

Mabel were the parents of seven children: Cecil Ensign, Herman Hans, Russell Hamblin, Weldon Albert, Nona (Farrer), Mary Angeline, and LaRaine S. Isaac died in 1951.

WILLIAM JOHN FRY was born in England in 1855. Riverton Ward records indicate that he was a resident of Riverton from 1887 to 1889, prior to moving to Brigham City, where he died in 1908.

DALE F. GARDINER, a lifetime resident of the Riverton/Bluffdale area, served two consecutive terms as Riverton's mayor from 1982 to 1990. Although he ran two successful campaigns for mayor, Gardiner lost in a 1986 bid for Congress and a 1988 bid for the Salt Lake County Commission. In reviewing his campaign history in 1988, Gardiner quipped: "I ran for school crossing guard in the fifth grade . . . and lost."⁴⁶ He is an attorney.

PETER NIELS GARFF situated in a dugout home on the bottom lands, possibly as early as 1862, according to family records. He was centrally located between Timothy Gilbert and Sam Green's places. Born in Denmark in 1843, he joined the Mormon Church in 1855 and emigrated to Utah in 1857. Family records mention that he planted an orchard in Riverton in 1865. He married Antomina Sorensen in 1869, she giving birth to three of their twelve children in their dugout home before moving to Draper in 1874. Garff was president of the board of trustees at Draper at the time the first free district school in Utah was established there. He died in 1921 and is buried in Draper.

AARON GARSIDE, JR., a sheepman, was born in 1871 in England. His parents joined the Mormon Church in the mid-1860s and they emigrated to Utah in 1877 or 1878. They settled in South Jordan and in 1900. Aaron married Annie Jensine Casperine Myers. Aaron built a frame home on the south side of Myers Lane, west of his father-in-law Jacob Myers' home. They were the parents of twelve children. Aaron died in 1963 and was buried in South Jordan. A younger brother, Ernest Hilton Garside, also resided in Riverton. He was born in South Jordan in 1879 and married Geneva Edna Howard in 1901. In 1906, E. H. was murdered by cattlemen while herding sheep in Sweetwater County, Wyoming. Except for a brief time when she resided in Lehi (1911), Geneva Garside served as postmaster in Riverton from 1909 to 1922.

TIMOTHY GILBERT was born in England in 1834. He lived in Riverton twenty-three years and must be regarded as one of its very earliest settlers. A Mormon convert, he emigrated to America in 1855. A few years after coming to Utah, he moved to Riverton and homesteaded on the next hill in the river bottoms immediately south of Nicholas Thomas Silcock. Both of them settled in Riverton the same year (1865).⁴⁷ Gilbert was a polygamist, having three wives. According to one of his grandchildren, he was a fastidious dresser. He was so meticulous that he wouldn't perform his farm labors unless he had a starched pleated shirt to wear.⁴⁸ In 1884-85, he left his families to serve a mission in England. In 1888, he was asked by Mormon Church leaders to move to Colorado to help establish a settlement in the San Luis Valley. Several other Riverton and Bluffdale residents also went to colonize Mormon settlements in Colorado with the Gilberts. They included Joseph and Josiah Draper, John B. Kidd, the Neills, and Crumps. As federal marshals were hunting for polygamists in hiding at this time, Gilbert was advised to take only one wife to Colorado. He took his second wife, Johanne, who had the most children. He left his other wives in a boarding house for polygamist wives with the expectation that they would be well cared for. When he learned that they were destitute and being mistreated, he brought both of them to Colorado to live. In Colorado, he raised hay, grain, and cattle. He was the Presiding Elder of the small settlement (Sunflower) he colonized in the San Luis Valley until 1891. He later moved his families to Manassa, Colorado, where he died in 1914.

JOSEPH GOODLIFF GREEN was born in Snowville, Utah, in 1883, son of Charles and Mary Ann Green. After his father died, his mother brought her family to Riverton in 1890, inheriting her brother-in-law Samuel Green's homestead. A blind widow, she was able to be close to the homes of two of her married daughters, Rose Hannah Jeffs and Harriet Ellen Bate.

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