

*A Continuing History of the
Hill Spring Relief Society*



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This History was compiled with the expectation that each successive Relief Society Presidency will please add their own summary of their experiences and activities during their service.

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Be it known that this history is a compilation from various sources including personal histories and memoirs, Church History resources and various other references that may contain differing grammar, spelling, dates and so forth but are as accurate as were able to be ascertained. Please note also that many of the pictures are not from the era specified as they were unavailable.

1 Nephi 19:6

“.....and now if [we] do err...; not that [we] would excuse [ourselves] because of other men, but because of the weakness which is in [us], according to the flesh, [we] would excuse [ourselves].

Hill Spring Area and Ward History

Hill Spring Ward Descriptive (as was included in the minutes as requested from the Cardston, Alberta Stake)

In 1906, the Church purchased from the Cochran family, for colonizing purposes, a tract of land comprising about 67,000 acres in Alberta, Canada. On this land several communities have grown up, including Glenwood and Hill Spring and also a number of productive ranches and farms have been located. All of the best land has been sold. The remaining portion of the project is represented by an area known as the Church Ranch, the terrain of which is comprised of ridges, coulees, etc., for which reason it was not desirable for purchase. The settlers paid from 10 to seventeen dollars per acre for their lands.

The Hill Spring Ward consists of Latter-day Saints residing in the hamlet of Hill Spring and surrounding country. The hamlet is situated on a flat on the left bank of the Belly River, in Section 16, TS4, R27, West of the 4th, 13 miles north-northeast of Mountain View, 20 miles NW of Cardston, and 55 miles by nearest road, SW of Lethbridge. The Ward extends from the Belly River on the East to the mountains on the West; South it extends to the Mountain View Ward, and north to Glenwood. The distance from the Belly River to the Waterton River where Hill Spring stands, is about 3 miles. The farms are partly on the flats along Belly River, and partly on the rolling prairie between the 2 rivers--The Waterton and the Belly. Some of the land can be irrigated from the UID (United Irrigation District) canal, which taps the Belly River about 7 miles South of the Hill Spring townsite, at a well constructed dam. For the building of said dam, the Government furnished the money on a 30 year loan. Of the 73 Latter-Day Saint families about one-third live on the townsite, and others in a scattered condition of their farms. The population at present consists of 411 souls belonging to the Church. The townsite is surveyed into 10 , 8, and 5 acre blocks, the lots containing one acre each, except the business lots, which only contain half an acre each. The soil on which the townsite stands, and also the surrounding farms, consists of a black loam.

This Ward was organized 12 June 1910 with Franklin Pierce Fisher as Bishop. The Ward met in the unfinished house of Carl B Tanner as well as other private houses. The building of a meetinghouse commenced September 27, 1918, and was completed July 24, 1919. It was a modern frame building, 40 by 42 ft, for public purposes. A stage built in 1920 measures 20 by 42 ft. There are three upstairs class rooms and two in the basement. The erection of the building cost about \$15,000.

On the townsite there is also a one-story frame schoolhouse built in 1911. Water for culinary purposes is obtained from a spring situated on a hillside about a mile west of the village, conducted to the hamlet through a six-inch pipe, and then taken into twenty houses through smaller pipes. This water system cost about \$2000, and the spring mentioned suggested the name of the settlement.

Relief Society



The Relief Society is the official adult women's organization of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and is an essential part of the structure of the Church at general, stake, and ward levels. The organization provides opportunities for association, leadership, compassionate service, and education. Through the Relief Society, "women of the Church are given some measure of divine authority particularly in the direction of government and instruction in behalf of the women of the Church. (J.F. Smith, p. 5).

The motto "Charity Never Faileth" expresses the commitment of Relief Society members to love and nurture one another and to minister graciously to the needs of Church members and others. The binding sense of sisterhood that characterizes the Relief is founded upon the women's common faith and enhanced by the lessons, activities, and interpersonal involvements that constitute the Relief Society program.

When the Prophet Joseph Smith organized the Female Relief Society of Nauvoo in 1842, he stated that the restored Church of Jesus Christ could not be perfect or complete without it. Elder Joseph Fielding Smith later confirmed that "the Relief Society was revealed to the Prophet Joseph Smith as a fundamental part of the gospel" (J.F. Smith, p. 4). As an integral part of the Church organization the Relief Society functions in close connection with, rather than independent of, the ecclesiastical priesthood structure.

History of Hill Spring Ward Relief Society Presidencies

The first Relief Society in the Hill Spring Ward was organized in August of 1910 in the home of Bishop F. P. Fisher. Bishop Fisher's house was not completed at that time. The framework was up and the floor joists were exposed. At the Sacrament Meeting where the Relief Society was organized, the children sat on the floor joists and the adults sat where boards had been placed over the floor joists.



Brother Franklin and Sister Sarah Fisher's home

FANNY GARNER 1910-1922

Fanny Garner	President
Alice Morgan	1st Counselor
Eliza J Hurd	2nd Counselor
Elizabeth Hendrickson	Secretary-Treasurer
Sarah Fisher	Secretary



Fanny Garner



Eliza Hurd



Sarah Fisher

During that time, her first counselors and secretaries were released and Helena Allred and Mary A. Davies became her counselors with Lona Peterson as Secretary and Alice Leishman as Secretary Treasurer.

In 1898, annual dues were introduced to the Relief Society program in order to help defray costs. In 1910, in the Hill Spring Ward, there were 42 paid members and dues were 25 cents.

A Relief Society President had to be a doctor, nurse and housemaid all in one. She often went to help the sick and was gone from her home a week at a time. Relief Society women cared for the new born babies and mothers. Everyone loaned sheets etc. for the occasion. Sister Fannie Garner, Alice Campbell and Lottie Olsen will always live in the hearts of the pioneers as they brought newborn babies into the world; they prayed as hard as they worked.

Sister Hurds daughter remembers her mother Eliza loved the Church and this came first with her. She remembers that her mother always took the family to church in Hill Spring and it was there in that little Ward that they gained a foundation for a good testimony of the gospel.

These were the days of the old start yeast, that must be kept, making soap from grease and lye, washing by hand or a hand turned washer, the 3 irons on the stove to iron the clothes, coal oil lamps had to be filled and cleaned each day, churning butter, mixing bread and washing wool for quilts--of which many were made and sold to raise money at bazaars.

The Ward put in the water works which consisted of water piped from the spring and two taps put in, one on main street and one at Isaac Allred's. The Relief Society gave a party at the finish.

The country being new and most of the young women, far from their parents and home, would get homesick. Sister Garner, knowing this, would watch and whenever someone's spirits needed lifting she would say, "Come on girls. Let's have a party." They would all gather at one home, bring a cup of sugar, make candy and play games and have a good time.

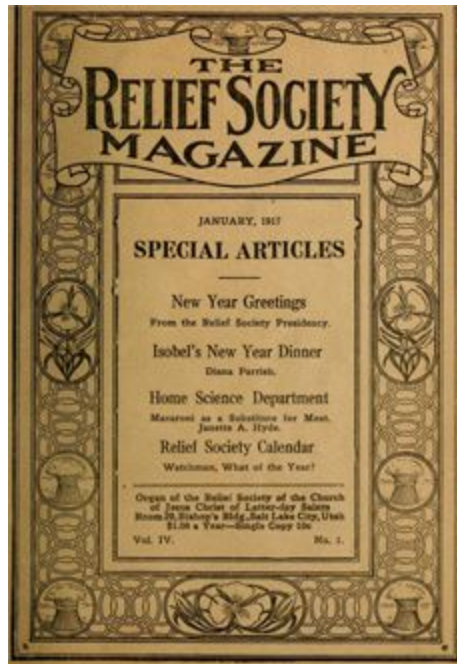
They also sold Sunday eggs. All the eggs their chickens laid on Sunday, they donated to help build a church house. They also put on bazaars, made lots of quilts and helped those in need.

Through World War I, they did knitting and sewing for the Red Cross and also sent parcels to soldiers overseas. They also donated to the poor saints in Europe.

In 1913, the first printed lessons in genealogy came out and Clara Smith was the teacher.

The purpose of the Relief Society Magazine which began in 1914, was to unite LDS women in a bond of common interest, to educate, and enlighten as well as to be an outlet of Mormon women's own writing. It was the official publication of the Relief Society organization for 57 years until 1970.

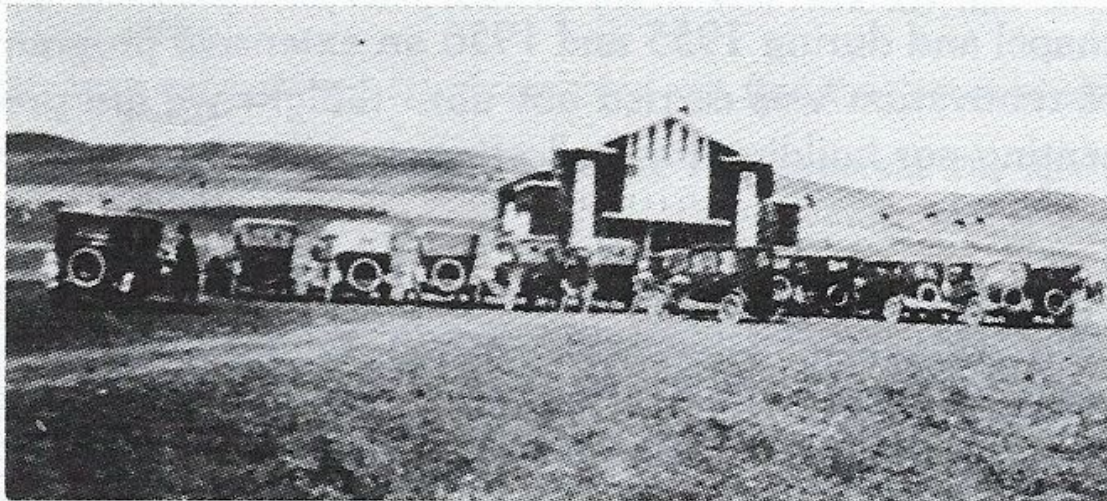
The Relief Society minutes of October 1, 1914 state that the magazine will consist of literary, artistic, and practical articles, designed to improve our minds and beautify our homes. It also published fiction, poetry, and plays written by Mormon women. The contents were modified over time to meet changing circumstances.



This was in the first minutes that were requested by the Stake to be submitted from the Ward.

The Relief Society gathered wheat. This was done on a Stake basis and stored for future use or emergency. This program began in 1876 from the General Relief Society and continued until the close of World War 1 (1918), when the Relief Society sold 205,518 bushels of their storage wheat to the US government at its request. This sale capped the Relief Society's involvement in the war effort.

In 1919, the people of Hill Spring suffered severe losses because of drought. On this account, a number of the settlers got discouraged and moved away. The snowfall was very heavy during the winter of 1919-1920, and in some places there were 55 inches of snow on the level. Many cattle died on account of the severity of the winter, and some of the settlers lost all of their stock. Nearly everybody in that part of the country was affected by this loss.



The first Church house was completed in 1921.

Through the General Relief Society, beginning in 1921, at a time of national concern over high rates of maternal and infant mortality, stake and ward societies used interest from the Wheat Trust Fund to sponsor hundreds of health clinics for expectant mothers, babies, and preschool children.

In 1921, the drouth brought attention to irrigation and a company was formed to build the canal. This company was called the United Irrigation District (UID). Work commenced on the canal in the fall of 1921, and water was turned into it in the fall of 1922, but only a little irrigation was attempted until 1923, when real irrigation commenced in earnest. The main canal is about 50 miles long; with its laterals, the system represents 175 miles in both settlements of Hill Spring and Glenwood.

CLARA SMITH
October 8, 1922-1927

Clara Smith	President
Della K. Wynder	1st Counselor
Dagmar Steel	2nd Counselor
Elsie Smith	Secretary
Sarah Tanner	Secretary Treasurer



Clara Smith



Della (Adella) Wynder



Sarah Tanner

During her time as President she had a change of Presidency with Dagmar Steel as 1st Counselor, Sarah Fisher as 2nd Counselor and Della Wynder as Secretary.



Sarah Fisher

It was the duty of the Relief Society at this time to raise funds for the missionaries and to be responsible for their farewell parties.

One winter the Relief Society paid for all the coal used at the church by gathering Sunday eggs, and during the building of the Temple, Sunday eggs were gathered for the Temple.

Many bazaars were held to raise money. At one particular bazaar, they sold 27 quilts and earned \$287.00. Five missionaries that were in the field, received \$20 apiece.

Through those years, there were lots of needy poor and they were helped by the Relief society especially at Christmas with large baskets of food and clothing.

When the Temple was completed in 1923 all the money was gone! There were no funds for clothing for the Temple. The Logan Temple offered some of their extra clothing but this did not satisfy the sisters. They wanted new clothing for a new Temple, so they hatched a plan. They would save ALL the eggs the chickens laid on Sundays and sell them to buy the new white Temple clothing that was needed and that is EGGsactly what they did. "The brethren always said that the hens laid more eggs on Sunday than any other day of the week."

RELIEF SOCIETY FUNDS

The Relief Society Funds consist of the following: "CHARITY FUND," "WHEAT TRUST FUND," "ANNUAL DUES FUND," and "GENERAL FUND."

THE CHARITY FUND should contain all funds donated specifically for charity. This fund should be used only for charitable purposes.

THE WHEAT TRUST FUND is the fund which is being held in trust at the Presiding Bishop's Office. The interest on this fund, however, is available and is to be used for health and maternity purposes. The interest is carried in the Charity Fund in Relief Society books.

THE ANNUAL DUES FUND (Membership and Stake) should contain funds collected for the general maintenance of the Relief Society and for stake organizations.

THE GENERAL FUND should contain all other moneys that are obtained in a general way, such as funds obtained from parties, bazaars, sale of quilts, interest on wheat money, etc. The latter fund is an elastic or contingent fund that is collected or earned in various ways and may be used for various purposes. It is the only fund of this nature in the Relief Society accounts.

The Teachers' Books are arranged to take care of donations for the various funds. If the General Fund is low in a ward and the president does not desire to give entertainments to enlarge the fund, she may request her visiting teachers, occasionally, to ask the families if they will be willing to donate something toward this fund.

INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE PRESIDING BISHOP'S OFFICE REGARDING RELIEF SOCIETY FUNDS PRESENTED AT APRIL CONFERENCE, 1925

(Relief Society Magazine, June, 1925, Page 285)

Funds collected by the Relief Society for General Relief Society purposes or for Charity or Health Work, should not be diverted or used outside the organization itself. Funds collected for the Relief Society should be used within the organization itself and should not be diverted for ward maintenance or for other general ward purposes. If the Relief Society is asked to give any assistance to the ward proper, funds should be raised especially for such purpose, and in some special way, without disturbing the Relief Society Ward Treasury which consists solely of Relief Society funds raised for Relief Society work only and not for other purposes.

In 1926 the Stirling-Cardston branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway was extended from Cardston via Hill Spring to Glenwood, thus making Hill Spring a railroad town.

MARY MEECHAM
1927-1930

Mary Meecham
Mary Jeppson
Ellen Gibb
Della Wynder

President
1st Counselor
2nd Counselor
Secretary Treasurer



Mary
Mecham



Ellen Gibb



Della (Adella) Wynder

The Bishop asked the officers to pay tithing monthly.

When the church burned down in 1929, the Relief Society was kept busy raising money to build a new one.

The President's responsibility was taking care of the dead. Often people would die in Cardston and be brought back home to be taken care of and prepared for burial. The bodies had to be packed in ice and wet down with cloth's dipped in salt petre put on their faces to prevent them from turning dark. Someone had to sit with them night and day. This was a difficult and exhausting task.

During this time, Sunday eggs were gathered to donate to the Temple building fund. A labor of lasting love.

In 1928, the meeting house was stuccoed at an expense of about \$15,000. It was also repainted and otherwise improved.



The first Church house burned down in 1929.

In 1930 the numerical strength of the Ward was 424 souls, including 1 Patriarch, 9 High Priests, 14 Seventies, 50 Elders, 9 Priests, 21 Teachers, 26 Deacons, 182 lay-members, and 112 children.

The Relief Society Opening was held Sept. 29, 1931.

Plans for a new meeting House were forwarded to the Presiding Bishopric of the Church for their approval, Feb 14, 1932 and was accepted by the Ward May 8th, 1932 after being accepted by the General Authorities. Construction began July 10th, and is to cost in the neighborhood of \$18,000 and is to be built of lumber sawed locally by the Saints. The outside is to be stuccoed.

CLARA SMITH
March 6, 1930-June 26, 1932

Clara Smith	President
Ann Skipworth	1st Counselor
Loretta Allred	2nd Counselor
Della Wynder	Secretary



Clara Smith



Ann
Skipworth



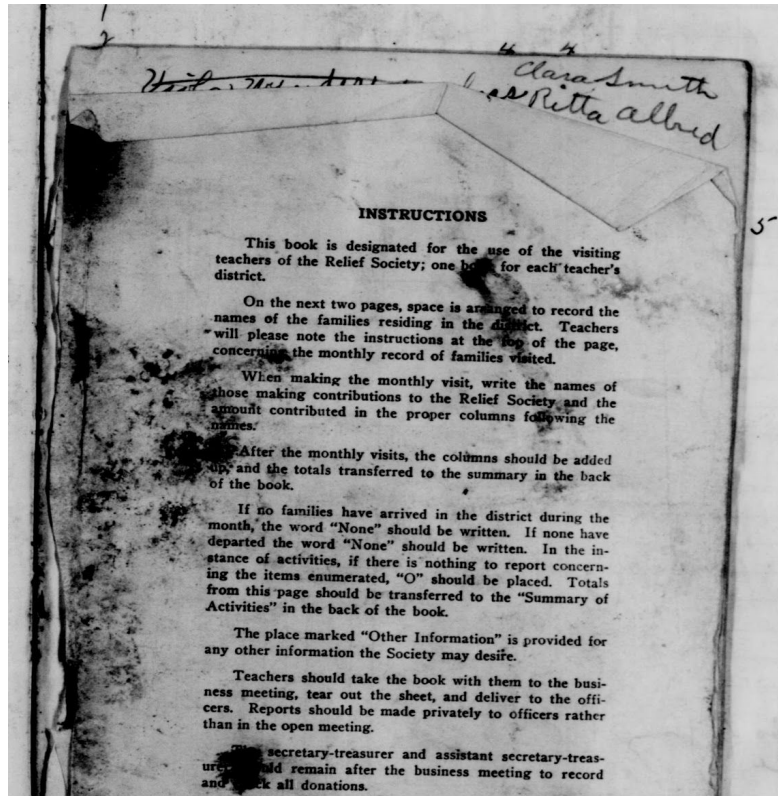
Loretta
Allred



Della (Adella) Wynder

On March 6, 1930, Clara Smith was called again to serve as Relief Society President.

