

HENRY BARTLETT STORIES

Henry Bartlett, b. 24 January 1840, Jackson Co., TN – d. 12 June 1915, UT, md 1st Illiard “Aunt Odd” McKee, b. 19 February 1846, TN – d. 17 November 1931, TN, d/o Joseph Y. McKee & Logan Young. Henry md 2nd Lizzie Frazier and md 3rd Eliz B. Ramsey.

Source: Handwritten family stories & personal experiences by Henry Bartlett, s/o Joshua Bartlett & Anna Anderson. His story tells of growing up with his family in Jackson Co., TN. Parts of the story are missing because the copy of the original was missing at the top and bottom on some pages. He brings telling about a song book that his mother Anna (Anderson) Bartlett had borrowed from the LDS Church. Her husband Joshua Bartlett did not approve of the book so he hid it from her. At age 16 Henry wanted to go to writing school his father wanted him to stay home and work the farm. He met a local girl he wanted to marry but she would not marry him till she turned 21, her name was Illiaud Odd McKee who later became his wife. He mentions the names of his maternal grandparents Thomas and Juda (*Robinson*) Anderson. He goes on to list his siblings. He went to study at Cumberland Institute and liked the eldest daughter of the principal. He tried to avoid being involved in the Civil War by moving around to other states and hiding out. At age 20 he was called to register at McMinnville, TN for the Civil War but went to KY. However he was not excused from a Summons by the Confederate demand to appear at the place of render, but feeling disinclined to obey he left with several others of his neighbors. Henry & his cousin worked from IN to KY and had many adventures both good and bad. He was always finding himself hiding from the Confederates and Rebels throughout the war. He met another lady who took his fancy but they did not get married. She got very sick but recovered and married another man. The war was finally over and Henry made his way back to his home in TN. He started to correspond with his first love Illiaud Odd McKee and they got married. Henry then lists the names and dates to his memory of his children. In the summer of 1884 his mother wants to go to Utah and be with the Latter Day Saints and asks him to take her and he agreed.

Some words, parts of sentences and some complete sentences were missing from the copy that I had in my possession. But I believe Henry Bartlett’s story was interesting and gave some background on his family and adventures.

*See Joshua Bartlett family sheet, Chapter 3 & Sam Denny obt. at: <http://www.ajlambert.com>

HENRY BARTLETT’S STORY

_____ procured a song ballad from some of the members of the LDS Church and perhaps would use every opportunity to sing until the prejudice of my Father was somewhat stired (sic) and got it away from her and concealed it in the crack of the meat or smoke house. Of course my Mother was more or less anxious about it as it had been borrowed so what could she do more than ask the Lord to direct her how to get it, the consequence being that she dreamed where it was so on rising from her bed in the early morning before dawn she proceeded to the spot where she saw it in her dream and was not disappointed, now I make mention of this in honor of her devotion for the cause of the truth as well that it might be faith promoting to those who are interested in such. This occurred perhaps more than forty years before she had an opportunity to accept the ordinances of the gospel, while I must not neglect favor bestowed by my Father toward the servants of God while preaching in that portion of the county they tried to get a place to preach or house but being refused my Father seeing this intolerant disposition among the people said that they could preach at his house and did, this was before I was borned.

I will now proceed to give account of my earliest recollection, I remember soon after I began to walk when my long coat had to be changed for a short one when the news came that Joseph Smith was martyred and another man in the neighborhood where my parents lived about the same time. My youthful and boyhood days were spent mostly in Jackson County Tenn of respectable parents who were in moderate circumstances as to this worlds goods and of limited education yet considered to be honest and fair dealing with their fellow man.

My father’s name was Joshua Bartlett so of Joseph and Milly Rice, born 4 February 1811 – died 16 September 1881 whose ancestry and place of birth am not informed. My Mother’s maiden name was Anna Anderson daughter of Thomas and Juda Anderson born Mch 16 1816 – died June 17 18__ Married (blank) the fruits of their union were thirteen children, 8 boys and five girls whose names are, sons William Edward, James Leonard, Gallant, Henry, John Calvin, Milton, Mounce Gore and Josiah, daughters Elizabeth, Rebeca, Permelia, Inga, and Mary all living except James Leonard and Mounce Gore who deceased at the **age of 9**.

My Father was a farmer and succeeded in gaining a livelyhood (sic) but not sufficient to give his children only a very limited education. He was not very religiously inclind (sic) viewing that all had departed from the true Gospel yet tolerant with the different sects. My mother was much devoted to the Bible and what she believed to be right, very kind and charitable to the destitute above an average. She was associated with the sect termed Cambelites believing their teaching of the ancient saints. Her sincere devotion no doubt ___ and prepared her for the true Gospel when she heard it, however the first hearing was not accompanied by an opportunity to embrace it owing to some little notion that my Father entertained as it its unpopularity although the seed was sown and it took ___ to stay.

