Biography of Sarah Constancia Tolman Parkin

Edited by Lee T. Romrell, great nephew

This year, 1963, with the advice and help of Sister Agness B. Mangus, I will endeavor to write my Biography. We have been advised in the Daughters of Utah Pioneers and in the church to do so. My families also have asked me many times, so with their help and the help of the Lord, I will be successful.

I am very proud to be an American and a Latter-Day Saint, also a Daughter of the Utah Pioneers. I am proud of my heritage and know of the price they paid for our freedom and peace. I hope I can live worthy of all these privileges. I had very good parents, brother, and sisters, and a good kind, loving husband. He likewise came from fine parents, and I love all of his brothers, sisters, and their families.

I am very proud of our seven children: Lamar, Vivian, Lorene, Elaine, Elva, Fay, and Wayne. We have added joys with our grandchildren, 28 in number and 32 great-grandchildren.

With all our joys and sorrows, we have gained many blessings and a true testimony of the gospel. May all who read this biography enjoy it as much as we have enjoyed compiling it.

Signed: Sarah C.T. Parkin

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Sarah's memory is remarkable and her notes are in every detail, but time and space will not permit printing only the thread of her life story. Her joy and satisfaction to see these 50 manuscripts with pictures completed is well worth my efforts and time. Sarah is one of my choicest friends.

Signed:

Note: The Biography of Sarah Tolman Parkin was found in the Thomas Tolman Family Magazine and Papers along with histories of her sister and brother, dating from 1965 to 1972. I have tried to update these works by retyping them and adding some more photos and information of value to the reader and collector of these works. I tried to keep as much of the original structure as possible. LTR.

Sarah Constancia Tolman Parkin

By Agnes B. Mangus



To write the important events of a woman, who has passed so many milestones in life and was born and raised in the early pioneer times and now living in the most advanced period of all civilization on the earth, is a tremendous task. Recalling some o the evens that made Sarah Constancia Tolman Parkin a choice child, wife, mother, and friend is a labor of love.

Sarah's statistical records and data have been recorded on the Church records all her life and even written up in genealogical books, giving her forbearers back to 825 A.D. Another complete record is now being compiled in the "Tolman Families," so these few pages are dedicated to Sarah.

The first Tolman immigrated to America in 1630 on the ship, Mary and John, a few years after the Pilgrims came here. They landed on Eastern shores where Thomas Tolman purchased large tracts of land from the Indians in the New England States. Following the Tolmans' lives and activities in America and the Old World, we feel sure they came to America for the same purpose as the Puritans and Pilgrims – religious freedom. From this first ancestor, a numerous posterity sprang up and today are scattered all over the United States.

Both Sarah's parents are from English ancestry and al long-living people. They were all Bible-reading people, plain-spoken folks, and honesty was their only code of living. They resided in Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts, and were among the biggest landowners.

When they heard the Latter-Day restoration of the Gospel through Joseph Smith, they joined with many others and traveled westward to Nauvoo, Illinois, later to Salt Lake Valley in September, 1848.

Judson and his brother Cyrus immediately took up land on the east bench in Bountiful. Judson's fourth son, Jaren, became the father of Sarah Constancia Tolman, and her mother was Sarah Jane Burningham Tolman. Jaren and his wife, Sarah Jane, became acquainted through church activities and square dances. They were married in the Logan Temple on March 26, 1885. Jaren had two other wives, Emma B. Briggs and Mary Ann Briggs, who were sisters. He later married Alice Bybee as the fourth wife. All their homes and lands were near each other, and all worked in harmony together in the truck gardens, fields, and fruit orchards.

Sarah was born September 24, 1888, the most lovely time of the year when the flowers have ripened into fruits, and the seeds into vegetables and grains. The colorful autumn leaves covered the hillsides and streams.

Every child in the Tolman families were given home tasks according to their ages and increased as they grew in years.





Jaren Tolman and Sarah Burningham

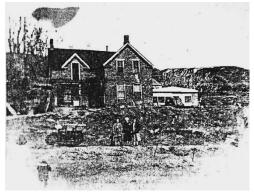
Sarah, being the eldest daughter in her mother's family, shared many home jobs that an older child should have had, especially caring for the babies while her mother worked in the orchards and gardens. She picked and dried fruits for winter use, preserved and dried vegetables, churned the butter and made cheese, and daily sent the milk to the rock cellar for the big family.

Sarah rode the horse that pulled the big chunks of ice from the ponds to the ice house where it was well-covered and tromped with sawdust for the summer use. She milked the cows at an early age and herded them on the hillsides and by the streams. There were weeds and Lucerne to pull for the pigs, eggs to gather, setting hens to look after, and baby chicks to take care of. Dependability was Sarah's second name. She told me how she would sit on the load of vegetables going to the Salt Lake markets and drive the horses while the men folks would sleep after getting the load ready during the night and in the morning until they left at 3:00 A.M. for the markets.

All the hours in her days were not filled with duties, for Sarah had a very happy life with her brothers and sisters and many friends. Some of her friends were Ester Ashdown, Violet Wright, Till and Mable Wagstaff, Laura Holbrook, Cad Moon, and many others.

All the children in the four Tolman families were taught the greatest love and respect for the four mothers and for each other; and Sarah well remembers her grandparents on both sides. She lived with her Grandmother Burningham for months at a time. Sarah walked down to the school in Bountiful with her brothers and sisters and the neighborhood children. She recalls the deep snow drifts made firm by the East winds. Some were big and long enough for them to walk the entire distance to the schoolhouse.

The Tolman children always helped gather the sage and oakbrush to burn in the old cook stove where the irons would be heating to do the big family ironing, bread baking in the ovens, and beans or soup on the top of the stove for the next meal. Many tasks and comforts were accomplished with one stove.



All kinds of sports were enjoyed by the neighborhood kids, skating and sleighing in the winter and ball games and dancing in the warmer months. Sarah well remembers the watermelon field that all the braver kids in the family, including Sarah, went and plugged the whole patch trying to find a ripe one. Their father lined them up and gave each one a good lickin'. They never plugged melons again.

House where Sarah grew up. In front is Sarah with her daughter and granddaughter.

Sarah was the first daughter born to Jaren and Jane. One older son had died when very young. Other children were Lydia Vilate, Ezra Burningham, Elva, Eugene and Theadosia.

Brothers and sisters of the first family with Emma Ann Briggs as mother were: Jaren Thomas, Emma Lucreatia, Hattie Naomia, Martha Laverna, Nancy Alice and Bertha May.

Brothers and sisters of the second family with Mary Ann Briggs as mother were; Judson Lamoni, Euphriam, David Rex, Ann Lucinda, Elmer J. and Mohonri Moriancumer.

Brothers and sisters of the fourth family with Alice Bybee as mother were: Jaren Bybee, Minnie Marie, and Hewett Bybee Tolman. There were a total of twenty-four children in the Jaren Tolman families; all living on the East Bench for many years. At the present time, July 1963, there are the following living: Sarah Constancia, Eugene, Vilate, Minnie and Hewett.



Helene Seifert and Ezra Tolman

In Sarah's late teens her favorite teachers were: Leo J. Muir, Joel Parrish, Effie Porter, Ella Tolman and George Dibble.





Sarah was sweet 16 when she met her future husband at a Halloween party at her best friend's home, Laura Holbrooks. She kept an eye on Elmer all evening and thought he was extra nice.

Thea Tolman and Leslie Westberg

Elva, Eugene, and Thea

One of the main attractions of the evening was riding around the block in a buggie. Elmer said to Sarah: "How about you and I taking a ride around the block?" Sarah gladly accepted. As they passed by her father's home, she said: "My father lives there." Elmer said: "Well that's where my boss lives, and he told me if I worked hard he would give me one of his daughters." We are sure Sarah did some romantic thinking here. When Elmer returned home that night, he sad to his mother: "I met one of the sweetest girls last night and if she is of the same opinion as I am we'll marry one of these days." From late October to late February the romance continued and they were married February 28, 1906.



Several days were spent preparing for the families in the community to attend. They were given an unusual number of gifts to begin their lives together. They moved in with Elmer's folks for a while then to the McDuff place.

The Parkin's seniors were loyal, staunch L.D.S. citizens. They were honest and thrifty in all their dealings; also of English ancestry.

Cyrus Parkin Elmer was an exceptionally good dancer with a humorous personality. He was a hard worker and capable of doing anything. Children loved to hear him tell stories.

The babies came along to Sarah and Elmer. There was Lamar, their first son, Vivian, and Lorene, who was born to them on their fifth wedding anniversary. When Lorene was six weeks old, they took her out to Bountiful to her Grandfather Jeran Tolman's birthday party. He blessed her and gave her a name. He loved her closely and said, "I wonder if we will be together on my next birthday." They were, for death had called them both home. Lorene contacted pneumonia and passed away on her first birthday. She was a beautiful child with so much pretty hair. After the funeral and burial in Bountiful, Elmer and Sarah and two children went to his brother Bert's for dinner, then home to Salt Lake with these few comforting words in their hearts:

"I'll lend you for a little while this child of mine, "He said,
"For you to love while she lives, and mourn for when she's dead.
It may be six or seven years or twenty-two or three,
But will you 'till I call her back take care of her for me?
And should her stay be brief,
You'll have her lovely memories as solace for your grief.