The Relief Society motto was "To Serve is to Love and Cherish."



Sister Clara was taught by her mother, Margaret Violet Reid Sloan that, "Idle hands are the tools of the devil's workshop."

She related a story about Christmas: Everyone was very hard up during the depression of 1929 and 1930. A lot of families would be unable to have Santa in their homes. Bishop Heber Harker called the organization heads to a meeting to see what could be done so that every child would have a Santa. The MIA and Sunday School were to be responsible for the treats of candy, nuts and apples. The Relief Society and Primary was to see that each child got a gift to cost not more than 25 cents. Mary Jeppson, Primary President, and myself, being the Relief Society President, were appointed to go to Lethbridge with Bert Wood and buy the gifts. We made lists of every boy and girl in the Ward and had them in age groups up to 12 years. We went to

Woolworths and told them what we wanted, so they placed a clerk at our service. Each group of girls and boys the same age, out of the 200, got the same gift.

I had 350 cents of my own to buy Christmas for my children and Mary brought 50 cents for her family. Well, we got our gifts and left them in the box with the things for the Ward. When we got to the store, it was late so Brother Wood said to just leave them there until the next day. When we went for our things, the little covered wagon I bought and a doll Mary got, were gone. He really felt terrible and made a special trip to Lethbridge to try to replace them. He could not, so he got something else for us because he felt responsible for them being stolen. However, our Christmas party was a big success, and many little hearts were made happy.

Our meeting house had burned down so we were meeting in an unfinished building that was a machine building which we lined with building paper and put a floor in. We met there until the new Church was built.

During 1931, the Church sent instruction that it was no longer the Relief Society's responsibility to look after the missionaries, but it was the responsibility of the Priesthood. The stored wheat was also sold, the interest given to the ward to use in taking care of the sick, in supplying sheets, layettes, and first aid kits. Our interests amounted to \$47.00. Bazaars were held to help build another church.

RAE HURD
JUNE 26, 1932-SEPTEMBER 17, 1933

1932--The Relief Society Conference was held Sunday June 26, 1932 with

Rae Hurd	President
Sara Fisher	1st Counselor
Adella Wynder	2nd Counselor
Donna Frank	Secretary



(Almira) Rae Hurd



Sarah Fisher



(Adella) Della Wynder



Donna Frank

May it be brought to the reader's attention that other records were also found to have made mention that the following sisters may also have served at some point with Sister Hurd: Dagmar Steel, Mary Jeppson, Sarah Folsom, and Ellen Gibb.



Sarah Fisher



Ellen Gibb

A strong push was on to build the Church. The women gathered wool from dead sheep and off the fence wire where the sheep had rubbed. They washed the wool and carded it in one day. From the wool, 80 quilts were made and sold for \$4.00 apiece.

Sister Hurd brought culture in poetry, drama and art and she bore her testimony often, directly from her heart.

The church was completed in 1932-33.



The Relief Society put on a drama Feb 24, 1933

SARAH FISHER
SEPTEMBER 17, 1933-1937

Sarah G Fisher	President
Adella Wynder	1st Counselor
Ida Haycock	2nd Counselor
(as of Ward minutes December 10, 1933)	
Donna Frank	Secretary



Sarah Fisher



Adella Wynder



Donna Frank

The Ward adopted the Budget Plan on Sunday, Oct 1, 1933.

Regular meetings were held in the new Church Building, beginning Sunday, December 1, 1933.

As of Dec 10, 1933, Ida Haycock was the 2nd Counselor.

On Sept 9, 1934, the Relief Society was reorganized with:

Sarah Fisher	President
Attena Harker	1st Councilor
Ellen Gibb	2nd Councilor



Attena Harker



Ellen Gibb

And it was also mentioned in some records that the following sisters may have served with Sister Sarah Fisher: Loretta Allred, Ethel Jeppson, and Jacquetta Gibb.



Loretta Allred



Jacquetta Gibb

In a past Relief Society program, it was written that Sarah Fisher and Ethel Jeppson were mother and daughter. They had strong faith and prayer that sustained them both. Both had a flair for acting and writing poetry too.

In 1936, Church leaders developed their own comprehensive Church Welfare Plan, in which the Relief Society had a supportive role. Priesthood leaders directed the new program, but the society was represented on the governing committees and took the main responsibility for preserving food, providing clothing and bedding, and teaching Welfare principles to the sisters.

ATTENA HARKER
1937-October 1940

Attena Harker
Mabel Gibb
Athalia Smith
Amy Tanner

President
1st Counselor
2nd Counselor
Secretary



Attena Harker



Mabel Gibb



Amy Tanner

Attena was considered to be an elect lady whose hands were never idle and was a serene helpmeet and mother.

In November 1937 a Bazaar was held and money received was used to lath and plaster our Relief Society room. The work was done by the brethren. Donations were received for paint, varnish and curtains which were purchased and used. In the spring, donations were received for wheat to plant. Eight acres were planted on the farm of Heber L Harker. Money received from this was used for purchasing chairs etc. for the room.

Annual dues received on June 5, 1938 were \$14.50.

One of the lessons in 1938 was on the "Psychology of fads and crazy fashion" and also, "What shall we do in the age of the Automobile?" Another was on "How propaganda affects us" and the "Psychology of resisting sales pressure."

For work meeting, wool was picked and corded.

In December 1938, a bazaar was held and money spent the following year for flooring. The floors were put down in February by the brethren and were oiled and waxed.

MABEL GIBB
October 1940-August 17, 1942

Mabel Gibb
Grace Butler
Ann Allred
Amy Tanner

President
1st Counselor
2nd Counselor
Secretary



Mabel Gibb



Grace Butler



Ann Allred



Amy Tanner

Dean Gibb recalls that his mother was a great homemaker--neat, clean and a wonderful cook. She did a lot of handiwork---quilting and cross stitch, which were just beautiful.

Her family recalls that she was very charitable and often sewed for needy ward members.

On March 17, 1942, the Relief Society gave a party in honor of the Relief Society which was a big success. Sister Lulah F Gibb made a birthday cake and decorated it in Blue and Gold with 100 candles on the top of the 3 tiers. The candles were lit by the oldest Relief Society President of the Ward, Sister Clara Smith and the oldest Bishop, Franklin Pearce Fisher. The remainder of the evening was spent dancing. Mostly old time dances were danced.

A "Wheat Trust Fund" was established by the General Relief Society that made possible the purchase and storage of more wheat in 1941.

During the 2nd World War when Clara Smith was President of the Hill Spring Branch of the Red Cross, hundreds of pairs of socks went to Servicemen overseas as well as sweaters and scarves."

This is what Relief Society workers did for those in need in the Ward and also to those in need far away.

Packaging was an art in itself. Clothing and goodies were often sent from loved ones across the border to families in need there. They put things securely in cardboard boxes with other goodies tucked in the corners and covered them with a flour sack sealed and sewn by hand.

There was a quarterly Relief Society conference in 1941.

On August 17, 1942, Sister Hinman of Cardston paid a visit to the Hill Spring Ward on behalf of the Stake Relief Society. Sister Mabel Gibb and Presidency were released and Sister Effie Butler was sustained as President, First Counselor was May Pitcher, Second Counselor was Margaret Leishman and Lulah Gibb as Secretary.

EFFIE BUTLER
August 17, 1941-August, 1942

Effie Butler
May Pitcher
Margaret Leishman
Lulah Gibb

President
1st Counselor
2nd Counselor
Secretary



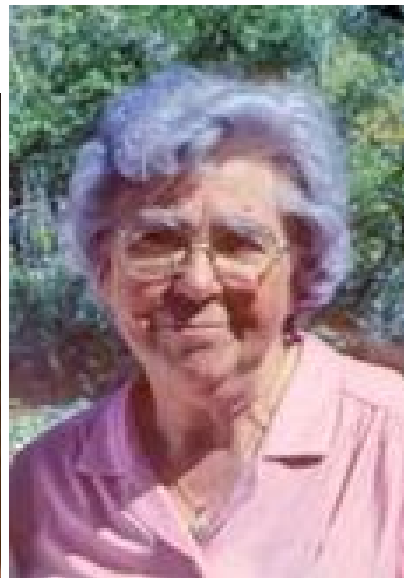
Effie Butler



May Pitcher



Margaret Leishman



Lulah Gibb

Sister Effie remembers what a good President Sister Mabel Gibb was and wondered how she would ever fill her shoes.

She chose Sister Pitcher as a Counselor because she was older and felt she needed experienced help. Sister Margaret Leishman was a good friend and excellent quilter and Sister Lulah Gibb kept excellent minutes. Sister Butler served for about 1 year and became pregnant and was really sick for 3 months and was released.

It seemed like everybody at that time tried to do what the President of the Church, who was President Grant, said to do. They kept a year supply of food, attended their meetings, especially Relief Society meeting. We held Workday once a month on Tuesday. We would put at least one quilt on, usually two, and either quilt or tie them. We would always get them done in a day as there were so many hands to help.

Many of the sisters in the Ward did not have much but they managed to donate pieces of material to put together a quilt for Red Bach who herded sheep for Sam Jackson. He was really appreciative of that quilt.

We bought peas from the Hutterites and canned them to give to the needy.

There were a lot of needs for compassionate service. We had 3 funerals during the year that I was President--Grandma Gibb (90 years), Milo Andrus and daughter of Bruce and Clarabelle Gibb. The first one was very difficult for me.

Because I wasn't a very good driver (says Sister Effie), I usually had Lulah pick me up. One day she walked up because she didn't have a vehicle so I decided to drive. I couldn't get the car out of low gear so we drove all the way in low. After school, I went to get one of the older boys to come drive us home so we wouldn't have to go home in low.

I remember Sister Myrtle Smith was our theology teacher. She was scared to death to get up and talk. So she would go and get Sister Sarah Dickie to help her write her lessons so she could give them.

All of our 17th of March parties were really good. I remember being told in Stake meetings, to keep decorations simple. We decided to just put 2 strips of crepe paper (blue and gold) down the centers of the long tables with simple table centerpieces. One sister decided that wasn't enough so she bought a whole bunch of stuff and really decked the hall out. Everybody, member or not, came and had a good time.

We always did a booth for Stake Meetings. We would gather up everyones projects to take to display. On October 28, 1941 A community drive was put on in the the Ward in which the High Priests, Seventies, and Elders went to work and hauled gravel for the fence and finished the lathing of the down stairs of the church. The sisters served a hot dinner to 25 or 30 men and boys, which was a grand success. The sisters furnished the dinner.

Then on the following Friday 31st, they built the new fence around the church ground. The sisters furnished the lunch for the men on this day also.

In November of 1941, the women were to tell their husbands to come and work at the church.

The Ward had a big reunion in November in which the Relief Society had a big part. 250 people were seated and enjoyed a delicious dinner during which a nice program was given. After eating, the tables were set for about 50 or more who were waiters and helpers in putting on this big Ward Reunion. This was one of the biggest events in a long time. The President of the Alberta Stake was there. President Wood, John Smith and wife, Brother Jacobs and wife and a good number from Twin Butte were there. And a lot of people who used to belong to the Ward were invited.

Annual Dues Instructions-Beginning with the 1942-1943 collection of annual dues, the local Relief Society retains 10 cents of each annual membership fee, sending 40 cents rather than the full amount of 50 cents to the Stake or Mission, and that the Stake Board retain 15 cents and send the 25 cents to the General Board as usual.

RUTH OLSEN

August 1942-June 30, 1944

(Please note that personal records, memories and Relief Society Historical Records dates differ in which this release may have been in 1944 or 1946.)

Ruth Olsen	President
Margaret Leishman	1st Counselor
May Pitcher	2nd Counselor
Lulah Gibb	Secretary Treasurer



Ruth Olsen



Margaret Leishman



May Pitcher



Lulah Gibb



Ethel Smith

We moved to Hill Spring in April 1932. I went to Grade 10 and 11 with Leon Harker as my teacher. He was an excellent teacher I thought, and I respect him to this day.

I worked in the sugar beets, hoeing and thinning and later topping them for Henry Folsom from 1933-1935.

My brothers, sisters and myself drove a team and Bennett Buggy 4 ½ miles to school and then also the family went to Church on Sundays too, until we were able to buy a car. We went to Lethbridge and Cardston sometimes, by the Hill Spring Flyer Express (train).

We preserved food for winter by drying peas, beans and corn or using a salt brine. Also I bottled these vegetables for many years along with fruits and jams.

I was married to Gilbert on December 2, 1936.

I was a counselor to Nellie Harker in the Primary from 1941-42 along with Lily Olson. I enjoyed this very much. I was asked to be President of the Relief Society in late August 1942 with Margaret Leishman and May Pitcher as Counsellors and Lulah Gibb as Secretary Treasurer. She used to walk in from the farm along the railroad tracks. There was a change in Counselors and secretaries but I can't remember them all, but Ethel Smith replaced Sister Pitcher and she (Ethel) became the next President when I was released in the spring of 1946.

Sister Mabel Gibb was work director in charge of quilt-making etc. she was excellent to work with.

In the summer, the Relief Society was in charge of canning projects, canning vegetables for the winter which were used for welfare purposes. A good deal of this was grown by Brother Roy Hull. One summer we canned over 2000 cans grown by Brother Hull.

We had some very good March 17th parties. One I remember most was excellent. Nellie Harker conducted a 3 act play and then there was dancing to a local group of musicians. Percy Wynder played his violin and I can't remember who the others were. Will Wynder said it was the best program they had ever had.

Previous to this, I had taught in the Sunday School and the Primary as well as being as Visiting Teacher.

When Sister Olsen became President in 1942, she was the youngest woman in the Hill Spring Relief Society. She didn't feel she knew anything and felt very inadequate.

She had only one child at the time and had been told she would not be able to have any more. She received a blessing from President Wood in the Temple that told her that if she willingly served in the Church, she would have more children. She accepted this call and was grateful for the support she received from Bishop Fisher and the older sisters in the Ward. She eventually had a total of 8 children and attributed this blessing to her service in the Relief Society. In Sister Olsens words, "I don't think I can ever give enough back for the blessings received from serving in the Church."

On May 19, 1942 a lesson was held entitled, "The Importance of a Sense of Humor."

On December 8, 1942-A lesson was held entitled "How to Buy Food and Eliminate Waste."

On December 15, 1942-The Relief Society asked that anyone having extra turkeys, the Relief Society would like to have 4 to send to the Pass.

January 19, 1943-An announcement was made about membership dues-Those who have paid or who will pay will have a chance at a draw to get a pair of pillowcases.

February 9, 1943-The drawing for the membership prize was Amy Tanner-winning a pair of pillowcases.

February 16, 1943-Membership dues have now been raised to \$1.00.

March 9, 1943-The Relief Society sisters are encouraged to support the Relief Society program.

March 17th, 1943-We had a nice dinner, program and dance. The Wheel of Fortune, conducted by Dewey Smith and the Old Maids, was the main feature of the program. There was also a talk on Relief Society work by Sister Ruth Olsen. The hall was decorated in Blue and Gold and each person was handed a badge of Blue and Gold to pin on their coats as they entered the hall.

The sisters had a program on Sunday evening in honor of the boys in the service. The parents, wives and sweethearts were seated in a prominent place. The object of the program was "The Cause of Freedom in the Cause of Christ."

The mothers were asked to cooperate on Halloween and get children to help with the 'Milk for Britain Fund' instead of pranks and fun.

Sister Ruth was conducting and presiding the July 18 Officers and Teachers Meeting. The Bishop wanted the Sisters to remember to have a good supply of wood and coal in early, also our medicine kits filled, and our bedding ready for the winter. Visiting Teachers are to make their visits to all LDS families and non-members if they would like you. She asked for better attendance at meetings. A weekly executive meeting of the 4 executive officers and of the music committee and class elders is to be planned for. She asked the mothers to set examples to our boys and families by going to church and tending to our duties, also for ladies to stop playing "face" cards. It was also stated that we come early to our meetings. Also to have a check on profanity. Tell the teachers to check on profanity in the school. There was a discussion by the ladies and they expressed themselves about their positions. She also asked the sisters to have prayer in the home when the Visiting Teachers call.

In December of 1943, 10 Christmas boxes were prepared and sent to the boys serving overseas in the armed forces.

We held nursing classes after sending 2 women to Cardston to take training for the same. 56 women attended. We are also working on individual medicine kits in the homes; our aim is to put one in every home.

We are holding a blanket drive and believe every home made some new quilts this past summer. If anyone couldn't afford to have them quilted, we did it for them. We also helped send 18 Christmas parcels to our boys overseas.

