

THE STORY OF THE LIVES OF
JOSEPH CHARLES & ALICE ELMINA BAILEY STAY

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On Saturday evening, the 31st of March, 1877, the Ward Teachers of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints were making their monthly visit to the George Brown Bailey's home. It was customary to make only one visit in an evening in those days, consequently they stayed and stayed, not realizing that the wife and mother of that family was in the bedroom wishing they would go. Her name was Elizabeth Young Bailey and at this particular time she was going through the hopes, fears and pains that are needed to bring a new life into the world, for the twelfth time. However, the Ward Teachers stayed and talked and talked, leaving only in time to keep a baby girl from being born on April Fool's Day, a few minutes before midnight. This child was the sixth daughter of twelve children. She was born into the lap of luxury, comparatively speaking as her parents, just twenty four years earlier had left their home in Bristol, England and came to Salt Lake City, Utah, USA. Walking across the plains in answer to the spirit of gathering which had entered their hearts in their native land. Down thru the years of hardship and struggle they had acquired a home on the south bank of Mill Creek about six miles south of Salt Lake City. The first house was an adobe house built by themselves. Here nine children were born in the three rooms of this small home. Just before their tenth child Ester Caroline was born they moved into a two story frame house they had built a short distance from the old three room adobe. This frame house was painted pink and could be seen for miles around as it was the largest house in that vicinity. Here two years later Rhoda Ann was born, then two years later Alice Elmina the twelfth child was born. As mentioned before in the lap of luxury compared to the hardships experienced before. The winter of 1877-78 was the first time all of the children had underwear and there was plenty to eat. There were only nine children at home this winter as the oldest daughter Ellen Maria had married Thomas Griffith Humphrey 21 Dec. 1874 and the oldest of the family Joseph Hyrum had married Ann Crane 27 Dec. 1877. Both of these families had moved to Salina, Utah.

On the first Thursday in May, 1877 they took their new baby to the Mill Creek Church House and there she was blessed and given the name of "Alice Ann Elmina Bailey", by Alexander Hill, Councilor to the Bishop Reuben Miller. However, the name "Ann" was given by mistake as Brother Hill was hard of hearing so the name was repeated to him "Alice and Elmina", he thought they said "Alice Ann Elmina". So that name was entered on the books with the extra name added.

When the New Year of 1878 came in all was well in the Bailey family. Then the terrible epidemic of diphtheria struck. On the 26 of January Caroline died and one by one Isaac, Rhoda Ann, David William, and Aaron Charles died with the same disease, also two of George B. Bailey's second family, Mary Ann and Frank all within one short month. Leaving only Alice and Heber J., of the second family, of all the little ones. George, Lizzie (Elizabeth), and Rube (Rueben) of the older children at home were left. The entire family contracted the disease and probably the reason that little Alice survived was that an abscess formed under her chin thus making an outlet for the gathering. Heber was four months younger than Alice. The next July Joseph the eldest son who lived in Salina contracted this disease and died, leaving his young wife who five months later gave birth to a little girl who was named Josephine.

From here on life was very pleasant for Alice as she didn't want for anything that was in the power of her parents or brothers and sisters to obtain. During the first six

years of her life, Elizabeth, her 18 year old sister took almost complete charge of her care, due to the fact that her mother worked with her father gathering honey and caring for it, which was their way of making a livelihood. Their home was surrounded by fruit trees and many kinds of flowers.

The Bailey family owned several cows, one a big Durham cow called Cherry, who was hard to milk and one a brindled and white cow called Daisy, she was very tame and quiet. One day Heber was told to herd the cows in the peach orchard and keep them out of the grape vines, which Alice's father prized very highly. Of course Vic, Billie (Heber's brother and sister) and Alice had to go down with Hebe, as he was called. They decided they would try and milk old Daisy, it was a day or two before her calf was born. Hebe and Billie got on one side, Vic and Alice on the other, not having much success as their hands were small and not strong enough. When who should appear but their father, where were the other cows, why in the grapes of course where the eating was better as grape vines tasted better than weeds. Such a scattering of kids. Hebe was the only one to be punished as he was the one told to herd the cows. He could run faster than his father so he only got a lick or two.

When Brother Alfred Best would come up to visit the family he would come up through the fields to talk about bees, flowers etc. with Alice's father the children would know his two sons of their ages would be down in the orchard so away they would go to climb apple trees and play as only children know how to play. They used to play in the bed of the Mill Creek where there were lots of rocks brought down from the mountains at time of high water. They would build houses out of the rocks, then catch toads that lived close to the stream and put the toads in the rock houses.

When Alice was six years old and Jose her niece was four they were taken to Salt Lake City to have their bad teeth extracted. Six were taken out of Alice's mouth and four out of Josies. They must have been given either ether or chloroform as they were nearly home before waking up.

About this time Alice's brother George and his twin Lizzie were married on the same day November 1, 1833. George married Victoria Price and moved into his own home and Lizzie married William Bird Humphrey of Salina, Utah where they went to live. This made a great impression on Alice as Lizzie had always taken care of her, now she had to sleep up stairs alone. In the winter it was quite cold up there all by her self. One night her mother took her up stairs to bed and there was a mouse in the big white wash basin. Her mother who was very much afraid of mice cautioned Alice to stay away from it while she went down stairs to get some water to drown the mouse. Alice thought "Who is scared of a little mouse", so she caught it by the tail, the mouse turned and bit her finger causing her to throw it down. When her mother came with the water there was no mouse due to Alice's disobedience.

