

History given to Charmain by Clyde Hatch

I was born in 1894 on June 26 at Woods Cross, Utah to Alvin Willard and Elizabeth Jackson. My brother and sisters were Lucy, Janet, Mary and Frank. I went to school at South Bountiful at age 6. My first teacher was Minerva Clark, 2nd was Mable Benson, 3rd was a guy by the name of Marchant, 4th was Mister Pack and Tom Winegar.

My activity when I got home from school was doing chores. Dad used to have a stable full of horses and I had three cows to milk.

(Charmain) Tell us about when the bum stopped and you had him come to the house and you weren't afraid but your Mother was.

Mother used to feed two or three bums every day. Once in a while she'd make them chop wood before she would feed them. Most generally she always fed them. A lot of them used to sleep in the barn. One morning I ran the fork down through the hay and I heard a squeal and I had hit a bum. They'd cover up with hay in the winter time. I uncovered him and he crawled out. Mother gave him breakfast.

What kind of food did you eat?

Mother always cooked a good meal. We never sat down and pieced like we do now. She liked to cook and she was a good cook.

(Dad said his Mother, in later years, had a electric refrigerator and made every kind of ice cream imaginable. He said she had dozens of flavors.)

Have eating habits changed through the years?

As long as I can remember_____I can remember when Dad quit smoking cigarettes. Dad and Uncle Rube took the Co-Op herd. They went below Tooele_____up Rush Valley and landed in Cherry Creek in Feb. with 5 gal. of molasses, a slab of bacon and a sack of flour. They didn't have any camps in those days. They cooked out at the tongue of the wagon and slept in the wagon with a cover over them. I think they ran the sheep two years. They ended up down in Nephi. Uncle Abe at that time was an engineer on the old Utah Central and his run ended in Milford. Dad and them used to correspond with Uncle Abe while they were down there. I believe they summered their sheep up on the Buckskin Mountain.

Where's that?

Up above Lehi somewhere. Then they sold them out. They had a hard winter. They had 75 head of cattle and lost them all. They got through with the sheep and took the sheep on shares. That's how they got paid. I believe they sold the sheep and formed Hatch Bros Co. about 1900. (Alvin said he found some ear tags in a camp with 1900 stamped on them.)

They bought out Jens Nelson and I just think that's when they formed the Co. and it wasn't very old but I well remember the team they got with the sheep outfit. They received the sheep out at Simpson Springs in the spring and they got a sheep camp and a team of horses_____one they called Red and one they called Turk and they were both balky. They came up the first

summer at Castle Rock and then after that they came on up to Wasatch. Then the company went from then on.

Tell about your childhood____games you played____were you always working?

I don't know. I played marbles and I wasn't too good at it. At the old So. Bountiful Schoolhouse there was just a dirt floor in the basement ____played in there. Lee Pace used to wind up with all the marbles and it took a nickel to get some more.

I spent all my school days in South Bountiful. I went up to high school in 1912. That's the year I got knocked off the Bamberger Railroad. I spent the first part of that year until the first of Feb at home and then I went to the hospital.

We were going to jump on the electric car____there were two of them and ride up to the crossing and jump off. Somebody knocked my hat off____Ray Hatch and that bunch from Cleverly Crossing. I crawled up under the car to get my hat as the train went. When I came to, I was over across the ground in a barb wire fence. I gathered myself up and walked over to the fifth So. crossing____from where Colonial Lumber is now to 5th So. The lumber yard has moved a couple of times but Alvin figures Clyde walked about one fourth of a mile.

My foot was bleeding and by jumping around, it cut the big artery. I walked back over to the Bamberger station with Bob. Mrs. Armstrong or who ever was over there____took my shoe off and that's the worst thing they could have done. I'd have bled to death, I was pretty near it anyway. Loren Briggs came along and he was keeping company with Jane Winegar (and he married her). He picked me up and took me to Dr. Howells and they took me home and Mady Howells nursed me for a month or more. I had a registered nurse also.

Did it cut your toes off?

All it did was skin the top and bottom of my foot. Took all the hide off it, never broke a bone in my foot. They cut all them off. When they cut back far enough on the bone it healed up. Before it never would heal. My big toe was left on but there wasn't any skin on it. I went in the hospital the first of Feb. and came out on crutches the first Sat. in Sept just which day I don't know. I never used them again until this last year.

