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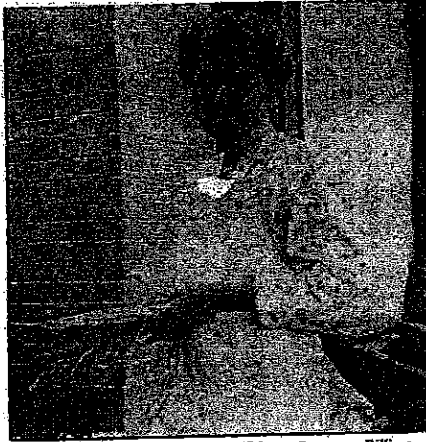
RUBY ROWENA NEILSON

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## THE LIFE OF RUBY ROWENA NEILSON HOGAN

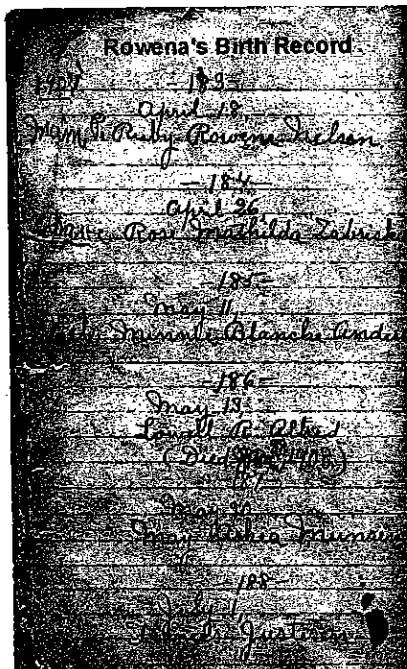
*I was born at home, Thursday, 18 April 1907 at 4PM in Spring City, Utah, county of Sanpete. I weighed 8 lbs and was delivered by Anna B. Peterson, a mid-wife, as there were no hospitals then.*

Rowena's Mid-wife



*Anna W. Backman, Mahanog, Nelson, Peterson, Billington (Jensen), Spring City midwife for many years.*

*Anna left her family a very unique legacy in the form of two small notebooks in which is recorded the listings of 438 of the births at which she officiated in Spring City beginning with Joseph Lamont Sorensen in 1901 and ending with Eva Mac Downard, born on May 21, 1921.*



*My father was Charles Neilson; my mother was Mary Alice Puzey. I was the 2<sup>nd</sup> of nine children. I had five sisters, and three brothers.*



Lauritz O. Larsen,  
Bishop

*Elder Simon T. Beck in Spring City blessed me 2 June 1907. The Bishop at that time was Bishop Lauritz O. Larsen, signed by ward clerk, Robert Blain.*

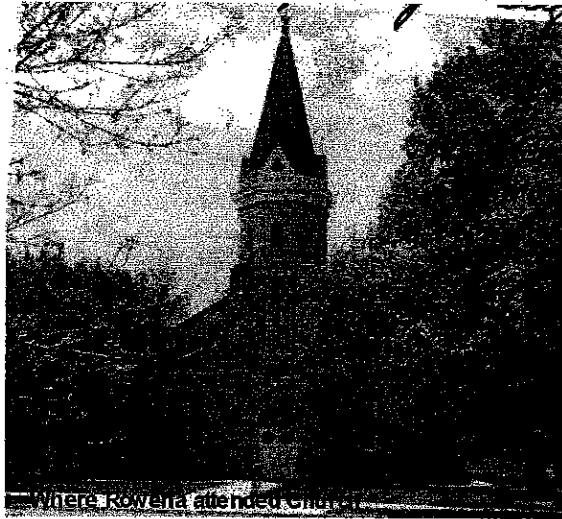
*My parents had chosen the name of Ruby for me but my Aunt Emily Puzey had a friend named Rowene, which she wanted me to be named so I was, blessed Ruby Rowene Neilson. My family and friends called me Rowene but a grade school teacher in Alberta, Rulon Hicken, had a sister named Rowena, which he started calling me, the name stuck with me.*



Spring City Roller Mill; located east of 14th South and 14th East.

