

Life History of Edith Estella Perry Snow

I was born Dec. 9th 1881 at my Grandfather's George B. Matson Sr. farm in Springville Utah. My parents moved to Mapleton when I was a small child. There I grew up and attended school, Sunday School, Primary and M.I.A. I loved to ride horses and roam over the hills and was pretty much of a tomboy. I liked to help my father on the farm better than to do housework. In 1899 when I was eighteen the family moved to the Grand Ronde Valley in eastern Oregon. There on the west side of the valley about five miles north of Le Grande I lived on my father's farm a little more than four years. There were very few Latter Day Saints in that part of the country at that time and the missionaries used to visit us and hold cottage meetings. Then a branch was organized and later Union Stake of which our little ward which we called Mt. Glen was a part. We had very happy times and I worked in the Sunday School, Primary and M.I.A.

I also attended school two winters in Le Grande. In March 31st 1904 I was married to Charles Eben Snow by Bishop E.W. Whiting. The next day we left by train for Utah visiting relatives and friends in Provo, Springville, Mapleton and Salem, then to Salt Lake City and on April 7th 1904 we went to the temple and were sealed. We then returned to Oregon and as my husband was in the employ of the Amalgamated Sugar Co. we went to an island in the Columbia River about thirty miles west of Pendleton Ore. To experiment with sugar beet culture. Beets not being successful we returned to Le Grande and continued there for the sugar Co. for the three following years during which time we were blessed with three nice babies, Clarice born Mar. 21st, 1905, Jessie M. born April 16th 1906, and Bernard Sylvester born Oct. 11 1907.

My husband then started working for the railroad Co. as fireman where he worked for two years.

On Mar. 6th 1909 Evalyn Nancy was born and that fall my husband went back to work for the sugar Co. at Enterprise Oregon about eighty miles north of Le Grande where we lived the following year and a half during which time baby Evalyn who was not very strong was stricken with infantile paralysis. She was helpless for some time but gradually grew stronger until the weakness was left only in her left leg and right arm.

The spring of 1911 we moved to Lostine a small town about 15 miles below Enterprise where on June 20 Alice Maple was born. In the fall of 1912 we returned to Le Grande then the following spring we moved to the sugar Co. farm near Union and that fall back to La Grande where we lived the following six and one half years during which time my husband worked at different things, mostly teaming and truck driving and two more baby boys were born to us. Charles Perry born Jan 25th 1916 and Leo J. born June 25 1918.

In the spring of 1920 we moved to Salem Utah and engaged in farming Oct. 16th 1920. Howard Lovell was born in the spring of 1921. Evalyn was

operated on at the LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City after which she was not so lame.

In Dec. 18 1922, Jean Lula was born. We continued farming until 1926. In the winter of 1824 Jessie, our second daughter, went to Denver Colorado to work for a Salt Lake Candy Co. about two months later she was stricken with appendicitis. She was taken to the best hospital in Denver and four of the best Drs. Cared for her. They operated and said there was very little hope for her recovering. We were unable to go to her but her Aunt Sadie Stewart went.

For a week she lay at the point of death. The Drs. all gave her up and said she could not live.

All this time we were holding prayer circles and exercising our faith in her behalf. She did live and get well and the Dr. said it was a miracle and I believe it was through the mercy of God she was restored to us. In Dec 27 1925 Clarice our oldest daughter was married to Carlisle Van Patten and she now has three lovely little daughters, Pauline, Fern, Shirlie and Edith Lucile (1934 June 17th Norma June).

In 1926 we bought a small place in Salem and for about three years my husband worked at teaming. May 4 1929 Jessie was married to Earl F. Lowe and she has a sweet little daughter Laurel Jean (born Oct 17th 1930).

In July 2 1929 Alice was married to Richard H. Jones and she also has a dear baby girl Evalyn Marlene. Alas in July 3 1929 my daughter Evalyn went to Los Angeles and has lived since with my youngest sister Mrs. H.A. Hutchins.

In the fall of 1929 we moved to Park City Ut. where my husband and oldest son Bernard have worked in the mines. At the present date Apr. 29, 1932 I am fifty years and nearly five months of age, the mother of nine children, four boys and five girls all living. I also have five granddaughters.