

# LORIN FARR FAMILY BIOGRAPHIES



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# Preface

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Third Printing

This is our Third printing of the Lorin Farr Family Biographies. It features Lorin Farr, his six wives, his children and their spouses. It has been compiled from a ledger book belonging to Lorin Farr in which he recorded in his own hand the marriages to his wives and the subsequent births, deaths and marriage dates of his children. This ledger book is in possession of David J. Farr, his direct descendant.

We have also used information and photos from Lorin Farr, Pioneer, by T. Earl Pardoe along with photographs and biographies donated to us by family descendants of Lorin Farr's children. Additional biographical information was extracted from "Lorin Farr, Morman Statesman," by Amy Oaks Long, Susan Easton Black David Farr. Some photos are from Pioneers and Prominent Men of Utah, by Frank Esshom. We appreciate all contributions and have indicated sources in the captions.

I continue to seek correspondence, journals, photographs or books that may fill in the details missing from our publication. Some photos are poor or missing. Some information is sketchy. Please contact me with any information you may have, or if you see corrections which need to be made.

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## LORIN FARR

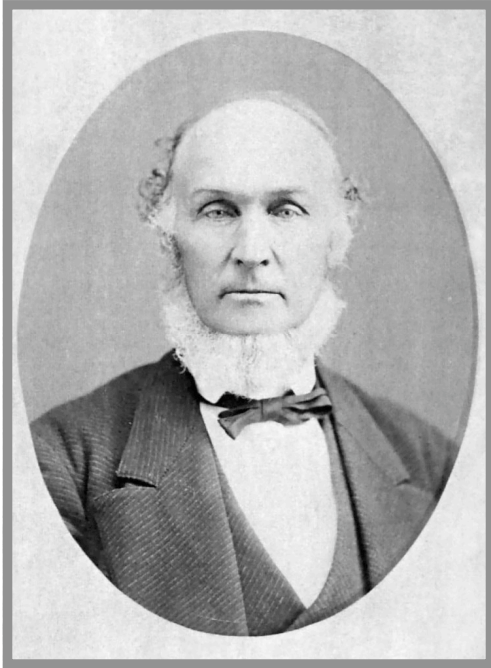


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(An Extensive account of Lorin's life and accomplishments can be found in the book: "Lorin Farr, Mormon Statesman", by Amy Oaks Long, David J. Farr and Susan Black)

Born July 27, 1820 in Lower Waterford, Vermont to Winslow and Olive Hovey Freeman Farr, Lorin was baptized at age 11 into the Mormon Church in Charleston, Vermont by Lyman Johnson. At age 17, he journeyed with his family to Kirtland, Ohio where he joined with the Saints and worked on the Kirtland Temple.

He traveled to Far West Missouri and lived with the Prophet Joseph and his family, becoming a close confidant and bodyguard to the Prophet. While in Far West he studied law and started a daily diary. Due to the persecution of the Saints, Lorin Farr moved first to Quincy, Illinois and then to Nauvoo, Illinois in 1840.

In Nauvoo, Lorin worked on the temple and helped his family build their residence. He served as an assistant scribe to Joseph Smith and also taught school to the children of Joseph Smith, Brigham Young, Heber C. Kimball and others. In 1842 he served a short mission to Wisconsin and the northern part of Illinois. In 1843 he was called to go on a mission to Connecticut where in

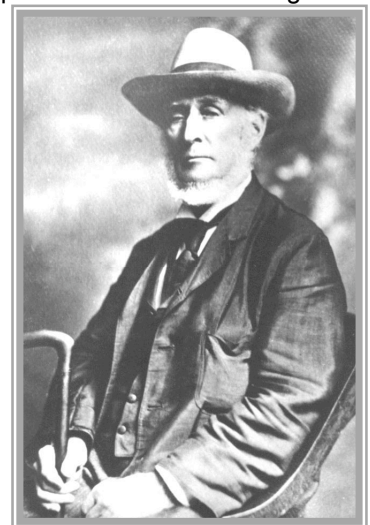
1844, he heard of the martyrdom of the Prophet Joseph Smith and comforted the Saints in the East.

On January 1, 1845, he married Nancy Bailey Chase in the Nauvoo Temple. They joined the exodus of the Saints from Nauvoo in 1846. He was called to go with the Mormon Battalion, but assigned by Brigham Young to conclude church business in Nauvoo. In September 1847, Lorin arrived in Salt Lake City.

In 1850 Lorin Farr was called by Brigham Young to move his family to Ogden, Utah, to take over the settlement of that area. There he served as Mayor of Ogden and Stake President of the Weber Stake and built a fort, sawmill and gristmill. He is credited with establishing Ogden as a pioneer town and making it the thriving City it is.

He married Sarah Giles, July 26, 1851 in Ogden, Utah. For 20 years he served as Mayor, being elected April 7, 1851. Lorin also served for several years on various State Legislative Committees, trying to obtain statehood for Utah. He married Olive Ann Jones on February 28, 1852 and Mary Bingham Freeman Snow on Dec 2, 1854. Lorin married Noline Erickson, his 5<sup>th</sup> wife, on January 29, 1857. When Johnson's army entered the valley, Lorin moved his family to Provo, Utah. He helped his wives raise a large family, with thirty children surviving to adulthood.

Lorin's many activities included farming, milling, raising livestock, growing all kinds of crops and running a store and woolen mill, among other enterprises. Lorin also served as sub-contractor for the Central Pacific Railroad to complete two hundred miles between Humboldt Nevada and Promontory Point near Ogden Utah. In 1869, he celebrated the joining of the two rail lines at Promontory Point.



Lorin Farr  
Photo courtesy David Packard collection

In 1870, after being released as stake president and Mayor, Lorin was called to go on a mission to England. He traveled to every mission in Europe,

serving as a traveling elder. Returning to Ogden in 1872, he was made a Bishop in 1875 and then a Stake Patriarch in 1883. He served as mayor for one more term, 1877-1879. He was also elected as Speaker Pro Tem of the Legislature.

In 1886, Lorin was arrested, tried and acquitted, of unlawful co-habitation. He nearly died in 1887 from a fall off a platform in Idaho. He attended the dedication of the Salt Lake Temple in 1893 and spent much of his later years traveling by train with various family members to different parts of the country. He was often called on in church meetings to bear testimony of the Prophet Joseph Smith and the truthfulness of the church.

In 1901, Lorin met President Theodore Roosevelt at the train terminal in Salt Lake City, along with over 100 descendants, illustrating he had done his part to produce a large family. He married Clara Bate that same year. In 1905 he visited Nauvoo and recounted the history and experiences he had with the Prophet Joseph Smith and others. He attended the temple with his family to do work for the dead and oversaw the temple work for several thousand of his ancestry.

Lorin Farr died January 12, 1909 at the Hot Springs in Ogden, Utah. As was stated in the "Improvement Era" of March 1909, "Lorin was a colonizer, a lawmaker and an executive; he exhibited wisdom honesty and integrity and was among the foremost of the hardy pioneers in enterprise and action. In religious affairs he was true and faithful in every calling, helpful to all and a Latter Day [sic] Saint in every fibre [sic]."

## **The Wives of Lorin Farr:**

**Nancy Bailey Chase**

**Sarah Giles**

**Olive Anne Jones**

**Nancy Bingham Freeman Snow**

**Nicholine Erickson**

**Clara Jane Bate McPheters**



## **NANCY BAILEY CHASE** **FIRST WIFE OF LORIN FARR**



Photo courtesy Daughters of Utah

**Nancy Bailey Chase** was born January 27, 1823 in Bristol, Addison County, Vermont. Nancy's parents, Ezra Chase and Tirzah Wells, joined the church when Nancy was five years old. They came to Kirtland, Ohio in 1839. Nancy became ill and was healed by the Prophet Joseph Smith in Nauvoo, 1841. Brigham Young performed her marriage to Lorin in the Nauvoo Temple, on January 1, 1845.

Their first child, Enoch Farr, was born in 1845. Ten more children were born to them: Julia, Sarah, Tirzah, Ezra, Lorin Jr., Newton, Diantha, Diana, Isabel and Mary Belinda. Julia, Diantha and Mary Belinda died in childhood. When Lorin and Nancy were married, Brigham Young blessed them with health, happiness and a desire for a large blessing. After two sets of twins were born to them, Lorin commented that 'Brother Brigham' had pronounced a powerful blessing.

In spite of the persecution and difficulty associated with leaving Nauvoo and traveling across the plains, Nancy said it was one of the happiest times of her life. Before leaving Winter Quarters, Nancy helped nurse the sick and dying. Nancy drove a spring-seated wagon all the way to the Salt Lake Valley. They

lived for a short time in Salt Lake City before moving to settle the Weber area.

When Brigham Young encouraged Lorin and Nancy to head up the settlement in Ogden, Nancy again moved her household. When Brigham asked Lorin to consider plural marriage, Nancy became the head of the feminine household making plural marriage a happy union. Lorin's wives became close as blood sisters and would meet to discuss household duties and economics. It took a deep abiding faith to accept other wives into the family but Nancy lived up to the obligations that polygamy required. She maintained a pleasant household, treating her sister-wives as family and their children as hers. They moved into a twenty-room home, where the different families shared various parts of the home. Nancy had eight rooms in the front.

While her husband, Lorin acted as Mayor and Stake President in Weber County, Nancy as first wife, was hostess to many important church and civic leaders. She often had to arrange meals, sleeping arrangements and other accommodations on short notice. Her tasty meals and cheerful demeanor were well known and appreciated by the many guests they entertained. Nancy loved to accompany Lorin on his trips in their three-seated black carriage, pulled by a fine span of horses. She enjoyed winter snow sports and attended dances, socials and the theater. She loved the high stepping horses and could handle driving a rig with great finesse!

Throughout her life, she endured many upheavals and trials, one of her greatest then being forced to leave her home in Ogden with her family, due to the Utah war in 1857-1858 and the coming of Johnston's army.. She, along with her seven children under 12 years of age, had to live in their wagon. Nancy was always brave and courageous.

Nancy was a wonderful homemaker and made many of the pioneer necessities such as soap, clothing and other items. She was known for her green garden, orchard and general industriousness. She was a very loving, warm and generous person to her family and many friends. She treated all of Lorin's children as her own. She also befriended many of the Indians in the area and helped meet the Indian's need for food, clothing and shelter. She even helped hide Indian wives from their abusive husbands.

Always active in the church, Nancy served as a second counselor in the Weber County Relief Society to Mary Hoagland West, and she supported her husband, Lorin, in all his pioneering, civic and church duties.

Nancy died September 10, 1892 at the age of sixty-nine, after suffering painful heart trouble for over a year. She left a legacy of seven adult children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. As The Standard of Ogden, Utah Sept. 12, 1892 reported, 'On Saturday evening at 9:15 o'clock (September 10<sup>th</sup>) one of the noblest women who has ever graced the footstool of God, departed this life in this city.' She had met and conversed with important leaders both of church and the nation. But most importantly she had provided leadership and example to the large Farr posterity of the importance of faithful adherence to gospel principles to raise righteous posterity. This is having beneficial effects down thru the generations. As her posterity we will ever be grateful for her faithful and endearing life.

# THE CHILDREN OF LORIN AND NANCY

## ENOCH FARR

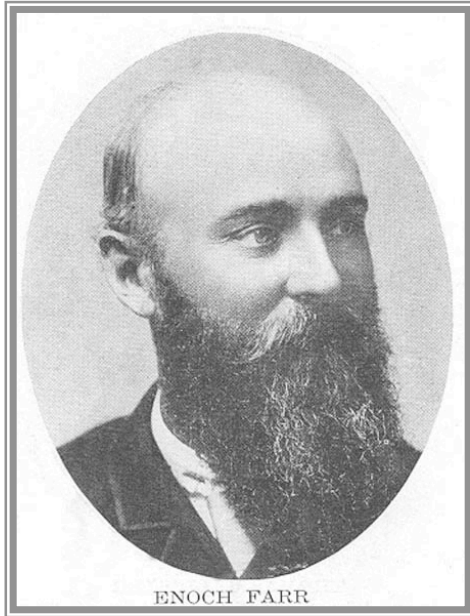


Photo from Pioneers & Prominent Men of Utah – 1805

Enoch was born December 28, 1845 in Nauvoo Illinois to Lorin Farr and Nancy Bailey Chase. He worked on his father's farm and other pioneer involved projects. He hauled wood and clerked in his father's store. He married **Mary Elizabeth Eggleston** October 20, 1866. She was born September 22, 1849 in Council Bluffs, Iowa. They had eleven children: George, Enoch Jr., Frank, Mary Isabell, Julia May, Reuben Ezra, Fredrick, Walter Raymond, Nancy Lurania, Leslie and Stanley Burgess.

