

*THE HISTORY
OF THE COMMUNITY
Of Freedom Idaho/Wyoming*

Families after 1945

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THE WAYNE and MARIAM BAKER FAMILY

The Wayne and Mariam Baker family became a part of the Freedom community in the fall of 1973. After having purchased the Melvin and Leone Robinson homestead, in Tincup Canyon, in 1972, and commencing the building of a new house on that homestead, we and our three youngest children, Susan, Donnie and Bonnie moved into the, as yet, unfinished house, in time for the children to start school that fall.

For all of us it was like coming home. Wayne's grandparents, Alonzo and Anna Eliza Baker, in 1888, had been among the first families to settle on the east side of the Salt River, in what was then known as Freedom, and later became Etna. Anna Eliza and her young daughter built a permanent home there. That little log cabin has been moved several times over the years, and now sits on a lot in Etna. Both it, and the lot, has been donated to the Star Valley Historical Society, which is in the process of restoring the cabin.

Wayne, the son of William Alonzo (Lonny) and Blanche Baker, was born in Afton, with Doctor West doing the honors. His younger years were spent in Etna, and then the family moved to Afton, where he lived until just a few days prior to the bombing of Pearl Harbor. During WWII, Wayne served as aerial engineer and top turret gunner on a B-24. His group was stationed in England, and he personally was on thirty- two bombing missions over Germany.

We were married shortly after WWII ended, and other than for a short period of time, spent the next twenty- eight years in either California or Utah, mostly in Utah.

During the many years of living away from Star Valley, we rarely missed a one to two weeks summer vacation here, visiting family and friends, and camping up Grey's River. There are many wonderful memories of the scenery, fishing, outdoor cooking, and pleasant times spent around the campfire, spinning yarns (the men were more adept at that than the women) and singing.

Even though we said we had retired before moving to the valley, we continued on with a slightly smaller version of the equipment and steel business previously owned in Utah. We have since determined that you should never retire, as you just get busier and more tired.

Within a few years, we purchased the old gravel pit on the north side of the road that connects Freedom to Highway 89. The building constructed on this site eventually became the home of Freedom Arms. Freedom Arms, which employs an average of fifty people year round, now has a world wide reputation of producing the finest quality, most accurate handguns as well as the most powerful, the 454 Casull. We always feel good, when visiting other areas or countries, when people, upon hearing the name Freedom Arms, comment, "Oh yes that is in Wyoming, isn't it?" In the case of foreigners, we sometimes have to show them just where in the United States, and where Wyoming is, but the name does mean something to them. Wayne recently retired as manager of Freedom Arms and that position has been filled by Bob Baker, our eldest son. (Again Wayne is busier and more tired than ever).

The fly-by candy drop, which has become a part of the ward July 24th annual reunion, and a delight of Freedom children, was initiated by a group of local residents at a ward correlation meeting in 1977, it was suggested by Bishop Veldon Izatt. Wayne, who received great pleasure from it, flew this drop for a number of years. The first year, on the first pass, due to a lack of coordination between the pilot and dropper, the candy landed in Weber's barnyard, but subsequent passes were more successful in hitting the ballpark. It was at one of these

particular days that Stan Izatt, one of the droppers, came back as green as those little men from outer space. As we no longer have a plane, Corey flies with someone else and the youngsters are still receiving their sweets from heaven.

Bob, his wife Sandie (Frank) and their children live in Turnerville, Susan and husband Mike Hepworth and children are in Auburn. Donnie and wife Claudia (Bateman) and children are in Etna, and Bonnie and husband Corey Pantuso and children are in Freedom. Mike, Donnie and Corey are all a part of the Freedom Arms operation.

Over the years, the three younger children and their families, as well as the Connie and Don McCourt and Claudia and Ron Hartley families, have enjoyed being Freedom residents, living where the old Robinson home had been. Christine and Russell Wilshaw and daughter are the only members of our family who have not lived here.

Having had eight children ourselves, we find our posterity getting decidedly larger. At present there are thirty- eight grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. A lot happens in fifty years.

The decision to move to Freedom was a good one, and even though we are quite busy, occasionally, we take time to sit on the back porch and listen to the sounds of approaching night -- the yapping of the coyotes, the owl's hoot and the whirring of the nighthawk's wings.

We appreciate the friendly, thoughtful ways of the community and are happy to be a part of it.

JOHN ROBERT AND TRACEY CLARK BAUGH



I was born Oct. 27, 1958, in Afton, Wyoming and was the youngest child of Grant and Lovey Marie Woodrum Clark. I grew up on our small family farm one mile north of Freedom, on the State Line Road on the Wyoming side. I have been a life long resident of Freedom, making my children, fifth generation Freedomites.

I attended Metcalf Elementary in Etna, Wyoming and my junior high and high school years in Afton. Some of my fondest memories of growing up are on that small family farm, and spending time in the logging camps in the summer with my father is a special memory.

During the summer of 1976, I moved to Douglas, Wyoming where I worked as a dental assistant for my brother-in-law, Kent Erickson. That fall, as a senior, I worked for one hour during every school day as an assistant to Doctor Sorensen. This experience helped me attain employment in Idaho Falls Idaho upon graduating from high school in 1977. I worked as a dental assistant for a Doctor Maharas until December 1, 1977 when I moved back to Freedom to prepare for my marriage to John Baugh.

I met John in the fall of 1971 when he moved to Freedom from Seattle WA. He lived with Bruce and Judy Hoopes who had just purchased the old Croft store. John attended his sophomore, junior and senior years at Star Valley High School. During the summers, John worked on a ranch in Etna, changing sprinkler pipes and hauling hay. Upon graduation in 1974, John started working at one of the phosphate mines in Soda Springs, Idaho. That fall, he started school at BYU in Provo, Utah. He attended one semester before being called to the Virginia Ronoke Mission in March of 1975. After serving his mission, John returned to BYU, working summers in the phosphate mines. John and I were married in the Idaho Falls Temple, December 17, 1977.

Our first child, Brandi Lee was born on my father's birthday, February 13, 1979 while we were attending school in Provo, Utah. We moved back to Freedom that spring, and purchased the old store from Robert Tillick in February 1980.

While living here, five more children were born: Jamie Sue, born on Father's Day, June 21, 1981; Daniel John, April 28, 1984; Erin Marie, Oct. 24, 1987; Lisamarie, May 1, 1991 and finally, Eric John, 21 April 1993.

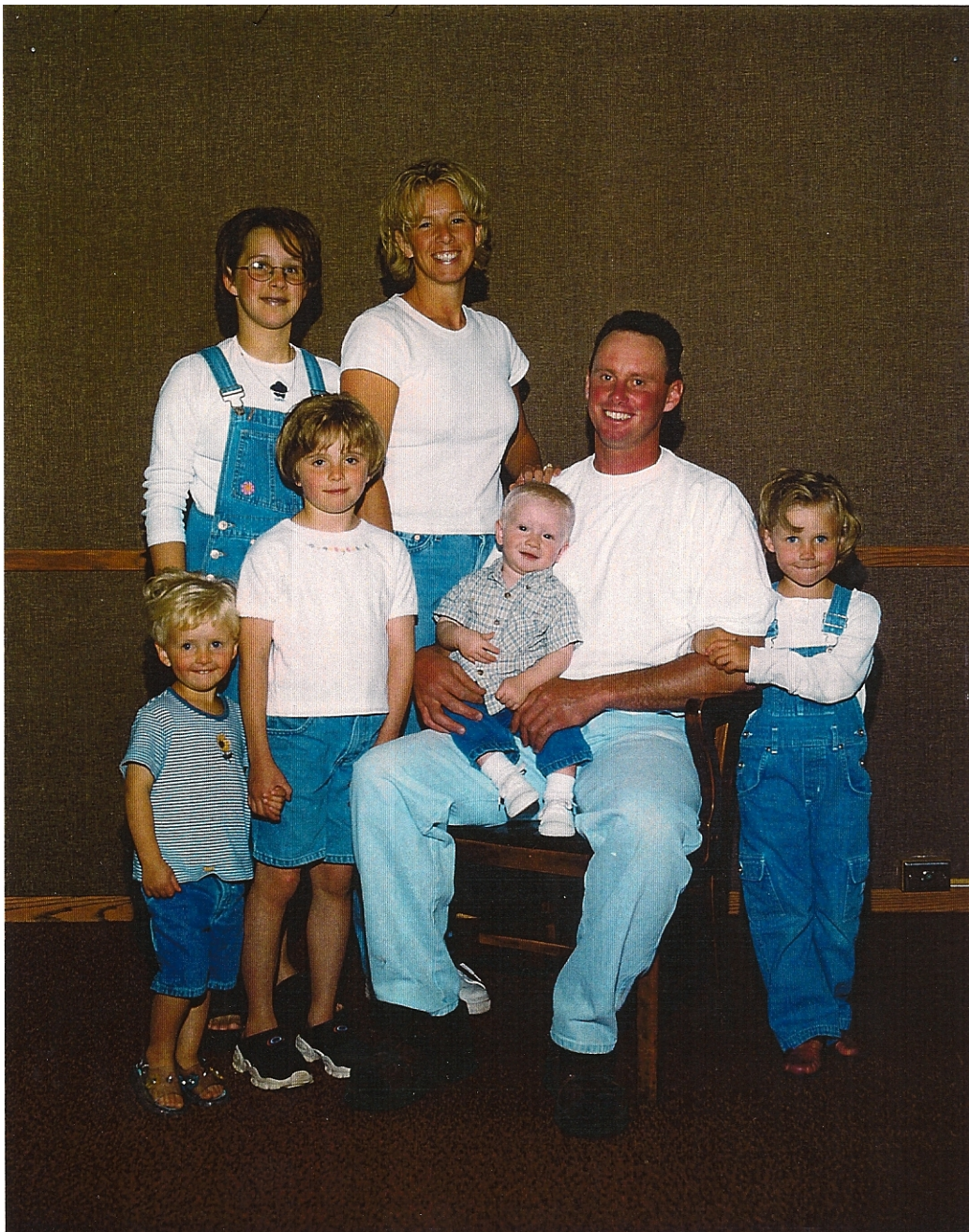
John worked many jobs and learned several trades before landing at Silver Star Telephone Company in April of 1989 where he is currently employed.

Over the years we have done extensive remodeling of the old store and home. On 13 October 1989, we opened up the store, which had been closed since 1973. In the six years we have operated the Freedom General Store, we have met people from all fifty states and dozen of foreign countries. Living and working in Freedom has been an experience we will always be grateful for.

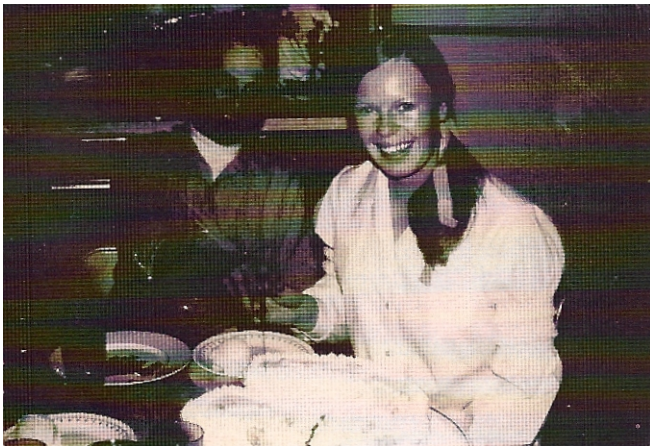
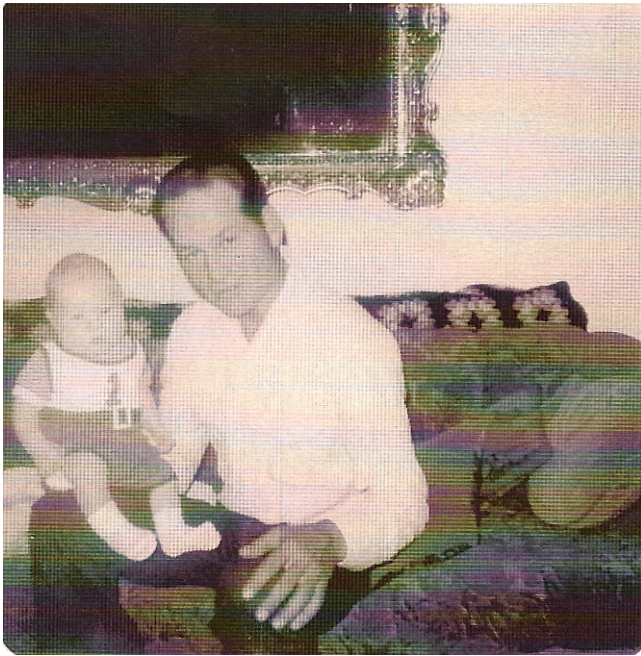
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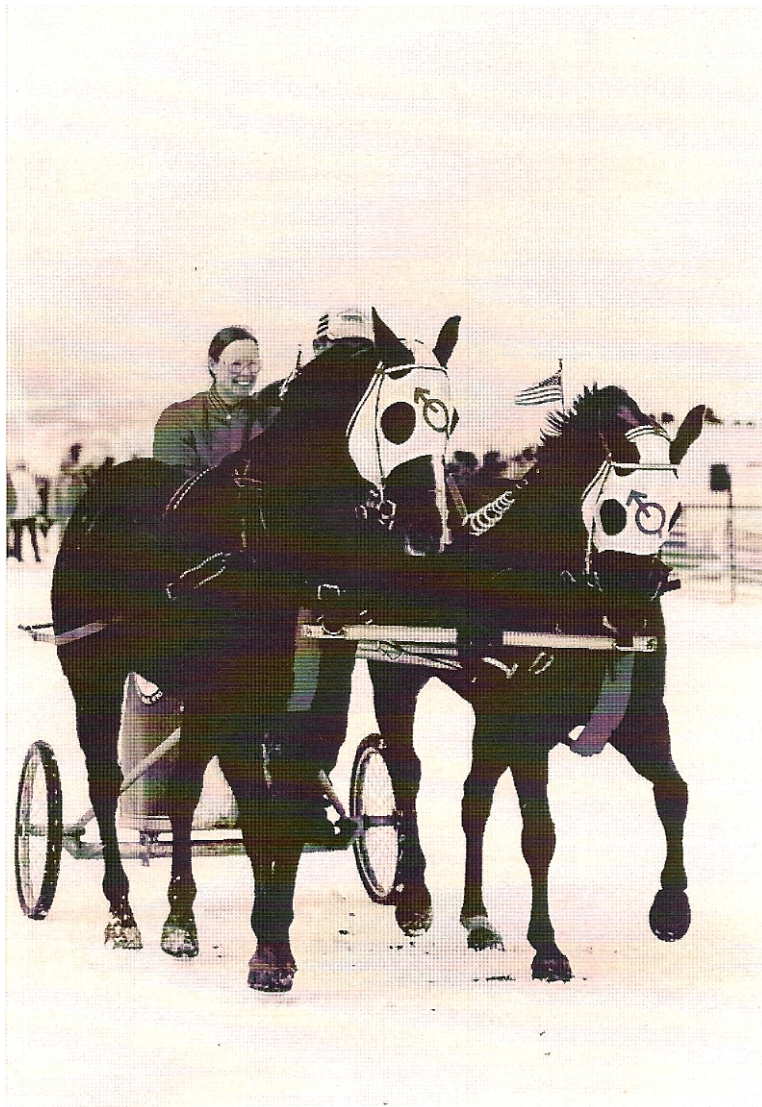
Tyler Fred Brog was born on July 11, 1970, to Fred Dewey Brog and Annie Call Brog. Suzanne Hoopes was born on February 2, 1968, to Gaylen H. Hoopes and Geraldine Louise Burleigh Hoopes. On 15 August 1992, Tyler and Suzi were married in the Logan LDS temple. They lived in Logan for nearly three years before moving to Freedom in May of 1995.

