

EARNEST ALBERT WILD

Earnest Albert Wild, born 25 March 1870, was the fourth child of Joseph and Hannah Blinn Wild. He was born in a two-roomed adobe house on the Singleton farm about 2 miles south east of American Fork City, in the area known as "The Bottoms." The Kelley family was the closest neighbor, being about 2 blocks away.

His father, Joseph Wild was born in Bury, Lancashire, England 1 May 1834 to James and Sarah Wild.

His mother, Hannah Blinn, was born 6 April 1839 at Colne, Lancashire, England to John and Mary Calverly Blinn.

Joseph Wild and Hannah Blinn were married 11 January 1868. This was a plural marriage, Joseph having previously married Mary Shuttleworth.

His mother had also been married previously to John Singleton. It also had been a plural marriage, John Singletons first wife being Catherine Greer. To their Union were born the following children:

Ellen	Married Isaac Blinn
Ann	" Joseph Wrigley
Mary Jane	" William Taylor Jr.,
Catherine	" Henry Sager
John Alma	" Sarah Jane Summer
Robert	" Mary Ann

Agnes died very young.

John Singleton, his mother's first husband was frozen to death while on his way home from the West Canyon with a load of fire wood between Levi and American Fork, 24 Dec. 1865, leaving her a widow with five small children.

Thomas Singleton	married Eliza Jane Sommers
Samuel	" Clara B. Lawry
Sarah	" Nathan Thornton
Mary Ellen	" Charles W. Fulloy
Phoebe	" James Blood.

To the union of Joseph and Hannah Blinn Wild were born. Eliza born 11 Oct. 1868 Married John Edwin Buckwalter

Reuben died in infancy

Elizabeth Celestia died in infancy

Earnest Albert born 25 Mar. 1870 Married Mary Ann Taylor

Susan born 27 April 1874 Married William Miller.

The old adobe house Earnest was born in was pulled down and a two room brick house erected nearly in its place. His father was a brick burner. When Earnest was about 4 or 5 years old another room was added.

Happiness did not prevail in this home. They only lived together about 10 years. Earnest once made the remark his father was the meanest man in the world! Very frequently he would spend their means for drink and would become quite abusive under its influence. On one occasion Earnest's half-brother Heber, being away working, sent his mother money to buy a new hay rake telling her in the letter to be sure and not let his father get the money. She put the letter containing the money inside the front of her waist. A short time later her husband came home and one of the smaller children told him of the letter

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They did not go exactly hungry, always having plenty of farm produce, butter, milk, eggs & etc. but money was very scarce. Their mother worked very hard and Earnests half-brothers, the Singleton boys, especially Tom did much to help them, doing most of the farm work and carried much of the responsibility. The only help they remember receiving from their father was a pair of shoes and dress he bought Eliza.

When Earnest was about 10 years old his mother moved up in town with the smaller children, to care for her aging father, however Earnest stayed on the farm with his half brother Tom, who was then married.

Earnest started school just before Christmas when he was 6 yrs. of age in the East School House, a small adobe building about a block and 1/2 east of Grants Amphorium. His first teacher was a pretty little English lady, named Elizabeth Grifface, who always wore her hair in ringlets.

He attended school off and on until he was about 19 years old. Some of his other teachers were: George Cunningham, Minnie Hindley, Eugene Henroid and Martha Nelson and a very outstanding teacher by the name of Joseph Parlow Forbes. He was a highly educated college graduate from the east, and considered one of the leading educators in the State of Utah of that time. His word was law and he backed it up with his hands if necessary. He always had a bunch of birch willows standing in the corner and when provoked to use them would hit the student over the head with one until it wore out. Earnest received the punishment one day for chewing gum in school, however most of his chastisement was raised eye-brows until he looked up then Mr. Forbes in a very stern voice would say, "You may be in Earnest, but don't go wild over it."

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Earnest didn't care much for school. He would rather ride horses and tend cattle. When he was about 19 his mother persuaded him to register at the Brigham Young University in Provo, selling a cow to help pay his tuition. He went a few days and then came home saying he didn't want any more of that.