Enoch received some schooling in early Ogden and then went on to the University of Deseret taking a general business course. The Central Pacific Railroad employed him as a brakeman for two years. Enoch also spent three years working in the Cottonwood Mines, receiving as compensation half interest in the mines. In 1875 he joined with his father in buying back the lease on the Ogden Woolen Mills, working for nine years in manufacturing clothing and blankets.

On September 27, 1883 he married **Ester Myers** in the Endowment House. She was born March 12 1854, in Burley, Lancastershire, England. They had one son, Thomas.



Mary Eggleston Farr  
Photo courtesy T. Earl Pardoe

Enoch Farr was president of the Hawaiian Mission, serving from 1885-1887. He was the first of four generations of his family to serve in Hawaii. Enoch made substantial improvements on the church plantation in Hawaii.

Upon his return home, he entered the real estate business and owned an implement store. After selling out his interests in 1889 he began raising grapes, establishing one of the best vineyards in the Ogden area. He also raised peaches, pears, plums and apricots. Enoch's grapes won prizes at the State Fair and always brought the highest prices at the market. He supplied fruit to Utah, Wyoming, Montana and Colorado. He was always active in the church and held the office of High Priest.

He died June 30, 1914 at the age of sixty-eight. Mary died January 29, 1930 and Ester died July 1, 1935.



Enoch and Ester Farr  
Photo courtesy T. Earl Pardoe

## JULIA FARR

Julia was born October 30, 1849 in Salt Lake and died May 14, 1851 at age 2 ½. The family was now living in a cabin at Farr's Fort and then Farr's east farm containing some 160 acres about ¾ miles west of Ogden Canyon. It was in this little cabin on the creek, where little Julie died on May 14, 1851. Julia was crossing a bridge and fell in the stream and drowned in the millrace. Lorin found her lifeless body shortly thereafter. The family was extremely sad at her loss and Nancy was burdened the rest of her life with the loss of this dear child of theirs. Nancy kept the clothes little Julia was wearing when she died.

## SARAH FARR



Photo Courtesy Daughters of Utah Pioneers

Sarah was born October 30, 1849 in Salt Lake City as a twin to Julia, just two years after her parents, Lorin Farr and Nancy Bailey Chase, had entered the Salt Lake Valley in a covered wagon. When she was just two months old, her parents were asked by President Brigham Young to help start a new settlement north of Salt Lake City. This new settlement was later known as Ogden, Utah, and Sarah's father was its mayor for many years.

Her family didn't have much money, but her parents worked hard to keep their children well fed, warm, and happy. Sarah slept on a straw-filled mattress and snuggled under a buffalo robe to keep warm on cold winter nights. She went to school in a one-room cabin with a dirt floor, where she sat on a split-log seat and wrote her ABC's with a slate pencil. She was a very obedient child and a good student and received a special award in one of her classes "for not whispering in school."

Sarah Farr married **John Henry Smith** on October 20, 1866 ten days before her seventeenth birthday. John Henry Smith had a happy disposition and a straightforward and magnetic personality that made him successful in whatever he did. He was born

September 18, 1848 in Iowa. He was a forceful, convincing and eloquent speaker. John was a telegrapher and businessman serving as a director of ZCMI, Salt Lake Knitting Works, Heber J. Grant Co., Home Fire Insurance Company and president of the Utah Mexican Rubber Company. John owned a lot of property south of the Salt Lake Temple.

In church he served as a bishop in 1875 and was called to the apostleship in 1880. He later served in the First Presidency in 1910. He served in the Republican Party, becoming President of the Constitutional Convention when Utah obtained statehood.

Sarah and John had eleven children: Ezra Chase, John Henry, George Albert, Lorin Farr, Don Carlos, Charles Warren, Winslow Farr, Nathaniel Libby, Nancy Clarabell, Tirzah Priscille and Elsa Louise.

Once when Sarah was washing the dishes after the family's midday meal, she heard a firm knock at the back door of her home in Salt Lake City. When she opened the door, she saw a poor but tidy-looking gentleman standing on her porch. Although she didn't know the man, he was very polite, and she invited him in for something to eat. While he was eating, the man suddenly asked where Sarah's young son George Albert was. She said that he was outside playing in the yard. The man then asked Sarah to call him into the house. Although she didn't understand why, something told her to do what the man had asked. She went outside and found her son playing beneath a balcony of a two-story building next door.

As Sarah came back into the house with the boy, she heard a loud crash. Rushing back outside, she was horrified to see that the balcony under which he had just been playing had collapsed, sending large beams and pieces of lumber crashing down onto the toys that had been left there just moments earlier. Sarah was very grateful and humbled for what she felt was Heavenly Father's help in saving her son's life. She



Sarah & John Henry Smith from  
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decided then that George Albert must have an important mission to perform on earth and that God would help her watch over him.

President George Albert Smith, her third child, loved his mother very much and remembered that she was kind hearted and devoted to all her children. He can remember that she taught him to pray as a little child and love the Heavenly Father. He had an experience as a boy that taught him the importance of faith and prayer. One day while his mother was cleaning in the kitchen, she bumped the kitchen cupboard and sent it crashing down on top of her. Hearing the noise, he came running to help her. He found her unconscious on the floor underneath the cupboard and prayed to Heavenly Father with all his might that He would save her life. In return, young George Albert promised to devote his life to God's work. His mother did recover, and he never forgot his promise to the Lord.

Sarah was never well enough to carry much church responsibility: raising her children took all the energy she had. She did enjoy accompanying her husband on his church duties as an apostle. Her granddaughter, Emily (Smith) Stewart, would say that Sarah was a lady and she remembered Sarah Farr Smith always said, "ladies never rush, they take their time and do things in a proper way." Emily remembers a faint perfume from Grandmother and the rustle of her skirts.

John died at age 63 on October 13, 1911 in Salt Lake City. Sarah Farr died on February 4, 1921 in Salt Lake City. She had raised a fine family; she loved the Lord with all her heart, and was loved by all who knew her.

## TIRZAH FARR



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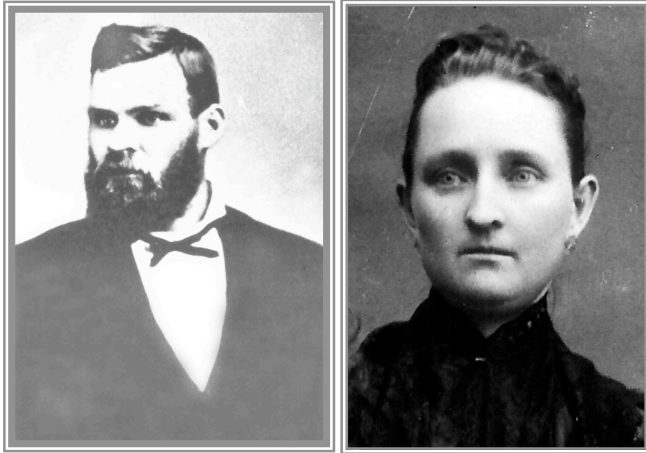
Tirzah was born 3 May 1852, in Ogden Utah. She remembered that Brigham Young and his party would often stay at their home as they visited Ogden or on their way north to other settlements. Some 20 carriages full of people and supplies would accompany him. When they came, Lorin Farr would hire men to fish the streams to catch fresh fish for the group to feast on. Occasionally, Lorin accompanied the party on their journeys and took Tirzah with him. They traveled in a fine three-seated carriage. She enjoyed traveling with President Young's daughter, Alice, who she remembered as beautiful and well dressed. She wanted to be just like her.

Tirzah remembered the first electric light in the city at Twenty Fifth Street and Adams and that it made the people standing under it look like ghosts. She recalls their first cabin having a floor of straw, because it could be changed quickly when wet.

She married **John Gay** on January 19, 1869. She had met him while going to Lorin Farr's neighborhood schoolhouse. He was a strapping 25 year old man, standing a good six feet three inches tall to Tirzah's petite five feet. They had nine children; Olive Gertrude, Tirzah, John Franklin, Julie Etta, Newton Adelbert, Lawrence, Florence, Loring Eugene, Nancy Pearl.

During the small pox epidemic in 1870, both John and Tirzah became ill. Their first born, just 1 year old, died of the disease. Tirzah was not as ill as John and was able to nurse him back to health.

John worked for Lorin Farr, freighting out to where the railroad was being built. One time he was asked by Chauncey West to carry \$100,000 in gold to pay the men. He had a four-horse team carrying supplies to the men and hid the gold in a sack of oats. En route, robbers stopped him and asked him if this was Bishop West's outfit. They had heard West was carrying the gold. John replied it was his own outfit, so they let him pass without searching. That experience so scared him; he never again carried the payroll.



Tirzah Farr Gay and John Franklin Gay  
Photos Courtesy Evelyn Austen Collection

In the early 1860's John worked at logging in the Big Cottonwood Canyon. He was caught in a terrible blizzard with the other loggers and blocked from returning to the sawmill. John volunteered to walk down the river and seek help. He was nearly frozen by the time he got there, but was able to rescue them. He was later employed by the Southern Pacific Railroad as a baggage master and remained with them for 37 years until retirement.

He predeceased Tirzah, dying December 28, 1921. Tirzah lived to age 94, and died at her home on October 23, 1946.

## LORIN FARR JR.

Lorin Farr was a twin to Ezra Farr, born February 21, 1854. He was injured as a child and worked on the Farr property. He also had a serious illness, possibly polio, which left him with a shuffling gait, a speech impediment and other problems, causing the school children to make fun of him. Lorin was allowed to drop out of school because of this. He never married. He died October 8, 1928 at age 74.



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## EZRA FARR

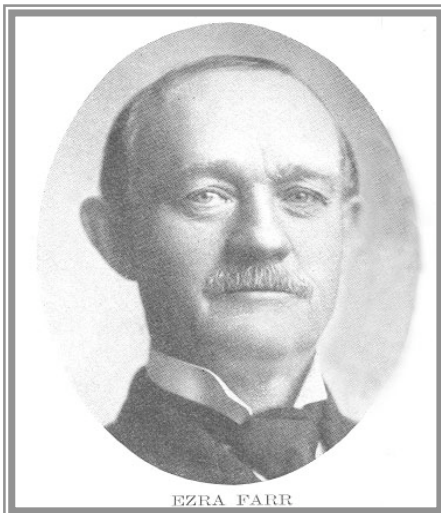


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Ezra Farr (twin to Lorin Farr Jr.) was born February 21, 1854 in Ogden, Utah. He worked on the farm, in the store and later served as a policeman in Ogden. He also served as foreman in the woolen mill and as a partner in the implement business. Ezra had good physical bearing, being tall and straight. He was well mannered, but not particularly religious.

He married **Elveretta Kay**. She was born November 12, 1857 in Ogden, Utah. They were married April 9, 1877 in Salt Lake City, Utah. They had seven children: Leon Ezra, Clara, Belnia Zelma, Inez, Cecil Earl, Mabel, Jeanette Ruth. Ezra died December 5, 1933 in a house on the property where he was first born and where he resided during his life. He was very quiet and easy going. Elveretta died almost thirty-six years before him on March 5, 1897.

## NEWTON FARR



Photo courtesy David Farr Collection

Newton Farr was born 31 May 1856 in Ogden, Utah. He worked on his father's farm and various enterprises as a youth and served a mission to England from 1880-1882. He married **Martha Davis** October 19, 1882. They had four children: Ethel LaBelle, Morrill Newton, Leah and Martha.

Newton was a jack-of-all-trades; pursuing interests in mines, insurance, real estate, farming and as a partner in Farr's Woolen Mills. He served as a deputy sheriff and as a county clerk in Weber County. He loved sports and the great outdoors. Newton did some amateur boxing and was a skilled fly fisherman. He was not very active in the church, but never spoke against it.

Martha was born 15 May 1863 in Salt Lake City, Utah. She was a very quiet homemaker, keeping an immaculate home. Her mother, Mary

Kenner was a cousin to Stephen Collins Foster, the famous early American songwriter. Martha died December 14, 1929, in Battle Mountain, Landee, Nevada at age 66. Newton died 16 June 1921 at age 65 in Salt Lake City, Utah.



Martha Davis Photo courtesy David Farr Collection

## DIANTHA FARR

Diana was born April 5, 1858, a twin to Diana. She died at six months of age on October 30, 1858.

## DIANA FARR



Diana Farr Rich

Photo Courtesy Daughters of Utah Pioneers

Diana was born April 5, 1858 in Ogden, Utah. At age 15 Diana was awarded the Grace of Peace award at a dance and dinner sponsored by the seminary. Hers was one of 12 awarded at the dinner. She had received an education at the University of Deseret, and taught school in Ogden prior to her marriage.

