

## AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF LEONA GOODRICH MANWARING

I was born in Naples, Uintah, Utah on 31 August 1888 to George Albert Goodrich and Harriet Maria Taggart.

As I remember my early days in Naples the winters were long and cold with winds that drifted the snow in huge banks against the bushes and the fence posts. Getting to school in the winter time was a problem, I remember. The two-room school house was two and one-half miles away and it was located on the corner lot where the Jake Karren home now stands. My sister Lucy, the neighbor children and I walked to school together most of the time. I remember riding horseback with my older brother Parley some of the cold winter days.

I worked for my married sister Rae (Mrs. George A. Slauch) when I was quite young, helping with household chores, tending children and picking small fruit. I was able, by much scheming and saving to get two years of high school at the Uintah Stake Academy and later a term of summer school at the University of Utah. I taught in the primary grades of the Naples Elementary School for four years before and one year after my marriage.

In September 1910 I married David Elmer Manwaring in the Salt Lake Temple and we have six children, five girls and one boy. Most of my life I have been active in the auxiliaries of the Church, twice being president of the Relief Society, once in Naples and once again in Roosevelt for a period of eight years. I have worked in the presidencies of the MIA and Primary and have served as a teacher in all of the auxiliaries of the Church.

While living in the Roosevelt Stake in Duchesne County my husband was called to be a Stake Patriarch and he still holds that position in the Grant Stake here in Salt Lake City. There have been recorded over 1,696 blessings in his name and I have taken most of them down in longhand as he gave them. Our daughter June has typewritten most of them.

Five of our six children are still living; all are married and have families of their own. Genevieve passed away in 1967 and her husband Lorin Robert Mangum still lives in Orem, Utah where they were living at the time of her death. Hazel and her husband Frederick Walter Hilbig live in Salt Lake City, Utah. Venice and her husband Elvyn Ira Bascom live in Roosevelt, Utah. Hope and her husband Grant Griffiths Williams live in Spanish Fork, Utah. June lives in Hunter, Utah, her husband Howard DeLoy Andreasen having passed away in 1954. Perry and his wife, the former Gene Orlton Fast live in Claremont, California.

REMINISCENCES OF OUR FATHER AND MOTHER  
DAVID ELMER AND LEONA GOODRICH MANWARING

I remember Mother and Dad as being cooperative, dependable, honest and trustworthy and only giving advice when asked. Their church assignments were many and varied and they would walk from one 1/2 to two miles each way to be in their assigned places. Both in church and as farmers they worked hard. Sometimes they let their own crops go unattended while they helped someone else. They have lived a full life of service to others.

Lorin Robert Mangum

Father liked people and was happy when he was involved with his neighbors and friends. He liked dancing and sports such as swimming and basketball. Mother was a great teacher both in the school and in the Church. One of her first pupils was Father. He said that when he and Mother were in the sixth grade Mother helped him with his reading and spelling, which endeared her to him at an early age.

Hazel Manwaring Hilbig

Father spent most of his life farming and I remember how he sang or whistled as he tilled the soil. He once said, "I love working with the soil. It makes me feel closer to my Father in Heaven." He loved to study the scriptures and share what he learned with his family. Mother was an ideal mother. She had an understanding heart and was a peacemaker in our home. Both of them instilled in our hearts a testimony of the Gospel.

Venice Manwaring Bascom

My most significant memory in the lives of our parents was their constant endeavor to keep the commandments of God. Gospel principles and the commandments were taught to us with such faith and devotion that as we grew up we considered them important and therefore to be engendered in our own lives. Our parents are now living in their home in Salt Lake City where their exemplary lives bless and honor and inspire us still.

Hope Manwaring Williams

Father and Mother taught us early in life to love the scriptures. The stories from the Bible and the Book of Mormon were impressed upon my mind in the way they told or read them to us. I can still hear Father's voice saying, "The arrows are way beyond you" as he told the story of David and Jonathan. Mother taught us to sing, to love music and good books. They gave us strength and courage in the knowledge of their love for us.

June Manwaring Andreasen

Like the sun's warmth Mother radiated love. She didn't talk about it, she did it. I remember the pleasant conversations with her. There were always periods of silence. She knew where superfluity began. Dad whistled a lot. From the far corners of the farm I could hear his whistling. To me he was saying that in spite of depression and drought somehow he would provide for his family in his contract with God. These companions, love and security, were my home.