I've looked the wide world over in search of parents true, And from the throngs that crowd life's lanes, I have selected you. Now will you give her all your love nor thing the labor vain, Nor hate me when I come to call her back again.

I fancy that I heard them say, Dear Lord, Thy will be done, For all the joy Thy child shall bring, the risk of grief we'll run. We'll shelter her with tenderness,

We'll love her while we may,

And for the happiness we've known forever grateful stay.

But should the angels call for her much sooner than we planned,

We'll brave the bitter grief that comes and try to understand."



Lydia and Ezra Tolman

Elmer and Sarah lived in various places to be near his truck gardening, rock quarry, smelter, and the mines in Park City. He was foreman for ten years in the mines and while living there Sarah recalls many happy memories of that picturesque, prosperous hillside town. She said, "Oh, the good time we had in Park City." Everyone was so friendly and shared alike. There was Jim and Eva Frackerel, also from Bountiful, who remained life-time friends. While living in Park City, two more children were born, Sarah Elaine and Elva.



Lucinda and Sarah at graduation



The dear neighbors were always ready to help with the new babies, while he mother spent ten days in bed, a far cry from today. Some came to take the laundry, the mending, and give special care to the new baby, mother, and family.

So many fishing and hunting trips were enjoyed up there in those beautiful mountains and along the Provo River.

Elmer became ill with silicosis from the mines and the Parkins moved back to Salt Lake City where Sarah went to work for Auerbach's Department Store when it was on the corner where the Center Theatre is now.

Otto Newman with Amelia and Harold (Elvina Tolman died in 1918 leaving Otto to take care of the children)

She helped move to the present site and worked in the grocery and lunch counter. During these years, Lamar lived with his Grandmother Sarah Jane Burningham out in Bountiful and there attended Church activities and schools. He remained with her until her death on January 20, 1926. Her last few months were full of suffering from blood poisoning caused by stepping on a rusty nail, and having diabetes, it would not heal. She was dearly loved by her families and friends, and tenderly called "Aunt Jane."

During the next few years the Parkins were short-term residents of Laramie, Wyoming and Boulder, Colorado, They returned to Salt Lake City and Wayne, their second son and last child, was born April 4, 1927. It is strange that their present address is 1927. (1963)

The Parkins shared the struggles of the Depression and faced many difficult problems to feed and clothe and educate their children. In the coming years the children married, and the lovely grandchildren came along, much to the joy of Elmer and Sarah.

For several years the Parkins sold woolen goods in Wyoming, Idaho, Colorado and Utah, and enjoyed traveling to the various towns and countrysides. Porter and Verna Tolman Jones joined them in the selling and traveling, and the two couples had many interesting memories of those years.

The next twenty years were spent at 151 Portola Avenue, Salt Lake City, in the Fourth Ward, Temple Stake. A heap of living went on there and many pleasant memories with the close association of Les and Thea Tolman Westberg, fine neighbors and friends. The Westbergs and Parkins took annual fishing and hunting trips and never failed to get their game. Sarah's sister, Thea, passed away during those years.(1940) Les married Lydia and the trips and close association continued. Elmer and Sarah were sealed in the Salt Lake Temple in 1946.

In 1948 the second great sorrow came to the Parkins when Elaine, their third child, passed away a few days after the birth of her third child. Elmer and Sarah shared this sorrow side by side, and little did they think of the husband and father, Cyrus Elmer Parkin, going with her in the next few weeks. A very large funeral was held in the Fourth Ward with Bishop Glen L. Rudd taking charge. Elaine's two older children were in the care of Grandmother and Grandfather Parkin and the tiny baby was with Grandmother Turner.

On December 15, 1948, just six weeks later, Sarah's loving and devoted husband passed away after a lingering illness of fifteen years. He was never well after he left the mines in Park City, having contracted silicosis which developed into an asthmatic condition. Bishop Glen Rudd took charge of Elmer's funeral where a large crowd of relatives and friends attended. The floral offerings at both funerals spoke the love and devotion to the Parkin families. Elmer and Sarah had been married 42 years.

Sarah carried her sorrowing gracefully by living the Gospel and helping in the various organizations. She had been on the Budget Committee for the Ward, Finance Committee too, Sunday School teacher, Visiting Teacher Supervisor under five different Presidents, and Class teacher two different times. Five years later, Sarah moved to san Francisco, California and received the following letter from Bishop Glen L. Rudd in appreciation for her time and talents.

"My wife and I received your nice letter and were very happy to hear from you. We were pleased to hear that you were settled and that you are enjoying your new home very much. I should like you to know that I am personally very grateful for all that you were able to do while you lived here in the Fourth Ward. The work that you accomplished in the Relief Society is greatly appreciated, and you shall be blessed all the rest of your life for what you have done.

Very rarely does anyone spend as many years supervising the Ward Teaching as you have done. The sisters of the Ward miss you very much and you should feel happy to know that you have been such a leader and a blessing to your sister and the people of the Ward."

Signed: Glen L. Rudd, Bishop

Among other activities that Sarah Parkins enjoyed was the Daughter of the Utah Pioneers which she joined May 7, 1929 in Salt Lake City while Kate C. Snow was the Central President. Sarah's number was 5020. In camp 4 she served as Secretary for four terms, President for three terms, and filed her mother's history while she lived in that Camp. Her mother crossed the plains when a very small baby in 1861.

She read with pride the "Memorial Award for Loyal and Outstanding Service to a Great Cause" from the Central Camp. On April 29, 1949 over the signature of President Kate B. Carter, a letter was sent to Captain Sarah Parkin, thanking her for Camp 4 being the first in the county to go "over the top" for their contribution and selling the most books. Other special certificates in appreciation for Sarah's services are from the U.S. Treasury Department, dated July, 1944, and from the Red Cross during World War I for organizing sewing and knitting groups.

Elmer's and Sarah's Families

Elmer Lamar Parkin

Lamar was the first child born to Elmer and Sarah on December 3, 1907 in Salt Lake City. The mid-wife attending life and services are written up in the Church and D U P Histories. She was Dr. Margaret Shipp Roberts, wife to B.H. Roberts.

Lamar had a happy wholesome life and attended church activities and Elementary schools in Salt Lake City. He graduated from Davis High while living with his



grandmother, Jane Burningham Tolman, in Bountiful. He graduated from the University of Utah in 1931, and received his masters Degree in 1947 with high honors.

On September, 1933 Lamar and Mary Soffe were married in the Salt Lake Temple by Apostle George F. Richards. Mary has been a devoted wife and help-mate in home, church and school affairs.

To them four children were born, the eldest was Mary Lou, now Mrs. Jerry Jones and the mother of two girls, Shelly and Becky. James Lamar married Bonnie Damsie; Bonnie Parkin married David Bray, and they have a daughter Trena Ann; and Rheanna is the youngest daughter and is engaged to Jerry Parkins. All of their children are residents of Bountiful and vicinity.

Lamar made every advancement in the Priesthood Quorums and held many Important offices in the various auxiliaries. He was 2nd Councilor in the 3d ward Bishopric. He had the wisdom and understanding to work with the young people in Scouting, coaching them on to victories and in school work.

Lamar portrayed the part of the Prophet Joseph Smith in a



Lamar's Family

ward Play which was taken to salt Lake City Grand Theatre where Apostle George Albert Smith presented him with a pin for his outstanding ability and likeness of the Prophet. Lamar took part in many Ward and Stake Plays, also directed them. He has always taken an active part in civic affairs. He was Bountiful City Councilman, Chairman of the Davis County Sewer Board, Acting Postmaster, and prominent in the Democratic Political Party as well as many other public affairs.

While Lamar was acting Postmaster he and his wife Mary attended the National Postmasters Convention in Florida. Their children were cared for, in their absence, by grandparents, Elmer Parkin.

Their son James filled a mission in Sweden, the native country of his grandmother Soffe. Near his release time Lamar and wife and two daughters, Bonnie and Rheanna toured Europe and visited James in Sweden. They all came home together.

A recent production in the South Davis High School, where Lamar is principal received a great deal of publicity. The Dudley Productions of Hollywood



Lawrence and Vivian in the center of picture. All their seven children and in-laws and grandchildren are in the group.

chose his school to play in "A Long Ways Home", a Union Pacific Railroad Story. Bonnie Parkin took the leading part in the play.

Vivian Bernice Parkin Tonge

Vivian was the first daughter born to Cyrus Elmer and Sarah C.T. Parkin on August 24, 1910 in Bountiful, Utah. She enjoyed the love and admiration of her parents, and she was educated in the schools of Utah and always attended Church activities from the earliest years to adult. When she married Lawrence Tonge, they continued the same admonition and

guidance for their children as they came to the home.

