Lewis William Barry Wride 1862-1934

by W. Thomas Wride, a grandson

Lewis William Barry Wride was born on September 22, 1862 at Provo, Utah where his parents had settled temporarily after arriving in America with a group of Saints from Great Britain the previous year. Lewis's parents, Barry and Hannah Wride were married in 1861prior to their departure from the docks at Liverpool, England. Other family members in that 1861 emigration group also settled in Provo.

Barry had heard of the rich farmlands in southern Utah County and soon after the birth of Lewis moved to Benjamin, then soon settled in the larger neighboring town of Payson, where he continued to farm on land outside of town and live in the city.

Lewis was soon joined in a loving family by a few sisters and enjoyed growing up in a Mormon community with many friends and relatives close-by. This was an era of wood-burning stoves, out-houses and well-water. Transportation was principally by horse-back or horse-drawn buggy.

Lewis enjoyed the schools in Payson and particularly took a liking to playing baseball with his school mates. He later was quite active in the sport on the city team. His abilities were enhanced by his quick feet and fast runs between the bases. He was also an active helper on his father's farm, giving much assistance with the crops, orchards and livestock.

After completing his education in the Payson school system, he went over to Provo and enrolled in the Brigham Young Academy on west Center Street to begin classes in the fall of 1882. He received some financial assistance from his father and was able to stay at Aunt Mary John's home in Provo. Before completing his college education he took some time out to help on his father's farm and also continue to play baseball for the Payson City team.

During this time he met and courted Harriet Stark, also of Payson. She was the daughter of Daniel and Priscilla Berkenhead Stark. It was commonly thought in the community that she was a very pretty young woman. Both Lewis and Harriet were about the same height and of slender build. On May 18, 1887 they were married in the Logan temple by Mariner W. Merrill. They made the trip to Logan by horse-drawn wagon with another couple from Payson, Ralph Archibald and Elizabeth Brewerton, who were also engaged to be married. At that time it was a four-day journey. Harriet later recorded that, "We either stayed at the homes of friends or relatives or camped by the roadside. One of our camp-outs was at Sessions Settlement, north of Salt Lake City [now Bountiful]. The girls sleeping in the wagon and the men making their bed on the ground. There were no automobiles in those days, so there was no traffic at night to disturb one's sleep. Altogether it was a very interesting trip, arriving at Logan late in the afternoon of May 17, 1887. The next day after we were married Lewis' father and mother came to Logan to the Temple to have Lewis sealed to them, so we had the privilege of gong to the Temple for a second time. That afternoon we drove from Logan down to Wellsville, where his mother's sister was living at the time. We stayed there all night. Next morning we started on our homeward trip. (We visited a few days in Salt Lake [City]." Grand-daughter Jeane Tervort Lundholm recalls hearing that the wedding took place on a Saturday and the sealing to parents was done the following Monday.)

Property records in Utah County show that Lewis bought the property of their home at 487 South First East, in the "hollow" at Payson on May 5, 1887. This property was well situated with the creek from Payson Canyon running through the center of the property. This allowed a creamery shed next to the creek, a large garden and raspberry patch south of the house and a barn and corrals on the other side of the creek--well away from the house. There was a nice well just a few steps away from the kitchen door.

The family of Lewis and Harriet began with the birth of a baby girl on July 18, 1888. This was a joyous occasion for this young couple, but only short-lived. She died on October 30, 1888, saddening the hearts of all family members and friends. They were soon blessed once again with another baby girl on November 8, 1889. She was named Anna and the joy of a new baby was in the home again.

On February 28, 1890 a letter came from Church Headquarters announcing that Lewis' name had been selected along with others, to fill a mission for the Church to Great Britain. If he chose to accept this call, he was to be in Salt Lake City, ready to leave on April 30, 1891. The sacrifice required by each of the family members in order for the father to serve a successful mission took dedication, courage and great commitment to the Lord. Also leaving from Payson at the same time was Harriet's half brother, Joseph Daniel Stark, along with John Robinson and Tymothy Jones. Others from Spanish Fork joined them as they were ordained to the office of Seventy before departing for the mission field in Europe.

As the group of new missionaries arrived at the docks of Liverpool, England they were sent off to their separate fields of labor. Lewis was sent to his father's homeland of south Wales. There he spent a few days visiting his father's family. They were cordial and treated him kindly, but didn't want to hear any preaching about the Gospel. His uncle Peter took him around to meet various relatives, including Frank Wride who was quite prominent in the community. Frank was curious about the status of the Wrides in Utah, and general conditions in the Western U.S., but seemed cool and aloof beyond that. He continued his travels on to Birmingham and visited the Selmans and Giles, his mother's family. While in that city he spent the night with John Giles, his grandmother's brother. He was a jolly man, but quite poor and the bed provided for Lewis had an ample supply of fleas, and sleep was near impossible. He returned to Wales after seeing some places of interest in the Birmingham area.