Sister Olsen talked on getting Temple clothing and also getting some for the Relief Society to have on hand in case of emergency.

She read out again, our allotment to the Stake Welfare and as it was large and amounted to over a hundred dollars, she asked us to pay \$1 per family or 50 cents and an article.

Sister Olsen had the following committees:
Decoration Committee-decorates the meeting house and takes the flowers to the meeting house.
Burial Committee-takes care of clothing and caskets if necessary.

Health Committee-takes care of sickness and in case of death, take care of the body until other arrangements are made. It was agreed that the Relief Society had no obligation in carrying on the cleaning and feeding of families in case of death--only when needed. Only the President will arrange for dinner after the funeral.

The Sisters made costumes for the play "Little Women" that the mutual are putting on.

The Relief Society received a letter from the Government that they could have some demonstrations here in town of sewing, canning foods, house finishing, remodeling and such. They could come out at different times during the year.

The Relief Society's own traditional relief efforts through the visiting teachers gradually phased out and finally terminated in 1944 when visiting teachers stopped collecting charity funds. Since 1921, Ward Presidents rather than visiting teachers have been assessing family needs and distributing relief to the needy, under the direction of the Bishop.

From 1940-45 the General Relief Society guided the Relief Society's efforts to limit meetings, simplify activities, and strengthen homes fragmented by the demands of war. Members sewed projects for the Red Cross as well as for Welfare assignments. They gave blood, saved animal fats, refurbished clothing, kept lists of nurses and took nursing and first aid courses. As in World War I, some Relief Societies became Red Cross units.

ETHEL SMITH
August 1944-July 1948

(Please note that personal records, memories and Relief Society Historical Records dates differ in which this sustaining may have been in 1944 or 1946.)

Ethel Smith	President
Holly Fisher	1st Counselor
Margaret Leishman	2nd Counselor
Attena Harker	Secretary



Ethel Smith



Holly Fisher



Margaret Leishman



Attena Harker

Also serving during this time were Nellie Harker, Vera Garner, Wanda Brooks



Nellie Harker



Wanda Brooks

Sister Smith was a very clever lady. It seemed she could rise to any occasion or circumstance and fulfill the need.

They had a money raising project of serving meals at calf auctions at Park Bend. We also were responsible for caring for the dead--providing clothing and keeping bodies packed in ice until burial. Sometimes it meant staying up all night with them. During World War II we made quilts and knit socks for the Red Cross.

Ethel was great at organizing programs for the 17th of March parties. One year she even got Raymond Young to dress up for a number and sing the song, "She's too Fat For Me." It was hilarious.

100 years of the Relief Society organization was celebrated with a birthday cake that was made and decorated for the occasion.

During the week following Sunday December 9, 1945, in response to a call made by the First Presidency of the Church, a used clothing drive was made to secure clothing for needy saints in the European missions. A very liberal response was made by all members of the Ward.

Ethel Smith was President when they furnished a room in the basement of the church for the first special Relief Society room. On January 11, 1945, a business report was given on buying furniture for the room. 2 chesterfields and floor covering and a

fireplace was given by Holly Fisher. It was mentioned that the Library needs more support or the Library will be taken away.

In April, a quilt was made and sold. The money went to the Library. Another was made for the Red Cross.

May 22, 1945 was the last meeting until fall.

October 11, 1945- A letter was read from the Government on how to store vegetables.

In October, meetings commenced. There had been none since May.



Front row L to R: Clarabell Gibb & Afton Skipworth

Back row L to R: Girl ?, Bertha Wynder, Laree Leishman Harker, Clara Smith, Rhoda Sloan, Vere Garner, and Frederica Bunnage

In December, Sister Ethel and her counselors went to Lethbridge to purchase 2 chesterfields for the Relief Society room. The Sisters were asked to donate \$1 each to purchase dishes.

In April of 1946, Sister Smith told the sisters that the Stake Relief Society President wanted every family to have Family Home Evening. She also asked that everyone raise a garden.

Sister Smith asked the mothers to support the school teachers. The school had called a parent teacher meeting and only 4 people came. She encouraged everyone because we should help our children. We were asked to help the teachers to select playground equipment.

November, 1946 the Relief Society sponsored getting 100 children inoculated for Whooping Cough, Diphtheria, and Scarlet Fever.

We donated \$30 to the missionaries and \$25 to the Ward organ.

In December of 1946, the Sisters were encouraged to subscribe to the Relief Society magazine.

August, 1947-Food at the cattle sale made \$87 clear.

1948-Our Stake Relief Society President, President Margaret Low, asked each sister to donate \$5 each toward building the Relief Society building in Salt Lake City.

Our closing party was held on May 18.

BERTHA WYNDER
July 1948-June 18, 1950

Bertha Wynder	President
Wanda Brooks	1st Counselor
Loila Fisher	2nd Counselor
Attena Harker	Secretary
Lorraine Fisher	Secretary



Bertha Wynder



Wanda Brooks



Loila Fisher

Calf Sale meals were continued in order to raise money and many quilts were made. Many boxes were also made up for the needy.

17th of March parties were always held with big dinners and wonderful programs. Basket socials were also held, which were fun.

The Hill Spring Relief Society paid their allotment and more for the Relief Society building in Salt Lake City.

A Government lady came to demonstrate how to finish a dress, and painting fabric. Toys and clothing were collected to send to Grisby, England for Christmas presents for the children there. The Primary also helped.

In October of 1948, we held our opening of the Relief Society in which the Mothers and Daughters were entertained by games and a nice lunch.

A bazaar was held in December.

Sister Bertha's daughter recalls a family by the name of Eckland that lived across the river. They were members of the church and were very poor. They didn't get to church very often and when they did mother would have them over for dinner. They had a new baby girl, their first child, that passed away and the Bishop went out to care for them. Mom knew to fill jars with ice to pack around the baby. They arranged for a casket with mother lined and she made a beautiful pink dress for her. They had the viewing at our house and the funeral was in Hill Spring.



Names of the individuals will be from left to right.

1st Row: Dixie Jackson: Kent Bunnage

2nd Row: Ione Jackson, lady to the far right ?,

3rd Row: Ethel Smith

4th Row: Ellen Gibb, Ivy Bunnage, Retta Allred, Loy Davies or Margaret

Leishman, Ethel Harker, Iona Peterson, Dorothy Leishman, Grace Butler

5th Row: Gwen Barfuss, Clarice Martin, Hazel Leishman, Viola Wynder

ANN ALLRED
JUNE 18, 1950-SEPTEMBER 30,1951

Ann Allred	President
Loila Fisher	1st Counselor
Wanda Brooks	2nd Counselor
Loraine Fisher	Secretary



Ann Allred



Loila Fisher



Wanda Brooks

GRACE BUTLER
September 30, 1951-August 9, 1953

Grace Butler	President
Jean Leishman	1st Counselor
Isabell Wynder	1st Counselor
Ida Wynder	2nd Counselor
Faye Peterson	Secretary



Ida Wynder Grace Butler Isabell Wynder



Jean Leishman



Faye Peterson

Sister Butler was a very ambitious person who loved to help those in need. She also had a great love for music, poetry and good literature and the arts. She loved to get up early and get her work done. Rula remembers her mother could get up and make bread and have it in the pans ready to bake before she left to teach school.

Many quilts were made, many bazaars were held, meals for calf sales were still held to raise money, and Work days were always spent quilting.

Sister Ida recalls, "In 1951 Grace Butler was called to be Relief Society President. Isabell Wynder and myself were her counsellors and Fay Peterson was the Secretary. Grace was President until 1953 when she went back to teaching school."

To encourage Visiting Teaching, a contest was held-the East side against the West side. The losing side will give a party for the winning side.

The lesson schedule included Theology and Testimony meeting, Literature, Social Science, and Work day.

In 1951 lots of Pollyanna parties were held.

In May, a lesson was held on floors and floor coverings, putting furniture in its place and hanging pictures.

In October, donations of food were made for the cattle sale on this same day.

Bishop Max Wynder gave us a message and voiced his appreciation for the Relief Society and he urged all of us to refrain from taking help from the government and to be self sustaining. Sister Margaret Low, the Stake Relief Society President, spoke briefly and reminded the sisters of holding family hour. She stressed the loyalty of officers and asked that we try to increase attendance.

November-Sister Butler stressed having Family Hour in our homes and also urged us to read the Book of Mormon to our families. We were encouraged to have it read by the end of the year.

The Stake Board will give 3 prizes to the Ward which has the biggest increase in attendance.

In January of 1952, Sister Butler announced that a lady will be at Relief Society to take care of any children whose mothers would like to attend our meetings. We hope this will bring out more mothers and that our attendance will see an increase. The Sister will be paid to tend the children.

A Pollyanna party was held in February with the exchange of gifts to each person's Pollyanna. A skit was presented and several musical numbers. There were 80 mothers and children present. It was decided not to draw for Pollyannas again. (Pollyanna Parties basically were drawing of names for Secret Sisters.)

In October the sisters helped the Pincher Creek branch put on a bazaar.

In March all Visiting teachers were asked to keep a record of the Book of Mormon reading done by the women in their districts. Sister Butler asked that in our homes, we establish Christmas traditions that can be carried on from year to year.

Our Ward won \$15 for the biggest increase in attendance.

ISABEL WYNDER
August 9, 1953-November 25, 1956

Isabel Wynder
Fay Peterson
Ida Wynder
Winona Gibb

President
1st Counsellor
2nd Counsellor
Secretary



Isabel Wynder



Faye Peterson



Ida Wynder



Nona Gibb

Fay Peterson released as 1st Counselor and Winona Gibb as Secretary. Ida Wynder sustained as 1st Counselor. Winona Gibb sustained as 2nd Counselor, Hazel Leishman as Secretary.



Hazel Leishman

There was a polio bane affecting those under 18 during July, August, and September.

Isabel was Relief Society President when George Hull was Bishop. We put on many bazaars and other activities to earn money for an addition on the church on the west. The addition to the Chapel commenced on November 15, 1953. The building was done on the basis of the Ward paying labor costs and the Church for the materials. It consisted of a scoutroom, classroom, lavatories, a Relief Society room and a modern spacious kitchen. The Jr. Sunday School room was remodeled complete with a pulpit. The balcony was glassed in, drapes were added to the main hall windows and a new piano was purchased. The Relief Society room was furnished and they used the money raised at the calf sales at Park Bend to purchase curtains for the stage at the church.

This presidency did a lot of compassionate service, especially at Christmas time and for funerals.

Sister Isabel always went the extra mile with Anniversary Parties. Her husband Dean, recalls he and Isabell going to one 17th of March celebration in a sleigh because there was so much snow and they couldn't get to the church in their car. Of course, the Relief Society President HAD to be there. Good food and good programs were always standard fare.

The following is a tribute written to Bishop George Hull after the renovation of the Hill Spring Chapel by Isabelle Wynder.

Dear Lord, here stands before you , a Bishop good and kind
With firm determination to clean our chapel, was the first thing on his mind.

And so each day he went through mud and rain and snow
To mend and clean and renovate our church from top to toe.

Many came to help here and with his kindly way,
He helped each one with patience, things from day to day.

He showed us how to fix the floors, he showed us how to paint.
He showed us how to clean and mend, although at times, he felt faint.

And each day as the work went on, our love and respect for him grew.
He knew the way to teach us, the things for us to do.

Dear Lord, now stands before you, a building clean and sweet
And thanks to our dear Bishop, a place for saints to meet.

And in this lovely chapel, we all may come and share
The love we have for friends and Thee, with beauty everywhere.

Please help us all to keep it nice, that we may learn each day,
Gentility and graciousness in Thine appointed way.

We've got most every room we need, a cry room for mother's sake,
An office for the Bishopric, a kitchen up to date.

The Relief Society also have such a lovely room
With cupboards, coat hangers and spacious air and shelves for music too.

A dandy den for Scouters and good store room too,
A place to do their scouting and everything they do.

A Junior sunday School with benches right brand new
With pulpit and new flooring, a lovely room to view.

We have our drapes so soft and clean, our stage curtain of rosy hue,
A few benches for us all, our floors looking nice and new.

The inside of our chapel is very nice to see
But the outside view makes us proud as we can be.

And so tonight, dear Bishop, we want to say, "Thanks again
For all your loves of labor without any thought of gain.
Each member of our Ward loves, honors and respects you,
And we hope that we can show it in the things that we do.

We pray to our Heavenly Father, to bless you for work you've done so fine
And may His guiding hand help you for all time.

In March of 1955 the sisters were encouraged to have a year of food and clothing put away.

April-There will be no summer meetings and the closing party will be the end of May and will resume Sept 27.

July 11, 1955

The worst hail and rain storm in living memory of the people of Hill Spring occurred this evening. After a hot humid day scattered storm clouds gathered toward evening and at about 6:30, the storm started with a great burst of rain and flashes of lightning. Within a few minutes the hail started and water started to run every direction. The storm passed over the town toward the south and then turned and came back toward the north with increased fury. The whole area especially from 1 mile south to a mile or so north of town and in width from town to 1 mile east was pounded mercilessly and not a bit of garden nor much of anything else was left. The rest of the ward had lesser amounts of hail but all got a terrific drenching. By 8:30 the rain was almost over but the flood was in full fury. Every coulee was brim full. All the irrigation ditches were rivers and the main canal washed out and a massive river running across town through houses and carrying everything loose with it. Bridges and culverts went out all over the district, and the roar could be heard far into the night. The next morning the gruesome sight of great gullies through grain fields and gardens of twisted fences covered with grass and debris greeted the eye. The ward had been drenched with about 6 inches of rain and hail in about 2 hours. Through the kindness of Brother Owen Stringam, most of those who lost their hay crop were given land to hay on his ranch and some 140 tons were used. With thrift and the help of neighbors more fortunate, most everyone proceeded to get supplied for the winter and with the help of the welfare program, no one should suffer.

September-Picked and carded wool.

From a welfare meeting of February 14, 1956, President Brewerton advised us to get out of debt and stay out. He encouraged people to stay in this country and to stay on the farm. President Spencer encouraged market gardening and advised us to educate our children.

November 13, 1956-Sister Isabel thanked everyone who helped clean the church in preparation for the dedication on Sunday November 11.

IDA WYNDER
November 25, 1956-March 24, 1963

Ida Wynder	President
Winona Gibb	1st Counselor
Jeanne Leishman	2nd Counselor
Hazel Leishman	Secretary
Betty Young	Secretary



Ida Wynder



(Winona) Nona Gibb



Jeanne
Leishman



Hazel Leishman



Betty Young

September 30, 1956 Fay Peterson was released as a counsellor and Winona Gibb was released as Secretary. Winona Gibb was sustained as 2nd Counselor and Hazel Leishman as Secretary.

Sister Ida recalls that in 1955, Isabell was called to be in the Stake Relief Society so that meant a change in our Ward. I still remember the day when Bishop George Hull came to our place and I said to Rex, "Here comes the Bishop, I wonder what he wants now." Well, I soon found out, he wanted me to be the Relief Society President.

We did not have any special goals any different than what every other presidency had. We encouraged Visiting Teaching and attendance at Relief Society.

One humorous incident we had--Since the Relief Society had to earn their own money to function, we decided to have a babysitter during the meetings. Meetings were held during the week at that time--Tuesday morning from 10-12. Workday lasted mostly all day quilting. We had enough money to pay the babysitter for 2 hours. Sister Buehler was one of the sisters that children loved. When it got time for Jean Leishman's twin boys, Perry and Paul, to start school, they cried because they didn't want to go to school because they would miss Relief Society.

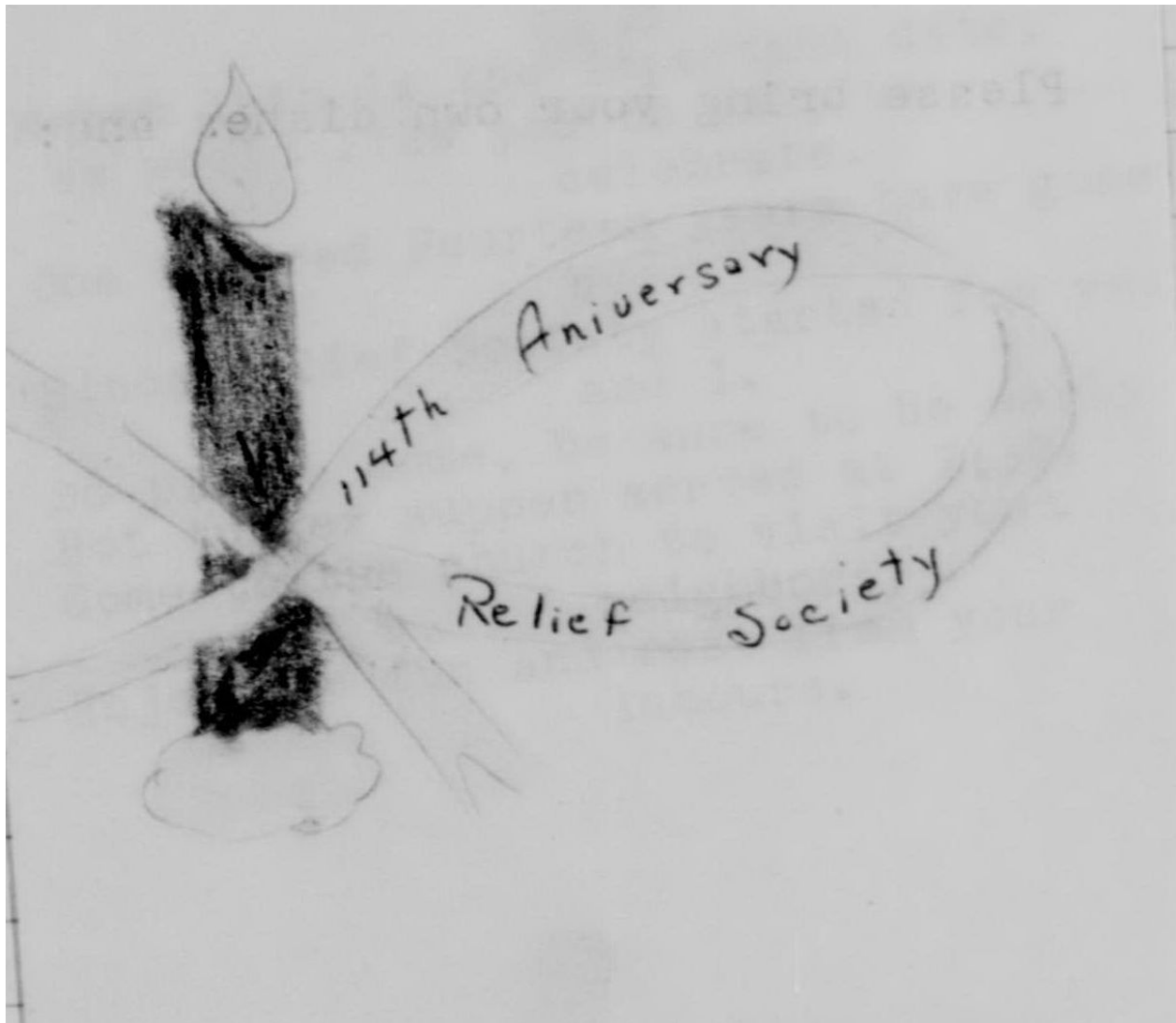
We always cooked for the cattle sale at Park Bend. Breakfast, dinner and supper sometimes. Everything was furnished by the sisters other than the meat.