I was not unmindful of the satisfaction and benefits of an education and tried as best I could under the circumstances to require what I could. I suppose my Father viewed my conduct at times rather unbecoming and even rebellious in this I will give somewhat an explanation. Having arrived at the age of 16 and served by Father as best I could according to his discipline. I felt that I should have one season to go to school so he consented as the school was only about half a mile from my Fathers residence. I of course utilized the time very well for about two months until one morning my Father told me to go at noon and water some cattle that was in the pasture, I did so that day but the next day I failed to go as he did not inform me. The consequence was that he said I should stay at home and work. I felt that he wanted to humble more than anything else as there was a young lady staying with use and going to, who became my wife many years after. So I rebelled against this order

and of course the consequence was an abrupt departure from the family circle but finding that there was no place like home and my Father sending me word if I would come back and be obedient I could do so. I returned only to repeat the same folly. I wanted to go to a writing school one winter it being a season that I could not perform out door labor very agreeably. I mentioned it to him but he said no that as there were several of my comrades and relations going besides a very pious old minister to teach so I conclude to go regardless of the consequences which I was again ordered to abide away this time led to something more serious accompanied with much hardship and trial, finally no greater consolation than when in company with those whose hearts would reciprocate or give in exchange love for love which if not well guarded surely will travel with accelerated ratio to the extreme. Now I mention these things partly because it is a part of my experience in life, secondly because it may be the means of those who have not had such experience and wishes to avoid it they may at least have some warning as time perhaps may be spent to greater advantage. So now we will retire from further rehearsal of that which both makes the soul sad and glad and hasten on to similar joys and sorrows.

The next impressed me was to renew the affections with the one that had engaged my attention some seven or eight years previous which I did and as I had learned a little by folly that it did not pay to dolly neither with my own or others affections but desired to settle down and bestow all my love upon the one who had always lingered in my bosom, but on approaching her upon the subject she stated that it was her desire to remain single until she arrived at the age of twenty one. So not desiring to contrary her in this as it would only be about one year I thought I could not engage my time better than going to school which I did by going about thirty miles from home a place called Cumberland Institute where a Father and two single daughters taught. So I began with much intent to improve lost time but ere long as usual cupid was ready with another date to drive to the center if possible utilizing the privilege of going to the eldest daughter and school Mistress.

However I tried to look at things on the bright side and told my folks that these trials were worth hundreds of dollars to me which I believe to this day what made my trials so severe was that I left home carrying but little money with me and leaving none behind for me, embarking upon a benighted shore just as the great rebellion of the Southern States. The result of which was one of the greatest wars and destruction of life and property known to mankind. I was then about twenty years of age just suitable for military service but viewing my as my parents did that the rebellion was uncalled for or not necessary and heeding the council of my Father to keep out of it so we brothers five that were able for service managed to keep out of regular service. However we were not excused from a Summons by the Confederate demand to appear at the place of render, McMinnville Tenn. for duty but feeling disinclined to obey we with several others of our neighbors started at night in a opposite direction, traveling during the night and concealing ourselves during the day until we reached a place of safety (for the time being) near the line of Kentucky and Tenn. finding that we were not the only refugees from Tenn. But the Boundary was over run and that it was difficult to obtain employment for a livelihood (sic).

My cousin and I separated from our comrades traveling in a northerly direction, night overtaking us near the town of _____Ky. Many soldiers of the federal army being camped there and we being penniless concluded to economize. How it was we by request of my cousin and the man suggested that we anty a nicle (sic) or so a piece and get some stimulants or to be more plain whiskey. The suggestion being carried out and my cousin loving it dearly he sought an opportunity to fine the bottle (as the woman had it in care perhaps in the wagon) and failed to bite off until the contents were quite slim leaving the impression that I had taken it from what I overheard the woman say when the question was asked what my religious views as we had been discussing the subject. She remarked that I was a drunkard whether she ever had an opportunity to disclose the delusion I am not informed as we separated at this place they going on we stopping to work with a farmer. There we found two old people and two daughters near grown, my cousin selecting the eldest for pass time as in the former case with the emigrants. So my choice or none was to take the young & timid. I being of similar disposition of course there was but little affinity or sexual attractions owing to this timidity. I was severely rebucked (sic) by a young lady telling me that being as she had gone alone for some distance that she could go the balance of the way herself this perhaps being the most unkindest cut of life. But as it takes trials to knock of the rough places I may have learned modesty in a different way.

_____change from Indianna (sic) to Ky. where I engaged in farming for the summer after which I am impressed to visit my old home to again associate with parents, relatives and friends not expecting to stay long but to return and fulfill an engagement to teach public school after staying a short time with _____

_____in that article which enlivens the memory and physical beings for a time only to drop as if below when the effect ceases so this latter _____found him resting quietly on the ground while on company was gaining distance between us but as I favored us he regained strength enough to at least to keep both sides of the road, until a farmer was passing with his team and wagon, at a lively rate so my cousin being impressed that one direct rout and riding would excel the zigzag & slow motion seized the hind end of the wagon bed. The driver apparently disliking such abrupt intrusion gave his horses a lively cut with his whip this seemed not to discourage my cousin but clung on using extra effort to gain a position on the inside which he did after much exertion and fatigue making no apology only to throw himself flat on the bottom of the wagon. The driver seeing he was outwitted checked up and waited for my arrival and courtesly (sic) invited me to get in which certainly was very much appreciated for this enabled us to overtake our former wagon and company ere night fall. By the way I will mention the name of our friend and companion which was Beaty famous for his career in war times on the Cumberland Mountains. Soon after crossing the Ohio River into the State of Indianna (sic) we camped at a roofed bridge across a stream of water on account of continuous rain we remained a day or so here. My cousin played a trick which left an unfavorably opinion of me. The good woman mother and wife _____

