endorse your answer.

Receiving this call to go on a mission in February 1902 made a big change in my plans. I did not have much money and would have to sell all my hay and grain in Price, Utah, and sell my team outfit and arrange to borrow money from somewhere.

During the months of November and December, 1901, I spent most of my day time mar-
 keting my crops and the evenings and night at the Wakefield home where Lauretta was con-
 fined in sickness. December 6, 1901, I received a Patriarchal Blessing from Patriarch
 John D. Chase. During January, 1902, I traded my team to Father for a span of mares
 which I sold to Silas S. Young, one of our good neighbors. Mr. Young was a counselor in
 the Bishopric and bought the team to help me on my mission. He later sold the team
 after I had gone to the mission field. Father said he would help me on my mission.
 Lauretta Wakefield continued to get worse and I spent most of my time at her bed-
 side until she died, January 27 at 7:35 a. m., 1902. Her last words to me were, "I
 won't last much longer, but I will see you...tomorrow." She requested me to stay at
 her bedside by saying, "Stay with me, stay with me." and finally she said, "Good-bye"
 to us all, and then, "Ed, help! Ed, help! Pa, help! Pa, help!" and then she passed
 away.
 The funeral was held in the L. D. S. Church House on January 28, 1902, at 2:00 p.m.
 The speakers were W. A. Guyman, Dr., Peter Nielson, J. W. Nixon, and John F. Wakefield.
 There were 37 horse driven vehicles on the way to the cemetery.
 January 30, 1902. I and J. Wm. Johnson, who was going to the Central States Mission,
 started for Salt Lake City. Edgar A. Johnson and his wife, Ellis W. Johnson and son,
 A. Rex Johnson, took me to Price by way of Cleveland, Utah, where Aunt Bell Geary was
 taking care of a sick woman. After saying good-bye to her, we journeyed to Price, Utah,
 where Ellis Wm. Johnson and I boarded a D & R train at 11:00 p.m. for Salt Lake City.
 We arrived at Salt Lake City about 4:30 a. m. on January 31. During this day, Ellis
 W. Johnson and I went through the Salt Lake Temple. I received my endowments and was
 married to ^{Lauretta} Lauretta Jane Wakefield. Her sister, Ellis W. Johnson, acted as proxy.
 February 1, 2, and 3, I visited my folks at Taylorville, Utah. They were, viz:
 Uncle John and Aunt Jennie Kandle and family. February 4, 1902, I was set apart in
 the Salt Lake Temple for my mission to the Northern States by Apostle Mathias F. Cowley.

A MISSIONARY BLESSING

PRONOUNCED UPON THE HEAD OF EDWARD GEORGE GEARY, AT THE SALT LAKE TEMPLE ANNEX,

FEBRUARY 7, 1902, BY APOSTLE M. F. COLEBY.

Brother Edward George Geary, by authority of the Holy Priesthood, we set you apart to fill a mission in the Northern States, whereunto you have been called by the authority of God. We bless you that you may receive earnestly the spirit of this mission, that it shall rest upon you in rich abundance, and fill your soul with joy eternal, and yet give unto you a keen sense of the great responsibility which is involved thereby. We bless you that your mind may be quickened, every faculty thereof, and that your spirit may be clear and bright and susceptible of the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, which shall quicken your understanding and qualify you to perform the various duties and labors incidental to missionary life.

We bless you, dear brother, that you may be protected from all disease and from all calamity, and from the hands of evil and designing men, and that your life may be reserved, and that you may have power, inasmuch as you are true and faithful, to resist temptation and to keep your garments clean and unspotted from the sins of the world, and that in your missionary work you shall be able to lay the foundation for a life of usefulness, a broader field of labor in the Church and Kingdom of God in days that are to come.

We bless you that you may have power to speak freely, and that your tongue may be loosed and become as the pen of a ready writer, and that you may be able to explain the Gospel unto the people clearly to their understanding, and that you may be indeed and truly a witness of the Lord and of the divinity of His work, that you stand up to speak that you may be filled with the rich influence and inspiration of the Holy Ghost, that you shall not depend upon what others have said alone, but that your voice shall be inspired with the power of God, that it shall be the voice of revelation unto the children of men, that it shall be unto them as one meeting out scriptures of divine truth, for whatsoever you shall speak by the power of the Holy Ghost shall be the word of God, shall be scripture, shall be the mind and will of God the Eternal Father unto the children of men.

Bear in mind that whatsoever you do not speak by that power is not acceptable to the Lord, and does not accomplish your mission, for you are not sent to speak in your name nor by your spirit or your power, but you are sent to speak in the name of the Lord, and by the power of the Holy Ghost and only by this power and in this name, even in the name of Jesus Christ, can you accomplish the great and glorious mission unto which you are assigned. Therefore, bear in mind, dear brother, that your responsibility is greater than the responsibility of men who represent human governments, and who represent the institutions of men, for you are sent to represent God among the children of men and to represent His son Jesus Christ, by laboring in His name for the salvation of the human family, and therefore you must walk upon a plane of purity and holiness of righteousness before the Lord, and be exceedingly diligent in studying the principles of the Gospel, in bearing it unto men, proof to substantiate that which you are sent to deliver, that there may not only be your testimony which shall be improved by the power of the Holy Ghost, but that it shall be backed up and sustained by the testimony of all the prophets of God who have spoken upon these subjects. We dedicate you, dear brother, to the service of the Lord, to His ministry, to the salvation of His souls upon the earth, and say unto you, go in peace, be preserved from all evil of a spiritual and

physical character, and return home in peace and safety when you shall have been honorably released by the authority of that station, and all blessings pronounced upon you in the past we renew upon you at this time, and do all by virtue of the Holy Priesthood and in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, Amen.

February 5, 1902, at 6:15 p. m. I boarded a Union Pacific train for Chicago, Ill., by uncle George Griddle and his lady and J. Williams Johnson and Oliver T. Harmon were at the depot to see me on the train. My R.R. fare to Chicago, Ill. was \$22.25.

The following L. D. S. missionaries were on the train with me:

Gordon O. Beckstead	South Jordan	1113 So. 1st N. St.	Salt Lake City	Southern States Mission
Samuel E. Hill				
Joseph P. Edwards	Charleston		Salt Lake City	Southern States Mission
Royal Barney	Amabella		Wasatch County	Southern States Mission
James I. Atkinson	Layton		Coveter County	Northern States Mission
James Whitbides	Layton		Davis County	Northern States Mission

On February 7, at 7:00 a.m. we arrived at Omaha, Nebraska, where Elder Whitbides and I left the train to find a R.R. timetable. While we were in the depot, our train departed for Chicago and we had to remain in Omaha until 6:15 p.m. We spent the day

slight-seeing and walked over a bridge on the Missouri River, to Council Bluffs. After walking around the city until noon, we boarded a trolley car and rode back to Omaha. At 6:15 p.m. we boarded the train for Chicago and arrived there at 8:30 a.m., February 8, 1902. We took a cab to Northern States Mission Headquarters, 135 West Adams St., where I met Elder Asahel H. Woodruff, President of the Northern States Mission, and

O. E. Ellsworth, Secretary of the Mission.

The following day I attended Sunday School and Church at the L. D. S. Church in Chicago. The following day, February 10, 1902, I was assigned to labor in the Michigan Conference. During the afternoon the Elders were shown around Chicago. February 11, I was escorted by two of the local Elders to the Michigan, Lacall R.R. Station where at 10:30 a.m. I boarded a train for Jackson, Michigan, the Michigan Conference headquarters. Arriving at Jackson I met Pres. Zundell of the Michigan Conference and Elder L. Peter Larsen of Cleveland, Utah.

Elder James Prestruck of Monroe, Utah, Elder Brown of Crescent, Utah, and President Zundell assigned me to labor in Jackson with Elders Brown and Prestruck. I labored in Jackson until April 20, then visited friends in Adrian until April 25, then went to Detroit July 8, thence back to Adrian where I labored until September 16, 1902, when I was transferred back to Detroit.

At a Priesthood meeting held at the Michigan Conference at Detroit, Oct. 29, 1902, I was sustained as Clerk of the Michigan Conference. This position I held until my release from the mission. From Detroit I was transferred to Jackson, November 3, 1902, where I remained until November 12, when I went to Battle Creek and remained until February 6, 1903. While laboring at Battle Creek I visited friends at Kalamazoo, Silver Creek, and did country work from Battle Creek north, west, and south.

From Battle Creek I went to Jackson, February 14, 1903, where I worked the country from Jackson to Adrian, Dundee and Monroe, Michigan, back to Jackson and then over to Ann Arbor. I went back to Jackson April 30, 1903, and worked in Jackson and the country nearby until I was transferred to Detroit July 13, 1903. At Detroit, July 16, I attended the National Convention of the Epworth League of the Methodist Church in the Detroit Opera House. The following day Elders L. P. Larson, (Cleveland, Utah) Hyrum Anderson, (Logan, Utah), Hyrum Christensen, (Farmington, Utah) accompanied the Epworth League Members on a boat excursion to Buffalo N. Y., and Niagara Falls.

We boarded the boat, ("The Eastern States"), at the D. B. Dock, Detroit, at 4:00 p.m. on July 19. This boat was built at Wyndott, Michigan in 1902, gross weight, 3,077 T. It had 310 state-rooms, 1,310 bunks, 1,000 first cabins, and the total capacity was 2,500 passengers. Not having a birth, the four of us slept in chairs and lounges. We arrived at Buffalo at 6:30 a.m. After leaving the boat we had breakfast, then went through the remains of the Pan American Exposition, and went through the Temple of Music where President McKinley was shot. Leaving here we boarded a trolley car and went to Niagara Falls, a distance of 18 miles. The return fare was 50¢ each.

Arriving at the falls we first went to Prospect Point and viewed the American Falls and then we crossed over to Goat Island, then to Luna Island. After walking back to Goat Island, and Luna Island, we walked down a winding stairway under the Luna Falls and over under the edge of the Great Niagara Falls. We saw the "head of the Great" stream on the Niagara, or St. Lawrence River below. Going back up the stairways we crossed the three island where the water passes at the rate of 60 miles per hour. The river is about 1/2 mile wide where it starts to go over the falls.

We stayed at a hotel at Niagara Falls City which cost us \$1.50 each for a good bed. The next morning we walked across the bridge below the falls after paying a toll of 15¢ each. We got a lovely view of the falls from the Canadian side. We started to walk down the river gorge to the Great White Pool when a colored man driving a back gear along and offered to take us all down for 50¢, which offer we accepted. At the White Pool we went down a cog-wheel railroad to the Pool. When we returned to the car, the driver told us it would be 50¢ each for us to ride to Niagara Building, so we walked. Arriving back at Niagara City we took the trolley car back to Buffalo, N. Y., where we remained over night in a large hotel infested with bed bugs. We spent the next day sight-seeing around Buffalo and at 4:30 p.m. boarded our boat on return trip to Detroit. A storm came up during the night and many of the passengers, including myself, became sick. Arrived at Detroit at 7:35 the next morning, July 22, 1903.

On July 25, 1903, I went back to Jackson, then to Ann Arbor, then to Dundee, and back to Jackson in August, 1903, where I labored until September 24, when I went to Battle Creek where I labored until January 14, 1904. Then I was sent to visit the headquarters at Monroe, Dundee, Hensletts, and Battle Creek. I was honorably released at Battle Creek on February 28, 1904, at a conference held in a Lodge Hall. On my mission I spent \$484.30 I traveled by railroad \$332 miles, electric R. R. \$75 miles, by water \$20 miles, and the total expense for travel was \$91.46.

Elder Edward G. Geary arrived in the Michigan conference for his mission February 11, 1902 and was assigned to labor in Jackson. He continued his labors until the April conference at which he was assigned to work in Detroit and accordingly located at 105 Elizabeth St. E. July 6, 1902 he took up his labors at Adrian where he remained until September when he returned to Detroit and assisted in making preparations for conference which was held October 28, 29 and 30. After which he took up his labors at Battle Creek remaining there until the following February when he returned to Jackson and participated in making arrangements for the conference which was held on the 20th and 21st.

During the summer of 1903 he labored in Jackson and made many friends, and baptized one. At the fall conference held at Jackson September 12 and 13 he was assigned to reopen the work in Battle Creek where he remained until released February 28, 1904.

Elder Geary made several tours through southern Michigan, visiting the saints and friends. During July of 1903 he took a trip to Buffalo and Niagara Falls. June 26, 1902 he was chosen second counselor and secretary to Pres. Brinton. The former position he occupied four months, or until the counselors to the President were dispensed with. The later position he occupied until released.

Elder Geary was a good, agreeable elder, and possessed a humble spirit. He had gained, through diligent study and practice, a good knowledge of the gospel enabling him to defend its principles in an intelligent manner. He was a good tractor, a good speaker, and a fair exhorter. Was apt in teaching the gospel by letter. Elder Geary's ability for singing was poor, although he enjoyed street meetings as speaking was his favorite work. He was a good writer and efficient in taking care of the books as secretary. On his return home he left many friends and a good record.

Asahel H. Woodruff
President of the Northern States Mission.

I left Battle Creek on March 1, 1904, for Chicago, Ill., over the Michigan Central Railroad, and arrived at Chicago at 3:30 p.m. We took an elevated car and soon arrived at Mission Headquarters at 635 W. Adams Street, where I met Apostle Owen Woodruff, President Asahel H. Woodruff and several Elders. At 7:45 I attended M.I.A. at the L. D. S. Church on Oakley Ave. On our way back to mission headquarters I had my hand in my vest pocket as I jumped over a puddle of mud and water and lost my door key. Apostle Woodruff soon rolled up his coat sleeves and thrust his hand into the puddle and brought out the key;

On Monday, March 2, 1904, I called at the Chicago College of Dental Surgery and

made a date with O. H. Budge of Logan, Utah, an L. D. S. student, to have some dental work done. This brother Budge in later years became President of the German Mission and had my son, Merlin G. Geary as one of his missionaries.

On March 4, 1904, I returned to the Mission Office and received my mission release and R. R. ticket home. March 5, 1904, I spent most of the day in the Chicago College of Dental Surgery. I invited Dr. O. H. Budge to have dinner with me. Sunday, March 6, I attended Sunday School and Past Meeting at the L. D. S. Church and assisted in the administering of the Lord's Supper. The following evening I attended the M. I. A. Conference meeting at the L. D. S. Church after which I went to the Union Depot and at 10:35 p.m. boarded a Burlington train for Carthage, Ill. When I arrived at Carthage on March 7 at 8:05 a.m. I had breakfast and then called at the Old Carthage Jail where Joseph and Hyrum Smith were shot and killed. Spent the day until afternoon conversing with the care-takers, Prof. J. A. Callif and family. I had the privilege of inspecting the old jail building (which was used as a dwelling by the Callif family). I purchased a stereoscope and a set of viscus of the Carthage Jail from the Professor and had dinner with the family.

In the afternoon I walked over to the old Carthage Courthouse and inspected some of the places where some of the early Mormon Saints were brought to Court on account of some of their religious beliefs. In the evening at 7:30 p.m. I took a train for Quincy, Ill. where at 10:30 p.m. I boarded a Burlington Train for Denver, Colorado. I arrived at Denver on Monday at 7:45 a.m. and changed cars onto the D & R G Railroad for Salt Lake City, Utah by way of Pueblo, Royal Gorge, and Tennessee Pass. Arrived at Salt Lake City, Utah, March 10 at 12:00 noon. During the afternoon I reported at the Church Missionary Office and Church Historians Office. At 5:48 p.m. I boarded the O.S.L. train for Morgan, Utah and had to wait in Ogden for several hours before boarding the Union Pacific train. I arrived at Morgan at midnight and walked over to my Uncle Thomas Geary's home. The next morning I went down to Littleton where I spent a day and night with my sister Hand and Grandmother Criddle and a day and night

with my Uncle Ed Cridle and family, and Aunt Mary and family.

