

PART 5: JAMES AND HARRIET REID

CHAPTER 3: ASHLEY VALLEY

1923

On Thanksgiving Day, James, who had been a widower for 2.5 months, and his daughter Bertha, was invited to spend the day with Joseph McKee. Joseph McKee was also a widower, age 63. James was 69.

Vernal Express | 1923-12-07 | From Our Correspondents

James Reid and daughter Bertha spent Thanksgiving day with Jos. A. McKee and family.

1924 Visit

Daughter Samantha, her husband Sam Peterson, visited James and went to see Harriet's grave.

Vernal Express | 1924-06-06 | Glines

Sam Peterson and wife, Elwin Peterson and wife of Neola motored to Vernal Sunday taking dinner with Mrs Peterson father, James Reid. They visited the cemetery and returned home Sunday evening.

1924 Sealing

James was sealed to Harriet. Temple Sealings were to ensure that death did not separate loved ones.

"On August 28, 1924, we were sealed by the Holy Spirit of Promise for time and eternity."¹

1924

The Vernal Newspaper reported that James was busy with his strawberries.

Vernal Express | 1924-06-20 | From Our Correspondents

James Reid is very busy in his strawberries.

Katie (daughter of Sam and Samantha Peterson) visited James. She was 19.

Vernal Express | 1924-09-19 | From Our Correspondents

Katie Peterson of Neola is visiting with her grandfather, James Reid.

James and daughter visited Neola. That is where his daughter Samantha Peterson was living. Neola is 30 miles from Vernal.

Vernal Express | 1924-09-19 | From Our Correspondents

James Reid and daughter visited
Neola Sunday.

1925

James and Bertha were in Neola.

Vernal Express | 1925-01-02 | From Our Correspondents

James Reid and daughter Bertha
are spending the week at Neola.

Bertha and her family moved from Vernal to Neola where her sister Samantha lived.

James was ordained to the office of a High Priest. A high priest has the right to officiate in the Church.

1926

Lionel Jensen of Neola visited James.

Vernal Express | 1926-06-25 | Glines

Mr and Mrs Lionel Jensen of Neola
were visitors at James Reid last
week

Ira Burton and one of his daughters helped James with his strawberries. They were neighbors from the same district.

Vernal Express | 1926-06-25 | Glines

Mrs Ira Burton and daughter
were employed to the berry picking
at James Reid Tuesday

Bertha and Earl Peterson and Sam and Samantha Peterson visited with their father James.

Vernal Express | 1926-11-26 | From Our Correspondents

Mr and Mrs Elwin Peterson and
family and Mrs. Emma Peterson of
Neola spent Saturday night and Sun-
day with their father James Reid

1928

In January, James had developed cancer on his hand.

Vernal Express | 1928-01-20 | From Our Correspondents

James Reid is suffering severely with
a cancer on his hand

In June, Berta and James went to Salt Lake city for treatment on James hand cancer. It is not known what the treatment was. In the 1920's, cancer was often treated with radiotherapy. Skin cancer was usually treated by removing the area.

Vernal Express | 1928-06-08 | Glines

James Reid and daughter Bertha,
made a trip to Salt Lake where Mr
Reid received medical treatment for a
cancer on his hand

In December, James spent the Christmas holiday with his daughters, Samantha and Sarah Lillian, in Neola.

1929

In January, Elwin and Sarah Lillian Reid Peterson of Neola returned James to Vernal.

Vernal Express | 1929-01-03 | Glines

Mr and Mrs Elwin Petersen of Neola motored to Glines Friday to bring Mr Peterson's father James Reid home after spending a delightful Christmas with his daughters

In August, James was treated in Salt Lake City again for his hand Cancer.

Vernal Express | 1929-08-22 | Glines

James Reid returned home from Salt Lake City Sunday, where he went for medical aid for his hand

In September, Jens Peter Jensen, died. Jensen was another early Mormon pioneer that had immigrated in 1866 and was a friend of James.

Vernal Express | 1929-09-05

**Last Respects Paid to
Ashley Valley Pioneer
at Glines Ward Tuesday**

Funeral services were held at the Glines ward chapel Tuesday for J P Jensen who died at his home in Glines Saturday night. Bishop John B Eaton was in charge of the services. The invocation was offered by James Reid and E J Longhurst. Henry Southam, Howard Stephens, Archie Johnson and Bishop John B Eaton were the speakers. The choir rendered, Beautiful Isle of Somewhere, "Oh My Father" and "Sometime We'll Understand." Benediction was pronounced by Ivan Batty. A large number of relatives and friends were in attendance.

