

I. Leland July Born June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1903 at East Mill Creek Utah  
My Parents are Ota McKain Seely and Alzaretta Neff Seely  
I have 2 Brothers and two sisters My older Bro Elwyn myself and  
East Mill Creek, south east of Salt Lake City Utah  
got its name from the <sup>Flour</sup> Mill that was built

on the creek, The builder and owner of the Mill <sup>was</sup>  
~~Franklin B. Neff~~ <sup>Franklin B. Neff</sup> ~~and brought the large mill stone~~  
~~from the east, across the plains hundreds of miles~~  
for his Mill, to be used to grind grain into flour.

He brought the large Mill stone, used in his Mill ~~to~~  
grind the grain, hundreds of miles <sup>with a team</sup> across the  
plains to East Mill Creek. It was <sup>most</sup> difficult to get material  
to build the mill, it was only <sup>after diligent seeking for material</sup> ~~after~~ hard labor, ~~and~~  
~~most~~ after diligently seeking for material and hard labor the  
Mill was completed.

Franklin B. Neff and <sup>my Grandparents</sup>  
Alzaretta Neff <sup>were my grandparents</sup>

We the converts of Franklin B. Neff and  
~~are~~ indebted to them for their courage and ~~and~~ their  
firm conviction of the truthfulness of the ~~gospel~~  
church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints ~~and they~~  
it and were taught by Brigham Young.

My Grandmother's father Isaac Seely and his sister  
crossed the plains with their mother Lucy Decker Seely young  
she was the first Polygamist wife of Brigham Young.  
Isaac Seely and sister ~~were~~ sealed to Brigham Young.

I was born ~~near~~ East Mill Creek June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1903, our home was  
about 4 hours north of Grandfather Neff's home  
and the Flour Mill with the Pond just above it  
where the water was stored so it could run down  
over the water wheel to turn the big mill stone  
to grind wheat into flour. In the winter when  
the pond was all frozen over ~~with ice~~ it made  
excellent skating. also the men would saw the thick  
ice in to blocks and slide it down the hill in to ~~make~~  
a Ice House and store it for summer use.

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one day when I was up by the pond watching the men cut the ice and slide the blocks down the hill, I got to close to the edge where they had taken the ice out and I slipped and fell in, <sup>subsequent down clear on my head in the icy water.</sup> the men were right close and fished me out of the ~~icy~~ water and started me down the hill for home which was only about a block away. as I ran for home my pants legs froze and were clinking against each other and my hair also froze in to ice circles. From this I learned not to go to close to the water.

I had a boy friend who lived in Grandfather Old Home his father was caretaker for the place, which <sup>at that</sup> that time was an estate for some wealthy people who lived in the city and made this place their summer home.

I loved to go with my friend Willie Astor to catch fish out of the fish pond and roller skate on their private roller skating rink. I also helped him mow the lawns, one day Willie and his older brother and myself were doing some mowing Willie's older brother was pushing the mower and a stick got caught in the mower Willie's Bro. told him to get the stick out out he stop ~~stopped~~ on the mower and I pulled out the stick and the older boy ~~went~~ went off with the mower, and Willie let out a yell that could be heard all over the valley. When he looked down at his hand one finger was missing. The doctor tried to sew the finger back on but it never would heal over.

about 1912 when I was nine years old Dad decided with some pressure from the Pacific Land and Water Co. that he should be a rancher, he sold our nice red brick home, a 5 acre fruit farm, gave up a U.S. Mail route, loaded all our belongings into an emigrant freight car, including two horses one case and a white top two seater wagon. and sailed up at the railroad station at Nelson around the north end of Great Salt Lake in Box Elder County Utah twenty miles from the <sup>Ranch</sup> ~~station~~ <sup>and had</sup> ~~station~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~station~~. It was dark before

We got the new white top off the box car the wheels put on it and the two horses hooked to it, with all of us aboard. We started the

twenty miles to the ~~the~~ ranch. We arrived just <sup>as</sup> it was starting to

get light. <sup>in the morning</sup> We unload and started for the house as we came up to

gate there was a large log filled with water. Elwyn and I looked it over and decided it was a canoe. However it turned out to be a water trough for the live stock. The ranch was a mile and a half long ~~to the~~ the ~~cl~~ it was several days before we Elwyn and I got courage enough to go to the top of the field. As we were passing <sup>small</sup> tall Willows ~~there~~ I saw some kind of a animal up in the <sup>top</sup> ~~top~~ I looked it over and called to Elwyn to come see the monkey in the tree. He came running and pronounced it to be a baboon. It turned out to be a porcupine.

We went to school in the old Red school house with the big Bell up in the tower.