Tell us how you met Mother. Did you take girls out a lot?

I never went out much with girls. I went out with Rhetta (Ret) Sessions more than anybody (Wilford Hatch's wife now) and Irene Waddoups. Irene took me to a missionary party down in Salt Lake and Mother was in the hospital with appendicitis. I went up to see her and I met Irene and went to a party. We came home to Waddoups and back. I met Myrtle through Jenny Lewis. I saw Mother down in the drug store. She was with Jack Sessions. They were having a party upstairs. We were eating ice cream when they went by us. Jenny introduced her to me. I saw her three

times. We went up to Lagoon and went together until we got married on Dec. 24.

What was Lagoon like then?

The same as now only we rode the Bamberger and used to go dancing up there _____ and drink a bottle of beer. I can't remember what year they had the races up there but they had them two years. They had a lot of jockeys up there.

Tell when you used ride the Bamberger and knock off hats for fun.

Well, there used to be a row of poplar trees below the old Hales Hollow _____ just this side of 5th So. and the Bamberger had open cars and we'd sit up there and knock those guys straw hats off and they'd be going so fast they couldn't do nothing about it. We'd get a lot of hats and we'd hear them cussing us.

How long did you go together before you got married?

From July to Dec. Mother and I went up the Canyon July 4th _____ 8 of us and we went up to Thornley's Grove and stayed over night and came back the next day. It's just below Devil's Slide. We all went up in Russ Day's Ford Truck and we all got in that and coming home we got stuck on Hill's Hill. (Hill's Hill is the last long decline before you turn off to go up Weber Canyon) We tried to push it up and we couldn't. Jose Layton walked back to the power plant. She telephoned and got help. I didn't know anybody but Jose Layton and Lizzie Green. Mother didn't know anybody. Somebody came and got us out. That used to be a sand hill and it was a tough hill. That's where you turn off to go to Hill Field. It was hard pulling either way. Anyway we couldn't make it with that Ford truck we had.

Where did you propose?

Laws, I don't know. We were married the 24th of Dec. The snow was 2 feet deep in S. L.C. They used to use a horse with a u-shaped drag to push snow off sidewalks. It was high in 1919. Alvin was born Jan 11, 1921. When we were married we lived at Aunt Rosella's home from Dec. until the next spring. Her grandson wanted the place. We were in Mrs. Egget's place when Alv was born. I worked on the Bamberger that fall for ten days. I earned \$50.00 for the nurse for Alvin. I came home and she'd burned up some of Alvin's clothes and made Mother mad. I took her over to her sister's, Minnie Moss _____ Henry Moss' wife, and gave her my \$50.00 and went home broke. I took her home in the wagon. I used to leave them there at Dad's and walk back.

When Jim was born we were living down at Aunt Rache's (Rachel) on 22 Feb., 1922 at 10:00 A.M. Snow up to your hinder and anyplace you went. He was born up in the nursing home _____ Mrs. Williams. Mother was snowed in for 10 days. I couldn't get her out. Clarence Winegar and Walt Stringham (Clyde's brother -in-law) and I took her up that morning at 6:00 A.M.

She started hollering at me about midnight. It was snowing I'm telling you.

Every time I looked outside you could hardly see anything for snow. It snowed a good fifteen inches. Clarence Winegar was the mailman and he had a new Chevrolet. He took Mother up and Walt Stringham went with us and I stayed and they went back. If they hadn't gone right back they couldn't have. The snow quit and the east wind started blowing and this town was paralyzed for about three weeks. Mr. Lawson was taking mail between Bountiful and Woods Cross and had a horse and buggy and he had to use dogs to sleigh that mail back and forth for awhile I remember. It drifted the whole town in. Every road in the town, you could walk anywhere right on top of the drifts. Every time I'd go to see Mother, I used to walk up there.

Did Aunt Ellen have Alvin?

Yes.

When did you go home?

Two weeks.

How much time was there between Jim and Gene?