On November 6, 1929, his daughter Bertha (age 26) married Hyrum Slaugh (age 21).

Vernal Express | 1929-11-07 | Glines

Another of our young couples have joined the married throng. Bertha Reid and Hyrum Slaugh left Monday for Salt Lake City where they will be married in the Salt Lake temple. Miss Reid is the daughter of James Reid of Glines. Mr Slaugh is the son of Richard Slaugh of Davis. Both are active workers in the activities of Glines and Davis. Their many friends wish them much happiness and success in their married life.

THE SLAUGH FAMILY

Once again, one of James' daughters married into a Mormon Pioneer family. Samantha and Sarah Lillian Reid married into the Peterson Family. William married into the Wardle

Family, Rose May Reid married into the Gray Family.

Hyrum Slaugh was the son of Benjamin Croft Slaugh, born in 1866. Benjamin was the son of George Jacob Slaugh, a Mormon Pioneer.

Newly married Bertha Reid Slaugh moved to Davis Precinct (about 20 miles away) where the Slaugh family was from. James (age 76) had been living with her for several years but at the time of the marriage, he left her home and lived in with other children as his health had deteriorated. He moved to the South Ashley Precinct where his son William was living.

Vernal Express | 1929-11-14 | Glines

Bertha Reid and Hyrum Slaugh who were married last week in the Salt Lake temple, will make their home in Davis ward

In November, James was treated in Salt Lake City again for his hand cancer.

Vernal Express | 1929-11-07 | Glines

James Reid went to Salt Lake City where he will receive medical treatment for cancer on his hand

For a second time in November, James was treated in Salt Lake City again for his hand cancer.

Vernal Express | 1929-11-14 | Glines

James Reid returned home Friday from Salt Lake City where he went for medical treatment for cancer

In December, Bertha Reid Slaugh stayed with her father James while he was ill. This was probably complications from the hand surgery.

Vernal Express | 1929-12-19 | Davis

Mrs Hyrum Slaugh is staying at the home of her father in Glines, James Reid during his illness

1930

In January, Sam and Samantha Peterson and Elwin and Sarah Lillian Peterson visited James while he was receiving medical attention in Vernal.

Vernal Express | 1930-01-09 | Glines

Mr and Mrs Samuel Peterson son Reid and Mrs Elwin Peterson were calling on their father, James Reid during the week Mr Peterson is receiving medical aid at Vernal

James Reid is slowly improving He is just able to step on his feet

In March, Bertha was back visiting her father in Vernal.

Vernal Express | 1930-03-13 | Glines

Mrs Hyrum Slaugh was visiting her father James Reid on Tuesday

1930 Census

In April, James Reid, age 77, lived next door to his son William Reid, age 46, and his family. Eda Wardle (William Reid's wife) had relatives living next door.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
FIFTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1930
POPULATION SCHEDULE

State: Utah County: Wasatch Town of city: Wasatch Subdivided place: South Wasatch, Bountiful

Enumeration date: April 27, 1930 Enumeration time: 10:00 a.m.

PLAT NO. OF HOUSEHOLD	NAME	RELATION	SEX	AGE	MARRIAGE	EDUCATION	PLACE OF BIRTH	NATURALIZATION	MOTHER TONGUE OR OTHER LANGUAGE OF HOUSEHOLD	ETHNICITY, ETC.	OCCUPATION AND INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT	FEDERAL RESERVE	MILITARY SERVICE
95-25	Reid, William	Head	M	77	Mar	High school	Utah	White	English	None	Retired	None	None	None
	Eda	Wife	F	46	Mar	High school	Utah	White	English	None	Homemaker	None	None	None
	James	Son	M	46	Mar	High school	Utah	White	English	None	Farmer	None	None	None
	Eda	Daughter	F	41	Mar	High school	Utah	White	English	None	Homemaker	None	None	None
	James	Son	M	32	Mar	High school	Utah	White	English	None	Farmer	None	None	None
	Bertha	Daughter	F	26	Mar	High school	Utah	White	English	None	Homemaker	None	None	None
	Samuel	Son	M	22	Mar	High school	Utah	White	English	None	Farmer	None	None	None
	Cecil	Son	M	19	Mar	High school	Utah	White	English	None	Farmer	None	None	None
	Verla	Daughter	F	17	Mar	High school	Utah	White	English	None	Homemaker	None	None	None
	Elwin	Son	M	15	Mar	High school	Utah	White	English	None	Farmer	None	None	None
	Sarah	Daughter	F	13	Mar	High school	Utah	White	English	None	Homemaker	None	None	None
	Cleo	Daughter	F	11	Mar	High school	Utah	White	English	None	Homemaker	None	None	None

Daughter, Samantha Reid Peterson, age 41 was living with her husband and children in Neola.