We also had bazaars every year, selling quilts, aprons, pillowcases, and dish towels. The sisters put lots of hours of work into all the different things. Baked goods were also made. At Christmas, we always made a lot of chocolates to sell. Myrtle Smiths famous fudge was always first to go. But all in all, these things made good money to keep us going. Working together like that brought us close together and we had good times doing it.

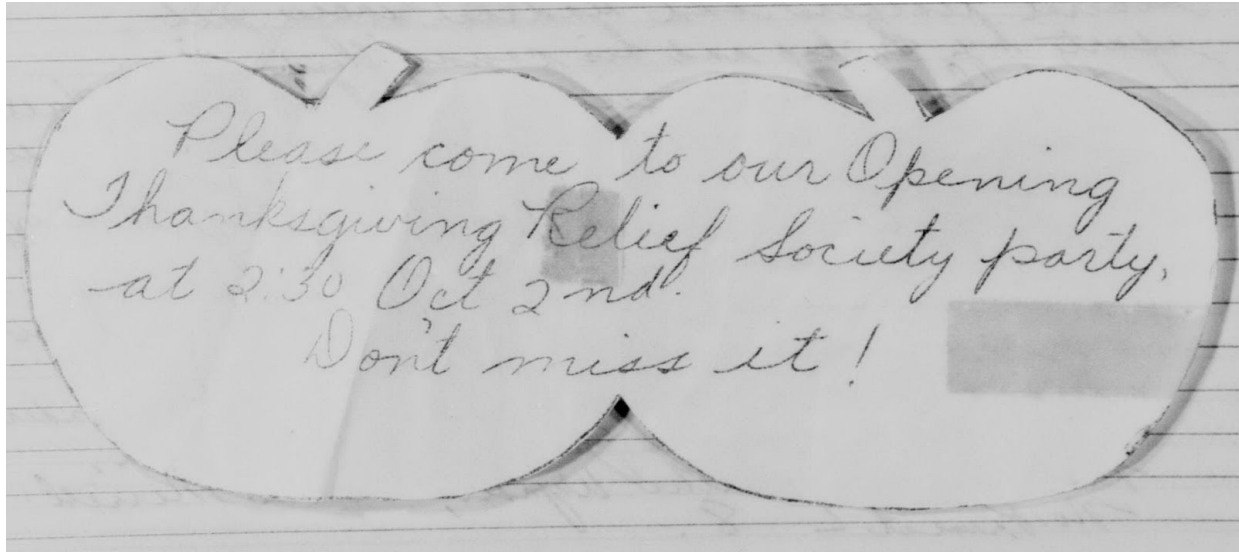
We always had enough quilts to do. At that time, it was called Workday, a Fun Day!

We did a lot of compassionate service. When Sister LaJune Smith and Edna Caldwell's babies died at birth, one of the brothers here in Hill Spring built each a little casket. We lined them with satin, made the clothing for the babies and dressed them. Something we will always remember.

Our 17th of March parties were all special, even the ones we could not hardly get home from because of the blizzards. Cecil Wynder always reminded us to be sure and have good food and a program that everyone can have a good laugh.



March 15, 1956 Invitation



Opening Relief Society Party Invitation dated Oct. 2, 1956

I will always be grateful to our older sisters..Tina and Ethel Harker, Mabel Gibb, Bertha Wynder, Clara Smith, Effie Butler, Ethel Smith, Sister Merrill, Della Wynder, Viola Wynder, Sarah Dickie, Sister Fisher, Iona Jackson, Sarina Jackson. They were always there to help us and give us good advice and demonstrated that we are a "Society of Sisters."

1957

The sisters of the Church had been raising and donating money for the building of a Relief Society building in Salt Lake City, Utah. This is a portion of the program direction that was sent from Salt Lake to commemorate the completion:

"Our program tonight is called 'Portrait of a Dream,' and was written to commemorate the completion of the Relief Society Building. This is the story of a 'dream' to erect a Relief Society Building, which was brought to fulfillment with its dedication on October 3, 1956. This program is being presented tonight in order that the Relief Society women throughout the world may share in this historic event. The program consisted of The Singing Mothers, a narration, and slides.

The annual dues should be paid in October and the bazaar will be held October 29.

In November we catered for auction sales and held a bazaar that made \$300.

Sister Ida encouraged sisters to store food as they are advised, as well as material, thread, etc.

We had 2 months with 100 percent Visiting Teaching.

In 1958- We gave \$300 to help pay for the chairs at the church.

Members of our ward are called on to furnish food two or three times for the cattle auctions and have very good cooperation from everyone. We also cater for wedding receptions for a small fee.

We engage a babysitter every Tuesday to tend the small children of mothers wishing to attend Relief Society. We have a singing mothers group of between 12 and 20 singers. The sisters helped organize the chest x-ray clinic held in the spring.

In February, 14 ladies quilted, picked and corded wool.

The Bishop asked the Visiting Teachers to ask each home they visit if any emergency arise, would they have enough money, clothes and food for a period of 3 months.

In May 1959 we made 115 corsages for the Sunday School to give to the Mothers.

Our closing party was held May 26, 1959. We had a fashion show of clothes sewn by the ladies. 25 sisters attended.

The Stake President would like all sisters to make regular visits to the sick, homebound, and needy, and that we need to be more faithful in this.

During the year of 1959, we quilted 26 quilts, made \$250 at a bazaar in November and other fundraisers were catering for a golden wedding, wedding receptions, sale of quilts, quilting and making corsages for Mother's Day. We also oversaw the catering at the cattle auction sales, which netted our ward about \$230. We have a babysitter that comes every week. Our 2 main problems are--collecting our dues and attendance at meetings. 7 of the 10 women are not attending meetings, they are either employed or homebound.

1960-Our attendance has been up a little and more younger mothers are coming to our lessons and also to our quilting. We have quilted 32 quilts this year. Cattle sales earned us \$122. Our babysitter is doing a good job in supervising and teaching the children during Relief Society.

RELIEF SOCIETY SPECIAL PROGRAM

Sunday Evening, March 6, 1960

General Suggestions:

The evening meeting of the March Fast Sunday has been assigned to Relief Society by the First Presidency. Ward Relief Society presidents should consult their bishops with regard to holding this meeting which is planned for one hour.

The suggested program titled "Our Living Past" is designed to acquaint the ward membership with some of the important events of Relief Society which have taken place over the years and which still live and are a part of the Society today.

Six important events in the history of Relief Society following its organization are featured:

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| 1. Visiting Teaching Program | 4. Relief Society Welfare Work |
| 2. Grain Saving Movement | 5. Nurse Service |
| 3. Singing Mothers | 6. Educational Program |

(Since the historical data may not be available in all wards and branches this material has been included for the information of participants. It is from *A Century of Relief Society* (out of print) and the *Handbook of Instruction of the Relief Society*.)

It would be effective to have two readers alternate in presenting the events in the order given above.

In order to add interest to the narration, live characters could be used to represent each event. However, since the program is to be presented in the chapel on a Sunday evening, it is not advisable to use costumes in presenting the various episodes. It would be permissible to have an individual in regular dress, stand and hold an object representative of the activity, such as the Visiting Teacher Report Book, a sheaf of wheat, if available, a volume of scriptures, a class textbook, or the Relief Society Magazine, as the history of the particular activity is being read.

The Singing Mothers in white blouses and dark skirts should remain seated while the history of this activity is read and then stand to sing the number selected.

It is suggested that the presidency appoint participants early in order to give them ample time for adequate preparation:

1961-The annual report stated attendance improved probably due to visiting almost every sister. More young mothers are attending.

A request from the Bishop was that everyone holding a Temple recommend, try to attend the temple twice a month.

1962-We had good earnings from cattle sales and our bazaar. We have purchased supplies for our kitchen and are planning to buy a refrigerator and banquet tables for the church.

1963-President Wynder requested that everyone in the district be contacted and checked for adequate bedding supplies on hand. She also encouraged members to pay their Fast Offering which they ask \$3 per person per year.

Bishop Brian Smith spoke on Debt and Financing. He asked us not to go into debt needlessly and not to buy luxuries we could do without. He said that young people today think they should have everything to start a home which takes years to accumulate normally. There is beauty in thrift not drudgery, also a reward for thrift and a penalty for debt.

VERDA WYNDER
March 24, 1963-June 9, 1968

Verda Wynder	President
Rula Smith	1st Counselor
Beth Garner	2nd Counselor
Betty Young	Secretary
Marr Draper	Secretary Nov 27 (maybe 1965)



Rula Smith, Beth Garner, Verda Wynder, Betty Young
(picture dated 1966)

On March 24, 1963 I, Verda Wynder was sustained as President of the Hill Spring Ward Relief Society, with Rula Smith and Beth Garner as councilors, and Betty Young as Secretary. Marr Draper became Secretary before we were released.



Marr Draper

The July 1st Celebration was held on June 29th and due to rain, the dinner was held in the church.

This fall, the farmers in our district have reaped one of the most abundant crops ever harvested in this district. The drought conditions earlier indicated that we would not have a crop this year, but Stake President Lloyd D. Cahoon promised us we would have a harvest. The Alberta Stake fasted and prayed for rain and the rains came in time to save the crops. Many farmers have reported yields of 80-100 bushels per acre.

We continued the money making projects started in previous years. Bazaars were a good way to learn and display new handicrafts. The members contributed willingly for the meals at the cattle auction sales, and we made and sold chocolates at Christmas time. One year we made 300 lbs of chocolates. We purchased a new refrigerator for the church kitchen and a new Singer sewing machine for the Relief Society.

The Hill Spring Relief Society has been fortunate in having opportunities to raise funds more than the actual needs of our organization. We have used the surplus for years to improve our Relief Society room, kitchen facilities and so forth. Last year we kept our bazaar to a minimum. We have about \$189 at the present time.

Members have made the suggestion that we turn all surplus funds to the building of a new chapel. In our handbook, we have instructions which say, "Relief Society funds, which have been donated for definite and specific purposes, should not be diverted to other uses. Under no circumstances may Bishops draw upon Relief Society funds for wards maintenance expenses or the erection or improvement of buildings."

We have suggested to the Bishop and received his consent, that the auction sales for this year only, be used as a building fund project. We will assign ward members to furnish food, and the ladies of the ward will serve the meal as usual, but all expenses and proceeds will be for the building fund, and will not be included in the Relief Society financial statement.

We are planning to start a fundraising program beginning with our bazaar and including the auction sales next year that we hope will build up a substantial surplus within a few years to decorate and furnish a Relief Society room in the new chapel that is to be built. We are asking that every member of the Hill Spring Relief Society give their enthusiastic support to the bazaar this year, so that it will be an outstanding social event for the whole family, and will be a financial success.

(Signed by Sister Verda Wynder. It also had Beth Garners name on it.)

Three things that Visiting Teachers are accountable for:

- 1--The Church
- 2--The families we visit
- 3--Ourselves

Our work director was Effie Butler. She always had a display of new and interesting handicraft. In 1966, we had an especially large display of handicraft, art and antiques. This was an outstanding social event, well attended.



Effie Butler

Our quilting committee, which included Wanda Brooks and Catherine French, had two quilts to be done almost every workday. One time we put four quilts on in the main hall and finished them all in one day. One was a beginners quilt for those who had never quilted before. When it was finished they drew a name to see which one of them could buy it for the cost of the material.



Clara Smith

I remember one sewing day when all the ladies brought portable sewing machines and made clothing for a family after a fire destroyed their home and belongings.

We had a Mothers and Daughters Party every summer, usually at the Park on the Belly River.



Verda Wynder (by the tree), Hazel, Marjorie, Collette, Nona Gibb



Front Row: (Winona) Nona Gibb, Loila Fisher, Ida Wynder, Izetta & Lynn Martin, Sherry Chalmers
Back Row: Iris Chalmers & Faye Peterson



Clara Smith & Rose Andrus

And we continued the tradition of a community turkey supper and program for each March 17th Relief Society Anniversary.

Viola Wynder was our magazine representative, continuing about twenty-five years of service in that capacity.

The "Relief Society Magazine" for June 1966 announced that, starting in October 1966, the name of the "Work Day" meeting would change to "Homemaking" meeting.



Viola Wynder

We considered our most important work was encouraging sick visits and compassionate service, Visiting Teaching, and the Relief Society lessons. Our teachers included Bertha Wynder, Gwen Olsen, Ruth Folsom, Lone Jackson, LaRiene Harker and Myrtle Smith. Edna Caldwell as our nursery supervisor, had all the children coaxing their mothers to attend Relief Society.



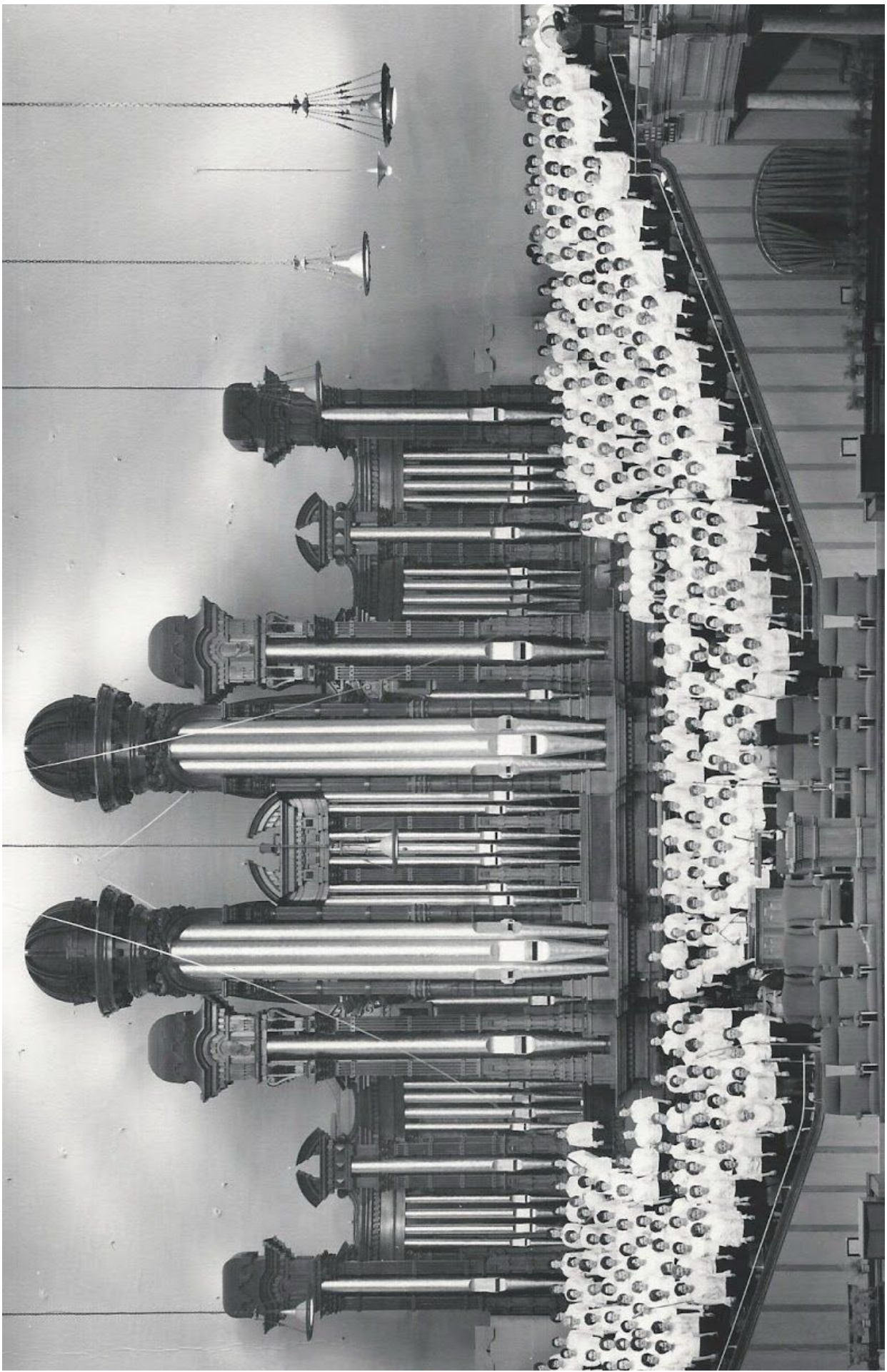
L to R sitting: Ruth Folsom, Viola Wynder, Effie Butler
2nd Row: Mabel Hall, Myrtle Smith, LaRiene Harker
3rd Row: Hazel Gibb, Wanda Brooks, Edna Caldwell

Early in May of 1967, the Ward Chapel was cleaned and renovated. The assembly hall floor was cleaned, then given 2 coats of varnish. The drapes were all cleaned. The Bishops office was cleaned and then given 2 coats of paint. The lower walls in the Assembly room were repainted. The Relief Society room was cleaned and then repainted. Also the kitchen and halls.

