

HISTORY #13 - A SHORT HISTORY OF
HAZEL (LOVELESS) KEARL.

This short History of Hazel (Loveless) Kearl was found in a diary that she was keeping. It also includes information found in the "History of Orem."

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One of the most difficult things to do, I am sure, is to try to recall the first things that happen in ones life. I remember my curly hair. It was not well cared for, combed by a big sister, whose jerks and pulls had but one purpose - to remove the snarls and make braiding possible. I had no idea then that curly hair could be pretty - only that it was troublesome, unnecessary and must therefore be cut like a boys! Not a pleasant experience for a little girl. There is no memory of the curls ever coming back but, to some extent, they must have.

even that had its advantages because since mothers and older sisters were needed to pick straw berries, instead of working in the fields, I had the care of 3 younger brothers and a neighbor boy for whom I must have been a real convenient standby. The loss of shoes and stockings in the mud were a minor consequence when berries had to be picked.

My home on the Provo Bench (Orem).

All of this happened when I was a child and lived on the Provo Bench, today's Orem, where I was born in 1889. It then had one ward but has grown to be one of the largest cities in Utah with many, many wards.

My Mother and Father, James A. and Julia (Ekins) Loveless.

I was the youngest girl (more boy than girl) in the family and

The Provo River carried the melt from the winter snow that was stored in the Wasatch Mountains and in the spring found its way into Utah Lake and finally

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into Salt Lake. Ages ago as it flowed into the valley it created a delta made up of layers of rocky soil now known as the Provo Bench. When the pioneers first entered the Salt Lake Valley they found that to have farm land for everyone they must settle in the areas that were adjacent to the valley. They settled both to the north and the south of the Salt Lake Valley. When Mother and Father were 18 and 21 years old, respectively, they decided to settle on the delta north of Provo and they filed for a homestead on government land. The original size of their homestead was 160 acres.

This dry delta was completely covered with Sage Brush. A grey shrub with a leaf somewhat resembling a willow. It has a pungent odor and grows about 6' high in fertile soil. The pioneers with energy and determination dug canals and created an irrigation system for the Provo Bench bringing water from the foothills across this plateau. The land proved to be extremely fertile. All that was needed was water to bring into production some of the choicest land in Utah.

Here my father and mother and a few others built the first log houses on what is now the garden spot of Utah. Some of the old houses are still standing. They were being used as tool sheds when I last saw them.

When I was young snakes were common but were not usually poisonous. Mother often told of placing a baby on a quilt in the door way of her home to take advantage of the sunshine and of finding a huge snake enjoying that same sunshine by the side of the baby. The land was cleared of sagebrush and crops grew fine. Berries grew profusely and those who lived in the city of Provo thought the fruit grown "on the bench" was great. The Plateau soon became noted for its huge orchards and the fields of fruits grown that were grown there.