Daughter, Rose Reid Gray, age 38, was living with her husband and children in Los Gatos, California.

Sarah Lillian Reid Peterson, age 32, was living with her husband and children in Neola.

Bertha Reid Slaugh, age 26, was living with her husband and children in Davis.

In April, Hyrum Slaugh, Bertha's husband was away shearing sheep so Bertha stayed with her father.

Vernal Express | 1930-04-17 | Glines
Mrs Hyrum Slaugh is staying with her father, James Reid while Mr Slaugh is at ay shearing sheep

April 29, Samantha, Samuel, Cecil and Verla Peterson as well as Elwin, Sarah Lillian, and Cleo Peterson, visited James Reid for his 77th birthday

Vernal Express | 1930-05-01 | Glines
Mr and Mrs Samuel Peterson son Cecil daughter Verla, Mr and Mrs Elwin Peterson, daughter Cleo and Mr and Mrs William Reid enjoyed a dinner at the home of James Reid Sunday, the occasion being the 77th birthday anniversary of his birth.

In August, James felt well enough to visit his daughter Bertha in Davis where he helped her husband.

Vernal Express | 1930-08-07 | Glines
James Reid spent last week in Davis where he was assisting in the erection of the Hyrum Slaugh residence

Later that month, Bertha went to see her father in Vernal.

Vernal Express | 1930-08-28 | Davis

Mrs Bertha Slough was a visitor at the home of her father James Reid of Glines ward last Tuesday

1931

In April, Sarah and Elwin Peterson moved from Neola to Vernal to take care of James for the summer.

Vernal Express | 1931-04-23 | Glines

Mr and Mrs Elwin Peterson and family of Neola have moved into the James Reid home where they will care for Mr Reid's place this summer

In June, Samantha Reid Peterson, Cecil and Reed, Thelma and Verla visited James in Vernal. Bertha and Hyrum Slough were also there. Mrs Joe Dunker was Katie Peterson Duncan was also listed with children (Clair and Lila).

Vernal Express | 1931-06-04 | Glines

Mrs Samuel Peterson and sons Cecil and Reed and daughters Thelma and Verla and Mrs Joe

Dunker and children of Neola were visiting Saturday at the home of Mrs Peterson's father Mr James Reid

Mr and Mrs Hyrum Slough and daughter Floy were visiting Mrs Slough's father James Reid

In July, Bertha and Hyrum Slough were visiting James in Vernal.

Vernal Express | 1931-07-16 | Glines

Mr and Mrs Hyrum Slough were visiting Sunday at the home of Mrs Slough's father James Reid

In September, Sarah and Elwin Peterson returned to Neola.

Vernal Express | 1931-09-24 | Glines

Mr and Mrs Elwin Peterson and family returned to Neola for the winter. They have spent the summer with Mrs Peterson's father James Reid

1932

In February, Bertha and Hyrum were visiting James. They returned again in March.

Vernal Express | 1932-02-25 | Glines

Mr and Mrs Ifyrum Slaugh were visiting Friday with Mrs Slaugh's father, James Reid

1934

August 2, 1934

Elwin Peterson, Sarah Lillian Reid Peterson's husband, was killed in a car-train accident. Elwin had repeatedly visited along with his wife Sarah Lillian with Sarah's father, James Reid. Elwin and Lillian had been married 14 years. At the time of his death, Elwin's children were Glade 14, Duane 12, Cleo 6, and Elwin 4. Elwin's brother, Robert Peterson was also killed. Sarah's son Lloyd had died previously.

Vernal Express | 1934-08-09 | Glines

Tamarac lake last week
People of this ward were shocked to hear of the sad death of Elwyn Peterson of Neola which occurred last week Mrs Peterson was formerly Lillian Reid daughter of James Reid of this ward Since moving to Neola they with their family of four children have visited here on numerous occasions. Mr Peterson and his brother were enroute to Salt Lake and while crossing a railroad track were struck by a train Both were killed. Relatives from here attended funeral services

In December, James daughter Bertha Reid Slaugh came from Davis to visit James.