In these early days and weeks of his mission, Lewis made such comments as: "This is the greenest scenery I have ever seen," "This is where the Romans had an encampment," This hill is where a battle took place, you can still see where the trenches were," Today is market day and the farmers

from all over the country are here,"-- (stormy) Went into the country "tracking" - distributed 24 "tracks"- walked 10 miles- received my dinner at a farmhouse,"-"(rain and very cold) Had a gospel conversation with a man on top of a very high Church of England - returned to Havenford West - walked 5 miles," "Sunday - (fine day, very hot) We attended service in the Hill Park Church." Lewis continued to have contact with relatives throughout his mission, also met friends of his parents. His journal seems to have an abundance of entries indicating "rain that day" and even some where they were confined to their home because of the inclement weather. During his mission Lewis was set back for a brief time by the news of the death of his mother at home. He probably shared this information with the various Selmans he had contact with. He continued to serve diligently with many hours preaching on the streets, door steps and Welsh homes. Bearing his testimony to anyone who would listen and walking many miles each day in small villages and large towns and many country roads. An interesting entry made on August 28, 1891–"Friday, heavy rain, we went to Nevland by train, then across [on] the ferry to Pembroke dock, distributed 286 tracks, then we visited the market & the Dock yard where 2,000 men work, saw the men at their various works, saw them building a very large Man of War 380 ft, long 70 wide, [it] will weigh, when finished, 14,150 tons, we saw the Mate to it [out] in the water, where about 500 men are at work. This is said to be the mightiest ship afloat. We returned in the evening-travels 80 miles by train. [cost] 18d. Another-November 19, 1891-Thursday, I had an argument with a Baptist preacher and proclaimed my mission to him and bore my testimony with power from God. His name is Griffiths-distributed 33 tracts. By the close of his mission he had passed out over five thousand tracts with a Gospel message; walked eleven hundred and forty three miles; rode the train for three thousand seven hundred and ninety miles; held thirty nine street meetings and had twenty seven indoor meetings.

Lewis honorably filled his eighteen month mission and returned home directly when he was released, arriving in Payson in the latter part of 1892. He was soon asked by the local Church leaders to take a course at BYU in Provo for teaching the youngest age group in Sunday School. He accepted the call and challenge completing the course in May 1893. He was immediately called to take charge of the first kindergarten department in the new First Ward, after the town was just divided into two wards, with John E. Huish as Bishop and Hyrum Simmons and Francis Elmer as Counselors. He accepted the calling and labored in that capacity for many years, as well as a calling to be an officer in the YMMIA. Also in 1893 he was called and sustained as Secretary of the newly organized Nebo Stake Religion Class, under fellow-missionary, Joseph D. Stark, who was President of that class. In that capacity Lewis and Joseph labored for several years traveling by horse and buggy to the various wards in the stake conducting religion classes, similar to the modern-day seminary & institute program. Some winter trips were always vivid in their memories of conditions so cold they nearly froze while traveling in the buggy. Soon after his mission, Lewis spent much time working on the new First Ward building. He contributed work, valued at that time, over one hundred dollars. He put forth such an effort on one particular day that he became dizzy and had to go home. He recovered quickly enough to return in the afternoon and complete a day's work.

Lewis was a hard worker and his large family required his constant efforts to provide the

necessities of life, which he always seemed to have ample amounts of what was needed. He maintained his zeal for the principles of the Gospel throughout his life, always attending his Church meetings, except for the occasional water-turn that came on Sunday. He maintained his Priesthood authority and calling as a Seventy for many years, before being called by his leaders to the Nebo Stake High Priest Quorum where he remained active the rest of his mortal life. He was a strict observer of the Word of Wisdom and never used fowl or profane language.

The family was quite socially active, attending most all community and Church gatherings. He especially enjoyed local holiday celebrations and related activities, some of which would be a dance. The whole family would go and Harriet spent most of the time watching over the children while Lewis was often dancing, usually with the young ladies who considered it "a feather in your cap" to dance with Lew, since he was such a good dancer. Lewis had the child-rearing philosophy of "teaching by example" and did his utmost to lead an exemplary life. The children of the Wride household were taught to do their share of the family work and they all learned the basic chores of cleaning house, washing clothes, sewing and mending, as well as caring for the livestock, field crops, garden and orchards. You were just as likely to see the Wride girls working in the fields and orchards as the boys in the house after dinner doing the dishes.

