

## A Sketch Of The Life Of W. C. Horsley

Father was born in Perry January 16, 1868, the son of WM. And Elizabeth Welch Horsley, early Utah Pioneers. The first thing of importance that stands out in his childhood happened on August 18, 1877, that day he came from Perry to Brigham and stood in the line formed from the Court house to the depot to welcome President Brigham Young on his last visit to this city. During the day he attended conference and heard the great pioneers speak in the Bowery.

With his parents he moved to Brigham City in 1878, where his father was called by President Snow to conduct the mercantile business for the Cooperative organization. Father clerked in the store in the summer time and after school during the winter months. In 1885 grandfather was called to fill a mission for the church in Great Brition. Father continued to work in the coop until 1886 when he and his younger brothers moved to their present location and started a business under the name of Horsley Bros. They did business on a small scale until grandfather returned in 1887. They then remodeled the store and the firm took the name of Wm. Horsley & Sons.

His schooling was in the grade schools and in 1888 & 1889 he attended the Brigham Young University at Provo.

On January 22, 1890 he married Lily Stewart of Provo. To this union five children were born.

Father was called to fill a mission for the Church in California in 1895 and was the fourteenth elder to labor in that field which had been opened just three years previous. He returned home in 1897.

While he was on his mission the Brigham School District was consolidated and Father, Oleen Stohl and Mrs. L. T. Pierce were elected to the school board, at this time the Whittier school was built. He was chairman of the board of education when the Central School was constructed in 1901 and was a trustee and member of the board for 12 years serving with Oleen Stohl, Mrs. L T. Pierce, Hattie Wight & Ella Bywater Valentine.

He served as County Treasurer during 1899 & 1900. Mother died in 1902 and left father with five small children. In 1902 Thos Blackburn, father, & N. J. Valentine were selected as the Superintendence of the Secon Ward Sunday School. In 1904 Bro Blackburn was selected as Bishop of the ward and he selected his counslers in the Sunday School to be his counslers in the Bisbhoprck. Father served in that capacity until May 29, 1905 when he was made second counsler to President Oleen Sthol of the Boxelder Stake and served as such until March 1917. From 1917 until 1922 he acted as member of the Stake High Council. From 1922 to June 1940 he was a member of the Stake Presidency.

For ten years he was a member of the State Senate and House of Representatives. In 1922 father and Bishop Blackburn were appointed as the official reception committee to meet President Taft at Ogden and accompany him to Brigham City.

Father was married to Della Burt of Salt Lake City February 21, 1917. Through this marriage two children were added to the family.

Since 1914 he has served as chairman of the Red Cross. His artistic ability and willingness to serve have long been recognized, as shown by his work at the State fair, where he assisted in the Box Elder display for a couple of years and has had charge of it

for the past sixteen years. He put up the Box Elder exhibit at the Capitol and has contributed to make Peach Day a success by designing and placing the fruit on display on the Court House grounds. In fact his talents and energy are called into service in practically every public enterprise.

    Laboring as a councilor with Pres. Oleen Stohl and L. A. Snow, with Pres. S. Norman Lee and Jos N. Stohl and with Pres. Bunderson and James Jensen. When he was released as a councilor of Pres. Bunderson he was ordained a Patriarch in June 1940.

    He has received joy and satisfaction in his labors with these brethren and all workers and members of the stake.