Robert James and Clyde Eugene. Gene was born down in St. Marks Hospital I borrowed Mary's new Starr car to take Mother down to the hospital. I splashed it up a little and she made a big noise about that.

Was she married?

Not at that time. Doctor Allison was Mother's doctor down there. Mother was a year older when she had a hysterectomy. They were just starting to do that. There was a doctor in Philadelphia who charged \$1000 to do it. Dr. Ellison came to me and I told him I didn't have that kind of money and he says, "Clyde, I'll do it for \$300.00 and I think I can do just as good a job as him. (Mr. Hatch he called me.) I told him to go ahead and do it and he said I could pay him just as soon as I had the money.

She was in the hospital three weeks. I got enough to pay the hospital_____I don't know where I got it_____ \$7.00 a day then. when I was in the hospital it cost Dad \$3.00 a day. I had a big rook. I never did have anybody in there with me unless they came and asked me. I had some interesting partners_____some I didn't like_____told them about it and they took 'em out.

When did you go out on the outfit?

When Gene was born in 1925, in 1924 I guess. Started out at \$200.00 a month. Shepherders only got \$30.00. You were in the house down below when Gene was born (he said this to Myrtle) in the hospital but we were living down there. I had a big fight with Aunt Rach. She had a solid board fence at the back and a Virginia Creeper Vine grown up and she accused Clarence of cutting it down. He was living with us then. The snow drifted and broke 'em off. But you couldn't make her believe that so she was always tearing into Mother so we built that home up there. It

only took about a year to build it or less. (a brick home on 11th West. A new gas station is there now)

When did you get Wasatch and the summer range?

They had the summer range_____part of it and they had Wasatch then I think in 1925 or 26 they bought the Sage Creek country and the rest of the summer range up there. I think that was the second year I went on the outfit.

What about Castle Rock?

We didn't buy Castle rock until after Dad died_____No, I take that back. We bought and they were having trouble and each of the brother's owned a share in it and the company owned a share. They owned 7/12's of it. They thought they might sell it. They wouldn't sell it to Dad. Dad and Uncle Abe came up to the house and were talking about it. I asked them why they didn't buy it and so they did. They made them an offer and the rest of the outfit took it. I think it was in 1929 they were having all that trouble. It was the beginning of the depression. I remember when they were shearing they couldn't give it away_____spring of 1929. I can't remember the year they bought Castle Rock____done alright! The Woods Cross Company did all right, as long as Charle ran it. He went on a mission and got married and just didn't do nothing after. It wasn't run right, that's all. Rigby's and some ground over in what is now Hatch Bros . We bought out Grims and Rigby and it made a pretty nice piece of country. Rigby's tried to dry farm it then and went broke dry farming. They had a big home up Chalk Creek as big as that one at Castle Rock.

Does anything stand out as a highlight while you were with the company?

Oh, I don't know.

You had a lot of success.

Yes. The thing that saved us was the R.F.C.A (Rural Finance) You could borrow money from the government. Collard came up and talked to Dad and they took out that loan. That saved the day. From 1929-1938 we just floated and that was all. In 1938 we started making money, and 1939 we made money and from then on out. I don't think we ever had any more trouble.

Tell about some of your experiences in the Rotary Club.

I enjoyed the Rotary Club. Mother (Myrtle) and I took in three national conventions. We went to Los Angeles ourselves. We went to Atlantic City, New Jersey with Ruby and Jim Smedley, and to Seattle with Bill and Ella Smith. We took in every district convention until after Jim Smedley died. He was a nice guy. His wife was nice too.

How long were you on Main Street?

One year before we started building, two altogether.

Where did you get your house plans?

We got them from a neighbor of Edna and Dick Bishop down in California. We saw their home and sort of fell in love with it.. I'll tell

you the difference between that house and this one of ours. The sunroom was a bedroom in their place. Instead of this closet they had a bed that pushed up in the wall. They undid it and it came down and in the morning they pushed it up. It had two bedrooms. They had a furnace where that little closet is in our hallway. They didn't have a basement. So we changed that and put a basement in.

How did you get Horace Brough to build for you?