For some reason he was always getting hurt. When quite small he fell out of a wagon drawn by a team of oxen and was nearly killed. When about 16 he fell off a ledge, while hunting

*Wild Jackass*  
patients, receiving a deep cut on the left side of his forehead which pierced the envelope that encases the brain. He also fractured his right hip. No doctors being available his mother had to care for him as best she could, and although he was down for a long time he finally recovered.

While out on the desert one time he roped a wild Jack-ass and pulled his horse over on top of him breaking his shoulder. Several years later he fell off of a hay stack and hurt his shoulders again.

He never went to a Dr. with any of his injuries, hence they were not set right which caused him to walk quite stooped and he could not raise his hands higher than his shoulders.

Sometime during the middle 1920's while shearing sheep at Mounds he became over heated and drank quite a quantity of cold water. It made him terribly sick and when he recovered he found he had lost his sense of smell, which he never returned. He started hearing the milk cows when about 5 years old and at 7 was given a yearling colt to ride. He herded cows, and this pony for a few years, down in the bottoms about one mile above Utah Lake. One day a cow hooked his pony in the stomach, letting its insides out. He felt real bad over the loss of his horse.

At the age of 12 he was sent to Ferron, Emery Co. about 150 miles south, to get a bunch of cattle belonging to his half brother Sam Singleton. When he was 14 he was asked to round up the cattle and return them. Sam, having been working down there for about 3 years for Tom Slappers, had decided to make his home there.

Earnest took the cattle to the Ferron Mountains and turned them over to Joseph Wrigley as had been arranged, and then returned to American Fork to help Tom on the farm. A year or so later he helped take a herd of cattle to Thompson Springs, Grand Co. for Bob Proctor and stayed and cared for them for about a year.

Earnest wasn't much for social life, but did enjoy the dances held in the homes and later at the public buildings although he didn't learn to dance well until after he went to Castle Valley to live when he was around 19 years old.

On 19 December 1893 Earnest Albert Wild married Mary Ann Taylor.

She was the eldest child of Wm. W. and Mary Jane Singleton Faybor. She was born 2 February 1874 in American Fork, Utah co. Utah, going to Ferron with her parents when 4 years old.

They were married by Justice of the Peace, Fred Kilpack at the Taylor home. They had a delicious wedding supper and dance afterwards.

Their first home was a two roomed log house in the north west part of town. They lived there about 9 years, adding two more adobe rooms, making the house into a T shape, then covered the whole with a lumber casing, making a fine looking home. Their first four children were born there Gilbert, Melvin, Leo and Elry.

During the winter of 1902 and 3 some of his friends got the Canada Fever, after being told what a wonderful country it was and how easy to make a living. Several sold their farms and

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loaded their stock on the railroad and headed north. Earnest was intending to go with Lou Olsen, but wasn't ready in time so Lou went ahead. Earnest sold his property to Hyrum Nelson, drove his cattle to Mayfield, loaded them on the train and started for Canada too.

Upon reaching Mantel a letter from Lou was waiting there, which had been forwarded from Ferron, telling him not to come. All was not sunshine and roses in Canada. Lou had reached there in a terrible blizzard and lost about 75% of his cattle.

Having sold his property at Ferron, Earnest had no place to go, so went on. He unloaded at American Fork to feed and was persuaded not to go to Canada, so he summered his cattle up Provo Canyon.

He bought a 3 roomed adobe house about 1 1/2 blocks of the 1st ward Church in American Fork, to live in that summer. Lyda was born there Sept 1903. Later that fall the house was sold to Ed Bennett, the furniture was loaded in a wagon and they drove the cattle back to Ferron. He had 60 head of his own and shared 55 head of Bob Proctors.

He purchased a 2 roomed red brick house just as you enter Ferron from the north. Built two more rooms on to it and lived there 5 years. Two children were born there Ida and Nellie.