Tyler and Suzi have nine children. Seven girls and two boys. Whitney Sue Brog, born October 20, 1987; Bailey Shay Brog, born October 21, 1993; Shelby Lyn Brog, born October 12, 1995; Kenedey Rae Brog, born May 7, 1997; Dylan Tyler Brog, born May 5, 1999; Carter Trey Brog, born March 19, 2001; McKayla Dee, born January 2, 2003; McKenna Mae, born January 2, 2003; Delancy Kae, born December 16, 2005.



JANENE THOMPSON ROBINSON BROWN





I was born 6 July 1954 in Afton, Wyoming. I am the 4th child of Keith Thompson. We lived in downtown Etna, Wyoming until I was 8 years old. We moved into our new house east of Etna by my Grandmother Lillie, which made me very happy, because I spent most of my growing up years with Grandma.

Horses were my hobby and I loved to ride. My Dad bought me my very own horse, a registered Appaloosa named, Beaugard. He took me everywhere I wanted to go, namely all the hills on the east side and did so every day.

In 1970, Beau and I tried out for Lincoln County Fair Queen and we won. Archie Hale hauled me, and my two attendants to all the rodeos in the area, and we had a blast.

I was sixteen when I first met Nick Robinson. He must have seen something in me he liked because he told my Dad he was going to wait for me to grow up and then marry me. We were engaged two years later. Nick's proposal was rather unique. He owned a hunting camp and asked me if I wanted to be a hunter's wife. It did not take me many seconds to answer. We were married September 15, 1973.

He moved me to Freedom, up Jackknife Creek, on the west side, straight across from where I had lived in Etna. That fall I had to cook for the hunters that stayed in the bunkhouse, just out from the main house. We had hunters from California, Washington and Pennsylvania, just to name a few. They were all great people. I would get up early and fix breakfast, pack them a lunch, and prepare supper. You never knew when that would be as it depended on how many deer they got that day.

I learned a lot from Clara, so with what I had already learned from my Mother and grandmother, I was well prepared to be a good cook. It was all very interesting.

Nick and I milked cows. I fed the calves. We built a hayshed and rode the range beside farming. When we found out we were going to have twins, Nick was elated. He bet everybody in town that they would be boys. Well, he lost the bet. We had a boy and a girl. Dr. Perks called them littermates because they were not identical. We named them Heath Swede and Chand Lee.

They were the light of Nick's life. When they were old enough, he would find them everywhere. Their grandparents, Swede & Clara and Keith & Jackie thought they were pretty special little people too.

Nick's passion was fishing. His new hobby was ice fishing and Nick bought a snow plane to take out on the lake. This did not last as he was killed in a car accident January 18, 1980, while on a fishing trip with Kim Laker.

Life was hard to adjust to, but my faith and Heavenly Father carried us through.

I was asked to teach Primary the next April. I was a teacher for the Star B Class, for 5 year olds for 5 years. I loved all those little ones that I taught.

In the fall of 1980, my brother George and I bought a cutter team together. This became a new hobby of mine. In 1981 I went on my own. I bought a team of horses out of Idaho. I had Jim Stoker drive for me. One day he met me in the chariot, gave me the lines and turned me loose. Well, I was hooked. The expression we give chariot racing is a controlled runaway. It is so true. It is a real rush when you leave the gates and 20 seconds later you cross the finish line. You don't see much and you hear nothing. I won second place two years in a row, and went to Elko Nevada for the world finals.

In 1985 I married Kent Brown who was also into cutter racing. Most of the time we had two teams and with J. P. Robinson's horses we took care of three and four teams. We got J. P. hooked also.

Kent and I made this a family affair as the kids helped and we all went racing together. We won first, second and third and fourth places. I even won "HORSEMANSHIP" one year and that is a real accomplishment in the racing circuit.

On our wedding anniversary every February, we would be at the state cutter race meet. Kent would always have a bouquet of flowers waiting for me in our room. It was fun times and good family times. I raced for twenty-one years.

Kent, Heath, Chanda, Duke and I worked hard on the ranch. We would work from daylight until after dark in the summer time. We worked hard but we also played hard. As a family we went fishing and camping together besides the farming, fencing and cutter racing.

After the kids grew up and moved away, Kent and I continued racing, farming and fencing. In 1997 we became the proud parents of eighteen head of heifers and started our own little herd. We grew to twenty-nine head in 5 years. They were all my girls and they would follow me anywhere. I was so proud.

But that too came to an end. Kent has a lot of health problems in life. In our eighteen years of marriage I went through 10 major operations with him. He passed away June 13, 2003 of a heart attack. I want now with him but luckily his brother was. I know for a fact that the good Lord helps us in ways we do not even realize at the time. He saw to it that I had a little grandson a month later to keep my mind occupied and

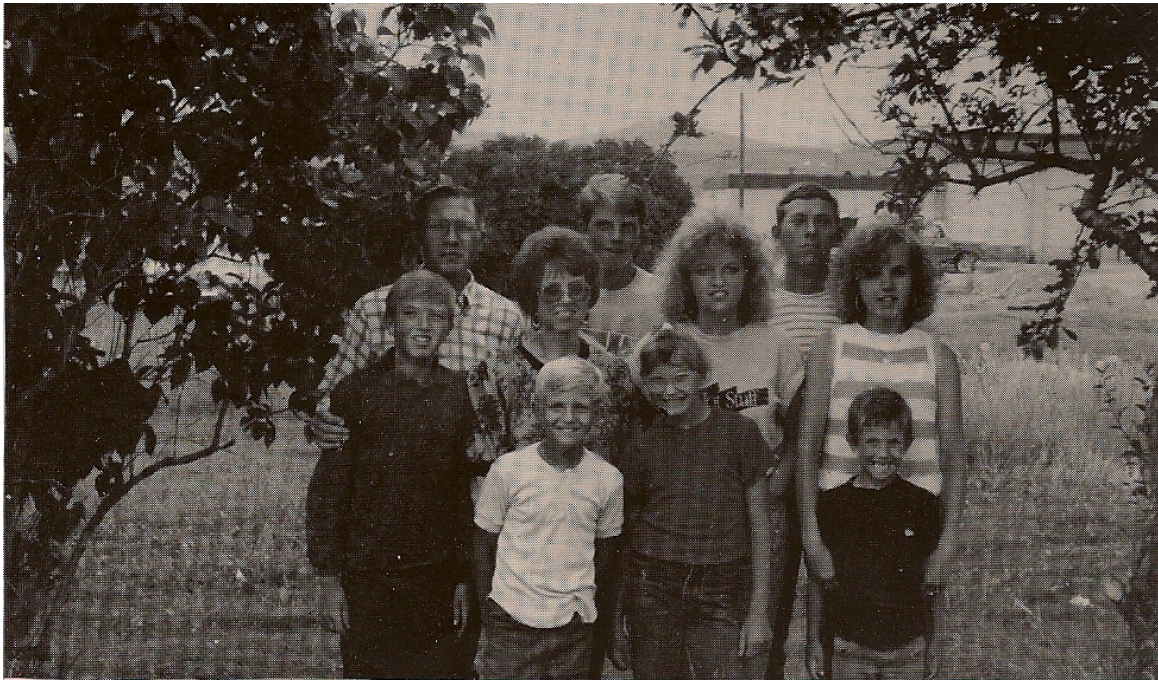
my hands busy. I thank my Heavenly Father for all my blessings and I dedicated myself to doing His work.

I now spend my winter in Gallatin Gateway Montana with my three wonderful children, a son-in-law, a daughter-in-law, and a very special grandson and hopefully lots more grandchildren to come.

My summers are spent at home in Freedom up Jackknife Creek where my heart will always be.

I give thanks to some of the people who have inspired my life. Namely: my grandmothers, Lillie Thompson, Vera Stout, my mother and Dad, Swede and Clara Robinson, my two deceased husbands and especially my children. There are lots more but too many to name, you know who you are!

MELVIN S. CLINGER



Melvin S. Clinger was born on 7 January 1948, in Afton, Lincoln County, Wyoming in the Afton Latter-day Saint Hospital. I was the third child and son of Darwin Kenneth and Arlean Schwab Clinger. Unlike my two older brothers who were both named after grandparents, I was not named after anyone in particular.

My family lived on a farm and ranch about ten miles due north of Freedom, Wyoming when I was born. My Dad was buying this farm from his grandfather Jacob A. Miller, but due to problems with his step-grandmother, Dad sold the place rather than create problems with his grandfather whom he loved. Darwin sold the farm to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and it is now the Freedom, Wyoming Ward Farm.

Our family now moved to Freedom where Dad logged for a couple of years. We then moved to California where he studied to be a mechanic, and also worked at Douglas Aircraft Company to support his family. We lived in Long Beach with my mother's brother, Anthon H. Schwab. In 1956 we moved back to Freedom, and Dad worked on the Palisades Dam project. Then in 1957 we moved to Page, Arizona where he worked on the Glen Canyon Dam. As a boy in Arizona, I loved to roam the desert around Page with my brothers and hunt for arrowheads and Indian ruins. We also loved to hunt and shoot rabbits.

In 1962, we moved to Idaho Falls, Idaho where Dad worked at Georgetown, Idaho. My brothers and I loved to be near Star Valley. We worked there during the summer months on farms and then for school months we would move back with the folks. I worked one summer when I was thirteen for my Dad's relative, Bill Miller, and then I worked for Ferrin McGavin for four years. I used to love to ride horses in the hills on Sundays when I should have been in church. In 1964 we moved to Lewiston, Idaho where I graduated from high school in 1966. While in high school I loved to play baseball, basketball and my senior year, football. In 1964 and 1966 I played American Legion baseball with Lewis-Clark Post 13. In 1966, we went to the

American Legion World Series at Orangeburg, South Carolina and ended up seventh in the nation of more than two thousand teams that began the season. I was more like the last player on the team, as I had arm problems and never played during the tournament action.

In the fall of 1966, I went to one semester of college at Lewis-Clark Normal School, presently called Lewis-Clark State College. I went on a basketball scholarship but never made the team. That same winter I had a knee operation, which was necessary, because of a football injury to my right knee that I received my senior year in high school. I then spent three months at Allen Hall in Provo, Utah learning the Portuguese language. I was then sent to Sao Paulo, Brazil where I served as a missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, for two years.

In the summer of 1969, I had just returned from my mission to Brazil, when I began the process of adapting back to civilian life. I had no intention of getting married for a couple of years. In fact, I never even had a girlfriend. I had always wanted to wait to marry when twenty seven years old. However, within two weeks of my return, I attended an M.I.A. social for young married and college students. I was surprised to see there a young woman who had gone to the same high school as myself, but had graduated two years before me. She also belonged to a different ward in the Church than I. I was surprised that she was still single. Not that I was interested in her, but certain traits are learned in the mission field that can be applicable to other aspects of life. Missionaries have to check out all prospects to see if they are the Lord's elect. Such was the case with this young woman and my marriageable prospects.

Prior to my being released from my mission, I had fasted and prayed that the Lord would guide me to the right companion. Renae Olson was this young woman's name. She was a college student at Brigham Young University and was home to get a car that her dad had purchased. After she went back to school, we corresponded through letters for about three weeks. We could feel by the spirit that something very special was bringing us together. She came home to visit me on the Fourth of July weekend. On the morning of the third, as I was lying in bed half awake and half asleep, I began unconsciously to contemplate the errors I had committed against the commandments of the Lord while in my youth. And as I bitterly lamented over the things that I had done, my conscience was racked by my errors. Yet, I knew that God had forgiven me because of my sore repentance and service in His kingdom. As I contemplated marriage and my unpreparedness, that still small voice of the Holy Spirit said to me that if you don't marry this young woman, you will never get another opportunity like this again. I never even knew her. We had been together for parts of three days over a month's time and had corresponded during that same time. But I knew what I had to do. I asked her to marry me on the Fourth of July, and she readily accepted.

We were married after only associating together parts of seventeen days over a six month period of time. Yet, both of us knew by the spirit that, it was ordained by our Father in heaven. We married not for love but because we knew that it was right; sort of like keeping a commandment. We were married in the Idaho Falls temple on 20 December 1969.

Yes, we had problems in our short five and a half years of marriage. Most of which have been my fault, but I know that she was given to me to help me grow and develop as an individual. Of this fact, I have a strong and undaunted testimony.

From July 1969 to March 1972, I was in the United States Army. While in the army in training, I was Trainee of the Month for December 1969 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; Trainee of the Cycle for my Advanced Individual Training group and the Honor Graduate in my Combat

Leadership Schooling. I was then promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant after having been in the army for only nine months. I did as much (promotion wise) in nine months as it takes most people three years to do. I then spent eleven months in Viet Nam and nine months in Germany.

I graduated from Idaho State University at Pocatello, Idaho on 17 May 1975. I graduated with high honors. I was also admitted to the Phi Kappa Phi honor society. I have been accepted to the law school at the new J. Reuben Clark law school at Brigham Young University for the fall semester of 1975. I have looked forth to this blessing with great faith for the past three years, and have seen events happen before my very eyes allowing my faith to come to fruition.

My wife and I presently have eight children: Matt born 21 September 1970; Nathan born 5 May 1972; Kimberly born 21 May 1973; and Kristine Renae were born 29 April 1975.

We have been real active in the Church. I have served as Aaronic Priesthood General Secretary, counselor in a ward M.I.A., counselor in a branch presidency, executive secretary in a branch, president of the M.I.A. in a branch, Deacon's Quorum adviser in two different wards, second and first counselors in my present ward Elder's Quorum Presidency. At different times, I have served as a Sunday school teacher and home teacher among various other duties and responsibilities. I have also served as Elders Quorum President.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is, indeed, the key to our lives. I have a personal testimony that President Kimball is a true prophet of God, which I received while on my mission in 1967. We have tried diligently to keep God's commandments and raise our young family up in the true principles of the gospel. The joy we receive there from can only be acquired through experience. I admonish all who read this to try the Lord and see. Keep his commandments and seek to bring forth and establish the Kingdom of God on the earth, and the Lord will guide you in all of your pursuits. Ever since Renae and I were married, everything seems to have fallen into a perfect puzzle arrangement. I have had numerous answers to prayer literally fulfilled before my very eyes. I thank the Lord for my membership in His Church.

In closing, I might add that I like my Dad and brothers, love to hunt and fish and be in the mountains, but if there was one ambition I could fulfill in my life, it would be to preach the gospel continually to the nations of the world. For nothing in the entire world gives me the joy, happiness and consolation like the gospel of the Master. (May 1975)

Jonathan born 23 October 1977; Kathryn born 11 August 1979; Nathaniel born 25 December 1980; and Ethan born 7 September 1982. The last three were born in Star Valley - Afton, Wyoming.

I graduated from the J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University in 1978. Our family then moved to Idaho Falls, Idaho. From there we moved to Freedom, Wyoming that same summer where I started logging with Myrl Aullman of Thayne Wyoming. We lived in the home of Ida Jenkins behind the Freedom Post office for seven years. I started working for the Star Valley Feed Store that winter of 1978. In the summer of 1979 I logged alone for awhile. Then I logged with Somsens of Wayan. All in all, I have either logged full-time or part-time for seven years.