Life in the Wride home was quite simple. Jeane Lundholm remembers as a school-girl staying, often many days at a time, while her father, Clyde Tervort, was out-of-town on business. She indicates that during the winter of 1926-27 she was in the first grade at the school just a block from the Wride house. Uncle Kenneth was in the seventh grade and Aunt Gwen a senior in high school and Uncle Wayne was there, when not working away from home. Uncle Wendell was in Provo attending Brigham Young University. Each morning those at home would gather at the breakfast table-the table was set with plates upside down. The first order of business was to all kneel for family prayer. Next, all were seated at the table and a blessing was asked on the food before the plates were turned right side up. In the evenings, after chores and kitchen clean-up, the white cat was let in and all gathered in the living room to sit and read. The loudest thing in the room was the clock ticking-it struck each hour with a diminished strike on the half hour. Sometimes one or more family members would play *Old Maid* or *Fish* with Jeane. At the end of the evening, all would kneel for family prayer before retiring to bed.

Jeane recalls that Grandma was a hard working woman. She would milk the cow, work in the yard and keep her house immaculate. She would wash the dishes as soon as someone had finished eating. Jeane accompanied Grandma around town as she and others worked on quilts and as visits were made to her brothers and sisters. The Stark families were large and they all knew each other well. She remembers visiting all the grandparents each Sunday and eating dinner with one set of grandparents, then going to visit the other set after dinner. For many years Jeane spent the noon hour at the Wride home, even well into high school.

Their orchard required much work throughout the year. Winter months was the season for pruning, while spring required irrigation and spraying. The summer months still required the right amount of irrigation, weeding the water passages and thinning the fruit. Late summer and

fall the fruit had to be picked, with some fruits being quite labor-intensive. After the fruit had been picked it was either bottled, dried or sold. Some apples were held through the winter in the root-cellar, to be enjoyed fresh or in pies or apple sauce. One particular year there was such an abundance of apples that there was no market for them. Lewis dug a pit next to one of the sheds, put in some straw, then stored the apples in the ground where some were used by the family and most were sold later, when the prices improved.

As the family matured and the children married and started their own families, most settled in or near Payson. This enabled Lewis and Harriet to have a close relationship and association with some of the nearby grandchildren, principally Hattie's and Mary's. Family gatherings were always a joyous occasion, especially for the youngsters-cousins renewed acquaintance and had fun playing in the creek, corrals and barn. The boys would tease the girls and the girls would giggle and when the boys weren't around, the girls would still giggle. There was always plenty good home-made food to curb the appetites and bring back memories of childhood tastes, flavors and smells from Grandma's kitchen. Lewis and Harriet enjoyed these occasions and helped all they could in helping to raise and care for the "little ones."

Later in his life, one day, while working in the orchard, Lewis was struck in the eye by a small tree branch, which caused him much pain and suffering. He eventually lost the sight of that eye. A few years later the same thing happened again to his good eye, causing not only pain and suffering, but much concern about being blinded permanently. Through some medical help and the power of Priesthood blessings and the kindness of the Lord, his sight was restored to his good eye.

After these accidents he became less active and his overall health began to decline. Just before Christmas of 1932 he accidentally slipped on the ice while out walking or tending to his chores. Many in the family thought he may have had a stroke which caused this accident. After this bad fall he was pretty much confined to home. He talked very little and to his family members he didn't seem like the same person. He never recovered from this accident, and on March 7, 1934 while heading east off the front porch, either on his way to the outhouse or the root cellar, he slipped again, probably at the top of the steps to that cellar and fell to his death at the bottom of those stairs. His death certificate shows the cause of death, "fracture of the neck, accidental." As circumstances it indicates "Accidental death at own home. Fell headlong down cellar steps, fracturing neck." Grandpa had always worried for fear a child would fall down those stairs. All of his children were present at the funeral.

Harriet continued on with her usual activities, often staying at the homes of family members, often taking care of grandchildren. She experienced many incidents of colds and flu at this time. She occasionally ventured to the Salt Lake Temple to do ordinance work, and faithfully attended church meetings, funerals and quilting events. She wrote in her notebook of being lonely at times. She died while staying at her daughter Mary's home with an illness, they thought was cold and flu, on August 23, 1944. Her death certificate shows "Hypostatic Pneumonia" as the cause of death.

The Lewis William Barry Wride Family Taken about 1916

Back row-left to right: Hattie, Mary, Winnie and Eloise Front row-left to right: Wendell Stark, Father Lewis-sitting Gwen-standing, Annie-sitting, Kenneth-standing, Mother Harriet-sitting, Wayne Danson.



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