



Peter "John" Larson, age 36, his wife, Sarah "Alice" Clements age 28,
children from left, Iona 8 Ross 6, Ethel 9, Loren 3.
Taken in 1900 while living in Aurora, Sevier County, Utah
They moved to Raymond, Alta. in Mar. 1903



Taken in 1896, home in Aurora, Ut.

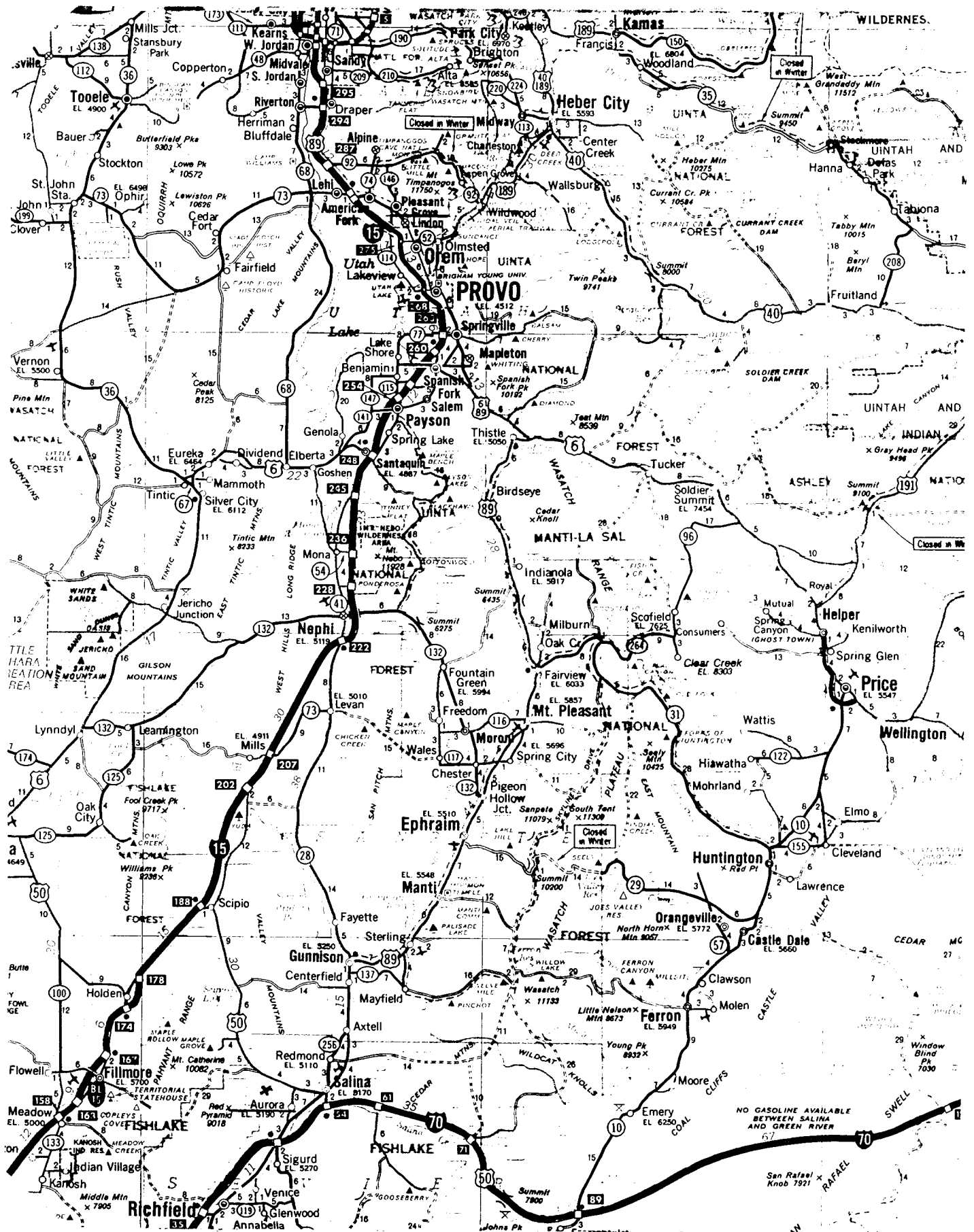
front: Roscoe 2, Alice 24, Iona 4, Ethel 5

on porch: ? and John 32

right: Asael Palmer & his parents

William M. Palmer Christina Larson Palmer

left wagon: Jonas Olaf Larson & hired hand



NO GASOLINE AVAILABLE
BETWEEN SALINA
AND GREEN RIVER

San Rafael x
Knob 7921

RAFAEL

SWELL

Castle Dale
EL 5660

Orangeville
EL 5772

North Horn
Min 3037

Ferron
EL 5949

Young Pk
832 x

Little Nelson
Min 8673

Wasatch
x 11133

Pinchot

Walden
x 11730

Joe's Valley
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A Brief Sketch of the Larson Family in Utah

