

# Samuel LaFayette Rawlins

## Documents from Julia Rawlins scanned July 5, 2007



## SAMUEL LAFAYETTE RAWLINS

A sketch of Samuel Lafayette Rawlins, born 17 July 1854 in Draper, Ut. When 9 years his parents went to Sanpete in 1863. They went from here to Richmond in 1865 and in 1871 went to Lewiston to make a home for them all. Here he grew up and his brother Harvey M. Jr. homesteaded the land the boys helped to work it. So he gave his brother Sam and Frank 40 acres apiece and here he had a home when he married Elizabeth Van Orden the 16 Feb. 1880. They moved to Star Valley Wyo. They had a very nice home but not contented, he left and went to Canada in 1895. While there he was councilor to the Bishop in the ward where he lived.

He also contracted a very bad case of Rheumatism--was so bad he could not stand to be touched. They turned in bed with sheets. He was not able to get in and out of the wagon when they left Canada. They stayed 2 years up there then came down into Montana and spent a year. Then to Ora, Idaho, then to Taylor, Idaho, then came down to Cornish, Utah, then over to Preston, Idaho. In the fall of 1908 he for Baulster Peterson and lived on one of his farms. In 1910 he came back to Lewiston, Utah, built a small house just south of his fathers home. They sold him 5 acres of land. He stayed there for a while. Then his wife's father was alone and he gave them his home if they would come and live with him and take care of him till he died. So they did live there until Aunt Elizabeth died on the 31 March 1917. He then sold his home and went to Bancroft, Idaho to live with his children that lived up there. He spent some of his time in Lewiston with his brothers and sisters as he was very miserable. He was in Bancroft, Idaho where he died the 29 Oct. 1923. Funeral services were conducted at the First Ward Church house at Lewiston, Utah. Bishop A. William Hyer conducted. Singing by the choir, "Mid Scenes of Confusion." Prayer, Samuel F. Wiser, song by choir "Wanted on the Other Side". Speakers; Peter E. VanOrden, J. J Stewart of Logan, a vocal duet by Rachel Harrison and Effie Villett, "That Beautiful Land". Other Speakers were Brigham A. Hendricks William Waddoups, and closing remarks by A. William Hyer. The choir sang "The Resurrection Day. Prayer by J. H. Stocks.

Interment in the Lewiston Cemetery

## Samuel Lafayette Rawlins by Velma Rawlins

I was born and grew up in Auburn Wyoming, Star Valley, so I came to know of the man, Samuel Rawlins for whom the Rawlins Slough we call it Slew was named. It is a clear, slow moving large stream of water which runs through his farmer property just about 1/2 mile east of the center settlement of Auburn on the road east to Grover.

One of the deciding factor about moving out of the valley was loosing their stock for lack of feed when their haystacks were burned by children starting fires, so I was told.

There is one baby buried in the Auburn Cemetery which belongs to Samuel Rawlins (Edith Elva). There is also one of Sam's sisters Fernina Jane and Leavitt's baby is buried there (Harvey Mario). Anyway there are three little graves that we do not have names for and there are very old rocks for markers. They are side by side as I remember.

About two years ago I read and article written by a lady of the valley who expressed her appreciation for the kindness and friendship of Samuel Rawlins when she moved into the valley.

Lava Hot Springs, Id. 83270 waids; see.

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Excuse the misspelled <sup>words!</sup>

I will write some on the interesting things that my mother told me over the years about her family. The older children of the family said that their father, Sam Rawlins, was never happy to stay in one place very long, then pack up his family and leave for another place. They said Grandmother Rawlins was quite sickly and this was a hardship on her. The older boys resented these hardships and didn't mind telling their father how they felt.

My mother, Nettie was born at Mt View, Alberta, Canada. They left there 2 years later on their journey back to the States. These children must have been of strong stock.

My sister-in-law, Mary Crony, will be giving of matter from her book "Wait 'Til Harvest." which you will find very interesting, so I will go on and tell a bit that I know about Grandfather Sam Rawlins other children. They will be in order of births. I assume you have family sheet of Samuel Rawlins family. so I will delete births, deaths etc.