Diana married **Benjamin Erastus Rich** on December 27, 1877 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Ben was born on November 7, 1855 in Salt Lake. They had nine children: Benjamin Leroy, Lorin Farr, Frederick L, Homer Erastus, Ida, Don O'Neil, Andrea, and Frank Cannon.

Diana faced many trials in health, adversity and in her husband being away on church assignments. However, Diana was a very happy and pleasant person to be around. Often she was referred to as 'Aunt Nine.' When Ben was asked how many wives he had, he would say 'Nine.' Ben wrote a letter to his son, saying that Diana was the light and inspiration of his life. To him Diana was an anchor of hope and harbor of safety. He said that no nobler, more devoted, truer, or better wife had ever been given to man. He went on to say she was a guardian angel in protecting their children.

Early in their marriage they moved to Rexburg, Idaho where Ben took charge of a newspaper and became involved in State government. He considered running for the Senate from Idaho, but when he asked the First Presidency for their blessing they said they had other ideas for him. They called him as President of the Southern States Mission where he began a service of sixteen years in the mission field. Ben wrote two missionary tracts that became favorite missionary tools for several years. They were titled 'Friendly Discussion' and 'Mr. Durrant Visits Salt Lake City'. After many years of sacrifice and accruing debt for the mission field, President Smith cleared that debt as a reward for the writing of the tracts.

Ben was a magnificent orator, often bringing tears with his eloquent testimony of the gospel. Ben was personally acquainted with President Theodore Roosevelt to whom he explained the adversity, trials and history of the church on a train trip together to Salt Lake City. President Roosevelt was very impressed with Ben, saying at the end of their trip that he had never listened to a more interesting account of a great people and a great religion. Ben later visited with President Roosevelt in connection with getting Senator Reed Smoot seated in the Senate. He also saw him in the mission field, where President Roosevelt's greeting to Ben in a parade helped solidify Ben's position as the chief representative

of the church in the South. Ben had two other wives but bore no children with them. His wife Laura Bowring went with him on the mission to New York, as Diana was tired of traveling and living away from home.



Benjamin Erastus Rich  
Photo courtesy Nina Palmer

Ben Rich died in the mission field, in New York City, on September 13, 1913. Diana came from Utah to see him before he died. She died on August 24, 1933 in Salt Lake City.

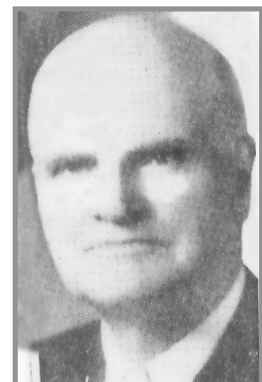
## ISABEL FARR



Photo courtesy of Nina Palmer

Belle Farr was born on March 3, 1861 in Ogden, Utah. She had a pioneer upbringing, raising their own food, making their own clothes and in every way being self sustaining. She remembered early amusements of bob sleigh riding and performing in talent shows. She learned to sew early and had a flair for making her own clothes. Belle had suffered the loss of her fiancée and was in ill health when she married **Heber John Sears** on July 16, 1884. Heber was born September 13, 1861 in England.

Belle and Heber were called to serve a mission to New Zealand early in their marriage after the stillbirth of a child. They had a difficult passage by ship, having to rest in Hawaii before going on. They formed a life-long friendship with President Joseph F. Smith whom they met in Hawaii. Both Heber and Belle became fluent in the Maori Language with Heber writing some poetry in Maori. Belle came home early, becoming ill. She stayed with her parents while Heber completed his mission. When Heber came home he entered the grain and feed



Heber Sears – Photo from Obituary

business for a while and then in 1894, went back to Chicago to study medicine. He started the Crown Dental Laboratory for dental services that he owned for 17 years. Because of his work, he could only practice medicine as charity.



Later he returned to Salt Lake and was given a professorship at the University of Utah where he headed of the Department of Health and Preventive Medicine. He wrote many health articles and gave lectures on health throughout the state. He also volunteered community service.

Through Belle's help and devotion, Heber graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeon's in 1905. She read Heber's medical books to him until the late hours. While he kept his dental services business going, she made and sold white bow ties to the missionaries and kept house for a musician. After the birth of their fourth child, she recovered her health and enjoyed a newfound social radiance, becoming friends with many students from Utah who later served in leadership roles in the church. Belle had a store of lullabies and nursery songs she used to rock her grandchildren to sleep. They had six children: Eileen, Victor Hugo, Arthur, Norma, Ruth Gordon, and Heber.

Belle died on April 20, 1936. Heber married again one year after her death. He later died on a trip to Beverly Hills, California on February 24, 1942.

## **MARY BELINDA FARR**

Mary was born October 16, 1863 and died not quite a year later on July 21, 1864.



## SARAH GILES SECOND WIFE OF LORIN FARR

Sarah was born January 1, 1831 in Merthyr Tkykdfil, Glamorgan, Wales to Thomas a Baptist Minister and Maria Davis Chiles. The Giles family was converted by the powerful testimony of Dan Jones. The family traveled to America and across the plains to Utah with Sarah's father dying on the way.

When arriving in the Salt Lake Valley they suffered much hardship due to cholera and cold snowstorms. Sarah went among the sick and mourners who lost family giving aid and comfort. She was always cheerful and prayerful and very pretty with snappy brown eyes. She was small of stature weighing only 95 pounds.

Sarah at age seventeen moved to Ogden, Utah. Nancy and Lorin took her into their home, as there was no one to care for her. Taken by her beauty, and encouraged by Brigham Young, Lorin proposed marriage to the young Welsh girl with Nancy giving her blessing. The two wives would become as close as sisters. Their families would grow as these two had children and Lorin entered additional marriages. They lived first in the cabin in Farr's Fort, and then later, Lorin built the large adobe home they shared. Eventually she had her own home at 2122 Washington Avenue, Ogden. Many of their children would remember that they were one big happy family getting along amazingly well, eating at whatever house they found themselves that evening, being disciplined evenly by each of Lorin's wives, as if they were their own children.



Photo courtesy David Farr collection

Sarah was an excellent housekeeper, economical, careful and unobtrusive in the raising of her children. She shunned publicity but delighted in Lorin's prominence and sought to support him in his many activities. She taught her children how to pray, observe the Sabbath and keep the commandments, as she understood them. She was a patient and skillful nurse taking care of the sick and dying in the terrible Small Pox epidemic of the mid 1860's, which swept through Ogden. She went often to the Jones Grove where the sick were quarantined. She nursed Lorin back to health after being afflicted with the illness. Numerous accounts of her life include the dedication and skillfulness she exhibited in nursing so many to health. Her daughter, Lenora, remembers her mother as a nurse God sent to administer to the needs of the whole family. In any sickness, she took charge in bringing family back to health.

According to her granddaughter Josephine Farr, 'Sarah's life was full of sacrifice for others. She was an excellent housekeeper, and a fond and devoted wife and mother. She was small of stature, weighing about ninety-five pounds and of jovial disposition. She was very prayerful and taught her children to pray. She accepted and carried out the council of her husband. She was economical, careful, neat and industrious. Sarah was unobtrusive and led her family in quiet authority. She shunned publicity herself, but smiled at Lorin's prominence. She believed in Lorin fully and his wish was her command.

Sarah was very prayerful teaching this concept to her children as well as the importance of keeping the Sabbath day holy. All work was to be done during the week with foods for the Sabbath being prepared the day before. Shoes were shined and baths taken in preparation for the Sabbath. The Sabbath day was for meetings with a lot of story telling and much reading to be done. The dishes were stacked aside for doing the next day.

Her grandson, T. Earl Pardoe, remembers with fondness, her looking across the Tabernacle Square as she sat in her rocker knitting. Of her life of pioneering and hardship, her grandson once asked her, 'Has it been worth it grandma?' She said in a quiet voice, 'Come here my dear. I was just now thinking of how blessed I have been. Though I left the land of my birth, and most of my kin, I was followed by many of my native countrymen. I was led to the beautiful mountains of Zion, to wed one of God's choicest souls. I lived to see peace and prosperity come to all of us. Every wish I ever expressed, your grandfather gratified. We are all blessed, my dear, and never forget, it is due to God.'...

He wished he could remember the sweet ways of her Welsh expressions and the homey proverbs and country sayings that she used everyday of her life. Sarah never lost her Welsh accent. In later years she would talk to her family about her experiences and the importance of laughter keeping you young. Sarah said she had been blessed greatly by God and by being associated with her husband, Lorin. Tears would often fill her eyes as she radiated a light of serenity. Sarah died quietly at home in Ogden, on February 26, 1892 being the first of Lorin's wives to die preceding Nancy by only eight months.

She and Lorin had nine children; eight of whom she raised to maturity and all were married: Joseph, Thomas, Marcus, Sarah Mariah, Roxana, Winslow Giles, Rachel Amelia, Lenora, and Hiram.

# THE CHILDREN OF LORIN AND SARAH

## JOSEPH FARR

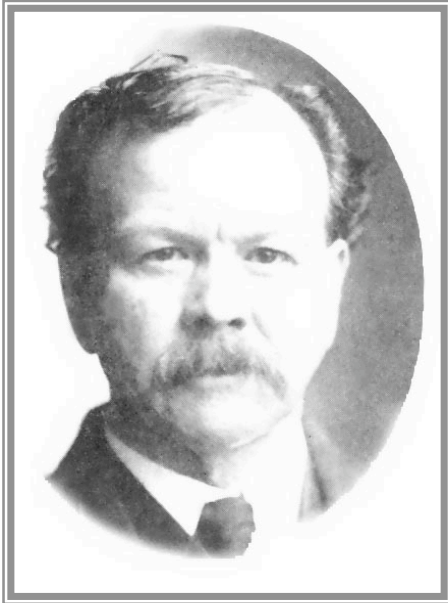


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Joseph was born August 7, 1852 in Ogden Utah. As a boy he worked on the farm, in the factory and the store. Joseph attended high school, then Professor Park's school and John Morgan's commercial college. He became involved with his father's milling business building the first steam flourmill in Utah, on Washington Street in Ogden. At one time he had the largest merchandising store in Ogden. Also became head of the Promontory Carbonite Mining Company helping to layout a mining town in the process. He was and agriculturalist and sold Studebaker wagons and carriages. He worked for the city water works department for 20 years. He also served two years as a municipal judge, at age 32.

Joseph was in charge of the commissary department of the Central Pacific (now Southern Pacific) railroad, while 200 miles of the construction was under the charge of his father. With John Gay, a brother-in-law, he hauled provisions by four-horse team between Ogden and Wells Humboldt, Nevada, for the construction He also was a witness of the driving of the golden spike at Promontory in 1869.

As a "Minute Man" he was one of three who kept horses saddled constantly to protect the community against Indian raids. However, he had been friendly with the Indians and recited accounts of friendly, athletic contests with the young native men.



Sally Porter Farr  
Photo courtesy Paul A. Christie

Joseph married **Sally M. Porter** on December 7, 1874 in the endowment House in Salt Lake. Sally was born June 4, 1856 in New York. Members of the Porter family were early converts to the church coming to Utah in 1863. Sally recalled the challenges of crossing the plains even though she was only seven. She recalled that Captain August Canfield would travel ahead looking for wood and water suitable for the twenty-five wagons in their company. When not too tired they would dance, sing and socialize after a day's journey. The aged and infirm rode while the others walked. She can remember holding on to a wagon while crossing the Platte River. She remembered Indians, buffalo and other events of crossing the plains in that summer of 1863. Fortunately they did not suffer undue hardships. They were searched at Fort Bridger to see if they had any possessions with the United States stamp on it. They had none and passed through safely to Salt Lake and then Ogden in October of that year. She attended Central High School and then Professor Moench's class. She had known Joseph ten years before their marriage.

Joseph had a home built and furnished for them to move into when they married. They had twelve children: Joseph Albertus, Nellie Rosella, Marcia Aurora, Jennie Louise, Cora Irene, Hazel Aetna, Hyrum Adelbert, Leland Howard, Pearl Roxanna, Eugene Glamour, Mable Murray, Andrea Lewella. His Granddaughter Beverly Farr Breuer remembers visiting him when she was a child and having him dip a fresh bucket of water down a trapdoor (at the waterworks?) to serve the cool fresh water with Vanilla wafers to her. It was quite a treat.