In 1882, John Olof Larson sold his farm in Isanti, Minnesota and, with his wife, Margreta, and son, John, moved to the Territory of Utah. They moved to be near the daughter of the family, Christina, who had entered into polygamy as the second wife of William Palmer. William Palmer, as a missionary, had brought the Gospel to the Larson family. IN 1896 Christina and her mother had joined the Church but Jonas and John never did. Jonas, Margreta and John settled in Aurora in the Precinct of Willow Bend.

John Larson, though he had been sickly as a small child, grew into a handsome man - a tall, typical blond Swede. He was not only handsome; he was intelligent and ambitious. We know from civil documents, in the possession of his grandson, Dean Larson, that he was successful. On 6th August 1888 he was elected Justice of the Peace for the Precinct of Willow Bend, just a couple of months prior to his 24th birthday. Though he was not a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints he was highly respected - an active, popular- member of this mostly Mormon community. On the 4th of August 1890 he was again elected as the Justice of the Peace for the Precinct of Willow Bend. He did not finish this term, however, for some time after taking office, he resigned because of an order from the Governor for the Territory of Utah. This order said he was to 'prosecute to the full extent of the law all persons found cohabitating.' Since this meant that he would have to prosecute his sister's husband he resigned.

Margreta Larson had always suffered ill health. By 1887-1888 she was a very weak, sick woman. Jonas was a very devoted and willing husband but by this time the situation had become more than he could handle. He needed capable help. He found just what he need in a young woman, not yet 16 by the name of Sarah Alice Clements (known as Alice).

Alice Clements was beautiful. She was 5ft. 4in. tall - slim, yet curved. Her large grey eyes, beneath a broad brow, were striking. Her hair was a dark brown with auburn glints. She came from a staunch Mormon family. Both her paternal and maternal grandparents had been among the earliest converts to the Church. Her Grandfather and Grandmother Clements had each volunteered and taken part in Zion's Camp. Her Grandfather and Grandmother Beebe had lost an infant son during the mobbings in Nauvoo. They had crossed the plains and endured all the hardships of the pioneers. Alice had been taught midwifery and practical nursing by her Grandmother Beebe. She had a natural talent for this and became very skilled. She nursed Mrs. Larson tenderly and devotedly. They became very dear friends. After Mrs. Larson's death Jonas asked Alice to stay on as housekeeper. She and John fell deeply in love and were married 1st of August 1890

Sometime during early manhood John Larson went into storekeeping. He set up a general store which soon became a gathering place for people for miles around. John and Alice were a compassionate couple. Many times a sack of flour or other groceries were quietly and unobtrusively delivered to a widow or poor family in need. Alice was often called in to deliver a baby or nurse the sick. They had a very happy, good life in Aurora - they, their five children and John's father.

Raymond Couple Observe Golden Wedding Event

1940
Mr. and Mrs. John Larson
are Honored—Presentations Made



—Herald Engraving.
MR. AND MRS. LARSON

(From Our Own Correspondent)

RAYMOND, Aug. 6. — Sons and daughters of Mr. and Mrs. John Larson honored them with a banquet party on the occasion of their golden wedding on Thursday, Aug. 1, in the second ward recreation hall.

The guests were received by Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Litchfield, and ushered into the rotunda where they visited for half an hour until dinner was announced at 5:30.

The table, presided over by the honor guests, was centered by a four-tiered wedding cake of white and silver, decorated with a lattice design and topped with silver bells and flanked on either side with bouquets of sweet peas, Mrs. Larson's favorite flowers.

The other tables were centred with bouquets of marigold in blue bowls. Place cards were white bells tied with golden ribbon.

Grace was offered by L. L. Palmer, a nephew.

An after-dinner program was enjoyed consisting of vocal solos by Lyman Hardy of Stirling, Alan West and Mrs. Dean Larson, and reminiscences by President A. E. Palmer of Lethbridge.

Two chesterfield chairs were presented the bride and groom from their family, and a gold-colored wool blanket from the Palmers.

Gifts of flower bouquets were presented to Mrs. C. H. Palmer, sister to Mr. Larson, Mrs. J. D. Collett and

Mrs. Maria Scoville.

