

# **PART 5: JAMES AND HARRIET REID**

## **CHAPTER 2: ASHLEY VALLEY**

### **Leaving Manila**

Although James Reid was very hopeful for the future of Lucerne Valley, he decided to leave Manila.

*“At first, we thought this was an ideal place to run our cattle but soon found out that the outlaws and cattle rustlers were too much for us. Our cattle dwindled and the calf crop was taken until at last, we’ve decided to go over into Ashley Valley.”<sup>1</sup>*

*“After encountering many hardships and crop failures, Grandpa and his family decided to move over to the Ashley Valley. They loaded their wagon with their few possessions and with 7 head of cattle which William, about 16 years of age, and Ross, 7 years of age, drove over the mountain in September of 1899.”<sup>2</sup>*

### **Traveling to Ashley Valley**

Heading south from Manila, they traveled through the mountains that were rocky and sometimes desert like. The trip would have taken 21 hours without a break, so they probably took several days to get to their destination. There were probably few places to stop along the way.

He moved 62 miles south and settle in Ashley Valley. Uintah had been a county since 1880, with Ashley at its center. In 1893 the name was changed to Vernal. Vernal lies at an elevation of 5,331 feet. This area was originally inhabited by the Ute Tribe. By the time the Reid family arrived, most of the Indians were living on the Uintah & Ouray Indian Reservation (1870). Vernal had just been incorporated.<sup>3</sup>

*“The first place that they came to was Taylor Birds place. He had a large apple orchard, so Grandpa bought some apples from him and Grandma baked a fresh apple pie in the Dutch oven on the hot coals. It was the first pie they had had for a long time and really tasted good to them.”<sup>4</sup>*

Taylor Bird was a farmer, age 68 when James met him living in North Ashley. In the 1900 Census, James was living in the same Supervisor and same ED district as Taylor – they were neighbors.

### **Church**

James joined the Vernal First Ward. The following year he joined the Gleines Ward.

### **Purchasing Land**

*“Jan. 6, 1900, I traded my last 10 head of cattle for ten acres of land in*

*the Glines ward. There we made our home. I worked at carpenter work and took my pay in store trade that winter.”<sup>5</sup>*

## Census of 1900

On June 13, 1900, James and Harriet and five of their children lived in South Ashley.

Name	James Reid	Father's Birthplace	Scotland
Age	46	Mother's Birthplace	Scotland
Birth Date	Apr 1854	Years In US	36
Birthplace	Scotland	Naturalization	Naturalized
Home In 1900	South Ashley, Uintah, Utah	Occupation	Carpenter
Sheet Number	10	Can Read	Yes
Number of Dwelling In Order of Visitation	139	Can Write	Yes
Family Number	159	Can Speak English	Yes
Race	White	House Owned or Rented	Own
Gender	Male	Home Free or Mortgaged	Mortgaged
Immigration Year	1864	Farm or House	F
Relation to Head of House	Head	Neighbors	View others on page
Marital Status	Married	Household members	Name Age
Spouse's Name	Harriet Reid		James Reid 46
Marriage Year	1879		Harriet Reid 40
Years Married	21		William J Reid 16
			Samantha Reid 11
			Rose Reid 8
			Ross Reid 8
			Lillian Reid 1

Harriet stated she had given birth to 9 children and 6 were still living. Five children were still living at home with their parents: William 16, Samantha 11, Rose 8, Ross 8, and Lillian 1 are listed. Caroline Ella 19 was alive but listed as a housekeeper living in Vernal with the Adams Family. Stating that 3 children had died would include: Margaret 1878-1879, George 1887-1887, Hilda 1895-1896.

On July 13, 1900, James Reid's father, Matthew McWhan, died in New South Wales. It is unlikely he had followed the whereabouts of his father, but he likely knew his name.

On November 23, 1900, Caroline Ella died in Beaver at the age of 19. She was buried in Maeser Fairview cemetery, Vernal.

On December 12, 1900, Harriet's mother, Caroline Turner Valentine died. She was buried in Mountain View Cemetery, Beaver<sup>7</sup>.

In June of 1900, the family was residing in South Ashley, Uintah County, Utah. James was 46, had been married for 21 years, and was a carpenter. He had been employed for 4 out of 5 months in 1900, he could read, write and speak English. Harriet, his wife, was a housewife, age 40, and could also read, write and speak

English.

