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The following letters were loaned to Willard L. Longhurst from Myra L. Fisher and copies made to be kept for family use.

From Susanna Vine Preston, Briggs, Collyer to her Son-in-law William Henry Longhurst. Denver, Colorado August 11, 1881

Dear William: Yours of Aug 5th, is at hand and contents noted in regards to your letters I have not received, but this one of the 5th of this month, for a long time. The fault is in the post office as they have been changing the post office and that is the reason of my not getting your letters. I was very sorry to hear of Charley's wife having so bad a breast, poor dear how she must have suffered. I am also glad to know that she is better. I am very glad to hear of your having some fine crops this year, it speaks well for Charley and the boys, I only wish I was nearer to get some of the vegetables and fruit for this is a very dry country. I am sorry to hear that Marantha lost her fine baby boy. Give my kind love to her and her husband. I am glad to hear that you are all near each other; the next that we will hear that Tom's wife will have one. I am very sorry to hear of your having palpitation of the heart, like poor Ann, (daughter) she had no breath to walk any distance, poor dear Ann. She suffered a very great deal. William you must write to Mary (Mary Ann Loveless) Charley Holms is still in Silverton, and Mary Ann is still in Kansas. Holms is looking over his mines. I expect to see them soon, I am going to write to Mary right away. The last time I wrote I sent her a New Years present, to help her along. She has two fine daughters, both at work and her boy is in the dock yard. He is married and got two or three children. We have very hot weather in Denver every since spring. Times are not so good now as some time ago. I sent you one of my husband's photographs, taken over a year ago. Very near 60 years old. He has gone to look after his mine, he thinks to sell one of them soon. The we mean to come and see you all. Remember me to the Waltons family, my love to Clara and Amelia husband and family. Direct your letters to Mrs. Gov. S. Briggs, Post Office Box 2516, Denver, Colorado. My husband joins me with love to all, I remain your loving mother, Mrs. Gov. S. Briggs, Collyer.

Letter to SAMUEL E. COLLYER From WILLIAM H. LONGHURST, Sr.

Garden City Rich County, Utah,
Nov. 27, 1882

Mr. Collyer, Dear Sir: I received your letter announcing that mother was coming to pay us a visit, with great pleasure though at the same was much

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disappointed that you would not accompany her. My two boys had started with two loads to Evanston early the morning that we received your letter at noon, but they were fortunate to meet mother there and accompany her to a hotel and next day start for our place; and made one days drive stayed overnight at my oldest son's. Next day Sunday arrived at our place. The weather being fine and warm for the season, she did not feel much worse or ill effects of the journey, either by train or wagon. She is much surprised to see my family all grown up to manhood. I am pleased to say I think we can made her stay tolerable comfortable during her stay with us, in as much as we are better situated than when she last visited us. Mother wished me to tell you about shipping potatoes. I have to say we cannot ship potatoes at this season on account of the frost. In regard to hogs, we cannot go into that at present but are making preparations to do so, perhaps next season. Please state in your next letter what potatoes would be worth now or in early spring. Also dressed pork, or first class flour now, or anything else. We are also merchandising; what sort of a chance would there be for getting goods, such as dry goods and hardware, and what would be their wholesale prices? Please try and get a list of prices and send us, that we may compare with Evanston prices, and anything else you think of, boots and shoes for instance. Mother wants to know how you are getting along batching and whether the end house is rented, her love to Mrs. Mophet and has she got a situation yet? I am much obliged for an occasional paper which you have sent. Mother says you must be sure and write her all the news of the day, and mind a good boy till she gets home, or she won't come at all. She thinks she will find some one to tell tales. I must conclude, with mother's love accompanied with that of myself and family, as ever yours, W.H. Longhurst

Letter to Marantha L. Whittington from her Grandmother

Denver, Colorado
Feb 20, 18??