Deciding he would rather live in the south east part of town he traded the home and lot consisting of 1 1/2 acres to Joe Wrigley for a house and 10 acres of land and bought up to 55 acres, half from Joe and the other from his two boys. He then began farming and raising cattle again. The last three children were born in this house; Rulon, Ellis and Owen.

About the time Nellie was a baby he opened up a Butcher Shop where the Barber shop now stands. It consisted of an ice-room about 6' X 6' which was lined with 6 inch frame lining. The ice used was put up in the winter time from the ponds of John Lemon and Joe Behrman on the west part of town.

The people had their own meat in the winter, so it was only run during the summer. He hired a man for about 2 months to help run it while he got his farm crops up. He made good money but decided running range cattle was more to his liking, so sold the Butcher Shop to Dan Duncan for \$300.00.

Soon after selling the Butcher Shop Earnest and Fred Olsen bought a saloon from Joe Wren, Earnest mostly financing the start and Fred running it. They kept it for about 1 1/2 years but not being too keen on the business traded it to Joe Swayze for 125 head of horses. They had a ready sale or the horses to some cattle buyers, one from Denver and 2 from Kansas City who had come to the valley to purchase cattle, but was a little late as they were mostly all sold.

They drove the horses to Green River, loaded them on the railroad and received their money. Earnest remodeled and finished his home with most of his money and went on farming and raising cattle.

About 1914 or 15 six men, Earnest, Oscar Nelson, Sam Singleton ~~Ashtabula~~, George Huntsman and Jim Nelson decided there was more money in running sheep, so sold most of their cattle and bought enough sheep for a range herd, together, turning their cattle permit into sheep. They ran together for 8 or 9 years, increasing their stock until they didn't have enough range, so

with money bought cattle they

Earnest, Dave Sealey, Sam Singleton, Warren Snow and Edmond Crawford, (the latter 3 having big interests in the Emery Co. bank, and wanting to get rid of some cattle and sheep) decided to join up with the Baunds Live Stock Co. at Hillcreek, Uintah and Grand Co's Utah. They turned their animals into shares of stock in the company.

Earnest went out the first winter to oversee the sheep, staying until after shearing the next spring. Sensing not all was well, a little investigating brought to light the Baunds Live Stock did not have the assets they had claimed, and that with a poor winter and loosing about 25% of the cattle put them in the hole, sinking the outfit. They ran together one summer and then split up. Those from Emery Co. became known as the Castle Valley Outfit and the others Hyrup. Earnest sold his share to Castle Valley at a great loss.

He started over in the sheep business and owned about 300 head in 1927. He always had a few head of cattle, a good herd of milk cows and a fine flock of chickens from which to make a substantial living.

Earnest wild served as town Constable for one term. At re-election time he was in the saloon business, so lost to his opponent.

He served on the water board for twenty five years, being president for 4 or 5 years. He was director on the town board for 2 years and a member of the rodeo for 2 years and director in the Emery Co. Farm Bureau for several years.

He took some nice trips with the Farm Bureau and enjoyed them very much, although he was a man that wasn't too fond of traveling.

He was an expert stock raiser and always took the best of care of his animals. One year he had a 225% lamb crop, nearly all the ewes having twins and some triplets. One ewe had a freak lamb with two heads. He killed the lamb before it was brought to his attention that he had a rare specimen of value.

He had a quiet disposition, was rather slow in speech, giving considerable thought to his answers. He was a hard worker in men, taking little time out for pleasure. Christmas was the one day he would celebrate. That was about the only time he would indulge in a little liquor, and not to any great extent then, but just enough to become quite witty, cracking a few jokes and laughing out loud which was quite rare for him.

On the 19 Dec ber 1914 he and his wife Mary Ann celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. A little over two months later his help-mate that had stood so close to his side for over fifty years passed away. Her loss was felt very keenly especially since his eye-sight and health was falling rapidly. The three younger boys were still unmarried and living at home. Kulan took over the responsibilities of the home and with the aid of Lydia and Ida who were living in Ferron, kept things running quite smoothly.