The following day, Sunday, March 13, 1904, I attended the Morgan Stake Conference with my sister Maud and some of my other relatives. Had the privilege and honor of speaking at the evening meeting.

The following week I spent in visiting my folks at Morgan, Round Valley, Littleton, and Crayden, Utah. Wednesday evening, March 14, I attended a dance social at the Dickson Hall with Miss Bell Littlefield, a relative of Aunt Laura Geary. March 19, I left Morgan after having spent almost a week of visiting with my sister, Maud Geary, and other relatives and friends and went to Taylorville, Utah.

At Taylorville I visited Aunt Jane, my mother's sister, and her family for two days. While here, Sunday, March 20, I attended Sunday School at Taylorville Ward and in the afternoon Uncle John Mantel took me over to Big Cottonwood where I was one of the speakers at afternoon Sacrament services. Bro. Coats was Bishop of Big Cottonwood Ward and his son was one of my missionary companions. While at Big Cottonwood we called on Elder Frank A. Brinton, another of my missionary companions.

On Monday, March 21, 1904, I left Taylorville, Utah over the D & R G for Scottfield, Utah, where I visited with my sister Mary Alice (May) Morgan and her husband, David Morgan and family for two days then took the train for Price, Utah. When I arrived at Price, Utah in the afternoon, there was no way to get to Huntington the next morning, so I remained with Levi M. Harmon and family over night. I rode to Huntington the next morning on the stage. Meeting me at the Post Office at Huntington that day, (March 25) was my father, E. L. Geary, and about a dozen other leading citizens of the town. The first day at home was spent in visiting my folks and neighbors and renewing acquaintances.

In the evening the Elders Quorum put on a very entertaining reception for me in a Public Meeting in the Church building where I had an opportunity of reporting my missionary labors. On the program, Miss Grace Wakefield sang a song titled, "Don't Judge by Appearances", after which a delicious lunch was served.

Then we all retired to the Amusement Hall for dancing.

The following Sunday, March 27, 1904, I attended the Emery Stake S. S. Union Board Convention with President Ruben H. Miller presiding. At 2:00 p.m. I attended the regular Sacrament Meeting and was the first speaker. I was again set apart as a Ward Teacher with George A. Sherman as my companion. I held this position until 1906. I took supper with the John F. Wakefield family and in the evening addressed the people of Huntington Ward on "Missionary Life".

The following day, March 28, at 7:00 p.m. I was sustained in Elders Meeting as Counselor to John W. Killpack in the Second Quorum of Elders of Emery Stake by John P. Pearson of the Emery Stake ~~by John P. Pearson of the Emery Stake~~ High Council.

The first dance I attended after coming from my mission was in the Co-op Hall, April 3, 1904. I met a different group of young folks at this party, not many of my old pals were there. I had to adjust myself to a younger group of associates. Among those young folks was Alice Grace Wakefield, a daughter of John F. Wakefield and Julia Johnson Wakefield, and sister of my former engaged sweetheart who died prior to my going on a mission. This young lady had grown from a girl to a lovely young woman, very attractive and intelligent. She was from the most highly respected family in Huntington. She was envied by all the young folks of the community, especially the young men. In the spring of 1903 the first graduation of the eighth grade in the Huntington Elementary School as well as in the county was held. Members of the class were: Grace Wakefield, Kate Mathie, Luella Guymon, Sylvia Butch, Amy Howard, Lettie Hunter, and Frank Grange.

I was bashful and shy and not a very good entertainer, but I made up my mind that this good lovely young lady was my ideal for a life companion; therefore, I commenced calling on her almost immediately after coming home. Father had a nice buggy and horse which I had access to and which I used most every evening during the spring and summer. Grace and I had many buggy rides. Being financially "broke" after my mission, Father gave me another team which I used in planting a crop on my two pieces

of land.

April 17, 1904, I took Grace to Quarterly Conference at Ferron, Utah with horse (Clyde) and buggy. At the afternoon meeting I was the first speaker. I admonished the young folks not to sow wild oats as they would be bad to reap. Apostle Hyrum M. Smith was the next speaker who preached a real sermon on "sowing wild oats". Elder Ruten S. Wells was the concluding speaker.

April 18, 1904, I attended a public meeting in the Amusement Hall relative to the placing of Gentry Mountain under Government supervision by establishing a grazing district. A. W. Jensen of Ephraim was in attendance.

Soon after coming home from my mission, myself, Alonzo N. Leonard, J. Wm. Johnson, John L. Brasher, and David H. Wood were appointed by Bp. J. W. Nixon as Ward Amusement Committee. It became our duty to furnish the amusements for the Ward and secure means for Ward maintenance. John L. Brasher was chairman of this committee, which functioned during Bp. Nixon's administration.

I was also selected as a Counselor to John P. Pearson in the Huntington Ward Young Men's Improvement Assn.

During 1904-5 I was a Stake Home Missionary, visiting the Wards of Price, Castle Gate, Wellington, Sunnyside, Cleveland, Elmo, and Hohland. These visits were made by team and buggy. Some of my companions were J. William Johnson, D. H. Wood, J. W. Nixon, and James W. Johnson.

During the months of July, between the 4th and 24th, myself, Grace Wakefield, David C. Leonard, Besse Colard, Ellis E. Johnson, Kate Methie, Wm. Green, Emma Lemmon, Brigham Nielson and Mae Lovelless, took a week's vacation trip up the Huntington Canyon with teams and wagons. We visited Huntington Reservoir, Cleveland Reservoir, and Ben Pete Reservoir. We had a very nice time, arriving home July 23rd.

On August 11, 1904, after having kept company with Grace Wakefield since March 25, I asked Grace if she would marry me. We were sitting on the same spot on the same lawn and at the same date of the month as it was (August 11, 1901) when I asked her sister

Lauretta to marry me. Being much surprised at the question, she hesitated for a few moments, then replied that she had intended to continue her schooling, but that she would except me as a companion. The date of marriage, February 5, 1905, was not set until some time later. Grace Wakefield had been working in the J. W. Nixon store since April 1903.

During the fall season of 1904 I worked with my team on the Huntington Reservoir.

Father and Ferry L. Young were foremen, and I was time-keeper. From January 1, 1904 to December 31, 1906 I was County Road Supervisor, having been appointed by the

County Commissioners, Anton Nielson being one of them. The road I had supervision

over was from the Wilberg Wash on the south to Sage Brush Bench on the north. During

this period, all road work had to be done by horses. I did construction and maintenance

work in Washboard Flat, Right Mile Hill, Pison Spring Bench, at both sides of the

old wooden bridge across Huntington River and the Five-Mile Wash north of Huntington

town.

I was a Sunday School teacher during the years of 1904, 1905, and to 1910. I

was Secretary and Treasurer of the Huntington Belgian Horse Association.

1905 was one of the most eventful years of my life. The year came in with mild

weather and best wishes from most everybody in the community. The month of January

was mostly spent in preparation of the coming marriage to Miss Alice Grace Wakefield,

to be solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day-

Saints, February 3, 1905. This young woman, Alice Grace, was the most charming young

Lady of Huntington and I was proud to make her my wife. We were taken to Price by

John F. Wakefield, February 1, 1905, the road was dry and dusty. John H. Lott rode

over to Price with us.

We took the evening train and arrived at Salt Lake City early the next morning.

The first thing of importance was a trip to the City and County Building where we

secured our marriage licenses. We then went to the Dinwood Furniture Store and pur-

chased a few pieces of furniture. The furniture we bought was: a dresser, a table,

six chairs, a rocking chair, and a cupboard. During our two nights and three days stay in Salt Lake City we bought the furniture, had our picture taken, ordered our wedding announcements, bought a few other items, visited the Legislature, and saw two plays. The remainder of our time was spent in sight-seeing around the city. We attended the plays at the New Grand Theatre. The name of one play was "Von Yonson", and the other play was about a tailor who wished he "had pay for his pants".

We were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Robbins that night, and February 3, 1905. We went through the Salt Lake Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day-Saints and were married by President John H. Winder, one of the Presidency of the I. D. S. Church.

Our first evening of married life was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Robbins.

BRIDE AND GROOM

Oh, bride and groom, the day is fair
 And love is singing everywhere;
 And friends are many, smiling now
 The while you take your marriage vow;
 But life is made of joy and care
 And love has many things to bear.

God bless the home which you shall build;
 May it with happiness be filled,
 May you set forth this lovely June
 To many a golden honeymoon;
 But storms will come, as old hearts know,
 And love must weather many a blow.

Go hand in hand adown the years,
 Keep faith through doubts and hurts and tears,
 The honeymoon will rise and wane,
 Joy will be lost and found again;
 The tears must come to every eye
 But love can live when hope must die.

Oh, bride and groom, for you my prayer
 Is not that every day be fair,
 For that could never be. I pray
 That love shall last, whatever the day;
 Through all that comes of grief and pain
 And hurt and care may love remain.

By Edgar A. Guest

The next day after our marriage we took a wedding trip for a week to Morgan, Littleton and Craydon, Utah and visited my relatives, including my sister Maud Geary. After our visit in Morgan County, we visited my Aunt Jane Mantle and family at Taylorsville, Utah. We then went to Provo, Utah and visited Uncle R. L. Woodward and family and some of the Huntington, Utah Academy students: About one week after arriving home, our parents put on a public wedding supper at the John F. Wetherfield home and a dance in the Amusement Hall in the evening.

Our first home was in a frame house on Lot 2, Block 19, Huntington, Utah, owned by Robert Itster. We resided at this place for four months. While residing at the Itster home, Grace lost her wedding ring, which was found by Mrs. Itster after we had moved away from the place. When we moved in the Thomas L. Hardee house on Lot 2 Block 10, Huntington, Utah, we lived there until the spring of 1908. Our rent was \$2.50 per month and it was hard to get that amount to pay rent with.

During the season of 1905, I planted wheat on land located south of the grist mill and planted oats on our south farm. This was all done by team of horses and horse drawn machinery. I also took over Father's cattle for the season on a rental agreement. I was to keep the old stock good and have half the increase. I put the cattle on the range at the mouth of Miller Creek during the latter part of March. I had purchased a saddle horse from Adelbert Marshall. The price of this pony (uno) was \$20, \$2.50 down and the balance in monthly installments. When I arrived at Miller Creek it was night time and I stayed over night with Jerry Young who was herding sheep in the neighborhood. He had his tent set up near the site of the present coal tipple. Mr. Young asked me to talk to my father about joining him in buying from the State School Land Board the section of school land surrounding his tent for the sum of \$5,120 in ten yearly payments of \$512 per year. I talked to father but he was not interested in the deal.

During the grazing season I rode over the range with Edgar Johnson, David H. Wood, J. E. Gordon, and Peter Hehlberg. I made a loan from First National Bank of Price, Ut.

After that at this conference by William M. ... I was included in the L. O. M. Chapter. I labored in this position for ten years.

I was appointed as second counselor to William M. ... of the Huntington area of January 1, 1900 at a quarterly conference of the ...

and W. H. ... the town board were as follows: ... Huntington town for a term of two years by the Huntington town board. The names of ... during the report of January, 1900, I was appointed the third town clerk of ...

Lake McCandless Kinder, Gerty Allen McCandless, William Edward McCandless, and ... Kate Lake Temple. Grace and I were witnesses at the marriage. Their children were:

July 5, 1914. Later she was married to Raymond McCandless on June 13, 1920 at the ... blessed by John R. Wackerfield on January 7, 1900, and officiated by Mark Kertchner on ...

midnight our first child was born, a girl which we named Laurita Ann. She was ... a horse to the buggy and soon had Aunt Bell and Grace's mother at our home and before ...

I arrived home, Grace told me to go either her mother and Aunt Bell Gerty--of course I ... knew what might happen if I did not obey. I went over to father's place and hid behind ...

on a ridge on his farm and tipped the water to his nose. This was the first water ... up in his field west from town. (Father had, a few years previously, dug a cistern ...

camped on the mountain. On November 21, 1905, I helped father clean out his cistern ... from all sides. We found a cow with a young calf and had plenty of fresh milk while ...

for several days. We camped in the mountain where we had a nice view of the country ... later to Grace. We had a very enjoyable time, but the ladies complained of being sore ... our lives on the mountain with us. His wife, Ella Wackerfield Johnson, was an older ...

During one of our riding trips during the summer season, Edgar-Johnson and I took ... 15 head of cows which I sold. and purchased five Durham cows from Scott Blackburn for \$100. In the fall I had about ...

These records jumped up and down of my life

W. L. Young, Johnson Nelsons, Ben Jones, Sr., Helen L. Jones, Robert W. Hill, Abraham Day, J. P. Hansen and myself purchased a new Steam Thrashing Machine, costing approx-

During the latter part of August, 1907, a group of farmers, namely: W. L. Geary, owned by Hanson and Strong.

After the walls were completed, about Christmas time, I did most of the carpenter work except making the windows and door frames, which were made at the planing mill room home. C. W. Christensen of Cleveland was the mason and boarded at our home.

During the Autumn season we commenced laying brick and adobe in our new three-Brothers through their agent, Charles Westover, during April.

our new home. I planted an orchard of assorted fruit trees, purchased from Stark home. I made a loan from Aunt Bell Geary of \$400 to help defray expenses of building

1907 I spent part of my time farming and part time gathering materials for our new of 1907. Raised a good crop of hay, grain, prunes, and pork. During the season of

arranged with Wm. J. Green, Sr., for bricks and adobe to be made during the season Childster to quarry stones for top foundation and cap and sills for windows and doors,

Hill-side Farm. I hauled rock from Otteson Wash for a foundation and hired Alfred mounted taking care of cattle. Began making preparations to build a house on our

some slabs and lumber from the canyon for building purposes. Made a trip on the During the month of August I took care of the Huntington Reservoir. Also hauled

county road from Milbergs to Carson-Dixey boundary line. My main occupation during the year of 1906 was farming and taking care of the

hall repaid the loan at the bank. George W. Johnson was made manager of the hall. In several years, earnings from the

in keeping men at work on the building. After the completion of the building in 1905, The building was completed with these materials, and in addition, we spent much time

bank on their individual signatures about \$2,000 from which materials were purchased. which had been under construction for several years. The electric borrowed from the

under the Anton Nelson Administration was the completion of the Relief Society Hall

I was made secretary and treasurer of the company which position I held until 1921

when the machine was sold to Jess Brinkerhoff and Sons. I was the engineer on this

threshing machine for ten years.

The first season we operated this machine Lester Day and myself were crossing

a bridge on the county road between the Lewis Marshall and B. G. Bell's homes on

the south flat, when we became frightened at the dangerous bridge and stepped off

the engine while it crossed. Before we could get back on the engine, it turned over

to the right and ran off into the deep, wet gully and tipped over. It cost us \$1,000

dollars to get it out and to fix it up for service. We were delayed about one month

in our threshing. We learned how to better handle and operate the threshing outfit

and it became a good paying investment. Many years we threshed more than 40,000

bushels of grain and many thousands of dollars worth of alfalfa seed. February 19,

1900, we borrowed \$400 from Miller & Vialle of Salt Lake City and paid Aunt Bell Gentry

in full on the loan we had secured from her in 1901. During the month of March, 1900,

we moved into our new home.

Early this year of 1908 I was appointed secretary and treasurer of the Huntington

Belgian Horse Association. September 21, 1908 Aunt Bell's daughter (my step-daughter)

Mary Bellie and Frank C. Grange were married in the Mount Temple

During this year the first automobile appeared on the streets of Huntington.

Everet Johnson was the first man to own an automobile in Huntington. He later sold

it to Charles Otterson. J. W. Nixon purchased a Metz friction-drive auto and during the

summer invited me to accompany him and his son Billie and daughter Minnie to Richfield

to attend a sugar-beet meeting. We left Huntington at noon and did not get to Richfield

until after dark. We came back to Huntington by way of Tropic. It took two days to

get there. Others who owned autos were: Geo. W. Miller, John H. Killpack, Martin

Black and Dr. W. C. Hill.

