

# THE NAY FAMILY IN UTAH AND THE WEST

## A History of John Nay Jr. His Wives and Children

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Nauvoo Temple  
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"I left Nauvoo for the last time perhaps in this life. I looked upon the Temple & City of Nauvoo as I retired from it & felt to ask the Lord to preserve it As A monument of the sacrifice of his Saints."

--from Wilford Woodruff's journal  
May 22, 1846

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# **PREFACE**

## **Dreams by Joy Stubbs**

This book is a book that fulfills dreams. I had a dream one night that I was separated by a great distance from my immediate family members. I felt a deep longing and need to communicate with those that I loved so much. In the dream I desperately searched for a way connect with them. I tried to call, to write letters and to use the internet. I wanted to go and visit them. I awoke feeling shaky and relieved that it was only a dream. But that dream reflects the reality of the gulf that is between me and other members of my family with whom I am not so closely acquainted. Some have gone on before me, and I have forgotten my love for them. Some live great distances from me, and I do not know them. But on a deeper level, I do know them all, and I love them. As I have worked on this family history of my Nay ancestors and cousins, it has come to me that I have had the opportunity to reconnect that I longed for in my dream. I have used the telephone, letters and the internet to communicate. I have taken the opportunity to visit many people that I would not have done so otherwise. I have found things in common with others in this great family.

We sometimes say that things run in our family. After reading and listening to much Nay family history and becoming acquainted with many wonderful Nay cousins, I've formed some opinions about our commonalities. Of course, the general rule about generalizations is that there are many exceptions. You may not agree with my conclusions. But here they are.

Twins run in our family. So does diabetes and divorce. We tend to be hypersensitive and often suffer from anxiety or depression. Many of us carry extra "baggage." It may be physical weight or emotional pain. We may have some kind of "family troubles" that plague us. We don't like to talk about our troubles. We do like family. We honor our family names and repeat them generation after generation. We feel close to family members, but we don't talk about it much. We are deeply creative, with lots of talent. It may be in music or art, cooking or caring for animals or the land. We tend to be simple folk, ranchers and miners, farmers and construction workers. We tend to love the land.

Our talents may be in old-fashioned know-how. Many of us are able to tackle just about any task with at least some success, but we don't think we are remarkable by any means. We have very high expectations of ourselves, so we rarely measure up. Most of us are deeply spiritual. A lot of us belong to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, but not all of us. I think we all love God in whatever form we worship Him, and we want to be good people in our own way. My experience is that we are gracious and kind to others, even strangers, but especially those we are "kin" to. It is a fulfillment of my dream to get to know us better and to feel my connection more strongly.

My sister Beth had a dream too. Her dream was to get her genealogy straight and back onto her computer. In the course of that process, she dreamed of battles about the land, of long-ago forefathers and long-forgotten histories of the old country. She dreamed of women that she knew and didn't know. She dreamed about our grandmother, who was a Nay, and our grandmother's dream of gathering and keeping good family history. She dreamed about the names of two women who turned out to have married the same man. She began a search to find the answers to her dreams.

In that search, she brought me along. We're both "Nay women," so we both pursue dreams (another commonality we have with the rest of the family). She also met another Nay woman with a dream. Joan Nay had a dream of writing a book (at least one). She has worked for many years with books and people who love books. Because she has the privilege of carrying the family name and is in a position of meeting "book" people (and many of us Nays fall into that category too), she met and remembered many of our relatives. She is very gifted in family research, and she knew the names of the women Beth sought. She knew their stories. Her dream was to tell those stories in print. When Joan, Beth and I met, we shared our information, and we began to share our dreams. We said to each other, "Let's do it. Let's find our relatives, living and dead, and let's write about them." We knew we needed help. We found it in the descendants of John, Thirza and Thankful Lucy Nay who were willing to contribute stories of each of these couple's children.

We began to find and meet these cousins of ours and soon formed a committee of devoted and dedicated workers. (See acknowledgments page for details and well-deserved recognition.) This core group of genealogy "experts" (remember we are Nays, so we don't think we're as good as we really are) have met with us on a regular basis to compare notes and share family stories. Together we have prayed for each other and for the release of information, and we have seen those prayers answered bountifully. They are still being answered as we continue the work. Elder John A. Widstoe has promised: "Those who give themselves with all their might and main to this work receive help from the other side, and not merely in gathering genealogies. Whoever seeks to help those from the other side receives help in return in all the affairs of life" (*Utah Genealogical and Historical Magazine*, July 1931, p. 104).

Truly, one of the most gratifying pleasures of the task we set for ourselves has been meeting and visiting with Nay descendants from all over the country. We've had the opportunity to visit many at their homes, sharing in their lives first-hand, admiring and trading current family photos and stories as well as historical ones. The fellowship and love we've shared together with these "new-found" family members has been one of the many rewards of our work. We'll miss those meetings, e-mails, and telephone calls.

Together, we marvel at the lives of these ancestors of ours, and we are reminded of the powerful force which propelled them westward and gave them courage to do what had to be

done, that gave them vision to achieve wonderful things, and then picked them up and set them on the path again to keep on trying when they faltered and failed. John Nay and his family were moved by the powerful hope and testimony they heard in the words of Joseph Smith. Joseph Smith's testimony was about Jesus Christ and His love and redeeming power in our lives. The Nay family heritage also speaks of this power. May we, as descendants of this great family, also keep that faith alive in our hearts as we struggle to come to terms with our own personal trials and talents.

Now a word about this book. As is always the case in working with family history, it refuses to "get done." The work keeps enlarging. Alma in the Book of Mormon talks about faith enlarging our hearts. It may start as a seed, but keeps growing. By that very growth, we know it is good. If a seed refuses to grow, it's not of much worth. The seeds of our dreams have also grown and continue to enlarge. This is sometimes frustrating to us. One of our common family traits is our intensity. We go after something with whole-heartedness, but that intensity is wearing. Since we also tend to be perfectionists, we have a hard time with long projects that we can't ever get totally "right." We have taken Elder Gene R. Cook's admonition to heart. "You are the 'clean-up' and 'get it right' generation. Leave such good genealogical tracks that anyone could easily follow" (Family History Training Seminar, March 1995). As we strive to make this book "worthy of all acceptance" (D&C 128:24), we acknowledge that we are simply continuing the work that began long ago, with all the record-keepers who have gone before, from Rev. Elijah Dunbar, who recorded John and Thirza's marriage in his journal and John Nay, Jr. himself, who kept a detailed record of family temple work, to the cousins who go on keeping track of the marriages and new babies that continue to arrive today.

The work is never done. But we invite the reader to add to this book. Correct and update the descendants' list as you know it. Keep researching the past and recording the present. Continue to dream your own dream and to seek after it. And give some thought to writing about it and sharing it with others. We care. We're exceptional. We're the Nay family.

### **Search for Thirza by Beth Breinholt**

A couple of years ago, my computer went down, taking everything with it, including all of the genealogy files I had stored in it. When my computer was up and running again, the genealogical backup files I had made did not work and so I resorted to re-entering the names and dates from the hard copies. Unfortunately, they were not very complete as far as sources and notes. As I entered over 6000 names, two of the names kept coming back to me: Thirza Angelina Hale and Thankful Lucy Pine. I decided that when the task was completed I would take a hard look at the records of these two women. I did just that, and to my surprise I discovered that they were married to the same man. As I searched further, I noticed that I was a descendant of Thirza and the information was not complete for her. The death date

was listed “after 1859” and that she was buried in Monroe, Utah. I thought the simple fix was to take a trip to Monroe and look at the headstone for myself. I grabbed my willing genealogy coach and “partner” Joy Stubbs, (my sister and avid graveyard haunter) and her husband Jim. The three of us drove to Monroe one day and discovered there was no headstone at all. To this date, there is still no record in the city offices of her burial there. We did find that John Nay Jr., her husband, and Thankful Lucy Pine were buried side by side there, sharing a headstone. Hence the search for Thirza began.

The facts surrounding her life were sketchy, and through the help of numerous cousins and the miracle of the Internet, I slowly pieced together a story of her life. One of the glaring facts that Joy and I saw was that there was very little history written about John Nay Jr. and his wives. We came up with an idea to write that history, just as soon as we found out a little more about Thirza. The different cousins we corresponded with had no further information about Thirza after 1859, and that is the last time we could find her name on a census record. We got a tip that there was one of our cousins out there that “knew more,” if we wanted to try to reach her. The cousin was Joan Nay, who works at Sam Weller’s Zion Bookstore in Salt Lake City, Utah. I live in South Jordan, Utah, so a simple phone call set up a meeting between us. As we talked, we both discovered that the other had much to offer and we eventually came up with a plan to “write” a whole book about John Nay Jr., Thirza Angelina Hale and Thankful Lucy Pine and their children. Ambitious? Yes. Impossible? No. I discovered that Joan had the capability to remember detailed facts about the Nay family and also had many contacts with descendants from that family. Part of this wide dispersion of information has come from her job there at Sam Weller’s, and part of it she was just born with. She had the idea that we should offer a descendant from each of the children of John Nay Jr. the opportunity of writing the chapter on that “child.” With her amazing capabilities and widespread knowledge, plus a lot of divine intervention, we were able to contact people who were willing to do just that.

So, now, this winter of 2002, we have compiled a book of histories, family group sheets, pedigree charts, patriarchal blessings, pictures, descendants lists and more for this family of John Nay Jr. We have had a lot of help from those gone on before, and some of our stories of that help are included in the prefaces. There are several different writers, hence several voices in this book. There are many who doggedly helped gather names for the descendants lists to make them the best we can at this date. The genealogical information contained in this book is as complete and as correct as possible at this date. We realize that as more information comes forth, there will be corrections made and the information included here may and should become a springboard for further research. We have struggled with the perfectionism in all three of the compilers, Joy, Joan and myself, to push ahead and publish even though we want to just look in one more place, make one more sentence a little clearer, or follow one more clue....

Hopefully, reading this book will encourage and inspire others to keep searching, to follow the good and righteous examples of those gone before, and to feel a kinship with those who love us and know us, even though they aren't of this sphere.

**Serendipity**  
**by Joan Nay**

Twenty years ago I was living just three blocks from the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. I couldn't get much closer to the Library, and I ran out of excuses for not working on my family history. I asked the advice of a friend and reference librarian at the Family History Library about where to start. He looked over my very large, folding pedigree chart and came to John Nay Jr., and his wife, Thirza Angelina Hale at the top of the third great grandparents (sixth generation) column. To that point on the pedigree chart, every line was essentially complete, except there was no death date for Thirza. Who was to know the quest for that date would take the better part of 20 years? After all, she came to Utah with the pioneers. How hard could that be? Thus began the adventure of a life time, and a demanding tutorial in the genealogy research school of hard knocks.

I had two things in my favor: my employment and my last name. I have worked in the used and rare book departments at Sam Weller's Zion Bookstore in downtown Salt Lake City since 1974. Short of working in the Family History Library itself, this was the best place to be if one is to work on family history. Not only did I have unlimited access to the store's vast inventory, my unusually short last name went out on a lot of store correspondence. Conversations ensued regarding my last name, and because of that I became acquainted with a number of distant cousins.

What I found in 20 years of research is that Nay is not a common surname, and it is seldom seen in historical sources. In the vastness of LDS records, the Nays are rarely mentioned, though John Nay Jr. and his family were participants in the early history of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the settling of Utah. While John himself and some of his children seemed to stay the course of the faith, not all of his family followed suit. In some cases, it would seem some of them all but disappeared. However, persistence and patience have produced fascinating bits and pieces that, when strung together, portray an interesting and colorful family. To say that John Nay Jr. and his family were an interesting lot is something of an understatement.

After meeting up with Beth Breinholt and Joy Stubbs, the reality of a Nay family history started to crystalize. We brought in more distant cousins we knew, and then for more than a year we met the first Friday of each month in Provo, Utah to report on our work, share information, and commiserate on our project. Helped along by the wonders of Internet and e-mail, Nay cousins appeared from many places, with a variety of backgrounds, interests, and faiths. Any project wrought by committee is never easy, and while the goal of this

committee was the history itself, a wonderful serendipity occurred because of it. As we became acquainted with each other, lasting friendships have been forged. As one cousin so eloquently put it, “Who knew at our age we would find so many more cousins to play with!”

In researching the lives of John and his family, we have come to realize how interesting and unique these people were. Even now, five or six generations later, those interesting and unique genes are still alive and strong in John’s posterity. As evidenced in the following chapters, the voice and perspective of each author points to the conclusion that the Nays really were, and are, an interesting lot!

We, a group of John Nay’s descendants, have produced this record to ensure the Nay family name *is* recorded—now and for the future. Those of us working on this history have renewed our love for our heritage and pride in this uncommon surname. We trust the readers of our effort will do likewise.

Love from your cousins,  
Joy, Beth & Joan

**Miracles in Compiling a Labor of Love  
by Luella Kurtz Faucett**

When I was asked to join the Nay family group in writing about my grandfather, Elmer Carr Nay, I was thrilled at the opportunity. I never knew Grandpa, and I knew that I would surely know him by the time I was finished scouting out the files on him and his family. At the same time, I offered to write what I could find on Elmer's brothers, George John and Ormun Russell "Tim" Nay, because none of their descendants could be found. I already had a few items in my family history files on all of them, but the miracles that came about in the process of writing those time lines and histories has expanded my files greatly, and the knowledge of each of those men has also expanded.

The first thing I did was to put out the word to all cousins on anything that they might have gathered over the years on their mothers and fathers, (my blood aunts and uncles). Some are double related to me, so finding more of their individual histories was very pleasurable for me. Also, the excuse to call some of my cousins that I ordinarily don't call very often, was a real treat. That was a rewarding experience in itself, and I now intend to call them more often or visit with them when possible, for the rest of our lives.

I guess the biggest miracle of all and the most important, was the fact that "the veil" is thinner when you concentrate on your ancestors. I have felt the pleasure of their company, many hours, while I wrote away on the computer. Sometimes I felt like I had them leaning over my shoulder, grinning and encouraging me with a pat on the back. Many times I did become discouraged because there was not enough material on them in my files to build their

time lines. I would say another prayer and sure enough, those ancestors would push me to call a certain person or request from another, to see if I had wrung out their files or memories to the fullest.

One such person was my cousin Wilma Nay, wife of Robert "Bob" E. Nay, who is now deceased. I knew that Bob and Wilma had been doing intensive research on the Nay family for several years. So I called Wilma again, and asked her if they might have come across something about George and Tim in their research travels. Sure enough, our first miracle came forth-----A Mr. Dennis Casebier, a historian for the Eastern Mojave Desert region, in Goff, near Needles, California, had made contact with Bob, before he had died. That contact was one of those miracles in itself! Dennis had been hospitalized in Needles, with a heart attack and was later removed to the Sunrise Hospital in Las Vegas, Nevada. While there, he was in a lab for an Angioplasty.

Dennis stated:

A nice young man in a green pajamas was rolling me down the short hallway to the operating room. He had a badge fastened to the top of his outfit. I noted his surname was Nay. Now Nay is not a common name. And there were two brothers named Nay (Tim and George) that were prominently involved in the mining and cattle business in the East Mojave beginning at least as early 1884 and continuing until at least the early 1920's. I'd never made any progress tracking down descendants of that family.

I quickly explained all this to the pleasant attendant in the green pajamas. Sure enough, I had the right family. He told me I needed to talk with his father. Just before the doctor came in and the whole world went away, I made him promise that he'd go out in the waiting room, approach the nice lady who looked like she was scared to death, and give her his name and address and for her to give him my address and phone number. He did that.

The angioplasty was successful and I was soon released from the hospital. There was a period of recovery. I forgot about the Nays for awhile. Finally the father of the young man in the green pajamas called. We had a nice chat and I sent him material we had on George and O.R. "Tim" Nay. I was expecting a response, and of course hoping for a photo of these men and perhaps family information, but instead the years passed and I never heard from him again.

On 6 January 2002, my phone rang. It was a lady named, Luella Faucett, of the Nay family, calling from Virginia. The Robert Nay I had established contact with had been distracted at the time and hence the explanation for his not getting back to me. Then, she said, he died last year in an automobile accident.

Of course, I have thanked Mr. Casebier over and over for his contribution of the extracted histories on George and Tim. I have shared pictures and the needed family information he wanted for the Historical Museum, that he and others have established in an old schoolhouse, restored, in Goff, California. Another miracle, to me is finding the undocumented sources of items and unmarked pictures that have been in my files for quite a few years. With the history of Tim and George coming from Dennis Casebier's files, we have been able to come to some conclusions on identifying some snapshots that I have had in my picture box. I thought one was our Grandpa, Elmer Nay. But the cousins I had shared it with, and an uncle that was alive at that time, said they did not think it was Grandpa. Later, because of the history on mining on the desert, we could see that one of those pictures is of George and one is of Tim.

One day while writing about my Aunt Delia Nay Smith, I thought I should go through her file to see if I had written about each item I had on her. Her daughter, Joline, had sent a poem that someone had written about her mother. None of us knew who had written the poem, as there was no signature on it. But, there was a place and a date, and the poem tells us exactly where Delia was at the time. The historical newspaper articles on Tim, extracted by Dennis Casebier identified that place. I consider it a miracle that so many of the cousins descending from Elmer and Jane Nay, have the curiosity and family interest to seek out other people that might have known our grandfather and grandmother when they were young. That curiosity caused my cousin, Duane Nay, the son of Fay and Ella Nay, to go to the old timers of Monroe, Utah, to ask about their knowledge of our grandfather. Because of his stories of Elmer Carr Nay, and the memories of his sons, Reu and Lester Nay, there was enough personal history to write about Grandpa. The miracle of it all is that we will ALL know him from these writings.

When I started I had only names of Elmer's brothers, and the personal knowledge from family group sheets of their marriages, but no families were stated. With the advent of computers, large indexes furnished from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, The Family History Center and all of its microfilm for use, the California Birth Index, the Social Security Death Index and others, I was able to fill in families for both of these men. I marvel at the timing of this project. It truly came "in its own time." The modern equipment we have at our disposal to put the information on paper, and the scanner to enable us to share our photos, are miracles in themselves. Another miracle has come about since the time lines have been written, and even while the book is coming to press. With all of the material that each person had being compiled together to make more sense of it, we now had a more clear way of trying to find descendants of Tim and Flora Nay. With the notes in hand, Dennis Casebier has been able to find descendants of the couple and we have now called several others to tell them of our project. It has been the icing on the cake!

**Dedication**  
**by Grace Utley**

I would like to dedicate my work on this family history to our ancestors who converged from the misty isle of Ireland, from Scotland the isle of heather and bagpipes and from the majestic mother island of England to America, the beautiful, the land of the free. The golden thread in their tapestry of life was a deep, unwavering faith in God our Heavenly Father and a recognition and strong conviction in the authenticity of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Thank you, dear ancestors for your rich heritage. May it be our privilege and joy to know you and to live with you throughout eternity.

## **A NOTE FROM THE EDITORS**

### **About names**

During the course of research, we have come upon the usual misspellings and transposing of names. In many sources Nay is frequently misspelled, “Ney.” It is also mis-written as “Nary,” and mis-filed as “Nag.” The name of John’s first wife, Thirza Angelina is spelled a variety of ways, including Thirza, Thurza, Therza, Thyrsa, Thirsa, Thursa, Thersa, Theresa, and even Tressa. In the Nauvoo Temple Register of Endowments performed on February 7, 1848, John and Thirza Angelina Nay are listed and her name is spelled with an “i” as in Thirza. We have chosen this instance as the *official* spelling of her name, and have standardized it thus throughout the book.

Other spellings of family names have likewise been in question, but have been decided by descendants of the family member where ever possible. Thus we spell “Matilda” without the “h” and “Myron Windslo” with a “d” and no “w.” The name “Ormus” has been spelled in many ways, even by family members, but we have his testimony in court that “Ormus Bates” spelled it as we have.

John’s second wife, Lucy Thankful, frequently has her name transposed to Thankful Lucy. She was often referred to as Lucy throughout her life and even her headstone in the Monroe, Utah cemetery has her name etched in granite as “Lucy Thankful.” Her extant letters are signed with the name “Lucy.” However, her some of her descendants still believe “Thankful Lucy” is correct. Thus the name appears both ways in this volume.

### **Grace Utley’s Daughters of the Utah Pioneers history**

For many years, the history of John Nay, Jr. and William Edwin Nay, written by Grace Utley, has been the definitive work on John Nay, Jr. and his family. Her heritage of writing about this family was our starting point as an editorial committee. The sparkle in her eye and her love for a great “turn of phrase” have been our constant inspiration as we met together and pondered the work we had undertaken. Her original history has been widely distributed. As we contacted cousins from many different lines, they pulled out those pages to show us,

and they spoke of her with respect. Some asked, “Is she still alive?” Yes, she certainly is, as bright and cheery, helpful and kind as ever. The chapter on William Edwin, her grandfather, is her adaptation of the original work she did years ago.

### **Joseph Brigham, George John and Ormun Russell “Tim” Nay**

In compiling this book, we tried to find descendants of each of John Nay, Jr.’s children to write about that person and gather information about their family. In the case of Joseph Brigham Nay, this process took some time and extensive searching. During that time, Joy Stubbs took the assignment to write about him and his family. It was in fulfilling that assignment that we were finally able to make contact with some wonderful people who were from this branch of the family. However the chapter was not written from their perspective.

Likewise, Luella Faucett, descendant of Elmer Carr Nay, has done the research on George John Nay and Ormun Russell “Tim” Nay. As seems to be always true in family history research, Joy and Luella have both developed a special interest for these particular families. They submit their work on them with apologies for any errors and knowing them to be incomplete, but with much love and appreciation.

### **Additional information available**

The scope of this book lies primarily with John Nay, Jr., Thirza Angelina Hale, Thankful Lucy Pine and their children. We have tried to limit descendants’ information to John’s grandchildren and the descendants’ list in each chapter. However Luella Faucett has done much more continuing historical research on Elmer Carr Nay, son of John, Jr. and Thankful Lucy Nay. She has an extended timeline and more photos that amplify our knowledge of this family. Please contact her directly for additional information. (Mrs. Luella M. Faucett, 3340 Bybrook Lane, Woodbridge, VA 22192-4403, WFaucett@aol.com)

### **Where do we go from here?**

After spending almost two years putting this book together, we feel that, in some respects, we have just begun. In other words, the more we know, the more we know there is to know. Our research has opened many doors, and we can see more doors opening. Making contact with various members of the family, we see that there are treasures and clues waiting in trunks, closets and memories that will continue to put these stories together and to expand the histories of other generations of people. We encourage the readers of this volume to share what they have and know, to contact family members and to record their insights and experiences for the edification of others as well as themselves. More information can be gathered and published on the lives of all of John’s children. These were interesting, intrepid pioneer folk. We have just touched the surface of their lives.

We see the value of organizing as a family. There is the continuing puzzle of where Grandmother Thirza was buried (and exactly when she died). It would be nice to mark the spot. Little Angelina Relief’s grave in St. George is known, but likewise unmarked as of the publication of this book. A family organization could accomplish much. Our experiences in

compiling this book could continue to bless the lives of others as this work continues. We pray that it may.

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from Luella M. Kurtz Faucett**

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Above all, I thank My Heavenly Father, for all of the little miracles that came about as I struggled to find information for these time lines. There were many! IT HAS BEEN A LABOR OF LOVE!

## INTRODUCTION

### **Irish Beginnings**

As family historians, we know that our heritage helps make us who we are. That is certainly true of this family as well. We have focused our efforts in gathering history on one particular family, that of John Nay, Jr. However, our experience has shown us that there is much to be gained by additional research, even when we have believed the records were "too far back," non-existent, or sketchy. In that sense, we offer these brief paragraphs in the hope that they will aid the researchers of the future in their endeavors.

We have little or no information on John Nay Jr.'s great-grandfather, William Nay Sr., (often referred to as Deacon William McNee) except that he was born in Ireland in the year 1711. We know that he immigrated to America, but we don't really know when. We have a fair history of what happened in his life after emigrating and settling in New Hampshire. Family tradition says that he was Scotch-Irish, and that is very possible. The prefix "Mc" validates that tradition.

On the Ancestral File of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, there is a father listed for William McNee Sr., another William, but after some study and speaking personally to the submitter of the information, we are convinced that it is in error. The person who submitted the additional William said plainly that she now believes it was incorrect, so let this writing set the record straight in her behalf.

One source of information that may prove helpful is the writings about the "Scottish Clearances." There were several migrations of people from Scotland to Ireland, for different reasons, including political pressure, economic suffering, family, and religious issues. From an article compiled by Ian Kerr, we find possible explanations for our ancestors' movement.

Some movements have sometimes been loosely referred to as clearances; there were several actual clearance campaigns in Scotland and in Ireland, conducted either directly by the English/British Crown or by substantial land-owners on with the tacit support of a benign government. Although history and romantic fiction tend to focus on the Highland Clearances in Scotland, they were effected across the whole of Scotland; evicting, if not wiping out, the resident Highlander, Lowlander or Border populations.<sup>1</sup>

As early as 1542, the Scots were defeated by the English at Hadden Rig near Berwick, leaving open an area called the Border Marches, where neither the English nor Scottish crown had power. This became a haven for "border reivers" or raiders. They survived through plundering and caused much distress for the English for many years. In fact, the English eventually "shipped" many of them off to some of the northern parts of Ireland after the death of Mary, Queen of Scots.

In 1544, King Henry VIII invaded Scotland using indiscriminate extermination in the form of brutal slaughter and burnings. This wasting of southern Scotland chased some of the border population deeper into Scotland or across the sea to Ireland. Another time of movement to Ireland was immediately following the battle of Dunbar in 1651, when the Scottish survivors were sentenced to exile as indentured servants in the Plantations of Ulster (in Ireland) and the Americas.

The Clan name MacNee is a sept, or subclan of the MacGregor clan. It is important to note a fact or two about this clan. They were associated with the Campbell clan through marriage. However, through a series of events, the MacGregors became angry with the Campbells because they felt the Campbells had stolen their land and inheritance away from them. An event of perceived retaliation against the King brought forth an edict by the King that abolished the name MacGregor. This meant that to carry that name was punishable by death. The Clan leaders were hanged in Edinburgh, and the rest of the Clan scattered, taking other Highland names to conceal their lineage. A historically famous person was born during this time in 1671, Rob Roy MacGregor, who assumed his mother's name of Campbell to stay alive. The problem with inheriting the name "MacGregor" was reason enough for some to emigrate to Ireland, and some even to North America.

This little parcel of Scottish history gives us a few possible reasons for the immigration of the MacNee family, puts a time frame around the immigration, and creates a few clues as to their possible whereabouts. Another clue for possible research is information gathered by Jeanette Taggart Holmes, a seasoned researcher in this area. When McNees and Taggarts emigrated, they came to America together along with other members of their parish. The name of one of their settlements, Antrim, New Hampshire, could have been named after the county Antrim or the town Antrim, both in Northern Ireland. A recent visit by Beth Breinholt to the church in the town of Antrim, Ireland, built in 1595, revealed that the commencement of record keeping there was in the year 1750, and even then it is somewhat haphazard for the first twenty years or so.

### **American Beginnings: Peterborough, New Hampshire**

Close to Antrim, New Hampshire is the town of Peterborough, settled largely by the Scotch-Irish who emigrated from Ireland. They were among the middle class of emigrants, moderately well-educated, and could read and write. They were rigid Presbyterians who balked at the rules of the Church of England. The tax burdens were heavy, and, they could only lease the land. They were also hardy souls who clearly understood their civil and religious rights, and sought freedom from the restraints of protestant England. The prospects of new freedoms and great quantities of land in America brought many to the New World. Most emigrants from Ireland started in Massachusetts then spread out building communities. Two of these settlements—Antrim and Peterborough—about 75 and 80 miles northwest of Boston became home to many of the Nays in America. Peterborough became the larger of the two.

The town of Peterborough—probably named in honor of the Earl of Peterborough—first appears in records in 1756, but many people were laying stake to the land as early as 1718. The first settlement of the area was attempted in 1739, but were likely driven away by Indians. Again in 1742 a party of men cleared a small patch of land but abandoned the settlement.

“In the year 1745 or ‘46, William McNee, in company with John Taggart and William Ritchie, looked out a place in town to settle, selected lots on the south part of the farm subsequently known as the Shedd farm, and the adjoining lands. Here they cut a strip of woods twenty rods wide, cutting out the small growth and girdling the large trees, then left it, and did not return till 1752 with their families. This chopping had been burnt over by hunters or Indians, and was in good order for a crop of corn or rye. They had, in consequence, an abundant crop the first year.”<sup>ii</sup>

William McNee was a leader among the citizens of Peterborough. He was reverently referred to as Deacon McNee, owing to his position of regard in the local church. He is said to have been born in Ireland in 1711, and married Mary Eckless Brownley there before coming to America. Their first son, Robert McNee was killed in the fight of Rodgers’ Rangers at Ft. George in 1757 (French and Indian War). After Mary died in 1759, William married Sarah Smith Bell who outlived him by many years. (See photographs of headstones at the end of this chapter.)

His second son, also named William, was born in 1740 and married Betsey Russell. This William, also elected a deacon in the local church, is often referred to as William “Jr.” and is considered by many (including those who erected his headstone in the old Peterborough Burial Ground) to be the person with whom the McNee name evolved to Nay. His home is still standing in Peterborough. (See map on p. 6.)

William Jr.’s third child was John Nay [Sr.], born in 1765 and married to Betsey Puffer. In Albert Smith’s *History of the Town of Peterborough, Hillsborough County, New Hampshire*, a brief story appears about John Nay, Sr.

He [John Nay, Sr.] had the misfortune, early in life to lose one of his legs by falling from a frame he was assisting in raising in Concord, Mass. He substituted a wooden leg of soft white pine, of his own manufacture, which answered a good purpose all his life. He learned the trade of cabinet-making, after the accident. He was a man of great natural abilities, and but for his intemperate habits might have attained to a high position in society. He became most thoroughly reformed before his death, and gave unmistakable evidence of the Christian character, in his humble, meek, and loving spirit to all those around him.<sup>iii</sup>

John Sr.’s wife, Betsey Puffer, was descended from the immigrant ancestor, George Puffer, who settled in Quincy, Massachusetts in 1639.<sup>iv</sup> Betsey’s father was Elijah Puffer who was born in Wrentham, Massachusetts August 18, 1737, and served in the French and Indian War 1759-60. Elijah Puffer married Elizabeth Jackson May 20, 1764, and they settled in Peterborough, New Hampshire that same year. They had 12 children, six boys and six girls. Their third child, Betsey, married John Nay, [Sr.]. Many of the headstones of these people are still standing in the old Peterborough Burial Ground on the East Hill.

John Nay, Sr. and Betsey Puffer had 12 children. The seventh child, a son, named John Nay Jr., married Thirza Angelina Hale in the Reverend Elijah Dunbar’s Presbyterian church in Peterborough, Hillsborough County, New Hampshire on May 28, 1833.

So our story begins . . . .

## Endnotes

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<sup>i</sup> The Scots and the Clearances, The Movement of People Between Scotland and Ireland, and onward emigration to North America, Australia and New Zealand. Compiled by Ian Kerr – email iainkerr@clara.net.

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# INTRODUCTION



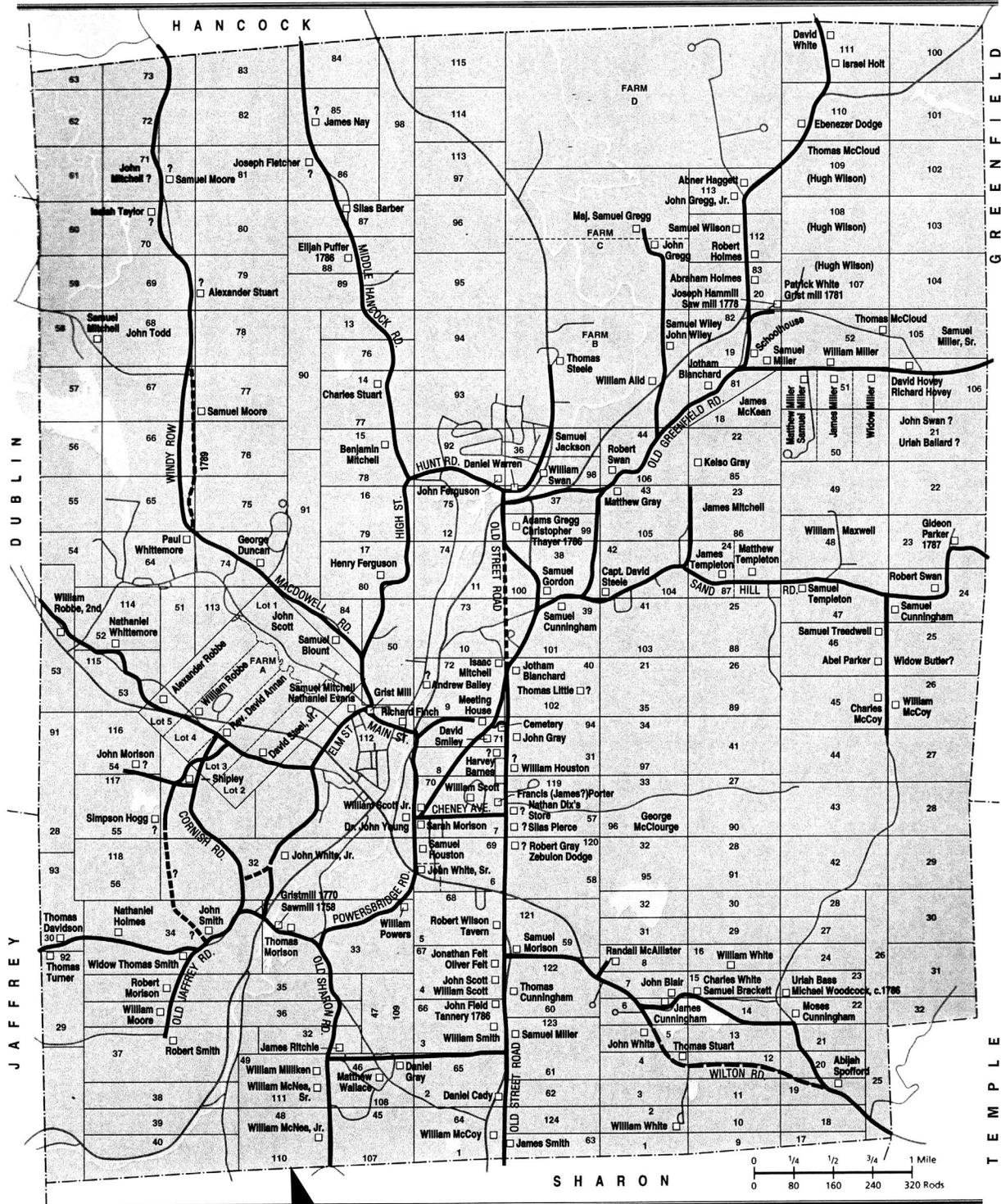
William McNee's house  
in Peterborough, New Hampshire  
(Courtesy of Peterborough  
Historical Society)

Present-day photo of  
William McNee Sr.'s house  
in Peterborough, New Hampshire  
(Courtesy of Lynda Porter)



Present-day Front of  
William McNee Sr.'s house  
in Peterborough, New Hampshire  
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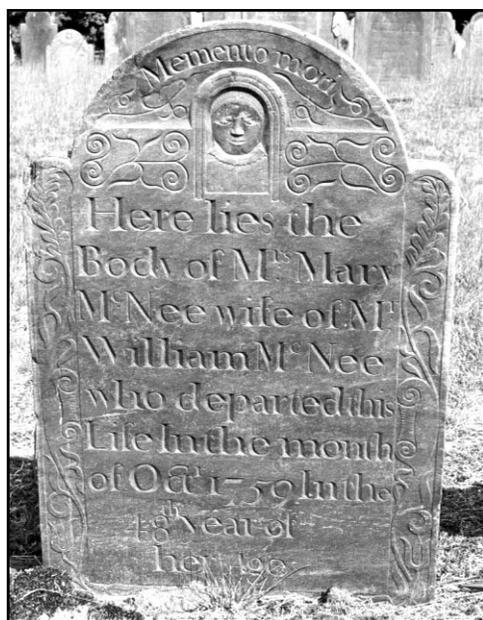
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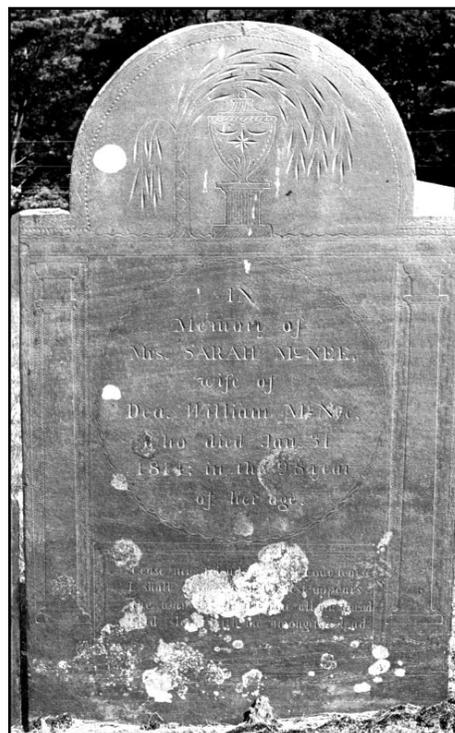
Landowner's map  
How to find McNee Home in Peterborough



Dea(con) William McNee Headstone from  
Old Burial Ground, Peterborough, NH  
IN  
memory of  
Dean William MacNee  
who Died Decr ye 23d  
1789,  
in the 78th year  
of his age



Mary McNee Headstone from  
Old Burial Ground, Peterborough, NH  
Memento mori  
Here lies the  
Body of Mrs Mary  
McNee wife of Mr  
William McNee  
Who departed this  
Life In the month  
of Octr 1759 In the  
48th year of  
her age



Sarah McNee Headstone from  
Old Burial Ground, Peterborough, NH  
IN  
Memory of  
Mrs. SARAH McNEE  
wife of  
Dea. William McNee,  
who died Jan. 31  
1814, in the 98 year  
of her age.  
Cease my friends dry up your tears  
I shall arise when Christ appears  
The way to death you all must tread  
and sleep with me among the dead.



John Nay Sr.  
b.1765  
d. 1843



Betsey Puffer  
b. 1768  
d. 1858



Dea(con) William McNee Headstone from  
Old Burial Ground, Peterborough, NH  
Last McNee (changed to Nay)

In memory of  
Dea William McNee Jr.  
who died April  
13th 1810,  
in the 70th year  
of his age.



View looking over  
Old Burial Grounds  
Peterborough, New Hampshire

## Chapter 1

# JOHN NAY, JR. and THIRZA ANGELINA HALE

by Joan Nay  
third great granddaughter

© by Joan Nay

The lives of John Nay, Jr. and Thirza Angelina Hale cannot be adequately told without placing them in the context of the early history of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The direction their lives took was both directly and indirectly dictated by their conversion to the Latter-day Saint faith. Literally, all that we know about them is taken from family lore, church and public records, and generally well-known events of LDS history.

John Nay, Jr. was born April 17 1804 in Peterborough, Hillsborough County, New Hampshire to John Nay, Sr. and Betsy Puffer. He was the 7th of 10 children.<sup>1</sup> John was the great grandson of Deacon William McNee. While very little is known about Deacon McNee, he is generally accepted to be the immigrant ancestor. He was from Ireland, of Scotch-Irish descent, and lived in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. His second son was William [Jr], who fathered John Nay, Sr, who in turn fathered John Nay, Jr. It is also generally accepted that with John Nay Jr.'s grandfather, William McNee Jr., the family name was changed from McNee to Nay. The McNee/Nay family was prominent in the settling of Peterborough, New Hampshire and gave active military service in the French-Indian and Revolutionary Wars. The McNee/Nay names also appear frequently in community and religious affairs of the area.

John's first wife, Thirza Angelina Hale, was born February 23, 1814 in Brandon, Rutland County, Vermont to Oliver Hale and Rosanna Gowing, the last of four children. The Hale family moved to New Hampshire sometime after Thirza was born. Thirza is a descendent of John Heald, who immigrated from England about 1635, and is considered the immigrant ancestor for many of the Hale families in the United States.<sup>2</sup>

Virtually nothing is known about John and Thirza's early life and childhood in New Hampshire. Both families were prominent in the church and community, and it is likely they met or at least knew of each other early in their lives. John and Thirza were married May 28, 1833 by the Reverend Elijah Dunbar in Peterborough, Hillsborough, New Hampshire in the Presbyterian Church.<sup>3</sup> John was 29 years old, and Thirza was 19.

Soon after their marriage, John and Thirza moved to Henrietta Township, Jackson County, Michigan where their first child, a son named Alonzo Putnam Nay, was born November 23, 1835.

We don't know exactly when or why John and Thirza moved to Michigan. However, land records indicate two of John's brothers (William and Diademia Nay; and George Nay) along with a cousin (Pitman and Sally Nay) were also in Jackson County, Michigan at the same time. It is possible the Nay brothers and cousin were seeking new opportunities for work, and, large land patents were available in Michigan. We do know John purchased land there as early as July 4, 1835, and he was also mentioned in the Henrietta Township of Jackson County as voting in the first township election.<sup>4</sup>

Sometime in the next few years, John, Thirza and little Alonzo moved back to New Hampshire and settled in Antrim, a small town about 15 miles north of Peterborough. A second son, William Edwin, was born there on August 31, 1838; and their first daughter, Matilda Ellen, was also born there on January 5, 1841.<sup>5</sup>

John joined The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in either May or August of 1841.<sup>6</sup> He was baptized by Eli P. Maginn, a charismatic missionary who served the area of Peterborough, New Hampshire from 1841 to 1843 and helped raise seven branches of the Church.<sup>7</sup> Maginn was reputed to be a powerful, fiery preacher and a well-versed Bible scholar. At one sermon he preached in a hall on Peterborough's Main Street, the crowd was so large Maginn stood at the window to deliver his sermon so those inside as well as the overflow crowd outside could hear him.<sup>8</sup> It is presumed that Thirza, too, was baptized in 1841, but no record has been found that includes her original baptism date.

John and Thirza stayed in Antrim, New Hampshire for at least several more years following their baptisms. A daughter, Laura Ann, was born in Antrim on March 20, 1843; and a son, John Hyrum, was born May 12, 1845, either in Antrim, New Hampshire or Nauvoo, Illinois.<sup>9</sup>

Either shortly before, or sometime after John Hyrum's birth in May 1845, and before the middle of November 1845, John and Thirza had moved to be with other Latter-day Saints in the Nauvoo, Illinois area. There, they both received patriarchal blessings on November 13, 1845 by Patriarch John Smith.<sup>10</sup>

The next official recording of John and Thirza is the day they received their endowments in the Nauvoo Temple on February 7, 1846. Temple records show John and Thirza were participants in the fourth endowment company of the day.<sup>11</sup> An eventful and chaotic day, it was the last day endowment sessions were held there as the Latter-day Saints were forced to vacate the city and temple they had labored to build.

For seven years, the Latter-day Saints had struggled and sacrificed to build Nauvoo as a haven from persecution they had suffered in New York, Ohio, and Missouri. And it was in the city of Nauvoo, the Saints begun construction of a temple wherein they could receive sacred ordinances for their eternal salvation. Anti-Mormon sentiment in Illinois was mounting, and the Saints, led by Brigham Young, were making plans to vacate the city for a refuge somewhere in the Rocky Mountains. A rationally constructed plan called for the Saints to leave Nauvoo in late Spring 1846 when the weather would be optimal, and families could prepare the necessary items for the journey. The saints also planned to finish the temple, or at least finish it to the point that endowment ordinances could be administered in it. However, events precluded an organized and orderly removal from Nauvoo.

Even as hatred against the saints mounted, they continued to attend the temple. Brigham Young, weary from many hours administering ordinances in the temple, advised the saints waiting in line at the temple to go home and prepare to leave the city; they would continue ordinance work in a new temple to be built wherever they settled he advised. After this admonishment, he left the temple after a long day, but turned to see none of the people had heeded his word—they continued to wait in the long lines to enter the temple. Young returned to the temple and continued to assist the saints. This occurred within a day or two of the first group of saints hastily leaving the city on February 6. The next day, February 7, large companies of saints attended the temple for their own endowments, and following the last

session, the temple was closed, permanently. John and Thirza were in the Nauvoo Temple on this sadly historic day.<sup>12</sup>

Four months after Brigham Young led the first group of saints out of Nauvoo, John and Thirza left as well. On Tuesday, June 16, 1846, the Nay family, in company with the George Bryant Gardner and Leonard Hill families, left Nauvoo and crossed the Mississippi River into the Iowa Territory.<sup>13</sup> Gardner wrote in his later years about that day, and how after the three families crossed the river on June 16, 1846, they “came to the town of Farmington [Iowa] on the Des Moines River, and there we, Hill, Ney [sic] and myself took jobs to work to swell our fit out”<sup>14</sup> for the eventual journey west. Gardner and Hill became quite ill with ague and got as far as the Fox River where both families camped. Hill and one of his children died there, and his wife and another child died after reaching Winter Quarters. It is interesting to note that the Gardner and Hill families were also from the Peterborough, New Hampshire area, and in fact, Gardner was also baptized by Eli P. Maginn in Peterborough.<sup>15</sup>

The Nay family apparently fared better than the other two families, as there is no further mention of them in Gardner’s account. We don’t know exactly when the Nays reached the western side of Iowa, but they were there by November 1, 1847 when John received another patriarchal blessing at the Camp of Israel, Winter Quarters, at the hand of Isaac Morley.<sup>16</sup>

As thousands of saints fled Nauvoo, they spread out across Iowa forming numerous small communities. Harris Grove, one of these communities about 20 miles northeast of Council Bluffs, became home to John and Thirza. A man named John Harris, originally from New York and also a member, was living in Council Bluffs but was unhappy with the conditions in town. Large crowds of people and livestock passing through on their way to California gold fields were creating unhealthy conditions, and Harris feared illness would become a problem. He was also put off by the so-called ‘wickedness’ of the passing throngs,<sup>17</sup> so he and thirty other families—including John and Thirza—traveled northeast of Council Bluffs and found a fertile valley four miles from the Boyer River. They named their community Harris Grove.

There the settlers built log cabins surrounded by rail fences and small garden plots. “They erected a double log cabin that they called the ‘Tabernacle,’ which served as their community center.<sup>18</sup> Educating their children was important, and a school was started in the winter of 1851 when George White began teaching at a salary of \$8.00 a month.<sup>19</sup>

Life in Harris Grove was relatively good. The area was replete with good timber, deer, wild fowl and berry bushes. Skunks and beaver were also plentiful, and the settlers made good use of the pelts for clothing. A creek on both sides of the area met in the middle and then became known as Harris Grove Creek. The current in the creek was swift enough to sustain two grist mills built by the Saints. Wagon and blacksmith shops were also built where necessities for the eventual trip to Utah were made ready.<sup>20</sup>

John and Thirza lived in Harris Grove for about five years, where three more children were added to the family. Joseph Brigham was born on April 30, 1847.<sup>21</sup> And on April 25, 1850 Thirza delivered twin boys, Ormus Bates and Ormon P. Nay.<sup>22</sup> And within days of their birth, their father was called as president of the Harris Grove branch.

When the branch was first organized on July 15, 1848, a man named Ormus Bates was called as president, choosing John Nay as one of his counselors. Now two years later on May 15, 1850—just weeks after the birth of the twins—a meeting was held at the school house, wherein

Bishop Bates said “there must be another president chosen to take his place as he was going to the Valley and he said he would nominate Br John Nay” to replace him.<sup>23</sup> Ten days later on May 25, baby Ormun P. died and was buried presumably near Harris Grove. Just a week later, on June 2, John was sustained in Bates’ place as bishop (or president) of the Harris Grove Branch.<sup>24</sup> Elder Orson Pratt was probably the presiding elder to effect the transition in the branch leadership that day, because it is recorded he also gave a blessing the same day<sup>25</sup> to the surviving twin, little Ormus Bates. Obviously named in honor of his father’s predecessor in the branch leadership, Ormus Bates Nay went on to live a full life. (See Chapter 8 on Ormus Bates Nay which includes a copy of the blessing.)

An incident during this period is recorded in the branch records involving Bishop Nay and a Brother Wimmer. While few details are given, it seems Bro. Wimmer took exception with something John said or did, and the leadership of the branch tried to settle the matter. A Church court was called. and when Bro. Wimmer was so informed, he was reported to have said that “for his part he calculated to stay at home and mind his own business and let them [the branch] take care of theirs.”<sup>26</sup> The record says he was “so high about it he said they might settle it or do what they had a mind to with it his mind would be the same.”<sup>27</sup> Wimmer further stated that he had “been mobed [sic] out of Mo [Missouri] by the Gentiles but Br Nay had mobed [sic] him wors [sic] than he ever was mobed before.”<sup>28</sup> Wimmer was summarily “cut off” from Church membership for “treating with contempt the Orthority [sic] set over him,” and this action was voted unanimously by the Branch leadership.<sup>29</sup>

By the spring 1852, a call came from church leaders in Utah, urging all saints still in the Council Bluffs area to make every effort to emigrate to the Salt Lake Valley that summer. In March 1852, Apostle Ezra Taft Benson wrote from Council Bluffs to Brigham Young in Salt Lake City regarding the preparation of the Saints. John Nay’s Harris Grove Branch is mentioned in the letter as being well prepared for the trek to the Salt Lake Valley. Part of the letter reads:

I embrace the present opportunity of forwarding to you, a brief report of the situation of the saints in this vicinity in regards to their prospects of emigration. A general meeting of the captains of emigrating companies was held at the Pigeon Tabernacle on Saturday and Sunday on the 6th and 7th inst. The weather was somewhat unfavorable, yet we had a crowded congregation and all seemed eager to go to the valley this season. The captains came forward to the stand and in answer to their names and gave a condensed report of the condition of their respective branches. I have room only for a few of the reports, but you gather from these some idea of our prospects...8th: Harris Grove Branch, John Nay captain, 167 souls, 22 wagons, and will have 10 new ones for sale, 14 horses, 35 yoke of oxen, 62 cows, and 73 young cattle. This branch will be able to go without exception and with a good outfit. Forty branches were represented at this meeting and I have given you the reports of eight. The remaining 32 will favorably compare with the above. I know you pray for me and the faithful in Pottowattamie [the Indian territory of southwest Iowa where Harris Grove and Council Bluffs were located], or else I would not have been so prospered

...<sup>30</sup>

On Friday, July 16, 1852, an emigrating company led by Allen Weeks was organized about five miles outside of Council Bluffs by Apostles Franklin D. Richards and Erastus Snow.<sup>31</sup> John and Thirza and their seven children were assigned to the '3rd Ten' of the company. Records show their party included 9 people, 3 drivers, 1 wagon, 4 oxen, and 2 cows.<sup>32</sup> The next day, Saturday, the company "laid by this day that the women could wash, bake and clean out the wagons . . . and see who was over loaded. Nine o'clock p.m. Dr. John Hough died and was buried the same night."<sup>33</sup> Dr. Hough had been ill with diarrhea for a week prior to this.<sup>34</sup>

By Tuesday, July 20th, the company arrived at the Loup Fork ferry nine miles west of Genola, Nebraska where they camped for the night. By 10 a.m. the next morning (July 21st) the "company commenced crossing the Loup Fork ferry and at about 8 o'clock p.m. the company was all across and in camp about 3/4 of a mile from the ferry. Everything passed off smoothly without any serious accident."<sup>35</sup>

The next day on July 22nd, the group traveled 16 miles. One of the lead wagons apparently traveled all day without watering their teams and when the company encamped that night there was "a spirit of contention and acrimony about the detention."<sup>36</sup> J. C. Little, superintendent of the company "and others endeavored to lay that spirit and was unwilling to do any business until that spirit [of contention] was past [sic] out of the camp."<sup>37</sup> Apparently, part of the business being conducted that evening was the baptism and confirmation of Mrs. Celestia Hough, Dr. John Hough's widow. When the contentious business was rightly settled, John Nay performed the ordinances for Mrs. Hough.<sup>38</sup>

Two days later was July 24th, and the emigrating company recorded that "In commemoration of the founding of the settlement of the Saints in the Valley, Old Larson spoke, [and] another echo was followed by a report of small arms."<sup>39</sup>

The company continued on towards the Salt Lake Valley. One member recorded his delight in seeing "the unlimited vastness of the sunflowers then in bloom."<sup>40</sup> On August 15, another member of the company, Evan Greene, recorded in his diary that he became ill "with an attack of the liver [and he] could not set up," so he had young Alonzo Nay drive his team for a while.<sup>41</sup>

As the company continued, Silas Hillman recorded, "when we got past Ft. Laramie, we began to see buffalo in great quantities moving across the plains. We hunted some and killed several and jerked their meat. . . . The Platte [River] was very high at the time for fording, but we made the attempt and crossed and all crossed same [or safe]. . . . We stopped to recruit a few days after leaving the Sweet Water [River], and during that time some of the boys killed some antelope."<sup>42</sup> On September 8, it was reported that John Nay and a Bro. Tully "went out to dress the buffalo killed last evening and killed another."<sup>43</sup>

On the morning of October 6, just days prior to their arrival in the Salt Lake Valley, one of John's oxen was missing. The group hunted until 11 o'clock that morning then moved on and then camped about 3p.m. They were doubtless greatly relieved when "just at night John's ox came over the mountain."<sup>44</sup>

A week later on October 11, the company passed over Big Mountain in Emigration Canyon, and the next day, Tuesday, October 12, 1852 they "passed over the Little

Mountain and came into the city of the Great Salt Lake.”<sup>45</sup> The long journey—lasting 2 months and 26 days—was finally at an end.

A number from the company, including the Allen Weeks and John Nay families, continued on to the area known today as Lehi, Utah, where most of the group camped for the winter. In November however, Allen Weeks and three other families moved to an area west of Lehi known as Cedar Valley. They spent the winter there, and in the early spring of 1853, other families moved into the valley, which is probably when John and Thirza moved to Cedar Valley as well.

The families erected a fort as protection from Indians. Cedar logs from nearby mountains provided the materials, and the cedar pickets of the fort’s outer walls gave the new town its name, Cedar Fort. Later, a more substantial fort was built with stone walls though it was never completely finished. In a few records of the time the citizens are recorded as living in “Stone City.”<sup>46</sup>

On Sunday, April 3, 1853, Cedar Fort Ward was organized with Allen Weeks as bishop. Membership recorded at that time included John and Thirza Nay and their children: Alonzo, William, Matilda, Laura, John, Brigham, Ormas, and their last child, Angelina. There is conflicting information as to little Angelina Relief’s birth date. We can conclude she was born in Cedar Fort, but records show various dates. We know she was blessed by her father on May 6, 1855 in the Cedar Fort Ward.<sup>47</sup> (See Chapter 9 on Angelina Relief Nay.)

Life in the uninhabited Cedar Valley was not easy. Logs for homes and the fort had to be brought from the nearby mountains. Water had to be directed for irrigation and gardening. And the Indians proved troublesome.

Several weeks after the ward was organized, the entire group moved “to Lehi City by order of Gen. Daniel H. Wells on account of Indian difficulties.”<sup>48</sup> Two months later on June 25, 1853, the branch moved back to their homes. Again, on July 28 problems with the Indians prompted Mayor David Evans to order the group back to Lehi until September 7 when they returned to their homes.<sup>49</sup>

In the mid 1850s, a period of reformation swept through the Church wherein leaders preached reform and recommitment to gospel principles. Mass rebaptisms resulted in this renewed religious fervor. John and Thirza were rebaptized in the Cedar Fort Ward on July 27, 1855.<sup>50</sup> Many members also consecrated their personal property to the Church as a sign of their recommitment. John’s consecration deed, recorded in Utah County land records, reads as follows:

Be it known by these presents that I John Nay, of Stone City in the county of Utah, and Territory of Utah, for and in consideration of the good will which I have to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, give and convey unto Brigham Young, Trustee in Trust for said Church his successors in office and assigns all my claim to and ownership of the following described property, to wit

Lot 3 in Block 20 containing 20 acres in the Cedar Valley or Stone City survey of farming land in Utah County Utah Territory value 200.00  
Also Lot 8 in Block 2 containing 4 acres in Cedar Valley Survey of Garden Lots value 40.00

One yoke of oxen and wagon value 125.00	5 cows at \$30 dollars each & 5 calves at \$5 each	value 175.00
2 yearlings at \$20 each		value 40.00
two sheep at \$5 each		10.00
two swine at \$8 each		16.00
Household furniture, beds, bedding, etc		55.00
Two cabins in the picket fort and my interest therein		75.00
Also my interest in the Stone Fort amounting to Eighty days labor		160.00
Farming utensils, etc.	30.00	Three guns & one cooking stove 100.00
Total amount one thousand & twenty six dollars		1026.00

together with all the rights privileges, and appurtenances, thereunto belonging or appertaining. I also covenant and agree that I am the lawful claimant and owner of said property, and will warrant and forever defend the same unto the said Trustee in Trust his successors in office and assigns against the claims of my heirs, assigns, or any person whomsoever.

/s/ John Nay

Witnesses

Edward R. Walker

James Rodeback

Territory of Utah

County of Utah

I Lucius N. Scovil probate clerk

of the afore said county do hereby certify that the signor

of the above transfer, personally known to me appeared this 26<sup>th</sup>

day of July A. D. 1855, and acknowledged that he of his own

choice executed the foregoing transfer.

Lucius N. Scovil Probate Clerk<sup>51</sup>

As problems with Indians subsided, life in Cedar Fort mirrored that of similar settlements in the Utah Territory. With the passage of time, settlers built more substantial homes, put in crops and gardens, and improved their circumstances. John's deed showed that things had improved considerably from the time he left Harris Grove with one wagon, four oxen and two cows. Now three years later, he was relatively wealthy in terms of possessions and provisions for his family—owning 24 acres of land, eleven head of livestock, household items, two cabins in the picket fort, and an interest of eighty days labor in the stone fort, three guns and a cooking stove.

That recommitment to gospel principles may have been sorely tested two years later when Utah residents learned that President James Buchanan was sending a large contingency of soldiers to the territory to put down the so-called war against federal authority by the Latter-day Saints. In reality, the “war” was emotional rhetoric on both sides debating Utah Territory's request for statehood. Among other things, the practice of polygamy was at the head of the list of the emotionally charged debates. Because the saints refused to relinquish the practice and wanted to govern themselves, federal officials, with the endorsement of President Buchanan, sent the U. S. Army to the Rocky Mountains to do battle with the resistant Latter-day Saints. Much has been written about this segment of Utah history. While the details of the “Utah War” are not within the scope of this work, we can only

wonder what the impact this had on the lives of the saints in general, and on the John Nay family in Cedar Fort in particular.

The large army unit totaling over 5000 people and 3000 head of livestock entered the Salt Lake Valley June 27, 1857. The city was virtually vacant. In planning for the arrival of the troops, President Brigham Young and other Church leaders conceived a plan to vacate the cities north of Lehi, Utah, and move everyone to the south. A few men stationed in the cities and towns had orders to set the town afire if the army stopped. When the Colonel Albert Sidney Johnston's army marched out of Emigration Canyon and down South Temple, they were greeted by a deserted ghost town. All the rhetoric and posturing by the government, the army and the Church seemed to have worked. The army marched through Salt Lake City with strict orders to not fire a shot. The army settled the first night on the banks of the Jordan River, and within days moved south to Cedar Valley where they began setting up Camp Floyd near Fairfield, Utah—just 4 miles from John & Thirza's Cedar Fort home. The history of this "military city" is replete with numerous incidents occurring between the local citizen-saints and the U. S. Army. Two such incidents seem to have greatly impacted the lives of the Nay family.

In the fall of 1858, a manuscript account at the LDS Church Archives indicates Thirza left John and was married to James Haven. Haven was a soldier with "I" Company, 10th Infantry Regiment of Johnston's Army stationed at nearby Camp Floyd.<sup>52</sup> The manuscript, copied verbatim from the original and dated November 23, 1858, reads as follows:

A barefaced case of Abduction has been perpetrated in Cedar Valley in this Territory, a few weeks ago. We have seldom heard of such impudent Proceedings, and never had to record anything so daring or having occurred since our settlement.

A corporal in the Army 10th Regt. of Infantry, named James Haven, stationed at Camp Floyd, got introduced to the family of Mr. John Nay, North Cedar Fort, and a too familiar intimacy grew between the corporal and Nay's wife. On one occasion Mr. Nay seeing them walking out together, in a mild manner forbade the soldier [rest of line blank] his house, and told his wife to refrain from such improper conduct. She left his home and family in company with her paramour and on the 23rd or 24th ult they presented themselves to be married at the office of Porter, Esq. a justice of the Peace at Cedar Fort, within six miles of her place of residence, She was represented to be a widow and the Justice not knowing her, and the soldier showing, it is said, that he obtained leave from his superior officers, they went accordingly through the form of marriage.

The corporal, we understand, is about 26 years old, and the woman 45 years. What is singular in the affair is, that she has been married to Mr. Nay 26 years, and has borne to him 10 children, 8 of whom are living. They have always lived in the greatest harmony, never having had any domestic quarrels to mar their joys during the long period they were associated together. Mr. Nay seems to

take the matter like a Philosopher, not even attempting to punish the offender, but letting the sure accuser of conscience gnaw their hearts.

In some states it is said to be dangerous to fall in love with another man's wife, for it is certain death the first year.<sup>53</sup>

[signed] Citizen

Corporal Haven was from Newport, New Hampshire, a town considerably west and north of Peterborough. He was enlisted in the U. S. Army May 9, 1855 in Concord, New Hampshire by Captain Jesse Gove for a term of five years, and was attached to the 10th Infantry, Company "I".<sup>54</sup> Haven re-enlisted for another five years with the army on March 9, 1860 at Camp Floyd, Utah. He was assigned to the same unit, but records show he deserted May 16, 1860, and was apprehended July 1860. He deserted again April 19, 1861, and research has failed to provide any additional information on him.<sup>55</sup> In spite of the title given to the above document, we can conclude that Thirza left on her own volition and was not really 'abducted.' Research has verified only 9 children born to Thirza—not 10 as stated above.

We can only speculate what prompted this turn of events in John and Thirza's life. The patriarchal blessing given to Thirza on August 12, 1857<sup>56</sup> in Cedar Fort hints she would be called to live in polygamy, and there is some speculation this may have been her reason for leaving her family. In the Cedar Fort Ward records we read that Thirza was subsequently excommunicated from the LDS Church on December 21, 1858.<sup>57</sup> Following this incident, it appears that little Angelina Relief went to live with her older sister, Matilda who was married to Lysander Dayton by then.<sup>58</sup>

Things appeared to get worse for a time for John and his children. Life in Cedar Fort was affected by the large U. S. Army unit stationed nearby, and disputes over grazing rights between the Army and local citizens caused considerable problems. One such dispute occurred in March 1859. A young man named Howard Spencer was tending his uncle Daniel Spencer's large herds in Utah's west desert near Rush Valley. Sergeant Ralph Pike, leading a group of soldiers in the area, encountered young Spencer. An altercation erupted in which Pike and Spencer each served several blows. *The Valley Tan* newspaper reported that Spencer rushed the soldiers with a pitchfork, and in self-defense, Sgt. Pike struck Spencer in the head with the butt of his rifle, rendering him unconscious. Spencer recovered, and charges of attempted murder were filed against Pike.<sup>59</sup>

Five months later in August 1859, the trial charging Sgt. Pike convened in Salt Lake City. During a break in the session, Pike and his associates were returning to their rooms nearby when young Spencer broke through the crowd and shot Pike. In the ensuing confusion, Spencer was surrounded by a group of people who allowed him to escape. Pike was taken to a nearby clinic where he was able to verify that it was indeed Howard Spencer who had shot him. Pike died soon thereafter. The next day when word reached Camp Floyd of Pike's death, a group of soldiers vented their rage on the citizens of nearby Cedar Fort by setting hay stacks afire, and damaging property. *The Mountaineer* reported two young boys, "Alonzo Ney [sic] and John Cook, sounded the alarm of warning" and alerted residents of the fire.<sup>60</sup> Fires were extinguished but considerable property was damaged.<sup>61</sup>

Pursuant to this incident, thirteen residents of Cedar Fort filed a petition on November 23, 1859 with Utah Governor Alfred Cumming requesting reimbursement for damages to their

property. John Nay, Jr., his son-in-law Lysander Dayton and Bishop Allen Weeks were among the thirteen signing the complaint.<sup>62</sup> Property damage to the citizens totaled \$5188,<sup>63</sup> but research has been unable to determine if the claims of the Cedar Fort citizens were ever settled. It appears to be just another incident—among many—between local citizenry and the U. S. Army during the years of occupation in Utah.

Sometime in 1859 or 1860, John married Thankful Lucy Pine Packard. (See Chapter 10 on Thankful Lucy Pine.) However, the 1860 U. S. Federal census for Springville, Utah shows John living as a widower with four of his sons: John H[yrum], Jos[eph] B[righam], Ormus, and Wm E[dwin], with his daughter and son-in-law, Laura Ann and Charles Wesley Warren living next door.<sup>64</sup> No date has been found for John's marriage to Thankful, but her descendants agree it was some time in late 1859, even though the census was taken on September 4, 1860<sup>65</sup>. A son, Myron Windslo Nay, was born to John and Thankful in Springville, Utah on August 22, 1860<sup>66</sup>. (See Chapter 11 on Myron Windslo Nay.) Soon after the birth of this son, John and Thankful and their combined families moved to southern Utah. While no exact date is available for this move, they probably accompanied John's daughter and son-in-law—Lysander and Matilda Dayton—who were called to the Southern Mission.

At the LDS General Conference in October 1861, Apostle George A. Smith read from the pulpit the names of over 300 heads of households called to the "Southern Mission." In the decade prior to this call, a handful of Latter-day Saints had been called to the "Cotton Mission," and to help settle the Virgin River basin of southwestern Utah. Cotton, grapes, and a wide variety of fruit and nut trees were suitable crops in the warm, mild climate, and the Virgin and Santa Clara Rivers provided water. As enticing as the area seemed, the settlers there were worn out from struggles with unrelenting heat, and the fickle Virgin River that either dried up or overflowed its banks and washed out the dams with some regularity. The struggling Cotton Mission was in need of reinforcements, and 300 families were called to help. One of the names read at conference was Lysander Dayton, then of American Fork, Utah. John's name was not among those called, but circumstantial evidence indicates he and Thankful joined Lysander and Matilda in the move to the Southern Mission, or followed soon thereafter.

Within weeks of the surprise announcement, most of the families were prepared for the trek south. History tells us the majority of the group left the Salt Lake area the first week in November, and they began arriving at what is now the town of Washington, Utah the first few days of December.<sup>67</sup>

A meeting of the camp was convened on Thursday, December 5, 1861 near the Virgin River and a Camp Council was formed to help govern the group. Lysander Dayton was one of the 12 men called to the Council. On Christmas Day, the new settlement was preparing to celebrate with a dance when it began to rain. And for the next 40 days, it rained the better part of every day. Surveying of the town, by now named St. George in honor of Apostle George A. Smith, was halted until the mud began to dry. In March 1862 with the surveying complete, lots were numbered and each family drew a number to receive their property. Lysander Dayton received the corner property at what is today on the southwest corner of the intersection of St. George Boulevard and 2nd West. The following summer, John's youngest child, little Angeline Relief Nay—about eight years old—died of "fever" on June 16, 1862.<sup>68</sup> Lysander & Matilda's daughter, Permelia, was born

April 11, 1863 and died on April 23, 1863. Two years later, the Dayton's son, Arthur Eugene Dayton, died on January 26, 1865. All three children are buried next to each other in the St. George cemetery.<sup>69</sup>

Apparently Lysander and Matilda stayed on in St. George for a time, but John and Thankful relocated with other families to Pine Valley, a small community 34 miles northwest of St George. (See Chapter 4 on Lysander and Matilda Dayton.)

Situated in a basin near the top of the Pine Valley Mountains, Pine Valley is about five miles long and two miles wide. The soil there was rich and productive and nearby timber made it an ideal spot for saw mills.<sup>70</sup> About ten years earlier in the summer of 1855, Isaac Riddle was tending the collective Church herds. When it was noticed that a cow was missing, Riddle rode out looking for the stray, and as he came up over a rise he saw the small valley for the first time in all its early morning splendor. He later described it thus, "There stretching before me was the most beautiful sight I had ever beheld on God's green earth."<sup>71</sup>

In comparing the lushness of Pine Valley to the Nay family's previous homes in the barren brush of Cedar Valley or the flat Iowa plains, this too may have been a "most beautiful sight" for John. In Pine Valley, John and Thankful's family grew to include four more sons: George John, born July 24, 1862 in St. George<sup>72</sup>; Ormun Russell born March 23, 1865 in Pine Valley<sup>73</sup>; Elmer Carr born June 9, 1867 in Pine Valley<sup>74</sup>; Samuel, born and died in 1869 also in Pine Valley.<sup>75</sup>

On most census records, John's occupation during this time was listed as "farmer." However, a map of the old "upper" town of Pine Valley shows the "Nay house" up "Nay Creek Canyon."<sup>76</sup> And because Harrison Burgess owned a sawmill at the foot of the same canyon, it is probable that John and at least some of his sons worked as loggers. About 1865, the small village was becoming too crowded so residents relocated further down the canyon to the "lower" town site, to what we know today as the town of Pine Valley.<sup>77</sup> We note here, the name of "Nay Canyon" still appears on U. S. Forest Service maps in the Pine Valley section of the Dixie National Forest.

On Sunday, March 15, 1874 presiding elder, Erastus Snow, organized Pine Valley into a branch of the United Order. Later on June 5, at a routine conference of the St. George Stake, names of ward and stake leaders were read for a sustaining vote, including William Snow as Pine Valley bishop. Seven men, including John Nay, opposed sustaining Snow. Eleven days later on June 16, leaders met with the seven men who "presented their grievances," resulting in a unanimous vote sustaining Bishop Snow.<sup>78</sup> We don't know the cause of the negative votes, but organization of the United Order in Pine Valley a few months earlier could have led to differences of opinion; and whatever those differences were, they were resolved.

The 1880 U. S. Federal Census for Pine Valley, Utah, records John Nay, age 76 living with a wife, Sarah O. age 37, and two children, Sarah J, and Orson P. Immediately following this entry, the record shows Thankful Nay and her four sons living next door to John and Sarah, and Thankful's status is recorded as "widowed."<sup>79</sup> Considerable research into this "new" wife of John's has produced no credible leads or information on her or the children. In the opinion of this writer, this union was a ruse purposely portrayed to the census taker to avoid prosecution during the height of the federal raids against practicing polygamists.

And it is possible that “Sarah O.” was the polygamist doing the hiding. Sarah O. and her two children seem to have vanished as quietly as they appeared, and John and Thankful continued to live together until their deaths.

In 1888, John and Thankful left Pine Valley for Circleville, Utah. Their church membership records were recorded in the Circleville Ward on December 16, 1888. The same record also shows they later ‘removed’ to Monroe, Utah, but no date is given.<sup>80</sup>

John passed away on October 1, 1892 in Monroe, Utah at age 88. He was laid to rest in the Monroe City cemetery October 3, 1892.<sup>81</sup> Thankful continued on, living with her children, until July 29, 1897 when she died in Circleville, Utah and was buried beside John on July 31, 1897.<sup>82</sup>

The only known photo of John Nay Jr. is included herein. Family lore suggests that as John lay in bed near death, someone realized there was no suitable photo of him. To correct the situation, about a week before he died (others say it was the day he died) he was dressed in his suit, propped up in bed, and photographed. (The photo appears on page 26.)

Virtually nothing is known of Thirza for a period of time after 1858. However, a letter written in 1892 and signed by a “Mrs. T. A. Marley” (or Morley ) from Monroe, Utah was sent to the Nevada State Board of Pardons, pleading for the early release of her son Ormus Bates Nay from prison. (For a more detailed account of this, and a copy of the letter, see chapter 8 on Ormus Bates Nay.) From the contents of the letter we can easily assume “Mrs. T. A. Marley” was Thirza Angelina, with another married surname.

After learning of Thirza’s 1858 excommunication, application was made to restore her temple blessings. A baptism date was needed for this ordinance, and the LDS Temple Department selected a rebaptism performed by proxy on August 12, 1980 in the Salt Lake Temple as her official rebaptism. Her temple blessings were restored on October 6, 1992 in the Salt Lake Temple.<sup>83</sup>

Recently a record was found in which a granddaughter-in-law indicates that Thirza died October 1, 1895, but no place of death is given.<sup>84</sup> As the book is going to press, another letter from a grandson came to light which gives the death date of “Grandmother Nay” as May 10, 1872.<sup>85</sup> While the details about “Grandma Thirza” remain a puzzle, and these death dates have not been verified, they may provide a springboard for further research. We do note a few interesting things about Thirza. Several granddaughters born after she separated from John in 1858 carry her name “Thirza”--suggesting she was still revered in the hearts of her children. Secondly, the letter to the Nevada Board of Pardons is curiously dated from Monroe, Utah—where it states that Ormus’ father is in failing health—again, suggesting some connection or communication with her family.

Who knows what finally happened to Thirza? Until more sources become available and credible information surfaces, we can only speculate on her fate. And until then, the search continues.

The editors of this book suggest the following epitaph be applied to our third great grandmother, Thirza Angelina Hale Nay: “May her rest be sweet and her salvation sure . . . [Her] faults we write upon the sand; [her] virtues we chisel upon tablets of love and memory.”<sup>86</sup>

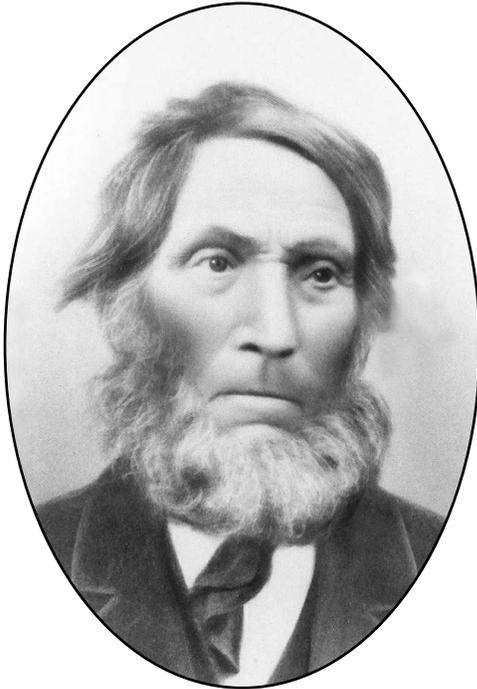
Notes:

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- <sup>1</sup> St. George LDS Ward records. FHL film # 0273336.
- <sup>2</sup> *Genealogical & Personal Memoirs . . . of Massachusetts*, p. 172. FHL #974.4 D2c Index
- <sup>3</sup> Elijah Dunbar Diary, page 143. FHL microfilm #0015582, #5. See also, New Hampshire, Division of Vital Statistics. Bride's Index, 1640-1900. FHL microfilm #975685. Thirza's card is mis-filed under "Hall" in this index instead of Hale, likely due to the large hand written "e" of her last name being misread as Hall.
- <sup>4</sup> Research on the Nays in Michigan is courtesy of John C. Nay of Ypsilanti, Michigan. His sources for this information include "Record of Land Deeds before 1850, vol. 1," transcribed by the Daughters of the American Revolution; and *History of Jackson County*, Michigan, Inter-State Publishing, Chicago, 1881.
- <sup>5</sup> 1840 U. S. Federal Census, Antrim (Peterborough) New Hampshire.
- <sup>6</sup> Circleville Ward records his baptism as "August 1841." FHL film #25870. The St. George 3rd Ward records list the date as "May 1841" on FHL film #027336. Both wards list Eli P. Magnnin as the one who performed the ordinance.
- <sup>7</sup> Crawley, Peter. *A Descriptive Bibliography of the Mormon Church Volume One 1830-1847*. Provo, Utah: Religious Studies Center, 1997. pp. 186-7.
- <sup>8</sup> Smith, Etta M. *History of Peterborough New Hampshire*. Book Two: Genealogies. Rindge, NH: Richard R. Smith Publisher, Inc., 1954. pp. 187.
- <sup>9</sup> 1850 Federal Census of Iowa and 1860 Federal Census of Utah list New Hampshire as John Hyrum's birthplace; 1870 Federal Census of Utah lists Illinois.
- <sup>10</sup> Patriarchal blessings. John #1386, Nov 13, 1845; Thirza #1387, Nov 13, 1845. photo copies in possession of Joan Nay.
- <sup>11</sup> The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Endowment Register; Illinois, Nauvoo, LDS; 1845-46, Microfilm, p. 331.
- <sup>12</sup> E. Cecil McGavin, *The Nauvoo Temple*, Salt Lake City, Utah: Deseret Book Company, 1962, pp. 67-68; Leonard J. Arrington, *Brigham Young: American Moses*, New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1985, p. 127.
- <sup>13</sup> Stratton, Clifford J. *Pioneer Stories*. "George Bryant Gardner and Elizabeth Ann Bird," pp. 46-51. manuscript. FHL film #1033690, item #11.
- <sup>14</sup> Ibid.
- <sup>15</sup> Ibid.
- <sup>16</sup> Patriarchal Blessing, #23, Nov 1, 1847. photo copy and typescript of original in possession of Joan Nay.
- <sup>17</sup> Hartley, William G. *Sacred Places: Iowa. A Comprehensive Guide to Early LDS Historical Sites*, Typescript of book manuscript, 2000, forthcoming from Deseret Book (as of 2002), pp. 174-5.
- <sup>18</sup> Daugherty, Ruth. "The History of the Mormons at Harris Grove Iowa." unpublished manuscript. Copy in possession of Joan Nay.
- <sup>19</sup> Ibid.
- <sup>20</sup> Ibid.
- <sup>21</sup> Family records of Ophelia "Leafy" Nay. Copy in possession of Joy Stubbs.
- <sup>22</sup> Harris Grove Branch, Pottawattamie County, Iowa. Records of Members/Historical Record 1848-1852. FHL film #0001923. p. 37. Other family sources spell this twin's name Ormun. His younger step-brother's name is also spelled the same, Ormun Russell "Tim." What the "P" stands for in his name is in question. William Edwin's family has traditionally used "Pratt" for the middle name; Ormus Bates' family has used Putnam. His temple work was done by Ormus Bates' family using 'Ormun Putnam.' This branch record is the only non-family source, and simply uses, Ormun P.
- <sup>23</sup> Harris Grove Branch Records. The title of president and bishop seem to be used interchangeably throughout the branch record.
- <sup>24</sup> Harris Grove Branch, Pottawattamie County, Iowa, Records of Members/Historical Record 1848-1852. FHL #0001923. p. 1
- <sup>25</sup> Ibid.
- <sup>26</sup> Ibid.
- <sup>27</sup> Ibid.

