

Alma Lee

1869-1944

History of John Martin Lemaster
Written by Vernon Lemaster (son)

John Martin Lemaster was born October 30, 1869, at Tolpio, Millard County, Utah. He was the third child of Jonathan Lemaster and Caroline Brown Lemaster. He and a brother Jesse Louis were born on their parent's wedding anniversary. His childhood days were spent in Tolpio and in Gunnison, where the family resided.

Dad told me of an incident that happened while he was a youth. He and a younger brother, Jesse, were driving past the Towler River. Dad got off his horse and swam down the river for ten miles, while uncle Jesse rode along the bank, leading dad's horse and carrying his clothing. He attended school one year at the Brigham Young University, and he was killed on roller at this school, he met Willie Whiting of Nephtson, Utah. They were married March 17, 1895 at

They moved to Castle Dale, Emery County, Utah and homesteaded some land, north and east of Castle Dale. While living in Castle Dale, seven children were born to them. They were Alice, Lucius Alfonso (Foe), Hilda, Martin, Glen and twin boys who died shortly after birth. During this time dad worked on various large ranches, farmed and served one term as county sheriff. He was elected in the year of 1898 and served from 1899 to 1901. There was a period of time he worked in the mine at Castle Dale, leaving the family in Castle Dale. And while he was at Castle Dale he climbed to the top of the Castle Gate rock and placed a flag ^{Pole} there.

In 1904 the family moved to Sunnyside, Carbon County, Utah. While here he served as deputy sheriff, worked in the mine and supplied the mine with "prop" timber from the mountains in the area. While in Sunnyside, three children were born. They were Delbert, Anna and Linden Delon, who lived only a few months.

About 1910 a new coal mine was opened in West Hlavetha, Utah and the family moved to west Hlavetha, where they had to live in tents for a long period of time while houses were being built. It was while still living in tents, on a cold night in February, that Nora was born. As soon as houses were available the family moved into one at the lower end of the town. Three other children were born in west Hlavetha. They were Caroline (Carrie), Varnon and Clara.

Dad and the older boys, Fon, Martin and Glen worked in the timber,

supplying the mine with mine "props". Dad always had horses. One that was a special family pet, called Old Bonnie. When Bonnie became so old that he had to be put away it was like losing one of the children.

While transporting a small building on a wagon, he had the misfortune to break his hip. He was in bed for months, waiting for the bones to heal and afterwards walked with a bad limp. One leg was shorter than the other and so he depended upon his horse more than ever to get around.

He was a night watchman for the company and would ride from one end of the town to the other all night, checking company property as well as keeping the peace.

One story he used to tell us and really chuckle was when he killed a rother bear, then tried to capture the two cubs. They were in a cave and he crawled in to get them. When he took hold of them he couldn't let go. He was scratched and bitten, but managed to get the cubs home. One cub was kept by the house in a box for some time, then was sold to a service station operator at Colton, where it was a tourist attraction. The other cub was sold to a circus.

About 1925 the family moved to Provo for better school facilities for the younger children. The older boys who were not married stayed in West Hiasatha, living with Hilda who had married and had a home of her own. Dad and mother and the children in school lived in Provo for two years, then moved to Huntington, Emery County, where the boys working in the mines could live at home and there was still adequate schooling for the younger ones.

Dad worked in the orchard and had a lovely garden in Huntington. I remember especially the crisp radishes and corn on the cob from his vegetable garden. He also substituted an old truck for a horse.

In 1928 after the death of Glen's wife, dad and mother took his new born baby to raise. His name was Clyde. At times they also had Betty, Glen's daughter with them.

His father, Jonathan Leamaster, lived with them quite a bit of the time after Grandpa Leamaster died. He was aith dad and mother when he died in 1930. They did all they could to make his happy and comfortable in his last years.

Dad liked the outdoors and enjoyed prospecting. Always thought he might strike it rich. Kept up to date on the latest discoveries in minerals and ways of assaying ores.

He liked politics and insisted on each member of his large family being registered and voting as soon as they were old enough to do so. He kept up to date on matters pertaining to government, and the latest news. Studied the newspaper carefully every day. He served as Justice of the Peace in Huntington for a time.

He belonged to the L.D.S. Church, but was not active.

He died at his home in Huntington, December 13, 1944, and is buried in the Huntington cemetery. He was seventy six years old at the time of his death.

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John and Millie Whitting Leamaster

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1869



John Martin Leamaster was born on

October 30, 1869 at Scipio, Millard County, Utah. His childhood was spent in Scipio and Gunnison. He was at various times a Farmer, Rancher, Miner, Logger, and Law Officer.