I planted one acre of strawberries during the spring season and during the summer

built a garage. I had John Riley and Wm. Tucker dig a slab on the north-west corner

about two months and earned enough lumber to build a barn.

also Secretary and Treasurer of the same. I worked at the mill, running the engine for

a shareholder in the Young and Geary dammill in the head of Crowdsell Canyon. I was

river which I farmed in connection with my own farm. During the summer 1911, I became

During the seasons of 1911 and 1912 I rented the Ruben G. Miller farm on Huntington

turning horse and buggy.

and Northland. I received \$5. per day which was a good pay for that time. I had to

as census taker and was appointed to take census of Huntington, Lawrence, Cleveland

our home and yard. During the month of April, 1910, I took and passed the examination

During the season of 1909 I completed the water system and piped the water into

L. Young, P. E. Johnson and others.

the shearing plant. I also did some ploughing with the engine for M. B. Black, F.

machine out to the Hanson Shearing Correll on Cedar Creek to generate power to run

After planting the crops, in the latter part of April, I took the threshing

Geary, Sara Jane Geary, and Alice Grace Geary.)

were witnesses at the marriage. Nettie and Dora have three children: Nettie Ann

was married to Dora Nielson on January 19, 1935 in the Hunt Temple. Grace and I

Bolt Lake Temple prior to filling a mission to Germany in 1931, '32, and '33. He

on June 3, 1917. Nettie took out his Temple Endowment on October 9, 1931 at the

by Peter Johnson, and was baptized when he was eight years of age by David Arno Fowler

Amot Bell was the doctor in charge. He was given a name and blessing on April 4, 1909

(Our first son, Nettie Glen Geary, was born March 1, 1909 at Huntington, Utah.

Stake Academy at Castle Dale.

a lot of time and effort to convert the people to the building of the new Stake

we had to assess all the families of the ward to meet our stake allotment. It took

Academy building at Castle Dale made a real job for the Huntington Ward Stake.

The closing of the Huntington Seminary and the construction of a new Stake

of our Mill-side farm for storing water for culinary purposes.

Booked to 6 weeks old, Reassure my W.P. Johnson's permission. Mary Smith.

In 1912 I was awarded the contract for the digging and backfilling of the trenches of the Huntington Cullum water system. I had about twenty men under employment for about five months. I also installed many of the service connections for the people of the town. I connected with Albert C. Gardner for timber for a barn and hired Harry Knight and Byron Peterson to build the barn during the winter and spring of 1913. During the month of June, 1913, I was one of the stockholders and organizers of the Charlie Valley Banking Company with a capital stock of \$25,000. The officers were as follows:

Robert Nelson-----President

George M. Miller-----Vice President

W. A. Guyson-----Senior Director

Leasus Anderson-----Jr. Pleasant Director

Walter Miller-----Secretary

Edward G. Gentry-----Cashier

The bank opened for business November 1, 1913. I worked in the bank as Cashier until February of 1915 when I sold my stock in the bank and purchased my father's south 1/2 farm of 40 acres. During 1915 I operated my own farm and was also Water-master on the Huntington canal at \$68.50 per month. Fisher and Aunt Bell moved to Stord, then during the year. The last State Legislature of that year passed a bill consisting all the school districts of each county into one county district, thus creating the Henry County School District and authorizing the County Commissioners of each county to appoint the first county Board of Education. On May 11, 1915,

they operated the following men on the first Board of Education of Henry County, Utah. They were, namely:

B. H. Swanson-----Chairman

M. O. Gustafson-----Treasurer

E. H. Adams,-----Green River

Harold L. Snow-----Cleveland

Edward G. Gentry-----Huntington

The annual salary of the Board of Education was fixed at \$200 per year.

I served in this position until 1917, during which time the school building on the east side of Main Street was built. During the fall of 1915 the Board of Education established the first high school in Huntington with Robert Benton as Principal. During the school season of 1915-16 we had schools in most all of the public buildings of Huntington. At the opening of school in 1916 the third year was added to the high school and higher grades of elementary school moved into the new building. (On May 21, 1917 our third child, a son, was born. He named him Elmo G. Gentry. Dr. R. C. Hill was the attending doctor. I placed him in the I. M. S. Church July 5, 1914. He was baptized July 2, 1922. Elmo was married to Nettie Ferguson in the Salt Lake Temple, March 15, 1937. Grace and I were witnesses at the marriage. Elmo and Nettie have three children: Edward Leard Gentry, John Lewis Gentry, and Linda Sue Gentry.) During the spring season of 1915 a group of Huntington citizens under the leadership of the Huntington Commercial Club, organized the Huntington Power and Light Company with D. Huber Leonard as President and Geo. M. Miller, W. A. Guyton, Mort Jensen and J. W. Nixon as directors. I was Secretary-Treasurer. This company hired an engineer and made a survey for a canal leading the Huntington Powerworks at the head of the Salt Lake Deton, thence following the footings on the west side of Huntington thence to Maple Canyon, and thence to the power house site through metal pipe. He also had power poles and wire line surveyed to Huntington City and throughout the city. The company commenced work on the canal when the Utah Power and Light Company offered to buy the new company out and install power and lights at once. The Utah Power & Light Company reimbursed the Huntington Company for money spent, amounting to about \$3,000. The Utah Power & Light Co. then commenced at once to install the power and light into Huntington from their transmission in Carbon County, and in November 1915, the lights were first turned on. I was the chairman of the committee that arranged the big celebration staged that night.

A largely attended meeting was held in the Heller Society Hall with a representative from the Light Co. and J. W. Nixon being the main speakers. Later, dances were held in the Heller Society Hall and J. W. Nixon's Hall. A large banquet was served to the public in the old log chamber hall.

During 1914 I commenced the operation of the first moving picture machine in Emery County for J. W. Nixon. I held this job for three years. My wages were paid in advance for my family.

During the year of 1915 we commenced the completion of our home. My wife helped with the foundation. H. O. Kesterfield was the mason who laid the brick and

roofs and did the plastering. My wife and Larry Stone helped with the carpenter work. We made a loan from the Federal Land Bank of \$1,500 to help pay the cost of the house. This loan ran for ten years. The rent and taxes were purchased from the Emery County of Price, who burned a kiln for brick on the public square for the new school house, then under construction.

My 1916, I began work with John H. Kallbach and Em. G. Gony as

consultants, were released as the manager of Huntington Ward after serving for ten years. D. Baker Leonard was appointed as bishop with Em. G. Gony and John H. Kallbach as examiners.

February 3, 1917, I was appointed secretary and treasurer of the Huntington and Keweenaw Association. I held this position for fifteen years. I

acted as secretary and treasurer of the North Emery Cattlemen's Association during 1917-18. During the year of 1914 I was appointed by the judge of the Seventh Judicial District down as the administrator of the Alvey E. and Mary H. Sherman estate and during 1917 completed the dividing of the estate.

In October, 1917, we purchased our first car, a Dodge Sedan. The price was \$900 and we purchased it from Lord of Price, Utah. We sold wheat to make the first

payment of \$300 and borrowed money from the Helmer State Bank to make the remaining

from 1918 to 1919 I was correspondent for the Beecher News. My compensation

for this job was my subscription to the paper.

1918, war broke out between the United States and Germany. I registered for

service on September 12, with Peter B. Johnson at the Registration office.

On July, 1918 I was appointed a member of the United States Food Administration

by Herbert Hoover. During World War I, I was appointed by the Governor of Utah

and the Director of the U. S. Savings Department as Emery County Chairman of War

Savings Stamp Drive. During this drive I had the Reverend Stimpkins of Salt Lake

City as a speaker and Cland Karetzfeld, Elven Fowler and Alvin Leonard as singers.

We held meetings in Cleveland, Huntington, Lawrence, Emery, Berton, Orangerville,

Castle Dale, and Hotchkiss. The Emery County War Stamp Allotment was \$140,000, which

amount was subscribed before the war was over. He appointed a War Savings Stamp

Chairman in every precinct.

During the month of April 1919, we purchased the building and mercantile

business of J. H. Nixon, Huntington, Utah. The price of the building was \$3,000

on monthly payments without interest and the stock payments were one-half daily

sales until paid. He successfully operated this mercantile business for almost 20

years. Our sales ran as high as \$40,000 per year until the depression of 1931 and

the completion of oiled road to Price when our business began to decline. On account

of ill health in 1939 we sold our stock of mine to O. B. Johnson and C. L. Guyman.

1921-23 I was secretary of the Huntington Chamber of Commerce. On May 20, 1924

at a special meeting held at the High School Building at Huntington, Utah, it was

decided that the towns of Huntington, Elmo, Cleveland, Hotchkiss, and Lawrence

should be included in the first Emery Mountain Division of the Boy Scouts of

America. I was made Court of Honor Director and Secretary of the organization.

1925-26 I was second counselor to Heber P. Brockbank in the Emery State Sunday

School. Peter B. Johnson was the other counselor.

1923-25 I served on the committee which secured money from the Bureau of Public

Roads and Emery County for the building of a better highway through Huntington Canyon.

I was chairman of the committee and made seven trips to Salt Lake City and Ogden before plans were completed. I was awarded the contract of building the Geary Bridge across Huntington River north of Fole Canyon and one-half mile of road for approximately \$2,500. During the time of construction, the summer of 1925, I secured from road right-of-way the pine trees planted around our home. The entire road was built from the forks of the Canyon to Badger Canyon by residents of Huntington in \$2,500 contracts. The road contracts were all completed by August 20, 1926, at which time a big celebration was held at Boulder Canyon by the people of Carbon=Emery and San Pete Counties, as follows:

PROGRAM FOR
FAIRVIEW-HUNTINGTON ROAD CELEBRATION
-BOULDER CANYON
Aug. 20-21, 1926

Aug. 19th, 8:00 P.M. Camp Fire Program in charge of John L. Beach

Aug. 20, 9:00 A.M. Band Concert

9:30

Sports:

Tug of War, Foot Races, Baseball Game--women selected from east and west sides. Program, Game Commissioner D. H. Madson, Speaker

2:00 P.M.

3:00 P.M.

Boxing and Wrestling Matches Camp Fire Program in charge of E. L. Roberts of the B.Y.U.

Aug. 21, 8:00 A.M. Band Concert

9:00

Horse Races, Chariot Races, Pulling Matches, etc. Baseball Game, San Peter vs. Emery & Carbon

11:00

2:00 P.M.

Barbecue, free to all Program, speakers to be Gov. Geo. H. Dern and other State Officials Band Concert

TWO BIG DANCES EVERY EVENING!!!

In October of 1921, the Huntin Stom Commercial Club, under the leadership of

Byrta B. Lovelace as President and Edw. C. Geary as Secretary-Treasurer, located a

coal mine in Meetinghouse Canyon for the committee of Huntington, Cleveland, Elmo,

and Lawrence. After applying to the United States Department of the Interior, we

obtained a community permit to mine coal for the domestic use of its members. This

was a community project and was operated and used only by community members. This

was the first of its kind in the United States.

The first Board of Directors of the Huntington Coal Association were as follows:

Byrta B. Lovelace—Chairman, Edward G. Geary—Secretary & Treasurer, Myra H. George,

Miller S. Black, Erin C. Howard, and W. Albert Guyton—Board Members. The total was

eight to the mine by donation. Two entrances were made before a workable vein of

coal was found.

I advanced several hundred dollars for power and tools before the mine was ready

to sell coal to the members of the organization. The price of coal was \$2 per ton.

This community coal mine, during the twenty years of its operation, saved the residents

of the communities of Huntington, Cleveland, Elmo and Lawrence more than two thousand

dollars per year.

During the month of September, 1922, the people of Huntington and Cleveland were

depressed of having an L.D.S. Seminary School restored in Huntington so that High School

students could get some spiritual training along with their regular school courses.

The Huntington Seminary had been closed since 1903. A public meeting was held in the

Huntington Ward and after some discussion, Peter Nielson and Rev. G. Geary were select-

ed as a committee to go to Salt Lake City and ask the L.D.S. Church officials for the

restoration of the Huntington Seminary School. Mr. Nielson and I went to Salt Lake City

and called at the Presiding Bishop's office and explained our mission. The Bishop

informed us that the Church Board of Education had the management of the Church schools

and that we should call on Apostle Clawson, Chairman of the Board. We called on Mr.

Clawson, who informed us that he could do nothing about our cause until the Church Board

of Education had acted on the application. As we were leaving the room, we met Apostle Richard R. Lyman, who asked us into his room and wanted to know what our mission in Salt Lake City was. We explained to him that the people of Huntington, Cleveland, Elmo and Lawrence were desirous of having a Seminary School established in Huntington. After he heard our discussion he said that the people of North Emery County should have a seminary and if we would furnish a building he would do all he could towards having our school restored.

A few days after we returned home we received word from Apostle Lyman that a teacher would be provided for a Seminary school the following school year if a suitable building could be secured. The Bishopric of the Huntington Ward met with the City Council and asked if they would turn the City Jail over to the Church for a school building. After taking the request under advisement for a few days, the City turned this Jail Building over to the Huntington Ward for a Seminary School. The people of the town rallied and took out the steel bars and reconditioned the Jail Building for a Seminary School. Hyrum S. Harris from Provo was the first teacher.

By 1925 the enrollment of the Huntington Seminary School had grown so that the 'old jail' would no longer accommodate the increasing attendance; so, the Bishopric called a public meeting to consider the advisability of having a new Seminary Building. A Solicitory Committee was appointed to gather funds. This committee went through the town of Huntington and had the interested people sign checks for enough to pay for the building, but when the checks were presented to the various banks, they were returned for lack of funds. The women then took over and assessed themselves and some other interested parties \$50 each and commenced work on the building. Miller S. Black was the foreman and I was appointed as secretary and Treasurer of the building committee.

Before the building was completed it cost the women and a few others more than \$100 each. Lewis W. Johnson and myself installed the furnace and cement steps after

the building had been heated by a stove for one year. At this writing, May 8, 1959, more than 3,000 students have attended Seminary School in this building.

April 5, 1923 we purchased our second Dodge car from Frandsen Bros. of Price. It cost \$1,305.90 In 1925 I traded a pair of young unbroken horses to Mr. Parrish for a Dodge truck.

1924 I joined the Carbon-Berry Fish and Game Protective Assn. I was a member for several years, during which time I hauled several Dodge truck loads of fish up Huntington Canyon to plant in Huntington River. I was accompanied by Ira Brinkerhoff. I went fishing with such men as William P. Jones, Ira Brinkerhoff, Nyle Lovelace and O. R. Johnson. Early in the 1930's a group of Huntington Cattlemen, namely: Edw. G. Geary, Wm. A. Cook, Frank Robbins, B. Brasner, Clint Wackerfeld, Peter McElvany, Gerald Sherman, Elvin McElvany, Milton McElvany, F. Merion Guyton, W. Albert Guyton, Edw. Brinkerhoff, Ralph Grange, Peter Murray and Miller S. Black, associated themselves together as a 'beef trust'. During the summer months each member would furnish a young beef and each week a beef would be slaughtered and divided among the members. Joseph Wackerfeld and Clint Wackerfeld did the butchering and cutting for several years. Each member would go after his meat before sun-up the morning after the killing. It was my job to arrange the terms and see that each member furnished his beef during the season.

