



HISTORY OF RUTH WILLIAMS

(1889-1964)

March 22, 1889, was a very eventful day in the lives of Ruth and Jeremiah Williams. I was on this day that another little Ruth was born. She was the eighth child in a family of thirteen children—nine boys and four girls. During Ruth's life she followed in the footsteps of her mother, having thirteen children of her own—nine girls and four boys. Cleo Williams was the oldest, then John Williams and Ruth, making it the third generation of Ruths. The rest of the children were: Verda, Emma Pearl, Mary, Lucille, Alta, William (Bill) Williams, Faye, Ann Edith (Patsy) and Jerry Doyle.

Ruth's mother died at the age of 54. Prior to her death she developed an abnormal growth on her wrist and had to have her arm partially amputated. At the time of her death her son, Will, was on a mission. This left Jim, Joel, Henry and Bud for Ruth's father to raise. As the boys grew older and went away to school, Ruth helped with the washing and ironing of their clothes. This she did on the scrubbing board and the old stove irons. Bud, being the youngest and living close to Ruth, was more like one of her own. Later in life they shared many happy hours reminiscing about the past. Ruth's other living brother, Henry, lived in California. His visits to Idaho will always be remembered by his nephews and nieces, as his coming meant a family reunion, renewing acquaintances again, and having plenty of home made ice cream.

At the age of six, Ruth had diphtheria and then the black measles. She was a sick little girl for some time. Ruth attended the Presbyterian school for a while then she went to the district school. She was one of the few that had a double slate to work on.

When Ruth graduated from eighth grade, they went over to the Court House to take the examination. That night they stayed at the hotel and had supper. This was quite an event for those days. Ruth's brother, Will, was the teacher and the principal of the school and her father was the president of the school board. It was a class of all girls with the exception of one boy, David A. Evans. They played baseball on Friday when school let out early. This and dancing were about the only sports they had.



Parents: Jeremiah Hodge and Ruth Williams

Ruth's father was a staunch democrat. As a token of respect for them they wore large democratic buttons on their lapels at his funeral service.



*Ruth Williams 8th Grade graduation picture: Ruth is 4th person, back row.
Ruth's brother, Will, center, 2nd row, was the teacher.*



Ruth Williams Price, Mary Williams Stuart, Ann Williams Martin



John Morse Price

When Ruth was seventeen, she started to go with John Price. She was married on February 9, 1907, at the age of eighteen. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Logan Temple. Although her home was small, it was always spotless. Ruth's father stayed with them for a while when his health was so bad. He felt at home there and Ruth enjoyed having the privilege of caring for him. After her father's death she was left the family home where she and John later moved with their family. Her son, William (Bill) was the first child born there. It was at this time the children all had smallpox. Her husband had several pox on his eyes and it became necessary for him to go to Salt Lake City and see a doctor.

Ruth got her first electric washer when Patsy was a baby. Washing was quite a chore in those days. The water had to be dipped in tubs or barrels and stood by the side of the canal until it was clear. The copper wash boiler was put on the coal stove and the water heated. All of the white clothes had to be boiled to be sure they were clean. The water was very hard. Homemade soap was used that Ruth had made. The drinking water and water used in the home was hauled in a 50-gallon barrel from the Samaria spring. It was a two-mile trip down the back to get the water. During the year, 1941, Ernest Waldron dug a well on the property. This was a big occasion for all the family.



***Back Row: Evan Stuart (brother-in-law & Mary's 2nd husband), Samuel Williams (brother),
Ruth Williams Price, James Hodge Williams (brother)***
***Front Row: Henry Williams (brother) Edna Monk (Henry's wife), Pearl Morris Williams
(sister-in-law & William's wife) Ann Williams Martin (sister)***

Ruth's kitchen was her pride and joy. She loved to cook and was always known for her baking powder biscuits and pickles. In the fall of the year friends and relatives would ask her to make their pickles and fruit cake for them. She also made faggots and head cheese for others. She was loved and known by all as Aunt Ruth. At the time her family was small she worked in the Church, but as her family grew she found it necessary to devote her time and efforts toward rearing her family. She always felt her time was well spent, as a Sunday never went by without some member of their family calling on them.



In later years, after her husband, John, retired, they spent much of their time fishing at Lava or on a stream or reservoir near by. Ruth wasn't a lover of fishing like her husband, but she enjoyed the outing and the picnic lunches that were packed for the trip.

One of the choice memories of the children of John and Ruth was their mother and father's 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration. It was at this time John and Ruth realized what a rich and full life they had lived as their 13 children, 54 grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren danced around them. At that time money could not have bought the joy and satisfaction that was theirs when they beheld the posterity they had to bless their home.

*Jerry Price, Ruth Price, Sherilyn Reynolds,
Linda Leavitt, Priscilla Price, Shelba Price*

Ruth was a wonderful person and her life was truly exemplified by the love and devotion she showed for her family and friends. Her children have often remarked that they never heard their mother and father quarrel. She was especially outstanding with the young people. Her grandchildren will always remember the long talks they used to have with her and the bits of advice she would pass on to them. She never believed in running others lives. She always used to say, "Make sure your own dooryard is swept clean before you sweep the neighbors." Ruth and her husband had the mark of faith. They understood their duty as they taught their children the spirit of becoming independent, ambitious and of being worthwhile citizens. The family of Ruth and John Price has grown up with a love for home, for one another, and with a deep love for their parents. They know the meaning of "Home Sweet Home."

