

A Short Sketch of My Life
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My patriarchal blessing tells me that I chose my parents. When I think of this, I have much to be thankful for. We were all tried and tested, and have come into this world to build up and defend the Gospel. Of course we cannot all be leaders, but we each have talents and should use our talents for the building of God's Kingdom here on this earth. I need not envy any one of earthly riches for I consider my lineage a blessing far greater than riches.

I was born at St. George, Utah, August 4, 1889. My childhood was typical of early Mormon Pioneer families. My parents, Wm G. and ParaLee A. Miles were devout and taught me the principals of the Gospel. Both of them held many responsible positions in the L.D.S. church My Mother being a member of the stake board relief society at the time of her death and my father a Patriarch.

After graduating from the elementary school at St. George, I attended the Woodward high School graduating from it in 1907. I then taught School five years; later I attended the Dixie College completing one full year in addition to taking many six week courses during a period of ten years. In 1934 I accepted a position as a social service worker from the Utah State Dept. of Public Welfare. During the 12 years I was employed, I had the privilege of taking courses on social work at the University of Utah.

I was married to Charles Clifford Wallace, Sept. 11, 1911. We have been blessed with seven lovely children all of whom are now living three of whom have filled missions. Our oldest Daughter and her Husband have been ordained temple workers for 11 years and are still active. Our oldest Son is a Doctor of Philosophy and is now a professor in Los Angeles City College. Altogether, we feel that we have a family to be proud of.

I remember that when I was a little girl, I was always prayerful. My greatest ambition was to be a teacher and when I was asked to be a Sunday School teacher at the age of 15 it was a great thrill to me. From that day to this, I have been teaching in one of the L.D.S. Organizations. I have taught in every auxiliary organization of our church. While I was rearing my children, I was president of the M.I.A. I have taught as a member of the Zion Park Stake relief Society from 1929 to 1937. A member of the St. George Stake Relief Society from 1938 to 1945 and of the Liberty Stake Relief Society Board from 1948 and still serving. I have spent many hours in Genealogical and research work and am happy to report that I have in my possession several large books with all endowment work completed on my father's line.

My family, Church Activities, and Social Work have occupied most of my time. However, I have belonged to a few Literary Clubs. At the time we moved from St. George to Salt Lake, May, 1945, I was President of the Alice Louise Reynolds Club, Chapt. 16, a Literary Club with 4 Chapters in St. George. Since moving, I have worked at the S.L. Co. Dept. of Public Welfare for 1 ½ years and as Director of Employment at the L.D.S. Relief Society Dept. for 9 months. I discontinued both of these positions so as to have more time to spend in Church Activities.

In Sept. 1949 I was set apart as Pres. of the North 2nd Ward Relief Society Liberty Stake and labored for two years. I enjoyed my work as Pres. very much and learned to love the members of the Relief Society. We sold our house and lot and moved away and later bought the house and lot we now occupy at 520 So. 5th E. In the Fall of 1951 I was set apart as Pres. of the North Ward Relief Society and am now acting in that capacity, I enjoy my labors and find the women full of love and faith.