July 9, 1924, our family (Myself, wife Grace, daughter Fawn, and two sons, Merlin and Elmo) started on a vacation to Yellowstone Park. We took our tent, bedding, and cooking utensils to make camp. We went by way of Indian Canyon to Ft. Duchesne, then to Lapoint where we visited Sylvia Birch Blackburn, one of Grace's girlhood chums and a very dear friend of mine. After visiting here one day, we went over to Vernal, Utah and then back to Sylvia's home the following day. At noon the third day from home we left Lapoint and drove over to Duchesne where we camped over night. The next day we camped over night. The next day we drove into Salt Lake City and registered at the Cullen Hotel. The following day we drove to Logan, Utah and were the guests of Mr.

and Mrs. Rollo V. Johnson over night. The seventh day we drove to Farm River. The eighth day we drove to Yellowstone where on July 17, 1924 we got a permit to enter the Park. Our Dodge roadster, number 21352, we drove to the southern part of the Park during the day seeing many geysers, including Old Faithful and others. We also saw many bears and deer. We also visited Yellowstone Falls where we camped on a hillside over night.

The next day after taking in the wonderful sights on both sides of the Yellowstone River, we journeyed southwest by way of Moran, Wyoming. We broke a car spring on the rough dirt roads during the day, and being able to find a green alloy, and unable to get it repaired at Moran, I repaired it myself. We continued southward to Wilson, Wyoming, and then went over the Wilson-Wodin Pass into Idaho. We camped out on the top of the pass for the night. That night I dreamed that a bear was after me. The next day we drove to Haled, Idaho, where we camped overnight near a farm home south of the town. The next day we drove to Keyville, Utah where we prepared our meal as usual and then journeyed towards home.

(At Thistle, Utah, as we were turning around the corner of the R. R. Roundhouse on our side of the road, a guy from Colorado in a Model "T" Ford ran into us head on. He smashed the front end of his car and bent the steering connections of our car. The men had his wife and several children in his car and all his earthly belongings tied on the outside of his Model "T". He felt very badly and said he was at fault, but did not have a cent to pay for the fixing of our car. There was no garage in Thistle, so I had to take the damaged parts from my car and repair them the best I could until we could get to a shop.) After some hours of delay, we started up Spanish Fork Canyon in the darkness. As we neared Soldier Summit it began to rain and lightning and thunder. It rained on us all the way down Price Canyon. The road was narrow and soon became very slippery. All in all, with bent radius rods plus slick roads we didn't arrive in Price until about midnight. We secured rooms at the Price Hotel and remained over night and came home the next morning over dry roads. We were away from home twelve days and had every enjoyable time in spite

THE OLD POLICE OFFICE BEING HELD AT QUAKEMASS DOUGWAY
AT THE MOUTH OF CORRELL CANYON IN HUNTL-
INGTON CANYON, JULY 13, 1927

GENERAL COMMITTEE:

- Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Leonard
- Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gordon
- Mr. and Mrs. Harold Watson
- Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Rowley
- Mr. and Mrs. Ray C. Grange

MASTER OF CEREMONIES:

Edward G. Geary

PROGRAM REVERSED:

Song by congregation, "Columbia"
 Invocation by A. L. Anderson
 Speech of Welcome by Edward G. Geary
 Luncheon was served for the guests and all
 assisting in the outing, consisting of about
 one hundred thirty five souls.

Wit and Humor by Mrs. Howell Brinkerhoff

Reading by Mrs. Dierene Lesson

Song by J. F. Johnson

Speech by H. G. Dettler

Song by J. F. Wakarfeld

Reading by Mary E. Westover who is 92 yrs. of age
and the oldest person present.

Song by A. C. Gardner

Reading by Mrs. H. P. Brockbank

Song by Roy Sherman

Speech by John Leamaster the oldest man present, 85
years of age.

Remarks by M. E. Johnson

Remarks by Samuel Rowley

Remarks by Christian Otteson

Remarks by J. F. Wakarfeld

Song by Congregation, "On Ye Mountains High" led by
Amos Wakarfeld

35 persons present have seen and heard Brigham Young
Benjamin Jones, the oldest Huntington Pioneer and
homebuilder present.

During April of 1926, Grace and I went on an excursion to Los Angeles, California.
We went to Salt Lake City in our car, then went on the R. R. to California.

we registered at a large swanky hotel for two nights. The first day we took a night-seeing bus and the next day took a train ride to Santa Monica. The third day we visited San Pedro Harbor and hired a taxi boat to take us out in the harbor to a huge battleship. The captain of the battleship took us aboard and had a guide show us through the vessel. After leaving the battleship we rode in a Navy Skipper to Long Beach. After walking through the Pike and having our pictures taken on the back of a burro, we went to the home of Earl and Ila Roberts in South Los Angeles where we remained over night.

The next morning we went down to San Pedro Harbor and went aboard a vessel for Catalina Island, where we remained until evening when we returned to San Pedro Harbor and back to Earl and Ila's home. Ann Hardee was visiting at the Roberts' home at the time. The next day we started on our journey home.

June 13, 1928, Fawn and Raymond McCandless were married in the Salt Lake Temple. Grace and I accompanied them through the Temple and witnessed their marriage.

During August, 1928, Grace, Fawn, Elmo and I accompanied Andrew L. Anderson and his family on a camping trip to Bryce Canyon, Grand Canyon, Pipe Springs, Zion Canyon, and Cedar City. We came home by way of Huntington Canyon.

In 1927-28 I was Precinct Chairman of the Republican Party for Huntington Districts 7 and 8. I was Secretary and Treasurer for the Huntington Seminary Committee during the years 1925 to 1928. I was a committeeman with Frank Robbins, Peter McIlpenny, Heber Brockbank and M. S. Black who solicited funds of \$137.90 for the 1927 Sunday School Christmas Celebration. During 1928-30 I was Huntington Ward Budget Secretary and Treasurer and also Secretary and Treasurer of the Ward picture show for a short time.

In September of 1928, the Huntington Cattlemen put on a rodeo in Hugh's Canyon. Miller Black was Chairman and I was Secretary-Treasurer. Governor Mabey was the guest speaker. Some of the horses used in this rodeo were horses the U. S. Forest Service had taken possession of for trespass. I purchased one of them later from

Miller Black. We used this horse for fifteen years--we called him "Nick".

Back in the early twenties, myself, Peter McElprang, A. L. Anderson, Clint Wakefield, R. Brasler, Frank Robbins, and Vern Cook sold our sheep, approximately 993 head, to Charles Redd of Lasal, Utah for the sum of \$4,225.25 which amounted to \$4.65 per head. The sheep herd did not yield us a very large profit. We changed our sheep permits on the ranges back to cattle permits.

Julia Ann Wakefield, Grace's mother, died at Huntington, Utah on October 10, 1918. Edgar A. Johnson, Grace's brother-in-law died at Huntington on April 11, 1907.

Julia Eliza Johnson, sister to Grace and wife of Edgar A. Johnson, died at Huntington January 7, 1920. Claud Ray Wakefield, brother of Grace, died at Huntington on May 24, 1920.

Mary Alice Geary, sister of Edward G. Geary, died at Martin, Utah, on November 20, 1925 and was buried at Huntington, Utah.

From October 9, 1931, to June of 1934, our beloved son, Merlin G. Geary performed an honorable mission in Germany for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He left home as a school boy and returned home as a fully developed man with a testimony of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We welcomed him home.

During August, 1930, Grace and I took her father, John F. Wakefield, and my father, Edward L. Geary, down to Bryce Canyon, Zion Canyon and Grand Canyon. We traveled over some of the roads my father had traveled in 1883, but much improved.

February 1, 1928, I was appointed an agent of the United States Fidelity and Guarantee Company of Baltimore, Maryland. I held this agency for 30 years. During the years of 1930-31, I was one of a committee of four, namely: Edward G. Geary, Soren Anderson, Hans R. Mortensen, and Oliver Jensen, who formulated plans for the consolidation of the Huntington Canal and Reservoir Association and the Cleveland Canal & Reservoir Association into the Huntington-Cleveland Irrigation Company.

Thus, we did away with much confusion over water rights and the distribution of water of the Huntington River. I held the position of Secretary-Treasurer of the company for nine years.

John Fleming Wakerfeld, Grace's father, died at Huntington, Utah on January 1, 1933. His funeral services were attended by most of the Northern Emery County.

On the 4th day of December, 1933, I was appointed by the County Commissioners of Emery County to fill the term of County Commissioner caused by the unexpected resignation of Amos G. Wakerfeld. I held this position until January 1, 1935. The other commissioners were Joseph J. Larsen of Cleveland, Christian and Rasmus Johnson of Emery.

During 1934 the County Commissioners sold the Mill Fork Coal Mine to the Leinster Brothers. The mine had reverted to Emery County on account of delinquent taxes.

Also, during the year of 1934 I was Chairman of the Emery County Fourth Annual Vocational Roundup held at Castle Dale on August 17-18. The General Committee was Robert Bahley oferton, Louis P. Oveson of Castle Dale, Merrill E. Cook of Castle Dale, James A. Mittsen of Huntington, and M. I. Oveson of Cleveland. The object of the Emery County Vocational Roundup was to make available for our people educational features and experiences useful in the conduct of our affairs. The committee endeavored to secure the most able instructors and entertainers to meet and instruct and entertain the people of Emery County during the two days of program. Dances, and Boxing Matches were held at the Wilders Resort each evening. Governor Blood of Utah was the guest speaker at the Roundup.

On June 1, 1933, the Glories of a Century of Progress, Chicago's second International Exposition, was opened. For 150 days (to November 1, 1933) the story of mankind's achievements in the past hundred years were thrillingly depicted. At 4:00 A.M. on August 29, 1933, Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Grange and myself and wife Grace left Huntington in my car for Chicago, Illinois to attend the "Century of Progress". We went as far as Heber City, Utah the first evening, then on to Cheyenne, Wyoming the next day. Then, we went on to Lincoln, Nebraska and the third day, on to Chicago. The roads were not hard surfaced much of the way. We visited the exposition for three days, then Frank and Mary went to Lima, Ohio, for a school bus and Grace and I went on to Detroit by way of Kalamazoo, Battle Creek, Jackson and Ann Arbor.

At Ann Arbor we spent the day eight-seeing over some of my missionary grounds. Before leaving Detroit we crossed the Detroit River on a large ferry boat and visited and did some shopping in Windsor, Canada. On our way back, we stopped over night in Adrian, Michigan, one of my missionary fields of labor. We visited Cartage and Nauvoo, Illinois on our way towards Quincy, Illinois where we crossed the Mississippi River. We continued our way homeward by way of Pueblo and Grand Junction, Colorado. We were away from home 15 days on this trip.

1934 was the driest year Castle Valley has had since it's settlement. Many of the crops were a total failure. The livestock came from the summer range in poor condition.

During July of 1935, Frank Robbins and his wife, myself and Grace took a vacation trip in my car to San Diego, California. The first day from home, we went as far as Cedar City. We were delayed some by illness of one of our members. The second day we went to Las Vegas and over to the Hoover Dam and back to Las Vegas where we remained over night in a cabin. The third day we drove to San Diego. On approaching San Diego, we followed traffic onto a ferryboat by mistake and was taken over to Car- nuda Island which is occupied by Government Gertisons. After riding through the Fort for some time, we returned to the Ferry and paid another fee to get back onto the main highway. The first night at San Diego we drove into about a fourth class cabin for the night. The next morning we drove up to San Diego to Balboa Park to the Exposition Grounds where we spent all day taking in the many exhibits of interest. Some of the most interesting things were the old mission-type buildings, the Henry Ford Automobile Factory and the colony of small people. Some of which were less than 24 inches high. (But they could drink a full glass of beer.)

The second night we went back in the neighborhood of the last night's cabin and secured a nice up-to-date room. The next day we drove to Tijuana, Mexico, and then to Los Angeles, California where Grace and I were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lavelle King. The next day we visited Hollywood and Los Angeles, and the following night we drove home.

Governor

(s) Henry H. Blood

Very truly yours,

It is my sincere hope that you will accept this call to service. Will you kindly write me on receipt of this letter, giving your decision as to whether you can and will undertake this duty?

The State Farm Debt Adjustment Committee will arrange a series of educational meetings, beginning Monday, March 5, 1934, for the purpose of assisting you and other members of county committees in becoming acquainted with your duties. Your committee will meet at 11:30 A. M. You will understand, of course, that your acting as friends of both parties. The urgency of this matter will be realized when it is known that the Federal Land Bank requires complete composition of all debts before loans will be granted.

I regret to advise that there appears to be no arrangements made for remuneration for this service. It is probable, however, that a plan will be worked out so that actual and necessary expense will be provided. The thought is that you will materially assist those in financial distress, as well as those to whom farmers are indebted, by arranging suitable adjustments that will be mutually helpful.

The purpose of the debt adjustment service is to permit farmers to retain possession of their farms under arrangements to be worked out satisfactory to both debtor and creditor. You will recognize, therefore, that it will require good judgment and diplomacy to handle properly this important question. You have been suggested to me as one who will be able to serve in this capacity with satisfaction to the various parties concerned.

You have been selected as a member to serve in your county in cooperation with Len Huntington and E. Crawford. Mr. Huntington has been selected to act as chairman of this committee. A State Farm Debt Adjustment Committee has just been organized and has presented to me a request for the appointment in every county in the State of a County Farm Debt Adjustment Committee of three members.

Dear Mr. Geary:

Mr. Edward G. Geary
c/o Len Huntington
Huntington, Utah

March 1, 1934

STATE OF UTAH
Office of the Governor
Salt Lake City

 *
 * Kindly Present This Invitation at the Door *
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 * October 6, 1937 at 9 P. M., Salt Lake City, Utah *
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 * Coconut Grove Ballroom *
 *
 * to be held at *
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 * GOVERNOR and MRS. HENRY H. BLOOD *
 *
 * honoring *
 *
 * Cordially Invites You to attend the Birthday Ball *
 *
 * The Official Family of the State of Utah *
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Cordially yours,
 (s) Edw. G. Geary

Dear Governor:
 Hon. Henry H. Blood
 Governor State of Utah
 Salt Lake City, Utah
 Your letter of March 1st appointing me as a
 member of the Barry County Farm Debt Adjust-
 ment Committee received.
 I will accept of this appointment and do all
 that I can to protect and further the interest
 of the farmer and the banker in the adjustment
 of farm loans and obligations.
 Thanking you for your confidence and trusting
 that I may be of service to my state, I remain,
 Sincerely yours,
 Edw. G. Geary

GEARY MERCANTILE COMPANY
 General Merchandise
 "Where the Dollar Gets Its Value"
 Huntington, Utah
 March 3, 1934

STATES OF UTAH
Office of the Governor
Salt Lake City

January 24, 1941

Edward G. Geary
Huntington,
Utah

Dear Mr. Geary:

It is a pleasure for me to acknowledge the outstanding service which you have rendered in farm debt adjustment under the Farm Security Administration, in the capacity of County Committeeman. My investigation has proved to my complete satisfaction the fact that you have made an outstanding contribution to the economic and social well-being of distressed farm debtors and their creditor agencies. Knowing of your public spirited attitude, and your desire to be of public service, I am writing to ask that you accept a continuation of the responsibilities which you are now carrying as a member of the Farm Debt Adjustment program. If you desire further information in this connection, may I ask that you write to, or confer with, the Farm Debt Adjustment Supervisors who have offices at the State Capitol, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Yours very truly,

(s) Herbert B. May

Governor

During the month of October, 1936, Grace and I took a trip to Three Forks

near Baseman Mountain to visit Grace's Aunt Nan Woodward and family. He called

at Salt Lake City and invited Father and Aunt Bert Geary (Father's fifth wife) to

accompany us on our trip. The first day from Salt Lake City we drove to Shelby,

Idaho, and remained over night with my step sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Frank

Grange. The third day we drove to Yellowstone Park and visited the southern part

of the Park including "Old Faithful", other geysers and beautiful Yellowstone Lake.

Next we went on north to Yellowstone Falls. We were the only tourists and possibly

the last tourists at the Yellowstone Falls for the season.

