

## LIFE HISTORY OF NOEL JAY TOLMAN

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I, Noel Jay Tolman, was born January 21, 1927, the son of William Alvin Tolman and Hattie Naomi Tolman, at Oakley (Island), Cassia County, Idaho. I was born in a small house just south of the Samuel Crane home. When I was old enough to remember, the house was torn down. However, at one time Dad owned the 80 acres, but lost it when the price of sheep went down. Dad farmed and (rented) the 80 acres the house stood on at various times. I know I must have had much love and concern from my ten brothers and sisters, being I am the youngest in the family. As they have through the years had concern for my well being. When I was two years old the Oakley valley has a infection of spinal myelitis and I stricken with this illness. Many died or were deformed and had ill effects all of their lives due this illness. My Mother has related that she prayed that if I was not to be whole for my life to be taken. I attribute my recovery to the great faith of my Mother. I was fortunate that through the power of the priesthood and faith of my family I was restored to full health eventually. I was ill for about three years. My nurse was Mrs. Simon Haag.

My first recollection in life was when I was about five years old. We lived on the Mc Arthur or (Sessions Place). One event that I remember was when the saddle turned on a horse my brother Wendell was riding . He was badly battered from being under the horse who had run some distance until it arrived home. I remember Mrs. Annie Tolman, Lewis Tolman was her husband, a cousin, held back the feet of the horse while they loosened the saddle to free Wendell. Annie was a very strong woman. Annie and her family moved to Texas in late 1930's. I was privileged to see her and Lewis when my son lived in the Dallas, Texas area in the 1970's. While living on the Sessions Place we had a turkey gobbler that sat on apples instead of eggs that were put under him. He was trying to hatch the apples. I also remember a pet lamb we had that Dad killed for eating, which was a sad day as I remember it. But as the years went by I came to realize the need of doing this and how my own children had a similar experience with chickens we raised as they were growing up in Pocatello, Idaho. The chickens raised were taken to Aunt Vilda's farm to mature on Marsh Creek, Mc Cammon and they would not help catch them for killing and would not eat them.

I lived in Island and Marion, Idaho until I was twelve years old. I attended the Marion Grade School and walked to school year around for two miles, I enjoyed school, relatives and friends that attended school. Two favorite teachers were Thelma and William Thompson. They taught me in the 4th and 5th grades and other grades as well. I received reading awards from them and School District #19, Marion, Idaho. In grade school my sister Hattie was very protective of me and always came to my aid, if I was being picked on. I enjoyed the games at recess such as: Red Rover-Red Rover, Fox and Geese (in the snow), ball games, etc., all these gave me pleasure and good exercise. I remember the fun times of walking to and from school, with my cousin Byron Tolman and friends. We would chase the girls and kiss them. Some of my friends were Bill Whittle, Darwin Crane, Bob Robinson and Bob Matthews. We lived on the Martin Place before we

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left for Pocatello, Idaho in May 1939.

By the time I remember much, my three older sisters were gone from Oakley. Naomi was married before I was born. I came to know and appreciate my sisters Emma and Armenia after we moved to Pocatello in 1939. By then they were both married and Emma lived in Pocatello and Armenia lived out of Idaho Falls at Iona. I was an uncle before I was born. James Alfred May, Naomi's son is a year older than me. I recall the good times we had when Naomi came home during holidays or for summer visits. Jim, Howard and Max May were real fun nephews and the good times in Marion and Pocatello were great. I know we were chased of straw and hay stacks many times. We seen no harm in playing on these stacks. While living in the Oakley valley I remember the times at Aunt Alice Larson's home with Osburn Larson a cousin my age and the fun times we had. The good times with Uncle Parley and Aunt Vilate Tolman's family was great. Their son Jack was 2 years older and we had the same birthdays, we had many birthday parties together. Their family lived less than two miles from us so we had a lot of contact at church, parties, reunions, staying at their home and get-togethers. There are fond memories of other children of Parley, namely Jack, Vilate, Helen and Clarence. They attend Island Country School instead of Marion Grade School.