He had been active in L. D. S. Church activities, having been clerk of Ogden L. D. S. Third ward several years and a member of Ogden L. D. S. High Priests Quorum. Sally recalled that Joseph had a dream while taking a nap: his brother, Ezra, took hold of his leg, which had a sore on it and pulled. After awaking he went to the livery stable to get his carriage and hook them up to a beautiful set of horses he owned. While going up the road the horses reared at a cow that had crossed the road. After quieting the team he got out of the surrey and broke his ankle. When he got up the bone was sticking through the flesh. It was his brother, Ezra, who helped set the leg. He spent three months in bed, which caused them financial difficulty.

Joseph Farr died at age 87 on November 20, 1939 in Ogden Utah. Sally Porter died at age 89 on June 27, 1945 in Ogden.

## THOMAS FARR

Thomas Farr was born March 16, 1854 in Ogden, Utah. Thomas commented on how the family worked so hard in supporting themselves by raising crops, animals and other living necessities. He talked about the EL shaped adobe homes Lorin built for his wives in Ogden where he lived until age 25. He had the care of 500 to 1000 sheep during the winter. Thomas with his brothers worked hard cutting their hay with scythe and cradle. They would stack these crops three feet high in the barn and then ride their horses back and forth threshing the grain. The family had a lot of land where they produced crops of corn, potatoes, squash, pumpkins, beans, carrots, cabbage, peas, wheat, oats and barley.

They also had orchards of fine fruit. The boys worked hard on the crops, getting them stored in their winter bins. By November they could then attend school until March when the planting and farming began again. At age 15 Thomas attended the city schools. On Lorin' farm they also grew sugarcane and engineered and built the mill to make sugar and molasses.

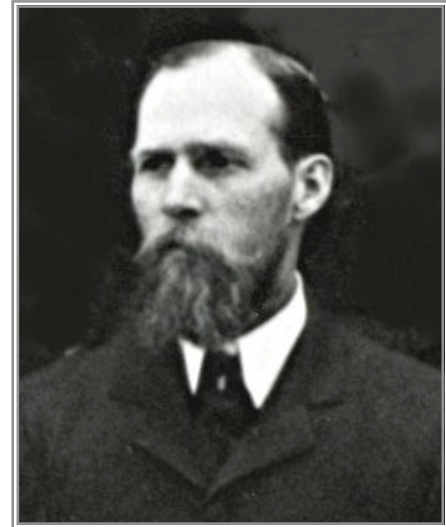


Photo from Lorin Farr Pioneer by T. Earl Pardoe



Amanda Badger Farr  
Photo from Lorin Farr Pioneer,  
T. Earl Pardoe

At age seventeen he was ordained an elder, taking out his endowments. He served as ward teacher and collected donations for the poor. For a number of years he called on as much as forty families. The more he served, the greater the joy he experienced. He was also called into the bishopric. He stated that once he was never out of the harness once he put the collar on. The longer he was there in service the greater joy he experienced. Thomas bore testimony that the greatest joy he found was in serving people at home and abroad. He said that he had gained great testimonies and had manifestations of this through the Spirit of the Lord.

He married **Amanda Jane Badger** on September 11, 1879 in Salt Lake City in the Endowment House. Amanda was born November 23, 1860 in Salt Lake City, Utah. They were the parents of six children: Eva, Cora Jane, Thomas Fredrick, Lucille, Verna, and Norma.

After their marriage Thomas was called immediately on a mission to Southern States, being set apart by President John Taylor and promised that he would be protected. He was given a wonderful blessing telling him that the Lord would go before him and prepare the way, that he would be successful and that no deadly weapon would prevail against him and that he would return home safely. Thomas went without purse or script with his mission only costing about \$40. He found himself shielded from the wrath of mobs threatening to kill him and his companion. This protection also applied to some wild dogs that threatened the missionaries. After coming home he served for several years in a bishopric. He bore testimony to the joy of service and how the Lord inspired him in his work. Thomas also bore testimony to the gospel and the reality of the visions Joseph Smith had in restoring the gospel.

Thomas was a part owner of a successful grain and feed store: Thomas Farr & Co. feed and seed store as

well as a flourmill, lime kiln and ice. He endured fires that destroyed his business three times and nearly went off a cliff in the dark, while driving a lumber wagon. His daughter, Norma said that her father was a hard worker, honest, diligent, dependable and exceptionally devoted to his family and church.

Retiring in 1924 he enjoyed doing gardening work very much. According to Lucille Jensen Bennion, granddaughter of Thomas and Amanda (as told to her niece Allyson Jensen Egbert) Thomas was a very fine looking man who would walk a considerable distance every Sunday uphill to have dinner with her family. Amanda died April 24, 1932 and Thomas died September 28, 1936 in Ogden, Utah.

## **MARCUS FARR**

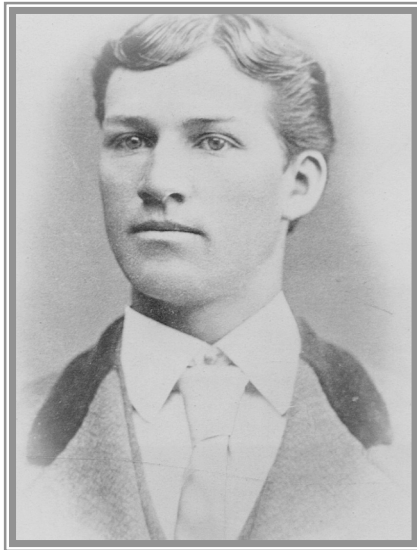


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Marcus was born April 2, 1856 in Ogden, Utah. As a youth, like his brothers, he worked on Lorin's farm in the store, and mill and he also worked in the coal, grain, feed and ice business. Marcus married **Caroline Josephine Ballantyne** on February 2, 1882 in Salt Lake City. Their children are: Josephine, Marcus Ballantyne, Lena B, Lionel Ballantyne, Beatrice Albertine and Lorin Ballantyne, Sr.

Marcus was eulogized by a number of speakers when he died in 1934. It was said of him that he had a strong testimony of the gospel, a great friend wonderful counselor in the church, guileless, tender, never unkind, and always prompt to his meetings in the church. He lived close to the words of the song, 'I'll go where you want me to go Dear Lord.'

Marcus served as President of the High Council in the Ogden Stake. It was said of him that he was a great inspiration to the members of his stake. Marcus was released to go back to the 7<sup>th</sup> Ward to perform temple work. Several days a week he would go early in the morning to the Salt Lake Temple by train, often leaving at 5:00 A.M. in the morning,

complete three sessions in the temple and then returning late at night to Ogden. He also served a mission in the Eastern States, been superintendent to the Sunday school and leader in the YMMIA. Marcus and his wife helped raise their five-year-old grandson, Ben W. Farr, as their son, his father Marcus Ballantyne died in 1927. Ben's mother also died early. Ben can remember his grandfather playing marbles with him.

Caroline Ballantyne Farr was born in Salt Lake City January 30, 1861 to Richard and Carolyn Sanderson Ballantyne. Caroline's mother Carolyn, was from Norway and was best friends with Nicholine Erickson, Marcus's future stepmother. The family moved to Eden, Utah so named by her father. Richard Ballantyne was known as the father of the Church's Sunday school. Caroline remembers that her father taught her the gospel carefully in her home. She loved hearing the stories of the scriptures from her teachers at church. She desired as a young child to be like the Savior in living her life. She loved to sing and participated in many church choirs. She attended Professor Moench's school and also schools in Harrisville and Hooper.

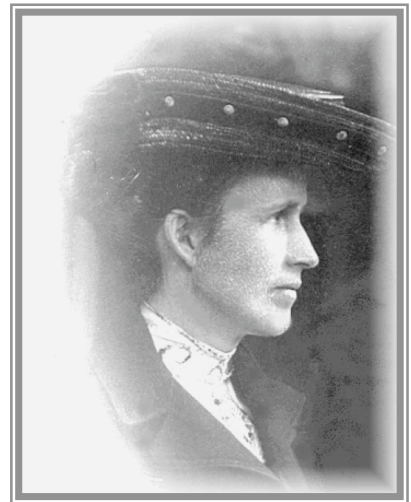


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Always a faithful church worker she served as President of the YWMIA in her ward. She was criticized for not allowing the serving of coffee in their meetings. She had once suffered ill health and was advised to drink coffee to alleviate her illness. She did this for a while but then after a powerful sermon by President John Taylor she resolved to never again drink coffee. Her good health habits and life proved out correct, as she lived until age 93, dying January 12, 1954. She was the last of Richard Ballantyne's children to die.

Marcus died April 7, 1934 in Ogden, Utah. According to Brother Miles L. Jones, "Marcus was a wonderful counselor and a wonderful advisor. It seems to me that one of the foremost Qualities of the life of Brother Farr was his sublime faith in God. He had a faith that I have never found superior among my fellow men. Everything that he did in life was measured by the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

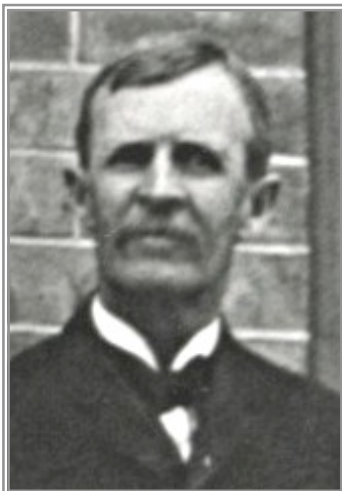
## SARAH MARIAH FARR

Sarah Mariah also known a "Ry" was born March 30, 1858 in Ogden, Utah. She remembered the fun times of winter - skating, coasting, giving surprise parties, playing games and dancing. Even when her brothers would hide the sleigh from the girls, they would go down snow-covered hills on an old dishpan or grain shovel. Dances started at 7:30 P.M. with a break at 11:00 P.M. where lunches would be auctioned off and eaten. Sometimes the girls would let a particular boy know what her basket was by a certain colored ribbon attached to it. During warm weather they swam in the creeks in old faded dresses, as they did not have swimming wear. In parades, the girls would march wearing white dresses with blue sashes and a white wreath around their heads.

When she asked her father Lorin for a dress, he replied that she could have one if she would make it. Sarah remembered making flour sacks for her father when she was very young. They had the first Wilcox sewing machine in Ogden and she used it to make her own clothes, as well as the flour bags. They knitted their own stockings with their mother putting in flower designs. She remembered when food was scarce and they dug for sego bulbs, milkweed, redroot and sour doc. Her mother, Sarah, often gave their "last" food to someone sick or hungrier than themselves, but there always seemed to be food somehow.



Photo from Lorin Farr, Pioneer, T. Earl Pardoe



Richard J. Taylor  
Photo from Lorin Farr Pioneer,  
T. Earl Pardoe

Sarah received most of her schooling in Ogden, but finished at the John Parks School (later to become the University of Utah) in Salt Lake City. While attending school she met **Richard John Taylor**. He followed her home to Ogden where she went to take care of her mother who was ill. They fell in love and were married August 7, 1876 in the Endowment House by President John Taylor, Richard's father.

They spent many happy years raising their seven children: Sarah Jane, Richard Lee, John Lorin, Ethel, Letticia, Viola and Helen.

Sarah served in the Relief Society, YMMIA and as President of the Daughters of the Weber County Utah Pioneers. She also taught a stake Genealogical Class. She was honest, true and faithful in all that she did. She was very social and good company. She enjoyed good health most of her life except for an incident of fumigation poisoning, and a major gall bladder operation which threatened her life. Prayers and administration saved her. She loved sports and outdoor activities. One of her most vivid childhood memories was the completion of the transcontinental railroad. The family received life passes on the railroad from Governor Leland Stanford because of Lorin's part in completing the railroad.

Richard John Taylor was born February 4, 1848 in Salt Lake City to John Taylor and Jane Ballantyne. He was blessed by his father to grow to manhood being a man of integrity, interested in the ways of righteousness. He worked as a messenger for Wells Fargo and as bookkeeper for ZCMI. At age 20 he went on a mission to Hawaii. He was First Assistant to Richard Ballantyne, who was superintendent of Sunday Schools. After a long illness, Richard died March 17, 1905, leaving Sarah a widow at age 47. .

Sarah was honest, true and faithful in all that she did. She was like all her other eleven sisters. She was very social and good company. Her motto was to 'Love Thy Neighbor.' She felt she had derived the greatest happiness in serving others. Sarah died after a short illness on November 10, 1943.



## **ROXANA FARR**

Roxana was born February 3, 1860 in Ogden, Utah. She was reserved and not very robust in her health. She married **Jedediah Pidcock** March 5, 1877. They had five children: Jedidiah William Pidcock, Roxanna Farr Pidcock, Lorin Eugene Pidcock, Joseph Pidcock, Rebecca Pidcock, but the three youngest died before they were a year old.

