

GRANT GORRINGE

Grant was born in Oakley, Idaho 8 December 1920. He was born on a farm and educated in the schools of the Oakley Valley.

When Grant was about four years old, he was badly injured when the bleachers collapsed at a ball game. LaVerda remembers the occasion very well. She says "When the accident took place I began helping mother look for the kids. As we met Sister Crane Mother said "I hear a little boy has been hurt". Sister Crane said "Yes it is Grant." He was taken to a house close by and a doctor was summoned. They didn't expect him to live but I bear testimony that he was saved by a blessing he received in which he was promised he would live. Glenn reports that Grant had turned black when he was rescued, and that he had to learn how to walk again by pushing Jack around in a baby buggy.

Grant was a good farmer and a hard worker. Even as a teenager he had the reputation of being one of the best workers in the area and the most sought after by his neighbors when they had a job to be done.

Since Jaren and I had determined to go on to college after high school graduation, Grant and Glenn were left to help dad on the farm. They also worked for their neighbors and people in other localities. This included thinning beets in Burley, picking potatoes in Mountain Home, harvesting beans in Murtaugh etc. At all times they tried to out-do all other workers. This experience as told by Glenn gives an indication of their expertise. "One summer we pitched hay for Keith Cranney. The going wage was \$2.00 per day. At noon the first day he said, 'You fellows pitched more hay than anyone who has ever worked for me. If you will stay until we are through I will give you another \$.50 per day'." Since much of what they did was paid for by the piece they often made pretty good money.

Grant always liked a good joke and had a good sense of humor. This is illustrated by an incident described by Glenn at Grant's funeral. "We were on our way back to Madras (Oregon) from an Indian Reservation. Grant was driving, I was sitting next to him. Grant was speeding a little and Wilma said, 'Grant slow down; to which Grant replied, Glenn get your foot off the gas peddle'."

According to Leola,, "Grant was friendly, humorous, and charitable. He put others before himself, always ready to help in any situation. He was especially helpful to his mother. When mother would ask him to help her mop the floor

or get a bundle of wood, he would jokingly say 'no' but then immediately say, 'but I will do it while you rest'."

In my closing remarks at Grant's funeral I said, "Seldom has a closer relationship been developed between a brother and sister than that of Grant and LaVerda." LaVerda agrees full heartedly. She tells of their many fishing trips together; of a special trip to Canada and of sharing many meals and picnics together. As Roy and LaVerda grew older, Grant and Wilma were a real support to them in times of need. Just knowing they were near and available was a great solace to them.

Grant was born a farmer and remained a farmer all his life. However he took a few detours along the way, but not altogether by himself for on September 10, 1944 he married Wilma Wills of Burley, Idaho who stood by his side in all decisions.

After a tour of duty in the army, Grant and Wilma moved to Portland, Oregon where Wilma made cookies and pies and specialized in making and decorating wedding cakes. While she made goodies, Grant made pipes for the Portland Concrete and Pipe Company.

But Grant's farming instincts could not long remain dormant. In 1961 they moved to Madras, Oregon where they bought an eighty acre farm. However, eighty acres was not enough for Grant's ambition and capabilities. so along with farming he worked in a potato processing plant from which he retired in 1983.

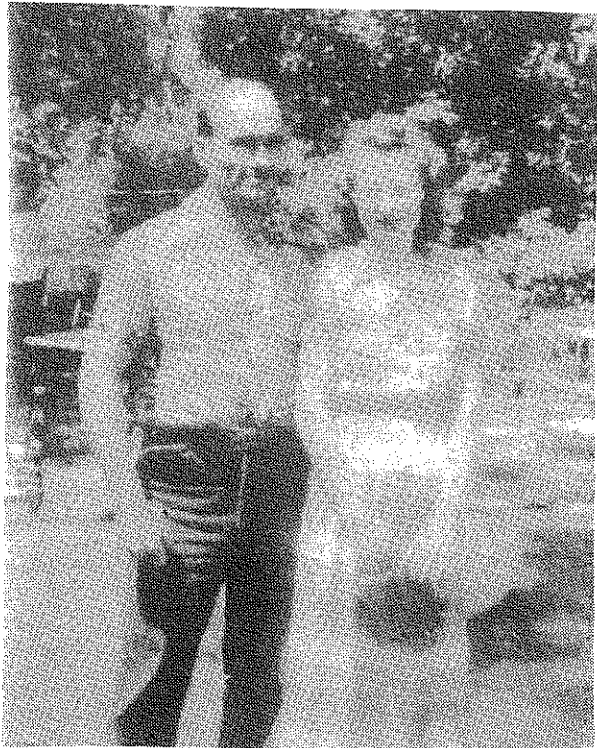
Since Grant and Wilma were unable to have children of their own and having a desire to help the less fortunate, they adopted two Indian boys called John and Jimmy.