Lawrence and Vivian were active in all the organizations that helped their children to fro and develop. Vivian was in the P.T.A. for many years and in Cub Scouts and Primary for several years. She had a special talent and love for children in the youth organizations. Vivian has an artistic gift to make unusual articles and gift from discarded clothing, cans, quilt scraps, and many other items. She is active in Relief Society and has been a visiting teacher for many years. In the Daughters of Utah Pioneers organization, she was Vice Captain.





Lawrence and Vivian and family: Front row: Jerry, Lois, Shirley Back row: Glen, Ronnie, Terry, Doug.

Lawrence was Cub Scout Master and always ready to assist in the outings with his trucks. He is active in Priesthood and has set a fine example to his sons who likewise have honored this calling. Their eldest son Glen, has filled a mission.

Vivian and Lawrence

To Lawrence and Vivian, seven fine children were born. Lois was the 1st. She married Howard William Hurlbut in 1946. To them three children were born, Tanya Lee, Michael William, and Rhond Lynn. Twelve years later they were divorced. A year later Lois married John Wayne McNeil. They have a son, Harold Wayne. The children by the first marriage take the McNeil name.

A son, Lawrence Glen, was born to the Tonges. He is married to Betty Jo Christiansen and they have two children: Julie and Joseph Glen.

The third child was Shirley Janet, and she is married to August Junior Bruhel. They have four children: Valorie Ann, Steven Lawrence, Rickie August and Jefferie Lynn.

Ronald Elmer had the honor of being the only child names after his grandfather Parkin. He had the sad misfortune to be in an accident while very young and has lived to maturity with a handicap because of the accident. He married Patty Smith and they have three sons. Another son, Douglas Kent, was

born to Vivian and Lawrence. He is married to Evelyn Padilla and the parents of one son.

Two more sons completed the Tonge family. They were Terry Ray, now thirteen years old, and Jerry Lee, ten years old.

Fayette Parkin

Fay and Ted

Fay was the fourth child born to Sarah and Elmer Parkin on April 3, 1914 in Salt Lake City, Utah. She was blessed like the

other Parkin children, with goodly parents. They were good citizens, devoted Church members and provided well for their children.

Fay married Theodore
Irving Geurts on November 9,
1931 in the Salt Lake Temple. To
this couple, three daughters and
four sons were born. Constance
Faith was their first child. She is
married to Lowell Leishman. They
have four children, Shelly Ann,
Deborah, Scott and Laurie.

Beverly Ann was the second child born to Fay and Ted. She is married to Paul Clayton. They



Ted and Fay Geurts and children.

have two children, Micheal Paul and Cinda Ann. The third daughter is Marilyn

Gayle, and she is married to Marvin Gail Tovey. They have two daughters, Tanna Lynn and Heidi.

The first son, Jon, is married to Joan Stokes. Their children are Jina and James Jon.

The three younger sons are at home with their parents. They are Ted Jr., Dale Wayne, and Steven Tolman.

Fay and Ted are like the other Parkin children, active in the Church and civic organizations. Records in the Church and schools show regular attendance. The Parkin children were believers and practiced tithe paying from their earnings. These principles were continued when ted and Fay married. They have been affiliated with PTA organizations and civic affairs. Music has been enjoyed in the Geurts family and they have contributed their talents to the Ward organizations. Fay was Counselor in the Primary for many years and active in the Relief Society.



Ted and Fay Geurts and all their children, the in-laws, and all the grandchildren.

Jon and Ted Jr. both served in the U.S. Army. Ted Jr. is now on a Mission for the Church in Canada.

In 1961 Ted and Fay were called on a Labor Mission for the L.D.S. Church Building Program in Hawaii. Their three younger sons accompanied them to the Islands. The Geurts found many opportunities to serve the people of the Islands. Fay was Counselor in the Primary in Hawaii. As Relief Society President in Honolulu, her daily assignment was to help prepare foods for the work missionaries on the building projects. Ted was Work Supervisor over the missionaries and worked among several nationalities. They loved the people o the Islands for their loyalty, kindness, and generosity. The Geurts were greatly appreciated for their time sent among the various localities. They were released in the Spring of 1963 and returned to Salt Lake City after visiting a few days with their mother Sarah, Wayne and Elva and family here in San Francisco.

It was while the Geurts were in the Islands that Sarah took the jet plane trip to the Islands and stayed for several weeks. All the children and grandchildren contributed to her plane ticket and gifts for her enjoyment.

Elva Parkin Taufer

Sixth Child of Cyrus and Sarah Parkin

While the Parkins were living in Park City, Summit County, Utah Elva was born October 21, 1919. She laws like the other Parkin children. She was loved dearly by her parents and enjoyed all the youthful training thru Schools, Primary, M.I.A. and Sunday Schools. While attending West High School in Salt Lake City, she met George Delbert Taufer and admired him for his musical ability and sports activities. They were married March 20, 1934.

To this couple, six fine sons and daughters were born. The first child was a daughter which they named after the mother and aunt Elva Gwendolyn. She married Glen Earl Pitsenbarger here in San Francisco. They have two children, Erin Michelle and Janet Elaine.

Linda Karen Taufer was the second child born to Delbert and Elva. She too enjoyed music in school and also sang in the Mission Ward Choir. She graduated from Beauty School here in san Francisco. Linda married Herbert Rolf Ziemer and they have one son, Marcus William James Ziemer.

Elva and Delbert's third child was a son and they named him George Delbert Junior. He excelled in sports and music and has many trophies to show his championship. He has several awards for T.V. appearances and outstanding athletic ability at the B.Y.U. in Provo, Utah. He served in the U.S. Army for two years. He is also active in Church affairs.

Kimberley Wayne is the fourth child. He has awards, trophies, and ribbons for his outstanding baseball playing and school bands. He is active in church too.



Elva, Delbert, children, and grandchildren

Brent Lee is the third son and like his elder brothers loves sports and is an excellent student in school and church attendance.

Bryan Michael is the youngest child and fourth son. He follows closely in the footsteps of his older brothers. He loves sports, music and church.

Few parents have been the pals to their children like Elva and Delbert have. They attend all the baseball games, listen to all the music bands, the school choruses, and ward choirs. They are a true pattern of a loving and devoted family, enjoying the closeness of each other. The father, Delbert, has been active in music and sports and each child has followed. Elva has likewise been a leader in her family, attending church, civic, and welfare projects.

After the Taufers moved to California to make their home, Wayne came here to live and complete his college at U.C. in Berkeley. Later, Sarah came to make her home with Wayne, and enjoyed the close companionship of Delbert and Elva and children. They cook the birthday and special holiday dinners. Many rides to attractive points of interest have been enjoyed by the group.



The Taufer Family

When Sarah left for the Hawaiian Islands to spend a few

months with the Geurts, Wayne and the Taufers took her to the Airport with gifts and loving farewells. They greeted her with welcome home when she returned from an enjoyable jet plane trip.

Sarah Elaine

The fifth child was Sarah Elaine, born November 4, 1917. She held perfect attendance records in schools and Church activities. She had a brilliant mind for learning and a beautiful voice for singing. Elaine sang in a duet with Shirley McArthur in the Wards and Stakes. She graduated from West High as an honor student.

Elaine married George Wallace Crabtree and one son, Richard, and a daughter, Judy Ann, were born. Richard is married to Nancy Tueller and they have two children, Steven and Kim. Judy Ann married Brent J. Fender.

Elaine and Wallace were divorced and sometime later Elaine married Earl Mason Turner (known as Sarg.) They had a



Richard and wife, Nancy, Steven and Kim of Chicago, Illinois

baby girl and when she was six days old, Elaine passed away, October 21, 1948. Her funeral was held in Salt Lake City in the Fourth Ward, and she is buried in the city cemetery. (Bountiful) (Note: Elaine died because of child birth problems).

Elmer and Sarah Parkin took the two small children, and Grandmother Turner took the new little Patty Ann, and went back to Henderson, Nevada, where she moved to Earl's home and lived until her death in 1961.



Patty Ann Turner

Grandfather Cyrus Elmer Parkin passed away six weeks after Elaine's death. The two children remained with their Grandmother Sarah until their own father, Wally Crabtree, married and he and his wife, Helen, took the children and gave

them kind and loving care.

Patty Ann remained in Henderson, Nevada with her father. She had the good fortune to have two devoted Aunts, Mazie and Annabell; also very kind

and thoughtful neighbors, Charles and Lucille Ehret, helped to care for Patty Ann during her babyhood and school days. They often brought her to see Grandmother Parkin, and welcome they both were.

A dear friendship continues between Sarah and Lucille, and as Sarah says, "Lucille takes the place of my daughter, Elaine, and I love her just as much as my very own." A special recognition was given



Earl and Elaine, with Richard and Judy Ann.