Up in the attic, reached by a ladder Alice's parents would lay peach halves out in trays to dry so they could sell the dried fruit and supplement their income. Alice was afraid to climb this ladder but one night she woke up at the top of this ladder with some dried peaches in her hand. She had walked and climbed the ladder in her sleep. She was terrified and had to stay up on the ladder until someone could help her down.

Sunday School was also one of Alice's pleasures. Sunday School was held in the old Mill Creek Ward House. Her brother George was librarian and would call for her. When the roads were muddy in spring time, and it was difficult to drive the buggy,

George would place her behind him on his riding horse, "Old Tom", to go to Sunday School. This was great fun for her.

In October of the year Alice was six years old she started school in a one room school house with a large rock for a front step and was painted white. The tuition was fifty cents per month which went to pay the teacher. Some of the larger boys or the teacher would stay after school and sweep the school room out. The trustees furnished the coal and wood to keep the room warm. There was a big round stove in the middle of the room, those closest to the stove roasted and those farthest away sat and froze. It was called North's school because Addison North lived across the street and kept a little store and post office where the children could always buy a nickels worth of candy. This school was located on the old country road now Highland Drive. Alice's first teacher was named Annie McKay, she was a tall girl with long red hair, Alice thought she was the most beautiful person she had ever seen even if she did have freckles on her face. Other teachers who followed were Lizzie Cutler, Miss Crump, Nellie Spencer Cornwall (mother of Spencer Cornwall who lead the great Tabernacle Choir in Salt Lake for so many years), she was the first teacher to have singing in the school. Other teachers were King North, Samuel Brinton, who was called the baboon behind his back. Some years there would be eighty pupils enrolled in this one room, they didn't all come during the spring and fall as there was too much work to do on the farms. Classes from the first reader up to the fifth reader were taught. Other subjects studied were writing, arithmetic and spelling. When the students were in the fourth and fifth readers they would study geography and hygiene.

Alice always walked to school through the snow, mud and slush in the winter in deep dust in spring and summer. In winter all had to wear overshoes with two buckles as the mud and snow would pull rubbers off. When the city canal froze over (now long since filled in) the North boys, Marahia, "Hi" for short, Clarence and Roy, who lived next door to Alice would walk with Alice to school on the ice. This was much nearer to school than up Murphy's lane and along the country road. Alice went to this school for 8 years.

Alice was never lonesome at home as her half brothers and one half sister lived in the same house. They were Heber, Will, Jesse, Israel Erle and Elsie Victoria, who was three years younger than Heber and Alice. Vic was never called by her name until she went to school. The children called her "Suk" and Alice's mother called her Susan. The girls who went to school with Alice were Maud and Nora Murphy, another of their cousins Annie Murphy, who was Alice's girlhood pal and very loyal pal she was as they could share all their secrets with each other and know that no one else would ever know. Annie was Alice's cousin Eliza Lamborn Murphy's daughter, she was always called Aunt Eliza as she was much older than the girls. Many a happy hour was spent at Uncle Buds and Aunt Eliza's home playing games and making molasses candy by boiling the skimmings off of the last boiler of molasses which came from the molasses mill down in the Murphy's pasture. The sugar cane was crushed between two iron rollers run by a large water wheel and the juice was boiled down in great iron vats to make molasses.

As soon as Alice started to go to school she attended Primary which was held once a week on Friday after School. The President Armenta North with councilors Ann Lemons and Minnie Fuller were always there rain, snow or sunshine. The children always donated five cents if their parents had it so when the Primaries were called on for

a donation to the Salt Lake or Manti Temples there would be a fund to send. These officers made a quilt and gave it to the Manti Temple. The children would sing from a little blue Primary Book such songs as "I Want to See the Temple", "I Think When I Read That Sweet Story of Old", and many others. They would get up one after the other and all bear the same Testimony by saying: "I like to come to these little meetings. I think it is the work of the Lord and ask the Lord to bless us all, Amen." then sit down.

When Alice was eight years of age she was taken to the Mill Creek Ward House, she put on an old dress and then with several of her girl friends was taken across the street to the big ditch and was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day-Saints by George Martin White, Senior and was confirmed by Oliver P. Lemon on the same day, Thursday May 7, 1885. The first Thursday of each month being Fast Day at this time.

When Alice and Heber were just over eight years old, Heber, his mother, brothers and sisters moved into a home of their own on what is now 11th East, but at that time it was just down through the fields from the Bailey's big house. At about this time her brother Rube married Alice E. Parks, this left little Alice the only small child of the first family home alone with no one to play with. Alice was very lonely. This was when Annie Murphy and Alice became such good pals. This friendship lasted until Annie moved out to Woodland, Summit County, Utah where she met and married Will Mitchie. They after ward moved to the Indian Reservation which lengthened the distance between the two girls. In September of this year her brother Rube and his new wife came to live in part of the big house.