① Uncle Lape (Everette Lafayette) lived at Grace, Id. his adult life. We didn't see him too often because of distance and horse and wagon was our mode of travel. But, what a grand time we had on the

usual one day in summertime. Aunt Dina was such a wonderful woman and happy to see us and always had a big dinner ready for us. We children marvelled at the trees and garden - after all, we were dry-farm kids. We always come home loaded down with vegetables and fruit. We thought Christmas must come in ~~summer~~ summer too. We come home remembering hugs and kisses from our Grace family.

② Uncle Bert (William Albert) When the Rawlins family reached Lima, Montana on their way back South, it was about time to settle down for the winter. Uncle Bert got a job there working for a cattle ranch. When the family left to go on South unless the weather permitted, he remained behind. He was single and had a good job so we didn't see him very often. Once in a great while ~~to~~ he came to see his sisters Lois, Nettie & Ess. From that time until in the 1960 he remained at Lima most of the time. Then he spent his time with Lois or Nettie. He died at Mother's home. He was a gentle, quiet man.

③ Aunt Clell (Ophelia Elizabeth) Married Ed. Peterson They had 2 sons - Edward & Floyd. They lived in the Malad, Id. area. We visited back and forth with

them but I don't remember much about them.  
Must have been much younger or dumb!

④ Aunt Lo (Lew Elzerak) Aunt Lo was a special person and everyone depended on her a lot. She was a good home nurse and went with the Dr. in our area to help deliver babies. She helped deliver my first baby. Just to have her sit by your sick bed was a great comfort. She & Uncle Mass (my Dad's brother) lived close to us most of our lives. They had 7 girls and 1 boy. He was my age and died at birth, which was sad for everyone. They lived the last part of their lives in Lava Hot Springs, Id. But the rest in the Pebble area close to us.

⑤ Edith Elva - died about 7 months.

⑥ Uncle Chum (Arque Harvey) married Etzel Arky. They spent their early years at Blackfoot, Id., then they moved to Bancroft, Id. They both worked at Hospital South at Blackfoot and had plenty exciting tales to tell us. Their lives were in danger several times when they worked there. Uncle was a Tease. When we saw them coming, we children would ask Mother "Will Uncle Chum tease us?" She would answer "Probably!" We would giggle and say "Oh, goody!"

The Rawlins all liked to tease to some degree.

⑦ Aunt Ess (Essie Dana) married Fitzhugh Grace. They had three boys. The same ages as we three older Craney children. They lived in the Pebble area while their family was young, close to our family & Aunt Laid's family. So there were 3 sisters living close together and how they loved each other. Later the Grace family moved to Rupert, Id. then to Hailey, Id. Aunt Ess worked as a maid in the hotels at Sun Valley. She told of the nice people she liked; and the snooty ones she didn't care for. Aunt Ess could make the best boiled white cake icing. She always let us take turns licking the pan. How she always knew whose turn it was. But it always turned out right. Because we always knew whose turn it was. We thought she was real smart.

(not) nickname  
⑧ Nettie - Mary Craney will tell about our mother except a few things that I would like to tell. Mom was the singer - Church Hymns - Dance songs and songs she made up as she worked around the house. One evening she took each three older small children, all she had at the time, down by Postnauy River to bring the cows in to be milked. Two large

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ducks and several baby ducks were swimming down the river, so she sang us this song.

Down the river these ducks would go.

Wiggle, waggle, wiggle, waggle

All in a row.

One had a feather turned on his back,

And he lead the pack with his quack, quack

quack. (We were fascinated).

Another time she was mopping the outside porch when a swarm of bees swarmed on the mops.

(Mom was afraid of bees etc) She put the mop in the air over her head as far as she could reach,

and started to run and scream like children ran after her screaming "Drop the mop, Mama".

Finally she did and back to the house without any bees. She finally got her breath, she smiled and this is the song that came out.

"He chased me around the old red barn

And out into the prairie

I ran as fast as I could go

But that bee was quite contrary.

④ Dick (Milton) He married Rastia Higginson, they had 3 girls & one boy. They lived at Nampa, Id. Short visits are about all we had. But Mother & Uncle Dick stacked fast to get all said as possible. Her



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Children was fond of mother and every chance they had to come to Bancroft they would spend a few days with her. She loved that family. Aunt Rosetta's family lived at Bancroft so they divided their time - part with mother - part with the Higginson. Uncle Dick's son Ronald spent most of their time at mother so they could go fishing with them three boys.