- <sup>28</sup> Ibid.
- <sup>29</sup> Ibid.
- <sup>30</sup> Journal History. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. pp 3-4. March 16, 1852, letter from Ezra Taft Benson to Brigham Young.
- <sup>31</sup> Adams, William B. Diary. LDS Church Archives.
- <sup>32</sup> Ibid.
- <sup>33</sup> Greene, Evan Melbourne. Diaries 1833-1852. LDS Church Archives.
- <sup>34</sup> Adams. op.cit.
- <sup>35</sup> Ibid.
- <sup>36</sup> Ibid.
- <sup>37</sup> Ibid.
- <sup>38</sup> Greene. op cit.
- <sup>39</sup> Adams. op cit.
- <sup>40</sup> Wilbur, Elisha. *Utah Pioneer Biographies*, vol 30, pp. 4. FHL microfilm #25566.
- <sup>41</sup> Greene. Ibid.
- <sup>42</sup> Hillman, Silas. Autobiography and Journal. LDS Church Archives. pp. 42-3.
- <sup>43</sup> Ibid.
- <sup>44</sup> Greene. Ibid.
- <sup>45</sup> Ibid.
- <sup>46</sup> 1856 Utah territorial census; FHL #482986 John Nay Consecration Deed, pp. 329-30.
- <sup>47</sup> Cedar Fort Ward Records, LR 1512/21, Record of Members, 1853-1885, p. 8. LDS Church Archives.
- <sup>48</sup> Ibid.
- <sup>49</sup> Ibid.
- <sup>50</sup> Ibid., p. 6.
- <sup>51</sup> Ibid., p. 329-30.
- <sup>52</sup> "Barefaced Case of Abduction." manuscript. LDS Church Archives. (It is the opinion of LDS Archivist, Christy Best, that this manuscript was penned by George Sims, a secretary in Brigham Young's office.)
- <sup>53</sup> Ibid.
- <sup>54</sup> Enlistment Registers of the U. S. Army, 1798-1914. Vol. 1, 151. p. 99. microfilm. FHL #350331.
- <sup>55</sup> Military Enlistment Records, microfilm. FHL #350333, page 158, line 62.
- <sup>56</sup> Patriarchal Blessing. #350. Photo copy in possession of Joan Nay.
- <sup>57</sup> Cedar Fort Ward Records. LDS Church Archives, Salt Lake City, Utah.
- <sup>58</sup> 1860 US Federal Census, Lake City, Utah County, Utah. microfilm. p. 354.
- <sup>59</sup> *Kirk Anderson's Valley Tan*. August 15, 1859. (newspaper) Marriott Library, University of Utah. microfilm #1486773.
- <sup>60</sup> *The Mountaineer*, Sept 3, 1859, p. 7, 4th column. microfilm at Marriott Library, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah.
- <sup>61</sup> Furniss, Norman F. *The Mormon Conflict*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1956, pp. 225-227.
- <sup>62</sup> Journal History. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. LDS Church Archives, Salt Lake City, Utah.
- <sup>63</sup> Ibid.
- <sup>64</sup> 1860 US Federal Census, Springville, Utah County, Utah. FHL film #025541, page 277. Although son William Edwin is listed here, he is also listed in the Cedar Fort Census of 1860 as living with a family in Cedar Fort.
- <sup>65</sup> Ibid.
- <sup>66</sup> Pine Valley Ward Records (baptism record). FHL film #26418.
- <sup>67</sup> Bleak, James Godson. *Annals of the Southern Mission*. Microfilm #MS 1301 LDS Church Archives.
- <sup>68</sup> St George Ward Records, Record of Members 1861-62. FHL film # 027333.

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- <sup>69</sup> Photos of Permlia Dayton headstone in the St. George, Utah cemetery. Taken by Joan Nay Oct 11, 2002.
- <sup>70</sup> Jenson, Andrew. *Encyclopedic History of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints*. Salt Lake City: Deseret News Publishing, 1941. pp. 654-5.
- <sup>71</sup> As recorded in Snow & Beckstrom, *O' Ye Mountains High, The Story of Pine Valley*. St. George: Heritage Press, 1980. p. 5.
- <sup>72</sup> Pine Valley Ward Records. FHL film #0026418, Ibid.
- <sup>73</sup> State of California, death certificate.
- <sup>74</sup> Pine Valley Ward Records. Ibid.
- <sup>75</sup> Ibid.
- <sup>76</sup> Snow & Beckstrom, p. 24.
- <sup>77</sup> Op cit. p. 24.
- <sup>78</sup> *Annals of Southern Mission*, p. 295. John Nay's name appears in the typed index and typescript of this record is John 'Nary.' However, in viewing a microfilm of the original hand written record at the LDS Church Archives, this is obviously an incorrect interpretation of the penmanship.
- <sup>79</sup> 1880 Federal U. S. Census, Pine Valley, Washington County, Utah. FHL film # 053891.
- <sup>80</sup> Circleville Ward Record, #25870.
- <sup>81</sup> Photograph of John Nay's headstone in the Monroe, Utah city cemetery by Jim Stubbs. Copy of photo in possession of Beth Breinholt.
- <sup>82</sup> Ibid.
- <sup>83</sup> Letter dated October 7, 1992, from Val Greenwood, Director of Special Services, Temple Department, LDS Church to Joan Nay, confirming said restoration of blessings. Original letter in possession of Joan Nay.
- <sup>84</sup> Information is hand written on a printed form, "Record of Family Traits" for the Carnegie Institution of Washington, Dept of Experimental Evolution, and the Eugenics Record Office at Cold Spring Harbor, New York. The form was filled out by Frances Ellen S. Warren, a grand daughter-in-law of John & Thirza Nay. Frances Ellen was the wife of Zenos Warren, son of Laura Ann Nay and Charles Wesley Warren. The form is stamped, #15815, and is dated 17 August 1916. The original copy is in possession of a descendant, Scott Bowen. A photo copy in possession of Joan Nay.
- <sup>85</sup> Letter to Theron D. Nay from Ormus Peter Nay dated Dec. 20, 1938 from Mt. Pleasant, Utah. Photocopy in possession of Joy Stubbs.
- <sup>86</sup> Miles, Zaidee W. *Under Dixie Sun*, p. 98.

## JOHN NAY JR. and THIRZA ANGELINA HALE FAMILY



John Nay Jr.



Thirza Angelina Hale

<u>A. D. 1833.</u>	<u>A. D. 1833.</u>
	<u>Weddings</u>
March 19.	Walter Glegg, & Almira Sawyer. (Sharon.)
April 11.	Eben <sup>r</sup> J. Sakeman, & Louisa Hale.
April 23.	Benja <sup>a</sup> Russell, Jr. & Mary Tuggart. (Sharon.)
April 25.	Wm Wilson of Hancock, & Louisa Esther Grims.
" "	George W. Pratt, of Framingham, Mass. & Jane Kimball.
May 28.	John Nay, jr, & Thirza Angelina Hale.
June 3.	Benj <sup>s</sup> Pollard, jr, & Eliza Smith of Greenfield.
July 28.	Sergeant Robinson, & Roxana Blood.
August 19.	Joseph True, of Chester, & Susan McCoy.
September 2.	William Taft Smith, & Aurelia Newcomb Garrison.
September 22.	George W. Gage, & Melinda Hannah Dargin.
October 28.	Thos Robbe, of Dublin, & Mary Ann Nelson.
December 11.	Sullivan Shed, & Phoebe S. Dodge.

Facsimile of Reverend Elijah Dunbar's Journal, 1833 Weddings  
On line - May 28 notice the record of John Nay Jr and Thirza Angelina Hale.

# John Nay, Jr.

## 1845 Patriarchal Blessing Patriarchal Blessing Holograph *A word-for-word transcription without changes*

1. No. 1386-- Nov. 13th A Blessing by John Smith Patriarch, upon the head of John Nay son of
2. John & Betsy, born, April 17th 1804, Hillsboro, co, New Hampshire. Br. John I lay my hands upon thy head
3. by the authority vested in me to bless the fatherless & seal & confirm upon thee in the name of Jesus of Nazareth
4. all the blessings of Abraham Isaac & Jacob, for thou art of the house of Jacob through the loins of Joseph & of the
5. blood of Ephraim, & a lawful heir to the holy priesthood that brings men into the presence of their maker,
6. & has power over all things; inasmuch as thou hast entered into the bonds of the new & everlasting covenant, & hast sac
7. rificed much of thy property, thy worldly honors, & thy good name among the Gentiles for the kingdom of Gods
8. sake & the gospel's, the Lord is well pleased, & he will give thee a hundred fold more in this life, because of the
9. integrity of thine heart, & in the world to come eternal life, thou shalt be intrumental in bringing thousands
10. to a knowledge of the truth, thou shalt have power to do miracles for the rolling forth of the work & the
11. cause of Zion, shall have an inheritance with thy brethren, & a numerous posterity to keep thy name in re-
12. membrance in the church, & every blessing which you desire, & inasmuch as you listen to the counsel of the ser
13. vants of the Lord, thou shalt inherit everlasting life even so, amen. Albert Carrington Recorder."

## 1845 Patriarchal Blessing *Edited for grammar, punctuation, spelling, missing words*

Nauvoo, Hancock County, Illinois  
November 13, 1845

A (Patriarchal) Blessing by John Smith, Patriarch, upon the head of John Nay, son of John and Betsey Puffer Nay, born April 17, 1804, Hillsboro County, New Hampshire.

Brother John: I lay my hands upon thy head by the authority vested to bless the fatherless and seal and confirm upon thee in the name of Jesus of Nazareth all the blessings of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, for thou art of the house of Jacob through the loins of Joseph and of the blood of Ephraim and a lawful heir to the holy priesthood that brings men into the presence of their maker and has power over all things.

*The Nay Family in Utah and the West*

Inasmuch as thou hast entered into the bonds of the new and everlasting covenant and hast sacrificed much of thy property, thy worldly honors, and thy good name among the gentiles for the kingdom of God's sake and the Gospel's (sake), the Lord is well pleased, and he will give thee an hundred fold more in this life, because of the integrity of thine heart, and in the world to come eternal life.

Thou shalt be instrumental in bringing thousands to a knowledge of the truth.

Thou shalt have power to do miracles for the rolling forth of the work and the cause of Zion.

(Thou) shalt have an inheritance with thy brethren and a numerous posterity to keep thy name in remembrance in the church and (have) every blessing which you desire.

And inasmuch as you listen to the counsel of the servants of the Lord, thou shalt inherit everlasting life. Even so, amen.



# **John Nay, Jr.**

## **1847 Patriarchal Blessing Patriarchal Blessing Holograph** *A word-for-word transcription without changes*

1. Camp of Israel, Winter Quarters, Nov. 1, 1847
- 2.
3. No. 93      A blessing on the head of John Nay, Son of John and Betsey Nay, born
4. Peterborough, New Hampshire, April 17 1804 under the hands of Jesse C. Little
5. and Isaac Morley--Patriarch--who was the mouth.
- 6.
7. Brother John, in the name of the Lord Jesus, We the servants of the Most High lay our hands
8. upon thy head, and we bless thee with the blessings of the Patriarchs and of the Prophets of
9. the Most High, the servants of the living God will bless thee and thy children, and thy children's
10. children will rise up and bless thee in a day to come; and we ratify and seal all thy former
11. blessings, with this declaration that they shall be filled to a fulness in their declarations to thee,
12. and thy heart shall be quickened and comforted at any period, under any circumstances, at a
13. moments reflection of the seals that are ratified upon thee, and by promise we seal upon thee
14. the fulness of thy enduement, and thou shalt yet rejoice upon the mountains, and upon the hills
15. and be crowned with the Sons of Ephraim, for thou hast the blood of Ephraim, and a legal
16. descendant of the promised seed; ask and thou shall receive a fulness of the Priesthood, of its blessings,
17. of its power, and its authority, and thy heart shall yet rejoice; thy tongue shall be unloosed for
18. thine enduement shall cause the waters to be stayed, the winds to cease their operation, and the
19. wicked to tremble at thy voice. Remember to cultivate in thy mind, and in thy bosom, the blessings
20. the power and the authority of the Priesthood, for it will rest upon thee, thy mind become quickened
21. and thy tongue to express the truth as an Angel of God, and the wicked shall flee from thy
22. presence, and at thy word, for thou wilt yet be called to stand and vindicate the cause of thy god,
23. and to defend thy brethren in the day of trial; and thou shall yet rejoice, see and understand
24. the fulfilling of the Prophet when he declared that one should chase a thousand and two should
25. put their ten thousand to flight, and thou shalt see the overthrow of the wicked, the downfall of
26. Babylon; and the Kingdom of thy God rise and reign triumphant, this is the seal and blessing
27. of thy Father, connected with the blessing of thy friend that now holds his hands upon thy
28. head, and thou wilt yet become partners in the day when the hearts of men will be tried.
29. Remember thy covenants, and let thy friendship be firm and stedfast, and the dews from
30. Heaven shall cause the Earth to bring forth for thy good, and thy inheritances shall be sure;
31. and we seal thee up to enjoy the blessings of Eternal lives in the Mansions of thy Father,
32. Amen, and Amen.

## 1847 Patriarchal Blessing

*Edited for grammar, punctuation, spelling, missing words*

Camp of Israel, Winter Quarters

November 1, 1847

A (Patriarchal) Blessing under the hands of Jesse C. Little and Isaac Morley, Patriarch, (who was the mouth,) (upon) the head of John Nay, son of John and Betsey Puffer Nay, born Peterborough, (Hillsboro County,) New Hampshire, April 17, 1804.

Brother John: In the name of the Lord Jesus, we, the servants of the Most High, lay our hands upon thy head, and we bless thee with the blessings of the Patriarchs and of the Prophets of the Most High. The servants of the Living God will bless thee and thy children. And thy children's children will rise up and bless thee in a day to come.

And we ratify and seal all thy former blessings, with this declaration that they shall be filled to a fullness in their declarations to thee. And thy heart shall be quickened and comforted at any period, under any circumstances, at a moment's reflection (over) the seals that are ratified upon thee. And by promise, we seal upon thee the fullness of thy endowment, and thou shalt yet rejoice upon the mountains and upon the hills, and be crowned with the Sons of Ephraim, for thou hast the blood of Ephraim, and (are) a legal descendant of the promised seed.

Ask and thou shalt receive a fullness of the Priesthood--of its blessings, of its power, and its authority, and thy heart shall yet rejoice. Thy tongues shall be unloosed, for thine antimonide shall cause the waters to be stayed, the winds to cease their operation, and the wicked to tremble at thy voice.

Remember to cultivate in thy mind, and in thy bosom, the blessings, the power, and the authority of the Priesthood, for it will rest upon thee. Thy mind (shall) become quickened, and thy tongue, to express the truth as an angel of God, and the wicked shall flee from thy presence and at thy word. For thou wilt yet be called to stand and vindicate the cause of thy God and to defend thy brethren in the day of trial. And thou shalt yet rejoice, see, and understand the fulfilling of the Prophet when he declared that one should chase a thousand and two should put their ten thousand to flight, and thou shalt see the overthrow of the wicked, the downfall of Babylon, and the kingdom of thy God rise and reign triumphant.

This is the seal and blessing of thy Father, connected with the blessing of thy friend that now holds his hands upon thy head. And thou wilt yet become partners in the day when the hearts of men will be tried. Remember thy covenants, and let thy friendship be firm and steadfast, and the dews from Heaven shall cause the Earth to bring forth for thy good, and thy inheritances shall be sure.

And we seal thee up to enjoy the blessings of Eternal lives in the Mansions of thy Father. Amen, and Amen.

Witness of Heaven, Under the Seal of the Holy Spirit

In blessing the head of John May, son of John and Belong May, born  
at Wintborough New Hampshire April 18th 1811 under the hands of James Little  
and Isaac Morley, Patriarchs, we was the month

In the name of the Lord Jesus, We the ministers of the most High God, do hereby  
bless thy head, and we bless thee with the blessings of the Patriarchs and of the Prophets of  
the most High, the servants of the living God will bless thee and thy children, and thy children's  
children will rise up and bless thee in a day to come, and we ratify and seal all thy former  
blessings, with this declaration that they shall be filled to a fulness in their declarations to thee,  
and thy heart shall be quickened and comforted at any period, under any circumstance, at a  
moment's reflection of the words that are ratified upon thee, and by promise we seal upon thee  
the fulness of thy endowment; and thou shalt yet rejoice upon the mountains, and upon the hills  
and be united with the sons of Ephraim, for thou hast the blood of Ephraim, and a legal  
right of the promised seed; and thou shalt receive a fulness of the Priesthood, of its blessings  
and power, and its authority, and thy heart shall yet rejoice; thy tongue shall be unloosed for  
thy endowment shall cause the waters to be stayed, the winds to cease their operation, and the  
earth to tremble at thy voice. Remember to cultivate in thy mind, and in thy bosom, the blessings  
and power and the authority of the Priesthood, for it will rest upon thee, thy mind become quickened  
and thy tongue to express the truth as an angel of God, and the wicked shall flee from thy  
presence, and at thy word, for thou wilt yet be called to stand and vindicate the cause of thy God,  
and to defend thy brethren in the day of trial; and thou shalt yet rejoice, see and understand  
the fulfilling of the Prophet when he declared that one should chase a thousand and two should  
slay their ten thousand to fight, and thou shalt see the overthrow of the wicked, the downfall of  
Babylon; and the Kingdom of thy God will reign triumphant, this is the seal and blessing  
of thy Father, connected with the blessing of thy friend, that now holds his hands upon thy  
head, and thou wilt yet become victorious in the day when the hearts of men will be tried.  
Remember thy covenants, and let thy friendships be firm and steadfast, and the dew from  
heaven shall cause the earth to bring forth for thy good, and thy inheritances shall be sure;  
and we seal thee in to enjoy the blessings of eternal lives, in the Kingdom of thy Father,  
Amen, and Amen.

# John Nay, Jr.

## 1857 or 1858\* Patriarchal Blessing Patriarchal Blessing Holograph

*A word-for-word transcription without changes*

1. 349 Patriarchal Blessing
2. given Cedar Valley, Aug. 12, 1858, by John Young
3. upon the head of John Nay, Son of John and Betsey,
4. born April 17, 1804, Peterboro, New Hampshire.
5. Brother John In the name of the Lord Jesus
6. Christ I lay my hands upon your head and bless you,
7. and seal and ratify all former blessings which you
8. have received from time to time. You have embraced
9. the gosple with an honest heart, and with a full
10. determination to assist in building up the kingdom
11. upon the earth through your life, and though the devil
12. has desired to have you that he might sift you as
13. you are of the blood of Israel, and therefore the Lord
14. Almighty has held you, and you are entitled to the
15. blessings of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and the time
16. will come when you will have wives and children and
17. a numerous posterity upon the earth, and you shall be
18. blest from this time henceforth with more power
19. eneagry and strength, and be invigorated to perform
20. the duties of life which are enjoined upon you. You
21. shall have flocks and herds, and be prospered in the land.
22. You have been acquainted with tribulation and your
23. integrity has been such that you have kept hold of the
24. rod of iron, therefore you shall be prospered more then you
25. have been, and the visions of your mind shall be opened
26. and you shall be able to comprehend principles which
27. have hitherto been kept from you. You shall have power
28. over yourself and your household, and your words shall
29. be a law to them, and you shall live on the earth as
30. long as you desire, for you have it in your heart to be obedient
31. to all the calls of the spirit and of the servants of God.
32. You shall be instrumental of doing much good and your
33. name shall be among the honorable of the Church because
34. of your faith and integrity and shall accomplish the work
35. you are sent here to do, become a savior upon Mount
36. Zion, bring much restoration to your forefathers, be an
37. honor among your kindred and they shall bow down
38. to you, and be saved through the triumph of the Lamb.
39. Every fetter shall be broken off that you may control the
40. powers of darkness, and administer to the afflicted
41. and no good thing shall be withheld from you, but

42. your heart shall be made glad by the visions and  
43. revelations that shall be manifested.  
44. I also ordain a High Priest, after the order of  
45. Melchisadeck which is the greatest of all, and you  
46. shall have power to honor it, and to magnify this high  
47. and holy calling, and the spirit of wisdom and counsel  
48. shall rest upon you, and you shall know the benefits  
49. and blessings of this priesthood. You shall become a  
50. mighty man and help to war against your enemies  
51. which blessings I confer upon you, and say be faith  
52. ful in teaching and administering all under your  
53. jurisdiction, and you shall be blest in a wonderful  
54. manner from this time. We seal these upon you in the  
55. name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, even so: Amen.  
56. J. V. Long, Reporter. Sophia Long, Recorder.

## **1857 or 1858\* Patriarchal Blessing Third Patriarchal Blessing**

*Edited for grammar, punctuation, spelling, missing words*

Cedar Valley, Cedar (now Utah) County, Utah  
August 12, 1858

A Patriarchal Blessing given by John Young, upon the head of John Nay, son of John and Betsey Puffer Nay, born April 17, 1804, Peterborough, Hillsboro County, New Hampshire.

Brother John: In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I lay my hands upon your head and bless you, and seal and ratify all former blessings which you have received from time to time.

You have embraced the Gospel with an honest heart and with a full determination to assist in building up the kingdom upon the earth through your life. And though the devil has desired to have you that he might sift you, as you are of the blood of Israel. Therefore, the Lord Almighty has held you, and you are entitled to the blessings of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and the time will come when you will have wives and children and a numerous posterity upon the earth, and you shall be blest from this time henceforth with more power, energy, and strength, and be invigorated to perform the duties of life, which are enjoined upon you. You shall have flocks and herds and be prospered in the land.

You have been acquainted with tribulation, and your integrity has been such that you have kept hold of the rod of iron. Therefore, you shall be prospered more than you have been, and the visions of your mind shall be opened, and you shall be able to comprehend principles, which have hitherto been kept from you.

You shall have power over yourself and your household, and your words shall be a law to them, and you shall live on the earth as long as you desire, for you have it in your heart to be obedient to all the calls of the spirit and of the servants of God.

You shall be instrumental (in) doing much good, and your name shall be among the honorable of the Church because of your faith and integrity, and (you) shall accomplish the work you are sent here to do, become a savior upon Mount Zion, bring much restoration to your forefathers, be an honor among your kindred, and they shall bow down to you, and be saved through the triumph of the Lamb.

Every fetter shall be broken off that you may control the powers of darkness and administer to the afflicted. And no good thing shall be withheld from you, but your heart shall be made glad by the visions and revelations that shall be manifested.

I also ordain (you) a High Priest, after the order of Melchizedek, which is the greatest of all, and you shall have power to honor it and to magnify this high and holy calling. And the spirit of wisdom and counsel shall rest upon you, and you shall know the benefits and blessings of this priesthood. You shall become a mighty man and help to war against your enemies, which blessings I confer upon you, and say, be faithful in teaching and administering (to) all under your jurisdiction, and you shall be blessed in a wonderful manner from this time.

We seal these (blessings) upon you in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Even so, Amen.

*\*NOTE: This blessing probably occurred on the same day as Thirza Nay's second blessing, which was recorded as given on August 12, 1857. A clerical error appears to have occurred when recording the blessing at Church Headquarters in Salt Lake City. Either both Thirza or John's blessings were given in 1857 (as stated in Thirza's blessing) or they were both given in 1858 (as stated in John's blessing).*



You shall be the minister of  
 peace, and shall bring forth  
 the fruit of the tree of life, and shall  
 you are sent here to do, because  
 you, being much restored, shall give forth  
 honor to your kindred and the people  
 to you, and be saved through the triumph of the Son.  
 Every fetter shall be broken off that you are bound to  
 powers of darkness, and administered to the afflicted,  
 and no good thing shall be withheld from you, but  
 your heart shall be made glad by the wisdom and  
 revelations that shall be manifested.

I also obtain a King's Priest, after the order of  
 Melchisedek which is the greatest of all, and you  
 shall have power to honor it, and to magnify this high  
 and holy calling, and the spirit of wisdom and counsel  
 shall rest upon you, and you shall know the benefits  
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 mighty man and help to war against your enemies,  
 which blessings I confer upon you, and say be faith-  
 ful in teaching and administering all under your  
 jurisdiction, and you shall be blessed in a wonderful  
 manner from this time. We seal these upon you in the  
 name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, even so: Amen.  
 J. V. Long, Recorder. Sophia Long, Recorder.

# **John Nay, Jr.**

## **1875 Patriarchal Blessing**

### **Patriarchal Blessing Holograph**

*A word-for-word transcription without changes*

1. St. George May 11, 1875.
2. A Patl. Blessing on the head of John Nay, Son of John & Betsy Nay,
3. Born in New Hampshire, April 17, 1804.
4. John in the name of the Lord Jesus I place my hands up
5. on your Head & seal upon you a Fathers Blessing, your line is of
6. Joseph, and you are a lawful heir to the fulness of the Priesthood,
7. your Heavenly Father is well pleased with you, because of thy firmness
8. in His Gospel. you have past through many trials & sore afflictions
9. for the Gospel of the Lamb of God, This He [has] done to try thy faith, you
10. was firm & stood by Him in that Great Battle that was faught
11. with Lucifer, and you saw the Prince of Darkness & his host cast
12. down to Hell, and you agreed with your Father that you would
13. come forth in the Disn of the fulness of times, and you would
14. enter into His Covt & keep all the Commandments of God,
15. and you must have more wives seald unto you, if not, you will
16. not be allowed to dwell in His Presence, for this law is Binding
17. unto the Servants of God, you will assist the Building up many
18. Temples And the Glory of the Lord will be poured out abundently
19. upon you, your Posterity will be very Great & Powerful in the
20. Holy Priesthood, you will have an Inheritance in Zion, and
21. you will dress that & make it as the Garden of Eden, there you will
22. Build & inhabit no one to molest or make you afraid, you
23. will have the Visitation of many angels. you never will turn
24. away a Stranger from your door, they will eat & drink & talk
25. with you about many things, and when they touch yr hands,
26. there will be a flame burn this your Body like unto fire, and
27. that will restore your Body & limbs to soundness for the Glory
28. of Jesus will be there, They will hand you a Role of your dead
29. that have Recd the Gospel. you with yr wives will enter into the Temple of the
30. Lord & go thro all the ords of that House for yrself's & your dead, and at
31. the sound of the Great Trump you will Call your dead forth & they
32. will stand upon their feet as a Great Army drest in Robes of Righteousness,
33. you will See the ten tribes coming from the North Country even unto Zion,
34. you will be there when Ephrm is Crowned. you will assist in Building up the
35. New Jerusalem & walk her Streets that shall be Pavd with Gold, you
36. will be at that Great Feast, the Mar. Supr of the Lamb, and you will
37. partake of its Rich Bounties, There you will See a Great Concourse of the
38. Saints and Jesus your Saviour will be at the Head, There you will See Him
39. in the Power of His Glory. And His Brightness will not Dazzle thine Eyes,
40. you will partake in part of His likeness. And I Bless you in yr Body & in
41. yr limbs, that you may do all this work with a Single Eye to the Glory of God, you
42. will be a Saviour to your Fathers House, I Seal you up unto Eternal lives & upon
43. your Head a Crown of Celestial Glory, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

## 1875 Patriarchal Blessing

*Edited for grammar, punctuation, spelling, missing words*

St. George, Washington County, Utah  
May 11, 1875

A Patriarchal Blessing upon the head of John Nay, son of John and Betsey Puffer Nay, born April 17, 1804, Peterborough, Hillsboro County, New Hampshire.

John: In the name of the Lord Jesus, I place my hands upon your head and seal upon you a Father's blessing. Your line is of Joseph, and you are a lawful heir to the fullness of the priesthood.

Your Heavenly Father is well pleased with you because of thy firmness in His Gospel. You have past through many trials and sore afflictions for the Gospel of the Lamb of God. The He (has) done to try thy faith.

You (were) firm and stood by Him in that great battle that was fought with Lucifer, and you saw the prince of darkness and his host cast down to hell, and you agreed with your Father that you would come forth in the Dispensation of the Fullness of Times, and you would enter into His covenant and keep all the commandments of God. And you must have more wives sealed unto you. If not, you will not be allowed to dwell in His presence, for this law is binding unto the servants of God.

You will assist the building up (of) many temples. And the glory of the Lord will be poured out abundantly upon you. Your posterity will be very great and powerful in the Holy Priesthood. You will have an inheritance in Zion, and you will dress that and make it as the Garden of Eden. There, you will build and inhabit (with) no one to molest or make you afraid. You will have the visitation of many angels. You never will turn away a stranger from your door. They will eat and drink and talk with you about many things, and when they touch your hands, there will be a flame burn this, your body, like unto fire, and that will restore your body and limbs to soundness for the glory of Jesus will be there.

They will hand you a role of your dead that have received the Gospel. You, with your wives, will enter into the temples of the Lord and go through all the ordinances of that House for yourselves and your dead. And at the sound of the Great Trump, you will call your dead forth and they will stand upon their feet as a great army, dressed in Robes of Righteousness.

You will see the ten tribes coming from the North Country, even unto Zion. You will be there when Ephraim is crowned. You will assist in building up the New Jerusalem and walk her streets that shall be paved with Gold. You will be at that Great Feast, the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, and you will partake of its rich bounties. There you will see a great concourse of the Saints and Jesus, your Savior, will be at the head. There you will see Him in the power of His glory. And His brightness will not dazzle thine eyes. You will partake of His likeness. And I bless you in your body and your limbs that you may do all this work with an eye single to the glory of God. You will be a savior to your father's house.

I seal you up unto Eternal lives and upon your head a crown of celestial glory, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.



# John Nay, Jr.

## 1876 Patriarchal Blessing

### Patriarchal Blessing Holograph

*A word-for-word transcription without changes*

1. Pine Valley Washington Co. Utah.
2. No 301 Jan. 24th 1876
3. A Blessing by John L. Smith Patriarch upon the
4. head of John Nay Son of John Nay & Betsy Puffer
5. born Peterborough Hillsborough co. N.H. Apr 17, 1804
6. Bro. John Agreeably to thy request and in the authority
7. of the Holy Priesthood vested in me I seal upon thee a pat
8. iarchal blessing Thou art of Joseph through the
9. loins of Ephraim thy life hath been spared for a wise
10. purpose in the accomplishment of thy labors in the
11. redemption of thy Fathers house back to the days when the
12. Gospel was upon the Earth for a Mighty Work devolves upon
13. thee in behalf of thy Kindred therefore teach thy children
14. that they may take up thy Labors and continue them to all eternity
15. Thy guardain angle hath born thee safely through When
16. distruction was in thy path. Thou art still alive and thy
17. work is not yet compleeted. Se to thy Labors for thy ded friends
18. when oppertunity offers. and heart shall rejoice, and
19. Thou Shalt yet behold thy wives and children Sons and
20. Daughters a mighty host who will claim the King
21. and thou wilt rule over them in Righteousness. All thy former
22. gifts and Blessings I renew upon the with evrey desire of
23. thy heart in Righteousness. With eternal lives which is
24. the gratest gift of god. And thou shall lack no good
25. thing. The days of thy poverty shall pass thee by. And thy
26. triumph shall be gloreous. Fear not Bro John for if thou
27. art diligent and if faithfull with the and thine there shall
28. be no Lack in the name of Jesus thy Redeemer Amen
29. W Burgess Recorder

## 1876 Patriarchal Blessing

*Edited for grammar, punctuation, spelling, missing words*

Pine Valley, Washington County, Utah  
January 24, 1876

A (Patriarchal) Blessings by John L. Smith, Patriarch, upon the head of John Nay, son of John and Betsey Puffer Nay, born April 17, 1804, Peterborough, Hillsboro County, New Hampshire.

Brother John: Agreeably to thy request and in the authority of the Holy Priesthood vested

in me, I seal upon thee a patriarchal blessings. Thou art of Joseph through the loins of Ephraim.

Thy life has been spared for a wise purpose in the accomplishment of thy labors in thy redemption of the father's house back to the days when the Gospel was upon the earth, for a mighty work devolves upon thee in behalf of thy kindred. Therefore, teach thy children that they may take up thy labors and continue them to all eternity.

Thy guardian angel hath born thee safely through when destruction was in thy path. Thou art still alive, and thy work is not yet completed. See to thy labors for thy dead friends when opportunity offers, and hearts shall rejoice, and thou shalt yet behold thy wives and children, sons and daughters, a mighty host, who will claim thee King, and thou wilt rule over them in righteousness.

All thy former gifts and blessings I renew upon thee with every desire of thy heart in righteousness, with eternal lives, which is the greatest gift of God. And thou shalt lack no good thing. The days of thy poverty shall pass thee by. And thy triumph shall be glorious.

Fear not, Brother John, for if thou art diligent, and if faithful with thee and thine, there shall be no lack, in the name of Jesus, thy Redeemer. Amen.

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Pine Valley Washington Co. Utah.  
Jan: 24<sup>th</sup> 1876

A Blessing by John L. Smith Patriarch upon the  
 head of John Nay son of John Nay & Betsey Proffers  
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 purpose in the accomplishment of thy labors in the  
 redemption of thy fathers house back to the days when the  
 gospel was upon the earth for a mighty work devolves upon  
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 that they may take up thy labors and continue them to all eternity  
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 instruction was in thy path: thou art still alive and thy  
 work is not yet completed. Go to thy labors for thy dear friends  
 when opportunity offers and heart shall rejoice and  
 thou shalt yet behold thy wives and children sons and  
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 and thou wilt rule over them in righteousness. All thy former  
 gifts and Blessings I renew upon thee with every desire of  
 thy heart in Righteousness with eternal lives which is  
 the greatest gift of god. And thou shalt lack no good  
 thing. The days of thy poverty shall pass. Thy land thy  
 labor shall be glorified. Fear not for I am for thee  
 not negligent and if faithful with thee and thine there shall  
 be no lack in the name of Jesus thy Redeemer Amen  
 W. H. H. Records

# Thirza Angelina Hale Nay

## 1845 Patriarchal Blessing Patriarchal Blessing Holograph

*A word-for-word transcription without changes*

1. No. 1387- A Blessing by John Smith Patriarch, upon the head of Thirza A Nay daughter of
2. Oliver & Rosannah Hale, born Feby 23d 1814, Brandon Vt Sister Thirza I lay my hands upon
3. thy head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth & by the authority of the holy priesthood I seal upon you all the bless
4. ings of the new & everlasting covenant, & the priesthood which after order of the only begotten & the blessings
5. which were sealed upon the children of Joseph in former days for this is thy lineage & thy right of inheritance
6. from thy fathers, & is now sealed upon thee to continue in the lineage of thy posterity which shall multiply ex-
7. ceedingly & become very numerous; thou shalt have faith to heal the sick in thy house, thy children shall grow
8. up about thee like olive plants, & be a comfort to thee in thine old age & never be forsaken neither found begging
9. bread, & thou shalt be blest with health & every favor that is necessary & obtain joy & gladness, sorrow & sighing
10. shall flee away, therefore sister be of good cheer give no heed to vain & foolish reports, but listen to the coun
11. sel of the Servants of the Lord & thou shalt inherit all these things with eternal life, even so amen. A Carrington Rec.

## 1845 Patriarchal Blessing

*Edited for grammar, punctuation, spelling, missing words*

Nauvoo, Hancock County, Illinois  
November 13, 1845

A (Patriarchal) Blessing by John Smith, Patriarch, upon the head of Thirza Angelina Hale Nay, daughter of Oliver and Rosannah Hale, born February 23, 1814, Brandon, (Rutland County,) Vermont.

Sister Thirza: I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of Jesus of Nazareth and by the authority of the Holy Priesthood, I seal upon you all the blessings of the New and Everlasting Covenant and the priesthood, which (is) after the order of the Only Begotten and the blessings which were sealed upon the children of Joseph in former days, for this is thy lineage and thy right of inheritance from thy fathers and is now sealed upon thee to continue in the lineage of thy posterity, which shall multiply exceedingly and become very numerous.

Thou shalt have faith to heal the sick in thy house. Thy children shall grow up about thee like olive plants and be a comfort to thee in thine old age and never be forsaken, neither (be) found begging bread. And thou shalt be blest with health and every favor that is necessary to obtain joy and gladness. Sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Therefore, sister, be of good cheer. Give no heed to vain and foolish reports, but listen to the counsel of the servants of the Lord, and thou shalt inherit all these things with eternal life. Even so, Amen.

1877  
 A. B. Hering to John Smith Patrick on the birth of his son  
 Thirza & Thomas Hale, born July 23<sup>d</sup> 1877, Boston 27<sup>th</sup> St. -  
 the head of the family of my mother's father's family, but I will  
 ing of the new generation, which after a long and painful  
 which were sealed upon the children of the family for many  
 from the fathers, I was made to partake in the lineage of the  
 seedling, I became a very numerous family, but the seed in  
 up about the olive plant, to be a comfort to them in their  
 bread, & then shall be blessed with health & every favor that  
 shall flee away, therefore I will be of good cheer, in  
 del of the servants of the Lord, & then shall I be able to

# **Thirza Angelina Hale Nay**

## **1857 or 1858\* Patriarchal Blessing**

### **Patriarchal Blessing Holograph**

*A word-for-word transcription without changes*

1. Patriarchal Blessing
2. Given Cedar Valley, August 12, 1857, By John Young
3. upon the head of Thirza Angelina Hall Nay, born
4. Feb. 23, 1814, Brandon, Vermont.
5. 351
6. Sister Nay in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ
7. I lay my hands upon your head and bless you with
8. a fathers blessing by the holy sealing power of the
9. Lord in as much as you have embraced the gosple, become
10. a sojourner with the saints of God to enjoy the blessings
11. of the covenant, You are a lawful heir, a literal desendant
12. of Ephraim, of the blood of Israel, therefore I bless you
13. with the blessings of the heavens and of the earth
14. with power to overcome, to control yourself, and if
15. you will do right, obey your husband and those set
16. to counsel you in Israel your name shall be had in
17. honorable remembrance among the Israel of our
18. God. If you feel it in your heart to abide a celestial
19. law which our Father has given to his servants
20. Joseph in these last days no good thing shall be
21. withheld, but you shall be crowned in the kingdom
22. of our God with immortality and eternal lives,
23. which are great and glorious, if you live for them.
24. You shall live upon the earth till you are satisfied
25. with staying here. The distroyer shall not have power
26. over you, but you shall govern and controle all under
27. your jurisdiction. Be a staff and a stay to your
28. husband who is a good man. you shall come forth in
29. the morning of the first resurrection, and be numbered
30. among the blood washed throng, and no greater blessing
31. can any one have than you are entitled to, I seal them
32. upon you in the name of the Father, Son and ever
33. blessed Spirit even So. Amen and Amen.
34. J. V. Long, Reporter. Sophia Long, Recorder.

## 1857 or 1858\* Patriarchal Blessing

*Edited for grammar, punctuation, spelling, missing words*

Cedar Valley, Cedar (now Utah) County, Utah  
August 12, 1857 (or 1858. \*\*See husband's third blessing!)

A Patriarchal Blessing by John Young upon the head of Thirza Angelina Hale Nay, born February 23, 1814, Brandon, (Rutland County,) Vermont.

Sister Nay: In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I lay my hands upon your head and bless you with a Father's blessing by the holy sealing power of the Lord, inasmuch as you have embraced the Gospel, become a sojourner with the Saints of God to enjoy the blessings of the covenant.

You are a lawful heir, a literal descendant of Ephraim, of the blood of Israel. Therefore, I bless you with the blessings of the heavens and of the earth, with power to overcome, to control yourself. And if you will do right, obey your husband and those set to counsel you in Israel, your name shall be had in honorable remembrance among the Israel of our God.

If you feel it in your heart to abide a celestial law, which our Father has given to his servant Joseph in these last days, no good thing shall be withheld, but you shall be crowned in the kingdom of our God with immortality and eternal lives, which are great and glorious, if you live for them.

You shall live upon the earth till you are satisfied with staying here. The destroyer shall not have power over you, but you shall govern and control all under your jurisdiction. Be a staff and a stay to your husband, who is a good man.

You shall come forth in the morning of the first resurrection and be numbered among the blood washed throng, and no greater blessing can anyone have than you are entitled to.

I seal them upon you in the name of the Father, Son, and ever blessed Spirit. Even so, Amen and Amen.

*\*NOTE: This blessing probably occurred on the same day as Thirza Nay's second blessing, which was recorded as given on August 12, 1857. A clerical error appears to have occurred when recording the blessing at Church Headquarters in Salt Lake City. Either both Thirza or John's blessings were given in 1857 (as stated in Thirza's blessing) or they were both given in 1858 (as stated in John's blessing).*

*Patriarchal Blessing  
Given Cedar Valley, August 12, 1857, by John Young  
upon the head of Thirza Angelina Hale Nay, born  
Feb. 23, 1814, Brandon, Vermont.*

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I have seen the hand of God in your life  
and in the life of your husband and in the  
life of your children. Therefore I have  
written this to you of the things which I have  
seen with the power of the Holy Spirit and of the  
power to overcome, to control yourself, and if  
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upon you in the name of the Father, Son and ever  
blessed Spirit even so Amen and Amen.

J. V. Long, Reporter. Sophia Long, Recorder.



Painting of Pine Valley, Utah Chapel by Glenna Snow  
John Nay and his sons hand-made original wooden shingles for the roof.

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OWNER

John Nay

RESIDENCE.

Pine Valley,  
Washington  
Co.

From a book in the possession of Joan Nay

# Family Group Record

<b>Husband</b> <span style="float: right; font-size: small;">4,5,6,7,8,9,10</span>					
<b>John Nay Jr.</b>					
Born-11,12	17 Apr 1804	Place	Peterborough, Hillsborough, New Hampshire	LDS ordinance dates	
Died-13	1 Oct 1892	Place	Monroe, Sevier, Utah	Baptized-1	
Buried	3 Oct 1892	Place	Monroe, Sevier, Utah	Endowed-2	
				7 Feb 1846	
				Sealed to parents-3	
Married-14				9 Jul 1936	
28 May 1833				Sealed to spouse-15	
Place				8 Jun 1981	
Peterborough, Hillsborough, New Hampshire				SLAKE	
Other Spouse					
Thankful Lucy Pine					
Married	1860	Place	Springville, Utah, Ut	Sealed to spouse-16	
				2 Mar 1877	
Husband's father				SGEOR	
John Nay Sr.					
Husband's mother					
Betsey Puffer					
<b>Wife</b> <span style="float: right; font-size: small;">20,21</span>					
<b>Thirza Angelina Hale</b>					
Born-22	23 Feb 1814	Place	Brandon, Rutland, Vermont	LDS ordinance dates	
Died-23	1 Oct 1895	Place		Baptized-17	
				12 Aug 1980	
				Endowed-18	
				7 Feb 1846	
				Sealed to parents-19	
				9 Mar 1981	
Wife's father				SLAKE	
Oliver Hale					
Wife's mother					
Rosanna Gowing					
<b>Children</b>				LDS ordinance dates	Temple
<b>1</b>	<b>M Alonzo Putnam Nay</b> <span style="float: right; font-size: small;">27,28,29</span>				
	Born-30	22 Nov 1835	Place	Henrietta, Jackson, Michigan	
	Died-31	4 Sep 1909	Place	St. John, Tooele, Utah	
	Buried-32	7 Sep 1909	Place	St. John, Tooele, Utah	
Spouse				Baptized-24	
Hannah Potter Huggins <sup>33</sup>				1846	
Married				Endowed-25	
8 Jun 1861				12 Feb 1858	
Place				Sealed to parents-26	
St. John, Tooele, Ut				9 Mar 1981	
				SLAKE	
Sealed to spouse				17 Jul 1878	
				SGEOR	
<b>2</b>	<b>M William Edwin Nay</b> <span style="float: right; font-size: small;">27,36,37,38</span>				
	Born	31 Aug 1838	Place	Antrim, Hillsborough, New Hampshire	
	Died-39	25 Jan 1895	Place	Monroe, Sevier, Utah	
	Buried-40	28 Jan 1895	Place	Monroe, Sevier, Utah	
Spouse				Baptized-34	
Nancy Wilson <sup>11,41</sup>				3 Mar 1969	
Married				Endowed-11	
9 Jun 1861				15 Jul 1865	
Place				Sealed to parents-35	
Salt Lake City, SI, Ut				12 Feb 1981	
				SLAKE	
Spouse				Sealed to spouse	
Mary Wilson <sup>42</sup>				15 Jul 1865	
Married				18 Apr 1868	
18 Apr 1868				EHOUS	
Place				Sealed to spouse	
Salt Lake City, SI, Ut				9 Nov 1861	
				EHOUS	
<b>3</b>	<b>F Matilda Ellen Nay</b> <span style="float: right; font-size: small;">45</span>				
	Born	5 Jan 1841	Place	Antrim, Hillsborough, New Hampshire	
	Died-46	2 Dec 1905	Place	Wilford, Fremont, Idaho	
				Baptized-43,44	
				24 Aug 1849	
				Endowed	
				9 Nov 1861	
				Sealed to parents	
				9 Mar 1981	
Spouse				SLAKE	
Lysander Dayton <sup>47</sup>					
Married				Sealed to spouse	
2 Dec 1855				9 Nov 1861	
Place				EHOUS	
Cedar Fort, Utah, Ut					
<b>4</b>	<b>F Laura Ann Nay</b> <span style="float: right; font-size: small;">52,53</span>				
	Born	20 Mar 1843	Place	Peterborough, Hillsborough, New Hampshire	
	Died-54	16 Jun 1887	Place	San Francisco, San Francisco, California	
	Buried-55		Place	Cypress Lawn Memorial Park, Colma, California	
Spouse				Baptized-48,49	
Charles Wesley Warren <sup>56,57,58</sup>				24 Aug 1849	
Married-59				Endowed-50,51	
12 Feb 1858 (div)				1 Feb 1869	
Place				Sealed to parents	
Springville, Utah, Utah				4 Feb 1983	
				PROVO	
				Sealed to spouse-60	
				1 Feb 1869	
				EHOUS	

# Family Group Record

<b>Husband</b> <b>John Nay Jr.</b>					
<b>Wife</b> <b>Thirza Angelina Hale</b>					
<b>Children</b>			LDS ordinance dates	Temple	
<b>4</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Laura Ann Nay (Continued)</b> <sup>52,53</sup>			
		Spouse                      Levi Emery Eno			
		Married- <sup>61,62</sup> 8 Jul 1871	Place    Toano, Elko, Nevada	Sealed to spouse	
		Spouse                      Greer			
	Married	Place    Eureka, Nevada	Sealed to spouse		
	Spouse                      John Saunders Capron				
	Married- <sup>63</sup> 12 Dec 1875	Place    Eureka, Eureka, Nevada	Sealed to spouse		
<b>5</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>John Hyrum Nay</b> <sup>67,68,69</sup>			
		Born            10 May 1845	Place    Antrim, Hillsborough, New Hampshire	Baptized- <sup>64</sup> 28 Jul 1867	LIVE
		Died            19 Jan 1917	Place    Mt. Pleasant, Sanpete, Utah	Endowed- <sup>65</sup> 19 Apr 1922	
		Buried         21 Jan 1917	Place    Fairview, Sanpete, Utah	Sealed to parents- <sup>66</sup> 26 Jul 1983	PROVO
		Spouse                      Laura Marinda Burgess			
		Married        20 Oct 1867	Place	Sealed to spouse    12 Apr 1957	
		Spouse                      Nicolene Gettrup or Gyettrup			
	Married        1890	Place	Sealed to spouse- <sup>70</sup> 16 Feb 1956	SLAKE	
<b>6</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Joseph Brigham Nay</b> <sup>72,73,74,75</sup>			
		Born            30 Apr 1847	Place    Harris Grove, Pottawattamie, Iowa	Baptized            30 Aug 1868	LIVE
		Died            Mar 1905	Place    Goldfield, Esmeralda, Nevada	Endowed- <sup>71</sup> 11 Jul 1870	
				Sealed to parents    4 Feb 1983	
		Spouse                      Amanda Ellen Earl <sup>76,77</sup>			
	Married        8 Jan 1869	Place    Pine Valley, Wash, Ut	Sealed to spouse    11 Jul 1870	EHOUS	
<b>7</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Ormus Bates Nay (Twin)</b> <sup>78,79,80</sup>			
		Born- <sup>81</sup> 25 Apr 1850	Place    Harris Grove, Pottawattamie, Iowa	Baptized            2 Feb 1877	
		Died- <sup>82</sup> 31 May 1931	Place    Prescott, Yavapai, Arizona	Endowed            23 Mar 1963	SGEOR
		Buried	Place    Prescott, Yavapai, Arizona	Sealed to parents    4 Feb 1983	
		Spouse                      Louisa Ann Earl <sup>83</sup>			
	Married- <sup>84</sup> 22 Sep 1871	Place    Pine Valley, Washington, Utah	Sealed to spouse    11 Mar 1964	SGEOR	
<b>8</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Ormun Putnam Nay (Twin)</b>			
		Born- <sup>85</sup> 25 Apr 1850	Place    Harris Grove, Pottawattamie, Iowa	Baptized            Child	
		Died- <sup>85</sup> 25 May 1850	Place    Harris Grove, Pottawattamie, Iowa	Endowed            Child	
				Sealed to parents    4 Feb 1983	
<b>9</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Angelina Relief Nay</b> <sup>90</sup>			
		Born- <sup>91</sup> 3 Apr 1854	Place    Cedar Valley, Utah, Utah	Baptized- <sup>86,87</sup> 22 Jan 1878	SGEOR
		Died- <sup>92,93</sup> 15 Jun 1864	Place    St. George, Washington, Utah	Endowed- <sup>88</sup> 23 Jan 1878	SGEOR
				Sealed to parents- <sup>89</sup> 18 Jun 1983	PROVO

**Notes**

**MARRIAGE**

proxies, Carl J. & Joy Stubbs. Some family records show John and Thirza sealed in the Nauvoo temple, the same day as they are endowed there, but that was the last day the temple was opened, and no sealings were performed that day, only endowments.

# Family Group Record

**Husband**    **John Nay Jr.**

**Wife**        **Thirza Angelina Hale**

**Notes**

HUSBAND - John Nay Jr.

Baptism: May 1841 (St. George 3rd Ward records FHL film #027336) Eli P. Maginn officiator. Confirmation August 1841 Officiator: Eli P. Maginn. Pine Valley Ward Records list rebaptism 28 July 1867. Rebaptism also 16 Dec 1888 by John Holley. Ordained Teacher 1842 Officiator: Orson Hyde. Ordained High Priest.

WIFE - Thirza Angelina Hale

Ormus Bates Nay was given a Bible by Thirza Angelina Hale. It was inscribed "Circle Valley March 26, 1887 Present from your Darling Mother Thirza Angelina Marley to her son Ormus B Nay."

Thirza wrote letter 23 May 1892 asking for release of son Ormus from prison. Family tradition is that Thirza is buried in Monroe, but she is not on the Monroe city sexton records. She could be buried in one of the graves that are occupied in the "Nay" plot, but not marked. (Out of 8 graves, 5 are marked, 3 unmarked, all occupied.) A letter to Theron D Nay from his Uncle Ormus Peter Nay (son of John Hyrum Nay) dated December 20, 1938 states that "Grandmother Nay died May 10th 1872." Thirza Angelina Hale (Nay) was Ormus Peter Nay's grandmother. Theron Nay's Grandmother Nay was Laura Nay who died August 2nd 1889, also according to the same letter.

CHILD 1 - Alonzo Putnam Nay

According to the Jackson District Library, Jackson, MI, John and Thirza came to the Territory of Michigan in 1835 from Peterborough, New Hampshire with his two brothers and his first cousin, Pitman Nay, and they all purchased land in Henrietta Township, Jackson County, Michigan. They were living there during the time that Alonzo was born. In the same records there was a reference to John having participated in the first "election" in Henrietta township, placing him there at that time. Alonzo may have been born on the 40 acre farm purchased by his father, which today can be identified by a cross-road intersection.

CHILD 2 - William Edwin Nay

Records of members received "William Nay & Wife, Date of Certificate Sept 1889 from Circle Valley Ward, when received: Apr 1889" in Monroe Ward records.

CHILD 5 - John Hyrum Nay

There is a question on the birthplace of John Hyrum. In the 1870 census it is listed as Illinois, which would probably be Nauvoo where the family lived a short time while John was an infant. Other census records list New Hampshire.

CHILD 7 - Ormus Bates Nay (Twin)

Ormus rebaptized 30 Apr 1898 according to the Circleville Ward records after his prison term. Ancestral File records baptism 13 Mar 1963. Information for Ormus and Louisa and family are taken from the family Bible of Ormus Bates Nay, also St. George temple records.

CHILD 9 - Angelina Relief Nay

There is a conflict on the year of birth for Angeline Relief. Different sources cite 1852, 1853, 1854, 1855.

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**Husband****John Nay Jr.****Wife****Thirza Angelina Hale****Sources**

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<b>Husband</b>	<b>John Nay Jr.</b>
<b>Wife</b>	<b>Thirza Angelina Hale</b>

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**Husband**     **John Nay Jr.**

**Wife**             **Thirza Angelina Hale**

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<b>Husband</b>	<b>John Nay Jr.</b>
<b>Wife</b>	<b>Thirza Angelina Hale</b>
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**Husband**     **John Nay Jr.**

**Wife**            **Thirza Angelina Hale**

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stepmother.

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## Chapter 2

# ALONZO PUTNAM NAY

by Barbara Taylor  
second great granddaughter

**A**lonzo Putnam Nay was the first child born to John Nay Jr. and Thirza Angelina Hale. The couple had traveled from New Hampshire to Jackson County, Michigan, probably to work, and he was born there on November 23, 1835. By 1838 the family was living in Antrim, New Hampshire, where their second child, William Edwin was born. The records show that in 1841 the family joined The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and by the summer of 1845 moved the family to join the saints in Nauvoo, Illinois. The Church records indicate that Alonzo was baptized in 1846. The saints in Nauvoo were engaged in completing the temple and given Alonzo's age, he probably was involved in running errands and possibly keeping the construction area clean. Many young boys of Nauvoo served as "water boys" to carry water to temple workers.

The situation in Nauvoo was not good and by June 1846 the Nay family, with others, crossed the Mississippi into Iowa Territory. The Church records show that in November 1847 Alonzo's father and mother received their patriarchal blessings in Winter Quarters and then during 1849 settled with thirty other families in an area called Harris Grove, about twenty miles from Quincy. This was to be their home for over five years which provided Alonzo with a more normal life for a young boy as there was a family garden to plant and care for, a school to attend, and probably the availability of work at one of the mills or shops. The church provided much of the social life, I'm sure, and in 1850 his father was sustained bishop of the Harris Grove Branch.

When Alonzo was the age of 16, in the spring of 1852, the call came from Brigham Young and the Church leaders to emigrate to the Salt Lake Valley. On Friday, July 16, 1852, the family joined the emigrating company led by Allen Weeks. His father, John Nay, was the captain of the Harris Grove Branch and made the report that everyone would be able to go without exception and with a good outfit. They traveled in groups of ten and the records indicate that their group consisted of 13 people, including the drivers, 1 wagon, 4 oxen, and 2 cows. It is recorded in a journal of one of the members of the company that he became ill and turned over the reins to Alonzo to drive his team for a while. I can only imagine the excitement it brought to this 16 year old young man as he jumped up on the wagon and assumed the position of the driver.

The company arrived in the Salt Lake Valley on Tuesday, October 12, 1852, although the Nay family with a number of the other families, including Allen Weeks, went on to the area now known as Lehi, Utah, where most of them stayed for the winter. In the spring of 1853, John and Thirza and the children along with other families moved into Cedar Valley, which is just west of Lehi. They immediately built a fort as a protection from Indians, thus the name of the settlement was Cedar Fort. Later this was reinforced with stone walls and on some records it is called Stone City.

On Sunday, April 3, 1853, the Cedar Fort Ward was organized and the records indicate that John and Thirza Nay and their children Alonzo, William, Matilda, Laura, John Brigham, and Angelina were members. The bishop was their old friend from the trip, Allen Weeks, and life was better in that they had a home, but carving a settlement out of raw land coupled with the

constant trouble with the native Indians left much to be desired. A couple of times in the next few months the entire group was moved to Lehi City because of the Indian situation; the first time for two months and then later in the summer for a month. These situations were common in most of the new settlements in Utah Territory but time proved to be advantageous as the settlements, including Cedar Fort, grew more stable. The settlers built homes, planted gardens, stayed faithful to their beliefs and life got better. John Nay is shown on the 1856 Utah Statehood Census still living in Stone City (Cedar Fort), Cedar County. (1)

June, 1857, proved to be another crisis in the lives of the Latter-day Saints in Utah, which included Alonzo, who was now 21 years old. President James Buchanan sent U.S. Army troops to Utah in an attempt to eliminate their practice of polygamy, among other things. They came through Salt Lake and set up a camp, Camp Floyd, for 5,000 people and 3,000 head of livestock just four miles from the home of John Nay and his family. This was not an amicable situation for the residents of Cedar Fort, and disputes were not uncommon. One such quarrel over grazing rights involving a group of soldiers and a young man from Cedar Fort who was tending a large herd concluded in a court trial. One of the soldiers was charged with attempted murder, and during a break in the trial the young Cedar Fort man shot him. When word of the death of one of their comrades reached Camp Floyd, a group of soldiers bent on revenge set out for Cedar Fort and began setting fire to haystacks and damaging property. It was reported in a local newspaper that Alonzo and another young boy sounded the alarm of warning to alert the residents of the fire.

Alonzo's life was further complicated by problems in his own family which is addressed in its entirety in the chapter containing the history of John and Thirza Nay. As a result of this, in about 1859 or 1860, John moved part of the family to Springville, Utah. The 1860 U.S. Federal census for that area shows John living with his four sons, John H[yrum], Jos[eph] B[righam], Ormas, and Wm E[dwin]. (2) Also, somewhere in this time frame, his father, John, took another wife, Thankful Lucy Pine Packard, in a polygamist union.

We are unsure of the activities of Alonzo other than an entry in the records of the Endowment House in Salt Lake City for him on February 12, 1858 (3) and then later his marriage in St. John, Tooele County, Utah, to Hannah Potter Huggins on June 9, 1861. (4)

Hannah Potter Huggins was born at Toms River, Ocean County, New Jersey on June 8, 1844. She was the third child of a family of six. All except one were born at Toms River. The eldest, a daughter Elizabeth, was born at Varmon, New Jersey. Her parents were William and Emeline Aker Huggins. They were converts to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Annie E. McIntosh Aljets, a granddaughter, has written the following about Hannah's early life.

When Hannah was nine years old, she, with her parents, her brother George and sisters Mary, Elizabeth and Amelia, started to cross the plains to Utah. They went first to Arkansas where they waited until their company could be organized and outfitted.

Brother Anthony Ivins was captain of their company, which consisted of 53 wagons and a great deal of merchandise.

Her father drove a 4-horse team all the way. On account of the wagons being so heavily loaded, it was necessary for those who were able to walk a great portion of the way, and I have heard her say she and her brother rode only when they were too

weary or had such sore and bleeding feet that walking was impossible. They arrived in Salt Lake City on August 10, 1853, where they remained until October when they went to Springville, Utah. The family then moved to Gunnison, Utah, where they remained but a short time due to the hostility of the Indians. When she was 15 years old, the family moved to Fountain Green, Sanpete County, Utah. "(5)

The first child of Alonzo and Hannah, my great grandmother, Thirza Emeline, was born in Fountain Green, Sanpete County, Utah, March 1, 1862, followed by her sister, Harriet Elizabeth on February 5, 1864.(6) The Black Hawk Indian War commenced April 9, 1865 and for a time the people of Fountain Green were moved to Moroni, 8 miles to the south. In 1866 a fort was built in Fountain Green to protect the people from the Indians and the family moved back, making it their home for many more years. Alonzo was a soldier in the Black Hawk War. (See addendum on the Black Hawk War.)

I am unsure why Hannah gave birth to her third child in Richfield, Utah, which is about 65 miles south of Fountain Green. William Alonzo was born July 8, 1867 and died just four months later, November 13, 1867. A brief biography of Hannah's parents, William and Emeline Huggins, states that they lived in Fountain Green during this time.(7)

Hannah told of many hardships and harrowing experiences she endured with her small children and aged parents during that war with the Indians. One story the young folks always wanted her to tell was of one night when the Indians were on the rampage and the men had to be on night duty. They dug a hole in the top of the haystack, made the women and children climb up, pull the ladder up after them and lie very quietly in the hole prepared for them. She said the three women didn't sleep much, but they were safe and were not discovered by the Indians.

She was ever a faithful Latter-day Saint. Through all her trials and hardships she relied on the Lord, always bearing testimony that her prayers were not in vain.(8) The next ten years brought the birth of four more children to the family of Alonzo and Hannah in Fountain Green. Armes Franklin was born on November 18, 1869, Sarah P. on March 4, 1872, Hannah Edna on December 14, 1875 and John Chester, March 3, 1878. Sadly, Armes only lived to the age of nine, as he died in November 1878, and little Sarah was only four when she died July 17, 1876. July 17, 1878, the family traveled to St. George to be sealed as a family.(9)

While the family was in St. George, they also did proxy work at the temple on July 19, 1878. Alonzo served as proxy for William McNee, Jr., while his daughters Harriet and Thirza did work for Betsey Russell, Mary Eccles and Sarah Smith. Alonzo's father and step-mother, as well as his half-brother John George were also in the temple that day, performing ordinances for the family's ancestors.

In the *History of Sanpete County* it is reported nearly every year there was the problem of the grasshoppers destroying crops, July 1867 being an especially bad year for the county. Until 1870, most of the entries dealt with raids and killings by the Indians and then these reports seemed to dwindle in importance. I'm not sure that meant they ceased but surely that they weren't so prevalent.(10)

The 1880 U.S. Federal census indicates Alonzo and Hannah Ney (Nay) were in Fountain Green with their five children, Emeline, Harriet, Franklin, Edwin, and John C.(11) Later in the year 1880, they moved to Huntington, Emery County, Utah, where Alonzo owned and operated

a shingle mill, furnishing shingles for the homes of the residents. In December of that year their first child, Thirza Emeline, was married to John David McIntosh whose home was actually in St. John, Utah, but he was in Huntington on business. The couple stayed in Huntington until October 1881, moving back to St. John, Tooele, Utah, to make their home.(12) I mention this as I believe it played a role in a decision that Alonzo and Hannah were to make in a few years. The years in Huntington brought three more children into the Nay home. Ida May was born September 3, 1883 and died just three days later, George Angus on November 23, 1885, and Lorena on June 18, 1888. Sadness came into the home on May 22, 1883, as their precious little eight year old son, John Chester, passed away. Alonzo and Hannah brought ten souls into this life and by 1888 there were just five still living, four girls and one boy.(13)

1892 became the year of a radical change for Alonzo and Hannah and one that undoubtedly brought mixed feelings. Hannah's dear mother, Emeline Akers Huggins, now 76 years old, was living not far away in Fountain Green and their eldest daughter, Thirza Nay McIntosh, was living many miles away to the north and west in St. John with her husband and four small children, their precious grandchildren. The latter proved to sway them into a long move to St. John, where they would dwell the balance of their lives.

A short description of St. John in 1900 is given in the Toole Stake History:

It is situated on rising ground in the midst of an immense stock range, a mile and a half northeast of Clover Creek, 15 ½ miles southwest of Tooele. Most of the inhabitants are engaged in farming and stock raising, which are the principal industries. The people, besides owning a considerable number of horses and cattle, own at least 30,000 sheep. St. John was settled in the autumn of 1867 and by March of 1868 consisted of 79 people. In a report December 31, 1900, there were 39 families for a total of 187 people.(14)

Alonzo became a farmer and stock raiser upon arriving in St. John in 1892 and later was a guard at one of the mines in the vicinity.(15) Hannah had been trained by her grandmother to be a midwife and practical doctor. In St. John she found a large and fertile field in which to use the training she had received. For many years she was doctor and midwife for St. John, Clover and the surrounding community. She was ever willing to go anytime, anywhere to help those who were in trouble and distress, was always cheerful, witty and wise and always had a quotation, axiom or saying to fit any occasion. Some of her favorites were:

"An idle brain is the devil's workshop"  
"A stitch in time saves nine"  
"Beauty is as Beauty does"  
"One stick of wood can't burn, nor can one person quarrel"  
"A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush"

She assisted in bringing into the world over 400 babies. For a great many, she received no remuneration except the joy which she ever found in serving her fellow man. She was president of the Relief Society in St. John for many years and was loved and respected by the whole ward in that capacity.(16)

Alonzo died in St. John, September 4, 1909, leaving Hannah a widow for the next 24 years. In 1925 she fell and broke her hip and was never able to walk again, but sat in her wheel chair and

pieced quilts, knitted, crocheted and embroidered. She loved to read and the last few years of her life did so without the use of glasses. Her home spelled hospitality and was ever a gathering place for neighbors and friends. She possessed a strong testimony of the truthfulness of the gospel and an unfaltering faith to the end of her life. She died in St. John, Utah, on February 2, 1933 with the assurance that she was going to meet her loved ones who had gone before her.(17)

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Addendum 1

BLACK HAWK WAR  
by John A. Peterson  
*Utah History Encyclopedia*

The Black Hawk Indian War was the longest and most destructive conflict between pioneer immigrants and Native Americans in Utah History. The traditional date of the war's commencement is 9 April 1865 but tensions had been mounting for years. On that date bad feelings were transformed into violence when a handful of Utes and Mormon frontiersmen met in Manti, Sanpete County, to settle a dispute over some cattle killed and consumed by starving Indians. An irritated (and apparently inebriated) Mormon lost his temper and violently jerked a young chieftain from his horse. The insulted Indian delegation, which included a dynamic young Ute named Black Hawk, abruptly left, promising retaliation. The threats were not idle -

for over the course of the next few days Black Hawk and other Utes killed five Mormons and escaped to the mountains with hundreds of stolen cattle. Naturally, scores of hungry warriors and their families flocked to eat "Mormon beef" and to support Black Hawk, who was suddenly hailed as a war chief.

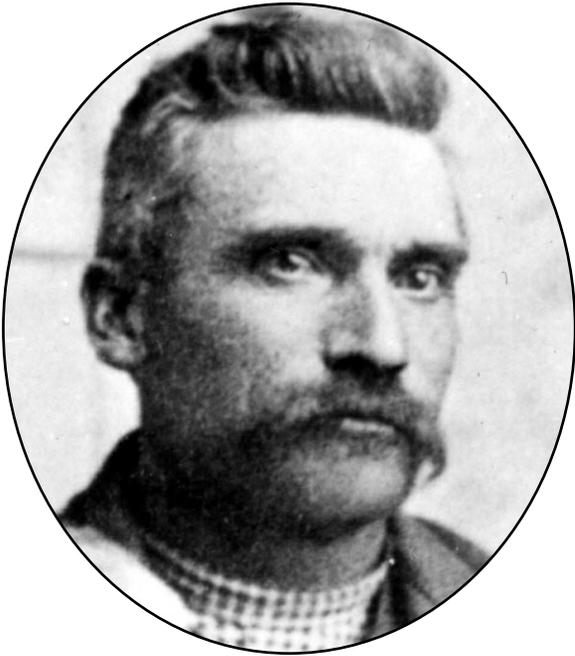
Encouraged by his success and increasing power, Black Hawk continued his forays, stealing more than two thousand head of stock and killing approximately twenty-five more whites that year. The young Ute by no means had the support of all of the Indians of Utah, but he succeeded in uniting factions of the Ute, Paiute, and Navajo tribes into a very loose confederacy bent on plundering Mormons throughout the territory. Cattle were the main objectives of Black Hawk's offensives but travelers, herdsmen, and settlers were massacred when it was convenient. Contemporary estimates indicate that as many as seventy whites were killed during the conflict.

The years 1865 to 1867 were by far the most intense of the conflict. Latter-day Saints considered themselves in a state of open warfare. They built scores of forts and deserted dozens of settlements while hundreds of Mormon militiamen chased their illusive adversaries through the wilderness with little success. Requests for federal troops went unheeded for eight years. Unable to distinguish "guilty" from "friendly" tribesmen, frustrated Mormons at times indiscriminately killed Indians, including women and children. In the fall of 1867 Black Hawk made peace with the Mormons. Without his leadership the Indian forces, which never operated as a combined front, fragmented even further. The war's intensity decreased and a treaty of peace was signed in 1868. Intermittent raiding and killing, however, continued until 1872 when 200 federal troops were finally ordered to step in.

The Black Hawk War erupted as a result of the pressures white expansion brought to Native American populations. White settlement of Utah altered crucial ecosystems and helped destroy Indian subsistence patterns which caused starvation. Those who did not starve often succumbed to European diseases. Contemporary sources indicate that Indian populations in Utah in the 1860s were plummeting at frightening rates. White efforts to establish reservations contributed additional pressures.

These conditions were almost universal among western Indians during the period, and in this sense the war can be viewed as an expression of the general Indian unrest and warfare that dominated the trans-Mississippi West during the 1860s. Similar conflicts also occurred during the decade between Indians and non-Mormon settlers in each of Utah's neighboring territories. These confrontations, however, were quickly (and brutally) put down by federal troops; however, the mounting crusade against polygamy and lingering "Utah War" mentalities made the situation different in Utah. The Black Hawk War was unique among the era's western Indian wars in that the antipathy that existed between the United States government and the LDS Church provided Utah's natives with the opportunity to pursue their hostile activities for an extended period of time without incurring the swift and destructive military reprisals suffered by other groups. Not surprisingly, the war ended almost without incident when federal troops were finally ordered to engage the Indians in 1872.

## ALONZO PUTNAM NAY FAMILY



Alonzo Putnam Nay



Back: Alonzo Putnam Nay,  
Hannah Edna, Hannah Potter  
Huggins Nay  
Front: George Angus, Lorena



Harriet Elizabeth Nay  
(Alonzo's daughter)

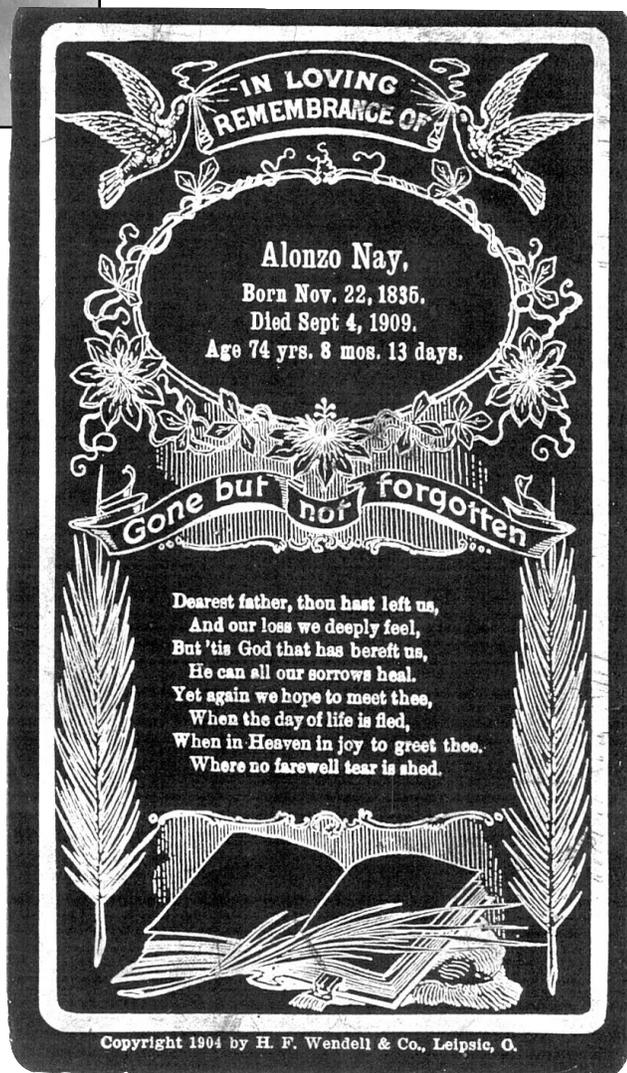


Harriet Nay Hooper and Children  
Back: Clifford Hooper, Chester & May  
Hansen  
Front: Albert, Harriet, Asa Hooper



Four Generations:  
Front-Hannah Huggins Nay,  
Mabel Aljets Sexsmith,  
Thirza E. Nay McIntosh,  
Annie McIntosh Aljets standing.

Alonzo Nay's  
Funeral Card



STATE OF UTAH			
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION OF HEALTH VITAL STATISTICS			
<b>1 PLACE OF DEATH</b> County <u>San Juan</u> Precinct <u>St. Ignace</u> Village or City <u>St. Ignace</u> No. _____ St. _____ Ward _____		State Board of Health File No. <u>000</u>  <b>STATE OF UTAH—DEATH CERTIFICATE</b>	
(If death occurred in a hospital or institution give its NAME instead of street and number.)			
<b>2 FULL NAME</b> <u>Hannah H. Nay</u> (a) Residence No. _____ St. _____ (IF NON-RESIDENT GIVE CITY OR TOWN AND STATE) Length of residence in city or town where death occurred <u>2</u> yrs. mos. ds. How long in U. S., if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. ds.			
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS		MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
<b>3 SEX</b> <u>Female</u>	<b>4 COLOR OR RACE</b> <u>White</u>	<b>5 SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED</b> (Write the word) <u>Widowed</u>	<b>16 DATE OF DEATH</b> <u>Dec 3</u> 19 <u>33</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)
<b>6a</b> If Married, Widowed, or Divorced HUSBAND OF (or) WIFE OF <u>George H. Nay</u>		<b>17</b> I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <u>Dec 1933</u> to <u>Feb 2</u> , 19 <u>33</u> that I last saw h. <u>alive</u> on <u>Dec</u> , 19 <u>33</u> , and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at <u>7:30</u> m.	
<b>6</b> DATE OF BIRTH <u>Apr 21</u> , 18 <u>75</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)		The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows: <u>Chronic Myocarditis</u> (Duration) <u>1</u> yrs. mos. ds.	
<b>7</b> AGE <u>58</u> yrs. <u>8</u> mos. <u>24</u> ds. or LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min. ?		Contributory <u>Severely</u> (Secondary) (Duration) <u>1</u> yrs. mos. ds.	
<b>8</b> OCCUPATION OF DECEASED (a) Trade, profession or particular kind of work <u>Business A.</u> (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) _____ (c) Name of Employer _____		<b>18</b> Where was disease contracted if not at place of death? _____ Did an operation precede death? <u>no</u> Date of _____ Was there an autopsy? <u>no</u> What test confirmed diagnosis? <u>Electrocardiogram</u> (Signed) <u>J. M. Addison, M. D.</u> <u>Feb 4</u> , 19 <u>33</u> (Address) <u>Boale</u>	
<b>9</b> BIRTHPLACE (City or town) _____ (State or Country) _____		*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or, in deaths from VIOLENT CAUSES state (1) MEANS AND NATURE OF INJURY; and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL OR HOMICIDAL. (See reverse side for additional space.)	
<b>10</b> NAME OF FATHER _____ <b>11</b> BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or Country) _____ <b>12</b> MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER _____ <b>13</b> BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or Country) _____		<b>19</b> PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL _____ DATE OF BURIAL <u>4</u> 19 <u>33</u> <b>20</b> UNDERTAKER _____ ADDRESS _____	
<b>14</b> Informant <u>George H. Nay</u> Address <u>St. Ignace</u>		<b>21</b> Registered Number _____ <b>22</b> No. of Burial or Removal Permit <u>2</u>	
<b>15</b> Filed <u>Mar. 7</u> , 19 <u>33</u> <u>W. J. H. H. S.</u> Registrar			
READ CAREFULLY INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK OF CERTIFICATE			

SDH-BHS 95 (1-78) This is to certify that this is a true copy of the certificate on file in this office. This certified copy is issued under authority of Section 26-15-26 of the Utah Code Annotated, 1953 as Amended.