Leaving Yellowstone Park, we traveled northward over Mt. Washburn, the highest

point of the Park. At this point we had a good view of the entire park through large

telescope glasses. There was snow on Mt. Washburn. Continuing our journey north-

west we arrived at Gardner, Montana at noon where we took dinner. In the afternoon

we journeyed north-west down a beautiful canyon to Baseman, Montana and a few miles

west to Three Forks. We had a nice visit with the folks the following day, then

started homeward through evening. After traveling southeast until noon, we arrived

at Dillon, Montana, where we had lunch. In the forepart of the evening we drove to

Frank's and Mary's home at Shelly, Idaho. The next day we left Father and Aunt Bert

in Salt Lake and drove on home.

HUNTINGTON HERFORD DAYS

For many years I have had livestock on my farm. The first were Durham cattle

purchased from Scott Blackman and my father soon after I started farming in 1905-06.

Since that time, several breeds of cattle have been used. In the late twenties, the

majority of livestock men preferred the Herford breed. By 1930, we had a mixture

of breeds on our farms. About this time, the Cattle Man. adapted the Herford breed

of cattle for the Gentry Mountain Range and made a ruling that all bulls must be of

"B+" Grade. In 1936, I sponsored the Huntington Herford Day for the purpose of

stimulating the cattlemen in breeding better livestock and use better feeding methods.

Also, to sell finished beef instead of feeders.

The second Herford Days were in October of 1937. Exhibits outlined on the next
Guymon Jr., as directors with Dean Bench as Secretary-Treasurer.

The first directors of Huntington Herford Days were Edward G. Geary, Chairman;
Miller S. Black, Frank Robbins, Peter McLintock, R. Brasher, Wm. A. Cook, and W. A.

talent.

noted wrestler from Salt Lake City, brought a boxing and wrestling party for enter-
the outstanding horse rider. Horse races were run on Center Street. The Derm,
large but much interest was taken in the show and exhibits. Don A. Wakefield was
we built temporary corals and pens for the cattle. The first exhibit was not

Band Selection/.....North Emery High School

Reading.....Bertha Marshall

Chorus.....North Emery High School

Address.....Mr. Sharp

Exit.....Fertle Mathe, Max Flaley and Frank Olsen

Band Selection.....North Emery High School

Remarks.....Chairman Edward G. Geary

Band Selection.....North Emery High School

Friday 7:30 P.M.

Oct. 28 - 29

L. D. S. Church Building

Held at Huntington

Herford Day

Program of 1st Annual

October of 1936.

The first Herford Day was held at the School Grounds on the Public Square in

1937 HUNTINGTON HERFORD DAY
EXHIBITS

October 28 and 29

Herford Steers

1. Best fat steer calf - born after January 1, 1937.
2. Best fat yearling steer - born between Jan. 1, 1936 and Dec. 31, 1936.
3. Best pen of three steer calves born after January 1, 1937.
4. Best pen of three yearling steers.

Thoroughbred Horses

1. Filly - 1 year and under.
2. Mare - 2 years and over.
3. Geldings - over two years.

October 29

Herford Cattle

1. Bulls - born after Jan. 1, 1936.
2. Bulls - born before December 31, 1935. (Grand champion bull)
 } Registration papers may
 } be necessary if question
 } of eligibility should arise.
3. Heifers - born after Jan. 1, 1936.
4. Heifers, born between Jan. 1, 1935 - 1936.
5. Cows - any age that have produced calves in 1937. (Grand champion female)

Hogs

1. Female - six months and over.
2. Female - under 6 months.
3. Best fat bacon - 1/5 to 2/10 pounds.

There will be 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place ribbons given in each

class if entries justify.

- 10:30--Exhibits of Hereford cattle and judging.
- 1:00--Rodeo and special entertainment features.
- 3:00--Horse races.
- 4:00--Boxing and wrestling.
- 9:00--Dance in auditorium.

Saturday, October 26

- 9:00--Dance in the auditorium, music by New Bandsters.
- High School, band selection, announcements.
- chorus, "Call of the Canyon", reading from Central
- David A. Smith, commissioner of agriculture, girls
- reading by fourth Emery High School, address by
- Singing Mothers, address of welcome by Dr. G. Geary,
- selections by the band, invocation, chorus by the
- 7:30--Program in the L. D. S. chapel as follows: Musical
- contenders versus B.Y.U.'s best.
- 4:00--Boxing and wrestling. CCC boys and other local
- 3:00--Horse races.
- 1:00--Rodeo and special entertainment features.
- 10:30--Exhibit of horses and dairy cattle.
- and \$1.00
- General appearance. Prizes for stables: \$5.00, \$2.50,
- on the basis of costume, horsemanship, horse, and
- clowns, and stables. (Queens to be chosen by judges
- the candidates for queen, horseback riders and
- 10:00--Parade led by color guard and band, followed by

PROGRAM FOR HERTFORD DAYS
Friday, October 25

"ALL IN HANDNESS FOR HERTFORD DAYS AT HUNTINGTON TO OPEN
TOWN--The fourth annual Hertford Days celebration at Hunt-
ington, Friday and Saturday, has promised of having more
livestock exhibits and in greater variety than either of
the three previous shows."

a newspaper clipping:

a success both from the exhibits and the entertainment. The following is a copy of
Hertford cattle and one red ribbon on Hertford cattle. The 1939 Hertford Days were
On the third Hertford Day, 1939, I received 2 First Position Blue Ribbons on
1 aion of Utah, 3.55 acres of land through the Hertford Day Grounds for \$355.00.
well attended. September 9, 1939, the Hertford Committee sold to the State Road Com-
The 1938 Hertford Day was mostly of a rodeo nature. The evening program was
the sum of \$175.00 and some back taxes to Emery County.
of land north of Huntington for Hertford Day exhibits from Mr. Joseph E. Johnson for
During the seasons on 1933 the Hertford Committee purchased the 70 acre tract

The following is a copy of an article which appeared in the Salt Lake Tribune

on Saturday, October 23, 1939:

MEMBERS WIN HUNTINGTON PRIZE AWARDS--EVENTS TODAY TO

FEATURE CATTLE STOCK. Initial events of the third

annual Huntington Herford Day Friday featured close

competition among high-grade draft horses and thorough-

breeds, in addition to an entertaining program of sports

and races.

The following were owners of champion horses in

the first events of the two-day celebration: Draft

horse division, one to two years old, F. T. McElroy, Jr.,

first and second; draft mares, three years and over,

Mr. McElroy first and E. G. Geary second; geldings,

three years and over, Mr. Geary, first and Mr. McElroy

second; thoroughbred class, two to three-year old

geldings, Pete Grange, first and Dick Allen second;

mares three years and over, Ivar Truman first, Miller

Black second, Mr. Grange third; and W. T. Mathie fourth;

geldings three years and over, Mr. Truman first, Wallace

Otteson, second, S. M. Brasher third, and Mr. McElroy

fourth.

Saturday's stock contest will feature judging of

top ranking Herford best cattle from all over Herby

county by David Sharp of Coalville, Summit county agent.

Friday's festivities began at 10 a. m. with a parade

on Main street, intended mainly to show the horses which

were judged later in the day.

Horse races, boxing matches and specialty numbers

were the main events on the afternoon's program on the

rodeo grounds. Some of the finest racing stock in Utah

contested. Boxers Tom Lawrence, Huntington and Cleveland

then exhibited their prowess, and Ben Carson and company

of Payson presented trick roping and riding stunts. High-

light of the program was the performance of six-year

old Colleen Carson, said to be the youngest trick rider

in the world.

Speakers at the evening program were J. W. Humphrey of

Ephraim, supervisor of Kanti national forest; L. C. Mont-

gomery of Heber, president of the Utah cattle and horse

association, and Vern Woodhead, assistant secretary of the

Salt Lake chamber of commerce. All discussed various phases

of the new state-wide cattle improvement program.

Saturday's program will include, besides the cattle

judging, a full afternoon of racing, more entertainment

by the Carson and boxing matches by athletes from Brigham

Young University. Some of the exhibition cattle will also

be featured in the morning parade.

General chairman of the celebration is Mr. Geary, pres-

ident of the Huntington Herford association, assisted by

the following directors: Mr. McElroy, Frank Robbins, Mr.

H. Cook, W. O. Blakmore, C. L. Bennett, Elmer Larson, Loren

Anderson, Mr. Brasher, Miller Black, Levar Black, and George

W. Thatcher, secretary.

Heredford Days of 1940 were held October 29-30. The following newspaper

article appeared in the Emery County Progress, November 1, 1940:

"JUDGE PRAISES CATTLE OF EMERY COUNTY--A complete program for Huntington's annual Heredford Days was carried out Saturday despite heavy rains and cold weather that discouraged attendance and prevented entrance of outside livestock exhibits.

HARRY H. SMITH, assistant professor of animal husbandry of the U. S. A. C., who assisted in the cattle judging said: "Emery county has a deserved reputation for the best heretords in the state, and that is a good thing to have, for buyers always go where they know they can get the best."

Bertha Holmgren, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Holmgren, was chosen queen of the celebration. Selected as outstanding equestrienne was Miss Marjorie Guyton, with Levi Lott winning the title of outstanding horseman in the parade.

Guy Brown captured championships in Holstein bulls and cows judged during the day. Hal Mendenhall had champion Holstein heifer. George Thatcher, Heredford Day's secretary, won all three top prizes in Guernseys. Only class in Jerseys--heifers--was won by an entry of Lowell Johnson.

In the horse show, Frank Kinder's entry topped yearling draft entries, with E. G. Geary, Heredford Day's president, captured championships in 2-year-old draft horses and draft mares. Blake Jones showed the best draft gelding.

Marion Guyton showed the champion thoroughbred colt; Morris Diamond, the yearling yearling; Lynn Guyton 2-year-old yearling; Floyd Holmgren, gelding.

Winners of Heredford exhibits Saturday included the following: Registered Heredford yearling bulls--Levi Lott of Huntington, first; Vert Sherman of Huntington, second; Frank Robbins of Huntington, third; George Magnuson of Castle Dale, fourth.

Grade Heredford cows--Vert Sherman, first and second; H. G. Geary of Huntington, third; Pete Manning of Huntington, fourth.

Yearling heifers--Frank Robbins, first and third; Clint Wakarusa, second; Milton Robinson of Huntington, fourth. Steer calves--Frank Robbins, first; Lynn Black, second; Laver Brock, third; E. G. Geary of Huntington, fourth. Junior division lightweight Heretords--Sherald Thomas of Huntington, first. Junior division heavyweight Heretords--Carlyle Crawford of Moore first.

The fifth and last Huntington Hereford Days, (or Emery County Livestock Show) was held at the Hereford and Public Stock Yards north of Huntington on October 31st and November 1, 1941. This article appeared in the Salt Lake Tribune on November 5, 1941:

"HUNTINGTON REBUILDS PENS FOR '41 LIVESTOCK SHOW--"

Work is nearing completion on rebuilding pens and yards for the fifth annual Livestock show here Friday and Saturday. This is the third successive year that rebuilding has been necessary for this event. Two years ago new pens were erected when the Hereford association acquired its present exhibition grounds north-west of town and last year the building layout had to be rearranged because a new oiled road into Huntington canyon had been constructed squarely through the middle of the area.

By deciding to eliminate rodeo and horse racing events in favor of larger Livestock exhibits this year, the sponsors authorized reconstructing the rodeo pens into stalls for exhibit of Hereford beef cattle and other stock to better advantage. In charge are W. P. McElprang, Miller Black, Lavar Black, R. Brasher, secretary of the association, and William A. Cook, president of the Huntington Cattlemen's association which cooperates with the Hereford association. The latter group announced a schedule of cash prizes for winning entries in a larger variety of Livestock divisions than any previous stock show here has featured. Final arrangements for these exhibits and for an indoor sports program and formal meeting are now being worked out.

I received 1 red ribbon and 2 blue ribbons on fine horses exhibited at the show. At the conclusion of the show, several truck loads of Livestock were sold at auction.

On account of lack of interest taken in the Emery County Livestock Show,

(Huntington Hereford Day), and the fact that Ferron was sponsoring an Emery County Livestock show and receiving one-half of the state appropriation of \$400.00 for 1941, it was decided by the Board of Directors to discontinue the Emery County Livestock Show, or the Huntington Hereford Days.

On the next pages are copies of newspaper articles which appeared in regard to the Livestock show in 1941.

HUNTINGTON STOCK SHOW DATES SET OCT. 31 - NOV. 1--COMMITTEE ADOPTS
NEW NAME OF EMERY COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOW FORMERLY KNOWN AS HERKFORDD
DAY. Several changes have been made for the fifth annual Herkford
show in Huntington, Friday and Saturday, October 31, and November 1.
One is a change in the name from Huntington Herkford Days to Emery
County Livestock Show in order to attract more varieties of live-
stock and more entries from all towns in the county.

In another effort to develop this as a stock show, the spon-
soring organization decided to eliminate rodeo and horse racing
events which have heretofore taken up too much time each afternoon,
preventing people from seeing the stock on exhibit. In lieu of
these, entertainment will be concentrated on a boxing and wrest-
ling card indoors each evening, instead of outdoors, and a dance
each night.

One evening there will be a formal program at which prominent
men of the livestock industry will be speakers. The sponsors
expect to invite some of the well known Colorado Herkford breeders
from whose herds Emery county growers have obtained high class
breeding animals the last several years.
The present rodeo grounds will be rebuilt into pens and
stalls for showing of various kinds of livestock. Developments
to date for this year, a exhibition were reported Thursday night
at a meeting called by Edward G. Geary, president of the associa-
tion. Most towns in the county are represented on the general
committee.

The show was set back a week from the original date of Oct.
24-25 to accommodate stockmen from the southern part of the county,
who said they would not have their roundup finished before the
end of the month. Some Emery county Herkford will also be taken
to the Ogden Livestock show opening October 31 and continuing
through the ensuing week.

HERKFORDD BREEDING ANIMALS WILL BE SHOW FEATURE--Several Committee
were announced Wednesday, with arrangements for enlarged livestock
exhibits at the fifth annual livestock show in Huntington, Nov. 1
and 2. Sponsors of the exhibition have already outlined two or
three special features to be carried out for the first time this
year.

One of these, said Edward G. Geary, association president,
will be the offering of perhaps two carloads of young Herkford
breeding stock. Emery county livestock growers heretofore have
sold their animals only as range beef, but enough top grade Herk-
ford are now available to launch this show into the breeder class
for high values, Geary said.

He said that Huntington growers alone will furnish one car-
load of about 60 choice weaner calves. Stockmen from other towns
in this district have indicated they also have Herkford to go in
the breeding classes to be sold.

In addition, cash prizes will be offered for first, second
and third place winners in each division, including draft horses,
saddle horses, Herkford beef cattle, with dairy cattle exhibits
divided into Holstein, Guernsey and Jersey.
Another special feature, for which first, second and third

prizes will be paid, is the parade of horses through Huntington's business district. These prizes will go for the best riding or draft outfits. This is expected to be even larger than last year's parade of saddle horses and riders.

County Agent Merrill E. Cook of Castle Dale, is arranging for prominent livestock leaders to address a night meeting. He and Eldrid S. Larsen, vocational instructor at North Emery High School, with President Wm. A. Cook of the Huntington Cattlemen's Assn., will handle livestock exhibits; Pete McElprang parade; W. O. Bickmore, C. L. Bennett and Elmo Geary, boxing and wrestling card each evening."

"JUDGE LAUDS IMPROVEMENT IN BEEF CATTLE--HEREFORD RAISERS WIN PRAISE FOR BETTER BREEDING PRACTICES. Noting marked improvement in Emery county Hereford cattle in the past few years, Professor Harry H. Smith of Utah State Agricultural College at Logan urged stockmen Friday to continue breeding and feeding practices responsible for the improvement.