William J. was 16 and had been working as a farmer. He was no longer attending school, but he could read, write and speak English. Samantha was 11. She still attended school and could read, write and speak English. Rose and Ross were 8 and attended school. Lillian was 1.

Caroline was not residing with the family. She died later that year, on November 23, 1900. A few weeks later, on December 12, 1900, Caroline Turner Valentine, Harriet's mother, died at the age of 80, in Beaver.

James was called as a ward teacher in 1900.

## **1902**

On September 16, 1902, a daughter, Bertha Ethel Reid was born in Vernal. She was the last child to be born. Following the difficult birth, Harriet's health deteriorated, and she became an invalid.

*“On Sept. 16, 1902, the tenth child was born. After her birth my wife's health was broken and she became an invalid. All medical help was secured but to no avail.”<sup>8</sup>*

On December 28, 1902, Ross Alfred Reid died in Vernal at the age of 10. He was buried in Maeser Cemetery in Vernal (where his sister Caroline Ella was already buried and his father James and his mother Harriet and would later be buried). There is no child listed between December of 1898 and September of 1902 which is unusual. There may have been miscarriages that were not mentioned.

## **1905**

On April 5, 1905, daughter Samantha, age 16, was married to Samuel Peterson, age 21 in Vernal.

## **THE PETERSON FAMILY**

The Peterson Family was from Denmark and would play a great part in the early LDS history and the Reid's life. Samuel Peterson's great grandfather was Peder Anderson. He changed his last name from Anderson to Pederson. This may have been a combination of Peder and Anderson. Mormon missionaries had started work in Denmark by 1850. The converted Pederson family moved to America in 1856, first to Iowa and eventually to Utah in 1861 and by 1863 they were in Cedar Fort, just south of Salt Lake City. Peder had a son Ole in Denmark. Ole married in 1856 and settled in Cedar Fort also. One of Ole's sons was Peter Peterson and another was Joseph Peterson.

Peter Peterson had a son Samuel Peterson in 1864. This was the Samuel that married Samantha Reid.

Peter's brother, Joseph, had a son Earl Peterson in 1899. This was the Earl that married Samantha Reid's younger sister, Sarah. So, the sisters Samantha and Sarah Reid married cousins in the Peterson Family.

## 1906

On October 27, 1906, Agnes Reid Taylor, daughter of Richard Reid, aunt of James Reid, died in Beaver. She had been with him most of his life. She was buried in Mountain View Cemetery in Beaver.

## 1909

On January 12, 1909, James Reid's son, William Reid, married Eda Wardle Hair. She had been married in 1900 to Robert Hair and they had three daughters, Glades, who died as an infant in 1901, Verla, age 8 and Clarice, age 4. It is unknown why Robert Hair left the family. He did not die until 1935. No divorce records are locatable, but they must exist. William raised her two previous daughters.

## THE WARDLE FAMILY

The Wardle Family was from England and would also play a great part in the early LDS history and the Reid's life as did the Peterson Family.

*"Wardle, George, one of the original pioneers of Utah, was born Feb. 3, 1820, in Chedelton parish, Staffordshire, England, a son of Ralph Wardle and Ann Allen. He was baptized by Wm. Knight in 1839, emigrated to America in 1842, went to Nauvoo and with the exiled saints from that city located at Winter Quarters, where he was selected as one of the pioneer company. He was a talented musician and became a member of the brass band which played at the laying of the cornerstones of the Salt Lake Temple, April 6, 1853. He located at Vernal, Uintah Co., where he taught music and assisted in protecting the settlers against Indian depredations. He was chorister of the Vernal Ward and later chorister of the Uintah Stake. He died at Vernal Nov. 25, 1901, survived by a large family."*<sup>9</sup>

George Wardle was an early pioneer who practice polygamy which was common for certain Mormon sects. In the census of 1880, he listed three wives, Fanny 57, Lucy 50, Caroline 30. One of the children listed is Eda Wardle, born July 1879. It is not possible to know which of the wives was her mother (there is no record of the birth) and the entries in Ancestry and FamilySearch pick various women as her mother, though given the age of the wives, Caroline is the most likely. This was the Eda Wardle who married Robert Hair and then William Reid, James' son.

On October 11, 1909, James Reid's daughter, Rose May Reid, age 17, married George Gray, age 25.

# THE GRAY FAMILY

The Gray family had also come from England and were LDS members that eventually lived in Vernal.