At this time Utah was a Territory and all the officers such as Governor, Judges, Marshals, etc. were went out to govern Utah from Washington D.C. These men began to persecute the Latter Day Saints for living their religion and worshiping God as they wished. Many of the Latter Day Saint men had more than one wife and were living very happily. Alice's father was one of them. In October 1886 he was arrested by the U.S. Deputy Marshals and sent to the U.S. Penitentiary for six months and fined \$300.00 for unlawful cohabitation in other words taking care of his second wife and their children. On account of good behavior the sentence was cut to five months. But rather than pay the \$300.00 fine he spent the last month in prison. In 1888 he was arrested again and sentenced to six months in prison with no fine. He was only imprisoned five months. The Warden was a very good friend to the Mormon men, his name was Mr. George Dow. He used to come down to the Bailey home to visit. He always brought his family so they could enjoy the flowers and fruit. This was before Alice's father was arrested. The penitentiary was located on 21st South east of Highland Drive or the old country road. While the father was away Alice's mother had the two families to support. This is when they built the two room house down in the field for Elsie, the second wife, and her family. She supported the two families by hauling sour milk to the Utah Cracker Company every day with a horse and buggy, 6 miles to and 6 miles back. Elsie stayed home and did the cooking and caring for the children.

When Alice was about ten years old her parents bought a pine tree which was Alice's first Christmas tree, as well as about the first Christmas tree in that neighborhood. It was a large tree and had candles of all colors set in metal holders and clamped on the end of the limbs, there was no electricity in those days. Of course Alice had to tell all the other girls at school about her Christmas tree, as they had never seen one they were all

invited to come Christmas Day and see it. Alice didn't tell her mother that the girls were coming. How she wished it would storm or something would happen to keep them home. On Christmas Day here they all came, the three North girls, the three Murphy girls, two Lunn girls, Josephine Scott and several others. Was her mother surprised but she was game and found some thing for each girl. If she had known she would quite likely have had a Christmas Dinner for them. Alice never forgot her first Christmas tree.

In Alice's 14th year she finished school at the District School, (Norths School House), in the fall she attended the Central Seminary, a large brick building now torn down and the ground was added to the Elesian Park Cemetary. This was a church School taught by Horace Cummings, Mrs. Bliss and Samuel Cornwall and was subscribed by the several Wards in the south part of the Salt Lake Stake, Mill Creek Ward, Union Ward, Murray Ward and Granger Ward. Tuition was paid by the quarter. Alice attended school here until the spring she was sixteen. Her grandmother, Anna Young, who had been living with the Baileys for the last three years, died at the age of eighty three. That fall the District Schools were graded and Alice was in the eighth grade with Robert Lewis as teacher. She was back at North's School where she had first started school. Alice only attended five days as her fathers plural wife, Elsie had decided that she no longer cared to live the life of a polygamous wife and consequently left her children, five boys and one girl to the care of Alice and her mother. This increased the work in the home considerably. Aunt Elsie's leaving was a great blow to Alice's father and soon after this his health began to fail him and much of the care of the children fell on Alice because her mother had the care of her father and the bees. Her half sister, Vic, was three years younger than Alice and proved to be a good helper and companion.

After quitting school Alice did not go to Primary until a Primary was organized in the north east corner of Mill Creek Ward. It was held in a little red school house on the corner of Highland Drive and 33rd South with Jane Cummings as President. Alice was chose as Secretary with Annie Butterworth as assistant. The children in this part of the Mill Creek Ward had never had a chance to go to Primary because of the distance to Church.

Two years later a Branch Sunday School was organized with James D. Cummings as Superintendent, it was called the North East Branch Sunday School. Only sixteen children in this part of the Ward had ever been to Sunday School. Walter Horwick was teacher of the adult class, John White and Alice were chosen to teach the intermediate class while Ansine Peterson Hall taught the little ones. Many men and women of today remember her and the little unfinished room in the attic of that red school house. The young folks used to gather here in the evening and practice singing with Brother J.D. Cummings as the leader. Sunday evenings a meeting would be held for those who wanted to come. An organ was obtained and Lizzie and Bell Horn could play it so the rest would do the singing. These young people decided they would get up a concert to help make the attic more comfortable for the little ones. They practiced songs and skits. Sister Anna Jensen had a big kitchen where she let Alice and her friends build a stage. Lizzie Horn played the organ, Os Fulmer and his sister Minnie were good singers, Os sang funny songs, Minnie sang popular. There were also George and John Horn, Amelia and Alice Jensen and Vic who also added their bit. They advertised by word of mouth and charged ten cents admission. Some of those who came must have paid more than ten cents as their receipts were \$7.50. It was impossible to seat seventy five people in that

kitchen. They made enough to buy factory to line the upstairs room of the Sunday School for the little ones to meet in.

By this time another Sunday School was organized in the North School House so another name for the first Sunday School had to be found. They both could not be called the North Sunday School. Brother J.D. Cummings chose a committee of three girls, Dela Searcy, May Rich and Alice Bailey to suggest names. Dela Searcy submitted the name Hill Top. May Rich forgot to think of a name and the two names Mizpah (Hebrew, "The Lord watch between me and thee when we are absent from another".) and Wilford for the leader of the Church at that time, Wilford Woodruff, were handed in by Alice Bailey. A vote was taken by the members of the Sunday School and the name of Wilford was given to the Sunday School and Primary. When the Mutual Improvement Association was organized it too was called Wilford. Upon the division of Mill Creek Ward the new Ward was called Wilford and now is a part of Wilford Stake in Salt Lake City.

All of the meetings, dances, plays, singing practice etc. were held in the red school house. All the young people and some of the older ones used to gather there. What fun they all had and what romances started there that were to last through all Eternity. In the years of 1894 and 95 Tom Farrell used to take Alice home from the meetings but he had two faults, he wouldn't come into the meetings but waited outside and he smoked. Alice's parents did not like this so they let Alice go to Salina to visit her sisters for a month. That put an end to that romance.