He attended Brigham Young University, and it was here he met and married Millie Whitting of Napleton, Utah on March 17, 1893. To this marriage was born 14 children: Alice (Cronbie), Fonz, Hilda (Close), Martin, Glen, Delbert, Anna (Olsen), Dora (Arnold), Carrie (Whimpey), Vernon, Clara (Ketterer), also one son and twin boys who died in infancy.

After their marriage they moved to Castle Dale and homesteaded land north and east of Castle Dale where seven of their children were born.

John farmed and worked on several large ranches. He was elected Emery County Sheriff and served one term from 1899 to 1903. His grandson John H. a namesake later served as Emery County Sheriff for 16 years, 1959-1975. They moved to Sunnyside, Utah where he worked in the mine, supplied the mine with prop timber, and served as deputy sheriff. While living here, three more of their children were born.

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John and Millie Whiting Leewaster
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night while still living in tents, Dora was born. Later as housing became available, the remainder of the family was born at West Hiawatha.

The family moved to Provo, Utah in 1925, and in 1927 purchased the old Nixon Home in Huntington where John and Millie spent the remainder of their lives. Here John served on the city council, was active in political affairs, served as Justice of the Peace, raised excellent gardens, and tended the orchard on the lot. Millie was an active member of the D. U. P., the Relief Society, and participated in Church activities. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in March 1943.

He died at home December 13, 1944, and Millie died February 12, 1956.

John was a person who loved the out of doors, who spoke what he thought, as emphatic on his decisions, and everyone knew what his stand was on any issue. One thought he left with us was the saying, if you can't say something good about someone, don't say it.

Millie was a quiet, loving, unassuming person, whose kindness, compassion and love for man and animals, was always very apparent. Never raising her voice in anger, showing no partiality to her children, but always present when one of them needed her help and love and counsel. One who bore the ups and downs and tragedies of life quietly and without complaint.

They raised and taught all their children to be honest, law abiding, self sustaining, family oriented citizens. They have been a close knit family with a great love for each other, and a deep appreciation for the sacrifice, the hardship, the diligence and teachings of their parents.

1873-1956

March 16, 1946

HISTORY WRITTEN BY MILLIE WHITTING LEA MASTER, MARCH 8, 1946

I was born July 28, 1873 in Springville, Utah. When I was four years old my parents moved to Mapleton where there were only a few houses very far apart. There was very little water, so what crops they planted burned up. My father, Edward Lucious Whiting, was water master and had some trouble.

We went to Springville to Church and school. I walked when the weather was good and lived with my Grandmother Whiting when it was bad. After a few years the people of Springville let us have more water and more people moved up to Mapleton. We then had a school. My Father was Bishop until he died on February 12, 1896. The people used to have house parties. They would take their whole families and dance and eat. One uncle had a violin. We road in wagons or horse back. I don't remember much about the Indians, only that I was afraid of them. They used to come in crowds. The squaws would come in the house and beg and the men would trade horses on the outside. Father would let them have some of the tithing until the government started to take care of them. People used to bring some of every-thing that they raised to pay their tithing, and Mother and I had to take care of it.

You ask how I met Grandpa: Our fathers were pioneers of Manti. John's sister, Mellica, married my uncle Arthur Whiting and they lived in Mapleton, so the Lea Masters came to visit them and finally bought a home there. We were married March 17, 1893 and moved to Castle Dale, Utah that same year. We lived there until 1904 and six children were born. Your mother, Hilda, was born in Mapleton. Then we moved to Sunnyside, Utah were three children were born, and in 1909 we moved to West Hiawatha where four children were born. In 1925 we moved to Provo, and in 1927 we moved to Huntington where we still live. Grandpa died here on December 13, 1934. ? He was sheriff in Emery County, Utah for two years around 1899.