Jeddy, as he was called, died young leaving her a widow with a big house and two children: Jedediah and Ann Pidcock. Roxana's father Lorin asked Roxana's sister, Lenorah and her husband, Tom Pardoe to move in with Roxana and her children to help in their raising. Lenorah's oldest daughter referred to Roxana as 'Aunt Sennie.' Roxana's son, Jed, had his leg amputated after an injury by a thrown rock, caused internal decay. Doctor's Edward and Ezra Rich performed the amputation without anesthetic.

Roxana became ill and was confined to bed by the doctor's orders. She stayed in this situation for nine years with what the doctor's called 'female problems'. She looked like a doll in bed with her beautiful black shining eyes and hair contrasting with the spotless white bedspread. Her son, Jed, became one of Ogden's most respected brain surgeons, before moving to Hollywood, California. When he became a doctor, he got his mother up out of bed to live out her life, happy and active!



Photo from Lorin Farr Pioneer, T. Earl Pardoe

Dr. Charles Rich, a current relative of the two Rich Doctors, said that if Jed was performing brain surgery in those days he was a most intrepid soul, as it was not until the 1930's that Dr. Harvey Cushing did ground breaking work with his associates in the field of neurosurgery. Before that, Dr. Rich said, "Neurosurgery was a surgical adventure of necessity."

Possessed of a religious nature, Roxana had, from her childhood, found great joy and satisfaction in Church work. For years she was a Counselor in the Primary Association and a teacher in the Sunday school. She was also captain of a company of the Daughters of the Pioneers. Roxana died February 5, 1927.

## WINSLOW GILES FARR



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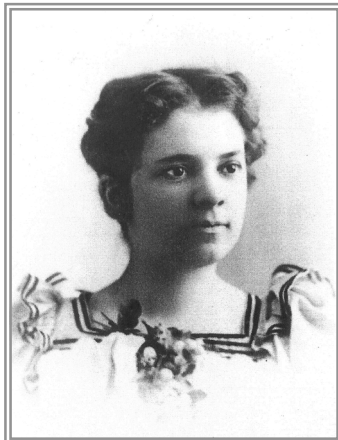
Winslow was born May 3, 1862 in Ogden, Utah. In his youth he worked on the farm, in the mill and store. He was successful with his brothers in the flour, grain and feed business. Winslow also had a successful business with his sons in the manufacture of candy and ice cream products. He enjoyed good health, was happy and of good cheer. He was a well-known and highly respected citizen. For many years he has been engaged in the seed, hay and grain business and was a progressive, alert and capable businessman.

Winslow married **Mary Hannah Williams** November 8, 1883. They had the following children: LeRoy Winslow, Thomas Karl, Lawrence Earl, Florence Edna F. Dee and Belva Farr. Mary was born December 22, 1862 in Ogden, and had been an invalid, died at the age of 42 in September of 1905.



Mary Hannah Williams Farr  
Photo courtesy Cheril Inglet

Winslow then married **Clara Fry** July 18, 1906 in Logan, Utah. She was born on August 20, 1877 in Ogden, Utah.



Clara Fry Farr  
Photo courtesv Cheril Inlet

They had four children as follows: Laverne, Irene Kalaha, Harmon Ernest, and Victor.

Unfortunately Winslow Giles died in a mysterious manner while visiting his two sons in Idaho to transact business. The oral history among descendants is that he was served up a drink of Hot Toddy that was mistakenly made with wood alcohol by a store employee causing his death. *The Deseret News* reported "He died on the streets of Idaho Falls in January of 1914, age 83," (wrong age) while his brother John Farr reported he died at his bedside as if in prayer, at the age of 51.

## RACHEL AMELIA FARR

Rachel was born November 24, 1864 in Ogden Utah. Rachel was active in church, social and civic life. Rachel was the third captain of Camp G, Daughters of the Utah Pioneers of Weber County. She was a member of the Relief Society Stake Board of North Weber Stake, and a member of Daughters of the Revolution, through Jonathan Farr. Rachel was active in church, social and civic life. She enjoyed Relief Society and was a Republican in her political sentiments. She had a jolly and happy nature. She also loved to travel.

Rachel married her one and only sweetheart, **Fred Packard** on October 11, 1883. Lorin Farr, her father, pronounced a great blessing on them at their marriage. Their eight children were: Cora and Ray (twins), Beatrice Viola, Olive Lillian (Wheeler-Reid), Marcia Lucille (Anderson), Fred Lothair, Sarah Ethelyn (Baker), and Dorothy Amelia (Casey).



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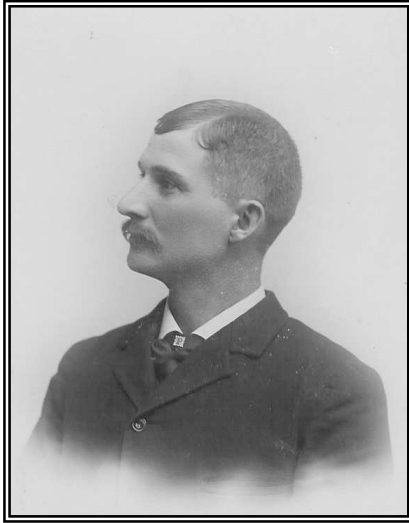


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Fred Packard was born September 6, 1860 in Ossian town ship, Livingston Co., New York. The family moved to Hillsdale, Michigan where they joined the LDS church in 1881. He moved to Ogden, Utah, where he met Rachel. He worked as a clerk until he found a job suitable to his schooling, as an engineer.

He became the operating engineer on the Ogden Trainway. He engineered and supervised the construction of the water pipeline down Ogden canyon. He assisted in the construction in the Pioneer Plant of the Utah Power and Light Co. In 1916 he became Superintendent of construction for Ogden City. He held this position until his death. The Mexican government needed a pipeline developed for Mexico City. They came to the United States searching for help and Fred was selected for this job. He was given a leave of absence for two years (1922-1923) to supervise this project. Fred died of a heart attack, in Ogden, October 26, 1931, at age seventy-one. Rachel died in Jacksonville, Florida while visiting her daughter, in December of 1953. She was eighty-nine.

## LENORAH FARR

Lenorah was born March 22, 1867 in Ogden, Utah. . Nora was a cute girl, full of vitality and fun. She was active in the church, social, civic and political life. She displayed a friendly attitude, was cute, full of vitality and fun, having many friends. She was much sought after to fill various positions in church and other organizations because of her attention to detail and excellence.

Nora, as she was called, went to the BYU Academy. She and **Thomas Pardoe**, were deeply in love, so she sent a telegram to him, saying she would be home at a certain time at the railroad station. The telegram went instead to her father who met her at the train station. Lorin took her to a birthday party for Jed Pidcock's birthday, which turned into the marriage of Nora, age 16, and Tom Pardoe, age 19 on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 1883. Lorin Farr presided there, officiating at their marriage.

The joint celebration included a wonderful meal on the long dining room table with many candles lighted all around. There was chicken and pork with many kinds of vegetables, fruit and hot rolls. They went to the cellar to obtain their food. They had a cornstarch



Photo courtesy Pardoe Family



Photo courtesy Pardoe Family

ice cream frozen by hand with ice out of Lorin's ice pond. They sang around the piano. Lorin told jokes and yarns about weddings and who was to be the boss. Many of the family were present.

Thomas Pardoe was born November 10, 1864 in Stratford-on-Avon, England. They lived just four doors from world famous author and playwright, Shakespeare's birthplace. The family of eight children and parents immigrated to Utah in the early 1870's. Tom's mother joined the church with her children but his father did not. Mother and father were tailors by trade. The whole family was very musical with each playing a different instrument. Tom played the coronet. Tom was very handsome and much sought after by the girls who knew him.

Alice Pardoe West, oldest daughter remembers their family moving into Aunt Sennie's (Roxana Farr Pidcock) home with her two children after her husband, Jedidiah Pidcock died. This was probably in the early 1890's as they moved to another home when Alice was 8. Alice remembers many happy events as a child in Aunt Sennie's home. She also remembered that all of Lorin's families were very compatible and loving. The children considered themselves brothers and sisters. Lorin held frequent family reunions and so were all very well acquainted.

Tom and Lenorah were the parents of eight children: Thomas Earl Jr., James Harris, Lorin Glen, Alice Pauline, Sarah Leonora, Mildred Arleen, Ruth Isabelle and Fern. They were a beautiful couple and their love lasted through their whole life. Tom and Nora never argued. If there was a disagreement Tom put on his hat and coat and took a walk. When he returned all would be well. Nora was called Banny by one of her grandchildren and the name stuck. Later Tom and Nora moved into the home of their daughter Alice West's home. Tom also moved his barbershop there.

Tom died on October 11, 1935 in Ogden, Utah at age 71, with Nora surviving until July 25, 1954, when she died at age 87 remaining active until the last.

## **HIRAM FARR**

Hiram was born February 15, 1870 in Ogden, Utah and died four months later on June 19, 1870.

## OLIVE ANN JONES THIRD WIFE OF LORIN FARR



**Olive Ann Jones Farr**

Photo courtesy Marilyn Freeman

Olive was born in June of 1829 at Wallingford, Connecticut to Merlin and Roxana Ives Jones. She had a poetic nature, with a keen memory and a great ability at spelling. She had the best of educational opportunities for the time in which she was raised. When there was a spelling contest Olive was often the last girl standing also known as 'the spelling book.'

She traveled with her parents after their conversion to Council Bluffs in 1848. They traveled in Joseph Young's company of fifty and Captain Charles Rich's company of ten. They suffered much privation in their journey across the plains as many died of cholera and were buried on the way. Olive's jovial disposition and being the life of the party helped make the trip more endurable for all. They journeyed west to Salt Lake City in September of 1850.

Olive married Lorin on February 28, 1852 in the Endowment House. When she moved to Ogden she joined Nancy and Sarah in plural marriage with Lorin. They lived in a log cabin with a dirt floor on the Farr farm, consisting of 160 acres. Skins were fastened over the windows so the Indians could not see the lights at night. One time when three men were looking for lost cattle, the Indians attacked and one of the men lost his scalp and life as revenge for the killing of an Indian. At times snakes would crawl through the roof and land on

their bed. The family farmed 160 acres bringing forth corn, hay, wheat, beans, peas, potatoes and other vegetables.

Olive loved to sew. She used to make fancy front shirts for men as she had a fine skill in sewing by hand. Some of her creations are on display at the Daughters of the Utah Pioneer museum in Salt Lake City. She was an excellent cook and milked cows until her children could relieve her of that duty. Her children remember her making enough soap to last a year. Olive would save all the fat drippings and combined with other ingredients would make excellent bars of soap looking good enough to almost eat. The family also had a smoke house where the cured meat and a molasses factory.

Eventually Lorin built a home on Washington and Twenty First Street. Lorin and Olive had seven children: Laertus, Valasco, Olive Ann, Ellen, Merlin Jones, David Jones, and Asael. Olive Ann, Ellen and Merlin died in the Small Pox and Diphtheria epidemic, which swept through Utah in 1866. Olive never completely recovered from this awful loss. Yet Olive was always generous to others in need, believing and living every principle of the Gospel she could. Olive wrote the following poem about her three children:

*'My children lie sleeping on top of yon hill,  
It's there they lie sleeping, they're sleeping there still;  
They heed not, they feel not, they're free from all pain,  
No sound can awake my dear children again,*

*The lightening may flash and the loud thunder roll,  
They heed not, they fear not-at rest with their soul,  
They heed not, they fear not, they're free from all pain,  
No sound can awake my dear children again."*

Olive was patient and loving with her children and never went to bed at night without her children being home. Olive wanted all her children and grandchildren to know the writings of American and English authors. She also loved to instruct her family in the use of proper grammar and spelling. Olive was a witness at Lorin's trial for polygamy and ended up providing laughter in the court with her humorous statements. Olive was witty, a diligent worker, loving wife and mother. Olive died December 19, 1914 at the age of 85 years and six months.

# THE CHILDREN OF LORIN AND OLIVE ANN

## LAERTUS FARR

Laertus was born June 23, 1853 in Ogden, Utah. He suffered due to ill health from exposure to illness at a young age and was slightly retarded. Laertus took care of the smokehouse on Lorin's farm for all of the family, which gave him a place of importance among his family. He never married and died on December 6, 1928 at age 75.

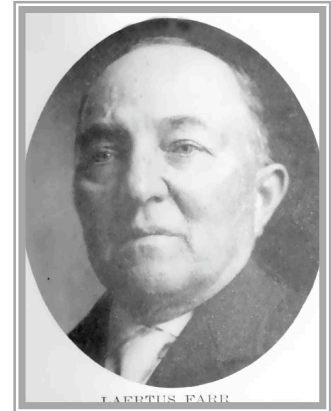


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## VALASCO FARR



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Valasco was born on August 29, 1855 in Ogden, Utah. Valasco, or Lack, as he was called was a very dependable worker on the farm, herding cows and sheep on the Ogden Bench along with other family duties. He attended the family school along with his brothers and sisters. Lack was quiet of nature.