George Tom Gray was born in England in 1859 and immigrated to America in 1868. He married Priscilla Randerson Gray in 1878 in Salt Lake City. George Tom Gray worked at the Salt Lake City Railroad. In 1884, they had George William Gray in Salt Lake City. Circa 1887, when George William Gray was three, his leg was amputated by a train while playing in the trainyard where his father worked. He used a wooden crutch the rest of his life to replace the missing limb. They moved to Vernal in 1897.

In 1900, George Tom Gray was living in Naples with his wife and children. George William was eight at the time. George Tom Gray owned and operated the North Star coal Mine, west of Maeser for many years.

George William was the son that married Rose May Reid, James Reid's daughter.

## Census of 1910

In the Census of 1910, James is 57, Harriet is 51, Lillian is 11, Bertha is 7. They had been married 31 years.

Harriet stated she had 10 children with only 5 still living.

The children living with her were: Lillian 11, Bertha 7.

William, 26, is living nearby with his new wife Eda Wardle and her two daughters.

The huge Wardle family is also living nearby.

Samantha, 21 was married and living with husband Samuel Peterson

with children Ketura (Katie) and Cecil in Wasatch, Packard (130 miles away)

Rose, 18, was living with her new husband, George, 26, one door away from her parents and a few doors down from her brother William. George was only able to get odd jobs working as a laborer.

The five children that had died were:

Margaret 1879, George 1987, Hilda 1896, Caroline Ella in 1900, Ross 1902.

So the four of the five remaining children were all living in one neighborhood and just Samantha was living 130 miles away.

STATE *Utah*  
 COUNTY *Uintah*  
 TOWNSHIP OF SEVER DIVISION OF COUNTY *South Ashley Precinct*  
 NAME OF INCORPORATED PLACE *X*  
 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR BUREAU OF THE CENSUS  
 THIRTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1910 - POPULATION 136  
 WARD OF CITY *X*  
 NAME OF INSPECTOR *Edna J. Colton*

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION	SEX	AGE	RELATION	MARRIAGE	NATURALIZATION	OCCUPATION	SCHEDULE	EDUCATION	REASON FOR ABSENCE	REMARKS	INDEXED	SERIALIZED	FILED	HOUSEHOLD	
														MAILED	INDEXED
<i>Head James</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>57</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>White</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Wife Harriet</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>White</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Daughter Lillian</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>Daughter</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>White</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Daughter Bertha</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>Daughter</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>White</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Son William</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>White</i>	<i>Laborer</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Daughter Rose</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>Daughter</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>White</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Son George</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>White</i>	<i>Laborer</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Daughter Eda</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>Daughter</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>White</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Daughter Edna</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>Daughter</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>White</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

## NEWSPAPERS

With the small community in Ashley / Vernal area, the newspaper kept track of many things (even insignificant and even personal) that was going on in the families. It gives us a glimpse of just a few of the issues surrounding James.

1914

James purchased four acres of land for \$300.

Vernal Express | 1914-02-13 | Local and Personal

Bishop Joseph McKee has sold to James Reid four acres near the Fourth ward meeting house. The price was \$300.

1915

James wrote an article about growing alfalfa.

Vernal Express | 1915-03-12 | Local Man Writes for Farm Paper

### LOCAL MAN WRITES FOR FARM PAPER

James Reid, of Vernal, has an interesting article in a recent issue of the Missouri Valley Farmer on how to prepare ground for alfalfa seed. The article follows:

Alfalfa is our best hay. I prepare my ground by plowing, then harrowing thoroughly. I sow 10 to 12 pounds of seed to the acre. Alfalfa is easily killed by frost when there are only two leaves, but when the plant has four leaves it will stand a hard frost. I have had water overflow my alfalfa in winter and kill the plants. It does not make a durable pasture, as much tramping kills it out. It won't pasture as much stock to the acre as grass, but the stock will do better. I have plowed up alfalfa and sowed it to wheat in the spring, and harvested 60 to 65 bushels an acre. Plowing the first year after alfalfa should not be more than 4 inches deep, when plowed deeper it does not produce as much. The second year I plow 6 inches deep and sow to oats. My oats average 60 bushels an acre. We irrigate all our crops as the rainfall is very light.

## 1916

It was the practice at the time to pre-designate jurors for the year. James was designated as a juror for 1917. He was 52.