Dear Marantha: I received yours of Feb. 11th, we were glad to hear that you were all well except the children having the measles, I am glad they got over it. Tom and me had a good time at Evanston. I got home on Saturday night all right, and I found a visitor here, my husband's brother had come from California. He has now gone home to Boston and will be back the last of next month. The weather has been very cold here, with plenty of snow. It must have been very cold at Garden City to freeze the lake over.

(A page must be missing from this document as the next page is not a heading, and is a different subject. I have not been able to find anyone who has the missing page as yet) MLN

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... that he must have had an iron press of some kind because of the iron industry in that vicinity.

There seems to be no picture of him among all his descendants here, or, recollection there ever was one.

For further details of Susanna's life after arriving in America, we are still at a loss to give information we could verify through actual records or that I should be willing to vouch for.

Both Aunt Marantha (Rinney and Uncle Tom or Thomas [Christened Mormon]) said about 1932, that a man named Briggs known as (Governor Briggs) a nickname. Afterward living at Bountiful and Echo, Utah, and later moving to Colorado before 1864 where Mr. Briggs died. They lived in Salt Lake City so the story goes at the time of the move to the south when Johnson army came to Utah. (1857)

She saved her money to send and help grandfather and grandmother Longhurst (her daughter) come to America, while she lived in Echo.

**The following All Supplied By Aunt Rinnie and Uncle Tom
About 1932—1936**

After Mr. Briggs died she then 82 (probably 80, which would be about 1874 W.L.) years old married a Mr. Collier whom 'tis said was 60 years old. It is reported that by this time she was wealthy having invested her earnings and savings in mining stocks. Mr. Briggs probably worked on the railroad as a contractor. After arriving in Denver she had invested in city property and was then wealthy, so runs the story. She came to visit the family in Utah in 1883.

The following all the members of the family know and agree on this that about 1888 she died and that after about a year Mr. Collier notified the family that she died of rheumatism, and said as to her property, there wasn't any left at the time of her death. The family didn't believe his story but failed to do anything about it until it was too late. He, Mr. Collier boxed up a few of her old clothes and sent them to the family. The fact that he had married a woman so much older than himself was something they always remembered and talked of in their doubting his story-perhaps we shall never know when she died or what became of her money.

Aunt Rinney has described her as being about five feet or five feet two inches tall, weighed about 170 pounds, round and plump. Her eyes very light blue, hair

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thin and fine, medium fair skin, short fingers, small round hands and feet, rather large nose, small eyes, hair rather low on forehead, quick of speech, and very good health. This is when she lived in Utah. She never wore glasses and her hearing was good.

She wanted to go back to England to get her money from her husband's property but never made the arrangements to go. Don't know if she knew when he died (1870) or not.

As will be evident most of the information here given is not of a definite nature and cannot be depended on. At the time of contacting Uncle Thomas he was failing in his recollection of things and although he felt sure he was right still I must say I was rather late in contacting him for this information. Aunt Marantha however (whom I contacted most of all) remembered very well at that time but her recollections were of Utah and not England because she was too young when they left to remember events there. Marantha, says she (Susanna) had a sister, Rebecca, Mary (afterward Loveless) who had a daughter Mary Ann, who was a daughter of Richard Preston therefore a half sister to Ann Preston -- but called Mary Ann Loveless

Compiled by Willard L. Longhurst

**Continuation of the History of
Susanna (Vine) Preston, Briggs, Collyer**

By Willard L. Longhurst, Shelly, Idaho

Susanna Vine Preston- reportedly the daughter of William and Janet (Graham) Vine of Portsea Hampshire England. Born about 1792. The above named couple also had a son named James 'Chr' 5 July 1791, and a daughter Lucy 'Chr' 24 Nov 1793, both of Portsea, Hampshire, England. From these christening dates which were obtained, it is doubtful if this is her correct age. This age here given is that which was reported by her last husband at the time of her death, Samuel E. Collyer. Descendants of her only child, Ann (Preston) Longhurst have been unable to give a complete detailed account as to why she came to America while her husband remained in England. The one given by her grandson (My Uncle Charles T. Longhurst) seems most probable "They were of a different nature and just couldn't agree, she became a member of the L.D.S. (Mormon) Church and he didn't." This given about 1930 at my home. We have no record available to tell these things accurately -- not even just when she left England or when she arrived in America, these events remain a mystery at present.