A little farther they could have over taken me and ended my earthly career but as stated by humble prayer by my Mother My Great Benefactor ordered otherwise. I must say that I am thankful that I was not privileged to put in to execution that which I desired a few days after I had another narrow escape. My parents advised me to go about five miles and get two younger brothers who were camped with others in the thick forest and try to make our escape into Ky. or some of the other states where life was safer but my brothers declined to accompany us (my

cousin) and I so we concluded to go back and try to make our escape returning going about two or three hundred yds we met a little girl running along the path to give warning that the rebels were only a short distance ahead of us and were coming with haste to capture all of us had we not been warned doubtless we would have met them in an open lane where escape would hardly have been possible so it seems that again the Lord was in our favor. At another time my brother John and I were secreted on a high hill in the thick ivy where we could view the highway for quite a distance and near our eldest brothers house where it would be convenient to be supplied with rations. But one morning our brother came to us and informed us that several of our near neighbors had been searching the county and houses that night before for us and others and told by brother that had they caught us they would have killed us while they were crossing from one rally to another their by-path led within a few yds of where my brother and I lay asleep but as they were directed to turn their course a little so we escaped once more. I could enumerate many woodlands were full and every fellow for himself. As luck favored us every man and boy escaped unhurt. The enemy losing (sic) one man wounded in the head. This set up the animosity at fever heat so it was continuous until the enemy was all either killed or driven to surrender, however I will not omit to relate another exciting experience at and near my Fathers residence. One morning soon after breakfast myself two brothers and a brother in law before retiring to our place of concealment were warned by a sister that a gang of soldiers or murderers were approaching no sooner than we got the news all started for the hills in full run but had not proceeded far ere they dashed up around the house and yard discovering us they began to discharge their fire arms with all the haste and precision (sic) in their power but there was one prostrate form that was offering up supplication perhaps with greater accuracy than those leaden missies (my loving Mother) whose prayer in our behalf no doubt was heard and answered by our escape unhurt for surely it was a miraculous escape seeing the dust flying up before me where the balls were striking the ground this continuing for a long distance up hill through an open field gaining the upper side of the field and the fences was so exhausted I scarcely knew whether I had strength to get over but realizing that I had but little time to ponder as two of the ruffians had almost overtaken me with an extra exertion I threw myself upon the fence and let all hold go to the ground.

I felt very much disappointed and lonesome seeing I had to take chances to be caught killed or sent to the army so I thought to become associated with a number of my neighbors similarly situated and for mutual protection when assailed by our opponents. My Father opposing this course saying that it was better to join the regular army or get into another country but apparently being decreed that we were not for military service and to pass through some severe trials heeded not the advice of my Father passing right on to where my neighbor boys were concealed in a thick of bushes near the road in my Fathers cornfield. Soon after arriving there we heard footsteps of horses supposing it to be the enemy coming so every man and boy began for the fray soon then began for and large sounds of fire arms this of course was somewhat exciting especially to one who had no preparation or weapon. However I had to depend upon my judgment of the situation and my feet to carry my body to a safer place. Observing from the noise in the field of corn above us (which field contained forty or fifty acres) that they had got the advantage and would use it. So I suggested to some that stood near me that we had better get away or we would be killed. Some retorted that let them come (the enemy) if so they would find them there but I concluded that (to use the yankee phrase) it was dangerous to be safe there and sent a message to my feet to haste away. The summons being _____ with four or five others following being hidden by the tall corn and realizing the danger that others were in some boys one of which a brother I suggest to the eldest of my gang who similar instances but time and space forbids at present.

Perhaps a small sketch of my experience while on my trip and return from Missouri (sic) would lend some interest. As has been stated, my Father objected to my going to a writing school. This of course precipitated another leaving of the family fireside. I left with only about six dollars this being about exhausted on arriving at the Iron Mountain Mo. Sometime in Jan. 1861 all business being very much prostrated so it was difficult to find employment at living wages. We **my cousin (Tom Anderson)** and I engaged here and there where ever we could get a days work plodding along at this rate for near a year. The war raging on all sides, all communication by letter being cut off. Becoming weary and homesick we started in company with another young man who had gone from Tenn. also a man and his family that wanted to go down in the Missouri (sic) swamp near where we would cross from Missouri (sic) into Tenn. this being the route we selected to avoid if possible the contending armies. But we had not traveled perhaps over one hundred miles when a deep snow came and we laid over two or three days. But as we felt desirous of traveling the sun opening up bright one morning. Changing families or rather the one desiring to stay and a woman and child wishing to go to her kinfolks in Tenn. near Reelfoot lake. The young man who owned the team (Winfrey) sanctioned her company. So all getting ready and starting out snow yet on the ground all feeling joyfull on the way, But ere we had traveled many miles 3 or 4 our joy was turned into anxiety and fear as we were emerging from the swamp and nearing the highway we met some _____

There was a call at the fence just a few steps from the door. The man asked a few questions and rode on so all spread our bedding on the floor lay down trusting to providence for rest and sleep which was enjoyed to some extent the following morning opened up brightly and we felt that we would like to be traveling but hesitated to start for fear the federal soldiers would over take us and carry us back. But finally we started and soon got behind the opposing army and entered a twelve mile plank road built across the sunk land not far from New Madrid on the Mississippi river. But as night was approaching we did not get far until we came to a toll gate on new river where we were to plot our different route the road being long frosted over. Travel was difficult especially with a ox team. We had not proceeded far before we came across a family moving in a wagon drawn by oxen but had slipped off the road capsized the wagon. Some of the children being sick and got wet and shivering.