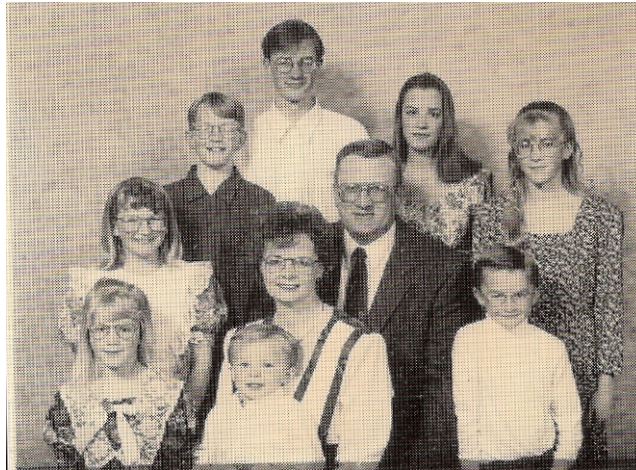
I began working at Freedom Arms in November of 1979 as the receptionist/purchasing agent. Thirteen years later, I am still the purchasing agent. In 1985 we moved into our own home in Glen, north of Jackknife. We built the home ourselves with logs we harvested from the local hills, cut on our own sawmill, and built it ourselves. We bought three acres of land from Beverly

Miller, on the Wyoming side of the State Line. It is in eyesight of the land my great-grandmother, Cynthia Ann Miller, homesteaded in the late 1800's. She was one of the first twenty- seven settlers in Star Valley.

As of this writing, I am the Thayne Wyoming Stake Financial Clerk. I have worked for Fred Brog since April of 1991 to help keep two missionaries in the field. This is a part time job that I have been at for the last seventeen months. Matt returned from Italy and his mission in November 1991. Nathan went to Australia on his mission in July of 1991. Kimberly is going to LDS Business College in Salt Lake City, Utah. Matt is now going to Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. Kristine is this year a senior at Star Valley High School.

Our family loves Star Valley. After all, our roots are here. There could be no prettier place on the face of the earth than this pretty mountain valley. This is, indeed, the "STAR OF ALL VALLEYS".

RONALD FRANK AND BARBARA ELLEN DAVIE CROOK



Ronald and Barbara were married July 26, 1974 in the Idaho Falls Temple. Ron grew up in Freedom with his parents, Larue Marchant and Lyman Fred Crook. Barbara moved here from Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada. The two of them met while he was serving in the Alaskan-British Columbia Mission. They lived in a trailer in two places, one of them behind his parent's home.

Ron attended two years at Utah State University and received an Associate degree in Agricultural Mechanization, after which he returned home for good. Today they still live in the home they built next to Ron's parents. They began building in October of 1976 and moved in June 1977. Landscaping and basement were gradually done in the years to come.

As of 1995 they have eight children: Shane Ronald, Melanie Jean, Gina Marie, Justin Todd, Mitzi Lyn, Darrin Kent, Michelle Anne and David Allen.

Ron served as first counselor in the Freedom Bishopric from April 24, 1988 to May 19, 1991. He was then called to serve as Bishop on May 19, 1991.

THE BRYCE AND KATHLEEN HRAPCHAK ERICKSON FAMILY STORY



Bryce H. and Kathleen Ellen Hrapchak were married in the Salt Lake Temple on 25 February 1970. Bryce was in the process of buying the family farm from his parents, Golden and Ina Erickson.

After their marriage, Bryce and Kathy moved into the house that Bryce's brother Spencer had built before he left the Valley, to continue his education.

Bryce and Kathy's first child was born on 21 December 1970. She was named Kristine H. On May 18, 1973, Karen H. joined the family, followed by Becky H. on 16 April 1975. Their first son, Barry G. was born on 4 September 1976. Kelly Carl joined the family on 19 January 1976, followed by Kayleen H. on 22 February 1981, and Bryan Reed on 28 April 1983.

Besides farming, the Erickson's decided to build a dairy-cow-milking operation in 1987. They built a large modern building and are now, in 1995, milking around one hundred fifty cows.

Kristine and her husband, Kirk Dory, were married 18 July 1990 in the Salt Lake Temple. They have a daughter named Michelle Kristine born in Laramie, Wyoming on 12 September 1992. Kris graduated from the University of Wyoming in April of 1995 with a degree in Elementary Education.

Karen and her husband, Cordell Burton, were married in the Logan Temple December 19, 1992. They have a son named Taylor VerNon Burton, born on 8 September 1994 in Laramie, Wyoming. Both Karen and Cordell will continue their education at the University of Wyoming.

Becky graduated from Star Valley High School in 1993 and she has been attending the University of Wyoming, majoring in Education.

Barry graduated from Star Valley High School in 1995 and is attending Western Wyoming Community College in Rock Springs. He has been working as a Certified Nurse Assistant at the Sageview Nursing Home. Barry is working toward a degree in nursing.

As of the 1995-1996 school year, Kelly will be in the eleventh grade, Kayleen begins her freshman year in high school and Bryan starts junior high as a seventh grader.

ELWORTH ERICKSON AND FAYONE COATES



Elworth was born in Afton, Wyoming to Verba Keeler and Newel William Erickson. He lived in Freedom his early and teen years. He liked sports and horse back riding. Most of all he liked being with his Grandpa Keeler on his trap line, fishing and going to government trapper rendezvous. These were the happiest times in his growing up years.

In 1958, he married his high school sweetheart Fayone Coates. They moved to Rexburg where Elworth attended college, and in 1959 they moved back to Freedom. They lived in the old LVPL building which was also the first bank in Star Valley. The vault served very well as a closet and linen cabinet as well as a food cellar, because the temperature was always the same, "very cool". We enjoyed electricity, but no indoor plumbing or running water. There were two rooms, one very large with a twelve foot ceiling and one very small which we used as a kitchen. We had a borrowed refrigerator, a little wood cook stove, a cute little cabinet, a wash stand and a borrowed table and chairs. We did laundry and bathed either at my moms or Grandma Keelers for the first two years. We then got a Maytag washer with twin rinse tubs, and we hauled and heated our water after that. When they got a Laundromat in Afton we washed there in winter. This was home for over four years. Our first three children, Terri, Todd, and Sherie were born while we lived there.

Elworth worked for the forest service and at the Greys River Sawmill during the summers. When winter came he set out trap lines up Tincup. He would start at South Fork, snow shoe across to Deer Creek and then walk home. Sometimes in the spring, the snow would get too soft during the day, and he would have to wait until the sun went down for the snow to crust up again before he could come home. Our first two children were paid for (doctor and hospital) with money he got from selling beaver pelts. We use to tell Todd we should have named him "Little Beaver" and Terri "Little Beaverly".

In October 1961, the National Guard was activated for the Berlin Crises, and from October to the following August, we lived in Tacoma, Washington. We then moved back to our old home in Freedom and Sherie was born October 1962. In May, we moved to Carlin, Nevada where Elworth had a government trapping job. He never liked Nevada as it was all desert, no place to fish and no grandpa to talk to. Five months later we moved back to Freedom, this time, north past the Jackknife Creek road to the Brent Robinson ranch. We loved it here; you could always hear frogs in the summer and geese in the fall. Best of all we had indoor plumbing and a bedroom for everyone. We didn't live in the middle of town any more; I never was a city girl. While we lived there Elworth worked construction. He set grade on the Tincup road and one summer worked twelve hours a day, seven days a week on the gravel crusher at the pit in Freedom.

In 1965 we moved to Etna where we bought our first real home of our own and we live there still. El Donna was born in April 1971.

DANNIE K & TRUDY ANN HEMMERT HADERLIE



Dannie K Haderlie was born April 12, 1956, to Earl and Lorna Haderlie of Freedom in the Star Valley Hospital located in Afton, Wyoming. He was their fifth child. He graduated from Star Valley High School in 1974 and went on a mission to Helsinki Finland in April 1975. His wife, Trudy Ann Hemmert, was born November 5, 1956, to Ralph and Vera Hemmert of Grover, in the Star Valley Hospital. She graduated from Star Valley High School in 1975 and went on to graduate from Ricks College with a Secretarial Degree in 1977.

The family of Dan and Trudy started with their marriage on July 8, 1977, in the Idaho Falls Temple. After a brief stay in Grover, Afton and Rock Springs, they moved to Freedom in August 1979. They first lived in a trailer house by the home of Veldon Izatt, and then moved to a new home in their present location, about two blocks south of the LDS Freedom Church. In July of 1982, Dannie and Trudy started their own Electrical Contracting business, with a shop located in the old Lower Valley Power and Light building located in Freedom. Later Dan expanded to include Plumbing Contracting.

In 1992, Dan went into a partnership to purchase a hunting camp located at East Table Creek on Snake River which he later sold to his partner.

To Dan and Trudy were born three daughters: Azure Dee (August 23, 1978) Tapria (May 26, 1980) Julianna (July 2, 1983). They were followed by the birth of three sons, Forrest Daniel, (August 2, 1987) Ian Blaine (May 24, 1990) and Logan Daryl (August 10, 1992).

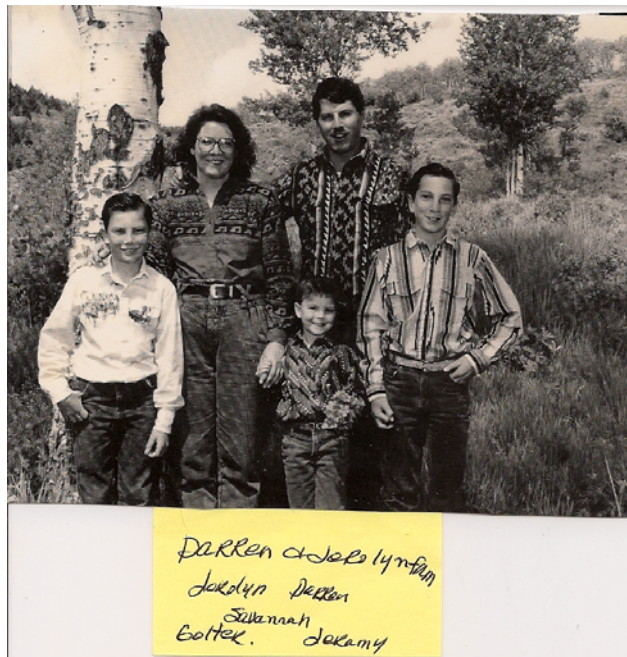
Azure graduated from Star Valley High School in 1996 and attended Brigham Young University for two semesters, transferred to LDS Business College and graduated from there with an Associates Degree in Accounting in 1999. On August 19, 1999, Azure married John Dee Howe in the Mount Timpanogos Temple and they reside in West Valley City, Utah.

Tapria graduated from Star Valley High School in 1998. She attended LDS Business College and graduated from there with a Certificate of Accounting in 2000. On 7 September 2001, Tapria married Richard Dennis Birch in the Idaho Falls Temple. They have two children, Anisha and Alan and reside in Teton, Idaho.

Julianna graduated from Star Valley High School in 2002. She left to attend LDS Business College in the fall of 2005.

As of 2005, all three sons were still living at home in Freedom.

DARREN KEELER & JEROLYN LANCASTER HADERLIE



The Darren Haderlie family began on 29 May 1980, when Darren and Jerolyn were united in marriage.

The first few months of our married life were spent in a small trailer that was parked at Whitelocks, on the Blackfoot Reservoir, in Henry, Idaho. With the thoughts of winter coming on, we longed to come back to Star Valley.

In October of 1980, we bought a 14 x 70 trailer from Donnie Sanderson. It was located just north of Max and Maxine Sanderson's house. It allowed us a lot more room and was in a neat neighborhood. While living there, our first child was born on April 11, 1981; Jeramy Darren came into our lives. He was a real good baby and gave us both a new outlook on life.

In the summer of 1982, we sold our trailer and it was moved. We purchased the Mabel Hill home in Etna. It was a small brown house, located across from the parking lot of the Etna Church. We hadn't been there very long when we got another addition to our family. Colter Jess was born on, February 6, 1983. He was a healthy baby boy and a terrific playmate for Jeramy. What one of them didn't think up, the other one did. They kept us on our toes, but it was a happy time in our lives.

In the fall of 1988, Darren's Dad passed away. At that time I was expecting our third child and 26 January 1989, we were blessed with a beautiful baby girl, Savannah Lyn. She has been the apple of her Dad's eye since the day she was born. The people in Etna use to say, he carried her around like a trophy, and he did. He now had two boys for his pride and a girl for his heart.

While serving a mission at the Family History Center in Salt Lake City, Lorna decided she wanted to sell her home. Darren really wanted to buy his folks place. We had a cute, comfortable home and many special friends in Etna and it was hard to leave. As time went on, we knew that is what we were supposed to do.

Darren has fond memories of growing up in Freedom and he wanted the same life style for his sons.

You know what they say, "once a Freedom boy, always a Freedom boy." Yes, I learned the hard way. You can take the boy out of Freedom, but you can't take Freedom out of the boy. Needless to say, we did buy the family home in August of 1991.

As all good stories have a happy ending ours does too. We are living happily ever after with our three children, Jeramy (fifteen), Colter (thirteen) and Savannah (six) here in Freedom, where the pure breezes blow and the clear streamlets flow.

DENNIS K. and PAMELA GREENFIELD HADERLIE



Dennis K. Haderlie was born August 2, 1948, at Afton, Wyoming to Earl C. Haderlie and Lorna Keeler Haderlie.

He was the third child and second son, having an older sister and brother, Erlean and Darrel, a younger sister Chandra and three younger brothers, Dannie, Darren and Dallie. Dennis was a special brother. Kind and caring to his brothers and sisters. He spent his childhood in Freedom, enjoying grandparents, family, other relatives and many friends.

He spent his elementary schooling at Metcalf until they divided the large class, sending half to Holdaway where he finished.

While young, he spent a lot of time with his grandfather, Roy Keeler. He took him when he was very young and when he tired, he would carry him on his shoulders. They spent many special times together hunting, fishing and trapping.

Going to Star Valley High School, he enjoyed his younger years. He liked school and his teachers. He played in the Star Valley High School band and a pep band, and played a guitar as a member of a home town orchestra called the "Legends." They sang and played for all the teenage dances, valley wide. Members of the orchestra were Randall Draney, ValDee Erickson, Fred Rainey, Wayd Weber and Dennis. Where ever they played the teenagers came.

He enjoyed playing with a Freedom basketball Y.M.M.I.A team. A February 11, 1965 article in the *Star Valley Independent* read, "Freedom juniors win Star Valley Stake MIA Championship, coached by Roy Robinson." On February 10, 1966, the senior explorer Freedom basketball team won again. The players were: Michael Erickson, Dennis K Haderlie, Colin Jenkins, Fred Rainey, Kent Rainey, Clint Robinson and Dennis Sanderson.

Dennis worked with his dad and older brother in logging and fencing over areas of Wyoming. (Wamsutter, Path Finder Reservoir, Casper, Cheyenne, Wheatland, and Shoshoni) They spent three summers fencing.

He met, dated and married Pamela Greenfield, originally from California, then residing in Alpine. She is the fourth daughter of Charles and Kitty Greenfield. She has four sisters and a brother.

They went to work in Rawlins, Wyoming. where Dennis worked for Arch Mineral Coal Mine. Coming back to Freedom in 1974, he went to work for Dravo Mine at Soda Springs, Idaho and is still currently working there.

He bought land from Farrell Jenkins in 1972 and built a new home and out buildings there.

They have the following children:

Heidi married Dany Mack. They have two daughters, Samantha and Aricka.

Zane is attending College at this time.

Seth just graduated from high school

Written by Lorna K. Haderlie

JOHN MAX & PATRICIA OLSON HADERLIE

I was born on 27 October 1952, in Logan, Cache, Utah. My parents are C. Arthur Olson and Grace Francis Waits. I was raised in River Heights, just outside of Logan. I have two older brothers, an older sister and a younger brother. I had a very happy childhood. I always enjoyed school and went to River Heights Elementary, South Cache Jr. High and Sky View High School.