I graduated from the eight grade with top honors. Elwyn the smartest boy in the class. In fact Elwyn was the only boy in the class. Two girls and me. We were the graduation class. Earl Walker was our teacher.

Dad was the school Board member for our district. And as such was well acquainted with the teacher and somehow seemed to have high type good looking girls out in our district. Most of them I owed they would not stay out there over night. But in most cases their terms ~~were~~ <sup>were</sup> committed to life sentences.

About this time I had graduated from high school at the age of twenty years. I had just completed a campaign at the sugar factory <sup>in Brigham City</sup> and had arranged with two of the boys to go on a trip into Nevada and end up in California for the balance of the winter. I had a new suit case all packed and expected to go with the boys in the morning. Dad arrived on the ~~even~~ <sup>even</sup> and promptly took up a labor with me.

He told me he was buying a new Model T. Ford to take home and that Miss Thompson had been enquiring about me. I had Miss judge my Dad and understood

his power of persuasion (4) On the morning I did ~~buy~~  
the new suitcase <sup>rocky</sup> on the new Ford and was on my way  
back to the ranch.

Miss Thompson, (Grace) and I were married <sup>23<sup>rd</sup> of</sup> June <sup>23<sup>rd</sup> 1926</sup>  
We lived in the little Green House a half mile from the  
Ranch Home and our closest neighbor. <sup>just out to work on</sup>

We had a stove that burned wood & a coal oil lamp for light.  
We got the water out of a twenty foot deep well with a  
Rope and a bucket ~~to get it out~~. We had our Saturday night  
bath in a tin tub, which if you were successful  
in getting wet all over you were a better operator than ~~average~~.

The crowning event was a trip out back to the old Backhouse.  
Which if the weather permitting ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> educational, available  
~~with~~ <sup>with</sup> Sears Roebuck's 764 page catalogue of late issues of the  
daily paper that come to the Post office twice a week ~~with~~ <sup>with</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~all~~ <sup>all</sup>.

During the seven years we lived on the Ranch Jay  
our first born in the Wilderness arrived. She was  
a doll, Black eyes and lots of black hair. She loved to play  
and she and uncle Ken always had a ball.

Then Glen was born Red Hair and freckles, more  
energy than you could expect from any ball of fire  
twice his size. No use for sleep. Mom would prop him  
up with pillows and we would go to sleep  
and hours later he would still be playing.

One day ~~we~~ intercepted him headed for Aunt Jennie's  
place dressed in a pair of boots and a straw hat.  
he didn't have much use for ~~clothes~~.

About this time the great Depression hit, and hit hard.  
Prices of cattle dropped more ~~than~~ <sup>than</sup> ~~half~~. Cows we had bought  
for \$700 or ~~dropped~~ <sup>dropped</sup> to \$250 for a cow and a calf.

It's along with a drought. The water didn't run in the  
field a hundred yds. We ~~put~~ <sup>put</sup> up seven loads of hay  
on the whole ranch. I went to the Bank to borrow more  
money to feed the stock. Cows turned down and the bank  
demanded full payment for what ~~we~~ <sup>we</sup> ~~owed~~ <sup>owed</sup> them.  
Which took everything we had. ~~We sold the ranch~~  
We turned the ranch to Redger Palmer for the party 132.

We loaded everything we had on a truck and came to  
 Brigham City. I was still in debt, \$1400<sup>00</sup> ~~less than nothing~~.  
 It took 5 years to pay back the Quarter Hundred Dollars.  
 We rented a two room house with a cold water tap,  
 from Nellie Ever, for \$8<sup>00</sup> Per Month. I wasn't sure  
 I could pay the \$8<sup>00</sup> and she was quite sure I could.  
 She was very good to us, she gave us milk from her cow.  
 let us pay the rent when we had it. We shall never forget her kindness.  
 I went up to Idaho to Montpelier and set up a fruit store.  
 Chas would bring up a truck load of fruit, and I stayed  
 there and lived in the back of the store and sold the fruit.  
 then he would bring another load. Before I had any money  
 to send to Grace and the children they were destitute and  
 it hadn't been for my faithful friend Walter H. Mow  
 taking food to my family, <sup>then I was times that</sup> they wouldn't have eaten. There was no welfare in  
 those days. Not even the church had their welfare set up then.

They were dark days, many nights I would walk  
 around the town, and see all the big homes with  
 lights in the windows and wonder if I could <sup>ever</sup> have  
 a home for my family.

at last I got a break Walt got me a job in the Court  
 House at \$200<sup>00</sup> per day I worked with the girls in the  
 assessors office, and after the tax collection was over I  
 wrote the tax sale long hand which took about two months.  
 During this time he was born He was a fine cute  
 Baby and loved to play and was good natured.