I recall Christmas of 1938, my brothers who lived in Pocatello gave me a large red sled with my name NOEL JAY painted across the middle board. This sled was larger than normal sleds and I enjoyed many fun times using it for years. Especially enjoyed it on the Swim Hill on their ranch. You could go for almost a mile on the snow. I remember one year in Pocatello that I received a new jacket for Christmas and while sleigh riding on the Swim Hill, I missed a curve and went down through the sagebrush and tore off nearly all the buttons. Mother and I were real unhappy about this accident.

In 1939 the following brothers and sisters lived in Pocatello, Idaho, William O., Alma J., Marvin Ray, Alvin L. Wendell L., Emma Briggs Higgins, also my parents, and sisters Bernice and Hattie. We left Oakley on May 30, 1939 for Pocatello. This was quite a change but I faired fairly well. I believe the hardest to adjust was Mother and Bernice and it was somewhat hard on Hattie. I began the seventh grade at Irving Junior High and spent two enjoyable years there. It was quite a change from the little country school I had attended. I rode the school bus to school, & part of time I would go home on the bus or walk from school to the Palace Market and work until I went home to milk the cows, etc. Because I worked in the market I obtained an excuse from gym class as I got plenty of physical exercise at the meat market and on the farm. We lived three and half miles from the city limits out south main street.

Some of the teachers I had at Irving Junior High were: Edith Ball, Clifford Brown-shop, Dan Martin-principal, Olive Sprester, H. Ash-art, R. Hotka-science. I learned a great deal at Irving Junior High that prepared me for future life here upon the earth. Somewhere along the way, I obtained a dislike for reading any more than was necessary, which I wish I had done better. I overcame that dislike a few years later.

I entered Pocatello Senior High School in fall of 1942. I have fond memories of Junior High and the many friends I had acquired in just two years. Most of them would be around through high school. When I obtained a drivers license I seldom rode the bus to school. By this time instead of milking 14 head of cows by hand, we milked 60 head with milking machines. Alma Tolman milked most of the time at 4:00 AM and 4:00 PM. I helped in the mornings and took the

milk into the creamery and took the truck to the market until night, when someone else usually took it back to the farm. I would usually work at the market after school as we stayed open until 9:00 PM. The high school was only one and half blocks from the Palace Market at the first location and only one block at our new location. I played football for two years and had fun on some of trips and playing Saturday J.V. games in the snow, etc.

As I grew and matured in Pocatello, I was quite a tease to some of my nieces and nephews. Marjorie Higgins was of such a nature that I could not tease her much, but Barbara Higgins was in tears all the time. John Odell Tolman was eight years younger than I and born in January as I was. I teased him a great deal and Opal his mother was unhappy with me many times. I guess it was just part of growing up in a large family. By the time the rest of the children came along I had outgrown most of my bad natures. I enjoy my family and all my loved ones. I hope they will forgive me of the failures to measure up in the past. I know that God lives and that Jesus my Redeemer exists. I know the gospel is true and that this dispensation of the gospel was restored by heavenly messengers in these latter days. I know that Joseph Smith was a prophet and that our current Prophet Gordon B. Hinckley is a true latter day prophet.

While in high school I was active in my church assignments. When a sophomore I obtained the Eagle Rank and two palms from the Boy Scouts of America. I enjoyed the church meetings and can remember if an occasion arose that I missed church it seemed like a 14 day week. I recall one of those times was when I had worked all summer and saved to buy my first new suit from J. C. Penney for \$12.00. On our way to church on our Harley Davidson motor cycle (with the side car removed) my brother Wendell was driving and I was on the back. As we went over the hill at Zeibarth Ranch we hit a patch of gravel and slide two hundred feet or more. I was on the bottom so I took most of the shock. At any rate the full seat of my new suit was removed and I still have scars to this day to prove this fact. I could not sit down for several weeks, so I did not go to church during this time. My parents always lead the way and seldom missed church meetings, we all attended. Since many of the ward members lived on farms our Sacrament Meeting did not start until late. It varied from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM for starting times over the years. When we moved to Pocatello we belonged to the First Ward located at Garfield and Center. As the church grew the First Ward was divided and we became part of the Eleventh Ward. This ward has since been divided several times and the area is still growing with new conversions and re-activation. As I look back the church and scouting programs were a vital part in preparing me for the balance of my life.