Now I must not omit to mention my trip to the state of Ill. where I remained about two years. My brother John and I making our escape going to Ky. near Bowling Green engaging with the farmers to labor but being winter season the farmers did not want to pay much for labor. So I hired to work on the R.R.L.&N. Here I worked about two months at \$1.40 pr. day but not feeling content I told my boss that I feared I would not be able to perform my part of the labor when the days would get warm as we had formed some friendship and a pleasant feelings. He wanted me to stay as said to me that if I would stay that he would make up my time by his on manual labor which his kindness is very much appreciated and felt that I certainly was leaving a friend and Benefactor. But as all the men were Irish even my boarding house were kept by them. While they were kind to me yet things were not as clean as I liked. So I took my leave with my brother and went to Ill. at a town called Raleigh. Here I engaged to work for a man by the name of Burnett he had three grown daughters and a niece all real nice and intelligent young

ladies. The niece and I had quite a sociable time as love was gaining and I was not unmindful of some disappointment sooner or later which result was sadly made manifest ere-long while my love for her was sufficient for to make her a life companion and that I was fully satisfied. I felt that I would not do ourselves justice by so doing through I was confronted with a serious question. That was how I could disentangle the already formed attachment I knew for myself that to say quite in an abrupt manner that both would receive a disappointment and shock that would likely end somewhat seriously. Which proved to be too true so I unwisely stated to her that we would have to discontinue our association for the reason above stated. The following week I learned that she was sick and that the Dr. had almost despaired (sic) her recovery. O the thought haunted me until I could scarcely endure it so I made up my mind to go and see her. I was at work about half mile from where she was after my day work was over and night approached. I made my way there. I found her lying (sic) on her bed apparently unconscious. There had gathered several of her friends and relatives to see her, the Dr. among them. So when it was ascertained that I had come I suppose the Dr. realizing the trouble all had vacated the room thinking perhaps that I would like to comfort her by soothing her real condition as to whether she would realize my presence or if so whether it would be for her comfort. So I merely passed through the room halting only for a moment to look at her calm and lovely appearance whether she ever knew that I was there. At that time I was not informed but am happy to know that she recovered and I think married a man that was able to provide for her wants as to whether she loved him _____

There certainly was a warfare with my feelings as I felt that the young man would not have consulted me without her request or consent. I had made up my mind to at least refrain for the time being rather to wait for luck to change my misfortune and be more favorable. But of course neither of us knowing what the future would bring she accepted the hand of the young _____ and perhaps second choice. So this somewhat relieving me of some responsible cares I sought the association of her cousin the eldest daughter of the widowed Father which I must say was a model and I must confess that our association were equally zealous at first. Perhaps to mention the names of three worthy young ladies would be a objectionable am sure it is not on my part. The first was **Mary Burnett** the next **Eliza Burnett** whose company I was pleased to, in as long as I remained in the country which was after peace was declared in the spring of 1865. I being there about the first of July that year. I must confess that it was a sad parting the day before I left. We took a long walk through the forest and highway plucking the flowers (sic) resting at intervals where shade and seats were suitable while had it not been for the thoughts of soon parting joy would have been almost supreme. But everything having an opposite so joy or true happiness appears to be a hazard. Now I don't know the depth of her disappointment or despondent feelings but if hers compared with that of mine am sure that it keenly felt to add to my already despondency after arriving at home finding everything in _____

We concluded to drive down into a little hollow out of sight of the road and lie in our wagon. It began to rain and our wagon cover was no sufficient to keep us dry. We left our wagon for a while and went some distance to the back of the field into the forest to escape sight of the passing soldiers while here the soldiers passed back toward their camp as they had been foraging and recovering as they were passing the place where they had been fired upon by the enemy or rebels they fired a few shots. We did not know who they saw and was shooting at us or not. This gave much anxiety as the thought of staying out all night in the rain and cold as there was a crust of snow on the ground. Finally about dark when we thought that the soldiers had all passed we went to our wagons lay down but we soon was apprised that we would get a drenching if we stayed there besides it was dangerous if either party found us there and as the women whose husbands had been taken felt very lonesome and sent for us to come to the house where we would be more comfortable as well as be company for them. We went trembling from head to foot for fear of being taken. They had a good fire which was very comfortable but fail to relieve the anxiety as we did not know what minute some men would enter and take us we had arraigned should there be a call or knock that women should _____