*From the home of Crisp Farm we moved to the east of town near the Mill, a creek ran above our place, it was a long home with an attic, small but comfortable. Dad always planted a garden and raised chickens. I remember our neighbors across the street, Andrew and Doyle Madsen, their daughter Etha and I became very good friends, they had a piano I liked to thump on*

*I remember singing and dancing at Primary in the old chapel. I liked to watch the lady leading the singing. We were taught to crochet wash clothes to send to the soldiers in the 1<sup>st</sup> World War. I liked Primary very much. I remember attending Sunday School and singing "Little Purple Pansies."*



Where Rowena attended Church

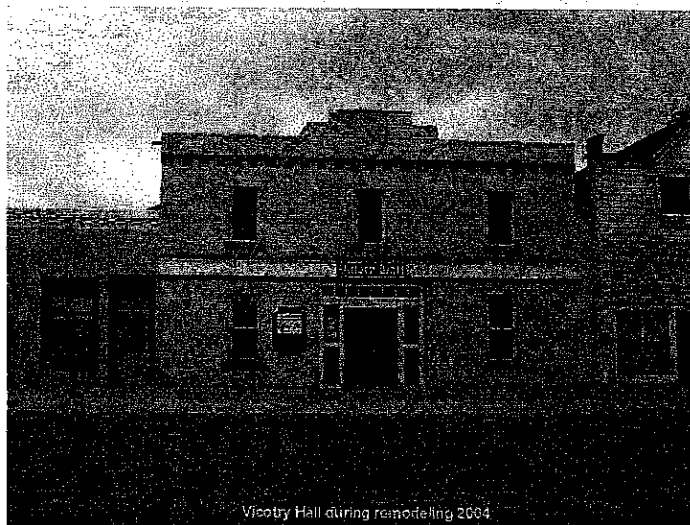
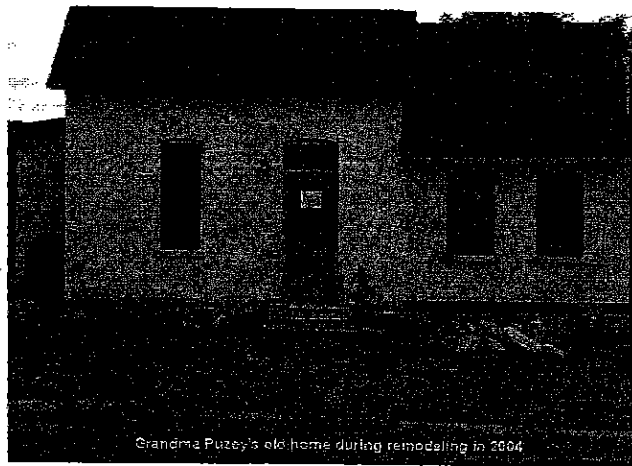
*My father fed and raised a pig, which he slaughtered, cut up into a ham and shoulder then smoked. When it was cured he hung it in the attic for winter. The entrance was outside thru a small door, which required a ladder to enter. The attic was not locked, nor was the ladder ever removed. One night when my father was not at home my Mother was awakened by noises above, but was too frightened to go outside. Come morning it was discovered that all the hams were gone. I guess there were families who needed them more than us; we never learned who stole our hams.*

*We had a nice neighbor to the south who lived with her mother; she loved to brush my beautiful, long hair and did so quite often.*

*The Mill we lived near had a large wheel, which was turned by the swift running water of the creek, grinding the grain. We loved going there and eating whole wheat and bran, our neighbor, Henry Robinson worked there.*

*Occasionally I would go to Uncle Joes a few blocks away to get fresh milk, and sometimes helped my cousin Richard with his schoolwork; we were about the same age.*

*Grandmother Puzey grew such lovely pansies at the north side of her house. In the summer months she and I sat on her doorstep in the evening, it opened to her bedroom. We could see and hear music and dancers at Victory Hall when the doors were open in the summer. It was owned and run by John R. Baxter and this is where the movies were shown. Neal and I would pass bills out for the shows to get free tickets.*



played there and loved turning the spinning wheel and dressing up in the old clothes. My friend Ida Blain lived across the street to the east, we could set under her shade trees on an outdoor bench. Her mother made the best ginger snaps. Ida would sneak some and place them in her black bloomer pants, which all girls wore then and we would go outdoors and eat them up. At Christmas they always had such good things to eat which they shared with us when we visited. Yes they had more money than we had, they had only two children.

Grandfather died 17 Jul 1915, not long after his wife, Annie. He was laid out in his bedroom on boards with bottles of ice around to keep him cool. He was bathed, dressed and placed in a coffin. We drove him 5 miles away to Moroni for burial in a flat bed wagon. I think Mother's brother, Uncle Albert took us. On arrival the casket was opened, after coming so far over rough dirt roads he had rolled over on his face, he was the first dead person I had ever seen. After their deaths we children had a bedroom to ourselves, which would be Velma, myself, Verneal, Cora & Edna.

My father, Charles, was a good artist; he sketched a lot, wish I had kept some of his work. He would cut out whistles from tree limbs and carve small toys called jumping jacks, which were 2 small slats of wood strung on twine. When pressed from the bottom the wood slats collapsed. Father was also a shoemaker, I remember his shoe last. He would put new soles on worn shoes, and then sew them together. Neal and I would make deliveries and were told to collect the money for his work, but people didn't always pay.