In the autumn of 1895 Alice's brother's wife Vic gave a house party for the young folks in honor of her sister who was visiting her. Vic invited a young brown eyed, light haired city boy who was working on his grandfathers fruit orchard across the street, by the name of Joseph Charles Stay. Charlie for short. The evening was spent in games, singing, etc. This meeting did not make much impression on either of the young folks as Alice was thinking of some one else and Charlie spent the evening flirting with Annie Price, Vic's sister.

Later that fall Alice spent some time staying with her brother George helping Vic before and after their son, Joseph Edgar, was born. Of course she had to go to all the meetings in the little red school house. So did Charlie as his mother and family lived in Salt Lake and he was lonesome. He would stop by George Bailey's and pick up Alice and they would go together and back to Alice's brothers place after meeting. Lizzie Horn told Alice, "Alie, you want to stay with that boy." But Alice replied, "Oh, he is just another city guy and doesn't know any one else." After Alice returned to her home Charlie continued coming down to see her. When he went to Salt Lake City to see his mother, who lived in the Seventh Ward with her family Alice would ride in with him. She wasn't received too well as she was only a country girl and she wasn't ever allowed to forget it.

November 4, 1895 Alice's father, George Brown Bailey died and was buried in the Salt Lake City Cemetery November 6, 1895. This gave Charlie an excuse to continue coming to see Alice. Many a happy time was spent together for the next three years. In the summers going up the canyons on picnics and out to Saltair to dance on the beautiful dance floor. In the winter going sleigh riding and to parties and dances held in the red school house. When ever Charlie drove into Salt Lake City to see his folks, before they moved out to the orchard, Alice would ride in with him in his two wheeled cart. Before his death Alice's father had been ailing for quite some time. He used to go around and

visit all the neighbors. It wasn't until years later that Alice found out he had called at the Woodbury orchard where Charlie was working and told Charlie he could have either one of his daughters that he wanted. With the perversity of youth if Vic or Alice had known of this match making of their father they wouldn't have made Charlie very welcome. As it was they invited him to all their house parties.

Before this time they had all gone out as a crowd, the White boys, Henry, Matt, Joe and Hon, the Harston boys, Willie and George and others would bring their two team sleight, bells and all down to the Bailey home and gather the girls, Annie Murphy, Millie Flowers, the Jensen sisters, Alice, Amelia and Ella, the Rich girls, May and Sarah, Belle Horn and of course the Bailey girls, Alice and Vic and away they would go for an evening of fun. The boys were called the UpperLorton crowd and were all good boys. Later on they began to pair off, George Harston Bell Horn, Oscar Fullmer, Annie Murphy, Mell Riches, Vic Bailey, Heber Bailey, Zettie Heller and of course Charlie Stay and Alice Bailey. George and Belle, Alice and Charlie were later married but the others after a year or two decided there were other people in the world and all married someone else.

One moonlight night while sitting out under an apple tree in the Bailey garden, the air was fragrant with the many flowers in bloom at that time, Charlie and Alice decided they thought enough of each other to end three years of delightful courtship and be together forever by getting married some time. It didn't seem real to Alice until Charlie began to bring crates of fruit and pint bottles down of an evening for Alice to can for the winter. Alice's mother owned a piece of ground, one half acre, on the north side of Mill Creek which she sold to Charlie for seventy five dollars. In October 1898 Charlie contracted with a man by the name of Mc Laughlin to build a two room house with pantry and clothes closet on this piece of ground. It took nearly four months to get this house finished as it was a very cold stormy winter. Nothing daunted the young couple. On December 22, 1898 Charlie and Alice went up to the Salt Lake Temple and were married for Time and Eternity by John Winder. It snowed all day. The next day the storm cleared and a wedding reception was held at the Bailey home.

At this time the Young Ladies Mutual Association was completely disrupted. The day Alice was married the President Lizzie Horn came down with rheumatic fever which lasted all winter. The second councilor Sarah Hansen married Alvin Fuller and moved into the Winder Ward. The Secretary Leah Hansen had married George Williams a month before and had moved into Mill Creek Ward, which left Annie Butterworth assistant Secretary and Alice, the first Councilor to carry the YWMIA work the rest of the winter and the next summer until the Mutual was reorganized the next fall with other officers.

September 10, 1899 Charlie's and Alice's oldest son was born. He was named Joseph Aden. Alice said, "When I held my baby in my arms with my husband on one side of the bed and mother on the other I experienced the greatest happiness this side of Heaven." Alice's mother delivered the baby and Charlie paid her a load of hay that he had raised on his grandfathers property on 33rd South. Charlie's Grandfather Woodbury passed away in June 1899 leaving this property to Charlie's mother, Mary Cornelia Woodbury Stay. Here Charlie worked until around the month of April 1901 just prior to the birth of their second child, Hobert.

Charlie and Alice lived in the little adobe two room house where their first five children were born, Joseph Aden, Hobert Bailey, Ivan George, Carroll Charles and Mary Carma. The rest of Alice's History is combined with the following history of Joseph Charles Stay.

