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## STANLEY HUNTINGTON FAMILY

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Erma Dustin Dickson was the daughter of Alfred Dustin Dickson from Oakville, Iowa, and Erma Jeffs Dickson from Castle Dale. They were married September 14, 1904, in Castle Dale. Erma's father was killed in an automobile accident November 21, 1914. Her mother died April 25, 1974, from complications of a broken hip. Erma was born September 27, 1910, in Castle Dale the youngest of three daughters, Ona, Iva, and Erma.

Stanley and Erma both graduated from Central High School. Stan was active in athletics and drama. Erma was active in drama, pep club, and band (she played the clarinet). Stanley attended Utah State University and Brigham Young University. Erma graduated from Heneiger's Business College.

They were high school sweethearts where they played opposite each other in many high school plays. They were married July 15, 1933, in Castle Dale by Bishop Elmer Nielson, later solemnized February 26, 1934, in the Salt Lake Temple.

Their daughter, Peggy, was born October 4, 1934, in Castle Dale. Five years later a son, Erickson, was born September 26, 1939, and five years later another son, Ross, was born December 29, 1944

Stan's first employment was as a manager of the United States Employment

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Office. Later he taught school in Orangeville, Ferron, and Emery. In 1941 he quit teaching and joined his father and brothers in the Huntington Bros. store where he has been ever since. He also has always had a farm and livestock. He has been active in civic and church organizations. He was City recorder, City Mayor, a charter member of the Lions Club where he served as President for two terms. He has a 35 year membership pin from the Lions. He was a counselor in the Bishopric for 8 years during the time that the State House was being built in Castle Dale. He has been a member of the High Council, Superintendent of the Sunday School, and teacher in both M.I.A. and Sunday School.

Emma was President of the Y.W.M.I.A. twice, teacher in M.I.A. in most of the classes, worked in Relief Society on the cooking committee several times, gave the Visiting Teacher Lesson under two presidencies, has been Service Chairman for the Cancer Society for 10 years, and Blood drawing chairman for 8 years. Recently she has worked and managed the Progressive Market in Huntington for 12 years, a partnership with Don and Peggy.

Our children have all married in the Temple. Peggy married Don Neilson from Ferron August 24, 1953. They have five sons, two who have filled missions for the Church.

Dickson married Geniel Ashton from Provo, February 19, 1953. They have three daughters and two sons.

Ross married Adele Ward from Tremonton September 16, 1967. They have three sons and one daughter.

One of the highlights of our life in Castle Dale has been belonging to a club of about 15 couples who have maintained their association together for 45 years.

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## THE LIFE OF STANLEY HUNTINGTON

Stanley Huntington, my maternal grandfather, is the son of Leonard Feno Huntington and Caroline Sitterud Huntington. They were married May 17, 1900. Leonard Feno died February 15, 1948. Caroline died November 25, 1976. They were both buried in Castle Dale. Stanley was born May 11, 1917, in Orangeville, the fifth child of nine children, Feno, Lloyd, Olive, Grant, Stanley, Jennie, Rose, Morris and Royal.

Stanley was born in his grandparents home. At the time he was born, the family all had scarlet fever.

His youth was spent in Orangeville, Utah and as he says, "It was most certainly the ideal life of a boy."<sup>1</sup>

His father owned a small ranch with cattle and horses. Much time was spent up on the ranch hunting, skating, sleigh riding and swimming in the river.

Grandfather helped with all the farm work, using a team of horses to plow and plant the ground. They raised fruit and potatoes and put them in dirt cellars and gave food to poor people who needed it. By the age of 14, Stanley could take the team and wagon and go to the mountains for lumber or go to the mine and get a load of coal.

Stanley's family was a very self-sustaining family. They didn't have to go to the store to get food. They lived off the land, and raised everything they needed.

Grandfather lived in pioneer circumstances as a youth. They got their water from the ditch in the mild months of the year, and hauled

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<sup>1</sup> Stanley Huntington, Personal Journal, pg. 1.



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## MEMORIES OF MY GRANDMOTHER & GRANDFATHER HUNTINGTON

Grandmother and Grandfather Huntington had such a fascinating beautiful corner lot in Orangeville, Utah. It was full of shade trees, vines, berry bushes, fruit trees, garden and flowers. They were quiet home folks. Grandfather was a freighter and was gone on the freight route much of the time. I remember his huge wood pile. Of course, with wood burning stoves and fireplaces this was a necessary possession.