⑩ Lear (Ulewa Bell) married Dewey Comish - they had one daughter. They lived in Calif. at first then moved to Hailu, Id. They were close to Aunt Ess. These sisters were very happy to be together again. We always visited them as long as my father was able. Because of poor health, we called her the part of the family. - She made up poetry from the top of her head. I remember (after thinking awhile) one of her poems and I wanted to write it down here but got voted down! She was great fun to be around.

⑪ All 4 names Mag (Margaret) married Murray Barrow, they had two daughters & one son. She died when she was 82 yrs. old. She had the prettiest red hair and a happy disposition.

⑫ Carl - died about 3 yr. old.

Did you notice most of these Rawlins had nicknames? San Rawlins fam. had a lot of names in them -

Samuel Rawlins.

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CRONEY FAMILY REUNION - <sup>GRACE</sup>~~Bancroft~~, Idaho  
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Saturday August 5, 1989 at 10:00 a.m.

Potluck at the town park.

All Rawlins', Van Orden's, and anyone else are invited to attend.

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My Father Moses Peter Olsson CRONEY  
By Oclella Croney Shipley

Moses Peter Olsson Croney was born 15 March 1880 at Logan, Cache, Utah. The son of Nels Peter Olsson Croney, born 6 Mar 1824 at Hammarlov, Malmohus, Sweden, and Elsie Pedersen Christensen, born 20 Aug 1854 at Gerdunland, Denmark. We think that Grandfather must have added the name of Croney after coming to the United States.

Father was the fifth child in a family of twelve. He was blessed 6 May 1880 by Thomas McNeil. Baptized 15 Aug 1890 by Nels Peter Olsson Croney. Confirmed in 1890 by N. Graham. Endowed on 6 Dec 1962. Sealed 5 Jun 1963 by William A. Woolford. Witnesses Charles S. Cooper and Merrill L. Green. The proxy for Dad was Wayne W. Summer and the proxy for Mother was Donna S. Summer.

His brothers and sisters were Selma, Aaron, Helena, Henriette, David, Annie Catherine, Emma, Nels, Daniel, Elsie and a step-sister Sabra Melvina. Sabra passed away 4 Nov 1918 during the flu epidemic. She is buried at Salmon, Idaho.

While Father was yet a small child, his folks moved to Snowflake, Arizona. While there the children got diphtheria. His sister Helena died 8 Jan 1882 and Henriette died 11 Jan 1882. Dad recovered but was not very well for a long time. They must have soon moved to Logan because Annie was born there the 15th of Aug 1882.

From Logan they moved to Minkcreek, Idaho. Aunt Emma was born there the 19th of Dec 1884. Uncle Nels was born in Riverdale, a short distance from Minkcreek, and David, Daniel, Elsie, and Sabra were all born at Minkcreek.

Grandfather was a carpenter. Dad said his father would buy a place and build a home on it then either trade or sell it for another without a house and start all over again. This kept the family in a state of continual movement.

Father had very little schooling. What little he received was at the school at Minkcreek. But, from the time he was a young child he was quite talented at drawing a talent that at one time almost got him into trouble. When some of the older boys got him to draw a very uncomplimentary picture of the local dance hall manager who was quite sure Dad had drawn it and rushed over to Grandfather with it. Dad stayed away as long as he could as he was sure Grandfather would give him a whipping, but he never did only

told him no more pictures like that.

At the age of 16, he left home to work for a sheep company near their home. He used to say that he was sold with those sheep. I am not sure if it was at this time that he first went to work for Woods Livestock Company or not but he did work for them for many years. Even after he and Mother (Lois Elzira Rawlins) were married and until after we four older girls were born.

He was married to Lois Elzira Rawlins 28 January 1907 at Idaho Falls, Idaho. The daughter of Samuel Lafayette Rawlins and Sarah Elizabeth Van Orden.

To this union was born eight children, Oclella, Maud, Mabel Elizabeth, Elsie Martell, Samuel Lafayette, who died at birth, Edna Elzira, Ethel Iona and Veda Wyora. Maud and I were born while the folks still lived at Idaho Falls where Dad was working at the brewery. They then moved to Basalt where Mabel was born. I do not know what Dad was working at while we lived there. I do know that while Mabel was still a baby we moved to what was known as the Kingport ranch at Pebble where Elsie was born. From there it was back to Spencer where Dad went back to work for Woods.