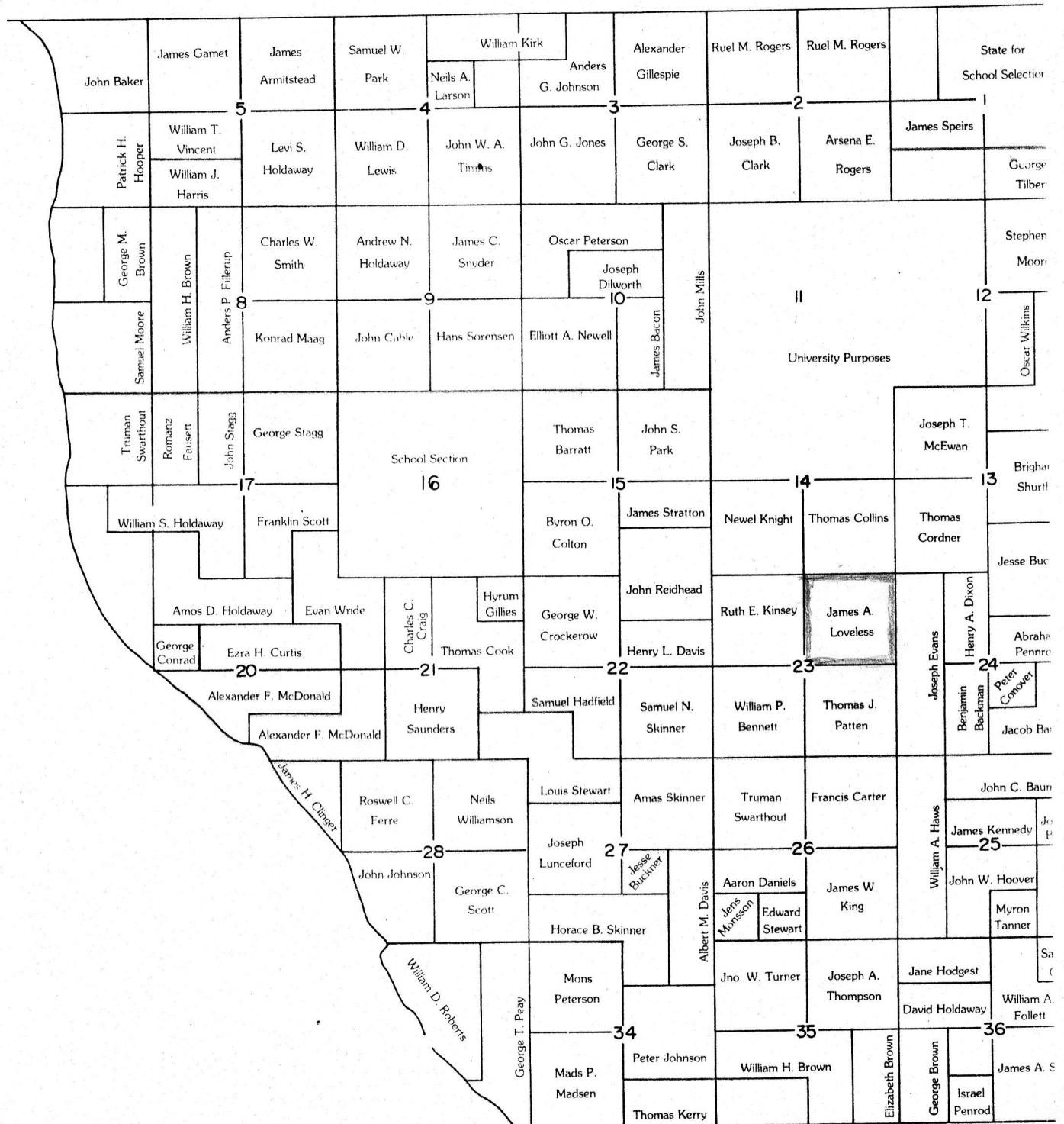
The following account of education in Orem appeared in a recent "History of Orem."

"Teaching only the elementary grades, one through eight, created some difficulties. An incident that Ray V. Wentz, a teacher recorded shows the reality of this problem:"

Just before graduation time, James A. Loveless, the pioneer, came to me. (I was the principal and teacher at the time.) He inquired about his girls, Hazel and Annie. He wanted to know if they would be graduated with the next group I informed him they were two of the best pupils and would be ready to graduate. He thought a little while, then said, "my wife and I have been talking this over and we would like you to retain them." I was dumbfounded and asked for an

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The quarter section that James and Julia homesteaded.



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explanation. He stated that the eighth grade is the highest class here and we can't send them away to school, so if you retain them they can take the grade over. I told him it would be the same lessons and the same teacher. Yes he replied we have considered all that. So I gave my consent provided he talked it over with the girls giving them a satisfactory explanation. At a meeting with them the next morning we had a talk about the situation, and came to a clear understanding.

Next year these two girls were in

my classes and were my hardest workers. When graduation time came round the next term, they passed with high honors. And I had been successful in securing scholarships for them to

Mother in the eighth grade.

attend the Utah University for the next school.

On entering school in the fall they were soon given an examination and were passed on to higher classes. Their last year had not been wasted.

In those days hops were grown in great quantities. I don't know whether they were wild or cultivated but since they are a bitter

herb used for medicine and also for beer I think they must have been cultivated. Mother tells about gathering the pistillate cones and selling them to earn her way through school. My mother taught in the Provo Schools. Brigham Young Academy in Provo was then only a High School. Here both my Mother and I received our scant education.



EIGHTH GRADE CLASS, SPENCER SCHOOL, 1902: Front - Ray Wentz, Belle Green, teachers. Back - John Hills, Annie Stubbs, Willa Williams, Jennie McEwan, Hazel Loveless, Laurence Salisbury, Annie Loveless, Melissa Daniels, Adeline Farley, Leo J. Knight. Courtesy Lillian Salisbury.