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 DIRECTOR OF VITAL STATISTICS

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Hannah H. Nay Death Certificate

# Family Group Record

<b>Husband</b>				
<b>Alonzo Putnam Nay</b>				
Born	24 Nov 1835	Place	Jackson, Jackson, Michigan	LDS ordinance dates
Died	4 Sep 1909	Place	St. John, Tooele, Utah	Baptized <sup>1</sup>
Buried	7 Sep 1909	Place	St. John, Tooele, Utah	Endowed <sup>2</sup>
				12 Feb 1858
				Sealed to parents <sup>3</sup>
Married	8 Jun 1861	Place	St John, Tooele, Utah, USA	15 Jun 1983
				Sealed to spouse <sup>4</sup>
				17 Jul 1878
Husband's father     John Nay Jr.				
Husband's mother    Thirza Angelina Hale				
<b>Wife</b>				
<b>Hannah Potter Huggins</b>				
Born	8 Jun 1844	Place	Toms River, Ocean, New Jersey	LDS ordinance dates
Died	2 Feb 1933	Place	St. John, Tooele, Utah	Baptized
Buried	5 Feb 1933	Place	St. John, Tooele, Utah	Endowed
				28 Apr 1937
				Sealed to parents
				23 Sep 1891
Wife's father         William Huggins				
Wife's mother        Emelene Aker				
<b>Children</b>				
				LDS ordinance dates
<b>1 F Thirsa Emaline Nay</b>				
Born	1 Mar 1862	Place	Fountain Green, Sanpete, Utah	Baptized
Died	5 Feb 1932	Place	Tooele, Tooele, Utah	Endowed
Buried	9 Feb 1932	Place	St. John, Tooele, Utah	Sealed to parents
				17 Jul 1878
Spouse                 John David McIntosh				
Married	24 Dec 1880	Place	Huntington, Emery, Utah, USA	Sealed to spouse
				19 Sep 1888
<b>2 F Harriet Elizabeth Nay</b>				
Born	5 Feb 1864	Place	Fountain Green, Sanpete, Utah	Baptized
Died <sup>5</sup>	29 Nov 1920	Place	Marysville, Fremont, Idaho	Endowed
Buried	2 Dec 1920	Place	Ashton, Fremont, Idaho	Sealed to parents
				17 Jul 1878
Spouse                 Joseph Young Hansen				
Married	Bef 1884	Place	Huntington, Emery, Ut	Sealed to spouse
Spouse                 William Howard Hooper				
Married	1 Aug 1889	Place	Huntington, Emery, Utah	Sealed to spouse
				11 Jul 1995
Spouse                 Simeon Cook Drollinger Jr.				
Married	6 Mar 1912	Place	Salt Lake City, Sl, Ut	Sealed to spouse
				6 Mar 1912
<b>3 M William Alonzo Nay</b>				
Born	8 Jul 1867	Place	Richfield, Sevier, Utah, USA	Baptized
Died	13 Nov 1867	Place	Fountain Green, Sanpete, Utah, USA	Endowed
Buried	14 Nov 1867	Place	Fountain Green, Sanpete, Utah, USA	Sealed to parents
				17 Jul 1878
<b>4 M Ormus Franklin Nay</b>				
Born	18 Nov 1868	Place	Fountain Green, Sanpete, Utah	Baptized
Died	Nov 1878	Place	Fountain Green, Sanpete, Utah	Endowed
Buried	Nov 1878	Place	Fountain Green, Sanpete, Utah	Sealed to parents
				17 Jul 1878
<b>5 F Sarah Permillia Nay</b>				
Born	4 Mar 1872	Place	Fountain Green, Sanpete, Utah	Baptized
Died	18 Jul 1876	Place	Fountain Green, Sanpete, Utah	Endowed
Buried	Jul 1876	Place	Fountain Green, Sanpete, Utah	Sealed to parents
				17 Jul 1878

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<b>Husband</b> <b>Alonzo Putnam Nay</b>				
<b>Wife</b> <b>Hannah Potter Huggins</b>				
<b>Children</b>			LDS ordinance dates	Temple
<b>6</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Hannah Edna Nay</b>		
	Born	14 Dec 1875	Place Fountain Green, Sanpete, Utah	Baptized 1883
	Christened	3 Feb 1876	Place	Endowed 25 Aug 1982    PROVO
	Died	24 Feb 1958	Place Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah, USA	Sealed to parents 17 Jul 1878    SGEOR
	Buried	28 Feb 1958	Place St John, Tooele, Utah, USA	
	Spouse	Leander Longson		
	Married	30 Sep 1896	Place Tooele, Tooele, Utah, Usa	Sealed to spouse 16 Jan 2003    ARIZO
	Spouse	Sidney B. Kent		
	Married		Place	Sealed to spouse 16 Jan 2003    ARIZO
<b>7</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>John Chester Nay</b>		
	Born	3 Nov 1878	Place Fountain Green, Sanpete, Utah	Baptized Infant
	Died	22 May 1886	Place Huntington, Emery, Utah	Endowed Infant
	Buried	May 1886	Place Huntington, Emery, Utah	Sealed to parents BIC
<b>8</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Ida May Nay</b>		
	Born	3 Sep 1883	Place Huntington, Emery, Utah	Baptized Infant
	Died	6 Sep 1883	Place Huntington, Emery, Utah	Endowed Infant
	Buried	6 Sep 1883	Place Huntington, Emery, Utah	Sealed to parents BIC
<b>9</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>George Angus Nay</b>		
	Born	23 Nov 1885	Place Huntington, Emery, Utah, USA	Baptized 28 Apr 1894
	Died	6 May 1971	Place	Endowed 8 Jun 1911
	Buried	9 May 1971	Place	Sealed to parents BIC
	Spouse	Anna Mousley Parker		
	Married	8 Jun 1911	Place	Sealed to spouse 8 Jun 1911
<b>10</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Lorena Nay</b>		
	Born	18 Jun 1888	Place Huntington, Emery, Utah, USA	Baptized 29 Sep 1895
	Died	11 Jul 1915	Place	Endowed 19 Jun 1926
	Buried	15 Jul 1915	Place	Sealed to parents BIC
	Spouse	David Mathew Watkins		
	Married		Place	Sealed to spouse
<b>Notes</b>				
MARRIAGE				
Eldra Bounds has marriage & sealing (Alonzo to Hannah) on 8 Jun 1861 in the Endowment House. She also found in Family History Center the date of 12 Feb 1858 for Alonzo's endowments.				
HUSBAND - Alonzo Putnam Nay				
Ancestral file #1PBP-43 shows Alonzo's birth 22 Nov 1835. Alonzo's headstone shows birth in 1935, though Temple Records Index Bureau. IGI Batch 8517504 Sh 55, Source Call No. 1396037, Film, shows Birth of Alonzo Nay to John Nay and Thurza Angelina Hale on 22 Nov 1936 in Jackson, Jackson, MI. IGI Batch 8307401 Sh 82, Source Call No. 0884998, Film, shows Birth of Alonzo Putnum Nay to John Nay and Thirza Angelina Hale on 22 Nov 1835 in Jackson, MI. LDS Ordinances: Baptized 18 Sep 1980, SL; Endowed 12 Feb 1858 EH; Sealed to Parents 15 Jun				

# Family Group Record

<b>Husband</b>	<b>Alonzo Putnam Nay</b>
<b>Wife</b>	<b>Hannah Potter Huggins</b>
<b>Notes</b>	
HUSBAND - Alonzo Putnam Nay (Continued)	
1983 PV. LDS Vital Records Library in the LDS Family History Suite shows birth as 22 Nov 1836.	
Wife's death cert. Utah #CL329748 Family history/Millie Tate; Fountain Green & St. John church records.	
Two different documents in an application for Indian War Veteran Medal, signed by Hannah Huggins Nay (his wife) records Alonzo's death as 3rd Sep. 1910 at the age of 75 years. This date conflicts with the headstone inscription in St. John Cemetary of 4 Sep. 1909, also funeral card printed at the time of his death.	
CHILD 1 - Thirsa Emaline Nay Birth and death: Personal knowledge of child #2. Husband and wife both re-baptized 12 Sep 1888 in St. John Ward. Wife's original baptism was in Fountain Green.	
CHILD 2 - Harriet Elizabeth Nay Harriet Elizabeth Nay married 1st, Joseph Young Hansen; had 3 children by him. He is said to have died in a logging camp accident, somewhere in Oregon. She married 2nd, William Howard Hooper when her 3rd born was 3 months old. They had 8 children during the 14 years of their marriage. Eldra Bounds does not know the reason that they were not married in the Temple, as William Howard Hooper also raised her 3 children from her prior marriage. William was killed in a mine cave-in the 13 Nov. 1903, leaving her with 5 living children to raise. It had always been the desire of Harriett's heart to be married in the Temple so on the 6 Mar. 1912, she was married to the husband of her deceased cousin, Simeon Cook Drollinger, in the Salt Lake Temple. They had no issue. (Note by Eldra Bounds) Ordinances: Rebaptismal date of Harriet Nay found in records of members early to 1913, St John Ward, Tooele Stake #21050.	
CHILD 3 - William Alonzo Nay Ancestral File #1PBP-RC shows birthplace as Richfield, Sevier, UT on 8 Jul 1867. It also shows sealing to parent date and Hannah Potter Huggins as the husband.	
CHILD 4 - Ormus Franklin Nay Name found on different records as Ormus, Arnus, & Armus.	
CHILD 5 - Sarah Permillia Nay Ancestral file #1PBP-TP shows death date as 17th.	
CHILD 6 - Hannah Edna Nay From Ancestral File (TM), data as of 2 January 1996.	
CHILD 8 - Ida May Nay Also referred to as Minnie.	

# Family Group Record

<b>Husband</b>	<b>Alonzo Putnam Nay</b>
<b>Wife</b>	<b>Hannah Potter Huggins</b>
<b>Notes</b>	<p>CHILD 10- Lorena Nay Listed as Lorraine or Lorena in the Ancestral File. Information about her and her descendants from Joy Wilder, granddaughter.</p>
<b>Sources</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Special Collections, Film #1263253, Family History Center, Salt Lake City, Utah. Baptism year as recorded at time of living endowment.</li><li>2. Special Collections, Film #0183404, Book C, p. 55. Endowment index lists Book B, however Alonzo's name was found in Book C.</li><li>3. Ancestral File (TM), Family History Center, Salt Lake City, Utah.</li><li>4. Special Collections, M386 (fiche).</li><li>5. Death Certificate; Idaho, U.S., File No. 32237. Copy of certificate dated Mar 15, 1984.</li></ol>

### Chapter 3

## WILLIAM EDWIN NAY

by Grace T. Utley  
granddaughter

**W**illiam Edwin Nay was born August 31, 1838 in Antrim, Hillsborough County, New Hampshire to goodly parents, John Nay, Jr. and Thirza Angelina Hale.

He inherited a lineage of ancestors with sterling qualities. From the book, “The Genealogy of the Nay Family,” we find that his ancestors were noted for being patriotic, actively religious, faithful husbands, loving fathers, advocates for education, and public spirited. This is quite a lineage!

The book, “History of Peterborough,” states that The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was well organized in the Hillsborough County area in April 1832. Two notable missionaries, Orson Pratt and Lyman Johnson, were having great success converting people to the gospel during that period of time.

The John Nay Jr. family readily accepted the gospel, an indication of their faithfulness in the pre-existence and their harmony with the Master’s plan. How their hearts and spirits must have leaped for joy as the Holy Ghost manifested the truthfulness of the gospel to them.

When the call came to go west, John, Thirza, and their children responded. With unwavering faith, stamina, courage, willingness to sacrifice, and with an undying love of the gospel, they prepared to go.

William Edwin crossed the plains with his parents in the Captain Allen Weeks Company. The journey must have been an arduous one with unusual discomforts, hardships and sacrifices. How proudly William Edwin, a lad of about 14, must have assumed some of the responsibilities for tending cattle, driving oxen, watching over the younger ones, gathering firewood, carrying water and taking his place among the men of the company.

They arrived in Great Salt Lake Valley on October 12, 1852, and eventually settled in Dixie, in Southern Utah. In a land of awesome red cliffs pointing fingers to the blue, blue skies, and a lazy Virgin River meandering through verdant valleys, we find William Edwin. Now, William is an almond eyed handsome young 21\_year\_old with plenty of charisma. Living in the same area were two petite, slightly flirtatious, lovely sisters named Nancy and Mary. The sisters were about 12 and 18 years old respectively, but standing tippy toe and wide-eyed on the threshold of life. Something was bound to happen, and it did. The charismatic personality of William must have been persuasive because both young girls seemed to adore him and he probably enchanted both of them.

Togetherness was the way of life for these enterprising early saints. Their moments of fun were the “get togethers” of dancing, singing, molasses candy pulling in the winter, horseback riding, swimming in the Virgin Narrows and dancing in the moonlight in the summer. It may have been

a moon drenched, star-studded night after a lively romp around the dance hall with Nancy that William succumbed to her charms. And, as Frank Tyger would say, “he made his hitch-pitch.” They were married June 9, 1861 in Salt Lake City and sealed July 15, 1865 in the Endowment House in Salt Lake City, Utah. They were blessed with five sons and two daughters.

There may have been a tiny twinge of envy pulling on Mary’s heartstrings when her sister, Nancy, married William. Was there a soft flutter of youthful love when Mary gazed upon William’s face? Did he look at her and in his heart say “You are my lovely little sister, Mary, and you will always have a part of my love?” As Mary grew and matured, did this love unbidden softly steal into their hearts? Possibly through obedience to priesthood direction, William took Mary for his bride when she was a young 19. They were married and sealed April 1868 at the Endowment House in Salt Lake City, Utah.

From the personal history of William’s daughter, Lucy Nay James, we learn that not much was written about Nancy and William’s married life. We do know that when Nancy died March 25, 1877, William and Mary took both families and moved to Gunnison, Sanpete County, Utah. They were living there at the time of the Black Hawk War. (See chapter 2 about the Black Hawk War.) William fought in the war and wounded Chief Black Hawk. Ironically, after the war they actually became good friends.

During the next few years, the family moved from Gunnison to Circle Valley and then to Kingston. They farmed and raised milk cows. Mary made cheese and butter. Later, they moved to Monroe, Sevier County. William had a meat market and would take fresh beef in a wagon to Marysvale and Circleville where he sold it. He also freighted a great deal from Salina after the railroad reached all towns south of Salina.

Lucy Nay James writes in her personal history that “family night was not a once a week but every night. Father was a great hand to play with his children. In wintertime, he always got us together in the evenings and played games, sang songs and had me recite the poems I loved to learn. He had us all dance jigs. I could only make one foot do the right step and he would laugh at me. Mother always had some little treat for us. Then after family prayers, Father would say ‘off to bed.’ Then he and Mother would play a game of cribbage.”

Lucy continues, “Mother and Father loved to dance. Many times they traveled on horseback to a dance where they danced all night. Then they rode back home and worked all day.” (Can’t you see them ‘sashaying’ around the floor?) These little remembrances by his daughter leave us with an image of William Edwin Nay as a kind, generous, and loving father. In addition, he was definitely family oriented and a devoted and faithful husband.

## MARY WILSON NAY

by Grace T. Utley  
granddaughter

Mary Wilson was born April 16, 1849 in Jackson Parish, Louisiana to Thomas Wilson and Nancy Lindsey. She was a beautiful blue eyed baby, the fourth in a family of ten children. Her parents joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the southern states. We are not sure but Mary often talked about them living in Texas and the plentiful times they enjoyed there.

But everything was forsaken when the call came to go west. They crossed the plains in the 8th Company with Captain Milo Andrus. It is hard to envision the hardships they must have suffered. Mary was a little girl of about 5 or 6. I can visualize little Mary and her sister Nancy merrily skipping and dancing along beside the wagon, stopping to help one of the smaller ones or bring a smile to their faces.

It must have been a tedious journey and I can imagine the joy that filled their hearts as they entered the valley on October 24, 1855. The journey was ended, the hardships endured! But wait, this was not the end of their trials and tribulations. They were sent to Gunnison, Sanpete County, Utah where they underwent the discomforts of living in a dugout. Later, they moved to a place called Virgin, in the southern part of Utah.

Have you ever-experienced real hunger? These dear people did that first winter. It was a hard winter, a real famine; no one had much food. When spring came and the alfalfa began to grow, the children ran to the fields and picked it and ate it. They were grateful because it tasted so good and they were so hungry.

When the children were big enough to pick up fruit and cut it to dry, they did. They also harvested sugar cane to make molasses. Mary used to tell Lucy, her daughter and the other children how Heber C. Kimball, during a hard winter when it was difficult to get foodstuff, had a barrel of flour. He told the saints that as long as there was flour in his barrel they could bring their pans and get some for bread. She said that all the neighbors would go and get a pan of flour when their bread was gone and his barrel always had flour in it for him to give away.

Mary's sister, Nancy, met and fell in love with William Edwin Nay and they were married June 9, 1861. They had several children. Lovely Mary married William Edwin in a polygamous union April 18, 1868. They had nine children.

A short time after Mary's wedding, her mother, Nancy Lindsey Wilson, became very ill. Mary returned to her mother's home to take care of her and also to care for her father who had a bad leg that wouldn't heal. Her mother died April 24, 1875. Her sister, Nancy, died a short time later, March 25, 1877. This left Mary and William with two families to raise. William then became ill and Mary lovingly cared for him. William was only 56 years old when he died.

Mary was left alone to finish raising the family. It was not easy. However, they managed to have sufficient food and warm clothes. They were dressed neat and clean for church and school. Mary was proficient in her knowledge and use of herbs and edible greens. She tried to teach those things to her children and grand children. She loved pine gum and one of her delights was

to gather up the grand children and go to the mountains and find pine gum. She was a watchful, loving and concerned mother who spent every moment possible with her children, reading to them and attending Mutual parties and dancing with them. She heeded the commandment “to pray and walk uprightly before the Lord.” She bore witness to the truthfulness of the gospel to her children.

Mary was an excellent cook. She wasted nothing and utilized everything. She insisted that “you eat your food.” Her granddaughter, Leola, remembers her always wearing a big white apron with a pocket full of peppermint candies that she gave to the children when they were good. She was about 5’4” and a little plumpish. She was always loving and never angry. She loved crocheting and sewing and she made herself a set of temple garments out of white flannel. The style then was sleeves to the wrist, legs to the ankles, and a neck with a high collar.

Temple work was very important to Mary and she received a call to work in the Manti Temple. She was in her 70’s. She moved to Manti and honored this calling. When Mary died she left behind many candy boxes filled with the names of the persons for whom she did the ordinance work. Mary is a “savior on Mount Zion.” I am sure there were many people for whom she did their temple work that greeted her as she passed through the veil.

Shortly before she died, however, when she was about 81, she fell and broke her hip. Lucy and Laura, her daughters, tenderly cared for her. She had her own home. Throughout her life, her hands had always been busy hands and after she could no longer engage in physical activities, her toil worn, gnarled hands continued to be useful and busy. I have a beautiful mental picture of her sitting in the big window of her small home, cutting and sewing with minute stitches tiny pieces of material that formed her lovely quilt blocks. She pieced dozens of quilt tops.

Mary Wilson Nay she possessed great faith and with conviction lived the principles of the gospel. Her name is not found in the annals of man, but in the Lamb’s Book of Life. She is numbered with the faithful who have overcome all things and endured until the end.

Mary Wilson Nay—a stalwart 6 year old pioneer, an obedient, faithful daughter who lovingly cared for her parents in their afflictions even until their deaths; a devoted, loving wife, sustaining and honoring her husband and their marriage vows, truly his helpmeet; a kind, warmhearted, dedicated mother with compassion for all; a true, loyal daughter of our Heavenly Father; a savior on Mount Zion. By people such as this was this valley settled, the desert made to blossom like a rose and the gospel to flourish and go forth from Zion.

Mary died in her home in Marysvale, Utah and is buried in Marysvale. Her husband, William Edwin Nay, died January 5, 1895, and is buried in Monroe, Utah. There is a Black Hawk War inscription on his grave.

Above accounts from personal knowledge and records of Mary Wilson's daughter, Lucy Nay James, and grand daughters, Leola Pearson and Grace Utley. *The Personal History of Lucy Nay James* is in the possession of Grace Utley.

## Nancy Wilson Nay

by Joan Nay  
great great granddaughter

Nancy Wilson was born February 6, 1844, the first of nine children born to Thomas Wilson and Nancy Lindsey. Her birth place is listed in various sources as Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi. Nancy's family was reportedly living in Texas when they were converted to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Some of her brothers "became antagonistic after their conversion. . . and when they and their family left Texas bound for Utah, the brothers scornfully told them to go to Hell." (1) The Wilson family arrived in Utah in 1857 and settled for a time in Gunnison, Sanpete County, Utah.

Nancy married William Edwin Nay on June 9, 1861 in the Endowment House. The family lived for a time in Gunnison, Sanpete County, Utah where their seven children were born. These children included: William Edwin Nay [Jr.], born February 29, 1862; John Thomas Nay born January 13, 1864; Morris Alonzo Nay born July 4, 1866; Nancy Angeline Nay born April 10, 1869; Ellen Amanda Nay born September 28, 1871; Ormas Morley Nay born September 10, 1873; and George Allen Nay born October 23, 1876.

Seven years after Nancy and William Edwin's marriage, Nancy's younger sister, Mary, married to William Edwin in a polygamous marriage on April 18, 1868.

Sometime in the early 1870s, Nancy and Mary's mother, Nancy Lindsey Wilson, became ill. The Wilsons were living in Washington County, Utah at the time, and Mary went to live with her. The mother, Nancy Lindsey Wilson, died on April 26, 1875.

Two years later, Nancy herself died on March 25, 1877 and legend has it that she is buried somewhere on the banks of the Virgin River near Mountain Dell, Washington County, Utah. She left her husband, William Edwin, and six living children—the youngest being only 6 months old. It appears that William Edwin and his children then moved to the Washington County area, where Mary, the younger sister and second wife, raised her sister's children.

(1) Early Church Index, Pioneer Biographies of the Historical Records Survey, WPA Project. *Brief Biography of Sarah Elizabeth Isom and Morris Wilson*. FHL film #485340.

(2) Other information herein from BYU Library's 3rd and 4th generation sheets, film #'s F57716, pt. 354; and #F510804.

### Vignettes from the life of William Edwin Nay

These few sketches from the life of William Edwin Nay come from the personal history of Lucy N. James, a daughter of William and Mary Nay. The first incident is a faith promoting story about William and his wife, Nancy, and their small children.

The mode of travel in those pioneer days was slow and rough. One day the little family was traveling through rugged mountain country. As the evening approached the family selected a nice place to camp where the horses could feed on good grass. The next morning the horses

were gone. William left Nancy and the children to watch the wagon while he looked for the horses. She was preparing breakfast when she heard the shrill cry of a panther a short distance away. With great fear she got the children into the wagon and then tied the cover down over the front and sides as best she could. Then she fastened it down on the inside. Nancy fervently prayed for protection as the panther jumped on the wagon and then circled the wagon making screaming piercing cries! Sometime later, the panther left the area. God had heard her prayer and protected Nancy and the children. Later that night, William returned with the horses and they were able to continue their journey.

William and his second wife, Mary, were living in Gunnison, Sanpete County at the time of the Black Hawk War. William fought in the war and in one battle he wounded Chief Black Hawk. After the war they became good friends, and Chief Black Hawk came often to visit William's home. Always Chief Black Hawk would say to him, "You wounded me." And William would answer, "Yes, you are right, but we were at war then."

On another occasion, William was out in the woods one fall day, gathering wood for winter. He put his hand on a fallen log to get across it and a rattlesnake bit his first finger. At once, William raised his ax and cut off part of his finger. He loved to relate this story to his children and grandchildren and show them the part of the finger that was still left on his hand.

Another time, William and Mary's daughter, Laura, wanted an umbrella for the Fourth of July, but got no promise from her Father. One day William and Mary went to the store and when they returned Laura was very disappointed when she couldn't see an umbrella. She and her sister Lucy dropped behind their parents feeling very sad when Laura spied the handle of an umbrella up under her Father's coat. Joy filled their hearts. Laura's was a nice black one and Lucy's a small pink one with blue rings all over it. Lucy kept hers until after she was married.

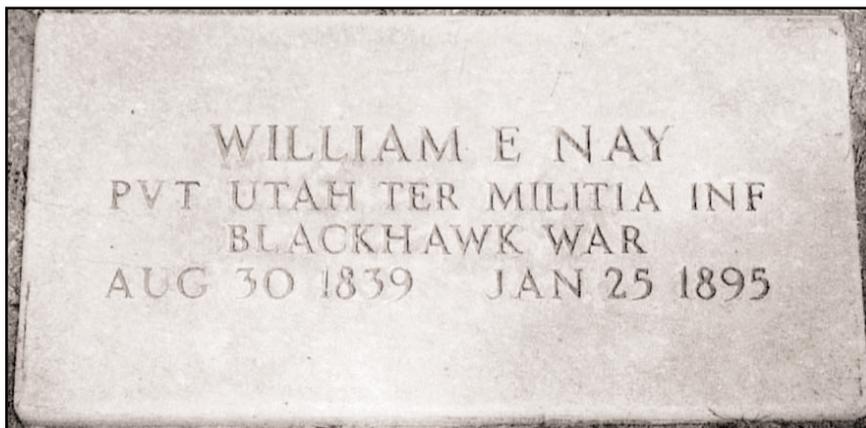
An interesting event took place one day while at the circus. William took Mary and the children to Salina to see the circus. Lucy could only remember the Snake Charmer and his very big snake. The snake would wrap itself around her rather tightly. The Snake Charmer had to pet it, rub it, and talk to it before it finally released its tight hold and let Lucy remove it from her body.

Another note from Lucy's personal history reports that the family took a train ride from Salina to Gunnison. This was a fun trip and their first train ride. All went well with one exception: Laura got "sea sick."

## WILLIAM EDWIN NAY FAMILY

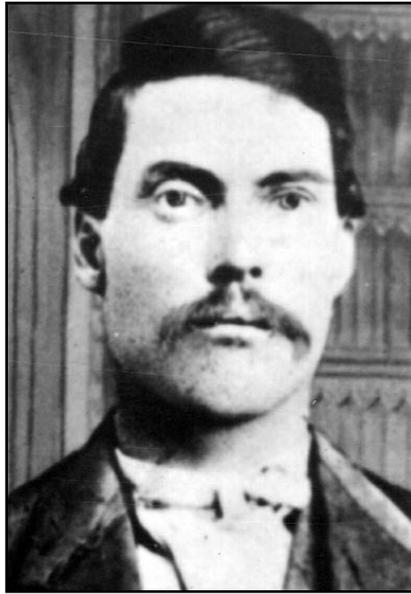


William Edwin Nay and Nancy Wilson Nay



William Edwin Nay Headstone  
in Monroe, Utah

William  
Edwin  
Nay



Mary  
Wilson  
Nay



"Bill Nay & Family, Circleville"

William Dolphin, Alice and nine children in front of home in Circleville, Utah.



Back row left to right: John Nay (?), Charles Walter Nay, Bill Nay (?),  
Alvin Carlos Nay, George Nay (?).  
Front: Lucy Betsey Nay, Mary Wilson Nay (75th birthday), Laura Emily Nay,



Mary  
Wilson  
Nay



Lucy  
Betsey  
Nay  
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## BUREAU OF PENSIONS

It is hereby certified That in conformity with the laws  
of the United States \_\_\_\_\_ Mary W. Nay \_\_\_\_\_  
Widow of \_\_\_\_\_ William E. Nay, \_\_\_\_\_  
who was a \_\_\_\_\_ Private, Captain Morten Mortensen's Co. Utah Militia  
Infantry, Black Hawk War \_\_\_\_\_ is entitled to  
a pension at the rate of \_\_\_\_\_ Twelve \_\_\_\_\_ dollars per month, to  
commence \_\_\_\_\_ June 4, 1917 and Thirty dollars from April 4, 1927 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and to continue during her widowhood.

Given at the Department of the Interior this  
\_\_\_\_\_ twenty-fifth \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ June \_\_\_\_\_  
one thousand nine hundred and \_\_\_\_\_ twenty-eight  
and of the Independence of the United States  
of America the one hundred and \_\_\_\_\_ fifty-second

*Hubert Work*  
Secretary of the Interior.

Countersigned,

*Amfild Scott*  
6-4107  
Commissioner of Pensions.  
PB

# Family Group Record

<b>Husband</b> <span style="float: right;"><sup>4,5,6,7</sup></span>						
<b>William Edwin Nay</b>						
Born	31 Aug 1838	Place	Antrim, Hillsborough, New Hampshire	LDS ordinance dates		
Died <sup>8</sup>	25 Jan 1895	Place	Monroe, Sevier, Utah	Baptized <sup>1</sup>		
Buried <sup>9</sup>	28 Jan 1895	Place	Monroe, Sevier, Utah	Endowed <sup>2</sup>		
				15 Jul 1865		
				EHOUS		
				Sealed to parents <sup>3</sup>		
Married				12 Feb 1981		
18 Apr 1868				Sealed to spouse		
Place				18 Apr 1868		
Salt Lake City, Sl, Ut				EHOUS		
Other Spouse						
Nancy Wilson <sup>2,10</sup>						
Married				Sealed to spouse		
9 Jun 1861				15 Jul 1865		
Place				EHOUS		
Salt Lake City, Sl, Ut						
Husband's father						
John Nay Jr.						
Husband's mother						
Thirza Angelina Hale						
<b>Wife</b> <span style="float: right;"><sup>11</sup></span>						
<b>Mary Wilson</b>						
Born	16 Apr 1849	Place	East Feliciana, Jackson, Louisiana	LDS ordinance dates		
Died	9 Oct 1936	Place	Marysvale, Sevier, Utah	Baptized		
Buried	11 Oct 1936	Place	Marysvale, Sevier, Utah	Endowed		
				22 Nov 1967		
				EHOUS		
				Sealed to parents		
				14 Jul 1855		
Wife's father						
Wife's mother						
<b>Children</b>				LDS ordinance dates	Temple	
<b>1</b>	<b>F Mary Matilda Nay</b>					
	Born	20 Apr 1869	Place	Gunnison, Sanpete, Utah	Baptized	Jun 1877
	Died	17 Sep 1926	Place	American Fork, Utah, Utah	Endowed	27 Oct 1926
	Buried		Place	Circleville, Piute, Utah	Sealed to parents	BIC
Spouse						
Walter Hamilton Crow Jr.						
	Married	31 Aug 1886	Place	Circleville, Piute, Utah	Sealed to spouse	
<b>2</b>	<b>M William Dolphin Nay</b>					
	Born	7 Mar 1870	Place	Mountain Dell, Wash., Utah	Baptized	28 Jun 1885
	Died	24 Feb 1946	Place	Circleville, Piute, Utah	Endowed	2 Jan 1975
	Buried	26 Feb 1946	Place	Circleville, Piute, Utah	Sealed to parents	BIC
<b>3</b>	<b>M Edwin Cressfield Nay</b>					
	Born	8 Apr 1878	Place	Virgin, Wash., Utah	Baptized <sup>12</sup>	3 Jul 1890
	Died	17 Jan 1894	Place		Endowed	13 Nov 1907
					MANTI	
					Sealed to parents	BIC
<b>4</b>	<b>F Laura Emily Nay (twin)</b>					
	Born	17 Mar 1880	Place	Sevier, Sevier, Utah	Baptized <sup>13</sup>	3 Jul 1890
	Died	20 Aug 1975	Place	Nampa, Idaho	Endowed	18 Feb 1977
	Buried	25 Aug 1975	Place	Marysvale, Piute, Utah	Sealed to parents	BIC
Spouse						
Leonard Elias Stark						
	Married	10 Mar 1902	Place	Junction, Piute, Utah	Sealed to spouse	18 Feb 1977
					OGDEN	
<b>5</b>	<b>M Charles Walter Nay (twin)</b>					
	Born	17 Mar 1880	Place	Sevier, Sevier, Utah	Baptized <sup>14</sup>	3 Jul 1890
	Died	7 Oct 1942	Place		Endowed	31 Mar 1947
					Sealed to parents	BIC
Spouse						
Mary Helen Sawyer						
	Married		Place		Sealed to spouse	



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**Husband** **William Edwin Nay**

**Wife** **Mary Wilson**

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<b>Husband</b>				LDS ordinance dates	Temple
<b>William Edwin Nay</b> <sup>4,5,6,7</sup>					
Born	31 Aug 1838	Place	Antrim, Hillsborough, New Hampshire		
Died <sup>-8</sup>	25 Jan 1895	Place	Monroe, Sevier, Utah	Baptized <sup>-1</sup>	3 Mar 1969
Buried <sup>-9</sup>	28 Jan 1895	Place	Monroe, Sevier, Utah	Endowed <sup>-2</sup>	15 Jul 1865
				Sealed to parents <sup>-3</sup>	12 Feb 1981
Married	9 Jun 1861	Place	Salt Lake City, SI, Ut	Sealed to spouse	15 Jul 1865
Other Spouse <b>Mary Wilson</b> <sup>10</sup>					
Married	18 Apr 1868	Place	Salt Lake City, SI, Ut	Sealed to spouse	18 Apr 1868
Husband's father <b>John Nay Jr.</b>					
Husband's mother <b>Thirza Angelina Hale</b>					
<b>Wife</b>				LDS ordinance dates	Temple
<b>Nancy Wilson</b> <sup>2,11</sup>					
Born	6 Feb 1843	Place	Lauderdale, Lauderdale, Mississippi		
Died	25 Mar 1877	Place	Near LaVerkin, Utah	Baptized	1854
				Endowed	15 Jul 1865
				Sealed to parents	14 Jul 1955
Wife's father					
Wife's mother					
<b>Children</b>				LDS ordinance dates	Temple
<b>1</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>William Edwin Nay</b>			
		Born	29 Feb 1862	Place	Gunnison, Sanpete, Utah
		Died	18 May 1928	Place	
				Baptized	Child
				Endowed	Child
				Sealed to parents	
<b>2</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>John Thomas Nay</b> <sup>12,13</sup>			
		Born	13 Jan 1864	Place	Gunnison, Sanpete, Utah
		Died	22 May 1928	Place	Portland, Multnomah, Oregon
		Buried	29 May 1928	Place	Circleville, Piute, Utah
				Baptized	5 Nov 1929
				Endowed	6 Nov 1929
				Sealed to parents	
		Spouse <b>Mary Ann Thomas</b>			
		Married	from 22 Oct 1883 to	Place	
				Sealed to spouse	
<b>3</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Morris Elonzo Nay</b> <sup>14,15</sup>			
		Born	4 Jul 1866	Place	Gunnison, Sanpete, Utah
		Died	1 May 1906	Place	Centerfield, Sanpete, Utah
		Buried	4 May 1906	Place	Gunnison Cemetary, Sanpete, Utah
				Baptized	30 Nov 1940
				Endowed	27 Nov 1941
				Sealed to parents	BIC
		Spouse <b>Melissa Elenina Metcalf</b>			
		Married	5 May 1888	Place	Gunnison, Sanpete, Utah
				Sealed to spouse	
<b>4</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Nancy Angeline Nay</b>			
		Born	10 Apr 1869	Place	Gunnison, Sanpete, Utah
		Died <sup>-16</sup>	Apr 1870	Place	
				Baptized	Child
				Endowed	Child
				Sealed to parents	BIC
<b>5</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Ellen Amanda Nay</b> <sup>17</sup>			
		Born	20 Jul 1871	Place	Sanpete, Utah
		Died	9 Jun 1955	Place	Portland, Oregon
				Baptized	
				Endowed	
				Sealed to parents	BIC
		Spouse <b>James Heber Stocks</b>			
		Married		Place	
				Sealed to spouse	

# Family Group Record

<b>Husband</b> <b>William Edwin Nay</b>			
<b>Wife</b> <b>Nancy Wilson</b>			
<b>Children</b>		LDS ordinance dates	Temple
<b>6</b>	<b>M    Ormus Morley Nay<sup>18</sup></b>		
	Born	18 Sep 1872	Place    Gunnison, Sanpete, Utah
	Baptized	30 Nov 1940	
	Died-19	12 Jan 1937	Place    Sweetwater, Nevada
	Endowed	27 Nov 1940	
	Buried-20	Abt 15 Jan 1937	Place    Alturas, Modoc, California
	Sealed to parents		BIC
	Spouse	Clara May King	
	Married	28 Sep 1899	Place    Junction, Piute, Ut
	Sealed to spouse		
<b>7</b>	<b>M    George Allen Nay<sup>21</sup></b>		
	Born	23 Oct 1876	Place    Pine Valley, Washington, Utah
	Baptized		
	Died	18 Jul 1952	Place
	Endowed	17 Jul 1900	
	Sealed to parents		BIC
	Spouse	Laura Hansen	
	Married		Place
	Sealed to spouse		
<b>Notes</b>			
<p>HUSBAND - William Edwin Nay  Records of members received "William Nay &amp; Wife, Date of Certificate Sept 1889 from Circle Valley Ward, when received: Apr 1889" in Monroe Ward records.</p> <p>WIFE - Nancy Wilson  Utah Historical Society Database shows her burial in Pine Valley, Utah, but the map of Pine Valley cemetary does not include her. Family tradition says that she was buried in a riverbank near LaVerkin, Utah. Additional Endowment date: 18 April 1868</p> <p>CHILD 2 - John Thomas Nay  from Special Collections #1263253, Family History Center, SLC UT</p> <p>CHILD 5 - Ellen Amanda Nay  birthdate also listed as 28 Sept 1871</p> <p>CHILD 6 - Ormus Morley Nay  Birth and death date from death certificate (Nev. 37-000061), also places, including burial</p>			
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# Family Group Record

**Husband** **William Edwin Nay**

**Wife** **Nancy Wilson**

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## Chapter 4

# MATILDA ELLEN NAY DAYTON

by Lowell Dayton  
great grandson

### FOREWORD

I am honored to write this chapter on the life of my great grandmother Matilda Ellen Nay Dayton. My profound regret is that I did not begin the research on her life many years ago while those who knew her in person were still living. Those resources are now gone. My oldest living relative, a grand daughter in-law, age 94 has no recollection of Matilda Ellen. I have had interviews with various living family members hoping to obtain some information or memory, but to no avail.

Historical records and journals at the Daughters of The Utah Pioneers Museum at Salt Lake City as well as the LDS History Department and the Family History Center yielded very little information or data which was not already available through current family records.

One source which might have provided some accurate and insightful information was a journal kept by Hiram Dayton from his conversion to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at Parkman, Ohio during the Kirtland period. The journal was handed down to his son Lysander who made the last entries and then to Charles Henry Dayton and Augustus Dayton at Wilford, Idaho. In June 1976 the Teton Dam burst a few miles east of Wilford, Idaho. A fifty foot wall of water emerged from the mouth of the narrow canyon at the eastern edge of Wilford, sweeping almost everything in its path to destruction. One of the casualties was the Hiram Dayton Journal, irretrievably lost, to the great sorrow of the Dayton family. Any valuable information in the book concerning Matilda Ellen was destroyed.

The information in this chapter on Matilda Ellen Nay Dayton will be relatively short because of the paucity of information available about her life. There is considerably more available about her husband Lysander Dayton. Because her life and shared experiences with her husband might give some insight to her, I am extrapolating to some degree from his history, which in part will help to portray her life as well. Most of this information comes from extant family records and my own recollection from what I have heard in the distant past concerning her. This is far from being as complete as we would desire.

In preparing this, I have painted a picture of her in my mind. I see her as a beautiful woman, loving, kind, charitable, generous, patient, resourceful, a loyal and believing daughter of God. I eagerly anticipate our meeting on the other side.

Lowell Dayton  
Mapleton, Utah 2002

**M**atilda Ellen Nay was born January 5, 1841 in Petersborough, Hillsborough, New Hampshire, the daughter of John and Thirza Angelina Hale Nay.

Little is known of the Nay family conversion to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in New Hampshire. Records show that John was baptized in May 1843. Matilda Ellen was baptized in 1849. The family left New Hampshire to join the saints in Nauvoo, Illinois sometime between May 1845 and November 1845. They were driven from Nauvoo, stopping at Harris Grove, Iowa in 1847 and then to Winter Quarters. They remained there until coming west, arriving in Salt Lake City October 12, 1852.

The incoming saints were generally assigned as to where they should settle. Both the Dayton and the Nay Families were assigned to Cedar Fort in Cedar Valley west of Lehi, Utah. This is what brought Lysander and Matilda Ellen together.

Nothing is known of the courtship between Lysander Dayton and Matilda Ellen. They were married December 2, 1855 in Cedar Fort, Utah. Lysander was 14 years her senior. She was endowed November 9, 1861. To this union were born nine children. Descendants of Mathilda Ellen Nay:

Lysander Augustus Dayton

Born: 1856 at Cedar Fort, Utah, Utah

Died: 1936

Ellen Matilda Dayton

Born: 1859 at Cedar Fort, Utah, Utah

Died 1938 at Oakland, California

Charles Henry Dayton

Born: 1861 at American Fork, Utah, Utah

Died 1928 at Wilford, Idaho

Permelia Dayton

Born: 1863 at St. George, Washington, Utah

Died 1863 at St. George, Washington, Utah

Arthur Eugenia Dayton

Born: 1864 at St. George, Washington, Utah

Died 1865

Ida Eugenia Dayton

Born: 1866 at Cedar Fort, Utah, Utah

Died 1928 at Wilford, Fremont, Idaho

Florinda Dayton

Born: 1869 at Cedar Fort, Utah, Utah

Died 1925

Don Carlos Dayton

Born: 1873 at Cedar Fort, Utah, Utah

Died 1904 at Twin Groves, Fremont, Idaho

Laura Angelina Dayton

Born: 1878 at Cedar Fort, Utah, Utah

Died 14 May 1901 at St. Anthony, Idaho:

A Daughters of the Utah Pioneers publication (not now available) mentions Matilda Ellen Dayton acting as a midwife, a service commonly given by pioneer women. Her daily life again mirrored that of her pioneer sisters in the care of their families, compassionate and church service and the unrelenting challenge of daily living.

Often these women were left alone from short to much longer periods of time while their husbands were abroad at work, on missions or other church and community assignments. Such was the life of Matilda Ellen, first at Cedar Fort following her marriage, and then to other areas.

Lysander Dayton's history will provide some insight as to Matilda Ellen's life following her marriage. The Hiram Dayton Family was converted to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Parkman, Ohio. Immediate persecution from the citizens of that area drove them to Kirtland. From there they went to Davies County Missouri, and from there they were driven by mob action to Far West Missouri, to Nauvoo, Illinois and from there to Utah.

Hiram Dayton and his family were always hard working and enterprising, obtaining properties and prospering wherever they were. While in Far West Hiram was hauling wood. Through heavy exertion he fell with intense pain. This pain he endured for eleven weeks. A doctor was finally obtained who diagnosed the ailment as "theatic rheumatism." Until it finally broke and discharged, Lysander provided for the family as a teamster and freighter.

In early April 1839 all had to leave Missouri or to be exterminated. Hiram was still ill and very weak. Much of the responsibility then fell to Lysander for both the movement and providing for the family which was destitute. One night Lysander, with great danger, returned to their corn fields. Two bushels were ground out in the Far West Mill late at night to provide food for the family.

With the other penniless and destitute families, they moved to Quincy, Illinois and two weeks later to Nauvoo where Hiram was able to recover. Lysander and his father, with their innate enterprise, began to acquire lots within the city and farm land in several areas of Hancock County. Here they helped build up the city and worked on the construction of the temple until threatening mobs again gathered, forcing the Dayton family together with the other Nauvoo inhabitants to flee across the Mississippi River to Iowa, again to suffer on the journey through Iowa, and again at Winter Quarters.

While the family was at Winter Quarters, Lysander was employed by the U.S. Government to furnish mules and horses to the Army. He was well-prepared for this duty through working with his father, a successful past dealer in horses.

Hiram was assigned to remain in Winter Quarters to assist in the building of the mill and mill race in what is now Florence, Nebraska, where its reconstruction still stands. Lysander went to Utah prior to his family's trek.

In the spring of 1848 Lysander served with General Wilson to Fort Hall, Idaho transporting settler's supplies. He was later placed in charge of the Army Quartermaster mail.

After the Florence Mill was completed, the Dayton family went to Utah in the summer of 1849 and was assigned to settle in Cedar Fort, Utah. When Johnston's army marched through Northern Utah and moved a short distance south of Cedar Fort to establish Camp Floyd, Lysander contracted with the army to furnish coal, timber and hay. It is ironic that when the army was recalled to the east, Lysander and others profited by buying the surplus goods at pennies on the dollar.

During the early years of their marriage, Lysander and Matilda lived at Cedar Fort, and then for a period at American Fork, Utah. It was while living there that Lysander was called to a four-year mission to St. George to help settle the Dixie area in Southern Utah.

During this period Lysander was called to serve a mission to the Moqui Indians in Arizona with the legendary Jacob Hamblin, leaving Matilda Ellen to the total care of her family. A daughter, Permelia, and a son, Arthur Eugene were born in St. George and died there in infancy, bringing great sorrow to the parents. At the conclusion of their mission they moved back to Cedar Fort where four more surviving children were born.

In 1885 they decided to move to lands opening up for homestead in the Upper Snake River Valley at Wilford near present-day St. Anthony, Idaho. Some other family members also established homes and properties in the area, engaging in stock raising and farming.

Matilda Ellen was one of the great and noble women of the pioneer period. Life was seldom easy, moving long distances in a covered wagon, establishing new homes, often in primitive conditions, giving birth to children in challenging circumstances and caring for and nurturing her family during frequent absences of her husband. Yet this was accepted uncomplainingly as to what the times and the gospel required. In her later years she was finally able to live in a comfortable and stable home, surrounded by many of her family.

A glimpse of her character was obtained in an interview in 1975 with Oliver K. Meservy at Wilford, Idaho. O. K., as he was known, served for many years as the Yellowstone Stake Clerk and also as Fremont County Probate Judge. He had known both Lysander and Matilda Ellen intimately. His comments were that both Lysander and Matilda Ellen were much beloved in the community as examples of service and integrity. They were kind and loving to all. Both had strong testimonies of the restored gospel of Jesus Christ. They were examples of Christian service with a great testimony and love of the Savior. They were devoted to each other.

There is an irony to the end of their lives. Matilda Ellen died of a stroke at her home in Wilford December 2, 1905 at the age of sixty-seven. It was on the date of her Golden Wedding Anniversary. On December 14, 1905, twelve days later, Lysander also left mortality.

As they were joined in the challenges and rigors of pioneer life and laboring for the Kingdom, they were now together for eternity, a commanding example for their posterity.

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Bleak, James Godson. ANNALS OF THE SOUTHERN UTAH MISSION [1869]. microfilm copy of the original. MS #1302, LDS Church Archives. Items in italics are direct quotes from this source.

page 63: In the October 1861 LDS Conference, 300 families were called to settle the Dixie Mission. Lysander Dayton was among those called. The list says he was from American Fork, Utah. His name is still listed on the 1862 city census taken in St George as still being there. Another source for this 1861 October Conference call is: "Journal History of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, October 8, 1861."

Most of the 300 families left for southern Utah in November of 1861, and most of them arrived in what is now St. George the first few days of December, 1861.

page 74: December 5, 1861 the camp of settlers met and a "*Camp Council*" was chosen and sustained by vote of the camp. Lysander Dayton was among the 12 men chosen and sustained to the "*Camp Council*."

page 86: January 9, 1862 a meeting was held in which it was proposed that a community building be built. Lysander Dayton was listed as subscribing \$30 towards the building.

page 114: Saturday, November 15, 1862 the Conference of the Southern Mission was held with Orson Pratt and Erastus Snow presiding. The High Council was organized, and Lysander Dayton was one of those called.

page 117: Lysander Dayton was ordained a High Priest & set apart to the High Council by Orson Pratt.

page 149: "*Early this month, March [1862] the following were called to go visit the Moqui Indians, and if they could, to recover some horses which the Navajos had stolen this fall and winter from some of our settlements.*" (Lysander Dayton was included in the group called.)

page 150: "*Those from St George (Lysander Dayton included on the list) started for the rallying place on Wed, 9th of March.*" (to go to the Moqui Indians)

page 162: On June 12, 1864 a group of people from St George were "*selected to assist in settling Meadow Valley*" (near Panaca, Nevada). Lysander Dayton's name was included in the list, but there is no mention in the rest of the record about this settlement.)

page 177: Conference of the Southern Mission held Nov 4, 1864 lists members of the St George Stake High Council, and Lysander Dayton is still listed.

page 187: Conference of the Southern Mission held May 7, 1865 sustained members of the High Council. Lysander Dayton is still listed as a member of this group.

page 225: Conference of the Southern Mission began on May 4, 1866. When the list of members of the High Council were sustained, Lysander Dayton's name was NOT listed. (Presumably he had left the area by then.)

#### ADDENDUM Plural Marriage

Whether this story is true, partially true, or simply an unverified legend, is not known. There is some very nebulous memory by family members that this happened. Its inclusion was requested by the organizers of this book.

Much has been written about plural marriages during the time when it was practiced by the LDS Church. Each union had its own story, either positive or negative. And each had its own uniqueness. The time in which this may or may not have occurred is not now known.

As the story goes, Lysander was asked by the brethren to take a second wife. He was most reluctant to do so, but he had always been obedient. After much praying and consulting with Matilda Ellen, a young woman was chosen. The arrangements were made and the wedding performed.

That evening Matilda Ellen cooked the wedding supper. Later the newly wedded couple retired for the night. Matilda Ellen was left to wash the dishes and clean up. While engaged in these tasks, her thinking was absorbed in the events of the day, and indeed those very moments. She became more and more agitated, until finally she rushed outside to the woodpile, grasped the ax, returned to the house and chopped down the bedroom door. Accordingly, the marriage was of short duration. While the details are not too clear, or if it even happened, it is a good story fitting for the times.

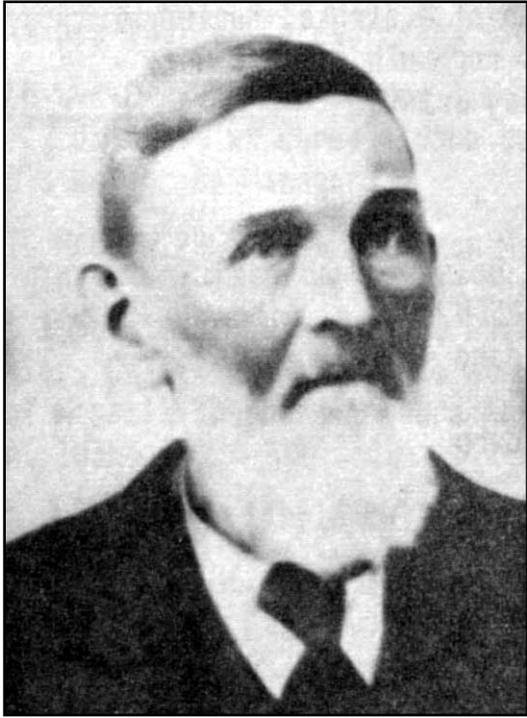
#### ADDENDUM 2 Plural Marriage, Additional Information

New information has come to light near the time of editing this book which seems to verify that such a second marriage had occurred, although only one living person had remembered such a marriage and no written record had been found.

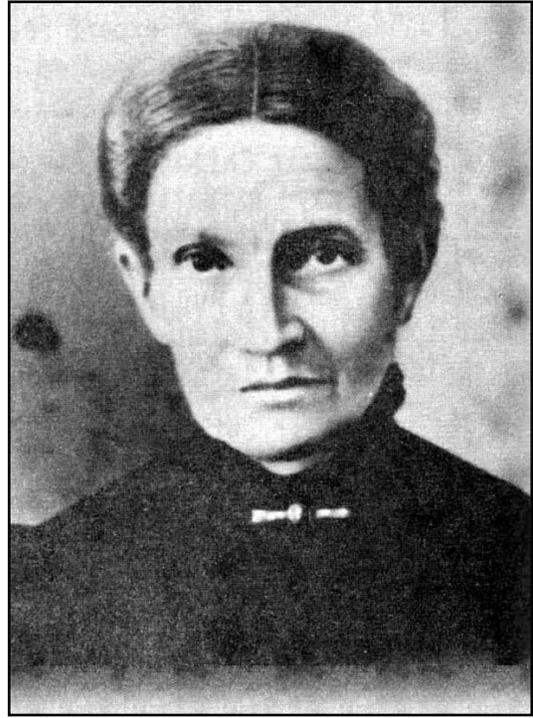
Lysander Dayton and Sarah Emily Candland were married and sealed on January 13, 1867 by Wilford Woodruff in the Endowment House in Salt Lake City. There is a further record that Sarah Emily Candland was married to William Henry Head on February 22, 1870 also in the Endowment House. No other information is currently available concerning the dissolution of her marriage to Lysander Dayton, and the three year interval until her second marriage.

Source: Sealings of Couples Living and by Proxy, 1851-1899, Endowment House. FHL #0183396.

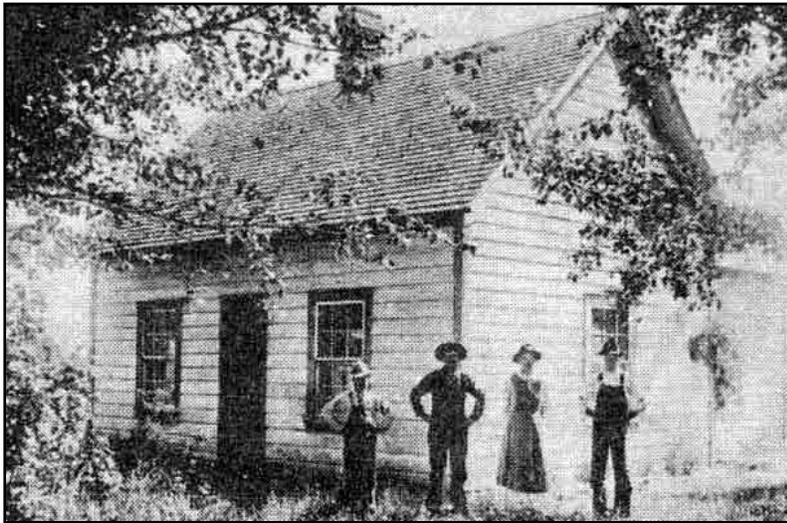
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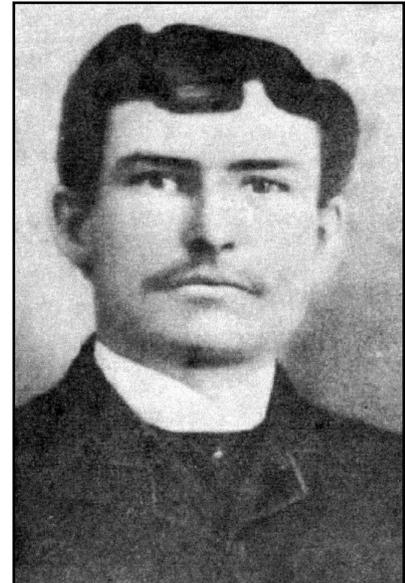
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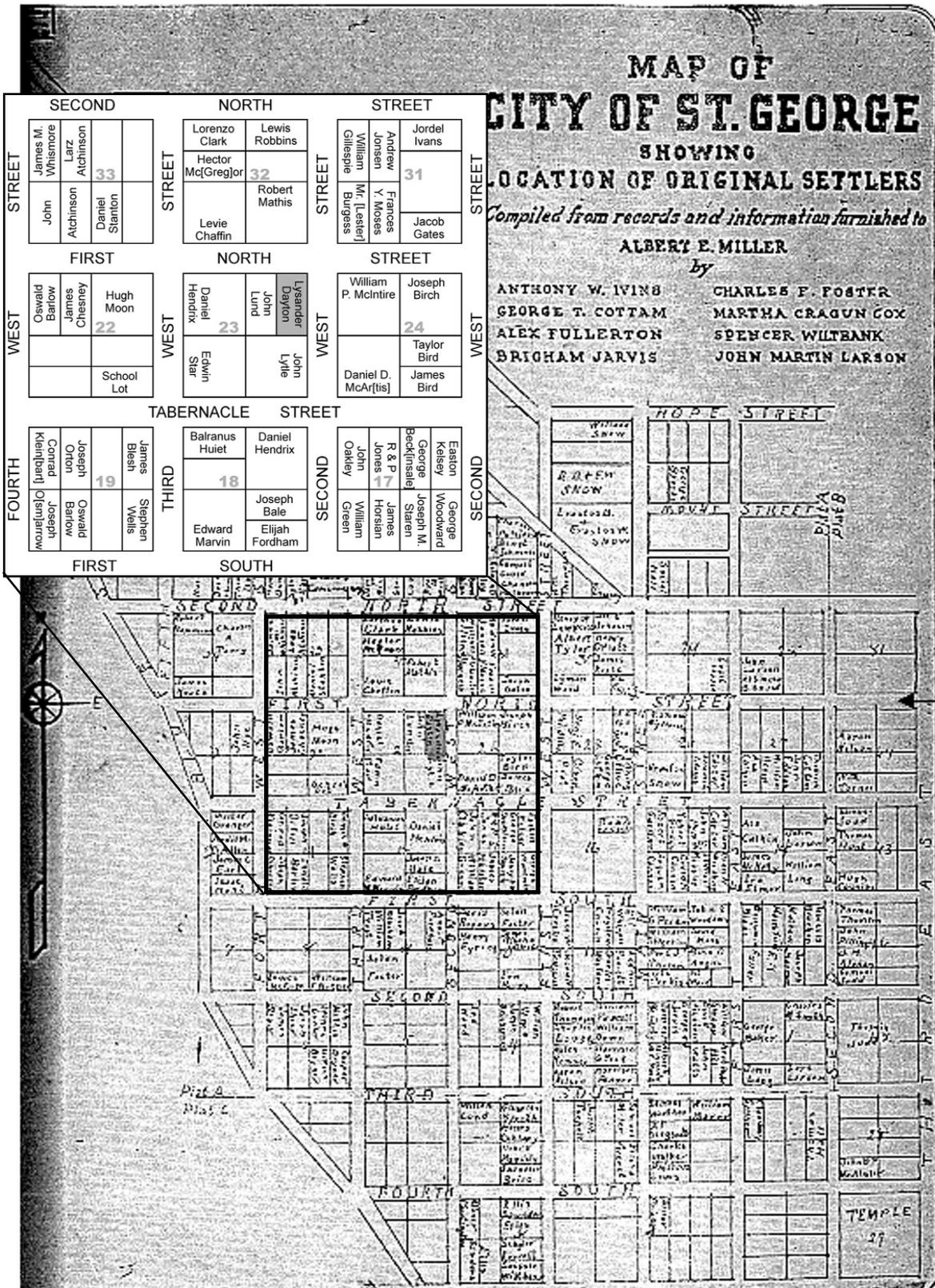
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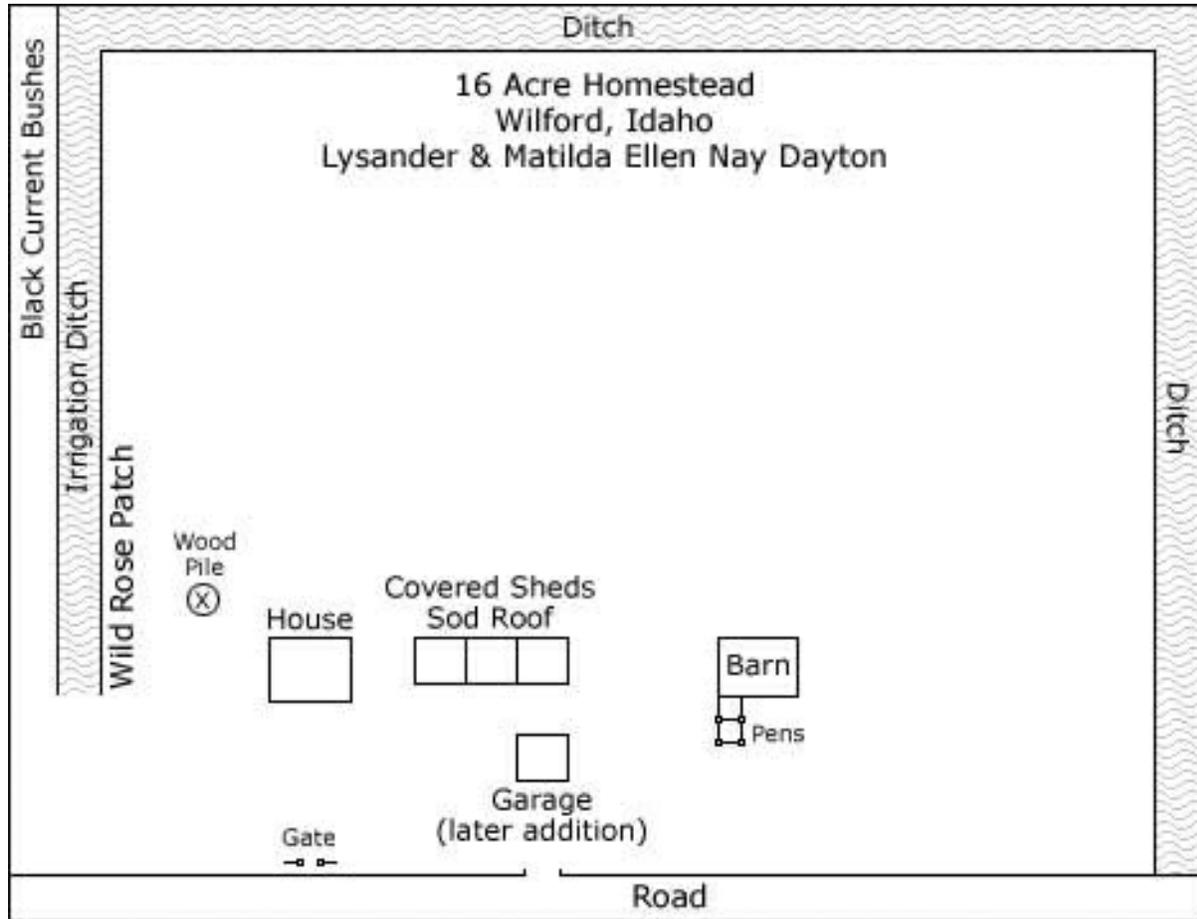


Lysander and Matilda Dayton Home in Wilford, Idaho

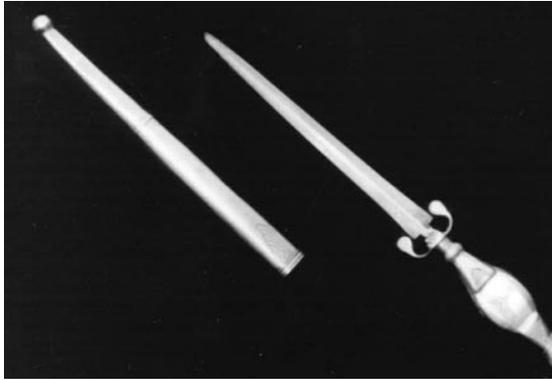


Charles Henry Dayton





Matilda E. Dayton and Lysander Dayton Headstone  
in Wilford, Idaho



The photo of this beautiful silver dagger and sheath represents an important part of the history of Hyrum Dayton and to his numerous descendants.

“The blade is 5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> inches long, <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>” wide at the handle, and tapers to a point. The handle is 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> inches long from its junction with the blade, and is nearly <sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub> inches wide at the widest place and is <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> inches thick, except the nob at the end, which is <sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub> inches. The little guards come forward from the handle along the blade <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> inch, while the little one in the center comes forward <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inch. The sheath is just 6 inches long and a little over <sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub> inches wide at the top and is <sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub> inches thick. When sheathed, the whole is a little over 9 inches long. There is a pin, much like the pattern of those on a broach, on the sheath, to attach same to clothing. The sheath has a strip of leather down the inside to protect the blade of the dirk. Hyrum Dayton had his son, Lysander wear it under his clothes when he went among the mobbers after food in the perilous days of Missouri, and he was miraculously protected. Another son, William Preston Dayton, had the dagger stored with his gold and silver in his home at Bellevue, Idaho. When his house burned down, the gold and silver that was stored with it all melted and run (sic) together, but the dagger was not affected in the least, the leather on the sheath not even being scorched. Another feature about this marvelous dagger is that it has never been known to tarnish.”<sup>1</sup>

Hyrum Dayton was one of the many bodyguards of the Prophet Joseph Smith. The Prophet often gave gifts to his associates. “He gave the dagger to Hyrum Dayton as an emblem of defense and a keepsake, and as long as he carried it he would not be killed by mobs.”<sup>1</sup> It was to be kept in the family as a protection to the person who had it about them.

The dagger and also the Hyrum Dayton journal was intended to be transferred directly through the Dayton name in succeeding generations.

There is some dispute concerning how the dagger came into the current possession of the Smith family. In 1903 Samuel Franklin Smith, the son of Ellen Matilda Dayton Smith and grandson of Lysander Dayton, was called to serve a mission in Samoa. He importuned his grandfather to let him borrow the dagger as a protection. During his mission, Lysander died. After Samuel’s return, the dagger remained in the Smith family. They maintained that the dagger was given to Samuel as a gift, rather than being reluctantly loaned as the family of Lysander has continued to claim.

Since the death of Samuel, the dagger has been in the possession of his son, Lowell Dalby Smith in Topanish, Washington.

Sometime prior to 1903, Oliver K. Meservy, of Wilford, Idaho, made a facsimile drawing of the dagger and the sheath. This drawing may be found on page 13 of the “Family Record of Hyrum Dayton and Permelia Bundy Dayton”. Until now, this is the only concept we have had of what the dagger and the sheath looked like.

It is with great gratitude that we acknowledge the recent efforts of Mark Allison (son of Carol Arlene Dayton Allison) in contacting the Smith family in the state of Washington to obtain information and a photo of the dagger, to which the widow of Lowell Dalby Smith graciously acceded. The dagger is currently in possession of Mitchell Smith, grandson of Lowell Dalby Smith. Mitchell has, as of this date, possibly moved from Florida to Texas.

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<sup>1</sup> *Family Record of Hyrum Dayton and Permelia Bundy Dayton*, Leland and Alta Dayton

# Family Group Record

Husband			LDS ordinance dates	Temple
<b>Lysander Dayton<sup>1</sup></b>				
Born	15 Aug 1827	Place Parkman, Geauga, Ohio		
Died	14 Dec 1905	Place Wilford, Fremont, Idaho	Baptized	
			Endowed	
			Sealed to parents	
Married	2 Dec 1855	Place Cedar Fort, Utah, UT	Sealed to spouse	
Other Spouse Sarah Polly				
Married	6 Jul 1870	Place	Sealed to spouse	
Husband's father Hiram Dayton				
Husband's mother Permelia Bundy				
Wife			LDS ordinance dates	Temple
<b>Matilda Ellen Nay<sup>2</sup></b>				
Born	5 Jan 1841	Place Antrim, Hillsborough, New Hampshire		
Died-3	2 Dec 1905	Place Wilford, Fremont, Idaho	Baptized	
			Endowed	
			Sealed to parents	
Wife's father John Nay Jr.				
Wife's mother Thirza Angelina Hale				
Children			LDS ordinance dates	Temple
<b>1 M Lysander Augustus Dayton</b>				
Born	7 Sep 1856	Place Cedar Fort, Utah, Utah	Baptized	
Died	Abt 1936	Place	Endowed	
			Sealed to parents	
Spouse Elizabeth Boyd				
Married		Place	Sealed to spouse	
<b>2 F Ellen Matilda Dayton</b>				
Born	3 Apr 1859	Place Cedar Fort, Utah, Utah	Baptized	
Died	1 Sep 1938	Place Oakland, California	Endowed	
			Sealed to parents	
Spouse Samuel McFate Smith				
Married	4 Jul 1880	Place Deseret, Utah	Sealed to spouse	
<b>3 M Charles Henry Dayton</b>				
Born	9 Mar 1861	Place American Fork, Utah, Utah	Baptized	
Died	1 Oct 1928	Place Wilford, Idaho	Endowed	
			Sealed to parents	
Spouse Elizabeth Richards				
Married	28 Jul 1891	Place Bever Canyon, Idaho	Sealed to spouse	
<b>4 F Permelia Dayton</b>				
Born	11 Apr 1863	Place St. George, Wash., Utah	Baptized	
Died	23 Apr 1863	Place St. George, Wash., Utah	Endowed	
			Sealed to parents	
<b>5 M Arthur Eugenia Dayton</b>				
Born	24 Nov 1864	Place St. George, Wash., Utah	Baptized	
Died	30 Jun 1865	Place	Endowed	
			Sealed to parents	

# Family Group Record

<b>Husband</b> <b>Lysander Dayton</b>				
<b>Wife</b> <b>Matilda Ellen Nay</b>				
<b>Children</b>			LDS ordinance dates	Temple
<b>6</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Ida Eugenia Dayton</b>		
	Born	22 Aug 1866	Place Cedar Fort, Utah, Utah	Baptized
	Died	18 Oct 1928	Place Wilford, Fremont, Idaho	Endowed
				Sealed to parents
	Spouse	Isaac Alonzo Daw		
	Married	12 Nov 1885	Place Rexburg, Idaho	Sealed to spouse
<b>7</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Florinda Dayton</b>		
	Born	1 Mar 1869	Place Cedar Fort, Utah, Utah	Baptized
	Died	29 May 1925	Place Pendleton, Oregon	Endowed
	Buried		Place Pendleton, Oregon	Sealed to parents
	Spouse	Frederick Joseph Bergold		
	Married	Abt 1890	Place	Sealed to spouse
	Spouse	Roscoe Penny		
	Married		Place	Sealed to spouse
<b>8</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Don Carlos Dayton</b>		
	Born	14 Jun 1873	Place Cedar Fort, Utah, Utah	Baptized
	Died	20 Aug 1904	Place Twin Groves, Fremont, Idaho	Endowed
	Buried		Place Wilford, Idaho	Sealed to parents
	Spouse	Ellen Richards		
	Married	18 Mar 1897	Place Bever Canyon, Idaho	Sealed to spouse
<b>9</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Laura Angelina Dayton</b>		
	Born	27 May 1878	Place Cedar Fort, Utah, Utah	Baptized
	Died	14 May 1901	Place St. Anthony, Idaho	Endowed
	Buried		Place Wilford, Idaho	Sealed to parents
	Spouse	Emory Seymore		
	Married	11 Jun 1896	Place Wilford, Idaho	Sealed to spouse

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**Chapter 5**  
**LAURA ANN NAY**

**by Scott Bowen**  
**great great grandson**

**L**aura Ann Nay, fourth child of John Nay and Thirza Angelina Hale was born March 20, 1843 in Peterborough, Hillsborough, New Hampshire. She came with her family to Nauvoo, Illinois, then to Harris Grove, Iowa, where her father was a bishop in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Then at age 9 they followed the Mormon migration to Utah. They traveled with the Allen Weeks' Company, which arrived in Utah in 1852. The family settled in Cedar Valley, Utah. Life must have been hard in this dry rocky country.

Sarah Woolsey, in her book "Early Days In Cedar Valley," tells how the Indians were causing problems and the families had to flee to Lehi from time to time. Indian families lived right next to the town. The Indian children played with the white children. The squaws begged from house to house. The white settlers followed the policy of Brigham Young: it is better to feed the Indian than to fight them. (p. 7)

Woolsey also mentions that when the Walker War broke out in the spring of 1853, all the settlers of Cedar Valley moved to Lehi in order to be safe against Indian depredations. This move took place April 27, 1853, and the settlers remained in Lehi until June 25, 1853 when they returned to their homes in Cedar Valley. The settlers evacuated Cedar Valley a second time July 28, 1853 as the Indian hostilities continued. Some of them lived in dugouts on the banks of the Jordan River. They moved back to their homes September 7, 1853. They moved again in 1857 when Johnston's Army came. When the army established their permanent camp and the threat of war passed, most of the settlers came back. But this time, some of the Nays moved to Springville.

The 1860 census shows the Nay family without a mother living in Springville. By this time Laura Ann was married to Charles Wesley Warren, and they had two children. While living in Springville, the Nay family (according to family tradition) was called to the Dixie Mission. They, John Nay, his wife Thankful and some of the children, moved to Pine Valley, Washington County, Utah in 1862. (Pioneer indexes Washington County Utah 1852-1870 by Wesley W. Craig and Roberta Blake Barnum)

Charles Wesley was the son of Zenos Conger Warren, who died in Michigan, and Sarah Grace Sweet. He along with his mother, brother, Amos S. Warren, sister, Mary Warren, step father, Daniel Wood, and half brother, Wellington Wood, came west with the Aaron Johnson Company. On the 18th of September 1850, they were among the first to arrive on the future site of Springville.(1) Charles was 32 years old when he and Laura married February 12, 1858. Laura would have been 15.(2)

The following story about a brother Warren of Springville, whom many believe to be Charles Wesley Warren, was told by John D. Lee in his diary:

Brother Warren was considered something of a “Jack Mormon” in that he did not always attend to his church duties regularly, and did not always accept counsel without question. One night when the visiting teachers came to his home, Brother Warren had just arrived from a hard day’s work tired and discouraged, and was just sitting down at supper. The visitors noticed that the family proceeded to eat.

“Brother Warren, do you allow your family to eat food without asking the Lord to bless it?” the elder asked.

“What little we got here ain’t worth bothering the Lord about,” Brother Warren answered, going right on with the meal.

Now the proper thing, if Brother Warren had manifested the right spirit, would have been to acknowledge the correction, apologize, and say a tardy grace. Since he did not, and did not seem to accept them in the proper spirit, the visitors soon left.

A few nights later, just as he was ready for bed, Brother Warren was surprised by a knock at the door. He himself answered it, lifting the latch and opening the door to greet five armed masked men.

“Come right on out here without any fuss,” the leader told him in a deep muffled voice. Two of the men instantly took his arms, pantless and shoeless as he was, two stepped behind him, and they followed the leader around the house, down the walk, past the corrals, down the road toward the fields, all the way in utter silence. Arriving at last at his own watermelon patch, Brother Warren stood between his guards while one of the men in the rear, taking plenty of time, thumped one melon after another until he found one to his satisfaction. Then drawing a long blade from its sheath, he sliced it open with a cracking stroke. All the group kneeled around it.

“Brother Warren, will you please ask the blessing on the food?” the leader asked. Brother Warren’s tongue was loosed so that he offered a long and eloquent prayer, asking God to bless the food that it would nourish their bodies and brighten their minds and warm their hearts, that they might have his Spirit which was the spirit of love and forgiveness, to accompany them, that they might ALL henceforth spend their full strength in carrying on His work.

The melon was sliced and served around to them all. When it was finished, the visitors escorted Brother Warren back to his door, opened

it, and saw his safely inside, without another word being spoken.  
(Juanita Brooks, "John Doyle Lee" page 191)

While in Springville, Charles and Laura began their family. Their first born was Laura Angelina Warren. She was born February 3, 1859. (3) She was about 3 when the family moved to Spanish Fork, Utah where she grew up. She married Anders Christian Holm, who was born in Denmark. Laura and Anders had 12 children. They lived in Spanish Fork much of the time in a small house in the river bottoms. She died March 28, 1916 in Spanish Fork.

Charles Wesley Warren and Laura Ann Warren's second child, also born in Springville was Charles Henry Warren. He was born April 21, 1860 and died October 1, 1863 in Springville. (3)

The Warren's third child was also born in Springville. Alonzo Zenos Warren was born July 29, 1861. (4) He was a baby when the family moved to Spanish Fork. In later years, when asked where the Warren home in Springville was, he replied that it was the first house on the left after crossing the tracks going south on the main road in Springville. Alonzo married Frances Ellen Standley. Frances had been born in England. They had five children in Spanish Fork and one child, their last, in Lovell, Wyoming. The church had asked them to help settle the Big Horn Basin in northern Wyoming. While in Spanish Fork, they also lived in the river bottoms near Laura and Anders Holm. Alonzo died in Spanish Fork May 10, 1942. (4)

Eveline Eugene Warren was born November 9, 1862. She was Charles and Laura's fourth child but the first to be born in Spanish Fork. She died February 3, 1863 when only 3 months old. (5)

Their fifth child was Margaret Ann Warren. She was born March 18, 1864 in Spanish Fork. She moved with her mother to Eureka, Nevada and later to California. Margaret married first, William Alfred Manion; second she married Enoch J. Vessing, whom she later divorced. She died January 20, 1948 in Santa Clara, California and was buried in Colma, California. (6)

William James Warren was next. He was born in Spanish Fork January 13, 1866. Tradition says that he walked with a limp, perhaps from polio or some other childhood disease or mishap. He married an Icelandic girl by the name of Rannveig Jonsdottir. Rannveig died February 27, 1897 in Spanish Fork. On April 8, 1908, William married another Icelander, Groa Jonsdottir. They moved to Cardston, Alberta, Canada. They are mentioned in the Cardston First Ward records. William died in Cardston July 26, 1931. (7)

The seventh and final child born to Charles and Laura was Harriet Matilda Warren. She was born January 12, 1868 in Spanish Fork. Harriet married Joseph G. Kearney. She died in San Francisco, California Nov 27, 1940. (8)

Charles Wesley Warren and Laura Ann Nay received a temple divorce March 1, 1870. (9) No records are currently available that gives any details concerning this divorce. It has been family tradition that Laura expressed concern for Charles' welfare as she was leaving. Charles married his neighbor, Mariah Cable Mayer. (10) She had been the wife of George Mayer. They had a son, Edward H. Warren, born January 1873 in Spanish Fork. Shortly after this, Mariah left Charles and married Matthias Creer. The 1880 census shows Edward living with his mother and stepfather. (11)

After leaving Charles, Laura Ann went to Nevada; in the town of Toano, County of Elko, she married Levi Emery Eno, July 8, 1871. (Elko Co. Records Volume 1 Page 18.) Sometime in the next two years, Laura married a man by the name of Greer. She had a daughter, which she named Mary Elizabeth Greer. (12) Mary was born 18 March 18, 1874, in Eureka, Nevada. Mary married first, Theodore W. Sollman, whom she divorced, and second, William G. Utschig, whom she also divorced. Third, she married George Hoffman. She died in Berkeley, California. (13)

John Saunders Capron and Laura A. Warren were married December 12, 1875 in Eureka, Eureka County, Nevada. The 1880 Census, Eureka, Nevada shows J.S. Capron with Laura as husband and wife with children Maggie, Hattie, and Mamie. We would assume they are Margaret Warren, Harriet Warren, and Mary Elizabeth Greer. The 1880 Census, Spanish Fork, Utah, shows Laura as a mother-in-law with her daughter, Angeline, and Angeline's husband, Anders Holm. William and Harriet are also listed. A lot was going on with Laura between when she left Charles Warren and when she married John Capron. She was probably emotionally as well as financially bereft.