Father provided for us well, we always had a cow for milk, chickens & eggs to trade at the general store for groceries. A pig for meat, a large vegetable gardens where we helped ourselves to carrots, turnips, peas & tomatoes. We had three apple trees; some were winter apples, which were stored under the house with other vegetables and fruit in the winter.

We played most of the time in our yard, sleeping out on our large porch with friends on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of July. We always had cats, once when there were too many kittens, Grandma Puzey came on washday and put them in a sack and immersed them under water. I would dress the cats in doll clothes push them around in a doll buggy until there were asleep. We did get an organ and Velma got lessons and was supposed to show me what she knew but I did my own by ear.

*I remember Mother's friend Laura Larson had a large family. We visited often, she came by with their new Model T Ford and took us for my first ride in a Model T car and I thought it was great.*

*My father also worked at the sugar factory in Moroni. Once he hired a Benson boy to take us all thru the factory. It was a treat just to ride in the car and see the factory. In later years when Dad was herding sheep to bring in extra money, he would be away from home for long periods. The outdoors chores became more than Mother could handle so the cows, pigs and chickens were sold.*

**Carriage & Wagon Shop  
H. W. Puzey**



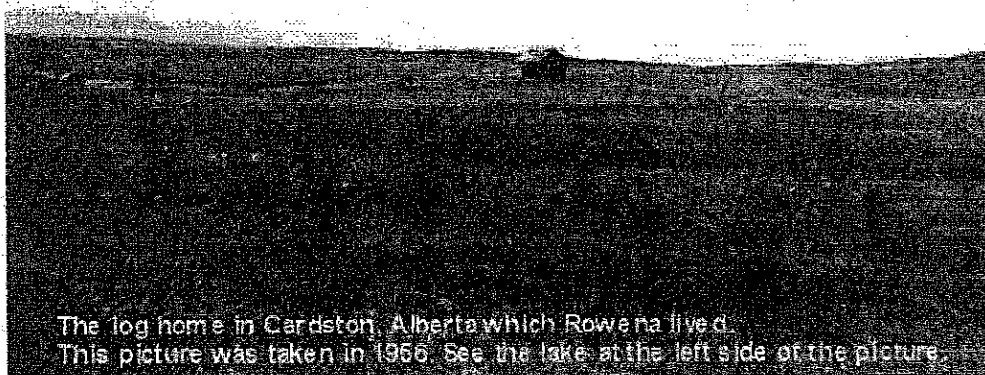
**Rowena's Granfather Puzey's shop**

*In the winter we were dressed real warm and Grandmother Puzey knitted me long black stockings and I wore long leg underwear, also wore high button black shoes, which I hated. Grandma planted and cared for a vegetable garden. She carried the water from Uncle Will's, her old home, where there was an outdoor pump. It was in the same block. Grandfather Puzey had died young at 35. She raised six children: four boys and two girls and did a fine job. Came across the plains from England at the age of five and settled in Salt Lake, where her father Joseph Pollard and mother Mary Ann Bailey and family lived in the 15<sup>th</sup> Ward. He worked for Brigham Young as a carpenter until 1869 and when he went to work for Utah Central R. R. Co. in 1861 he was called as 2<sup>nd</sup> counselor to Bishop Robert T. Burton and later became the 6<sup>th</sup> Bishop of the 15<sup>th</sup> Ward.*



Leaving for Canada in 1919

*I recall there were service men of W.W.I on the train, returning home. Two sat behind us. One returned a bracelet to me I had left in the washroom. The train went to Lethbridge and I suppose we went on to Cardston, where Dad and Uncle Will met us, then on to Mountain View to a house near a lake, it was all dirt roads. The whole area was green hills and lakes, lots of hay, which Dad cut for feed.*



The log home in Cardston, Alberta which Rowena lived. This picture was taken in 1956. See the lake at the left side of the picture.

*We would take our bowls and gather wild strawberries, they were so good. Dad shot at ducks on the lake from the bedroom window. They tasted good the way that Mother fixed them. In May, soon after our arrival there was a*



was appendicitis. It became much worse, and the appendix burst before they could get her to the hospital in Cardston. They performed surgery but too late.

I was in Champion with Uncle Fred and Aunt Emily visiting when we got the news. It was such a shock, so unexpected, it was the summer of 1919, I was 12 and Cora was 8. The funeral was held at graveside. I had no desire to see her before she was buried. I just wanted to remember her, as she was when we laughed and played and did our chores together. It was hard on Mother and Dad. Mother was pregnant and soon after, she lost the baby.