He addressed an evening meeting of stockmen in the Huntington L. D. S. Ward hall at the close of the first day's activities at the fifth annual Huntington Hereford days celebration.

Fair weather favored the event and brought visitors flocking to the stockyards northwest of Huntington to view the Hereford and dairy cattle and fine horses which were paraded through the judging ring Friday in competition for prizes.

Saturday's program opens at noon at the stockyards with judging of Hereford cattle and purebred breeding stock. Professor Smith will officiate as judge. Later the breeding stock will be sold at auction.

Draft and saddle horses exhibited in the show were featured in a street parade Friday morning. Mrs. Marie Grange and Miss Marian Guymon of Huntington placed first and second as the best feminine riders in the parade.

A program of boxing, tumbling and fencing, presented Friday afternoon by students from Brigham Young University, Carbon College at Price, and Orangeville and Huntington High Schools, will be repeated Saturday at 4 p. m., and a dance in the L. D. S. Ward hall in the evening will conclude the celebration.

Judging results Friday were: Dairy cows--Holsteins, Mrs. Bessie Johnson, first; Edward G. Geary, second. Holstein calves, Henry Kartchner, first. Jersey cows, Pete McElprang, first; Henry Kartchner, second and third; and Elmo Geary, fourth. Draft mares--Pete McElprang, first and fourth; Ora Otteson, second; and Gerald Sherman, third. Draft geldings--Merlin Geary, first; Glen Truman, second.

Thoroughbred mares--Pete McElprang, first; Floyd McKee, second; W. A. Cook, third; Iver Truman, fourth. Thoroughbred filly--Rex Wilson, first. Thoroughbred gelding--Lynn Guymon, first; Frank Robbins, second; Karl Truman, third; and Iver Truman, fourth. Hereford Steers (under 400 lbs.)--Levi Lott first and fourth, (over 400 lbs.)

Edw. G. Geary, first; Sherlad Truman, second; Peter McElprang, third, Clint Wakerfeld, fourth."

During the year of 1939 the city of Huntington, Utah, with Lavar Gunderson as Mayor, borrowed money from the government and connected a number of springs in Bear Canyon with the city water system making an improvement on the quantity and quality of water for ordinary uses. At the completion of this job, the following celebration was held November 18, 1939:

"TOWN'S CITIZENS CELEBRATE WATER PROJECT--SUPPLY HOOPUP COMPLETED AT HUNTINGTON. Completion of a \$50,000 water project occasioned a celebration in Huntington Saturday night. Outside officials attended on invitation of Mayor Lavar Gunderson and the city council.

A dance followed a formal program, when six men spoke on different phases of the water enterprise. They and local citizens agree that it is one of the most important municipal projects Huntington has attained in recent years. E. R. Shields of the Utah Public Health Service in Salt Lake City quoted chemical comparisons and quoted chemical water conditions in some other Utah towns to show that this city's new supply from a natural spring in Huntington canyon is well within the standards set up by the United States public health service.

F. L. Johnson of Provo spoke of the company which supplied pipe for a nine-mile line which serves the city. Attorney D. M. Jensen of Price, who, with his partner, Fred W. Keller, handled the legal phases of the project as city attorneys, complimented the city on getting this enterprise, and said much credit is due Mayor Gunderson and other city officials for their efforts. Anton Nielson, a former mayor, outlined attempts of previous administrations to improve the ordinary water supply here, and E. G. Geary told of the first water pipeline obtained about 30 years ago when the late William Howard was chairman of the town board. Joe Mendenhall, retiring city councillor, introduced the speakers. Mayor Gunderson also made a short talk. The latter was not a candidate for reelection November 7 when Willard Sandberg was elected mayor for the ensuing term. Councilmen Neal Rowley, Heber Brockbank, Ted Nielson, Lund Leonard and Joe Mendenhall, and City Clerk Perry Wakefield have assisted Mayor Gunderson in getting the water project."

Edward Long Geary, my father, died at the age of 86 at Salt Lake City, Utah on October 10, 1941, of a heart ailment. He was buried at Huntington, Utah, on the Geary Family burial grounds. Isabella Wiehve Geary, wife of Edward Long Geary died at Provo, Utah, September 5, 1916. She was buried on the Wiehve lot at Hamt, Utah.

"EDWARD GEARY DIES IN SALT LAKE CITY--WAS A PIONEER BUILDER OF THE HUNTINGTON AREA. Funeral services were conducted in Huntington ward chapel Tuesday for Edward Long Geary, 77, pioneer civic builder, and father of Edward G. Geary of this city, who died at his home in Salt Lake, October 10, of a heart ailment."

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He worked within a hour of his death, having grown suddenly ill while at a store getting fixtures to install furniture in the apartment he operated.

Born August 18, 1954, at Clay Cross, Derbyshire, England, Mr. Geary came to America with his parents in 1858 and settled at Bountiful, going from there to Morgan county in 1865 to work on the Union Pacific railroad. Under a call of the L. D. S. church presidency, he went to St. Johns, Arizona, to help organize that area early in 1883 but six months later he moved to Huntington. He helped build the first canal and gristmill in St. Johns, Arizona, and carried on these pioneering works in Emery County.

At one time he was the heaviest tax payer in this community. In his earliest years here he operated a freight line through Soldier canyon to Vernal and was one of the first men to haul materials for building Fort Duchesne. He was one of the incorporators of the Huntington Canal & Agricultural Company with the late L. B. Johnson, J. H. Kilback and Jens Nielson, he located a site for the present Huntington reservoir about 1900 and inaugurated the work on it. He served as director of the company several years, also on the town board. He helped launch Huntington's first water pipe system about 1912, and was a pioneer in farm drainage operations. He and others brought in Huntington a first horse-power threshing and the first steam thresher, and operated a sawmill with his farming interests. He imported the first purebred Durham cattle, percherson, Clydesdale and Belgian horses, he and associates bringing one from Belgium at a cost of \$4,000.

In 1915 he moved to Provo and to Salt Lake a few years later operating apartment houses there since then. He was the first married March 19, 1877, to Alice Criddle in the Endowment House at Salt Lake. She died October 30, 1886, and on March 13, 1889 he married Ann Louise Guymon in the First Temple, but she died six months later. About 1892 he married Isabella Weibye in the First Temple, and she died in 1916. Two years later he married Rachel Pearl Fullmer in Salt Lake City, and she survives him.

He had five children by his first wife, and one by the last wife, but this child died in infancy. The only survivors of these is Edward G. Geary of Huntington, besides an adopted daughter of his third wife, Mrs. Mary Grange of Shelley, Idaho; 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

At funeral services in Huntington, speakers were W. A. Guymon and Anton Nielson of Huntington and Franc C. Grange of Idaho, former Huntington bishop and county assessor. Prior services were conducted in Salt Lake Sunday at which speakers were Bishop LeGrand Richards and Don C. Woodward, former Huntington man and Emery County school superintendent, with whom he was associated for 56 years.

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MUSIC BY DOMBEAVERS

15¢ each
25¢ couple
DANCE FOLLOWING SHOW

Purchase Candy, Peanuts--etc. from....."Rosie" Home

"THE PAVAL RECHACE"
Hero....."Rupert" Howard (Cliff)
Heroine....."Johanna" Gerty (Limo)
Maiden....."Archibald" Johnson (Shine)
Maiden....."Pertinax" Brewster (Kirk)
Courtess....."Erlaine" Nielson (Ted)

DANCE A LA HOTPOOL
"Lulu" Leonard (Lund)....."Name" McCandless (Ray)
"Sugar" Sembers (Willard)
"Bubbles" Bennett
"Maizie" Manchester (Tom)
"Patootie" Larsen (Kidid)

Models:
"Kathy" Ingeman (Lloyd)
"Lena" Kovale (Homer)
"Caroline" Gerty (Edw. G.)
"Tom" Fernu (Loug) (Geo)
"Eve" Corbett (Jack)
"Louise" Brewster (Glen)
"Patsie" McElhann (Pete)
"Anabelle" Howard (Hylon)

MADAM LARSEN AND HER FASHION REVUE.....(Shorty Larsen)

BALLY BAND and her FAMS.....(not said) Ken Johnson

"Josh" Johnson (Shine)
"Jed" Nielson (Ted)
"Zee" Gerty (Limo)
"Sine" Larsen (Kroll)

A BILL OF BARKER SHOP HARMONY.....
"Two-Ton" Dickmore (Wallace)

APACHE DANCE.....
"Yvonne" Richards (Irene)
"Flette" Jensen (Rosel)

A MITE OF MYSTIFICATION.....
"Yogi" Chipman (Ralph)
"Dopey Joe" Wakefield (Bruce)

March 27, 1942

LION'S VARIETY SHOW

presented by the Lion's Club, March 27, 1942:

Clubs of Huntington, Utah, organized January 17, 1942. The following is the program

I was one of the charter members of the International Association of Lion's

The following is correspondence regarding the Farm Debt Adjustment Committee upon which I served:

STATE OF UTAH
Office of the Governor
Salt Lake City

March 17, 1936

Mr. Edward G. Geary
Huntington, Utah
My dear Mr. Geary:

Some months ago when the Farm Debt Adjustment work was placed under the jurisdiction of the Resettlement Administration of the Federal Government, as one of the details of a plan of coordination, I wrote you to advise you of that fact and to suggest that you consider continuation of the good work which had been carried on up to that time by your committee.

Various phases of the Farm Debt Adjustment program have been in process of negotiation since that time. Under the plan finally adopted, the County Committees will continue to work as in the past under the general direction of the State Farm Debt Adjustment Committee, the personnel of which will remain much the same as before. They will have the advise and cooperation at all times of the Farm Debt Adjustment Supervisors who are the employees and agents of the Resettlement Administration.

I am writing this to ask that you again accept the responsibilities of member on the Farm Debt Adjustment Committee for your County. Most of the recipients of this letter, which is being sent to members of the County Committees in all parts of the State, already are acquainted with the alterations that have been made in the setup as affecting the County Committee members. If you desire further information along this line, may I ask you to write to or confer with the Farm Debt Adjustment Supervisor, who now has offices in the State Capitol, Salt Lake City?

Very truly yours,

(signed) Henry H. Blood
Governor

FARM DEBT ADJUSTMENT COMMITTEES NAMED
BY THE GOVERNOR

Farmers who are in financial difficulties will be glad to learn of the establishing of the Utah State Farm Debt Adjustment Committees in



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The service is sponsored on a purely public interest basis. Men of the highest type are serving without pay to meet any emergency condition. Their services should accomplish untold good.

It should be remembered that this service is organized to aid the farmer in distress and to see that the creditor interests are justly protected. Cases where the debtor is not in distress will not be considered by the committee.

During the past week district meetings have been held in the various sections of the state under the supervision of the State committee and with the aid of representatives of the Farm Credit Administration and the Federal Land Bank of Berkeley. At these meetings the county committeemen have received their instructions and the general public have been informed as to the service that is now available to them. Twenty-three committees have been organized. People in the unorganized counties may have the benefits of this service if they will show there is a need for the service in that district. In some sections it is already apparent that additional help will be necessary to handle the work and the size of the committees may be increased.

Farmer's wishing to take advantage of this service should first contact an individual member of the county committee. Failing to make proper adjustments, the individual committee member can lay the problem before the whole County committee, who in turn can call upon the State Committee if the occasion demands.

The work of these committees is to prevent unnecessary foreclosures by composition, scale down, extension or other means of adjustment of farm debts, thus avoiding expensive litigation, which too often proves unsatisfactory to both parties. The committees are to work for the benefit of both debtor and creditor and the success of their efforts will be determined largely by the fairness and equality with which the cases under their jurisdiction are handled as they have no legal authority to enforce their recommendations. The committees are composed of public spirited men who are serving without pay, realizing that by their efforts they can secure benefits for both debtor and creditor.

These committees, appointed by the Governor, on a State and County basis, have had their instructions and are ready to serve both farmer and creditor upon invitation of the parties concerned.

STATE OF UTAH
Office of the Governor
Salt Lake City

June 4, 1941

Mr. Edward G. Geary
Huntington, Utah

Dear Mr. Geary:

The Farm Security Administration officials in Washington have made some administrative changes in the FSA program. One of these changes has to do with the reorganization and consolidation of committees and boards, which is in line with the policy of the defense program. The changes made in the FSA program and organization are to be uniform throughout the nation, and to make it so, all state and county Farm Debt Adjustment Committee members and County RR Advisory Committeemen are being released. In view of these conditions your present appointment as a member of the Emery County Farm Debt Adjustment Committee will be terminated June 30, 1941.

As Governor of the State, and in behalf of the people you have served, I wish to express my appreciation and thanks for the outstanding service rendered in aiding the low-income farm families and others in financial difficulties; also for the work done with the credit agencies and the fine things you have been able to accomplish in uniting and harmonizing these two groups. There is unquestionably an improved condition and a much better understanding between the debtor and creditor agencies of this state than has prevailed for a considerable length of time. From what I can learn, this is largely due to the activities of your organization et work as a board of mediation with the farm borrowers and lending agencies. According to reports from the Federal Court in this District, there have been fewer borrowings under bankruptcy or under the Frazier-Lemke Act during recent years in the comparison with previous records. The Court gives credit to your organization for this improved condition.

Your activities and services have been and are greatly appreciated by the debtors and creditors of this state, also by those appointing you to this responsible position and the officials working with you.

Yours very truly,
Herbert B. Maw (signed)
Governor

November 15, 1942, Ray McCandless, my son-in-law who was manager of the store at Spring Canyon, Utah, called on us and invited us to go with him to San Pedro, California, after his mother who was desirous of having him come and bring her car and trailerhouse to Utah. Grace did not care about going but I went with him. I

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(signed) CLAUDE J. EMPEY
Cashier

Yours very truly,

We see that your name is in the limelight. In a copy of the Dodge News, which we enclose herewith, we are happy to note that you are pictured along with your cattle and your Dodge car. Since it may be possible that you will not receive a copy of this magazine, we are enclosing it herewith so that you may view yourself in the act of seeing that the cattle are properly cared for. You will find the picture referred to on page 10.

Dear Mr. Geary:

Mr. Edw. G. Geary
Huntington, Utah

April 7, 1942

CARBON EMERY BANK
Price, Utah

Carbon-Emery Bank of Price, Utah:

On April 7, 1942, I received this letter from Claude J. Empey, Cashier of the Carbon-Emery Bank of Price, Utah, Utah, and at this writing, June 15, 1959, we are still using it. August 18, 1941, we purchased our first refrigerator for \$50.00 and at this time I became a member of the National Geographic Society and have been since that time a member. Agency and was chairman of the committee during 1948 and 49. December 11, 1941, from 1940 to 1949 I was a member of the Emery County Agricultural Adjustment

accompanied him to Provo in his car where after dark we boarded a bus for Los Angeles.

This was the first passenger bus I was ever on. We arrived at Cedar City for break-

fast next morning. The following day we had dinner at Los Vegas and then continued

onto Los Angeles where we changed busses at San Pedro. Arrived at Ray's mother's

home about midnight. Remained at San Pedro one day, then started for Pleasant

Grove, Utah. We drove all day and night and arrived at our destination about 4:00 p.m.

We then drove on home in Ray's car which we had left in Provo. I enjoyed the trip

very much. (While in San Pedro, ^{Orville} took us to a show.)

July 26, 1945, a group of cattlemen including myself, A. L. Anderson, Frank Robbins,

Orson Guymon, Peter McElprang and others went to Label, Utah and purchased a truck

load of good rugged Hereford Bulls at \$275.00 each.

December 30, 1946, I purchased our first tractor from Elmo Geary for \$525.00.

We later traded our tractor on a part payment on a new tractor at Geow's Ford Agency,

Orangeville, Utah.

October 10, 1943, paid the Federal Land Bank, \$333.61 payment in full on a land

mortgage.