Wallace and Elaine, Bichard and Judy Ann.

Elaine the following August after her death. Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 3848 Auxiliary planted a tree in her honor at the National Home of Eaton Falls, Michigan. President Cotrander of Henderson, Nevada made the trip to Eaton, Mich. To supervise the ceremonies. Elaine with her husband Sarg. Had been very active in the Veterans of Foreign Wards with programs in schools and civic organization.

Wavne Tolman Parkin

Elmer and Sarah's first and last children were sons: Lamar and Wayne. He was born April 4, 1927 in Salt Lake City. Wayne attended schools while living at 421 Van Ness Place, and was regular in attendance to all church activities and held executive positions in the Deacons and Scouts organizations. Oft times, he took leading parts in plays in various organizations and received several awards and merits for outstanding achievements in his community.

Wayne graduated from South High School June 8, 1944. Some endearing romances came into his life but ended while Wayne was in the service of the U.S. Army over in Korea with the 6th Division Artillery. He had special training at Stanford University while in active service. He was clerk typist and held the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Wayne was discharged from the service December 30, 1946. His parents received great comfort from the daily letters Wayne wrote to them during the entire time he was in the service. His father was failing in health and many tributes to a father was sent to him.



Soon after his return from the Army he went to San Francisco and lied with is Sister Elva and Husband for a while and later to an apartment in Berkeley. There Wayne attended the University of California and graduated with a B.A. Degree on June 16, 1951. With 2,700 other graduates.

While Wayne was attending the U. of California he played 'Oswald' in "The Ghosts" which received a great deal of publicity in the California and Utah Newspapers. He also played in "The Family Reunion."

Wayne continued his education for a Masters working nights at the Bank of America. He did student teaching at Hunters Point and later he was asked by the Principal of the Park Side School to be a teacher, and he has continued since 1954. He is Secretary to the school faculty and has conducted extra teaching classes for teachers. He introduced a



Wayne 3-4 years old.

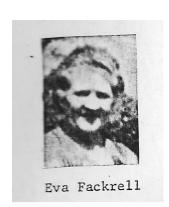
new Arithmetic System for which teachers and school principals here in San Francisco were interested in.

Wayne has traveled in Europe and spent two summers in Old Mexico and attended summer school at the University there.

Sarah often expresses her appreciation for her comfortable home which Wayne provides for her with loving care during her declining years.

Trip East

On July 5, 1950, Sarah C.T. Parkin and Eva Fackrell, of Riverside California, left by train for Chicago, Illinois. There they took in sight-seeing trips by bus all over the famous windy city and over into Canada. They returned to Detroit Michigan and toured the Greenfield Village and entire plant of the Henry Ford Foundation. From here on, they traveled in a new Ford to all points of interest in early Church history. Both of



them were familiar with each location in various states, so they were able to understand and enjoy the traveling very much. They were particularly impressed with the Sacred Grove, the Kirkland temple, Hill Cumorah, and homes of many of the Church Leaders in Nauvoo.

At Liberty Jail, Sarah's Brother Euphriam, and wife Pheobe Hogan Tolman were the care takers and they stayed with them and enjoyed many historical visits around the area.

The weather was calm and favorable for traveling thru states and they returned in safety without any difficulty and enjoyed every hour of the trip.

Sarah and Eva were life time friends and both had recently lost their husbands in death, only a few weeks apart.

Sarah hesitated to close her biography without the pictures of her father and mother-in-laws, and a few lines well remembering how much they influences her life and destiny. Her husband, Cyrus Elmer was the youngest son of five children. His father died when Elmer was very young and thus was raised by his devoted Mother. Sarah never knew Elmer's father, but loved and adored his Mother. They were married in her home and lived there for a year or so.

The Parkins took up land in Woods Cross with many other pioneers and remained there all their lives where their five children grew to adults and married. The four sons established themselves in or near that area, but Veda Larene married Mangus Kast and lived in salt Lake and later Los Angeles.

Hyrum Bert Jr. married Milicent Parrish and after her death he married Vera Johnson from Brigham, Utah. Bert has since passed away. Archibald married Annie Ackroyd. They are both dead. John married Mary Plant. They are both dead. Elmer married Sarah C. Tolman.

The Parkin families were among the early pioneers from England, and crossed the planes in covered wagons with many other immigrants. Their descendents are active in the D.U.P. and the Sons o the Pioneers.

Since the beginning of this biography Sarah's only living sister, Vilate Tolman Tolman of Burley, Idaho passed away July 25, 1963. Her eleven children attended her funeral.

The outstanding even was in 1958 when Sarah was back in Utah visiting her children and friends. She was honored by her children with an Open House for relatives and friends on her 70th birthday. Sunday, September 28th at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ted (Faye) Guerts, 1363 W 3rd & 4th N. Salt Lake City, Utah. Many friends and relatives came from far and near. Sarah has been a resident of Bountiful and Salt Lake City for 65 years. Following are the brothers and sisters and her children who attended.

Lucille Elvet was a very dear friend in Las Vegas who was a kind neighbor to Elaine when she passed away and helped raise Patty who was the baby left by Elaine's death. Lucille is as dear to Sarah as her very own and she attended our Open House on September 28, 1958 in Salt Lake City. She never forgets Sarah on any special occasion.

Five years after Elmer's death Sarah moved to San Francisco to be near her youngest son Wayne and her daughter Elva and husband and grandchildren.

Sarah soon joined the Golden Gate Camp of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers and have the lessons for six years. She was Chaplin for two terms and Secretary in the San Francisco County Camp for two years. Sarah taught Sunday School in the Sunset Ward then the Theology Lessons in the san Francisco War.

Wayne provides a very comfortable home and they have a happy wholesome life together.

All the Utah families have been down to visit them at 1927-42, and many friends have been in their home.

When Fay and Ted Guerts were called to be work missionaries in the Hawaiian Islands they stopped by to visit and say 'Good Bye' to their Mother, Sarah, Wayne, Elva, and families in San Francisco. They made the suggestion for Sarah to plan on a visit to the Islands while they were there. Wayne said: "Why not lets get the ball a-rolling."

In Sarah's Seventy-Third Birthday, Wayne gave a 'cash' Birthday Party and everyone gave cash gift and those living in other parts sent cash too, so the Air Plane was ready.

On November 4, 1961, Sarah left San Francisco by Pan American Jet, for a trip she never dared dream of. She enjoyed flying and in five short hours she was met by Fay, Ted, and Stevie, with traditional Leis and kisses. She was greatly impressed with the friendliness of the Hawaiians, Samoans, Tongans, and Mories from New Zealand, Japanese, Chinese, and the White Folks known as Haleys. Many new experiences in a strange land were enjoyed. She dined in many of their homes and joined the Labor Missionaries at their elaborate Thanksgiving Dinner in the College Dorm. Sarah attended sessions in the beautiful Hawaiian temple. She was asked to speak on one occasion by President H. Rolan Tietjen. She attended the annual Widows Party given each year by a well-to-do Relief Society lady. She went with Fay and Ted to the elaborate Chinese Dinner serves to 150 Labor Missionaries. Sister Tong and her sixteen children cooked and served it in their spacious home where different nationalities entertained them with music songs and dances.

Sarah enjoyed the tour in a large boar to Pearl Harbor and saw the sunken ships, the Utah and the Arizona. They visited the pineapple plantations and too k several seaside tours. She enjoyed many dinners and fireside entertainments by the Labor Missionaries. One choice experience she witnessed while there was Teddy her grandson baptized by his younger brother in the Pacific Ocean.

She met and visited with many former friends. Some were the Charlie Trumps from Bountiful, Grandma Pack, the Johnsons, and many other missionaries. Sarah accompanied the Guerts to Honolulu to the Mission Conference where over two thousand heard the apostles speak.

Many of her newly made friends gave her gifts of beads, shells woven baskets, and rugs and leis, and their friendships will never be forgotten.

Her departure for the mainland on January 20, 1962 was full of tears and a sad heart, but so many happy memories graciously given by her family and friends.

The welcome home to San Francisco by Wayne, Elva, Jon, Joan, and baby well balanced the sad 'Good Byes' in Hawaii. The weather was very uncooperative and very cold and windy. The very next day snow fell here in San Francisco, which was a record.

Burley, Idaho Trip, 1962

By Sarah C.T. Parkin

I was called to Burley, Idaho because of the serious illness of my sister Vilate, and I was so thankful I could go to help her during her recovery.

Her husband, Parley and family, were very grateful to me for the help I was able to give them. They had a party and gift for my seventy fourth birthday.

I left Burley for Salt Lake City and Bountiful to see my children living there. They all spent an evening together with a party for me. I returned home with President Ricthie and wife Pat Sam Smith from the San Jose Stake. President Ricthie was my former Bishop in the Sunset Ward. I surely did enjoy this trip home with those fine folks.