At Reynoldsburg we were detained several hours on account to want of transportation across the river it being at a time when the contending forces were engaged in mortal combat at fort Donelson and the ferryman had been ordered to let his boat stand but as luck favored us a col. From the rebel forces came along and prevailed upon the ferryman to set us over of course we did not feel very pleasant hearing the big guns belching forth their deadly missiles all day long. So after crossing the next thing to fear was passing through the rebel stronghold, the Capital of the State of Tenn. (Nashville). My dread was when we arrived there that we might be impressed into the rebel army but luck favored us again as the day before we arrived Nashville surrendered in accordance to the fall of fort Donelson this favoring us with the privilege to go our way unmolested. Arriving at our homes the third day evening with great joy. My Mother being away at my oldest brother, distance about three or four hundred yds. The colored man viewing the joy that it would lend to hasten the news so he went post haste and he was not disappointed in his anticipation as my mother did not stop for preliminaries or bid good night but came with the speed of her strength this being among the happiest greetings of my life. But this was not to endure long about eight months when we were (all able bodied men) were ordered to report for service in the rebel army as been mentioned. But preferring to heed council of my Father "Stay out boys if you can."

Cupid was surely doing his or her work until infatuation was stealing valuable valuable time and some strange or unknown cause changed the tune and we became estranged and I must confess that it was not without more or less sad feelings. Now whether their be anything in allotment foreordination or guardian angels that governs or directs our actions or inclination I am not satisfactory informed, but must state that in the vicissitude of my experience loving courting wooings almost to distraction yet pass them all by for the first love which I will now proceed to treat.

As had been stated of love was our ages were about 13 and 18 respectively but our courtship did not materialize until she was about twenty doubtless thei was owing to my aboucnce on account of the rebellion in the states. We next find ourselves corresponding while I was at school sometimes our epistles would be somewhat tinged with jealousy as I would hint at times what a good time I was having with the girls also she would retort in the same way. But it seemed that our lot had been sealed us nothing had interposed to change the decree. After many hours and wooing courtship we decided that _____

In a desponded condition however we rallied for this and united our efforts in trying to gain a livleyhood (sic) on Aug. 7 1868, were borned unto us a son which was named Ewin and added to our joy and of course this gave renewed courage and energy to meet the exigencies of life. This the beginning of the fruits of our union and diligence and interest increasing our progeny increased as so on the 4th of Nov. 1869 a sweet little girl was born for us this was not quite so rare as the first yet much interest was manifested it was named Ova who could not remain with us only a few years 11 yrs. 10 mo. The next borned a boy named Peter Aug. 10, 1871 died Feb. 14th 1872. Then a boy borned July 22nd 1873 died Sept. 13 whose name was Milton. The fifth a boy named _____ borned May 18th 1875. Sixth a girl borned 1 Aug. 1876. Seventh girl born Nov. 11th 1878 named Ora. Eighth a girl born Apr. 5th 1881 named Hattie. Ninth a girl born April 18th 1884 named Myrtle. Tenth boy born June 18th 1888 named Sam. These are all still a source of much joy yet had we realized the purpose of procreation _____ to wa ordained of Divine authority to give honor and glory to His Holiness perhaps happiness we have been multiplied many fold but as the Lord is merciful and kind I have been _____ to emerge from the mist and view the purpose of creation it its true light however not without severe trials. As it appears I had to make a sacrifice of my loving companion including home with its surrounding however had she been about to have seen the great truths of salvation and happiness am sure my trials would have been lessened very much in this way. But as the Great Redemer has said he will have a tried people we need not expects to escape trials and difficulties neither may we expect to be fully enlightened ere we pass through them otherwise we might be able to avert them to a great extent and fail of receiving corresponding blessings.

Now I will relate my experience. The Gospel in the summer of 1884 my Mother wishing to gather with the saints in Utah and needing some person to accompany and care for her my health being poorly and thought perhaps it would be beneficial to me as well as for her I told her that I would go with her and perhaps if Mormonism be true that I might be benefited so sometime in June 1884 we started for Utah (or the land of Zion) arriving at Farmington about the fifth day after departure stopping at Brother Jacob Millers home where we enjoyed the hospitality of Him and family for a few days. Thence to Bishop McAllough, Alpine City, Utah where we spent a few days one of which being 4th day of July.

Source: Mormon Church Ancestral Records: Henry Bartlett born 24 January 1840. He md 1st Illiaud McKee, md 2nd Lizzie Frazier – md 3rd Eliz. B. Ramsey.

Source: Cookeville Press, TN, 15 March 1894: A large number of Putnam County Mormon converts left Monday for Utah.

Source: Cookeville Press, TN, Thursday, 22 March 1894: **BUFFALO VALLEY** – March 16th, Mr. H. Bartlett and his children will start to Utah about the 26th of this month. His wife and son Ewen will stay here and wind up their business. They think they will never make Tennessee their home any more after they leave it. We regret very much that we have to give up one of our best friends but the best of friends have to part when God calls. By J. M. Clemons.

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Article by **Henry Bartlett**

Richfield, Utah, The Press is quite a welcome visitor here in this our far away, western home. It brings us the news from our old county, home and people, the cradle of our childhood – the old stamping ground of our boyhood and manhood. It being thus, much pleasure is derived in reading the report of the many different changes that are constantly occurring by people and things; while the report of some things – afford pleasure, others reflection and sadness. However, while thus affected we try to console ourselves and keep in mind the reality of our duty to our Creator and fellow creatures. This being a prerequisite coupled with a will and determination to continue, is the main cause of your humble servant leaving his much loved home, friends and relatives, and settling in this distant country and clime, with strangers and people from almost every other country and clime on the globe.