Since I disliked reading, during my high school years I used to go out to Emma's and stay and have Marjorie Higgins read the books to me or she would read a book and tell me about the story. I then would make an oral report in class. My father also would read some books to me. Thank goodness I overcame this laziness. The beginning was while in the U. S. Navy, I studied and took correspondence courses for U. S. History and English to complete my High School required courses. Also during and after my two year mission I gained a desire to read and obtain knowledge. My library of books has grown greatly and I have read most books more than once. I enjoy reading the standard works, which has been completed many times over the years. Much hidden knowledge and inspiration from all activities in life, can be gleaned from the scriptures.

I attended Pocatello Senior High School only three and half years. The reason for this was.



I did not want to wait until after I was 18 years old as I would then be drafted into the army. By January 1945 my brothers Alvin and Wendell were in the U. S. Marines and T. Ross Stinger, my brother-in-law, was in the Army. Therefore, William F. Reese a close friend and I joined the U. S. Navy on January 16, 1945. After induction into the navy in Boise, Idaho, I traveled via train in an old rail car to the San Diego Training Station, California. After boot camp and a leave home I was hospitalized at San Diego Training Station for some time due to an abscessed tooth. After hospital release I was transferred to Camp Pendleton, California for reassignment. Because of my tooth, Bill Reese had already been reassigned and so we were separated. In May 1945, I was assigned aboard the USS Hollandia CVE #97 a small carrier docked at Coronada Island, California. I remained aboard this ship until I was discharged in July 1946. I received several victory and war decoration and the navy experiences were rewarding. I am happy that I had the opportunity for military service. Some of the areas and places visited during my navy tour were as follows: Pearl Harbor, Honolulu, Manus, Ulithi, Sea around Okinawa and Iwo Jima, Guam, Saipan, San Diego, San Pedro, Kwajalein, Eniwetok, San Francisco and Seattle, Tacoma, Olympia and Mukilteo, Washington.

When the war ended in August 1945 our ship was about 50 miles off the coast of Japan, we could see Fujiyama the volcanic mountain near Tokyo, Japan. We then left the area and transported civilians and servicemen from all services from the various island back to San Diego on the first trip. When we entered the harbor at San Diego a great welcome was experienced, with flags, bands, banners and thousands of people. We made several trip to Pacific area and brought back thousands of troops and civilians.

My ship was docked at Mukilteo, Washington for de-commission when I was released for discharge from the U. S. Navy. I was discharged on July 19, 1946 at Bremerton, Washington. After discharge I spent several weeks hitch hiking home. I went to Hoquiam, Washington to see a friend then to Portland, Oregon to see friends and relatives, Grant Tolman a first cousin and his wife. I then went down the Oregon coast to Harbor, Oregon. Bernice (my sister) and Ezie lived at Harbor and grew Easter Lilies. I spent a week with them before hitch hiking home. After the war servicemen could get rides on the highways real easy. I took the route home down into the very top tip of California, over to Klamath Falls, Burns, Ontario, Oregon and then to Boise and on to Pocatello, Idaho. It was good to get back home to friends and family.

The next year was enjoyed as I prepared to go on a mission. Since, I entered the service early, I lacked a few credits from getting a high school diploma . Therefore, I took correspondence courses from the University of Wisconsin at Madison, Wisconsin in English and U. S. History. These courses with my service credits made it possible to graduate on May 21, 1947 from Pocatello Senior High School.