Perry Elmer Manwaring

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF  
DAVID ELMER MANWARING AND LEONA GOODRICH MANWARING  
By Leona Goodrich Manwaring

My husband David Elmer Manwaring was born in Springville, Utah, Utah on 14 May 1887, a son of David Manwaring and Marion Elizabeth Atwood. His parents moved to the Ashley Valley when he was two years old. His father was engaged in brick making and was also a mason.

I, Leona Goodrich Manwaring was born in the Ashley Valley 31 August 1888. My father was a miller and operated the first flour mill built there.

We grew up in the same small community and went to the same log school house where also all church functions were held. We attended the same Primary, Sunday School and later the MIA with its occasional parties and picnics.

Our opportunities for schooling were meager. It was in the days before consolidation of school districts, and often the district, being short of funds was obliged to close down the school after the winter months. It was real pioneering in Ashley Valley at that time and money was scarce. Anything we could do to help with the survival of our families we did, and what we earned was not used for spending money but was given to our parents.

Elmer hired out when but a boy to a farmer for 75 cents per day and I worked for this same farmer picking currants and berries on his small fruit farm.

My husband claims he was attracted to me at a very early age. When he was fourteen years of age a baby girl was born to his parents and he asked that she be named Leona.

We were both able, by much scheming, to get two years of high school at the Uintah Stake Academy where, much to our satisfaction a theology course was given. Elmer was obliged to drop out one year to do freighting in order to pay off the mortgage on his father's farm. However, he was later able to graduate.

We both began at an early age to help in the different church organizations. Elmer taught a Sunday School class and I taught Primary, Religion class and was secretary of the Sunday School.

On 14 September 1910 we were married in the Salt Lake Temple. That fall the School District was unable to get a certified teacher, so the trustees asked me to teach in the primary grades.

The following summer the Uintah Stake decided to build a new Stake Academy and Naples Ward was assigned the making of the brick with my husband's father in

charge. Facilities for drinking water at the brick yard were poor and Elmer contracted typhoid fever which caused him to be disabled for about a year. During this year our first little girl was born. The following summer we moved to the house on the farm where we had both worked much of our earlier lives and my husband farmed on shares.

As we were anxious to secure a home for our family and as opportunities for homesteading were still available we filed on a tract of land on the Uintah Reservation. We moved there in order to comply with the homesteading laws. However, the proposed irrigation canal failed, so we moved back to the Ashley Valley. To this day there is no water available for that part of land. We spent three years on the Stan Ashton farm in Vernal, three years on the Sunshine Ranch at Jensen, and later we bought a small farm in Naples. These years, during which our other five children were born were full of change, working here and there, and if not too remunerative were rich in experience.

While we were living in Naples we still kept busy in church work. Elmer was president of the Elders quorum, a member of the Stake Sunday School Board and later counselor to two bishops in succession. I worked in the Primary, then later was made president of the Relief Society. At Roosevelt Elmer was MIA president for two years, in the High Priest presidency for two years, a high councilman and later in 1940 he was made Patriarch of the Roosevelt Stake.

In 1927 we moved to Roosevelt in Duchesne County and bought a larger farm. At that time alfalfa seed was being grown and prospects were bright for a while. Then the depression came and with it the drought, which was worse than the depression. Our crops failed and we lost the farm completely.

By this time our oldest daughter Genevieve had married and our next daughter Hazel had completed college and was teaching in the Roosevelt Elementary School. The money she earned helped to tide us along until better times and the other children were all able to keep on with their schooling. We made a new beginning on another farm in 1937 and by family cooperation were able to pay for it.

The children were able to get a fair degree of college benefit. Perry, the only boy was called on a mission and on his return he enlisted in the Navy in the service of his country during World War II. By this time we were left alone on the farm and the work was rather strenuous, so we sold our farm and moved to Salt Lake City. Elmer is still serving as one of the Patriarchs in the Grant Stake, and up to the present time has given 1,696 blessings.

We observed our Golden Wedding Anniversary in 1960 in Salt Lake City and all of the members of our family were able to be present on this occasion. We have six children, twenty grandchildren and forty five great grandchildren. We still enjoy life and keep busy in the Gospel cause.