Some people think strange, so expressed, why it was necessary for me to make the sacrifice that I did, simply for a religious faith. Some said I was a religious crank or fanatic, while others, some near relatives, said it was meanness. I have been informed that one brother said if he knew Mormonism was true he would refuse to join it because I belonged to it, ect. I may not be able to convince such that they have the wrong view of it but I am willing to testify to all the world that the faith and principles of the Gospel, as taught by the Latter Day Saints, are the same as those taught by the Savior and his apostles, and that the same gifts and blessings do follow the believer. This may be ascertained and known by any who will comply with the requirements as taught by the Savior and his apostles. I state “may” but will make it more forcible by using the word “can.” I have no fear of emphasizing it. However, it is not expected for all to believe and accept it, is so then prophecy would fail of its fulfillment. While upon this I desire to sate that the prophecies which declared what will be or occur just previous to the second coming of the Savior are now being fulfilled, and will not cease until all are fulfilled. So instead of looking for peace and safety we may expect the reverse at any time.

Those who may be incredulous now will surely be awakened by seeing or hearing or fearful calamities which will continue to increase in number and severity. Only a few short years will verify my statement. I desire to further state that it is impossible for the wisdom of man without the Holy Priesthood to understand or comprehend these valuable truths, but with this gift the most humble and illiterate can and does comprehend and know it. I know it is not my desire to try to deceive or cause anyone to go astray, neither to believe what I state without corroborative evidence – that is such evidence as cannot be found anywhere except by God’s power with his Holy Spirit. Now us I do not know whether these few lines will be worthy of space in the PRESS, but if they should I am sure that no other object is in view than to ventilate

the truth and my feelings in this regard and should any one desire to learn more concerning these things I will take great pleasure in trying to furnish any information desired or may be given to man.

There are many subjects which can be treated, such as the origin, agency and destiny of man, his fall and redemption, the different dispensations; the children of Israel, who and where they are; the American Indian, his origin, who he is – and his final career; the Reformation, how, where, when and by whom it came about, object and results; God's hand in preparing Columbus to open up the way for the discovery of America; Washington to gain an independence for a free people and free government; and so on step by step until the fullness of time should be ushered in, when the times of the Gentiles would be fulfilled, when a great light would again shine forth among the Gentiles. Many others valuable subjects too numerous to mention.

Henry Bartlett

Source: Cookeville Press, TN, 29 January 1897 (editor) – We give space this week to a long letter from Henry Bartlett, an old Putnam County boy, from his far-off home in Utah. While we do not endorse the religious views of our much esteemed friend and school mate in the long ago, still we do share with him the fond memories of the past and the happy days of yore and indulge the hope that while he has wandered away after strange gods, the good Lord will in due time send out the good shepherd into the mountains of the setting sun and bring back into the fold the erring brother of Buffalo.

Source: Cookeville Press, TN, 16 February 1899: Mr. Henry Bartlett, formerly a prominent citizen of this county, but now of Richfield, Utah, with his wife and daughter, are visiting relatives in Tennessee. Mr. Bartlett has been quite successful in his Utah home.

Source: Herald, Cookeville, TN: 19 Nov. 1931:

Death of Aunt Odd Bartlett of Buffalo Valley, TN.

Mrs. Illiaud McKee Bartlett died at her home here Tuesday morning after a lingering illness. She was in her 85th year.

She is survived by 6 children; 4 daughters, Mrs. Annie Bean of NY, Mrs. Ora Bean of CA, Mrs. Hattie Bean and Mrs. Myrtle Beal of UT; 2 sons, Byron and Sam Bartlett of this place, and several grandchildren. Aunt Odd had never affiliated with any church, but had many outstanding virtues. Funeral services were held at the home with interment in the family graveyard.

Source: Herald, Cookeville, TN: 29 April 1937, pg. 8:

Byron Bartlett Obt.

b. 18 May 1875 – d. 24 April 1937, md **Cora Amanda (Barnes) Bartlett**, d/o Jess Barnes & Dorcas Montgomery. Children: Luke Byron “Jack” Bartlett (1911-1971) md Rebecca Doris Turman & Myrna Ruth Bartlett (1918-?) md Grady Sugg. Myrna R. (Bartlett) Sugg is buried in Harriman Cemetery, TN. Luke Byron is buried in Sam Bartlett Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. His children are: Dorothy Jean Bartlett md Harold Wentworth; Annie Jane Bartlett md Jack Stockstill; Jackie Louise Bartlett md Martin Franklin; Byron Turman Bartlett md Marjorie and then Marian unknown; Edward Luke Bartlett md Nadine unknown; Robert Lee Bartlett md Mary unknown; Mabel Joyce Bartlett md Barry Spiecker; James Earl Bartlett md Susie unknown; Mary Ruth Bartlett md Jerry Large; David L. Bartlett md Deborah unknown & Steven Ray Bartlett md Linda unknown.