A Tribute to Sarah T. Parkin By her oldest son Lamar

To love the Lord is the first great commandment. To love your Neighbor is the second. No person that I have knows has fulfilled these commandments to a greater degree than my Mother, Sarah Tolman Parkin, unless it was her Mother, Sarah Jane Tolman. Because of this, we has many who consider her a "special" friend. She has spent her lifetime in service to others. For many years, she cared for m father when he was unable to care for himself. At the same time, she found time and means to make every visitor to her home feel welcome (and these are many).

When I was younger, I felt that she allowed others to take advantage of her and I often told her so. Since then I have seen that the bread she "cast upon the water" has returned many fold. The love shown her by her family and friends is now her richest treasure and this she receives in rich abundance. She has never been abundantly blessed with the world's material treasures, but she is spiritually the richest person I know. Her example has been an inspiration to her children. If we

fail to measure up, it is not because we have not been taught nor shown the way.

Lamar Parkin

A Tribute to Sarah (My Mother In Law)

This is the prayer:

Dear Lord, make me an instrument of your peace, (as your daughter Sarah is). Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy, (as she does).

Grant that I may console, understand, and love, for it is in giving (as she does) that we receive. Help me and mine t seek no more than this that we may glorify her days here with us and have eternal life with her. Amen.

Mary Soffe Parkin

Dear Mother:

I am writing this tribute to you Mother dear, and as I sit here trying to think what is most outstanding I cannot put my finger on any one thing because there are so many things you have done to make my life happy. There has always been love and understanding when I needed it. I think of the times you have come and helped me after the children were born and how many baby sittings you have done for me even at the expense of you own health. The good happy laughs the girls and I have had with you. The fun we have all made at each other to put a little humor in our lives, but behind t all is the love we have for you. Your faith to your religion has been a guiding light to us all. I say all of this is outstanding and has been throughout my life. I know we have been thoughtless at times but hope that you know we love you very much.

Elva Parkin Taufer

Tribute of Earl M. Turner, Sarah's son-in-law

In the hustle of today's hurried pace, we pause for a moment to pay a short tribute to you Sarah C Tolman Parkin who has made our life a little brighter and a little better place to live in for having known you.

Philologists and psychologists tell us we are a part of all we have met, and those who have known you are to be grateful for the contact we have had with you, however, slight it might have been.

You have been an inspiration to so many and many have bettered themselves for having tried to pattern their lives after you, for you have loved deeply and been loved deeply and this has given life its mark. The elements of goodness have been so deeply engraved in you that nature might stand before all the world and say. This is a woman.

Sarge Turner or Earl M Turner

As a dear friend of her daughter, Sarah Elaine and husband and baby. I have admired and lover her since I first met her, and think she is very outstanding as a woman and a mother and true to her religion. She is the only person I have ever called mother and when she writes to me, dear daughter, it gives me such a feeling of belonging and a very wonderful feeling and I always love to go to her home where she makes everyone welcome. I just hope all Mormons are this good as I sure think she is a fine example and do hope I can be as fine. She tries to treat everyone equal. I sure enjoyed and felt honored being one who helped and enjoyed her open house.

Lucille Ehret.

Tribute to my Mother

By Vivian Parkin Tonge

I would like to write a tribute to you for your book and if I were a poet or could write what I feel in my heart it would be very easy. Mother, you have always lived such a near perfect life and been such a near perfect person. Mother, its hard to say much more than you have been the most wonderful Mother in the world which I think is the greatest tribute that could be paid to a woman.

I know you have always been a very wonderful friend and neighbor to others. You have been a wonderful sister to your brothers and sisters and daughter to your parents.

The main thing to me mother; I know you are very special and have lived very close to your Heavenly Father. Whenever we had a special reason for calling on him, for instance, when we were having Ronnie administered to, no matter where you were we wanted you to know the time so you could kneel with us. I always felt that I was praying as much as you as to our Heavenly Father because I know I haven't lived as you have.

I think this book will be a wonderful tribute.

Love, Vivian

Tributes to Sarah C.T. Parkin from family and friends.

From her loving and devoted husband on their 18th wedding anniversary.

PAL OF MY HEART

True to me. Kind to me, Never deceiving. Cheering me, helping me, Ever believing. Sad for me, glad for me Never apart Dear to me, near to me Pal of my Heart. Clean hearted, true hearted, All the way thru. Uplifting and tender Wonderful you! Fair to me, square to me, Life's dearest part, Best to me, Blest to me Pal of my Heart.

A Dedication to Mom, Korea, May 9, 1945

As I sit looking at the gray clouded sky my memories creep upon me, but I am glad because my thoughts are of Mom. It seems that when I was home I really never took time to appreciate her like I should have and I know at times she wondered if I ever thought of her — I did. Now while I look into the shining gray sky, I think of some of the sacrifices that my mother has gone through to preserve my happiness and to make me content. I admit I have been selfish. I am thinking how honored and how lucky I am to have such a fine woman about whom I can say — she's my mom. That's the lady I dedicate my devotions to today.

If I were a poet, perhaps I could express myself more nobly but since I'm not I'm trying in the best way I know how to wish a happy Mother's Day to the 'swellest' lady I know – My Mother.

Time has not changed my thoughts but added more love and admiration. Wayne

From many friends in many neighborhoods, wards, and stakes. Reams of paper could not hold their signatures.

Friendship lane is a shining path just right for friends to share. It leads to the brightest happiness, and to pleasure everywhere.

It leads to joys and laughter. To the land of dreams come true, and I'm proud to walk on friendship lane with a dear good friend LIKE YOU.

And may your flowers bloom in profusion to match your kindles to us.

A Tribute to my Mother From Favette Parkin Geurts

Love they neighbor as thyself. God gave no greater commandment than this. My Mother surely lived this. She loved her family dearly and also people. She has more friends than anyone I know. I hope I can have as many some day.

In closing this biography of Sarah Constancia Tolman Parkin, I want to tell you all how grateful I am for the privileged of doing this for my dear friend, Sarah, who seems nearer than a friend. I have never met a woman with a kinder and sweeter soul, a heart of gold, a remarkable memory, and a true Latter-Day Saint. No other mother or grandmother ever loved their children more than Sarah Parkin.

In deciding what to write in the biography, had I not sifted her pages of details over and over, they would read your life story, not hers; and the stack of carefully chosen pictures was too high. Bless her dear soul, she weighed many times just what was to go on your pages and added a few more each time, always with the thoughts, "I don't want any one hurt or offended." I have not printed nearly all the good things she said her you. Each one of you has filled her life a special way. There is Lamar, her eldest son, and she's so proud of him; and Mary, her only daughter-in-law, and how she loves Mary. She loves and needs each of her daughters and their lovely families and truly appreciates her sons-in-law. Elva and Delbert have been close enough to render loving care in their mother's illness and are frequent callers at Wayne and Sarah's home. They often prepare special dinners for the family get togethers.

Wayne, her youngest child, provides her with a good home. His kindness and generosity to Sarah in her declining years is a daily thanksgiving. With less family ties than her other children, Wayne so tenderly provides every comfort for his mother.

Sarah has a host of friends – true lasting friends, and the members on her Wards love her dearly.

I didn't know any of you except Lamar and Wayne, but I do now. I have spent many hours with your mother preparing these pages, and I will be glad to know you personally someday. I was so happy for Jon Geurts to be our Wednesday milkman, and he told me his Dad and Mom had just returned from a work mission. With further inquiry, I learned he is Sarah's grandson. We both enjoyed the visit. I was so glad to know Valorie while she stayed with her grandmother. She is a very sweet child.

I want to say here, love and appreciate theses pages of your mother's life. She owes no apologies. Bless her! This undertaking took her mind off her aches and pains, and many of the ideas and decisions were made in the dark hours of the night.

We faced many obstacles and delays, with Sarah's illness; and the Northern California Mission Headquarters moving to Oakland took so much of my time and the time of the two lady missionaries dong the stencils. They are Sister Barbara Ballard from Ogden, Utah, and Sister Maria Steel from Oakley, Idaho. Elder Brent Soffe from San Diego, California did the printing.

We decided on forty books, then some late order came in and Sarah could not fail a single one, so we added ten more. The photographer turned some of the negatives over and the names don't jibe with the pictures. We regret these mistakes ad hope you will understand our very best efforts. The cost has been more than anticipated and all supplies have risen in prices. We had problems.

Your tributes have been tenderly accepted, and keep them coming. Someday, not too far away, Sarah will be reading her books somewhere beyond.

Sincerely,

Agness B Mangus 4945 Lincoln Way Oakland, California 94602



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Hyrum and Phebe Parkin graves in Bountiful. They are the parents of Cyrus Elmer Parkin Cyrus Parkin's father and mother



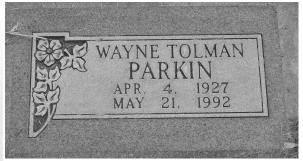




Sarah and Elmer Parkin. The graves are in the Bountiful, Utah Cemetery.