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Many times have members of the family conversed and speculated as to the foregoing but always with the same conclusion "This staunch little English woman had the courage and the will to do as she believed and not to be influenced by what others thought she should do."

It was late October 23--27, 1944, clear warm weather when the writer, his good companion and their son Willard Homer, were in Denver, Colorado, to see another son Marion Ray, now receiving training in the Air Corps and about to leave for unknown parts. In World War II. From an early age (I) have heard these stories concerning my progenitors-been interesting to me, and now we were where she had died. No member of the family had ever been there since and solving a mystery presented a real challenge. It was while the great Naval Battle with Japan took place, and all people seemed excited and anxious to hear the news. We naturally were having three young sons of or near military age.

Now it seemed the time had arrived when we could obtain information concerning one of our earliest know ancestors who came to America and of whom much remained unanswered.

At the City and County building we were not able to locate any records of her marriage, divorce, or the death of (Governor Briggs (a nickname) his real name was Hugh L. Briggs nor at the General Hospital where records are kept. We did find where Mr. Omer O. Kent gave a warranty deed to a small parcel of land 22 x 90 feet which was filed 30 Nov. 1865 at 11 A.M. and listed as a homestead of Mr. Kent's. The consideration being \$50.00. (court house room 200)

Property Records.

Later Nov. 28, 1865 Mr. Kent quit claimed this property to Mr. Samuel E Collyer -the consideration being \$1.00. This is the only property recorded in their names. E 1/2 of N 1/3 Lot # 12 Block 9 22x90 ft. This was a homestead of Mr. Omer O. Kent and was sold for \$50.00 to Hugh L. Briggs -- filed for recording 30 Nov 1865 recorded in book 8 page 38 and quit claimed to Mr. Samuel E. Collyer -- two days earlier the consideration being \$1.00 recorded in book 339 p. 229. This is what Mr. Samuel E. Collyer bought from the County of Arapahoe for \$148.99 3 Sept 1887.

These details are here given that the family may know exactly how the deed is recorded and the size of the block of land they owned. Mr. Keller (the recorder) said that while Larimer is not much now, it was the principle street in early days. No property was listed in Susanna's name. We searched for wills of both Samuel E. Collyer and Susanna but found none. We searched diligently to find records of other properties owned by either of these but without success.

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Marriage Records

The marriage of Susanna to the Mr. Hugh L. (Governor) Briggs must have been before coming to Denver -- no record of it or of divorce from or death date was available. The marriage of Samuel E. Collyer of Denver, Colorado Co. of Arapahoe and Mrs. Susanna (Briggs) of Denver, Colo.-In the presence of Mrs. T. A. Greenfield and Charles Holms by O.E. Ostensen of the Protestant Episcopal Church was given as May 2, 1881, filed for recording in Marriage Book # 130 p. 177 at 9 1/2 oclock a.m. July 1881 W.C. Lathrop - Co. Clerk.

Burial Records

At Riverside Cemetery we found the records of Susan Collyer's burial and at the General Hospital as Susanna. 22 December 1887 - no husband- children or parents listed. No cause of death given-no marker on her grave. The lot was purchased by Samuel Collyer. No other people listed as buried on the same lot. No records concerning Mr. Collyer although there is room for four burials. The lot is not endowed -- but has grass and is kept up. Address given East 52 Ave. and Race Street. A monument Co.-The Norman near by 4989 Vine Street, Denver, Colo.

At the cemetery we found the caretaker very agreeable and helpful, but he was unable to understand why we should be so interested in one so long after her death. We had been careful not to tell him of our real motive, just the relationship.