In June we catered to the school graduation, to raise funds to send the Singing Mothers to General Conference in October.

Under the direction of our chorister, Hazel Gibb and organist Mabel Hull, quite a few members participated in the Stake Singing Mothers Chorus, which put on several concerts in Cardston and sang at General Conference in Salt Lake. Hazel Gibb, Rula Smith and Linda Merrill Smith were able to go to Salt Lake to participate in the Tabernacle under the direction of sister Florence Madsen. One of the numbers they sang at that conference was "Thanks Be To God."

I was constantly amazed at, and grateful for the willing cooperation of the members which made the five years we served in the Relief Society presidency, such a wonderful experience.



FAY PETERSON
June 9, 1968-January 19, 1975

Fay Peterson	President
Marr Draper	1st Counselor
LaReine Harker	2nd Counselor
Winona Gibb	Secretary



LaReine Harker, Marr Draper, Faye Peterson, (Winona) Nona Gibb

Sister Fay Peterson became Hill Spring's 19th Relief Society President in 1968. She served with Marr Draper and LaReine Harker as counselors and Nona Gibb as secretary. Marr was later released and Iris Chalmers became a counselor.



Iris Chalmers

The Relief Society, the MIA and the Primary conjointly held a bazaar. The Relief Society sold handicraft articles, lunches and refreshments. The Primary had a table with a bake sale. The MIA had games of skill, etc. Dancing was enjoyed by all, both young and old.

The yearly bazaars and meals at Park Bend were continued until 1970 when word came from Salt Lake that the Relief Society was no longer to raise money. Bishop Sheldon Wynder recalls Sister Peterson's willingness to follow this counsel with the hard earned Relief Society money being given graciously to the ward. Now more emphasis was placed on the importance of Visiting teaching, compassionate service and meeting the individual needs of the sisters. The Presidency made lots of visits to sisters in the ward-trying to visit every sister at least once to get to know them personally.

Visiting teaching was of paramount importance-with the Presidency often doing visits themselves at month-end to ensure that each sister had been contacted.

Many times the Relief Society was called upon to assist with luncheons at funerals and weddings. In one 2 ½ week period they served luncheons at four funerals.

One memorable event for this Presidency was a sewing course and the fashion show of the clothes the sisters had made.

Anniversary Parties were abundant with good food and good programs when Fay and her presidency served and although it would often blizzard the day of this yearly event, everyone still attended.

Sister Peterson sometimes would end up in the nursery because the babysitter couldn't come.

The presidency sent cards to the missionaries at Christmas time. They also made candy and chocolates and sold them, when money was still being raised.

The Relief Society also helped in the kitchen serving at many weddings.

From the minutes of May 3, 1969-Sister Peterson instructed the teachers "To Serve With Love" during the summer months. There will be no Visiting Teachers meetings in the summer.

July 14, 1969-The ward procured a contract from Palmer Ranch to harvest the hay on the Caldwell quarter of land. The Priesthood was organized into different jobs and it was cut and swathed and finished by night.

July 17-The hay was baled and stooked in 2 days.

July 20-the hay was hauled and stacked. The Aaronic Priesthood also helped. The Relief Society provided a lunch each noon hour for the haymakers.

A mother and daughter party was held at the Hill Spring Dam on July 11, 1971.

In September, 1972, Sister Peterson talked to the Bishop about changing Relief Society from Wednesday to Tuesday and also about holding a Second Session Relief Society class.

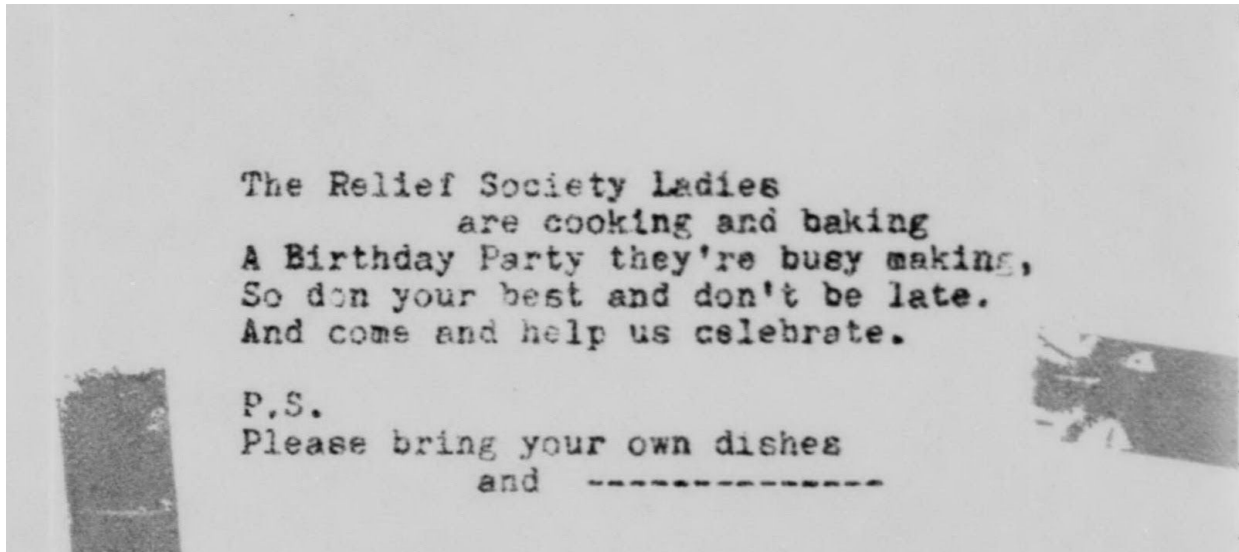
October 1972 minutes stated that the presidency discussed the Ward fundraising party to be held on November 17th and that the Relief Society have been asked to sell the lunch.

Verda Wynder wrote the following poem for the Relief Society Party December 20, 1972.

Tis the week before Christmas and all through our Ward
Every member is rushing to mail their last card.
And baking more cookies and sewing pyjamas
While children make gifts for their grandpas and grandmas.
And Fay in her Buick and Marr in her truck
Take LaReine and Nona hoping they won't get stuck.
In a snowdrift while they go to take some good cheer
To the lonely and needy who live with us here.
While I just sit down for a minute or two
And think of what happened in seventy-two.
The first happy event after the Christmas Carols
Was the beautiful daughter who came to Mark Merrills.
Their cup runneth over and to add to their joy
To them just last week came a new little boy.
The wee lads at Campbells and Wynders make three
To grow up together. What pals they will be!
The weather was bad from December to May,
The meetings postponed and the men hauling hay.

A call came to Larry in the midst of the snow,
To Hawaii for two years away he did go;
And Merlin Smith followed without any pause
To warm California for the same worthy cause.
On March seventeenth we all had a break,
And had a big party with turkey and cake.
In April, Magrath a bit of sunshine did bring
When he brought his Marion to live in Hill Spring.
At the same time we sent to the whole world at large
Three lovely brides; Linda, Brenda, and Marg;
While Corey and Bob, Jim, Robert, and Tom
Went east, west, and north to find wives to bring home.
Then home from his mission came Mont from the States.
We think he is just one of the greats.
We're really quite prejudiced if you know what I mean
We're looking at him through the eyes of Aileen.
We really appreciate returned missionary Wright
With his work and his smile he made everything bright.
Now his folks carry on the good work with a will
While he's gone to Utah to finish his school.
Barbecue, games and sports for every member
Made the first of July a day to remember.
In August we had both good food and good weather
At the Park to enjoy their barbecue steak.
In September Relief Society started out about right
With a Mexican party so happy and bright.
Our teacher LaJune went for the take
So Linda Belle Smith her department did take.
We're glad Carol Folsom made her home right here,
She's giving the children her love and her care
While Velora twice monthly trains all of their mothers
And Delila gives lessons to all of the others.
We're learning to mod podge and make hostess gowns
With cooking and fun things to chase away frowns.
While at the Stake ballgame a trophy is won
By the girls who think cheerleading is oodles of fun.
We've had sickness and sorrow, heartaches and tears,
But so many good things to make a good year.
Now let's all give thanks as we go on our way

Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good day!



March 16, 1973 Invitation

On September 23, 1973, Sister Marr Draper was released and Sister Iris Chalmers was put in her place.

Second session Relief Society was started in the fall of 1975 so working mothers could get to their meetings. Sister Draper kept the roll for those meetings.

Sister Peterson may have composed this song:

To the tune of Que Sera Sera

When you read Hill Springs history
A whole generation
Here's what you'll see
Who had the first car
Built the first house
Who had the first Baby

Chorus

Is your history in
Whatever has been had been
It's too late to change it now
The past is yours to see
What you did, you did.

When DeVere Gibb was just a lad.
He asked his mother, what will I be?
Will I be famous, handsome and rich
Here's what she said you'll be

Chorus

First for you my boy a wife
And a family, church responsibility
Even a Bishop you'll be
Just you wait and see

Now Fays the mother of our Ward
She makes us sisters work awful hard
Quilting and sewing
Lessons and all
So better mothers we'll be

Chorus

Come to Relief Society and see
Allen and Dorothy nothing to do
Just let the young kids like they're supposed to
Plan all the parties service hour do
So they can be leaders too.

Carols as busy as can be
Trying to keep up to primary
Collecting pennies
For crippled children
So they can walk again

Chorus

We've got new blood in Sunday School
Lynn, Floyd and Lyman, they play it cool
Always be early, never be late
Help them make Sunday School Great

Now you are tomorrow's history
You are responsible for what it'll be
Write down your fun times
Your sorrows to

Someone will interested be
Let's make Wanda happy
Write your history.

Chorus

Yes we like our Ward
There's plenty of work to do
If you haven't got a job
Just phone-3384

2nd chorus

Oh we like our Ward
We have love and harmony
We're building a chapel now
To unite our ward family
Join together and see

Oh we like our town
Come on lets all write it down
We've all got some history
In our family tree
Write it for all to see

Finale

Let's make Wanda happy
Write our his-to-ry.

LAJUNE SMITH
January 19, 1975-1979

LaJune Smith	President
Hazel Gibb	1st Counselor
Fern Woolf	2nd Counselor
Izetta Martin Proffitt	Secretary



LaJune Smith



Fern Woolf



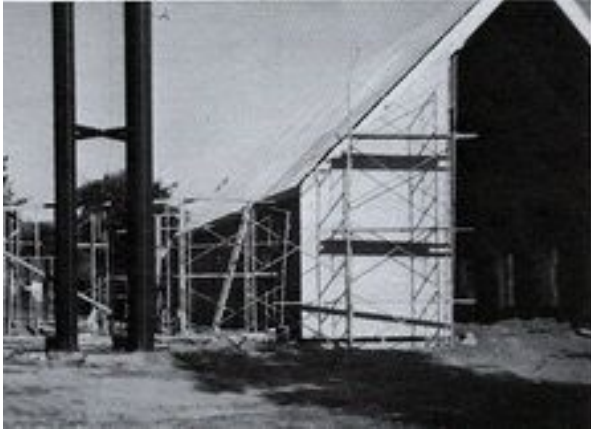
Hazel Gibb



Izetta Martin Proffitt

We had to get oriented in our new positions and the Anniversary Party was not far away. In less than 3 months we had 3 funerals in our ward and we had to oversee feeding the families after the burial. I guess these, with the Anniversary Party, were our initiation.

A new addition to the Church is being built and is expected to be completed by this fall.



1975

OLD MAN: Will the court please rise:

We call our first defendant, Mrs. Prudence Putoff, to the stand.

PRUDENCE PUT OFF: (Takes the stand) (Has curlers in her hair, a house dress on)

JUDGE: Do you swear before God and these witnesses to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

PRUDENCE PUTOFF: Yes, I do.

JUDGE: You have been accused of failing to attend Relief Society. How do you Plead?

PRUDENCE: Well, not guilty, of course.

JUDGE: Would Sadie Secretary please take the stand? Could you give us the attendance of Prudence for the last year?

SADIE: (Reads from her record book) (Gives three dates Oct. 10, Dec. 6, Feb. 9) (Leaves stage)

PRUDENCE: Well, I do admit that there were a few times I didn't go but I'm sure I went more than that. There were times when my hair wasn't done or there was a sale on at Woodward's.

JUDGE: We will judge your case after hearing from the other defendants.

PRUDENCE: Sits on stage.

JUDGE: Will the Relief Society Presidency please take the stand?

RS PRES: (Takes the stand and swears on the Bible)

JUDGE: Is it your responsibility to see that every woman over the age of Eighteen attends Relief Society? Is it your responsibility to see that she learns things to help her be a better wife, mother, and homemaker, etc.? How do you plead?

RS PRES: Well, with the Lord most of the time.

1ST COUNSELOR: We want everyone to come to Relief Society.

2ND COUNSELOR: Yes, there is something there for everyone. (Presidency leaves the

stand.)

JUDGE: We call Busy Betty to the stand (She swears on the Bible) Have you been attending Relief Society?

BETTY: Well, not too often. (She has a basket of cleaning stuff, feather duster, etc.) I am just too busy cleaning my house. I just never have time to go etc., etc.

JUDGE: You don't spend all day cleaning, do you?

BETTY: No, it's just a 9:00 till 2:00 job.

JUDGE: Don't you have any outside interests?

BETTY: Well, yes, I go shopping, and I'm schaufer, driving kids around, etc, and sometimes I have to go to the Doctors office, you know. I've had the worst headaches lately. . .

WORKING WILMA: (Called to the stand) (Swears on the Bible) No I don't go to Relief Society because I have a University class in Self-Improvement on Wednesday mornings. When you work, you just have to keep up on things. . . . And also our family has taken up skiing and hasn't the Church said to do things together as a family? (Swear on the Bible)

RS BOARD: (Called to the Stand) Each teacher tells in 1 or 2 sentences the goal of their lessons (Leave Stage)

JUDGE: Says he is going to judge them but it won't be anything compared to the final judgment.

THREE DEFENDANTS: Stand and talk together and say maybe Relief Society would be good for them. Each says what she likes, ei-Busy Betty-likes Macrame. Working Wilma likes cooking, etc. and needs short-cut ideas.

JUDGE: Will the court now arise. The witnesses may now leave the stand.

The Opening Social in 1976 had the theme, "If you don't go, you don't get."

The narration was by Joyce Wynder:

A poem written for the same event:

LaJune arose this morning round about 6.
She made her bed and breakfast she did fix.
She did the dishes and swept the floor
She heard a knock and she opened the door.
There stood a sister with a sad tale of woe
And LaJune helped solve her problem

Before she did go.
LaJune hurried along and went to get her hair done.
This being the President is really no fun.
Compassionate Service keeps her right on her toes.
Broken arms, broken legs, the flu bug-everything goes.
But she keeps on giving service wherever she can
And encourages all to live the gospel plan.
Compassionate Service isn't just for the President
So let's all do it-it is heaven sent.
She turned this program over to Linda Loose.
Me thinks she should maybe be called Linda the goose.
Hazel works on and never loses her cool,
She helps with the homemaking, she sure is a jewel.
She visits the new citizens, she visits the sick
She does everything to make Relief Society click.
Izetta keeps the books right up to date
And with her monthly report, never is late.
Linda Smith teaches Spiritual Living the very first week
And encourages us there, the scriptures to seek.
LaReine wants us healthy as healthy can be,
So refreshes our memories on health laws you see.
Dorothy's the homemaker and teaches how
To do everything, except milk the red cow.
Social Relations, taught by Nona, is right up her lane.
Good lessons she gives, she's sure a good Jane.
The third week, Verda teaches the young mothers
How to raise their young families, be they sisters or brothers.
Our Cultural Refinement teacher is Pat so nice.
She'll take you on tour come snow or come ice.
Pat takes you travelling to countries far and wide.
And we get a Compassionate Service lesson on the side.
We can learn so many things on the special set,
But remember this-"If you don't go, you don't get!"
Like the man in the story Joyce told.
The more he goes, the more he gets.
This applies to the sisters too.
The Relief Society needs every sister
And every sister needs Relief Society.
The more you go, the more you get.

The importance of Visiting Teaching should be at the top of the list.

We should see that no sister ever is missed.

The needs of each sister should always be met.

But if you don't go, then you don't get.

Lena gives our Visiting teachers message

Sure wish we could raise our percentage.

Rulas prelude music puts you right in the mood.

Norma leads the singing everyday

Scared she is, but she's really okay.

The saying is "If you don't go, you don't get."

So go to Relief Society, you'll get something my Pet.

So come one come all each week

Come every sister starting this fall

At Relief Society you can learn so very much

About the scriptures, homemaking and such.

Every Woman In Relief Society

By LaJune Smith

February 27, 1977

And it came to pass in the 1975th year AD that a group of sisters assembled themselves together and were known as the Hill Spring Relief Society. And they did number seventy and one souls. And behold they were very precious in the sight of their Heavenly Father. And their leaders did love each one of them.