They were able to enjoy retirement together for only about three years. Grant passed away 15 August 1986. During their 25 years in Madras, Grant and Wilma accumulated an array of friends from many walks of life. A large number of these attended his funeral which was held in the L.D./S. Chapel in Madras 20 August 1986. The funeral was a little unusual in that the entire program was given by his brothers except for the music. They participated as follows:

Officiating: Bishop Jaren Tolman
Invocation: Jack Tolman
History: Russell Tolman
Remarks: Glenn Tolman
Benediction: Clarence Tolman

All of us out of town visitors were treated with much respect and hospitality by the people of Madras. Many of us were housed and fed by the Tolman friends.

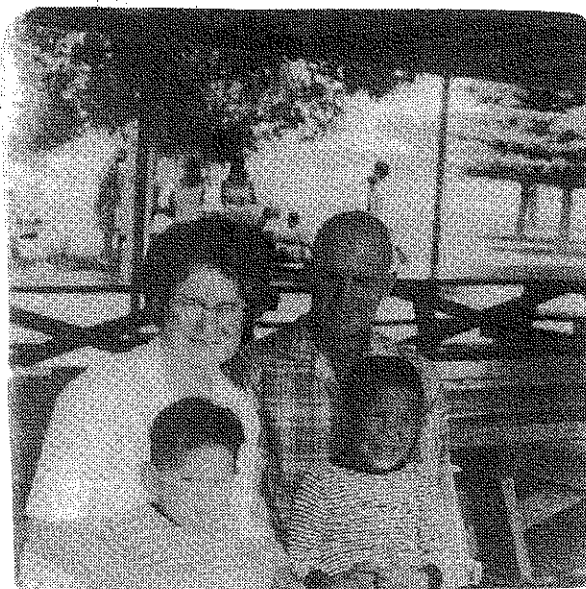
(written by Russell)



Grant and Wilma Tolman



Grant - World War II



Top: Grant and Wilma
Bottom: James, Jonathan

HUSBAND

TOLMAN, Grant Gorringe
 8 Dec 1920 Place Oakley, Cassia, Idaho

Husband	1
Wife	2
Ward Examiners	
Stake or Mission	

Chr. _____ Place _____
 Marr. 10 Sep 1944 Place _____
 Died 15 Aug 1986 Place Madras, Oregon
 Bur. 20 Aug 1986 Place Madras, Oregon
 HUSBAND'S FATHER TOLMAN, Parley Lambert
 HUSBAND'S MOTHER TOLMAN, Lydia Vilate
 HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES _____

WIFE

WILLS, Wilma
 20 Sep 1921 Place _____
 Chr. _____ Place _____
 Died _____ Place _____
 Bur. _____ Place _____
 WIFE'S FATHER WILLS, Edward Charles
 WIFE'S MOTHER MILLER, Delphia Jean
 WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS _____

SEX M F	CHILDREN List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth Given Names SURNAME	WHEN BORN			TOWN	WHERE BORN			DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE TO WHOM	WHEN DIED		
		DAY	MONTH	YEAR		COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY	DAY		MONTH	YEAR	
1	M TOLMAN, Jonathan Brent	4	Feb	1965								
2	M TOLMAN, James Joseph	10	Apr	1967								
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