1942 to 1946 was appointed a director from Huntington Canal in the Huntington-

Cleveland Irrigation Company.

February 26, 1946 to August 25, 1955, I was a member of the Board of Directors

and Secretary-Treasurer of the Emery County Water Users Association.

March 17, 1947 we (Grace and I) took a trip to Washington, D. C. and Arlington,

Virginia over the D. & R. G. Burlington, and Baltimore & Ohio Railroads. We visited

Rex and Edith Johnson and family at Arlington for several days. Visited Mount Vernon

and Arlington Cemetery and many other interesting historical spots in Virginia. Also

visited the Senate and House of Representatives in session at the National Capitol

at Washington, D. C. The expenses of the trip came to \$400.00.

December 27, 1948, we purchased the M. R. Cox farm of approximately 54 acres of

crop and range land adjoining our farm at the southwest corner of Huntington City.

This making a total of 8 7/8 acres in the farm.

October 31, 1949, we purchased a new Plymouth car from Fradson-Jensen Auto

Co. of Price, Utah for \$1,920.00 and our old car, valued at \$150.00. This old car

was in use for fifteen years. During the forepart of December, 1949, Grace, Fern

and I took a trip to Phoenix, Arizona in our new car. We went by way of Moab, Utah

where we visited relatives. Our next stop was Cortez, Colorado where we remained

over night. The next day we arrived at St. Johns, Arizona, at noon. We spent some

time looking over some of the old landmarks of 1893 when Father and Family moved

then intending to make St. John's their future home.

The next day found us at the home of Earl and Ila Roberts in Phoenix. (The

mother of Ila Roberts was my sister.) After visiting in Phoenix and Mesa for two days,

we returned home by way of Marble Canyon where we remained over night in a cabin.

The next day we drove home in snow most of the day.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Production and Marketing Administration

222 South West Temple

Salt Lake City 1, Utah

January 5, 1949

Mr. Edward G. Geary

Huntington, Utah

Dear Mr. Geary:

Today as I write this letter to you, my feelings are strong about the basic policy for selecting leaders to administer our agricultural programs though farmer elections and I want to comment briefly on it. When I consider the agricultural problems of the future, I am grateful that we have the farmer committee system--the great field-arm which reaches into every farm community of the Nation. Through it we are assured that the administration of our farm programs will be kept on a practical basis--that the fundamental interests of agriculture will be kept to the front in planning and directing programs and operations.

The committee system has turned out to be a marvelous training corps for leadership at both local and national levels. More than 50 of the most important positions in the Department of Agriculture or other Federal and state offices, are filled by former Triple-A committeemen. It is no accident that so many

men who got their training and experience in the field now handle our important administrative posts. It is true that by our democratic process of electing, we often have outstanding leaders dropped from office. However, they have, because of their experience, a better understanding of our problems and can continue to help in their solution.

Please accept this letter as a sincere expression of the deep appreciation the State Committee and State Office personnel have for your loyal support and your fine cooperative spirit the past year. You have rendered an outstanding service to agriculture in general, and the farmers of Emery County in particular, as a County Triple-A Committeeman. Even though you are not holding office this year, we do not want to lose contact with you. We know that as a farmer member of your county Ala, you will continue to support actively the programs and your new committee. We are sure that by talking the program over with your neighbors and by practicing good conservation measures on your own farm, you will continue to further the work in which we are all so vitally interested.

We again thank you for your splendid efforts which we know, in many cases, required you to place the interests of the farmers of your county above personal sacrifice and wish you and your family continued success and prosperity.

Very truly yours,

(signed) J. Vern Hopkins, Chairman
Utah State FMA Committee

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While a member of the Emery County Agricultural Adjustment Agency,

(later the P.M.A. Committee), I attended annual conventions of the State A.A.A.

members at the following places, viz: three at New House Hotel in Salt Lake

City, Utah; one at Ogden, Utah; one at the Agricultural College, Logan, which

continued for one week. The following incident happened at this convention. The

first morning at the opening of the convention, each member of the several counties

was to raise to his feet and give his name and county and some special item of

interest from his county. When my turn came, I arose and gave my name and announce-

ed that I was from Emery County "where best grade and quality of Hereford Cattle

are raised". Soon afterwards, Vern Hopkins of Rich County arose and said he

was from Rich County and that Emery County did not have all the good herdfords

as there were some in Rich County. Laughter followed. At the conclusion of the convention a swell banquet was put on by this State Committee. Mr. Hopkins sat opposite me at the table and as the banquet progressed, he commenced to argue with me on the quantity of the Herford cattle in Rich and Emery Counties and soon many of the guests were taking part in the discussion when a gun was discharged under the table. The guests all jumped up in excitement. The Master of Ceremonies announced that no one was hurt and that there were good Herford cattle in both Rich and Emery Counties and for everybody to sit down and finish their meal. The joke had been arranged by the Master of Ceremonies and Mr. Vern Hopkins.

The other places of State Conventions were held in Provo, Cedar City, and in the Pines at Monticello, Utah. At the latter place, we were in a canyon, slept in cabins and ate and held our convention at a cafeteria. The last evening, we got through our discussion quite early and were about to dismiss when I asked for the floor. I thanked the State Board and all others who had made the convention a success. I then complained about the Emery County members, "One of them talked all night, (R. Humphrey), one snored all night, (H. Edwards), one gathered wild hay all night, (Harty Conover), and one cleaned eggs all night, (Jess Tuttle). When I got through the evening's entertainment really began; Many of those present complimented me for starting the evening of fun. 1947 was the Centennial Anniversary of the Mormon Pioneers entering Salt Lake Valley, July 24, 1847. During April, 1947, the L. D. S. Church authorities of the Emery Stake met and decided to hold a stake or county celebration commemorating the 24th of July, 1847 and decided to hold it at Huntington provided the people of Huntington would prepare suitable grounds for a huge celebration. Elmo G. Geary was selected by the Stake Presidency and County Commissioners as Chairman of the huge event.

The Stake-County Committee met with the cattlemen and City Council of

Huntington and plans were made for a half mile race track and a suitable Grand

Stand. The Cattle Association sent R. Brasher, M. S. Black and Frank Robbins up

state to inspect race tracks as to size and cost. R. Brasher, M. S. Black and

myself surveyed the new race track and the members of the City Council were to

decide on what kind of grandstand. After much deliberation and persuasion on

my part the group decided on an earthen grandstand. In order to get legal assis-

tance from the county, the Cattle Association decided to transfer the land north

of the east and west state highway to Huntington City for recreation grounds and

a park. The city agreed to get water on the grounds and plant some trees as soon

as possible. Robert Nielson was operator of the county grading machine. A

committee met with the County Commissioners and they ordered Mr. Nielson to grade

both the race track and the grandstand and have them ready by July 24, 1947.

Approximately one-thousand dollars were spent by the county on both the grandstand

and the one-half mile race track. The city, under Glen Cowley, placed the cement

seats on the grandstand. The race track and grandstand were both completed in

time for the Emery County Centennial Celebration. The women furnished the materials

and built the rodeo corrals and pens. In the transfer of the land to Huntington

City the Huntington Cattlemens Association were to retain all previous rights.

The program of the Emery County Centennial follows:

EMERY COUNTY CENTENNIAL

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General Committee.....Elmo G. Geary, Huntington, Chairman

Mrs. L. T. Hunter, Castle Dale

Henry Kartchner, Huntington

Flora Jensen, Huntington

Mrs. Edward Brinkerhoff, Lawrence

Evelyn Wimper, Co. Commissioner

Howard Stillman, Green River

Donald Cox, Orangethille

Thomas Price, Cleveland

Joyce Cox, Huntington

T. H. Worthen, Ferron

A. L. Cox, Clawson

Seely Peterson, Molen

Homer Edwards, Moore

Nelson Alger, Elmo

Robert Dahle, Ferron

B. A. Jensen, Ferron

Eldred Mortensen, Emery

FINANCE.....Ervin Wimber, Chairman; Stanley Huntington,
and Donald Cox.

PUBLICITY AND SECRETARIAL.....Bonnie Mortensen, Joyce Cox

SPORTS.....Bradford A. Jensen, Chairman

ARTS.....Elmo G. Geary, Chairman; Claire Hunter, Music; Grace Lea
Johansen, Drama; Edward Lewkes, Dances; Audrey Sandberg,
Pageantry; Margaret Young, Parades; B. A. Jensen School
Programs, and Frank Hall, Kodachrome Slides.

BEAUTIFICATION.....Robert Dahle, Chairman

HISTORY.....Flora Jensen, Chairman

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GROUNDS AND FACILITIES--Ted R. Nielson, Building; Jack Corvatt,
Finance and Concessions; Glen Jones, Decorations; C. N. Wakefield,
Landscaping; Allen Howard, Organization; Wilford Staker, Adver-
tising and Lund Leonard, Fencing.

PARADE--Margaret Young, Chairman; Mr. and Mrs. Lund Leonard,
Mr. and Mrs. Rex Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Elliot Killpack, Mr. and Mrs.
Lavon Larsen, Mr. and Mrs. Errol Iltster, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Harding,
Flora Jensen, Donald Cox, Ida Wall, Lew Peterson, Mabel Jensen,
Nelson Alger, Tom Price and Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Cox.

PROGRAM--Mr. and Mrs. Errol Iltster

SPORTS--Fenton Moffitt, chairman; Iver Truman, Horse Racing;
Clive Gordon, Rodeo; Lawrence Golding, Boxing; and G. H. Klecker,
Baseball.

EXHIBITS--Flora Jensen, Chairman; Eunice Nelson, Ida Wall, Ina
Paulsen, Agnes Allred, Leola Crook and Delight Harding. (Also
countless others who served on subcommittees and worked diligently
for the success of the Centennial.)

THURSDAY, JULY 3

8:30 P.M. Historical Pageant--Centennial Park
10:00 P.M. Fireworks Display
10:00 P.M. Dance--Hillside

FRIDAY, JULY 4

7:30 A.M. Cannons and Flag Raising by
American Legion.
Parade--Main Street
Program--L. D. S. Chapel
11:00 A.M. Sports Program--Centennial Park
2:30 P.M. (Admission for Sports Program, 50¢ and 25¢)

Andrey Sandberg, Chairman; Erlol Iltster, Lyle Iltster
 and Ruth Nagelvoort, Music; Estella Geary, Staging; Joe
 Potter and Adrian Nagelvoort, Sound; Elmo G. Geary,
 Lights; Blaine Collard, Property Man; Emma Tucker and
 Mrs. H. B. Mortensen, Organizers.
 Orchestra Conductor and Director.....Erlol Iltster
 Accompanists.....Ruth Nagelvoort, Lyle Iltster and
 Joann Morrill
 Orchestra Members--Alvin Duke, Cal Jewkes, Elaine Peacock,
 Duane Trowbridge, Earl Crawford, Mars Killback, Delile
 Gramer, Reed Truman, Tom Nielson, Mrs. Homer Wakefield
 and Leroy Patbanks.
 Guest Soloists--J. Delos Jewkes, Hollywood, Calif.;
 Hyrum Richards, Ogden, Utah;
 Gerrit Patton, Provo, Utah
 Narrator.....Ralph Ungerman
 Boy Reader.....Ray White
 Girl Reader.....Yvonne Arnold
 SCENE I.....Lela Black and Doris Leonard,
 Co-Directors
 Indian Chief.....Soren Nielson
 Indian Braves--Lynn Guymon, Dean Young, Clyde Johnson,
 Hal Guymon, Val Young, Perry Wakefield and Ted Nielson.

EMERY COUNTY CENTENNIAL PAGEANT

10:00 A.M. Baseball Game--City Ball Diamond
 1:00 P.M. Program--L. D. S. Chapel
 2:30 P.M. Sports Program--Centennial Park
 (Admission for Sports Program, 50¢ and 25¢)
 Rodeo Finals
 Horse Race Finals
 Amateur Boxing
 Wrestling Finals
 Vaudeville Acts
 Dance--Hillside
 10:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, JULY 5

Pioneer Contests (Sports)
 Rodeo--Hoping and Riding
 Horse Racing
 Amateur Boxing
 Professional Wrestling
 Vaudeville Acts
 Dance--Hillside
 10:00 P.M.

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Indlan Child.....Georgia Daniels
 Indian Princess.....Gertl Patton
 Settlers.....Lund Leonard, William Green, Lealen Collard
 Trappers.....Von Gordon, Guy Young, Pierce Wilson

SCENE II.....Erma P. Snow, Director
 Marianne.....Kva W. Cannon
 Timothy.....Harry Conover
 Pioneer Solists.....Freda Behling
 Chorus--Perry Snow, Rulon Nielson, Dean Killpack,
 Carl Larsen, Florence Peacock, Donna Betty, Anna
 Larsen, Ruth Nielson and Eva Killpack.
 Dancers--Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Gramer, Mr. and Mrs. Lavar
 Attwood, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Grange, Lillian Ovdatt
 and Charles Jones.
 Callers.....Nelson Alger and Charles Larsen
 Accordian.....William J. Atwood
 Solist.....J. DELOS JEWKES

SCENE III.....Mrs. Gerald Olsen and Eva Jensen,
 Co-Directors.
 Sally Wilmer, First School Teacher.....Mrs. Gerald Olsen
 School Children--Hidon Manthey, Ellis Allred, Lenore Olsen
 Calvin Duzett, Stewart Mortensen, Roger Allred, Burton K.
 Olsen, Doris Cook, Ada Olsen, Dora Johnson, Karen Olsen
 and Rose Mary Sorensen.
 Miners--Tom Price, Ralph Bracken, Von Jones, Darwin
 Jensen and Bobby Ilstater.
 Farmers--Duane Ward, Jimmie Christensen, Alonzo Oveson,
 Grant Stokes and Duane Jensen.

SCENE IV.....Grace Lea Johansen, Director.
 Scene--Robert's Roost
 Tom.....Clyde Young
 Israel.....Kenneth Ryan
 Sheriff & Co.....Blain Rasmussen,
 Kenneth Ryan,
 Stan Snow.
 Cowboy Chorus--Merrill Rasmussen, Lavar Morrill, Darrel
 Stokes and Leonard Wallace.
 Solist.....HYRUM RICHARDS

FINAL
 Solist--HYRUM RICHARDS accompanied by the Huntington
 Male Glee Club.
 Flag Bearer.....Max Powell
 Youth of Today--Lamar Mortensen, Blaine Colard, Dean
 Wilson, Larae McCandless, Betty Guymon and Helen Hinkins.
 Emery County Centennial Green and Attendants
 Solist.....J. DELOS JEWKES

Gold Medal Basketball Tournament.....Feb. 20, 21, 22
Ferron (Endorsed)

Three-Act Play, "Angel Street".....April 5
Emery (Sponsored)

Centennial Carnival Dance.....April 12
Huntington (Endorsed)

Coronation Ball.....April 19
Huntington (Sponsored)

County Musical Concert (County-wide mixed chorus with
special artists and conductor from up-state.)

Castle Dale and Huntington (Produced)....April 19, 20

Centennial Opera, "Blossom Time".....April 25
Ferron (Sponsored)

Southeastern Utah Jr. Livestock Show.....April 25, 26
Ferron (Sponsored)

Kodachrome Slides.....April 30
Cleveland and Huntington (Sponsored)

School Centennial Programs.....May
Every Community (Endorsed)

Combined Schools Centennial Programs.....May
North and South of County (Endorsed)

Centennial Old-Time Dance.....May 30
Orangeville (Produced)

Emery County Centennial Celebration.....July 3, 4, 5
Huntington (Produced)

Southeastern Utah Fair.....September
Castle Dale (Sponsored)

Peach Day Ferron (Sponsored).....September
Melon Days--Green River (Sponsored).....September

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE EMERY COUNTY 1947
CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The Queen was crowned by Joseph Jenks, an Emery
County settler of 1878.
Crown Bearer.....Canon Gunderson
Ana Helen Smody and Larae Jones.
Flower Girls--Larae Johnson, Katherine Huntington,
Attendants.....Lois Wilson, Elaine Jensen
Queen.....Juanita Snow



1947--We painted the store building in the spring. We furnished the paint

and paid a transient painter \$115.00 for the labor. I purchased 500 shares of

Water Stock in the Huntington-Cleveland Irrigation Company from Rex Johnson.

loaned the Huntington-Cleveland Irrigation Company \$3,000 at 5% interest. Placed

\$1,000 in savings account at the Carbon-Emery Bank.

