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History of James McArthur Son of DDMC Ina 3-2254

Family Background 1870 to 1890's

Spring of 1870 Elizabeth Bullock McArthur the third wife of Daniel D. McArthur and her husband were comfortably living in St. George, Utah. DDMc had just turned 50 years old. His wife Elizabeth age 28 and was now pregnant with her 4th child James. Eugenia was age 10, George had died at 13 months as a child and Isabelle was 2 years of age.

Daniel D.'s first wife Cordilia Clark had Died while coming out west in 1841 he had one child from this marriage Andrew. Two years later DD married Matilda Caroline Fuller December of 1845. She had three children Daniel Hannah and Emma at the time of DD's marriage to Elizabeth. Matilda was age 37 when Brother DD married Elizabeth his second wife. Matilda was 9 months pregnant with her 4th child Caroline at the time of the Marriage.

Elizabeth was 15 ½ at the time of her marriage in February of 1858. The same month of her marriage she was able to help DD's 2nd wife Matilda in the birth of her 4th child. They lived in separate homes and were great friends. Daniel D. was married to Mary Hill age 17 the same day he married Elizabeth. The year James was born to Elizabeth, Daniel D. Married his 5th wife Mary Francis Calloway. She had Six children.

Elizabeth was 18 when her first child Eugenia was born December 4, 1860. It seems a little strange to the modern day reader of today to think of polygamy but the families and especially the children were happy and live harmoniously.

There were about

James' father Daniel D. was serving as the Presiding Bishop of southern Utah beginning September 15, 1869. Later on just two months after the Birth of James his father was sustained as Bishop of St. George and as assistant to Erastus Snow, Trustee for the Building of the St. George Tabernacle. This was done at the Semi Annual conference of the Southern Mission held Friday thru Sunday May 5-7, 1871.

This sets the stage for the young growing years of James and his siblings. They would grow up around a father and family that was present while they built the St. George Tabernacle and also the St. George Temple.

St. George Temple Completed and Father called on a mission to England Scotland

James was 6 years old when the Temple was completed. His father Daniel D. was teamster and so James would have accompanied his father on many trips to haul building products to assist in the building of the Temple. James was eleven months old when the last stone was laid in the tower of the St. George Tabernacle. Father was 51 years old at the time.

"My father was told that as soon as the St. George Temple was completed that he would be called on a second mission to England." Father was 57 when the temple was completed.

March 6, 1876 Father was elected a member of the St. George City Council. One year later the temple was dedicated. I was 6 years old. The day of the dedication of the Temple, President

Brigham Young gave to father the mission he had promised - a 2nd call to go to England and Scotland. One month later my oldest brother Andrew and his wife Addy took Father the Utah Southern Railroad called York Station.

Father traveled to Salt Lake City where he was set apart for his mission by Elder Orson Pratt in June of 1877. Father Arrived in Liverpool on the 22nd of June 1877.

Father returns from his mission October 1878

Father returned from his mission about one year later and accompanied a group of saints home to Zion. They arrived in Salt Lake October 3, 1878.

When Father returned to St. George He was made Counselor to President John D. T. McAllister, President of the St. George Stake. March of 1881. I was just 10 years old so much of my young life was spent with mother and the other brothers and sisters. Father continued to serve and was called to preside over the St. George Stake as President December of 1888 Father was 68 at the time of the call. And I was age 17.

Father continued faithful in the service of the Lord. The Federal Government passed legislation that prohibited polygamy and Father was living with three of his wives and April 1890 when I was just 19 father was arrested and taken to Beaver City for Trial. Father was fined \$250.00 for Cohabitation and having children in polygamy.

1894 was a special time for me This was the year I was able to wed my sweetheart Elizabeth Oxburrow. We were married October 18, 1894.

Church President Lorenzo Snow Receives Revelation at our home on Tithing

One month later we had a special experience. President Lorenzo Snow came to our home for a special meeting. President Snow was unsure why he was coming but was inspired to by the Lord. My brothers Moroni and Edward Meeks were the ones that took the horse and buggy out to bring President Snow and his group in from Modena.

It was great to be in the Tabernacle when President Snow shared his spiritual impressions from the Lord regarding tithing.

Father finally lost his site in 1901 he was 81 years old He was honorably released from the Stake presidency and sustained as a Patriarch which position he held until he died June 3, 1908 at age 88. I was 37 years of age, married with five children.

Mission

Bessie and Clio born before mission -home Aug 1901-Aug 1999

Courtship and Marriage- Circumstances that led to the romance of Jim and Lizzie - In the 1890's the young people worked hard, but they also played hard with dances and parties, candy pulls, hayrack rides, and they spent many evenings singing together at the organ. The Oxborow home was a gathering place for the young and Grandma and grandpa loved it. Lizzie's crowd was the in group, the popular jet set. Lizzie was considered a good catch for any young man. She was an excellent cook and having learned from her father the Bakery Art, an expert

seamstress, and a good house-keeper because at the early age of thirteen she started working in the finer homes in St. George. She could bottle fruit, do house cleaning, washing, ironing and mending and her wages supplemented the Oxborrow family income.