Joseph Charles Stay was born February 26, 1878 in Salt Lake City on Seventh South and 2nd West. He was the eldest child of Joseph Hyrum and Mary Cornelia Woodbury Stay. His school years were spent in the Hamilton School until he reached the eighth grade. When he was big enough and old enough to work his grandfather, Thomas Hobert Woodbury would take him out to his fruit orchard on 33rd South above Highland Drive or the old Country Road as it was called then. As he grew older he would pick and market the fruit returning the money to his grandfather. When he was between fifteen and sixteen he took entire charge of the orchard doing the irrigating, weeding, picking the fruit and selling it. A big job for a boy so young, but he had his grandfather to guide him. Just before his eighteenth birthday he met his fate. Although at that time neither he nor the girl Alice Bailey knew about it as both were interested in someone else at that time. After three years acquaintance and courtship they were married in the Salt Lake Temple by John R. Winder on December 22, 1898. The snow fell all day but cleared up that night. A wedding reception was held at the home of the bride's mother the next night.

Two weeks after they were married they moved into their new house just across the Mill Creek from her old home. Alice and her mother had sewed carpet rags and had a rag carpet woven for the one room. It was a very late spring that year. On May 2, 1899 all the fruit trees were in bloom and all looked well for the two young folks, but after a severe storm on May 1st it cleared up and a heavy frost froze all the fruit except the black currants which were not in bloom at that time. Charlie's grandfather, Thomas H. Woodbury died on 6 June 1899 so Charlie was out of work until the estate was settled.

Black currants and rhubarb were the only fruit to eat that year. Alice would go up to the orchard every week after the currants were ripe and pick a crate of currants for which Charlie would take to Salt Lake and sell for \$3.00. Half would be paid into the estate of his grandfather and Alice would get the other \$1.50 which was used to buy clothes for their first baby.

Charlie had borrowed \$300.00 from his grandfather to finish building his home, this he paid back to the estate in work on the orchard that summer, so money was very short for the young people.

September 10, 1899 their first child, a boy, Joseph Aden Stay was born. Alice's mother Elizabeth Bailey delivered the baby as she had so many other of her grandchildren, besides many of the neighbors babies. For this service Charlie gave her a load of hay for her horses. Grandmother Stay helped in the house work for two weeks.

The following August 1900, Charlie came home one day very sick which developed into diphtheria. He was very sick for three weeks not knowing whether he would recover. After he began to improve they found the disease had left him with a partial paralysis in all his limbs so he could not work. He went by horse and buggy to Salina Utah to visit his sisters-in-law, Ellen and Lizzie, for a month which helped him very much although he could not work at all that winter. He made this trip with a nephew Will Humphrey.

April 1901 Charlie went to work at the Salt Lake Pressed Brick Company just two weeks before their second son, Hobert Bailey Stay, was born April 23, 1901. Charlies

mother had inherited the orchard and moved her family out on to it. She thought she and her daughters could pick and sell the fruit, most of it on the place as people would come there to buy. Thus leaving Charlie free to work elsewhere. The work at the Brick Yard was night work, trucking brick which meant pushing a truck load of brick to the setters. For eight hours work he received \$1.50 per day. That winter he would get up early and drive up to the mouth of Parleys Canyon to cut ice at \$1.50 per day of ten hours work before he would go to his job at night. In about a year he was given the job of setter, which meant placing the brick in the kiln ready to be fired. This work increased his pay to \$2.50 for ten hours work. During the years Charlie worked at the Brick Yard two more sons were born, Ivan George, December 17, 1902 and Carroll Charles, December 22, 1904. Just six years to the day from getting married. As their family was increasing they added another room and a cellar to their two room home. Their first girl, Mary Carma was born December 8, 1906.

Eight years after they were married Charlie's mother tired of working so hard in the fruit orchard, offered Charlie five acres of peach orchard at the west end of her place, without any house, for his little home, which she could rent for more than the fruit would bring on the five acres. Charlie borrowed \$300.00 from his mother-in-law, Elizabeth Bailey to build a five room house with attic, which was later finished into three additional rooms. This property was on 33rd South just east of Highland Drive. Charlie quit his job at the Pressed Brick Company and went back to raising fruit on shares with his mother. Most of the work on this new home was done by the family. Hiring only the carpentering and plastering done. Charlie had a team and wagon by this time so he did all the hauling of material. He lined the five rooms with adobes. One day he went to work and took Ivan who was not yet five years old with him. He asked Ivan to hand him an adobe brick which Ivan did and was ready with another brick was soon as his father needed it. Ivan continued to hand his father bricks all day long which surprised his father, that one so young would stay with such a hard job.

That year was a very cold winter. In the spring when the fruit trees were all in bloom a killing frost struck, but a cold east wind came down out of Parley's Canyon and saved the peach crop. There was only one other orchard in Salt Lake Valley where there were any peaches that year. All the peaches were sold on the place clearing over \$300.00 in three weeks. This enabled Charlie to pay back the money which had been borrowed to build the house.

The next summer another baby girl was born, July 10, 1908. She was named Lorna Ellen.

Charlie served as water master on the lower Mill Creek for \$50.00 per month for the six months of the summer. He would have to drive up to the mouth of Mill Creek Canyon every day to see that every one got their share of water. He did this for two years. Then John Guest was appointed water master which disappointed Charlie very much.

One day a Mr. Sorenson came by, he was Danish and wanted to know "Ver is Stay". He wanted Charlie to be his assistant as horticulture Inspector in Salt Lake County at \$100.00 per month. This helped very much with the growing family. When Mr. Sorenson died a short time later Charlie was appointed in his place as Horticulture Inspector with a higher salary. He held this position from January 1, 1910 until 1916

when the politics changed in Salt Lake County and another man was appointed in his place.