1948--Purchased the Ira Strong chickens for \$187.50. Purchased the M. R.

Cox farm for \$1,500.00. Purchased Government Bond of \$75,000. We attended the

I. D. S. Fall Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah.

1949--Purchased rubber tire wagon for \$126.48. Made payment on binder

of \$165.87. Attended Geary Reunion at Salt Lake City in Liberty Park. Purchased

a new Plymouth car for \$2,070.00 Purchased Government Bond of \$75.00. Attended

the State Fair in Salt Lake City, Utah

During the month of December, 1949, Grace, Fawn and Jean along with myself

made a trip by new Plymouth car to Phoenix, Arizona. The first day we went by

way of some of Grace's relatives. At night we arrived at Cortez, Colorado, where

we remained over night in a cabin. The second day we drove to St. John, Arizona

where we had dinner. After our meal we visited some acquaintances and then in-

spected the remains of the Grist Mill my father worked on back in 1883. We also

found the spot where we lived and the canal father helped to build. The town had

not made much change since we resided there back in 1883.

In the afternoon we drove to Showlow where we remained in a cabin over night.

The third day we encountered about 4 inches of snow until we passed Globe, Arizona.

We arrived at Phoenix about noon, had some difficulty finding the home of my niece,

Illa and her husband Earl Roberts. When we did find the place, we were certainly

made welcome. We remained in Phoenix two days visiting and sightseeing. The

weather was warm, and pleasant. Earl and Illa's son was serving on an I. D. S.

mission in Denver. The morning of the sixth day from home, we started back north.

When we arrived at Prescott, we had six inches of snow and at Williams and Flag-

staff the snow was deeper.



July 25, we drove on home. Idaho, where we remained over night with Frank and Mary Grange. The next day, through several towns that were celebrating the "24"th, and on down to Shelley, off the boat. During the afternoon we drove over the Wilson Teton Pass, going over the slides of the boat. All the passengers seemed well pleased when they got and everything else all the way out and back. Many times the water splashed into the boat took us out to the island miles away and was cutting figure eights and Baby Sue decided to have a boat ride and a boat ride it was. The man operating were moving around by the thousands. We stopped at a boat pier and all but Grace for some time. Then started south to Yellowstone Lake where people and cars after a rather expensive breakfast, we toured the country on both sides of the falls Sectarian Church meeting in the huge lodge near by. The next morning, July 24, cabins on the east side of the falls. During the evening we attended a Non-spent several hours viewing the falls from the river. We remained over night in north to the head of Yellowstone River, then drove to Yellowstone Falls. We Geyser, then over a mountain to south of Yellowstone Lake. We followed that lake Park by way of West Yellowstone. We then traveled south east to Old Faithful Ashton where we remained in a cabin for the night. On the 23rd we drove into the Idaho where we visited Frank and Mary Grange for a few hours. We then drove to July 22, we drove to Pocatello, Idaho, for dinner then went on by way of Shelley, drove to Elmo's house at Salt Lake where we remained over night. The next day, a few items of eatables and clothing together and we were off on a vacation. We Lake City and accompany himself and family to Yellowstone Park. Our family gathered University of Utah. On the 21st of July, Elmo phoned us inviting us to come to Salt Mendenhalls houses in Salt Lake City while Elmo attended summer school at the During the summer of 1950, Elmo, Estella and family resided in one of Joseph land except Salina Canyon. Our expenses to Phoenix was \$50.00. a cabin over night. The next day, two days before Christmas, we drove home on dry We drove to Marble Canyon where the road crosses the Colorado River and camped in

Edw. G., Grace, Elmo, Estella, Edward A., John L.,
and Linda Sue

John and Ed, while riding one lovely summer day,
Saw miles and miles of highway that quickly rolled away.
They saw the tall, straight pine trees, like sentinels standing by
With bright and shining sabres pointing to the sky.
They saw a tumbling river roaring down the falls,
Later to ripple calmly beyond the canyon walls.

The bridge across the water,
The lilies' dainty glow,
Seagulls flying overhead
And wild ducks on the pond below.

Passed people in the campgrounds
And then they stopped to see
A great, big, furry, brown bear
Standing by a tree.

Edward fed him cookies, but then he wanted more
So stood upon his hind legs and looked through the car door.

They watched Old Faithful Geyser
Throw steam high overhead.
The bubbling Mud Pots boiling,
The Hot Springs mineral bed.

They beheld a glorious Blue Lake
Shimmering in the sun,
With large and small boats on it
And people having fun.

The fishermen were wading patiently about,
Hoping every minute to pull a big fish out.

Then John and Ed and the growlups
Stepped into a bright red boat
And soon, with motors humming,
They found themselves afloat.
The spray was all about them
As they sped around an isle.
Their hearts were light and happy
And each face wore a smile.

Beyond the bright green forest
Through summer's sunset glow,
Rose the jagged Teton Mountains,
Capped with winter's glistening snow.
Evening was drawing nearer
And as they drove away,
They said, "We'll come again sometime."
"Twas a happy holiday."

The trip was very interesting as the boys Edw. and John and Sue rode in our car a big share of the time. During our ride thru the park, Grace wrote a few verses on little bits of paper, cracker boxes, etc., to entertain the children.

During 1950, I purchased a bull from Warren Wilberg for \$350.00 and finished paying for the grain binder. We attended the Wakefield Reunion at Provo in July and attended the State Fair at Salt Lake City.

From 1950 to 1954 I was a Director of the Huntington-Cleveland Irrigation Company and during July 1951, accompanied the board up Huntington Canyon to Boulder Canyon to investigate a ditch and stream of water being taken from Huntington River drainage system around a mountain and conveyed into San Pete Co. We found that the ditch had been enlarged and recently extended around the mountain so as to catch more of the Huntington River water. I suggested that the Huntington Cleveland Irrigation Company start suit against the San Pete Water Users to determine who and how much water, if any, San Pete rightfully owned. This Huntington-Cleveland Board of Directors met with some lawyers at Price a time or twobut at this writing (1959) have done nothing about this ditch and water.

Arriving home from this canyon, my wife and Fern informed me that I should get ready at once, as we were going with Ray to Lima, Ohio to get a school bus. We caught the D. & R. G. Prospector at Price and were off. Arrived at Denver, Colorado in time for breakfast next morning. Then, boarded the Burlington train for Chicago, Illinois, where we arrived at noon the next day. We changed cars over to the Baltimore & Ohio R. R. for Lima, Ohio. Arrived at Lima at about midnight and took lodging in as large swanky and musty a hotel as I've seen. The next day at noon we boarded the school bus for Utah. On our way back, we visited at Nauvoo, and at Carthage, Ill. This making my third visit at these historic places.

Arriving at Denver, Colorado, the evening of the fourth day, we decided to journey into the mountains to spend the night. We came to a bunch of cabins and a restaurant. After securing our cabins we walked down to the restaurant and had

HUNTINGTON FIRST & SECOND WARD BUILDING PROGRAM

March 5, 1952

Dear Edward G. Geary:

According to your records, you have contributed in cash, materials and labor, \$116.75.

For your contribution and fine moral support, we are truly grateful and take this opportunity to thank you.

This is your official receipt for the above contribution.

In case of error, please report to Marian Jensen, at Jensen's Market between the 15th and 25th of March, from 3 o'clock to 6 P.M.

Dedication of the building has been set for April 27, 1952.

Sincerely,

The Huntington First and Second Ward Bishopric.

In November, 1953, Grace and I took a trip into Idaho in our Plymouth car. We went by way of Vernal, Utah, thinking that we could cross the Diamond Mt. to Manila, Utah, where Wm. and Vesta Jarvis resided. Vesta was teaching school at

Manila.

When we arrived at Vernal, we learned that the road over Diamond Mt. was

closed on account of snow so we had to detour by way of Heber City, Utah. We

remained over night at Roosevelt, Utah, Had supper at a cafe. It was Halloween

and the children around asked us for "trick-or-treat". The next morning we went

to Heber City, thence to Evanston, Wyo. and on north to Kemmer, Wyo. where James

and Alma Reece, my sister Mary's daughter and son-in-law who operated a eating and

amusement tavern lived just south of Kemmer. We had dinner with Alma and then

journed eastward to Manila, Utah where we visited with Wm. and Vesta Jarvis for

one day and then journed to Shelley, Idaho, where we visited Frank and Mary

Grange. We then drove on home. Cost of the trip was \$36.80

We stopped in Salt Lake City and purchased a Dundee Suit of clothes for \$50.49, and Grace's shoes at Walkovers for \$18.31. In 1953, Grace and I attended the U.S.I.C. at Roosevelt, Utah and visited Sylvia Birch Blackburn at Olapoint. A few years later, myself and my wife Grace, Frank and Kate Robbins and Ray McCallless and Fawn made a trip to the reservation country by way of Soldier Canyon and Nine-Mile Canyon, through Gate Canyon down the Drew to Roosevelt, Handlette, Old Fort Duchesne, Lapoint, Vernal and Duchesne. We had a nice visit with Sylvia Birch and visited the Dinosaur Building and exhibits in Vernal. While on this trip, we found my name painted on a rock in Gate Canyon which I had placed there in 1898 when I drove a 4-horse freight team. We attended the State Fair and "Holiday on Ice" in October, 1953. During the latter part of March, 1954, Grace, Perry & Adeline Wakefield and myself, attended the funeral services of Mide Wakefield's wife Elsie at Ogden, Utah. May 1, 1954, I was over to the field watering the last of my spring wheat when Merlin came over and said Ray, Fawn and Jean were going to Phoenix, Arizona and over to Texas and that I could go with them if I cared to. I left the watering to Merlin and soon got ready for the trip. I thought that Grace was going with us until I got into the car, when she informed me that she was staying at home to take care of the chickens and animals.

We drove to Richfield for dinner and then continued onward, arriving at the crossing of the Colorado River at Marble Canyon before sundown. After eating and resting a while we journeyed on to Flagstaff, Ariz. thence on to an unknown city where we had a midnight supper with a bunch of saloon bums. Leaving this place, we journeyed on to Prescott thence on to Phoenix, where we arrived at sunup. After having breakfast, we found Earl and Ila Roberts' residence where we were made welcome. Ila Roberts is my sister May's daughter and Earl is her husband. We finally rode over to Mesa, Arizona, where we met Wm. and Reva Averall, brother-

In-law and sister to Ray McCandless. The object of the meeting was the marriage of the daughter of Wm. and Neve Averall to a young man in the Mesa Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day-Saints.

We remained in Phoenix for three days and until after the marriage, (Ray and Fawn went through the temple with the bride and groom) then we journeyed toward San Antonio, Texas where Geary and Shirley McCandless resided. We traveled eastward through Globe, Ariz., arriving over the Coolidge Reservoir Dam to Thatcher, Ariz. and south to Lordsburg, New Mexico, where we had dinner. In the afternoon, we drove two-hundred miles east over a flat deserted place to the Rio Grande River then we turned south to El Paso, Texas, then southeast to Von Horn, where we

remained over night in a hotel close to the railroad tracks. Of course, our sleep was very limited. The next day we traveled south through miles of Texas range

lands all farmed and watered with windmill pumps. Then we came to the oil region where we saw hundreds of pumps pumping oil out of the ground. Then we came into the cotton region. The farmers were all out planting cotton in all directions.

We arrived at San Antonio just before night and found Geary and Shirley's

home without much trouble. San Antonio is one of the largest cities of the U. S.

Fort Sam Houston with its medical buildings and barracks is probably the largest

military fort in the U. S. and the military airfield covers thousands of acres of

land to the south. San Antonio is the most interesting city I have ever visited.

This is due, I think, to the parks, beautiful homes and size of buildings. I

counted over 100 monkeys in one of the natural parks among the ledges on the border

of the city.

The Latter-Day-Saint Church has a branch of the church in San Antonio and we

all attended it one evening. We went with Geary to a ball park one evening. We

visited the remains of the "Alamo". I purchased a Ladies watch for Grace at Fort

Sam Houston Commissary. Leaving San Antonio after a three day visit, we drove to

Albuquerque, New Mexico, where we obtained lodging at the Franciscan Hotel.

This hotel is of Mexican design and the sleeping rooms were all three-cornered. It cost us \$10.46 to stay at this luxurious hotel. The next day we drove to Farmington, New Mexico for dinner. We drove home. We were away from home ten days and had a very comfortable trip. We sold \$2,596.85 in cattle during 1954, and sold \$1,575.94 worth of eggs.

Paid Marshall Brothers \$60.00 for removing trees from the farm and house. Purchased hayrake from Belmont Richards for \$500.00; attended the State Fair and "Holiday on Ice" at Salt Lake City. Reshingled north side of roof on granery. February 3, 1955, was our 50th Wedding Day. Grace and I went through the Salt Lake Temple about the same as fifty years ago, and then returned home on the train. The following is an account of the 50th Wedding as reported by Grace:

On account of the short crop of hay in 1954, we had to buy hay and cotton cake for our cattle during the spring of 1955. I was then 77 years old and still operating my farm of 109 acres and caring for approximately 100 head of good grade hereford cattle. Also, I had purchased 300 chicks that year.

On July 18, 1955, we purchased our first electric cooking stove and on October 20 purchased a stokermatic heating stove for \$385.00. In September, I gave Teddy McCandless a \$60.00 missionary watch for his mission and \$55.00 in cash. He went on a mission to Australia. We went to the State Fair and also the "Holiday on Ice" during September. That year we sold cattle amounting to \$3,997.64 and eggs in the amount of \$1,336.79 which made a total of \$5,334.43. During the last 4 years we have qualified for Social Security payments.

As is the custom, on Christmas morning, 1955, we had our entire family to our home for breakfast (except Geary, Shirley and Allen who are at Detroit, Michigan.)

In February of 1956 we paid \$403.75 Government Income Tax and \$125.25 in Social Security Tax. Had a new roof put on our home costing \$70.00. Had Dr. Harry S. Nielson make my first false teeth--one upper plate \$75.00. Purchased a spraying outfit from Seow Co. of Orangeville for \$115.26. Dr. B. Furman was our doctor, Grace was ill some during the season. Helped Teddy on his Australian mission in amounts of \$40.00. Made a visit to Provo in June. Spent the 24th of July in Salt Lake City, during August, attended Wakefield Remunon at Aspen Grove in Provo Canyon. Attended State Fair and "Holiday on Ice" at Salt Lake City. Purchased a suit of clothes at Firmbult of Salt Lake City for \$50.00.

Grace attended the Fall L. D. S. Conference at Salt Lake and a Johnson Remunon. Purchased a milk cow from Ray McCandless for \$150.00. Grace made a shopping trip to Provo. December 1st, I made a trip to Ogden to the funeral of my cousin, Calvin Geary. He was buried in Morgan, Utah. Had Christmas Breakfast as usual at our home. Our total income for 1956 was \$7,698.40. Expenses--\$4909.99. Net gain for the year--\$2,288.41.

Edward G. Gears died at his home at Huntington, Utah

on May 8, 1960, after an extended illness.

His son, Elmo G. Gears, died Feb. 10, 1961

His wife, Alice Grace W. Kerkfeld Gears died June 6, 1966

The old Gears home at the Southwest corner of Huntington,

is now owned and occupied by his granddaughter, Laine McGehee

Linder and her family