In October 1947 after a call from the Prophet George Albert Smith, I left for the Central States Mission headquarters in Independence, Missouri. I was interview for my mission by Bishop Henry G. West, President Thayne Austin and Apostle Ezra T. Benson. I was set apart for my mission at the mission home in Salt Lake City, Utah by Richard L. Evans of the First Quorum of Seventy. While serving on my mission I had many great experiences and companions that taught me many important gospel principles and other things to assist me in my life in the future. I labored in the following cities: Kansas City, Missouri; Coffeyville, Kansas; Muskogee, Oklahoma; Junction City and Topeka, Kansas. In the mission field I held the following church offices: Branch Clerk, Branch President

and Supervising Elder. I returned from my mission in October 1949 and entered Idaho State College in January 1950.

While attending college some of the activities I participated in were: Inter-mural Sports, Charter Member of the Delta Phi Honorary Fraternity (a returned missionary fraternity). I graduated from the Institute of Religion with Junior and Senior Certificates. I received a B. S. Degree from Idaho State College in Business, June 1, 1953. I attended college under the GI Bill. I gained much knowledge and had great experiences at college the three and half years I attended.

The most important thing that occurred in my life was the meeting, courtship and marriage to a choice spirit of our Heavenly Father. Joyce Prescott and I were married in the Idaho Falls Temple, November 17, 1950, by William L. Killpack.

To our eternal marriage has been born three choice spirits of God. Jay Arthur Tolman was born 22 August 1951 at Pocatello, Bannock Idaho; Becky Ann Tolman was born 27 December 1955, at Pocatello, Bannock County, Idaho; Susan Tolman born 18 February 1959 at Pocatello, Bannock County, Idaho. Jay has the same initials as his Great Grandfather Joshua Alvin Tolman. I hope Jay will live up to the accomplishments of this great ancestor. I never knew either of my grandfathers as they both had passed away when I arrived on the scene. Jay Arthur has accomplished much in his life such as being an honor student, attending MIT in Cambridge, Mass., fulfilling a mission to Netherlands (Holland), an Engineering Graduate from BYU and a successful father, husband, parent and priesthood bearer. I am happy to have Jean Ellis Tolman in our family. Their three lovely children Adam Jay, Audrey Jean and John are wonderful additions to my posterity and should make great contributions to society as they grow and mature. Becky Ann is a choice spirit and a person much like her grandmothers. Her empathy and love for others is tremendous and she is a chosen daughter of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob to come forth in this last Dispensation of the Fullness of Times. She and her posterity may play an important part in the second coming of the Savior, if they live to this end. Her first husband Thomas L. Waite is an excellent addition to our family and we know he will be an example to his family as he matures throughout life. To this union three children have been born namely: Chad who is a great spirit much like his mother and loves everyone, and Scott who is outstanding in all ways, as he acquires knowledge and controls his life in all aspects, he will accomplish much and then Shannon Noel a lovely daughter that was only with us two months, she will be enjoyed by all of us in the next world. Our youngest Susan is a free spirit and has great potential as she harnesses her knowledge and directs her life in the path of leadership. Susan married Martin B. Schreiber III on June 6, 1981 and Marty is welcomed into our family. Marty has great abilities and his perfection and dedication to whatever project or task he sets out to accomplish are tremendous. Marty and Susan have three lovely and talented children namely: Paul who has many of the qualities of his father, Stephanie who is much like her mother and will be outstanding as she grows into womanhood, and then Andrew a real free spirit that can and will be able to accomplish anything he so desires as he grows into manhood. God bless all my living eight grandchildren, I pray they may accomplish their life goals and ambitions. This is a great time to live upon this earth and many great and important things will transpire in their lifetimes. May I encourage them to live the gospel and stay close to their families and realize the great heritage they have to live up to.