Laura Ann Nay died June 16, 1887 in San Francisco, California at the age of 44, probably of heart trouble. (The 1880 census listed her as age 49, which would have made her 56 at death.) Laura A. Capron and John Saunders Capron are buried in Laurel Hill Cemetery, San Francisco, California. (14)

Laura's grandson, Marcus Warren circled the following statement on a genealogy worksheet: "Laura Ann Nay was married four times. I believe that we have found those four."

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(1) None of the sources list every member of the family, but some list one or two children, the mother, and the term "family". A History of Springville by Mary Jane Chase Finley. Pictorial History of Springville and Mapleton by George Bagley. A Brief History of Springville, Utah: From Its First Settlement September 18, 1850, to the 18th Day of September 1900, Fifty Years by Don Carlos Johnson.

(2) Charles Wesley Warren was endowed February 12, 1858. This would support the family records in possession of Scott Bowen. Index Card to Endowment House Temple Records No. 1425 Book C Page 55. 1860 census of Springville, Utah, Utah page 277.

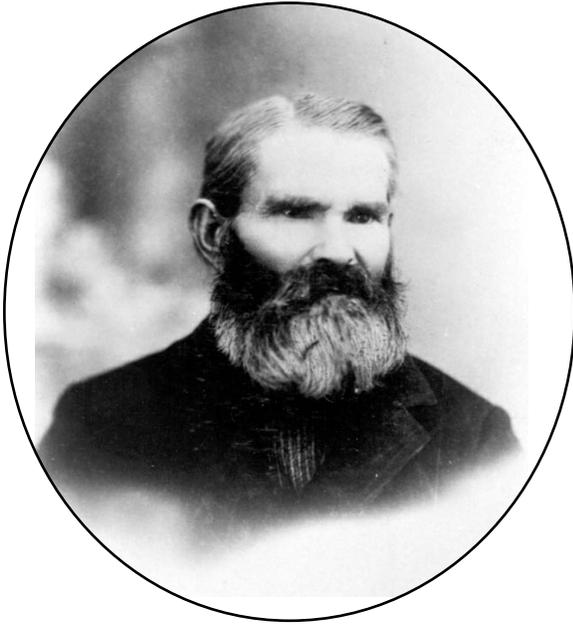
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(4) Death Certificate.

(5) Family Records in the possession of Scott Bowen. Ancestral File.

- (6) Records at Cypress Lawn, Colma, California.
- (7) Cardston First Ward Records.
- (8) Family Records in the possession of Scott Bowen. Ancestral File.
- (9) Family records in possession of Scott Bowen.
- (10) Ancestral File
- (11) The 1900 census shows Edward Warren living with his mother in Silver City, Utah.
- (12) 1880 Census. Family records in the possession of Scott Bowen.
- (13) Record at Oakland County Courthouse.
- (14) Records at Cypress Lawn Memorial Park at Colma, California.

## LAURA ANN NAY FAMILY



Charles Wesley Warren



Laura Ann Nay



Charles Wesley Warren and Laura Ann Nay's home in Spanish, Fork Utah.  
Descendants of Charles and Laura lived in the house up through the 1940's  
and is still inhabited at  
7637 South Riverbottoms Road, Spanish Fork, Utah.



Picture labeled  
“Laura Ann and husband”



Margaret Ann Warren  
(as a teenager)



Anders Christian Holm and  
Laura Angelina Warren



Alonzo Zenos Warren and  
Francess Ellen Standley

# Family Group Record

<b>Husband</b> <span style="float: right;">1,2,3</span>				
<b>Charles Wesley Warren</b>				
Born-4	3 Jan 1826	Place	Penfield, Monroe, New York	LDS ordinance dates
Died-5	23 May 1896	Place	Spanish Fork, Utah, Utah	Baptized
Buried-6		Place	Spanish Fork, Utah, Utah	Endowed
				Sealed to parents
Married-7	12 Feb 1858 (div)	Place	Springville, Utah, Utah	Sealed to spouse-8
Husband's father				
Husband's mother				
<b>Wife</b> <span style="float: right;">13,14,15</span>				
<b>Laura Ann Nay</b>				
Born-16	20 Mar 1843	Place	Peterborough, Hillsborough, New Hampshire	LDS ordinance dates
Died-17	16 Jun 1887	Place	San Francisco, San Francisco, California	Baptized-9,10
Buried		Place	Cypress Lawn Memorial Park, Colma, California	Endowed-11,12
				Sealed to parents
Other Spouse				
Levi Emery Eno				
Married-18,19	8 Jul 1871	Place	Toano, Elko, Nevada	Sealed to spouse
Other Spouse				
Greer				
Married		Place	Eureka, Nevada	Sealed to spouse
Other Spouse				
John Saunders Capron				
Married-20,21	12 Dec 1875	Place	Eureka, Eureka, Nevada	Sealed to spouse
Wife's father				
John Nay Jr.				
Wife's mother				
Thirza Angelina Hale				
<b>Children</b>				LDS ordinance dates
1	F	<b>Laura Angeline Warren</b> <sup>5</sup>		
		Born-5	3 Feb 1859	Place
				Baptized
				Endowed
				Sealed to parents
		Spouse	Anders Christian Thomas Holm <sup>22</sup>	
		Married-23	28 Jun 1878	Place
				Sealed to spouse-24
				EHOUS
2	M	<b>Charles Henry Warren</b> <sup>5</sup>		
		Born-26	21 Apr 1860	Place
		Died-27	1 Oct 1863	Place
				Baptized
				Endowed
				Sealed to parents-25
				1 May 1901
3	M	<b>Alonzo Zenos Warren</b> <sup>5</sup>		
		Born	29 Jul 1861	Place
		Died	10 May 1942	Place
		Buried	13 May 1942	Place
				Baptized
				Endowed
				Sealed to parents
		Spouse	Francess Ellen Standley <sup>28</sup>	
		Married-29	9 Nov 1887	Place
				Sealed to spouse-30
				LOGAN
4	F	<b>Eveline Eugene Warren</b> <sup>5</sup>		
		Born-27	9 Nov 1862	Place
		Died-27	3 Feb 1863	Place
				Baptized
				Endowed
				Sealed to parents
				1 May 1901

# Family Group Record

<b>Husband</b> <b>Charles Wesley Warren</b>				
<b>Wife</b> <b>Laura Ann Nay</b>				
<b>Children</b>			LDS ordinance dates	Temple
<b>5</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Margaret Ann Warren</b> <sup>5</sup>		
	Born- <sup>34</sup>	18 Mar 1864	Place Spanish Fork, Utah, Utah	Baptized- <sup>31</sup> 14 Sep 1966
	Died- <sup>34,35</sup>	20 Jan 1948	Place Santa Clara, California	Endowed- <sup>32</sup> 18 Oct 1966    SLAKE
	Buried		Place Colina, Calif.	Sealed to parents- <sup>33</sup> 14 Nov 1998    WASHI
	Spouse	Enoch J. Vessing		
	Married	(div)	Place	Sealed to spouse
	Spouse	William Alfred Manion		
	Married		Place	Sealed to spouse
<b>6</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>William James Warren</b> <sup>5</sup>		
	Born- <sup>5</sup>	13 Jan 1866	Place Spanish Fork, Utah, Utah	Baptized- <sup>36</sup> Pre-1970
	Died- <sup>38</sup>	6 Jul 1931	Place Cardston, Alberta, Canada	Endowed- <sup>37</sup> 19 Jun 1896    SLAKE
				Sealed to parents 31 Jan 1924
	Spouse	Rannveig Jonsdottir		
	Married	19 Jun 1896	Place Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah	Sealed to spouse 19 Jun 1896    SLAKE
	Spouse	Groa Jonsdottir		
	Married	8 Apr 1908	Place Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah	Sealed to spouse 8 Apr 1908    SLAKE
<b>7</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Harriet Matilda Warren</b> <sup>5</sup>		
	Born- <sup>42</sup>	12 Jan 1868	Place Spanish Fork, Utah, Utah	Baptized- <sup>39</sup> 14 Sep 1966
	Died- <sup>42</sup>	27 Nov 1940	Place San Francisco, Calif.	Endowed- <sup>40</sup> 21 Nov 1966
	Buried	30 Nov 1940	Place Oakland, Calif	Sealed to parents- <sup>41</sup> Pre-1970
	Spouse	Joseph G. Kearney		
	Married		Place	Sealed to spouse- <sup>43</sup> 6 Apr 1999    IFALL
<b>Notes</b>				
MARRIAGE				
Divorced 1 Mar 1870. Temple divorce.				
HUSBAND - Charles Wesley Warren				
H rebaptized 16 Aug 1851. Divorced. Wife: Batch 8217302 Serial 42 gives DOB: 20 Mar 1843, Antrin, Hillsborough, NH and Ordinance dates as shown.				
Charles Wesley Warren and Laura Ann Nay obtained a temple divorce 1 Mar 1870				
Laura Ann Nay was Baptized by Proxy 30 Apr 1901 SL Temple baptism record F Utah 56 book Q page 186 line 6693				
Both Charles Wesley Warren and Laura Ann Nay were endowed by proxy 1 May 1901 and sealed on the same day.(Temple Index Bureau)				
On the 18 of Sept. 1850, Charles, Amos S. and Mary Warren, and Wellington Wood, a lad of nine years, along with Sarah Grace and Her husband Daniel Wood, arrived on the future site of Springville. They had come with the Aaron Johnson company.				
WIFE - Laura Ann Nay				
1880 Utah census has Laura Ann Capron living with oldest daughter and her family.				
Marcus Warren said Laura Ann was born 20 Mar. 1843.				

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## Notes

WIFE - Laura Ann Nay (Continued)

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CHILD 3 - Alonzo Zenos Warren

Baptism date from Logan Temple Records (#5900, Book A, p.164) differs from others sources' Sep 1870. Alonzo Zenos Warren and Frances Ellen Standley his wife were re-baptized the 6 Oct. 1887 by John Henry Hays and re-confirmed the same day by George D. Snell. Cause of death: arteriosclerosis generalized.

CHILD 5 - Margaret Ann Warren

Buried Colina, Calif. San Jose. Died of Bronchiopneumonia due to generalized arteriosclerosis. Cerebral arteriosclerosis, senility.

CHILD 7 - Harriet Matilda Warren

Died of chronic myocardites due to arteriosclerosis.

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Husband **Charles Wesley Warren**

Wife **Laura Ann Nay**

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Born		Place	Eureka, Nevada	
				LDS ordinance dates
				Temple
				Baptized
				Endowed
				Sealed to parents
Married		Place	Eureka, Nevada	Sealed to spouse
Husband's father				
Husband's mother				

<b>Wife Laura Ann Nay<sup>5,6,7</sup></b>				
Born <sup>8</sup>	20 Mar 1843	Place	Peterborough, Hillsborough, New Hampshire	
				LDS ordinance dates
				Temple
Died <sup>9</sup>	16 Jun 1887	Place	San Francisco, San Francisco, California	Baptized <sup>1,2</sup>
				24 Aug 1849
Buried		Place	Cypress Lawn Memorial Park, Colma, California	Endowed <sup>3,4</sup>
				1 Feb 1869
				Sealed to parents
				4 Feb 1983
Other Spouse				
Charles Wesley Warren <sup>10,11,12</sup>				
Married <sup>13</sup>	12 Feb 1858 (div)	Place	Springville, Utah, Utah	Sealed to spouse
				1 Feb 1869
Other Spouse				
Levi Emery Eno				
Married <sup>14,15</sup>	8 Jul 1871	Place	Toano, Elko, Nevada	Sealed to spouse
Other Spouse				
John Saunders Capron				
Married <sup>16,17</sup>	12 Dec 1875	Place	Eureka, Eureka, Nevada	Sealed to spouse
Wife's father				
John Nay Jr.				
Wife's mother				
Thirza Angelina Hale				

<b>Children</b>				LDS ordinance dates	Temple
1	F	<b>Mary Elizabeth Greer<sup>18</sup></b>			
	Born	18 Mar 1874	Place	Eureka, Eureka, Nevada	Baptized
					21 Aug 1968
	Died	14 Mar 1955	Place	Berekley, Calif	Endowed
					10 Sep 1968
	Buried		Place	Evergreen Cemetery, Oakland, Calif.	Sealed to parents
					Pre-1970
Spouse					
George Hoffman					
	Married	25 Nov 1915	Place		Sealed to spouse
					25 Sep 1970
Spouse					
Theodore W. Sollman					
	Married	19 Feb 1898 (div)	Place	San Francisco, Calif	Sealed to spouse
Spouse					
William George Utschig					
	Married	15 May 1903 (div)	Place	Oakland, Calif.	Sealed to spouse

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Wife **Laura Ann Nay**

## Notes

WIFE - Laura Ann Nay (Continued)

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CHILD 1 - Mary Elizabeth Greer

Marcus Warren notes - she was endowed 10 or 11 Sep 1968. She divorced William G. Utschig 24 Nov. 1915, Oakland Alameda.

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Died	1896/1897	Place	San Francisco	LDS ordinance dates	Temple
Buried		Place	San Francisco	Baptized	
				Endowed	
				Sealed to parents	
Married-1,2	12 Dec 1875	Place	Eureka, Eureka, Nevada	Sealed to spouse	
Husband's father					
Husband's mother					

<b>Wife</b> <b>Laura Ann Nay</b> <sup>7,8,9</sup>					
Born-10	20 Mar 1843	Place	Peterborough, Hillsborough, New Hampshire	LDS ordinance dates	Temple
Died-11	16 Jun 1887	Place	San Francisco, San Francisco, California	Baptized-3,4	24 Aug 1849     LOGAN
Buried		Place	Cypress Lawn Memorial Park, Colma, California	Endowed-5,6	1 Feb 1869     EHOUS
				Sealed to parents	4 Feb 1983     PROVO
Other Spouse     Charles Wesley Warren <sup>12,13,14</sup>					
Married-15	12 Feb 1858 (div)	Place	Springville, Utah, Utah	Sealed to spouse	1 Feb 1869     EHOUS
Other Spouse     Levi Emery Eno					
Married-16,17	8 Jul 1871	Place	Toano, Elko, Nevada	Sealed to spouse	
Other Spouse     Greer					
Married		Place	Eureka, Nevada	Sealed to spouse	
Wife's father     John Nay Jr.					
Wife's mother     Thirza Angelina Hale					

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**Chapter 6**  
**JOHN HYRUM NAY**

**by Sylvia Ackerman Cook**  
**great granddaughter**

It is a great honor for me to write the history of my pioneer Great grandfather John Hyrum Nay.

**J**ohn Hyrum Nay was born on March 12, 1845. (1) He was the fifth child to be born to his parents. I'm sure he was welcomed by his older brothers and sisters. They were, Alonzo, William, Matilda, and Laura. His father, John Nay Jr. born in Peterborough, Hillsborough, New Hampshire, and his mother, Thirza Angelina Hale born in Brandon, Rutland, Vermont, were converts to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Peterborough. His family moved to Nauvoo, Illinois in 1845 to join the main body of the church. There is a question as to whether he was born in New Hampshire or Illinois. We know that his parents were in Nauvoo for a short period of time before leaving for Iowa. On the 1870 Census, John states his birthplace as Illinois; however, in other census records his birthplace is listed as New Hampshire. (2)

When the Saints were driven out of Nauvoo in 1846, the Nay family fled to Council Bluffs, Iowa. They settled in an area called Harris Grove. Later John Hyrum's father, John Nay Jr., was called as Bishop of the Harris Grove Branch. The family lived in a sod hut in Iowa. John Nay Jr. farmed and helped other Saints get ready to make the trip to Utah. Three more brothers were born in Iowa: Joseph, and twins, Ormun and Ormus. Ormun died one month after his birth. (3)

It wasn't until 1852 when John Hyrum Nay was seven years old that the family came to Utah. As Bishop, John Nay Jr. was in charge of getting his branch ready for the trek west. He was a captain in the Allen Weeks company. I can imagine what an exciting journey that must have been for a seven-year-old boy!

According to the journal of the trip by Evan Greene, the group encountered Indians, hunted buffalo, and several died along the way of cholera. Several references are made in the Greene journal about John Nay Jr. (4)

When they arrived in Salt Lake in the fall of 1852 the Nays were sent to Cedar Valley. (5) On September 3, 1854, Angeline Relief, the ninth child of John and Thirza was born. (6) John Hyrum was the middle child in his family with 4 older and 4 younger brothers and sisters. It was at this same time that the Black Hawk Indian raids were going on. The Nays settled in the small community of Cedar Fort. The town was named "Cedar Fort" because small cedar trees were growing there and were used to build the walls of their fort. It didn't take the settlers long to note that the cedar fort didn't give the needed protection and it was soon replaced by a stone fort. I like to imagine my two grandfathers building that wall, one a man and one yet a boy. The settlers of Cedar Fort were forced to abandon the town and flee to Lehi at least three times because of Indian raids. One of the walls of the stone fort is still standing today.

In 1857 Johnston's Army was sent to Utah. They settled five miles south of Cedar Fort and built Camp Floyd. John Hyrum probably felt more fear than protection from having the military so

close. Several of the residents of Cedar Fort including the Nays had crops damaged by the soldiers of Camp Floyd.

By 1861 the Nays were living in Springville where John married Thankful Lucy Pine, and subsequently moved to Pine Valley, Utah, also known as part of the Dixie mission.

Laura Marinda Burgess Nay, John Hyrum's wife, was born April 10, 1852 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Her parents were Samuel "I" Burgess and Marinda Hartwell. Samuel Burgess was born in England in 1826 and joined the Mormon Church in 1836 with his parents. Both Samuel and his parents owned property in Nauvoo. His father's property was damaged by the mob. The Burgess and Nay families were endowed in the Nauvoo temple on the same day in 1846 and then fled to Iowa. Samuel met Marinda Hartwell from Granville, New York, in Council Bluffs. They married in 1850 and traveled to Salt Lake that summer with his parents settling in Salt Lake City where Laura was born in 1852. The Burgess family moved to Cottonwood, Lehi, and then to the Dixie mission settling in Pine Valley in 1860.

John Hyrum Nay married Laura Marinda Burgess in Pine Valley, Washington County, Utah on October 20, 1867. John farmed in Pine Valley for a short time and then sold his property. By February 1869 the family had moved to Cedar Fort. Their first child, Thirza Marinda was born in Cedar Fort on February 25, 1869. Another daughter was born January 31, 1871 and was named Matilda Angeline. John farmed and had a job with the Pony Express.

By 1873 the Nay family had moved to Milburn, Utah and purchased a farm.

Seven more children were added to the family of John and Laura in Milburn. They were: John Whelock born October 5, 1873 and known as "Whelock;" Willie S. born March 21, 1876, dying shortly after birth; Mary Lillian, called Lillian, born August 21, 1878; Ida Menetta, born July 20, 1881; Don Edwin, called "Ed," born January 13, 1884; Richard Shirley, called "Shirl," born July 5, 1886. Nellie Bell, the ninth child, born September 19, 1888.

The oldest daughter Thirza Marinda married George Wheeler in 1887. He was a sheep rancher. His property was next to the Nays. Their first child, a boy, died shortly after birth and is buried under a wild rose bush on the Wheeler place. On July 28, 1889 Thirza Miranda was expecting another baby. Her husband was away with the sheep. The baby started to come, and she tried to get to her parents home, but did not make it. She was found by her mother Laura, lying in a field. Both Thirza and the baby, another boy, had died. They are both buried in the John Wheeler lot next to her parents, John and Laura Nay.

Another tragedy followed just five days later on August 2, 1889 when Laura Marinda died, probably from the shock of finding her daughter Thirza Marinda and her grandson both dead. She left seven living children, the youngest Nellie, just eleven months old. Laura is buried in the Fairview cemetery also in the John Hyrum Nay lot.

John Hyrum married Nicoline Gjettrup in 1890. They had three sons, all born in Milburn. Two died as infants. The first son named Hinum was born August 30, 1891 and died on September 25, 1891. The second son, Ormus Peter, was born March 1893, and lived a full life. Their third son Morton was born on Christmas Day, December 25, 1896 and died five days later on December 30, 1896. Both Hinum and Morton Nay are buried in the John Hyrum Nay lot.

By 1900 John Hyrum and his second wife, Nicoline, were living in Circleville, Piute County, Utah. They lived in a rented house while he was farming. Ida, Edwin, Richard, and Ormus were still at home. This information was according to the 1900 U.S. census. The 1910 census stated the family was still in Circleville. John Hyrum owned a farm. All the children were gone except Ormus Peter.

Sometime before 1917, John and Nicoline had moved back to Sanpete County and were living in Mt. Pleasant when John died on January 21, 1917. He is buried next to his first wife, Laura Marinda Burgess Nay, in Fairview. The Fairview cemetery record states cause of death as blood poisoning. Other facts on the record are: John Hyrum Nay had a good reputation all his life, dark complexion, no scars, was a farmer all his life and was married at the time of his death. He had a plush white casket and brick vault. His burial date was January 23, 1917.

After John Hyrum's death, Nicoline married Martin Bohne. She died on April 8, 1932 and is buried in Mt Pleasant, Sanpete County, Utah.

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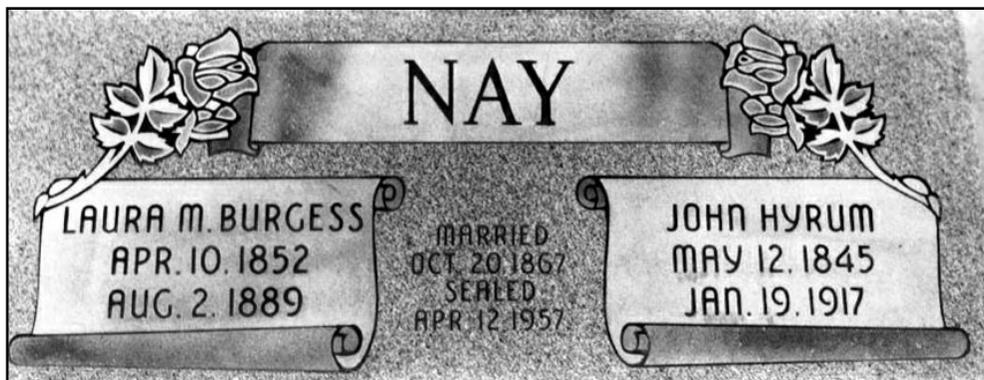


John Hyrum Nay Family 1889

*Standing:* Matilda A. (Til), John Wheelock (Wheelock), Thirza M. *Seated:* Ida Menetta (Ide), John Hyrum, Richard Shirley (Shirl), Laura Marinda Burgess, Nellie Bell, Don Edwin (Ed), Mary Lillian (Lil).



John Hyrum Nay, Ormus Peter Nay, Nicoline Gjettrup



Headstone of John Hyrum Nay and Laura Marinda Burgess Nay  
in Fairview Cemetery, Fairview, Sanpete County, Utah

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<b>John Hyrum Nay</b> <sup>1,2,3,4,5</sup>							
Born	12 May 1845	Place	Peterbrough, Hillsboro, New Hampshire		Baptized		
Died	19 Jan 1917	Place	Mt. Pleasant, Sanpete, Utah	Cause	Septisema and Phleon Blood	5 Dec 1922	
Buried	21 Jan 1917	Place	Fairview, Sanpete, Utah		Endowed	18 Jan 1923	
					Sealed to parents	5 Apr 1972	
Married	20 Oct 1867	Place			Sealed to spouse	12 Apr 1957	
Other Spouse Nicoline Gjettrup							
Married	1890	Place			Sealed to spouse		
Husband's father John Nay Jr.							
Husband's mother Thirza Angelina Hale							
<b>Wife</b>					LDS ordinance dates	Temple	
<b>Laura Marinda Burgess</b>							
Born	10 Apr 1852	Place	Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah		Baptized		
Died	2 Aug 1889	Place	Milburn, Sanpete, Utah		Endowed	17 Mar 1934	
Buried	4 Aug 1889	Place	Fairview, Sanpete, Utah		Endowed	12 Jun 1934	
					Sealed to parents	21 Nov 1962	
Wife's father Samuel I. Burgess						ARIZO	
Wife's mother Marinda Hartwell							
<b>Children</b>					LDS ordinance dates	Temple	
<b>1</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Thirza Marinda Nay</b>					
	Born	25 Feb 1869	Place	Cedar Valley, Utah, Utah		Baptized	29 Nov 1967
	Died	28 Jul 1889	Place	Milburn, Sanpete, Utah	Cause	Childbirth	Endowed 20 Apr 1922
	Buried		Place	Fairview, Sanpete, Utah		Sealed to parents	12 Apr 1957
	Spouse George Arthur Wheeler						
	Married	25 Nov 1887	Place			Sealed to spouse	14 Dec 1965
							MANTI
<b>2</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Matilda Angeline Nay</b>					
	Born	31 Jan 1871	Place	Cedar Valley, Utah, Utah		Baptized	24 Sep 1971
	Died	24 Mar 1908	Place	Cowley, Big Horn, Wyoming		Endowed	20 Apr 1922
	Buried		Place	Cowley, Big Horn, Wyoming		Sealed to parents	12 Apr 1957
	Spouse James Franklin Christensen						
	Married	7 Jan 1893	Place	Milburn, Sanpete, Utah, USA		Sealed to spouse	8 Jul 1995
							LOGAN
<b>3</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>John Whelock Nay</b>					
	Born	5 Oct 1873	Place	Milburn, Sanpete, Utah		Baptized	16 Dec 1883
	Died	20 Dec 1946	Place	Marysvale, Piute, Utah		Endowed	8 Oct 1956
	Buried	23 Dec 1946	Place	Cirleville, Piute, Utah		Sealed to parents	12 Apr 1957
	Spouse Arillia Mansor						
	Married	18 Jul 1910	Place	Richfield, Sevier, Ut		Sealed to spouse	17 Sep 1959
							LANGE
<b>4</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Willie S. Nay</b>					
	Born	21 Mar 1876	Place	Milburn, Sanpete, Utah		Baptized	Child
	Died	21 Mar 1876	Place	Milburn, Sanpete, Utah		Endowed	Child
						Sealed to parents	12 Apr 1957
							LANGE
<b>5</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Mary Lillian Nay</b>					
	Born	21 Aug 1878	Place	Milburn, Sanpete, Utah		Baptized	1 Aug 1909
	Died	5 Dec 1953	Place	Salt Lake City, Utah		Endowed	8 Oct 1956
	Buried		Place	Wasatch Lawn, Salt Lake City, Utah		Sealed to parents	12 Apr 1957
							LANGE



# Family Group Record

<b>Husband</b>	<b>John Hyrum Nay</b>
<b>Wife</b>	<b>Laura Marinda Burgess</b>
<b>Notes</b>	<p>CHILD 2 - Matilda Angeline Nay (Continued) Matilda Ann Nay. This spelling is also used on her tombstone.</p> <p>CHILD 5 - Mary Lillian Nay Mary Lillian was called Lilly or Lillian. She and Alfred had 8 children. She was deserted by him and he was not heard from again.</p>
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## Chapter 7

# JOSEPH BRIGHAM NAY

by Joy Whitney Stubbs  
great great grandniece

Joseph Brigham Nay was born in Harris Grove, Iowa on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April in 1847, the sixth child (fourth son) of John and Angelina Nay.<sup>1</sup> His birthplace and distinctive name tell the larger story of faithful Latter-day Saints fleeing the persecution of Nauvoo, Illinois. “Brother *Joseph*,” the first “Mormon” prophet, had just been martyred in 1844, and *Brigham Young*, that mighty colonizer of the West, was leading these people to a new Zion in Utah. (The first group reached the Salt Lake Valley in July of 1847.)<sup>2</sup> The Nay family, like many others, stopped to regroup in Harris Grove, Iowa, one of several small “stopping off” settlements in Iowa and Nebraska. Thus, young Joseph Brigham made his appearance into the world in a rough frontier town of newly emigrating pioneers. His honor of this historically significant name is implied in the naming of his eldest son, who inherited the same “Mormon pioneer” designation of Joseph Brigham. Throughout his life, Joseph Brigham Sr. used both of these worthy names at various times, though seeming to favor the name Brigham. (The son was typically known as Joe.)

He appeared as “Joseph B.” at age one in the Harris Grove Branch records of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.<sup>3</sup> Two years later, at census time, the family was still in Pottawottomi County, Iowa, where he was born. This time the three-year-old boy is listed as “Brigham.”<sup>4</sup> At five years of age, however, he began his many travels, arriving in Great Salt Lake City, Utah in October of 1852 in a covered wagon. He had journeyed across the plains with his family to join the Saints in their new promised land.<sup>5</sup> Brigham Young’s vision of this gathering was far-reaching. Members of arriving wagon trains were often sent on to other destinations in the newly formed Territory of Utah. This was the case for the Allen Weeks’ Company of which the Nay family was a part. Consequently, they helped pioneer Utah Valley, south of Salt Lake City. Nine-year old Brigham is listed with the rest of his family in the 1856 Territorial Census of Stone City, Cedar County (now Cedar Fort, Utah County).<sup>6</sup> While living there in 1855, he was baptized a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, being eight years of age.<sup>7</sup>

Exactly what happened to their family in those important developmental years of Joseph Brigham’s childhood has not been recorded in detail. The trials that his mother and father were undergoing during this time are explored more fully in the chapter concerning their lives. We do know that in 1860, he was motherless, being enumerated in Springville, Utah County as Joseph B., along with his father, older brothers William E. and John H. and his little brother, Ormas [sic]. Joseph Brigham was 13 at this time and listed as still attending school.<sup>8</sup>

In Springville Joseph Brigham must have crossed paths with another young Mormon pioneer, the girl he was to marry, Amanda Ellen Earl.<sup>9</sup> His family may have known her father, James Calvin

Earl in Nauvoo since he, like John and Angelina Nay, was endowed in the last days of the Nauvoo Temple.<sup>10</sup> He also “passed through the persecutions of the Saints in Illinois and went into exile with his co-religionists in 1846.”<sup>11</sup> His path took a different turn however, when after “stopping temporarily at Mount Pisgah, Iowa, he enlisted in the Mormon Battalion July 10, 1847, and marched as far as Santa Fe, New Mexico, with the main body of the battalion; thence he was assigned to the sick detachment under Captain James Brown and spent the winter of 1846-1847 on the Arkansas river and arrived in the Great Salt Lake Valley on July 29, 1847, a few days after the arrival of the pioneers under President Brigham Young.”<sup>12</sup> After arriving in Salt Lake, James C. Earl married Mary Elizabeth Parsons, an early pioneer saint who had been orphaned while crossing the plains.<sup>13</sup> Their first daughter, Amanda Ellen, or “Manda” (named for her maternal grandmother), was born on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August in 1850 in Great Salt Lake City.<sup>14</sup>

Amanda E. was “blest” by Bishop Aaron Johnson on the 13 of September 1851 in Springville.<sup>15</sup> Just before her tenth birthday, she was baptized there (22 July 1860).<sup>16</sup> The Earl family with ten-year-old Manda E. was listed in the 1860 census of Springville.<sup>17</sup> We have no record of Manda and Joseph Brigham’s association at this time in their young lives, but it is likely that they knew each other. Before their marriage, however, they went separate ways for a time. Looking back, Amanda’s obituary reported that she was a member of an early colonization party into southern Utah and Nevada as a child.<sup>18</sup> This may have referred to the family’s move to Pine Valley, Utah sometime before 1869.

Amanda Ellen was endowed in the Endowment House and sealed there to Ezra Strong on the 12<sup>th</sup> of October in 1867.<sup>19</sup> She was 17 and if Ezra Strong was the same Ezra Strong later found in the 1870 Santaquin, Utah census, he was 47. He may have been already married, adding Manda to a polygamous family.<sup>20</sup> What happened to this first sealing of Amanda’s is unknown, but the family records<sup>21</sup> as well as early marriage records of Washington County<sup>22</sup> list the marriage of Joseph Brigham Nay and Amanda Ellen Earl on the 3rd of January 1869 in Pine Valley, Washington County, Utah. (Both the John Nay and the James Earl families had emigrated to Pine Valley, and Joseph Brigham had been re-baptized there on the 30<sup>th</sup> of August in 1868 at age 21.<sup>23</sup>) A record of sealings reveals the eternal solemnizing of Joseph Brigham Nay and Amanda Ellen Earl’s marriage on the 11<sup>th</sup> of July 1870 at the Endowment House in Salt Lake City.<sup>24</sup> Joseph Brigham was also endowed at this time.<sup>25</sup> In 1871, three years later, Brigham’s younger brother, Ormus, and Manda’s younger sister, Louisa, were also married in Pine Valley. Joseph Brigham and Amanda Ellen acted as witnesses for this event that must have been very exciting to them.<sup>26</sup>

During their first year as a family, between their marriage and sealing in the Endowment House, Amanda and Joseph Brigham’s first little baby girl, Amanda Ellen,<sup>27</sup> was born—6<sup>th</sup> of October, 1869 in Springdale, Kane County, Utah.<sup>28</sup> Census records in 1870 list Joseph Ney [sic], a farmer of 23; Amanda, 14 [sic] and Amanda, 8 months, living in Pine Valley, Utah, next door to Amanda’s father, mother, brothers and sisters.<sup>29</sup> Their second baby, Joseph Brigham Jr., was born 14<sup>th</sup> February 1872 in Gunnison, Sanpete County, Utah,<sup>30</sup> followed two years later by another boy, Oliver Hale Nay, born 4<sup>th</sup> April 1874 in American Fork, Utah County, Utah. This baby boy only lived four months and died on 8<sup>th</sup> August 1874.<sup>31</sup> Mary Elizabeth Nay (known as

Flora Mary on her marriage certificate) was also born in American Fork, two years later, 5<sup>th</sup> January 1876.<sup>32</sup>

The family life of Joseph Brigham and Amanda seemed marked with change, and typically, this stay in American Fork was not to last too long. The family was next found in Kingston, Piute County, Utah. J. B. Nay and Amanda E. Nay are listed among others (including Amanda's brother-in-law, J. W. White, Jr.) as members of the Kingston United Order, 1877.<sup>33</sup> The Nays were also in Kingston for the 1880 census on the 5<sup>th</sup> of June. Brigham, 34, is a laborer, living with his wife, Mandey [sic], 29, and their children, Ellie, 12, Joseph, 10, Mary, 8, and John, 6.<sup>34</sup> The ages listed in the census for the younger three children do not match the birthdates on the family records. According to the family, John Eugene was born just two years before in Pine Valley, on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1878.<sup>35</sup> The family dates are validated by an 1884 list of children in the Kingston School, which includes Amanda Ellen, Joseph Brigham, Mary Elisabeth [sic]; and John Eugene, along with their birthdates.<sup>36</sup>

Family records show two more daughters, Thirza Angeline and Rowena, born in Utah—Thirza in Circleville in 1881 and Rowena in Grass Valley in 1883.<sup>37</sup> Another boy, George Melvin, was born and died shortly thereafter in Circleville, Piute County, Utah.<sup>38</sup> We may interpret their many moves as a family lifestyle of always seeking a better place or more success. They were often found where extended family members were also living. Perhaps these family members or friends may have recommended new living circumstances that may be more to their liking. We know that they had little money. A poignant description of the family is included in a letter written to Governor Thomas of Utah by an inmate of the state penitentiary, E.K. Fisher. Mr. Fisher wrote in regard to the case of Joseph Brigham Nay, Jr. who was serving a sentence for complicity in the robbery of a train in 1889.

Joseph Nay and myself were arrested in Ogden of the seventeenth of September 1889 for train robbery. The officers in whose charge we were practiced on the fears of said Nay, which caused him to admit we were two persons who perpetrated said robbery, but of the fact of his being forced to commit said act of violence he never spoke, because he felt his life in danger by the admission of the true facts.

As he is only a boy I take this opportunity of informing you that I did force the said Nay to assist me in committing this robbery. He was at this time but seventeen years of age. I persuaded him to leave home in order to find employment with the view of assisting his parents who were and are in very straitened circumstances. He had until this meeting lived at home working on a farm. In fact he had never left the parental home before. When I proposed this robbery he objected, but I finally obtained his consent by threats and promises of money which would enable him to assist his parents in lightening the cares of this life; at the last moment he again refused; then I told him if he refused I would kill him which he believed I would do, as I had instilled in his mind the desperate character he thought I was.

I fear I not only caused this young man to leave a humble but happy home, but have forced him to do that which has caused him, and his, such distress, even though it was committed in opposition to his better judgment. My intentions for the future are to reform, and as this is the

only way I can in a measure make reparation to one whom I have so greatly wronged, I hasten to do what is left in my power.<sup>39</sup>

This impassioned plea evidently did not move the governor to clemency, since Amanda Nay, the boy's mother, next wrote to Governor Thomas on August 8, 1892 from Durango, Colorado:

Mr. Hon. A. Thomas Sir, I received a letter from my son from Salt Lake, Joseph B. Nay that is in the Utah Prison. He has been there for over 3 years. He has served his time almost out but by accident or some cause, the warden, Mr. Vandercook, has taken his good time from him, which amounted to 5 months. Now Mr. Hon. A Thomas, you are the only one I can ask to help my boy as I am a lone mother and have 5 children to maintain and my only support died 3 weeks ago and now I am alone and destitute and I need the help of my son Joseph B. Nay and Mr. if you will be so kind to me to help me to get my boy's time back I will [give] thanks in the eyes of God. Yours truly, Mrs. Amanda E. Nay<sup>40</sup>

This letter (written by Amanda's own hand, but revealing a scant education) was preserved along with one from Joseph Nay himself in October of 1892 and one in March of 1893 from a recaptured prisoner denying that Joseph had helped the prisoner escape. (The escape was the reason given for the warden's removal of Joseph's "coppers"—good behavior credits.) These letters evidently softened the governor's heart since Joseph's prison record shows that he was restored his five months time off for good behavior. The prison record states that he was sentenced by District Court for 5 ½ years dating from 26 September 1889 to his release on 26 April 1893. His occupation is given as farmer; he was single, of florid complexion, 18 years old, 5 feet 10 inches, hazel or brown eyes, brown hair, weighing 159 pounds, could read and write and was of a temperate disposition.<sup>41</sup>

Amanda's letter to the governor leaves many questions unanswered. Where was Joseph Brigham, Sr.? Who died three weeks before? Why was she in Colorado? It is not clear when the family moved to Colorado. Since the 1890 census was burned, we are denied that source of information. However the last baby, Ida Pearl, was born in Silverton, San Juan County, Colorado on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October in 1889.<sup>42</sup> Manda, age 47 [sic], is listed as head of the family on the 1900 Colorado census. She is a married mother of nine, seven living. Living with her at that time are two daughters, Rowena, 16, and Pearl, 11.<sup>43</sup>

Joseph Brigham Nay, Sr. was not found on census records for Utah, Colorado or Nevada in 1900. However, a notation in the death records of Goldfield, Esmeralda County, Nevada, documents his death in March of 1905.<sup>44</sup> Although the name is given as John B. Nay, the date is verified by family records and Amanda's obituary.<sup>45</sup> The record says his occupation at that time was that of a stockman and the cause of death, gunshot wound.

Amanda's obituary later reported that she came to Esmeralda County, Nevada in 1901, where her two sons, John and Joe, had gone in 1896 (first to Belmont, Nevada, then shifting residence with the fortunes of various mines).<sup>46</sup> The census for 1910 lists her as head of the household, widowed, mother of nine (six living), and working as a "servant." Her daughter Ida P., 20, is living with her.<sup>47</sup>

Further information about the spiritual life of this family is contained in a history by Olephia (Leafy) Nay King, the daughter of Joseph Brigham Nay, Jr. Leafy recorded an extensive oral history that is on file at the University of Nevada. Love for nature as well as good will and integrity towards others was a part of their life. Although she makes some references to her father having been a “Mormon” in the past, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints wasn’t really part of her life until she was converted and baptized in her later years, while living in Tonopah, Nevada. As family members lived a frontier lifestyle farther from the centralized Church, their religion was not readily available or well-regarded.<sup>48</sup>

Leafy gives us another glimpse into Amanda’s life as she describes an incident in 1934 when she received an unexpected letter from her Grandmother Nay.

There was a little radio station. . . . we’d go down every day there for a week or so, an’ spare an hour or so an’ go down an’ play an’ sing! An’ they named us the “Tonopah Wranglers.” An’ it was kinda’ fun. . . . Even got a letter here from Mrs. Howard, Blair Junction, Nevada, an’ you can read here, if you want to, what she said,

Blair Junction, Nevada, November 9, 1934.

Dear Friend: Your grandmother and I have been listening in on the broadcasting over KZZO. It sure comes in just fine here. Your grandmother, Mrs. Nay, would like to have you sing the song you composed about the deer you got out on the mountain, and if you can find time, I would like very much to hear you sing “When the Lupine Blooms Again” [another song Leafy composed]. Your grandmother is just fine. We are going to go and visit at Coledale [Coaldale] sometime soon.

With best regards, to the Tonopah Wranglers.

Your friend, Mrs. Howard, Blair Junction, Nevada<sup>49</sup>

Leafy’s daughter, Wanda King McNair, recalls that her mother cared for this grandmother in her later years when they were both living in Tonopah, Nevada. Wanda describes her great-grandmother as tall and white-haired. In her later years she lived just two houses up the street from Wanda and Leafy, with Lottie Stimler Nay (Amanda’s son John’s wife) and Lottie’s daughter Berniece. According to Wanda, she, her mother Leafy and her Aunt Lottie were all there at Amanda’s home on the day this pioneer woman, nearly 90 years old, left this earth.<sup>50</sup> The obituary record of Amanda Ellen Nay records her death in Tonopah, Nevada as 12 April 1940.<sup>51</sup>

The life that Leafy describes in her family history is one of family warmth and simplicity. She and her immediate family members may have been uneducated in the ways of the world, but very knowledgeable in their rural lifestyle. One can imagine that her grandparents’ lives would have been similar. Her description of her father’s talents may have also reflected that of her grandfather of the same name.

Both my mother an’ father wanted to follow ranchin’ an’ cattle raisin’ and minin’. Both of them were interested in minin’. My father was raised a cowboy an’ sorta’ sought out that kinda’ life, too. . . . He loved to play the guitar. He played by ear, an’ he loved to sing, an’ he had a beautiful bass voice. An’ everywhere he went people would ask him

to play the guitar an' sing. . . He also loved to make horsehair ropes [very artistically] . . . He made rawhide riatas, too (lasso ropes) out of rawhide. He made those real nice. . . . An' he loved fishin' and huntin'. An' he was an excellent cowboy and a rancher. He never did go out for bronco twistin' like these people at rodeos or anything. He was just an ordinary all-around good cowboy, a good sensible cowboy, an' a man that everybody loved. . . . He grubbed willows an' sagebrush a' burnt off I don't know how many acres of new land . . . He'd make new fields (new alfalfa fields). Then he fenced a new forty acres on the lower end of the ranch. . . . An' he put in a dam, an' cleared off a big place up there to plant a bit wheatfield up above the house . . . an' then made a irrigation ditch along the hills. An' everybody used to tell him that he couldn't make water run uphill. . . The heaviest alfalfa that my dad had an' the prettiest alfalfa field was up on what he called the bench. An' the water was just running perfect. . .

An' they built chicken houses an' they built a big root cellar back in the hill (dug out back in the hills). An' then he cut cedar posts an' put in heavy ridge poles an' made a roof out of cedar posts. Covered it with wheat straw an' dirt. An', boy, that cellar, you could keep stuff in there. . . We had most everything we needed to eat in that cellar. It was way back in the hill an' it didn't freeze or anythin'. . .

We did so many things that were so different from nowadays. We had a way of our own that we got by. . . We didn't have the fancy milk cows at the ranch, so whenever we got short o' milk cows, sister and I would go out, round up some of the . . . range cows that was fresh with a little baby calf and think that it might make a good milk cow. . . I remember one time we was milking thirteen range cows in order to have enough milk and cream for milk for everybody to drink for the whole family, an' to make our own cottage cheese an' our own butter an' then have the skim milk to raise several pigs that we had.

We always got up at five o'clock. For spring round-up . . . Our hours were from daylight until dark, most every day for about six weeks in April and part of May. Then came the ranch work: irrigating, haying, and ordinary ranch chores. Hours from five until sundown most all the time. We took time off to go fishing a lot an' hunting when the seasons were open. . . Then in the fall roundup. The big one lasted about a month or six weeks in the months of September an' October. That was when we got up before we woke up . . . The winter was the shortest work hours. We had the cows to milk. Cattle an' chickens an' hogs to feed. An' wood to work up for summer. An' on nice sunny days in the winter we made horse-hair ropes (mecates) of all kinds. Sometimes we played horseshoes, an' many times my sister an' I'd set out traps, and trap quite a few coyotes to make spare money during the winter. . . .

Daddy caught up on lots of work during the winter: building fences and corrals and sheds for the cattle. And lots of odd jobs. . . like butchering hogs or beef. . . . An' we kinda' went to bed early in those days, we didn't stay up very late. . . [Talking about a special kind of corral he made.] To make a corral, he'd dig a trench, pretty deep. . . Then he'd cut cedar posts, heavy cedar posts. . . He'd set those as close as he could

together in this trench. An' then he'd get a heavy willow or cottonwood, one o' the two . . . an put so far up on the fence. An' then he would cut up cowhides or mustang hides, anything that he had in hides, and take half loops around that willow an' the cedar posts while the hide was damp. Or if it was an old hide, he'd soak it in water, an' cut it up in strips, and lash it by looping it around the willow an' the post. An' then when it dried, it shrank, an' those posts, you couldn't even budge 'em. That stayed on there for years. It was stronger than wire on a corral. That's the way we built things in those days. [See photo on p. 287.]”<sup>52</sup>

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6. 1856 Utah Territory Census (FHL microfilm #0505,913).
7. Index to Endowment House Records No. 2377 Book F, 210, Joseph Brigham Nay.
8. 1860 Federal Census, Springville, Utah (FHL microfilm #805313).
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13. Doris Whitney family records; see James Calvin Earl family group.
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16. Springville Ward Records.
17. 1860 Federal Census, Springville, Utah (FHL microfilm #805,313), pp. 282-283.
18. Obituary notice for Amanda Ellen Earl Nay. Newspaper unknown; copy in possession of author. Text is as follows: “Tonapah, Nev.—Mrs. Amanda Ellen Nay, 90, daughter of early-day Mormon pioneers, died here Friday after an illness of four years. Funeral services were conducted Saturday under the direction of the L. D. S. church. Mrs. Nay had resided here since 1901 and was a member of an early colonization party into southern Utah and Nevada as a child. She resided several years in Colorado, then returned to Nevada. She was born in Salt Lake City on August 15, 1849. Her husband, Joseph Brigham Nay, died in Goldfield in 1905. She is survived by a son, John E. Nay of Tonopah: four daughters, Mrs. Ellen Scribner of Bend, Ore.; Mrs. Mark Kibler of Mesa, Ariz., Mrs. Harry Quackenbush of Heppener, Ore. and Mrs. Charles Hansen of Gilbert, Nev.; a brother, Sylvester Earl of Virgin, Utah, and a sister, Mrs. Rose Warren of Las Vegas.”
19. “Index to Endowment House Temple Records” (No. 2377, Book F, 210) Entry for Earle, Amanda Ellen. *When married* is left blank. *To whom* is Ezra Strong. *Sealed Husband* is 12 Oct 1867 EH. On reverse side is notation “also sld. 11 July 1870 EH 8 Jan 1869 to Joseph Brigham Nay.”
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21. Doris Whitney family records.

- 22 Early Marriages of Washington County 1869-1919 (Utah Genealogical Society Microfilm 213,897 GS  
026,418) “Joseph B. Nay, Pine Valley Ward and Amanda Earl, Pine Valley Ward married 3 Jan 1869.”
- 23 Pine Valley Ward Records (FHL microfilm #0026418). “Joseph Brigham Nay baptized 30 Aug 1878 by  
Wm Burgess, confirmed same day by Wm Snow.”
- 24 Endowment House Index to sealings 1853-1873 (FHL microfilm #183,391) also Sealings of couples, living  
and by proxy, 1851-1889, Vol A-A1, EH. The temple records show a marriage date of 8 Jan 1869 in Pine  
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is the second one, identified as “apparently” dating from 1884.
- 37 Doris Whitney family records, Thirza Angeline Nay born 11 July 1881 Circleville, Piute County, Utah;  
Rowena Nay, 7 June 1883 Grass Valley, Washington, Utah.
- 38 Doris Whitney family records, George Melvin Nay born 10 Oct 1885; died 3 Jan 1886.
- 39 Utah State Archives and Records Service, Letter in the file with reference of the pardon of Joseph Nay,  
Filed 22 April 1890 (spelling standardized) (Series 328. 1892-1949).
- 40 Utah State Archives and Records Service.
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- 42 Doris Whitney family records.
- 43 1900 Federal Census (FHL microfilm #1240129) 20 June 1900 ED #119, 189.
- 44 Esmeralda County Death Records, Deaths in Death records Goldfield, Nevada Recorder’s Office (FHL  
microfilm #1862583 pt. 4), 1
- 45 Obituary notice for Amanda Ellen Earl Nay.
- 46 King, Olephia. Nay, “Dust and Desire, Laughter and Tears: Recollections of a Nevada Pioneer Cowgirl and  
Poet,” Oral History, University of Nevada–Reno, 1978-80.
- 47 1910 Federal Census Nevada, Esmeralda Co. Columbia Township (FHL microfilm #137871) 16 Apr 1910  
ED #5053.
- 48 Zanjani, Sally, *A Mine of Her Own*, University of Nebraska Press, Lincoln, 1997 “In the mid-nineties two  
young Mormon cowboys, the brothers John and Joseph Brigham Nay, decided to leave their home in  
Pine Valley, Utah, and go adventuring. John, accompanied by two cousins, left first. They meant to join  
relatives at Belmont, but instead of going there by the most direct route, they planned to make a long  
sweep south to Ash Meadows on the fringe of the Death Valley country, ride on to Bishop and eventually  
north to the Reese River Valley and Belmont. . . [They reported] an encounter with the formidable desert  
frontiersman Jack Longstreet. When the Nays rode up, the big, long-haired Longstreet appeared in the  
doorway of his white stone cabin, no doubt with his gun at the ready, as was his habit, and inquired  
suspiciously, ‘You boys Mormons?’ The Nays, guessing that Mormons were distinctly less welcome than  
outlaws in Ash Meadows society, hastily protested that they were no such thing. Longstreet may or may  
not have believed them, but he accepted their explanations and offered them the warm southern  
hospitality with which he treated those travelers who were fortunate enough not to encounter him behind  
the barrel of a gun. [Later an unarmed Joe Nay would be seriously wounded in another encounter with

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Longstreet in which he was mistaken for his father-in-law.] The young men continued their odyssey, joining up with Joe in the Reese River Valley and finally arriving at Belmont in 1896.” Joe married Ellie Clifford in 1899 and John married Lottie Stimler. Both girls were native Nevadans.

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King, Olephia Nay, 125.

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Telephone conversation with Wanda McNair, Fallon, Nevada, August 2002.

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Obituary notice for Amanda Ellen Earl Nay .

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King, Olephia Nay, 3, 4, 6, 39, 40, 44, 45, 58, 69, 70.



## JOSEPH BRIGHAM NAY FAMILY



Amanda Ellen Nay (tall hatless woman) — on her right are great-grandchildren Emma Nay (9) and Olephia (Leafy) Nay (4). Probably taken in central Nevada around 1909.



Amanda Nay and Leafy Nay King at cemetery in Tonopah, Nevada (probably Joe Nay's burial in 1939)



At right: Amanda Ellen Nay with great-grandson, Melvin (Buster) Filippini



Picture labeled “Uncle Brig Nay’s son  
& Family, Joe Nay”  
probably  
(unknown), Joseph Brigham Jr., Ellen,  
Olephia, and Emma Nay



Sarah (Ellen's sister),  
Ellen Clifford Nay,  
Joseph Nay, Jr. and  
Amanda Ellen Earl Nay



Joe Nay and Ellen  
Clifford Nay at Barley  
Creek Ranch, Monitor  
Valley, Nevada (notice  
fence)

# Family Group Record

<b>Husband</b>				
<b>Joseph Brigham Nay</b> <sup>2,3,4,5</sup>				
Born	30 Apr 1847	Place	Harris Grove, Pottawattamie, Iowa	LDS ordinance dates
Died	Mar 1905	Place	Goldfield, Esmeralda, Nevada	Baptized
				30 Aug 1868
				Temple
				LIVE
				Endowed-1
				11 Jul 1870
				Sealed to parents
				4 Feb 1983
Married	8 Jan 1869	Place	Pine Valley, Wash, UT	Sealed to spouse
				11 Jul 1870
				EHOUS
Husband's father	John Nay Jr.			
Husband's mother	Thirza Angelina Hale			
<b>Wife</b>				
<b>Amanda Ellen Earl</b> <sup>6,7</sup>				
Born	15 Aug 1850	Place	Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah	LDS ordinance dates
Died	12 Apr 1940	Place	Tonopah, Nye, Nevada	Baptized
Buried	15 Apr 1940	Place	Tonopah, Nye, Nevada	Endowed
				22 Jul 1860
				Temple
				LIVE
				Endowed
				12 Oct 1867
				EHOUS
				Sealed to parents
				25 Aug 1955
				SLAKE
Wife's father	James Calvin Earl			
Wife's mother	Mary Elizabeth Parsons			
<b>Children</b>				
				LDS ordinance dates
				Temple
<b>1</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Amanda Ellen Nay</b> <sup>9,10</sup>		
	Born	6 Oct 1869	Place	Springdale, Kane, Utah
	Died	26 Mar 1945	Place	Pendleton, Oregon
	Buried	29 Mar 1945	Place	Pendleton, Oregon
	Spouse	Franklin Melvin Williams		
	Married	9 Oct 1886	Place	
				Baptized-8
				6 Jun 1878
				Temple
				Endowed
				30 May 1978
				SGEOR
				Sealed to parents
				21 Jun 1978
				SGEOR
				Sealed to spouse-11
				21 Jun 1978
				SGEOR
<b>2</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Joseph Brigham Nay</b> <sup>12</sup>		
	Born	14 Feb 1872	Place	Gunnison, Sanpete, Utah
	Died	1 Apr 1939	Place	Barley Creek Ranch, Monitor Valley, Nevada
	Buried	4 Apr 1939	Place	Tonopah, Nye, Nevada
	Spouse	Ellen Clifford		
	Married	7 Dec 1899	Place	Belmont, Nye, Nevada
				Baptized
				27 Jun 1959
				Temple
				Endowed
				8 Jul 1959
				Sealed to parents
				BIC
<b>3</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Oliver Hale Nay</b>		
	Born	4 Apr 1874	Place	American Fork, Utah, Utah
	Died	8 Aug 1874	Place	
				Baptized
				Child
				Endowed
				Child
				Sealed to parents
				BIC
<b>4</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Mary Elizabeth Nay</b>		
	Born	5 Jan 1876	Place	American Fork, Utah, Utah
	Died	24 Nov 1903	Place	St. George, Wash., Utah
	Buried		Place	St. George, Wash., Utah
	Spouse	Fredrick Jacob Keller		
	Married	30 Dec 1892	Place	Durango, L-Plt, Colorado
				Baptized
				27 Jul 1967
				Temple
				Endowed
				28 Sep 1967
				Sealed to parents
				BIC
				Sealed to spouse
				4 Apr 1968
				SGEOR
<b>5</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>John Eugene Nay</b>		
	Born-13	23 Apr 1878	Place	Pine Valley, Washington, Utah
	Died	23 Jan 1946	Place	Sparks, Washoe, Nevada
	Buried	27 Jan 1946	Place	Tonopah, Nye, Nevada
	Spouse	Charlotte Louise Stimler		
	Married	6 Jan 1901	Place	Belmont, Nye, NV
				Baptized
				5 Nov 1977
				Temple
				Endowed
				15 Nov 1977
				Sealed to parents
				BIC
				Sealed to spouse
				17 Nov 1977
				SGEOR

# Family Group Record

<b>Husband</b> <b>Joseph Brigham Nay</b>				
<b>Wife</b> <b>Amanda Ellen Earl</b>				
<b>Children</b>			LDS ordinance dates	Temple
<b>6</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Thirza Angeline Nay</b>		
	Born	11 Jul 1881	Place     Circleville, Piute, Utah	Baptized
	Died	20 Feb 1957	Place	Endowed
				Sealed to parents <b>BIC</b>
	Spouse	Duncan McLellon		
	Married		Place	Sealed to spouse
	Spouse	Mark Kibbler		
	Married		Place	Sealed to spouse
<b>7</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Rowena Nay</b>		
	Born	7 Jun 1883	Place     Washington, Wash., Utah	Baptized     13 Sep 1978     SGEOR
	Died	26 May 1963	Place	Endowed     19 Sep 1978     SGEOR
				Sealed to parents <b>BIC</b>
	Spouse	Harry Quackenbush		
	Married	12 Jan 1899	Place	Sealed to spouse
<b>8</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>George Melvin Nay</b>		
	Born	10 Oct 1885	Place     Circleville, Piute, Utah	Baptized             Child
	Died	3 Jan 1886	Place	Endowed             Child
				Sealed to parents <b>BIC</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Ida Pearl Nay</b>		
	Born	28 May 1889	Place     Silverton, San Juan, Colorado	Baptized     5 Nov 1977     SGEOR
	Died	13 Feb 1965	Place	Endowed     17 Nov 1977     SGEOR
				Sealed to parents     17 Nov 1977     SGEOR
	Spouse	Christian Andrew Hansen		
	Married	12 Nov 1910	Place	Sealed to spouse-14     21 Jun 1978     SGEOR

**Notes**

**MARRIAGE**

Early Marriages of Wash. Co. lists marriage date as 3 Jan 1869 (Utah Gen. So. Microfilm # 213, 897     GS 026,418

**HUSBAND - Joseph Brigham Nay**

Joseph Brigham's family group record info from records in famiy Bible and other records of Joseph Brigham Nay and Amanda Earl Nay. Corres. with Olephia E. Nay King, Fallon, Nev. Also Marie Lee, Midvale, UT TIB, CFI, CRA, Pine Valley record.

**CHILD 1 - Amanda Ellen Nay**

Note by Olephia "Leafy" Nay King: Aunt "Nell" used to come to Barley Creek Ranch for a month or more each summer to visit--first in 1919 when my sister Emma's son Melvin Filippini was a baby, and she also visited us when my daughter Wanda was a baby in 1925 and 1926. We used to hunt pretty rocks, and she shipped them back to Oregon in 25# sacks.

# Family Group Record

Husband

**Joseph Brigham Nay**

Wife

**Amanda Ellen Earl**

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## Chapter 8

# ORMUS BATES NAY and LOUISA ANN EARL NAY

by **Beth Breinholt**  
great great granddaughter

### Foreword

I would like to say something about the history that follows this page. Just a short time ago I knew very little about Ormus and Louisa. In the last year I have been intensively studying the life of John and Thirza, Ormus' parents, and subsequently learning more about all four of them. At the beginning of the search, I asked several family members for any information about Ormus, with little result. An article about Ormus and the "famous" Montello Robbery came to light, and it put Ormus in a very unfavorable position. Further research turned up other articles and references to Ormus and the robbery, and after reading each of them it was obvious that there was conflicting information circulating about. I was able to talk to a couple of the authors, and Walter Averett sent me his book and copies of the documents that he had used in his research, and it opened up much information for our family history.

One of the documents that became the most meaningful was a copy of a letter written by Thirza, Ormus' mother, to the Board of Pardons in his behalf while imprisoned in Carson City. The date on the letter far surpassed the time that our family records estimated the death of Thirza. A new search began in her behalf and much information was eventually gleaned, "re-writing" the history of Thirza.

Now back to this history. As I was collecting information from census records and little pieces of memories from my grandmother's histories, a story line began to form and my heart was touched by their trials and the courage this family showed through all of it. I have a great deal of admiration for these people, and in my attempt to understand them and their lives, I have traveled to and wandered through the towns that they lived in. My sister and genealogy trainer, supervisor and partner, Joy Stubbs, has been by my side during this time, traveling alongside me, coaching me and reflecting on the past with me. It's been a fun and rewarding trip, and I appreciate her very much.

As I was researching the genealogical and ordinance information for this couple and their family, I kept coming across the name of my grandmother, Doris Elizabeth Nay Whitney. I have to say that she has "provoked" me into this project and is seeing me through, and although she is not physically present, her spirit is encouraging me often. I hope she is satisfied with the finished product, this continuation of the work she began.

--Beth Breinholt

P.S. Family tradition says that Louisa's name was pronounced "Low-I-za."

Ormus Bates Nay, a twin in the family of John Nay and Thirza Angelina Hale, was born April 25, 1850, in Harris Grove, Iowa. (1) His twin, Ormun P. Nay, died in infancy at the age of one month in Harris Grove, May 25, 1850. (2) On June 2, 1850, Ormus received a blessing by Orson Pratt:

“In the name of the Lord we take thee in our arms and bless thee and we say it is the privilege of thy parents to claim thee by faith that thy life may be long upon the earth and that you may be a mighty instrument in his hands of doing a great work in this generation and we seal this blessing upon thee in the name of Jesus Christ, amen and Amen.” (3)

As a small child he accompanied his parents and family across the plains to the Salt Lake Valley in Utah, arriving in October of 1852. (4) His family was asked to move on to help settle Cedar Fort, Utah, where they lived for about seven years. His name is found on the Territorial 1856 Utah Census as a six-year-old child in the family of John and Thirza with other family members, including a younger sister, Angeline Relief. (5) Those days may have been full of excitement and adventure for a young boy, as they periodically had to quickly relocate to the nearby town of Lehi to protect themselves from the Indians, although the Indian children often played alongside the white children. (6)

The next time Ormus’ name is found is in the 1860 Census, where he is living in Springville, Utah with his father and two brothers. (7) There is no mention of his mother or younger sister, and his older sisters by this time were married and living in homes of their own. What happened to Thirza and her daughter Angeline has been a family mystery, with few clues available. We do know that Angeline died at age ten in 1864 and was buried in St. George, Utah, and the next recorded mention of his mother Thirza is a copy of a letter that she wrote from Monroe, Utah at age 78, so we know she lived a long life. (8,9, Addendum 6)

But for this time, Ormus was living without them. In the Springville ward records, Ormus’ confirmation is recorded as June 9, 1861, and the record states “names as confirmed and baptism not entered down,”(in that particular record) so we assume he was baptized on or near that same date there in the Springville Ward. (10) Later in life Ormus is quoted as saying that his stepmother, Thankful Lucy Pine Nay, was “like an angel to us,” referring to Thirza and John’s children still with John. John remarried sometime in the year 1860. (11)

We will shift scenes for a moment and look at the life of Louisa Ann Earl, the faithful wife of Ormus. She was born on February 22, 1854 in Salt Lake City, Utah to James Calvin Earl and Mary Elizabeth Parsons. (12) Her parents may have crossed paths with Ormus’ parents in their early married days . . . “. . .in Nauvoo, since he [James Calvin Earl], like John and Angelina Nay, was endowed in the last days of the Nauvoo Temple. (13) [James Earl] also ‘passed through the persecutions of the Saints in Illinois and went into exile with

his co-religionists in 1846.’ (14) His path took a different turn however, when after ‘stopping temporarily at Mount Pisgah, Iowa, he enlisted in the Mormon Battalion July 10, 1847, and marched as far as Santa Fe, New Mexico, with the main body of the battalion; thence he was assigned to the sick detachment under Captain James Brown and spent the winter of 1846-1847 on the Arkansas river and arrived in the Great Salt Lake Valley on July 29, 1847, a few days after the arrival of the pioneers under President Brigham Young.’ (15) After arriving in Salt Lake, James C. Earl married Mary Elizabeth Parsons, an early pioneer saint who had been orphaned while crossing the plains.” (16) (17)

Louisa is listed in the 1860 Federal Census taken in Springville, age five, with two older sisters, Manda, ten, and Tabitha J., seven, a younger sister Mary E., three, and a brother Cyrus H., age one. (18) Louisa is again listed in the 1870 census, this time living in Pine Valley, Washington County, Utah. She is the oldest child still living at home at age fifteen, with two more brothers added to the family, Sylvester, age seven and Robert, who was born in January of that year, only four months old. (19)

The very next year, Ormus and Louisa Ann Earl were married in Pine Valley, Utah, on the 22nd of September, 1871. The inscription as transcribed by Wanda C. Nay from the Nay family Bible reads: “This certifies that Ormus Bates Nay of Pine Valley and Louise Ann Earl of Pine Valley state of Utah were united in matrimony according to the ordinance of God and the laws of the state of Utah at Pine Valley on the 22 day of September in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred seventy one by Bishop Wm. Snow—witnesses J. B. Nay and Amanda E. Nay.” (20) A short time after this marriage, Ormus and Amanda moved back north to Cedar Fort, because nine months later, they had their first child, Ormus Calvin Nay, born on June 7th in Cedar Fort, Utah. (21) Their second child, Henry Marley Nay was also born in Cedar Fort on December 19, 1874. (22) During this time of history in the church, it was common for the members to be rebaptized to show a renewal in the faith. This could be the case for Louisa, for her baptism date is recorded as February 2, 1877 when she was a few weeks shy of twenty-two years. (23)

The births of their children tell us a story of constant movement for the little family. Three and a half years later John Herbert Nay was born on April 10, 1878 in Harrisburg, Washington County, Utah (ten miles north of St. George.) (24) Sylvester Bates Nay was born 7 May 1882 in Silver Reef, Washington County, Utah (a few miles west of Harrisburg). (25) His granddaughter, Doris E. Nay Whitney records this information in a history she wrote: “The family then moved to Silver Reef, a silver mining town, just north and west of Leeds, Utah. My grandfather [Ormus Bates] worked in the mines, and my father [Ormus Calvin] and his brother Marley were miners working at the mine when teenage boys. [My] brother Jim said Ormus worked at the Apex mine out of Santa Clara after he left Silver Reef mine.” (26)

At this time, a very dark and trying event occurred that deeply affected this family. Ormus was involved in a train robbery and sent to prison. In the Nevada State Prison records dated the 9th of February 1883, we read that Ormus was charged with “the crime of assault with

intent to commit Robbery,” occurring on January 22, 1883, near Montello, Nevada, to which he admits guilt. (Montello is 105 miles east of Elko, Nevada.) (Addendum 1) In the court proceedings following, on February 28 when he was indicted, he replied to the inquiry of the court that “his true name was Ormus Nay,” thus clearing up the numerous variations of his name as recorded through history. (Addendum 2) To the knowledge of this writer, there have been four published accounts written about this robbery and the surrounding circumstances. (27) After studying each account and personally reading some of the documents that were kept in the Nevada State Prison archives, one of the accounts seems most accurate, written by Walter Averett, and portions of his writings are included here. (28)

“The eastbound Central Pacific passenger train that left Elko [Nevada] at 8:00 pm on Sunday, Jan. 21, 1883 was attacked by several masked men at about midnight at Montello. . . The robbers hid in the tank house, and when the train stopped for a red light near the tank, two men jumped on the locomotive, one on each side, two more captured [the] conductor. . . and the brakeman, and the other took over the train.” (29)

The robbers unsuccessfully tried to open the Wells Fargo & Co. express car. A man by the name of Aaron G. Ross was inside the car and refused the robbers entry. He was fired upon through the walls of the car and injured. The men tried to open the car by force and succeeded this time but Mr. Ross quickly refastened the doors. Ten dollars was taken from the conductor, and the men left.

“News of the robbery was quickly telegraphed to Elko. . .and the posse left to track the robbers. Snow was several inches deep, so the trail was easily followed.” (30)

“The Elko Free Press reported on Feb 2 that on Saturday, January 27, Detective Thacker, Sheriff John W. Turner of Utah County, and others tracked two of the robbers ‘to a corral in the mountains near Deseret, Utah’ (a community near Delta) [also known as Robber’s Roost (31)]. The posse demanded surrender, but the men began firing at them and the posse returned fire. A total of 75 or 80 rounds were fired, ‘resulting the mortal wounding of Orin (sic) Nay and serious wounding of Frank Hawley. . .’ None of the posse were hit.” (32)

Ormus was reported as having taken a bullet in the left shoulder, which had passed through one of his lungs and lodged in his back. He was spitting up blood and the lawmen were afraid that he would die before they could get him back to town. Ormus was transported to a hospital in Ogden where he spent about four weeks in recovery, delaying the trial, but he finally attended, being carried into the room on a stretcher.

Louisa tried to visit him at the hospital while he was laid up, where his shattered left shoulder blade was treated. She was denied entry, however, for the reason that the lawmen feared she would somehow help him escape. Louisa was unaware that her husband had been involved in any type of criminal activity, and thought that Ormus had been working for a rancher in Nevada, attending to his horses. (33)

Ormus pled guilty and was sentenced to prison. The best accounts of the proceedings of the court are found verbatim in Addendums 1 and 2 at the end of this chapter.

During the time that Ormus was in prison, Louisa did not remain idle. She worked in Carson City, Nevada, close to her husband, as a housekeeper, cleaning several homes on a regular basis. She did her best to convince anyone that she felt would have any influence on the Nevada State Board of Pardons to write letters that would vouch for the good character of her husband and beg for a pardon or at least an early release from prison. Copies of two letters from Louisa, explaining her position and asking for Ormus' release can be located in Addendums 4 and 5.

“On July 2, 1888, John W. Turner, Sheriff, Utah County, sent a character reference for Ormus Nay to the Board of Pardons. Turner said, ‘Under any other circumstances I would be loth [sic] to say anything favorable for any person committing the crime, which this person did, but from the facts in the case I feel it a duty to myself as well as to Mr. Nay to make the following statement, all of which is from my personal knowledge.’ Turner was one of the arresting officers.

“He said he had known the Nay family from the time they came to Utah Territory, and this was the first stigma attached to any member of the family. He had known the family since Nay's boyhood. Turner said, ‘I know that is was through the influence of two who were sent there with him that he was caused to commit this almost unpardonable sin.’ Also, Nay ‘has an estimable wife’ and four children who especially needed a father's counsel at that time in their lives. Turner adds that Nay had ‘suffered fearfully’ from being crippled, ‘double more than his associates;’ however the main consideration should be for his suffering wife and children.

“On Dec 21, 1888, J.B. Hume, Special Officer of Wells, Fargo & Co., wrote to the Board of Pardons that he had been visited by the wife of Orrin Nay [sic], accompanied by Miss Van Sickle of Carson with letters from ‘reputable and prominent citizens of the state of Nevada and Utah,’ and he concluded that ‘in the six years which Nay has served, and in connection with his impaired health and disabled condition, resulting from wounds received at the time of his arrest, the ends of justice have been satisfied and that executive clemency will be fitly bestowed if his petition for a pardon is regard with favor.’

“On Dec. 24, 1888, R.R. Bigelow, [District Judge of Elko County] wrote to the Board of Pardons that he favored granting the request for pardon of Ney [sic]. He said, ‘There must be something good about him or they [his family] would not have clung to him as they have.’

“On Jan. 7, 1889, Andrew F. Gregerson wrote to the Governor and Board of Pardons, from Silver Reef, Utah, that he had know Ormas [sic] Nay from a boy. Nay had worked for and with him for a long time, and Gregerson knew him to be ‘honorable and straightforward in all his dealings.’ He believed Nay was ‘influenced and misled or he would not done as he did. . .’

“On Jan. 8, 1890, a petition for pardon of Ormus B. Nay, signed by 11 people (evidently in Carson City) was submitted to the Board of Pardons. They said, ‘For seven years his wife has battled for the bare necessities of life for herself and four little children without the aid and assistance of her husband. Your petitioners have personal knowledge of how diligently and laboriously she has endured all those seven long years to keep the wolf from the door, and by what an unceasing effort she has accomplished that end.’

“On June 7, 1890, Sol Sprague, Notary Public and land agent in Monroe, Utah, wrote a character reference for Ormus B. Nay to the Board of Pardons. He believed Nay had been sufficiently punished, and he promised to provide steady employment, suitable to his condition, if he were pardoned.” (34)

Louisa spent much time in Carson City, but for some reason, she had to leave Carson City before the Board of Pardons met. Here is her letter from Monroe, Utah, to the board, dated June 30th, 1890:

Honorable Board of Pardons  
Carson City, Nevada

Gentlemen:

I had hoped to have been able to be present at this next meeting in July of your Hon. Body, to interceed in behalf of my husband, Ormus B. Nay, but circumstances compel me to content myself with writing to you a renewal of my condition, and appeal to your sympathies for relief.

It has been now over seven years since the conviction of my husband, during which time I have toiled incessantly through privation and distress to maintain myself and children, until my health is so impaired that I can no longer endure the care and labor that surely must follow me if my husband is still kept in confinement, and my innocent children, what may become of them God alone knows. I would not wish to make any request in even this to me world-important matter, if the granting of the same would in anyways thwart the ends of justice. But I do firmly, sincerely, and conscientiously believe, within my aching bosom, that the ends of justice has been amply met; that Mr. Nay has been sufficiently punished for his crime; that the seven and one half years will have accomplished as much good in reform as though he was to serve the full extent of his sentence, and that if he is kept longer it will only be a useless expense to the State and will at least work untold cruelties on his innocent family.

His Parents are now very aged and will soon pass away, their last wish is that their son might be released from this dishonorable position before they go, that then they say, they could go in pease [sic].

And now, the united Prayers of his honorable parents, brothers, sisters and friends, shall anxiously await the result of your actions, and shall earnestly and constantly hope and pray for releaf [sic].

Yours Very Truly and humble servant

Mrs. Ormus B. Nay

An application to the Nevada Board of Pardons is written by Ormus on May 7, 1891 (Addendum 6) and a subsequent letter from the State Prison dated June 18, 1891, is an appeal to the Board of Pardons for clemency from Ormus:

Gentlemen,

In making this appeal for your clemency: I wish to state that I have always lived up to the rules of the prison, obeyed all orders; and worked as faithfully as my health would permit. Each succeeding winter has taken a firmer hold on me; and my health is gradually and surely breaking down. I was shot through the shoulder; and my shoulder blade shattered; and in consequence [sic] I suffer more or less all the time; and cold or disagreeable [sic] weather find me an easy victim. My great object in praying your Hon. Board to look with favor on my petition; is my fear of not being able to stand another winter my desire to get to a warmer climate and to be restored to my family.

If you Gentlemen will look at the length of time I have served; and take into consideration the condition I am in, I feel that you will look favorable on my plea. Should your Hon. Board grant clemency I can assure your Hon. Board that my future life will attest my appreciation of your Kindness and Mercy.

Very Respectfully

O. B. Nay

On May 23, 1892, Mrs. T. A. Marley (or Morley) wrote from Monroe, Utah to Gov. R.K. Colcord on behalf of her son, Ormus. (Addendum 5)

“In July 1892, O.B. Nay and Frank Hawley wrote to the Board of pardons, giving ‘a brief statement of our reasons for requesting executive clemency. . . We have been here nine years and five months and our term would expire in January 1893.’ They said, ‘We were both badly wounded and crippled at the time of our capture, and are now as a result of said wound incapacitated from performing heavy manual labor.’ They continued that they had earned all credits allowed for good behavior and they asked to be released during warm weather so they could obtain employment to earn money to return to their homes before winter weather began. If they were released in winter, they would lack money to get comfortable clothing or to return home.” (35)

On January 2, 1893 Ormus was finally released. (36) The family was reunited, and in the next few years we can follow their travels again by paying attention to the births of their children; two more sons are born to Ormus and Louisa while in Circleville, Piute, Utah. Chauncy Leon Nay was born on 5 May 1895, and Ora Bertrum Nay was born 17 August, 1897. (37) On April 30, 1898 Ormus was rebaptized into The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, according to the Circleville Ward records. (38) A possible reason for

them moving to Circleville was that their oldest son Ormus Calvin and his wife Sarah Melinda Allen were living there at the time.

Ormus found himself useful, even with the permanent handicap because of the injury he received. A history of Circleville records: "That summer pink granite stone was quarried up Kingston Canyon and hauled to Circleville by teams; each man donating his time and labor. The rocks were piled on the southeast lot of the Church Block reserved for the Ward House...For some reason these stones were never used in a church building... Perhaps the construction would have been more expensive than the people could or would support. Just after the turn of the century, the school district bought the pink granite stones from the church and built the two-story rock building completed in 1902." (39) In an oral interview with Edyth Sevy, of St. George, Utah, she shared the following: "Mama [Ormus Bates Nay's niece] was telling about him building the schoolhouse in Circleville. He was so strong, he took those big old blocks, put them on his shoulder and went up the ladder with them." (40)

During the time of the construction of the schoolhouse, the family apparently moved to Nevada, taking up residence for a time at the Nay ranch, a desert oasis with an ice cold natural spring near Bunkerville, Nevada. This is according to information from the obituary of their son Chauncey. (41) That may explain why their names are not found on the 1900 Federal Census records for either Utah or Nevada.

