

The town schools consisted of about three months in the winter.

About this time, 1876, Orson Rogers with me took the horses to Bear Lake, via Franklin, across the country northwest to Packers bridge, across Bear River, via Soda Springs. At that time, there were no settlers on that tract of country now occupied by Preston, Idaho.

In 1877-78, I went on a mission to the Southern States.

Nov. 11, 1880, I married Eliza Porter of Porterville, Morgan Co. Utah, in Salt Lake City, by Daniel H. Wells in Endowment House. I had been to Bear Lake in October to help bring the cattle from Georgetown as was the yearly custom, then we returned to Georgetown to see to calves and cattle and the horses in the place of my older brother Joseph who had brought his family down while we brought the stock and it was late to go with children. We left Dec. 1, 1880. Early snows made it difficult to get through the mountains to Georgetown via Soda Springs. Between Soda to Georgetown, 18 miles, the mail was stopped because of deep snow. We tipped over about 9 times between Soda and Georgetown, but got there in evening. We had about 100 head of horses to be wintered on ridges, by moving them on different ridges. I weaned 20 colts so the mares would stand it better, and fed the colts, calves and some stock.

In the spring, I put in crops and worked during the summer with Joseph (my brother) who came up in the spring with the stock, he also brought his family. We raised a good crop of grain. We moved in a log house I had traded for in the fall.

I came back to Farmington with the stock and we lived during the winter in two west rooms of Mother's old home. In the spring after helping move the stock as far as Bear River where as was the custom to hold them until grass got good so to move them on up to Georgetown. I returned and with Sammy Porter, my brother-in-law, drove a light rig out to Goose Creek Valley to see the country with a view of moving out there as it was being settled at that time. H.D. Haight had been called to preside there, his son-in-law John Millard had moved, both from Farmington. I located up on Birch creek above Oakley, Idaho. I built a house while Eliza and baby-Avery lived in a tent with me. Our baby having been born Mar. 9, 1882 at Farmington.

We lived in a tent while I went to the mountain and hauled out logs and built a house, then went up through to Georgetown and brought a few cattle I had, to my place on Birch Creek. Our home was about one and one-half miles southeast of Oakley on Birch Creek. I had been Sec. of Y.M.M.I.A. at Oakley. I was ordained a High Priest by Robert Wilson, Dec. 1887, and set apart as 2nd Coun. to John L. Smith, Bishop. This was when the Casia Stake was organized with H.D. Haight as President.

We lived there (on Birch Creek) six years, but the outlook was not good, not dependable, not enough water, a better country for sheep, and I wanted to raise and handle cattle, so we moved in the spring of 1888 to Star Valley, Wyoming, where I had gone on a trip alone to look at the country and a squatters claim offered for sale, which I arranged to buy between fall and spring. We moved in May, I had a small bunch of cattle and a few loose horses, besides the four we used as a team. We trailed a wagon and an old carriage with our effects for housekeeping. We left a small orchard in blossom. We moved into a log cabin, two rooms and dirt roof, on a squatter's claim of