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The Ralphs built one of the early homes in Ferron, later acquiring a farm and raising livestock.

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Surviving children are William A., Leon P., J. Clifton, Elwin, Mirl H., Neva Jensen and Irene Lemon. *Walter Jensen*

The prayer at the home was offered by Elwin Ralphs and the program at the chapel included numbers by the singing mother, a tribute by a granddaughter, Helen Peacock, remarks by Ralph Lemon, a grandson, Richard E. Behling and Sam Singleton. Musical numbers by Barara, Kathlene, Louise and Anna Lee, granddaughters; a saxophone solo by Elaine Ralphs, a piano and organ duet, May and Shirley Barton, granddaughter and great granddaughter and a solo by Freida Berling. *Clara Jensen*

Mrs. Ralphs was buried in the Ferron cemetery under the direction of the Fausett Funeral Home, and the dedication of the grave was given by Leon P. Ralphs.

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HUSBAND William Benjamin Ralphs ^{Hodnet}
 Birth 6 May 1816 Place Shropshire England
 Chr. _____ Place _____
 Death 20 April 1900 Place American Fork, Utah
 Burial _____ Place _____
 Father Benjamin Ralphs Mother (Maiden Name) Mary Edwards
 Mar. 10 May, 1841 Place Staffordshire England (from Ralphs relatives)
 Other Wives (if any) 2) Mary Ann Johnson

Where was information shown on this family record obtained?

HUSBAND'S Name (in Full) William Benjamin

TEMPLE ORDINANCE DATA

HUSBAND: Feb. 1841
 Baptized 8 June 1841
 Endowed 6 Feb. 1846 Nauvoo 1841
 Heir _____
 Relationship of Heir _____

Name and address of person submitting this sheet:

WIFE 1) Elizabeth Brooks ^{Burslem}
 Birth 30 March 1819 Place Staffordshire, England
 Chr. _____ Place _____
 Death 22 Jan. 1863 Place American Fork, Utah
 Burial _____ Place _____
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 Other Hus. (if any) _____

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FERRON, Emery County—A woman who boasts 76 great-grandchildren, Mrs. Johannah Ralphs, will celebrate her 90th birthday here Saturday.

Mrs. Ralphs was born Sept. 7, 1867, in Manti to Peter and Beata Berjesson Hansen. With her parents she pioneered in Castle Valley where she met and married Parley



Pratt Ralphs in Ferron on Jan. 18, 1884.

The marriage later was solemnized in the Salt Lake Endowment House, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The Ralphs built one of the early homes in Ferron, later acquiring a farm and raising livestock.

Mrs. Ralphs has been an active Church worker all her life. She was especially interested in genealogy and temple work. She filled a mission to the Manti Temple.

She is the mother of eight living children, William A., Altonah; J. Clifton, Eagle, Idaho; Elwin, Clawson; Leon P., Mirl H., Walter and Irene Lemon of Ferron; and Neva Jensen, Castle Dale.

She has 32 grandchildren, 76 great-grandchildren and 20 great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Ralphs enjoys excellent health and is able to maintain her own home where she will be honored Saturday.

different organizations of the LDS church as well as being active in various community projects. In 1935-36 she filled a mission in the Manti Temple and through close contact with members of her parents family, was successful in promoting genealogy work.

During the past several years Mrs. Ralphs has kept her fingers busy creating such items as quilts, doilies, rugs and bedspreads which she has given to her children and grandchildren.

She now has 32 grandchildren

Hannah Ralphs succumbs at age of 93

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Funeral services for Hannah Ralphs, 93, were held Monday, June 12, in the Ferron LDS chapel after her death Friday morning.

Mrs. Ralphs was born September 7, 1867 at Manti and married Parley P. Ralphs, May 23, 1884 in the Manti Temple. Her father was Peter Hansen and her mother Beota G. Bergeson.