In January of 1906, there is a listing in a Nevada historical index that states: "O.B. Nay has some assays ranging from \$59.00 to \$156.00 in gold, silver, and copper; taken from his property near Ivanpah." (Ivanpah is near Nipton, California.) (42) This tells us that Ormus was still practicing the mining profession. Another record found of the family in 1906 is in the Virgin Ward records, noting that Louisa Ann Earl moved from Virgin to St. George. (43) This information lines up with another history written by Doris E. Nay Whitney, his granddaughter, that reads, "We stayed with our grandparents [Ormus Bates and Louisa Ann] in Washington, Utah when we were sealed in the St. George temple." (44) The date of that sealing is May 8, 1907. (45) (Washington is a city just a few miles east of St. George.)

Ormus is listed on two census records for the year 1910, the first being in the Alamo, Lincoln County Nevada Precinct, taken April 19, where he is listed as age 59, as head of the house, living with two partners, and his occupation is a miner of quartz. His oldest son, listed as Calvin O., 37, is also here in this record listed as a head of house with his family. (46)

Apparently, Ormus moved faster than the census taker, or most likely someone else was reporting for him, because he is also found April 21, just three days later, in Tonopah, Nye County, Nevada, listed age 60, a miner and a "promoter," living in the household of his niece Nellie Stephen with his wife Louisa and three of his children, Henry 35, Chauncy 14, and Ora 12. (47)

In 1920, Louisa is in Las Vegas, Clark County Nevada, age 56, head of house and married, living on First Street in Las Vegas. There are two grandchildren living with her, Berta, grandson, age 10, born in Nevada and Nona, granddaughter, age 8, also born in Nevada. (These are the children of Herbert Nay. The children are possibly staying with their grandmother so they could attend school while “Bert” and his wife Anne were living at their ranch at Tule Springs near Las Vegas.) (48) We don’t know anything about the circumstances of why Louisa was living in Las Vegas without Ormus. Further searches of the 1920 census records for Ormus in Arizona and Utah reveal nothing. This record gives us no information on how she supported herself and her two grandchildren, but we know her daughter-in-law Minnie (Sarah Melinda), Ormus Calvin’s wife, moved to Las Vegas around 1920 after her husband was killed in an accident while digging a well, leaving his wife and seven children. The 1930 Federal Census, taken April 2, shows us that both Louisa and Minnie are still in Las Vegas, although not living in the same residence, but working as laborers, both doing laundry. At this time Louisa was 76 years old, even though the census lists her age as 72. (49) We know that Minnie worked at several different kinds of jobs until 1931, when she “got a good job as a janitor at the Las Vegas High School.”(50) The possibility exists that they could have helped each other out.

Ormus’ death is recorded as May 31, 1931 in Prescott, Yavapai, Arizona at age 81. This information comes from a death certificate from the state of Arizona. Listed on the document for cause of death is bronchial pneumonia and chronic myocarditis. (51) Louisa A. Nay died soon after in Las Vegas, Nevada on February 14, 1935, at age 80, a few days short of 81 years. The cause of death listed on her certificate is carcinoma of the cervix. (52)

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*Addendum 1*

From Elko Nevada County records

In the District Court of the 4 Judicial District County of Elko State of Nevada

The State of Nevada Plaintiff

Against

Frank Hawley, Daniel Francis, Orrin Nay, Sylvester Earle and Raas Anderson defendants

The defendants above named Frank Hawley, Daniel Francis, Orrin Nay, Sylvester Earle and Raas Anderson are accused by the Grand Jury of the county of Elko, State of Nevada by this indictment on this 9th day of February AD 1883 of the crime of assault with intent to commit Robbery. Committed as follows to wit That the said Frank Hawley Daniel Francis, Orrin Nay, Sylvester Earle and Raas Anderson at the County of Elko State of Nevada on or about the 22nd day of January AD 1883 and before the finding of this indictment upon the person of Mr. A. G. Ross then and there being unlawfully willfully violently and feloniously did make an assault and with certain pistols loaded and charged with gunpowder and certain leaden bullets which said pistols Frank Hawley Daniel Francis Orrin Nay Sylvester Earle and Raas Anderson in their hands then and there had and held the said A.G. Ross did then and there shoot maim and wound and in great bodily fear the said A.G. Ross then and there did \_\_\_\_ with intent to then and the violently and feloniously and by force and intimidation take from the person of the said A. G. Ross divers gold and silver coins of the Government of the United States of the denominations of Twenty, ten, five and one dollar pieces and fifty cent pieces and of the aggregate sum Six hundred dollars lawful money the United State then and there being the personal goods and chattels of Wells Fargo and Company and corporation duly organized and existing and doing business as such corporation in the State of Nevada at the time aforesaid. And all of said personal property goods and chattels being then there in the custody and under the control of the said A.G. Ross all of which is contrary to the form and Statute in such cases made and provided and against the Peace and dignity of the State of Nevada.

J. W. Dorsey

District Atty of Elko County Nevada

*Addendum 2*

From Elko Nevada County records

Proceedings of the court:

Elko Nevada Feb 28, 1883

Frank Hawley, Daniel Frances, Orrin Nay, Sylvester Earl, and Raas Anderson: Indicted for assault with intent to commit Robbery.

The Bench warrant heretofore issued for above named defendants having been returned and the Prisoners were ordered to appear forthwith for arraignment.

Defendant Orrin Nay in court for arraignment. The Court then asked Deft. if he had counsel whereupon Deft. said he had not and that he did not wish counsel.

The clerk then read the indictment and gave the Deft. a certified copy thereof and asked him if he was guilty or not guilty whereupon the Deft. plead "guilty."

The Court then asked the Defendant if Orrin Nay was his true name, where upon the Deft. said the his true name was Ormus Nay.

Thereupon the Deft waived the usual time for pronouncing judgment upon said plea and requested the judgment be pronounced at once.

The Deft. was then asked by the Court if he had any legal cause to show why judgment should not be pronounced against him and the Deft. Answered "None."

No legal cause appearing or being shown to the Court why judgment should not be pronounced in said cause, therefore the Court renders its judgment that you Ormus Nay having on the 28th day of Feb. 1883 plead guilty in this Court of the Crime of Assault with attempt to commit Robbery as charged in said Indictment, It is hereby ordered Adjudged and Decreed that you Ormus Nay be punished for the crime of which you have plead guilty, by being incarcerated in the states Prison of the State of Nevada for the term of Fourteen (14) years from the date of your incarceration therein.

Prisoner rewarded to custody of the Sheriff.

Approved A. A. Bigelow  
Dist. Judge

*Addendum 3*

Letter from Louisa Nay  
Carson City, Nevada  
June 22nd 1886

To: George F. Talbot  
District Attorney  
Elko County Nevada

Sir:

Please take notice that the undersigned Louisa A. Nay wife of Ormus B. Nay will apply to the Hon Board of Pardons of the State of Nevada, at the regular meeting to be held July 12th, 1886, or as soon thereafter as the case can be heard for the pardon of said Ormus B. Nay who was convicted the term 1883 of said Court of the crime of Assault with intent to commit Robbery, and sentenced to the Nevada State Prison for the term of fourteen years, the date of commitment being March 2nd, 1883.

The grounds of pardon will be for good behaviour while in prison, his previous good character, first offense, sufficient punishment and the further fact, while from the wounds received at the time of the attempted robbery he can render no service to the State but if pardoned could assist in the care of his three small children while the undersigned was absent from home working for the support of the family.

Very respectfully,  
Louise A. Nay

For good and sufficient cause shown the time of serve is hereby shortened to fifteen days.

C.W. \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Justice Supreme Ct.  
Dated June 22, 1886

*Addendum 4*

Letter from Louisa A. E. Nay  
Carson Jan 12 1890  
To the Hon. Board of Pardons,  
Gentlemen

I am compelled to leave for Utah for the reason contained in the Telegram which Mr. Woodhouse will present to your Honorable body.

Up to this date of the commission of the crime for which my husband is serving a term in the Nevada Prison, he was Never even suspected of being the perpetrator or abettor of any offense known to the law;

He was good father and a loving husband and always provided for the Maintenance of his family. I am well known to the ladies of Carson for a period of over six years, Many of whom I have worked for to get scant bread to Maintain myself and four children My Misfortune impelled them to sign my husband's petition, they will all bear testimony that what I in the letter has been told them by me many many times.

With fluttering heart and inexpressible anxiety I cling to the hope of my husband's pardon at your hands as it may in some degree effect the stigma already resting on his family.

Yours Respectfully,  
Mrs. L. A. Nay

*Addendum 5*

Letter from Mrs. T. A. Marley [or Morley]  
Monroe, Utah  
May 23, 1892

Gov. R. K. Colcord:-

Dear Sir:-

I write to you today in behalf of my son Ormus B. Nay, who is now in State prison. He comes before the Board of Pardon in July and it is the great desire of his aged father (88) to see him once more before his dies. The father is growing daily more feeble.

I his mother, am also in poor health, and if you have a son you can, to some extent know how aged parents would long to see their boy once more. He was not a bad boy, but bad company has brought him where he is. I am sure he realizes his wrong now and certainly has had his punishment. I never have before applied or asked for any pardon for him but now I feel a right to ask. He has been punished fully. I am confident he will ever again cause trouble.

I pray for your sympathies.

His aged mother, whose hope is in the God of justice and mercy.

Mrs. T. A. Marley [or Morley]

Per M. H. A.

*Addendum 6*

Letter from O. B. Nay

Carson City, Nevada

May 7th, 1891

To Hon. Judge Talbot

District Judge of Elko Co. Nev

Notice is hereby given that O.B. Nay tried at the February term of court of Elko in 1883 and convicted of the crime of Attempt at Robbery; and sentenced to 14 years imprisonment; will apply for pardon at the July term of the Hon. Board of Pardon's

Grounds for Pardon

1st Length of time served

2nd Good Conduct

3rd Sickness and failing health

O.B. Nay

Service admitted May 15th/1891

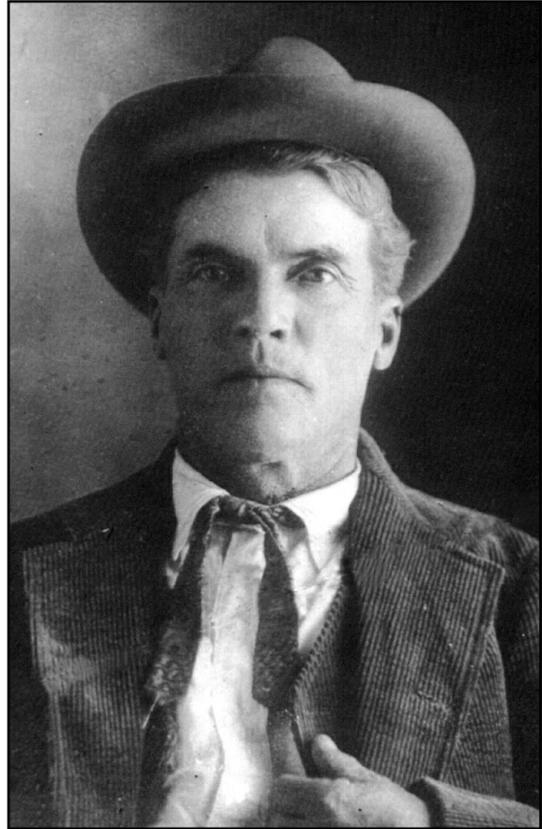
J.J Talbot

District Judge

## ORMUS BATES NAY FAMILY



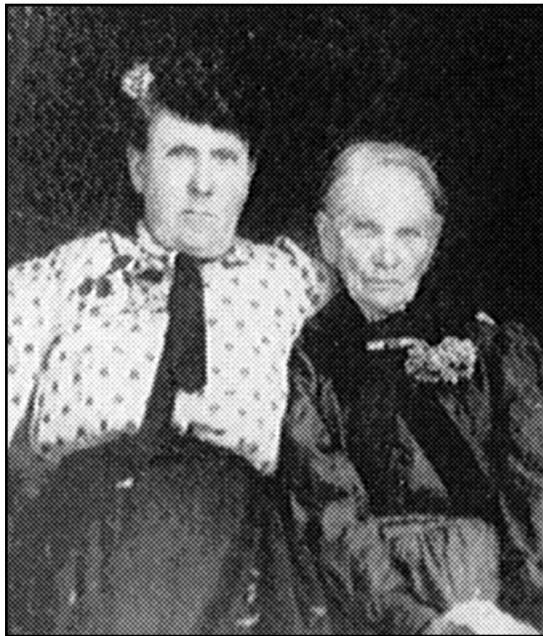
ABOVE: Ormus Bates Nay Family  
Back Left to right: Henry Marley, Ormus  
Calvin.  
Front Left to right: Louisa Ann Earl Nay,  
Sylvester Bates, John Herbert, Ormus Bates  
Nay



TOP RIGHT: Ormus Bates Nay

BOTTOM RIGHT: Louisa Ann Earl





Loisa Ann Earl Nay and her mother,  
Mary Elizabeth Parsons Earl



Left to Right: Ormus Calvin, John Herbert,  
Henry Marley, and Sylvester Bates Nay



Ormus Calvin Nay and Sarah Melinda Allen

# Family Group Record

<b>Husband</b>							
<b>Ormus Bates Nay (Twin)</b> <sup>1,2,3</sup>							
Born-4	25 Apr 1850	Place	Harris Grove, Pottawattamie, Iowa	LDS ordinance dates	Temple		
Died-5	31 May 1931	Place	Prescott, Yavapai, Arizona	Baptized	2 Feb 1877		
Buried		Place	Prescott, Yavapai, Arizona	Endowed	23 Mar 1963		
				Sealed to parents	4 Feb 1983		
Married-6	22 Sep 1871	Place	Pine Valley, Washington, Utah	Sealed to spouse	11 Mar 1964		
Husband's father John Nay Jr.							
Husband's mother Thirza Angelina Hale							
<b>Wife</b>							
<b>Louisa Ann Earl</b> <sup>7</sup>							
Born	22 Feb 1856	Place	Springville, Utah, Utah	LDS ordinance dates	Temple		
Died	14 Feb 1935	Place	Las Vegas, Clark, Nevada	Baptized	12 Feb 1877		
Buried	15 Feb 1935	Place	Las Vegas, Clark, Nevada	Endowed	2 Apr 1954		
				Sealed to parents	25 Aug 1955		
Wife's father James Calvin Earl							
Wife's mother Mary Elizabeth Parsons							
<b>Children</b>				LDS ordinance dates	Temple		
<b>1</b>	<b>M Ormus Calvin Nay</b> <sup>8</sup>						
	Born	7 Jun 1872	Place	Cedar Fort, Utah, Utah	Baptized	30 Apr 1898	Temple
	Died	12 Aug 1920	Place	St. Thomas, Clark, Nevada	Endowed	8 May 1907	SGEOR
	Buried	14 Aug 1920	Place	St. Thomas Cem., Overton, Clark, Nevada	Sealed to parents	11 Mar 1964	SGEOR
	Spouse Sarah Melinda Allen						
	Married	7 Jun 1897	Place	Cirleville, Piute, Utah	Sealed to spouse-9	8 May 1907	SGEOR
<b>2</b>	<b>M Henry Marley Nay</b> <sup>10</sup>						
	Born	19 Dec 1874	Place	Cedar Fort, Utah, Utah	Baptized	3 Sep 1893	Temple
	Died	Apr 1952	Place		Endowed	26 Jul 1923	Temple
					Sealed to parents	11 Mar 1964	SGEOR
	Spouse Phoebe Packer						
	Married	9 Jul 1896 (div)	Place		Sealed to spouse		
	Spouse Emma Louisa Young <sup>11</sup>						
	Married-12	9 Feb 1915	Place		Sealed to spouse	26 Jul 1923	MANTI
<b>3</b>	<b>M John Herbert Nay</b>						
	Born	10 Apr 1878	Place	Harrisburg, Washington, Utah	Baptized-13	28 Jun 1961	Temple
	Died	5 Dec 1928	Place		Endowed	7 Jul 1961	Temple
					Sealed to parents	11 Mar 1964	SGEOR
	Spouse Anna Rebecca Young						
	Married	7 May 1907	Place	St. George, Washington, Utah	Sealed to spouse-14	22 Dec 1961	Temple
<b>4</b>	<b>M Sylvester Bates Nay</b> <sup>16</sup>						
	Born-17	7 May 1882	Place	Silver Reef, Washington, Utah	Baptized-15	4 Aug 1892	LIVE
	Died	23 Jun 1947	Place	Las Vegas, Clark, Nevada	Endowed	11 Jul 1963	Temple
					Sealed to parents	11 Mar 1964	SGEOR
	Spouse Mary Lorena Perkins <sup>18</sup>						
	Married-19	4 Jun 1907	Place	St. George, Washington, Ut	Sealed to spouse	3 May 1972	SWISS
	Spouse Ruby Laub						
	Married-17	13 Sep 1913	Place		Sealed to spouse		

# Family Group Record

<b>Husband</b> <b>Ormus Bates Nay (Twin)</b>			
<b>Wife</b> <b>Louisa Ann Earl</b>			
<b>Children</b>			LDS ordinance dates
Temple			
<b>5</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Chauncy Leon Nay<sup>20</sup></b>	
	Born	5 May 1895	Place    Circleville, Piute, Utah
	Baptized	23 Apr 1977	SGEOR
	Died <sup>-21</sup>	20 Dec 1973	Place
	Endowed	23 Apr 1977	SGEOR
	Buried	26 Dec 1973	Place    Las Vegas, Clark, Nevada
	Sealed to parents	11 Mar 1964	
	Spouse	Neva M. North	
	Married	Place	Sealed to spouse
<b>6</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Ora Bertrum Nay<sup>22</sup></b>	
	Born	17 Aug 1897	Place    Circleville, Piute, Utah
	Baptized	2 Aug 1908	
	Died	26 Oct 1955	Place
	Endowed	11 Jul 1963	
	Sealed to parents	11 Mar 1964	SGEOR
	Spouse	Ellen McLellon	
	Married	Place	Sealed to spouse

**Notes**

HUSBAND - Ormus Bates Nay (Twin)

Ormus rebaptized 30 Apr 1898 according to the Circleville Ward records after his prison term. Ancestral File records baptism 13 Mar 1963. Information for Ormus and Louisa and family are taken from the family Bible of Ormus Bates Nay, also St. George temple records.

WIFE - Louisa Ann Earl

Information for Ormus and Louisa and family are taken from the family Bible of Ormus Bates Nay, St. George temple records. Louisa rebaptized 21 Oct 1953. Born in SLC and moved from Virgin to St. George 1906 (Virgin ward records) Burial lot in LV cemetery is 268, BK J

CHILD 1 - Ormus Calvin Nay

Miner and farmer. Information for Ormus and family are taken from the family Bible of Ormus Bates Nay, St. George temple records, personal info of Bert N. Whitney, Logandale, Nevada 89021, Church records of Alamo Ward (#014893), St. Thomas ward (#01492), Las Vegas Ward (#014907), Las Vegas Cemetery Records and St. Thomas Headstones, TIB. Grave of Ormus moved from the St. Thomas Cemetery to Overton Nevada. Ormus Calvin confirmed 1 May, 1898, Circleville, Utah (Wanda C. Nay personal records)

CHILD 2 - Henry Marley Nay

Information for Ormus and Louisa and family are taken from the family Bible of Ormus Bates Nay, St. George temple records, and family group records of Doris Elizabeth Nay.

CHILD 3 - John Herbert Nay

Information for Ormus and Louisa and family are taken from the family Bible of Ormus Bates Nay, St. George temple records, and family group records of Doris Elizabeth Nay Whitney.

# Family Group Record

<b>Husband</b>	<b>Ormus Bates Nay (Twin)</b>
<b>Wife</b>	<b>Louisa Ann Earl</b>
<b>Notes</b>	
CHILD 4 - Sylvester Bates Nay Information for Ormus and Louisa and family are taken from the family Bible of Ormus Bates Nay, St. George temple records, and family group records of Doris Elizabeth Nay Whitney.	
CHILD 5 - Chauncy Leon Nay Information for Ormus and Louisa and family are taken from the family Bible of Ormus Bates Nay, St. George temple records, and family group records of Doris Elizabeth Nay Whitney. Neva North was his second wife, first wife unknown, could be "Kate," also married a third time according to records of Wanda C. Nay. Obit:"Funeral services have been set for 1 p.m. Dec 26 at Bunker Brothers Chapel for Chauncey L. Nay, a pioneer teamster in Southern Nevada who died. Nay was born at Circleville, Utah and moved to Southern Nevada with his parents where they settled about 1900 in what is now known as the Whitney Ranch near St. Thomas in the Bunkerville Mountains. "Chan" owned a string of saddle horses like most typical Westerners. One year Nay drove a ten horse team hauling copper ore out of Arizona's Grand Gulch mine to the Moapa Valley. Nay quit the freight road and came to Las Vegas to enlist, but was turned down by the draft board which sent him back to the freight road as a critical employee for scarce metals. After being released from his job Nay joined the army and served until the end of the war. According th Nay's family, he probably covered more ground than many other men as a a cowhand and teamster in Nevada, Arizona and Utah. Nay worked with Clark County Highway Department until his retirement." (Las Vegas Review Journal Fri. 21 Dec. 1973)	
CHILD 6 - Ora Bertrum Nay Information for Ormus and Louisa and family are taken from the family Bible of Ormus Bates Nay, St. George temple records, and family group records of Doris Elizabeth Nay Whitney. Ora Bertrum married again, unknown.	
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2. Census; Nevada, 1910 U.S. Federal, #1374871, SD 1, ED 46, 19 Apr 1910. Lincoln Co., Tonopah. Age 59, Listed as a miner of quartz, living with 2 partners.	
3. Census; Nevada, 1910 U.S. Federal, #1374872, 25 Apr 1910. Age 60, Listed as a promoter of mining, living with niece Nellie Stocks and others, inlcuding Wife Louisa age 55, sons Henry Marley age 35, Chauncy L. age 14, and Ora B.age 12.	
4. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Branch Records; Iowa, Harris Grove, LDS, microfilm, p. 48, Family History Library, 35 N West Temple Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84150 USA, FHL film 0001923. Pottawattamie county now known as Harrison county. Blessing 2 June 1850 by Orson Pratt, age listed as 6/12 (6 months.).	
5. Death Certificate; Arizona, U.S. Copy in possession of submitter.	
6. Nay Family Bible. Text:"This certifies that Ormus Bates Nay of Pine Valley and Louise Ann Earl of Pine Valley state of Utah were united in matrimony according to the ordinance of God and the laws of the state of Utah at Pine Valley on the 22 day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred seventy one by Bishop Wm Snow--witnesses J. B. Nay and Amanda E. Nay" (Joseph Brigham is Ormus' brother, Amanda Ellen is Louisa's sister, married to each other.).	
7. Census; Nevada, 1910 U.S. Federal, #1374872, 25 Apr 1910. Nye Co., Tonopah.	

# Family Group Record

**Husband** Ormus Bates Nay (Twin)

**Wife** Louisa Ann Earl

**Sources (Continued)**

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8. Census; Nevada, 1910 U.S. Federal, #137481, 21 Apr 1910. Lincoln Co., Alamo Pct. listed as farmer, age 37, with wife Minnie age 35, and six children, Allen H. age 11, James C. age 10, Doris E. age 8, Louise age 5, Anita age 5, and Grace age 1 5/12.
  9. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Special Collections, #0170580/p.23/#399, Family History Library, 35 N West Temple Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84150 USA.
  10. Census; Nevada, 1910 U.S. Federal, #1374872, 25 Apr 1910. Nye Co., Tonopah. Listed age 35, divorced, blacksmith for the mineshops.
  11. Ordinance index, Family History Library, 35 N West Temple Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84150 USA. Parents listed.
  12. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Special Collections, #1263253 St. George Temple records. Marriage date listed, also baptism and endowment.
  13. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Special Collections, #1263253. Proxy Ralph Emanuel Whitney.
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## Chapter 9

# ANGELINE RELIEF NAY

by Wilma Nay  
grandniece-in-law

**A**ngeline Relief was the youngest child of Thirza Angeline Hale and John Nay, Jr. according to the *Journal History of the Church*. This is on file at the Church Archives in the Historical Department in Salt Lake City, Utah. John and Thirza had completed their journey west on October 12, 1852 with the Allen Weeks Company arrival in Salt Lake City. (1) John and eight others of his family came with the Weeks Company. This count would include John and his wife Thirza Angeline and six children.

John and Thirza Angelina lived in Cedar Fort, Cedar County area. The family lived in Stone City a small settlement near the Oquirrh Mountains.(2) Angeline Relief was with them at this time. Thus, Angeline Relief was born after her parents arrived in Utah Territory, the seventh living child of John and Thirza and born in Cedar Valley, Utah. She was blessed by her father, John Nay, Jr., on May 6, 1855 in the Cedar Fort ward.(3)

The 1860 Census shows Angeline Relief living with Lysander and Matilda Nay Dayton in Lake City, Utah County, Utah, a settlement between Cedar Valley and American Fork, Utah.(4) Apparently Angeline Relief was living with Matilda and Lysander.

The 1860 Census of Springville, Utah County shows John living in Springville, Utah with his boys, John Hyrum, Joseph Brigham, Ormus, and William E., but no mention is made of Angeline Relief at this time. (5) (Laura A, 17 years old is listed as living next door with Charles N(?) Warren with a one-year-old girl Laura A. and a five month old baby Charles H. Laura is probably John and Thirza's daughter born in May of 1843.)

The next record found of the family is in Pine Valley, Utah. The Pine Valley Ward records show John Nay and Thankful Lucy Pine, his wife, living in Pine Valley.(6) Angeline Relief does not show up in these records. These listings show blessings, baptisms and priesthood callings. Angeline may not have been in the Pine Valley Ward at an age when these ordinances were noted.

The next record listing Angeline Relief is from the St. George Ward Record of Members.(7) Her death is recorded as Angeline Ney born in Cedar Fort, Utah County but no birth date is given. Her parents are listed as John and Angeline Nay. Her death date is also missing with the cause of death being "Fever." As a matter of interest two of Lysander and Matilda "Ney" Dayton's children are listed on the same film. Arthur U Jane (Eugene) Dayton died January 26, 1865 and Permelia Dayton died April 22, 1863 when eleven days old. All of these deaths were among the many deaths that happened to the families of the early settlers in Southern Utah. Malaria, diseases like whooping cough, measles, and accidents took the life of a high percentage of the young children. A look at the cemetery records shows us that several people

who died around the same time that Angeline did died specifically of typhoid fever.(8) Some families lost nine and ten children during the first two years of their children's lives.

The St. George Cemetery records show Angeline Relief 's death date as June 1864. She is buried in an unmarked grave in lot 76 of the St. George cemetery. (9) The cemetery records her grave as an unmarked location. Dr. Higgins made report on cause of death. The owner of plot is listed as C. L. Riding, and the plot was acquired October 24, 1863.

The next records examined were St. George Baptism for the Dead.(10) This shows Angeline Relief Nay had her baptism ordinance done on January 22,1878. The work was done by Emily Spencer at the "Instance" of Lucy Nay. Emily Spencer is listed as a friend. Angeline's birth date and place are recorded as April 3, 1854 in Cedar Fort, Utah, Utah with a death date of June 15, 1864.

The next day on the January 23, 1878 Thankful Lucy Pine Nay, Stepmother, performed the endowment for Angeline Relief Nay as evidenced on another record.(11) Angeline's birth date is listed as September 3, 1852 in Cedar Valley, Utah, a variance of a couple of years from the previous day's record. Her death date is listed as 1864.

The birth date confusion surrounding Angeline Relief must stem from this account. September 3, 1852 has been shown as being incorrect as evidenced by the arrival statistics of the Allen Weeks Company into the Salt Lake Valley of October 12, 1852 and the Census records of 1865 showing Angeline Relief being born in Cedar Valley. One theory postulated is that Emily Spencer came to the temple with the birth and death dates written down because she wasn't a close member of the family and wasn't relying on her memory. Lucy, on the other hand, may have tried to quote the dates from memory, only listing 1864 as the death date, whereas Emily Spencer knew the complete date of June 15,1864.

We know from the records that Angeline Relief was born to Thirza Angelina Hale and John Nay in Cedar Valley, Utah and died at a young age in St. George, Utah. Her necessary ordinances of baptism, endowment and sealing to parents have all been accomplished. The sealing to parents was performed in the Provo Temple on June 15, 1863.

Her sister Matilda reports, according to the Logan Temple records, that Angelina was born in 1853 in Cedar Fort, Utah and died in 1864. Matilda was baptized for her on October 1, 1901.(12) So we have yet another possible date to think about.

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## Chapter 10

# JOHN NAY, JR. and THANKFUL LUCY PINE

by **Wilma O. Nay**  
**great granddaughter-in-law**  
and **John C. Nay**  
**great great grandson**

**T**hankful Lucy Pine was the seventh child and the third and final daughter born to Joseph and Delia Pine on Nov 4, 1831 while the family lived in Stockholm, St. Lawrence County, New York.(1,2) Stockholm is located not far from the St. Lawrence River in Upstate New York, north of the Adirondack Mountains and near the U.S./Canadian border.

Joseph Pine, born July 11, 1785 in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, and Delia Winn (a.k.a. Adelia Ann Sparrow) of Lansingburg, Albany County, New York (now Troy, Rensselaer County, New York), were the parents of eight children (3)

(1) Delia Fanny, born 1815 of Balston Spa, Saratoga County, New York (4)

(2) George, born 1817 of Balston Spa (5)

(3) Jane Eliza, born August 7, 1818 in Balston Spa; died November 28, 1913 (6)

(4) Dudley, born June 17, 1821 in Balston Spa; died October 28, 1877(7)

(5) Myron, born 1823 in Stockholm, St. Lawrence County, New York; died 1844 (8)

(6) Samuel Cook, Senior, born July 30, 1825 in Stockholm; died January 16, 1897 in San Bernardino County, California) (9)

(7) Thankful Lucy (10)

(8) John, born 6 November 1833 in Stockholm, died October 9, 1900 (11)

Her father, Joseph Pine, baptized Thankful Lucy into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on August 24, 1846. (12,13)

Joseph Pine was endowed in the original Nauvoo Temple in the year 1846. (14) Research conducted up to the time of preparing this document has not yet revealed how long the family lived in Nauvoo, Illinois before immigrating with Brigham Young and the main body of Latter-day Saints to the basin of the Great Salt Lake in what is now known as the State of Utah. The Pine/Winn family lived Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts; Troy, Rensselaer County, New York; Boston Spa, Saratoga County, New York; Nauvoo, Hancock County, Illinois, eventually immigrating westward with Brigham Young and the Mormon Pioneers, and settling such places as the communities of St. George and Pine Valley, Washington County, Utah, and San Bernardino, San Bernardino County, California.

Thankful's major life events give us some glimpses into the trials and hardships she was called to endure, along with demonstrated faith and devotion she expressed in giving service to family, friends, and strangers, which we believe was all brought about because of her testimony of the

Lord Jesus Christ and her desire to build up the kingdom of God on the earth she knew to be embodied in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Thankful's first opportunity for marriage came sometime after her family's arrival in what eventually became the known as the Territory of Utah. At around twenty years of age, Thankful met, was courted by, and eventually married the recently widowed Orren (or Orin) Packard. Orren, the son of Noah and Sophia (15) Packard, had originally been married to Miss Matilda Stowell. Thankful Lucy became Orren's second wife—their marriage solemnized in Springville, Utah County, Territory of Utah, by President Asahel Perry. The first and only child to be born of this union entered mortality on September 1, 1852 and was named Joseph Dudley Packard (16,17) This child's given names could have been selected by Thankful in tribute to her father, Joseph Pine, and her brother, Dudley Pine.

A short two months after the joyous event surrounding the birth of their first child, tragedy struck this small, unsuspecting family, when on November 3, 1852, Orren was involved in a fatal accident—having been run over by a wagon.(18) He died that same day, leaving behind Thankful and her now fatherless infant son! It is difficult to imagine the enormity of the situation Thankful now found herself in: a young widow faced with the challenges of being a single parent for the unforeseeable future. What must have gone through her heart and mind, as the very next day, Thankful marked her 21st birthday!

A little more than three years past the death of her husband, Thankful, a single parent, was raising her son Joseph Dudley. Whether out of love for her or compassion for her circumstances, Joseph Kelley, a prominent community member of the Church in Springville, Utah County, Territory of Utah, proposed marriage to Thankful as one of his plural wives, in full accordance with the practice approved of in this religious community.(19)

Circumstances being what they were for Widow Packard (Thankful) and her young child, Joseph Dudley, illustrates the benefit of plural marriage to persons such as her. The story of Thankful's marriage to Joseph Kelley appears to validate the notion that plural marriage was a means to blessing, protecting, and seeing to Thankful's needs and the needs of her son within the marriage covenant. (Whether or not such concerns crossed Thankful's mind is purely speculative, as we have no record of her keeping a journal or a diary.) Recorded history simply states that she accepted Joseph's proposal, becoming his fifth wife on March 14, 1856 at 3:15 pm when Elder George A. Smith of the Council of the Twelve Apostles "sealed" them "for time and all eternity," in Provo, Utah County, Territory of Utah.(20) Being sealed or married for time and all eternity outside the confines of the Temple was a practice allowed by church leaders at this time in history. Those who had the authority to seal couples for time and all eternity would visit people in their local communities and perform this ordinance of the Holy Temple on their behalf. However, such couples were given strict orders to have this ordinance ratified by repeating it in the closest available Endowment House. Such instructions were given to Thankful and Joseph, so after making the 40-mile trip to Salt Lake City, they had their sealing ordinance ratified within the confines of the Endowment House on Temple Square on April 22, 1856.(21,22) Concurrent with this action, Joseph Kelly was sealed to his fourth wife, Elizabeth Potter, on the same day, to whom he had been married two years prior.

Research indicates that the sealing ordinance between Joseph Kelley and Thankful was later cancelled in order to allow for the marriage of Thankful to John Nay Jr., of Cedar Fort/Cedar Valley, Utah County, Territory of Utah.(23) The following reasoning supports this conclusion:

John Nay Jr. was the father of eight living children, at least five of which were still living at home with him, when he was abandoned by his first wife, Thirza Angelina Hale, due to a tragic chain of events.(24) Because of the circumstances in which the family of John Nay Jr. found themselves, John was probably in serious need of finding a new wife with whom to share parental responsibilities over those children who remained with him.

From the extensive research we have done, we believe that their marriage was based upon mutual need. Thankful and John were married no earlier than the year 1859 somewhere within the jurisdiction of Utah County, Territory of Utah. Some publications and family group records indicate the date of this marriage "about 1859."(25, 26) Thankful assumed the care of John's children by his first wife, Thirza Angelina Hale. Ormus Bates Nay, one of Thirza's children, told family members that Thankful Lucy came to take care of John Nay's family after Thirza was gone, and that the family "thought the world" of Thankful. (27) Using the records surrounding the divorce papers and the birth of the first child from this union as an indicator, the marriage probably occurred sometime between September 13 and December 22, 1859 in a community east of Utah Lake, probably Provo or Springville. Their first child, Myron Winslow, was born in Springville in August 1860. (28)

After Myron's birth, Thankful and John Nay brought their combined families to a newly established settlement in southern Utah called Pine Valley, Washington County, Territory of Utah. A small hill south of this village was named after the "Ney" family. (29) They lived in Pine Valley from 1860 to 1888. During their stay in this mountain valley, four children were born to them: George John, born July 24, 1862; Ormun Russel, (a.k.a. "Tim"), born March 23, 1865; Elmer Carr, born June 9, 1867; and Samuel Nay, born and died the same day in 1869. (30) A different source cites 1874 as the year of this "unnamed infant's" birth and death. (31)

Both John and Thankful demonstrated their faith in the restored gospel of Jesus Christ by fully participating in the ordinances of the House of the Lord. Shortly after the St. George Temple was dedicated, (32) Wilford Woodruff, a member of the Council of the Twelve and the first temple president of the St. George Utah Temple, officiated in the sealing ordinance for Thankful and John Nay on March 2, 1877, over a month prior to its final dedication service. (33) As was customary at the time, John and Thankful kept a ledger book of the temple ordinances they performed on behalf of their kindred dead; many of these ordinances were performed up through the year 1881. (34)

In the year 1888, John and Thankful moved their household up to Circleville, Piute County, Territory of Utah. Circleville Ward recorded their membership, transferring them from Pine Valley to Circleville on December 16, 1888. (35) A short time later, they moved to Monroe, Sevier County, Territory of Utah.

When John and Lucy were living in Monroe, Sevier County, John was lame. Lucy provided the income by growing potatoes. She would drive them in a large wagon to be weighed. The men in charge would make bets as to Lucy's weight. She was six feet tall and large boned, but she was agile. Lucy would jump off the wagon before they could weigh her. The size of her family was always the brunt of jokes. Keeping herself and her large family members in food and clothing was a lifetime struggle. (38)

It was while living in Monroe that John passed away from the effects of aging on October 1, 1892. He was buried two days later on October 3, 1892 in the Monroe City Cemetery. After John's passing, Thankful returned to her former home in Circleville. While living there, she

passed away from the effects of aging on July 29, 1897. (36, 37) Thankful's remains were buried beside those of her husband, John, in the Monroe City Cemetery, Monroe, Sevier County, Utah. (39)

## Notes

1. Endowment House Records where birth year recorded as 1831 in two locations (FHL Film #183,394). One entry records her birth year as 1830 (FHL Film #183,374).
2. In New York State, a “town” is a geographic district within a county. It is not a city or a village.
3. Main Section Archive Family Group Record, originally created and submitted by Grant Packard of San Luis Obispo, California (submitted ca. 1966) Note that this record references several other documents.
4. Op. Cit., Packard
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11. Op. Cit., Packard
12. Temple Index card, Circleville Ward, Panguitch Stake, Utah, Records Book 10959, p. 30.
13. St. George, Utah, 3rd Ward (Old). FHL film #30027336
14. Op. Cit., Packard
15. Charter member of the Nauvoo Female Relief Society, organized in 1842, under the direction of Joseph Smith, Jr. (See Documentary History of the Church).
16. Springville Ward Records.
17. Early Church Information File.
18. Springville Ward Records.
19. With the public admission by Church authorities in the year 1852 and prior to the issuance of the Manifesto in 1889, plural marriage was openly practiced within and among members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints—a practice where a select number of faithful priesthood holders in the church were allowed to, if not commanded, marry more than one wife. Generally speaking, the practice of taking more than one wife gave those women who participated the safety and protection afforded of having a husband to see to them and the needs of their children—within the bonds of matrimony. Such a consideration was made all the more prescient as these pioneer Saints were facing life in the hostile environment comprising the regions now known as the inter-mountain West.
20. Springville Ward Records.
21. FHL film # 183,374 (Special Collections), p. 21.
22. FHL film # 183,394 (Special Collections).
23. According to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Archives, records indicate that President Brigham Young granted Joseph Kelley a divorce from one of his plural wives. The bill of divorcement was forwarded for signatures on Sept 13, 1859, from the Office of the President to Bishop Silas Smith of Provo, Utah. The policy at the time was to make three copies of the divorce papers. One copy was to be retained by Brigham Young and the other two copies were sent to the Bishop Silas Smith in Provo, Utah for signature. One of the two additional copies should have been returned to President Young, and the other copy retained by the involved parties. The return copy could not be located. Circumstances indicate that the two signatures on this document most probably were Joseph Kelley and Thankful. Recorded memories of Delia Nay Smith and Clifton Reu Nay (grandchildren of John and Thankful)

support the notion that with Joseph Kelley's consent, Thankful was a key figure in providing initial assistance with John's family, and that a mutual decision was reached leading to the divorce request and the eventual marriage between John and Thankful (This information is recorded on cassette tape by Robert E. Nay, nephew, in June 1978 at the home of Clifton Reu Nay, now deceased. Cassette currently in possession of John C. Nay, son of Robert E. Nay, of Ypsilanti, Michigan.) Other supporting evidence, from the family group records of Joseph Kelley and his plural wives on file at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, rules out that any of the other plural wives of Joseph Kelley ever left his family. Elizabeth, another plural wife, had children born to Joseph after 1859—the watershed year surrounding these set of events.

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26. International Genealogical Index (IGI), The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; Family Search Version , 1988; Batch No. 7311402, Sheet No. 05, Call 822751.

27. Tape recorded conversations between Clifton Rue Nay (grandson) and Delia Nay Kurtz (granddaughter). Recorded 1976 by Robert E. Nay (great grandson).

28., Pine Valley Ward Records. FHL #0026418 items 1\_4.

29. Snow, Bessie, (ed) O Ye Mountains High, p. 29.

30. Pine Valley Ward Records. FHL film #0026418

31. Samuel passed away shortly after his birth and is buried in the Pine Valley Cemetery in an unmarked grave. The name Samuel is from the records of Lucy Nay James, currently in the possession of Sherman Nay of Brigham City, Utah ([www.nay.org](http://www.nay.org)). A second source indicates that the “infant child” of John and Lucy Nay was born “about 1874” and died the same day that it was born. [Snow, Bessie, (ed) O Ye Mountains High, p. 220.] In a book titled “Descendants of Pine Valley Pioneers” by Mary Esther S. Putnam, the grave of “Nay Child” is located on a map of the Pine Valley Cemetery, pp. 144\_145.

32. “Just nine days later on January 9, 1877, baptisms for the dead were performed for the first time in the temple. Two days after that, endowments for the dead were performed for the first time in this dispensation in any temple. On April 6, 1877, Daniel H. Wells, second counselor in the First Presidency, dedicated the temple, in its entirety.” <http://www.ldschurchtemples.com>”

33. FHL Special Collections, St. George Temple Sealing Records, Batch #M170579, Sheet #0151.

34. Temple Book of John Nay Jr., in the possession of Wilma O. Nay of St. George, Utah, wife of Robert E. Nay (great grandson), deceased.

35. Circleville Ward Records.

36. Double headstone inscribed “Lucy Thankful Nay, born 4 Nov 1831, died 29 July 1897, Mother.” Photographed by Jim Stubbs, April 2001, Monroe, Sevier Co., Utah. (Editor’s note: The inscription on the headstone reverses the first and second name of Thankful Lucy Nay. She was known as Lucy throughout her life, perhaps causing the mix-up.)

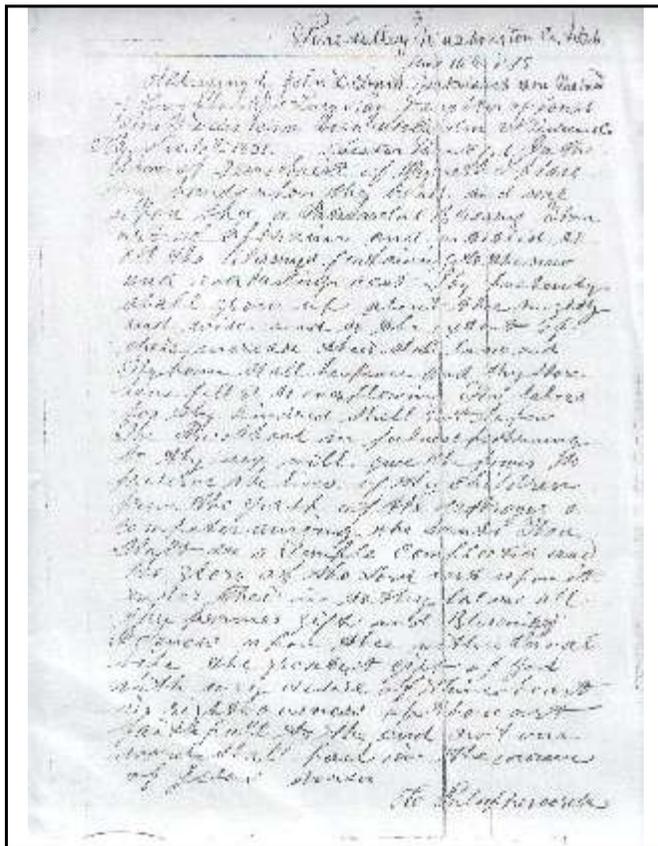
37. Utah Cemetery Inventory, “Death: Circleville, Utah.”

38. Madsen, Diane, family history.

39. Headstone located in Monroe, Utah cemetery, SW corner of Center & Grand, 128\_F.

**Addendum 1:**

**Thankful Lucy Pine Nay Patriarchal Blessing .**



Transcription:

Pine Valley, Washington County, Utah  
June 16, 1875

A blessing by John L. Smith, patriarch upon the head of Lucy Thankful Lucy Nay, daughter of Joseph Pine and Delia Winn. Born Stockholm, St. Lawrence Co., NY November 4, 1831. Sister Thankful, in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, I place my hands upon thy head and seal upon thee a Patriarchal blessing. Thou art of Ephraim and entitled to all the blessing pertaining to the new and everlasting covenant. Thy posterity shall grow up about thee mighty and wise and to the extent of their increase there shall be no end. Thy home shall be peace and thy storehouse filled to overflowing. Thy labors for thy kindred shall not be few. The Priesthood in fulness pertaining at thy . . . will give thee power to preserve the lives of thy children from the grasp of

the destroyer in comfort or among the Saints. Thou shalt see a temple completed and the glory of the Lord rest upon it. Enter therein so thy labors all thy gift and Blessing of Promise upon thee with eternal life the perfect gift of God with every desire of thine heart in righteousness if thou are faithful to the end not one word shall fail in the name of Jesus Amen

C. Pulsipher, scribe

**Addendum 2:**

**Delia Pine's obituary—Thankful Lucy Pine's mother**

Died: At the residence of her son Dudley, San Bernardino, California, December 30<sup>th</sup>, 1874, Delia Pine.

Born in the State of New York in 1795; was married to Joseph Pine in 1814; was a strong Presbyterian at that time, they were both strong in the same faith; when the gospel came to them they both embraced it and became strong in the principles of life and salvation, notwithstanding priestly visitations and strong priestly persuasions and influences to the contrary; her husband was Joseph's faithful friend in all his trying circumstances whenever he could lend a helping hand; she was a faithful companion to her husband and a kind mother to her children; would work many times eighteen hours out of twenty-four so that she might bring them a mouthful of

bread and clothing to keep them comfortable; he was sick most of that time; she went with her husband in company with Joseph Smith, grandmother, and father to Kirtland; after living a few years in Kirtland she with her husband went to Illinois in 1843; in 1849 her husband died aged 66 years; he told his two oldest boys, Dudley and Samuel to take the family and go to the Salt Lake Valley; in 1850 they started with their mother and went as far as Council Bluffs; thence to Salt Lake; then the boys went to California and in 1859 their mother went there to induce them to return, but failed in her purpose: in 1863 she came back and lived with her youngest son in Gunnison and in Richfield; in 1868 they had to move back to Gunnison on account of the Indian War; in August of that year she thought she would once more try to bring back her children from California, therefore she started for that purpose and lived with them, doing all the good that her heart could think of all the time. Mother Pine was extensively known in Springville and all through these valleys, also in Kirtland; was the mother of seven children, three sons and three daughters now living. Com.

From *Deseret Weekly News* Vol. 24, p. 91. March 10, 1875

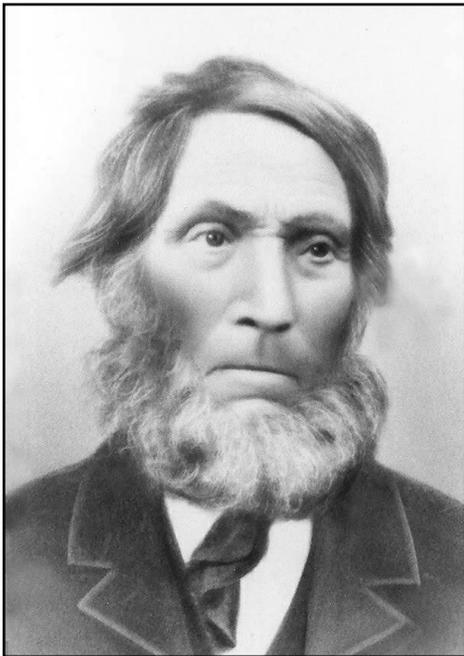
Notes from Luella Faucett on Adelia Ann Sparrow Winn (Pine)—Thankful Lucy Pine's mother

FAMILY STORY: from Clifton Reu Nay as told by his mother Thankful Lucy Pine Nay. Samuel Pine lived in Yucipa, California and owned orchards and land there; he was one of the original settlers in that part of the county. (History of San Bernardino County, CA—DAR Lib. Washington, DC). When Brigham Young sent for the pioneers to return to Utah because of persecution, Samuel did not want to return. It meant his records would be stricken from the Church records at that time because Brigham Young was calling back the settlers of the California valley that was hoped to be part of the Utah Territory. Delia Winn Pine returned to Utah. She periodically would return to California to try to convince her son to return to Utah and or restore his records in the church. Several years before she died she made another trip to California and then was too sick to travel back to Utah. She settled in California and later died there.

Uncle Reu Nay and nephew Dalton L. Gibson went to the Pioneer Cemetery in San Bernardino, CA to try to find the burial plot for Delia Winn. The caretaker told them that the book for the years that they were searching was not available as it had been lost or destroyed. They did not check with the county records to see if she was actually buried there.

There is a chance that she could have been buried there in Yucipa on the family homestead. The family group record states that she was buried in the Pioneer Cemetery in San Bernardino, San Bernardino County, California.

# JOHN NAY JR. and THANKFUL LUCY PINE FAMILY

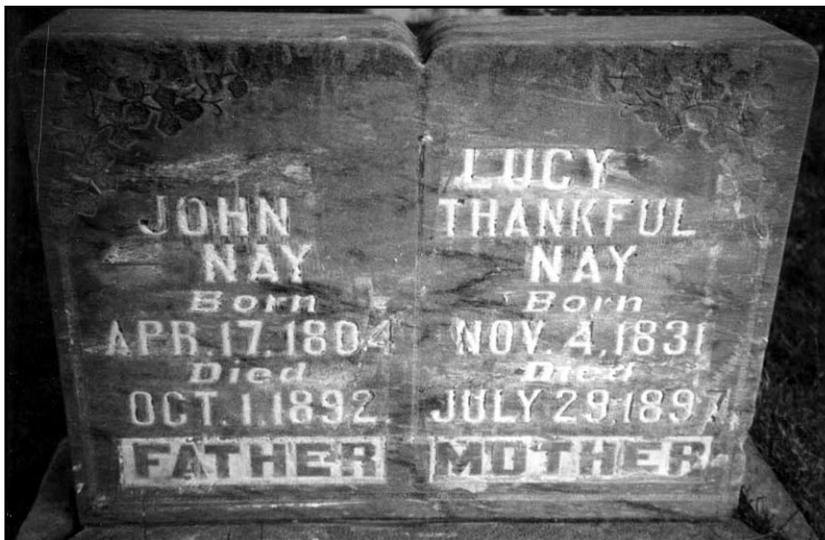


John Nay Jr.



Thankful Lucy Pine

Headstone in Monroe, Utah

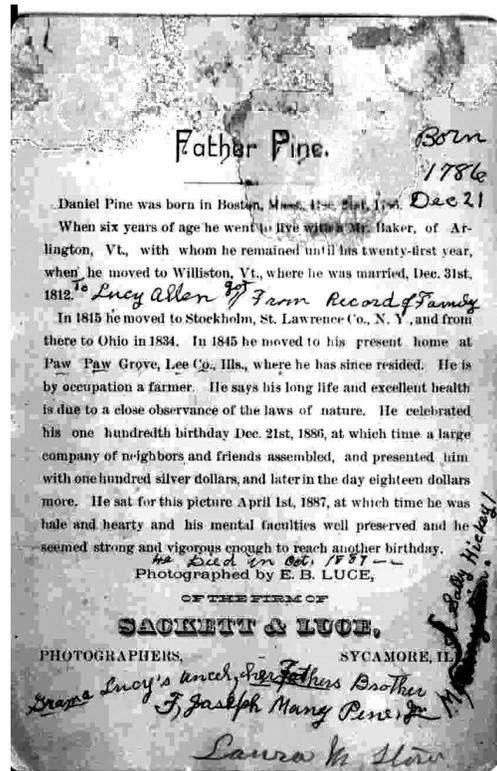
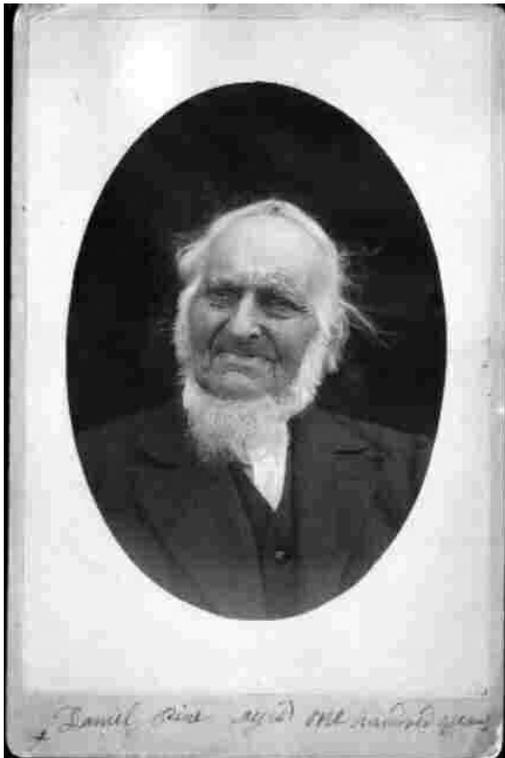


JOHN  
NAY  
Born  
APR 17, 1804  
Died  
Oct. 1 1892  
FATHER

LUCY  
THANKFUL  
NAY  
Born  
NOV 4, 1831  
Died  
July 29, 1897  
MOTHER



Adelia Ann Sparrow  
Winn Pine  
  
(Thankful Lucy's  
mother)



Front and back of Daniel Pine's picture (Thankful Lucy's uncle)

# Family Group Record

<b>Husband</b>				
<b>John Nay, Jr.</b>				
Born-2	17 Apr 1804	Place Peterborough, Hillsborough, New Hampshire	LDS ordinance dates	Temple
Died-3	1 Oct 1892	Place Monroe, Sevier, Utah	Baptized	May 1842
Buried-4	1 Oct 1892	Place Monroe, Sevier, Utah	Endowed-1	7 Feb 1846 NAUVO
			Sealed to parents	6 Jun 1846
Married-5	1859	Place Springville, Utah, Utah	Sealed to spouse-6	2 Mar 1877 SGEOR
Other Spouse Thirza Angelina Hale				
Married	28 May 1833	Place	Sealed to spouse	7 Feb 1846 NAUVO
Husband's father John Nay, Sr.				
Husband's mother Betsy Puffer				
<b>Wife</b>				
<b>Thankful Lucy Pine</b>				
Born-7	4 Nov 1831	Place Stockholm, St. Lawrence, New York	LDS ordinance dates	Temple
Died-9	29 Jul 1897	Place Circleville, Piute, Utah	Baptized-7	24 Aug 1851
Buried	31 Jul 1897	Place Monroe, Sevier, Utah	Endowed-8	22 Apr 1856
			Sealed to parents	1898
Other Spouse Orren Packard				
Married	9 Nov 1851	Place Springville, Utah, Utah	Sealed to spouse	
Wife's father Joseph Pine				
Wife's mother Adelia Ann Sparrow Winn				
<b>Children</b>			LDS ordinance dates	Temple
<b>1</b>	<b>M Myron Windslo Nay<sup>10</sup></b>			
	Born-11,12	22 Aug 1860	Place Springville, Utah, Utah	Baptized 1 Dec 1870
	Died-13,14	30 Jul 1943	Place Richfield, Sevier, Utah	Endowed 23 Nov 1928
	Buried-15	2 Aug 1943	Place Richfield, Sevier, Utah	Sealed to parents 3 Apr 1981 IFALL
Spouse Emma Hainsworth				
Married				
Place				
Sealed to spouse				
Spouse Lurana Eleanor Forbush				
Married				
29 Dec 1881 (div) Place Manti, Sanpete, Utah				
Sealed to spouse 23 Nov 1928 MANTI				
<b>2</b>	<b>M George John Nay<sup>18,19,20</sup></b>			
	Born-21	24 Jul 1862	Place Springville, Utah, Utah	Baptized-16 1 Dec 1870 LIVE
	Died-22	27 Dec 1922	Place San Bernardino, San Bernardino, California	Endowed 22 Jan 1878
	Buried-23	29 Dec 1922	Place Mr. View Cem., San Bernardino, California	Sealed to parents-17 15 Nov 1968 LANGE
Spouse Fanny M. Yant or Yount <sup>24,25,26</sup>				
Married-27				
14 Feb 1891 Place San Bernardino, San Bernardino, CA				
Sealed to spouse-28 15 Nov 1968 LANGE				
<b>3</b>	<b>M Ormun Russell [Tim] Nay</b>			
	Born-32	23 Mar 1864	Place Pine Valley, Washington, Utah	Baptized-29 1874 LIVE
	Died-33	6 Mar 1936	Place San Bernardino, San Bernadino, California	Endowed-30 22 Feb 1882 SGEOR
	Buried-34	12 Mar 1936	Place Mr. View Cem., San Bernadino, California	Sealed to parents-31 9 Mar 1981 SLAKE
Spouse Flora Clorinda Warnock				
Married-35,36				
31 Jan 1911 (div) Place Needles, Sn Brnrn, California				
Sealed to spouse 18 Aug 1972 OAKLA				
<b>4</b>	<b>M Elmer Carr Nay</b>			
	Born-29,38,39	9 Jun 1867	Place Pine Valley, Washington, Utah	Baptized 1876
	Died-40	9 Oct 1921	Place Monroe, Sevier, Utah	Endowed 22 Feb 1882 SGEOR
	Buried-41	13 Oct 1921	Place Monroe Cem., Sevier, Utah	Sealed to parents-37 9 May 1981 SLAKE

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<b>Husband</b> <b>John Nay, Jr.</b>			
<b>Wife</b> <b>Thankful Lucy Pine</b>			
<b>Children</b>		LDS ordinance dates	Temple
4	M	<b>Elmer Carr Nay (Continued)</b>	
		Spouse             Charlotta Jane Doxford	
		Married <sup>42</sup> 13 Feb 1893	Place     Monroe, Sevier, Utah
			Sealed to spouse <sup>7</sup> 19 Jul 1922
5	M	<b>Samuel Nay</b>	
		Born <sup>29</sup> Abt 1869	Place     Pine Valley, Washington, Utah
			Baptized             Infant
		Died                 Abt 1869	Place     Pine Valley, Washington, Utah
			Endowed             Infant
			Sealed to parents     13 Jun 1981
			SLAKE

**Notes**

**MARRIAGE**

MARRIAGE SOURCE: from family group sheet from Clifton Reu Nay and Jane Nay. Also on many family group sheets in the Patron's Section of the FHL in the Joseph Smith Bldg., Salt Lake City, Utah.

MARRIAGE SOURCE: 4 Feb 1983, Batch #8230201, sheet 48, FHC film #0884907, Provo Temple records.

**HUSBAND - John Nay, Jr.**

SOURCE: IGI: and family stories: Angelina Hale, his first wife left John and their children. Even though no marriage date for the second wife can be located, we assume this happened sometime in Springville, and later John and Thankful Lucy went to St. George and were sealed in the St. George Temple.

NOTE: PIONEER INDEXES, WASHINGTON COUNTY UTAH, 1852-1870, compiled by : Wesley W. Craig and Roberta Blake Barnum, states: Nay, John; wife, Hale, Thirza Angelina; born 23 Feb 1814, Brandon, Rutland, VT, to Dixie in 1862 from Pine Valley, UT next line: Nay, John; Pine, Thankful Lucy, 4 Nov 1830; stockholm, S.L., NY; to Dixie 1862; from Pine Valley, UT; Marriage date 1859 in Springville, UT. We know that the information about Thirza coming to Dixie is incorrect, and Dr. Craig and Mrs. Barnum cannot find the verification for this record. NOTE: on the female Pioneer Index itstates that Thankful Lucy came to Dixie in Dec 1861 from St. George, UT.

BURIAL: In the Monroe City Cemetary, Monroe, Sevier Co., UT             AFN:1TDK-NR

**WIFE - Thankful Lucy Pine**

BIRTH SOURCE: From family group sheet passed down to family from Charlotte Jane Nay and Clifton Reu Nay. Also, her vital record is listed on the IGI.

MARRIAGE INFO: Thankful Lucy Pine married 3 times. The first was to Orin or Orren Packard.

She had one son before he died. Joseph Kelly, her second husband was passing through on his way to his mission in Australia or an Island near there, when he stopped at the Packard residence and discovered that Orren has just passed away and had left Lucy with a small baby. He married her for support and temperal purposes, as the church would have wished at that time, altho he already had three or four other wives. When Lucy married John Nay Jr., they were

# Family Group Record

**Husband**    **John Nay, Jr.**

**Wife**        **Thankful Lucy Pine**

## Notes

WIFE        - Thankful Lucy Pine    (Continued)

living in Springville, UT

at the time. No record has been found. Their marriage was solemnized in the St. George Temple, later.

NOTE: Abt. 1998, Robert E. (Bob) Nay and his wife Wilma, after doing a great deal of research

on her marriages and not being able to find any divorce from Kelly, left it in the hands of the church.

They found a notation about her marriage of support with Kelly, in President Brigham Young's

diaries and granted a church divorce from Kelly.

NOTE: Thankful was also rebaptized the 24 Aug 1851. It is known that she came across

the plains early from IL with her mother and brothers and a sister. AFN:1XRB-6G

CHILD 2 - George John Nay

DEATH RECORD: States that George J. Nay is the son of O.B. Nay. The Informant, James Ruck, Agent of San Bernardino was mistaken as his father was John Nay Jr. of Monroe, Sevier Co., Utah. Reg. No. on bottom left corner of the certificate is 695131, date issued 2 Jul 2001.

AFN: 1XR8-VN and AFN: 1XR80VW

CHILD 3 - Ormun Russell [Tim] Nay

NOTE: First name spelling Alvond differs from the spelling on our family records, which is Ormun.

Aunt Geraldine Pinner Nay, told me, Luella Faucett, that Uncle Tim and Aunt Flora used to own a cafe in Victorville, CA, about 1925. It was located next to the Barrell House, which was located on the corner of 5th and D sts.

Died of Cardiac Failure caused by Chronic Bronchial Asthma. Tim was divorced from Flora Nay. He was buried in Mt. View Cemetery (corner of Waterman and Highland), in San Bernardino, CA. Mark B. Shaw Co., was the funeral Director.

AFN:1XR8-W3 and AFN:4SFC-81 and AFN: CSJ0-T0 ( 0's could be O's).

CHILD 4 - Elmer Carr Nay

AFN:1XR8-X8

CHILD 5 - Samuel Nay

AFN: 44TX-HF and 3QLW-NM and 1XR8-ZF

Birthdate of merged records stated abt 1869. I used the date on our family records from Clifton Reu NAY. LMKF. "O Ye Mountains High" by Bessie Snow states that unnamed "Infant" was born and died in 1874. Family conclusion is that Samuel is that same infant. Grave is in Pine Valley Cemetery, Pine Valley, Utah.

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2. Albert Smith, History of the Town of Peterborough (NH), 974.22. Stored in the Library of Congress in Washington DC in the genealogy room; Also stored in the

# Family Group Record

**Husband****John Nay, Jr.****Wife****Thankful Lucy Pine****Sources (Continued)**

- Family History Library, 35 N West Temple Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84150. Page 214, #42, lists the birthdate of John Nay, the son of William Nay.
3. Sexton Records, Monroe City Cemetary, Monroe, Sevier, Utah. Grave location: 128-E; Death so stated.
  4. Sexton Records, Monroe City Cemetary, Monroe, Sevier, Utah. Grave location: 128-E; burial date is stated as 1 Oct 1892. Family group sheet of Clifton Reu Nay and others, burial is stated as the 3rd of Oct. 1892.
  5. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, St. George Temple Sealing Records, Special Collections, n/a. Marriage Sealing for John Nay Jr. and Thankful Lucy Pine.
  6. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, St. George Temple Sealing Records, Batch #M170579, Sheet #0151, 2 Mar 1877.
  7. Charlotte Jane Nay and Clifton Reu Nay, Family Group Sheet-Clifton Reu Nay. .Family group record was made for Elmer Carr Nay and Charlotte Jane Doxford family.
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  9. Utah Cemetery Inventory. "Name: Nay, Lucy  
Birth Date: 4 November 1831  
Death Date: 29 July 1897  
Death Place: Utah, Circleville  
Burial Date: 29 July 1897  
Cemetery: Monroe City Cemetery  
Source: Sexton/Grant  
Grave Location: 128-F." Death and burial record of Thankful Lucy Pine Nay.
  10. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Early Pine Valley Branch Records, Family History Library, 0026418 Items 1-4, 1860/1950, FHL Film #0026418. Myron's baptism is listed twice; once his birth year is listed 1860, and once 1859.
  11. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Pine Valley Ward (Utah) St. George Stake, Record of members, [1860]-1950; annual genealogical report, Form E, 1907-1948, Family History Library Catalog, FHL film #26418 [items 1-4]. Baptism record of George John Nay, son of Elmer Carr and Charlotta Jane Nay. Recorded birth of Myron Winslow Nay.
  12. Sherman Nay, Family Group Sheet, 660 S. 4th East, Brigham City, Utah. Copied by Bernic nay Kurz, while visiting in Monroe, Utah in 1971. Original records of Lucy James, records of Marysvale, Piute County, Utah.
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  17. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Los Angeles Temple Ordinances Records. Sealing to parents for George John Nay.
  18. Census; California; 1900 U.S. Federal. George owned a home free of mortgage.

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**Husband**     **John Nay, Jr.**

**Wife**             **Thankful Lucy Pine**

**Sources (Continued)**

- Occupation, Drayman. Living on 2nd Street in Needles, San Bernadino, California.
19. Census; California; 1910 U.S. Federal. Mortagage on home, Liquor dealer, selling wholesale and retail. Living on 2nd Street, Needles, San Bernadino, California.
  20. Census:California; 1920 U.S.Federal, Barstow Precinct, No. 1, 24 & 26; E.D. 142; S.D. 9, Sheet 3B. age 57, head of household;male;white;married;education, yes;born in Utha;parents born in Michigan and Missouri; speaks English; merchant, sells cigars, employed.
  21. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Pine Valley Ward (Utah) St. George Stake, Record of members, [1860]-1950; annual genealogical report, Form E, 1907-1948.
  22. State of California, County of San Bernardino, Certificate of Death-California, Division of Vital Records, 222 West Hospitality Lane, San Bernardino, California 92415-0022, Dist. #3602; Local Reg. #485, Filed, 29 Dec 1922. Occupation was Storekeeper and he had been a resident of California for 35 years. George died of Cirrhosis of the liver, degeneration of pancreas (6 months) with 3 months Bile Absorption contributory. It states that he had been in Ventura, Ventura, California prior to entering the hospital in San Bernadino.
  23. State of California, County of San Bernardino, Certificate of Death-California. Burial record of George John Nay.
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  26. Los Angeles City Directory 1935. Nay, Fannie M. h1363 Tremaine ave.
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  28. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Los Angeles Temple Ordinances Records, Source Batch #A537480, FHL film #537546, 15 Nov 1968.
  29. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Early Pine Valley Branch Records.
  30. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Patron Notification-Genealogical Department, To Clifton Reu Nay, Monroe, Utah, 8029030 67 Temple File Entry. Family File entries for temple ordinances. St. George Temple, 22 Feb 1882.
  31. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Patron Notification-Genealogical Department, 8029030 67 Temple File Entry, no date. Sealing in Salt Lake Temple 9 Mar 1981.
  32. State of California, Certificate of death, State of California, Certificate of Death, 12 Mar 1936 Date filed. Birth date and parents are stated on death certificate.

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<b>Husband</b>	<b>John Nay, Jr.</b>
<b>Wife</b>	<b>Thankful Lucy Pine</b>
<b>Sources (Continued)</b>	
33. State of California, Certificate of death, State of California, Certificate of death, Local reg.no. 212 162, 12 Mar 1936 date filed. San Bernardino City, San Bernardino County, California, Dist. no. 3602.	
34. State of California, County of San Bernardino, Certificate of Death-California. Burial so stated on death certificate.	
35. California State Board of Health, Certificate of marriage-California, Page 236, 2 Feb 1911 (filed). Marriage was performed by Fred H. Post, Rector St. Johns Church, Needles, San Bernardino County, California. E.C. Nay, witness, and stated the day was the 31 February 1911. That is an error on the Rector's behalf as no such date exists. Marriage took place on 31 Jan 1911, as stated in "The Needles Eye" newspaper of Needles, California.	
36. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, IGI, CD's for Family History Library and Centers, Batch 7200049, Sheet 81, #0820495, Ancestral Search, Fam. His. Lib., 15 West Temple St., Salt Lake City, UT. Patron Sheet 1969-1991.	
37. Microfilm, #1260785, Family History Library, 35 N. West Temple Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84150, USA. Sealing also done on 9 March 1981, Salt Lake Temple. Batch #8029030, sheet 67. Also listed in Batch #8220703, sheet 42, FHC film #0884947.	
38. Census: Utah; 1900 U.S.Federal, Monroe, Sevier County.	
39. Luella M. Kurtz Faucett, Files of LMKF, Requests from families for files. Research papers of all families.	
40. State of Utah, Certificate of Death-Utah, Department of Health, FHL Film #823828, 13 Oct 1921. County of Salt Lake, City of Salt Lake; State Board of Health File No. 607; Filed 20 Apr 1915. County of Sevier; City of Monroe; Registered No. 22, file 13 Oct 1921.	
41. State of Utah, Certificate of Death-Utah, FHL Film #823828, 13 Oct 1921. Burial in Utah Cemetery Inventory, on the web, in Monroe City Cemetery, Monroe, Sevier Co., Ut, Source Sexton/Grant.	
42. The People of the Territory of Utah, County of Sevier, Marriage License-Utah, 13 Feb 1893. Married by Orson Magleby, Bishop; witnesses were J.F. Doxford and David Collings. Filed and recorded 20 Feb 1893, J.E. Neppler, Probaate Clerk, by A. Neppler, Deputy. Zeroxed copy of original.	

# Family Group Record

<b>Husband</b>				
<b>Orren Packard</b>				
Born	25 Dec 1822	Place	Parkman, Geauga, Ohio	LDS ordinance dates
Died	3 Nov 1852	Place	Springville, Utah, Utah	Baptized
				Endowed
				Sealed to parents
Married	9 Nov 1851	Place	Springville, Utah, Utah	Sealed to spouse
Other Spouse <b>Matilda Stowell</b>				
Married		Place		Sealed to spouse
Husband's father <b>Noah Packard</b>				
Husband's mother				

<b>Wife</b>				
<b>Thankful Lucy Pine</b>				
Born-1	4 Nov 1831	Place	Stockholm, St. Lawrence, New York	LDS ordinance dates
Died-3	29 Jul 1897	Place	Circleville, Piute, Utah	Baptized-1 24 Aug 1851
Buried	31 Jul 1897	Place	Monroe, Sevier, Utah	Endowed-2 22 Apr 1856
				Sealed to parents 1898
Other Spouse <b>John Nay, Jr.</b>				
Married-4	1859	Place	Springville, Utah, Utah	Sealed to spouse-5 2 Mar 1877 SGEOR
Wife's father <b>Joseph Pine</b>				
Wife's mother <b>Adelia Ann Sparrow Winn</b>				

<b>Children</b>	LDS ordinance dates	Temple
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<b>1</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Joseph Dudley Packard</b>		
		Born	1 Sep 1852	Place
				Springville, Utah, Utah
		Died	1 May 1913	Place
				Salem, Utah, Utah
		Buried	3 May 1913	Place
				Springville, Utah, Utah
Spouse <b>Francis Amelia Messenger</b>				
		Married	18 Mar 1875	Place
				Springville, Utah, Utah

**Notes**

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AFN:

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NOTE: Abt. 1998, Robert E. (Bob) Nay and his wife Wilma, after doing a great

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<b>Husband</b>	<b>Orren Packard</b>
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## Chapter 11

# JOSEPH DUDLEY PACKARD

by Joy Whitney Stubbs

Joseph Dudley Packard had a unique place in the Nay family.<sup>1</sup> When John Nay, Jr. and Thankful Lucy Pine began their family life together about 1859 in Springville, Utah, John brought at least his three youngest sons from his marriage to Thirza into the home. His two girls, Matilda and Laura, were already married, and the two older boys, Alonzo and William would soon be married (in 1861), but John Hyrum, 14, Joseph Brigham, 12 and Ormus, 9, were with John and Lucy (Thankful Lucy) until they were grown. John's baby girl, Angeline Relief, was living with her sister Matilda. Lucy had also been married before, and her "baby," 7 year old Dudley, as he was called<sup>2</sup>, became the baby of the new "blended" family.

The role of youngest brother was not a new one to Dudley. His mother had already been married twice, and he had two older step-brothers, Orin Ephraim and William Henry Packard.<sup>3</sup> Lucy's first marriage to Orren Packard,<sup>4</sup> a member of a prominent Springville pioneer family, involves a sad narrative. Orren had first married Matilda Stowell,<sup>5</sup> according to Richard Packard, a family historian. He continues:

They [Orren and Matilda] were then requested by Brigham Young to join a group of saints who had been sent to settle the Hobble Creek area of Utah Valley. They immediately left and arrived at Hobble Creek February 5, 1851, and set up camp with their tents and wagons. The town was soon called Springville and this was where their second son William Henry was born August 12, 1851. The delivery had not gone well in such primitive conditions and after the birth, Matilda was getting worse by the day. She knew that she was dying and asked her friend Lucy Pine to take care of her baby after she was gone. Matilda died on the 21st of August, leaving Orren with a two year old son and a new baby boy to take care of. The children were then farmed out to relatives. On November 9, 1851, Orren married Matilda's close friend Thankful Lucy Pine and the family was once again reunited.<sup>6</sup>

A third baby boy, Joseph Dudley, was born to this new family on September 1, 1852.<sup>7</sup> Lucy's father, Joseph Pine and her brother, Dudley Pine, may have been her inspiration for his name. But the sadness that began this union was not yet finished. Only two months after Dudley's birth, his father Orren was killed in a tragic accident. In a roundabout way, he was a casualty of the Utah Indian wars that continued off and on until the end of the Black Hawk War. (See addendum to Chapter 2.) Because of the Indian troubles, a recommendation was made for the settlers to abandon their homes on farms and move into a new fort, built temporarily to house this influx of people into the town. To build the 10 foot high stockade, large amounts of timber were hauled by parties of men in heavily loaded wagons from Hobble Creek Canyon. As one of these wagons tipped off the dugway, Orren was crushed by the load.<sup>8</sup> In a history of Springville's first 50 years, Don Carlos Johnson describes the accident this way:

In the autumn a sad accident cast a gloom over the spirits of the settlers. As parties were returning from the canyon with timber for the stockade Orrin Packard was thrown from his wagon and run over by the heavy load. He was taken home, where he

died in a few hours. The accident occurred on “Packard’s dugway” four miles east of town in Hobble Creek canyon, and has since been called by that name.<sup>9</sup>

Noah Packard, Orren’s father, wrote, “I have been called to mourn the loss of my second son Orren by being run over with a loaded wagon. He died on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November 1852.”<sup>10</sup> However difficult that circumstance may have been for Noah, it must have also been even more difficult for Orren’s young second wife, Lucy, who was not quite 21, and her baby son.

What happened to Dudley’s two Packard half brothers is unknown at this time. They may have been returned to other family members for their care. A census search of Packards in Springville reveals a 10 year old, Orin E. Packard, living with Milan Packard in 1860.<sup>11</sup> This may be Dudley’s half brother Orin, since he does not seem to be a child of the family and is gone in 1870.

Lucy’s mother, Delia, was also a widow, and two of Lucy’s brothers were living in California.<sup>12</sup> It is not known how Lucy supported herself and her son during the first years of Dudley’s life. However on March 14, 1856, Lucy married Joseph Kelly as a plural wife, his fifth. Joseph Kelly was another prominent Springville man, who had distinguished himself as a messenger between the small towns during the Indian skirmishes.<sup>13</sup> The sealing between Kelly and Dudley’s mother was later cancelled before she became the wife of John Nay, Jr. (See Chapter 10 on Thankful Lucy Pine for a more detailed account of this marriage.) According to the census Lucy, 29, and her son Joseph, 8, were living with her brother John and mother Delia in Springville on September 4, 1860. They are listed as living next door to John Nay and his four youngest boys.<sup>14</sup>

During the years of his boyhood, it is likely that Dudley went to school during the winter and did the work most boys of his age in Springville did during the summer, that of herding cows. By this time, the soldiers had made it less dangerous to be out in the herding grounds because of Indian troubles, and the cows were taken into the canyon each day to graze. Johnson gives us a colorful picture of this occupation:

The boys were generally paid 2 cents a head per day for herding. If the cows were left out a night the boys were docked 4 cents per cow, which made them more diligent. . . . The tow pants and shirt, in which he could roll in the dust and not change the color, and his cap, made out of what had served his father many years as a coat or vest: the visor made of a piece of boot top. He was always barefooted and with the bottoms of his feet so calloused that he could prance like a wild horse of the pampas, over the flinty ground without getting a bruise. His greasy dinner sack, containing his noonday lunch, hung around his neck: in his hand he carried a sling with which to throw stones at the roving stock and thrust into his belt was the indispensable “sego digger”—and there you have the plucky herd boy of 1858. Their only method of making fires, was by carrying slow-burning “buffalo chips” to the herd ground, and there the fire was kept burning for weeks, by keeping it covered at night. Sometimes the boys took roasting ears, potatoes and eggs to cook in the embers and sometimes a luckless bird or rabbit which fell a victim to their slings added their appetizing qualities to the meal.<sup>15</sup>

Lucy's motherly instincts seemed to again stand her in good stead, as her heart was turned to John Nay's children, who were in need of a mother's care. The date of her marriage to John is a question, but the first son of John and Lucy, Myron, was born in 1860. (See Chapter 12 on Myron Windslo Nay for details surrounding this marriage and Myron's birth.) A lot of shifting and moving and change of family had already occurred in Dudley's young life when he joined the Nay family. It seems likely that the emotional trauma that his mother endured, as well as the inevitable lack of stability occasioned by his own life affected this young boy in some way. Likewise, the effect of living with his step-father, John Nay, known to be very strict in his discipline,<sup>16</sup> can only be imagined.