His eye sight failed completely and he was taken to an eye specialist in Salt Lake City and operated upon in the L.D.S. Hospital where his sight was restored. However it was of short duration and the last months of his life was spent in darkness. To add to the sadness of the situation his oldest son Gilbert died suddenly and unexpectedly passed away and about 13 months later (15 July 1948) Kulan was killed in a hay-rake accident.

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be useful would wander from the house and become lost if not watched constantly.

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He passed away on a Monday 27 March 1949 and was buried beside his wife and two sons in the Ferron cemetery. Melvin having been buried at American Fork.

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THE LIVES OF  
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Earnest once made the remark that his father was the "meanest man in the world." Very frequently he would spend their means for drink and would become quite abusive under its influence. On one occasion Earnest's half brother, Heber, being away from home working, had sent his mother money to buy a new hay rake. He told her in the letter to be sure and not let his father get the money. She put the letter containing the money inside the front of her waist. A short time later her husband came home and one of the smaller children told him of the letter and upon her refusal to give it to him, he picked up a chair and struck her over the head knocking her unconscious. It was several hours before she revived. That night a group of masked men came to the home with a rope which they put around his neck and led him out to a tree and strung him up until he was well choked; then let him down with the warning that if he ever touched his wife again, they would leave him hanging next time. He never touched her again. It was either then or very shortly afterward that they separated, he living with his other wife in town. They had lived together for about ten years. This left Hannah alone for the second time in her life and she now had eight children.

The family didn't go hungry as they had plenty of farm produce, but money was scarce. Hannah worked hard taking care of her family, farming, and being a midwife. Earnest's half-brothers, especially Tom did much to help them by caring for the farm. He did most of the farm work and carried much of the responsibility. The only help they remember receiving from their father was a pair of shoes and a dress he bought Eliza.

When Earnest was about ten years old his mother moved in to town to care for her aging father, John Binns. Earnest stayed on the farm with Tom, who was married to Eliza Jane Summers.

Earnest started to school just before Christmas when he was six years old at the East School House, a small adobe building about a block and one half east of Grant's Emporium. His teacher was a pretty little English lady named Elizabeth Griffith, who always wore her hair in ringlets. He attended school off and on until he was nineteen years old. Some of his other teachers were George Cunningham, Minnie Hindley, Eugene Henroid and Martha Nelson. He was also a student of a very outstanding teacher by the name of Joseph Barlow Forbes, a highly educated man from the East.

He was considered one of the leading educators in the State of Utah at that time. His word was law and he backed it up with his hands if necessary. He always had a bunch of birch willows standing in the corner and when provoked to use them would hit the student over the head with one until it wore out. Earnest received the punishment one day for chewing gum in school; however, most of his chastisement was raised eyebrows until he looked up; then Mr. Forbes in a very stern voice would say, "You may be in Earnest, but don't go wild over it."

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He started herding the milk cows when about five years old and at seven years was given a yearling colt to ride. He herded cows on his pony for a few years down in The Bottoms. One day a cow hooked his pony in the stomach, letting its insides out. He felt real bad over the loss of his horse. When he was twelve, he was sent to Ferron 150 miles south to get some cattle belonging to his half-brother, Sam Singleton. When he was fourteen he was asked to round up the cattle and return them to Ferron. Sam had been working in Ferron for about three years for Tom Simper and had decided to make his home there. Earnest took the cattle to Ferron Mountain turning them over to Joseph Wrigley as had been arranged, and returned to American Fork to help Tom on the farm. A year later he helped take the cattle to Thompson Springs, Grand County, for Bob Proctor and stayed and took care of them there for a year.



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Mary Ann had moved with her parents to Ferron when she was four years old. They traveled by way of Salina Canyon. The family homesteaded 160 acres. Their first Christmas in the valley was spent in their home by all the settlers, because they were the only ones with a board floor so that they could dance. Their home was a dugout along the Ferron Creek bottom. There were seventeen people including children that first Christmas.

Mary Ann's father was the first postmaster in Ferron. The post office was in their home. The family moved into town, where they started a hotel with a few rooms. More rooms were added as the business demanded. They also still had the post office in their home.