But behold, there were many among them, yea, more than half who did not partake of the blessings of Relief Society. And it grieved their leaders insomuch that they did fast and pray to their Father in Heaven to touch the heart of their inactive sisters that they would desire to attend.

And it came to pass that all the officers and teachers did unite themselves together and their hearts did burn within them for they knew that these words came from the Lord through the mouth of His Holy Prophet. And they did begin to exert all their efforts to bring their sisters into the fold. And they did seek help from their Bishop and from their Stake leaders.

And the Visiting Teachers were sent forth, two by two, and they did exhort their sisters to attend Relief Society.

And it came to pass that a sister was called to serve in the Nursery to care for the little children so that their mothers could attend Relief Society. And she gave of her time and talents willingly and the children did love her.

And it came to pass that a Second Session of Relief Society was organized so that the sisters who worked away from their homes could attend Relief Society.

And behold great and marvelous were the results thereof. And yea, the number of sisters attending Relief Society did increase to more than half, yea, even 53 per cent during that year. And the following year, 1976-1977 their attendance for half the year did increase to 59 per cent. And they did ponder this strange phenomena in their minds.

And behold, a decree was sent forth from the Relief Society headquarters in Salt Lake City, to encourage the strengthening of Relief Society through prayer regularly in

order to receive that knowledge and intelligence promised by the Prophet Joseph Smith and to help in strengthening herself and her family.

And the leaders of the Hill Spring Relief Society were bowed down with sorrow as they looked at the records and they did perceive that many of their sisters were not as active as they should be, yea, even 27 per cent did not attend Relief Society regularly. And they did remember the words written by John the Revelator in the Stick of Judah--"I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would that thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth." (Rev. 3:15-16)

And it came to pass that these words did pierce their hearts and their hearts were moved with compassion for their semi-active sisters and they did desire to strengthen them and to unite them with their active sisters, so that three-fourths or more sisters would reap the blessings that their Father in Heaven would pour down upon them by their attendance at Relief Society.

And the leaders did remember the words of the Apostle Paul to the Galatians (6:9)--"Let us not be weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap if we faint not." and they were stirred up to action and they did seek the help of their Bishop and he did call a special meeting, yea, even a Sacrament Service, on the 27th day of the second month of the year one thousand nine hundred and seventy-five.

Yea, and all the brethren and sisters and children did come together to partake of the Sacrament and to receive instruction and to hear the work of the Lord from the Scriptures:

"Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?"

"I the Lord am bound when ye do what I say but if ye do not what I say, ye have no promise.:

"There is a law irrevocably decreed in the heavens upon which all blessings are predicated, and when we obtain any blessing from God it is by obedience to that law upon which it is predicted."

"Eye hath not seen nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him."

"If ye love me, Keep my commandments."

And the people were reminded of the words of the song, “We Thank Thee O God For A Prophet” and how could they sing this song if they were not willing to do what the Prophet has asked them to do.

And it came to pass that the sisters were asked to make a commitment that they would attend Relief Society one Hundred percent during the month of March in remembrance of the 135th Anniversary of Relief Society. (HOLD UP HAND)

And the brethren, yea, even the husbands, were asked to make a commitment to see that their wives would attend Relief Society one hundred per cent during the month of March and every month thereafter. (SHOW OF HANDS)

And it came to pass that all the sisters did make a vow that they would not go shopping on Wednesday morning or let anything interfere with their attendance at Relief Society. Yea, and most of the husbands did respond with uplifted hands that they would not place a stumbling block in the way of their wives, such as having her help him feed the cattle or asking her to go with him on Relief Society day.

And the sisters were reminded of the great promise made by the Prophet Joseph Smith that the angels could not be restrained from being their associates if they lived up to their responsibilities: and lo, what a wonderful promise!

And a prayer went up from the heart of the Relief Society President that the hearts of all assembled this day would be touched by the Holy Spirit and that the angels would truly be our associates as we listen to the testimonies and the messages and the music presented by two of the brethren and by the sisters of the Hill Spring Relief Society. Even so. Amen.

Sister Fern Woolf’s talk that went along with this special theme of “Every Woman In Relief Society:

Relief Society is vital to the welfare of every Latter Day Saint woman, and it is essential to the welfare of every LDS family.

The Relief Society benefits every LDS family because:

1. It makes better LDS of us all.
2. It helps teach us the gospel of Jesus Christ.
3. It helps us to be better homemakers.

4. It teaches us how to raise our young families and how to cope with different situations that arise.
5. It teaches us how to be healthier through lessons on nutrition and how to render first aid.
6. It helps us to understand compassionate service and how to serve.
7. It helps us to live fuller, richer lives by showing us how our “Sisters in the Gospel” live in other lands.
8. It helps us find and develop our own potential.

The Gospel teaches us how to become more Christlike and isn't that our ultimate goal?

When the prophet Joseph Smith organized the church, it wasn't complete until it included, the Mutual Improvement Association (MIA), the Primary, the Sunday School, the Relief Society and the Priesthood. The Relief Society is to the women of the church, what the Priesthood is to the men. So if it's important for the men to go to Priesthood, it's just as important.

We must never forget that the Lord has restored His gospel with all its gifts and blessings. If we are actually engaged in the programs of the church, we can work out our own Salvation, but--if we are inactive in these programs, we forfeit the blessings of salvation.

So I would like to challenge every Melchizedek priesthood holder here to see that his wife is actively engaged in the Relief Society program so that she can reap the blessings that are in store for her there.

Some of you have already heard the story of the old man who ran the ferry across this wide river. He made several trips a day but only charged 10 cents a ride. One day a man asked him how come he made several trips a day and only charged 10 cents a ride and the little man replied, “The more I go the more I get, and if I don't go, I don't get.” The same saying applies to us in Relief Society. The more we go the more we get and if we don't go, we don't get.

Compassionate Service is a service of love. We tire of the things we take, but not of those we give. When we are in the service of our fellowmen, we are in the service of our God.

She then bore her testimony that God lives, that Jesus is the Christ. That we need to work out our own salvation. That she is thankful for those that she works with-Sister

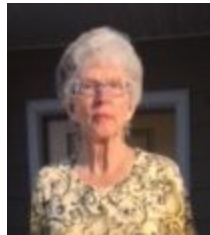
LaJune Smith, Sister Hazel Gibb and Sister Izetta Martin, as well as the other officers, her family and her many blessings.

Responsibility for wheat by the General Relief Society continued until 1978, when 266,291 bushels of wheat and nearly 2 million dollars in assets were transferred to the First Presidency for use in the Welfare program.

Also in 1978, under the direction of President Spencer W. Kimball, the first general women's fireside was held.

DARLENE ADY
1979-March 21, 1981

Darlene Ady	President
Rula Smith	First Counselor
Joyce Wynder	Second Counselor
Marie Barfuss	Secretary
Patricia Wright	Secretary (1981)



Dalene Ady



Rula Smith



Marie Barfuss

The following was written by Sister Darlene Ady:

Our Relief Society Presidency consisted of Darlene Ady as President, Rula Smith 1st Counselor and Joyce Wynder 2nd Counselor with Marie Barfuss as secretary. We were called under the Bishopric of Devere Gibb in 1979 and were released under the new Bishopric of Mark Smith in 1981.

We seemed to be pretty involved with new people moving in and out at the time we served and really enjoyed making new friends and acquaintances.

We made a goal to visit every sister in the ward and accomplished this. A personal invitation to many other women in the area to join the Relief Society organization was met with minimal success but we had some less active and a few non members come once in awhile.

There were some major changes in process while we were in office. The Church building experienced extensive renovations. We got a new Relief Society room off the kitchen in the old church and we decided to renew all of it. We had a special project of publishing cookbooks (which was a tremendous success-1250 books were printed and

sold) and we even had a second edition and could have done a third and raised the money for the beautiful table, the centrepiece and the complete furnishing of the kitchen. The church provided us with the new curtains, beautiful new blue velvet chairs (we had new gold carpet and specially requested them). They are still the only different colored chairs in the Stake to the present time.

It was also at this time that I approached Brother William Campbell and he agreed to paint the beautiful picture of the Temple that now hangs in the Relief Society room.

There were great changes to the kitchen--we replaced all the old oddment silverware, acquired new corelle dishes, new saucepans and kitchenware. We had a little sale and those interested could purchase, for nominal charge, the old cutlery and dishes. It was discovered a lot of nostalgia accompanied those dishes and a few feelings were very sensitive and near the surface both for this occasion and also the painting and fixing of the old cultural hall.

It was interesting. One day, when I went to the local store (owned by Grant and LaReine Harker), her comment to me was "Well Darlene, you will be remembered in Hill Spring for one thing that's for sure-for spending the most money."

They are gone and we are gone and I don't think another person thinks one thing about it and there are all those amenities to enjoy and use.

March 17th seemed to roll around rather often and I am certain it was the magnitude of the event that made it seem a bit onerous. One year we decided to lighten the program and make a special effort to involve some community people to improve our attendance and involved people who had not had the opportunity before. We approached several who, with some forceful persuasion agreed to participate in some mini skits where it was okay to read their scripts as they acted out their parts. It took only one rehearsal and that year we had the largest turnout of people and though a few more conservative folk commented it was "a bit different." Those who participated loved it and thought it the best one they had ever attended.

Another 17th of March, was Japanese style with those serving and participating dressed Oriental. Everyone loved the food catered to by the House of Quon.

My heart was touched at the willingness of the sisters to help others. On one particular occasion, a new woman moved to town and I called 2 sisters to come and help me lend a helping hand to prepare the newcomers house so that they might find it

liveable. It was a horrendous job but there was not one complaint and even the second milers brought food to ease the shock of the humble surroundings.

During our presidency the big change of church **CONSOLIDATION** took place and Relief Society changed from weekday afternoons to Sunday meetings and a homemaking in the evening which continues today.

One Anniversary Party featured a Western/Pioneer theme.

MARIE BARFUSS
March 21, 1981-July 1983

Marie Barfuss	President
Isabel Wynder	1st Counselor
Joyce Wynder	2nd Counselor
Pat Wright	Secretary



Marie Barfuss



Isabel Wynder

One of the major focuses of this Presidency was Family Preparedness. Attention was given to First Aid kits, in which sisters assembled a variety of items in a fishing tackle sized kit. Time was also spent teaching about car kits, 72 hour emergency kits, and basic food storage with an emphasis on the uses of wheat, rice, and powdered milk.

Joyce was always good at organizing and preparing classes for Homemaking. She was cutting wood to make doll beds and on the very last one, she managed to cut the tip of her finger off. Guess she will remember that activity for years to come.

We spent a lot of time trying to find something to make our table cloths out of and many hours sewing them, only to find that not everyone liked them.

We had a Bishopric change while we served.

We had great March 17th parties. One was an International Dinner and we had to rent extra dishes that we ended up spending hours and hours washing. We worked until 1am doing dishes and still had to come back the next day to finish them. We said we would never do that again--and we didn't.

The song "The Circle of a Woman's Reach" became a favorite to our Relief Society. One program that was held was entitled, "A Society of Sisters" which was to celebrate the worldwide Relief Society sisterhood. Many stories were shared of Relief Society history and personal experiences from the Relief Society program.

During the General Priesthood Assembly, the Bishop informed us of the new budget program. The ward budget will now change to incorporate all financial upkeep of utilities and expenses. There will be no more 3 percent building fund. There will be a flyer sent out to all members informing them more.

LYNN FOLSOM
July 1983-December 1986

Lynn Folsom	President
Maralon Bevans	1st Counselor
Carol Smith	2nd Counselor
Brenda Beck	Secretary



Lynn Folsom



Maralon Smith



Brenda Beck

Sister Carol Smith moved and was replaced by Sister Shirley Keller and Sister Maralon moved and was replaced by Sister Rachel Merrill only weeks before we were all released.



Rachel Merrill

We had a wonderful Presidency. We were all very young. I was only 26 years old and felt a little awkward being my Moms Relief Society President. We all had several children and I had my 5th baby just a few short months after being called and had another during our tenure as well. We had all our babies lined up at our feet in little car

carriers and we jokingly said that Sister Becks job was to keep the binkies (soothers, pacifiers) in their mouths. It was quite the sight.

We felt a real pulling together of the sisters, especially the older ones. We were taught many things by them in our lessons and our homemaking that helped to enrich our lives as wives and mothers. There was no one better to learn from, than at the feet of those who were already experienced. We all learned to work together. There was a lot of Compassionate Service done. We had absolutely tons of funerals, which probably attributed to a lot of the unity that we felt in our sisterhood.

Maralon and my husbands both served in the Elders Quorum Presidency and Sister Carol's husband was the Young Men's President so we really had to organize our time commitments. It seemed that for 3 ½ years, between Relief Society and Elders suppers, that we did them all.

We always strove for 100 percent Visiting Teaching and reached it several times, but always averaged in the high 90's. We had yearly Visiting Teaching seminars which were well attended and I think, really helped encourage our Teachers to make the extra effort to contact their sisters. These were pretty much always done as cute little plays to show the focus that we were trying to achieve and were always quite entertaining. One in particular was done as characters of nursery rhymes. Remember Discouraged Daisy, Prayerful Patsy, First week Freda, and Loving Lola. Another was a cute little program based around the Nursery Rhymes.



Pursuit of Excellence was a big push and we awarded long and short term certificates etc. to those who accomplished their goals.

We always averaged around 50 sisters at Homemaking-basically, I think, because we believed in involving as many as possible in everything we did. We always had a theme for our entire Homemaking night. One time we sent a school bus around to pick up all the sisters for our "Back to School" Homemaking. It was complete with Reading, and Writing, and Arithmetic classes. For Reading, we talked about the value of reading good books and started a book club. For Writing, a Calligraphy class was taught, and for Arithmetic we were taught about the function of the metric system as Canada had just adopted it. We even had a cleverly made sack lunch for our refreshment.

When we were attending in the Glenwood building, (while our new building was being constructed), we had a homemaking with a Halloween theme and Donna Seely came dressed as a witch. Absolutely no one could figure out who it was. She looked the part to perfection as she came without her teeth and it totally disguised her. So fun!

A lot of our Homemaking nights were dedicated to quilting in preparation for the Stake Quilting Seminar held in 1985.

We worked hard on the Welfare areas of focus and had yearly seminars. There wasn't a lot of interest at first, but soon became well attended.

Our board and Presidency planned everything together. We worked well together and had a lot of fun together. Listening to one another, prayer and listening for answers to our prayers helped us to meet the needs of the sisters in our Ward.

We had an annual Octoberfest in the fall after the crops were in. Everyone brought a dish that represented the country or area that they came from. It was a lot of fun and again drew us closer. We usually held them in Floyd Smiths shop. One year we thought we were going to freeze to death, but we still had a lot of fun.

Maralon loved to have visitors introduce themselves and while conducting one time, she asked Beth Garner who hadn't been attending due to health issues, to introduce herself. She answered, "Me? Why I live here!" We're not sure who was the most embarrassed.

We had great 17th of March parties and for one of them Diane Woolf was on the program and was dressed up old fashioned, straddling a chair (the chair was backwards). All of a sudden, she just tipped right over backwards with both feet straight up in the air. It was hilarious.

For one of our March 17th parties, we had a Hidden Talents Nights. It was so much fun. We found out all the fun talents people used to have but didn't practice anymore. Carol Smith led a band with anyone who had ever played an instrument in a band before. We had clarinets, trumpets, flutes, a piano, and Jim Folsom even played the drums, which consisted of 2 folded up tables that he could bang together with his feet. After they spent the first couple of minutes squawking their instruments from laughing so hard at themselves, they finally pulled off a beautiful number. We had Wayne Merrill and Doug Fox tap dance.

Picture of tap dancing is Doug Fox.



Rob and Larry Gibb played their accordions with Kathy Gibb playing the piano. They announced the song they were going to play as "The Too Fat Polka," and then Kathy walked out--a very large overdue pregnant lady. Was so funny.

Who can forget Mont Gibb, Kent Merrill, and Darrell Wynder as The Leaders of the Pack.



A number was performed by our Samoan missionaries--Fred Brooks, Floyd Smith and Brian Smith.



(Front Row) Brenda Beck, Kelly Young, (Back Row) Carol Smith, Lynn Folsom, Marla Draper, Karen Merrill, did a flapper dance. Ya, none of us were ever dancers, but it was fun.



We had "A Night With The Stars," in which various members dressed up and performed different country and western singers and we also had the "Hee Haw" gang there in costume telling jokes just like it was performed on TV. Monica Gibb was in this number and her long pigtails were floating up in the air with the help of helium balloons. Paula Workman sang a Crystal Gale song, Delbert Bevans performed a John Denver number, Larry and Connie Gibb performed a Johnny Cash song. I sang a Loretta Lynn song and Kelly Young and Jesse McCollister were the Masters of Ceremony as Dolly Parton and Kenny Rogers. And everyone dressed the part. It was a fun evening but it turned out being very spiritual as all the performers held hands and sang, "The Circle of our Love." Our Stake President was also in attendance and shared with us the great feeling he had felt from our program.

We always had a loaded, neat menu for our suppers. We prepared the meals and then we swapped serving with the Glenwood ward so that our members could sit down and enjoy the evening altogether. It was a lot of fun serving for each others Wards too.

We put a lot of time and labor into decorating a float for the July 1st parade and won first place. We spent \$75 to make it and won \$25 for our prize.

We were having a number of people move into our community, so we put together a little booklet that told all about Hill Spring's history, emergency phone numbers, local businesses, the school, the Post Office, Church meetings and schedules, etc, and as a Presidency, we visited all the newcomers that came, to welcome them to our little village and to get to know them and help them to feel welcome here.

Brother Rayo Wright (who was the Meetinghouse custodian) always delighted in scaring us to death in the old church after late Sunday night Presidency meetings.