Somewhere during the years before this time Dad had learned to play the violin and he was very much in demand to play for the dances either at a school house or at a ranch home. They would start dancing early in the evening dance to midnight, have a big dinner and continue dancing until day break.

After leaving Spencer they moved back to Pebble country where they homesteaded 31 Dec 1917 and built there house the summer of 1918. That winter we all had the flu and for awhile we did not expect Dad to live but come spring, we found we were one of the few who had not lost at least one member of the family during the epidemic.

That spring and summer was spent grubbing sage brush in order to plant so many acres that the homestead law required and then the fencing had to be done. After the first summer Dad would plant the crops in the spring and then it was up to Mother and we older girls to keep things going at home while Dad worked at neighboring ranches in order to have some money to buy some of the things we needed so badly at home.

After several bleak years of trying to make a living on the homestead they sold the place and moved into a house at the limekiln. While at the homestead, Samuel, Edna and Ethel were born.

While living at the limekiln Veda was born. Soon after that Dad found a farm that he could get and they moved there. By that time, they already owned some horses, cows, pigs, chickens and farm machinery so life was not quite so rough. Every winter, from the time they had moved onto the homestead until they left the ranch on the Portneuf river, Dad had spent running trap lines around the mountains near their home some years doing quite well.

I never really lived with the folks after they moved to the ranch on the river. I was either away at school or working during this time. Between 1930 and 1932 Maud, Mabel, Elsie and I were married. Maud was married 2 January 1930 and passed away 25 January at Groveland.

In 1937 they gave up the idea of farming and moved to Lava Hot Springs. A move that meant another old house to be cleaned and fixed up to make it livable. Most of the work being left for Mother and the three younger girls as Dad again went to work for another sheep company.

Work was not easy to find during the depression years but as soon as he could find a job he quit the sheep company and came home. He worked several jobs until he started working as a gardener at the State Nat and for some neighbors. His yard was a show place in Lava.

Edna, Ethel and Veda were married while living at Lava.

Mother passed away in December of 1957. Dad remained at the home place in company of Uncle Bert.

Many times Dad was either ill or hurt during his life time. As a child he was in a runaway and suffered a broken arm which left him with one short arm. He was ill with the flu in 1918. One summer he suffered a sun stroke. One winter he was snow blind and had to spend a week or so in a dark room. I would get by a window with just enough light so I could read to him. One winter he broke his leg while on the trap line. He managed to get on his horse and it brought him home. He was hurt again when his horse threw him, pulling the ligaments loose in his back, and he had to spend most of the summer in bed.

His last illness was due to a weak heart and he passed away 12 February 1961 at the St. Anthony hospital in Pocatello, Idaho. He was buried 15 February 1961 at Chesterfield, Caribou County, Idaho. The roads were so bad, his last ride had to be in a truck to the cemetery.

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#### MEET YOUR ANCESTORS

Here are some of your Grand Parents that I thought you may find interesting. This is a line in Wales. Aren't the names great?

Llywarch ap Llywarch - Tanglwyst verch Llywarch  
Llywarch ap Bran - Rymel verch Goronwy  
Bran ap Dyfnwal -

Goronwy ap Owain -  
Owain ap Edwyn - Morfydd verch Goronwy  
Edwyn ap Goronwy - Gwerydd verch Cynvyn

Goronwy ap Ednowain -

I have family group sheets for most of these families.  
How many of you knew that we have a Spanish line in our family?

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If anyone has any family stories, I would appreciate having them and will include them in this newsletter. I would really appreciate any stories on Grandfather Moses Peter Croney.

Does anyone have any information on where Grandfather Peder Christensen Skov died. All I know is that he died on the plains coming to Utah. His wife apparently came on to Utah. Did she remarry? Where did she live? Where did she die? Where is she buried? If anyone has any information on these let me know. I am trying to find out anything about Christena Hansen. The only thing I have is that she married a Loury (Lowry) and was last in Preston in 1915. Does anyone have anything on her? Also, does anyone have any information on where Annie Croney is buried?