To go to the cemetery from City Hall N.W. as streets go, across Cherry Creek on East Colfax or Broadway 2 miles N.E. on Brighton Blvd to underpass E 1/2 mile past Vine and Race Streets to York Street, N. 1 mile to C.B & Q. RR 1/4 mile from Stockyards and into the cemetery which was established in 1876.

The following letters extracted by Willard Longhurst.

From the letters I find Susanna's death record listing her as being 95 years old in 1887 when she died which would make her birth abt 1792 -- 33 years before her daughter Ann was born.

On Aug 11, 1881, Susanna wrote to her son-in-law Wm. H. Longhurst and said she was sending her husband's picture (She married Samuel E. Collyer May 2, 1881) and said it was taken over a year ago and he was very near 60 years old which would make his birth about 1819 - 20 about 27-28 years younger than Susanna.

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This brings out a question the family have never been able to solve as in this same letter she says her husband Samuel E. Collyer has gone to look after his mines and may sell one of them and then they mean to come and see (her family) or her daughter's family. Yet give her address thus -- Direct your letters to Mrs. Governor S. Briggs, Collyer, (a difficult problem).

Susanna's daughter Ann Preston Longhurst family have always maintained there was something different about Mr. Collyer marrying a woman so much older than he was she would be 89 years old when married and he about 60. Perhaps this is one reason the family have been so sure she had acquired considerable wealth. The family always wanted to learn concerning these things but never felt able to do so.

From a letter written to William H. Longhurst, Sr., Jan 29, 1888, Mr. Collyer says Mr. Briggs is dead and that he had used the rent money from the property bought with Susanna's money, and in Mr. Briggs name, to send his son Riley Briggs away to make a lawyer out of him. He says his money bought the property back and Susanna had no property. This happened before she died. It is evident that one of them got what money she had. WLL.

Riverside Cemetery

Denver, Colorado

The grave of Susan Collier, Section NW 1\4 Lot 195 Block 21

Date of Interment Dec. 22, 1887

**Letter to Helen Rounds Bloxham
Concerning records of SUSANNA VINE in Denver, Colorado**

Jan 9, 1973

Dear Helen,

I took time to do a little research on our great great grandmother, Susanna Vine, and had a little success. The information I found was contained in the city directories for Denver, which began in 1873. I will give you the full information as I copied it, so nothing will be lost in my interpretation:

1873Briggs, H. L. , painter, bds. 117 Blake, bet. I & K

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(I don't know whether or not this is our Briggs)

1874Briggs, H. L., harnessmaker, Marchant & Co., bds. American House.

1875Briggs, S., Mrs., r(ear) Al(ley) bet(ween) Larimer and Holliday, 11th and 12th

Briggs, Homer, harnessmaker, r. 289 17th

1876 Briggs, Susan, Mrs., r. rear 251 11th

1877no Briggs

Collyer, Samuel E., bds. Holliday, ne cor 12th

1878Collyer, Samuel E., miner, bds Tremont House

Briggs, Susan, Mrs., r. rear 251 11th

1879no Briggs, no Collyer

1880Briggs, Susanna, Mrs., r. rear 251 11th

Collyer, Samuel E., miner, r. rear 251 11th

1881Briggs, Susan, Mrs., r. rear 251 11th

no Collyer (Collier) Samuel

1882No Briggs or Susan

Collyer, Samuel, mining, r. rear 251 11th

1883Collyer, Samuel E. D. (Note the initials E.D.)

1884Collyer, Samuel E., Mining, r. rear 251 11th

1885Collyer, Samuel E., mining, r. rear 251 11th

1886Collyer, Samuel E., mining, r. rear 251 11th

1887Collyer, Samuel E., miner, 1113 Larimer (Possibly just another way of designating the same address, according to the clerk)

1888Collyer, Samuel E., miner, r. rear 1113 Larimer

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1889 Collyer, Samuel, driver, Goodridge & Morfell

Collier, Susan W., Mrs, r., 2200 Jay

1890 Collier, Susan W., Mrs., r. 2200 Jay

Collier, Samuel, driver, r. 1447 S. 11th

1891 Collier, Samuel, cab driver, Windsor Stables, r. 1849 Lawrence

1892 none

I was also able to find Susanna in the 1870 and 1880 federal census, and on the 1885 state census. You may already have these, but for sake of completeness, I will send them along.