John Larson was born in Bergsjö, Sweden, October 25, 1864, and came to Minnesota, U.S.A., with his parents in 1866. When he was 18 he moved with his parents to Utah, where he met and married Alice Clements on Aug. 1, 1890, William M. Palmer, brother-in-law to the groom, performing the ceremony.

Alice Clements Larson was born in Oxford, Idaho, on April 17, 1872.

In March, 1903, the couple moved to Canada, where they purchased a farm just north of Raymond. Here they lived for a number of years before purchasing a home in town where they now reside.

Mr. and Mrs. Larson are the parents of eight children, two daughters, Mrs. Floyd Litchfield and Mrs. Curtis West, and six sons, Roscoe, Loren, Linden, Dean and Floyd, all of Raymond, and Verden, who died several years ago.

They also have 26 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

CURTIS ANDREW WEST "CURT"

Born 15 Aug. 1889 Pleasant Grove Ut. to Joseph Thomas West [1864-1939] and Ane Hansen [1867 - 1946] both born and died in Pleasant Grove.

Curt was baptized at age 8 3 Sept. 1898 in Pl. Gr.

Curt was the 3rd child of 13 and was 13 yrs. old when the family moved to Raymond in 1902. He attended schools in Raymond, loved all kinds of sports and was on the first football team in town.

Curt was a hard worker and a good farmer, worked for others, never owned land or a car. Using a big team of mules he could plow or plant very straight rows so usually had work of the season. Often worked breaking, training and driving horses, worked in beets hay grain or cattle.

Deral said his dad Curt always had a dog, sometimes a cattle dog.

Curt was strictly honest and expected everyone to be the same, he worked for the town installing water lines until 1939 This was during the depression and he and the children all had to work very hard just to supply the basic needs of the family.



Alberta Hospital

The Alberta Provincial Auxiliary Mental Hospital opened in Raymond Feb. 1939, among the original staff members were Mr. Curt West age 50 his brother - in - law Mr. Ross Larson age 45 and Mrs Lucille Larson. All worked until retirement age, the men in the boiler room and Aunt Lucille as a nurse.

Old Timer Passes

Funeral services were held in Stake House Raymond for Curtis Andrew West, 70 years of age on Thursday September 24 at 2 o'clock p.m. Bishop Murray Holt was conducting. The opening song "O My Father" was rendered by a combined choir of the four wards, with Mrs. Eleanor Hudson conducting and Mrs. Louis Fisher presiding at the Organ.

President L. L. Palmer gave the opening prayer. Bishop Holt then gave a brief obituary.

Bishop Evans was the second speaker and he also paid tribute to the West family.

After a trio rendered by Lawra Watson, Genevieve Hawkins and Jeanine Jensen, President Golden Snow was the final speaker.

The closing song by the choir was "Perhaps Some Time We'll Understand."

Benediction was by John Smith

The graveside prayer was made by Earnest Nilsson.

Pall Bearers were brothers-in-law of the deceased.

Ross, Lorin, Linden, Dean and Floyd Larson and Floyd Litchfield.

Curtis West was born in Pleasant Grove, Utah August 15, 1889. When he was eleven years old his father brought the family to reside in Raymond.

After a few years all members of the family returned to Utah but Curtis remained here.

He married Iona Larson of Raymond on September 15, 1908. They celebrated their 51 wedding anniversary just six days before his passing.

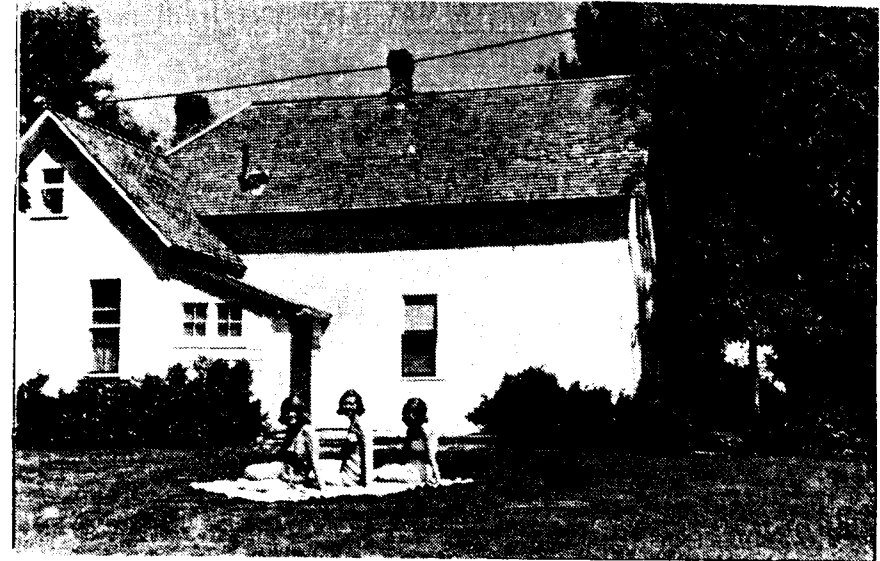
He lived and worked on the farm of the late J. W. Evans for a number of years. His later years were spent as Boiler Man at the Provincial Hospital, here, where he worked for 20 years until his retirement in 1954.