At this time I took over the service station for associated  
 Gas and Oil ~~station~~ at 7<sup>th</sup> So Main on the East side of the  
 road <sup>main street</sup> and worked for Melvin Jones running the service station.  
 Melvin had a old Chev truck and a 500 gal tank ~~for~~ it. He  
 was hauling gas from the Bulk plant in Ogden and supplying  
 two station outlets and a few outside accounts. He was a <sup>great</sup> ~~great~~ <sup>honest</sup> ~~honest~~  
 man and was called to work with the c.e.c. setup. I took  
 over this job. I was to go to Ogden with the 500 gal truck  
 get a load of Gas and distribute it out, and get paid  
 \$200<sup>00</sup> for the load. if it took me one day or three.

From Jimmie Carl King were  
 Bob during the period

This was my start in the oil business, in two years I had the Distributor ship with Associated, for myself. I had my own truck and more outlets, I went into the fuel oil business and started building up a good business. I purchased the corner at 7th St. and ~~Main~~ <sup>Home</sup> ~~then they~~ <sup>Home</sup> and ~~that~~ <sup>young</sup> moved the family to 7th St. and started to build a Motel.

During the preceding time I worked in the Church I was the Ward Clerk for some years, and second Counselor to Bro. James Jensen in the 3rd ward. (Also served 2 terms on the ~~Ward~~ <sup>Brigham City</sup> Council) Previous to this I was Sunday school superintendent, and President of the Young Men Mutual in the Brigham 3rd ward.

After moving to the 5th Ward I was a ward teacher and the ~~teacher~~ <sup>Supervisor</sup> and teacher for the teachers Quorum. I held these two jobs the full time we lived at the Motel at 7th St. a period of nearly ten years.

In 1959 I sold my Sinclair Refining Co. Distributor <sup>ship</sup> my bulk plant and service <sup>station</sup> truck and equipment. ~~My~~ <sup>short</sup> I went out of the Gas and Oil business. The transaction was for \_\_\_\_\_

We built new Motel units and improved the property at 7th St. We purchased our new home at 826 E 1st N. and moved to the new location.

We hired a manager for the Motel, Bro. Grace and the three young boys were relieved of their part at the Motel. I spent my time doing up Rep and general Repairs.

In 1961, I took a Real Estate course at Menegone Business College, and passed the examination for a real estate salesman. I then had the ~~real estate~~ <sup>Real Estate</sup> office in the Motel office lobby. He became engrossed in his operation at Granger and we decided to close the office in the Motel.

I joined the ~~Real~~ <sup>Real</sup> Realty Co. <sup>in 1961</sup> and worked ~~as~~ <sup>as</sup> a salesman since that time.

James Edward our third son -

beyond two terms on 1976- City Councilman  
 Mayor President of the Young Men Mutual  
 Mayor President of the Brigham City Chamber of Commerce  
 Mayor and President of the Brigham City Community Commission  
 Mayor President of the Brigham City Chamber of Commerce

I. H. H. Daily, Born June 9<sup>th</sup> 1903 at East Mill Creek Utah.  
My Parents were Arta McLean Daily and Albertta Neff Daily  
House or Hospital, when born? How circumstances surrounding Birth?  
My Parents were Arta McLean Daily and Albertta Neff Daily,  
(Date and place of Mother's Birth. Father Franklin B. Neff, Mother  
Name — Foster)

- (5) List date of My Blessing - Bless in what ward & stake by whom)?
- (6) Baptism, Age, month & year By whom, where this recorded (with & Grand)
- (7) Patriarchal Blessing when and where received, by whom given.
- (8) Schooling when and where commenced, school attended, teacher, you remember best, certificate or diploma received.
- (9) Childhood Memories, adventures, accidents, thoughts, promising incidents, home life, Brothers, sisters activities in the Home. Home enjoyment, etc.
- (10) Church Activities, Religion class, Primary, Sunday school, M. S. A. Seminary, Genealogical classes, Pioushood Quorum, Baptisms for the dead.
- (11) Faith Promoting Experiences - in your life, in those of your parents or grandparents that have affected you.
- (12) Ordinations to the Priesthood, date and place of ordination to office of Deacon, teacher, Priest, Elder, seventy, High Priest, by whom ordained. Possessing of certificate of ordination.
- (13) Health - with record of sicknesses or accidents to
- (14) Good Times of sports and amusements, things you have enjoyed most.
- (15) Books or Movies that have impressed or helped you, make an impression - on you.
- (16) Married life - to whom, where, and by whom? children, grandchildren. Incidents in your lives together that would prove beneficial to help others that read your story - hardships - Blessings, places of residence, employment, hobbies, family outings, etc.
- (17) Future Plans - things you most want to do, in business or vocation in church service, in home life.