We used coal oil lamps, I remember reading and doing my homework by them. When they burned low I had to turn up the wick. I often cleaned the glass chimneys and filled the lamps with oil, ready for evening. I loved books and read a lot. I borrowed books from Dave Neville and his father, also the small library at school. My sister Velma later married Dave Neville.

We had soft wood washstand we used in the kitchen to hold a washbasin we filled from a bucket with a dipper. It was a sideboard about 6x4x5 ft., held dishes above and cooking utensils below, with 2 drawers for cutlery and table linens.

As a Beehive girl, I danced with a partner Horace Payne in Cardston, Alberta, was given my 1<sup>st</sup> Bible, and took part of the road shows.

My favorite teachers were Rulon Hicken, William Webster, and Harold B. Lee. We had a lot of fun times in Mountain View, Alberta. We had 3 miles to go to school. When the horse wasn't needed for working, Neal, Edna and I would take the one horse, Shay. In the winter months Mother would heat bricks to keep our feet warm, and we wrapped ourselves in a quilt. It was so cold ice icicles formed on the muffler I had over my face. My hands were so cold, when I got to school I couldn't write, they would be stinging, and ache so bad. My teacher Rulon Hicken would get snow and rub my hands. If we left our lunch in our coat pocket, where we hung our coats in the hall it would freeze solid, and would have to be placed near the potbelly stove. I liked him very much. Later he moved his family to Utah, he separated from his 1<sup>st</sup> wife, and she worked at the admission desk at Hotel Utah. He remarried and lived in Winder Stake, much later I used to see him at the Salt Lake Temple as a worker.



Neal, Alice, Edna Ada, Ruby, Harry & Glen Neilson 1961

*I wasn't able to complete high school; Dad took me out when sister Ada was born to care for him and the younger children. I cared for Mother and the baby, loving Mother I was happy to help out. She was a devoted and most loving lady. I read a lot and took a course by mail to complete school.*

*I came to Salt Lake in the summer of 1930 with my good friend Afton Parrish, her father, who was then a Bishop, her mother, and a girl who already had work in Salt Lake; She had been visiting family in Cardston. Afton was wishing to get a job as a secretary. I wanted to go to beauty school, but we had spent more money than expected on the trip down, and the country was in a very bad depression. So we took jobs doing housework, it seemed the only thing available and we would have a place to stay. I lived with the Curtis Family, they owned Curtis Coal in Sugar House they had 6 boys and I was treated like a sister. They were very special family and I stayed close to them the rest of Mother and Father Curtis' lives.*

*We had Thursday's off, would go to town and walk all over. Salt Lake was very different then. We had such great times together. We would go to the Blue Bird Dance Hall on 9<sup>th</sup> South and State Street dancing on Tuesday and Thursday, we loved to dance. This is where I met my husband, Harold. He would take me home after the dance, but I always had to have Afton's approval first. We had a few dates, and then I didn't hear from him for*

*We started dating again and became quite serious. I was living with the Curtis Family again.*



Rowena in abt. 1937 in front of Curtis home

*He took me to meet his family in West Jordan on Decoration Day, which is now called Memorial Day. His mother had made 6 quarts of ice cream and had a case of fresh strawberries; the Hogan's like to eat. He introduced me to his best friend, Roy Silcox and his wife, Millie and in June the 4 of us went to a dance at Saltair on the shore of the Great Salt Lake. Later, I learned that Millie had been Harold's girl friend, but when he introduced Millie to his friend, Roy, they were immediately smitten with each other, meant to be. We 4 remained best of friends even after they moved to Oakland, California, they were great friends and we laughed a lot when we were out together. In July the Sicox's and we were going dancing at Saltair again. Harold picked me up at the Curtis's summer camp, out in the Cottonwoods. He gave me a diamond ring that night, July 24, 1937, it was a very happy time and I knew then it was as it should be.*

*Our first home was in West Jordan, we had 3 rooms of the old home, and Harold's Mother lived in the other half. We continued going dancing at the Coconut Grove and to be with the Silcox's. Harold was working for Frank Pierson, his sister Alice's husband when we were married and couldn't take time for a honeymoon. But later in the summer he took a few days off and we traveled to Bear Lake in June 1938. I fried some chicken and made some things to nibble on. We loved being away by ourselves, the lake was beautiful and we both enjoyed the trip.*