One of the fellows in her crowd was James McArthur. He was called Jim and lived just two and one-half blocks from the Oxborrows. James liked nothing better than to take his Dad's team and wagon and take the crowd for a ride. He loved very much to get the whole gang in the wagon box s standing up and then get the team of horses on a fast run down the dirt road and make a quick turn on to one of the grass lots and the drowd would falldown or out.

Lizzie and Jim fell in love and set the date for their marriage. Aunty Crane went to Salt Lake City and bought the material for Lizzie's wedding dress and brought it home to her. Lizzie cried and cried all day when she saw it and said it looked just like the cover on Grandma's feather tick. But with the help of Aunt Gene Coates(sister to James) Lizzie made a beautiful wedding dress and preparations began for the wedding feast.

Josph Oxborrow roasted a whole pig and it came from the large church oven beautifully browned and glazed and was served on a tray with a big red apple in its mouth. Lizzie and her mother stayed up all night before the wedding helping Grandpa Oxborrow bake and make the fancy parts and breads and other goodies for the big day. Lizzie was 21 and James was 23, their marriage certificate says they were married October 18, 1894 at the St. George Temple, in the Territory of Utah. The wedding guests stayed most of the night and among their wedding gifts were a milk cow, a churn and butter molds. James' dowry was a beautiful team of horses and a wagon.

Their honey moon was a trip to Bunkerville, Nevada. James' older sister, Aunt Belle Bunker was a school teacher in Bunkerville and had come home for the wedding. They were to take Aunt Bell back to Bunkerville, a trip which took two days. About half way to Bunkerville they camped for the night. A bed was made in the wagon box for Lizzie and Aunt Belle and James slept on the ground under the wagon the first night of his honeymoon.

"Dolly" was the pet name that James always called his sweetheart by. He would often put his arm around Lizzie and give her a pat on the back side and say, "Dolly, you're the best little wife Id ever had." Lizzie would giggle and give a happy laugh. James was over six feet and Lizzie was 5feet 2 inches with hazel eyes.

Childhood

First employment Farm, when home from mission had a team, butter mould, sold milk to everyone be home at 6 oto put (1903 was made the bishop bishop for 23 years) had his farm on the bench went thru the river no bridge, tromp hay and pick peaches. Mosqueto bite me to death.Barn across street.

Road Contrtacting business Andrew N. Windsor, George F. Whitehead contract to build roak to black ridge. (age 12 andrew age 10) 1922-23_) mother did cooking and they lost their shirt. Lost all their money. Dad was saying that he was in debt 5000 and had to pay the men. Shoe flies greasy water so dirty. Bessie kept things going at home. She was working at the telephone office. Mother was such a good cook. Tarts pastries Ern Nelson and harlod miles OK market had a bnasement in it bear claw they ask mother went to work nd Ina was in hisgh school in 1925-

26. She worked there for quite a while and then as they went on and father was the bishop we all had to take turn tending the Bishopstorehouse. They quite taking tithing in kind and so they bought the Ernest Nelson Harold Miles (Dick Miles) in partnership bought purchased the bakery and called it the OK Bread named it the quality bakery still partnership then father bought it Sold out about 2-3 years later. Then McArthur's Quality Bakery. Mother helped pay the road off when they were still farming and she was at OK market
Father was the mayor and when Andrew Carnegie gave money for the library.

Bakery

Bishop

Upon the completion of my mission it was a joy to return to my family. Clio and Elizabeth had grown so much. Lizzie had earned enough money to buy me a team and wagon. She had planned to take the money and travel to Salt Lake to meet me. We would have been able to spend some special time together. However my father heard of her idea and told her that she should not come to Salt Lake and meet me. He told her that I would need that money for a team and wagon. That hurt Lizzie because she had worked so hard saving her money with the dream of meeting her sweetheart in Salt Lake City. Father needed a little more romantic spirit when he was so practical.

Lizzie and the two girls lived with my in-laws the Oxborrows in my absence. It was a wonderful mission but I missed my family so much.

I began farming and raising dairy cattle. We had about twenty head of the finest milk cows. We would supply milk, cream and butter to the local businesses and towns people.

Building the road to the Belview Black Ridge

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Mayor

Courtship when married Aunt Bell was teaching in Bunkerville so on honeymoon too Aunt Bell back to Mesquite Bunkerville and stopped and camped Aunt Bell and Mother slept together. Both lived in St. George. Father liked to get team out and take everyone for a ride and turn a corner and spill them all out. Grandmother Oxborrow live two blocks away lived towards the black hill across south of Smiths. Grandmother Oxborrow worked for the Pimms as a helper. Grandpa Oxborrow brought a wife Janette in 1860.
1898 Gp ox died 1895 James and Liz had first baby born at this time.
Darrell worked in the bakery (1936 we got married) 1938.

Came back after father died. Joe went to cedar grand pa helped them
with that. City Lavera never had to work she went to the
Parks and didn't know how to use lye soap
Thanks for teaching me about tide.
Father sent us down to California