Wivian, Lamar, Sarah Parkin, Wayne, Faye. Elva was unable to attend.





Mary Soffe Parkin Sarah Parkin Sharing Birthday honors together.



Lucille Elvet
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Elaine when she passed away and helped
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Vivian Elaine

Elva Faye



Sarah and Wayne



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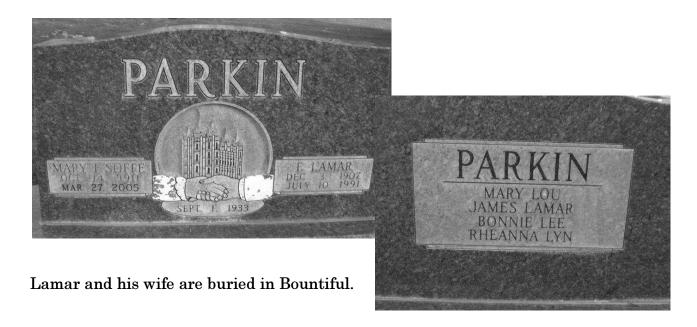
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For the photos above. Vilate is Parley's wife. Eugene Tolman is Sarah's brother, Vilate (Lydia) is Sarah's sister. Eugene and his wife, Hazel.

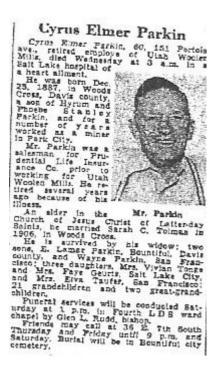


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Cyrus Elmer Parkin Death Certificate.

Glen Tonge says, "Some people from Bountiful had come to visit Sarah and Elmer. After they left My grandfather said that the lady wanted to marry me one time. My grandma said, "well why didn't you". He said, "well I felt kind of sorry for you with you having four mother and your 28 brothers and sisters living on the hill in Bountiful". Elmer was from Woods Cross and worked for Jaren.







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Vivian P. Tonge

Vivian Bernice Parkin Tonge, 64, 433 N. 11th West, died in a Salt Lake hospital June 23,

1975, of an intestinal allment.

Born Aug. 1910, Bountiful, to Cyrus aned Sarah Tolman Parkin. Married Lawr-ence L. Tonge ence L. Tonge Nov. 4, 1927, Sait Lake City; solemnized, Sait Lake LDS Temple. Employe ZCMI; den mother, Cub Scouts; member

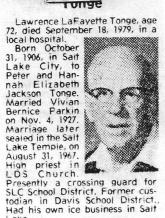


Survivors: husband; sons, daughters, Ronald Elmer Douglas Lent, Terry Ray, Jerry Lee Mrs. John (Lois) McNell, Mrs. Junior (Shirley) Bruehi, all Salt Lake City; Lawrence Glen, Woods Cross; 20 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; brothers, sisters Lamar Parkin, Bountiful; Wayn Tomas Parkin, Elva Tauffer, both Sar Francisco, Calif.; Faye Guerts, Sal

Lake City.
Funeral Friday noon, 29th LD:
Ward Chapel, 400 N. 1100 West
Friends call 2128 S. State Thursday 6p.m., at Ward Friday hour before services. Burlai, Bountiful Cemetery.

Lawrence LaFayette

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Had his own ice business in Salf Lake.

Survivors: sons and daughters,
L. Glen Tonge. Bountiful; Ronald
E. Tonge, North Salf Lake; Douglas K. Tonge, Salf Lake; Terry R.
Tonge, Taylorsville; Jerry L.
Tonge, Sandy; Mrs. John (Lois)
McNeil, Salf Lake; Mrs. Junior
(Shirley J.) Bruehl, Taylorsville;
30 grandchildren, 21 greatgrandchildren; brothers; John E.
Tonge, Peter Tonge, Jr., both of
Salf Lake; Leon R. Tonge, Vernal;
sisters, Jeanette Dunkin, Cordelia
Coonradt, both of Salf Lake;
Nancy Ellen King, Granger.
Funeral services will be held
Friday, noon in the Riverside
Stake Center, 29th Ward, 500 North
1100 West, Friends may call at the
Colonial Mortuary, 2128 South
State. Thursday, 6 to 8 p.m., and at
the chapel Friday. 1 hour prior to
services. Interment, Bountiful
Memorial Park.

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Elaine Parkin Turner



Fayette Parkin Geurts





Fayette ParkinGeurts 1914 ~ 2004 BOUNTIFUL - Fayette Parkin Geurts, age 90, passed aware October 26, 2004 at the Lakeview Hospital in Bountiful, Utah of causes incident to old age. She was born the fourth of seven children to Cyrus Elmer Parkin and Sarah Tolman Parkin April 3, 1914. She married Theodore I. Geurts, November 9, 1931 in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. She is survived by seven children, Connie (Lowell) Leishman, Beverly (Paul) Clayton, Marilyn Tovey, Jon (Layne) Geurts, Ted (Denise) Geurts, Dale (May) Geurts, and Steven (Peggy) Geurts; 37 grandchildren; 102 great-grandchildren; nine great great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Her childhood years were spent in Park City, Bountiful, and Salt Lake City, Utah. Fa spent many years serving in the Primary and Relief Society organizations of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She served with her husband and three sons on a labor

mission in Hawaii helping in the construction of the Polynesian Cultural Center. Funeral services will be held Thursday, November 4, 2004, 12 noon at the Kimball Mill LDS Ward Chapel, 650 South 200 East, Bountiful. Friends may call Wednesday evening from 6-8 p.m. at the Russon Brothers Bountiful Mortuary, 295 North Main, and Thurs-day morning from 10:45-11:45 a.m. at the church prior to services. Interment, Salt Lake City Cemetery. Online guest book: www.russonmortuary.com Special thanks to hospice (Applegate and Lakeview).

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Sarah as a baby in 1888.



Cyrus Elmer Parkin

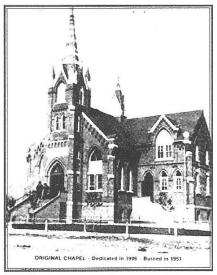
Information on Elmer is taken from the unpublished History of his son La Mar Parkin and from memories of his grandson L. Glen Tonge

Cyrus Elmer Parkin was born Christmas Day, the 25th of December, 1887. Phoebe (Phebe) Phylinda Stanley and Hyrum Parkin must have felt that a wonderful Christmas present had been delivered to them. However, "The South Bountiful Ward Record of Members (1898-1906) Fast Meeting Records that Syrus Elmer son of Hyrum Parkin and Phoebe Stanly born 14 October 1890 baptized 5 November 1899 by Wm. J. Parkin on 5 November 1899 by Wm. J. Parkin." He always celebrated his birthday on Christmas.



Syrus in the ward record is no doubt a misspelling. His name Cyrus Elmer is entered on legal documents. He was called Elmer by friends and other adults, but was lovingly called Dad, Papa or Father by his children. He was called Grandpa or Grandfather by his many grandchildren.

His son-in-law Lawrence L. Tonge was born on Halloween. He always joked that Santa Claus brought him and the Spooks brought Lawrence.



The Old South Bountiful Ward

He had no doubt attended meetings at the old South Bountiful Ward Meeting House. As noted he was baptized and confirmed by his uncle William J. Parkin. William was his father's olderst brother. Not much is recorded regarding his early life. Those who knew him as an adult would agree that he liked to tease and wouldest lead people on in jest. A family member from another branch of the family who didn't know Elmer indicated that conversation, joking and teasing may have been a Parkin trademark. If this is true then some of his children and grandchildren certainly inherited that trait. If this joking, teasing, personality can be inherited, then some of his

children and grandchildren inherited the trait.

A grandson (Glen) as a member of the Woods Cross stake Presidendcy was assigned to take Edith Hatch to an Old Folks Recognition Dinner in Salt Lake City at the Newhouse Hotel. Sister Hatch was probably in her nineties at the time. During the conversation it was noted that Glen's grandfather had been raised in the South Bountiful area.

Sister Hatch had been a teacher at the South Bountiful School in the late 1800's and lived near where Elmer's home was located. She asked the idenity of the grandfather. When she learned that it was Cyrus Elmer Parkin, she exclaimed, "That's your grandfather, that young scalawag! I had him in school. One day as I came into the room, he jumped out the first floor window of her classroom and ran away."

Elmer would have helped around the yard, in the barn and with every day chores. As a young Elmer worked on the farms and orchards of the Bountiful area. It has been noted that he worked for Jaren Tolman in his orchards, on his farm and at the Cudahy Packing pland where Jaren was superindendent. He didn't know that at some future day that Elmer would be his son-in-law. Elmer must have been a good worker because Jaren told Eler that if he worked hard he would let him marry one of his daughters.