He married **Diana Fife** on February 24, 1881. Diana was a slight, petite build with dark hair. Diana was a petite with small features and a strikingly pretty appearance. She had a happy pleasant disposition and possessed of the hearty Fife laugh. She was born October 7, 1859, and was raised in a comfortable home being the daughter of an architect and builder. She learned the feminine arts of sewing, knitting, crocheting, cooking and homemaking. She learned to play the piano, enjoyed signing and loved music.

They had the following seven children: Edith Diana, Olive Ann, Raymond Valasco, La Mar Fife, Agnes Fife, Merlin Fife, and Ivan William.

Lack worked with his brother's, David and Asael, in the ice business that they learned from their father, Lorin. Around 1900

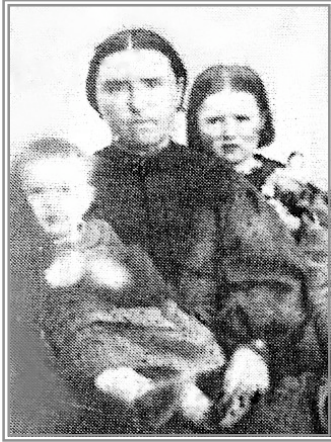
Valasco bought six acres of land near Canyon Road where he built a house. They had a cow, chickens and horses. There was always gardening for the children to work at. Valasco was up at 5:00 A.M. every morning, performing required chores and then in bed promptly at 9:00 P.M. He was a very organized farmer taking great pride in producing choice vegetables and fruit.

He was devastated when his wife, Diana, died of cancer, on May 18, 1904, at age 44. Valasco would never remarry. Sometimes his grandchildren would find him in prayer pleading that at sometime he could be reunited with his beloved Diana.

Valasco loved the family reunions and parties that they would celebrate. He was very reserved in expressions of love for his family but they could read that love in his eyes and warm smile. He was a very active church worker and High Priest. In his 82<sup>nd</sup> year on December 12, 1937, Valasco passed quietly away finally to be reunited with his beloved, Diana.



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Merlin, Olive Ann Jones Farr,  
Olive Ann  
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## **OLIVE ANN FARR**

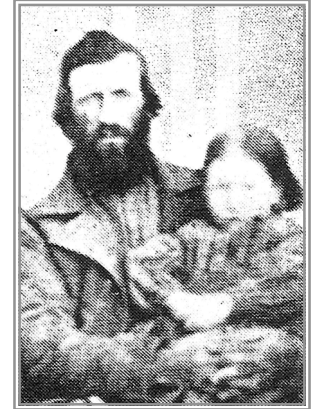
Olive was born on August 3, 1857 in Ogden, Utah and died May 6, 1866 at age 8 in Ogden during the Small Pox epidemic that swept through Utah.

## **ELLEN FARR**

Ellen was born October 25, 1859 in Ogden, Utah and died at age 6 during the Small Pox epidemic.

## **MERLIN JONES FARR**

Merlin was born February 4, 1862 in Ogden, Utah and died at age 4 on May 2, 1866 in the Small Pox epidemic.



Lorin Farr with Ellen  
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## **DAVID JONES FARR**

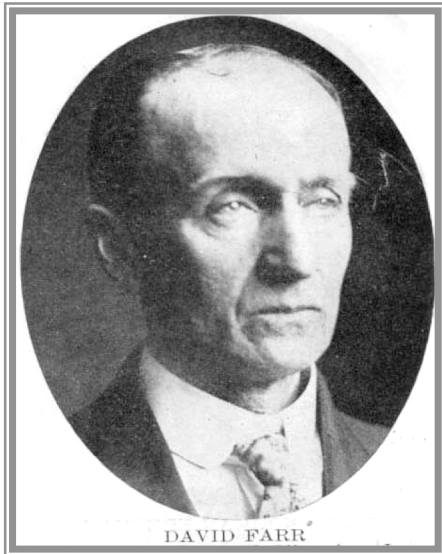


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David was born April 5, 1864 in Ogden, Utah. David was slow to anger, had an even nature and a dry sense of humor. When he was younger, he worked on the family farm, herding cows and sheep. He attended the family school, and then he attended Brigham Young University. David served a mission to Alabama and Florida from 1892-1894. He was a clerk in his father's store. He was a merchant and also associated with his brother, Asael, in the feed ice, and coal businesses for many years.

David married **Margaret (Maggie) Williams** on June 3, 1896 in Salt Lake City. Maggie was born on March 4, 1867, in Ogden. They had three children: David Roland, James Frederick, and Dorothy.

He was an active church worker and a high priest. He died in Ogden in 1948, at the age of 78. Margaret appears to have died on September 15, 1915.



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## ASAEL FARR, SR.



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Asael was born October 17, 1866 in Ogden, Utah. As a young boy he attended his father's school built between 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> St. on Washington Blvd. It had one large room with a bowery built to the side of the building where the children could play. First they sat on benches, which were later replaced by school desks. He also attended the Third Ward School and finally the Central School which accommodated 400 students and had recitation rooms, a music room, two large hallways, 194 double desks, charts, maps, globes, blackboards, an organ, a piano, a skeleton and a large lawn with trees and flowers. One of the hallways held three hundred books and acted as a library. Asael, with his brothers, participated in all the activities of taking care of his father's farms and property.

As a young man he worked as a stock raiser for two years loving spirited horses he trained. Asael often took care of the horses for the visitors coming to confer with his father. He also gained experience in working on the ice ponds Lorin maintained, gaining life and work experience, which would lead to his later business ventures. He loved to watch his mother making soap in large slabs that would last a year. It looked good enough to eat.

Asael entered the ice business with his brothers, David and Velasco. They had three icehouses where they could store 3,000 tons of ice supplying, among others, the Earl Fruit Co. of California and other customers from West to East. They shipped up to 4,000 pounds of ice per year. He was also president of Asael Farr and Son's Ice and Ice Cream Co. Farr Ice Cream exists today run by his descendants. He also dealt in coal and raised fruit.

Asael married **Georgena Julia Drake** on March 14, 1888, Logan, Cache, Utah. Georgena was born September 11, 1866, in Boomer Township, Pottawattamie, Iowa. Georgena Drake spent ten years of her childhood in Iowa on a farm. She grew up in a two story framed house surrounded by timber and brush. The family grew grapes, strawberries, gooseberries, currants and red plums. They also gathered hazel nuts, pecans and walnuts storing them for winter. When the family came to Utah she attended the Central School in Ogden. She helped pay her tuition by teaching younger students. She was tall and had lovely posture, and according to her grandson, Art Budge, she also had a gentle voice. She was a great cook using wood and coal stoves in her cooking. She served in the YWMIA, Primary and Relief Society in the Ogden Stake. Later, she served as President of the Seventh Ward Relief Society.



Georgena Drake Farr  
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Asael and Georgena had six children: Georgina Jennie, Lawrence, Mabel Ellen, Asael Farr Jr., Dexter, and Vern. The family had a summer cabin up the South Fork of the Ogden Ward where they would stay during the summer, while Asael worked down in the city during the week. Asael served in the YMMIA and as a counselor in the Bishopric. He served on the Ogden School Board from 1906-1923. He was counselor to Bishop L. Jones after having served a mission to Southern States. Was a High Priest Group Leader. He was active and prosperous until he was 90. He died in October of 1961. He was 94 years of age. Georgena died January 7, 1950 at age 83.



## MARY BINGHAM FREEMAN SNOW FARR FOURTH WIFE OF LORIN FARR



Photo courtesy Daughters of Utah Pioneers

Mary Bingham, would lead a life full of hope, sorrow and adventure that would have been the basis for a great romantic novel. If written as a novel most would think it outright fiction! Mary Bingham was born April 1, 1820 in St. Johnsbury, Vermont. The Bingham, Farris, Snows and Freemans were friends and relatives, in a close-knit community. Lorin Farr, her future husband, was born three months earlier and three miles south in Lower Waterford. The families interacted with each other, so you can say that Lorin knew Mary from childhood. Mary joined the church by baptism in 1833. When she was sixteen, the Bingham's moved to Kirtland. She met Joseph Smith when she was eighteen.

Mary married **Elijah Norman Freeman** in 1844. Elijah was an uncle to Lorin, his mother Olive's brother. Mary and Elijah were blessed with a son, Elijah Norman. They took their endowments out in the Nauvoo Temple and were presumably sealed there. Mary continued to study the scriptures and increased in faith and testimony. They lived under trying conditions in Nauvoo as her husband labored on the temple to finish it. She always looked at life not complaining about dirt floors and other inconveniences. She was oft found at her spinning wheel at which she loved to work. Her husband praised her cooking and housekeeping. After building their home and laboring on the temple in Nauvoo they

were driven with the rest of the Saints out of Nauvoo to Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Elijah was invited to join the Mormon Battalion. Mary had no premonition of tragedy as she held her baby high to see his father march off with his battalion. Mary drove her own wagon harnessed with two oxen. One died on the way and Mary paid for another through her sewing when she reached the valley. Mary learned of Elijah's death after her arrival in Salt Lake City. He had contracted the illness while administering to other sick soldiers, and died on the march.

Two years later, Mary would marry another wonderful man, **William Snow**, in 1848. She had known his family from Vermont. They were blessed with a daughter named Mary in 1849 and a second daughter, Alma in 1852. Alma died however. Then William was called as mission president in Scandinavia in 1852. He took ill and in spite of much prayer, also died in 1852 near Hull, England.

The death of her husbands must have been an awful burden for Mary. But on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December 1854 Mary became Lorin Farr's fourth wife. Lorin tried to make life beautiful for Mary. In their log cabin they had two rooms on the ground level and two above. Later he would build her a home at 20<sup>th</sup> and Washington Street.

Mary gave love to all, being of service to the sick and a wonderful cook. She was often asked to prepare the meals for visitors. She always looked for the best in life. Lorin and Mary had three wonderful sons, two of whom would reach maturity. Lorin adopted Mary's children, Elijah and Mary, as his own. Their children: Elijah Freeman (Adopted by Lorin), Mary Snow (Adopted by Lorin), Willard Farr, Erstus Farr, and Isaac Farwell Farr.

Mary Farr was one of God's noble women. She was exemplary, kind, generous heart, a devoted wife, loving mother, true friend, and was firm and faithful to her religious convictions. At her death on September 25, 1893 she was grandmother to nineteen boys and sixteen girls. She also had two great granddaughters. Four children survived her.

# THE CHILDREN OF LORIN AND MARY

## ELIJAH FREEMAN

Elijah was born May 20, 1845 in Nauvoo, Illinois. His father was Elijah Freeman, who died as a member of the Mormon Battalion on a march to Pueblo via Santa Fe. When his mother, Mary, married Lorin Farr they lived in Bingham and Farr's Forts. Lorin adopted him and treated him no different than his other sons. He worked for Lorin for 17 years.

His occupations included farming, stock raising, carpenter and cabinetry work. He was an expert with cradle and the scythe in the fields. He also worked on grading the railroad bed the last two hundred miles before the railroads were joined at Promontory Point, Utah. He was present at the driving of the golden spike in 1869.

At age 12 he was ordained a Deacon, ordained a Seventy at age 18 and called as a home missionary at age 20. At age 24 he was ordained a High Priest and put on the High Council in the Weber Stake. He was a member of the School of the Prophets, The Ogden Choir, a participant in the first Dramatic Association of Ogden and also President of the YMMIA Association.

On March 11, 1872 Elijah married **Anna Marie Poulsen** in the Endowment House in Salt Lake City. She had been born April 22, 1846 in Aalborg, Denmark. They had a daughter Anna Maria born December 31, 1872. Sadly, soon after the birth of this child Anna died on January 17, 1873 in Ogden at age 26.

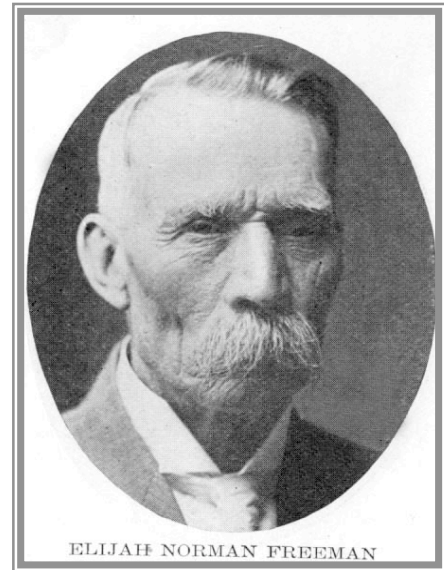


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In April of 1873 Elijah was called to go on a mission to England. He would serve a little over two years in the mission serving under Albert Carrington and Joseph F. Smith. He served in the Bristol and Sheffield Conference. He became ill, so President Smith suggested he be released to go home after a very successful mission. Elijah didn't want to, as he felt that the missionaries were on the verge of real success, but nonetheless came home to Ogden in 1875. Later he heard from his fellow laborer, Peter Barton that the missionaries baptized forty-one people, confirming his estimate of the success in the Sheffield Conference. He was re-baptized in the Ogden River by Apostle George Q. Cannon during the reformation.