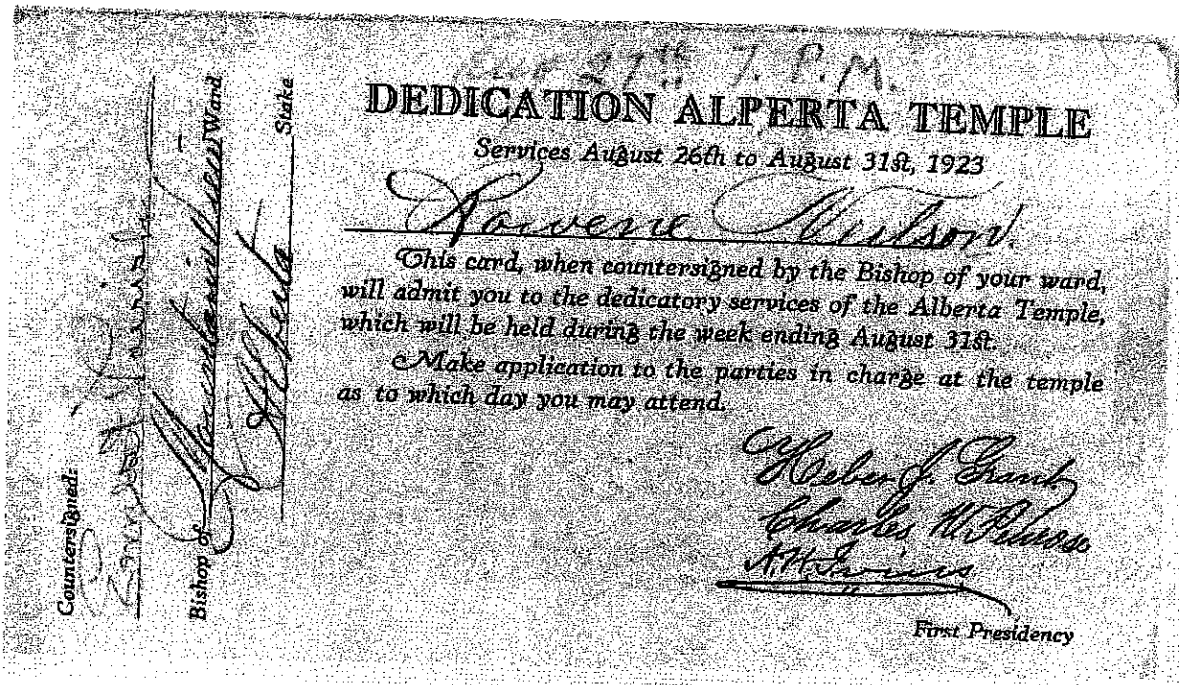
*Our first child was a girl, Kathryn, born April 4, 1939, at the Cottonwood Maternity Hospital in Murray, where all of my children were born.*



*When we were ready to go home dad bought me some clothes to wear and can you believe it? He bought my old maternity gown I had worn while pregnant, we laughed, and we were both so happy.*

Barbara Ann was born while we still lived at 70<sup>th</sup> South and while I was pregnant with Sharon Rae we moved to a basement at 1724 Woodside Drive, and after 3 girls we finally were blessed with a beautiful boy, Charles Harold. He was so spoiled by his sisters. They would argue over whose turn it was to change him, whose turn it was to tend him, give him his bath; he was a fascinating new toy to them. I remember him in his wagon, holding tightly on to his huge teddy bear with both of his little arms, the girls took the turn in the sidewalk too fast and sharp so out he fell to the pavement onto his side, which broke his, little shoulder. He started screaming with the pain but was still holding tightly to his bear.