I started piano in about the second grade and violin in the fifth grade. I enjoyed music and played in the school orchestras growing up. I was a member of the Northern Wasatch Youth Symphony for about five years. My senior year, this group traveled to Mexico and played and toured for ten days. In the fall of 1970, on a music scholarship, I started attending USU. It was there that I met Max as we both played in the USU orchestra. We became good friends. In the spring, things got more serious between us and on May 1, 1971, Max asked me to marry him and gave me a diamond. We were married July 16, 1971, in the Logan Temple.

I, Max, was born 18 May 1947, in Afton, Lincoln, Wyoming. I spent the following few years in Freedom where my family lived at the time. I can remember very little about my life there except for a few incidents mostly involving my sisters. One thing I remember, to my disgust, (at the time) was they (my sisters) seemed to lack dolls to play with, so they took opportunity to use me. I remember getting dressed into and out of many different clothes, doll clothes, I guess, which seemed to fill the need in their life. It didn't do much for me. It was also in my earliest years that it was discovered that I had heart trouble.

Some time between the age of three and five years old, my family moved to Logan, Utah, where we resided except for some summers until my marriage in 1971. I went to grade school in the Woodruff School in Logan, the Logan junior and senior high school. I graduated from Logan High in May 1965. In July of 1961, the seventh, if I remember right, I entered the Salt Lake LDS Hospital prior to open heart surgery two days later. I was fourteen at the time. Uncle Thomas Romney gave me a blessing for the successful operation the day before. Immediately after the operation, in the recovery room, I was placed on an ice mattress to keep my temperature down, with blankets on, of course, to keep me from catching cold. I couldn't ever figure out if I was freezing or burning up. It was uncomfortable to say the least. The following Friday after entering the hospital, I was released. The operation itself took about four hours, an hour and a half of which the doctor had my heart out on a table putting a piece of plastic in one hole, and sewing up another one, both about the size of fifty cent pieces. He then put my heart back in, started it up, sewed me up and sent me home five days later. I weighed sixty eight pounds when I left the hospital and one hundred thirty five pounds a year later.

I spent a great portion of my summers in Freedom working on the farm with my family and relatives, grandparents, etc. That was always the fun part of my year.

During September of 1965, I entered Utah State University, where I went to one year of college. I served a mission to the Southwest British Mission from November 1966 to October 1968. Three years later as a senior at USU, I found the girl I was to marry. I was a senior and she was a freshman. Pat and I were married the same day as my final test. My instructor gave me a wedding present, I didn't have to show up to class or take the final. That fall we moved to St. Charles, Idaho, where we lived the following three years, except for the summertime when we were in Freedom. We finally moved to Freedom where I run the farm and I was much happier than teaching school.

After being married for five and one half years, Max and I had our first child, Michael John, 28 November 1976; Gary Max, 3 August 1978; Steven Jay, 27 December 1979. All three boys were

born in Rexburg, Idaho. Next came Jenny Ann, 14 August 1981; Diane, 4 March 1985; Kevin Mark, 21 September 1988, and Shannon, 10 December 1992. All four of these children were born in Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

We were so grateful for the blessings of the Lord and the many prayers in our behalf that we might have a family to raise.

While living in Freedom we have been active in the LDS church. Max was assistant Stake clerk and in the Elder's Quorum Presidency for many years. Since then he has taught the youth. I have served in many positions in the Primary and Relief Society.

Max and his brother Elwin built a dairy barn and became partners in a dairy operation. In the spring of 1985, Elwin married Nadine Tillett and they moved near the farm so Max and Elwin could work together, and they did this for many years. In June of 1994, Elwin and Nadine moved to Erda, Utah, where Elwin helps manage an LDS church farm.

For many years, Max and I have played or sung the Messiah, in Afton, with the Star Valley Choral Society and also in Jackson, with the Jackson Choral. After much thought, in 1981, we felt we would like to organize a choir in the lower end of the valley. There were so many talented people, we felt like it would work. The response to the new choir was positive. We put on our first Christmas concert in December 1981 and called the group the Lower Valley Community Choir. Later, the name was changed to the Star Valley Community Choir. People from all the lower valley towns and some from the upper valley have been involved in the choir. We have put on a Christmas concert almost every year since. It has been one of the most fun things we have ever done and we really love the choir members. It has become a Christmas tradition now and we always have a good crowd attend.

For many years we played in a string band with Doug and Mary Woody and Dena Luthi. We called the group the Stateline Band because we all lived on the Stateline road. We played on many programs and had a great time together.

After teaching music lessons for about eighteen years, I felt ready for a change and in December of 1993, I started training as a postal clerk. I worked with Ida Hokanson until she retired and then worked with Gayle Izatt. It is challenging work and fun to visit with people as they come in.

Our family has grown up fast it seems. Mike is eighteen and graduates this spring (1995). He joined the National Guard last summer, and has had a taste of Army life and is an Eagle Scout. Gary is sixteen, an Eagle Scout and was chosen as Star Valley scout of the year. Steven is fifteen and won Young Author of Wyoming in the 7th grade, with a story about farm life. Jenny is thirteen and my right hand helper. Diane is ten, Kevin is in kindergarten and Shannon is two. They have been good kids to raise.

We have so enjoyed the people of Freedom and all they have done for us. It is a beautiful spot in the world to live.

EUGENE & EVELYN SMITH HEAP



Gene and I moved our trailer house from Thayne to his dad's dry farm, east of highway 89, about 1980. We had three children at the time. Rox Anne was about nine, Geni was four and Thad was three. It was fall, and Gene parked the trailer in sagebrush and weeds on a little hill where his Grandfather once had a home. The next spring, we pulled the sagebrush and mowed the weeds and it made a pretty good looking lawn. The view is beautiful, but the road was scary to drive at times in the winter. I was Relief Society President in the Thayne Ward so we still attended church in Thayne. After they split the Thayne Ward and redid boundaries, we started going to church in Freedom. Rox Anne was in mutual by then and Thad in scouts. It was so much easier to get to Freedom and closer than Thayne, especially in the winter. We have two more boys, Brock and Brant.

We started building our home when Rox Anne was about twelve. We finally have most of it done.

I've worked in Primary and as a Beehive advisor in the ward. Gene became active in the Church about two and one half years ago and we with our children were sealed in the Logan Temple when Rox Anne was married two years ago in 1992. Gene has been in the ward Sunday

School Presidency, Stake Sunday School Presidency, Primary teacher and is in the Elders Quorum Presidency at this time.

Gene started a landscaping business about four years ago. I have my beauty shop in our home. We became grandparents this spring. We are plugging away and trying to get our children raised right - hopefully.

BRET and KARLENE HOKANSON

Bret W. Hokanson was born in Afton, Wyoming, 20 December 1959 to Gary and Carole Hokanson. He grew up in Freedom and graduated from Star Valley High School in Afton. He served an LDS mission to Perth, Australia from January 1979 to January 1981.

Karlene Kay Frandsen Hokanson was born in Idaho Falls, Idaho to Karl and Iris Frandsen on 28 December 1961. She grew up in Blackfoot, Idaho and attended Blackfoot schools until her family moved to Firth, Idaho. She graduated from Firth High School. She attended LDS Business College and graduated from Eastern Idaho Technical College and received an associate in Dental Assisting.

Bret and Karlene met while Bret was attending Ricks College and Karlene was attending EITC. They were married 2 April 1982 in the Idaho Falls Temple. They lived in a little apartment in Etna until August 1982 when they moved to Rexburg, Idaho so Bret could continue his education at Ricks College. Bret was employed at Nelson-Ricks Creamery at Sugar City, Idaho while attending college. While in Rexburg their first baby was born, Nickolas Gary, 26 September 1983.

On 26 March 1985, Bret and Karlene moved back to Star Valley. They lived in Afton until August of the same year, and then they moved to Freedom, into Vernessa Wright's home. (Gary and Carole had bought and remodeled the house.)

24 May 1988 and Timothy Brian, 15 June 1990. Bret was employed by Western Dairymen at the Star Valley Creamery for nine years. The creamery closed their doors and changed hands in the fall of 1993. Bret has now gone back to school at the Eastern Idaho Technical College in Idaho Falls, Idaho for a degree in Diesel Mechanics. The family still lives in Freedom and Bret travels to school and home again.

REED BURTON HOLBROOK & BONITA MAY CLARK

Reed Burton Holbrook was born in Burley, Idaho on 4 February 1932, to Kenneth Barlow Holbrook and Elsa Mae Burton. He is the second child of a family of four. When he was two years old his parents moved to Etna, Wyoming where his father bought a farm. He lived there and helped on the farm until shortly before he was married.

Bonita May Clark was born in Afton, Wyoming on 14 May 1932, to Arthur Clark and Loretta McWherter. She is the first of three children. She has lived in Freedom all her life except for the first six months of her marriage.

Reed and Bonnie were married on 22 June 1951, in the Idaho Falls Temple. They lived in Sunset, Utah for three months and Reed worked at Hill Air Force Base. Then they moved to Afton, Wyoming and Reed worked on construction helping build the new high school. They moved to Freedom March 1952 and lived in a two-room house in back of the Charles Weber home. While living here their son, Arlo, was born. About two years later they moved into Keeler's cabins in back of the store now owned by John and Tracey Baugh. In May 1957, they bought 1.65 acres and a three room home a quarter mile north of the Freedom church where they still live at the present time. Their home has had several rooms added to it over the years which they have built themselves. Their daughter Betty, was born a few years after they moved into their home.



In 1952, Reed started working part time for the Silver Star Telephone Company which was owned by Sterling Weber. In 1956, Melvin Hoopes bought the telephone company and hired Reed full time where he still works at the present time. (1993)

Bonnie worked for the Lower Valley Power & Light while it was still located in Freedom until she was married.

Reed's church positions have consisted of Ward Clerk, Executive Secretary, Secretary of the Elders Quorum, and a counselor in the High Priest group. He and Bonnie are now Stake Baptism coordinators and Initiatory Officiators at the Idaho Falls Temple.

Bonnie has worked in all the organizations of the Church as ward and stake Sunday school secretary, teacher and counselor in Primary, Junior Sunday School coordinator, President of the MIA and counselor in the Relief Society.

Reed's hobbies are traveling and woodworking where he spends many hours in his shop making cedar chests and furniture.

Bonnie likes to read, type and take care of her family and home, traveling, reading and being with the family.

FARRELL BRUCE AND JUDITH ARIANNE MORRISON HOOPES

Our first introduction to Star Valley came in the summer of 1971. We were traveling with our family and Bruce wanted to see where he had lived as a small child. We stopped in Freedom and looked up a distant cousin Lowell Hoopes who lived up Tincup Creek. The kids all seemed to immediately hit it off and we soon fell in love with the area. Our family consisted of four children: Pam (fourteen), Paula (twelve), Perry (nine) and John Baugh (fifteen) who is our foster son.

By August we were moving. We had met Bill and Beatrice Croft while in Freedom and knew they wanted to sell their store and residence in town. We didn't make the decision to move to Freedom until we had already moved to San Diego, California from Bellevue, Washington. After making the whole buying transaction with the Crofts by telephone we made it to Freedom the day before school started.

We soon had the store up and running. The kids and I did most of the business of running the store. We had mainly groceries but some hardware and for a time sold Yamaha motorcycles. We kept the store open for a few years, but soon found it was not making it. We then converted it to a games and recreation room for the kids, which meant the whole neighborhood.

Bruce found work as a carpenter but soon went to work at the mines in Soda Springs, Idaho. Through the years he worked on power lines and oil rigs and for a time was partner in construction business with Kent Luthi. He also served as second councilor in the bishopric with Bishop Veldon Izatt and first councilor Cordell Luthi. Judy worked for a market in Thayne and in 1980 went to work for First State Bank at Afton when it first opened. She served in the Young Women's program mostly with Mia Maids. All our children graduated from Star Valley High School and three of them are married to Star Valley natives.

Mary and Roy Hoopes, Bruce's parents, came and lived by us for a couple of years, but soon left for a warmer climate. We moved away to California in 1984 to take care of my parents and stayed for sixteen years. Bruce passed away in 2006 and is buried in the Freedom cemetery as are his parents. We spent many happy years in Freedom and have so many great memories of those times.

THE DONLEE JACKSON FAMILY



Donlee Jackson was born 29 October 1954 to Charles LaVard and Atha Crook Jackson in Afton, Wyoming. Donlee enjoyed being with his family, Utahna, Charleen, Roice, Juanee, Darnell, Lannis and Tammi. Being raised on the family farm was an interesting place to grow up. Donlee worked by milking cows, hauling hay, changing ditch dams and moving sprinkler pipe for his father. He also helped his uncles haul their hay and swam with his cousins in the East Side Canal.

Donlee attended elementary schools in Etna and Thayne, Wyoming. As he grew, he was active in sports, especially football. He attended Star Valley High School and graduated in 1973. He worked for Old Faithful Beverage Company and Burton Construction. Donlee later After high school, he moved to Idaho Falls, Idaho and lived with his sister Charleen Davis and moved to Ogden, Utah and worked as a welder for Utility Trailer Company. While in Ogden, he lived with his brother Roice and family. In the spring of 1974, he moved back to Freedom to help on the family farm. In his spare time, he tried his hand at bull riding at the local rodeos. In the summer of 1975, he started seeing his high school sweetheart, Deanne Hillyard again and made plans to marry.

Deanne Hillyard was born 7 July 1955 in Afton, Wyoming to Ronald and Edna Mae Hillyard. She grew up in Afton where her father and grandfather, Victor Bjorkman, owned and operated B&H Chevrolet. Deanne attended elementary school, junior high and high school in Afton. She enjoyed being with her family when they went on camping trips to Greys River. She also enjoyed playing softball and volley ball with the girls in the Afton Second Ward. Her parents sold the family home to her brother, Douglas and moved into a double wide trailer next to the B&H. This made her belong to the Afton First Ward during her last two years of high school. She had to leave her lifelong friends and teammates and get to know new ones. She was honored by being elected Sophomore Class Secretary while attending Star Valley High School. High School brought the opportunity to learn music by participating in band and chorus. One fond memory was the musical "Fiddler on the Roof" in which she played Frumah Sarah. Deanne graduated in 1973 and moved to Ogden, Utah, where she attended Stephens Henager Business College, majoring in accounting. She was elected Student Body Vice-President during her

second year. She graduated with an associated degree after the fall quarter in 1974. Her first job was with Western Mortgage Company. Deanne later moved to Salt Lake City to work for Standard Plumbing Supply. During the summer of 1975, she started seeing her high school sweetheart, Donlee Jackson again. They were married 26 September 1975 in the Salt Lake Temple.

Donlee and Deanne started their lives together in Afton, Wyoming. They lived in a little apartment above the Afton post office on Main Street. Donlee worked for Lower Valley Power and Light as a pole tester and Deanne worked for Star Valley Drug. Donlee's work was seasonal and required him to be gone during the week and home only on the weekends. Donlee and Deanne were called to be Sunday school teachers in the Afton Second Ward. Deanne also worked with the Beehives in MIA.

In October 1976, Deanne got a position with Star Valley State Bank. She enjoyed using her education and meeting the challenges offered there. Because of the seasonal work at Lower Valley Power, Donlee took a welding job in Afton at Aerotek, building Pitts Airplanes. With steady employment, Donlee and Deanne decided it was time to start building a home of their own. They purchased two acres from Donlee's father and mother. In the fall of 1976, construction began on their new home. Kent Luthi and Bruce Hoopes finished the house in February 1977. This new home was a pleasant change from the small, noisy apartment on Afton's main street.