Elijah married **Mary Ellen Farley** on April 25, 1876. She was born January 5, 1855 in Ogden. As a teenager she taught Sunday school and sang in church choirs. She also served in the YMMIA. Along with Elijah and Anna Maria's daughter, Anna Maria, they had nine children together: Mary Isadora, Elijah Norman, Louie Ada, Olive Amelia, Oscar Farley, Lorin Farr, Erastus Bingham, Beatrice and Asa Farley.

In the spring of 1881 President Wilford Woodruff called for volunteers to go to St. Johns, Arizona so he and his brother, Willard, went to Arizona to prepare the way for their families. Lorin Farr brought their families, meeting them at Holbrook, AZ. Elijah was called as a counselor to David K. Udall in the bishopric in the St. Johns Ward, and then as a counselor to President Udall in the St. Johns Stake. Later, he was made stake patriarch in Blackfoot, Idaho, being ordained by Apostle Hyrum Smith. Elijah gave over 300 blessings, seeing many of them fulfilled. Mary was served fourteen years as President of the Stake Relief Society. When Elijah went to the dedication of the Salt Lake Temple in 1893, he requested that President Wilford Woodruff seal him to his parents, Elijah Freeman and Mary Bingham, which had not been done when they were in Nauvoo. This ordinance was performed in the Logan Temple with his mother Mary and Elijah participating. President Woodruff said that his father Elijah had died a martyr and would gain Eternal Life. Elijah and Mary moved to Salt Lake City in 1928 where they lived until Elijah died on March 14, 1936 at 91. Mary died June 27, 1936, at 90.

## MARY SNOW



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Mary was born February 2, 1849 to Mary Bingham and William Snow. Her Father, William died in England, while on a Mission to Scandinavia. Lorin Farr adopted her after he married her mother, Mary. She was reared and schooled equal to all of Lorin's children. She was an active church worker. She made temple garments, was a wonderful nurse and a very wonderful person much loved by all.

She married **John Boyle** April 9, 1867, in Salt Lake City. John was born October 7, 1846 in Glasgow, Scotland. She and John had twelve children: Mary Elizabeth, Alta May, John Adams Boyle, Jr., Willard Snow, Norman Freeman, Ada Ninette, Lida Lou, Iva Lucinda, Leonard Peter, Lorin Freeman, Joseph St.Clair, and Clyde Snow.



John Boyle  
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## WILLARD FARR

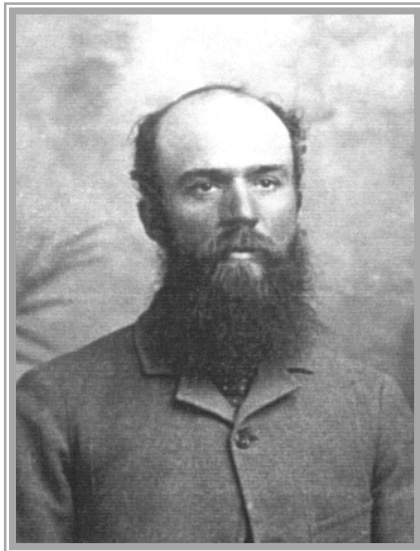
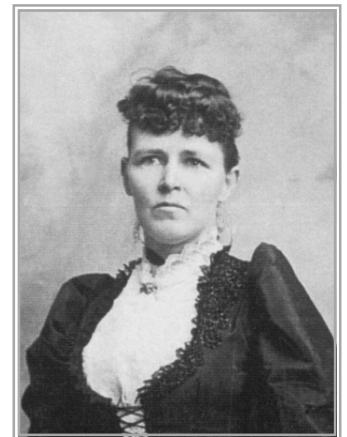


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Willard was born July 5, 1856 in Ogden, Utah to Lorin and Mary. His boyhood days were spent tilling the soil and working alongside his brothers on his father's property. He was inclined to be studious and sought every chance for additional schooling. He was ordained an elder July 12, 1874. He joined the Young Men's Literary Society.

In 1875 he was a bookkeeper and shipper at Willard Bingham's Sawmill. He was employed as a clerk in Lorin Farr's store where they sold woolen goods and had a tailor's shop. In 1879 he went into business with his three brothers in the flour, grain and feed business. In Ogden he served faithfully as President of the YMMIA.



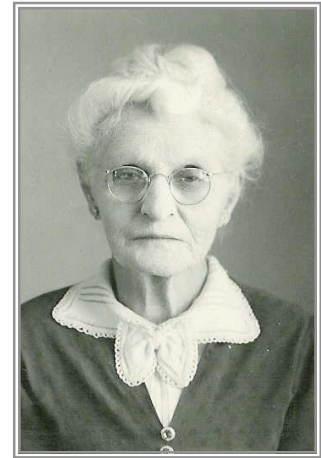
Mary Ballantyne  
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On Oct 13, 1877 he married **Mary Ballantyne**, daughter of Richard Ballantyne and Mary Pierce. Mary was born September 7, 1858, in Nephi, Utah. She was always active in the church serving in the Relief Society and Primary. Willard and Mary had eleven children: Mary Lillian, Willard Richard, Lettie Jean, Lorin, Ethel, Willard Ballantyne, Florence, Isaac, Zachariah, and Dewey.

Willard Farr and his brother, Elijah, went to settle in St. John's, Arizona at the request of the First Presidency. When he first came to Arizona without his family he worked on gathering supplies and building a home for a month. Then he was employed on the railroad grading for a track. Then he was able to meet his family brought to Arizona by his father, Lorin Farr, via the railroad. Willard worked in a co-op store as a bookkeeper

for seven years and then went to farming. After a couple of years he came back to the store to replace James LeSueur who was going on a mission. Willard also held positions as a Probate Judge and School superintendent for two years. He also farmed, taught school and worked at a saw mill. In 1927 he opened a service station running it with his wife until turning it over to his son.

Willard married a plural wife, **Mary Ann Romney**, April 29, 1886 in the Logan, Utah Temple. Mary Ann was born January 31, 1868 in St. George, Utah. She came to Arizona with her parents where she showed great fortitude and willingness to do any work required of her in their pioneering effort. Mary learned to be a typesetter assisting her father as editor of a local weekly newspaper. Mary was often in hiding during their marriage because of the persecution over polygamy. Mary Ann was devoutly religious ministering to her sisters in the Relief Society comforting them in times of trial. She was of a retiring nature not seeking the limelight. In 1947 she was chosen representative mother of the year in Apache County, Arizona as well as being honored as a pioneer mother by the Instructor magazine of the church. She and Willard had ten children: Lorin Miles; Joseph Gaskell; Laura; David Ernest; Albert; Golden; George; Winslow; Jesse Romney and stillborn child.



Mary Ann Romney  
Photo courtesy David Rencher family

Willard served the church as a chorister, ward teacher and also being ordained a Seventy and then a High Priest. In Arizona served as a High Councilor and then ordained a bishop by John Henry Smith, his brother in law, in July 1887 when the stake was divided. Later he served as a tithing clerk and in 1895 a stake patriarch. He was a strict observer of the Sabbath Day and the Word of Wisdom. He was temperate in all his habits seeking always to serve God and keep His Commandments. Willard was slight of build, five feet ten inches tall with brown hair and eyes. He was unpretentious, humble and assuming in all walks of life. He was deliberate in council not jumping to conclusions quickly.

Willard died at 95 years of age on November 18, 1951 in St. John's, Arizona. His first wife, Mary Ballantyne had died May 13, 1942 in St. John's. She was 82. His second wife Mary Ann Romney died a few days later than Willard Farr on November 21, 1951 at age 73.

## ERASTUS FARR

Erastus was born May 14, 1858 in Ogden, Utah. He died June 28, 1859.

## ISAAC FARWELL FARR



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Isaac was born May 23, 1860 in Ogden, Utah. In his early youth he worked on his father's farm and other business ventures. He was also a bookkeeper, mining promoter and in the milling business. He helped open the Lakeview Mining Company and was manager of the Ogden Flour Mill from 1876-1883. He was very likeable man with many friends. Isaac was true to the church.

He married **Isabel Poulter**, Feb. 23, 1882 in Salt Lake. Isabel was born July 28, 1862 in Marysville, California. They had seven children: Chloe Belle, Norman Isaac, Thomas Walter, Orlando, Archibald Poulter, Oriaf, and Rhea.

Isabel died October 13, 1911 in Ogen, Utah. He died March 8, 1935, In Ogden, Utah.



Belle Poulter Farr  
Photo courtesy T. Earl Pardoe

## **NICOLINE ERICKSON** **FIFTH WIFE OF LORIN FARR**



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Nicoline was born September 22, 1837 near Frederickstadt, Onso County, Norway. She was the fifth child in her family, and her childhood was spent among very beautiful surroundings on a farm overlooking a picturesque valley. There were beautiful flowers and berries in summertime and a river filled with fish and passing boats, an enticement to a world beyond their valley.

Nicoline attended school in various homes until age 14 and then went on to the Lutheran Church for lessons. There she learned her Church Catechism, numbers and other subjects. They were an energetic family working hard on the farm. Nicoline learned dressmaking from best friend Caroline Ballantyne's mother.

Nicoline's sister, Caroline, had a dream seeing two men coming to their door. Soon thereafter the Mormon missionaries called on the sisters and they were baptized on September 27, 1852. The sisters left Norway with the first group of Mormon immigrants in 1853.

Their trip from Norway to Utah was comprised of many adventures and trials. The sailboat taking them to Denmark lost both anchors and all feared they were lost until a tugboat appeared and brought them to shore. They spent three weeks getting to London and then eight weeks across the Atlantic.

Arriving in New Orleans they took a boat up the Mississippi River headed for Missouri. Caroline and Nicoline became sick with a severe attack of Cholera that broke out among the passengers. Each morning the boat would pull to the shore to bury those that had died. Both girls were administered to by the Elders and through their faith were healed after coming dangerously close to death's door.

When they reached Leavenworth, Missouri they found themselves the drivers of an ox cart hauling eleven passengers. The sisters were very strong and well trained in the care of animals so they helped with teams that helped haul the six hundred immigrants bound west. They also cooked and helped with the sick. These Norwegian girls were equal to any challenge. They danced and sang at night to the tune of violin or harp. They faced the many trials of the trail including illness, hunger, buffalo stampeding through their camp and being on the lookout for hostile Indians. They did meet friendly Indians and received help and protection at Fort Laramie, Wyoming. They arrived in Salt Lake on October 5, 1854.

Eventually traveling to Ogden, Nicoline went to work in Lorin Farr's home while Caroline worked for the Bybee family. Caroline married John Bybee in 1856. When Nicoline began to work in the home of Lorin Farr she went to school to be taught English by Ruth Brown. Lorin married Nicoline on January 29, 1857. They would have six children: Lorenzo Erickson, Anna Laura, John, Elnora, Elijah, and Mary Louena.

At first, Nicoline lived had rooms in the basement of Lorin's 21-room Adobe house in Ogden. She had rough-hewn furniture and rudimentary utensils. Despite her inconvenience's she was happy. But desiring her own apartments when she was moved upstairs to Lorin's office after the birth of their first child. There was a small closet like bedroom adjoining the office. She had a large green chest for a table, a rawhide bottomed chair, a sheet iron stove with one leg and various other utensils. Her first four children would be born in these two

rooms. Later, when all the wives were accorded separate homes, Nicoline would live in her own two-story frame house built by Lorin at 21<sup>st</sup> and Washington. Her final home built by Lorin was at 2072 Washington Blvd. where she would live until her death.

Nicoline was an honest and noble woman being kind and gentle and always prompt and fair in dealing with her fellow man. She was the mistress of her own home with Lorin not interfering with her work and raising of the children. Her home was always clean and tidy, a house for the young being filled with joy, laughter and much singing. She guided her children without whip or harsh words. She had control and their respect. She constantly strove to build faith, truth and honesty among her children and associates. There was always plenty for the family to maintain themselves in Lorin's various enterprises. Lorin would come by his homes handing out work for his son's to accomplish in farm, mill, fixing roads and the other multitude of frontier city and home building tasks. At five a.m. the boys would arise-feed and harness the horses, clean the stable, have breakfast and get ready for the real work of the day. The family participated in work parties such as peach cutting, candy pulling, corn shucking, quilt making and other tasks. It was customary for the entire neighborhood to participate in these activities.