Elmer went to a party where he met Sarah Constancia Tolman. Elmer was an exceptionally good dancer with a good sense of humor. Sarah was immediately impressed with Elmer. They danced and went for a wagon ride. It was when the wagon passed the Tolman household and Sarah mentioned that is where she lived that he knew that his boss was Sarah's father. Elmer was impressed with Sarah and told his mother when he went home that he met a young lady that he would

marry if she had the same frame of mind as he had. The couple was married February 28th 1906.

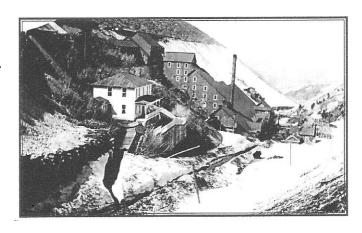
The Parkin children were taught to live their religion and received many lessons on right and wrong. Lamar tells in his story, "I attented West Junior High School in the 8th grade while living in Salt Lake City. The boys who lived in our neighborhood either weren't Mormons or didn't live their religion. Their idea of the thing to do on Sunday was to go to an old barn in the neighborhood, drink beer and smoke cigarettes. This did not fir in with my mother's teachings and I couldn't be comfortable with them.



Photo taken Mother's day, 1935. Front row, Wayne, 2nd row, Elva, Sarah, Fayette, 3rd row, Vivian, Elaine, Elmer, back, Lamar.

In 1917, Elmer, Sarah and their young family moved to Park City, Utah. Elmer was a supervisor in the Silver King Mines for about ten years. Two children were born here. Sarah says in her story that these were very happy years for the Parkin family. They lived on the side of a hill one block from the Main Street.

Much of the next several paragraphs were taken from the life story of Elmer's oldest son, E.Lamar Parkin. The story tells of some of Lamar's experiences but gives some insight on what life might have been like for the Parkin family in Park City. Elmer's grandmother Stanley had lived in Park City and died the previous year.



Judge Mine where Elmer was foreman

He would still have had cousins living there and some of them also worked in the mines.

"In 1917 my family moved to Park City, where we lived for 3 or 4 years. When we first went there we were looking for a house to rent. We talked to a Chinese man named Grover, who was quite a character. He owned several ramshackle houses there. Mother asked him how the weather was in Park City. He said nine months winter and three months would be the same. I am inclined to think that he was right. Everyone put all the automobiles in the garage about the first of November and would leave them there until April. All travel was by foot or bobsled during the winter.

We rented a home up Empire Canyon and in the winter you could sometimes walk from the side of the mountain onto the roof of the house on top of the snow. We huddled aroung the living room heater to keep warm. The cold and snow also brought some enjoyment. The was skiing, sledding, skating, tobogganing, snowballing, etc. "

Lamar remembers "pulling my sleigh up Empire Canyon to meet Dad when he got off work. Then we would sleigh ride all the way home." That must have been a good experience for both father and son.

"While we lived in Park City, the country adopted Prohitbition. I remember walking up Main Street the evening before Prohibition was to go into effect. I think most of the population was downtown trying to put away enough alcohol to last them for the rest of their lives. There was yelling and fighting going on all over the place. The saloons were full of boisterous men. In that day it seemed that fifty per

cent of the buildings on Main Street were saloons. We saw one man come crashing through the front window of one of the saloons. It was a wild night.

That reminds me of another alcohol-connected incident. One night I was sleeping in my back bed room when I was awakened by a noise. There was a man trying to climb through the window into my bedroom. I let out a yell and Dad came running to see what the matter was. It was a drunk who thought he was getting into his own bedroom. Dae pulled the window down on him and I held it while he went aroung outside, got him and led him out into the street and headed him for home.

Mother seldom got angry, but I tried to change that. On time, I was teasing Vivian (which seemed to give me great pleasure). Mother kept telling me to stop. I kept teasing. Finally Mother could take no more, soshe reached over with the broom when had in her hand and rapped mo on the head with it. I fell to the floor, pretending that it knocked me out. Mother was so upset that whe started to cry. I could see that it was no longer funny, so I quickly regained consciousness.

It was in Park City that I was officially saved. Traveling ministers, or evangelists used to come preaching. They would rent a large hall and invite all to attend. They usually ahd entertainment along with the preachings. I liked to be there. One spell-binder gave an unusually stirring talk. Aferward, he invited all who wished to be saved to come forward. I certainly wanted to be saved. What 10 year old wouldn't? So, I went forward and there officially avoided the horrors of damnation. Luck me.

My sister Elaine was a baby while we were there. E entered her pictured in a baby contest they were having at the town theatre. I used to ge to the movies 3 or 4 times a week

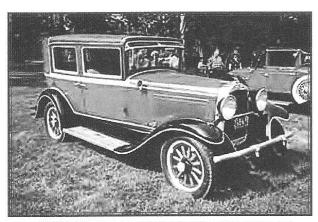
Because I would pass out hand bills for them and get free passes to all of the shows. William S. Hart, Tom Mix, Clara How, Lillian Gish and Harold Lloyd were some of my favorites. I would stand outside the theater telling everyone to vote for my sister. I think she was one of the finalists and won one of the prizes, but I can't remember if she was the final winner.

United States entered World War I while we lived in Park City. Whe news of the victory came over the telegraph, the fire siren would sound (sometimes at 3 am). Everyone would go down to the town square for a big bonfire and victory celebration. It was very exciting to a 10 year old. There were also times of sadness when the name of a local man would appear in the casualty lists.

During this time a very serious, "Flu" epidemic hit the nation. More people were dying from it than from war. There was one time when our whole family was down at once and had to be cared for by neighbors." (Sarah Tolman's brother, Ezra, and sister, Elvina, died during this epidemic of the flu).

Christmas was an unusually exciting holiday. My father was foreman of the mine. Many of the workers had been recruited from Austria and Hungary. They had been used to giving the "Boss" gifts of money at Christmas time. Since this was against the rules there, they would bring Christmas gifts to the Boss' children. Our home resembles a small department store on Christmas morning. It kind of spoiled us for the lean years that were to come. The years at Park City were happy, eventful years."

In 1920, the family left the mining town because Elmer contracted silicosis (miner's consumption, or leaded lungs) and had to get out of the mines. He had very poor health from that time on. This resulted in his death several years later. The family left in times of econonic difficulty. We couldn't sell our home, so my Mother decided to raffle it off to the holder of a lucky ticket. I remember going from house to house selling tickets. We sold about 400. Someone got our house for \$1 and we realized \$400.00 from its sale. This closed the Park City episode.



WHIPPET CAR SIMILIAR TO THE ONE USED ON THE TRIP TAKEN FROM THE INTERNET

After leaving Park City, the family lived for a while Grandmoght Tolman on first North in Bountiful. The Parkins then moved to Salt Lake City where Sarah went to work for Auerbach's Department Store in the grocery department and lunch counter.

During the next few years the Parkins were short-time residents of laramie, Wyoming and Boulder, Colorado. Elmer was selling stocks and bonds and traveling Utah, Wyoming,

and Colorado. They returned to Salt Lake City and Wayne, their second son and last child, was born April 27, 1927. The Parkins shared the stuggles of the Depression and faced many difficult problems in feeding, clothing, and educating their children.

For several years the Parkins sold woolen goods and ladies dresses in Wyoming, Idaho, Colorado, and Utah, and enjoyed traveling to the various towns and countryside. Porter and Verna Tolman Jones (Sarah's step-sister) joined them in selling and traveling and the two couples had many interesting memories of those years.

The oldest granson, Glen, remembers accompanying them on one such trip to Western Colorado. "When I was eight years old, I went on one of Grandpa Parkin's sales trips to Colorado with Aunt Elva, Uncle Wayne, Grandpa, Grandma, and their dog, Happy the First. It was very crowded in that 1929 sedan, a Wippet, made by

Overland Willy. It was the first experience in my life of staying in a motel. However, the rooms were more like a small cabin. Wayne and I got very sunburned from staying in the swimming pool too long in Glenwood Springs, Colorado. It made the traveling very unpleasant for the next few days. At one cabin gronds in Durango, Colorado we would sit outside our cabin in the everning enjoying the weather. Grandpa would give me a nickel to massage his thick head of hair."

Elmer was hard worker and was capable of doing anything. Children loved to hear him tell stories. His tall tales were very tall but the way he told them made you want to believe they were true. He was a poet and some of his grandchildren remember him making up little poems, riddles and ditties with the children's names in the compositions. When they would drive anywhere in the car songs were sung and enjoyed with all the passengers in the vehicle.

Elmer was a sportsmanh. He loved hunting and fishing. Some of these excursions started to take place while the Parkins still lived in Park City. Lamar mentions, "My Dad was an avid fisherman and hunter. He was also a very good one. They were usually times of great fun. They had close ties with Les and Thea Tolman Westberg (her sister). The Westbergs and Parkins took annual fishing and hunting trips and never failed to get their game."

Elmer loved fishing for trout on the Provo River and for catfish at Utah Lake. Many trips were taken with his immediate family and many times some of his grandchildren accompanied him on the expedtions. He didn't complain about helping the young ones bait the hooks or take the fish from the line. He was careful to warn the kids about how the catfish could sting you if you weren't careful.

