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I will write some on the interesting things that my mother told over the years about her family. The older children of the family said that 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 Croney, will be will be giving of mother from her book "Wait Till 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 a family sheet of Samuel Rawlins family, so I will delete births, deaths etc.

1. Uncle Lafe (Everette Lafayette) lived at Grace, Id. his adult life. We didn't see him to 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 Dinah 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 came home loaded down with vegetables and fruit, We thought Christmas must come in summer too. We came 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 when 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 he came to see his sisters Lois, Nettie and Tess, From that time until in the 1960's 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 (Oclella Elizebeth) Married Ed Peterson and had two sons, Edward & Lloyd. They lived in the Malad, Idaho 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 (Lois Elzilah). Aunt Lo was a special person and everyone depended on her a lot. She was a good home nurse and went with the Doctor 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 and Uncle Mose (my Dad's brother) lived close to us most of our lives. They had 7 girls and 1 boy. He was my age but died at birth, which 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 (Angus Harvey) Married Ethel Argly. They spent their years at Blackfoot, Id and then moved to Bancroft, Id. They both worked at the hospital south of 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 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. Aut Ess (Essie Iona). Married Fitzhugh Grace. The 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 Lois family. So there were 3 sisters living close together and how they loved each other. The Grace family moved to Rupert, Idaho, then to Hailey, Idaho. 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 and would let us take turns liking the pan. How she knew whose turn it was I don't know but it always turned out right. Because we always knew whose turn it was, we thought she was real smart.

8. Nettie- Net. Mary Craney will tell about our mother except for 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 Portneuf River to bring the cows in to be milked. Two large 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 in the mop. (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. We 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.

9. Dick (Milton). He married Rosetta Higginson, they had 3 girls and 1 boy. They lived in Nampa, Idaho. Short visits are about all we had. But Mother and Uncle Dick talked fast to get all said

as possible. Her Children were fond of Mother, and every chance they had to come to Bancroft they would spend a few says with her. She loved that family. Aunt Rosetta's family lived at Bancroft, so they divided their time, part with mother and part with the Higginsons. Uncle Dick and son Ronald spent most of their time at mothers so they could go fishing with Moms three boys.

10. Lear (Uclear Bell). Married Dewey Comish, they had one daughter. They lived in California at first then moved to Hailey Idaho. 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 ably, because of poor health. We called her the poet of the family. She made up poetry from the top of her head. I can remember (after thinking a while) one of her poems and I wanted to write it down here but got voted down. She was great fun to be around.

11. Mag (Margaret). Married Murry Barrus, they had two daughters and one son. She died when she was 23 years old. She had the prettiest red hair and a happy disposition.

12. Earl. Died about three years old.

Did you notice most of these Rawlins' had a nickname? Sam Rawlins' family had a lot of humor in them.