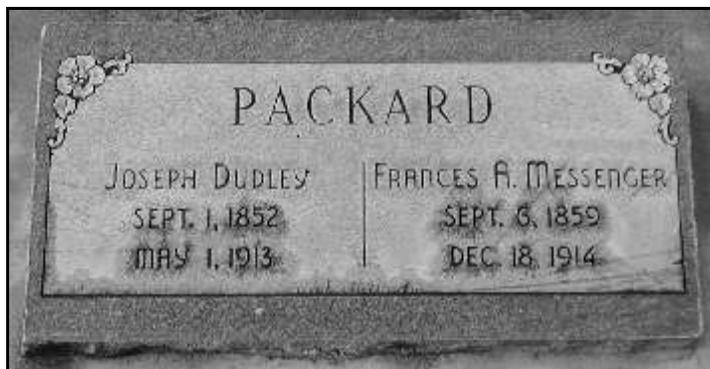
Dudley was not listed in the 1870 federal censuses of Utah, Nevada or California. As a young man of 17 or 18, he was probably on the move somewhere, working. On March 19, 1875, 22 year old Dudley seemed ready to settle down as he married 15 year old Frances Amelia Messenger in Springville, Utah.<sup>17</sup> Frances was born in New Avon, Connecticut on September 6, 1859 to Barnum Blake Messenger and Sarah Jane Worsley. Their first child, also named Joseph Dudley Packard, was born two years later, on March 1, 1877 in Springville. Ada Eliza was also born in Springville on December 7, 1878.

This small family is recorded in June of 1880 on the federal census of Springville. Dudley [sic] is listed as a 26 year old laborer, and his 20 year old wife, Frances M. is "keeping house" with children Joseph D. (3) and Ada (1).<sup>18</sup> The seven year difference in their ages has been shaved to six years by listing Dudley as 26 instead of 27. Their next child, Lucy May, was also born in Springville on February 13, 1881. However, three years later Barnum Blake (Barney) was born in Ashley Forks, Uintah County, Utah (17 Dec 1884). This was a small settlement southwest of Vernal, located where Ashley Creek divides. The beautiful valley was discovered in 1873 and mostly used for farming and logging. Subsequently a flour mill and later a hotel were built. It is possible that they or at least Frances was visiting there at the time of Barney's birth. Or they may have moved to Uintah County for a short time.

The birth of William Orren was again in Springville, on October 10 in 1887. In 1890 Frances bore another child, Mark, who lived only 14 days and was buried there in Springville (Born 1 March 1890--Died 15 March 1890). In 1893 the couple lost William Orren at the young age of five. This verse is inscribed on his headstone in the Springville Evergreen Cemetery: "We miss the bright eyes of our darling child, and the sweet rosy lips that so oft on us smiled."<sup>19</sup> Sarah Jane (Jennie) was also born in Springville on June 6, 1893.

Another move was made sometime between Jennie's birth in 1893 and the birth of Delores on November 15, 1896,<sup>20</sup> since Delores was born in Mammoth, Juab County, Utah. The family was also enumerated there in June of 1900. Dudley, at 47, was listed as a quartz miner. His wife Francis [another spelling] was 40. Their eldest daughter Ada, only 21, had been married and divorced and was back in the family home with her two-year-old daughter Margaret Humphrey. Ada was working as a dressmaker. Barney, 15 and Jennie, 6, were in school, though Barney only attended for four months of the last year. The youngest, Delores was only three years old,<sup>21</sup> undoubtedly enjoying the company of her niece Margaret.

The 1910 census for Utah is unindexed and much of it is unreadable. However, they must have moved back to Springville as the Springville sexton's records show that Dudley died of pneumonia there on May 1, 1913. He was buried in Springville two days later, May 3. He was only 60 years old at the time of his death. His wife Frances died of Bright's Disease (a disease of the kidneys) the next year on December 18, 1914 at an even younger age, 55. She was also buried in Springville on December 23, 1914.<sup>22</sup>



Left: Joseph Dudley and Frances Messenger Packard headstone in Springville, Utah



Right Headstone of Wm. O. Packard in Springville, Utah (son of Joseph Dudley and Frances Packard)

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Although Dudley was not a “Nay” child, he was certainly a member of this family. The editors came to this realization late in the production of this volume, and we did not find a family member who was able to write the chapter. We did discover that many of his descendants are prominent, wonderful people. We appreciate the help they have given us in providing genealogical information and in reading the chapter for accuracy.

<sup>2</sup> Family group record of Orren Packard and Thankful Lucy Pine from Ancestral File Version 4.19 of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Joseph Dudley was listed as “Dudley” in the 1880 federal census of Springville, Utah and the 1900 federal census of Mammoth, Utah, also referred to as Uncle Dudley in the labeling of a family photograph of his daughter Ada.

<sup>3</sup> Family group record of Orren Packard and Matilda Stowell from International Genealogical File Index, version 5 of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

<sup>4</sup> In many sources Orren Packard's name is listed as “Orin or Orren.” However, Noah Packard, Orren's father, has written a short history of his life. In this history he spells his son's name as “Orren.” (Packard, Noah, “A synopsis of the life and travels of Noah Packard written by himself, ca. 1858,” BYU HBLee Library, call #MSS 2320 in Special Collections).

<sup>5</sup> The family group record of Orren Packard and Matilda Stowell retrieved from the International Genealogical Index version 5. indicates their marriage occurred in March of 1849 in Springville and their first child, Orin Ephraim, was born 27 Feb 1849 and second child, William Henry born 12 October 1865. These dates do not match the story given by Richard Packard.

<sup>6</sup> Orren Packard 1822-1852 by Richard G. Packard “Brigham, Pioneering & Stockades.”

<sup>7</sup> Family group record.

- <sup>8</sup> Mary J. Chase Finley, *A History of Springville*, Art City Publishing, 1988, p. 12.
- <sup>9</sup> Don Carlos Johnson, *A Brief History of Springville, Utah: from its first settlement September 18, 1850, to the 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1900, fifty years*, Springfield, Utah: D.C. Johnson & Wm. F. Gibson, 1900, p. 23.
- <sup>10</sup> Noah Packard, "Synopsis of life."
- <sup>11</sup> 1860 Federal Census of Springville, Utah County, Utah, p. 301.
- <sup>12</sup> Obituary of Delia Packard, *Deseret Weekly News* Vol. 24:91 (March 10, 1874) reproduced in "Introduction" to this volume.
- <sup>13</sup> Finley, *History of Springville*, p. 12.
- <sup>14</sup> 1860 Federal census of Springville, Utah County, Utah, p. 276.
- <sup>15</sup> Johnson, *A Brief History of Springville*, p. 52.
- <sup>16</sup> Diane Madsen, "Myron Windslo Nay," Chapter 12 in this book.
- <sup>17</sup> Springville sexton's record as given in a telephone conversation with the author on 18 December 2002. The family group record gives her place of birth as Springville, Utah.
- <sup>18</sup> 1880 Federal Census of Springville, Utah County, Utah, p. 165.
- <sup>19</sup> Headstone of William Orren Packard in Springville Evergreen Cemetery, Section A, Lot 117. Death date given thereon does not match the one in the family group record, 10 Oct 1887.
- <sup>20</sup> Information concerning births of the children is taken from the family group record of Dudley and Frances.
- <sup>21</sup> 1900 Federal Census of Mammoth, Juab County, Utah, p. 9431.
- <sup>22</sup> Springville sexton's record; burial plots are located in the Evergreen Cemetery Section A, Lot 117, positions 2 and 3.

# JOSEPH DUDLEY PACKARD FAMILY



LEFT:  
Family tradition says this is a photograph  
of Dudley Packard. The back of the  
photo is simply labeled "Packard."

LEFT BELOW:  
Joseph Dudley Packard

RIGHT BELOW:  
Ada Packard  
(Joseph Dudley Packard's daughter)



# Family Group Record

<b>Husband</b> <b>Joseph Dudley Packard</b> <sup>1,2,3,4</sup>					
Born	1 Sep 1852	Place	Springville, Utah, UT	LDS ordinance dates	Temple
Christened		Place	Springville, Utah, UT	Baptized	1875
Died	1 May 1913	Place	Salem, Utah, UT	Endowed	10 Jul 1879
Buried	3 May 1913	Place	Springville, Utah, UT	Sealed to parents	14 Apr 1965
Married	19 Mar 1875	Place	Springville, Utah, UT	Sealed to spouse	10 Jul 1879
Husband's father Orren Packard					
Husband's mother Thankful Lucy Pine					

<b>Wife</b> <b>Frances Amelia Messenger</b>					
Born	6 Sep 1859	Place	Springville, Utah, UT	LDS ordinance dates	Temple
Died	18 Dec 1914	Place	Springville, Utah, UT	Baptized	13 Jun 1868
Buried	23 Dec 1914	Place	Springville, Utah, UT	Endowed	10 Jul 1879
				Sealed to parents	BIC
Wife's father					
Wife's mother					

<b>Children</b>	LDS ordinance dates	Temple
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<b>1</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Joseph Dudley Packard Jr.</b>			
Born	1 Mar 1877	Place	Springville, Utah, UT	Baptized	4 Aug 1901
Died	24 Oct 1955	Place	Longview, Cowlitz, WA	Endowed	25 Aug 1926
Buried	27 Oct 1955	Place	Longview, Cowlitz, WA	Sealed to parents	31 Aug 1926
Spouse Margaret Ellen Riley					
Married	17 Apr 1901	Place	Burlington, Big Horn, WY	Sealed to spouse	25 Aug 1926
Spouse Ethel Virginia Farguson Sayer					
Married	Abt 30 Oct 1946	Place	Longview, Cowlitz, Washington	Sealed to spouse	10 Dec 1971

<b>2</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Ada Eliza Packard</b>			
Born	7 Dec 1878	Place	Springville, Utah, UT	Baptized	26 Oct 1889
Christened	6 Mar 1879	Place	Springville, Utah, UT	Endowed	13 Jul 1937
Died	4 May 1939	Place	Oroville, Butte, CA	Sealed to parents	8 Apr 1935
Buried	6 May 1939	Place	Gridley, Butte, CA		
Spouse Jabez William Wright					
Married	10 Dec 1901	Place	Burlington, Big Horn, WY	Sealed to spouse	13 Jul 1932
Spouse John Porocter Humbury					
Married		Place		Sealed to spouse	
Spouse Adam Ferrin					
Married		Place		Sealed to spouse	
Spouse Mathon Pratt					
Married		Place		Sealed to spouse	

<b>3</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Lucy May Packard</b>			
Born	13 Feb 1881	Place	Springville, Utah, UT	Baptized	Mar 1889
Died	10 Nov 1918	Place	Eureka, Juab, UT	Endowed	25 Sep 1936
Buried	12 Nov 1918	Place	Eureka, Juab, UT	Sealed to parents	BIC
Spouse Joseph Daniel Knotts					
Married	17 May 1898	Place	Mammoth, Juab, UT	Sealed to spouse	25 Sep 1970

# Family Group Record

<b>Husband</b> <b>Joseph Dudley Packard</b>				
<b>Wife</b> <b>Frances Amelia Messenger</b>				
<b>Children</b>			LDS ordinance dates	Temple
<b>4</b>	<b>M    Barnum Blake Packard</b>			
	Born	17 Dec 1884	Place Ashley Forks, Uintah, UT	Baptized 2 Aug 1894
	Christened	1 Mar 1888	Place Springville, Utah, UT	Endowed 10 Nov 1927
	Died	19 Jun 1963	Place Glendale, Los Angeles, CA	Sealed to parents BIC
	Buried	22 Jun 1963	Place Glendale, Los Angeles, CA	
	Spouse                    Dora Reynolds			
	Married	Bef 1927	Place Mesa, Maricopa, AZ	Sealed to spouse
	Spouse                    Rozilla Grant			
	Married	22 Apr 1927	Place Phoenix, Maricopa, AZ	Sealed to spouse 10 Nov 1927
<b>5</b>	<b>M    William Orren Packard<sup>2</sup></b>			
	Born	10 Oct 1887	Place Springville, Utah, UT	Baptized            Child
	Christened	1 Mar 1888	Place Springville, Utah, UT	Endowed            Child
	Died	10 Oct 1890	Place Springville, Utah, UT	Sealed to parents BIC
	Buried		Place Springville, Utah, UT	
<b>6</b>	<b>M    Mark Packard</b>			
	Born	1 Mar 1890	Place Springville, Utah, UT	Baptized            Infant
	Christened	12 Mar 1890	Place Springville, Utah, UT	Endowed            Infant
	Died	15 Mar 1890	Place Springville, Utah, UT	Sealed to parents BIC
	Buried		Place Springville, Utah, UT	
<b>7</b>	<b>F    Sarah Jane Packard</b>			
	Born	6 Jun 1893	Place Springville, Utah, UT	Baptized            4 Aug 1901
	Christened	2 Nov 1893	Place Springville, Utah, UT	Endowed            27 Aug 1966
	Died	11 Dec 1970	Place Provo, Utah, UT	Sealed to parents BIC
	Buried	14 Dec 1970	Place Evergreen Cem, Springville, Utah, UT	
	Spouse                    Edward Dunn			
	Married	29 May 1911	Place Provo, Utah, UT	Sealed to spouse 27 Aug 1966    MANTI
<b>8</b>	<b>F    Dolores Packard</b>			
	Born	15 Nov 1896	Place Mammoth, Juab, UT	Baptized            21 Feb 1991    SEATT
	Christened	4 Jul 1897	Place Springville, Utah, UT	Endowed            17 Apr 1992    SEATT
	Died	6 Apr 1985	Place Oroville, Butte, CA	Sealed to parents BIC
	Buried	10 Apr 1985	Place Paradise, Butte, CA	
	Spouse                    Byron J. Lund			
	Married	(div)	Place	Sealed to spouse
	Spouse                    Charles Frame			
	Married	1921/1935	Place	Sealed to spouse
	Spouse                    Edward Leon Smart			
	Married		Place	Sealed to spouse
<b>Notes</b>				
HUSBAND - Joseph Dudley Packard				
PRN: S3611323				

# Family Group Record

<b>Husband</b>	<b>Joseph Dudley Packard</b>
<b>Wife</b>	<b>Frances Amelia Messenger</b>
<b>Notes</b>	
HUSBAND - Joseph Dudley Packard (Continued) A miner by trade.	
CHILD 1 - Joseph Dudley Packard Jr. PRN: S36113231  Pipe fitter by trade.	
CHILD 2 - Ada Eliza Packard PRN: S3611323a	
CHILD 3 - Lucy May Packard PRN: S3611323b	
CHILD 4 - Barnum Blake Packard PRN: S36113232	
CHILD 5 - William Orren Packard PRN: S36113233	
CHILD 6 - Mark Packard PRN: S36113234	
CHILD 7 - Sarah Jane Packard PRN: S3611323c	
CHILD 8 - Dolores Packard PRN: S3611323d	
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4. Headstone of William Orren Packard in Springville Utah. Photo of headstone in book The Nay Family in Utah and the West.	

## Chapter 12

### MYRON WINDSLO NAY

by Diane Coons Madsen & Stacia Lynn Madsen  
great granddaughter and great-great granddaughter

**M**yron Windslo Nay was born in Springville, Utah County, Utah on August 22, 1860.<sup>1</sup> He was the oldest son of Thankful Lucy and John Nay Jr., who was a Mormon pioneer that came to Utah. Although Myron was the oldest child of Lucy and John, he came into a family of siblings already awaiting his arrival. He had a half brother named Joseph Dudley Packard, who was 8 years old, from his mother's first marriage to Orren Packard.<sup>2</sup> He had four other half brothers living with him from his father's first marriage to Thirza Angelina Hale: Ormus Bates, age 10, Joseph Brigham, age 13, John Hyrum, age 15, and William Edwin, age 21.<sup>3</sup>

Myron's mother, Thankful Lucy Pine, was an early pioneer to Utah who helped to settle Hobble Creek, later known as Springville, Utah County, Utah. There Lucy married Orren Packard on November 9, 1851. Orren was widowed after the death of his first wife, Matilda A. Stowell, who was also Lucy's friend.<sup>4</sup> Orren and Lucy cared for Matilda's two children and their own son, Joseph Dudley, born in 1852. About a year after their marriage, relatives took Matilda's two children to raise.<sup>5</sup> Joseph Dudley was two months old when his father was tragically killed in an accident. Lucy turned 21 the day after Orren's death.

From the 1860 Census that was taken in the month of September, Lucy lived near John Nay with her mother, brother and one other Pine. John moved from Cedar Fort, (most likely in the early winter of 1859).<sup>6</sup> He was pointed in the direction of Lucy, who needed a husband, and John who needed a wife. We do not know the exact date of John and Lucy's marriage as no record has been found to date. The moral integrity of both John and Thankful Lucy is not in question, as they proved a solid adherence to the commandments and principles of the restored gospel throughout their lives.

When Myron was a baby, his parents moved to Pine Valley, near St. George, Utah.<sup>7</sup> John Nay Jr.'s daughter and son-in-law, Matilda and Lysander Dayton, had moved to St. George, due to a call from Brigham Young to the Dixie mission. John's youngest daughter Angeline Relief, from his first marriage, was living with Matilda and Lysander. This move put John and Lucy in close proximity to them.

In Pine Valley Myron's younger brothers were born: George John on July 24, 1862, Ormun Russel born March 23, 1864, Elmer Carr on July 9, 1867, and Samuel in 1869. Myron's half sister Angeline Relief died in 1864.<sup>8</sup> Myron loved her to play with him and was very sad over this death.

Myron was able to attend school in Pine Valley where he learned to read. He later taught himself to write by picking out letters from the newspaper and copying them. As a young boy he learned to work by herding cows and helping his father, John make wooden shingles by hand. These shingles were used on the old LDS church in Pine Valley. Myron's father also engaged in cabinet building. Myron was a large boy and was able to work at a young age at a sawmill with his father. Many of the pine trees that Pine Valley was noted for were used in helping to build the St. George Temple, Brigham Young's summer home, the pillars in the Salt Lake Tabernacle and the pipes for the Tabernacle organ.<sup>9</sup>

For clothing, Myron's father, John, made shoes and his mother, Lucy made straw hats. Myron was an exceptionally large boy for his age and grew very fast, however; he was allotted only one pair of shoes and one hat each school year. The boys in Pine Valley loved to climb trees and hills in order to sail their straw hats. Once a coyote chased Myron up a tree, his hat flew off and the coyote ate it. He waited a long time for a new one. Myron and his brothers loved to slide down the hills in the snow. One year after losing his shoes he went barefoot all winter. Myron had calluses on his feet from outgrowing his shoes each year before summertime.<sup>10</sup>

Myron was very close to his mother and helped her to dry fruit. He did this task willingly and not just for the love of his mother but because he loved fruit so much. Myron would climb up in the loft to snatch some, and his mother always knew who stole it. The outhouse was far from the house, and Myron was the one taking all the trips.<sup>11</sup>

On December 1, 1870 Eli Whipple in Pine Valley, Washington County, Utah, baptized Myron a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. H. Burgess confirmed Myron the same day.<sup>12</sup> Myron advanced in the priesthood of the Church, but as he grew to a young man in his home, he faced a very strict father. When he misbehaved in church, he received a corporal punishment from his father, who hung the boys from their thumbs and whipped them in the name of discipline. Instead of his father's punishment instilling a reverence for God in Myron, quite the opposite happened. Myron said "because his father was so strict, it soured him on the church because he didn't believe that his father lived it."<sup>13</sup>

At age 17, an experience with the spirit convinced him that the light of the Lord prevails over darkness and evil.<sup>14</sup> He reconsidered his opinions about the Church, and answered a call to work on the St. George Temple.<sup>15</sup> At the age of eighteen Myron left home to work on the building of the Manti Temple. Because of his large stature and strength, he was assigned to work in the quarry for the Manti Temple.<sup>16</sup>

While Myron was in Manti, Sanpete County, Utah, he met Lurana Eleanor Forbush. Born October 11, 1858 in Manti, she was the daughter of Sanford Forbush and Mary Sophronia Gaylord. Myron won Lurana over when he came to visit. He had a horse and buggy for courting. Myron loved to sing but he didn't like to dance because he felt he was so large. He would take Lurana to dances and sit quietly on the sides; however, he was finally caught by "a big heavy woman." He was quite a catch as he was a very nice looking man, six feet five inches with broad shoulders, light brown hair, brown eyes, and a sincere personality. A horse kicked him in the mouth which left a scar. He always wore a mustache after this incident.<sup>17</sup>

At age 21, he married Lurana Eleanor Forbush on December 29, 1881, in Manti, Utah.<sup>18</sup> She was known as "Lu." Lurana was a tall pretty woman who loved to sing with her sisters. Her daughter, Vera said, "Mother was so clean in her housekeeping, [and] a good cook (especially cake doughnuts)."<sup>19</sup> Lurana was a good seamstress and ironed clothes beautifully for people. She loved her mother, father, and family, especially the nieces and nephews of her sisters and Myron's brothers.<sup>22</sup>

Their first daughter, Mary Lucy, was born December 22, 1882 in Manti, Utah, named after her grandmother, Lucy Nay. Four and a half years later, Lurana Eleanor was born on May 9, 1887, also in Manti. This child was known as "Ella," thus easily distinguishing her from her mother. The family moved to Circleville, Piute, Utah for employment in the late 1800's, where Myron worked on a dry farm. On the 7<sup>th</sup> of December 1898, a daughter, Eva was born in Circleville, and lived only one day. Soon after, daughter Vera was born on February 5, 1900 in Circleville.<sup>21</sup> Myron was very patient and loving with his family. His children were

never physically disciplined. Vera and Ella recalled, “He never got angry at us and was so patient. We want you grandchildren to know what a good person he was. He was frequently being challenged by other men to fight. He was so strong that he was afraid that he would badly hurt someone if he did. One day he picked a man up, and looked at him eye-to-eye and said ‘don’t make me angry because I could kill you.’ The man did not bother him again.”<sup>22</sup>

Myron was a trustee of the Lost Creek School district in 1903. Lost Creek, in Circle Valley, was one of those tiny local schools consolidated into a single Circleville school about 1904.

In 1902, in need of more work, Myron sent his wife and three living daughters back to Manti while he went to Upper Kimberly (on the border between Sevier and Piute Counties) to try mining. He moved his family to Lower Kimberly where they rented a house that was a duplex, sharing it with another family, and eventually moving to Upper Kimberly. Myron usually wasn’t interested in belonging to or leading any social groups as he was a very soft-spoken man and had a limited education to work with; however, it was here that he served as secretary and later president of the Kimberly Woodman Lodge. His wife ironed long white tablecloths for the lodge, and she saved her money and longed to return to Manti to buy a house.<sup>23</sup>

The mine shut down in 1908 and the family moved to Monroe, Sevier, Utah, because Myron could get work at a sawmill on Cove Mountain. Monroe was a farming community where Elmer and his family also lived. The two brothers enjoyed each other’s company and frequently worked together. Myron helped to build the Armory in Richfield. Myron and his brother Elmer, Joe Anderson, and nephew Arthur Forbush built the stone entrance gate for the Monroe City Cemetery.<sup>24</sup>

In 1911 Lurana became ill, and the money that she had saved for a home had to be used for her medical expenses. This disappointed her as it meant that she would not be able to buy the home she had always longed for. This illness was very hard for Vera, the youngest daughter, as her sisters had married and moved away. Myron worked at the Deer Trail Mine in Marysvale, Utah from 1916 to 1918. Elmer worked with Myron at this mine part of the time. All the mining that they did was either for gold or silver. Myron was crushed in an accident and sent to Richfield to recuperate. The family lived there until Lurana died on February 22, 1919, in Richfield, Utah.<sup>25</sup> She had been ill for so many years, and Myron had served as both mother and father to Vera.<sup>26</sup> Lurana was buried in the Richfield City Cemetery on February 26, 1919.<sup>27</sup>

On October 9, 1921 Myron’s brother, Elmer Nay, died. He was the closest with this brother as they had similar personalities and lived in the same areas. Myron and Elmer often worked together for small wages. They never were rich in gold or silver, however; they were richly loved by their family.<sup>28</sup> Myron considered all of his siblings as brothers and sisters not half brothers and sisters, though some were.

Myron lived with his daughter, Vera, and her family in Richfield until he married Emma W. Fredrickson on March 19, 1924.<sup>29</sup> Emma had one son, Benjamin, who Myron loved like a son he never had.<sup>30</sup> Myron and Emma were married at her home. They were members of the Richfield First Ward in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and it was here that Myron advanced to an elder in the Church, took out his endowments, and was sealed to Lurana on November 23, 1928 in the Manti Temple in Manti, Sanpete, Utah.

Emma had dreamed of a woman with a baby in her arms holding it out to her (Emma) begging “let me have this one please, oh, help me.” Emma told the dream to Myron’s

daughters and described the woman. The description was that of Lurana. Because of this, Emma encouraged Myron to do his temple work and be sealed to Lurana. This was difficult because Myron's priesthood records were not available to him at the time. He understood that they were lost in a fire. He had to start his advancement in the priesthood over again. He became a home teacher and a high priest.<sup>31</sup> Myron and Emma went to the Manti Temple on November 23, 1928 to perform the temple sealing for Myron to his first wife Lurana and have Eva, their daughter that died as an infant, sealed to them.<sup>32</sup> (Emma was sealed to her second husband, Benjamin Hainsworth.)

In his later years, Myron had time to enjoy his great grandchildren. The neighborhood children called him "Uncle Myron." He worked on a celery farm in Draper and stayed with his daughter, Mary. He enjoyed helping people cut down their trees, and he loved to play solitaire and to read the newspaper. Vera wrote: "He sawed trees for wood and if the people did not want it, he took it for himself. He helped them get the rest hauled away or burned. He cut or saved some each day 'just for exercise' he said. He had logs sawed in blocks, then split them and piled them so neat. He did this until he got sick in April 1942."<sup>33</sup>

Myron was in the county hospital in Salt Lake City for sixteen weeks with a ruptured gall bladder. His daughter, Mary died while buying tickets to board a bus to come back to Richfield from Murray on August 30, 1942.<sup>34</sup> This came as a great shock to him, and he lived only eleven months after her death. He was so proud of his grandchildren. Myron was waiting until his birthday so Ella's son, Deon, could come home. Deon was finishing his internship to become a doctor when he was drafted into the service in 1943. Deon didn't have time to come to Richfield. All the reasons Myron had to fight to live disappeared, but as his health failed, the last words he spoke were, "Don't give that shot in my right arm--that's my wood cutting arm, and I'm going to be better soon."<sup>35</sup> Myron died July 30, 1943 at his daughter Vera's home in Richfield.<sup>36</sup>

The greatest tributes that were ever paid to him were by (1) his wife Lurana, to whom he was always faithful and so patient with when she was ill; (2) his daughters, whom he always had love and time for; (3) Emma, who admired his honesty and sincerity; (4) his parents, who loved and prayed for him; (5) his grandchildren whom he adored; (6) his neighbors and friends and especially all of the neighborhood children who came to the funeral to see their "Uncle Myron." His funeral service was held in Richfield First Ward chapel.<sup>37</sup> He was buried on August 2, 1943 in Richfield, Sevier County, Utah next to his first wife, Lurana.<sup>38</sup>

Emma followed him in death on January 14, 1949 at the home of her son Benjamin M. Ainsworth in Richfield, Utah.<sup>39</sup> She was buried in the Richfield City Cemetery on

January 17, 1949.<sup>40</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> John and Lucy Nay are listed as parents and Myron's birth date is listed as August 22, 1860 at the time of Myron's baptism as a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Myron's middle name Windslo is sometimes found spelled Windslow or Winslow. Myron was named after Lucy's brother, Myron Winnslow Pine, however; Myron Nay signed his name Windslo.

<sup>2</sup> Orren Packard died from a wagon accident on 3 November 1852 in Hobble Creek Canyon, when Lucy's first son, Dudley Packard was only 2 months old.

<sup>3</sup> 1860 Federal U.S. Census, Springville.

<sup>4</sup> <http://members.aol.com/azpack/page4/index.htm> Biography of Orren Packard written by Richard G. Packard.

<sup>5</sup> Ibid

<sup>6</sup> See Chapter 1, John Nay Jr.

- <sup>7</sup> <http://www.lofthouse.com/USA/Utah/washington/pioneers/fem-op.html> Pioneer Indexes Washington County, Utah 1852 - 1870
- <sup>8</sup> Saint George, Utah cemetery records.
- <sup>9</sup> Oral interview of Vera Nay Nelson and Lurana Eleanor “Ella” Nay Nelson, daughters of Myron Nay. Interview conducted by Diane Coons Madsen 1962.
- <sup>10</sup> Ibid
- <sup>11</sup> Ibid
- <sup>12</sup> Early Pine Valley Branch Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Records, FHL film #26418 items 1-4.
- <sup>13</sup> Oral interview of Vera Nay Nelson and Lurana Eleanor “Ella” Nay Nelson, daughters of Myron Nay. Interview conducted by Diane Coons Madsen 1962.
- <sup>14</sup> As told to his granddaughter, Carol Lurana Nelson Coons Stoker as a young child.
- <sup>15</sup> Confirmed by letter of Phebe Harding Jensen on Sunday, June 8, 1941, member of Richfield First Ward of LDS church.
- <sup>16</sup> Oral interview of Vera Nay Nelson and Lurana Eleanor “Ella” Nay Nelson, daughters of Myron Nay. Interview conducted by Diane Coons Madsen in the year of 1962.
- <sup>17</sup> Ibid
- <sup>18</sup> Marriage Certificate of Myron Nay and Lurana Eleanor Forbush dated 29 December 1881 in Sanpete County, Territory of Utah by the Justice of the Peace John H. Hangaurd
- <sup>19</sup> Oral interview of Vera Nay Nelson, daughter of Myron Nay. Interview conducted by Diane Coons Madsen 1962.
- <sup>22</sup> Oral interview of Vera Nay Nelson and Lurana Eleanor “Ella” Nay Nelson, daughters of Myron Nay. Interview conducted by Diane Coons Madsen 1962.
- <sup>21</sup> Oral interview and family group sheets of Lurana Eleanor “Ella” Nay Nelson, daughter of Myron Nay. Interview conducted by Diane Coons Madsen 1964.
- <sup>22</sup> Oral interview of Vera Nay Nelson and Lurana Eleanor “Ella” Nay Nelson, daughters of Myron Nay. Interview conducted by Diane Coons Madsen 1962.
- <sup>23</sup> Ibid
- <sup>24</sup> Ibid
- <sup>25</sup> Obituary of Mrs. Myron Nay in the Richfield Reaper of March 1, 1919. May 1916-1920 Microfilm 4003 BR 52 Dv. 9.
- <sup>26</sup> Oral interview of Vera Nay Nelson, daughter of Myron Nay. Interview conducted by Diane Coons Madsen in the year of 1962.
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- <sup>29</sup> Marriage Certificate of Myron Nay and Emma Hainsworth dated 19 March 1924. Marriage performed by Bishop Frank M. Ogden in Richfield, Utah. Also the Miscellaneous Marriage Records (known also as the Miscellaneous Marriage Index), compiled from marriage license records in several counties of Utah, Idaho, and Wyoming. Marriage record also in Sevier County Book C page 318.
- <sup>30</sup> Oral interview of Vera Nay Nelson and Lurana Eleanor “Ella” Nay Nelson, daughters of Myron Nay. Interview conducted by Diane Coons Madsen 1962.
- <sup>31</sup> Ibid
- <sup>32</sup> Ibid
- <sup>33</sup> Ibid
- <sup>34</sup> Funeral Announcement of Mary Lucy Mower.
- <sup>35</sup> Oral interview of Vera Nay Nelson and Lurana Eleanor “Ella” Nay Nelson, daughters of Myron Nay. Interview conducted by Diane Coons Madsen 1962.
- <sup>36</sup> Ibid
- <sup>37</sup> Funeral Announcement of Myron Winslo Nay on August 5, 1943 The Richfield Reaper.
- <sup>38</sup> Obituary
- <sup>39</sup> Funeral Announcement The Salt Lake Tribune, Saturday, January 15, 1949
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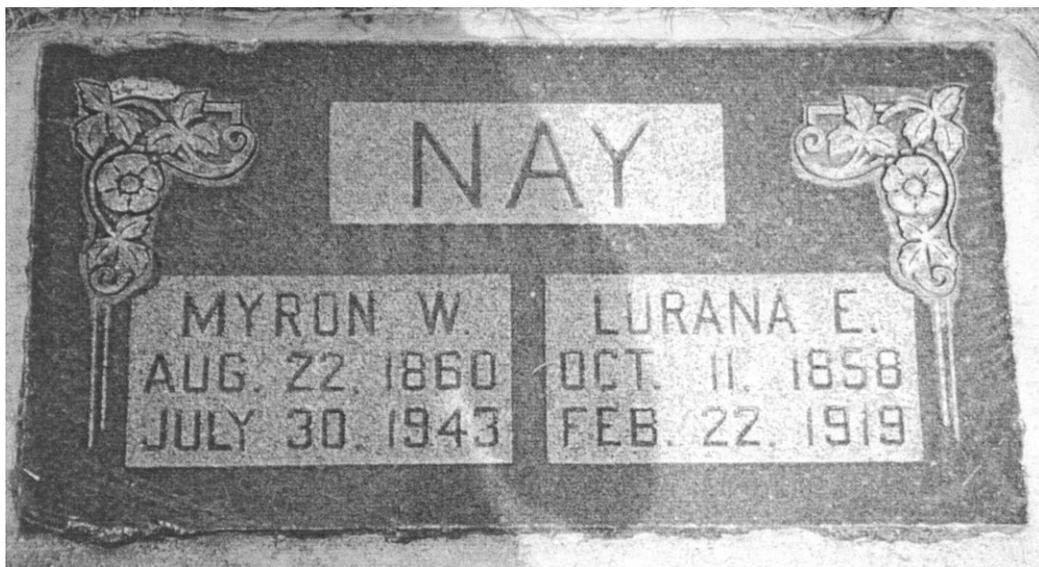
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Myron Windslo Nay



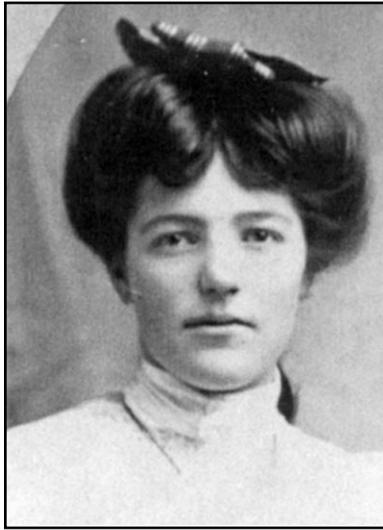
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Myron and Lurana Nay Headstone  
in Richfield, Utah



Mary Lucy Nay



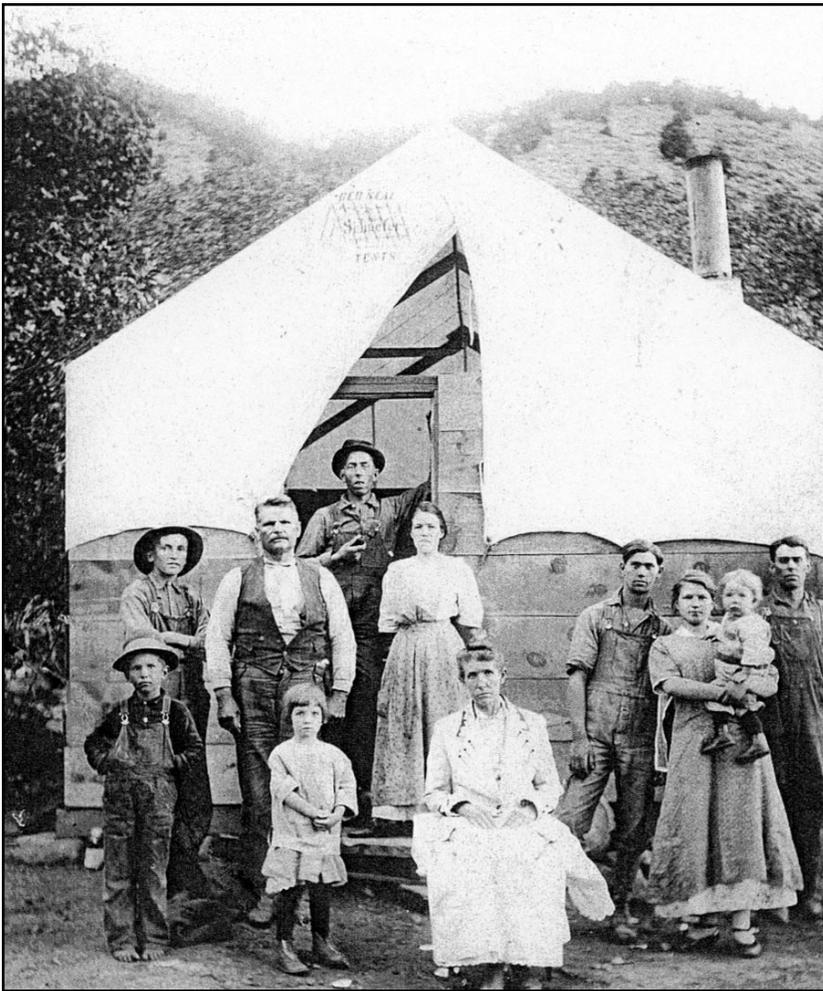
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Vera Nay



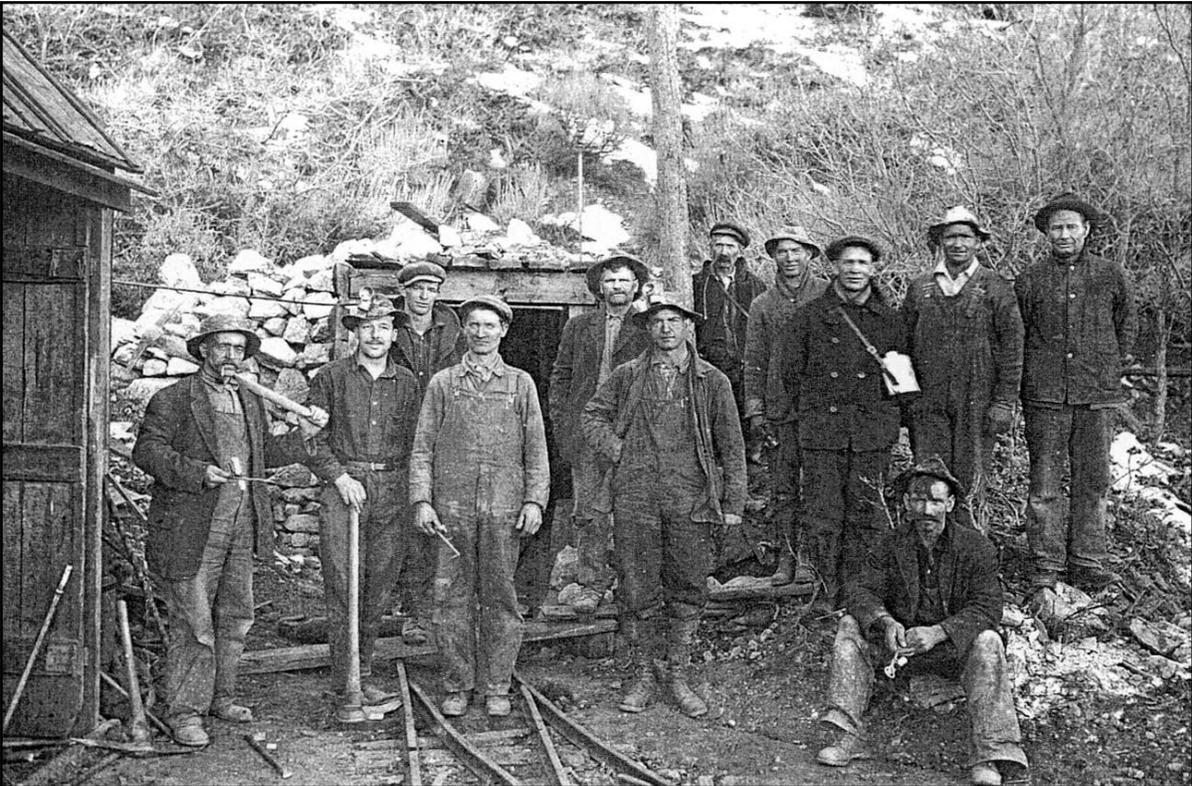
Back: Ella and Lester Nelson  
Front: Myron, Vera and Lurana Nay



Camping in the mountains near Marysvale, Utah



At the home in Kimberly, Utah



Miners in Marysvale, Utah  
Myron is standing in the middle just right of the mine entrance.



Schoolhouse in Circleville, Utah  
Myron is in the right window, left person, labeled "Daddy."  
Ella and Mary are also labeled.

# Family Group Record

<b>Husband</b>						
<b>Myron Windslo Nay</b>						
Born	22 Aug 1860	Place	Springville, Utah, Utah, USA	LDS ordinance dates		
				Temple		
Died	30 Jul 1943	Place	Richfield, Sevier, Utah, USA	Baptized		
				1 Dec 1870		
Buried	2 Aug 1943	Place	Richfield, Sevier, Utah, USA	Endowed		
				23 Nov 1928		
				MANTI		
				Sealed to parents		
Married	29 Dec 1881	Place	Manti, Sanpete, Utah, USA	Sealed to spouse		
				23 Nov 1928		
				MANTI		
Other Spouse						
Emma W. Frederickson Hainsworth or Ainsworth						
Married	19 Mar 1924	Place	Richfield, Sevier, Utah, USA	Sealed to spouse		
Husband's father						
John Jr. Nay						
Husband's mother						
Thankful Lucy Pine						
<b>Wife</b>						
<b>Lurana or Lu Eleanor Forbush</b>						
Born	11 Oct 1858	Place	Manti, Sanpete, Utah, USA	LDS ordinance dates		
				Temple		
Christened	5 Jan 1859	Place	Manti, Sanpete, Utah, USA	Baptized		
				5 Nov 1868		
				LIVE		
Died	22 Feb 1919	Place	Richfield, Sevier, Utah, USA	Endowed		
				23 Nov 1928		
				MANTI		
Buried	25 Feb 1919	Place	Manti, Sanpete, Utah, USA	Sealed to parents		
				23 Nov 1928		
				MANTI		
Wife's father						
Wife's mother						
<b>Children</b>				LDS ordinance dates	Temple	
<b>1</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Mary Lucy Nay</b>				
		Born	22 Dec 1882	Place	Manti, Sanpete, Utah, USA	Baptized
						8 May 1894
						MANTI
		Christened	7 Nov 1887	Place		Endowed
						20 Aug 1947
		Died	30 Aug 1942	Place	Murray, Salt Lake, Utah, USA	Sealed to parents
		Buried	4 Sep 1942	Place	Murray, Salt Lake, Utah, USA	
Spouse						
James Albert Mower						
		Married	22 Dec 1903	Place		Sealed to spouse
						28 May 1948
						SGEOR
<b>2</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Lurana Eleanor or Ella Nay</b>				
		Born	9 May 1887	Place	Manti, Sanpete, Utah, USA	Baptized
						11 Feb 1896
		Christened	11 Feb 1896	Place	Manti Temple, Manti, Sanpete, Utah	Endowed
						10 May 1961
						MANTI
		Died	12 Apr 1969	Place	Idaho Falls, Idaho, USA	Sealed to parents
		Buried	16 Apr 1969	Place	Richfield, Sevier, Utah, USA	
Spouse						
Lester August Nelson						
		Married	30 Dec 1904	Place	Richfield, Sevier, Utah, USA	Sealed to spouse
						10 May 1961
						MANTI
<b>3</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Eva Nay</b>				
		Born	7 Dec 1898	Place	Circleville, Piute, Utah, USA	Baptized
						Child
		Died	8 Dec 1898	Place	Circleville, Piute, Utah, USA	Endowed
						Child
		Buried	Dec 1898	Place	Circleville, Piute, Utah, USA	Sealed to parents
						23 Nov 1928
						MANTI
<b>4</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Vera Nay</b>				
		Born	5 Feb 1900	Place	Circleville, Piute, Utah, USA	Baptized
						17 Aug 1909
						LIVE
		Died	20 Dec 1990	Place	Richfield, Sevier, Utah, USA	Endowed
						10 May 1961
						MANTI
		Buried	22 Dec 1990	Place	Richfield, Sevier, Utah, USA	Sealed to parents
						19 May 1962
						MANTI
Spouse						
Adrian LeRoy Nelson						
		Married	25 Aug 1916	Place	Manti, Sanpete, Utah, USA	Sealed to spouse
						10 May 1961
						MANTI

# Family Group Record

<b>Husband</b>	<b>Myron Windslo Nay</b>
<b>Wife</b>	<b>Lurana or Lu Eleanor Forbush</b>
<b>Notes</b>	CHILD 1 - Mary Lucy Nay Source of information: Vera Nay Nelson, Richfield, Utah and Shirl Jay Mower, Murray, Utah

## Chapter 13

### GEORGE JOHN NAY

by Luella M. Kurtz Faucett

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**1862**, July 24: George John Nay was born to John Nay Jr. and Thankful Lucy Pine in Utah Co., UT, according to his baptism record.

(SOURCE: Early Pine Valley Branch Records, FHL film #0026418. Also the 1900 Federal Census of Needles, San Bernardino, CA.)

**1870**, June 21: George John Nay is listed on the US Federal Census with his parents and siblings as 7 years old, at home, born in Utah.

(SOURCE: National Archives Roll 1613, Page 2, Utah, Washington County, Pine Valley township, Pine Valley Post Office, taken on 21<sup>st</sup> June 1870.)

**1870** December 1; George was baptized by Eli Wipple and confirmed by H. Burgess on the same day.

(SOURCE: Early Pine Valley Branch Records, Family History Film #0026418.)

**1878** 22 January, Did baptisms for the dead at the St. George Temple in company with his mother and a friend, Emily Spencer (Proxy for Joseph Pine, his great-grandfather; Andrew Pine, his grand-uncle; Abraham Dudley Pine and "Miron" Winslow Pine, his uncles; Joseph Miron Rice, his cousin; John Winn, his great-grandfather, John Winn, Jr., his grand-uncle and Samuel Cook, a friend).

(SOURCE: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Family History Library Special Collections St. George Temple Baptisms Microfilm #1263253.)

**1878** 23-25 January and 1 February, Did endowments and sealings for the dead at St. George Temple in company with his mother and father and brother Alonzo and Alonzo's wife Harriet and daughter Thirza. (proxy for Joseph Pine; John Winn; Abraham Dudley Pine and Myron Winslow Pine)

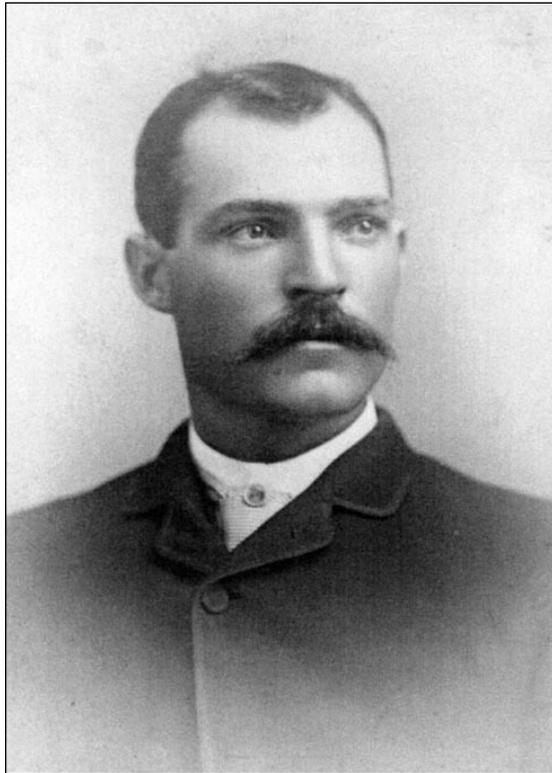
(SOURCE: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Family History Library Special Collections St. George Temple Film #0170596.)

**1880** US Federal Census; Pine Valley, Washington, Utah; George is listed with his mother, Thankful L. Nay, who keeps house, is a widow age 48, born in New York. George is listed as John G., age 18, born in UT and single. His brothers, Ormun R. Nay, age 15 and Elmer C. Nay, age 13, are also listed. Warrin W. Nay is really Myron Windslo Nay, single, 20 years old, born in UT, works in mill. Next door, the boy's father is listed with a Sarah O. Nay, his wife, who keeps house, married, age 37, born in VT. Her daughter is listed as Sarah J. Nay, daughter, age 13, born in UT, and a son is listed, Orson P. Nay, single age 11 years, born in UT.

(SOURCE: FHL Film 1255339, National Archives Film T9-1339, page 396C.)

**DATE UNKNOWN:** George moved to southern California, probably to find work. There were Pine relatives living in San Bernardino County, California, at the time and that might have drawn him to that state and that county. (NOTE: Research by Luella M. Faucett, found

a Samuel Pine, a brother to Thankful Lucy Pine Nay, living in Yucaipa area of San Bernardino county in California.)



George John Nay

**1884:** \*Voter Registration list of San Bernardino County, California.

Nay, George John, Providence Precinct; Hotelkeeper.

(SOURCE: Mojave Desert Archives, Goffs Schoolhouse, Goffs, California.)

**1886:** \*Voter Registration list of San Bernardino County, California.

Nay, George John; Fenner Precinct; Hotelkeeper. Fenner is on the Mohave Desert, just west and north of Needles, California.

(SOURCE: Mojave Desert Archives, Goffs Schoolhouse, Goffs, California.)

**1888:** \*Voter Registration list of San Bernardino county, California.

Nay, George John; Fenner Precinct; Hotelkeeper. (SOURCE: Mojave Desert Archives, Goffs Schoolhouse, Goffs, California.)

**1890:** \*Voter Registration list of San Bernardino county, California.

Nay, George John; Fenner Precinct; Hotelkeeper.

(SOURCE: Mojave Desert Archives, Goffs Schoolhouse, Goffs, California.)

**1891**, February 14: George J. Nay, a native of Utah Territory, aged 28 years, a resident of Needles, married Fannie M. Yount, a native of Oregon, age 20 years, a resident of San Bernardino. They were married in San Bernardino, San Bernardino County, California. Fannie's parents lived in San Bernardino. They were married by Geo. W. White, Pastor of the First M. E. Church, San Bernardino, California. The witnesses were M. W. Vale a resident of San Bernardino and O. Whitlock, a resident of San Bernardino.



George and Fannie Nay  
married in San Bernardino, CA  
14 Feb 1891

(MARRIAGE SOURCE: Marriage License, State of California, FHL film #1290191 San Bernardino County, California marriage records, pg. 332.)

(SOURCES: LDS Ordinance Index of the IGI; Sealing to Spouse 15 Nov 1968 LANGE Temple; Batch #A537480; Source; 537480; 537514; 537515; FHL film #537546.)

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# Marriage License.

State of California,  
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO.

These Presents, Are to authorize and license any Justice of the Supreme Court, Superior Judge, Justice of the Peace, Priest or Minister of the Gospel of any denomination, to solemnize within said County, the Marriage of George J. Nay, a native of Utah Territory aged 28 years, resident of Needles, County of San Bernardino, State of California, and Fannie M. Young, native of Oregon aged 20 years, resident of San Bernardino, County of San Bernardino, State of California. Said parties being of sufficient age to be capable of contracting marriage



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Superior Court, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, A. D. 1891.  
Geo. L. Wilson  
County Clerk, and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Superior Court in and for San Bernardino County.  
By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy Clerk

State of California,  
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO.

I Hereby Certify, That I believe the facts stated in the above license to be true, and that upon due inquiry there appears to be no legal impediment to the marriage of said George J. Nay and Fannie M. Young that said parties were joined in marriage by me, on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, A. D. 1891, in San Bernardino said County and State, that M. W. Vahl a resident of San Bernardino, County of San Bernardino, State of California; and O. W. Whitlock, a resident of San Bernardino County of San Bernardino, State of California, were present as witnesses of said ceremony.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, A. D. 1891.  
Geo. W. White  
Pastor First M. E. Church, San Bernardino, Cal.

Recorded at the request of Geo. W. White this 14<sup>th</sup> day of Feb., A. D. 1891, at 4:50 P. M.  
A. B. [Signature] County Recorder  
By Elizabeth [Signature]

**1891** August 2: “Mr. Geo. Nay and wife, accompanied by Miss Nellie Yount and Mrs. James Carroll, will start tomorrow morning on their visit to Nevada. They go across the desert from Fenner.”

(SOURCE: *\*\*The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1892:** \*Voter Registration list of San Bernardino county, California.  
George John Nay; Needles Precinct; Miner.

(SOURCE: Mojave Desert Archives, Goffs Schoolhouse, Goffs, California.)

**1892** January 27: A son, Walter James Nay, was born in Needles, San Bernardino County, California, to George and Fannie M. Yount.

(SOURCE: FHL film #0537515, Family Search, IGI index v4.02, North America.)



Walter James Nay

**1892** January 31: “‘Baby Nay’ has come to town sirs, and he desires THE EYE to announce that he will be at home to all visitors about the 7<sup>th</sup> of February, with the express understanding that no lady shall chuck him under his pretty pink chin, and no gentleman shall punch him in the little fat ribs. His “Uncle George” has already placed the silver spoon in his mouth, and the outlook is bright. “Papa” Nay and “Mamma” Nay are as happy a couple as ever the sun shone on, while good “Grandmama” Yount, why God bless her she hasn’t fully realized yet whether she is in Eden or Needles. The Eye congratulates all of them.”

(SOURCE: *\*\*The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1892** March 20: George and Fannie attend the wedding and reception of Judge S. C. Winchester and Miss Laura Harper of Needles, California. Their gift was a silver pickle castor.

(SOURCE: *\*\*The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1892** May 8: “Mr. and Mrs. George Briggs returned from Kingman Wednesday. Mr. Lee Yount came down from Daggett to visit relatives and take to the dance. Mr. Geo. Nay departed yesterday morning for a few weeks visit to his old home in Utah. In the meantime Mrs. Nay and “Baby Nay” will sojourn at Daggett. The party from Manse, Nevada, Mr. and Mrs. White, and daughter, Miss Nellie Yount and Miss Laura Mote departed on their return trip Friday morning, after a very pleasant visit here, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Nay.”

(SOURCE: *\*\*“The Needles Eye”*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1892** May 22: “Mr. and Mrs. George Briggs have gone out to their country home in the Providence mountains to spend the summer. Mrs. Geo. Nay returned from Daggett to leave again with Mrs. Briggs for the ranch.”

(SOURCE: *\*\*The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1892** August 7: “With pleasure we herald the return of our good friend George Nay, who after visiting Utah, came back by the Yount ranch to see the folks there. He says Grandma Yount grows younger and prettier every day, (we knew she would) that Mesdames Nay, Carroll, and

Winchester are daily gaining in weight and health, and that Baby Nay is making Democratic stump speeches through that portion of Nevada. Mr. Nay is accompanied by a brother who will remain with us for a few days.”

(SOURCE: \*\* *The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1892** August 28: “Messrs. Briggs and Nay have gone to the big fight in New Orleans as sporting correspondents of THE NEEDLES EYE. They will furnish graphic and interesting reports for our readers, and write up occurrences and incidents, which the large dailies will not publish. They go as representatives of ‘the only purely Democratic newspaper published in the largest county in the United States.’”

(SOURCE: \*\* *The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1892** September 18: “Mr. George Briggs and Mr. George Nay who went to New Orleans to witness the three great fistic encounters, have returned and barring the disappointment they underwent in seeing John L. knocked out they enjoyed the trip amazingly. We welcome the gentlemen home again.”

(SOURCE: \*\* *The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1892** September 25: “Geo. Briggs and Dan Murphy returned from the New York district last night. Mrs. George Nay has returned to Needles, and with her came “Baby Nay,” the biggest, fattest, best natured babe in the hamlet. THE EYE rejoices at the return of both.”

(SOURCE: \*\* *The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1892** November 6: “THE NEVADA SOUTHERN, PROPOSED NEW RAILROAD FROM GOFFS TO TAP THE GREAT MINING FIELDS OF SOUTHERN NEVADA, NEW YORK, VANDERBILT AND GOOD SPRINGS DISTRICTS.” “On Monday morning last, a large and well-equipped company of capitalists and mining men left Needles on a two weeks inspecting trip over the proposed route for the building of the above new railway line, which is soon to be commenced out of Goffs, a station of the A. & P. road at the top of the hill thirty miles west of Needles. The party consisted of Mr. Isaac E. Blake, and Mr. Crosby, of Denver and of the Needles Reduction works; Messrs. Rust and Austin, capitalists and mining men of San Francisco; Mr. Burns, the A. & P. civil engineer; Mr. Amsdon, of the Needles Reduction Works; Mr. Cavanaugh, of Denver, and Messrs. R.F. and M. House, mining men of Los Angeles, and others. The party was in charge by our Geo. Nay, of Needles, who knows every foot of the desert in that locality like a book. Their course will be through the New York, Vanderbilt and Good Springs mining districts on up into Nevada and Utah, and before they return they will lay out a new town site in the New York district near the Keystone mine, to be named Manville. The object of this road is to tap the immense resources of this vast undeveloped country to act as a mineral feeder to the proposed new Needles smelter. While it connects with the A. & P. at Goffs, it will be an entirely separate enterprise under different management. The great variety of resources and new enterprises that will be developed, and the vast extent of interest that the building of this spur means for Needles and surrounding country will be seen at a glance. It is understood that thirty or forty miles of the road will be completed this winter and that work on the same will be very shortly be commenced. On the return of the party THE EYE will say more.”

(SOURCE: \*\* *The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1892** November 13: “Geo. Nay met with quite a serious accident last week while out with the railroad party. A bottle of acid which he had in his hip pocket, for use in case of snake bite, was broken, and its contents burning a large portion of flesh from that portion of his physical anatomy.”

(SOURCE: **\*\*The Needles Eye**, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1892** November 20: "Mr. Geo. Briggs has returned from the ranch. Mr. Nay, brother of Geo. Nay, is in from the mines of Danby."

(SOURCE: **\*\*The Needles Eye**, Needles, San Bernardino, California.) (NOTE FROM LMKF: "Mr. Nay was probably Ormun Russell "Tim" Nay, as he had been living in the Needles area for several years.)

**1893** February 2: "The little child of Geo. Nay is suffering with tonsillitis."

(SOURCE: **\*\*The Needles Eye**, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1893** February 11: "DIED. Nay, - At Needles, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1893, Walter, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. George Nay, aged about ten months. The little one was a bright and lovable child and all that mortal aid could do was done to prolong his life. The parents are bowed down with grief in which they have the sympathy of the whole community. The remains were interred in the cemetery Saturday afternoon."

"Mr. and Mrs. George Nay went to San Bernardino last Saturday night. They will remain "inside" for a couple of months."

#### TO THE PEOPLE OF NEEDLES.

San Bernardino, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>, 1893, Editor Needles Eye: - We understand that some blame has been attached to Dr. Rees, by the citizens of the Needles, because he failed, it is alleged, to notify the citizens of the town of the fatal character of the illness, which caused the death of our babe. In our deep grief we are in no condition to tender sympathy to any one, but we will always remember the untiring efforts of Dr. Rees in behalf of the little sufferer, and we beg the community of Needles not to judge the doctor harshly, for we believe that neither he nor any other physician could have warned the people any sooner. No one regrets the introduction of the fatal disease any more than we do, not only on account of the irreparable loss which we have suffered, but because too, of the uneasiness which has thus been caused to our friends and neighbors. We will absent ourselves from the town until all danger is passed, and when we return to our home we hope to find all fear dissipated and all our friends in full enjoyment of good health and prosperity. Will you do us the favor, Mr. Editor, to publish this in the next issue of the EYE and greatly oblige. Mr. and Mrs. George Nay.

(SOURCE: **\*\*The Needles Eye**, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1893** March 4: "FAMOUS LOST MINE FOUND. THE OLD MOHAVE GOLD LEDGE UNEARTHED NEAR THE NEEDLES. George Nay, an old miner of the Needles, on the Colorado river, is in the city, and reports that he has at last found the Mohave mine, one of the famous lost gold mines of the desert, whose existence has been unknown for nearly thirty years. The mine was notable among the Mohaves and the Hulapais for a long time ante-dating the arrival of white men. The Mohaves, to whom it belonged, used to bring the gold out and circulate it along the Colorado River. The location could not be found, however. As Arataba, the old chief of the Mohaves kept it secret. He died some twenty years ago, and since then the Mohaves have not worked it except in the quietest way. Nay claims to have on December 21<sup>st</sup> last, followed the faint barrow trail of the Mohaves and found the outcropping under a flat stone. Rolling it over he found the ledge bespangled richly with gold. The ledge had a footwall of limestone, but though he has since drifted thirty feet, he has not been able to find what the hanging wall is. "The mine is twenty miles over the Colorado River in Arizona on the edge of Sugar Loaf Mountain," said he. "I have made several shipments of the gold which I got by aid of a common mortar. In all the gold amounts to a little over \$900.

Some of it I brought up with me this time.” Mr. Nay says there is a six-foot ledge of the rich gold-bearing rock. He is going to put a Huntington centrifugal mill on it, and thinks he has a great fortune right there. Many white men have hunted for the mine in times past. Among them Jesse Harper, now dead; Dan O’Leary, who owns property on the same mountain now; Henry Brown who led the first party of United States surveyors into that region, and others. Brown is said to be much disappointed that he did not find the mine. Mr. Nay thinks he has at least \$30,000 in gold in sight, and he has thus far down only a little real mining there. He does not anticipate any trouble with the Mohave Indians, because they are now so few, and the United States troops can easily quell them should they try to regain the mine. — San Francisco Examiner.”

“The sale of the Gold Bar mine by Taggart, Patton and Hall to the bonanza firm of San Francisco marks a new epoch in the mining history of Vanderbilt. With the advent of moneyed men new life will be infused into that rich camp, and capital will flock there like flies on a sugar plum. We publish elsewhere an interview with George Nay, published in a recent issue of the San Francisco Examiner. By it Mr. Nay’s many old friends here will see that he is on the road to wealth should his mine pan out as he expect. It is said that Col. Harley Fay, of Kingman, Arizona, is interested with the bonanza firm in the Gold Bar mine at Vanderbilt. We sincerely hope that he is, for he is one of the best men that ever went into a mining camp on the pacific coast.”

(SOURCE: *\*\*The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1893** March 18: “The mother and sister of Mrs. George Nay were Needles visitors this week. George S. Briggs and Dan Murphy paid Vanderbilt a flying visit this week. They report the camp very lively. S. B. Mehan is in from the Ibex mine. He informs us that a new mill will be put up on the mine in a short time. Quite a number of mining men are in and around Vanderbilt looking for good gold properties. They will find what they want in that place, as Vanderbilt is the most prolific gold camp on the coast.”

(SOURCE: *\*\*The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1893** April 1: “George Nay has been on the sick list for the past ten days, but is now recovering.”

(SOURCE: *\*\*The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1893** April 11: “George Nay has removed to Vanderbilt.”

(SOURCE: *\*\*The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1893** May 13: “Geo. Nay, of Vanderbilt, is in town visiting his family.”

(SOURCE: *\*\*The Needles Eye*”, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1893** May 20: “George Nay went out to Vanderbilt yesterday.”

(SOURCE: *\*\*”The Needle Eye*”, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1893** July 1: “VANDERBILT TO CLELBRATE. The people of Vanderbilt have raised a large amount of money with which to celebrate the Fourth of July. Literary exercises rounded off with a grand barbecue will be held at Brigg’s ranch. Dr. Tuttle has been appointed president of the day and Hon. Frank Alman, orator. Virgil Earp is marshal and Will A. Nash and George Nay aids. A magnificent display of fireworks followed by a grand ball at Vanderbilt in the evening. A special invitation is extended to the people of Needles to attend. Arrangements have been made to have the Vanderbilt train meet the morning train from the Needles on the Fourth. This excursion to Vanderbilt will give out people an opportunity to see the great gold mining camp of the Pacific coast.”

(SOURCE: **\*\*The Needles Eye**, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1894:** \*Voters Registration List of San Bernardino County, California.

Nay, George John; Vanderbilt Precinct; Butcher.

(SOURCE: Mojave Desert Archives, Goffs Schoolhouse, Goffs, California.)

**1894** February 17: “The Vanderbilt visitors at the ball included George Nay and wife, F. H. Thompson and wife; Sandy McDonald, Miss Nellie Yount, and Mr. Jordan, editor of the SHAFT. Judge West has returned from the scene of Patrick Dwyre’s wonderful strike north-west of Providence, and he says the reports have not been exaggerated. The Judge has laid out a townsite, which he has named Goldstone.”

(SOURCE: **\*\* “The Needle Eye”**, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1894** March 31: “The Rock Springs Land and Cattle Company of Needles has been incorporated, with a capital stock of \$60,000. The directors are George Briggs, Daniel Murphy, George Nay, Frank Monaghan and T. L. Blackburn.”

(SOURCE: **\*\*The Needles Eye**, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1894** April 14: “George Nay, Mayor of Vanderbilt, was in town this week on business.”

(SOURCE: **\*\*The Needles Eye**, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1894** April 14: “NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP. Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between George S. Briggs, Daniel Murphy, Frank Monaghan, T. L. Blackburn and George Nay, under the firm name of T. L. Blackburn & Co., is this day dissolved by mutual consent. All partnership debts of said firm will be collected and receipted for, by the Rock Springs Land and Cattle Company, at Needles, San Bernardino county, California. Dated at Needles, Cal., April 9, 1894. George S. Briggs, Dan Murphy, F. Monaghan, George Nay, T. L. Blackburn, by George S. Briggs, Secretary Rock Springs Land and Cattle Company.”

(SOURCE: **\*\*The Needles Eye**, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1894** May 12: “VANDERBILT ACTIVITY IN MINING – NOTES OF THE CAMP.”  
“(Correspondence of The Eye) Vanderbilt, May 10, 1894. After months of patient waiting, the old timers of Vanderbilt are seeing their fondest hopes realized. There is a general activity in development of claims that have been idle for some time, and numerous sales are reported....Nay and Yount are to enlarge their saloon by putting a billiard room on the east side and a game room on the west side of their present quarter....George Nay, one of the shining lights of Vanderbilt, was in town Tuesday.....”

(SOURCE: **\*\*The Needles Eye**, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1894** September 1: “VANDERBILT NOTES, SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE OF THE EYE. Vanderbilt, Aug 28....Capt. George Nay and Expert Carter have gone over to Goldstone to look at some property, with a view to purchasing....Mrs. George Nay and Miss Ella White have gone to the Manse ranch, to be absent several weeks. Mrs. White and Miss Nellie Yount will probably return with them.....”

(SOURCE: **\*\*“The Needle Eye”**, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1894** December 20: “Mr. and Mrs. George Nay were down from Vanderbilt Wednesday visiting friends.... Nay and Yount gave a beef’s head and heart lunch last Wednesday evening. The cooking was done in the old Indian style, a hole in the ground being used for an oven.”

(SOURCE: **\*\*The Needles Eye**, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

Ethel I. Nay



May 30<sup>th</sup> 1897

“Dear Brother,  
Yours of May 11<sup>th</sup> to hand, was glad to hear from you but veary sory to here that Mother was no better. She is getting to the age that we must expect any thing. As to the money I sende there, I do not wish to know what is don with it. I wish to think that it is used for the purpos that it is sent for and nothing more. I have not ben able to sende the money that I would of liked to sende, but that can not be helped, but I will sende money when ever I can. As to the deed, you can keep it, as you may have some shoe to sell it to help Mother. And if you can do so, let it go. I will sende you Ten dollars in this letter and will sende you some more when I can. Tim is still working up the River I will looke for him down about the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Give My love to all,  
Your Loving Brother,  
Geo. Nay”

**1895**, November 21: Ethel I. Nay was born in Needles, San Bernardino, California to George J. and Fannie M. Yant Nay.

(SOURCE: IGI v4.02, North America, Family History Film No. 471933, Endowments for the dead 1956-1970. Reference No. 56544, Los Angeles Temple. Also, Family History Film No. 537515, Sealings for the dead, couples and children, (includes some living spouses and children), 1956-1970, Los Angeles Temple; Also, LDS Baptism 3 Feb 1967.

**1897** May 30: George writes to his brother, Elmer.

Transcription of the letter:

On the paper of “Murphy, Briggs & Co.      Needles, Calif.

MURPHY, BRIGGS & CO.

*Needles, Calif. May 30<sup>th</sup> 1897*

*Geo. Nay Esq  
Circleville Utah  
Dear Brother =*

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*give My love to all  
your Loving Brother  
Geo. Nay*

**1898:** \*Voters Registration List, San Bernardino County, California.  
Nay, George John; Needles Precinct; Miner  
(SOURCE: Mojave Desert Archives, Goffs Schoolhouse, Goffs, California.)

**1900 CENSUS, 4 June:** Needles Township, San Bernardino, California, Nat. Archives Vol. 23, E.D. District No. 242, sheet no. 1A, line 13.

NAY, George J.; head of household; white; male; born in July 1862; age 37; married 9 years; born in UT; Father born in UT and Mother born in UT; occupation, Drayman; was not out of work during the last year; can read, write and speak English; owns a house free of mortgage.

NAY, Fannie M.; wife; white; female; born in April 1870; age 30; married 9 years; mother of two children; one living; born in Oregon; Father born in Missouri; Mother born in Nebraska; can read, write and speak English.

NAY, Ethel; daughter; white; female; born November 1895; age 4; single; born in California; father born in Utah; Mother born in Oregon.

**1904:** \*Voter Registration List, San Bernardino County, California. Nay, George John; Needles Precinct;  
(SOURCE: Mojave Desert Archives, Goffs Schoolhouse, Goffs, California.)

**POSSIBLY 1904 SUMMER:** Ethel is visiting with the family of Elmer Carr Nay in Kimberly, Piute County, Utah. (SOURCE: Ethel is in a snapshot picture with the family of Elmer and Charlotte Nay and children. The baby of the family is about 6 or 7 months old, which was Clifton Reu Nay, who was born in January of 1904, and the family is listed there in 1905, where the children go to school. See the photograph in Chapter 14 Elmer C. Nay)

**1906:** Voter Registration List, San Bernardino County, California. Nay, George John; Needles Precinct; Butcher  
(SOURCE: Mojave Desert Archives, Goffs Schoolhouse, Goffs, California.)

**1906 February 6:** “CARD OF THANKS. The Catholic Ladies thank all those who so generously patronized their supper of last Thursday evening, and especially Mr. George Nay who rendered valuable service at carving, and indeed, even in dishwashing; also the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, to whose efforts and thoughtfulness the success of the supper was due. It was most sincerely appreciated by the CATHOLIC LADIES.”  
(SOURCE: \*\**The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1906 March 1:** “George Nay returned Wednesday from Phoenix, Arizona, where he purchased several carloads of fat cattle for Needles’ consumption.”  
(SOURCE: \*\**The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1906 April 4:** “George Nay left Wednesday for Ash fork and other Arizona points for the purchase of fat stock for his Needles market.”  
(SOURCE: \*\**The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1906 May 9:** “George Nay has installed a 10-horse power Fairbanks-Morse gasoline engine at his meat market to furnish the power for the refrigeration plant.”  
(SOURCE: \*\**The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1906 May 26:** “George Nay went to Kingman Tuesday on a short business trip.”  
(SOURCE: \*\**The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1906 June 9:** “George Nay installed a large fireproof safe this week in his meat market office. Tim Nay was in from the Sunrise country this week for a few days. George and Tim Nay left this morning for the Sunrise country where they are interested in mining properties.”  
(SOURCE: \*\**The Needles Eye*, San Bernardino, California.)

**1906 June 23:** “The meat market of George Nay will be closed hereafter during the heated season from 12:30 to 4 P.M. It will then be open until 7 o’clock in the evening. The Sunday hours will remain the same as before.

The electric dynamo, which Arthur Alman used on his premises last year for the purpose of running fans in his place of business, has been moved to the meat market of George Nay and there connected with the large engine in use for cold storage purposes. Wires will be run from there to run fans, not only in Mr. Alman’s place, but also in the meat market and in the saloon of Murphy, Briggs and Company. These fans will be placed as soon as possible.”  
(SOURCE: \*\**The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1906 July 21:** “George Nay, the local butcher, was inconvenienced for a short while this week by having his ammonia pump break down, thus gradually losing the temperature he carries in the cold storage apartments. It was quickly repaired, however, and is now better than new.”  
(SOURCE: \*\**The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1906 July 28:** “Mrs. George Nay and daughter Ethel left Thursday evening for San Bernardino, where Mrs. Nay will visit with her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Yount.”  
(SOURCE: \*\**The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1906 August 11:** “The Democratic primary was held Thursday afternoon at the office of Judge James Carroll, there being fifty-six votes cast and the following delegates elected: J.H. West, T.J. Murphy, George S. Briggs, S.C. Winchester, C.C. Welsh, James Carroll, B.W. Tasker, C.G. Fluhr, Arthur Alman, Wilford Cubbage, George J. Nay, Bruce McCormack, R.M. Harris, and Dr. O. P. Hart. They will go to the county convention uninstructed.”  
(SOURCE: \*\**The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1906 August 25:** “George Nay left Wednesday evening for Los Angeles where he will enter the Angeles hospital for treatment for varicose veins which have been troubling him for some years. He will stop a day or so at San Bernardino where Mrs. Nay is at present visiting with her parents.”  
(SOURCE: \*\**The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1906 September 8:** “George Nay is at San Jacinto hot springs for a few weeks.”  
(SOURCE: \*\**The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1906 September 29:** “Mrs. George Nay and daughter Ethel returned Sunday morning from San Bernardino where they had been visiting relatives for several weeks.”  
“George Nay arrived home yesterday morning after a several weeks’ vacation spent at San Jacinto.”  
(SOURCE: \*\**The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1906 October 5:** “E.L. Cumbach has entered the employ of George Nay at the meat market where he will look after the refrigerating and lighting plant.”  
(SOURCE: \*\**The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1906 October 27:** “George S. Briggs, George Nay and Arthur Alman, with C.C. Welsh as driver, went to Beaver Lake Thursday on a hunting trip.”

“The B. S. Hunting club was organized this week with the following officers: George S. Briggs president; George Nay, treasurer; C.C. Welsh, game and other keeper; and Arthur Alman, lecturer.”

(SOURCE: *\*\*The Needles Eye, Needles, San Bernardino, California.*)

**1906 November 10:** “George S. Briggs, George Nay and Arthur Alman left Thursday morning on a hunting trip up the Colorado River. C. C. Welsh drove the party.”

(SOURCE: *\*\*The Needles Eye, Needles, San Bernardino, California.*)

**1906 December 8:** “George Nay returned from Los Angeles this morning.

Tim Nay left this morning for the properties of the Mineral Hill Development Company, with a big wagon load of mining supplies.”

(SOURCE: *\*\*The Needles Eye, Needles, San Bernardino, California.*)

**1906 December 22:** “George Nay returned Tuesday from a trip to Arizona points purchasing cattle for the meat supply of the City meat market.

Tim Nay was in from the Providence Mountain country.”

(SOURCE: *\*\*The Needles Eye, Needles, San Bernardino, California.*)

**1906 December 29:** “Mrs. George Nay was called to San Bernardino Wednesday, taking the evening train, by the receipt of word announcing the serious illness of her aged father, Joseph Yount. Mr. Yount has been feeble for some months.”

“Tim Nay was in from the Providence country to spend Christmas with his brother and family.”

(SOURCE: *\*\*The Needles Eye, Needles, San Bernardino, California.*)

**1907 January 5:** (Obituary on Joseph Yount in San Bernardino, California, mentioning Mrs. George Nay as one of his daughters.)...”George Nay made a trip to the Tehachapi country this week looking after cattle for the local market...George Nay leaves today for San Bernardino to be present at the funeral of Joseph Yount, his late father-in-law, Joseph Yount. Mrs. Nay and daughter Ethel will return tomorrow.”

(SOURCE: *\*\*The Needles Eye, Needles, San Bernardino, California.*)

**1907 January 12:** “Joseph Carrow, who has been with George Nay as a meat cutter at the market, left Thursday evening, having resigned his position. He goes into business with his father, opening a general merchandise store at Cedar, Arizona.”

“George Nay returned the first of the week from San Bernardino where he had been to attend the funeral of his father-in-law, Joseph Yount. Mrs. Nay and daughter Ethel will return tomorrow.”

(SOURCE: *\*\*The Needles Eye, Needles, San Bernardino, California.*)

**1907 March 16:** “George Nay was in Kingman the first of the week.”

(SOURCE: *\*\*The Needles Eye, Needles, San Bernardino, California.*)

**1907 March 23:** “Mrs. Anna Gardner expects to leave for her home in New York Monday evening. She is here on a visit to her sister, Mrs. George Nay and Mrs. M.E. Yount, her mother, in San Bernardino.”

“George Nay, the butcher, is in Flagstaff, Arizona, looking after cattle for the market supply.”