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Over the years of our marriage Joyce and I have progressed as a family unit. We have experienced many events of growth and development. After living most of lives in Pocatello, Idaho, in 1973 we moved to Ventura, California. This beautiful city on the Pacific Ocean is 50 miles north of Los Angeles. I moved to California in January 1973 and Joyce and Susan moved down the Easter weekend in April 1973. I flew home and we drove 900 miles to Ventura, California. I worked in Oxnard but we bought a home in Ventura. Becky Ann stayed with Grandma Hannah Prescott until she completed her Junior year at Pocatello High School and then flew to Ventura. We met some wonderful people in California and enjoyed the few years there. Jay was at BYU when we moved to California. We saw him only at holiday time and in the summer, the first summer he worked for Nabisco in Utah and Idaho as a Sales Rep. In 1974 he work at China Lake, California during the summer before he returned to BYU.

In 1975 I received another transfer with Nabisco, Inc. to Phoenix, Arizona. I moved in October 1975 and rest of the family followed in December 1975. This December was real busy, after moving into our home in Arizona, we spent the last two weeks in Idaho. Our son Jay Arthur and Jean Audrey Ellis were married in the Idaho Falls Temple on December 20, 1975. The reception of all the family and friends was held in Pocatello at the El Ceilto Reception Hall.

I have had many church callings over the years and at the end of this history are listed some of them and the blessings and strength they have been to me throughout my life. I bear testimony to family, loved ones and posterity of the truthfulness of the restored Gospel of Jesus Christ in this dispensation by the power of the Priesthood of God and Heavenly Messengers. The restoration was commenced in 1820 and fully began when The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was organized on April 6, 1830 in Fayette, New York. I know that God our Eternal Father lives and Jesus Christ his son, our Redeemer lived and is a resurrected being now. We may have eternal life, the greatest of gifts, provided we have faith, repent and are baptized into the church and receive the Holy Ghost as a companion to lead and guide us throughout our life. May I encourage my posterity to keep the commandments and thereby have the greatest happiness. I know that we have had prophets of God from Joseph Smith to our present Prophet Gordon B. Hinckley. Our prophets are inspired and guided by Jesus Christ to lead us in righteousness. May all who read this message know I speak the truth. I know the Book of Mormon is a second witness of the divinity of Jesus Christ and supports all other standard works which includes the Holy Bible. Jesus Christ lived and was resurrected in the Meridian of Time.

The greatest calling received to date in the church came on February 8, 1981. I was called as the first Patriarch of the Phoenix Arizona Deer Valley Stake. This morning I received a call to meet with Elder Howard W. Hunter an Apostle at the North Phoenix Stake Presidents Office. He was at a conference to split the stake. Joyce and I met with Elder Hunter at 8:30 AM just 30 minutes before the morning session of conference began. He issued the call and somewhat in awe I accepted the call. Elder Howard W. Hunter ordained me a Patriarch and was assisted by Chester Peterson and Newell Chappel, two patriarch's in the Phoenix North Stake. The events since this calling has been tremendous and I marvel at the guidance and inspiration one can receive in callings by living so the Holy Ghost may direct us. I gave my first blessing May 3, 1981 to Cynthia Elizabeth Worthen. Sister Taylor was called as my first typist. In the fall of 1981 her husband finished graduate school and they moved to Texas. Therefore, my new typist for



blessings was Susan Tolman Schreiber, my daughter. She did an excellent job and I hope this calling was an inspiration to her. I had several other choice typist since then as Susan moved from the Stake.

A few thoughts on some spiritual experiences received in this calling are listed. I have given to date 569 blessings to church members from the following tribes in Israel (Jacob): Ephraim, Manasseh, Judah, Simeon, Levi and Benjamin. Nearly all blessings were given to people I did not know. However, the lineage's for other than Ephraim and Manasseh were known almost immediately after appointments were made. This surely is the spirit of prophecy made manifest. I know future specific callings for some of the individuals, provided they live worthy. Some will be apostles and/or missionaries of prominence to Palestine and Independence, Missouri and participate in other events that will precede the second coming of Jesus Christ. I did not tell any of these things in their blessings but know the things will happen through faithfulness.