September 19, 1910 another little girl was born but only to stay with them for a few minutes as she died soon after she was born. Her name was Minnie. The next year another girl was born September 1, 1911 named Doris Alice. Then came Nina Elizabeth March 22, 1913. Three years later all but one month Lois Dott was born February 20, 1916.

Before leaving the little home on 13th East Aden had started school at North's School where his mother had gone to school. When the family moved up on the hill, 33rd South, Aden, and Hobert went to school in the little red school house. Here Ivan, Carroll Mary and Lorna spent their first school years.

In 1916 after Charlie lost his position as Horticulture Inspector one day he started for Salt Lake City to see if he could find a farm in Cache County, Utah to move his family to as the boys were growing up and needed some thing to do out of school hours. While waiting for the street car a real estate man named Hinckley gave him a ride to the City. Charlie told him where he was going. Mr. Hinckley said he had just the place for him in the west end of Draper in Salt Lake County. Charlie took Alice and Ivan, who was out of school that day, out to see this farm of eighty acres, without a house on it. The price was \$16,000. This farm was called the Old Stewart Farm and owned by the Beneficial Life Insurance Company. When Charlie had been earning a good salary for several years he had bought a small home from George R. Bailey, who had moved to Idaho. This small home was across 33rd South from his home. These two places on 33rd South were traded for the farm with an \$8,000 mortgage left to pay off to the Beneficial Life Insurance Company.

After a very hard winter of lots of snow and cold weather the time was spent getting ready to move out to the farm. The vegetables stored in the cellar froze so bad they could not be used, much of the bottled fruit froze and broke the bottles, but on March 22, 1917 the family moved out to the farm. Across the Denver & Rio Grand railroad tracks east of the farm was a little brown house of two rooms and a closet. The Stay family of nine children and parents moved into this small house. They lived in this house for nearly one year while the father and the boys built a five room house on the farm. The family moved to the farm in September 1917.

The First World War was on, Charlie was under the age of 45 and Aden the eldest son was past twenty years, both were of draft age. As Charlie was a farmer and the father of a large family he was exempted. Aden had taken all of his examinations for the army and was waiting for his call when the influenza broke out all over the world. His call was cancelled. November 11, 1918 the First World War was ended. While the flue was so bad the family was all sick with it except Charlie and Carroll. They kept on working in the beetfield and caring for the family until all were well.

Hobert was the first one to attend Jordan High School. Ivan, Carroll, Mary, Lorna and Doris enrolled in the Draper Park School. All of these children later went to the Jordan High School and graduated.

August 12, 1918 another daughter, Myla Bessie was born. October 18, 1918, Elizabeth Young Bailey, who had been such a good mother, grandmother and friend to the family passed away with the flu at the home of her daughter Ellen Humphrey in

Salina, Sevier County, Utah, less than a week after a visit to her family on the farm. She was brought back and buried by her loved ones in the Salt Lake Cemetery.

As Aden had been exempted from the army, for which his parents were very thankful, they said if Aden is called on a mission he is going even if the farm isn't paid for. The next year Aden received his call for a mission to Mexico to preach the Gospel to the Spanish speaking people in Mexico, New Mexico, and Colorado. He left January 12, 1920. After two years he returned the 10th of January 1922 due to bad health. He married his boy hood sweetheart, Alice Irene White in the Salt Lake Temple on the 16th of November 1922. They had one baby girl born Jan. 10, 1924 and named her Claire. Their hopes of more children were destroyed six times later due to a negative RH factor.

July 20, 1921 another son, Jesse Eldred Stay was added to the Stay family. What a boy! This was the twelfth child, eleven of whom were alive. From January 1922 until July 1922 the family were all together for the only time for many years.

Hobert graduated from Jordan High School, while Aden was on his Mission. Ivan stayed home due to the work on the farm until Hobert was through school then he returned to Jordan High to finish his schooling. During this time Charlie drove the school wagon for the Draper Park School during the winters to supplement the family income.

Hobert B. Stay, the second son, left for his mission to the Northern States Mission July 15, 1922. He returned July 18, 1924.

After Aden was married Charlie bought a big home up in Draper that had been built by Bishop Stewart sixty years before. This house was a three story house with a basement. The walls built of rock were four feet thick. Each floor had four big rooms with a big hall through the center. The family moved into this house November 25, 1922 so the girls would be nearer to school and church. The boys stayed on the farm. Aden and wife moved out to a big house on the farm.

After finishing High School, Ivan G. worked on the D & R G railroad to earn money to go to California to attend an Automotive School. He left in December 1923. The father, Joseph C. Stay being out of work went to California with his brother-in-law Anton Samuelson to sell woolen goods for the Salt Lake Woolen Mills. He was in Huntington Park, Calif. when Ivan arrived.

The next year, after Hobert had come home from his mission, Ivan came home for a visit and persuaded Hobert to go back with him as work was very scarce in Utah. They went to work for the Bell Telephone Co. serving cars at night. While working at San Diego, on July 15, 1925 Hobert had his leg broken by a truck jamming him against a brick wall. This took six months to heal. As he was intending to get married in September he had to postpone his wedding. The next March, Hobert went to Lethbridge, Canada to marry Velva Sidonia Jensen, daughter of Lehi Jensen. They were married March 24, 1926 in the Cardston Temple. Hobert and Velva had met while they were both on their missions to the Northern States. They came back to Huntington Park, California to live where they had a family of three children, Hobert Lee, Gary Eugene, and Donavee.