I went to Horace (I don't know if Mother was with me or not) and talked to him about it and he agreed to build it. I told him I'd give him eight per cent to build it and he did. We never had a word or a thing from the time he started until we moved in. Vaughn Bate blueprinted the plans for us. He was working for U.P and Light as a draftsman. I don't think the California home had a front room as large as ours but just about. We added the entrance on to it. We saw Jen Ashton and fell in love with the entrance way of her home. Her husband was a brick layer down on 33rd So. close to the brickyards. We came back and asked Mr. Brough if he could put that entrance on it and he said he could. We took him down to see it and he put it on without any trouble whatever.

What change did you notice through the years in Bountiful between the time you built your first home and this one?

Oh gosh, I don't think there were over 400 people. We had So. Bountiful, West Bountiful, and East Bountiful, three Wards , and the Tabernacle took in East Bountiful. South burned down right where the new one is now. Mr. Brough just finished the Third Ward when he started our place up fifth south. West Bountiful had one church house.

How many wards have you lived in?

Oh, 3, 4, 5, 6,. We lived in So. Bountiful. Mother and I went to church in West Bountiful, and in the 2nd Ward and then the Eighth and then 40th. We never moved very far.

You were always getting changed, without moving.

When we moved up here we were in the Second Ward (where Canterbury now is)

Did your assessments increase as you helped build wards?

A lot more up here than before. Seems we paid quite a little on the 2nd ward to put front steps on it. I don't think I helped on West Bountiful Ward but I think I did on the amusement hall and that winter Alvin was born. I don't know how many loads I hauled in there. Me and Jack Lee and Jim Layton and I think Wally Noble, I just can't remember anyway where the crossing is down in West Bountiful on the railroad. There used to be a little hill there_____a little knob, and they went in lengthwise and they scraped it out. Jack Lee and some of them got after the railroad and they let us take those paddle guards down and we used that dirt to fill up the old church yard. I hauled dirt and Jack Lee done most of the plowing. Took

a lot of dirt and that's where we got it _____good dirt, and built that up between amusement hall and the church.

Did you help build on any of the other wards or just donate?

Oh. I helped quite a little on this ward down here. (8th). I helped bail that insulation, I did a lot of that, me and Staley Wicker. We had an air hammer and used it on sheets between rafters. I helped quite a lot on this church. Bill Moss was the bishop at the time. He was a good bishop.

Who was the best bishop you ever had?

Dick Winegar. Well, Will Winegar. I don't think there was a better man that ever lived than Will Winegar, Tom's Dad. He was sure a grand person. I thought all those Winegar guys were ideal. I liked every one of them. They have such nice personalities. Dick and Wayne and Stuart are Tom's boys. Earl was Clarence Winegar's oldest boy. Earl stopped in Ontario, Oregon. Clarence said he was easily a millionaire and better. He went in there on the start, growing onions and spuds and made and put it all back in land. One boy came along and they bought a farm. Ray Wettstine's brother, Lewis, went up there with just a shoestring and they got a big layout and a good one now.

What qualities does a good bishop have? I guess that isn't pertinent to a life history but lots of life revolves around the church.

I've been with the church as long as I can remember. I went to school in So. Bountiful and did all my going to church in West Bountiful. All I had to do was walk across the road and I was in West Bountiful. I chased around with the Winegars boys after we were married. (Dad didn't answer that question) 5th So. divided So. and West Bountiful and we lived on South side but preferred to go to church at West Bountiful.

I know losing your boys was the most traumatic thing that happened in your life.

Well, it was a tragedy and it hurt Mother a lot. It took me a long while to get used to it. I just couldn't figure that they couldn't come home. Especially when Jim_____when they said Gene was gone too_____I decided that that was it. Mother was having a lot of trouble at that time having them toes taken off.

Did anything happen while your kids were growing up?

Oh I can't remember. I remember Mother saying Jim used to creep in on a breath of gasoline. There wasn't enough to make it to a station. Jim and Alvin, of course, were like twin kids. I didn't hear nothing about it. They'd stick up for each other tooth and toenail. Jim was a lot different than Alv, a different character.

If you could tell your grandchildren a philosophy for life what would you leave for them?