Vernal Express | 1916-12-22 | Complete Jury List for 1917

**COMPLETE JURY  
LIST FOR 1917**

Names Liable To Be Drawn For  
Jury Service Next  
Year

County Clerk James O Neil has kindly handed us the following list of jurors who have been selected by Jury Commissioners Lynne Ashton and Charles S Carter, Jr to be drawn as jurors during the coming year

James Reid,

## 1917

In September of 1917, James Reid sold one of his homes to Caroline Wardle for \$300. James' son, William, had married Eda Wardle. Caroline was Eda's mother.



## 1918

Harriet became paralyzed. It is not recorded how this happened.

In June of 1918, James' daughter, Rose May Reid Gray and her husband, George William Gray, visited with Harriet Reid for Decoration Day was the early term for Memorial Day and was usually celebrated at the cemetery.

**Vernal Express, Gleines**  
**June 7, 1918** <sup>10</sup>

Mr and Mrs William Gray of  
 Duchesne came over for Decoration  
 day and are still visiting with Mrs  
 Gray's mother, Mrs James Reid

**1919**

Harriet was still very ill. She was paralyzed and had arthritis among other issues.  
 Vernal Express | 1919-03-14 | Correspondence Glinis Ward  
 Mrs James Reid is very sick again.

**1920 Marriage**

On May 29, 1920, daughter Sarah Lillian Reid, age 21, married Earl Peterson. Earl Peterson (and his brother Robert) was killed at the age of 35 in a train accident. As mentioned earlier, Earl Peterson was the cousin of the Peterson that married Sarah Reid's older sister, Samantha Reid Peterson.

**Census of 1920**

James Reid	
United States Census, 1920	
Name:	James Reid • <a href="#">Edit</a>
Event Type:	Census
Event Date:	1920 • <a href="#">Edit</a>
Event Place:	Uintah, Utah, United States • <a href="#">Edit</a>
Event Place (Original):	ED 132, Uintah, Utah
Sex:	Male
Age:	66
Marital Status:	Married
Race:	White
Race (Original):	White
Birth Year (Estimated):	1854
Birthplace:	Scotland • <a href="#">Edit</a>
Father's Birthplace:	Scotland
Mother's Birthplace:	Scotland
Relationship to Head of Household:	Head
Relationship to Head of Household (Original):	Head
Sheet Letter:	B
Sheet Number:	3

  

Household	Role	Sex	Age	Birthplace
<a href="#">James Reid</a>	Head	Male	66	Scotland
<a href="#">Harriet Reid</a>	Wife	Female	60	England
<a href="#">Lillian Reid</a>	Daughter	Female	21	Utah
<a href="#">Bertha E Reid</a>	Daughter	Female	17	Utah

In 1920, the family was residing in South Ashley. At that time, James was 66 and owned his home outright. He was a laborer. His wife, Harriet, was 60. Two children were still living with them: Lillian, 21 and Bertha, 17. Bertha was still attending school.

Renting the house next door to James and Harriet was their daughter Rose, age 28, her husband George Gray, 36, and their three children, Kenneth, 9, Wilma, 7 and Opal 4.

Daughter Samantha 31, and husband Sam Peterson 36, were now in Neola just 40 miles away.

In the neighborhood, Son William, 26, was residing with his wife Eda Wardle, 30, his two step-daughters, Verda and Clarice, and his own children, Hilda 7, Hattie (Enid) 4, Theda 2.

The Wardle family was still residing in the neighborhood also.

### 1921

Harriet was still suffering.

Vernal Express | 1921-11-18 | From Our Correspondents

Mrs. James Reid, who has been an invalid for many years, has been very ill the past week, but is much improved at this writing.

### 1921

James and Harriet's daughter Rose May Reid Gray left the area and moved to Los Gatos, California.

### 1923

James daughter, Samantha Peterson and her children visited with James and Harriet. Harriet had been paralyzed for several years and was not well. This visit was 6 weeks before Harriet died.

Vernal Express | 1923-07-13 | Gleines

Mrs Sam Peterson and children of Neola are visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Reid

### 1923 Harriet's Death

*"She passed away Aug. 28, 1923."*<sup>11</sup>

Harriet Valentine Reid died on August 28, 1923, in Vernal, Utah. The certificate was filed in South Ashley Precinct, Uintah County, Utah. Her death certificate lists:

birthday: September 13, 1859

age at death: 63 years, 11 months, 15 days

occupation: housewife

birthplace: Laughton, England

father's name: George W Valantine (misspelled) of England

mother's name: Caroline Turner of England

informant: James Reid

Cause of death: lobar pneumonia with contributory general paralysis for 5 years and

diarrhea for 7 days. She also had crippling arthritis.