He was a great lover of sports and attended all the hockey- baseball and especially basket ball games as his sons through-out the years have played this game.

He passed away in the Raymond Hospital on September 21 at 1 o'clock p.m. He leaves to mourn his loss wife Iona and daughters (Melba) Mrs. John Pickett and (La Von) Mrs. George Pickett of Portland, Oregon. (Donna) Mrs. Eric Erickson and (Janice) Mrs. Allan Shaw of Taber, sons Clifford of Picture Butte, Lloyd and Russel of Taber and Darrell, Larry and Allan of Raymond — 37 grand children and 11 great grandchildren, 6 sisters and 1 brother in the U.S. An infant daughter Eva predeceased him.

All his family were present for the funeral services.

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Getting a suntan in the backyard--Dianne, Carol, and Susan Pickett, daughters of George and LaVon Pickett. Home of Curtis and Iona West. Built in 1900's by John's Grandfather--Brigham Pickett.

IONA LARSON

Born 22 July 1892 in Aurora Ut. to Peter "John" Larson [1864-1945] and Sarah "Alice" Clements [1872-1957]. He was born in Sweden, she in Oxford Id. Iona was baptized at age 24 2 July 1916 in Raymond.

Iona's father John was a prominent man in the small community of Aurora, he owned the only store, was postmaster and justice of the peace and Iona had a hard time adjusting to the more difficult life in Canada.

Iona was 11 yrs. old when the family moved to Raymond in 1903.

They sold everything to move as John's sister Christina had moved to Raymond after marrying W.M. Palmer as his 2nd wife. John and Alice purchased a farm 1½ miles north of Raymond and worked very hard to support their family.

Iona attended the Raymond schools walking in or riding a horse, being 2nd oldest of 8 children she had to help her mother do up the many chores.

When Curt saw Iona at a dance he told his friends that he was going to marry her, and he did, on Tues. 15 Sept. 1908 in Raymond. Curt was 19 yrs and Iona just 16 yrs old. They worked hard and moved often trying to provide for the family. Curt and Iona raised a large healthy active hard working honest family Melba, Cliff, Deral, Lloyd, LaVon, Russell, Donna, Eva [died at 5 mo.] Larry, Allen, and Janice.



LaVone

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LaVone Melba Danna Janice



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FAMILY AT 50th WEDDING ANN.

WEST — Iona Larson of Taber, formerly of Raymond, passed away in Taber on Monday, September 9th, 1974 at the age of 82 years, beloved wife of the late Curtis West of Raymond. She was born in Aurora, Utah, on July 22nd, 1892. She married Curtis Andrew West on September 15th, 1908 in Raymond. She was predeceased by her husband on September 21st, 1959 and by a daughter, Eva Ardean in December 1927. She lived and raised her family in Raymond and moved to Taber to the Clear View Lodge in 1964, where she was residing at the time of her passing. She leaves to mourn her passing four daughters, Mrs. John (Melba) Pickett and Mrs. George (Lavon) Pickett of Portland, Oregon, Mrs. Lloyd (Donna) Erickson of Barnwell and Mrs. Alan (Janice) Shaw of Taber; six sons, Clifford, Lloyd, Russell and Allen of Taber, Deral of Picture Butte and Larry of Lethbridge; 43 grandchildren, 56 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild; four brothers, Loren and Linden Larson of Raymond, Dean Larson of Lethbridge and Floyd of Magrath. Funeral services will be held in the Taber Stake L.D.S. Chapel on Wednesday, September 11th at 2 p.m., with Bishop Donald H. Fisher officiating. Interment will follow in the Temple Hill Cemetery in Raymond. Friends may meet the family and pay their respects from 1 p.m. prior to the service in the Relief Society Room of the church. CHRISTENSEN SALMON FUNERAL HOME LTD.,

GOD has promised
 Slies always blue,
 Flower-strewn pathways
 All our lives through;
 God hath not promised
 Sun without rain,
 Joy without sorrow,
 Peace without pain.