Surviving children are William A., Leon P., J. Clifton, Elwin, Mirl H., Neva Jensen and Irene Lemon. *Walter Jensen*

The prayer at the home was offered by Elwin Ralphs and the program at the chapel included numbers by the singing mother, a tribute by a granddaughter, Helen Peacock, remarks by Ralph Lemon, a grandson, Richard E. Behling and Sam Singleton. Musical numbers by Barara, Kathlene, Louise and Anna Lee, granddaughters; a saxophone solo by Elaine Ralphs, a piano and organ duet, May and Shirley Barton, granddaughter and great granddaubter and a solo by Freida Berling. *Christine Jensen*

Mrs. Ralphs was buried in the Ferron cemetery under the direction of the Fausett Funeral Home, and the dedication of the grave was given by Leon P. Ralphs.

Castle Dale Stockman Dies of Injuries

CATTLE DALE — Ernest Eugene Jensen, 55, died at the Price hospital Saturday morning from injuries received Tuesday evening, June 28, at his home here when a horse he was riding fell upon him. He suffered a broken back at the time but apparently died of a heart attack.

Mr. Jensen was born here on October 30, 1890, son of John Young and Sarah Nielsen Jensen.

He received his education here and was always very active in Church and civic affairs.

He filled a mission to Denmark and the eastern states for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints from 1913 to 1915. He served as superintendent of the Sunday School a number of years. He was counselor to Bishop Carl Berry.

He worked in the high priest quorum 15 years and was one just released as president of same the Sunday before the accident.

He was also president of the Consolidated Cottonwood Canal Company at the time of his death. He was also a prominent farmer and livestock raiser.

April 5, 1916, he married Neva Ralphs of Ferron, in the Salt Lake City Temple.

He is survived by his widow; two sons, Sgt. Don Jensen, overseas, and Ralph Jensen, Sunnyside; two daughters, Helen and Elaine Jensen, both employed at Salt Lake; three grandchildren, and the following brothers and sisters; Ralph Jensen and Mrs. Blanche Faddis, of Salt Lake; Ray and Alvin Jensen, Castle Dale and Harold Jensen, Reno, Nev.

Funeral services were held in the Castle Dale Ward chapel here at 2 P. M. Thursday. Interment was made in the Castle Dale cemetery under the direction of the Witbeck Fun-

Funeral Services Held For Ernest Jensen

died July 2 1945
CASTLE DALE — Funeral services were held in the Ward LDS Chapel here Thursday beginning at 2 o'clock for Ernest Jensen 55, who died at the Price hospital Saturday morning.

Bishop Eugene Johansen conducted the services.

Opening song was rendered by the Ward Chorus.

Bishop E. A. Nielsen gave the opening prayer followed by a mixed quartet which sang "Home on The Range."

The speakers were Bishop Samuel H. Larson, Bishop Carl Berg, President J. Funk Killian, President Elden G. Luke, Nephi L. Williams, and Bishop Johansen.

Bland Fox sang "School Thy Feelings" and Mrs. Freeda Behling of Ferron sang "I Shall See You Face To Face."

The Ward Chorus sang the closing song.

The closing prayer was offered by Carl Bott.

Interment was in the Castle Dale City cemetery under the direction of the Witbeck funeral home and the grave was dedicated by Leon P. Ralphs of Ferron.

This was one of the largest funerals ever held here, due to the many positions of trust Mr. Jensen has held in Ward and civic affairs. Respect was paid him and his family throughout the county and stake.

His entire immediate family was in attendance with the exception of his son, Don Y., of the armed forces, who is overseas and one brother, Harold, who was unable to attend due to transportation difficulties.

Lunch was served all out of town people at the Jensen home by the Jensen family assisted by the Ward Relief Society.

CARD OF THANKS

It is with a deep appreciation we extend to the people of this community our heart-felt thanks for the many acts of kindness extended us during the illness and subsequent death of our beloved father. Also for the many beautiful floral offerings and sincere expressions of sympathy.
The Jensen Family.