



GEORGE & MARY JANE

GEORGE DROPPED THE 'H' ON SMITH BECAUSE HE AND ANOTHER PERSON KEPT GETTING EACH OTHERS MAIL. WHILE LIVING IN FARMINGTON UT A PITCH FORK TINE RAN BETWEEN GEORGE'S FINGERS. BLOOD POISONING SET IN. HE WAS IN BED TWO MONTHS. A DR. BENEDICT OF SALT LAKE CITY UT TOOK HIS FINGER AND THE BONE OFF NEARLY TO THE WRIST. HIS HAND WAS CRIPPLED AND A HANDICAP TO HIM THE REST OF HIS LIFE. (H10)

FALL 1881 THEY LOADED ALL BELONGINGS IN A LARGE COVERED WAGON AND LEFT FARMINGTON UT, WALKING MOST OF THE WAY. ONE OF THE OXEN GOT LAME. THEY STAYED THERE A WEEK BUT LEFT THE OX AND USED THE COW INSTEAD. THE OTHER OX WAS BALKIE AND WOULD LIE DOWN AND NOT MOVE. GEORGE WOULD GATHER A BUNCH OF DRY GRASS, SET IT AFIRE AND HOLD IT UNDER THE OX'S NOSE UNTIL HE GOT UP. THREE WEEKS AND TWO DAYS LATER, IN EARLY NOV, THEY ARRIVED IN GEORGETOWN ID. THEY LIVED IN THE CANYON FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS. GEORGE RAN A SAW MILL, OWNING PART OWNERSHIP IN IT. IN 1884 THE FAMILY MOVED INTO TOWN. FIVE YEARS LATER GEORGE HOMESTEADED A-1.(H12)

GEORGE WAS 6 FEET 1 INCH TALL IN STOCKING FEET. HE HAD BLACK CURLY HAIR, GRAY EYES AND A VERY CLEAR SKIN. HE WAS WELL VERSED IN THE GEOGRAPHY OF THE WORLD AND DID LOTS OF READING. THE LAST SUMMER BEFORE HE DIED, AT THE AGE OF 76, HE RODE A HORSE AND SAT IN THE SADDLE AS STRAIGHT AS AN ARROW.(H10)

GEORGE WAS PERHAPS THE CLOSEST THING TO A MEDICINE MAN THIS VALLEY HAD KNOWN. HE WAS BORN IN THE HILLS OF TN AND BROUGHT WITH HIM CENTURIES OF KNOWLEDGE ABOUT HERBS AND MEDICINAL PLANTS. HE WAS HIRED BY THE RR TO CURE A DYSENTERY PROBLEM. THE CURE WAS WORSE THAN THE PROBLEM BUT IT STOPPED WITHIN 24 HOURS.(H10)

MARY JANE TERMAN WOULD READ TO US; MARK TWAIN STORIES, ROMANCE AND TRAGEDY OF PIONEER LIFE, THE STORY OF THE LIFE OF THE PROPHET JOSEPH SMITH, A LOT FROM THE BIBLE (PROVERTS & PSALMS). SHE FIXED WILD STRAWBERRIES WITH CREAM AND SUGAR. SHE HAD CATARACTS ON BOTH HER EYES AND WAS BLIND SEVEN YEARS BEFORE SHE DIED.(H10) GEORGE AND MARY JANE SANG A LOT TO THEIR CHILDREN. THEY WERE GOOD SINGERS.(H12)

TO PASS THE TIME THE BOYS OF GEORGETOWN ID USED TO 'TICK-TACK'. ONE NIGHT TEN BOYS DECIDED TO DO THE GEORGE LOWERY SMIT(H) HOUSE. BYRON AND WILL WERE HOME BUT WOULDN'T COME OUT. ROCKS WERE THROWN ON THE ROOF. BYRON AND WILL CAME OUT AND CHASED THE BOYS AND THEY RAN WAY UP THE CREEK THREE MILES NORTH OF GEORGETOWN ID IN WILLIAM GENIS BLACK'S(J-11) FIELD. THEY MADE A FIRE AND STAYED THERE TILL 4 A.M.(H4)