**STATE OF UTAH—DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

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1 PLACE OF DEATH 2 3 0 3 6 9 0 44 State Board of Health File No. 44  
 County Y Uintah **STATE OF UTAH—DEATH CERTIFICATE**  
 Precinct South Ashley Harriet Reid (If death occurred in a hospital or institution give the NAME instead of street and number.)  
 Village Glimes  
 City No. St. Ward

2 FULL NAME Harriet Reid  
 (a) Residence No. St. Ward Street  
 (If usual place of abode) (If not resident give city or town and street)

Length of residence in city or town where death occurred 23 yrs. mo. da. How long in U. S. If foreign birth? 54 yrs. mo. da.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS		MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
3 Sex <u>Female</u>	4 Color of Hair <u>White</u>	5 Single, Married, Widowed, or Divorced (write the word) <u>Married</u>	14 Date of Death <u>August 28</u> , 19 <u>23</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)
6 Date of Birth <u>Sept 13, 1869</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)	7 Age <u>53</u> yrs. <u>11</u> mos. <u>15</u> da. <u>11</u> hrs. <u>15</u> min.	8 Occupation of Deceased (a) Trade, profession or particular kind of work <u>Housewife</u> (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (for employer) (c) Name of Employer	17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <u>Aug. 27</u> , 19 <u>23</u> , to <u>Aug 28</u> , 19 <u>23</u> that I last saw her alive on <u>Aug 27</u> , 19 <u>23</u> and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at <u>2:40</u> pm. The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows: <u>Lobar Pneumonia</u>
9 Birthplace (City or town) <u>Laybourn</u> (State or Country) <u>England</u>	10 Name of Father <u>George W. Valentine</u> 11 Birthplace of Father (City or Country) <u>England</u> 12 Maiden Name of Mother <u>Caroline Turner</u> 13 Birthplace of Mother (City or Country) <u>England</u>	15 Informant <u>James Reid</u> Address <u>Glimes</u>	16 Where was disease contracted? <u>at home</u> If not at place of death? Did an operation precede death? <u>No</u> Date of Was there an autopsy? What test confirmed diagnosis? (Signed) <u>Harmon E. Rudy</u> M.D. <u>Aug 29</u> , 19 <u>23</u> (Medical) <u>Veronal</u>
14 Informant Address <u>James Reid</u>	15 Informant Address <u>Glimes</u>	16 Where was disease contracted? <u>at home</u> If not at place of death? Did an operation precede death? <u>No</u> Date of Was there an autopsy? What test confirmed diagnosis? (Signed) <u>Harmon E. Rudy</u> M.D. <u>Aug 29</u> , 19 <u>23</u> (Medical) <u>Veronal</u>	18 Place of Burial, Cremation, or Removal <u>St. Peter Cemetery</u> State of Burial <u>Utah</u> 19 Undertaker <u>James Reid</u> Address <u>Glimes</u>

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This is to certify that this is a true copy of the certificate on file in this office. This certified copy is issued under authority of section 26-2-22 of the Utah Code Annotated, 1933 As Amended.

Date issued: JAN 20 1994 John E. Brockert  
 John E. Brockert  
 DIRECTOR OF VITAL STATISTICS

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## Burial of Harriet

Harriet was buried in Maeser Cemetery on September 1, 1923, Vernal, Utah.

After the death of his wife, James was cared for by his youngest daughter, Bertha in South Ashley yet he stayed in his own home.

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<sup>1</sup> James Autobiography

<sup>2</sup> Enid Biography

<sup>3</sup> [https://www.uen.org/utah\\_history\\_encyclopedia/u/UINTAH-OURAY\\_INDIAN\\_RESERVATION.shtml](https://www.uen.org/utah_history_encyclopedia/u/UINTAH-OURAY_INDIAN_RESERVATION.shtml)

<sup>4</sup> Enid Biography

<sup>5</sup> James Autobiography

<sup>6</sup> 1900 United States Federal Census for Utah>Uintah>South Ashley>District 0150

<sup>7</sup> Plot D\_346\_2

<sup>8</sup> James Autobiography

<sup>9</sup> Latter-day Saint Biographical Encyclopedia, Volume 4, Original Pioneers of Utah, Wardsworth, William Shin

<sup>10</sup> Vernal Express, Glinis, June 7, 1918

<sup>11</sup> James Autobiography