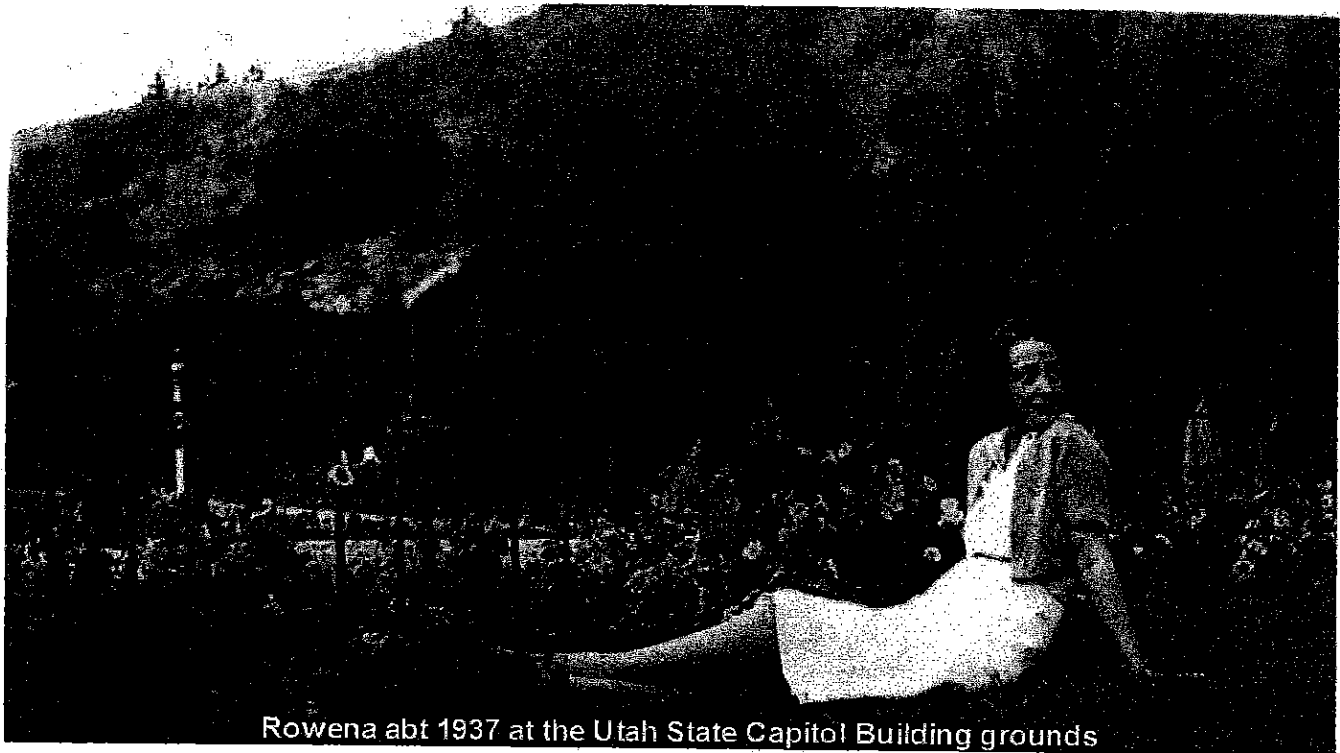
I have been fortunate enough to attend all the Temples in the United States. I attended the dedication of the Cardston Temple on 27 Aug 1923 at 7PM, I was sixteen; The First Presidency then was Heber J. Grant, Charles W. Penrose, & A.M. Ivan's.



I have held the following Church Positions:

At Butlerville Ward Primary I taught the Larks and the Seagulls.

At Winder Ward I was Mutual Secretary, Relief Society 1<sup>st</sup> Counselor, Work Day Leader and Quilt Director.



Rowena abt 1937 at the Utah State Capitol Building grounds



Rowena abt 1940



work has won ribbons at the Utah State Fair.

When her children, three daughters and a son, were young, Mrs. Hogan sewed for them. Extensive sewing meant an abundance of scraps that have since become quilt components.

Her children have grown up now but she assures that her scrap supply is still substantial. "Oh yes, I have many scraps."

During a productive winter at home, Mrs. Hogan's entire apartment starts to look quilted. Quilts and quilted cushions fill her residence.

The one quilt that seems to be taking time to finish is a "biscuit quilt." The biscuit quilt is made up of small squares of fabric, each square individually quilted as it is stitched onto the quilt backing. The border squares are red satin, formerly seen as her daughters' bridesmaid dresses. "Satin is hard to work with — it frays."

Work on the biscuit quilt has been

She plans to make an all-tricot quilt, possibly an all-knit fabric one.

Quilting, watching television, winters come and go.

Discussing the therapeutic value of quilting, Mrs. Hogan observed that "therapeutic is too big a word for me. I think it is very relaxing."

Her appliqued quilt, a gift to one of her daughters, required much detailed handwork. "As I was working on it, I realized that I made a mistake. I thought 'I am not going to do it all over again.' I didn't."

Locating her mistake on that quilt is most likely something only she could do.

Thus, there is some order to the universe. In the winter, bears hibernate. Rowena Hogan quilts.

**Ruby Rowena  
Neilson Hogan**



While her grandchildren slept, wrapped in the comfort of the hand-made quilts she made for them as children, Ruby Rowena Neilson Hogan passed quietly and quietly from this stage of life on June 24, 1997. Returning to the arms of her loving husband, separated 32 years.

Born to Charles Neilson and Mary Alice Fitzer on April 18, 1907. Married Harold R. Hogan, November 10, 1937. Montage was later solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple. She spent countless hours in the garden, in the Temple, and in her quilting room, doing what she loved to do with her time and talents. Active DUP (Daughters of Utah Pioneers) for many years, as well as in Relief Society of the LDS Church.