Services Held For **Byron Bartlett**, 62, after a 2 weeks' illness of pneumonia and complications. He was the **son of the late Henry and Mrs. Illiad “Odd” Bartlett.**

About 25 years ago, he was married to Miss **Cora Barnes** who survives him. Besides his wife, he is survived by a son, Luke Byron “Jack” Bartlett, a daughter Miss Ruth Bartlett, 3 granddaughters; a brother, **Sam Bartlett** of Buffalo Valley; and 4 sisters, Annie, Ora, Hattie and Myrtle.

Funeral was conducted by the Rev. J. A. Harris, Sunday afternoon at the Church of Christ. Interment was made in the family cemetery at his old home with the Masonic Lodge in charge.

Barbara Melinda Beal Obt.

Barbara Melinda Beal 1925 ~ 2007 Barbara was born on 26 January 1925 in Richfield, Sevier County, Utah. She died November 24, 2007 in Salt Lake City. In 1951 Barbara received a BA degree in English and history from the University of Utah. In 1960 she received a MA degree in English from the University of Arizona, in 1971 a PhD in education administration from the University of Utah, and has done post-graduate work at the Universities of Colorado, Pacific, Brigham Young, Utah State, and Northwestern.

Barbara has taught English and history at Olympus and Skyline High schools in Salt Lake City, and at Las Lomas High school in Walnut Creek, California. She became the first secondary school principal in the State of Utah. Barbara has been a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. She served as charter president (1968-1970), parliamentarian (1970-1972), state president (1973-1975) and research chairman (1985-1991). She has received many awards and recognition. Her community and organizational services have included membership on: the Salt Lake County Government Consolidation Committee, Pioneer Memorial State Theater Foundation Advisory Board, Salt Lake

Council of the Arts, Utah Council Teachers of English Executive Board, Utah Association Secondary School Principals Editorial Committee, Legislative Advisory Committee, and many other educational, political, religious, and charitable organizations. Barbara never married.

In 1993 Barbara was retired and living with her brother Bartlett in Salt Lake City. Cremation under the direction of Garner Funeral Home.

Note: Barbara Beal was the daughter of Leo Nelson Beal and Myrtie Bartlett. Myrtie Bartlett was a daughter of Henry Bartlett and Iliad McKee Bartlett. Henry Bartlett was a son of Joshua Bartlett and Anna Anderson. He married Illiaud McKee "Aunt Odd", daughter of Joseph Y. McKee & Leyan Young.

Henry moved his family to Utah in the late 1800's, and remained there. But his wife, Illiad, came home with son Sam Bartlett and stayed there. Henry had more wives while in Utah. Lizzie Frazier and Elizabeth B. Ramsey were two of his wives.

Myrtie and Leo Beal are buried at the Young-Bartlett Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN. The cemetery is on the old farm which Barbara bought. One year, the Beal family came to live with Sam Bartlett. Barbara and brother Bartlett Beal went to Baxter Seminary that year.

Barbara was a very down-to-earth person, easy to talk with. Ewin Bartlett, born 7 August 1868, TN, died 8 February 1895, had just returned from Utah to die at his mother's house. Ewin is the son of Henry Bartlett and Illiad McKee. He is buried in the Young-Bartlett Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN.

Myrtle "Myrtie" (Bartlett) Beal Obt.

b. 18 April 1884 – d. 30 December 1971



A graveside service was held yesterday afternoon at the Bartlett family cemetery in Putnam County for Mrs. **Myrtle Bartlett Beal**, of Richfield, Utah, who died at her home there, December 30.

Pictured: Myrtle "Myrtie" (Bartlett) Beal, 1910. Courtesy of Janet B. Moravec, pictures from the family album of Leo Bartlett Beal, s/o Leo Nelson Beal & Myrtie Bartlett.

Officiating at the service was Pres. Charles Spears of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, of which Mrs. Beal was a member.

Mrs. Beal was a Putnam County native, **daughter of the late Henry and Iliad McKee Bartlett of the Buffalo Valley community.** She was 87.

The family home was at 555 W. 1st North, Richfield.

Surviving Mrs. Beal are **her husband, Leo Nelson Beal**, of Richfield; a daughter, Barbara M. Beal and a son, Leo Bartlett Beal, both of Salt Lake City.

Dyer Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements here.

Herald-Citizen, Cookeville, TN: 6 January 1972.

Sam Bartlett Obt.

b. 18 June 1888 – d. 11 September 1963: TN Pvt. Btry B 9 Bn FA Repl Dept WWII.

Sam Bartlett, 75, a retired trucker was found dead in his room at the Arlington Hotel yesterday morning.

A coroner's jury empanelled by Coroner O. D. Rice ruled death caused by a heart attack.

Funeral services were held today at Hooper-Huddleston Funeral Home.

Burial was in Bartlett Cemetery.

Bartlett, a native of Buffalo Valley, divided his time between the family farm in the western section of the county and the hotel where he made his home here.

He was a son of the late Henry and Iliad McKee Bartlett.

Survivors include 2 sisters, Mrs. Leo Beal, Richfield, Utah, and Mrs. Hattie Bean, Filmore, Utah.

Leo Nelson Beal Obt.

RICHFIELD, UT: Leo Nelson Beal, 87, a former resident of Putnam County, died December 14 in Richfield. He was the **husband of the late Myrtie Bartlett Beal.**

Graveside services were held today at 1:00 at the Bartlett Cemetery in Putnam County with Donald Barney officiating.