We served probably the last year of our term, attending in the Glenwood Ward Chapel while our new one was being constructed. We moved into the new one and were released shortly after. At the same time, we were building a new school in our community. Until now, we hadn't had a school since 1967.

As per the usual, the Relief Society were in charge of cooking and serving the beans for the July 1st celebration. At this time, we made them from scratch, gathered them up the day before, after they had been cooked and stored them in the cooler at Grant Harkers store. The men then took them to the BBQ pit and put them in and they cooked with the meat. As many of the canners were getting beat up pretty badly from this process and also many beans were getting burned, we started to heat them up in a big cauldron instead. It was huge and had an opening underneath for a propane torch to fit in and we stirred the beans with an oar to keep them from burning. We still laugh at the time Andy Olsen decided they needed to heat faster, so he cranked up the heat and it was all we could do to keep those beans from burning. I believe we started having our July 1st celebrations down at the new Springlen Park around 1984, although the Park wasn't fully completed and recognized by the Government until the summer of 1986.

We never had any problems in getting sisters to help with welfare projects or any form of Compassionate Service. They were always so supportive. I remember being a 26 year old mother of 4 with number 5 on the way, thinking I could never serve all these older sisters. And my Mom was even one of them. But they were absolutely wonderful and it was a great growing time in my life. In fact, I had never had a meal brought to me after having a baby until my fifth was born and the Presidency brought supper over to us. Was so thoughtful of them. And about 2 months after he was born, I ended up in the hospital for 2 weeks with kidney stones. I saw the compassion of the

sisters in our Ward as I became the recipient of meals for the entire week after I returned home. Such sweet, loving sisters.

When we went to Stake meetings, it seemed that we were always already doing the things they were showing us and they took a lot of their ideas from our Ward. When the topic of working in the Temple kitchen on Saturdays came up, the town Wards complained bitterly about how hard the work was and that the men should do it, etc. Sister Orva Smith (who was in charge of the Temple Cafeteria at the time) said that she never had to worry about Hill Spring not having enough workers come in and that the out of town wards really knew how to work. She attributed it to the fact that most of the women were farm women and they weren't afraid of work. It was one service project that we always had more than enough volunteers for. We all loved serving in the Temple.

Every year we had great participation that involved our Community sisters, in playing in Softball and Volleyball tournaments. We were a very active group.

Sister Bevans put together a huge picture with all the sisters of our Ward in it. It seemed to make them feel really special when they showed up at our building and to see that they were included in it. She also gathered pictures of all the past Relief Society Presidents to date, and made a very historical picture to hang in our Relief Society room.

The open house for our new building was held 3 weeks before we were released. We moved into it in December. It's nice to not have to go to Glenwood anymore. Our Chapel is beautiful. We're very fortunate to have it.



I love the Relief Society program. I know that I have learned more from the sisters in my ward than I could ever have taught them. I appreciate the older sisters who have so much experience to share with us. They teach us so much. They are my mentors and are the ones that taught me about motherhood and the wonderful things that go with it. My counselors could not have been better. We all worked so well together and always included and respected one another. I feel the sisters in the Ward are very kind, loving and supportive. I know they have testimonies of the Visiting Teaching program. Of how important it is and the responsibility that is ours to serve our fellow sisters. I know Heavenly Father blessed our young Presidency with the ability to find the time to serve and to still raise our families without neglect. This is a wonderful program inspired and led by our Father in Heaven. I know he loves each and every one of his daughters and wants the best for all of us. I'm thankful to be blessed to be a part of it and for the opportunities it gives me, and each of us, to learn and to grow.

RULA SMITH
DECEMBER 1986-August 1990

Rula Smith	President
Beth Olson	1st Counselor
Rachel Merrill	2nd Counselor
Brenda Beck	Secretary



Rula
Smith



Beth
Olson



Rachael
Merrill



Brenda
Beck

Brenda was released and Norma French was called as Secretary.



Norma French

When I was asked to meet the Bishop at 7:00 in his office that Sunday evening, I knew immediately that I was to be called as Relief Society President. I just had that confirmation instantly. It was very humbling, and a very spiritual experience. I also knew who my counsellors were to be just shortly after, and there was no doubt. As we fasted and prayed to staff our Relief Society we were guided by the spirit so strongly, that in several instances we all 3 had the same name, when we met for our discussions. As time went on, this was only reconfirmed, as we had some absolutely outstanding lessons, taught by the spirit--so much so that at times we hated to bring our meetings to an end, it was that special.

One of our priorities was to visit and keep tabs on the elderly ladies in the Ward. We did this by going regularly as a Presidency and also individually so that we contacted

them in their homes often and thereby could better assess how things really were with them. Another one was in our Pursuit of Excellence. Because Glenwood was sharing our building at the time, our Young Women met with us for a time, at homemaking, and we wanted to do something to bring the girls and women closer. As we prayed and thought about what to do, a very distinct impression came to have a scripture memorization competition. We asked everyone to learn 17 of the 25 outlined seminary scriptures, then we had a contest, and gave out certificates of excellence to all participants. Some learned all 25--it was a rewarding activity and learning experience.

In the Cultural area some interesting challenges were met with the ladies learning piano pieces, writing poetry, painting etc. The Social and Emotional classes have brought the sisters closer together and developed new friendships and was culminated with a visit to the 2 Senior Citizen Homes in Cardston to present an evening of music by the Relief Society Chorus.

Our goal in Visiting Teaching was to convert sisters to Visiting Teaching. Two activities helped in this area--a combined Visiting Teaching seminar with the Glenward Ward that was very special, and a ward "Mixer" in which we asked each Visiting Teaching district to have a luncheon for the Sisters in their care--a light lunch and visiting together in the home of those that were the teachers, involved each Sister in a social setting that some never had had an opportunity to do. We had much positive feedback from these 2 activities--even from some that hadn't really been enthused at first. Visiting Teaching was looked at in a different light.

We also had an annual Christmas Dinner for the widows in the Ward--we, and they looked forward to that.

We had just had the open house of our new building 3 weeks before we were called. Then in January, 1988, we had the official Dedication.

The Relief Society Birthday Party in 1988 was a special event, as it is each year. The theme was: "Relief Society Thru the Looking Glass." Different Bible and Book of Mormon stories were adapted into skits depicting the different areas of focus that Relief Society tries to cover. It was an effective and enjoyable program.

During the year, bread and roll making classes, canning and sewing on a one to one bases was offered and was very beneficial to some of the sisters.

A very successful fashion show, Mother and Daughter evening was held in December. All of the articles fashioned had been sewn by Mothers or Daughters.

One of the newer members of the church, sister Norma French, accepted a calling to be the Relief Society secretary. The sisters were thankful and happy for her acceptance of this call, and for her willingness to share her talents with them.

I think our first 17 of March party was the most memorable. Probably because it was our first big undertaking and everything came together so well that we felt the love and support of the sisters and we realized that with working together and asking our father in Heaven for direction we would be able to do anything. Our program that year was honoring past Presidents, and through that we gained a love and appreciation for all those lovely sisters before us and knew we had to measure up and do our best. We also did a Portrait History of all our Presidents for our new Relief Society room.

I truly feel a close sisterhood in our Ward. The sisters are always so willing to do all and more than is asked of them and many give quiet, voluntary compassionate service regularly. There is genuine love and concern amongst us.

I'd just like to say that my time in Relief Society was a special experience. My counselors were everything I needed, and were with me the whole time. We worked together in harmony and I love them dearly, as I do all the sisters. As I look back, I remember the many times the Spirit just seemed to wash completely over me, as I asked for help, read the scriptures, and needed to know if I was doing the right things I needed to be. I changed from worrying night and day about Relief Society, to enjoy and love my job. I will always be grateful for that calling.

Reading by Joyce Smith during Rula's Presidency

Tonight we'd like to take you back
To August 1910
To meet some special women--
Then bring you up til now again.

There have been 22 past Presidents,
Each one of them unique.
Each of them had different strengths
At which we'll take a peek.

The first to be called President
Was sister Fanny Garner.
With bazaars and other fundraising events,
She encouraged the women to work even harder.

Clara Smith served as our President twice,
Numbers 2 and 5,
Because of her midwifery skills
Several babies are alive.

Mary Meecham was next in line,
The gathering of eggs was her duty.
This was for the Temple building fund
A labor of love and lasting beauty.

Those early sisters had it tough,
They travelled horseback, or horse and buggy.
Those first roads were mighty rough,
And even worse when muddy.

But then---Song--1st verse of "Along Came the Model T"

However they did take some getting used to
These modern inventions didn't seem
To stop when you said "Whoa"
And certainly a click of the reins
Wouldn't make them go.

Rae Hurd brought to us culture
In poetry, drama and art.
Her testimony often born
Came directly from the heart.

Sara Fisher and Ethel Jeppson
As some know, were mother and daughter.
Strong faith and prayer sustained them both
And made problems seem much smaller.

Both had a flair for acting
And writing poetry too.
With 13 children to feed and love
They had time for others too.

Mary Jeppson and her crew
Gathered wool and washed it.
Then carded it and made a quilt
And just \$4 cost it.

Song--Pick a Little, Talk a Little

An elect lady was Tina Harker.
Her hands were never idle.
A serene helpmeet and mother,
"A Queen" will be her title.

Mabel Gibb and Effie Butler
Had fingers of so nimble.
They created miracles
With crochet hook and needle.

Ruth Olsen grew up in a family
That loved to cook and sing.
When it became her time to lead
Those talents she did bring.

Ethel was an angel of mercy

In times of trouble or sorrow.
Her "matter of fact" approach to help,
Helped others face their sorrow.

Bertha Wynder was a scholar
So spiritual lessons were important.
Her reminders to the sisters were
"Don't let your minds be dormant."

These pioneers had duties many
And in them, they took pride.
But they knew work must be balanced
With things on the lighter side.

And so they had--
Quilting bees and 3 act plays,
Picnics and pulling candy,
Life needs some fun, now don't you think
A square dance would be dandy?

Dance

Hard work and real compassion
Were 2 qualities of Grace.
Her heart reached out to those in need
Regardless of their race.

Song--He's My Brother

Enthusiasm was the key to
Isabell's success
She tackled everything she did
With love, and lots of zest.

Ida is a Swiss lass
Who can garden, cook and sew.
She taught us all the homemaking skills
Good mothers need to know.

Verda's planning and calm assurance
Made everything run smooth.
If we follow her example
We will all improve.

"Cleanliness is next to Godliness"
Was the motto of cheerful Fay,
Even at Park Bend where water was scarce,
Those germs must be scalded away.

LaJune was a perfectionist,
No detail too much trouble.
The time and thought put into things,
Was often more than double.

Darleen moved here from Calgary,
Preferred the country air.
She was an extra-miler,
And did things up with flair.

As we all know, our Marie's
No stranger to hard work.
Give her a job, and you just know
Her duty she'll not shirk.

Efficient is the work that describes
Our latest President, Lynn.
She could manage all her tasks
Without neglecting Jim.

Song--Hello my Baby

In these and other attributes
Our past presidents have scored.
That's why they've earned the title
"Mothers of our Ward."

So all these noble women

We honor with heartfelt pride
Truly "The Circle of a Woman's Reach"
Has influence far and wide.

Song by Relief Society Board members
Circle of a Woman's Reach

MONICA GIBB
August 1990-

Monica Gibb	President
Linda McCollister	1st Counselor
Debbie Rowley	2nd Counselor
Marilyn Adams	Secretary



Marilyn Adams, Linda McCollister, Monica Gibb, Debbie Rowley

Debbie Rowley was released due to health problems and Donna Seely was sustained in her place.



Our specific concerns for the sisters, we prayed for and have had those prayers answered as sisters have responded to the spirit--building unity.

We set a goal to achieve 100 percent Visiting Teaching. We fasted and prayed to find sisters that were compatible and tried to involve less active and non members in all our activities and to make them feel welcome.

Our March 17th Party in 1991 were of humorous experiences of sisters in the Ward and world events and how they affect us. Diane Woolf and Maureen Barfuss helped with the program.

Sister Marilyn Adams relates the following, of her experience with "The Ten Virgins" in January 1991. My impression of the 10 virgins was one of awe. It really touched me. I felt that the painting portrayed feelings that all must have of the coming of the bridegroom. The five wise virgins showed not only humility and love but they are truly wise in that they know their lamps had to be full in order to sustain the weight. The five foolish virgins only looked inward. They thought only of the material side. They were too worried about worldly preparations. The night this was presented touched many there as they realized the power of the presentation.

The past year's lessons were inspirational, informative and practical. The sisters participated in lessons on many varied topics including budgeting, how to deal with teenagers, lessening stress, time management and home storage ideas.

As always, bonds of love and fellowship were forged throughout the year at various social gatherings, The 17 of March party had a Pioneer theme. Husbands and wives dressed in period costumes and were entertained during a program which recalled to mind the humorous and poignant moments of Hill Spring's past.

One of the significant events of the year was a white-ribbon campaign against pornography. Ribbons were worn and an official letter sent to Prime Minister Mulroney to voice our concerns.

In June of 1991 the Cardston Temple was Rededicated.

The Sesquicentennial year of Relief Society, 1992, was indeed a special, spiritual and busy one for the sisters in the Hill Spring Ward. Our Presidency made a great effort to strengthen our sisterhood through the service projects that they helped us to initiate and carry out and the variety of educational and inspirational activities that they planned throughout the year.

It all started in January when a special Visiting Teaching Seminar was held so that we could initiate our Sesquicentennial Celebration activities. Community Service Committees were organized and each sister was encouraged to join one. They were as follows: Quilting (for Harbour House in Lethbridge), Sister Tina Folsom, Coordinator: Community Beautification (for Hill Spring), Sister Dixie Davis, Coordinator: Harbour House Hamper (donations of personal care items), Sister Jo Anne Dobson, Coordinator; and Literacy (Books for Babies-Cardston Hospital), Sister Marnie Workman, Coordinator.

It was also decided that the Hill Spring Ward Relief Society would make a Sesquicentennial quilt which featured squares depicting the statues at Temple Square in Salt Lake City around the outside and the Relief Society emblem in the centre. Sister Deanna Wynder was in charge of this project. The quilt was donated to and raffled off as a fundraiser by the Auxiliary Hospital in Cardston.

For the Sesquicentennial March 17 Party, Mary Peterson prepared a slide presentation on the history of the Hill Spring Relief Society, its presidencies, and acts of service and accomplishments over the years.

Throughout the Spring and Summer, our sisters worked tirelessly on their community service projects to bring them to fruition. Two special work days were set aside to complete the projects. Not only were we able to feel the love of doing service for others as we busily put, for many of us, newly acquired talents to work, we also got to visit and enjoy each other's company and companionship. Delicious luncheons were also provided and we thank all those sisters who prepared and served them. We even involved sisters from Glenwood who donated their time to run a nursery for mothers with small children, so they could also participate.

The Relief Society Presidency also visited each and every sister throughout the year, and encouraged each sister to make a special effort to be aware of the needs of the lonely and the aged.

We had two young sisters with large families who, due to health problems, were unable to care for their children and see to their needs. The Relief Society expressed particular concern for and extended a helping hand to these families by providing meals, emotional and spiritual support and things as needed.

In July, we lost one of our dear Sisters, Donna Melchior, when she was killed in a tragic car accident, leaving to mourn her husband and children, a 19 yr old son and 7 yr old daughter. The whole community rallied around them and supported them.

Our new compassionate service leader, Sister Lorie Michel requested that all sisters please prepare and freeze a meal in the instance that we may be called upon on short notice to lend a helping hand to a family in need.

In the Fall, to get the sisters rolling after school commenced, we had a special Back to School Night. The sisters were bussed to the Hill Spring School to attend an evening of classes which included literacy, self esteem, fitness and handicrafts.

We also had a Sesquicentennial Wrap-up meeting where each committee head reported on it's groups successes. The Stake Relief Society President Apryl Nish and counsellor, Sister Cottle were in attendance. There was a light luncheon and a special Sesquicentennial Cake, baked and decorated by Sister Margo Lewis, was served.

We ended 1992 with a musical Christmas program that featured nearly every sister in the Relief Society participating. Many of our inactive and semi-active sisters were involved and their enthusiasm and talent lent a really special feeling to the evening. Many non-member sisters also attended as well. Bishop and Sister Peterson ended our special evening when they performed a beautiful narration of the Christmas Nativity.

We do indeed have a very special sisterhood in the Hill Spring Relief Society. We have a beautiful, talented, loving and inspired Presidency to guide us. They are making a difference, bringing the sisters in our community together to continue living our motto, "Charity Never Faileth."

The above was submitted by Vivian Fox, Hill Spring Ward Relief Society Historian

A poem written for one of the Christmas programs

Twas the morn of Homemaking and all through their house
Not a creature was stirring, except Monty Gibbs spouse.
For Aileen was busy baking cookies and cake
And anything else she could think of to make.
She heard a faint noise and went in the front room
And there were Daniel and Brandon decorating the tree.
She sent them to bed and fell on her knees
And Said, "Oh Lord just help me Please
If you'll just help me get through this day
I promise not another harsh word will I say.

2 Weeks later---

We went down to Monica's to see what was going on there
Dennis was busy sleeping and their tree was still bare.
Monica was busy making food for a sick mother,
Then Dennis appeared and Monica said, "Look here Brother,"
You've got to help me get ready for Christmas, Dear one,
Help the kids trim the tree, you'll all have such fun.