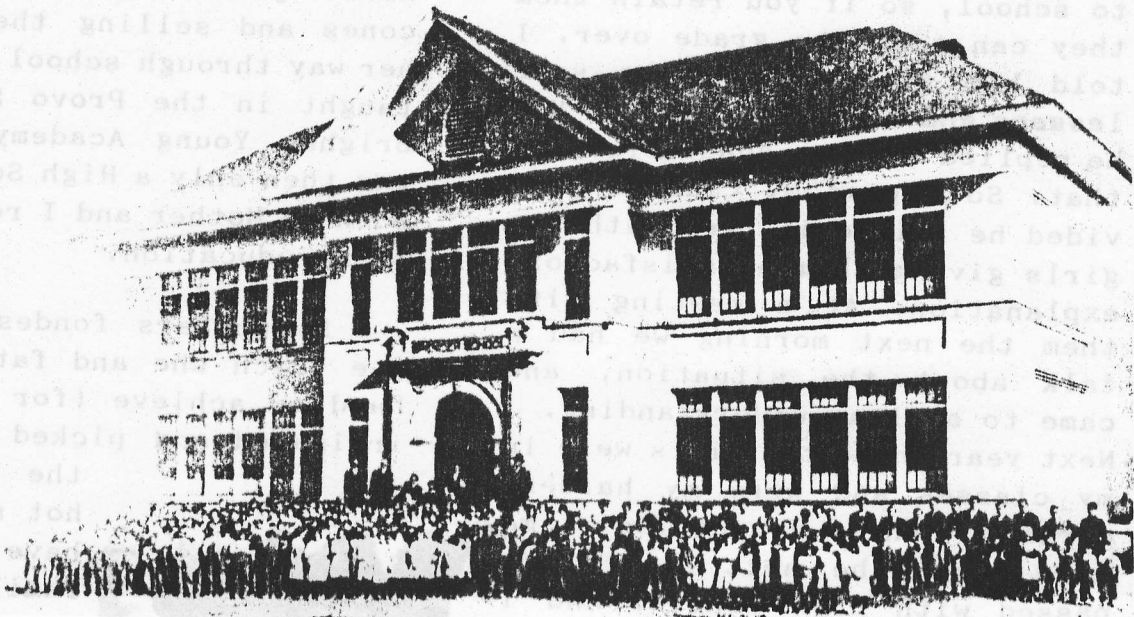
My mothers fondest wish and one which she and father worked hard to achieve (for which they irrigated and picked berries in the blistering hot sun) was to have all their family graduate from the Brigham Young Academy. My regrets have always been that I let mother feel that we as kids were assuming the difficult role, not she.

I graduated from BYU in the year of 1908. It was only a high school education by today's standards, but it meant much more in those days.

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those days.

In fair weather I rode a bicycle, which was perhaps rather bad on the legs. In the winter we moved into two rooms in Provo and kept house for ourselves. My sister and I went home those 10 miles to Orem each Friday night.



The Spencer School where I went to grade school
and where I later taught.

After I graduated I taught school south of Orem, between Orem and Provo in the Lincoln School for two years and then in the Spencer School in Orem for two years.



Mother on her mission.

I was then called to fill a mission for the LDS Church in the Northern States with its mission headquarters in Chicago, Ill.

I spent one year as the companion of Stena Scorup. Stena was the most efficient, sincere person in the world. Miss Alice Wood

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was my next companion.



Mother with three of her missionary companions.

She was a most wonderful person. From there I was sent to Minneapolis. We worked most earnestly and energetically but I'm not sure how much good we did.

We visited the saints frequently and did our best. Bro. George T. Bensen, father of Ezra T. Benson, was our presiding Elder. He was splendid but at the At the next conference I was changed to the St. Paul District and given Bertha Pearson as my companion and Chase Kearnl as the Presiding Elder. Here I finished my mission and in September of 1914 was released.



OFFICERS OF TIMPANOGOS WARD MIA AND MEMBERS OF AWARD-WINNING QUARTETS, 1916: *Front* - Erving Jones, Otto J. Poulsen, Re Souter, James A. Loveless, Hazel Loveless, Olive Cordner, The Quartet, Louie Farley, Lorna Booth, Minnie Farley, Amy Mecham. *Back* - Martha Pyne, Estella C Lily Wentz, Abby Carter, Elizabeth Cook, Mary J. Terry, George Loveless. Male Quartet, Ivorn Pyne, Charles E. Watson, John Shepherd, and Robert Hills. *Cou* Daughters of the Utah Pioneers.

Me and my brothers, James and George, officers in the MIA.

After my mission I returned to my home and felt terribly out of place, so I accepted a teaching position at the Spencer School

for the next year, the school that I had graduated from in 1904.

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Me about the time that
I was married.

I taught the 2nd grade for one year and then got married to my former Mission District President, Chase Kearl, and had my future cut out for me.

Life became a routine. The first year that I was married I went to school at the UAC with Chase. It was a great thrill. I took classes in Foods, Home Construction, and Sanitation, and a class in history. The next July Del Mar was born and from then on my job was tending babies.

That's about all that Mother wrote.