

NOTES ON HERBERT MANWARING

Various notes found among Marie Manwaring Anderson's genealogy.

In the spring of 1913, just before a granddaughter, Marie, was born at Groveland, Herbert took his wife, Clarissa, back to Mapleton and Springville to visit. His mother, Sarah, was 83 years old now, and lived 5 more years after that. His father had died 11 years earlier. When they returned to Groveland that summer, Clarissa suffered a stroke and died a year later. All of her 7 sons were at her funeral and 7 of her "Wilkins" brothers and sisters were also there.

The young lad from England was now 65 years old. All of his sons were in Idaho except Levi, in Utah. He helped them farm in summer and in winters he went to St. George, Utah, and worked in the temple, doing the temple work for his Manwaring ancestors and many others. He sold his house and from then on stayed summers with his sons, now in Rexburg and Groveland.

He lived for 21 more years until he was 87. He was a handsome, cheerful old man, and very helpful in the homes where he stayed. He loved the gospel and he loved to sing and play the harmonica. He was the oldest of all his brothers and his two youngest brothers were all that were left to attend his funeral.

Herbert's sons were never great money-makers, but they were anxious for all the learning they could get, and they all loved the gospel. Every one of them and every one of their children were active and faithful in the church, and kept the word of wisdom.

Herbert spent his last years in Blackfoot with his son, Arthur, wife, Teresa, and children: Marie, Holley, Wanda, Basil, Rondo and Lorraine. His favorite hymn was "I Need Thee Every Hour" and he would often sit on the front porch and sing the hymns all by himself. He had a fine voice. He always fasted two meals on fast Sunday, even though the family only fasted for breakfast and ate a nice dinner right under his nose.

He always helped Teresa with dishes and other chores, and was clean and pleasant to have around. He was hard of hearing and felt bad about that (from being hit by lightning). But Teresa said, "Grandpa, you couldn't stand the noise around here if you could hear it all."

The 7 sons tell of the time when they were little and were having family prayer. Herbert's wife, Clarissa was also hard of hearing. Herbert asked her to say the prayer and then thought she didn't hear him, so he began saying it and so they were both praying and 7 young boys were giggling.

Herbert's next younger brother, George, died when he was 35 years old. He worked in a Salt Lake music store and composed several songs for the church hymn book. They are still sung today. The most beloved is "Oh How Lovely Was the Morning." The year was 1889.

That same year, there was a land boom throughout the Salt Lake area. Herbert sold his farm at Cottonwood for \$50 per acre. He had \$2,000 left, then, to buy a new place. His sister, Eleanor, died the next spring in 1890, and while he was at her funeral in Springville, he found 30 acres of land for sale in Mapleton and bought it for \$1500. They moved into a rented house in Mapleton for the first summer, while they built a little 2 room house, grainery and shed of lumber.

Hyrum, the oldest of the six little boys was not 13 years old. He had not been able to attend school very much, so when the boys started school in Mapleton, he was a big boy in a grade with smaller children. A good teacher helped him study on the side and graduate from the 8th grade. He worked milking 20 cows by hand night and morning, and later worked a man's job on the railroad during weekends when he was 16 years old. He put himself through high school at the BYU Academy. He served a mission to Australia and his picture now hangs in Ricks College. A building there is named after him because he served as college president there for many years.

When Herbert's 6th son was 8 years old, one more son was born to them even though they had always hoped for a sister. Then the sons and father decided to make a tremendous effort and build a new house.

The oldest was now working for wages, one worked at a brick yard for the bricks, and the younger boys made all the adobe blocks themselves from mud at home. Father Herbert did the carpentering. By fall they had what they called “a real home.”

When the oldest boy, Hyrum, was called on a mission to Australia, he didn't want to leave school, and they didn't know what to do about money either. They asked grandfather, Henry, at Springville, what to do and he said, “They must go on the missions. They will be blest. They can go to school when they come back.” The boys all agreed with his decision.

Hyrum had 6 months to be ready to go. Within two weeks he was made foreman on the railroad and his wages doubled. His brothers all helped, and he went. All of the brothers managed to attend the BYU academy also and four of them helped each other and served missions. They all truly believed a way would be provided for them to do this.

One of the sons, Orson, and a friend, Burr Whiting, took a team and wagon and drove to Idaho to look for land. They found some at Groveland, 3 miles west of Blackfoot, and Orson bought 130 acres, borrowing some money from his Dad and working in the copper mines to earn more. After an accident there, he moved to his farm in Idaho. The father, Herbert, decided to sell their farm and pay their debts and move to Idaho also. In 1910 they loaded cattle and all on the train and moved. The boys built them a nice little frame house not far from them. Two boys built brick houses and Arthur moved into a small frame house already there.

Father Herbert, Mother Clarissa, and 5 sons and their wives were all farming here now. Hyrum was teaching school in Rexburg and the youngest son, David, was not yet married.

Within the next few years, sons Horace and Walter bought a dry farm in Rexburg. Levi moved back to Farmington, Utah. David married and moved to Rexburg. Orson and Arthur remained on their farms.

Grandpa Herbert lived with Arthur's family many years until he died there 29 Feb. 1936. He was 87 years old and active.