1870 Federal Census, entry 954, p. 104

Brigs, Henry, occupation, none; age - 75; M, W, born in New York

Susanna, occupation - nurse, age 65, F. W. England

Value of property -- (blank) -- (real estate)

Value of personal property -- \$400.00

1880 Federal Census, p. 12, district 1, Denver, Arapahoe County

Briggs, Susia, W. F., age 68, Keeping house, widowed/divorced

1885 State Census

Collyer, Sam'l age 58, Mass

Susan, age 45, England

Lists them as being married.

I also checked with the Rocky Mountain News (the local news paper) but had no luck as they did not start keeping records until around 1900. I still have not had a chance to check property records, deeds, wills, etc., but will do so at first opportunity.

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While this is far from a complete story, it is interesting and adds a little to our knowledge of Susanna. It was interesting to find this much.

Sincerely,

Merrill Nielsen

Golden, Colorado
May 9, 1972

Dear Helen,

Thank you for your letter of April 24, with corrections in the marker for our great great grandmother, Susanna Vine. Unfortunately, the marker has already been cut, but not installed, and it is as shown in my letter. This can be re-cut with the changes, at a cost of \$45.00. What they do is resurface the back side of the stone and reletter it.

I have asked the monument company to hold up on installation until further instructions, so we won't have it up by memorial day, as planned. But it would be necessary to remove it again if we want to make the changes. I am sending copies of this letter to the others so that a decision as to how to proceed can be made. It won't take long to get it up once I hear from you as to what to do.

I was very interested in the brief history of Susanna which you sent. I was curious to know just how she got to Denver. Too bad we don't know more about our ancestors -- maybe it's just that I don't know much about them. Could be that I need to spend some time to find out these things.

Please let me know what you decide after you have a chance to get some letters exchanged, and I will complete the arrangements for erecting the marker.

Sincerely,

Merrill Nielsen

ps. I feel that we should have it corrected.

Sorry I didn't get your info sooner.

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NOTE:

Susanna was buried in what is now known as the old Pioneer Cemetery. The present day address is East 52nd Avenue and Race Street, Denver, Colorado, not far from the stockyards.

The marker for her grave was corrected and it was placed on her grave, as per the family's wishes and instructions. The grave is in the northeastern part of the cemetery, and the cemetery is well kept with grass covering the area.

MLN, 3/1996

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I have preserved the 225 + letters which I received from correspondents in the Longhurst family, and I estimate I wrote over 500 in connection with the compilation of the Longhurst list. While these letters were invitational as to giving their own and family events that would be of interest to the Longhurst Family descendants they might be used for publication. However, I am aware of the personal aspect and my responsibility of disclosure and also that someone might wonder about my choice and : "why didn't he mention me." Well, it is limited and with all my love, it isn't easy. Therefore, please forgive me and let me feel the rest are personal to me and are cherished in my memory.

Wm. E. Rounds

LETTER FROM RUTH LONGHURST

Col. Dublin. Mexico

Dec. 16, 1965

To Wm. E. Rounds

Dear Relative:

I am writing in answer to your letter since Ashton and I have an agreement that I will take care of the correspondence and genealogy while he writes of his interesting travels. He and two brothers were chosen to represent this area in dairying and economy travels with the Governors. It also turns out that he gets many requests for copies of the Book of Mormon. He is a horticulturist. He is

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very active, and I am proud of him. He has been in the Bishopric and other. We have had an interesting life. We spent the first two years living in Mexico City in contact with past President, Ortez Rubio, taking care of his Quinto, or country home. They were pleasant venturesome years. Our first child was born there, then we came to Dublan to live, where ten more children came to bless our home. We have traveled most of the U S and Mexico and in spite of the fact that we are far from being rich. Half of our family are away now, but we have five boys left with us. We are having our kitchen remodeled and an office done for Ashton.