Rowena's family would like to thank the devoted care givers at the Willow Wood Care Center who have unselfishly given special care to a Mom.

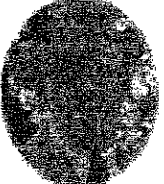
Survived by children, Kathryn Hogan (Doug), Barbara (Clyde) Snyder, Sarah Coombs (Bob), Charles Hogan, brother, Sheri (Betty) Neilson, sister, Alta (Raymond) Marks, Alice (Culey) Crane, Edna Noel, eight grandchildren, four great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by Verma Neville, Verma Neilson, Harry Neilson, Cora Neilson, Ed Coombs and Helen Jean Harper.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, June 24, 1997 at 12 noon at Cottonwood Mortuary, 4470 Highland Drive, French and family may call one hour prior to services.

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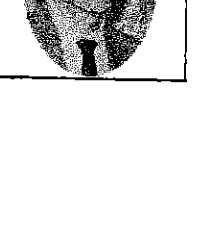
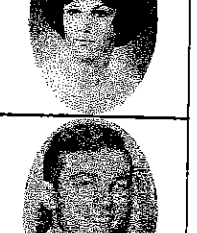
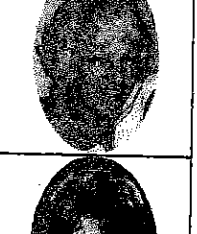
Husband <b>*Charles Or Carl NEILSON</b>			
Born	15 Feb 1877	Place Orja Annex Parish, MP, Sweden	LDS ordinance dates
Chr.		Place	Baptized 02 Aug 1885 Temple MANTI
Died	05 Dec 1957	Place Camas, Clark, Washington	Endowed 16 Dec 1903
Buried	10 Dec 1957	Place White Salmon, Klickitat, Washington	SealPar 30 Aug 1950 LOGAN
Married	16 Dec 1903	Place Manti, Sanpete, Utah	SealSp 16 Dec 1903 MANTI
Husband's father	*Sven NILSSON		
Husband's mother	*Karna (Persdotter) PERRSSON		
Wife <b>*Mary Alice PUZEY</b>			
Born	23 Dec 1882	Place Spring City, Sanpete, Utah, USA	LDS ordinance dates
Chr.		Place	Baptized 22 Dec 1890 Temple
Died	09 Apr 1950	Place White Salmon, Klickitat, Washington	Endowed 16 Dec 1902 MANTI
Buried	13 Apr 1950	Place White Salmon, Klickitat, Washington	SealPar 16 Jul 1981 SLAKE
Wife's father	*Henry William PUZEY		
Wife's mother	*Lydia POLLARD		
Children List each child in order of birth.			
			LDS ordinance dates
			Temple
1 F <b>Velma NIELSON</b>			
Born	26 Oct 1904	Place Spring City, Sanpete, Utah, USA	Baptized 26 Oct 1912
Chr.		Place	Endowed 25 Nov 1924 ALBER
Died	07 May 1961	Place Camongay, Alberta, Canada	SealPar BIC
Buried	10 May 1961	Place Lethridge, Alberta	
Spouse	David NEVILLE		
Married	23 Aug 1920	Place Valier, Montana	SealSp 25 Nov 1924 ALBER
2 F <b>*Ruby Rowena NIELSON</b>			
Born	18 Apr 1907	Place Spring City, Sanpete, Utah, USA	Baptized 29 May 1915
Chr.		Place	Endowed 15 May 1958 SLAKE
Died	21 Jun 1997	Place	SealPar BIC
Buried		Place	
Spouse	*Harold Rudy HOGAN		
Married	17 Nov 1937	Place Sugar House, Salt Lake, Utah, USA	SealSp 15 May 1958 SLAKE
3 M <b>Charles Verneal NIELSON</b>			
Born	30 Mar 1909	Place Spring City, Sanpete, Utah	Baptized 02 Apr 1917
Chr.		Place	Endowed 30 Aug 1950 LOGAN
Died	15 Apr 1992	Place Logan, Cache, Utah	SealPar BIC
Buried	18 Apr 1992	Place Tremonton, Weber, Utah	
Spouse	Zelpha BENNETT		
Married	30 Aug 1950	Place	SealSp 30 Aug 1950 LOGAN
4 F <b>Cora NEILSON</b>			
Born	09 Aug 1911	Place Spring City, Sanpete, Utah	Baptized Child
Chr.		Place	Endowed Child
Died	28 Apr 1919	Place Cardston, Alberta, Canada	SealPar BIC
Buried	Apr 1919	Place Cardston, Alberta, Canada	
Spouse			
Married		Place	SealSp
5 F <b>Edna NIELSON</b>			
Born	03 May 1914	Place Spring City, Sanpete, Utah, USA	Baptized 18 Jun 1922
Chr.		Place	Endowed 30 Aug 1950 LOGAN
Died	10 May 1999	Place	SealPar BIC
Buried		Place	
Spouse	Hugh WOLSEY		
Married	16 Mar 1932 (D)	Place	SealSp
6 M <b>Harry Sven NEILSON</b>			
Born	21 Jul 1916	Place Spring City, Sanpete, Utah	Baptized 28 Aug 1924
Chr.		Place Mountain View, Alberta	Endowed 30 Mar 1996 PORTL
Died	15 Feb 1993	Place Hood River, Hood River, Oregon	SealPar BIC
Buried	19 Feb 1993	Place White Salmon Cemetery, White Salmon, Klickitat, Washington	
Spouse	Eddis L RUSSELL		
Married	04 Oct 1946	Place	SealSp 30 Mar 1996 PORTL
7 M <b>Glendon Leroy NEILSON</b>			
Born	02 Jan 1920	Place Mountain View, Alberta, Canada	Baptized 24 Jan 1928
Chr.		Place	Endowed
Died		Place	SealPar BIC
Buried		Place	
Spouse	Elizabeth Estelle DEMAREST		
Married	13 Apr 1946	Place	SealSp