Glen remembers a camping trip on the North Fork of the Provo River. "One summer Grandpa took me into the Uintah Mountains for an extended fishing trip. We set up a tent and stayed for several days. Much fishing was accomplished. Grandpa knew a sheepherder who was tending sheep in the area. As a result we got to do some horseback riding and eat fresh lamb chops that were delivered to our camp by the sheepherder. We saw some beaver ponds and also fished in them on that trip. I caught a water snake and played with it all the way home. It got lost in the car and we never saw it anymore."



Elmer fishing, photo taken in 1941

Several camping outings took place at Lemon's Grove on the Provo River near Francis, Utah. The cabins were quite primitive. They were fun to camp in and the fishing for trout was wonderful. The children were able to sometimes ride the Lemon's horses. It was also an adventure to walk up the lane from the cabins to the Lemon's home and get fresh milk for meals.

At various times Vivian's family lived with her parents (151 Potola Ave.) and at other times Parkins lived Vivian's family. (244 West 8th South). Glen also lived with these grandparents during one of his Jr. High School years while his parents lived in San Francisco getting medical treatment for Ronald.



Elmer loved animals, and nearly always had a dog. On one occasion they had a small mixed breed bulldog named Happy. He was a wonderful dog and a great companion to Elmer. When Happy was run over by a car and killed Elmer was heartbroken. He got another dog he named Happy II. This dog was also a mixed breed bulldog. Elmer taught his dogs more tricks than a person can count.

The dogs would chase a stick or ball, play dead. Shake hands, roll over, and climb a tree or a fence. Elmer would also talk to the dogs and they would respond like

they were in a conversation. It was especially funny when Elmer taught Happy to say, Hubba, Hubba. Happy followed Glen everywhere he went. Happy loved Glen and Glen loved Happy. Everyone thought "Happy" was Glen's dog, including Glen. But Happy knew who his master was. It was a sad experience to tell Happy he couldn't to on one of the adventures. The dog looked like he wanted to cry.

Happy was a very sensitive dog and very loyal to the family. Elmer would sometimes say, "Happy, something in here stinks!" Happy would look like he was ready to cry and crawl on his haunches under the bed and stay sulking until some one called and said "Happy, come out. Everything is okay."

Elmer raised chickens and rabbits at their downtown home on Portola Avenue. The grandchildren would enjoy helping him feed them and gather eggs. This venture was probably unertaken to help supplement the food budget. They used the rabbits and chickens for food. They also used what eggs the hens laid.

In his older years, Elmer would sit in his big leather overstuffed chair working crossword puzzles. Much to the consternation of the mothers and his wife, Sarah, Elmer would try to get the little grandchildren to swear and profane. Then he would laugh. I'm sure he didn't really want his grandchildren to swear. He thought it sounded cute when a little body would parrot to his coaxing his profanity. I think that down deep Sarah and the mothers also thought it was a little funny.

Elmer quit smoking and started to keep the Word of Wisdom in his later years. Sarah told of seeing Elmer in her dream in a long white robe a short time before they went to the Temple. This was like a prophecy that he would receive his Temple endowment and sealing. (Sealed to Sarah 12 Dec. 1946, Salt Lake Temple) He shortly thereafter received the Priesthood and was able to go to the Temple. He was able to give a name and a blessing to one of his oldest greatgrandchildren. His son Wayne asked him whey he waited so long to go to the Temple. His reply was

that "no one had ever asked him."

One of his daughters (Elaine) died in child bearing in 1948. It grieved Elmer and Sarah greatly and was said to be a contributiong cause of Elmer's death along with his asthma. He died a few months later. Some people came to visit the Parkins when Elaine died. After one couple left, Elmer said, "That lady wanted to marry me at one time." Sarah asked, "Why didn't you marry her?" Elmer responded back in a joking way, "I felt sorry for you with your father, your mothers and your twenty-eight brothers and sisters living up on that Bountiful East Bench."

According to family and property records in the Davis County Recorder's Office in Farmington, Utah, Elmer Parkin owned the property where the Bountiful Temple is located from June 4, 1914, to May 23, 1918.

Cyrus Dlmenr died 15 Dec. 1948. Sarah lost a loving husband. The children lost a wonderful father. The grandchildren lost a wonderful grandfather and friend. Elmer is buried in the Bountiful City Cemetery not far from where he spent his childhood.

OWNERSH	IP SUMMARY OF N	ORTH 18 ACRES
The title to the north eighteen	acres was held by seve	ral owners over the years from the time Jare
Tolman purchased them from John H.	Barlow, Sr. on Jan 2,	1898, for the sum of \$50.00 until Moroni an
Mac Jacobsen sold them back to Leo	J. Barlow on May 23	, 1946.
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those owners were, for the following	time periods:	
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John H. Barlow	Nov. 16, 1897	Jan. 1, 1898
Jaren Tolman	Jan. 2, 1898 May 31, 1912	May 30, 1912 June 3, 1914
Sarah Jane Tolman		
Elmer Parkin	June 4, 1914	May 23, 1918
Samuel B. Goodfellow	May 24, 1918	Dec. 30, 1918
Security Investment Co.	Dec. 31, 1918	Mar. 23, 1930
W. A. Nelson	Mar. 24, 1930	June 9, 1932
Security Investment Co.	June 10, 1932	May 21, 1946
Moroni and Mae Jacobsen	May 22, 1946	May 22, 1946
Leo I Barlow	May 23, 1946	Apr. 26, 1988

An interesting note can be inserted here. The ownership plats and property titles indicate that Elmer and Sarah owned some of the property where the Bountiful Temple is now located. The following chart lists the property in Elmer's Name from 1914 to 1918.

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La Mar's Family (Left to Right) Mary Lou, Mary, Bonnie, La Mar and James. (Rheanna not Born when picture was taken)

Fay and Ted Guerts family. Children: Constance, Beverly, Marilyn, Jon, Theodore Jr. Steven, and Dale.







Elva Parkin and George Delbert Tauffer.

Children: Cwen, Linda, George Jr. Kimberly, Brian, and Brent.







Sarah Constancia Tolman Parkin



Wayne, Elmer, and Sarah in about 1944 as Wayne was being inducted into the Army.



SARAH IN FRONT OF HOME AT 1927 42™ AVE. SAN FRANCISCO



Vivian Tolman and Lawrence Tonge in front of the school.

Cyrus Elmer Parkin and Sarah Constancia Tolman

Cyrus Elmer Parkin b. 25 Dec. 1887, Bountiful, Utah , d. 15 Dec. 1948, Salt Lake City, Utah

Marriage, 28 Feb. 1906, SLC Sealed, 12 Dec. 1946, SL Temple





Sarah Constancia Toman, b. 24 Sep. 1882, Bountiful, Utah, d. 22 Nov. 1976, Salt Lake City, Utah

Children of Elmer and Sarah Parkin

Elmer Lamar Parkin, b. 3 Dec. 1907, Salt Lake City, Utah, d. 10 Jul. 1991 Salt Lake City

Marriage, 1 Sep. 1933, SL Temple

Lawrence Lafayette Tonge, b. 31 Oct. 1906, Salt Lake City, d. 18 Sep. 1979, Salt Lake City

Marriage, 4 Nov. 1927, SLC Sealed, 31 Aug. 1967 SL Temple



Mary Ilene Soffe, b. 14 Oct. 1911, Lewisville, Idaho, d. 27 Mar. 2005, Salt Lake, City





Vivian Bernice Parkin, b. 24 Aug. 1910, Salt Lake City, d. 23 Jun. 1975, SLC

Larene Parkin, b. 28 Feb. 1912, Salt Lake City, Utah, d. 28 Feb. 1913, Salt Lake City. Buried in Bountiful.

Theodore Irving Guerts, b. 24 Feb. 1910 Salt Lake City, d. 2 Aug. 1974, SLC

Marriage, 9 Nov. 1931, SL Temple





Fayette Parkin, b. Apr. 1914, SLC d. 26 Oct. 2004, Bountiful, Utah

George Wallace Crabtree, b. 28 July, 1914, Salt Lake City, Utah,d. 13 May, 2005, SLC Married, 20 May, 1935, later divorced





Sarah Elaine Parkin, b. 4 Nov. 1917, Park City, Utah, d. 21 Oct. 1948, Henderson, Nev. (buried in Bountiful)

2nd husband, Earl Mason Turner, b. 26
Jan. 1915, Brenan, Ohio, d.
8 Nov. 1977, Henderson, Nevada.



Marriage, 26 Jul. 1946 Sealed, 26 Jan. 2011, JR Temple

Wayne Tolman Parkin, b. 4 Apr. 1927, SLC Headstone at Bountiful, Cemetery as a Never married



d. 21 May 1992, San Francisco, Calf. memorial. (Cremated)