

BERNECIA JACKSON

I was born 29 June, 1874, in Nephi Jaub County, Utah, of good old English stock. My parents had left their home in old England about 1856. I grew up and had my education in the best schools of that time. I was one of a family of three boys and two girls.

I was about fifteen when we came to Colorado and settled on a ranch near Los Cerritos. We arrived here on March 1, 1889. We came to Colorado because of my father having plural wives. It was a gloomy wilderness country when we got there, but we soon got acquainted with many good people.

My father was always faithful and his family was interested in Church work when he was called to be Bishop of Manassa Ward and we moved to town in 1896.

In 1898, G. Wayne Rogers and I were married in the Salt Lake Temple. To this union were born four children, Wayne, Edna, Sara Cloe, and Heber.

Previous to this marriage and since marriage I have held my position in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. My husband and I went to Salt Lake City in 1898 to represent San Luis Stake in the Sunday School Jubilee. Fifty years of Sunday School in the Rocky Mountains. For three years I was secretary of the ward Sunday School. In 1909 I was chosen secretary of the ward Relief Society. I represented the Relief Society for the Stake in 1916. In 1930 I was made secretary of the Stake Relief Society. In 1917 I was chosen Stake President of the Y.W.M.I.A. Twice I have been president of the ward Relief Society. I have taken great pleasure in working in the house of the Lord.

It has been my pleasure to take endowments for queens and princesses. I have heard the Heavenly Choir sing "O My Father" in the Arizona Temple. I hope I will be able to keep well and when I won't be able to wait on myself, I hope the Lord will take me.

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