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Husband <b>*Harold Rudy HOGAN</b>				
Born	06 Oct 1908	Place	Bountiful, Davis, Ut	
Chr.		Place		
Died	26 Sep 1965	Place	Scofield Resv., Utah	
Buried	29 Sep 1965	Place	West Jordan Cem., Salt Lake, Utah	
Married	17 Nov 1937	Place	Sugar House, Salt Lake, Utah, USA	
LDS ordinance dates		Baptized	06 May 1917	Temple
Endowed	15 May 1958	SealPar	BIC	
SealSp	15 May 1958	SLAKE		
Husband's father	*Charles Eric HOGAN			
Husband's mother	*Ada Frances RUDY			
Wife <b>*Ruby Rowena NIELSON</b>				
Born	18 Apr 1907	Place	Spring City, Sanpete, Utah, USA	
Chr.		Place		
Died	21 Jun 1997	Place		
Buried		Place		
LDS ordinance dates		Baptized	29 May 1915	Temple
Endowed	15 May 1958	SealPar	BIC	
SealSp	SLAKE			
Wife's father	*Charles NEILSON			
Wife's mother	*Mary Alice PUZEY			
Children List each child in order of birth.				
1	F	<b>*Kathryn HOGAN</b>		
Born	04 Apr 1939	Place	Murray, Salt Lake, Utah, USA	
Chr.		Place		
Died		Place		
Buried		Place		
LDS ordinance dates		Baptized	03 May 1947	LIVE
Endowed	06 Nov 2003	SealPar	MSA	
SealSp	15 May 1958 SLAKE			
Spouse	Allan Dawe II DOUGLAS			
Married	31 Jul 2002	Place	Wickenburg, Maricopa, Arozona, USA	
SealSp				
2	F	<b>Barbara Ann HOGAN</b>		
Born	07 Apr 1942	Place	Murray, Salt Lake, Utah, USA	
Chr.		Place		
Died		Place		
Buried		Place		
LDS ordinance dates		Baptized	06 May 1950	LIVE
Endowed				
SealPar	15 May 1958 SLAKE			
Spouse	John Michael MAHONEY			
Married	19 Jul 1961 (D)	Place		
SealSp				
3	F	<b>Sharon Rae HOGAN</b>		
Born	28 Aug 1945	Place	Murray, Salt Lake, Utah, USA	
Chr.		Place		
Died		Place		
Buried		Place		
LDS ordinance dates		Baptized	24 Sep 1953	LIVE
Endowed	26 Aug 2004	SealPar	JRIVE	
SealSp	15 May 1958 SLAKE			
Spouse	Rulon James HARPER			
Married	07 Feb 1964 (D)	Place	Salt Lake City, SL, Utah	
SealSp				
4	M	<b>Charles Harold HOGAN</b>		
Born	24 Sep 1947	Place	Murray, Salt Lake, Utah, USA	
Chr.		Place		
Died		Place		
Buried		Place		
LDS ordinance dates		Baptized	21 Nov 1955	LIVE
Endowed	18 Oct 1966	SealPar	SLAKE	
SealSp	15 May 1958 SLAKE			
Spouse	Theilma Rebecca GUNNELL			
Married	12 Jun 1970	Place	Salt Lake City, SL, Utah	
SealSp	12 Jun 1970 SLAKE			



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