But God hath promised
 Strength for the day,
 Rest for the laborer,
 Light for the way,
 Grace for the trial,
 Help from above,
 Unfailing sympathy,
 Andying love.



IONA LARSON WEST

Born in Aurora, Utah, July 22nd, 1892
 Died in Taber, September 9th, 1974

Taber Stake L.D.S. Chapel
 Taber, Alberta

Wednesday, September 11th, 1974 at 2:00 p.m.

Bishop Donald H. Fisher, Officiating

Family Prayer: Deral West

Hymn: "I Need Thee Ever Hour" - Choir

Invocation: Lloyd Erickson

Remarks: Bishop Donald Fisher

Ladies Trio: Jean Jensen, Doreen Anderson and
 Hazel Tanner

Speaker: Asael E. Palmer

Organ Solo: "Going Home" - Bernarr Harris

Speaker: John W. Gray

Hymn: "Now The Day Is Over" - Choir

Benediction: Alan B. Shaw

Graveside Prayer: Allen West

PALLBEARERS:

Rodney West

Gordon West

Robert West

Brian West

Mark West

Randy Erickson

Interment in the Temple Hill Cemetery at Raymond

HUSBAND

Curtis Andrew WEST (laborer)

Born 15 Aug 1889 Place Pleasant Grove, Utah, Utah
 Chr. _____ Place _____
 Marr. 15 Sep 1908 Place Raymond, Alberta, Canada
 Died 21 Sep 1959 Place Raymond, Alberta, Canada
 Bur. Sep 1959 Place Raymond, Alberta, Canada
 HUSBAND'S FATHER Joseph Thomas WEST HUSBAND'S MOTHER Annie HANSEN
 HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES _____

WIFE

Iona LARSON

Born 22 Jul 1892 Place Aurora, Sevier, Utah
 Chr. _____ Place _____
 Died 9 Sep 1974 Place Taber, Alberta, Canada
 Bur. 11 Sep 1974 Place Raymond, Alberta, Canada
 WIFE'S FATHER Pebr Johan (John Peter) LARSON WIFE'S MOTHER Sarah Alice CLEMENTS
 WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS _____

SEX M F	CHILDREN List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth Given Names SURNAME	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE	WHEN DIED			
		DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	CHILDREN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY	TO WHOM	DAY	MONTH	YEAR
1 F	Melba WEST <i>AGE IN 1902</i>	83	11	Aug 1909	Raymond	4 + 9	Alta	Can	14 Feb 1929			
2 M	Clifford Dean WEST	81	1	Aug 1911	Raymond	4 + 10	Alta	Can	8 Aug 1936			
3 M	Deral Reid WEST	79	25	May 1913	Raymond	5 + 25 + 1	Alta	Can	22 Dec 1933	19 MAY 1989		
4 M	Lloyd Ray WEST	76	22	Nov 1916	Raymond	- - -	Alta	Can	24 Jul 1939			
5 F	LaVon WEST	73	10	Mar 1919	Raymond	3 + 3 + 1	Alta	Can	19 Oct 1939			
6 M	Russell Jay WEST	71	10	May 1921	Raymond	5 15 + 4	Alta	Can	14 Feb 1945			
7 F	Donna WEST	68	9	May 1924	Raymond	8 + 35 + 4	Alta	Can	24 Dec 1942			
8 F	Eva Ardean WEST	-	2	Jul 1927	Raymond	- - -	Alta	Can			9 Dec 1927	- 5 mo.
9 M	Larry Wilbert WEST	64	20	Oct 1928	Raymond	4 - 7 -	Alta	Can	6 Apr 1949			
10 M	Allen Dee WEST	61	1	Mar 1931	Raymond	7 - 37	Alta	Can	21 Jul 1951			
11 F	Janice Louise WEST	57	12	Nov 1935	Raymond	6 - 14 -	Alta	Can	23 Sep 1954			

Curt and Iona have at least 265 direct descendants this includes 5 sets of twins



JOSEPH THOMAS WEST



ANE [Annie] HANSEN



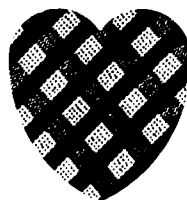
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SARAH ALICE CLEMENTS



CURTIS ANDREW WEST



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