***Feb 1966: We have been to Arizona., Utah, and Idaho at times to go to temples and be with our children, but they haven't occurred at the time of a Longhurst Reunion, I'm sorry. Your Longhurst List has certainly helped me with my genealogy. *** Nov 1967: We have lost our apple crop with frost and will not be able to travel this year. Also Ashton has stomach ulcers.

With love,

Ruth Longhurst

To Wm. E. Rounds LETTER FROM SARAH JANE DORY KNIGHTEN

Anacortes, Wash

Dec 27, 1965

Dear Mr. Rounds:

I am glad I was some help to you, but I am surprised that Aunt Effie didn't have the info for you as she had asked me for it. Yes, Effie, Helen, William and Ralph are my aunts and uncles. I was named after my grandmothers. My Mother, Pearl, died 22 July 1939 in Tempe, Ariz. She was buried the 25th in Snowflake. Daddy's address is Rt # 178 Box 10, Almanor, Calif. This is a lake resort area. Since the loss of my mother he plans to retire and travel some. Deanna and I were raised LDS but our father was not. He just thought that much of my Mother. I married out of the Church, but my husband has been a member now for almost four years. Right now he is having a word of wisdom tussle. He was almost disowned by his family who were all Baptists. He has a brother who is a Baptist Minister in Pasadena, so we have a merry time church-wise.

Jess is a heavy duty truck driver but that is seasonal work here and now he works for a Plant Maintenance place, which does repair work for the refineries here. This is temporary too, depending on shut downs, etc. He works as foreman, boilermaker, pipefitter and even laborer, as they aren't too picky about

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the trade of men. My children range in age as 12, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 4, 3, 2, and 10 months. We have a noisy, merry time here.

I have been trying to do a little research on our Dory family, but I find it is a slow process weeding out non-family members. I have heard that there are some Dorys with the same story, but I haven't heard from them yet. If I can still be of help please let me know.

Yours truly,

Sally Knighton

To Wm. E. Rounds LETTER FROM CALLIE BRYANT HARRIS

St. Johns, Ariz.

Mar 20, 1966

Dear Relative:

I received your note saying that you had not received the info on Roy's family yet. When I was to Snowflake I went to see his daughter, Hazel Brimhall, and she had it ready and was getting my Mother's brother, Read Tenney's family for you as I was sending the rest to you. You can depend on me to see that it gets to you. Hazel is usually real good and I can't see what's happened. My son, Leslie Brewer, lives in Fresno and is married. Has a nice wife, no children. Tory's daughter, Leah Boyce, lives right here too. I am sure this work has cost you a lot and it seems funny to me that there are so few in the family who will try to help.

You asked me about my Mothers last three children who died so I will try to tell you: The little boy, Kenneth was born premature into the measles and although babies usually don't get these things, he did, and died when one month old. My father was a cattleman and we lived on a ranch. The whole bunch of kids got the measles and all nearly died. Mother's sister, Aunt Eliza, brought her three children, Barton, Claradel, and Glennie up there and stayed all summer helping Mamma, and all her children had them too. Aunt Eliza has told me, the night mamma took sick, when Kenneth was born, that they didn't know which child would die first. They took Mother into a room and the baby was born. Aunt Eliza said that my Mother nearly died and went into fever and chills until the bedding was as wet as if you had drenched it with water. When Aunt Eliza went to take the bedding off she found Mother fainted dead away and there wasn't a soul to help so she lay there in the wet bedding until she come out of it

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and got up complaining about being lazy and just went on. There wasn't any doctor or help.