(SOURCE: *\*\*The Needles Eye, Needles, San Bernardino, California.*)

**1907 March 30:** “Mrs. Anna Gardner, sister of Mrs. George Nay, left Thursday for her home in New York City, after several weeks visit here.”

“George J. Nay returned the first of the week from a trip to Arizona points where he went to purchase cattle for his market.”

(SOURCE: *\*\*The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1907 April 13:** “Mrs. M. E. Yount, mother of Mrs. George Nay, returned Monday to her home in San Bernardino, after several weeks visit here.”

(SOURCE: *\*\*The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1907 April 20:** “The niece of Mrs. George Nay, Miss Della White married Mr. O. J. Fiske in the home of Mrs. Mary E. Yount, in San Bernardino, California.”

(SOURCE: *\*\*The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1907 August 3:** “Mrs. George J. Nay, accompanied by her daughter Ethel, left Tuesday evening for San Bernardino where she will visit her mother, Mrs. M. E. Yount for several weeks.”

(SOURCE: *\*\*The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1907 August 10:** “George Nay made a short business trip to Los Angeles this week.”

(SOURCE: *\*\*The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1907 August 24:** “George Nay left this morning for Crozier to purchase cattle for his market here.”

(SOURCE: *\*\*The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1907 August 31:** “George Nay returned Monday morning from a trip to Crozier where he had been to purchase fat cattle for his market.”

(SOURCE: *\*\*The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1907 September 7:** “George Nay left Thursday evening for a few days vacation with his family at San Bernardino and Los Angeles.”

(SOURCE: *\*\*The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1907 September 21:** “Mrs. George Nay and daughter Ethel arrived home Friday morning from San Bernardino where Mrs. Nay has been visiting some weeks with her mother.”

(SOURCE: *\*\*The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1907 October 19:** “George Nay left last evening for Arizona points looking after fat stock for the supply of his market here.”

(SOURCE: *\*\*The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1907 November 1907:** “Oysters at Nay’s.”

(SOURCE: *\*\*The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1907 November 30:** “George Nay, proprietor of the City Meat Market, returned Tuesday from a trip to William, Flagstaff and other Arizona points, where he went after fat cattle for his market.”

(SOURCE: *\*\*The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1907 December 21:** “W. W. Perkins of Winslow was in the city the first of the week for a day visiting with Messrs. George Briggs and George Nay. Mr. Perkins at one time owned a large ranch in the Mogollon mountains in the section of the country where Messrs. Briggs and Nay

frequently hunt.”

(SOURCE: *\*\*The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1908:** \*Voter Registration List, San Bernardino County, California.

Nay, George John; Needles Precinct; Butcher.

(SOURCE: Mojave Desert Archives, Goffs Schoolhouse, Goffs, California.)

**1908** February 1: “Mrs. Annie Gardner and son Carl, of New York, left Tuesday for San Bernardino. Mrs. Gardner is a sister of Mrs. George Nay and goes to San Bernardino where she will visit with her mother, Mrs. M. E. Yount.”

(SOURCE: *\*\*The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1908** February 22: George’s brother, Tim Nay was came to town as reported in the Needles Eye.

(SOURCE: *\*\*“Needles Eye”*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1908** March 21: “George Nay brought to The Eye office this week, a copy of the Dixie Advocate published at Virgin City, Utah, in the ‘good old land of Dixie’, his native home.”

(SOURCE: *\*\*The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1908** March 28: “George Nay, proprietor of the City Meat Market, received a car of sheep yesterday.”

(SOURCE: *\*\*The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1908** May 2: “Mr. and Mrs. George Nay entertained a few friends at cards Monday evening. A very enjoyable time was had by all present. Refreshments were served at 12 o’clock.”

(SOURCE: *\*\*The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1908** May 23: “Ethel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Nay, has been in San Bernardino this week visiting with her grandmother, Mrs. M.E. Yount, and seeing the Festival of the Arrowhead. Mrs. George Nay left Friday evening for Los Angeles and San Bernardino.”

(SOURCE: *\*\*The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1908** June 13: “George Nay, the proprietor of the City Meat Market, returned Wednesday from Arizona with a carload of fat mutton for the local trade.”

(SOURCE: *\*\*The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1908** June 29: “Mrs. George Nay and daughter, Ethel, and Marie Greaney, returned home Tuesday evening from Los Angeles and San Bernardino.”

(SOURCE: *\*\*The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1908** August 22: “Mrs. George Nay and daughter Ethel left Tuesday evening for San Bernardino where they will visit with her mother Mrs. M.E. Yount.” (SOURCE: *\*\*The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1908** August 29: “George Nay, proprietor of the City Meat Market, left Wednesday evening for Flagstaff and Oak Creek where he will spend a few weeks fishing.”

(SOURCE: *\*\*The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1908** September 12: “George Nay, and George Hanlon returned Tuesday evening from Flagstaff where they passed a couple of weeks trout fishing.”

(SOURCE: *\*\*The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1908** September 26: “During the past week Mrs. George Nay and daughter Ethel returned to

Needles, both wearing the smile that was implanted by a visit to Mrs. Nay's mother in San Bernardino and the ocean waves. Miss Ethel resumed her studies at the school on Monday.” (SOURCE: *\*\*The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1908** December 5: “Messrs. George S. Briggs, George E. Butler and George J. Nay returned Wednesday evening from their hunting trip in the mountains out from Winslow, Arizona, where they in company of Messrs. Buerbach and Hanks of Winslow enjoyed the past month hunting bear, deer and turkey. They report a fine time and a successful outing.”

“CHRISTMAS TURKEYS. Parties desiring turkeys for Christmas will please leave their orders now at the City Meat Market as only sufficient to fill the orders filed will be ordered. Be sure you get your order in early and avoid disappointment. City Meat Market. George J. Nay, Prop.”

(SOURCE: *\*\*The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1909** January 9: “Mrs. and Mrs. Geo. Nay, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cooper and Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Jones passed last Sunday at Kingman and the Wallapai valley where the gentlemen spent several hours hunting for small game.”

(SOURCE: *\*\*The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1909** January 16: “A carload of fat cattle was received Wednesday from Arizona by George Nay. Dr. Orme, the county veterinary surgeon, was on hand to inspect each animal as it made its acquaintance with Needle's soil. These cattle came from the hills around Peach Springs, and those of our railroad fraternity who have looked with wistful eye upon their fat haunches may now regale themselves through the City Meat Market.”

(SOURCE: *\*\*The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1909** February 6: “George J. Nay has returned from a business trip to Los Angeles. George Nay, of the City Meat Market, was in Searchlight last Thursday, en route to the northern part of Lincoln county, on a cattle-buying trip.”

(SOURCE: *\*\*The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1909** March 13: “George S. Briggs and George J. Nay returned Tuesday evening from a few days trip through the Providence and adjacent mountains.”

(SOURCE: *\*\*The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1909** March 20: “George J. Nay, proprietor of the City Meat Market, made a business trip to Kingman Thursday.”

(SOURCE: *\*\*The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1909** April 3: “William Donaldson and Edward Gaddes shipped a carload of choice cattle to George J. Nay, the Needles butcher, last Saturday. The cattle were in exceptionally fine condition, and brought the highest market price. Mr. Gaddes accompanied the stock to Needles. —Williams News.”

(SOURCE: *\*\*The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1909** May 1: “George E. Butler, George S. Briggs, George J. Nay, Judge James Carroll, T. J. Murphy, Edward Hill and others were attending court in San Bernardino this week.”

(SOURCE: *\*\*The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1909** June 12: “Miss Ethel Nay left for San Bernardino Thursday evening to pass several weeks with her grandman, Mrs. M. E. Yount.”

“George J. Nay, O. R. Nay and C. H. McClure made a trip to the Perseverance group of min-

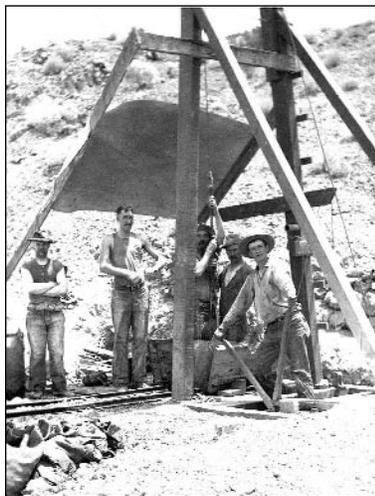
ing claims in the Providence Mountains this week. The claims are owned by the above named gentlemen and they had a party with them who was looking over the property and he seemed to be favorable impressed with the conditions as he found them.” )

(SOURCE: *\*\*The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

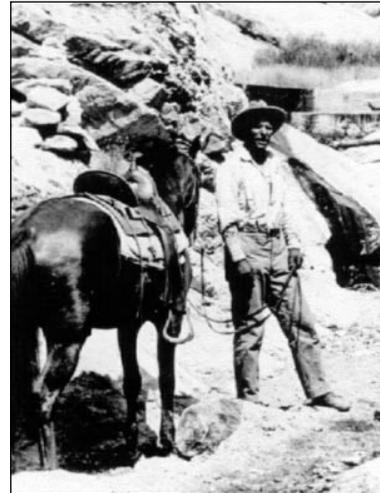
(NOTE FROM LMKF; These pictures relate to the lives of George John and Tim Nay in and around the Providence Mountains of California. After discussing it with Mr. Dennis Casebier of Goffs, CA, we both came to the conclusion that it was Tim and George in the rocky mountains of the Providence Mountains in the eastern part of California. The pictures were not labeled as George and Tim, but they favor other pictures of them.)

**1909 July 17: “CITY MEAT MARKET CHANGES OWNERS.** As will be seen from an

announcement published in this issue of *The Eye*, Mr. George J. Nay, one of the old-time residents and business men of Needles, has disposed of the City Meat Market which he has conducted so successfully for the past eight or nine year, to Messrs. W.R. Grounds Jr., and J.B. Crozier, of Kingman, Arizona. The fact of Mr. Nay



disposing of his market may come as a surprise to many of his old friends and customers, but a few of his more intimate friends knew there was a deal on for some weeks past, and that the transfer would take place on the 14<sup>th</sup> inst. Mr. Nay has



worked hard in the past and has served his many patrons with the best goods the country could supply, for the sole reason that he knew the people wanted the best and was willing to pay for it. His motto is: “The Best is None Too Good at Any Time.” Mr. Nay and family will still retain their home in Needles, and while he has made no definite plans for the future, it is proba-

ble that a little later he will again enter the business arena in this city. Messrs. Grounds and Crozier are two bright young businessmen of Kingman where they have been conducting and will continue in the same line of business wholesale and retail butchers. They were born and reared in Mohave country and their friends there are numbered from one end of that rich county to the other. They own a fine stock ranch in the northern part of the county and are possessed of large numbers of breeding and beef cattle. They are here for business and will spare no expense to keep the local market up to the high standard it has maintained in the past. *The Eye* extends the new firm its best wishes for success and heartily welcomes them to Needles.”

‘ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE PUBLIC: I have sold all of my interests in the City Meat Market to W. F. Grounds Jr., and J. Crozier, of Kingman, Arizona, and take this means of thanking the people of Needles and adjacent towns for their past patronage which has always been liberal and which I endeavored to merit by sparing neither time or expense in serving them the best the general market afforded. There come a time in the history of business enterprises, in the West especially, when changes occur, when capital seeks investment, where offers for established business are made and accepted or rejected, as the case might be. Messr. Grounds and Crozier made me an offer for the City Meat Market and it being satisfactory in all details, I accepted the

offer. All outstanding accounts up to 12 o'clock of July 14, 1909, are due and payable to me. Again thanking the people of Needles and adjacent towns for their past patronage, and bespeaking a continuation of the same for the new firm which I unreservedly recommend to all friends and the public, I am sincerely yours, GEORGE J. NAY.”  
(SOURCE: *\*\*The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1909** July 24: “Mrs. George J. Nay was a passenger to San Bernardino Tuesday evening to pass the remainder of the summer with her mother, Mrs. M.E. Yount, and other relatives in the San Bernardino Valley.”  
(SOURCE: *\*\*The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1909** August 21: “O.R. Nay was a passenger for San Bernardino, Los Angeles and the beaches last Wednesday morning. He expects to be gone about two weeks before returning to El Dorado Canyon where he is superintendent of the Capitol group of mines owned by Messrs. Monaghan and Murphy.”  
“George J. Nay left on one of the delayed trains Wednesday morning for San Bernardino where he will visit with his family for several days before returning to Needles. He will also extend his visit to Los Angeles and other coast resorts.”  
(SOURCE: *\*\*The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1909** September 11: “O.R. Nay returned Tuesday from San Bernardino, Los Angeles and Catalina where he passed a couple of weeks with Mr. and Mrs. George J. Nay. He left later in the week for the Capitol mines in El Dorado Canyon to resume development work on that property.”  
(SOURCE: *\*\*The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1909** September 18: “Messrs. George S. Briggs and George J. Nay expect to leave tomorrow for Winslow, Arizona, and from there they will go to the Mogollon mountains where they will put in a few months hunting big game.”  
(SOURCE: *\*\*The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1909** October 16: “NOTICE. All persons knowing themselves to be indebted to the undersigned are notified that they can pay same to Miss Loretta Clark at the City Meat Market on D Street, who is authorized to collect and receipt for all moneys paid. George J. Nay, Needles, Cal., Sept 18, 1909.”  
(SOURCE: *\*\*The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1909** November 6: “George J. Nay left for Calzona yesterday morning going down in the Pope-Hartford car. His goods were shipped a couple of days ahead of him. They were supplied by the Needles Liquor Company, Inc., and were freighted down by the O.K. Transfer Company. The building for his saloon is completed and Mr. Nay will soon be doing business in the new town of Calzona. He will carry a first-class line of wet good and with courteous treatment to all patrons it is needless to say that he will do a good business. Messrs. George S. Briggs and George G. Nay, who had been hunting in the Mogollon mountains in Arizona for the past weeks returned Sunday morning. They report having had a splendid time and fair hunting, the weather being too mild for good hunting.”  
(SOURCE: *\*\*The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1910:** \*Voter Registration List, San Bernardino County, California.  
Nay, George John; Needles Precinct; Merchant; Democrat.  
(SOURCE: Mojave Desert Archives, Goffs Schoolhouse, Goffs, California.)

**1910 April 16:** U.S. Federal Census Needles Township, San Bernardino, California; The family lives on 2<sup>nd</sup> St.; Enumeration District No. 8; Page 3A; Soundex Nos. 074 0104 0067.

NAY, George J.; head of household; white; age 47, Married one time, 19 years; born in Utah; Father born in Michigan; Mother born in Illinois; national language is English; profession is a Liquor dealer of Wholesale and Retail sales. He is employed; He can read, write and speak English; owns a house with a morgage.

NAY, Fanny; wife; white; age 39; married once; 19 years; had two children, one living; born in Oregon; Father born in Missouri; Mother born in Kentucky; no profession; can read and write English.

NAY, Ethel; daughter; white; age 14; single; born in California; Father born in Utah; Mother born in Oregon; no profession; can read, write and speak English.

**1910 December 3:** “Dan McDonald, one of the old-timers who carried the mail from Blake (Goffs) to the Vanderbilt country in the early days before there were any railroads in that section of the country, and who also did considerable freighting to and from the railroad, was in town yesterday and met with his old-time friends George S. Briggs and George Nay. This is the first time Mr. McDonald has been in Needles for ten years. He is at present doing some work on mining prospects which he has out from Danby.”

(SOURCE: “Needles Nugget,”\*\* Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1911 January 31:** Tim, the brother of George and Elmer Nay, married Flora Clorinda Warnock of Monroe, Sevier Co., UT. Flora had been living in the Capitol Mine area of California where Tim was working. They married in Needles. E. C. Nay was a witness to the wedding ceremony. There is a picture of Tim with his two nieces when they were about 16 and 18 years old. It fits this time of when they could have been together. I think that Delia probably accompanied her father to the wedding, and they were probably staying with George and Fanny. LMKF (SOURCE: Marriage certificate of Ormun Russell Nay and Flora Clorinda Warnock. Also the marriage announcement of wedding of Tim and Flora Nay in the Needles Eye.)



Ethel Nay with her uncle Tim

**1912:** \*Voter Registration List, San Bernardino County, California..)

Nay, Geo. J.; Needles Precinct; Merchant; Democrat.

NAY, Mrs. Geo. J.; Needles Precinct; Housewife; Declines to state.

(SOURCE: Mojave Desert Archives, Goffs Schoolhouse, Goffs, California.)

**1914:** \*Voter Registration List, San Bernardino, California.

Nay, Fannie May; Needles Precinct; Housewife; Republican

Nay, George John; Needles Precinct; Merchant; Republican

(SOURCE: Mojave Desert Archives, Goffs Schoolhouse, Goffs, California.)

**1916:** \*Voter Registration List, San Bernardino, California

Nay, Mrs. Fannie M.; Needles Precinct; Housewife; Declines to state

Nay, George John; Needles Precinct; Merchant; Republican

(SOURCE: Mojave Desert Archives, Goffs Schoolhouse, Goffs, California.)

**1918** March 15: "PARTY TO SNAGGLETOOTH. A jolly party enjoyed a picnic outing at Snaggletooth Mountain last Sunday. A bounteous lunch was taken along, and the day was thoroughly enjoyed. Those participating in the affair were Mr. and Mrs. H. Marer, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Phipps and son Buster, Mrs. Loreen Snodgrass, Mr. and Mrs. George Hart and children, Mr. and Mrs. George Nay, Tim Nay, of Ledge, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Haskin and son Stanley, Mr. T. L. Downs, Miss Irene Swarhout."

(SOURCE: "Needles Nugget,"\*\* Needles, San Bernardino, California.)



Ethel Nay

**1918** October 4: "Mr. And Mrs. George Nay drove overland from the San Bernardino mountains where they have been for the last two months camped at Big Bear Lake, arriving here Wednesday. Miss Ethel Nay came home by train."

(SOURCE: "Needles Nugget,"\*\* Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

(NOTE: The research of the Needles Eye ended with the above insertion.)

(NOTE FROM COMPILER: It is my opinion that Ethel Nay came home by train, too ill to travel by car, or in her casket, as she died about this time in 1918. Otherwise, she would have traveled by car with her parents. (A death certificate is in the process of being obtained from California.)

**1918** November: A poem was written by Charlotte Jane Doxford Nay to George and Fannie Nay, in memory of the loss of their daughter, Ethel.

*To Ethel's Parents Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Nay.  
May God bless and help the two hearts that  
are lonely  
Who long for the dear one that's left them alone,  
And in life's darkest hour, tide you over this trouble,  
She has only gone first to your beautiful home.  
Sweet Ethel and Walter, await there the coming,  
Of father and mother, who's hearts beat so true,  
Just fight life's rough battles and think  
of the pleasure,  
Of meeting the loved ones who are waiting for you.*

*Composed by Mrs. Jane Nay  
November, 1918.*

**1920**, January: 1920 Federal Census; California, San Bernardino, Barstow Precinct, No. 1, 24<sup>th</sup> & and 26<sup>th</sup> of January 1920; E.D. 142; Supervisor District 9; Sheet 13 B; Ward of City, 0 ? 80 (handwriting??).

Nay, George J.; head; 1 R; male; white; age 57; married; education, yes; born in Utah; father born in Michigan; mother born in Missouri; able to speak English; merchant; sells cigars, employed.

Nay, Fannie M.; wife; female; white; age 48; married; education, yes; born in Oregon; father born in US; mother born in Missouri; able to speak English; no job.

**1922**, December 21: George John Nay died in the Ramon Hospital, San Bernardino Co., California. He died of Cirrhosis of the liver and degeneration of his pancreas, contributed by Bile Absorption. The death certificate states that an operation preceded death on Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>. He was buried in Mt. View Cemetery in San Bernardino, CA. He was 60 years old according to the death certificate. He had lived in California for 35 years. He was married and had been a storekeeper. The certificate states that George's disease was contracted in Ventura, CA, so his previous residency might have been of that place. (SOURCE: Death certificate from the County of San Bernardino, Division of Vital Records, 222 West Hospitality Lane, San Bernardino, California 92415-0022; State Index No. 269; Local registered No. 485; filed 29 Dec 1922.)

(NOTE: The name of the father listed on the death certificate was O. B. Nay, which was an error on the part of the Informant, James Ruck.)

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
**CERTIFICATION OF VITAL RECORD**

**County of San Bernardino**  
 DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS  
 222 WEST HOSPITALITY LANE, SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA 92415-0022

PLACE OF DEATH, DIST. No. 3602 California State Board of Health Bureau of Vital Statistics State Index No. 269 A  
 County of SAN BERNARDINO City of SAN BERNARDINO or Rural Location District: (No. Ramona Hospital St.; Ward) Local Registered No. 485

**FULL NAME** George J. Nay (If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number and fill out Nos. 18a and 18b.)

**PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS**

SEX male COLOR OR RACE White SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED (Write the word) Married

DATE OF BIRTH Dec 21 1922 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from that I last saw her alive on Dec 27 1922 and that death occurred on the date stated above at 5:15 P.M. The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows:

AGE 60 years months days or min. 1 day

OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Storekeeper (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) Cirrhosis of liver - Degeneration of pancreas

BIRTHPLACE (State or country, city or town) Utah Contributory Bile Absorption

NAME OF FATHER O. B. Nay (Duration) years months days 3

BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (city or town) Utah Where was disease contracted San Francisco, Calif

WIDEN NAME OF MOTHER James M. Nay (Duration) years months days 3 If not at place of death? Yes Date of Dec 22

BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (city or town) Utah Did an operation precede death? Yes

Was there a autopsy? Yes

LENGTH OF RESIDENCE At Place of Death years months days 5 (Signed) F. M. Gardner, M.D. What test confirmed diagnosis? Autopsy

For California years months days 35 (Address) Dec 28 1922 San Bernardino

Now (same as U.S. if of foreign birth) years months days 35 State the DEGREE "ADVERSE DEATH" or its death from VIOLENT CAUSE (State (1) MEANS OF DEATH and (2) whether (a) PROBABLE - ACCIDENTAL, (b) CHANCE, or (c) HOMICIDE) - (See reverse side for additional cases.)

THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE (In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office this 29th day of Dec 1922 at San Bernardino California.)

PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Mt. View Cem. DATE OF BURIAL Dec 29 1922

UNDERTAKER Travis B. Shaw & Co. LICENSE No. 76

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 DATE ISSUED

Larry Walker  
 LARRY WALKER  
 Auditor/Controller-Recorder

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1935: NAY, Fannie M. h1363 Tremaine av.  
 (SOURCE: 1935 Los Angeles City Directory; FHL film #1611714 Loomis to end).

1960 June 20: Fannie M. Nay died in Los Angeles County (70), California. She was 90 years old. She was not listed on the Social Security Death Index, so it is unclear how she supported herself until her death. She was 51 years old when George died, which would make it difficult for her to get a job at that time, having no job experience previously. She died, leaving no immediate family as they all predeceased her. There were other families by the surname

of Yant/Yount, in Inglewood, Los Angeles County, California. It is a possibility that she had brothers living there. The number 70 for Los Angeles County refers to the San Fernando Valley, the northwest area of Los Angeles, the south bay cities and Gardena, California. Her birth stated on the death index agrees with the information on the 1900 Federal Census. (SOURCE: California Death Index; Reg.#11104; State File #66956\*(asterisk added by LDS Church). Her birthplace was Oregon. Her mother's maiden name: Parent.)

**1967** November 15: In the Los Angeles Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, a sealing was done for George, Fannie and the children as an Eternal Family. (SOURCE: Pre-1970, FHL Film #537515, LANGE Temple records.) (NOTE FROM LMKF; I believe this work was submitted by Clifton Reu Nay, although I have not called for this film to research the data.)

This ends the timeline of George John Nay, the second son of John Nay and Thankful Lucy Pine Nay. As this history shows, George spent most of his adult life in California in San Bernardino County. He died there, leaving his wife as his sole survivor, as his children predeceased him.

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# Family Group Record

<b>Husband</b> <span style="float: right;">George John Nay<sup>3,4,5</sup></span>				
Born-6	24 Jul 1862	Place	Springville, Utah, Utah	LDS ordinance dates
				Temple
Died-7	27 Dec 1922	Place	San Bernardino, San Bernardino, California	Baptized-1
				1 Dec 1870
				LIVE
Buried-8	29 Dec 1922	Place	Mr. View Cem., San Bernardino, California	Endowed
				22 Jan 1878
				Sealed to parents-2
Married-9	14 Feb 1891	Place	San Bernardino, San Bernardino, CA	Sealed to spouse-10
				15 Nov 1968
				LANGE
Husband's father				
Husband's mother				

<b>Wife</b> <span style="float: right;">Fanny M. Yant or Yount<sup>11,12,13</sup></span>				
Born-14,15	27 Apr 1870	Place	, Oregon	LDS ordinance dates
				Temple
Died-16	20 Jun 1960	Place	, Los Angeles, California	Baptized
				Endowed
				Sealed to parents
Wife's father				
Wife's mother				

<b>Children</b>				
				LDS ordinance dates
				Temple
<b>1</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Walter James Nay</b>		
	Born-20	27 Jan 1892	Place	Needles, Sn Brnrdo, California
				Baptized-17
				Pre-1970
				LANGE
	Died-21	3 Feb 1893	Place	Needles, Sn Brnrdo, California
				Endowed-18
				Pre-1970
				LANGE
				Sealed to parents-19
				15 Nov 1968
				LANGE
<b>2</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Ethel I. Nay</b>		
	Born-25	21 Nov 1895	Place	Needles, San Bernardino, CA
				Baptized-22
				3 Feb 1967
				LANGE
	Died-26	Oct/Nov 1918	Place	, Sn Brnrdo., California
				Endowed-23
				26 Apr 1967
				LANGE
				Sealed to parents-24
				Pre-1970
				LANGE

**Notes**

MARRIAGE

MARRIAGE LDS ORDINANCES: Ordinance Index; Source Batch #A537480, Source Nos. 537480, 537514, 537515, FHL film #535,546.

HUSBAND - George John Nay

DEATH RECORD: States that George J. Nay is the son of O.B. Nay. The Informant, James Ruck, Agent of San Bernardino was mistaken as his father was John Nay Jr. of Monroe, Sevier Co., Utah. Reg. No. on bottom left corner of the certificate is 695131, date issued 2 Jul 2001.

AFN: 1XR8-VN and AFN: 1XR80VW

WIFE - Fanny M. Yant or Yount

NOTE: The SSDI was searched for the death of Fannie M. Nay, and it did not show any record for her.

She was 90 years old when she died, which leaves one to wonder who took care of her in her aged years, since she had lost all of her immediate family.LMKF

CHILD 1 - Walter James Nay

NOTE: A poem written by Charlotte Jane Doxford Nay to George and Fanny Nay, about the loss of both of their children, mentions Walter as their first child.

# Family Group Record

**Husband** George John Nay

**Wife** Fanny M. Yant or Yount

## Notes

CHILD 2 - Ethel I. Nay

DEATH SOURCE: Family story was that Ethel was 21 and unmarried when she died. Death certificate was not on California Index as birth was prior to 1940.

NOTE: Ethel was still alive in 1918, according to the statement in "The Needles Eye". Poem written by

Charlotte Jane Nay in November 1918 for sympathy and comfort, states death was prior to the poem.

The poem mentions both children of George and Fanny Nay by name, both whom have died.

"THE NEEDLES EYE" 4 October 1918: Mr. and Mrs. George Nay drove overland from the San Bernardino mountains where they have been for the last two months camped at Big Bear Lake, arriving here Wednesday. Miss Ethel Nay came home by train.

NOTE: from LMKF--it is possible that Ethel came home too ill to travel by car and died soon after. It is also possible that she might have died on that vacation and came home by train in her casket. A birth and death certificate has been sent for on 1/19/02 from San Bernardino Co., CA. but has not been received as of April 2002.

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# Family Group Record

Husband **George John Nay**

Wife **Fanny M. Yant or Yount**

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# Family Group Record

**Husband**    **George John Nay**

**Wife**        **Fanny M. Yant or Yount**

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## Chapter 14

# ORMUN RUSSELL “TIM” NAY

by Luella M. Kurtz Faucett

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**1864** March 23: A son, Ormun Russell Nay, was born to John and Thankful Lucy (Pine) Nay, in Pine Valley, Washington, Utah. Ormun’s nickname is “Tim.” Tim has two brothers, Myron and George born before him.

(SOURCE: Death certificate, State of California, County of San Bernardino, Division of Vital Records, 222 West Hospitality Lane, San Bernardino, California, states the birth year was 1867. The Family Search Ancestral File v4.19; AFN: 1XR8-W3), states birth year, 1864. The family group sheet that I received from my family, the birth year is 1864. When Ormun is listed on the 1870 Federal Census his birth date figures out to be 1865. When he reported his age at the birth of two of his children that were born in Monroe, Utah, his birth date figures out to be 1865.)

**1874:** Ormun Russell “Tim” Nay is baptized a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

(SOURCE: Family group sheet from the Nay family.)

(ANOTHER SOURCE AND DATE: A proxy baptism was performed the 18th of September 1980 in the Salt Lake Temple. Batch #8029030, film #1260785 LDS Options)

**1882** February 22: Tim goes to the St. George Temple to have his endowments. (SOURCE: Family group sheet from Clifton Reu and Charlotta Jane Nay.)



**1884:** Tim, at 20 years old, went to a photographer and had his picture made.

**1892** November 10: “Mr. Nay, brother of Geo. Nay is in from the mines of Danby.”

(SOURCE: \**The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1894:** Nay, Timothy, Vanderbilt Precinct; Miner.

(SOURCE: \*VOTER REGISTRATION CALIFORNIA)

**1897** June: Tim is working close to Needles, San Bernardino, California, up the Colorado River from Needles.

(SOURCE: Letter to Elmer in Circleville, Piute Co., Utah, from George, his brother, who writes from Needles, California.)

Tim Nay, at 20 years old

**1897 July 29:** Thankful Lucy Pine Nay, the mother of Tim, died in Circleville, Piute County, Utah. A picture of Tim with his brothers, Myron and Elmer, could have been taken at this time. George evidently did not make the trip home to Utah at that time. Thankful is taken home to Monroe, to be buried in the Monroe City Cemetery in Sevier County. Myron and Elmer were both working and living in Piute Co., about that time, so Thankful must have been living with Myron and family, as John, her husband had predeceased her. (SOURCE: Death from Family Group sheet of Charlotte Jane Doxford Nay and Clifton Reu Nay)



Myron, Elmer and "Tim" Nay

*(See larger version of this picture in chapter 15.)*

**1906 April:** "Tim Nay and A.M. Wilderson left Monday for Sunrise camp where they will do some development work on some lead and copper properties which they have in that district."

(SOURCE: \**The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1906 May 26:** "Tim Nay came in from the Sunrise country the first of the week."

(SOURCE: \**The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1906 June 9:** "Tim Nay was in from the Sunrise country this week for a few days. George and Tim Nay left this morning for the Sunrise country where they are interested in mining properties."

(SOURCE: \* *The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1906 December 8:** "Tim Nay left this morning for the properties of the Mineral Hill Development Company, with a big wagon load of mining supplies."

(SOURCE: \* *The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1906 December 22:** "Tim Nay drove in yesterday from the Providence mountain country."

(SOURCE: \* *The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1906 December 29:** "Tim Nay was in from the Providence country to spend Christmas with his brother and family."

(SOURCE: \* *The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1907 January 19:** "Tim Nay went to Providence mountain this week where he is interested in mining properties."

(SOURCE: \* *The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1907 March 16:** "Col. Thomas Ewing, N. E. Ferguson and Tim Nay made a short business trip to the Providence mountain country the first of the week."

(SOURCE: \* *The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1907 December 7:** "Tim Nay left the first of the week for Providence Mountain."

(SOURCE: \* *The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1908:** Nay, Orem, Needles Precinct: Miner.

(SOURCE: \*VOTERS REGISTRATION CALIFORNIA)

(NOTE: This writer believes the spelling of Ormun was misspelled and this was Ormun Russell “Tim” Nay.)

**1908** February 22: “Tim Nay came down from Providence mountains the first of the week. He reports mining matters looking good in that section of the country.”  
(SOURCE: \* *The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1908** February 29: “T. H. Tracy of the Tracy Engineering Company of New York, T. J. Murphy of the Monaghan & Murphy Company, and O. R. Nay, left Monday evening for Searchlight, Eldorado Canyon and the country along the Colorado river. They go to look at and examine properties in that district.”  
(SOURCE: \* *The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1908** March 7: “T. J. Murphy, O. R. Nay and T. H. Tracy returned Monday evening from a trip to the Capitol group of mines owned by the Monaghan & Murphy Company situated near the Colorado river seventy miles above Needles.”  
(SOURCE: \* *The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

“CAPITOL GROUP SOLD. The Capitol group of claims, owned by the Monaghan & Murphy Company and situated in the Eldorado Canyon country, about five miles south of the mill, of the Southwestern Mining Company and two and a half miles westerly from the Colorado river, was sold this week to T. H. Tracy, of the Tracy Engineering Company of New York, for \$60,000, \$10,000 being paid down on the purchase price. Mr. Tracy left Wednesday evening for New York City where he will at once complete the arrangements for the installation of a modern mill on the property. This property has been largely developed in the years past, although it has been idle for the past eight or nine years.

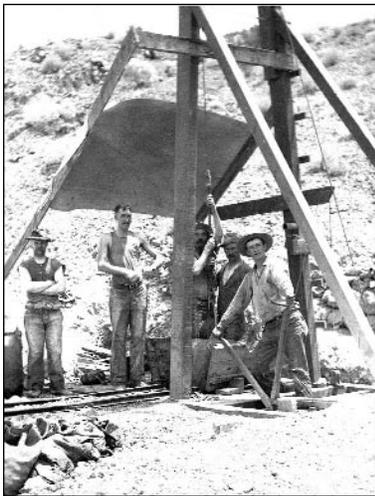
Mr. Tracy, in company with T. J. Murphy, of the Monaghan & Murphy Company, and O. R. Nay, visited the property last week, returning to Needles Monday evening. A mill was erected on this property and was operated for a period of two years previous to 1897, producing good results. It was at that time that Charles Monaghan, a brother of Frank Monaghan, of the firm of Monaghan & Murphy, the owners of the property, was shot and killed by a Piute Indian in his cabin at the mine. The murder was the cause of the operation of the mine to stop at that time and it has never been started since, although there has never been any question as to the value of the ore bodies.”

(SOURCE: \**The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1908** November 14: “T. A. Brown of the Brown-Gosney Company of Searchlight, and O. R. Nay, who has been doing considerable development work for the Capitol Mining Company at Eldorado Canyon, were in Needles Thursday on business.” Picture #87  
(SOURCE: \**The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1908** December 19: “O. R. Nay came in this week from the Capitol mines in El Dorado Canyon, and will be here until after the holidays. Mr. Bertie Nay and wife of Moapa, Nevada, arrived in the city this week and are guests of Mr. and Mrs. George J. Nay, uncle and aunt.”  
(SOURCE: \**The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1909** June 12: “George J. Nay, O. R. Nay and C. H. McClure made a trip to the Perseverance group of mining claims in the Providence mountains this week. The claims

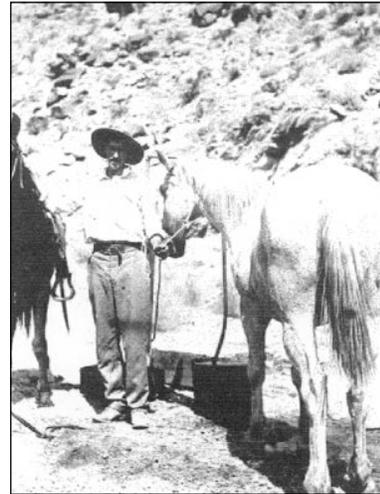


are owned by the above named gentlemen and they had a party with them who was looking over the property and he seemed to be favorable impressed with the conditions as he found them.”

(SOURCE: \**The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

(NOTE FROM LMKF; These pictures relate to the lives of George John and Tim Nay in and around the Providence Mountains of California. After discussing it with Mr. Dennis

Casebier of Goffs, CA, we both came to the conclusion that it was Tim and George in the rocky mountains of the Providence Mountains in the eastern part of California. The pictures were not labeled as George and Tim, but they favor other pictures of them.)



**1909** August 14: “O. R. Nay, superintendent of the Capitol group of mines in El Dorado Canyon district, came in this week and will pass several days here and at the coast before returning to the Canyon.”

(SOURCE: \**The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1909** August 21: “O. R. Nay was a passenger for San Bernardino, Los Angeles and the beaches last Wednesday morning. He expects to be gone about two weeks before returning to El Dorado Canyon where he is superintendent of the Capitol group of mines owned by Messr. Monaghan and Murphy.”

“George J. Nay left on one of the delayed trains Wednesday morning for San Bernardino where he will visit with his family for several days before returning to Needles. He will also extend his visit to Los Angeles and other coast resorts.”

(SOURCE: \**The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1909** September 11: “O. R. Nay returned Tuesday from San Bernardino, Los Angeles and Catalina where he passed a couple of weeks with Mr. and Mrs. George J. Nay. He left later in the week for the Capitol mines in El Dorado Canyon to resume development work on that property.”

(SOURCE: \**The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)

**1910** August 26: “Tim Nay of the Capitol Camp, Eldorado Canyon, passed through Searchlight on Monday en route to his camp from a vacation trip which included the coast and Salt Lake City.”

(SOURCE: \**Nevada Searchlight Bulletin*, Searchlight, Nevada.)

(NOTE FROM LMKF: A picture of Tim and Ethel, was made at the Lagoon, just north of Salt Lake City, Utah. I believe that Ethel traveled with her Uncle Tim, to Utah at this time.)



At right: Ethel and Tim

**1911 Jan:** Elmer Carr Nay, the brother of Tim and George Nay, traveled to Needles, San Bernardino, California to spend some time with his brothers and attend the wedding of his brother Tim.



(NOTE FROM LMKF: A picture of Tim with his nieces, Ethel, daughter of George and Fannie, and Delia, daughter of Elmer and Jane, was taken about this time. I believe Delia traveled with her Father to be at the wedding.)

(SOURCE: E. C. Nay is the witness on Tim and Flora’s wedding certificate.)

Delia (daughter of Elmer), Tim and Ethel (daughter of George)

**1911 Jan 20:** “Tim Nay, of the Capitol Camp Eldorado Canyon, passed through Searchlight on Wednesday en route to Needles. He plans to return by the first of next week.”

(SOURCE: \**Nevada Searchlight Bulletin*, Searchlight, Nevada.)

**1911 Jan 31:** Ormun Russell “Tim” Nay, single and white, age 45; took in marriage, Flora Clorinda Warnock, single and white, age 21; both born in Utah, were married in Needles, San Bernardino County, CA. Tim is the son of John Nay Jr. a miner, born in Vermont, and Lucy Thankful Pine, born in New York. Flora is the daughter of William Adam Warnock who was born in Scotland, and Philona Washburn, who was born in Utah. E. C. Nay was the witness. Fred H. Past, a resident of Needles, Rector of St. John’s Church performed the ceremony.

(SOURCE: Marriage record from the State of California Board of Health; Page 236; Local Ref. No. 50; filed on 2 Feb 1911. (NOTE: An error on record--- The minister that married the couple stated he married them on the 31st of February 1911. Since there is no 31st of February and the license was filed on the 2nd of February, it is assumed the couple was married the 31st of January.)

PLACE OF MARRIAGE  
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO

CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH  
DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS  
DUPLICATE CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

Town of \_\_\_\_\_ State Index No. \_\_\_\_\_  
City of \_\_\_\_\_ LOCAL NUMBER 50

GROOM		PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS		BRIDE	
FULL NAME <i>Ormun Russell Nay</i>	FULL NAME <i>Flora Clarinda Warnock</i>				
RESIDENCE <i>Needles</i>	RESIDENCE <i>Moore, Utah</i>				
COLOR OR RACE <i>White</i>	COLOR OR RACE <i>White</i>	COLOR OR RACE <i>White</i>	COLOR OR RACE <i>White</i>	COLOR OR RACE <i>White</i>	COLOR OR RACE <i>White</i>
AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY <i>45</i>	AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY <i>21</i>				
MARITAL STATUS <i>Single</i>	MARITAL STATUS <i>Single</i>	MARITAL STATUS <i>Single</i>	MARITAL STATUS <i>Single</i>	MARITAL STATUS <i>Single</i>	MARITAL STATUS <i>Single</i>
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BIRTHPLACE <i>Utah</i>	BIRTHPLACE <i>Utah</i>	BIRTHPLACE <i>Utah</i>	BIRTHPLACE <i>Utah</i>	BIRTHPLACE <i>Utah</i>	BIRTHPLACE <i>Utah</i>
OCCUPATION <i>Miner</i>	OCCUPATION <i>Miner</i>	OCCUPATION <i>Miner</i>	OCCUPATION <i>Miner</i>	OCCUPATION <i>Miner</i>	OCCUPATION <i>Miner</i>
NAME OF FATHER <i>John Nay</i>	NAME OF FATHER <i>William Adam Warnock</i>				
BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER <i>Vermont</i>	BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER <i>Scotland</i>				
MOTHER'S NAME <i>Lucy Thankful Pine</i>	MOTHER'S NAME <i>Philona Washburn</i>				
BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER <i>New York</i>	BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER <i>Utah</i>				

MAIDEN NAME OF THE BRIDE, IF SHE WAS PREVIOUSLY MARRIED: \_\_\_\_\_

WE, the groom and bride named in this certificate, hereby certify that the information given therein is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief:  
*Ormun Russell Nay* Groom. *Flora Clarinda Warnock* Bride.

CERTIFICATE OF PERSON PERFORMING CEREMONY

I HEREBY CERTIFY that *Ormun Russell Nay* and *Flora Clarinda Warnock* were joined in Marriage by me in accordance with the laws of the State of California, at *Needles, San Bernardino Co.* this *thirty-first* day of *February*, 1911.

Signature of Witness to the Marriage: *E. C. Nay* Residence: *Needles*  
Signature of Person performing the Ceremony: *Fred H. Reed* Official Position: *Rect. St. John's Church*

FILED *Feb. 2, 1911* *Harry L. Allison* Registrar (County Recorder) Residence: *Needles*

(LDS TEMPLE ORDINANCE: submitted and ordinances of sealing to spouse in the Oakland Temple 18 Aug 1972. LDS Options in the IGI, FHS Film No. 820495, Batch #7200049; sheet 81.)

1911 Feb 3: "O. R. (Tim) Nay of the Capitol Mine, returned from a short trip to the Needles yesterday. He surprised his many friends here by bringing back with him a bride. The lady in question was formerly Miss Flora Warnock, who has been residing at the Capitol for some time past. It had been intended that the ceremony should be performed in Salt Lake City, but the washout of last week disarranged the plans, so it was decided to have the knot tied in Needles."

(SOURCE: \*Nevada Searchlight Bulletin, Searchlight, Nevada.)

1911 August 24: "Oela R. (family sp., Orla), a female child was born to Tim and Flora Nay, in San Bernardino County, California.

(SOURCE: The California Birth Index.) (NOTE: In the personal address book of Bernice Nay Kurtz, she recorded the spouse's name for Orla as Warren Johnson.)



Flora, Orla and Tim Nay

**1911** September 29: “Mrs. O.R. Nay came over from Barnwell Friday and has taken up her residence in the Jenson cottage at the corner of Main and Encinitas streets. Mrs. Nay is accompanied by her cousin, Miss Dollie Washburn.”  
(SOURCE: \**Nevada Searchlight Bulletin*, Searchlight, Nevada.)

**1911** October 20: “SINKING STOPPED BY WATER FLOW. NAY AND SEBURN ARE WORKING THE GOLD CHIEF MINE WITH GOOD RESULTS.”  
“The work of sinking the shaft on the Gold Chief mine near Barnwell, under bond to Nay and Seburn, has been temporarily suspended on account of the flow of water being about as great as can be conveniently handled with the present light equipment.”  
“A drift is being run north on the vein from the bottom of the shaft, and the ore remains of the same character. The values are very encouraging. A crosscut will be run to determine the width of the vein at this level, which is considerably over 100 feet in depth.”  
“Some work has also been done on a blind lead which was encountered in the old workings. It has proven to be twenty-six feet in width and panning shows it all to carry good values, while some of the ore carries sensational values. The value of the property is being increased daily.”  
(SOURCE: \**Nevada Searchlight Bulletin*, Searchlight, Nevada.)

**1912:** Nay, Arnun Russell; Barnwell Precinct; Democrat. (SOURCE: \*VOTER REGISTRATION CALIFORNIA)

**1912** March 29: “Chris. Kovach, in employ of Nay and Seburn, was over from Barnwell Tuesday of this week. Messrs. Nay and Seburn, who are operating the Bob Young Property near Barnwell, have put on another shift, making two shifts a day now being worked at the mine.”  
(SOURCE: \**Nevada Searchlight Bulletin*, Searchlight, Nevada.)

**1912** November 12: A son, Florien Ceril Nay, was born to Orman Russel Nay and Flora Nay, both residents of Barnwell, California. The birth is registered in the town of Monroe, Utah. Evidently, Flora returned to her parent’s home for the birth of this child.

(SOURCE: Certificate of Birth, State of Utah, County of Sevier. Filed 30 Nov 1912, Registered No. 71, Book 2, FHL film #0823829.)

(NOTE from LMKF: Barnwell, San Bernardino Co., California is now just an old ranch on the desert near Needles, CA. There was a settlement there with mining and a mainline of the railroad passing through. Tim was a miner at the time.)

**1913** March 1: “Frank Seaburn and O. R. Nay came down from the Gold Chief mine in New York mountain arriving here Tuesday evening. They report the property looking in fine condition.”

(SOURCE: \**The Needles Eye*, Needles, San Bernardino, California.)



Orla and Ceril Nay

To D.N.

Gold Chief camp  
April, 7 1913

I  
Far out in the barren desert  
Where the greasewood and cactus abound,  
A miner one day found a rock full of "pay",  
So he staked out some claims on that ground.

II  
For years this lively camp flourished  
Many people both came and went;  
For such is the way of mining camps gay,  
And thus are miners lives spent.

III  
At times the trisky Joys sported there,  
Other times the gloomy Glooms held sway;  
For all mining towns have both ups and downs  
No matter what some folks say.

IV  
One day a charming young lady  
Arrived in this desert camp,  
Bringing sunshine galore, of which she had a great store,  
And all the Glooms were quickly forced to decamp.

V  
Nor steep rugged hills nor ravines  
Held terrors for this brave young explorer,  
For many trips she took to some obscure nook  
Where few had ever been before her.

VI  
Her bright winning ways were charming,  
And all of us blessed the day,  
When she came down to our little town  
And her name is Delia Nay.

1913 April 7: This writer believes that Ormun Russell "Tim" Nay wrote this poem that follows, to his niece, Delia Nay. Prior to this being written, Delia had made a trip to visit her Uncle Tim and Aunt Flora Nay who lived in Gold Chief camp, and also her Uncle George and Aunt Fanny Nay in Needles. Delia was almost 20 years old at the time of her visit to California.



Delia Nay

1914: Nay, Flora C.; Needles; Housewife; Republican. Nay, Ormun R.; Needles; Miner; Democrat.  
(SOURCE: \*VOTERS REGISTRATION CALIFORNIA)

1914 March 13: Winnalee P. Nay, a female, was born to Tim and Flora Nay in San Bernardino County, California. (No picture available)  
(SOURCE: The California Birth Index.)

(NOTE from LMKF: In the address book of Bernice Nay Kurtz, she listed the spouse for Winnalee as James Stewart. A search for the marriage record should be in San Bernardino Co., and Los Angeles Co., CA)

1915 July 26: George R. is born to Flora Warneck (spelling should be Warnock) and Tim Nay. The birthplace differs. The SSDI does not list his birthplace. The California Death Index states he was born in California. The 1900 Federal Soundex states that he was born in California. The IGI states he was born in UT. A document is needed. (No picture available)

(SOURCE: Soc. Sec. Death Index gives birth date. Place is unknown)

**1916:** Nay, Mrs. Flora C.; Maruba Precinct; Housewife; Democrat. Nay, O. R.; Maruba Precinct; Miner; Democrat.

(SOURCE: \*VOTERS REGISTRATION CALIFORNIA)

**1918** March 15: PARTY TO SNAGGLETEOTH. A jolly party enjoyed a picnic outing at Snaggleteoth Mountain last Sunday. A bounteous lunch was taken along, and the day was thoroughly enjoyed. Those participating in the affair were Mr. and Mrs. H. Marer; Mr. and Mrs. O.W. Phipps and son Buster; Mrs. Loreen Snodgrass; Mr. and Mrs. George Hart and children; Mr. and Mrs. George Nay; Tim Nay of Ledge, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Haskin and son, Stanley; Mr. T.L. Downs; Miss Irene Swarthout.

(SOURCE: \* *Needles Nugget, Needles*, San Bernardino, California.)

**1919** June 10: A daughter, Ethel Dawn Nay was born to Orman R. Nay and Flora C. Warnock, in Monroe, Sevier County, Utah. It states the residence of both parents is Monroe. (No picture available)

(SOURCE: Certificate of Birth, State of Utah, County of Sevier; filed 1 Jul 1919, Registered No. 32, FHL film #0823829.) (NOTE from LMKF: a married name for Ethel Dawn Nay is listed in the address book of Bernice Nay Kurtz, as Fox. The given name is unknown.)

**1920:** The 1920 Federal Census states that Tim and Flora were living in San Bernardino, California, both were born in Utah. Tim is listed as a laborer in Gold and Silver Mining. Orla R. is 8 years old, the first child, born in California. Florian Cyril, age 7, is the second child in the family, born in Utah. Winnalee P., age 5 years, was the third child in the family, born in California. George S., age 4 years, is the fourth child in the family, born in California. Ethel D., age 6 months, is the fifth child, born in Utah.

(SOURCE: State of California; County of San Bernardino; 1sr Precinct; San Bernardino City; Supervisor District 9; Enumeration District 199; Sheet 1 B; Family line 67; taken 3rd January 1920.)

**1922** May 18: A son, Miles Rhodes Nay, was born to Ormand (first name spelling varies) Russell “Tim” and Flora Clorinda (Warnock) Nay, in Victorville, San Bernardino, California.

(SOURCE: California Birth Index and Soc. Sec. Death Index)

**1925** About: Tim and Flora Nay owned a restaurant on D St. in Victorville, CA, close to the “Barrel House Liquors” store on the corner of D and 5th St.

(SOURCE: A personal talk between Geraldine Pinner Nay and Luella M. Faucett in 1993 about her memories of Tim and Flora.)

**1927** before: A divorce between Ormun Russell “Tim” Nay, and Flora Clorinda Warnock, probably listed with the San Bernardino County, California Divorce records. Not researched.

(SOURCE: Death record of Ormun R. Nay, County of San Bernardino, Division of Vital Records, Local Registered No. 162, Place of Death District No. 3602.)

**1936** March 6: Ormun R. Nay, resident of 5821 Tujunga Blvd., Hollywood, Los Angeles County, California, died in San Bernardino, San Bernardino, California at the County Hospital. The Dr. in attendance stated he had attended the deceased from 5 Mar 1936 to the 6 Mar 1936. Tim died of Cardiac Failure, but had Chronic Bronchial Asthma. Tim was buried in Mt. View Cemetery in San Bernardino on 12 Mar 1936. It states that Flora Nay

had been his spouse, but it also states that they were divorced. (SOURCE: Certificate No. 212; Local registered No. 160, The certificate was filed 12 Mar 1936. The informant was the County Hospital in San Bernardino, California.)

STATE OF CALIFORNIA		DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	
CERTIFICATION OF VITAL RECORD		VITAL STATISTICS	
<b>County of San Bernardino</b>		212	
DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS		LOCAL REGISTERED NO. <u>160</u>	
222 WEST HOSPITALITY LANE, SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA 92415-0022			
1. PLACE OF DEATH: DIST. NO. <u>3602</u>		STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
COUNTY OF <u>San Bernardino</u>		STREET AND NO. <u>County Hospital</u>	
CITY, TOWN OR RURAL DISTRICT OF <u>San Bernardino</u>		IF DEATH OCCURRED IN A HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION, GIVE ITS NAME INSTEAD OF STREET AND NO.	
2. FULL NAME <u>Orman B. Nay</u>		IF NON-RESIDENT, GIVE CITY OR TOWN, AND STATE <u>Hollywood Calif.</u>	
RESIDENCE: No. <u>5821 Tujunga Blvd.</u>		ST. _____	
3. SEX <u>Male</u>	4. COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED? (WRITE THE WORD) <u>Divorced</u>	
6. DATE OF BIRTH <u>March 23, 1867</u>		23. MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
7. AGE <u>68</u> YR. <u>9</u> MO. <u>13</u> DAYS		I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I ATTENDED DECEASED FROM <u>3-5-36</u> TO <u>3-6-36</u>	
8. TRADE, PROFESSION OR KIND OF WORK DONE AS SPINNER, SAWYER, BOOKBINDER, ETC. <u>Cement Worker</u>		THAT I LAST SAW HIM ALIVE ON <u>3-6-36</u>	
9. INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS IN WHICH WORK WAS DONE AS SILK MILL, SAWMILL, BAKERY, ETC.		AND THAT DEATH OCCURRED ON THE ABOVE STATED DATE AT THE HOUR OF <u>2:10 P.</u>	
10. DATE DECEASED LAST WORKED AT THIS OCCUPATION (MO. AND YR.) _____		THE PRINCIPAL CAUSE OF DEATH AND RELATED CAUSES OF IMPORTANCE IN ORDER OF ONSET, WERE AS FOLLOWS: <u>Cardiac Failure</u>	
11. TOTAL YEARS SPENT IN THIS OCCUPATION _____		DATE OF ONSET <u>3-5-36</u>	
12. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) <u>Unknown</u>		24. CORONER'S CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
STATE OR COUNTRY <u>Utah</u>		I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I TOOK CHARGE OF THE REMAINS DESCRIBED ABOVE, HELD	
13. NAME <u>John Nay</u>		AND THAT SAID DECEASED CAME TO MY DEATH ON THE DATE STATED ABOVE.	
14. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) <u>Unknown</u>		INCLUST. AUTOPSY OR INQUIRY THEREON, AND FROM SUCH ACTION FIND THAT SAID DECEASED CAME TO HIS DEATH ON THE DATE STATED ABOVE.	
STATE OR COUNTRY <u>Vermont</u>		OTHER CONTRIBUTORY CAUSES OF IMPORTANCE <u>Chronic Bronchial Asthma</u>	
15. MAIDEN NAME <u>Lucy Pine</u>		IF OPERATION, DATE OF _____ WAS THERE AN AUTOPSY? <u>No</u>	
16. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) <u>Unknown</u>		CONDITION FOR WHICH PERFORMED _____	
STATE OR COUNTRY <u>Ohio</u>		NAME LABORATORY TEST CONFIRMING DIAGNOSIS _____	
A. CITY, TOWN OR RURAL DISTRICT OF DEATH <u>23 hrs. 40 min.</u>		25. IF DEATH WAS DUE TO INTERNAL CAUSES (VIOLENCE) FILL IN THE FOLLOWING: ACCIDENT, SUICIDE, OR HOMICIDE _____ DATE OF INJURY _____	
B. IN CALIFORNIA <u>50</u> YRS. _____ MOS. _____		INJURED CITY OR TOWN OF _____ AT _____ COUNTY AND STATE OF _____	
C. IN U.S. IF OF FOREIGN BIRTH YRS. _____ MOS. _____		DID INJURY OCCUR IN HOME, INDUSTRY OR PUBLIC PLACE? _____ MANNER OF INJURY _____ NATURE OF INJURY _____	
18. INFORMANT (SIGNATURE) <u>County Hospital</u>		26. IF USELESS/INJURY RELATED TO OCCUPATION, SPECIFY _____	
ADDRESS <u>San Bernardino Calif.</u>		27. SIGNATURE <u>John H. Couchlin</u>	
19. BURIAL, CREMATION OR REMOVAL: <u>Burial</u>		ADDRESS <u>San Bernardino Calif.</u>	
PLACE <u>View Cem. S.B.</u> DATE <u>3-12-36</u>		28. WHEN REQUIRED BY LAW <u>R.H. Williams by R.P. Davis</u>	
20. EMBALMER: LICENSE NO. <u>1931</u> SIGNATURE <u>Louis H. Denzel</u>		COUNTY OF <u>San Bernardino</u>	
FUNERAL DIRECTOR: <u>Mark B. Shaw Co.</u>			
ADDRESS <u>San Bernardino Calif.</u>			
21. FILED: <u>3-12-36</u> DATE <u>G. Stirling Landon</u>			

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Larry Walker  
LARRY WALKER  
Auditor/Controller-Recorder

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ANY ALTERATION OR ERASURE VOIDS THIS CERTIFICATE

### A BIT OF HISTORY ON TIM NAY

Tim and Flora were living at the Gold Chief Mine in the New York Mountains, which form the NW border of Lanfair Valley in California. These are quotes from a book written by Maud Morrow Sharp.

Mr. and Mrs. Nay and their small children came over to spend the day during the time of the washout. As they had not let us know beforehand that they were coming, she brought food. With what additions I could make, we had a good dinner. They had been accustomed to drinking canned milk and didn't like the fresh. Luckily, I had some cans of milk, too.

One day, when we were in Maruba, Mr. Tim Nay said his wife wanted him to bring Jimmy and me up to their place for dinner. We spent the day with them and then he drove us back home. He had a Pathfinder automobile, one of the few cars in the valley. Mrs. Nay had not been well and seemed happy to have us. Jimmy had fun playing with the children and it was a pleasant outing for me. They were one of the few families who had a regular income. He was watchman at the Gold Chief Mine.

Nearly all the homesteaders had to haul water. If they got it at the well in Maruba, then they paid 15 cents a barrel. They could drive the few extra miles up to the mine and get all they wanted for nothing. Mr. Nay would pump it for them, without charge. With team and wagon they could haul two to four barrels at a time so many of them took advantage of the opportunity. It was such a lovely spot in the mountains and a pleasant drive up there that it made a nice outing for the families, and they usually went along.

The Nays were friendly and hospitable people, and always invited families to have lunch with them. It became a dreadful nuisance after a while. With several guests for lunch every day, Mrs. Nay had no time to do her own work. Also, it was expensive. She found a clever way of putting an end to it. She posted a sign over the door, “MEALS, 35 cents.”\*\*

It appears that Tim followed the work where his brothers were working. By family photos, the letter from George to Elmer and other documentation, Tim moved often, doing several kinds of labor. He was considered a miner when he lived in the vicinity of Needles, CA. When they lived in Monroe, Sevier Co., UT, he was considered a laborer. When he died in 1936, he was listed as a cement worker. Prior to his death, he had a residence in Hollywood, Los Angeles Co., California.

With the search for his family, the documentation on his children show up in San Bernardino County, Los Angeles County and possibly Alameda County, CA. Tim was living in Hollywood, CA just a few days before he died. It is unclear why he went back to San Bernardino, CA those few days before he died. It could be possible that he had children living there in that year. He is buried in Mt. View Cemetery in San Bernardino, CA. The County Hospital as his informant, signed his death certificate. It might be that he had a particular doctor in San Bernardino, and chose to go back to him for his health problems.

**1956** May 22: Flora CW Nay Findley died in Los Angeles Co., CA. The Social Security number for Flora Findley was 555-18-2125. (SOURCE: California Death Records Index.) That brings the timeline of Ormun Russell “Tim” Nay to a close, finishing with the third generation of John and Thankful Lucy Pine Nay. A descendant was not found so it is unknown how many descendants Tim had when he died.

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By Maud Morrow Sharp  
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# Family Group Record

<b>Husband</b>						
<b>Ormun Russell [Tim] Nay</b>						
Born-4	23 Mar 1864	Place	Pine Valley, Washington, Utah	LDS ordinance dates		
Died-5	6 Mar 1936	Place	San Bernardino, San Bernadino, California	Baptized-1		
Buried-6	12 Mar 1936	Place	Mr. View Cem., San Bernadino, California	Endowed-2		
				22 Feb 1882		
				Sealed to parents-3		
Married-7,8				9 Mar 1981		
31 Jan 1911 (div)				Sealed to spouse		
Place				18 Aug 1972		
Needles, Sn Brnrn, California				OAKLA		
Husband's father						
Husband's mother						
<b>Wife</b>						
<b>Flora Clorinda Warnock</b>						
Born-12	24 Sep 1889	Place	Monroe, Sevier, Utah	LDS ordinance dates		
Died-13	22 May 1956	Place	, Los Angeles (19), California	Baptized-9		
				6 Aug 1900		
				Endowed-10		
				17 Aug 1972		
				Sealed to parents-11		
				18 Aug 1972		
Other Spouse				OAKLA		
Fred Merrill Findley						
Married-14	27 Apr 1927	Place	Monroe, Sevier, Utah	Sealed to spouse		
Wife's father						
Wife's mother						
<b>Children</b>				LDS ordinance dates	Temple	
<b>1</b>	F	<b>Orla R. Nay</b>				
					Baptized	
					Endowed	
					Sealed to parents	
		Spouse				
		Warren Johnson				
		Married			Sealed to spouse	
		Place				
		Spouse				
		Page				
		Married			Sealed to spouse	
		Place				
		Spouse				
		Bluhm				
		Married			Sealed to spouse	
		Place				
<b>2</b>	M	<b>Florian Ceril Nay</b>				
		Born-15,16			Baptized	
		8 Nov 1912			Place	
		Monroe, Sevier, Utah				
		Died-17			Endowed	
		11 Dec 1983			Place	
		Garden Grove, Ls Angls, California				
					Sealed to parents	
		Spouse				
		Aida Marlene Lundy				
		Married			Sealed to spouse	
		Abt 1932				
		Place				
		California				
<b>3</b>	F	<b>Winnalee P. Nay</b>				
					Baptized	
					Endowed	
					Sealed to parents	
		Spouse				
		Jack Stewart				
		Married			Sealed to spouse	
		Place				
<b>4</b>	M	<b>George Russell Nay<sup>21</sup></b>				
		Born-22,23,24			Baptized-18	
		26 Jul 1915			22 Jun 1978	
		Place			OAKLA	
		Heber, Wasatch, Utah				
		Died-25,26			Endowed-19	
		31 Mar 1966			28 Jun 1978	
		Place			OAKLA	
		, Los Angeles, California				
					Sealed to parents-20	
						11 Jul 1978
						OAKLA



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<b>Wife</b>	<b>Flora Clorinda Warnock</b>
<b>Notes</b>	
WIFE - Flora Clorinda Warnock (Continued) had just arrived from Grants Pass, Ore. It had been a rush trip because her granddau., the two year old dau. of Miles Rhodes Nay, had just died. Her blood pressure was up from the excitement of the trip and she could not take the shock of the death of the child. AFN NUMBER: For Flora Findley, AFN:4PX9-T1.	
CHILD 2 - Florian Ceril Nay PICTURES: are available of Ceril Nay in the Nay Family picture collection, as a baby. NOTE: No LDS Ordinances on the IGI, the adendum or the LDS Ordinance Index. SOURCE: Notes given to me the summer of 1993 from Aunt Geraldine Nay, from her memory of Uncle Time Nay and his family, when they lived in Victorville, California. SSno. 530-03-2760, issued in Nevada before 1951.	
CHILD 6 - Miles Rhodes Nay SOURCE: Notes from her memory by Aunt Geraldine Nay, given to me, LMKF, in 1993, on Uncle Tim and his family.	
<b>Sources</b>	
1. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Early Pine Valley Branch Records, Family History Library, FHL Film #0026418. 2. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Patron Notification-Genealogical Department, To Clifton Reu Nay, Monroe, Utah, 8029030 67 Temple File Entry. Family File entries for temple ordinances. St. George Temple, 22 Feb 1882. 3. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Patron Notification-Genealogical Department, 8029030 67 Temple File Entry, no date. Sealing in Salt Lake Temple 9 Mar 1981. 4. State of California, Certificate of death, State of California, Certificate of Death, 12 Mar 1936 Date filed. Birth date and parents are stated on death certificate. 5. State of California, Certificate of death, State of California, Certificate of death, Local reg.no. 212 162, 12 Mar 1936 date filed. San Bernardino City, San Bernardino County, California, Dist. no. 3602. 6. State of California, County of San Bernardino, Certificate of Death-California, Division of Vital Records, 222 West Hospitality Lane, San Bernardino, California 92415-0022. Burial so stated on death certificate. 7. California State Board of Health, Certificate of marriage-California, Page 236, 2 Feb 1911 (filed). Marriage was performed by Fred H. Post, Rector St. Johns Church, Needles, San Bernardino County, California. E.C. Nay, witness, and stated the day was the 31 February 1911. That is an error on the Rector's behalf as no such date exists. Marriage took place on 31 Jan 1911, as stated in "The Needles Eye" newspaper of Needles, California.	

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<b>Wife</b>	<b>Flora Clorinda Warnock</b>
<b>Sources (Continued)</b>	
8. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, IGI, CD's for Family History Library and Centers, Batch 7200049, Sheet 81, #0820495, Ancestral Search, Fam. His. Lib., 15 West Temple St., Salt Lake City, UT. Patron Sheet 1969-1991.	
9. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, IGI. Baptized at the age of 16, 6 Aug 1900. She was probably living in Monroe, Sevier, Utah at the time. LDS Options on CD's in the Family History Library.	
10. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, IGI. LDS Options on CD's in the Family History Library.	
11. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, IGI. LDS Options on CD's in the Family History Library.	
12. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, IGI, FHL Film # 0538293. Batch No. 7005810, Sheet 99. Film is of Patron Sheets 1969-1991.	
13. State of California, California Death Index. Flora is listed on the death index by her second marriage name of Findley. She was 66 years old when she died; her Social Security #555-18-2125.	
14. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, LDS Ordinance Index, CD collection of the Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah. IGI, second marriage to Fred Merrill Findley of Monroe, Sevier, Utah. No film source was stated for this marriage.	
15. Director of Vital Statistics, State of Utah, Certificate of Birth,; Utah, State of Utah, FHL Film #0823829, 30 Nov 1912. Registered No. 71, has an added date for a supplemental report, May 1913. Supplemental report was not seen on the film at the time of retrieval of certificate.	
16. Census:California; 1920 U.S.Federal, Barstow Precinct, 30 Nov 1912, No. 1, 24 & 26; E.D. 142; S.D. 9, Sheet 3B. Cyril is the 2nd child and was 7 yrs. old, born in Utah.	
17. Social Security Administration, SSDI. S.S. #530-03-2760. Died in Los Angeles County(19), at age 71 years.	
18. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, IGI, FHL Film #1128178. Source Batch #7734804, sheet 33.	
19. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, LDS Ordinance Index, FHL Film #1128178. Source Batch #7734804, sheet 33.	
20. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, IGI, FHL Film #1128178. Batch #7734804, sheet 33.	
21. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, LDS Ordinance Index. Temple work was done for George in the Oakland Temple in 1978.	
22. California State Board of Health, California Birth Record. San Bernardino County, California.	
23. FHL, Source Batch #7734804, sheet 33, Film 1128178, Family History Library, 35 N. West Temple Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84150, USA.	
24. Census:California; 1920 U.S.Federal. George S. is the 4th child, 4 yrs. old, born in California.	
25. Social Security Administration, SSDI. S.S.#547-22-3225 issued in California before 1951.	
26. State of California, California Death Index. He died at 50 yrs. old and last residence zip code was 90804. (Covers E.Long Beach, Long Beach and Signal Hill.).	
27. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, IGI. No film no. for source were listed for endowment and sealing.	

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**Wife** **Flora Clorinda Warnock**

**Sources (Continued)**

28. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, IGI. No film source was listed for endowment and sealing.
29. California State Board of Health, California Birth Record. San Bernardino, California.
30. Social Security Administration, SSDI. State birth source and death date.
31. Social Security Administration, SSDI. S.S. #547-22-3225, issued in California before 1951.

## Chapter 15

### ELMER CARR NAY

by **Luella M. Kurtz Faucett**  
**granddaughter**

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**1867** June 9: Elmer Carr Nay is born to John Nay Jr. and his wife, Thankful Lucy Pine Nay, in Pine Valley, Washington Co., UT. Elmer has brothers born before him, Myron Winslo, born 22 Aug 1860; George John, born 27 Dec 1862; Ormun Russell "Tim," born 23 Mar 1864. (BIRTH SOURCE: Death certificate of Elmer Carr Nay, Sevier Co., UT, #22 filed 13 October 1921 and Baptismal record of Early Pine Valley Church Records, FHC film #0026418.)

**1870:** U. S. Federal Census of Washington Co., UT; 21<sup>st</sup> June 1870; Nat. Archives Roll, 1613; Page 2; line 22; Dwelling No., 12; Family No. 10.

Ney, John, age 66; Male; White; Farmer; Real Estate Value \$1,000, Personal Value \$350; born in New Hampshire; Eligible to Vote

Ney, Lucy, age 36; Female; White; Keeping House; born in New York

Ney, Myron, age 9; Male; White; At Home; born in Utah; Attends School

Ney, George, age 7; Male; White; At Home; born in Utah

Ney, Armond, age 5; Male; White; born in Utah

Ney, Elmer, age 3; Male; White; born in Utah

**1875** June 27: Elmer is baptized a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints by H. Burgess and confirmed the same day, by S. Jones. (SOURCE: Early Pine Valley Branch Records, FHC film #0026418.)

**1876** January 22: A Patriarchal Priesthood Blessing is given on the head of Elmer Carr Nay, at the age of 9 1/2 years, in Pine Valley, Washington County, Utah. The source material is listed on the blessing, which follows this transcription:

No. 293

Pine Valley, Washington Co., Utah, Jan. 22nd 1876

A Blessing by John L. Smith Patriarch upon the head of Elmer Carr Nay.

Son John Nay and Thankful Lucy Pine Born In Pine Valley, Utah, June 12th 1866.

Brother Elmer my son for and in behalf of thy Father and in the authority of the Priesthood I Seal upon thee a Father's blessing in accord and with the order of the Patriarchal Priesthood. Thou art of the House of Ephraim, and thine inheritance in the Center Stake of Zion Shall be with his Children in the due time of the Lord. Thou Shalt Receive a companion and raise up a mighty posterity. The priesthood in fullness shall ere long be sealed upon thee giving thee mighty power even to control the winds and the waves, to brake down Prison doors and set the captives free, and to cause streams to brake forth in dry and thirsty Lands to water thy people a great multitude; To command the Destroyer to stay his hand while thou shall Enter his Dominion and bring out the faithful To remove mountains and even raise the dead if it be necessary for the prosperity of Israel. Thy guardian Angel hath born thee up When to all human appearances thy Spirit had left Thy body-yet he will watch over thee and if thou wilt chose to

go and his Kingdom and eschew evil thou shalt become a Prophet, Priest and King and thy word Shall cause the wicked to tremble. Thy mansions many and no power shall stay thy hands. Remember the council of thy parents and treasure up Righteousness, and every desire of thy heart shall be granted unto thee with eternal lives in the name of Jesus, Amen.

Wm. Burgess Recorder

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No 293 # Pine Valley Washington Co Utah Jan 24 1866  
A Blessing by John L. Smith Patriarch  
upon the head of Elmer Care Nay  
Son John Nay and <sup>Frank</sup> Lucy Pine Born  
In pine Valley Utah June 12<sup>th</sup> 1866

Brother Elmer my son for and in behalf of  
thy father and in the authority of the Priests  
hood I seal upon thee a Fathers blessing in accord  
and with the order of the Patriarcial Priesthood  
Thou art of the House of Ephraim, and thine  
inheritance in the center stake of Zion.  
Shall be with his children in the due time  
of the Lord. Thou shalt Receive a companionship  
and raise up a mighty posterity; The priest-  
hood in fulness shall ere long be sealed upon thee  
giving the mighty power even to control the  
winds and the waves to brake down Prison doors  
and set the captives free; and to cause streams to  
brake forth in dry and thirsty lands to water thy  
People a greate multitude. In command the  
Destroyer to stay his hand while thou shalt

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Enter his Dominion and bring out the faithfull  
To remove mountains and even raise the dead if it be  
necessary for the prosperity of Israel. Thy guardian  
Angel hath been the up when to all human appear-  
ances thy spirit had left Thy body yet he will watch  
over thee and if thou wilt chase to god and his Kingdom  
and eschew evil thou shalt become a Prophet Priest and  
King. and thy word shall cause the wicked to tremble  
Thy mansions many and no power shall stay thy hands  
Remember the council of thy parents and treasure up  
Righteousness. and every desire of thy heart shall be granted  
unto thee with eternal lives in the name of Jesus Amen  
Wm Burgess Recorder

1876 April 30: Charlotta Jane Doxford was born in Monroe, Sevier, Utah, to Martha Jane Lemmon and Gardner Foster Doxford.  
(SOURCE: State of Utah, County of Sevier, Birth Certificate.)

**1876** May 9: Charlotta Jane Doxford was blessed on this day.  
(SOURCE: Personal History and Family Group Sheet from Charlotta Jane Doxford Nay.)

**1877** October 13: A Patriarchal Blessing for Charlotta Jane Doxford. Monroe Sevier, Utah:  
(Punctuation added by LMKF)

A blessing given by William M. Bride, Patriarch, upon the head of Charlotte Jane Doxford, Daughter of Gardner F. and Martha Jane Doxford, Born at Monroe, Sevier Co., Utah, April 30<sup>th</sup> 1876.

Sister Charlotte in the name of the Lord Jesus I place my hands upon thy head and by the authority of the Holy Priesthood, I seal upon thee a Patriarchal and fathers blessing. I say unto thee, The Lord will hold thy Father and Mother accountable for thee until thy mind shall become matured in all the teachings that they may give unto thee in preparing thee for the receiving of the everlasting gospel. Then the Lord will begin to hold thee accountable for thy self for thou art of the lineage of Ephraim and an heir by birth, to all the promises that were made to the daughters of Jacob. And in obedience to the New and Everlasting Covenant, all the blessing of the heavens above and of the earth beneath are thine. Thou shall labor in the Temples of the Lord, with the daughters of Mannessah for the redemption of their fathers house, both to the living and for the dead. Thou shall receive a companion that shall be true and faithful, and will assist thee in thy mission here upon the earth and will make thy journey through life easy and comfortable. In connection with him, thou shall receive an everlasting inheritance and stand as a Mother to numerous posterity in the Morning of the first resurrection. I seal this blessing upon thee in the name of Jesus, Amen.

Wm. A. Warnock, Clerk

Recorded in Book D, page 658 (NOTE: This line was faded in copy work.)

**1879** About: (Charlotta) Jane Nay states in her personal history account; “Between the ages of three and four, I sang my first song in public, entitled, “The Rose of Tralee.”

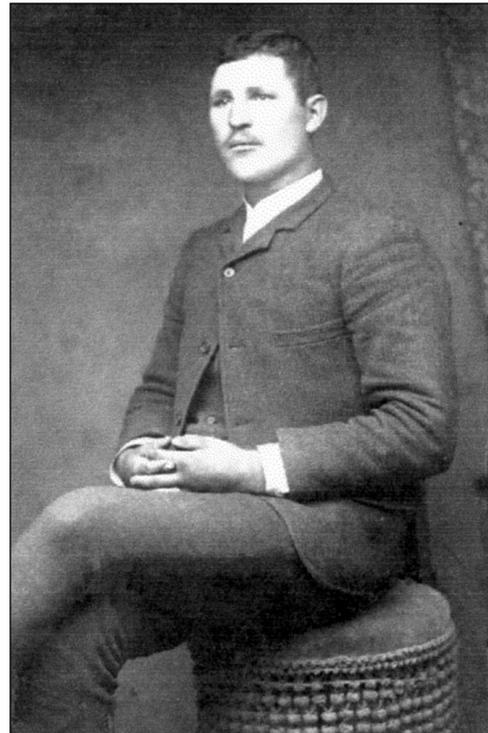
**1884:** Charlotta Jane Nay was baptized a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Burrville, Sevier, Utah by Leonard Burr.  
(SOURCE: Personal History written by Jane Nay.)

**1886:** (Charlotta) Jane Nay states in her personal history account: “At an early age, I was a Sunday school Choir member.” She was active in her church activities in the Monroe Ward, Sevier Stake, Utah.

**1888:** Elmer has his picture taken when he was 21 years old.

**1892:** Elmer Carr Nay courted Charlotta Jane, the daughter of Gardner Foster Doxford and Martha Jane Lemmon Doxford. They requested the permission of her parents to get married and were refused because of their age difference.

(SOURCE: Family Story by Bernice Nay Kurtz).



Elmer Carr Nay age 21

1892 October 1: John Nay Jr. died in Monroe, Sevier, Utah. He is buried in Monroe City Cemetery. It is unknown, by this writer, how many siblings or ancestors he had at his death. (SOURCE: Family group sheet and tombstone of Monroe City Cemetery.)

1893 February 13: Elmer and Charlotta are married in Monroe, Sevier, Utah by Bishop Orson Mableby of Monroe. The witnesses were Jane's Grandfather, J. F. Doxford, and David Collings. (SOURCE: Marriage record of Elmer and Jane, Sevier, Utah. No. 212 recorded in Sevier, Utah 20 Feb 1893.)