Donlee and Deanne settled into life in Freedom, with Donlee being called to assistant scout master almost as soon as they moved in, serving with LaVon Jenkins. Deanne was called to help organize a night Relief Society with Gayle Izatt. During this time, Donlee and Deanne drove to Afton everyday to work. They enjoyed these hours together. They were called to be the Blazer and Merrie Miss leaders in the Freedom Primary. Donlee, being a lover of the outdoors, didn't enjoy working inside a welding shop that didn't have any windows. When the opportunity came for a job at Star Valley Cheese he took it. Donlee worked in the truck bay for about a year, and then he drove the milk truck as soon as an opening came available. He really enjoyed visiting with the farmers and being outside and closer to home. He worked for Star Valley Cheese until April 1982, when he was offered a position with Lincoln County Road and Bridge. Deanne worked for Star Valley Bank for nine years and was promoted to head bookkeeper.

Donlee and Deanne longed for a family. After many years of medical treatments with no success, on 3 January 1985, Kdee Anne joined their family. With the help of LDS Social Services their dream of a family finally came to be. They traveled to Pocatello, Idaho on 21 January 1985 to meet little Kdee Anne. They kept this news to themselves until they brought her home and gave family and friends a wonderful surprise. Deanne was very happy to finally become a full time mother. Kdee was later sealed to her parents in the Logan Temple. Kdee's family was later blessed with the placement of another child, Scott Buddy, born on 11 February 1988. He was a welcome addition to the Jackson family. Kdee was excited to have a little brother to love. Buddy was sealed to his family in the Idaho Falls Temple. With the family complete, life continued with many happy days and many challenges. To help with family finances, Deanne worked part time for Star Valley State Bank and did the bookkeeping for her father at the B&H until October 1989, when she started working part time for Silver Star Telephone. As the children got older and started school, Deanne worked full time with the telephone company as bookkeeper.

Many church positions enrich the Jackson's lives. Donlee was called as second counselor in the Freedom Elders Quorum Presidency, serving with Max Haderlie, president and Labor

Jenkins, first counselor, and Kim Luthi, secretary. He was called to be Executive secretary to Bishop Chad Jenkins and Bishop Ronald Crook. Later, he was called as Assistant Scout Master working with Dannie Haderlie. After that he was called as Scout master and second counselor in the Young Men's program. Deanne was Primary music leader for many years until being called to be Ward Primary President, serving with Connie Luthi, Tracey Baugh and Jolene Crook. After four years as ward Primary President, she was called as Stake Primary Secretary and served for six months until being called as Stake Primary President in April 1992.

Kdee and Buddy have been active in the community programs such as 4-H, tee-ball and baseball. They have attended Metcalf Elementary school and enjoy being with their friends. Fond memories include the annual 24th of July celebration with the cookout and candy drop and many ward Primary activities and celebrations. The whole Donlee Jackson family love life in Freedom with its peace and quiet, good neighbors and friends.

COREY ROOS JENKINS

I am the second son of Vernon and Wyoma, born on 20 July 1964 at the Star Valley Hospital in Afton, Wyoming. I attended elementary school in Etna until the fourth grade, when my parents divorced and I moved to Afton with my mother and brother, Darin. I attended school in Afton until my graduation from high school in 1982. Although I lived with my mother during the school months, I would spend many weekends and the summer months with my father in Freedom, Wyoming, helping him out on the family farm.

I served an LDS mission for the Church for two years in Oslo Norway. Those two years as a missionary have been the most rewarding and worthwhile years of my life.

DARRIN VERN JENKINS

I was born June 28, 1962 in Afton, Wyoming to Vernon and Wyoma. I was their first son of two children and grew up in Star Valley, Wyoming.

On February 13, 1982, I married Evelyn Ann Leavitt in the Auburn LDS Church. She was born September 22, 1962 in Afton, Wyoming.

We made our home in Freedom Wyoming.

Children born to Darrin Vern Jenkins and Evelyn Ann Leavitt: Trevor Darrin Jenkins and Gavin Vern Jenkins

KENDALL EVAN JENKINS

Kendall Evan Jenkins was born March 1, 1948, to Charles Evan Jenkins and Wilma Haderlie. He grew up and lived in Freedom on the place that his father and mother owned. Kendall went on a mission to California. While he was on his mission, his father passed away. Upon returning from his mission, he worked for Bryce Erickson and attended Ricks College. At Ricks he met Eileen Gardner. They were married on 29 May 1971. They have four children; Jared Dennis, Evan Kenneth, Brandi and Vern Scott. From 1972-73, Kendall attended USU and graduated with a bachelors degree in elementary education. While attending USU, he worked for Bryce Erickson and then he purchased the farm from his mother. Several years later, his Aunt Myra and Aunt Edyth Romney sold the house and ten acres to Kendall. Several years after that he purchased the Charlie Weber place. He raises cattle and farms the ground, planting hay and grain. Kendall and Hal Heiner started a small welding business, in which they manufactured farming equipment, hay bagging units, ground tillage equipment, calf feeders and various other pieces of equipment.

Jared served a mission in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Evan served a mission in Manchester, England. Jared has attended Ricks College majoring in welding. He plans to finish at USU and help his dad run the farm and weld with him.

Kendall has been involved in many organizations over the years. President of Freedom Pipeline, President of Salt River Stock Association, Secretary of Etna Irrigation, Secretary of Freedom Ditch, Director and Secretary of Baker Ditch Company. He has served on the Freedom Cemetery District Board and helped with various other organizations.

He has held various church positions; ward clerk, high counselor, scout leader, teacher, second counselor, and first counselor in the Freedom Ward Bishopric.

Kendall is always willing to help others and will drop anything he is doing whenever his help is needed. Seeing that his mother is getting less able to take care of herself, he has purchased a fabricated home, and put it on a piece of ground between his house and the Denzil Jenkins home.

LA VOR RAY & BARBARA BAGLEY JENKINS



LaVor, born 18 October 1948 and Barbara born 16 July 1954, are both life long residents of Star Valley. We both attended Star Valley schools and graduated from high school, LaVor in 1967 and myself in 1972.

After LaVor's graduation, he continued his education at Utah State in Logan. In 1969, he joined the Army and spent the next six weeks in Fort Ord, California. In June, Labor was sent to Viet Nam for a one year tour. This was a very hard time in his life, but good did come out of this experience, as he made some good friends whom he still has contact with. He also developed a deep love and appreciation for our country. Following an honorable discharge in 1971, Labor went back to USU for more schooling. It was during Christmas break that we started dating. We continued our courtship for one and one half years, and were married 26 May 1972, in the Idaho Falls Temple.

The following year was spent back in Logan continuing his education at USU. We moved to Freedom in the spring of 1973, where Labor worked various jobs until 1974 when he began working on the family farm with his dad, Darrel Jenkins. This was an enjoyable time, and we were happy to be living in Freedom. My grandparents, G.A. and Nora Newswander, were former Freedom residents, and my mother, Della, was raised here. Since I had always heard stories of life in Freedom, I felt very much at home here even though I had been raised in Afton by good parents, Burton and Della Bagley.

In 1982, we purchased the farm from LaVor's parents, Darrel and Magdalene. Before that, the farm belonged to Darrel's parents, Raymond and Lula Jenkins. The Idaho, Wyoming line splits the farm in half, and the majority of the land lies in Idaho. We built a home in 1976 on the Idaho side, where we still reside and operate a dairy.

Five children were born to us; Rilianne, Matthew Curt, Tennille, Josh Raymond and Thomas Jeff.

LORENZO & JULIE LOUK JENKINS





Home of Lorenzo & Julie Jenkins

In March of 1987, Lorenzo and Julie went out on a blind date. On 2 October, six months later, we were married at the Stanger Memorial building in Iona, Idaho. We bought a trailer house and moved it on a piece of land next to Lorenzo's parents, Keith and Cheryl Jenkins. We were sealed as a family in the Idaho Falls Temple 5 November 1988.

Pauline Loretta Jenkins was born 22 August 1989, in Afton, Wyoming. On August 7, 1990, we had a set of twins, a boy and a girl. We named them Tyson Earl and Tamara Dee. Tyson had to be life-flighted to Primary Children's Hospital in Salt Lake, where we spent nine days because of immature lungs. My sister, Bertha Stafford and her husband, Preston, went from Idaho Falls to be with Tyson because I was still in the hospital, and Lorenzo stayed at home to stay with Pauline. This was one of the hardest things we have had to do. On the eighth day, the hospital called and told me that Tyson could come home on the ninth day. We went down and picked up Lorenzo's sister, Anna, and she went with us to pick up Tyson. He has been fine ever since.

In 1993, we started to clean and fix up the Phil and Ida Jenkins home. We moved in October of 1993, and this is where we are presently living.

CODY AND RONDA DRANEY LUTHI



Cody was born 5 October 1957 in Afton, Wyoming to Kent and Sherry Luthi, the fourth of six children.

Cody spent his growing up years in Freedom, except for the short time his family spent in Montpelier, Idaho. He attended Metcalf Elementary, Star Valley Jr. High and Star Valley High School. He played football and basketball while in school.

He was called to serve in the Minnesota, Minneapolis Mission. After serving eighteen months, his mission was split and he served the last six months in the Wisconsin, Milwaukee Mission.

Ronda was born 25 February 1960 in Afton, Wyoming to Wendell and Joyce Draney, the tenth of twelve children. She grew up in Tygee Valley on the family ranch. She attended school at Afton Elementary, Star Valley Jr. High and Star Valley High School. After High School she attended Ricks College. She graduated in April, 1980 with an Associate degree in Secretarial Training and Family Living.

A week after Ronda's graduation, she and Cody met at a Young Adult softball game. They were married 31 July 31 1980 in the Idaho Falls Temple. They lived in Freedom for one month then moved to Salt Lake City where Cody attended school, and Ronda worked at the LDS Church Offices. From there they moved to Thermopolis, Wyoming, where Cody worked for KTHE Radio. They moved back to Freedom in September 1981 where they have lived since.

They have five children: Landon-born July 25, 1981; Ben-born October 17, 1982; Devin-born November 1, 1986; Ariel-born April 18, 1990; Audrey-born October 2, 1992.

Cody and Ronda have worked as custodians for the LDS Church since January 1982.

HENRY CORDELL AND ANNETTE HADERLIE LUTHI

Cordell was born in Afton, Wyoming to Henry and Cleo Jean Bollwinkel Luthi. He is the only son, having five older sisters who are; LaRue, Faye, Roma, Joy and Kareen. He was not quite two years old when his father passed away.

He attended school in Freedom through the eighth grade, at the school house in town on the property Kim and Dena Luthi now own. There were two grades in each room, and the teacher taught a subject to one grade while the other grade worked on their lesson. He graduated from Star Valley High School in 1958, and by that time was running the family farm and had done so for a couple of years. Cordell loved sports and he excelled in basketball. He went to Utah State University in Logan, Utah that fall and played basketball on the freshman team.

Annette was born in Logan, Utah to Byron Frank and Ruth Anderson Haderlie. She is the oldest of five children; Annette, Joan, B. Roger, Susan and Kirk L. She lived in West Jordan and Spanish Fork until just before her tenth birthday, and at that time the family moved to Freedom. She attended school in Freedom from the fifth through the eighth grade and graduated from Star Valley High School in 1959.

On 27 August 1959, Cordell and Annette were married in the Idaho Falls Temple, and moved to Logan so Cordell could finish his education. Annette worked at the College of Engineering in the Physics Department as a secretary, and Cordell graduated in June of 1965 with a B.S. in Secondary Education. His first teaching and coaching assignment was in Cokeville, Wyoming, and we lived there for five years. While there, he coached football, basketball and track.

In the fall of 1970, Cordell accepted a coaching and teaching position at Star Valley High School, and they moved back to Freedom. Cordell had purchased his mother's ranch and so began a career of teaching, coaching and dairy farming. Cordell was head basketball coach for three years and taught physical education at the high school. He decided to leave the high school and go to junior high and teach social studies, and he continued assistant coaching for many years. After seventeen years of coaching three sports, he gave up coaching to devote time to teaching and the ranch. Annette has been a stay at home wife who did all the odd jobs that came up while Cordell was teaching.

Freedom is and has been a wonderful place to raise children. The association of the people here is definitely a plus. All in all, we wouldn't have had it any other way.

We had six children: four boys and two girls.

Curtis lives in Logan, Utah

Kelly Cordell married Robin Perry and lives in Smithfield, Utah

Karen lives in Logan, Utah

Kimberly married Jared Speakman and lives in St. George, Utah

Kyle married Suzette Roberts and lives in McKinney, Texas

Kade lives in Laramie, Wyoming

KIM C. AND DENA IZATT LUTHI



June 30, 1978, was the beginning of the Kim and Dena Luthi family unit. Kim is the son of Charles Kent and Sherry Allred Luthi. He was born in Afton, Wyoming on October 21, 1956. Dena is the daughter of Veldon C. and Veloy Hemmert Izatt. She was also born in Afton on August 18, 1959. Kim and Dena were married for time and all eternity in the Idaho Falls Temple. During their courtship, they didn't have to look far for each other because they just lived across the fence. In fact one of their favorite stories to tell is about the time when fourteen year old Kim picked up twelve year old Dena, and put her over the fence, telling her that she lived on that side of the fence and to stay there. Some years later he was found to be wandering on the wrong side of that very fence.

They bought their first home from Bruce and Judy Hoopes in 1978. It was a trailer located on a piece of land behind what is currently known as the General Store. They lived there for six years. While living there, they added a few family members. Sara Jane was born September 3, 1979. She was born on the most appropriate day of the year, Labor Day. Two years later they added a playmate for Sara. Tyson Kim was born June 26, 1981. Thinking that two years (give or take a few months) was a good space for having babies, they added Nicole Luthi to the family on March 29, 1983. At about this time, Kim and Dena decided that things were starting to be a little crowded in the trailer so they started land hunting. The only land available was an acre from Dena's dad, Veldon. Each of his five children would be "willed" an acre of land from his five acres. They had drawn straws as to the location. It was just Dena's luck that she ended up with the piece between Kim's parents and her parents. Now Kim and Dena took pride in being warm friendly people and being able to get along with most anyone, but to live right smack dab between both parents was more than they could handle. So, with a little land swapping between brothers and sisters, they settled with an acre just south of Veldon and Veloy's home. With the land settled, they sold their home to Lester Jacobson and moved into the little Weber home at the foot of the Freedom hill until their home was completed.