--Ruth Price Powell, daughter



Ruth Williams Price



***Back Row: Mary Williams, Ruth Williams, James Hodge Williams, Ann Williams
Front Row: Henry Williams, Samuel Williams, Llewelyn J. Williams, Maxie Million Williams***



Family of John and Ruth Price (50th Anniversary)

Back Row: John, Ruth, Cleo

Center Row: Mary, Verda, Emma Pearl, Lucille, Faye

*Front Row: Alta, William, Edith (Patsy) **John, Ruth**, Ann, Jerry Doyle*



Funeral Rites for Mrs. Ruth Price

Funeral services for Mrs. Ruth Williams Price, 74, who died at her home in Samaria Friday after a long illness, were held Monday afternoon at the Samaria LDS Ward Chapel with Bishop Carl Evans officiating.

Family prayer at the home was by Colon H. Sweeten, Sr.

Speakers at the chapel services were Bishop Evans, John Roderick, Wayne Meyers, Anna Meyers gave the obituary. The invocation was by Wendell Wiser and the benediction by David Varga. Musical numbers were vocal duet, Don and Mary Alice Williams; vocal solo, Lucena Brown; vocal solo, Jenkin Palmer. Organ and prelude music was by Jacklyn Price.

Concluding rites were at the Samaria Cemetery with Khalil Scott offering the dedicatory prayer.

Casket bearers were Ted Varga, Clark Parker, Allen Powell, Rex Knudsen, Tom Scott, Russell Price.

Mrs. Price was born March 27, 1890, at Samaria, the daughter of Jeremiah Hodge and Ruth Williams. She was married to John M. Price at Malad, Feb. 9, 1907, and the marriage was later solemnized in the Logan Temple.

A member of the LDS Church, she held many offices in auxiliary organizations.

Surviving are her husband; four sons, Cleo W. of Verdi, Nevada; Jerry D. of Bountiful, Utah; John W. and William W. of Malad; nine daughters, Mrs. Rudy (Vonda) Varga Trueman, Arizona; Mrs. William (Ruth) Powell, Clifton; Mrs. Carl A. (Mary) Behunia, Lodi, Calif.; Mrs. Clifton (Pearl) Sterrett, Tule, Oregon; Mrs. Eddie (Lucille) Leavitt, Elgin; Mrs. Lemont H. (Alta) Knudsen, Granger, Utah; Mrs. Ralph (Faye) Parker, Sandy, Utah; Mrs. Royce (Ann) Griffith, Newton, Branh, Calif.; Mrs. Khalil (Patsy) Scott, Malad; 58 grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; two brothers, Henry W. Williams, Ojai, Calif.; Elywell Williams, Malad.

His Stars Beyond the Wall

Near steady walls, low, bare, grey,
 Banded and blossomed in God's free light,
 White and arched by morning dew,
 Shedd'g its sweetness day and night.

As I gaze and know not, fair and tall,
 Sweetly, still in softer light,
 - come to a ceiling in the wall,
 Through which there's some a beam of light.

Onward it crept with under a sigh
 With near a thought of fear and pride,
 It followed the light through the cracks' length
 And smiled and fell on the other side.

The light, the dew, the breathing air,
 Were found the same as they were before
 And it lay still in better rest,
 Breathing its fragrance near and near.

Still the light of each comes to the grave
 As a color on canvas that is left
 Not let to fade and lose its rest
 The sun will glow beyond the wall.

Softness fragrance for and ye do,
 Just as it did in days of yore,
 Just as it is on the other side,
 Just as it will forever more.

A. L. Price

In Loving Memory of
MRS. RUTH WILLIAMS PRICE - Age 74
 Born March 27, 1889 - Samaria, Idaho
 Died March 6, 1964 - Samaria, Idaho

FUNERAL SERVICE
 Monday, March 8, 1964 - 2:00 P.M.
 Samaria L.D.S. Ward Chapel
 Bishop Carl Evans officiating

At The Home
 Family Prayer Glenn E. Swenson Sr.
 At The Chapel

Organ Prelude and Postlude Jacklyn
 Price

Invocation Wendell Water
 Remarks Bishop Carl Evans
 Obituary Anna Maynes
 Vocal "Beyond The Sunset" Don and
 Mary Allen Williams
 Speaker John Rodenick
 Vocal "That Wonderful Mother Of Mine"
 Lena Brown
 Speaker Wayne Maynes
 Vocal "O' My Home" Jennie Palmer
 Benediction David Varga

Concluding Rites - Samaria Cemetery
 Dedictory Prayer Kimli Scott
 Flowers: Granddaughters and Grandsons,
 Samaria Ward Relief Society
 Casket Bearer - Grandsons: Ted Varga,
 Clark Parker, Allan Powell, Ross Knudson,
 Tom Scott, Russell Price

Ruth Williams was born 27 Mar 1889
 Married: John Morse Price, 9 Feb 1907
 He was born 1 Nov 1886