Their home was neat and clean and filled with the fragrant aromas of steaming fruits and jams, fresh baked goods such as pies, cake, cookies and bread. There was a little pantry room off from the kitchen. It was here that Grandma made all her delicious goodies. She didn't like to clutter up her kitchen.

Grandma wasn't a very large woman. She had the blackest eyes I have ever seen. She had a snappy personality. She always cut clippings from newspapers and magazines, helpful hints and thoughtful verses and wise sayings. These she pinned to the kitchen wall by the table for all to read and enjoy. She was a practical person and always gave useful gifts. She would never throw anything away that could be put to use. She spent all her days working for the good of her family.

Grandma and Grandpa were very honest people and treated people fair in all their dealings. After their daughter Nettie died. They raised her son, Walter. When Walter was asked what he remembered most about Grandpa he said, "He taught me to be honest."

Grandma's bedroom was a dream world for a little girl to enter. A cozy fireplace filled one corner for warmth. Her handiwork adorned the room.

I remember how grandma took care of grandpa when he came ill and bedridden. It was such a lot of work for her. She had to wash every day. When he died he was cared for in the usual manner of the day. There was no mortuary available so the deceased was laid out in the coolest room of the house. In warm weather the body would be packed in ice. A vigil was set up around the clock. People would take turns "sitting up" with the corps to make sure no harm would come to it while the casket and burial clothes were being prepared.

After we moved to Castle Dale, mother's nerves and health were not good. On Sunday she would prepare a big kettle of homemade soup, some homemade bread, fruit, cookies and pie so we could eat as we wanted to. Dad would take Mom to spend a quiet day with Grandmother. That day we could play the radio and phonograph as loudly as we wanted to, and come and go as we pleased. Dad would always give a goody box of groceries from the store---cheese, crackers, tea, meat, etc. for mother to take to Grandmother. This special day was a great comfort to all. Towards evening Dad would go to Orangeville and bring mother home.



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water from the river in barrels on the wagon and on sleds in the winter months. "We never lacked for the necessities of life, although money was scarce. We raised a living on the farm, a way of life not possible today, but a most secure way to live."<sup>2</sup>

Stanley's parents were LDS people on both sides of the family. His homelife and family life were most ideal. "I always said that I enjoyed the best youth that a man could have."<sup>3</sup>

I think the roughest area of his life was the health care. When grandfather was about six years old, he had an infection from a wire scratch on his foot. The doctor did not know how to treat it. Each time he went to see him, he painted a red ring around his leg at the point the infection had spread to, and said, "Now when this gets up inside his body, then he will die." Grandfather continuously had his mother put ice packs on it. She decided after consulting with her friends in the ward, that they would try soaking it in hot water. Immediately it was better.

In 1926, Stan's father bought the only store in Castle Dale. The first load of groceries out in the store came from Price to Castle Dale with a team and wagon. Soon after they were delivered by truck. Stan's father and one brother, Lloyd, operated the store, leaving Stan, Feno, and Grant to take care of the farm and cattle. In 1928, a new family home was built in Castle Dale. It was a difficult adjustment for the family to make as grandfather says, "It soon became a good situation for our family."<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>2</sup>Stanley Huntington, Personal Journal, pg. 10.

<sup>3</sup>Stanley Huntington, Personal Journal, pg. 1.

<sup>4</sup>Stanley Huntington, Personal Journal, pg. 11.

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Grandfather has always been a strong believer in everyone getting as much education as possible. Grandfather felt his high school education at the Central High on the hill in Castle Dale was a wonderful experience. Central High, he felt, was such a good place to go because it had exceptional teachers. He enjoyed athletics and drama. Basketball, football and track were his main sports.

Dancing was a popular thing in social life. All the young people would date and go to the dances. Grandfather's date and dancing partner, Emma Dickson, who later became his wife, were sweethearts through high school, and played opposite each other in many high school plays.

Emma Dickson, born September 27, 1910, in Castle Dale, was the daughter of Alfred Dustin Dickson, a lawyer coming to Emery County from Oakville, Iowa, and Emma Jeffs Dickson, born and raised in Castle Dale, Utah. Emma is the youngest of three daughters, Ona, Ina and Emma.

Grandmother graduated from high school a year earlier than grandfather, and went away to Hennigers Business College in Salt Lake City. After grandfather graduated from USAC, he managed the U.S. employment Office for one year.