In the mean time Carroll had graduated from Jordan High School and went to work for J.R. Allen on his farm. His father, who had returned from California told him if he wanted to go to the Agricultural College in Logan, Utah he would finance him. Carroll attended this school one year and some months when he contracted rheumatism and had to quit school and come home. Before school started the next term he received a

call for a Mission to California from the Draper Ward. He left October 29, 1927 and spent twenty months preaching the Gospel at San Diego then was transferred to the Sacramento-Gridley District in Northern California. He spent the next eight months there. He arrived home March 31, 1930. He remained home one year in the Belvedere Ward where his parents had moved their family in his absence. Here he was President of the YMMIA. Carroll returned to Los Angeles where Ivan obtained work for him at C. L. Duncan Fertilizer Plant.

In the autumn of 1927 the home in Draper plus \$1,000 was traded to Uncle Thomas H. Woodbury for his big home at 1858 South 4th East. The move was made on Thanksgiving day. We lived at this home in Salt Lake City for three years and five months.

Mary Carma graduated from Jordan High School June 1925. After working all summer she applied to the Latter Day Saints Hospital for training as a nurse. On the 4th of January 1926 she entered the hospital for training. After three years training receiving eight dollars per month the first year, ten dollars for the second year and twelve for the last year, she graduated as a trained nurse May 20, 1929. She worked for two months as a special nurse in Salt Lake Hospitals then went to California August 1, 1929 where she obtained a position in the Mission Hospital in Huntington Park, California. After nursing in this hospital for eight years she married Edward Casper Gunderson January 19, 1937 in the Salt Lake Temple. This couple made their home at Menan, Idaho on Ed's farm. Mary was appointed a District Nurse in Jefferson County Idaho where she is still working, much loved and respected.

Lorna Ellen, the second daughter, after two years of High School, she was eighteen years old July 10, 1926, married Henry Richard Vandenberg in the Salt Lake Temple. The marriage was performed by Elder George F. Richards. They made their home in Draper, Salt Lake County, Utah. Henry worked on the farm of J.R. Allen. Henry in company with Charles Stay, Valintine Stay and 8 other relatives made a trip to Yellowstone Park. Everyone enjoyed the trip until on the way home, coming up Bear River Hill, Henry's car tipped over injuring Doris Alice, and Valintine Stay slightly. Henry's back was broken as well as his right arm and collar bone and cutting his head severely. Lorna and Valintine's wife Rhoda were not in the party as both were expecting new babies. Lorna and Henry already had one son Henry (Harry) Marlon born June 30, 1927 and their second child, Joyce was born September 25, 1928 six weeks after Henry was injured. Lorna nursed Henry as he was paralyzed from his waist down. They stayed for one year at her parents home on 4th East and Garfield Ave, Salt Lake City. In August 1929 Lorna took the two babies and her helpless husband on the train back to Belair, Michigan to Henry's fathers farm where Henry passed away January 8, 1930. He requested before he passed away that his body be brought back to Salt Lake City to be burried so that when Lorna passed on she could be laid by his side. He rests in the Mill Creek Cemetery, now Eleison Park Cemetery, Salt Lake County, Utah. He lived a clean pure life and was loved by every body who knew him. In August 1930 after a visit to her Uncle and Aunt, Mr. & Mrs. E. C. Gunderson at Menan, Idaho, Lorna and babies went to Huntington Park, California to keep house for Ivan, Mary and Doris. She later married Frank L. Sly and two more children, Alice La Rae, born July 8 1934 and Frank Leuel Sly, Jr. were born. Six weeks after Frank Leuel Jr. was born Lorna died from an infection due to child birth. Frank Leuel Jr. was born February 20, 1937, Lorna died April 6, 1937 and

was buried beside her first husband Henry Vandenberg in Salt Lake City, Utah on April 10, 1937.

January 24, 1930 their beloved mother and grandmother Mary Cornelia Woodbury Stay passed away of heart trouble and was laid to rest in the Salt Lake Cemetery.

Doris graduated from Jordan High School in 1929 then took a business course at the Latter Day Saint Business College. In April 1930 she graduated and not being able to obtain work in Salt Lake during the depression, she went to Los Angeles with her sister Mary. Mary had been home on a visit after being operated on for appendicitis. In July 1930 she obtained a position as Secretary for the Arco Paint Co. of Los Angeles.

During this time Aden, his wife and daughter went to Los Angeles for two years and worked for Grover Dunford in the fertilizer business January 3, 1930 they returned to Salt Lake to their home on 20th East between 27th and 30th South.

Nina Elizabeth graduated from the Draper Park Grade School and after moving to Salt Lake City she attended the South Junior High School graduating in 1929 from the ninth grade and then attending East High School where she graduated in 1931.

After the death of his mother, Charlie, whose health had begun to be bad came to California to spend the winter of 1930-31 with the children who were living here. This left his wife and four children in Salt Lake City, Nina attending East High School, Lois was going to South Junior High and Myla and Jesse were going to the Whittier Grade School. While in California Charlie decided to buy a home at 3329 Flower Street, Huntington Park, California. He sent home for the savings they had in the Sugar House Bank in Salt Lake City, Utah of \$725.00, being divinely guided, to make the down payment on the home on Flower Street. The letter was received by his wife December 11, 1930, the money was drawn out in the form of a cashiers check and mailed the same day via air mail. Charlie received it December 12, 1930, paid it to the Bank in South Gate, California on the 12th of December. The Sugar House Bank closed its doors 20th December 1930 and they would have lost this savings if they had not bought the home in California when they did. Many of their relatives and friends were not so lucky and lost their life savings when this bank closed.