More detailed accounts of events in my life are in my Personal Journal, a record of services aboard the USS Hollandia, two volumes of my Daily Missionary Journal for two years, mission scrapbook and other books and records.

#### **HOMES JOYCE AND I HAVE LIVED IN SINCE NOVEMBER 1950**

Our first apartment was a small rear house behind 424 South Garfield, Pocatello, Idaho, owned by Golden Preece, it had a small upstairs bedroom.

We then lived south of Pocatello on Bannock Hiway in the two story home that Opal and Bill Tolman lived in before they moved to Idaho Falls, Idaho. This was short lived as it had no inside plumbing.

Our next residence was a basement apartment on Fairmont Street in Alameda, Idaho.

The next residence was a larger apartment at 424 South Garfield, next to our first small apartment. We resided here until we bought our first home.

The first home we bought was at 631 South 10th Avenue, Pocatello, Idaho. I did much remodeling and I finished the basement with two bedrooms, family room, washroom and bathroom. We rented rooms and boarded college students. The first outside painting took many gallons due to the dry shake siding wood. My Mother, Hattie N. Tolman passed away on our couch at this home. She had been to the doctor in the morning and came by to visit and have lunch with us. I came home for lunch and she said she would lay down for a while and then eat. I ate lunch and returned to work. Joyce called me later that Mother was ill. By the time I arrived home she was gone. Dr. Richard Crandall was there but could not save her. We lived here for several years and enjoyed our family as they grew. Becky Ann and Susan were born while we lived on south 10th. We sold this home to Morgan Hawkes and lived in a rented home until our new home was completed. The rented home was in the 200 block of South Johnson, Pocatello, Idaho.

In February 1960 we moved into our new brick home at 49 Colgate in college terrace above Idaho State University. We enjoyed this home with a full basement and garage. It was brick and very well built. Uncle Bob Prescott and Clem Kynaston built this home for us. I did a great deal of work on this home, I finished off the basement after we moved in, Uncle Bob put in the room

partitions and Uncle Albert Prescott helped with the electrical and I did the rest. We rented rooms in the basement to college students for a while. Due to over extending ourselves we sold this home to Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Cook and moved again.

Our next home was at 1352 East Bonneville, Pocatello, Idaho, a two story frame home. It actually had four levels. The upstairs with two bedroom and bath, main level, half down to one half bath and utility room, and a family room and bedroom in the basement. I completed the basement bedroom for Jay Arthur after we moved in. Jay left for his one year at MIT and his mission and returned while we lived here. Becky and Susan matured much while we lived here. It was from this home that we left to reside in California.

The next home was 900 miles west at 821 Denver, Ventura, California on the Pacific Ocean just 50 miles north of Los Angeles. We lived here from 1973 to 1975. We met fine people while in California and as we look back with fond memories, sometimes wishing we had never left Ventura.

The next residence was in December 1975 at 3960 West Glenaire, Phoenix, Arizona. We had our first swimming pool here. It was a Blue Haven Lagoon (Black Lava) pool and had many enjoyable times at this home. Becky Ann and Tom had their reception at this residence. They were married in the Mesa Arizona Temple. However, due to high heating and cooling bills for this 2300 Square Foot two story frame home we sold this home and moved again in December 1977.

We bought 1800 Sq. Ft. block home at 17249 North 37th Avenue, Glendale, Arizona 85308. We enjoyed this home enormously. In the summer of 1979 we installed a pool and enjoyed many family get-togethers around the pool, etc. Susan and Marty were married here by Bishop Larry Wilcox on June 6, 1981 and the reception was at this home on the same day.

Finally after we both retired, in 1995 we decided to sell the home on 37th Avenue. In October 1995, we moved into a condo at 14401 N. 58th Avenue, Glendale, Arizona 85306.