Nicoline loved to read, keeping up with current events and taking interest in politics and social events of the day. She loved good literature and could converse with anyone on religion, history and world events. She was known for her hospitality and bounteous cooking, hosting many family members and new converts on their way to Salt Lake. Her son Lorenzo, upon returning from a mission trip, invited a French Count and English Lord to visit the family. The Count wrote lavish praise of Nicoline as a hostess in a pamphlet about his visit to Utah. She was industrious and participated in the silk industry propagating silk worms by feeding them on mulberry leaves.

Nicoline's selfless service to others was evident when she was called to care for Caroline's family of thirteen, during a Small Pox epidemic. Risking her own life she nursed the family back to health with no one dying. This was called the Black Small Pox epidemic and required confining of the afflicted including Lorin Farr to the "Tent City" in Farr grove. After the birth of her last child Nicoline suffered ill health her years being prolonged by the care of her devoted daughters. She was a devoted church worker and member of the Relief Society. Five years before her death she had a serious operation from which she did not fully recover. She was nursed by her daughters and finally died on April 7, 1915 in her home in Ogden.

# THE CHILDREN OF LORIN AND NICOLINE

## LORENZO ERICKSON FARR



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Lorenzo was born October 25, 1858 in Ogden, Utah. He spent his early days on the farm doing chores, in the mills stores and other business endeavors of his father, Lorin. Lorenzo, sometimes called Ren, was educated like the other Farr.

Lorenzo served a mission in England in 1881. He kept a journal a copy of which the author has in his possession. He was with his brother, Newton Farr and future brother-in-law Ben Rich in Manchester, England. They got caught going the wrong way against a rabble-rousing crowd. The missionaries held meetings outside praying and singing but had little success in getting people to attend.

Later an unruly crowd began a brawl near a member's home where Lorenzo was staying. They were yelling and fighting in their drunken stupor. Three policemen had little success in containing them. Then a storm broke out from dark, thick and heavy clouds. There were loud peals of thunder and jagged lightning streaked across the sky. This effectively dispersed the mob. The storm was so fierce and penetrating that some were shaken, feeling that the day of reckoning had arrived. Lightning killed some.

At another time, Lorenzo witnessed the healing of a pregnant woman who nearly died in a fall. Immediately after the fall the two doctors in attendance feared for her life. She was blessed by Brother Taylor and Robert Farmer and then checked by these doctors. They were amazed at her recovery. In Liverpool, women of the street aggressively approached Newton and Lorenzo Farr. They refused, asking five or six girls how they had come to such ruin. The typical story was that they were unemployed and deserted by a lover.

Lorenzo bore his testimony in a meeting about the apostasy and restoration of the church. A minister arose and began to abuse the elders and degrade the name of Brigham Young. The crowd grew tired of the minister's tirade and requested that the elders be allowed to speak more. He enjoyed seeing the many cultural and historic sites in England. On his arrival back in New York he reported hearing the testimony of Apostle James Talmage. He told of meeting some leading politicians and ended his journal commenting on politics.

Lorenzo married **Minnie Woodmansee** on March 23, 1882 in the Logan Temple. She was born 27 July 1865, in Salt Lake. They had the following children: Charles Lorenzo, Adrian Lorin, Eleanor Althea, Helen Olivia, Ralph Woodmansee, and Claude Erickson. Lorenzo started chicken hatching at Beck's Hot Springs. He was a coal dealer bringing coal by railroad into Ogden. He was a partner with his brother, John, in both the coal and feed business. He also was involved in a successful venture in Zinc mining.

Lorenzo was on a trip with his oldest son, Charles, expecting to go to Hawaii and possibly to China for a three-month trip. He dropped dead on the streets of Tahoe, California. He had suffered from a weak heart and it was supposed that the high altitude helped cause his death. He died September 24, 1915 at age 56. Minnie died on June 9, 1935 in Los Angeles, California.



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## ANNA LAURA FARR



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Laura was born April 10, 1861 in Ogden, Utah. She was always industrious and cheerful. She never had an unkind word against anybody. She was very witty, with a happy attitude regardless of her trials. She had been a widow for many years. She was a good homemaker. Honest, sincere and faithful to her church. She had several major operations but survived until age 89, dying on May 11, 1950.

She married **Winfield Scott Harris** who was born in 1858 in Catlettsburgh, Kentucky. They married in Ogden in 1882 and had the following children: Milton Peery, Winfield Scott, Myrtle Laura, and Lorin Harold Peery. Winfield died in August 1914.

## JOHN FARR



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**John** was born January 4, 1863 in Ogden, Utah. His early education was spent in his father's school. Later he attended the Weber academy learning from Professor Moench. He spent many days working very hard on his father's farm, driving teams, hauling lumber, raising livestock and working in the mill.

On December 20, 1883 he married **Rachel Ann Witten**. Rachel was born on September 23, 1863 in Jeffersonville, Virginia. They had the following children John Clement, Mabel Grace, Eugene, Fern, Martha Pauline, Lyndall, Mildred, Rachel Afton and Roscoe Kenneth.

In 1888 he bought a piece of land where they built a building to house machinery to grind grist for livestock. They had a very strong business but due to the dust effecting John's lungs he had to change his business.

In 1890 John with his two brothers, Ren and Elijah purchased two ice businesses for \$13,000. Due to increasing competition and misrepresentation by the two ice companies they found themselves hopelessly in debt. So Ren and Elijah withdrew, with John working very hard to stay in business for 18 years. He continued with farming, some milling and the coal business for sixty years.



Rachel Whitten Farr  
Photo courtesy Harold S. Nufer



In 1898, after some success at his businesses he was called to a mission to England. At the completion of the mission he visited his mother's home in Norway, then he met his wife in New York. He and Rachel then enjoyed a trip to the South where they visited her relatives.

He served two home missions, held many church positions as ward teacher, Sunday School worker and ward teaching supervisor. John held priesthood offices of Seventy and High Priest. He was also active in civic and political affairs. He enjoyed very good health and lived up until his nineties. He drove a car past age 90.

Looking back over his many years of living, John wrote his autobiography, which the author has used liberally in presenting various family stories. John shared his testimony that the Gospel of Jesus Christ, as restored through Joseph Smith, had brought him much happiness and contentment. John knew personally eight presidents of the church. One was his nephew, George Albert Smith. He bore strong testimony to the calling of these prophets. He said they were true in their work among mankind. John died October 26, 1958 at age 94 in Ogden, Utah. Rachel died July 2, 1933 in Jeffersonville, Virginia. She was almost seventy.

## ELEANORA FARR



Eleanora Farr (Eleanora, Elanora)  
Photo courtesy Daughters of Utah Pioneers

Eleanora was born April 2, 1865 in Ogden, Utah. Her name changed over time to Elanora and finally after 1933 she was known as Elnora or Nora. She was an active church worker being faithful to the end. She was active in the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers and other clubs. She kept her home open for the missionaries and visiting authorities.

Eleanora married **James Wotherspoon** on October 26, 1883 in Ogden, Utah. James Wotherspoon was born June 14, 1856 in Paisley, Scotland. He came to Utah with his parents when he was age 18. He would live in Ogden conducting business and church affairs until moving with Eleanora to California in 1923 to retire.

Their seven children were:  
Elnora Clyde, Birdie Farr,  
Glenna Viola, Ruby Viola,  
James Bryan, Victor H. and  
Helen Shirley.

James was manager of a Co-op Store and associated for many years with the Shupe-Williams Candy Company. He traveled in the eight western states building up lines of distribution for the candy manufactured in Ogden. He was a director, secretary and sales manager for Shupe Co. and owned an interest in the company. James and Eleanora built a home in Ogden with all the components in the home being made in Utah. He was prominent in business circles always promoting Utah products and services so as to see a strong employment in the state.



James Wotherspoon  
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He served a mission to Scotland in 1890-91. He was President of the YMMIA in the Ogden Third Ward, then a bishop's counselor for six years finally succeeding as Bishop of the Third Ward for seven years. In 1908 he was called as the President of the North Weber Stake. He also served on the board of a hospital and the Weber Normal College.

Eleanora died July 23, 1944 at age 79 in Glendale, California. She was buried in Ogden Utah. James died on July 24, 1932 in Hollywood, California at age 75.

## ELIJAH FREEMAN FARR

Elijah was born December 28, 1867 In Ogden, Utah. He worked on the farm, as a store clerk and attended the local schools. He studied law and received his degree at age 23, at Ann Arbor, Michigan, earning honors. He came back to Ogden to practice law and was considered one of the best-read men in the state of Utah.

He died at age 38 in an accident on May 27, 1906 in the National Bank Building where he maintained his law office. He was crushed trying to get out of a half opened elevator after retrieving his keys after hours. At his funeral Elder George A. Smith said that he was an honest man, conscientious and true to his chosen calling. Elijah was thorough, always exercising proper regard towards those he dealt with. He had an exceptionally bright future and he was one on whom great responsibilities could be placed. Judge J. A. Howell said he was unusually bright and thorough in the law. He said he was an honest man, true to every trust, honorable in his profession, very thorough and thoughtful about the feelings of others. He never married.



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## MARY FARR



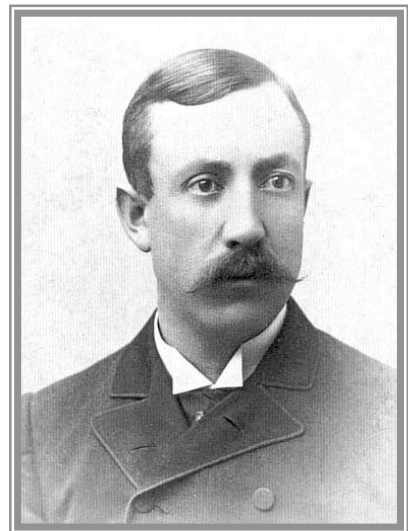
Mary (Mayme) Farr Driver  
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Mary or Mayme as she was known was born March 22, 1870 in Ogden, Utah. Mary married **George William Driver** on September 11, 1889 in Logan, Utah. George Driver was born August 9, 1859 in Brighton, England. He was a druggist.

They are the parents of five children: William Farr, Eva Nicolina, George Freeman, Louise Emblen, and Robert Farr.

Mayme, sometimes spelled Mamie was of cheerful disposition always ready to give aid to the less fortunate. She had implicit faith in the gospel and was a very diligent church worker. She enjoyed traveling, being good company and showing good will. She was very loving and kind. She enjoyed good health.

George died September 11, 1936 at age 77 in San Diego. Mamie died at age 102 on April 30, 1972 also in San Diego, California.



George Driver  
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## **CLARA JANE BATE McPHETERS** **SIXTH WIFE OF LORIN FARR**

Clara was born May 26, 1858 in London, Middlesex, England to Richard Bate and Mary Nixon. Lorin met Clara who was a housekeeper working in Salt Lake in 1901. By this time three of Lorin's wives had died - Sarah, Nancy and Mary. Olive and Nicoline still lived in Ogden but were in poor health and unable to keep house adequately for Lorin. He needed a housekeeper. To make it proper he proposed to Clara. She had either been widowed or divorced and she had a daughter, Millie McPheters.

Clara was taught the gospel and baptized on March 3, 1901 with Lorin confirming her a member of the church. She approached her bishop about getting a recommend to go to the temple for her endowments and then to marry Lorin as his sixth wife. The bishop was hesitant because she had not been a member a year and a faithful tithe payer, generally required for a person to receive a recommend. Lorin approached President Lorenzo Snow about getting an exception, which he granted. So Clara received her endowments on March 8<sup>th</sup> 1901 and was sealed to Lorin by John Winder, Temple President. Clara was 42 and Lorin 80 at their marriage. In one history she is referred to as Clara Jane Bate McPheters, which could have been her married name before marrying Lorin.

According to Lorin's travel journals of the early 1900's, he traveled with Clara to California. In March of 1902 he took Clara to San Francisco to visit Mrs. Leland Stanford, where they spent the afternoon viewing curios of ancient antiquities. Clara was not feeling well and having some bleeding. It was reported she had cancer and died a year after their marriage. Family comments were somewhat negative about Lorin marrying Clara, questioning her motives, but most likely Lorin was lonely and needed a housekeeper and companion, and his surviving wives were ill and did not want to move back to his and Nancy's home. Today's generation is more understanding and feels it is important to recognize her place in the Lorin Farr family.