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LIFE HISTORY of.

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Born Feb. 24, 1909 at Blackfoot, Idaho
Mother ALICE TOLMAN and Father ADAM YANCEY

I Early Childhood.

Some one Told me that I was born
in the large Brick home up stairs in the
Middle room Facing South. In Groveland
Ward. Blackfoot Stake, Idaho. My Sister
Elizabeth who was born 4 Sept. 1905
died at birth. So there was a Time
Lapse of Six years between Sarah
and 9 years Lapse for Orley and 11
years Time Span for Sister Mary. Who
died about a month after birth. and 12
years For Sylvia. and 14 years For
Daniel, who was born on the same day
of the year as I was. Sarah, Orley
Daniel were the only ones I remember
To any degree in our associations

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At home. I remember Sylvia and Alice & Cyrus
to but they were gone most of the
time. The rest of of my brothers
and Bertha had married and left home
before I could remember them. in my
younger years. There ^{FIRST} were sons and daughters
were about my same age. and I remember
them and associate them as brothers
and sisters instead of Aunts and Uncles
which has always made it hard for me
to adjust the proper relationship
to relations. Uncles, Nephews &
Aunts etc.

About the first thing I remember
was when I fell in the canal out
back and almost drowned. There was
two canals out back and the first
one had a 2 by 12 plank across which
gave access to the land between

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The Two canals. I remember Seeing some Geese on the other side of the Canal and started across, and got about half way over and Fell in. I remember Falling into the water and going down. Then must have blanked out. don't remember who pulled me out. they say that Sylvia who was playing some where in the vicinity heard a splash and came running and pulled me out.

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We Lived about 3 Miles North West of Blackfoot Idaho. in the little Community of Groveland. Father had built a large Brick house. Out back we had the Chicken Coop, Barns and Fruit Cellar where we kept the produce like potatoes, Apples Carrots. Vinigar. a Grainery where we kept the winter wheat. We had a large Carpenter shop above the fruit and Produce Cellar.

I remember when father bought his first Car. A Studabaker Traded some horses on it. We had several horses, and cows. Milked the cows Morning and Nite we had a Separator which we ran by hand to separate the cream from the milk. Sure enjoyed the skim milk but sure didnt like to milk the cows. Always liked to be around the horses and other animals remember having a couple of Pet lambs and sure hated to

See them go when they grew up.

One time when out playing Daniel threw a large rock against the back of the garage and it bounced back and hit me on the back of the head and kind of caved my skull in on the back of my head. Often wondered if it affected my brain for I had trouble remembering after that.

We had a large orchard of apples and cherries. it was a real treat when spring came and the trees were all in bloom. Will never forget the beauty of the blossoms and how the sweet aroma from the flower filled the air. And the sound of the bees pollinating the blossoms sounded. Would like to go into Oregon or Washington in the spring when the apple and cherry trees are in bloom in the large orchards they have there.

When I first started to school we had a large two story school house. I had a large bell in

The Top of the building which they would Ring on special occasions it was so large that it finally made large cracks in the building and they had to tear the building down. When I hear a large bell ring it brings back memories of that bell.

Remember we had the old hand water pump. the time of Electricity hadn't arrived yet. Remember ^{Kerosene} Oil lamp and lantern.

Then father put in Gas lights, then finally the electric lights. Water pump and Electric Stove. And especially the Out house in back. Didn't have anything in the house except the bucket with a lid on if it was too cold to go outside. One job I sure hated to do was go clean that Out house out. Fortunately we would pour the ashes from the stoves into the out house or it would have been a lot worse.

We had a large garden. remember having all the Raspberries, Gooseberries & Strawberries

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Turnips, Carrots, Rubarb. Pears and other
Vegetables. To eat.

We had Two Large Canals out back
in which I spent My Summers swimming
with the rest of the neighbor kids. Learned
To swim real well.

About $\frac{1}{2}$ mile was the School and
church house also a Ball diamond which
was used a lot in the Summer time seems
as though we were either swimming or
Playing ball all summer. Then The canals
were used for skating in the winter time
Remember skating for miles on the canal
on the week ends its a wonder we didnt
Fall through the ice and drown in the first freeze
or two.

Mother bough me a pony which I called
Maud. It took me about six ^{months} ~~weeks~~ to learn
To ride a horse Took many Spills its a wonder
I didnt break my neck. But finally learned

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How to Ride the the horse couldn't get me off.
Remember the Haying Season they had
to stack the hay as they didn't have Hay
balers then. We had a large derrick with
a fork to hold the hay the rope was
fastened to a horse then to the Derrick
I would have to back the horse up the
man on the load of hay would fill the
fork then I would pull the horse up
which would raise the fork full of hay
then the pole would swing over to
the stack and the man on the load of
Hay would jerk a rope and the Hay would
fall on the stack the fork would go back
over the load of hay then I would back
the horse up until the man would
get another fork full of hay again. then
I would start the horse up again

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Remember coming down with the German Measles

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Remember coming down with the German Measles
I got over the Measles and caught PNeumonia
and was real sick. Mother put me on the
couch in the dining room but could hardly
move for about a week.

Remember Cyrus and Daniel going off to
the first world war. And how Mother cried
when she got word that Cyrus had got wounded.
During the first world war there was a bad
flu epidemic a lot of the people around
where we lived died from it we didn't catch
it. Remember Mother being gone a lot taking
care of the sick.

Don't remember father hardly at all
can remember him having his first stroke
he lived for about a year after that. Buried
in the Groveland Cemetery.

After father died mother took in Renters
to make ends meet. Orley and Daniel helped
on the farm.

Graduated from the 8th Grade. Then stayed
out of school one year then when they had a 9th
Grade went back and took that grade. Then the
next year tried to go to High School at
Blackfoot, they didn't have busses then

and Tried to ride a ~~bycicle~~ bycicle to School but the winter was to bad and gave it up. next year went to high school in Pacatello stayed at my Sister Sylvia's & Jarods. I was very fortunato in going there at that particular Time as. was able to Take Seminary Class under Sidney B. Sperry and become acquainted with my wife. Arvilla at this time. Bro. Sperry was an Exceptional Teacher and it was one of the high lights of my life as I obtained a Knowledg of the Gospel at this Time.

I alwags liked to read. mother & father Had a large number of LDS. literature and Bound Improvement Eras & tracts which I read from cover to cover. So I had a good back ground in Church and Religious Belief. Wasn't much for going to church, but it wasn't because i didn't want to go as Mother thought but because I was to scared of people or myself to go.

Remember staying home alone with Daniel. a couple of winters. after father Died. When Mother went to Salt Lake for one winter and to Los Angeles for another winter.

Remember going to stay with mother and Alice in Los Angeles one winter.

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Really enjoyed the three months I stayed in Los Angeles with Alice and Mother. If I had had good sense would have stayed down there. They didn't have the smog & the cars & people they have there now.

When Mother went away for the winter I stayed at Bertha's & Joe's ^{Jensen} one winter. Had the chicken pox that fall. Remember driving Maud to school and back with a shaft. Would stable her at home and take her back to Bertha's. At night Daniel my older brother stayed at home. I was always quite home sick. Seems like I was alone a lot of the time when I was quite young. It made me kind of a loner the rest of my life. I was always happiest when I was off by myself.

Mother had diabetes and suffered with her legs swelling a lot. I guess she was a lot sicker than we now.