Filed & recorded Feb. 20 1893. J. G. Hopper, Probate Clerk  
 By A. Heppeler, Deputy

The People of the Territory of Utah, }  
 County of Sevier. }

**MARRIAGE LICENSE.**

TO ANY PERSON LEGALLY AUTHORIZED TO SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGE, GREETING:

You are hereby authorized to join in Holy Matrimony Mr. Elmer C. Nay  
 of Monroe, in the County of Sevier and Territory of Utah, of the age  
 of Twenty five years, and Miss Charlotte J. Doxford  
 of Monroe, in the County of Sevier and Territory of Utah, of the age  
 of Seventeen years, Parents giving consent to her marriage

**Witness** my hand as Clerk of the Probate Court and the seal of said court hereto  
 affixed at my office in Birchfield City, in said County, this  
Eighty day of February A. D. 1893  
J. G. Hopper Clerk of the Probate Court.  
 By A. Heppeler Deputy.

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TERRITORY OF UTAH, } ss.  
 County of Sevier }

I hereby certify that on the thirteenth day of February in the year of  
 our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Ninety three at Monroe in said County,  
 I the undersigned, a Minister of the Gospel did join in the Holy Bonds of Matrimony, according to Law,  
Elmer C. Nay of the County of Sevier, Territory of Utah, and  
Charlotte J. Doxford of the County of Sevier, Territory of Utah. The nature of  
 the ceremony was according to the rites of Laws of Utah Territory and was a present mutual agreement of marriage  
 between the parties for all time.

*We were Married as stated in this Certificate, and are now husband and wife.*

Signed, Elmer C. Nay Groom.  
 Signed, Charlotte J. Nay Bride.  
 In the Presence of J. F. Doxford Witness.  
David Collings Witness.

Orson Mableby  
Bishop



Elmer and  
 Charlotta Jane  
 Nay



Delia Nay, about 20 years old

**1893** April 26: Delia Nay is born to Elmer and Jane Nay. Delia is blessed in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Monroe, in May of that year. (BIRTH AND CHRISTENING SOURCE: Family group sheet of LMKF shows a christening date of May 1893.)

**1894** February 2: Charlotta Jane Nay is requested to write a poem to be read at the funeral of William Nay, the son of Edwin and Mary Nay.

1<sup>st</sup> vs.

Dear Edwin, our beloved son,  
No mortal hand could stay,  
The suffering of our darling one,  
Whose life fast ebbed away.

2<sup>nd</sup> vs.

Weeks, months day and night  
We watched thy lingering fate,  
We tried to save thee, but 'twas vain  
He whispers, tis too late!

3<sup>rd</sup> vs.

But one sweet comfort tis to know,  
Our child is free from sin,  
And the heavenly gates were  
oped' once more,  
To let the wanderer in.

4<sup>th</sup> vs.

Thy presence we all miss at home,  
One chair is vacant now,  
But angels guard thy earthly tomb,  
And kiss thy fair cold brow.

5<sup>th</sup>

Free from all worldly sin and care,  
Free from pain and grief,  
Nothing can mar thy heavenly rest  
Sleep on my child in peace.

6<sup>th</sup>

May the God of heaven protect us,  
And all our wrongs erase.  
That in the Eternal Judgement Day,  
We all may see thy face.

And all your wrongs amend, Baffle with evil,  
with the help of God, And be faithful to the end.  
That you may meet your loved ones, On that bright happy day,  
When God in his glorious goodness, Prepares for his children away.

Composed by Mrs. Jane Nay—Monroe, Feb 2, 1894



Elmer Foster Nay

**1895** January 20: Elmer Foster Nay is born to Elmer and Jane, in Circleville, Piute, Utah. A Christening date shows a probable blessing, Feb 1895.

(SOURCE: Family group sheet of LMKF).



Foster (6 months) and Delia (2 ?) Nay

**1895** or **1896** July 20: Thankful Lucy Pine Nay, living in Circleville, wrote a letter to Jane and children. Lucy mentions Delia and Foster. It appears that Jane has taken the children to Monroe to visit with the family. Letter below:

inville July the 20  
Dear Jane and my dear <sup>children</sup> Grand  
Delia and Foster i want to see  
you very much and hope you  
will be home soon We are having  
very hot weather Anna Barton  
has a nice son the neighbors  
are all well give my love to all  
of my old friends Ella Shorman  
is married to Mrs Petersons brother  
there is no measles here i hope the  
children will not get them on

the road home i hear they are all  
Along the road i miss the  
children so much i got Georges  
quilt done the next day  
After <sup>Elmer</sup> came home i hope  
you ar feeling off Peter  
than you were when Elmer  
came home Larrisa Carle has  
the cough he is not very bad  
my pen is very poor give  
my love to all the folks

And excep the same yourself  
kiss the babies for me  
King regards to Mrs Warrands  
And all enquiring friends

Lucy Nay

**1896** September 30: Eldred V. Nay was born to Elmer and Jane Nay, in Monroe, Sevier, Utah. A christening date shows a blessing date of 18 Nov 1896, in Monroe.

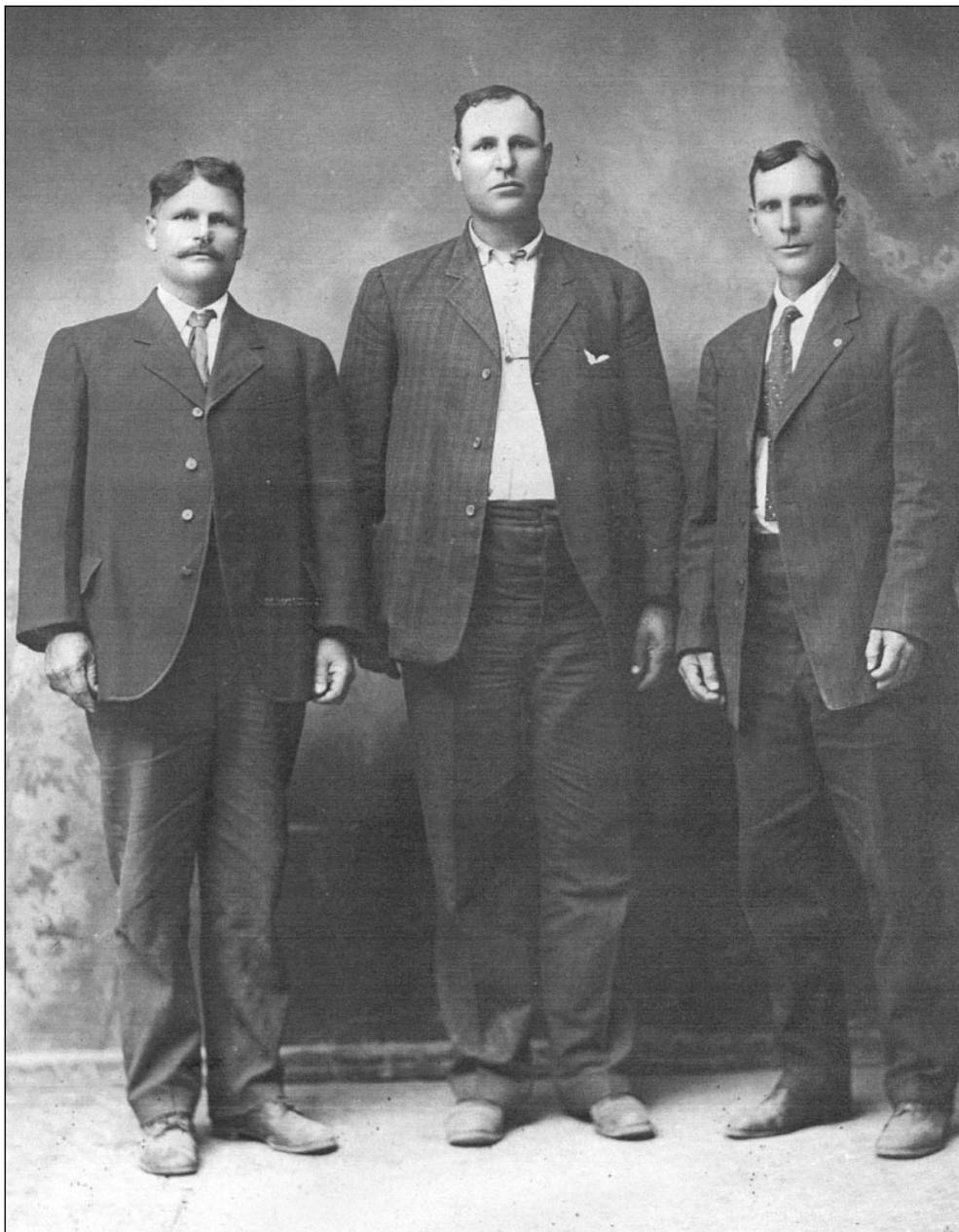
(SOURCE: Historical Department, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Certificate of Birth; Recorded in Sevier Stake, Monroe Ward, Record of Members, #23946, Page 25, entered 18 Nov 1896.)

**1897** July 29: Thankful Lucy Pine Nay, the wife of John Nay Jr., died in Circleville, Piute, Utah. She had four sons living and many grandchildren. Her husband predeceased her in 1892. She was buried beside her husband in the Monroe City Cemetery, Monroe, Sevier, Utah. It is the opinion of this writer that the picture of Myron, Elmer and Tim, taken together, might have been taken at this time.

(SOURCE: Family group sheet and tombstone in Monroe City Cemetery.)



Eldred V Nay



Myron,  
Elmer  
and  
“Tim”  
Nay

**1897** August 23: Elmer Nay, while living in Circleville, Piute, Utah was summoned as member of pool of potential jurors in State vs. Harry Mills (murder trial); was later chosen as member of jury.

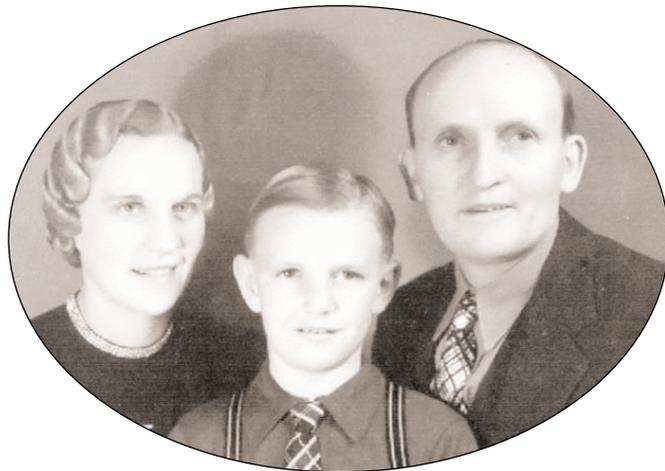
(SOURCE: No. 78, pg 52, Ardis E. Parshall, Historical Directory of Piute County, Utah, [research in progress]).

**1897** December 11: Elmer Nay, of Lost Creek District; on delinquent tax list. (SOURCE: Piute Pioneer; Ardis E. Parshall, Historical Directory of Piute County, Utah [research in progress]).

**1899** February 21: Vernal Carr Nay was born to Elmer and Jane in Monroe, Sevier, Utah. (SOURCE: Birth certificate from Monroe, Sevier County, Utah, reported by Mary Swindle, page 4. 1898-1905 Sevier County Births, FHL Film #0482273.)



Nellie and Vernal Nay



Nellie Wolf, Robert Elmer and Vernal Carr Nay

**1900** June 8: U. S. Federal census of Monroe Precinct, Sevier, Utah; Vol. 8; Sup. District No. 273; E. D. No. 132, Sheet No. 8A. line 1-6.

Nay, Elmer C.; head; white male; born June 1867; age 32; married 8 yrs; born in UT; Father born in Iowa, Mother born in IL; Stonemason; did not work for 3 months of the year; can read, write and speak English; has a house free of morgage.

Nay, Charlotta J; wife; white female; born April 1876; age 24; married 8 yrs; 4 children; 4 living; born in Utah; Father born in England; Mother born in Utah; can read, write and speak English.

Nay, Delia; daughter; white female; born April 1893; age 7; single; born in Utah; Father born in Utah; Mother born in Utah; in school 6 months of the census year.

Nay, Elmer F.; son; white male; born Jan 1895; age 5; single; born in Utah; Father born in Utah; Mother born in Utah.

Nay, Eldred V.; daughter (error on part of census taker, should be son); white female; born Sept. 1987; age 3; single; born in Utah; Father born in Utah; Mother born in Utah.

Nay, Vernal; son; white male; born Feb. 1899; age 1 year; single; born in Utah; Father born in Utah; Mother born in Utah.

**1902** April 14: Fay Dermont, the fourth son, was born to Elmer and Jane Nay, in Monroe, Sevier, Utah. Monroe, Sevier, Utah.  
ALSO: Source Batch #H000113, LDS Church Member's Death record.)



Fay and Ella Peterson Nay

**1902** May 20: From Gold Mountain, Utah, Elmer writes to his wife, Jane.

Gold Mountain May 20 1902  
Mrs Jane Nay

Dear Wife  
Yours to hand glad to hear from you and sorry to hear the Babe is Sick and hope he is better by this time. I'm glad to hear from Ormun He is running another Bluff about getting married I think it is the old story. I have written to him a good letter.

I have not got work yet tho I think I will the first of the Month. I will see if I can get some money for you. But don't get discouraged for I may not succeed until I get to work. Tell Arthur I forgot my tools—they are down to the Store send the children down when he is at work and get them.

it has been storming for three days. Snow is 8 in deep and still storming there is no more to write so good by write soon love to the children and the same to your self.

Your loving kid  
E.C. Nay

Transcription of letter:

Gold Mountain May 20 1902

Mrs. Jane Nay

Dear Wife

Yours to hand - glad to hear from you and Sorry to hear the babe is sick and hope he is better by this time. I'm glad to hear from Ormun. He is running another Bluff about getting married. I think it is the old story. I have written to him a good letter.

I have not got work yet, tho I think I will the first of the month. I will see if I can get some money for you. But don't get discouraged for I may not succeed until I get to work. Tell Arthur I forgot my tools—they are down to the Store. Send the children down when he is at work and get them.

It has been storming for three days. Snow is 8 in deep and still storming. There is no more to write so good bye. Write soon.

Love to the children and the same to your self. Your loving kid  
E.C. Nay.

**1903-04:** Elmer Nay; in Piute Co., Utah, Farming 77 acres (value: \$220); Monroe address. (SOURCE: (60) Ardis E. Parshall, Historical Directory of Piute County, Utah [research in progress]).

The history of Kimberly, Piute, Utah states that Elmer Nay had a Blacksmith shop on the south end of the business district, near the K & S Store.

(SOURCE: From the book, "Kimberly, Utah, FROM LODE TO DUST", by Dean F. Herring, Courtesy of Mrs. Dean Herring.)



Clifton Reu Nay

**1904** January 9: Clifton Reu Nay is born in Kimberly, Piute, Utah. He is the fifth son for Elmer and Jane Nay.

(BIRTH SOURCE: Funeral card for Clifton Reu Nay, printed by Neal S. Magleby & Sons Mortuary, Richfield, Sevier, Utah-1992.)

A family group picture was taken about 9 months to a year later of the Elmer and Jane Nay family.



Reu as a baby in Elmer's arms, with Delia, Foster, Ted, Vernal and Fay. Ethel Nay, the daughter of George, is with them, standing next to her Uncle Elmer.

**1905:** The family was living in Kimberly, Piute County, a boomtown for mining. In the history of Kimberly, Utah, for the school history of 1905, it states that three children, Delia, Foster, and Eldred "Ted" Nay, the children of Elmer Nay, are attending school in the schoolhouse, there in Kimberly. The children attended school spring, summer and fall. Winter was the vacation time, as the snows would get too deep for the children to go to school. When it got cold in the early spring and the early fall season, the schoolhouse was heated by a single wood stove. Those that sat near the stove were warm, but those that were seated further away had to bundle up to stay warm. They sat at wooden desks built for two students. All of the children from all grades attended the same one room schoolhouse.

SOURCE: from the book, "Kimberly, Utah FROM LODE TO DUST", by Dean F. Herring, Courtesy of Mrs. Dean F. Herring; Herring Publishers 625 Sterling Dr., Eugene, OR 97404).

**1903-04:** Elmer Nay; Farming 77 acres (value: \$220); Monroe address.

SOURCE: (60) Ardis E. Parshall, Historical Directory of Piute County, Utah (research in progress).

**1907** April 28: John Lester Nay, the sixth son, was born to Elmer and Jane Nay. He was born in Monroe, Sevier, Utah.

SOURCE: Funeral card from Neal S. Magleby and Sons Mortuary, Richfield, UT. ALSO: Family group sheet from Charlotte Jane Nay and Clifton Reu Nay.)



John Lester Nay

**1908** September 17: Joseph Berkeley Nay, the seventh son, is born to Elmer and Jane Nay, in Thurber, Wayne, Utah. Elmer has moved his family there, while he is laboring in Thurber. Berkeley was blessed in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, on 1 Nov 1908.

(SOURCE: Family group sheet, original records of Jane Nay, handed down to LMKF.)

**1910:** Monroe, Jane Nay writes another poem, this time about her baby boy, Berkeley.

Oh, how I love my baby,  
With his eyes of tender blue,  
My babe with his golden tresses,  
And his little heart so true.  
How I love the little dimples,  
In his innocent smiling face,  
I love his prattle, and his baby ways,  
There's nothing can take his place.



Joseph Berkeley Nay

**1910** April 20: The Federal Census of 1910, State of Utah; County of Sevier; Monroe Precinct - Monroe Town; National Archive Roll 1608; Superintendent District 1 Utah; Enumeration District No.162; Page 3A; Monroe South Ward.

NAY, Elmer, head of household; male; white; age 42; married one time; 17 years married; born in Utah; Father born, U.S.; Mother born U.S.; Profession, Mason; Nature of Business; Stone; employment W; not an employee; not out of work during the year; can read and write; rents a house.

NAY, Jane; wife; female; white; age 34; married once; 17 years married; born in Utah; Father born in England; Mother born in Utah; housekeeper; own home; working; not an employee; can read and write.

NAY, Delia, daughter; female; white; age 16; born in Utah; Father born in Utah; Mother born in Utah; profession not filled in; can read and write.

NAY, Elmer Foster; son; male; white; age 15; born in Utah; Father born in Utah; Mother born in Utah; no trade; and read and write; attends school.

NAY, Eldred V.; son; male; white; age 13; born in Utah; Father born in Utah; Mother born in Utah; no trade; can read and write; attends school.

NAY, Vernal Carr; son; male; white; age 11; born in Utah; Father born in Utah; Mother born in Utah; can read and write; attends school.

NAY, Fay Dermont; son; male; white; age 8; born in Utah; Father born in Utah; Mother born in Utah; no trade; attends school.

NAY, Clifton Reu; son; male; white; age 6; born in Utah; Father born in Utah; Mother born in Utah; no trade; the rest not filled in.

NAY, John Lester; son; male; white; age 3; born in Utah; Father born in Utah; no trade; the rest not filled in.

NAY, Joseph Berkeley; son; male; white; age 1 1/12; born in Utah; Father born in Utah; Mother born in Utah; no trade; the rest not filled in.

**1911** Jan. 3: A child is born to Elmer Nay, age 48, and Jane Doxford, age 36, in Monroe, Sevier, Utah. First certificate states a female birth.

(SOURCE: State of Utah Dept of Health, County of Sevier, Precinct of Monroe, Town of Monroe, State Board of Health File No. 5000; filed Jan 4 1911, Registered No. 2—Second certificate filed by child's name, Bernice Nay, Feb 1911; Register No. 2; FHL film #0823829).



Bernice Nay

**1913:** A picture was taken of the Nay children, before the birth of Kenneth.



Left to Right: Bernice, Berkeley, Lester, Reu, Fay, Vernal, Ted, Foster, Delia



Kenneth Lyle Nay

**1914** September 13: Kenneth Lyle Nay, the last son, was born to Elmer, age 47, and Jane Nay, age 38, in Monroe, Sevier, Utah.

(SOURCE: Certificate of Birth from the State of Utah, Department of Health, County of Sevier (amended 1 of 2), file 3 Oct 1914, Reg. No. 133. FHC film #0823829.)

**1916** About: A picture was taken about this time of Reu, Lester, Berkeley, Bernice and Kenneth.

Back: Lester, Reu, Kenneth  
Front: Berkeley and Bernice



**1920** January 19: Federal Census; Supervisors District #1; Enumeration District #116; County of Sevier, State of Utah; Monroe Precinct; Monroe Town, Sheet No. 9B; line 82, dwelling house, #162; number of family counted, #165.

NAY, Elmer C.; head of household; rents his home; male; white; 53 years old; married; can read and write; born in Utah; Father born in Iowa; Mother born in Pennsylvania; speaks English; Occupation, stone mason; type of work, house; was employed by an employer.

NAY, Jane S.; wife; female; white; age 43; married; can read and write; born in Utah; Father born in England; Mother born in Utah; speaks English.

NAY, Vernal C.; son; male; white; age 20; single; can read and write; born in Utah; Father born in Utah; Mother born in Utah; speaks English.

NAY, Fay D.; son; male; white; age 17; single; can read and write; born in Utah; Father born in Utah; Mother born in Utah; speaks English.

NAY, Reu C. son; male white; age 16; single; attends school; can read and write; born in Utah; Father born in Utah; Mother born in Utah; speaks English.

NAY, John L.; son; male white; age 12; single; attends school; can read and write; born in Utah; Father born in Utah; Mother born in Utah; speaks English.

NAY, Joseph B.; son; male white; age 11; single; attends school; attends school; born in Utah; Father born in Utah; Mother born in Utah; speaks English.

Nay, Bernice; dau; female; white; age 7; single; attends school; can read and write; born in Utah; Father born in Utah; Mother born in Utah; speaks English.

NAY, Kenneth L.; son; male; white; age 5; single; born in Utah; Father born in Utah; Mother born in Utah; speaks English.

**1920** July 17: The large boiler of the Mineral and Chemical company's plant on Manning

creek was unloaded at the freight yards on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>. Promptly on Monday morning the "Skinners," Trout, Wingate and Dalton, assisted by Elmer Nay, hitched up and started off in fine shape. Owing to the tortuous winding of Durkee canyon, it was decided to go around by the old Richfield road and thus get up on the east side branch. The first turn was reached when the wagon cast a tire and the crew returned to Marysvale for the night. Next morning hauling was resumed and the mastodon almost reached the divide, when, pronto, the mule language started again. However, despite—— and high water, she moved again and now rests where, we expect, she will soon proclaim with joyous whistles another victory of American initiative over German culture.

SOURCE: (RR-Richfield Reaper; Ardis E. Parshall, Historical Directory of Piute County, Utah (research in progress).

**1921** October 9: Elmer Carr Nay, age 54 years and 4 months, died in Monroe, Sevier, Utah, of Chronic Parenchyintous Nephritis. The Doctor attended him from October 1<sup>st</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup>. He died at 10:00a.m. His son, Foster Nay predeceased him. Elmer left his wife, Charlotte Jane Doxford Nay; seven sons, Ted Nay; Vernal Nay; Fay Nay; Reu Nay; Lester Nay; Berkeley Nay and Kenneth Nay; two daughters, Delia Nay Smith and Bernice Nay; and five grandchildren. (SOURCE: Death certificate; State of Utah; County of Sevier; Filed 13 Oct 1921, Registration No. 22. Family inserted by LMKF).

WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD  
 Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important. See instructions on back of certificate.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS			MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
1 PLACE OF DEATH County <u>Sevier</u>	2 TOWNSHIP <u>Sevier</u>		STATE OF UTAH—DEATH CERTIFICATE	
3 FULL NAME <u>Elmer Carr Nay</u>			4 DATE OF DEATH <u>Oct 9</u> 19 <u>21</u>	
5 SEX <u>Male</u>	6 COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	7 SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED <u>Married</u>	16 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <u>Oct-1</u> , 19 <u>21</u> , to <u>Oct-9</u> , 19 <u>21</u> , that I last saw <u>deceased</u> alive on <u>Oct-7</u> , 19 <u>21</u> , and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at <u>10 a.m.</u>	
8 DATE OF BIRTH <u>June 9</u> , 18 <u>67</u>			17 The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows: <u>Chronic Parenchymatous Nephritis</u>	
9 AGE <u>54</u> yrs. <u>4</u> mos. <u>4</u> da.			18 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (FOR HOSPITALS, INSTITUTIONS, TRAVEL, OR RECENT RESIDENCE) At place of death <u>26</u> yrs. <u>0</u> mos. <u>0</u> da. In the State <u>26</u> yrs. <u>0</u> mos. <u>0</u> da.	
10 OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession or particular kind of work <u>Stone Mason</u> (b) General name of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) <u>Laborer</u>			19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL <u>Monroe</u> DATE OF BURIAL <u>Oct-13-1921</u>	
11 BIRTHPLACE (State or country) <u>Pinevalley Wash. Co. Utah</u>			20 UNDERTAKER <u>Surdquist &amp; Warner</u> ADDRESS <u>Richfield</u>	
12 NAME OF FATHER <u>John Nay</u>			21 REGISTERED NUMBER <u>22</u>	
13 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country) <u>Don't know</u>			22 NO. OF BURIAL PERMIT	
14 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>Lucy P. Pine</u>			23	
15 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country) <u>Don't know</u>			24	
16 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE (Informant) <u>Mrs Elmer Nay</u> (Address) <u>Monroe Utah</u>			25	
17 STATE OF BIRTH <u>Utah</u> DATE OF BIRTH <u>Oct-13-21</u> REGISTRAR <u>Sarah Bates</u>			26	

OTHER TEMPLE ORDINANCES FOR ELMER CARR NAY:  
 Baptized: 18 Sep 1880; Endowed 22 Feb 1882 SGEOR; sealing to parents, 22 Nov 1982, SGEOR and 9 Mar 1981, SLAKE; Batch #8029030, sheet 67, FHC film #1260785.

The first page of the history, below, was eliminated for repetition. Rue and Lester listed the birth dates of the children at the beginning of their thoughts. I have changed their punctuation for more readable content and corrected some simple spelling errors (LMKF).

## A HISTORY OF ELMER CARR NAY

Compiled by his sons, Clifton Reu and John Lester Nay

Father's father, John Nay Jr., had two families, one by Thankful Lucy Pine and one through Angelina Hale. Thankful Lucy Pine was father's mother.



Clifton  
Reu Nay

John  
Lester Nay

Father was a huge powerful man, just under seven feet tall and weighing well over 300 pounds. At their marriage, Mother was some 5'4" tall and weighing under 100 pounds. (NOTE from LMKF: Grandma told me she was 4'10" at her tallest height and Grandpa was 6'8" and weighed 325 lbs at his heaviest.) When asked regarding life with father, Mother's reply, "Your father was ever a gentleman." As I remember Father, he was always kind, patient and gentle.

Father had as active mind and he learned fast. For example, in his youth he was a good gardener, realizing he could not feed a family in a farming community, he looked for a trade more suitable. He took up masonry, was soon very good at it. He learned to cut and quarry stone, he was good at cement work. He took up shoe cobbling and learned to build shoes from scratch. Mother had unusually small feet so father made shoes for her. Mining was another one of his many trades. As a contractor, he was good with figures, could plan, construct and figure building costs.

Father's reputation as a schoolhouse builder kept him away from family a good part of his life. Some of the places he worked were Uinta, Thurber (Bicknell); Black Rock, and Circleville in Utah; and Needles, California. Father's eldest son was born at Circleville on 20 January 1895 and was named Elmer Foster. When father worked at Thurber (Bicknell), in the early 1900's, he took the family with him. Thurber is about 60 miles east of our hometown of Monroe. We traveled by horse and wagon, (so to speak). Our eldest brother had a small dog at the time and as some of the older children walked at times, the little dog trotted alongside the wagon and oft times ranged a little distance away. Coyotes were somewhat of a nuisance and they would pester the dog. Foster had a 22-caliber rifle and would get down off the wagon to help his dog and the coyotes would all disappear as if by magic.

In the early 1900's there was a gold strike in the mountains about 20 miles southwest of Monroe. The little settlement that sprang up overnight, so to speak, is called Kimberly. It was here that Clifton Reu was born 9th of January 1904, (it was cold). Father worked as a miner in one of the mines there.

After some months, the family returned to Monroe. Father worked on the rock schoolhouse where the elementary school now stands. When the old rock schoolhouse was torn down, Elmer Carr Nay's name was found in the cavity of the cornerstone.

Father built a house on south Main Street for a neighbor, Nephi Nielson. He worked in the fields around Monroe during harvest time. Just about the time World War I, Father was working at the Dear Trail Mine out of Marysvale, Utah. As the war progressed, he went to work for the Alunite Mines and Mill Company. It was at this time the family was moved to a temporary home our brother, Vernal, built in the mouth of Cottonwood Canyon, a few miles south of Marysvale.

We believe the last mining camp father worked at was the Deer Trail right after World War I.

When school started, the family was moved back to Monroe. Very nearly all the family were at home in Monroe, living in a two room adobe house with lean-to kitchen, at Fourth and Main Streets, when the famous flu hit the country. Father was at home at the time, and as he not been exposed he boarded out but kept the family in food and necessities until we were all back in good health.

Father left the correcting of children to mother, as he feared hurting one of us. He was a mild tempered man and only once as we remember him really becoming impatient with Lester and I (Reu). We were arguing over some little thing and failed to stop when father called us. As I, Reu, being the eldest, I headed for the kitchen door, father right behind me. As I cleared the door, the side of father's foot caught me in the seat of my pants, sending me almost the full length of the kitchen floor. I was not hurt, but I think it frightened father.

Father was a pleasant person, all the children loved and respected him. We feel if we had it to do over again, we would choose the same family and Parents.

Some of the stories we were told about father are more or less hearsay and some are true.

The mining camps were still a bit wild in the late 1800's. Men were men, so to speak, and many were always trying to prove same.

One story is about a 250 lb. camp bully who had the impression father was a coward and kept pestering father. Being a pleasant person, father paid this man but little attention until the bully made some snide remarks regarding mother. The report is, father struck once and the big Irishman spent some time in a hospital. He proved to be a real friend after this affair.

Another story: Two men feeling they could "take father", started for him with clubs. Father picked up a small pole, broke it over his knee and invited them to keep coming. This ended this fracas, as the two men decided not to press the issue.

A story told by Billy Morrison, a friend who ran the town movie. Seems it was not unusual for wrestlers or boxers touring the country to be added as an extra attraction to the movie program. As the story was told, Mr. Morrison engaged one such person for the evening. The person was a big husky wrestler. Mr. Morrison invited Mother and Father to attend the movie this night if father would accept this wrestler's challenge at intermission. The wrestler came on stage and challenged anyone in the audience to a one-fall engagement, winner take the stakes. Father arose from his seat and started down the aisle. The wrestler stepped behind one of the curtains and disappeared out the back entrance.

Monroe was not a progressive community, it was really a farming area, situated in the extreme southern end of the beautiful Sevier Valley. We received our culinary water from Monroe's Main Canyon. The cold springs developed in this canyon gave us the purest and sweetest water in the state. About two thirds of the town had water piped into their property, a small number had water in their homes and a good many of us depended on the creek water which ran down small ditches on each street.

Our family was one of the many depending on creek water, although our neighbor to the south was kind enough to allow us to use water from their culinary system. Often,

I have witnessed father using two hoe handles run through the handles of a couple of regular washtubs and carrying water across the street for mother on wash day. This was quite a feat, as each tub would hold about fifteen gallons of water.

Father was a good worker, a neat one with his multiple trades. We were never well to do, as father being so good natured, he would fall for most any "hard luck" story and work for reduced wages a good share of the time. One instance: The schools were usually allowed a so-called Beet Vacation for about two weeks to allow farmers to use the young people to harvest sugar beets before the ground froze. One occasion I remember, our neighbor just to the north of us, engaged our family to help with his harvest. We were to receive so much per ton. The first day out we could see this crop was a complete failure and our wages would be the smallest in the area. I was quite young at the time, but I am sure the field would have made a good pasture for sheep or cattle and saved all the labor of harvest, which would have released this family to work for someone where the wages would have been normal. But father felt sorry for this farmer and kept our family on the job working for practically nothing in my estimation. We all loved him and would not change him if we could and the family all grew up in the best of health and with a real respect for the dollar.

Father did not neglect the family regarding building trades. He trained our elder brother, Eldred, to be a good mason and bricklayer with cement work as a sideline. Vernal was taught carpentry and was very good at it, but never developed much farther than his initial training throughout his life and ended up an electric crane man working for a cement company.

I, John Lester, was the last of the line so to speak, being trained by father. Even at a very early age I worked with father on at least two jobs before he passed away. One I remember was in Austin (Frog Town) another was in East Monroe.

Father had poor circulation in his legs. This became quite serious in his early 50's. By the time he was 48, I as a child, used to watch him as he washed, cleaned and doctored the ulcers that had begun to plague him. I fail to remember father ever complaining. He continued work even though I know he must have suffered as I should know, as I have much the same condition, but not nearly in the advanced condition our father was.

Father was about 54 years old, when he came home off of a job, not feeling well. This was in the summer or early fall, as the weather was mild. As there was a small home on the lot, just east of the adobe in which the family was now living, mother fixed up a bed in this home so father could rest and be away from the noise of the younger children.

When father's ailment was completely diagnosed, the doctor stated it had progressed so far, there was no hope to save him.

Father, Elmer Carr Nay, passed away at Monroe, Sevier County, Utah, 9 October 1921, and was buried in the Monroe Cemetery 13 October 1921. The slight delay happened because it was necessary to have a special casket built for father because of his size and weight.

I, John Lester, feel the Lord was very kind to take father even at an early age, as I am quite certain it would have been necessary to take off both of his legs within a short time, if he had lived. I fear mother would have suffered as much as father, as his weight was too much for artificial legs.

P.S. Father was active in the church (The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (church title inserted by LMKF) at an early age. He did his endowment work 22 February 1882.



Elmer Nay and Grant Bench,  
Largest and Smallest of the  
Native Sons of Utah.

### “HISTORY OF ELMER CARR NAY”

by a Grandchild, Duane Nay.

Elmer was the tallest man in Sevier County. Six foot 7 inches isn't considered tall these day, but was at that time.

He worked as a stone mason and some of the buildings he worked on are still standing in Sevier and Wayne Counties. He worked away from home most of his married life.

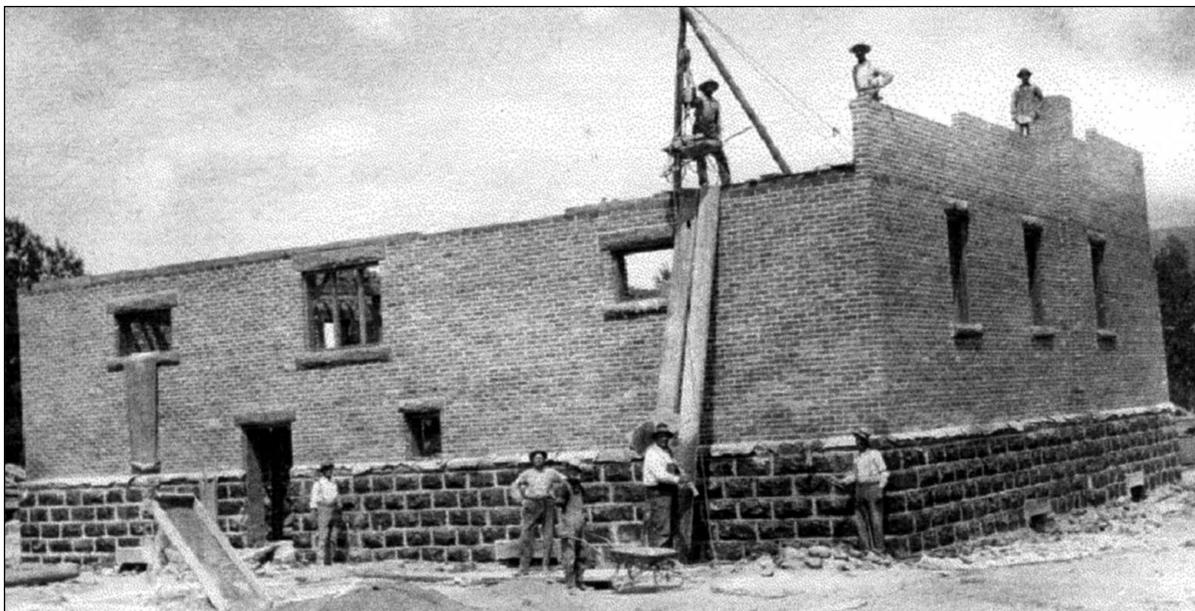
Some of the stories are about Grandpa lifting above his head, a lintel stone that three or four men couldn't lift. This is the stone that goes above the door in a building.

He could lift the back end of a wagon with five men in it. People were always wagering what Elmer Nay could lift or move.

He was also a gentle kind man, but when pushed by some of the local town bullies, he would never hit them with a closed fist, but would take his hat off and slap them silly with it. He did not wish to inflict bodily harm on anyone.

These stories are told time after time by some of the local 'old timers', around the southern end of the state of whom I have encountered in my travels.

I might add that, as the years went by, I heard the stories time after time, they would be embellished greatly by the old timers I would come in contact with.



Elmer Nay at work, the biggest man that could handle the heavy timbers. The place was not marked, but Bernice said it might have been at Koosharem, Utah. He is in the foreground, behind the heavy timber.

**1921** November 26: Jane Nay receives her Certificate of Election, State of Utah, County of Sevier; to serve as the City Treasurer for two years, for the city of Monroe. (SOURCE: Certificate, No. 4; dated 26 November 1921, signed by Christan Andersen, (Acting) City Recorder.)



Charlotta Jane Nay

**1925:** There was a strong earthquake in California, centering in Santa Barbara. There was extensive damage to the city. Ted was living in that vicinity at the time and wrote home and sent pictures of some of the damage. Since Elmer had died, the Nay sons who were providing a living for the family left at home in Utah, viz. Vernal, Reu, and Lester. They decided it would be good for the family to move to California where the masonry work would be in demand.

**1925** November: Bernice wrote, "We moved from Monroe the last week of Nov. 1925 and moved to Santa Barbara to 1903 De la Vina St. and Pedagosa corner." Jane packed up her family, except for Berkeley, who was instructed to stay behind and be with his Grandmother Doxford in Monroe. He had a good job, delivering telegrams on his bicycle.

The family went by train to Victorville, California to stay overnight with the Peterson family and Fay, Ella and Duane who were living in Victorville about that time.

Jane and her children, traveled then to Santa Barbara, rented a couple of rooms and stayed there for almost a year, while the boys had jobs in that area rebuilding. Soon after moving to Santa Barbara, Berkeley arrived from Utah, hitch hiking all of the way when he was not on his bicycle. They often traveled to the beach, when the family was together.

**1926** June 20: On this day, the family moved to Victorville, where Bernice and the boys went to school or had jobs.

They lived in a three room house with a bath, that later became the first public library for Victorville. A snapshot of all of the Nay boys was taken while they stood from the tallest

L to R Rear: Bernice, Barbara (baby, dau. of Ted and Theo), Theo (looking down), Jane, Berkeley, Reu. Front: Clinton, Kenneth and Elaine. The young children belong to Ted and Theo Nay.



to the shortest. Since some of the boys were married and living in other cities and states, it was a rare time for them all to be together.

**1930** April 2; US Federal census of California, San Bernardino County, Victorville, Victor Township precinct; Victorville Village; E. D. 36-127DW; Supervisor District 12. (Printouts of the families are poor, so only name and age are posted)

Sheet 1B;

Line 76; KURTZ, Floyd H.; head; age 21

Line 77; KURTZ, Bernice, wife, age 19

Line 78; NAY, John L, head; age 22

Line 79; NAY, Charlotta J.; Mother; age 53

Line 80; NAY, Kenneth L.; brother; age 15

Sheet 2A;

Line 12; NAY, Clifton R.; head; age 26

Line 13; NAY, Geraldine G.; wife; age 18

Sheet 9B;

Line 60; NAY, Vernal C.; head; age 31

Line 61; NAY, Nellie E.; wife; age 19

Federal Census; 1930; Salt Lake County, Utah; Precinct 2, ED 98; page 9A & 9B.

(This was an index, and the family was not found on the page stated on the county pages).

NAY, Eldred V.; age 33

NAY; Theo C.; age 29

NAY; Clinton; age 11

NAY; Elaine; age 9

NAY; Barbara; age 4yrs 10 months

NAY; Theron; age 2yrs 2 months

**1945** Summer: The boys then went home to see their Mother and brothers and sister who lived in Monroe, Utah. Pictures are taken with each other. The yards at Grandma Nay's home and Aunt Delia's home was full of laughter and visiting with all those that lived in Monroe.

**1945-46:** Charlotte Jane Doxford Nay served as a Stake Missionary in Monroe, Sevier Stake, Utah, for one year. She was released in 1946 because of illness. (SOURCE: Personal journal of Charlotte Jane Doxford Nay. Journal copies in the hands of Joline Smith Payne and Luella Kurtz Faucett.)

**1947** SUMMER MONTHS: Many Nay families came and went, visiting with each other, going to picnics together, swimming in the hot springs pool and going to church together. One picnic in August ended with Grandma Jane Nay getting sick with a kidney problem, which put her to bed for several weeks. Lester had gone home, but traveled back to Utah, to collect Bernice's kids and Gary, in mid August, so they could get ready for school. Bernice returned home to Victorville in early September, by bus. (SOURCE: Memory of Luella Kurtz Faucett).

**1951** June 7: Jane Nay is shown in the RICHFIELD REAPER, picture titled, "A LIFE OF A SONG", with a group of singers, "Monroe Old Folks", that had a party on June 1<sup>st</sup>. It states they have been singing in church choirs for 65 years! It also states, "This group is all that remains of a 40 voice choir which, 60 years ago, was noted for their willingness to appear anywhere on any occasion." Those listed in the picture are: Left to right front row: Jennie

Sprague, 85; Kathryn Ericksen, 87; Annie Ransom, 84; Emily Baldwin, Robert W. Pinney, 81; Back row: Lou Christensen, accompanist; Jane Nay, 75; Lucien Winget, 82 (director of the group); Civilla Magleby, 78, and Rose Lowe, 76. (Newspaper picture is poor for copywork)

**1952:** Jane Nay wrote her song, “GIVE ME MY FLOWERS NOW,” both words and music. (SOURCE: Sheet music owned by most grandchildren.)

**1953:** Jane Nay wrote her song, both words and music, “WHAT IS HOME WITHOUT A LOVING MOTHER’S CARE?” (SOURCE: Sheet music owned by most grandchildren.)

**1954** October 7: Desert News and Telegram, Salt Lake City, Thursday, page 14A—a picture titled, “This Time I Didn’t Fail”—Sevier Woman, 78, Fulfills Dream, Hears Own Music. Two pictures showing Mrs. Leonard Friendly playing the organ, the other, of Jane Nay sitting at home listening to her music being played on the radio program of Mr. Friendly. Article is inserted:

Mrs. Jane Doxford Nay, a 78-year-old great-grandmother from Monroe, Sevier County, listened to one of her original compositions on the air Thursday afternoon and said, “This time I didn’t fail.”

For 35 years Mrs. Nay has been writing songs, trying again and again to get them published and publicized.

But at least part of her dream came true when she was chosen a winner in the recent Deseret News and Telegram “Suppressed Desires” contest.

Thursday afternoon at 2:05 p.m. Leonard Friendly played her composition “Give me My Flowers Now” on his afternoon radio show on KSL, “Friendly” at the Hammond.



Charlotta Jane Doxford Nay about 1950

In her winning letter Mrs. Nay told of her song writing and publishing attempts.

“Many years ago,” she wrote, “I had a desire to become a song writer. I composed several song poems, some of them with my own melodies, found a few publishers advertising to help new songwriters, so I tried some of them. One Company sent me 500 professional copies, two other companies received my money, sent me several hundred copies then proceeded to go broke.”

Despite these rebuffs, Mrs. Nay has continued with her composing. “I still get a lot of pleasure composing songs and readings. Whether they ever become hits or not, I am proud I have that talent,” she said.

Mrs. Nay was named an “extra” winner in the “Suppressed Desires” contest. Two of the six winners originally announced still are looking forward to fulfillment of their dreams in the near future.

So far, the contest has been a dream come true for a young man who wanted to sing with a “name” band, a grandmother who had never seen a state fair, a group of first and second graders who had never been on a train ride and a couple who had not talked with their son overseas in nearly three years.

(SOURCE: Newspaper article and picture from Deseret News and Telegram owned by LMKF.)

**1955** About: The Nay brothers, Kenneth, Berkeley, Fay, Lester and Reu all came together for a mini reunion in Monroe, Utah.

**1957:** Jane Nay was visiting her sons and daughter living in Victorville, California. While there, a four generation picture was taken of her, her daughter, Bernice Kurtz, her granddaughter, Luella Faucett and her great granddaughter, Marva Lou Faucett. (Picture not printed)

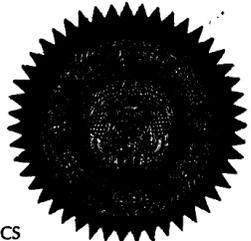
**1960** June 1: Charlotte Jane Doxford Nay, wife of Elmer Carr Nay, died of Cerebral Vascular accident, which was 7 days old. She was living in Monroe, Sevier Co., UT at the time of her death. She died with several of her children within the house, near her.

(SOURCE: Department of Social Services, Division of Health, Vital Statistics certificate of death, State of Utah; County of Sevier. Reg. No. 3, State File No. 60 21 0036.)

STATE OF UTAH														
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES														
DIVISION OF HEALTH														
VITAL STATISTICS														
UTAH CERTIFICATE OF DEATH														
REGISTRAR'S NO. 3						STATE FILE NO. 60 21 0036								
1. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY <b>Sevier</b>				2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution: Residence before admission) a. STATE <b>Utah</b> b. COUNTY <b>Sevier</b>										
b. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION <b>Monroe</b>				c. LENGTH OF STAY IN 18				e. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION <b>Monroe</b>						
d. NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION <b>AMENDED</b> <b>1 of 2</b>				d. STREET ADDRESS <b>none</b>										
e. IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO				f. IS RESIDENCE INSIDE CITY LIMITS? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO				g. IS RESIDENCE ON A FARM? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO						
3. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print) First <b>Charlotta</b> Middle <b>Jane</b> Last <b>Nay</b>			4. DATE OF DEATH Month <b>6</b> Day <b>1</b> Year <b>1960</b>			5. SEX <b>female</b>			6. COLOR OR RACE <b>cauc</b>			7. MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> NEVER MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOWED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED <input type="checkbox"/>		
8. DATE OF BIRTH <b>4/30/1876</b>			9. AGE (In years last birthday) <b>84</b>			10. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY <b>At Home</b>			11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) <b>Monroe Utah</b>			12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? <b>USA</b>		
13. FATHER'S NAME <b>Gardner Foster Doxford</b>				14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME <b>Martha Jane Lemmon</b>				15. NAME OF SPOUSE <b>Elmer Garn Nay</b>						
15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, or unknown) (If yes, give war or dates of service) <b>no</b>				16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. <b>none</b>				17. INFORMANT <b>Delia Smith Monroe Utah</b>						
18. CAUSE OF DEATH [Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c).] PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) <b>Cerebral Vascular Accident</b> 331X Conditions, if any, which gave rise to above cause (b): DUE TO (b) _____ DUE TO (c) _____ PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO THE TERMINAL DISEASE CONDITION GIVEN IN PART I (a)										INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH <b>7 days</b>				
20a. ACCIDENT <input type="checkbox"/> SUICIDE <input type="checkbox"/> HOMICIDE <input type="checkbox"/>			20b. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED. (Enter nature of injury in Part I or Part II of item 18.)											
20c. TIME OF INJURY Hour _____ a. m. _____ p. m. Month, Day, Year _____														
20d. INJURY OCCURRED WHILE AT WORK <input type="checkbox"/> NOT WHILE AT WORK <input type="checkbox"/>			20e. PLACE OF INJURY (e. g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office bldg., etc.)			20f. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION			COUNTY			STATE		
21. I attended the deceased from <b>June 1, 1960</b> to <b>June 1, 1960</b> and last saw her alive on <b>June 1</b> . Death occurred at <b>6:20 A.M.</b> on the date stated above; and to the best of my knowledge, from the causes stated.														
22a. SIGNATURE <b>DR. M. D. [Signature]</b>				22b. ADDRESS <b>Richfield Utah</b>				22c. DATE SIGNED <b>6-2-60</b>						
23a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify)			23b. DATE <b>6/4/60</b>			23c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATOR <b>Monroe</b>			23d. LOCATION (City, town, or county) (State) <b>Monroe Sevier Utah</b>					
25. DATE RECD. BY LOCAL REG. <b>June 4, 1960</b>						26. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE <b>[Signature]</b>								

SDH-BHS 95 (1-78) This is to certify that this is a true copy of the certificate on file in this office. This certified copy is issued under authority of Section 26-15-26 of the Utah Code Annotated, 1953 as Amended.  
Date Issued: **DEC 14 1979**  
COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_  
REGISTRAR: \_\_\_\_\_

**John E. Brockert**  
John E. Brockert  
DIRECTOR OF VITAL STATISTICS  
BY: \_\_\_\_\_



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1960 June 2: The Richfield Reaper; Page two, Obituary Charlotte Nay, Prominent Lady Dies In Monroe MONROE—Charlotte Jane Doxford Nay, 84, longtime resident of Monroe and former Monroe City treasurer, died Wednesday morning at her home of causes incident to age.

She was born April 20, 1876 in Monroe, a daughter of Gardner Foster and Martha Jane Lemmon Doxford. She was married to Elmer Carr Nay Feb. 13, 1893 in Monroe, solemnized July 19, 1922 in the Manti LDS Temple. Mr. Nay died Oct. 9, 1921.

From 1926 to 1943, Mrs. Nay lived in Victorville, Calif., returning at that time to her native community.

Mrs. Nay was very active in LDS Church affairs, especially in Relief Society where she served as chorister for many years. She served as Monroe City treasurer from 1921 to 1926 and served a stake mission in 1945. She was also a member of Camp Alma, Daughters of Utah Pioneers.

Well known in musical and writing circles, Mrs. Nay composed many poems and set them to music. She has worked in various church and civic programs in a musical manner.

Survivors include six sons and two daughters: Mrs. Thatcher (Delia) Smith, Eldred V. (Ted), both of Monroe; Vernal Carr Nay, John Lester Nay, and Mrs. Floyd (Bernice) Kurtz, all of Victorville, Calif.; Clifton Nay, Colton, Calif.; Joseph B. Nay, Grand Junction, Colo.; and Kenneth Lyle Nay, Orem; 27 grandchildren; 61 great grandchildren a great great grandchild; three sister, Mrs. Mary Sheffield, Magna; Mrs. Arvenia Nielsen, Monroe; Mrs. Zetta Nielsen, Victorville, Calif.

Funeral services will be announced by the Neal S. Magleby Mortuary, Richfield.”

#### FAMILY STORY from Bernice Nay Kurtz to Luella Kurtz Faucett.

Kenneth, the last son of Jane Nay, came into the house through the kitchen door, of Grandma's house. He had to pass by the doorway of the living room which Grandma was using as her bedroom. As he passed the doorway, he noticed that there were two men in the room with his mother, standing at the bed. He asked his sisters, Delia and Bernice, “Who is in the room with Mother?” They both replied, “No one,” as no one had arrived to visit their Mother that day. Kenneth exclaimed, “There are two men in there, visiting with her.” They all went to the door, thinking that they might have entered the front door, without them knowing that they had come into the house. Grandma lifted herself up and waved them not to come into the room. It was the first time, since her illness of a couple of weeks, that she had showed any strength to lift herself. About a half an hour later, Grandma Nay died. The family believes that the two men could have been Grandpa Nay and Uncle Foster who came to get her.

Minutes from the Victorville Branch Records (no date inserted) about 1944.

#### Faithful Member Leaves

The Victorville Branch has lost one of its best-loved and most faithful members, Sister Jane Nay, who has moved back to her old home in Monroe, Utah. Behind her she leaves a beautiful record of service and loyalty never to be forgotten by those with whom she worked for eleven steadfast years. She helped to organize the first Relief Society in Victorville, at which time she received her appointment to the Office of Secretary-Treasurer. Prior to her service in Victorville Relief Society, she served in the same capacity at Monroe, Utah for eight years.

Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, after regular Relief Society Meeting, a farewell party was held in Sister Nay's honor. A clever program was enjoyed by all and refreshments were served and Sister Nay was presented with a beautiful blanket as an expression of

love and appreciation by the members of the ward. We wish her the most of happiness and bid her God speed.

Grandma Nay loved to serve in the church. She had been a Relief Society treasure, a gospel doctrine teacher and a Sunday School chorister as well as a visiting teacher where ever she lived. She also liked to write poems, music and plays. She applied for copyrights on some of her material in the Library of Congress. She sent a play to be critiqued but it failed to be of worth to the publisher. Her songs have been passed on to her descendants and have been sung by many for church services and funerals. When her health started to fail her, she worried that she would not be able to be active in the church. But the bishop of her ward asked her to serve by writing letters to the boys in the service and on missions, which she gladly did for several years.

NOTE FROM LMKF: I think that all of my cousins would agree with me that Grandma Nay was the pillar of strength for all of us. When she died, an era for our connection to the past was a great loss to all of us. I remember the fragrances she wore and always left an aura of being very clean. She was a dear sweet woman, quiet, but strong in her convictions and her religion. She never badgered anyone to my knowledge, and we had her in our home many times for great lengths of time. When she was angry with us, as children, she always reprimanded us with gentleness but with strength enough to make us feel ashamed of what we may have done to deserve her wrath. I think it was her influence on me that helped set my goals for my own life. I will always be grateful for her influence.

There are many descendants from the 10 children in this family. Some are still having children. We all feel pretty lucky and blessed that we have such a wonderful heritage from our Grandparents. There are some that appreciate the church affiliation they have passed to us. We appreciate that they all endured to the end. (LMKF)

# Family Group Record

<b>Husband</b>						
<b>Elmer Carr Nay</b>						
Born-2,3,4	9 Jun 1867	Place	Pine Valley, Washington, Utah	LDS ordinance dates		
Died-5	9 Oct 1921	Place	Monroe, Sevier, Utah	Baptized		
Buried-6	13 Oct 1921	Place	Monroe Cem., Sevier, Utah	Endowed		
				22 Feb 1882		
				Sealed to parents-1		
Married-7				9 May 1981		
13 Feb 1893				Sealed to spouse-8		
Place				19 Jul 1922		
Monroe, Sevier, Utah						
Husband's father						
Husband's mother						
<b>Wife</b>						
<b>Charlotta Jane Doxford</b>						
Born-9	30 Apr 1876	Place	Monroe, Sevier, Utah	LDS ordinance dates		
Died-10	1 Jun 1960	Place	Monroe, Sevier, Utah	Cause		
				Cerebral Vascular Accident, 7		
Buried	4 Jun 1960	Place	Monroe, Sevier, Utah	Baptized		
				6 Aug 1884		
				Endowed		
				19 Jul 1922		
				Sealed to parents		
				BIC		
Wife's father						
Gardner Foster Doxford						
Wife's mother						
Martha Jane Lemmon						
<b>Children</b>				LDS ordinance dates	Temple	
<b>1</b>	<b>F Delia Nay</b>					
	Born-12	26 Apr 1893	Place	Monroe, Sevier, Utah	Baptized-11	22 Jul 1906
	Christened		Place	Monroe, Sevier, Utah	Endowed	
	May 1893					
	Died-13,14	5 Nov 1981	Place	Monroe, Sevier, Utah	Cause	Stroke
	Buried-15		Place	Monroe Cem., Sevier, Utah		
	5 Nov 1981					
	Spouse					
	George Thatcher Smith					
	Married-16		Place	Richfield, Sevier, Utah	Sealed to spouse	
	8 Nov 1917					
					21 May 1977	MANTI
<b>2</b>	<b>M Elmer Foster Nay</b>					
	Born-20	20 Jan 1895	Place	Circleville, Piute, Utah	Baptized-17	29 Oct 1904
	Christened		Place			
	Feb 1895					
	Died-21	19 Apr 1915	Place	Salt Lake City, SL, Utah	Cause	Septicernia of some months, r
	Buried-22		Place	Monroe Cty. Cmtry., Sevier, Utah		
	21 Apr 1915					
	Sealed to parents-19					
	19 Jul 1922					
	MANTI					
<b>3</b>	<b>M Eldred V. Nay</b>					
	Born-26,27	30 Sep 1896	Place	Monroe, Sevier, Utah	Baptized-23	29 Oct 1904
	Christened		Place			
	18 Nov 1896					
	Died-28	12 May 1983	Place	Victorville, SB, California	Cause	Bronchopneumonia 3 days, cer
	Buried-29		Place	Monroe Cty. Cmtry., Sevier, Utah		
	17 May 1983					
	Spouse					
	Cletheo Clarrisa Peterson <sup>30</sup>					
	Married-31		Place	Junction City, Piute, Utah	Sealed to spouse	
	3 Jul 1918					
	Sealed to parents-25					
	14 Oct 1965					
	MANTI					
<b>4</b>	<b>M Vernal Carr Nay</b>					
	Born-35	21 Feb 1899	Place	Monroe, Sevier, Utah	Baptized-32	6 Sep 1908
	Died-36		Place	Victorville, San Bernadino, California		
	22 May 1962					
	Buried-37		Place	Valley View Memorial Park, S.L., Utah		
	28 May 1962					
	Spouse					
	Nellie Elfriede Wolf					
	Married-38		Place	San Bernardino, Sn. Brnrn., California	Sealed to spouse-39	
	7 Sep 1929					
	Sealed to parents-34					
	8 Oct 1934					
	SLAKE					

# Family Group Record

Husband <b>Elmer Carr Nay</b>				
Wife <b>Charlotta Jane Doxford</b>				
Children			LDS ordinance dates	Temple
<b>5</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Fay Dermont Nay</b>		
		Born- <sup>43,44</sup> 14 Apr 1902	Place Monroe, Sevier, Utah	Baptized- <sup>40</sup> 9 Dec 1911
		Christened 18 Jun 1902	Place	Endowed- <sup>41</sup> 24 Feb 1962
		Died- <sup>45</sup> 10 Mar 1959	Place Monroe, Sevier, Utah	Sealed to parents- <sup>42</sup> 19 Jul 1922
		Buried- <sup>46</sup> 13 Mar 1959	Place Monroe Cty. Cmtry., Sevier, Utah	
		Spouse Ella Fontella Peterson		
		Married- <sup>47</sup> 31 Oct 1922	Place Sacramento, Scrmnto., California	Sealed to spouse- <sup>48</sup> 15 Feb 1969
				MANTI
<b>6</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Clifton Reu Nay</b>		
		Born- <sup>8,52</sup> 9 Jan 1904	Place Kimberly, Piute, Utah	Baptized- <sup>49</sup> 4 Aug 1912
		Died- <sup>53</sup> 15 Oct 1992	Place Monroe, Sevier, Utah	Endowed- <sup>50</sup> 5 May 1965
		Buried- <sup>54</sup> 19 Oct 1992	Place Monroe, Sevier, Utah	Sealed to parents- <sup>51</sup> 19 Jul 1922
		Spouse Geraldine Gertrude Pinner		
		Married- <sup>55</sup> 29 Jun 1929	Place Victorville, Sn.Brnrdo., California	Sealed to spouse- <sup>56</sup> 20 Sep 1994
				MANTI
<b>7</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>John Lester Nay</b>		
		Born- <sup>8,59</sup> 28 Apr 1907	Place Monroe, Sevier, Utah	Baptized- <sup>11</sup> 10 Jun 1915
		Died- <sup>60</sup> 14 Jan 1990	Place Monroe, Sevier, Utah	Endowed- <sup>57</sup> 26 Jul 1946
		Buried- <sup>61</sup> 18 Jan 1990	Place Monroe Cem., Sevier, Utah	Sealed to parents- <sup>58</sup> 19 Jul 1922
		Spouse Henrietta Beatrice Osborne		
		Married (div)	Place	Sealed to spouse
		Spouse Ethel Barney		
		Married Nov 1952	Place St. George, Washington, Utah	Sealed to spouse Nov 1952
		Spouse Jennie Beck		
		Married 26 Mar 1954	Place St. George, Washington, Utah	Sealed to spouse- <sup>62</sup> 26 Mar 1954
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<b>8</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Joseph Berkeley Nay</b>		
		Born- <sup>65</sup> 17 Sep 1908	Place Bicknell, Wayne, Utah	Baptized- <sup>63</sup> 30 Jun 1917
		Christened 1 Nov 1908	Place	Endowed- <sup>64</sup> 16 Mar 2002
		Died- <sup>8</sup> 6 Sep 1991	Place Grand Junction, Mesa, Colorado	Sealed to parents- <sup>58</sup> 19 Jul 1922
		Buried- <sup>66</sup> Sep 1991	Place Crown Point Cem, Appleton, Mesa, Colorado	
		Spouse Ada Juanita Grant		
		Married- <sup>67</sup> 2 Sep 1932	Place Grand Junction, Mesa, Colorado	Sealed to spouse
		Spouse Shirley Margaret Bowen		
		Married	Place	Sealed to spouse
<b>9</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Bernice Nay</b>		
		Born- <sup>68</sup> 3 Jan 1911	Place Monroe, Sevier, Utah	Baptized 9 Aug 1919
		Died- <sup>69</sup> 13 Apr 1988	Place Apple Valley, San Bernadino, California	Endowed 15 Jul 1969
		Buried- <sup>70</sup> 15 Apr 1988	Place Victorville, San Bernadino, California	Sealed to parents 19 Jul 1922
		Spouse Floyd Harold Kurtz		
		Married 20 Apr 1929	Place San Bernardino, Sn. Brnrn., California	Sealed to spouse 16 Dec 1972
				LANGE

# Family Group Record

<b>Husband</b> <b>Elmer Carr Nay</b>				
<b>Wife</b> <b>Charlotta Jane Doxford</b>				
<b>Children</b>			LDS ordinance dates	Temple
<b>10</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Baby Boy Nay</b>		
	Born- <sup>71</sup>	Jul 1912	Place Monroe, Sevier, Utah	Baptized Infant
	Died	Jul 1912	Place Monroe, Sevier, Utah    Cause Stillborn	Endowed Infant
				Sealed to parents BIC
<b>11</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Kenneth Lyle Nay</b>		
	Born- <sup>74</sup>	13 Sep 1914	Place Monroe, Sevier, Utah	Baptized- <sup>72</sup> 19 Sep 1922    LIVE
	Christened- <sup>75</sup>	17 Sep 1914	Place Monroe, Sevier, Utah	Endowed
	Died- <sup>76</sup>	3 Nov 1977	Place , Salt Lake, Utah    Cause Cerebrovascular Thrombosis	Sealed to parents- <sup>73</sup> 19 Jul 1922    MANTI
	Buried- <sup>77</sup>	7 Nov 1977	Place Orem, Utah, Utah	
	Spouse	Dorothy Alta Bethl or Beihl		
	Married	(div)	Place	Sealed to spouse
	Spouse	Beryl Bernice Brearley		
	Married- <sup>78</sup>	5 Dec 1943	Place Oakland, S. F., California	Sealed to spouse

**Notes**

**MARRIAGE**

MARRIAGE SOURCE: Marriage license from the County of Sevier, Utah, No. 212, filed and recorded 20 Feb 1893. Married by Bishop Orson Magleby, witnesses were J. F. Doxford (the brides Grandfather) and David Collings. The groom was 25yrs. old and the bride was 16yrs. old.

HUSBAND - Elmer Carr Nay  
AFN: 1XR8-X8

WIFE - Charlotta Jane Doxford  
AFN: 1LFT-JS

**CHILD 2 - Elmer Foster Nay**

HISTORY: Foster went by his second name during his lifetime. He worked as a stone mason, usually along side his Dad, Elmer Carr Nay. The family pictures show him at work on a job, building the school at Joseph, Sevier Co., UT. The family knew him to be a kind person, liked to kid with the younger brothers and sister. He was known to be a close pal to his sister, Delia. He often would send a small notes, postcards or letters to his family in Monroe, while away from home. Foster never married. Later in his life, he went to Sugar City, Idaho to work in a sugar factory. While lifting a large bag, he ruptured his bowl, which sent him to the hospital. They soon discovered he needed to be sent to the LDS hospital in Salt Lake City. His Mother, Charlotte Jane Nay, traveled there to be with him. He died there, after surgery, and was brought home to be buried in the Monroe

# Family Group Record

**Husband****Elmer Carr Nay****Wife****Charlotta Jane Doxford****Notes**

CHILD 2 - Elmer Foster Nay (Continued)  
City Cemetery.

CHILD 3 - Eldred V. Nay

FAMILY PHOTOS: of Ted and Theo, in hands of LMKF. Also, snapshots of various different years of them and their descendants. NOTE: Ted is my uncle by blood, as a brother to my mother, Bernice Nay. His wife, Theo Peterson, was a first cousin to my Daddy, Floyd Harold Kurtz, therefore a double relationship. LMKF. AFN:6RN3-69

CHILD 4 - Vernal Carr Nay

BLESSED: on 2 April 1899 SOURCE: Family group sheet of Charlotte Jane Doxford Nay.

CHILD 5 - Fay Dermont Nay

PHOTOGRAPHS: 1. Faye in stairstep Nay picture. 2. in snapshots, one with his father's head not photographed, both snapshots alike, with his mother and dad and some of his brothers and sisters and one cousin (Ethel Nay). Faye is about 5 or 6 yrs. old.-- 3. In a picture of himself and his wife (my cousin), Ella Fontella Peterson Nay. 4. Possibly in sm. snapshots of family group with his grown brothers and sister and nephew and neices in the yard at Grandmother Nay's home about 1945, right after WWII, when all had returned home.

CHILD 6 - Clifton Reu Nay

MISSIONARY: Missionary Certificate Clifton Reu Nay, 16 Aug 1936, San Bernardino, California by Albert L. Larsen, San Bernardino, Stake President. AGAIN; 31 March 1940, by Clifford C. Wright, Stake Mission President. AF83-044663

CHILD 7 - John Lester Nay

John Lester Nay joined the U.S. Sea Bees during the Second World War. He was stationed in the Pacific Islands during the war. He worked for the Southwest Portland Cement Co., in Victorville, San Bernardino Co., CA, before retiring and then moving to Monroe, UT.

CHILD 8 - Joseph Berkeley Nay

OCCUPATIONS: All around laborer, farming and soldier in WWII.

CHILD 9 - Bernice Nay

CHURCH ORDINATIONS: Bernice Nay Kurtz's membership file no. from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints is #27926842. Blessed: 15 Feb. 1911 Monroe, Sevier Co., UT. Soc. Sec. No. California #559-52-0069

CHILD 11- Kenneth Lyle Nay

OCCUPATIONS: Pipe Fitter and Welder (from death certificate).

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# Family Group Record

Husband **Elmer Carr Nay**

Wife **Charlotta Jane Doxford**

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Baptism stated on family group sheet.
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  13. Obituary. Copy of obituary in an unnamed newspaper and not dated. Headline, Delia Nay Smith, Monroe.
  14. State of Utah, Certificate of Death-Utah, File No. 21-97; Reg. 10 Nov 1981.
  15. Obituary. Newspaper unknown. Date unknown. Clipping is a copy.
  16. Obituary. Marriage date and sealing is mentioned in obituary, unnamed newspaper and not dated, but states, Monroe.
  17. Charlotte Jane Nay and Clifton Reu Nay, Family Group Sheet-Clifton Reu Nay, fam. grp. sht. Baptism stated on family group sheet.
  18. Charlotte Jane Nay and Clifton Reu Nay, Family Group Sheet-Clifton Reu Nay, Fam. grp. sht. Endowment information on family group sheet.
  19. Charlotte Jane Nay and Clifton Reu Nay, Family Group Sheet-Clifton Reu Nay, Fam. grp. sht. Sealing information of family group sheet.  
Also on film #170499 for sealing to parents(LDS Options).
  20. State of Utah, Certificate of Death-Utah, Copy of death certificate. Record signed by Mother of Foster, Sherlotta Nay(sp.) of Monroe, Utah. Birth date is stated.
  21. State of Utah, Certificate of Death-Utah, Copy of death certificate. Death stated on certificate. Reg. No. K 549.
  22. State of Utah, Certificate of Death-Utah, Copy of Death Certificate. Burial information stated on certificate.

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**Husband****Elmer Carr Nay****Wife****Charlotta Jane Doxford****Sources (Continued)**

23. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, IGI. Baptism stated for Eldred V. Nay.
24. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, IGI. Endowment record stated.
25. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, IGI. Sealing to parents stated.
26. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Historical Department Certificate of Birth, Sevier Stake, Monroe Ward, Record of Members, #23946, p. 25, 18 Nov 1896. Xeroxed copy of certificate of birth, dated 19 Nov 1980.
27. Charlotte Jane Doxford Nay, Family Group Sheet, 18 Nov 1896. mother of Ted.
28. State of California, County of San Bernardino, Certificate of Death-California, Division of Vital Records, 222 West Hospitality Lane, San Bernardino, California 92415-0022, 12 May 1983. Local reg. distr. & cert. no. 3600 02911.
29. State of California, County of San Bernardino, Certificate of Death-California, Local reg. distr. & cert. # 3600 02911, burial 17 May 1983. buried Monroe Cemetery, Monroe, Utah.
30. Cemetery Records of Cass County, Texas, Cass County, Texas, Vol. 1-8, Vol. 3, pg. 277.
31. McKay Library, Western States Historical Marriage Record Index, [http://abish.ricks.edu/thc/getid.idc?m\\_id=234114](http://abish.ricks.edu/thc/getid.idc?m_id=234114), ID #234114; Vol. 3, Page 142, 3 Jul 1918. Piute Co., Utah Marriage record. Ted was 21 and Theo was 17.
32. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, IGI. Baptism recorded.
33. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, IGI. Endowment recorded.
34. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, IGI. Sealing to parents recorded.
35. Director of Vital Statistics, State of Utah, Certificate of Birth,; Utah, State of Utah, FHL Film #0482273, page 4, 21 Feb 1899. Boy, caucasion, white, to Elmer and Jane May(sp), Monroe, Sevier County, Utah.
36. State of California, County of San Bernardino, Certificate of Death-California, Local reg. book 199 pg. 211, 28 May 1962. Death certificate no. 36001211, County of San Bernardino, California.
37. Obituary, obituary. Copy of an obituary in "The Daily Sun", May ?, 1962, San Bernardino, California.
38. Charlotte Jane Nay and Clifton Reu Nay, Family Group Sheet-Clifton Reu Nay, fam. grp. sht. Marriage record recorded on family group sheet.
39. Obituary. The Temple sealing is stated in obituary of "The Daily Sun", May ? 1962.
40. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, LDS Ordinance Index, CD collection of the Family HIstory Library, Salt Lake City, Utah, 884253-884255 Book. Source Batch # H000113 LDS Church Member's Death report.
41. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, LDS Ordinance Index, 884253-884255 Book. LDS Church Member's Death record. Batch #H000113.
42. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, LDS Ordinance Index, 884253-884255 Book. LDS Church Member's Death record. Batch #H000113. Also film #471085 for Sealing to Parents in 1922.
43. State of Utah, Certificate of Death-Utah, 59 21 0020 Reg. No. 16, filed 11 Mar 1959. Birth is listed on death certificate.
44. Charlotte Jane Nay and Clifton Reu Nay, Family Group Sheet-Clifton Reu Nay, filed 11 Mar 1959. Also corrections given to LMKF from Fay's son, Virgil, in 1993.
45. State of Utah, Certificate of Death-Utah, 59 21 0020 Reg. No. 16, filed 11 Mar

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<b>Husband</b>	<b>Elmer Carr Nay</b>
<b>Wife</b>	<b>Charlotta Jane Doxford</b>
<b>Sources (Continued)</b>	
1959.	
46. State of Utah, Certificate of Death-Utah, 59 21 0020 Reg. No. 16, filed 11 Mar 1959. Burial in Monroe City Cemetery, Monroe, UT.	
47. Charlotte Jane Nay and Clifton Reu Nay, Family Group Sheet-Clifton Reu Nay. Marriage date and placed for Fay Dermont and Ella Peterson Nay is stated.	
48. Family Funeral cards, In the files of Luella M. Kurtz Faucett. Funeral card for Ella Peterson Nay, wife of Fay Nay. Marriage sealing stated.	
49. Charlotte Jane Nay and Clifton Reu Nay, Family Group Sheet-Clifton Reu Nay. Baptism information on family group sheet.	
50. Charlotte Jane Nay and Clifton Reu Nay, Family Group Sheet-Clifton Reu Nay. Information of endowment on family group sheet.	
51. Charlotte Jane Nay and Clifton Reu Nay, Family Group Sheet-Clifton Reu Nay. Temple ordinances on family group sheet.	
52. Family Funeral cards. Birth of Clifton Reu Nay stated on funeral card, printed my Neal S. Magleby & Sons Mortuary, Richfield, Utah.	
53. Family Funeral cards. Death date on funeral card printed by Neal S. Magleby & Sons Mortuary, Richfield, Sevier, Utah.	
54. Family Funeral cards. Interment Monroe City Cemetery, so stated on funeral card printed by Neal S. Magleby & sons Mortuary, Richfield, Sevier, Utah.	
55. California State Board of Health, Certificate of marriage-California, Certificate of Marriage (copy), 29 Jun 1929. Married by a LDS Elder Joseph Bramwell, in the presence of Tessie E. Standard of Beaumont, California and Frank L. Rich, father of the bride, residing in Victorville, California.	
56. Family Funeral cards. Marriage Sealing stated in funeral card printed by Neal S. Magleby & Sons Mortuary, Richfield, Utah. Also in the files of LMKF: witnesses were Edwin C. Jenson and Neal V. Jones of Monroe, Utah. Stand in for Reu Nay was Robert E. Nay, the sealer was Leland Olsen, Manti Temple.	
57. Charlotte Jane Nay and Clifton Reu Nay, Family Group Sheet-Clifton Reu Nay. Endowment stated on family group sheet.	
58. Charlotte Jane Nay and Clifton Reu Nay, Family Group Sheet-Clifton Reu Nay. Sealing to parents stated on family group sheet.	
59. Social Security Administration, SSDI. Card issued in California before 1951. Birth and death stated on index.	
60. Social Security Administration, SSDI. Death stated on index. Card issued in California before 1951.	
61. Family Funeral cards. Interment stated in funeral card, printed by Neal S. Magleby & Sons Mortuary, Richfield, Utah January 1990.	
62. The People of the Territory of Utah, County of Sevier, Marriage License-Utah, Marriage Certificate (copy), 26 Mar 1954. Marriage Certificate from the County of Washington, State of Utah and the St. George Temple.	
63. Charlotte Jane Nay and Clifton Reu Nay, Family Group Sheet-Clifton Reu Nay. Baptism, as a child while living in Monroe Stake, Monroe, Utah.	
64. Luella M. Kurtz Faucett, Files of LMKF. E-mail from Wilma Nay to Luella Faucett, 5/17/2002 stating she had received a card showing initory and endowment work in the Medford, Oregon temple completed. Bob sent the names to Lynette Massinter Bragg(prior to his death) to do in that temple.	
65. Charlotte Jane Nay and Clifton Reu Nay, Family Group Sheet-Clifton Reu Nay. Copied for Luella Kurtz Faucett by Bernice Nay Kurtz.	
66. Veterans Crown Point Cemetery. "Veterans Crown Point Cemetery, Appleton	

# Family Group Record

**Husband** Elmer Carr Nay

**Wife** Charlotta Jane Doxford

**Sources (Continued)**

- Cemetery, Loback District Cemetery and Bethel Cemetery, Mesa County, Colorado." Cemetery Index.
67. Charlotte Jane Nay and Clifton Reu Nay, Family Group Sheet-Clifton Reu Nay. Marriage was also confirmed in a conversation by phone, 2002, with Shirley Bowen Nay.
  68. Director of Vital Statistics, State of Utah, Certificate of Birth,; Utah, FHL film #0823829, 4 Jan 1911. Birth Record of female Nay, with supplemental report of birth, State of Utah, Reg. 1; Monroe, Utah, Bernice Nay, daughter of Elmer Nay and Jane Doxford. State Board of Health file no. 5000.
  69. State of California, Certificate of death, State of California, p.3883600, Apr 1988. Death of Bernice Nay Kurtz.
  70. State of California, County of San Bernardino, Certificate of Death-California, Certificate of death, 15 Apr 1988. Burial of Bernice Nay Kurtz.
  71. Charlotte Jane Doxford Nay, Family Group Sheet.
  72. Charlotte Jane Nay and Clifton Reu Nay, Family Group Sheet-Clifton Reu Nay, Fam. grp. sht. Baptism date on family group sheet.
  73. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, LDS Ordinance Index, CD's of Family Search. Sealing to parents stated on family group sheet.
  74. Director of Vital Statistics, State of Utah, Certificate of Birth,; Utah, FHL Film #0823829, 3 Oct 1914 (filed). County of Sevier, Precinct of Monroe, Town or village of Monroe, Registered No. 133.
  75. Charlotte Jane Nay and Clifton Reu Nay, Family Group Sheet-Clifton Reu Nay, fam. grp. sht. Confirmed by Granddaughter, Dawnea Freeman Schollmeyer.
  76. State of Utah, Certificate of Death-Utah, Copy of Death Certificate, 6 Nov 1977 (filed). Died in the Veterans Admisistration Hospital in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake Co., UT.
  77. State of Utah, Certificate of Death-Utah, Copy of Death Certificate. Buried in Orem City Cemeter, Orem, UT.
  78. Dawnea Freeman Schollmeyer, Family Group Sheet, D. Schollmeyer, Fam. Grp. sht. Marriage from Dawnea is what is posted, but the record on the family group sheet of Clifton Reu Nay, states the marriage was 4 Dec. 1944.