You have never seen such a wonderful bunch of sisters. My Mother told me that when Kenneth was born, a person told her as plain as anything, that he couldn't stay on this earth long because he was too good. She always knew it, and she knew she would never have another baby as she had to go through major surgery. When he took sick there was nothing anyone could do. I have had several people tell me that when he died they heard angels sing and that there was such a feeling of peace. My sister, Ruby, and our baby then died with typhoid fever. Ruby was nearly eighteen. My father died six weeks later and Aunt Tory came up to help mamma so she had it, also my brothers, Read and Zone. It nearly killed them all and it cost everything my folks had before we got Zone well. This sister, Ruby, was a precious jewel. It just about killed us all, she was so good to us all. So Mother buried four of her nine children.

I could write a volume of things, yet, when you found one of grandmother's children in trouble you found the rest right there helping. They were a wonderful, loving family.

I am happy here in St. Johns. The Stake is getting a new genealogical library and I have been asked to take training to help take care of it. I am a musician, organist and chorister and have not had much chance to do other things. Love,

Callie Bryant Harris

To Wm. E. Rounds LETTER FROM HAZEL BRIMHALL

Snowflake, Arizona

Nov 2, 1966

Dear Cousin:

Finally I am getting around to answering your letters. However, I sent you the information on Roy T. Bryant and Ada Ramsay in Jan 1966. It must have gotten lost in the mail or I put it in one of the reports I sent to the government or someone's W2 form I mailed out. I did all my typing at one time. In the letter, I wrote you that I would get you the information on Edwin Reed Tenney and I would try on the Uncle Heb's, but so far, on that line I haven't done anything.

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First I'll tell you about my family: My Dad and Mom aren't very religious but both are wonderful people. Mom works hard and her grandchildren love her and Dad very much. My Dad has lots of grapes and Dahlia flowers that he spends all summer caring for. His flowers are beautiful and all Snowflake people enjoy them and he enjoys giving everyone bouquets and samples of his grapes. I have never heard him say anything bad about anyone and he helps people. Mom cooks for her grandkids that go to school and there is always food enough for anyone else that happens to come in, including the neighbor kids. I hope and pray that someday they might go to the Temple.

My brother, Louis, married a Methodist girl and their children are all Methodists. He is a very special person - everyone loves him, little kids as well as grownups. He worked for Uncle Read in Burley at his meat packing plant for many years but, a couple of years ago he had an operation and, as yet, is not able to lift very much. He loves to fish and hunt. He believes in God and his neighbor is a Bishop whom he likes very much so I hope some good will come of it.

My brother, Jim and his wife are very busy and active. They went to the Temple and had all their children sealed to them in 1962. He does a lot of genealogy and I know you would enjoy him very much. He is President of the Elders Quorum and he is doing a fine job. He works as manager of a lumber yard and he has his own roping arena in his field and he enjoys that. He is also a hunter and he is always taking people from down Phoenix way, hunting and showing them where the game is. Their daughter married a convert to the Church and in September they went to the Temple and had their baby sealed to them. They are proud parents

Roy's daughter, Ruby Kay, I could write a book on her. She owns the A & W Root Beer and is so busy -- she works harder than anyone I know. She is always doing something for someone and so many times gets the worst of it. So many people take advantage of her and she lets them. She is organist in Primary and MIA and such an enthusiastic person. She loves

(This is all I have. I am apparently missing the other sheet(s).)MLN

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The following photographs are included for general interest.



Longhurst family reunion at Shelley, Idaho about 1951



Senior family members at the 1951 family reunion in Shelley:

Back row: Albert Longhurst, Charles George Longhurst, Willard Leslie

Longhurst, _____?, Benjamin Franklin Longhurst, Joseph Longhurst, Jr.

Front row: Nora Longhurst Nielsen, _____?, _____?, Alverda Longhurst

Thornton, Mary Eleanor Moore Longhurst, Amelia Blanche Longhurst Jackson,

Bessie Longhurst Snow, Myra Longhurst Fisher, Lydia Lovina Longhurst Lee.

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The Longhurst - Rounds home in Iona, Idaho



Alice Rounds Cunnington
(Died shortly after picture)

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Home of William Henry Lee, seven miles east of Woodruff, Utah, on the Bear River, where John Ernest Lee, husband of Lydia Lovina Longhurst, grew up.