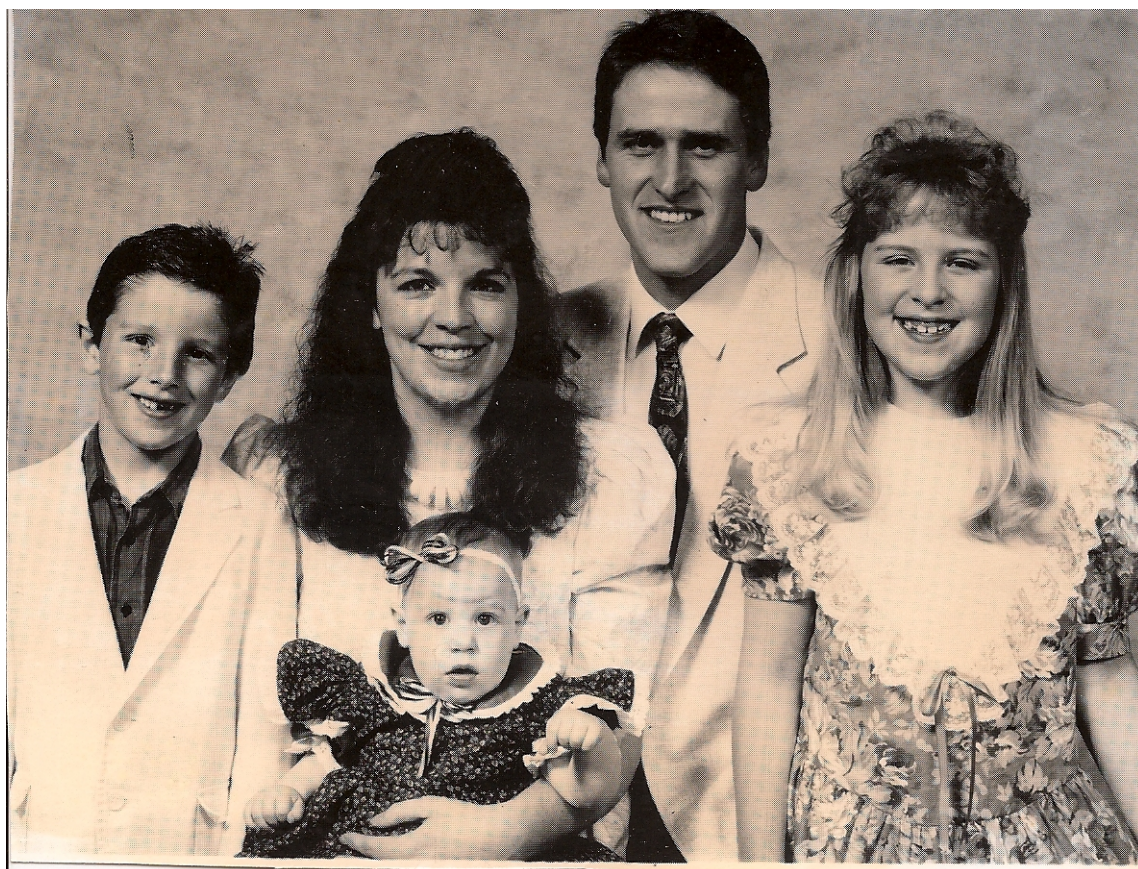
The Luthi's had been feeling cramped when they were living in the three bedroom trailer, but the "little white house" as they called it, had only two bedrooms and there was another little Luthi on the way. Danielle was born March 2, 1985. They were crowded but they had some funny memories of that little place, like the ear wigs that they would wake up with every morning and the mice that would sit in the living room and share their company until five year old Tyson would take the broom after them. They lived in that home for eighteen months.

The move to their new home was an exciting time for the family. Kim being in the construction business built the home, and like the plumber whose wife never had running water, the Luthi's home wasn't finished. In fact there were no inside doors when they moved in along with minor details of no carpet, no trim or siding, but to them it was like moving into a King's Palace. Their home in fact was a Freedom landmark for six years. With only silver insulation on the outside, people began using it to give other people directions. "It's three houses down from the silver house", or "it's about one mile past the silver house". When the siding finally went on people had to think of a whole new way of giving directions.

The fall after the Luthi's moved into their home, Dena opened a preschool which she held in her living room until a room was built in her basement for it. She taught preschool for six years. Almost a year later from the big move, Zachary Kent was born January 20, 1987. He, as of this date, (and hopefully forever) was the caboose. The move to the new home made things a little more convenient for the Luthi's. Kim was now closer to his dad's farm, which he helped on, closer to his construction equipment and supplies and also closer to the church house where he would spend a lot of his time. On April 24, 1988, Kim was called to serve as Second Counselor to Bishop Chad Jenkins. Three years later on May 19, 1991 he was bumped to First Counselor as he served under Bishop Ronald Crook. On July 10, 1994, he was released as counselor and called to serve as Young Men's President where he is still presently serving.

The Luthi's have found that living so close to both sets of parents isn't so bad. It's been a great opportunity for their children to grow close to both sets of grandparents; something that most children don't have the opportunity to do, and it makes it so much easier to borrow a cup of sugar.

THE MARK AND LISA SULLIVAN LUTHI FAMILY STORY



Mark Luthi was born in Montpelier, Idaho on 13 September 1960, the sixth of six children, to Charles Kent Luthi and Sherry Allred. When he was still an infant, his family moved back to Freedom, where he has lived most of his life. He went to school from kindergarten through sixth grade at Metcalf Elementary in Etna; seventh and eighth grades were attended at Star Valley Junior High School in Afton. His High School years, nine through twelve, were spent at Star Valley High School. As a youth he kept busy participating in church and school sports and working on the family farm. After graduating from high school, he attended Utah Technical College for two years.

On 14 April 1965, Lisa Lynn Sullivan was born, the second of three children to Richard Patrick Sullivan and Linda Lee Olson, in Escanaba, Michigan. During the first nine years of her life, she had moved with her family a lot. Among many of the places she lived were; Michigan, Illinois, Colorado and finally, Thayne, Wyoming. She attended fourth through sixth grades at Holdaway Elementary in Thayne, then seventh and eighth grades at Star Valley Junior High School and nine through twelve at Star Valley High School. During her junior and senior years, she was a member of the Star Valley High School Brave Cadettes Drill Team; she loves to dance.

The summer of 1981, Mark and Lisa met. They dated for six months, then Lisa took the Missionary discussions and Mark baptized her a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on 14 November 1981. Then, after another year and a half of dating, on 3 June 1983, only a week after Lisa's graduation, they were married for time and all eternity in the Jordan River Temple in South Jordan, Utah. They rented a trailer from Reed and VonaVee Luthi

for the first year and a half of their marriage, and then in November of 1984, they moved into their home, located one-fourth of a mile north of the Freedom church, on the Wyoming side of the road.

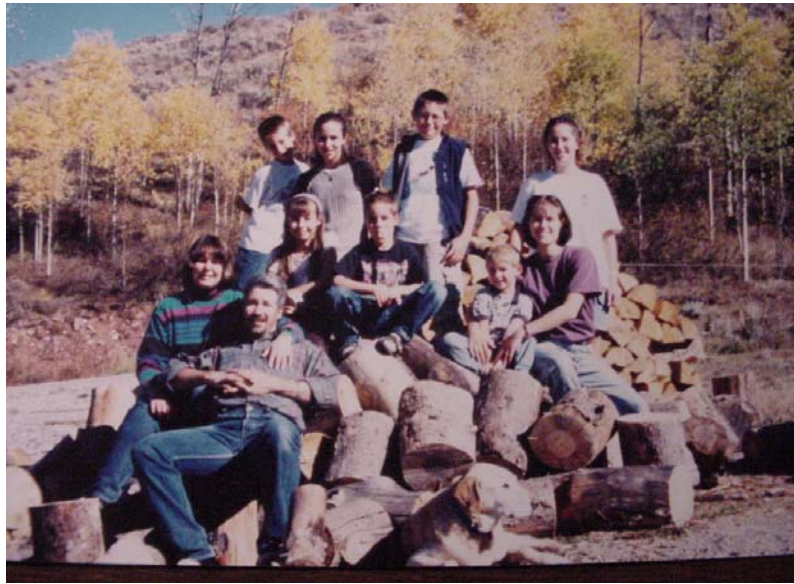
On 27 March 1985, they were blessed by the birth of their first child, Mallory Lorene Luthi, then two and a half years later; Dustin Mark Luthi came on the scene on 19 September 1987. Then after six years of not-so-patient waiting, along came Mindy Lynn Luthi on 30 June 30 1993.

Mark has served as Blazer leader, a Primary teacher, a member of the Elders Quorum Presidency, assistant Scout Master and Young Men's basketball coach as well as being a home teacher.

Lisa has served as a Primary teacher, Nursery leader, Homemaking leader, Young Women secretary, Achievement Day leader, coach of the Young Women softball, volleyball and basketball, as well as being a visiting teacher. As of July 1995, we are all still alive!!

COREY & BONNIE PANTUSO FAMILY

June 16, 2000



Corey Nick Pantuso was born on 5 June 1956 in Salt Lake City, Utah to Gildo & Leona Pantuso, the second of three boys. He attended all of his school years there. Through the years he worked as a painter, janitor and then as an Aerial Photographer, making topographical maps and taking aerial photographs and performing aerial surveys. He has said that he spent many hours in the back of an airplane looking through a camera and fighting off airsickness. He then decided to continue his education by going to Utah Community College studying Electronics & Computer Engineering.

Bonnie Joyce Baker was born on 14 September 1959 in Price, Utah to Wayne & Mariam Baker and was the last of eight children. She lived in Price until the ninth grade, and then moved to Freedom, where Wayne and Mariam Baker bought the Melvin Robinson homestead in Tincup. After finishing school at Star Valley High School and then attending LDS Business College in Salt Lake, Corey swept me off my feet my second year there.

Corey and I met the fall of 1978 while I lived in the basement of one of Corey's friend's home. Corey had come to see his friend and Marian, (his friend's mother) couldn't wait to introduce us. She was a great one for blind dates! After that we had a lot of fun dating and going to hockey games and just spending time together. We were engaged on 7 April 1979.

Even though Corey wasn't through with college, his friend suggested he apply for a job at IBM. Corey didn't think that he had any chance, but the same day that he was interviewed they called him in to another interview. After passing this interview and a couple more, his employment was contingent upon him completing company training in Chicago, which was to last for three months. This was in June of 1979.

Corey was able to come home once during his three month period, and that's when we had our engagement pictures taken and only one negative turned out, which of course is the one that we used. He returned two weeks before we were married in the Salt Lake Temple which was 28 September 28 1979. We worked in Salt Lake for the first year. Corey, for IBM and I, for Mountain Bell. While in Salt Lake, Dad asked us if we wanted to move to Star Valley and work

at Freedom Arms. In June of 1980 we moved into Mom and Dad's trailer in Freedom, where Melvin Robinson's house used to be, and during our time there we had two daughters, Julie and Marie. Julie Ann blessed our home on 29 March 1991 and Marie Lynne on 25 January 1983.

On 9 May 1984, we bought Bruce Hoopes' home which is on the west side of the Rainey Hill, about one and three quarter miles from the Tincup turnoff. We lived in our garage while we finished building our house for seven years, and during that time we were blessed with Stefanie Leona and Jake Corey. Stefanie was born on 30 October 1987. She was actually due on Halloween but gratefully she came early! Jake came along on 1 June 1989 and he hasn't stopped running since. The time came for us to move into our house seven weeks before we had our fourth daughter, Trina Jill which was on 7 April 1991. Rick Corey soon came to visit on 26 August 1993 and Eric Allen came on 1 May 1995. Our latest and hopefully final arrival, is Boston Hunter who came on 20 September 1997.

A coveted tradition that we continued doing after Grandpa Baker (Wayne) started years ago, in the community of Freedom is the annual 24th of July candy drop. We have been involved in it one way or another, either flying or being the bombardier, spraying the Freedom Community Park with hundreds of pounds of candy each year. The shelters are the most desired target as everyone love to hear the candy raining down on the tin roofs, scaring the young and old, and bringing sugar sickness delight to all the little ones both young and old. The event has grown each year drawing family and friends from everywhere. Another tradition we started as a family is a fireworks display after dark. We started the fireworks display for the first time in 1996. The whole family enjoys participating in this annual event.

As you can see, our lives have been rich and fulfilling and there's hardly been time to smell the roses but we wouldn't trade any of it! We love the joys of living in Star Valley, snowmobiling, riding the 4-wheeler & jeep, biking, fishing, hunting, and camping when we get the time. We have raised cows, turkeys, pigeons, a rabbit, dogs, and plenty of kids on our little Tincup ranch.

BURTIS & TERESA ROBERTS



When we first came to the valley I knew I wanted to live in Freedom. Courtney, my baby girl, was six months old. Trevor David was two and one half years old.. We lived in the Darrell Haderlie home on the Idaho side of the street. Later we moved north of there on the Wyoming side into what is now Doug Woody's home. Fletcher Dane was born in Jackson while we lived there. A little later we built and moved into our home of almost twenty years. It is located south of Freedom on the back road to Thayne close to Deer Creek. We bought our ground from Farrell Jenkins when everyone else wouldn't sell. A fact, which has always endeared him to me.

Burt and I met at BYU and lived a short while in California and Utah before coming to Star Valley. My main objection was the absence of a swimming program in the high school. I did a lot of swimming in high school and college and wanted my kids to enjoy swimming also. The high school still doesn't have a swimming program, but my children have all played other sports and enjoyed the association of their friends.

Burt worked for Silver Star Phone Company for the first few years we were here. Later, he joined the Lincoln County crew and pushes snow. He runs a few large pieces of equipment of his own and calls it "Deer Creek Construction". I finished my education by transferring from BYU to USU and attending summer sessions between babies. Now I teach school in Wayan, Idaho in a one- room school called Grays Lake Elementary with grades varying from K to sixth. Our numbers are decreasing and we may have to close our doors to this small rural school but until then I'm enjoying this unique experience. The school will be closed the end of the 2008 year.

At the present time our oldest, Trevor David, just announced wedding plans for November, 1995 in the SLC Temple to Shelli Stringham of Salt Lake City. Trevor will be graduating from BYU in April in a pre-med program for physical therapy. Courtney recently graduated from USU in political science and is doing an internship for Senator Alan Simpson in

Washington, D.C.. She completed a mission to the Netherlands this past year. Trevor served his mission in Louisiana. Fletcher Dane is presently serving in Anchorage, Alaska and loving it. Alison Ann is our baby. At sixteen she is still attending SVHS with no swimming pool, but playing a mean game of volleyball and basketball for them.

As for Burt and I, we are getting older I suppose but hopefully wiser in our old age. Priorities have a way of changing. Our family is just beginning to grow and we are thankful to our Heavenly Father for our good health and all that we enjoy.

LEWIS D & BETTY L CHARLESWORTH ROBERTS



We bought our land from Dellas and Erma Heap 2 September 1982, to build our home in Freedom. It was such a beautiful place and you could see forever and such a wonderful view.

We started digging and pouring the foundation on September 15. We worked on it all winter and summer. Lewis planted the lawn before we ever moved in, which was 10 September 1983. We had grass but no windows. On the 24 September we finally got them and put them in. We had sold our trailer house in Etna so we had to move.

Louis was a Farmers Insurance agent in Afton for ten years. We met many new friends and renewed friendships again with old friends. I was his secretary.

I also had church jobs which were: Primary secretary and teacher; visiting teacher; compassionate service leader and stake secretary for the Relief Society. I also liked to sing with the choir.

On 23 October 1988, Louis was killed in a gun accident in our home. I had my mother, Eva Charlesworth with me for three years. She passed away 21 October 1992, after breaking her hip. She loved the valley and the Freedom Ward. She had lived in Etna for eleven years before moving to Goshon, Idaho.

My parents were John (Jack) and Eva Charlesworth. I have two sisters and one brother. Dorothy and Howard Madsen, Warren and Virginia Charlesworth, Colleen and Gene Drake.

Louis' parents were Sylvester and Vera Hawkins Roberts. Louis had two brothers, (Merrill) and Karen and (Bob) and Martha.

Louis and I had three children, (Steven L) and Laurel (two boys); (Sheree L) and Leon Roska (one boy-one girl) and (Scott C) and Ginger Roberts (a son).

I am so glad I had my family for without them life sure would be lonesome. Families are forever. I love my friends and the Freedom Ward, so if they will have me, I think I'll stay!

ELMO AND NOLA ROBINSON

Elmo and Nola Robinson have lived in Freedom since 1954. Their first home was in Keeler cabins behind Keeler's store. They later built a home on the Wyoming side about a block and a half from town. In 1994, Nola still lives there.