One thing I'd tell them is to be honest in everything they do. That's the only thing I think Dad ever left me that amounted to a whole lot_____was to be honest. It didn't make any difference whether it was money change, or work change or what it was. That's all I think. If they are

honest, be honest and practice honesty. I don't think they'll have any trouble in the world.

The other day when I was here you mentioned that money doesn't make happiness that there's a lot more to life than that.

I put money on the bottom of the list. There's a lot of happy people that never had money and they had a good successful life, too. In fact I think right now money is the cause of this____well, you'll see something's going to happen. You can't go on with labor and prices as it is now, for what you get out of it. It wouldn't be so bad, but I said all my life it wouldn't make any difference if you paid a guy \$10.00 if he could do you \$10 worth of good but he can't. You can't go and hire anybody anymore to do you any good. You used to work from 7 to 6. I remember Jim worked on the section up there with one of those jack hammers for two summers. He left at 7:00 in the morning and come home at six and that was hard work I'll tell you. When he went in the yard he looked all around to see if everything was picked up and in it's place. If it wasn't, he put it there. He got that from both Mother and me. He was the most immaculate kid I was ever around, was Jim. That's about all the history.

This was given by Dad another time with Mother.

I used to go chicken hunting with Bob Hatch and Lee Moss. We went clear over on Brigg Creek, that's up above Woodruff. We used to go down there to the Deseret Livestock to the old Heiner Ranch____the sagehens were so thick you could walk on them. We went over on Big Creek and stayed there one night and went out fishin'. I don't know if we made coffee in it or not but I put that old big fish in it and brought it home to Mother. I didn't let them eat it. Mother was a fisherman (his Mother) Mother would go up to Randolph and go down there to the river and fight mosquitos all day to fish____catching chubs and suckers in the Bear River____go up there to Aunt Alice's, Aunt Mele Jackson. Usually stayed at Uncle Jim's. She'd go down there and fight those darn mosquitos. There wasn't just one. There were swarms of them.

Bob and I used to chase the old mare, to use for the buggy, half the day so they could go fishing. We used to get up to her and away she'd go again and we'd chase her around the pasture.

Herb and Lawrence Parkin had two shares to the New State Gun Club. Another man from Utah Sugar had two shares and got all crippled up and couldn't use them. He used to take Gene down there with him to go get his ducks and bring them in. I don't know how Lawrence contacted me, he was president of the club then, and Newell and I bought them and we have been together ever since.(25Yrs.)

It was the spring after we moved in here and we've been here 31 years. I had a share in Burnham's, and Wilford Hatch and I went in the horse and buggy every Wed. I built that house down there. (11th West) Dad was going to put the water down there for me on that system and the rest of them bucked it and anyway it had to come under the Denver and Rio Grand track and that was one bad feature of it, and a house is no good without water so I sold my share in Burnhams for \$250.00 and that's what it cost to drive that well. Then I didn't hunt at the club until Newell and I bought those shares. I went hunting a lot with Jim.

One year I went down to the north end of the New State Gun Club. It would be up to the Farmington Bay now, and walked out there plowing through the water. We took 4 sticks and made a blind and put gunny sacks around it. We had a few decoys and we got our ducks sitting right out on that pond. Bob Hatch and I used to ride our horses; used to be a fence down there we tied them up to long before I ever went on the club. I used to like to hunt.

Did you like to hunt deer?

No I didn't relish deer hunting too much. I went with the guys a few times but I didn't have an inkling to kill a deer. I had a campjack pull a camp up there____there's a spring up there in those trees (summer range in the Uintahs) I killed an elk back up in those trees but I couldn't find him to save me.

Did anyone ever find him?

I saw a lot of cows and calves that day and was standing there in those thick trees in that little wake with willows around it and here came seven big bulls. I shot one of them and took a shot at one. He ran about as far as from here to the road (Dad's house on 5th So.) and dropped in the thick pines. Then I turned around and wondered if I could find my horse (slight chuckle) I tied my horse to a tree and oh was it snowing! But I found him and then I didn't know whether I was going to the river, or up to the camp or which way I was headed.

In that storm I heard 2 or 3 airplanes and I knew they were north of me and I came down and kind of hit a swale and led the horse down there and came out right against the camp. I never knew how far I went that day

Up in there there's a lot of little lakes.