We also during the 1980's acquired a building lot in White Mountain Lake, Arizona, which is near Showlow and built a 800 Sq. Ft. cabin. We use especially in the hot summers and to get out of the Phoenix valley. In our retirement we hope to really enjoy this as time goes on. Since we both retired we have enjoyed the trips to Idaho for reunion or visiting relatives. We also made a two week trip on one occasion with Bob and Arleene Prescott, and Raymond L. Prescott from Idaho Falls to Boise and then through Nevada to California and up the coast of California, Oregon, Washington to Seattle where we stayed with Arleene's sister for a few days. Then we went over the Puget Sound to Victoria, B. C. and after a few days here we went through the Canadian Rockies and down into Montana. From here we returned to Idaho Falls. The Rockies in Canada are so beautiful and the number lakes and forests are tremendous. We may go back there again and take more time to view the area. This trip to Canada was from September 10 to September 29, 1993 including the time from Phoenix to Idaho and trip and then returning to Phoenix. I have a six page journal of our trip and events that happened. The following year we made a trip with the same family from Idaho Falls to, Hope, Idaho (near Sandpoint) to visit some Phoenix friends that spend the summers on Lake Pend Oreille. We spend almost a week there before we returned to Idaho Falls. We stopped at Marvin Tolman's market and slaughterhouse in Hamilton, Montana and enjoyed our visit with him and the family.

We should all remember how precious our time is here on the earth and to enjoy our



families and enjoy life, make someone else a little happier because we cared for them. I am so thankful for the examples that my brothers and sisters were to me as a grew and obtained some maturity. I am so thankful for my children and my dear wife who I love and cherish.

In 1999 several changes have taken place such as the following: Adam J. Tolman our oldest grandson was married in the Glendale North Stake Center, Glendale, Arizona by Bishop Echols on May 22, 1999. His bride was Jana Johnson and we welcome her to the family. Susan Tolman Schreiber entered the Mesa Arizona Temple and received her endowments on May 25, 1999

### **PRIESTHOOD ORDINATIONS**

Deacon by Alma J. Tolman 5 February 1939 (a few months before we left the Oakley Valley and moved to Pocatello, Idaho)

Teacher by Alvin L. Tolman 18 January 1942 in Pocatello, Idaho

Priest by Marvin Ray Tolman 30 January 1944 in Pocatello, Idaho

Elder by William Alvin Tolman 5 April 1945 in Pocatello, Idaho. I was ordained an elder while on Navy Leave. I was happy to have my father able to ordain me to this office in the higher priesthood. My father had been excommunicated from the church some years before and did not get his priesthood and temple blessings restored until now.

High Priest by Hugh B. Brown an Apostle 27 March 1955 in Pocatello, Idaho, when I became a member of the Sixth Ward Bishopric.

Patriarch by Elder Howard W. Hunter an Apostle on 8 February 1981 in Phoenix Arizona Deer Stake of Zion.

### **CHURCH CALLINGS AND ASSIGNMENTS DURING THE YEARS**

I held various offices in the Aaronic Priesthood Quorums and the various scouting leadership offices as a scout in the route to an eagle rank.

In the Central States Mission I held the office of Branch Clerk, Branch President, Supervising Elder and taught classes in all organizations including the Relief Society. I realized how much my teachings in the various organizations in Marion, Idaho by Aunt Vilate Tolman in primary and in Pocatello helped me on my mission and teaching the gospel. I performed a marriage while on my mission in Muskogee, Oklahoma, I joined Raymond William Vernable and Mary Ellen Burns. I conducted various kinds of funerals such as: Services for a WW II veteran whose remains were returned in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, a hillbilly funeral in the Oklahoma Ozarks and a funeral at a swank Topeka, Kansas Mortuary.

Elders Quorum Second Councilor, Second Quorum, West Pocatello Stake

Elders Quorum President twice in Second Quorum, West Pocatello Stake

Bishopric 2nd Councilor, Sixth Ward, Pocatello Stake, to Bishop Cantril Nielsen,

Ward Clerk to Bishop's Cantril Nielsen & Lawrence Lystrup, Pocatello Stake, 6th Ward.

