

HISTORY OF ROSE ANN CAROLINE LEAMASTER MOORE

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Our mother was born January 3, 1879, to Johnathan and Caroline Brown Leamaster, in Scipio, in a log cabin which was later used as a chicken coop. Mother could just walk when Brigham Young sent Grandpa and Grandma to Arizona to help settle St. John. On the way Mother fell into the campfire and burned her hands. They wrapped them in potatoes to take the burn out. From St. John they moved back to Scipio, and two years later moved to Dover in Sevier County. They stayed there two years, farming; and while there Mother was afraid of the high water on the Sevier River, but Grandma had to visit friends every Sunday so Mother had to go along. Grandpa had to tie the wagon box down so the water wouldn't float it off down the river.

From Dover they went to Gunnison, and while in Gunnison, Uncle Carl and Mother tried to ride a goose off a shed. Mother had packed a lunch and she told Uncle Carl goodbye for she thought that she was going far out over the country side. When Mother and the goose took off the shed they fell straight down with the poor goose underneath. She threatened Uncle Carl's life if he ever told what had happened.

After living in Gunnison two years they went back to Scipio for a year, and then moved to Mapleton, Utah County, for two years. The family then moved to Castle Dale in 1893.

Mother was married January 1, 1895, in Castle Dale, to William Moore. William had come to use the blacksmith shop to shoe his horse, and when Mother saw him she told Grandma "he's mine". After their marriage they went to live in Coalville, Summit County. It was in the Spring of 1895 when they moved to Castle Rock, and from there to Echo in 1896. From Echo they went back to Castle Rock, where Mildred was born February 22, 1896.

The little family then moved to Medicine Bow, Wyoming, where Mother cooked for the workmen on the railroad. In 1898 Dad night herded horses for Tom Rees. Dad roped a Golden Eagle and brought it home and turned it loose in the kitchen and Mother was under the table. It came at her and she couldn't get out. Grandpa Moore had to help her.

I, Melissa Rose Moore Colledge, was born at Castle Rock on the 28th of August 1900, and I weighed 1½ pounds at birth. Grandpa had the postal scales and I was weighed on them. Mother and Dad kept me alive by keeping me in a cigar box and would let me smell alcohol when I couldn't get my breath. They kept me warm with a hot brick.

Mother and Dad moved to Coalville in 1903, and that is where William Leamaster was born. While living there Mother took in boarders who worked in the coal mine. They had two shifts and it was hard work, but she did it.

In the year 1907 David Thomas was born on December 21. The folks bought the Larson place at Grass Creek. They improved the place and planted crops. They took out a homestead on which Grandpa Leamaster built a cabin. He and Grandma lived with us two years, then they left for the Reservation. We missed them so much. Mildred and I hated to see them go and cried all the way home from Coalville.

Morgan Louis was born March 31, 1910. He was named after Uncle Louis Brown. Then in 1912 Johanna was born on June 8, and Jesse was born the 7 April, 1918, while we were still living at Grass Creek.

October 14, 1915, Mildred was married to Marlo Jones in the Salt Lake Temple. They moved to Echo where she passed away on November 11, 1918, leaving two little girls, Marguerite, born 18 of November 1916, and Mary Rosella, born the 7 of November, 1918.

Mother and Dad weren't the same after losing Mildred. She was their pride and joy.

In May of 1923 they moved to Juab, and Mother, Willie and I gathered the cattle and shipped the ones for beef to Ogden and the rest went to Juab. The family left Juab, Juab County, in 1935-36 and went back to Castle Rock and raised Black Angus Cattle which they were very proud of. Neither one wanted to give up the old ranch house for a new one when the big highway was put through. They had the Old House moved to the other side of the road and it still stands.

Dad died July 14, 1957, at Castle Rock, where he always wanted to die and Mother was with him to the last. Mother was able to go to the Salt Lake Temple and have their work done.

Mother found out she was sick the first of January in 1959, but she never knew that she had cancer. She hoped to the last she would get better. She died April 26, 1959, at Lehi, Utah County, Utah. She was so glad she was able to go through the Temple and had gone the way she had planned.

Mother could do anything she made up her mind to do. She was young with us all, even to the youngest Grandchild. We miss her. She was always lots of fun to be with and we will continue to miss her and Dad. They had a long and happy life, even with all the hardships they went through together, having been married 62 years. They had celebrated their Golden Wedding on January 1, 1945.