

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF LUCY GOODRICH LIND

I was born July 19, 1891 in Naples Ward at Vernal, Utah the youngest child of George Albert Goodrich and Harriet Maria Taggart Goodrich. Before I was a year old my father left for a mission to Tennessee and immediately after his return spent some time in Salt Lake City with his sisters because of the polygamy raid.

We went to school in a two-room log school building located two and a half miles away. For our later schooling a three-room brick building had been built nearer our home. Our homestead was an eighty acre cattle ranch. My father also kept bees there.

A very great part of my childhood was spent roaming over this farm and the surrounding country in search of wild flowers and bird nests. Other pastimes were horseback riding, swimming, walking on stilts, teetering, climbing trees, walking pole fences along with the usual outdoor and indoor games. Paper dolls were also a daily delight.

Before I was eight years of age I began working for my sister Mrs. Rachel Slaugh who lived on a small fruit farm. Our family then consisted of Albert G. Goodrich, Rachel Marie Slaugh, both married, and those of us at home were Parley Herbert, Vilate, Leona and myself. My sister just older, Leona and I spent most of our summers working for Rachel picking fruit and berries.

My father also had two other families living on this ranch and as there was not sufficient employment or income for so many children our family moved to a small farm joining my brother Albert's when I was about eight years of age.

While living here Parley married, then Mother, Leona and I moved to a small lot a short distance up the street. While here we attended the Uintah Stake Academy and my sister taught in the Naples School. She later married and I finished the Normal Training Course at the Brigham Young University. After teaching in the Uintah schools for about seven years I was married May 31, 1917 to Elmer Lind in the Salt Lake LDS temple. We purchased the Bates ranch and moved there in June. My mother moved with us, having sold her property to my nephew Albert M. Goodrich. We lived here for a year and a half.

On December 24, 1917 our first child Virginia was born, being about three months premature. Dr. O'Donnell dressed her for burial and did not order an incubator, but she was kept warm with two hot water bottles until April. She lived on, her first food being taken from a medicine dropper. We bathed her only in oil for six weeks. At the end of this time she weighed only two pounds, one-half pound less than at birth. She then began to gain a little and by the end of the year 1918 she seemed to be out of danger, which we considered to be a miracle.

After living at this ranch and improving it for a year we traded it to Robert Allred for his small farm and home near the Naples store, receiving \$2,000 as a difference on it.

My husband had intended working in the bee business but had an opportunity to buy the Naples Store, which he did. On September 29, 1919 I lost a premature baby boy.

My husband then turned the store into the Ashley Cooperative Company. We purchased a home in Vernal City and Mr. Lind worked in the Ashley Coop. He later sold his stock here and went to work in the Acorn Mercantile Store. He later purchased the stock of goods in partnership with Marion E. Shaffer.

While here in Vernal Mildred, our second baby girl was born November 7, 1920. Calvin G. Lind, our second son was born June 22, 1922 and being born one month premature he died the same day. December 14, 1923 Rulon was born, one month premature. I had remained in bed for a period of three months. On July 30, 1925 Ruth was born, also premature. In September 1926 I went to the LDS Hospital in Salt Lake for an operation for tumor of the uterus.

December of that year we moved to Dry Fork Canyon. This property being very sandy was thought to be useless for farming. Some on-lookers called us crazy. We began making plans to build it into a sheep and dairy ranch. Hay and grain were successfully grown here. We had extensive grass pastures, public domain joining the property and good summer range only twelve miles distant, making it an ideal set-up for a sheep ranch. We also traded for five stands of bees which we built up into a sideline, there being great demand for this fine canyon honey that was produced.

In 1934 we shared in the severe drought and moved to Vernal for a period of five months where Mr. Lind was drought director in the Emergency Cattle and Sheep Program. The neighbor on the ranch above us interfered with our water rights even though ours was protected by an old decree. It became necessary to prove our right through court and this delay meant an almost complete crop failure. Also we lost our raspberry patch, our young apple and peach orchard that had been bearing fruit only one year and most of our alfalfa. We were never able to replace the fruit, though we tried many years.

In the spring of 1935 all four of our children had severe cases of measles with flu and ear infections, all having to have both ears lanced. Dr. Bullock came to our home to do this. Because of several weeks' absence from high school it was necessary for Virginia to go an extra year to finish.

She and Mildred received some training at the LDS Business College at Salt Lake City. They both obtained considerable employment in Salt Lake thereafter.

On July 27, 1942 Mildred was married to H. Allen Mansfield and went with him to Birmingham, Alabama where he was stationed, being a Mast-Sgt. in the Air Force, a cryptographer in the Signal Corp. They were in the south two years and Allen then spent a year in Iran and Mildred and small son came home during this time. When Allen was released he came to the ranch also to assist with the work.

Rulon had been called into the army infantry stationed in Japan, leaving us very lonely and very much overworked at the ranch. After his release he was called to serve in the Western Canadian Mission for two years.

To enable Virginia and Ruth to secure training and employment we bought a home in Bountiful, Utah and lived there and at the ranch until Virginia was married on December 2, 1949 to Herman R. Andreasen and Ruth went to the Hawaaian Mission on January 21, 1950. We then sold the Bountiful home and moved back to the ranch.

On January 14, 1954 Rulon and Flora S. Butler were married in the St. George Temple. Flora's little son Tom was also sealed to them there. Her former husband had been killed at Salt Lake City some years before.

On June 6, 1951 Elmer was sustained as bishop of Maeser 2nd Ward. Part of this time he was chairman of the Bishop's council. He was also asked by the stake president to do the ward work of finance clerk. Dryfork received telephones at this time, enabling him to do his church work. We had built a brick home next to the old home which Mildred and Allen occupied. Rulon and Flora moved into a trailer.

On December 6, 1955 we left for Arizona as I was still suffering from a severe case of flu contracted four years before and my lungs were affected and a stubborn cough resulted. Also it was found I had infected tonsils which were removed, but they had evidently done their damage.

On June 3, 1954 Ruth was married to John Evan Jones in the Salt Lake Temple. They lived at Salt Lake City for a time, then moved to Vernal to work and rented our basement. Mildred and Allen then moved to a home in Maeser where they went into the printing business for themselves. Allen served as bishop six years, after Elmer.

Later, as Rulon and Flora decided to move to Richfield we sold the ranch and sheep and with Ruth and John bought three acres of land from the Akhurst property in Maeser Town. We built brick homes here, also a honey house as we intended to increase our bee business. John later became the postmaster at the Vernal post office.

Allen and Mildred had seven children, five boys and two girls and all of them are growing to maturity. Virginia had two sons. Rulon had three sons and two daughters. Ruth had five children, one boy dying at birth and a little girl at age eleven, leaving two girls and a boy. We received a lot of pleasure from our grandchildren and the great grandchildren as they came along, eighteen grandchildren in all.

I have enjoyed teaching in all the auxiliaries of the church and was on the Stake Sunday School board for six years in my early life. Also I have enjoyed gardening, sewing and writing poetry.

Lucy G. Lind died of cancer October 15, 1965. Elmer Lind married second Theo Carruth Morrison on June 9, 1966.