Vernal Express | 1934-12-06 | Glines

Mr's business college for the winter term
James Reid was very ill last week and his daughter Mrs Ifyrum Slaugh of Davis spent a few days caring for him

1935

In March 1935, Harriet's brother, George Wilson Valentine, Jr and his wife Eunice Ann Stewart Valentine, had their Golden Wedding (50 years) Anniversary Party in Beaver. James had been at their wedding on March 15, 1885. James was not well enough to attend the anniversary party.²

In September, James was staying with his son, William Reid and Sarah Lillian Peterson, visited.

Vernal Express | 1935-09-26 | Glines
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James Reid who has been quite ill for some time, is a little improved. He is staying at the home of his son Will Reid. His daughter, Mrs. Lillian Peterson of Neola visited with him last week.

On November 21, 1935, Sarah Lillian, who had been widowed for over a year, remarried. Her husband was Thomas Thaddeus Wilkerson.

THE WILKERSON FAMILY

Sarah Lillian married into another Mormon Pioneer family.

Thomas Thaddeus Wilkerson was 37 when he married the widowed Sarah Lillian Reid Peterson. He had been born April 18, 1898, in Springville, Utah. His father was also Thomas Thaddeus Wilkerson born in 1864 in Illinois. And his grandfather was William Wilkerson born in 1828 in Indiana. And his great grandfather was Thomas Wilkerson, born 1797 in Kentucky. His great-great grandfather was David Wilkerson born 1764 in Kentucky. The genealogy keeps going back but the validity of the information is not verifiable. It is safe to say that the Wilkerson's were early American Pioneers as well as Mormon Pioneers. It is known that the great grandfather, Thomas Wilkerson (born 1797) was a Mormon Pioneer, traveling with the Overland Group in 1852.

1937

In June, The Daughters of Utah Pioneers decided to log the biography of James.

Vernal Express | 1937-06-10 | Glines
a new lady.
The Daughters of the Utah Pioneers met Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Tom Timothy. Mrs. George Wardle read the history of James Reid. Mrs. Norma Simper favored with a reading. A delicious two-course luncheon was served. The next meeting will be held in August at which time the ladies will entertain their husbands.

OUR PIONEERS

HISTORY OF JAMES REID

(Continued From Last Week)

They arrived in Salt Lake Valley about the first of October, just in time for conference.

In May 1864, with his grandparents, he started for Beaver City, Utah. On arriving they were unable to rent a house, and the only place available was a cellar. For this they paid one dollar a month. During the summer they went to the mountains and got out timber for a one room house. They were fixed quit comfortably for the winter.

He was baptized that year and confirmed a member of the LDS Church. Ordained a Deacon in the year 1866, was appointed secretary of the quorum for three years and was then made first counselor.

About the year 1872 he was ordained an Elder and held that office for 53 years.

On Dec. 23, 1876 he was married to Harriet Valentine. In 1897 with his wife and five children, he moved to what was then known as Lucerne Valley, now Manila, and there he was presiding Elder over the Sunday School and meeting for almost three years. They moved to Ashley Valley in the year 1899, where he joined the Vernal First ward, and in 1909 moved to Olines where he is now a member.

He served in the capacity of a ward teacher for 35 years until health and age made it impossible to act. He was ordained a High Priest in 1923. He was always willing and ready to do whatever he was called upon to do.

His wife died in August, 1923,

and for about ten years he lived alone, and since that time has resided with his children. He has five living children, William Reid, Vernal, Mrs. S. T. Peterson, Neola; Mrs. G. W. Gray, Los Gatos, Calif. Mrs. Thad Wilkerson, Neola, Mrs. Hyrum Slaugh, Vernal; 20 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren. At the present time he is living with his daughters at Neola.

In September, James visited with his son William. Most of the family was there. He had been living with his daughter Sarah.

Vernal Express | 1937-09-30 | Glines

James Reid, Mrs. Thad Wilkerson and two children and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Peterson of Neola were visitors at the home of Mrs. Will Reid last week. Mr. Reid was a resident of this ward until recently when he went to live with his daughter, Mrs. Wilkinson.

Mrs. Elvan Loader and children

¹ James Autobiography

² Beaver Press, March 22, 1935