Mr. Beal is survived by a son, Leo Bartlett Beal and a daughter, Miss Barbara Beal, both of Salt Lake City, UT.

Dyer Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Herald, Cookeville, TN: Wednesday, 20 December 1972, pg.

Source: Herald, Cookeville, TN: 23 October 1941:

BUFFALO VALLEY – **Sam Bartlett** received a message last week bearing the news of the **death of his sister, Mrs. Ora Bartlett Bean** who had resided in California for several years. Mrs. Bean had made extended visits here in recent years and had endeared herself to many friends who will regret to learn of her passing.

Source: Cookeville Press, TN: Roll #101 (1894-1896)

Ewin Bartlett

b. 7 August 1868, Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN – d. 8 February 1895.

Euin (sic) Bartlett, **son of Henry Bartlett, died last Friday**, with diabeatis (sic). He left his father in Utah and reached his mother one week before his death. He was an intelligent young man and leaves many friends to mourn his loss. We sympathize with the bereaved parents.

Source: Carol Bartlett Selander, Waco

Children of Henry Bartlett & Illiaud Odd McKee are:

Ewin Bartlett – b. 7 August 1868, Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN – d. 8 February 1895, died of diabetes and/or consumption.

Ova Bartlett – b. 4 November 1869, Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN – d. September 1881, fell on rock while swinging fatally injured.

Peter Bartlett – b. 10 May 1871, Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN – d. 14 February 1872, scalded to death, kettle on hearth turned over.

Milton Bartlett – b. 22 July 1873, Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN – d. 13 September 1875, killed when wagon rolled over his head.

Byron Bartlett – b. 18 May 1875, Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN – d. 24 April 1937 – md **Cora Barnes**. Byron Bartlett died from pneumonia and complications.

Leah Ann Bartlett – b. 1 August 1876, Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN – d. 18 September 1947 - md 22 May 1895, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, UT, **Virginuis Bean** – b. 21 July 1872, Provo, Utah Co., UT – d. 27 March 1949, s/o **George Washington Bean & Mary J. Wall**.

...**Henry Dwight Bean** – b. 5 March 1896, Burrville, Sevier, UT – d. 18 November 1959.

...**Byron Jesse Bean** – b. 14 January 1900, Escalante, Garfield, UT – d. 2 June 1995.

...**Virginia Bean** – b. 12 February 1908, Richfield, Sevier, UT – d. 2 June 1995 md 12 February 1926, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, UT, **Gustive Olof Larson**

Ora Etmo Bartlett– b. 11 November 1878, Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN – d. November 1941- md 22 December 1897, Manit, Sanpete Co., UT, **Burton John Bean** – b. 2 December 1871, Provo, Utah Co., UT – d. 1 April 1959, s/o **George Washington Bean & Emily Haws**.

...**Ora Etmo Bean** – b. 15 September 1910, Manard, ID – d. 31 March 1999 – md 12 March 1930, North Hollywood, Los Angeles, CA, **Emil Rudolph Edward Zellmer** – b. 16 April 1899, Norfolk, Madison, Nebraska – d. 16 March 1994

Hattie Selina Bartlett – b. 5 April 1881, Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN – md 3 June 1903, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, UT, **Isaac Wall Bean**

– b. 30 November 1876, Richfield, Sevier Co., UT – d. 14 April 1952.

...**Rex Oba Bean** – b. 28 March 1904, Kimberly, Piute, UT – d. 6 February 1928.

...**Eleanor Illiaud Bean** – b. 12 September 1905, Richfield, Sevier, UT – d. 6 June 1989.

...**Marien Bean** – b. 13 April 1907, Richfield, Sevier, UT – d. 25 April 1979.

...**Zola Elizabeth Bean** – b. 25 August 1920, Richfield, Sevier, UT – d. 8 May 1999.

Myrtle “Myrtie” Bartlett – b. 18 April 1884, Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN – d. 30 December 1871 – md 5 October 1910, Sanpete Co., UT, **Leo Nelson Beal** – b. 17 September 1885, Ephraim, Sanpete Co., UT – d. 14 December 1972.

...**Barbara Melinda Beal** – b. 26 January 1925, Richfield, UT

...**Leo Bartlett Beal** – b. 6 September 1921, Richfield, UT

Samuel Bartlett – b. 18 June 1888, Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN – d. 10 September 1963 – never married – met **Minnie Denny** – b. ca. 1901, TN – **Wilson Denney & Amanda Emma Denney**.

...**Sam Denny** – b. 2 August 1927, Nashville, Davidson Co., TN – d. 24 January 2004, Lancaster, TN – md 18 June 1948, IN, **Hazel Elaine Lambert** – b. 9 March 1931, Sparta, White Co., TN.

...**James Steven Denny** – md currently to **Sandra Wright**.

...**Tina Ann Denny** – md **Robert James Boring**.

...**Ernest Eugene Denny** –

...**Elizabeth Gay Denny** -



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HENRY BARTLETT & HIS CHILDREN

L to R: Henry Bartlett, Sam in front, Myrtie, Ora and Hattie (Bartlett) Bean in the back .

Courtesy of Janet B. Moravec, pictures from the family album of Leo Bartlett Beal, s/o Leo Nelson Beal & Myrtle Bartlett. 2008