One summer when Jim was a little kid (Dad is talking about my and Alvin's Jim, not his) we were up fishing on Deer Creek. He was riding a big gray horse and I was riding down the creek and I waited and didn't see him and I waited until dark and no Jim. I sat up all night waiting for him to come to camp but he didn't show up. I got one of the Basque boys working for us (Joe Bilbao) to come and get his horse and go with me up to where I started fishing. I didn't know this but Jim had gone back up where we had crossed the creek. He couldn't get the mule to cross the creek. Joe was

1/4 mile ahead of me. Jim had built him a shelter with the two saddles and stay there all night with his dog. (It rained too.) Joe came running back to me and said, "I found him in the creek." I thought sure he was drowned. I got kind of excited and rushed up there and there sat Jim with a grin on his face, nothing had happened to him. He said, "You don't need to worry about me Grand-dad."

Wasn't that old Tippy?

Yeah, he had a dog but I don't remember which one. Jim stretched a pole across a couple of saplings and put the saddles over it and laid on the blankets with the dog and went to sleep. There he was the next morning. I'll tell you I was relieved that morning, too, when I saw him.

I've done a lot of fishing on Deer Creek and West Fork and I don't think anybody ever caught more fish out of there than I have. (Mother used to put the fish lengthwise in a 2 quart carton like we used to be able to buy milk in, cover them with water after Dad cleaned them, and she froze them in her freezer until they wanted them during the winter.)

Now what will we talk about?

Some of the best trips I ever took were pack trips up into the Uintahs and the Wind River. I packed back into the Uintas a half dozen times with Alv, and Gene Phipps and Sam Martin. Sam knew a lake up in the head of the Uintahs you couldn't see because it was completely surrounded by trees. That particular trip was an especially good one because we caught plenty of fish.

Mother and I took a trip with Leo Clayson up in the top of the Uintahs. Mother and Leo's wife both got sick because they couldn't take the high altitude so we had to lower them down to where the trees were. They stayed there 3 or 4 days but we had to come home..

I took several trips up into the Wind River with Alv and my three grandsons, Jim, Scott, and Tom. I think these were the most enjoyable trips I ever took in my lifetime. We heard of Golden trout being planted up there. Johnny LeCroix, (pronounced Le Croy) a Basque who worked for us, knew that country and went. He took us up to the lakes where the trout had been planted and we had a heyday up there.

Gene Phipps accompanied us twice I think, up to the Wind River.

Gus Angeles went with you once, and he said Gene was like a mountain goat.

One trip we took a friend of Alvin's from Dugway_____a dentist, name was Gus Angeles. Gene Phipps was a mountain goat, to start with. Gene was going to take a hike one morning and take pictures of the country and Gus decided to go with him. I tried to persuade him not to start. Gene was as good as any mountain sheep in the mountains. About 4:00 P.M. Gene came home. No Gus with him____then we worried. After dark here came Gus stumbling in. If ever there was a tired man in the Wind River, it was Gus. Alvin offered to make him a cup of coffee and get him something to eat. He refused the coffee. We had a can of pineapple and he wanted to eat

that so we let him and he kind of came out of it but he didn't want to follow Gene Phipps anymore. It that guy wasn't a worn out bird, I don't know of one.

(Mother speaking) On Sunday, Dec 7 1941 we were taking our two boys along with two other neighbor boys that went to school, to Logan Agriculture College, and on our way home we turned the radio on and heard the news of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. The next morning our two boys thumbed their way home and went down to Salt Lake and enlisted in the service; Jim in the Marines and Alvin in the Air Corp..

(Dad). Now wait a minute, you stop there.

O.K.

Next Morning I took Alvin and Jim and Dick Nelson and Dell Winegar.(Mother) and the four of them enlisted in the service.

(Dad) Wait a minute Maw.

They all four went down and enlisted. Alv and Jim were accepted but Dick and Dell wasn't at that time. Alvin went into the Air Corps and Jim into the Marines. Later on Dick, Fuzz Nelson, as they called him, joined the Navy and so did Dell. Dell join in the submarine service. Jim was killed Nov 22, 1943 and just before Christmas they brought us the news that Jim was killed at Tarawa in the South Pacific.