Elmo hauled milk for several years to Star Valley Swiss Cheese Plant. He also worked in Afton as a mechanic in the afternoons. He later worked for Don Wood Tractor as a parts man, and worked there until January, 1992. Nola worked for Star Valley Swiss Cheese Plant most of her married life. She managed the café, or front end, as we called it, and worked there until 1989.

Elmo and Nola have five children: Kedrick W., born in 1950. He has an MBA from the University of Wyoming. He married Jeanne Poema. They have two children, Briana and Keegan. He works for Coast to Coast Resorts and lives in Littleton, Colorado.

Maury Guy was born in 1952. He has a BS from the University of Utah. He went on a mission to Florida. He married Janene Jordan. They have three boys; Jordan, Guy and Vincent. He works for the Quaker Oats Company and they live in Manteca, California.

Stacy Elmo was born in 1955. He went on a mission to Germany. He got his education at BYU and University of Pacific in San Francisco, California. He married LaRae Eatough. They have two children; Cory and Kelci. He is a dentist in the Air Force and at the present is stationed at Mountain Home Air Force Base in Idaho. He spent three years in Germany with the Air Force.

Kami was born in 1960. She has a twin brother Karl. She got her RN at Ricks. She got her BS and Masters from BYU. She graduated valedictorian with both her BS and MS degrees. She married Layne Peterson. They have three children; Katie, Tyce and Laramie. She is a supervising nurse in Salt Lake City. They live in Riverton, Utah.

Karl was born in 1960. He has a twin sister Kami. He got his education at the University of Wyoming and University of Nebraska. He has a dental practice in Kemmerer, Wyoming. He was a dentist in the Army for three years. They lived in Alaska during that time. He went on a mission to Costa Rica. He married Julie Lashwood and they have four boys; Zachary, Lucas, Blake and Erick.

Nola served on the Star Valley Hospital Board for several years. The new hospital was built at this time and is a blessing for all of the valley.

The Church has been important in our lives. Elmo was a clerk in the Afton Thayne Stake and Ward Bishopric for over twenty nine years. Nola has been in the Presidency of Primary, Young Women and Relief Society. She was a Relief Society teacher for almost thirty years.

We have especially enjoyed living in Freedom; participating with our kids and watching them in school and ward activities. We have great ball players, school officers and the usual good things. We pray for health and wealth for our children, grandchildren, and for all you Freedom people.

CHET J. & LISA PARK TONKS SANDERSON



Chet was born 26 February 1958, the third child of Max and Maxine Jenkins Sanderson. He grew up on the family farm. When he got old enough to go fishing by himself, he spent a lot of time fishing along Jackknife Creek that runs through their farm and into Salt River, bringing home a catch or two.

Chet attended grade school at the Metcalf School in Etna, junior high and high school in Afton. He graduated from high school in May of 1976 and then attended two years at Weber State College in technology and trade, technical education in diesel service, auto body and paint, graduating June 3, 1978. He returned to Star Valley where he worked for his Uncle Don at Don Wood Tractor Company in Afton as a mechanic for a time. He worked at the Jackknife Construction Company in Etna for J.P. Robinson as a mechanic and sometimes driving truck. For a while, Chet owned and operated his own logging truck.

Chet married Lisa Park Tonks 16 December 1983. She is the daughter of Marvin and Rayola Corsi Park. Her dad and mother lived in Freedom for a while when she was young, and Lisa attended kindergarten at the Metcalf School in Etna. Her family then moved to Irwin, Idaho and she attended grade school at Irwin and high school at Ririe, Idaho.

When Chet married Lisa he also became an instant dad to her little daughter, Cassie Marie Tonks. Chet legally adopted Cassie and her name was changed to Sanderson 17 November 1986.

Chet and Lisa lived in Etna for just a few months after they were married, and in March of 1984 they bought a trailer home and moved it to Freedom just north of his parent's home and lived there for seven years. In March 1991 they bought a home in Etna where they now live. Chet works for Kilroy Construction Company in Alpine as a mechanic.

Chet and Lisa enjoy doing things together as a family; boating, water skiing and camping. They have three daughters; Cassie, Candice "Candi" and Charlotte "Charlee".

WILLIAM DONNIE AND KATHLEEN ANDERSON SANDERSON

Donnie was born 4 September 1952, the second child and oldest son of Max and Maxine Jenkins Sanderson.

He grew up on the farm and in his early years developed a great love for horses. He spent a lot of time on Sunday afternoons with his saddle horse rigging up some type of harness so his horse could pull things for him.

He attended grade school at the Metcalf School in Etna, junior high and high school in Afton graduating in May of 1970. After graduation he went to work for his Uncle Don Wood at his tractor Company in Afton for awhile. Donnie then worked for Vaughn Haderlie in his outfitting business as a packer in the fall during hunting season. The summer of 1973 was spent on trail rides with Vaughn going up to Challis, Idaho. This was something he enjoyed; being with horses and out in the mountains. He bought himself a mule for packing and named her Ruffus. He spent a few months one winter in Soda Springs working at the mines and one summer on a ranch near Billings, Montana.

Donnie decided to come back home and work with his dad on the farm. He worked as range herder for Jackknife Creek Cattle Association for a few years. He bought another mule and named him Festus to pack salt to the cattle.

His desire to own a beautiful team of horses took him to Shell, Wyoming near Greybull, where he purchased four Clydesdale colts and later he bought two more. Donnie spent a lot of time working and training his horses until he was able to have a four-horse hitch in the parade. He entered his horses for a few years in many parades; going to Sun Valley, Idaho, Ogden, Utah, Jackson Hole, Wyoming for the 24th of July celebration, and Jefferson County Fair in Rigby, Idaho. He is a member of the Draft-Horse Association in Idaho, participating in many of their functions. He has won many trophies and ribbons with his horses. The one he was the most thrilled about took him four years to win, the championship trophy in the plowing contest.

He married Kathleen Anderson who was the oldest of two daughters, and she was born 10 November 1949, to Virginia and Harold Benson Anderson in Long Beach, California. She grew up in Southern California, graduating from Norwalk High School in June of 1967.

Kathy was baptized a member of the LDS Church a few months after graduation. She attended Cerritos College in Cerritos, California. During this time she sang with a patriotic sing out group, The Grand Land Singers. She also worked part time in department stores and offices. She left home to attend BYU in September 1969, graduating in April of 1974 and left BYU in August of 1974, with teaching credentials in elementary education and special education.

During summer vacations while Kathy was in college, she spent one summer in Illinois and one summer in Connecticut doing genealogy research and working as a waitress.

After graduating from BYU, Kathy fulfilled teaching assignments in special education in Owensboro, Kentucky and Idaho Falls, Idaho.

In the summer of 1979, Kathy moved to Portland, Oregon to enter a Masters program at Lewis and Clark College in teaching the deaf. She finished her Masters work in May of 1980 in Gooding, Idaho at the State School for the Deaf and Blind. She received her Masters Degree in June of 1980.

In the spring of 1980 Kathy first came to Star Valley to visit a friend. She interviewed for a special education job in Lincoln County School District #2. She later signed a contract to teach resource room and was assigned to Afton Elementary and the newly opening Osmond Elementary.

Kathy was lined up in the early spring of 1981 on a blind date with Donnie Sanderson by her principal, Dee Hokanson. Kathy married Donnie 2 May 1981, in Freedom, Wyoming, and put an S on the beginning of her last name. They were sealed in the Manti Temple in October of 1986.

Their first child, Flynt William Sanderson, was born 1 October 1987 and their second child, Noelle, Tiana Sanderson was born 27 May 1990.

Living on a farm has been a challenge for Kathy. It is a long way in distance and life style from the city. She continues to work for the Star Valley School District in various teaching assignments, currently at the Holdaway School in Thayne.



Donnie
Noelle - Kathy - Flynt

BYRON AND BILLIE SCHWAB

When we think about Freedom, we will always remember the special people who live there.

We remember living in two houses while in Freedom. First “the little green house” of Archie Nelson’s. Here our lives began as Mr. and Mrs. Byron Schwab. Here we came to know so many special people. Here with the help of these people, we began to learn the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Here Billie was baptized and we became active members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. We began to grow in the gospel.

We wanted our family to grow, so we looked for a larger house. The big white farm house of Fred Brog’s became available and we were eager to move in. The service given to us was beyond expression when we moved in.

Here we were blessed with our little girl, Ann Marie. Later we were blessed when Samuel George came into our lives.

Byron, Ann Marie, Bille, Sam G. Schwab Family



GENE WARREN

I was born on Saturday, 26 August 1961, at the Star Valley Hospital. My home was a pink, two- story house located just below the knoll on the state line. The house now has green siding. I had four older sisters and a brother to welcome me into the family. When I was about five years old, I had a strangulated hernia and had to have an emergency operation. I had measles about a year later the same time as my brother. I received shots for most of the other childhood diseases except chicken pox which I didn't get until my oldest daughter got them when I was thirty three.

I attended elementary school in Etna at Metcalf Elementary. I was an average student and did not really excel in academics until I hit junior high and high school. When I was a sophomore, I found out I liked accounting and seriously considered it as a career choice. That year I received a first place scholarship from Rick's College for a test that several students, three each from many different schools in southeast Idaho area, had taken at Rick's College. I had to ask them to hold it until I was out of high school. When I was a senior, I worked for an accountant for one of my classes on a work experience program. That is when I decided that I would not pursue that career. I graduated from Star Valley High School on 26 May 1979 with a 3.903 GPA. I was required to speak at graduation. Our backdrop was the high school Rock Building which had stood for over sixty years. The building was destroyed the following summer.

That fall, I attended Rick's College in Rexburg, Idaho. I had no plans to graduate, and took only those classes which interested me. When I returned home in the spring, I worked for Brogs until I left on my mission.

I received my mission call on 18 August 1980, to the Brazil Sao Paulo South Mission. I had never dreamed I would go to South America, but was more Europe minded. I feared I was going down to the jungle. I got quite an awakening when I arrived in Sao Paulo, one of the largest cities in the world. While I was there, I learned to love and appreciate another people and the joy that fills one's soul to see the lives of others change as they learn of the gospel truths. The parting of the mission field is harder than the parting of home because you know you will never see those dear friends again. Some mission friendships are eternal friendships as one of the Brazilians used to say, "Families are forever and friends are too."

When I returned home I started operating the family dairy, and in 1986, I bought a home about a three quarters of a mile south of the one where I was raised just on the other side of the knoll. On 20 February 1987, I married a returned missionary of the Texas Dallas Mission, Michelle Acor from Moore, Idaho, in the Idaho Falls Temple. On 17 July 1988, we had our first child, born cesarean at the Star Valley Hospital. We gave her a Brazilian name and also named her after her mother; Deise Michelle. She does very well in her studies and at the time of this writing, just finished the seventh grade with a 4.000 GPA. Since our marriage, Michelle had been running a beauty shop which continued part time until the birth of our next child, also born cesarean at Star Valley Hospital on 21 March 1990. That child came as a pair, making it so until the year 2000, we would only two preschoolers. We named each of them after a grandmother for their middle name, Dixie Eyleen and Danette Deola. From the time they were born, Dixie was a mom's girl, always wanting to go with mom. And Danette was a dad's girl, and from the time she could talk, she always asked to go in the tractor or to the barn with Dad.

Two years later, on 28 May 1992, our first boy was born at Star Valley Hospital. We named him after a son of Adam and his father; Seth Gene. He likes to tinker with things and see

how they work. In 1994, we had our most trouble free birth to that point at home with a midwife. Born on August 10, a week late with lots of black hair, we named her after President Kimball's wife and her great grandmother, Camilla Avis. When she was little, lots of folks called her "the smiley one". Though we had a baby due on Thanksgiving day two years later, we thought this child would also be late and planned to go to my sister's place for Thanksgiving dinner. Early that morning, we knew we would not be going anywhere and that our midwife was also going to miss Thanksgiving dinner. Naming him after another Biblical character and his grandfather, Caleb Everett joined our family on 28 November 1996. We decided that we were going to have to somehow add on our two bedroom home and we began our addition to our home two years later, about the time our next child was born on 30 September 1998. We named her after her great-grandmother, Marie Acor, and called her, Shania Marie. She had a few problems as a baby and when she was about six months we wondered if we should prepare ourselves for the possibility of her leaving our family for this life. She did recover, fortunately, and appears at her young age to have a lot of talent. Two and a half years later, we were surprised when our next child was born a week early on Washington's birthday, 22 February 2001. That being the case, and the fact they my great grandfather was named, Thomas Washington White, we changed the middle name we had planned for him and called him Brigham Washington.

I still dairy along with my family and farm ground in both Freedom and Etna.

RICKIE DEL WARREN – FRANCES STOCKDALE

Rickie was born 4 June 1956. He is the son of Delbert Warren and Deola White Warren. He had four older sisters and was the first boy in this family. Rick helped his father on the farm, changing sprinklers, feeding cows and milking cows.

One day on his way to milk cows at his Grandpa Warren's place, Stacy Robinson was teaching him to ride on one wheel on his old bike that he had put together from parts out of the junkyard. He was going fast and when he pulled up on the front of the bike to ride on the one wheel on the back, the front wheel came off and rolled several yards down the road. His face landed on the asphalt, breaking off his two top front teeth. All he could think of at the time was, "Boy, Dad is going to be mad!" His sisters had to milk for him and later he was taken to Doctor Wray. He had a root canal, and caps put on both of them. His dad said that it cost more to fix his teeth than it would have cost to buy a new bike. He loved horses and loved to fix things. He worked as a mechanic and served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to Fiji, Suva. He worked as a mechanic for Don Wood Tractor Company in Afton and then was transferred to Montpelier to run his shop there. It was here that he met his wife, Frances Stockdale. She was a schoolteacher at the A.J. Winters School. They were married 2 June 1978 in the Idaho Falls Temple. In the summer of 1979 they moved into a home in Freedom, owned by Fred Brog. They lived here until April of 1981 when they moved to Etna, where Rick had built a shop and a home.

Frances was born 3 February 1950 in Logan, Utah. She graduated from Logan High School and then from Utah State University with a degree in Elementary education. They now have six children: Michael Delbert, Colette, Jeremiah, Rebecca, Mathew, and Ruth Ann.

KURTIS AND LINDA WEBER

Kurtis Brown Weber, fifth child of Rex and Fern Brown Weber, was born June 2, 1958 in the Star Valley Hospital in Afton, Lincoln, Wyoming. He has lived all his life in Freedom, except for time out to go to school and on a mission.

Kurtis fondly remembers his friends and playing softball as his favorite pastimes while growing up. He played on softball teams that traveled throughout the inter-mountain area in church tournaments. Always a sports lover, he also enjoyed football and basketball, playing on teams in junior high and high school. He played the trumpet and baritone for awhile in the band. Of course, girls caught his interest, too. He grew up on his father's ranch on the Idaho side of Freedom. A highlight of his summers was when his cousins came to stay for a week or two. They rode motorcycles, played hide and seek in the straw bales, and made their own fun. He enjoyed running the tractors and other farm machinery.

In 1976, the nation's bicentennial, he graduated from Star Valley High School and then attended Utah State University. It was there he met his future wife, Linda. He especially enjoyed some technical classes he took, including auto mechanics and welding. After two quarters at Utah State, he returned home to work, prior to leaving for his LDS mission.

The next two years (June 1977-1979) were spent serving a mission in Houston, Texas. He gained a great respect for the hospitality and kindness of the southern people. Some great friendships developed, and his love of the gospel increased as he shared what he believed with people of many faiths.

Linda wrote to him while he was on his mission, and it didn't take long after he returned home for them to get engaged. They were married in the Logan LDS Temple on August 23, 1979. They moved into the small white house next door to where Charles and Johanna Weber lived, while they were building their new home across from the ball park. Kurtis purchased the dairy and planned to go into partnership with his brother, Robert, when Robert returned from his mission. In his spare time, he worked on the ballpark across the road. He wanted to play, so he did what he could to make it playable.