The year 1930 was a big event in Stanley's life. Quoting from his journal, "We left Castle Dale in the old yellow Chev in the fall of 1930. My brother Grant drove Hugh Seely and myself to Logan to school. We stopped in Provo for the night, the first time any of us had seen a place beyond Price. We found a place to board and room close to Utah State University for \$30.00 a month."<sup>5</sup> He describes Logan as a beautiful farming community, with a good land grant college.

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<sup>5</sup>Stanley Huntington, Personal Journal, pg. 2.





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they had to actually be bankers as well as merchants. Almost without exception people were honest and a man's word was his bond.<sup>7</sup>

Franklin D. Roosevelt became President in 1932, and pushed forward with many federal programs to aid the poor people. Work Progress Administration was a work program and was Grandfather's first good job. As manager of the Government Office for labor, he was paid \$25.00 per week.<sup>8</sup>

During the Depression, the small local banks in Emery County merged with the Carbon banks and moved to Price to become the Carbon-Emery Bank.

In the year 1934, Stanley started teaching grade school in Orangeville, Utah and taught there for two years. Then he moved to Ferron to teach for one year, after which he taught in Emery for two years. Grandfather quit the teaching profession in 1936 and went to work in the Huntington Brothers' Store, and has been in the same business ever since.

At the time Stanley joined the family business, he and Emma bought their first home in Castle Dale for the sum of \$800.00.

The political side of Grandfather's life was as we would term today "Conservative". He thought the Robert's Rules of Order were the commandments of business procedures. In a meeting, however, it is avoided by men who seek power for themselves. Men are an can be their own greatest handicap. Were it not for keeping the great war machines prepared, the people on this whole earth could have everything they wanted. Having served in several government positions, he saw more clearly the great necessity for the constitutional government and the process we must go through to govern ourselves.

<sup>7</sup> Stanley Huntington, Personal Journal, Pg. 8.

<sup>8</sup> Stanley Huntington, Personal Journal, Pg. 9.



Grandfather believed the greatest philosophy ever expressed by anyone is, and was, by the Savior when he said, "I am the light and the life." When we learn to fully understand the meaning of those words, we begin to understand the fullness of life.

The wars in his lifetime had a great influence on life in most of the world. World War I, 1914-1918, which created fear in children, made him wonder why men would do this.

Grandma Emma's Uncle James served in World War I as a foot soldier in Europe. James told about hand-to-hand combat. Grandfather's baby brother, Royal, was killed in action in World War II, in the Hartgen Forrest, Germany. Royal served from D Day to December 4, 1944, in Patton's Army. When the war was over, his body was shipped home to be buried in the Castle Dale Cemetery.

Stanley had a family, and was called up, examined, and passed but the war ended before he was inducted. Men with families were deferred to the last.

In 1960, Stan and Emma built a new home in Castle Dale right next to their old home. Quoting from Grandfather's journal, he said, "This could be the best thing we ever did to develop greater family relations."<sup>9</sup>

Stan and Emma had three children; a daughter and two sons. Now they have 14 grandchildren. I, Steven Nielson, being their third grandchild.

In 1975, Stan's two sons, Dickson and Ross, bought out Huntington Brothers', and built a new store. Grandfather still continued working in the store and still does to this day, hardly ever missing a day's work, cutting meat.

<sup>9</sup>Stanley Huntington, Personal Journal, Pg. 12.

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Grandfather also owned farms and cattle, selling them to his sons in 1975. He still enjoys tending the water, building corrals and helping brand the cows.

Church and civic affairs were important in grandfather's life. Always an upstanding person in the community, he served as mayor for two terms and as city recorder. He has been an active member of the Lion's Club for over 35 years. He is an active member of the Latter-Day Saint Church, serving in many positions throughout his life. The Stake House in Castle Dale was built when Grandfather was serving in the Castle Dale Ward Bishopric.

At one time, Grandfather knew everyone in Emery County by families. Being a businessman and having that association, plus church and Lion's Club, he had the opportunity to meet a lot of people.

In his own words from his journal, he says, "A man must be doing that which he likes to do to be successful. This I have done and am still doing. I was born with a strong body and today I can still do everything, except run fast. To be healthy is the greatest gift of life. Get the best education that you can. Put off for a while, other things in order to avail yourself of the opportunity to get that schooling. Don't be, of all things, a "me, too" politician. Seek the independent and true way of life."

I have been privileged to live close to my grandfather, and to know what kind of a person he is and his philosophies of life.