

JOSEPH(JOE) HEPWORTH BEE'S MOTHER(MARY JANE HEPWORTH BEE) WAS A POLYGAMOUS WIFE. AT THE AGE OF FOUR JOE'S UNCLE SAMUEL HEPWORTH GAVE HIM A HARMONICA. AT THE AGE OF SEVEN HIS FAMILY MOVED TO STAR VALLEY WY INTO A 10 X 12 FOOT CABIN WITH A DIRT FLOOR AND ROOF. THEY WERE LEFT THERE TO FEND FOR THEMSELVES BECAUSE THEIR FATHER(RICHARD JOHN MOXEY BEE) WENT BACK TO BEAR LAKE. THEY WERE SIX MILES FROM THE NEAREST TOWN, GROVER WY. HIS MOTHER WOULD SEW AND WORK FOR 10 HOURS A DAY TO EARN 50 CENTS. SHE WOULD TAKE HATTIE WITH HER AND LEAVE ELEANOR 11 AND JOSEPH 7 ALONE ON THE RANCH. SHE WAS GONE A WEEK AT A TIME. A NEIGHBOR LOANED THEM A COW. SOMETIMES AFTER A BREAKFAST OF BREAD, WATER, SALT AND PEPPER, ELEANOR AND JOSEPH WOULD WALK THE SIX MILES TO GROVER WY TO SPEND WHAT TIME THEY COULD WITH THEIR MOTHER DURING THE DAY AND THEN WALK BACK AT NIGHT THE SIX MILES TO THE RANCH.(NNNN H20)

AT 14 HE STARTED WORK AS A HIRED HAND. THEY WERE LIVING IN GEORGETOWN ID AT THE TIME. AT 16 HE HELPED HIS FATHER WITH CARRYING THE MAIL. HE CARRIED IT FROM GEORGETOWN ID TO NOUNAN ID. THIS WAS DONE ON HORSEBACK, BICYCLE AND ONE-HORSE BUGGY. HE DID THIS FOR FOUR YEARS.(H20 NNNN)

ONE DAY HIS FATHER(RICHARD JOHN MOXEY BEE) CAME HOME FROM MONTPELIER ID WITH A VIOLIN. JOSEPH HAD ALREADY LEARNED TO PLAY THE MANDOLIN. TWO WEEKS LATER THERE WAS A DANCE AND HE WAS TALKED INTO PLAYING. THEN, THEY WOULDN'T LET ME STOP. ONE NIGHT HE ASKED LEONE STODDARD TO GO TO THE DANCE WITH HIM. HE PLAYED IN THE ORCHESTRA AND SHE DANCED. THREE YEARS LATER THEY WERE MARRIED.(H20) AT THE AGE OF 97 HE WAS STILL PLAYING THE VIOLIN.(NNNN)



SYLVIA LEONE PLAYED THE PIANO. SHE MADE REALLY GREAT PIES. EMMA LAVON(BONNIE) WEIGHED 10 POUNDS WHEN BORN AND RELIA TOOK CARE OF HER. RELIA WEIGHED 5 POUNDS WHEN SHE WAS BORN.(NNNN)

WHILE LIVING HERE JOE BEE BUILT A WATER FALL(TEN FEET OF FALL), A SAW MILL AND THEN A GENERATOR. THEY WERE WATER POWERED. HE WAS THE FIRST TO HAVE ELECTRIC LIGHTS IN TOWN. HE RAN POWER UP TO A-13 THROUGH THE FIELD ON BARBED WIRE.(KKKK) WHEN HE WENT TO BED HE TURNED THE SWITCH OFF AND THE OTHER HOUSE HAD BETTER BE READY FOR BED. THERE WERE TURKEYS THAT ROOSTED ON THAT FENCE AT NIGHT. IN THE MORNING WHEN THE ELECTRICITY WAS TURNED BACK ON THE ELECTRIC SHOCK WOULD KILL THE TURKEYS.(BBBB OR SSS)

JOE BEE ALSO HAD AN OLD GRAIN MILL AND PEOPLE WOULD GO THERE AND GET THEIR GRAIN MILLED.(IIII SSS) HE ALSO BUILT A SAWDUST FURNACE AND HELPED ALBERT BACON(F-9) BUILD ONE ALSO.(H)

JOE BEE BUILT THE FIRST POWER PLANT IN STRINGTOWN(GEORGETOWN ID).

HE ALSO SAID THAT THERE WAS GOLD OUT THERE IN SLUG CREEK.(IIII)