Mary Ann helped with the younger children and with the work of the hotel during her growing up year. She also worked in Chris Nelson's store before she was married.

Earnest and Mary Ann's first home was a log house in the northwest part of town. They lived there about nine years, adding two more adobe rooms which made the house into a T shape. Then the whole house was covered with a lumber casing making a fine looking home. Four of their children were born there. (Gilbert born April 4, 1895, Melvin born June 2, 1897, Leo born August 16, 1899 and Elry born November 17, 1901..

Melvin died on January 2, 1899 in American Fork and was buried there in the American Fork Cemetery.

During the winter of 1902-1903, some of their friends got the Canada Fever because it was said to be such a wonderful country and so easy to make a living. Several sold their farms, loaded their cattle on the railroad and headed North for Canada. Earnest decided to go with Lou Olsen, but was not ready so Lou went ahead. Earnest and Mary Ann sold their property to Hyrum Nelson, drove their cattle to Mayfield, Sanpete County, where they loaded them on the train and started for Canada. Upon reaching Manti, a letter from Lou was waiting, which had been forwarded from Ferron telling him not to come. All was not sunshine and roses in Canada. Lou had reached there in a blizzard and had lost seventy-five percent of his cattle. Having sold their property in Ferron, they didn't have any place to go. They continued on to American Fork where they unloaded their cattle and were persuaded not to continue to Canada.

They purchased a three room adobe house in American Fork about one and one half blocks east of the 1<sup>st</sup> ward to live in that summer. They summered the cattle up Provo Canyon. Lydia was born there September 2, 1903. Later that fall they sold the house to Ed Bennett. They loaded their furniture in a wagon and they drove the cattle back to Ferron. He had sixty head of his own cows and shared fifty-five head of Bob Proctor's. At this time they purchased a red brick house just as you enter Ferron from the north; built two rooms on to it and lived there for five years. Ida was born in this home on the January 4, 1906, and Nellie was born there September 30, 1907.

Earnest decided he would rather live in the southeast part of town, so he traded the home and lot, consisting of one and one-half acres, to Joe Wrigley. They received a house and ten acres of land. They bought an additional fifty-five acres from Joe and his two sons. Earnest began farming and running cattle again. The last three children were born here. Rulon born October 13, 1911, Ellis born May 21, 1914, and Owen born April 3, 1916.

About the time Nellie was a baby, Earnest opened up a butcher shop where the barber shop now stands. It consisted of an ice room 6' X 6' which was lined with a six-inch frame lining. The ice was put up in the winter from the ponds of John Lemon and Joe Behunin in the west part of town. Since the people had their own meat in the winter, the butcher shop was only open in the summer. He hired a man for about two months to help run the shop while he got his farm crops up. He made good money but decided running cattle was more to his liking and he sold the butcher shop for \$300.00 to Dan Duncan.

Soon after selling the butcher shop, Earnest and Fred Olsen bought a saloon from Joe Wren, Earnest mostly financing the start and Fred running it. They kept it for about 1-1/2 years, but not being too keen on the business, they traded to Joe Swasey for one hundred and twenty five horses. They already had sale for the horses to some cattle buyers, one from Denver and two from Kansas City who had come to the valley to purchase cattle, but were a little late as the cattle were mostly sold. They drove the horses to Greenriver, where they were loaded on the railroad and received their money. Earnest remodeled and finished his house with most of his money and continued farming and raising cows.

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When Earnest was out with the sheep, Mary Ann supervised the chores at home. There was the milking of three or four cows, feeding the pigs and chickens. She sold cream and butter to help with expenses. They raised and butchered all their own meat, cured pork, rendered lard and made soap. Mary Ann saw to it that they always had a big garden and she canned and preserved the goods they raised. She was always a very good housekeeper. Everything had to be kept clean and she taught her children to be neat and clean also. The boys as well as the girls were taught to do the housework. She was always a happy person and so good to her grandchildren. They all wanted to stay with grandma. She was very sad when Rulon and Ellis were called to serve in World War II. She worried so much about them and waited for each letter to know that they were o.k.