Millie Whiting Leamaster

Millie was born in Springville, Utah, July 28, 1873

She died February 12, 1956 at Henderson, Nevada

She married John Martin Leamaster on March 17, 1893

The following children were born to this union:

	<u>Born</u>	<u>Died</u>
Alice	13 April 1894	
Lucius Alfonso	29 Sept 1895	1963
Hilda	12 Oct. 1897	1979
Martin B.	13 June 1899	
Glen	24 April 1901	
Infant Twins	13 Feb 1904	1904
Delbert	2 May 1905	1946
Anna	21 April 1907	1952
Linden Delon	9 Aug 1909	1909
Dora	23 Feb. 1911	
Caroline	20 Aug 1913	1980
Vernon	10 July 1915	
Clara	26 Feb 1919	

A Brief History of Millie Whiting Leamaster

Millie was the first child of the first marriage of Edwin Lucius Whiting. Her mother was Anna Mary Bulkley. She was born in Springville, Utah. Moved to Mapleton, Utah at an early age where her father became bishop. She was educated at a local school. Being the oldest child she helped her father in farming. When she was 17 her father was briefly imprisoned by federal authorities and being the eldest child, much of the responsibility left vacant by the absence of the father fell on her shoulders. Her father was imprisoned in the Salt Lake Penitentiary and during the time of his imprisonment, both his wives and their children would journey by wagon to Salt Lake, camping out around the prison grounds while they visited their husband and father, returning to Utah Valley according to the necessities of the farming season. Just before her 20th birthday in 1893 she married John Martin Leamaster and with a team and wagon, a riding horse and a few cattle, the newlyweds set out from Utah Valley to homestead in Castle Valley. Millie drove the team and wagon most of the way, a journey lasting three weeks, while John rode the horse and kept care of the cattle.

They remained in Castle Dale in Castle Valley until 1904. Their first seven children, with one exception were born there. In 1905 the family moved to Sunnyside in what is now Carbon County where three more children were born. In 1910 the family moved to West Hiawatha in Carbon County where the last four of their children were born. For a time they lived in Provo but eventually in 1927 they settled in Huntington, Emery County, where they remained for the rest of their lives.

In the early years of Millie's married life she and her husband lived with her husband's parents in both Castle Dale and Sunnyside. Her mother-in-law took over the care of the babies of their growing family while Millie did most of the housework. For a brief time in 1896-7, Millie with her two oldest children returned to her parents home in Mapleton to help her mother nurse her father in his final illness. While she was in Mapleton, she bore her third child, returning to Castle Dale soon after.

During her long married life she devoted herself entirely to the care and rearing of her family. She was a woman of strong character, Christian principles and an overwhelming sense of duty. More by example

than by teaching, she passed on to all her descendants a deep and abiding sense of honesty, charity, fairness and love. She is remembered by all who knew her for her patience, kindness, generosity and deep humanity. In times of trouble, it was to her that all her descendants turned for help and support, both of which were always forthcoming to the limits of both Millie's material and moral capacities. By her very presence and through her towering strength in all adversity, her family took heart in moments of crisis. Her character and being molded her family into a tightly knit unit in which each helped the other with love and generosity in both good times and bad. Her example remains an expression of the ideal to all her descendants who knew her. Her family remains the great creation of her life and the thing for which she cared most in her quiet but purposeful way. Her caring extended into the third generation and when she perceived a need among her children or grand children, she quietly offered what help she could whatever the circumstances.

During the time Millie lived in Castle Dale, her husband was for a time the county sheriff. Millie during this period was required to provide meals for whatever prisoners there were in the county jail. It was also during this period that the family was struck with smallpox and was quarantined. Their neighbors at the time provided them with food and water which was left at the fence for them. Millie's eldest child at the time was 8 years old and her fifth child was a small baby.

Millie's husband suffered an accident to his hip while the family was living in West Hiawatha. For months, Millie singlehandedly nursed her husband through his painful ailment while at the same time caring for her family. When the family moved to West Hiawatha from Sunnyside their first accommodation during the winter of 1910-1911 was two tents where a daughter was born in the middle of a February snowstorm. The older girls in the family were her sole help with the baby. Later in the spring they moved to a house.

Having raised their own eleven children, Millie and John in 1928 took over the care and rearing of a grandson. During this period they also made a home for John's father until his death. Various of their married children at various times also made their home with Millie and John. Millie's home was always a refuge for her children and grand-children in times of trouble. Once sometime after her Golden wedding anniversary in March, 1943 and before the death of her husband in 1944,

she remarked; "In all the years of our married life, this is the first time John and I have been alone together in the house."

From her husband's death in 1944 until just shortly before her own death in February 1956, she maintained her home by herself in Huntington. During this period she had her many descendants close about her and took a continuing interest in their lives. She had joined the Daughters of Utah Pioneers in 1936 and during her widowhood she took an active interest in their activities as well as the Relief Society. Her final illness was mercifully short. In December 1955 she went to stay with her daughter in Las Vegas, Nevada, where she died in February, 1956, mourned deeply by all her descendants for the great mother and grandmother that she was.