April 14, 1931 after selling their home in Salt Lake City, Charles and Alice with their two youngest children, Myla, 10 years old and Jesse 7 years old, left for California in an old Model T Ford Sedan, leaving Nina to graduate from East High and Lois to graduate from South Junior High. These two stayed with relatives until the school year was completed the last part of May then joined the rest of the family in their new home in California.

During the next year in California Nina met and married Delbert Gerald Rokes June 11, 1932 in the Lounge of the South Los Angeles Stake Center. The ceremony being performed by Bishop Grover Dunford, after which they left for Salt Lake City where they were sealed in the Salt Lake Temple on June 13, 1932 by George F. Richards. They came back to Los Angeles area where they made their home.

After Lois came to Huntington Park, California she attended the Huntington Park Union High School. During her first year here a severe earthquake was experienced in the Huntington Park, Compton, Lynwood and Long Beach area, doing much damage to property and taking many lives March 11, 1933. Thanks to an all wise Father none of the Stay family were injured or killed. It was a great experience. The Huntington Park

Union High School was one of the more severely damaged buildings in this earthquake as a fire was caused which burned it. Lois's class was moved into a Baptist Church near by where she attended school until her graduation. She then attended the Frank Wiggins Trade School for two years studying cosmetology. She worked for Bertha, later opening her own beauty shop at the corner of Walnut and Seville in Huntington Park.

The year of 1933 was a year of marriages in the Stay family. Doris married Joseph Leon Pilkington April 18, 1933 in the Salt Lake Temple. Carroll married Erma Ford of Centerville, Utah May 8, 1933 in the Salt Lake Temple and came back to Huntington Park to live as had Doris and Leon. Lorna Stay Vandenberg married Frank L. Sly May 27, 1933 and moved to Maywood, California with her two children Harry & Joyce. Ivan married Agatha Elizabeth Lechtenburg of Grandville, Sioux County, Iowa September 4, 1934 and made their home in Huntington Park, California.

Prior to all these marriages in 1933 and after the earthquake, Alice the mother went to the Mission Hospital April 17, 1933 where she underwent an operation of repair work which was not entirely successful as two weeks later another operation was performed and two small tumors were removed which beyond a doubt saved her life.

Myla Bessie Stay finished a four year term at the rebuilt Huntington Park Union High School then spent the next five years at the UCLA, or University of California at Los Angeles where she graduated as a High School Teacher. She taught one half year at Long Beach. September 4, 1942 Myla married Roy Knute Lindorf at Fort Lewis Washington before Roy was shipped over seas during the Second World War. Just after their marriage Roy was sent to Hawaii and then on to the Phillipine Islands. Roy belonged to the Los Angeles National Guard which was one of the first units called to active duty. He was away for three years.

Jesse Eldred Stay attended the State Street Grade School, then the Gage Junior High School and in 1936 entered Huntington Park High School. After graduating from high school he entered the University of California at Los Angeles for two years earning sixty units which entitled him to enter the United States Army Air Force School at Lubeck, Texas. Here he completed his training as a pilot and officer and graduated with a rating as a 2nd Lieutenant in the US Army Air Force. He was receiving this training when the Second World War began. After his graduation as an Officer he had ten days furlow to spend at home. He married Helen Lela Valentine July 13, 1942 while home on furlow. They were married in the Huntington Park Stake Center Lounge by Bishop Carl Stevens. He received further training in Salt Lake, Washington and Iowa. Helen accompanied him to these training centers and was with him until he was sent to the Hawaiian Islands and from there he flew from Island to Island on missions in the B-24 aircraft as the United States fought their way back to the Phillipines in the Battle of the Pacific. He was away for two and a half years, then returned to his wife and little daughter Sharon.

Charlie was in poor health when Jesse left and on November 1, 1943 he passed on after suffering for sixteen months with heart trouble. He was buried in the Rose Hills Cemetery, Whittier, California.

(This history was compiled by Nina Stay Rokes from notes written and left by Alice B. Stay prior to her death.)

Alice continued living in this home on Flower Street making a home for her widowed daughter Lois, who had married J. Harry Robb and had one son, Jack before

Harry died of Hodgeson Disease in 1939 and Myla while Roy was over seas. Lois married Edwin S. Tremelling and went to live in Lynwood and when the War was over the other girls went with their husbands leaving Alice alone. She sold the home to Myla and Roy and bought a home in Lynwood two doors from her daughter Nina Rokes where she lived until 1958 when she fell and broke her hip. While recuperating from her broken hip she stayed with Lois who was living in Anahiem, Calif. She was a stalwart person and was determined not to be an invalid. Six weeks after she broke her hip she was walking even though she had become a diabetic in her senior years. While she was in Anaheim she sold her home in Lynwood to Myla and Roy. Upon recovery she went to live in an apartment that Carroll had built in Montebello. She lived here until she suffered from a series of strokes that took her speech and left her paralyzed on her right side. She lingered this way for 8 days before she passed away on the 4th of August 1960, at the age of 83. When she suffered her strokes Lois took her into her home to nurse her. She was buried beside Charles in the Rose Hills Cemetery on August 7, 1960.