Linda moved to Freedom where she became very involved with teaching piano lessons. Moving to a small community after the hubbub of college life was a change. But Kurtis' family, and friends and neighbors did their best to welcome her. She had just recently graduated from Utah State University and felt like the timing couldn't have been better to start her new life with the man she loved in Star Valley.

On August 13, 1980, their first daughter, Ginger Rose, was born. She was a petite bundle of energy. She had a couple of seizures and therefore spent her first birthday in the Primary Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City. Thankfully, the seizures were just caused by the new brain activity due to rapid learning and growth, and ceased on their own. Since then, she has continued to bring a lot of joy to her parents, and has been a tremendous help and example to her family. She has always had a beautiful singing voice, singing solos when she was three. She's always had a mind of her own and is creative and insightful.

While Ginger was a baby, Kurtis looked for other employment to supplement his farm income, and still enable him to pursue his love of farming. He worked for a time at the oilrig then located at the top of Bald Mountain, later at a phosphate mine, and then returned to school

at USU. After trying his hand at other things, he returned to where his heart was, to the love of the land and farming.

Tragedy struck in the winter of 1982, when their first son was stillborn on 15 January. Kurtis and Linda were heartbroken, but took comfort in the newly strengthened knowledge that our Heavenly Father knew them and loved them, and that he knew and loved their little boy, too.

In the 1982-1983 school year, Linda began teaching school at nearby Metcalf School. She taught kindergarten which she loved and taught for eight years. She also taught music for a couple of years, and presently teaches first grade at that same school. She treasures the children and delights in seeing them gain knowledge and understanding.

A bus driving position opened up, making it possible for Kurtis to farm and supplement that income. Even he was surprised how enjoyable transporting elementary school-aged children to and from school can be. He loves those kids.

Krista Marie, their second daughter, was born on 20 July 1983. She was an affectionate, wonderful baby. She was born with a head full of red hair and more facial expressions than one could imagine. She, like her dad, loves all sports, and is willing to experiment and learn. She is a deep thinker, and approaches nothing without first thoroughly analyzing it.

By the summer of 1984, the Weber's had built a new home almost across the street from their previous one. Robert bought the dairy and the house that went with it, and Kurtis began building again. Giving up the birds' serenading from their lofty perches high in the stately pine trees was the most difficult part of the move.

On a cold, dark winter's night in 1988, the Weber household received one of its most glowing heart-warming gifts. Marcus Kurtis was an answer to his father's prayers. Just the kind of boy any father would want to have. He loves the country life. Between the machinery, the sports, and the mischief, he finds joy in his life. He also uses his thoughtful careful personality to help others find joy. Being the only boy in a family of sisters, he holds his own and keeps his family laughing.

Every cloud has a spot where the sun pokes through. That's kind of how it is with Bobbi. She brings sunshine to our home and doesn't allow us to forget the important little things, like how beautiful the sky looks, or how nice her cousin is, or how there's nothing in the whole possibilities for supper that compares with macaroni and cheese with hot dogs in it. Sharing what she is thinking is one of Bobbi's best talents. Even without knowing the terminology, she'll find a way to help you understand what is on her mind. 1988 brought a whole new dimension into our lives.

After another loss of a child in 1991, Linda kind of gave up hope and courage to try again, and tried to fool herself into thinking that life was complete now. Little did she realize how disillusioned she was.

December 29, 1994, brought their sweet little baby. The whole family found what it's like to look forward to each new day, each new discovery. Natalie kind of changed lives by changing hearts.

Besides farming, Kurtis enjoys building and designing out of wood, and more recently out of metal. His handiwork is evident around his home and farm. Spare time is still spent

playing ball, snowmobiling, or boating. He values people and enjoys working with them, whether in community, business, or church settings. Linda now considers her home to be in Freedom and both feel privileged to live among people who are honest, hard working, and are good examples for their children.

We're grateful to have the opportunity to raise our children here. We hope that even in the years to come, Freedom will be a safe, friendly, comfortable place to dwell. We're grateful for our membership in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and the blessings that affords us. May our Heavenly Father be with each of us, we pray.

ROBERT FRANKLIN WEBER AND MARILYN BATEMAN



Robert Franklin Weber, son of Rex B. Weber and Thelma Fern Brown, great grandson of Ester Amelia Marriott and James Fredrick Brown.

Robert was born February 25, 1960 at Afton, Lincoln, Wyoming. He weighed nine pounds, thirteen ounces, he was blessed by his father Rex B. Weber on 27 March 1960.

He was baptized in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on March 25, 1968 by his brother, Lawrence Weber. Confirmed a member on 31 March 1968 by his father.

When Robert was four years old he sang a solo, (Nuttin' For Christmas), at the Primary Christmas program, accompanied on the guitar by his brother Wayd. He was a good singer and had the opportunity to perform at school and other programs. He also sang duets with his brother Kurtis.

He loved to swim and he took swimming lessons at the Bateman's Riverview Resort. He also finished his life saving course.

He was member of the 4-H club for several years and participated in several projects and won ribbons at the Lincoln County Fair.

When he was ten years old, he broke his arm when he fell off a horse barrel racing. When he was fourteen years old he broke his arm while participating in the intramural program at Star Valley High School.

He always looked forward to going to Utah for vacations to see and visit with his cousins.

He grew up on his father's ranch in Freedom, Idaho. He was always a good helper and was up early in the mornings to help with the daily chores, and whatever needed to be done. When he was around six years old, one day Lyle Stoker came to artificial inseminate some of

the cows, and Robert was really serious when he told Mr. Stoker he better put it in right this time, because the last calf that we had came out backwards.

Robert is one that really loves sports. He played football on the high school team. He was with the Star Valley basketball team when they were the class A Basketball Champions for the State of Wyoming in 1976.

Robert was on the Freedom softball team when they got second at the Church Area Softball Tournament in Idaho Falls, August 1977. Their Freedom softball team won first in the Church Area Tournament at Smithfield Utah, August 1978. He was on the Freedom basketball junior team. For two years they took first in the Afton Stake and Bear Lake Region tournaments. He has several trophies that he is proud of.

Robert said he had never met anyone he couldn't get along with. His friends looked up to him and often came to him for advice. He has always tried to set a good example.

He has served as first counselor in the Teachers quorum and as second counselor in the Priest quorum, he was ordained an Elder by his brother Lawrence August 1978.

Robert graduated from high school with the class of 1978. He is also a four-year LDS Seminary graduate. He attended a semester at Ricks College.

Robert is now serving in the New York, New York City Mission for the LDS Church. He was set apart for his mission by President Marlow Bateman of the Thayne Stake, 27 February 1979. He was endowed in the Salt Lake Temple 16 February 1979.

He has three brothers and two sisters; Wayd R. Weber, Lawrence Willard Weber, Kurtis B. Weber, Trudy Lynn Weber Atkinson, and Terri Lee Weber Spackman.

Robert married Marilyn Bateman 6 November 1981 in the Idaho Falls Temple. Marilyn is the daughter of Rex and Doreen Bateman from Etna, Wyoming. We rented the old Charles Weber home in Freedom for the first eleven months of our marriage. On 9 October 1982 we moved into our trailer house just west of the Freedom Ball Park. The next day our son Kyle Robert Weber was born. He was such a fun baby and such a wonderful addition to our family. He grew so fast and soon was going on motorcycle rides with his father. His favorite thing is still riding his bike and being outdoors.

In the spring of 1984 we bought the dairy and house from Robert's brother, Kurtis and his wife, Linda. It is located just north of the Freedom ballpark.

3 December 1984, our second child and first daughter, Katherine Ann Weber (Katie), was born to us. She weighed five pounds and eleven ounces. She may be small, but she makes up for it with her bouncy personality. When Katie was sixteen months old she had surgery at Shriners's Hospital in Salt Lake City for a dislocated hip. She came home wearing a full body cast from her chest to her ankles. She wore this for one and a half months. The doctor then cut the top part of her cast off so she just was wearing a cast on her legs. For the next one and a half months, she wore her cast and then went to wearing a brace for four months. She never complained and was a happy girl throughout her ordeal.

Kami was born to us on 18 June 1988. She was also born with a dislocated hip, but it was detected early so she only had to wear a harness brace for four months. Kami loves playing, especially outdoors, where she loves following her dad around.

Kimberly was born on 28 August 1991, the first day of school. She also had a dislocated hip, (renamed the Bateman Plague by Robert). By the time Kimberly had her first doctor appointment in Salt Lake City, they couldn't find anything wrong. I think we had been blessed by her being okay.

The 1984 Olympics were being held on channel ABC, which Star Valley couldn't get good reception on. Robert and Cody Luthi started taking batteries up on Black Mountain so we could get good enough reception to watch the Olympics, this led to many people getting involved and creating the Lower Valley T.V. Association. Robert was put in as President, Cody Luthi as Vice President and Ronald and Barbara Crook as Secretaries. Doreen Bateman took over as secretary in 1993. Over the past nine years, the association had built up the system from two television translators to five television translators and one FM radio translator.

Robert has served as Sundayschool teacher, Blazer Scout leader, Secretary and Secretary and Second Counselor in the Stake Young Men's Presidency. He is currently serving as Webelos leader.

Marilyn has been a Primary teacher, nursery leader, and is serving as Primary secretary.

TRUDY EDWARDS WILLIAMS



My father was LaVal Edwards, son of John and Luannie Hokanson Edwards of Freedom. I lived in Murray, Utah all my life until in 1997, I moved to Freedom to live with my mother, Trelma Reeves Edwards Warren Call. My move was to watch and care for Mom and her health, but as it turns out she takes care of me. We are having good times together. I have five children: Jeff, Bryan, Myron, Charlene, and Dale.

ERNEST SAMUEL JR. & WANDA WALTON WOLFLEY



as a child, Wanda lived in Freedom on the east side and attended school in Freedom.

In April 1957, Ernest and Wanda moved from Bedford, Wyoming (Turnerville) to the Carl Robinson farm in Freedom on the Idaho side. Ern had quit his job with the Star Valley Swiss Cheese Company to run the farm for Mr. Robinson. He had decided that his boys needed something to do. Rex, the oldest was fifteen; Tex-thirteen; Bob-twelve; Margaret Ellen-ten; Tony-six and Roselie, nearly one.

During the next thirty- five years they lived in Freedom, working hard and raising their six children. With the help of his four sons, Ernest milked cows and farmed around five hundred acres; later the former D'Orr Child place was added, bringing the total to nearly seven hundred and fifty acres. As his children married and left home, the work became more than he could handle alone. He depended on help from his married sons and grandchildren for the next fifteen or twenty years.

Ernest was a very friendly and social person. He enjoyed visiting with his neighbors and would drop everything if, his help was needed by them. He was extremely strong, and in his early years abused his body with feats of strength, such as throwing two hundred pound cheese wheels around the creamery. He was a great storyteller and his kids and grandkids enjoyed hearing his stories, and listening to him quote the poems he had learned many years before. He taught his children to work hard and give an honest days work for their pay.

Wanda was a good homemaker and a terrific cook. She loved to can bushels of fruit and vegetables in the fall. She served for several years in the Primary as a teacher and later as work director in the Relief Society. She worked with Joann Jenkins, Leora Rainey and Elaine Jenkins and they became very good friends, especially she and Joann. She loved doing quilts and made a lot of them through the years. She had a chronic health problem with her lungs, due to having both

pneumonia and whooping cough one winter as a child. She died in October, 1983 when only sixty two years old, from congestive heart failure. She and Ernest were devoted to each other, seldom apart, and happy when together just to sit and hold hands.

Ern was very lonely after Wanda's death. The Robinsons had sold the dairy cows and rented out their place about a year before she died. At this time he went to work for Fred Brog. He married Patricia Wolfley two years later. They had been married barely a year when in September 1986, Ernest passed away peacefully, from sudden heart failure. He was sixty- five years old.

Ernest and Wanda's sons Samuel Rex married Marsha Barber in 1963; Ernest Tex married Dalene Clark in 1964; Robert R. married Phyllis Elliot in 1965; Margaret Ellen married Russell Nelson in 1972 (divorced) married Orson Brierley in 1986; Tony married Jana Lee Withers in 1971 and Roselie Regina married ElRay Eggleston in 1977. They have twenty five grandchildren and twenty eight great grandchildren.

REX AND MARSHA WOLFLEY

On August 29, 1963 Samuel Rex Wolfley and Marsha Barber were married in the Idaho Falls Temple. Rex, born 17 May 1942, was the oldest son of Ernest and Wanda Wolfley, and Marsha, the oldest daughter of Walter and Lorraine Barber, was born February 14, 1944. With the exception of the first year of their marriage, they have lived in Freedom on Jackknife Road for the past thirty two years. They moved into Marsha's childhood home in the spring of 1965. Together they have raised four children, Samuel Ward, Robin, Travis Walter and Rod Rex.

Rex has been employed off and on at the Star Valley Cheese Factory for the past forty years. He hauled milk for the creamery for over twelve years. He has also done some dairying and farming during this time. At one point, while in partnership with Merrill McNeel in a dairy operation, they experienced the warmth and generosity of the people of Star Valley, and many others when twenty head of their best dairy cows were killed during a July thunderstorm. Rex returned to work at the cheese factory in 1983, where he is employed at the present time. He also runs about one hundred acres of the Barber farm. After coyotes interfered with his sheep raising plans, he started raising a few Holstein steers in addition to his other work.

Through the years both Marsha and Rex have experienced some health problems. However, they have remained active in their Church and community. They have always enjoyed their busy lives. Marsha enjoys her role as homemaker and mother. She also likes books and people and is always interested in the world around her. She has done some substituting at the elementary schools in the lower valley since 1990.

Their three oldest children have married, moved from the valley and are raising their four grandchildren. Rod, at the writing of this history, is serving a mission in the Canary Islands. Ward married Kristen Norton from Boise, Idaho in 1987. They and their two daughters reside in Boise. Robin married Erwin E. Brierley in 1987 and they reside in Spanish Fork, Utah with their daughter and son. Travis married Sadie Somsen from Wayan, Idaho in 1994. They are living in Pocatello, Idaho when not traveling around the country working on power lines.

SONG ABOUT FREEDOM
TUNE: OPEN UP YOUR HEART AND LET THE SUNSHINE IN

Long ago in Freedom, two men of great renown
Called a meeting to decide the future of the town.
The issue to be settled was "Where should Freedom go?"
Should they belong to Wyoming or go with Idaho?

We'll meet on my homestead, the Idahoan said.
The other Joe said, "no, no, no, the folks would be misled."
And still they had to meet, and so to be discreet
They got the folks together in the middle of the street.

The Haderlies and the Jenkins and Robinsons were there.
The Luthis and the Ericksons all had their views to share.
Some thought that in Wyoming there'd be too much ice and snow,
While others said they couldn't face the wind in Idaho.

Some said Wyoming schools were far behind and slow.
And others said they'd never send their kids to Idaho.
Some thought the Governor of Idaho was wrong,
And some folks didn't like the tune of the Wyoming State Song.

And so to end the meeting, these two men of great renown
Suggested that the boundary stay in the middle of the town.
And those who liked Wyoming could to Wyoming go
And those who didn't like it could move to Idaho.

Now some had many wives and secluded lives.
Made it nice for them when there would be polygamist drives.
If the Idaho sheriff came, you could go to old WYO
And if you saw a Wyoming badge you could flee to Idaho.

Every one is happy now and things are going fine.
There's no controversy on location of the line.
And if you think another state would make your joy complete,
Brother, all you have to do is move across the street.