Earnest was civic-minded serving as town constable for one term, however, at re-election time he was in the saloon business, so he lost his bid for re-election.

He served on the water board for twenty-five years, being president for five years. He was director of the town board for two years and director of the Emery County Farm Bureau for several years. He took some nice trips with the Farm Bureau and enjoyed them very much although he was a man that was not too fond to traveling.

When the church on the hill was built, Earnest made several trips with others hauling brick for the building.

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On December 19, 1944, he and his wife Mary Ann, celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. A little over a year later his help-mate who had stood so close to his side for over fifty years fell and broke her hip. She never was able to get on her feet again and passed away on January 28, 1945 and was buried in the Ferron Cemetery on February 1, 1945. Her loss was felt very keenly especially since his eyesight and health were failing rapidly. The three younger boys were still unmarried and living at home. Rulon took over the responsibilities of the home and with the aid of Lydia and Ida, who were living in Ferron, kept things running quite smoothly. His eyesight failed completely and he was taken to an eye specialist in Salt Lake City.

He was operated on in the L.D.S. Hospital where his sight was restored. However, it was of short duration and the last months of his life were spent in darkness.

To add to the sadness of the situation, on June 12, 1946, his oldest son Gilbert suddenly and unexpectedly passed away in Craig, Colorado. Thirteen months later, July 15, 1948. Rulon was killed in a hay rake accident.

Kind neighbors did much for him as he did not wish to live away from his home. Still trying to be useful, he would wander from the house and become lost if not watched constantly. Weeks of worrying over his welfare, besides trying to keep up the two households, began to tell on Lydia and it finally became necessary to take him to her home. He passed away on Monday, March 27, 1949 and on March 29, 1949 was buried beside his wife and two sons in the Ferron Cemetery.

## EARNEST ALBERT WILD --- MARY ANN TAYLOR WILD

Earnest was born in American Fork on 25 March 1870 to Hannah Binns Singleton and Joseph Wild. When Earnest was 12 years old he was sent to Ferron (150 miles south) to get some cattle belonging to his half-brother, Sam Singleton. When he was fourteen he was asked to round up the cattle and return them to Ferron. He took the cattle to Ferron Mountain and turned them over to Joseph Wrigley as had been arranged, and returned to American Fork. A year later he helped take the cattle to Thompson Springs, Grand County, for Bob Proctor and stayed and took care of them there for a year.

Mary Ann was born in American Fork on 2 February 1874 to Mary Jane Taylor and William Taylor Jr. She came to Ferron with her parents in 1878.

A few years later Earnest decided to make Ferron his home and it was here he meet Mary Ann. They were married 19 December 1893. They were married by Justice of the Peace, Fred Killpack at the Taylor home.

At the time of his marriage Earnest was engaged in the cattle business in the Robbers Roost Country. This was at the time that the Wild Bunch was also in the Robbers Roost Country. In 1904 he traded the Roost to Joe Biddlecome for some range on the south side of Ferron Mountain and Moved his herd of cows to back to Ferron.

Earnest opened up a butcher shop where the barber shop now stands. It consisted of an ice room 6'X6'. After running the shop for a sort time he sold the shop. He and Fred Olsen bought a saloon from Joe Wren. They kept it for about 1-1/2 years, but not being too keen on the business they traded it to Joe Swasey for one hundred and twenty five horses. They drove them to Greentriver and sold them.

Earnest was civic-minded serving as town constable for one term, however, at re-election time he was in the saloon business, so he lost his bid for re-election.

He served on the water board for twenty-five years, being president five years. He was on the town board for two years and director of the Emery County Farm Bureau for several years.

Earnest and Mary Ann were the parents of nine children. Gilbert, Melvin, Leo, Ely, Lydia, Ida, Nellie, Rulon, Ellis and Owen.

Mary Ann died on 28 January 1945. Earnest died on 27 March 1949.