Executive Secretary to Bishops Arthur Nielsen & Ralph Stephenson, Second Ward,

Pocatello Stake.

I held nearly every scouting and exploring positions in various wards & stakes.

Explorer Chairman for the Tendoy Council, 10 year Scouting Service Pin and have been a registered scout in excess of 20 years.

In 1947 I took the Eleventh Ward scouts for a week to Salt Lake City to celebrate the 100th anniversary for the Pioneers entering the Salt Lake Valley. We camped at Fort Douglas Army Reservation and marched in the July 24, 1947 parade. This was a great experience that helped prepared me for my mission in October 1947.

Pocatello Stake Senior Aaronic Priesthood Advisor, I served with J. Golden Jensen, High Councilor. We held many Senior Aaronic Priesthood Seminars or Schools and was successful in getting many couples to the temple and back into church activity.

High Councilor in Pocatello East Stake.

High Priest Group leader in Ventura, California, also served as Seventy Group Leader due to no worthy seventies in the ward.

High Priest Group Leader in Phoenix North Stake several times in the 30th and 39th wards.

I have taught nearly every class in the Sunday School and Priesthood Quorums.

I hold several Genealogy Certificates and taught Genealogy courses several times.

Teachers Training certificate, Eagle Scout badge, two palms and several Aaronic Priesthood Awards.

I have especially enjoyed my call as a Patriarch in the Phoenix Arizona Deer Valley Stake. I was ordained a Patriarch by Howard W. Hunter of the quorum of the Twelve on February 8, 1981. I have taught the High Priest Quorum in many Arizona wards and presently I am group instructor in the Cactus Ward of the Glendale North Stake. Effective October 1, 1999 Joyce and I were set apart as Temple Workers in the Mesa Arizona Temple on a two year mission. We work the Saturday Session every week for the second session from 11:00AM to 4:00 PM.. This calling has been one of the most enjoyable and spiritual calling we have participated in. In 1998 I was sustained and set apart as the first assistant in the Cactus Ward High Priest group. When I left the Deer Valley Stake, they did not need another Patriarch in Glendale North Stake, I am at present in an inactive status as a Patriarch. While living in the North Glendale Stake I have had the opportunity to teach the Temple Preparation Class.

May I take this opportunity to inform my posterity and beloved relatives wherever they may be, that happiness and joy may come to a person that is in the service of others. I bear testimony that God lives and answers prayers of the faithful. I exist today due to the power of the Priesthood and faith of my parents and loved ones. I testify that God has been good to me and my family. Remember the ill and sick among you, be a friend to all you know and come in contact with is my prayer to those who may read this history.

## EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT

Pocatello Senior High School graduated 1947.

Bachelor of Science Degree in Business from Idaho State College 1953.

Masters Degree and Business Courses in 1966, 1967 and 1970 at Idaho State College.

**Masters in Management , May 1981 from the University of Phoenix.**

**Self employment in Family Partnership from 1939 to 1951 Farmer, Meat Cutter, C a r  
Salesman, Hod Carrier, etc.**

**Hawkes Transfer and Storage, Pocatello, Idaho 1951-53 mover, truck driver and  
warehouseman.**

**Willard Bowen and M. T. Deaton, two CPA Firms, Pocatello, Idaho, 1953-1955,  
Accountant at these firms.**

**National Biscuit Company, Nabisco, Inc., Nabisco Brands Inc. September 1953 to August  
1992 when I retired after 39 years. Office titles I held at Nabisco were General Clerk, Senior  
Clerk, Assistant Cashier in Training, Office Manager**

**Trainee, Office Manager, Operations Supervisor, & Operations Manager  
I worked at Pocatello, Idaho; Oxnard, California & Phoenix, Arizona.**

**NOEL JAY TOLMAN**