

**William Alford Ralphs and Agnes Bertha Jensen
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William Alford Ralphs was born October 25, 1884 in Ferron, Emery County, Utah. He was the first of 8 children born to Parley Pratt and Anna Maria Hansen Ralphs.

Will helped his dad on the farm during most of his growing up years. His father died in 1903 when Will was 18. Will then did all the work on the farm and the younger boys helped as they got big enough. As a teenager, Will also worked at the brick factory run by Chris Jensen, which was just north off the Molen Bench.

Agnes Bertha Jensen was born September 2, 1888 in Manti, Sanpete County, Utah, the second child of Jens Christian Jensen and Agnes Christie Brown. Although her first name was Agnes, she was called Bertha by her family and friends. At the age of two her family moved to Ferron to homestead 160 acres.

Will and Bertha were married on August 21, 1904 in Castle Dale, Emery County, Utah. During their first years of marriage, they lived with both the Jensen and Ralphs families. Later a log house was built on the Ralphs farm for Will and Bertha and they furnished it with furniture they purchased from Dr. Easley who was planning to move.

Will worked at the brick yard for Bertha's father Chris Jensen. Later he dug coal in the Rock Canyon Coal Mine during the winter and did odd jobs for the neighbors.

In the spring of 1908, Will went with two of his uncles to look over some land in Duchesne County with thoughts of homesteading there. He homesteaded 160 acres on a sagebrush flat at Altonah. The next spring Will and Bertha moved to Altonah in the Uintah Basin. They loaded their belongings into a wagon. Grandma Jensen gave them a milk cow and some chickens. Will made a place for the chickens in the back of the wagon and tied the cow behind, put the kids on top and left. They ran out of provisions by the time they reached Myton, so they sold the milk cow in order to buy supplies to make the last leg of the journey. Their children included:

Agnes Vendetta Ralphs	1905	Ferron
Wilma Ilene Ralphs	1907	Ferron
Harold Parley Ralphs	1909	Ferron
Christian Dennie Ralphs	1911	Ferron
Gladys Irean Ralphs	1916	Altonah
Twila Ralphs	1918	Altonah
Cecil Gerald Ralphs	1921	Altonah
Ruby Ralphs	1923	Altonah