We stopped in at McCollister's and what do you know,
Linda was in tears, putting on the whole show,
I just can't handle all the things I have to do.
Going to school, doing Relief Society and being mother and wife too.
I thought this school job would be our salvation
But it has turned out to be my utter damnation.
We went to Rowley's house so early this morn
And Debbie was wishing she'd never been born.
At the crafts shop she'd opened in Cardston you see
She just couldn't sell anything there to you or to me.
She thought she'd get rich but the farmers so fine
Don't have any money to lay on the line.
We stopped in at Adam's and Marilyn his spouse
Was busy making decorations for the rest of the house.
Her baking was done and her cakes and candies were made
That little lady knows when to call a spade a spade.
She said," None of these extra jobs I'm going to do-
Cause I decided THAT the day I said "I do."

CONNIE GIBB
Fall 1993-Spring 1996

Connie Gibb	President
Aileen Gibb	1st Counselor
Maureen Barfuss	2nd Counselor
Lori Michel	Secretary



Maureen Barfuss, Susan Bester, Connie Gibb, Aileen Gibb
(Picture taken in January 2018)

Halfway through, Aileen was replaced by Joe Kunkle and Maureen was replaced by Susan Bester barely before they were released.



(Josephine) Jo Kunkel

As Ward Relief Society President, Connie had to face the challenge of going out and meeting the Ward sisters, a task she had in the past found difficult.

Our main goal was to reach out to the sisters who need our help. We had a sister in the Ward that needed help on a regular basis and the sisters took turns helping out pretty much through our entire Presidency.

We visited each of the sisters in an effort to get to know them better. Connie would go to the Temple every week and on the way home she would decide who needed visits and one of the counselors would go with her to make visits. We would go through the ward list but make sure to visit those that she had impressions about.

We had a Hawaiian night theme in the fall one time just for the sisters. Everyone was invited to dress Hawaiian and we ate Hawaiian food. Games were all based on a beach theme. Diane Woolf taught us all how to Hula dance and we spent more time laughing than dancing.

For one of our 17th of March parties, the theme was the "Academy Awards." We had categories with 4 sisters nominated for each category. Music played while the winner came up. We used spray painted Barbies for their award. One in particular was "A River Runs Through It." The award was to Vada Beazer as she had dug a well that ended up being a never ending flowing well. Another was the movie "Cheaper By the Dozen" and Dawn Pole won it as she had many children. "Driving Miss Daisy" was won by Marion Merrill. She drove an old car and the music was "Little Old Lady From Pasadena."

Another of our 17 of March parties we had a talent show. The husband's got up and did "Surfin' USA" with ironing boards. Diane and Jim Woolf did "Good Ship Lollipop" and Darcy Barfuss sang "I'm all pooped out."

When we made callings, we would talk about them and use prayer very heavily and there were a few callings that we were very inspired to do. It was a wonderful thing.

We really enjoyed working together and had a lot of fun. We certainly did a lot of laughing. We did really enjoy our time together.

SUSAN BESTER
Spring 1996-February 21, 1999

Susan Bester	President
Heidi Campbell	1st Counselor
Shirley Boyes	2nd Counselor
Marnie Workman	Secretary



Susan Bester Tina Folsom Heidi Campbell Marnie Workman
(Picture taken January, 2018)

When Shirley moved Tina Folsom replaced her.

I had 2 sons serving missions while I was Relief Society President.

This was the time when the Stake asked us to discontinue having the men come to the 17th of March parties. This didn't go over too well with our Ward. There were many single sisters who had difficulty attending because of the awkward situation they felt not having a companion to attend with. And since it is a women's organization, it only seemed fitting to do so. It was not an easy bit of news for any of our Ward members to accept after all the years of the big parties with the men invited.

We had about 12 or 13 funerals while we served. Our Ward has always been very willing to help and to serve.

I did not like to give talks in church and I recall having to speak many, many times in Sacrament meeting. It seemed like it was way more than any past President had too. Anyway it was much more than I ever wanted too.

We visited all the sisters in the ward.

Shirley was a very intuitive person. She always had feelings of things before they happened or of things that needed to be done. When our Presidency were planning to go to Provo to Education Week, she was concerned that Sharon McKinnon's husband was sick and was afraid that he would pass away while we were gone. And he did. She just was always so close to the spirit that she knew things before they would happen.

We changed a lot of our Visiting Teaching routes because of circumstances that such was needed and a lot of the sisters were upset with the changes because the areas of town weren't aligned like they wanted them to be. But they gradually saw the wisdom in it. Thus, one of our focusses became one of teaching our Sisters that they needed to learn to accept callings without complaining. That callings weren't always of convenience, but that they gave us an opportunity to serve.

Shirley remembers Susan and Heidi always chuckling. They always saw the positive in things and didn't let things get them down. Shirley remembers when her son was hurt in a serious farming accident, she was tied up at the hospital for a month and was concerned about her beans getting picked. Dear Susan and Heidi, without even being asked, had picked and canned her beans without Shirley even having said a word.

NINA HAMMON
February 21, 1999-March 11 or 18, 2001

Nina Hammon	President
Nonavee Campbell	1st Counsellor
Kelly Young	2nd Counsellor
Linda Workman	Secretary



Nina Hammon Nonavee Kelly Linda
Campbell Young Workman

(Picture taken January, 2018)

We had a great March 17th party. Our theme was "My Sister, My Friend." Maureen Barfuss and Deanna Wynder decorated with pictures of the sisters for centerpieces with a vase of daisies and a backdrop with the theme on it. Karen Merrill and Marnie Wynder planned the program in which the sisters played a version of The Newlywed Game. Diane Smith was in charge of the food. A closing song "You've Got a Friend" was sung by Susan Bester, Mary Ellen Smith and Kelly Young.

The farmers have been seeding and it has been very dry. We were desperately in need of rain as the winter saw to very little moisture. We did get about ½ inch of rain and a fast was planned for the next Sunday.

Our April Homemaking consisted of making Terracotta Pots taught by Kelly Young.

In May we put on a quilt for Ladene Merrill and made garden marker picks.

July brought rain so our Fast must have worked.

For our July Homemaking, Mary Smith taught us how to press flowers, Mary Ellen Peterson reviewed a book and we had a quilt on for Susan Bester for her daughters wedding.

August homemaking was a "Fashion for a Fraction," which consisted of a fashion show with 2nd hand clothes. Maureen Barfuss was in charge of the Potato Bar luncheon and Debbie Rowley did the decorations. Was a great activity.

Our all day homemaking was held in October.

The change from "Homemaking" to "Enrichment" was announced in the Relief Society General Meeting of September 1999, and is to be implemented starting January 1, 2000.

In December Nina and Kelly made Relief Society visits and held a Board meeting at Kelly's house.

Also in December kind of a frightening thing happened when a sudden snow storm moved in and caused the roads to be very slippery. Peter Fleming was driving the school bus home with the band students on it when he lost control on the curve by the Springlen Park turnoff and the bus tipped over on its side. The visibility was very poor so the 3 boys (Chad Folsom, Huey Woolf and Blake Schnoor) with no coats on, got the bus driver out of his seat, relocated the rest of the students out of the bus to a safe spot and went for help leaving Ben Nicholas behind to stay with the dozen very upset girls. Helped arrived and all was okay. Was quite the experience for a bunch of Junior High aged kids.

Maureen Barfuss gave a beautiful lesson on December 26 on "Keeping the Sabbath Day Holy." She had Larry Gibb speak about his son Weston (who had passed away in an accident) and Baby Jesus.

The year 2000 came and went and we had absolutely no problems with computer systems. The world had been obsessed with the idea that all the computer systems, electrical systems, banks and virtually anything that ran by computers would crash and that we would be in the worst dilemma ever. But it didn't happen. Everything just went as usual. Y2K ended up coming and going without a glitch.

Effective January 1, 2000, "Homemaking" got a new makeover. The new program, "Home, Family and Personal Enrichment" will direct LDS women to focus on "spiritual strength and practical skills" during a monthly female gathering which has been known

for decades as “Homemaking.” This is to include a 15 minute lesson on a spiritual topic with a 60-90 minute activity to learn practical skills associated with the topic.

Daniel Gibb, son of Monty and Aileen Gibb, was in a serious accident that injured his leg severely and the Ward held a special fast for him.

We held our Visiting Teaching interviews in April and had our Enrichment meeting. Eric Dyck taught a class on gardening and greenhouses. The men were also invited so they could get excited about building those greenhouses.

The past year had been a trying year for Sister Kelly as her mother had been battling cancer. Kelly spent many hours away from home as she attended to her mother. She passed away in April.

In May we held our Visiting Teaching seminar and held Enrichment.

On August 7th, Kelly Davis, the daughter of Dwight and Dixie Davis passed away after having been on life support from a serious accident the week prior. 18 sisters gathered to clean the Davis home and to finish a wedding quilt for their other daughter Rhonda, who was getting married in 3 weeks. The sisters pulled together to sew dresses and prepare the food for the wedding as well as the decorations. This was a very sad experience but certainly saw the compassion of our Relief Society sisters as they came to the aid of this family.

Our November Enrichment was a lesson on service. Kelly Young, Jill Merrill, Lynn Folsom, Elenna Anderson, Phaedra Campbell and Dixie Davis shared a few experiences on service that had been rendered to them. It was a very emotional evening but very spiritual. Brette Gibb had a video that she had put together with pictures of the Savior and his acts of service to the song “His Hands.”

In January, we had Dr. Taylor talk to us on Stress Management.

February Enrichment was taught by Gordon Burt from Glenwood, about Greenhouses.

In 2001, our Presidency messages each month were taken from “The Women’s Declaration.”

During our two year term, we had many ill people and many funerals. The following is a list of these.

Illness:

Fern Gibb
Dick Smith
Ladene Merrill
Pat Wright
Daniel Gibb
Natalie Woolf
Robson Smith
Jill Merrill
Maureen Fleming

Death:

Marion Merrill's son
Len Ferguson
Nona Gibb
Kelly Davis
Gladys Workman
Walt Campbell
Ladene Merrill
Dean Wynder
Ida Wynder

Reggie Nish, the son of Casey and Lani Nish (daughter of Jim and Lynn Folsom) passed away while visiting from the States.

NONAVEE CAMPBELL
March 11 or 18, 2001-July 16. 2003

Nonavee Campbell	President
Diane Woolf	1st Counselor
Diane Smith	2nd Counselor
Linda Workman	Secretary



Diane Nonavee Diane Linda
Woolf Campbell Smith Workman

(Picture taken January 2018)

On March 18, 2001 this Presidency was sustained.

Our goals were Spirituality, Compassionate service, and Visiting Teaching.

Members were encouraged to contact and help cheer the widows and those sick and confined to home with much success. Teachers followed the lesson manual well with wonderful lessons.

Enrichment meeting was geared to all ages with improving attendance. Service projects and classes especially for families were held. For example, "Booster shot for Monday night Family Home Evening ideas," "Eating together as a family," and "Scripture Study." We had a taster table of food from the cannery to encourage sisters to sign up for family canning at the Stake Cannery. Many inactive members and friends who do not belong to our church are enjoying the lessons, light refreshment and socializing of our enrichment evenings.

In the third quarter, we started a newsletter given to each sister each month with interesting information not in the ward bulletin.

In our last quarter, we concentrated on our ALL Day Enrichment Meeting and our Humanitarian Projects. We had 4 Spiritual classes and 4 craft classes. For Humanitarian Service we donated Baby Bundles to the women's shelter. These included 2 sets of clothes, 2 sleepers, quilt, diapers, coat and toy. We sent 36 baby bundles and 58 hygiene kits for the women in the shelter. Baby quilts were also made and donated.

We are very pleased with what has been accomplished in our Relief Society this year.

History from 2002

In January we, as a presidency, decided to have an "Out of This World" service project. We decided to set a goal of 50 Temple Experiences per month for a total of 600 per year. This has been very successful and we only missed by 3 in January. In February and March we were way over.

Our March 17 supper and program was very successful. We highlighted past presidencies and learned about them. For a meal we used the type of food that the early saints would have and served Shepherd's Pie and homemade ice cream.

We reached our goal of 600 Temple Experiences this year.

Attendance at Home, Family and Personal Enrichment has increased 25 per cent.

We had a blood donor clinic in Lethbridge and hope to have more.

SERVICE IN THIS WARD HAS BEEN OUTSTANDING.

The Presidency are very happy with how the year has turned out and look forward to the new year.

MARY ELLEN PETERSON
July 16, 2003-October 15, 2006

Mary Ellen Peterson	President
Patsy Martin	1st Counselor
Mary Ellen Smith	2nd Counselor
Linda McCollister	Secretary



Mary Ellen
Peterson



Patsy Mary Ellen Linda
Martin Smith McCollister

(Picture taken January, 2018)

One goal that we had was to visit every sister each year and the ladies in the community as well, within the month of their birthday. The first year we visited them and let them know of our care and love for them. The second year we made a wooden, "I Belong," memento for each of them and the third year a small loaf of bread and a poem written by Sister Peterson was given to each person.



2003-For Enrichment, we toured our town for a Progressive Gardening Evening. We ate along the way. Was great fun.

After the Stake had their Conference with the theme, "Arise and Shine Forth," we had our Relief Society Anniversary supper with the same theme.

2004-The Visiting Teachers Seminar in October was "Getting to Know You" and the November All Day Enrichment featured crafts and ideas for Christmas was a big success with the ward members bringing over 15 friends and neighbors with them to enjoy the day.

2005- During these 3 years, direction was given by the General Relief Society Presidency to help the Young Women turning 18, to make the transition from Young Womens to Relief Society. They were invited to attend opening exercises where their mother gave them a tribute and the young woman was presented with a quilt from Sister Peterson which had hearts and a picture of every sister in the ward on it (thanks to Sister Connie Gibb). Sister Peterson would wrap the quilt around each Young Woman and tell them they were being wrapped in the love of Relief Society.



To get all the sisters to know one another better, the Young Women were invited to some Homemaking meetings, service projects, and an overnight sleepover at the Princes Lodge in Glenwood. Games were played. Food was enjoyed. There was much laughter and very little sleep.

The Relief Society sisters also attended the Young Women's in Excellence program.

Sister Patsy Martin taught a Family History class in her home to help the sisters get started. Another class was held at the school and the next one in Cardston at the Family History Center.

The Relief Society was in charge of organizing the Temple experience for our ward on April 6 which was the 175th anniversary of the organization of the Church. The entire ward was involved, both endowed and those not. Older members attended sessions, youth did baptisms for the dead, and the Primary toured the Temple grounds and learned about the history of the Temple. We had excellent attendance.

We held an Enrichment night with classes "Emotional Health" taught by Dixie Davis & "Spiritual Health" taught by April Demes. The spirit was strong and much was shared and taught to help us keep both emotionally and spiritually healthy.

We held an Enrichment meeting in May that was a service activity in which groups went to wash windows. One cleaned the Community Center and another cleaned the inside of the Church. This was a rewarding and fun activity.

In July we held a Mother Daughter activity at the Springlen Park. Great food, great games and great fun was had by all.

New direction came from the General Relief Society that Homemaking was to be 4 times a year and to have mini classes, when needed, to help fulfill the needs of the Sisters as needed. One class that was started was an Exercise class that ended up being an ongoing one.

President Matkin encouraged us to have prayer with our sisters as we visit taught them.

Following are some of the accomplishments of the Presidency: To make sure the kitchen and Relief Society rooms were cleaned thoroughly twice a year. Under the direction of the Bishop a thorough cleaning of the church was also done twice. The beautifying of both entries with the tables, runners, and flowers. Tablecloths were purchased. A Literacy Fair which included events for all ages to show how important and what is available to help people to be literate. Sisters in the Ward and Community

submitted recipes and a recipe book was given to every Sister in the Ward for Christmas 2005 titled, "LOVIN' FROM MY OVEN."



Much incentive was given to the sisters to do their Family History and to attend the Temple.

Sister McCollister was released as secretary and Sister Lori Sommerfeldt was sustained.

Sister Peterson delegated responsibilities to each one she served with and allowed them to carry out their stewardship. She was always present to help where help was needed and asked for.

We were released on October 15, 2006. We were all so thankful to have had this opportunity to serve the Sisters of the Hill Spring Ward and Our Heavenly Father.

A tribute to Sister Peterson from the sisters who served with her in the Relief Society Presidency: As we were in our Presidency meetings, she was always positive toward each Sister. She would say, "each sister is doing the best they can," and at the close of the meetings she would say, "we can do this." She presided over the Relief Society with a very tender and caring heart. Through her challenges she was always dependable, efficient, light hearted, positive, visiting each sister for their birthdays, making sure she said hello to every sister, that she could on Sundays. As was said of Mary, "She is a Mary Poppins, she never missed a beat."

We would like to say, "Sister Peterson (Mary), thanks for helping us to become more Christlike because of your love for Our Savior, which you exemplified.

PATTY GIBB
October 15, 2006-June 29, 2008

Patty Gibb	President
Maureen Barfuss	1st Counselor
Donna Seely	2nd Counselor
Brenda Beck	Secretary



Patti	Brenda	Maureen	Donna
Gibb	Beck	Barfuss	Seely

2006

We had an Enrichment activity with Sister Barb Nish as our guest speaker. We discussed how to achieve balance through setting and achieving goals and working through challenges.

We had a Literacy Fair that was lots of fun. We had booths with a fish pond, Family History, Find a Word from the Bible Dictionary & Topical Guide, Stories & Sign

Language for babies, Word Search, Job Search & Employment & the Joys of Literacy. Everyone left with a challenge to work on.

Our March Enrichment was to commemorate Relief Society's 164th Anniversary with the theme "For Such A Time As This." We had a delicious dinner, a Service Exchange and Program with Musical numbers, a wonderful evening.

Each sister in the Ward had a special visit from the Presidency on the month of her Birthday.

The Relief Society had the opportunity to serve chili, buns & squares at the Soup Kitchen.

Visiting Teaching Interviews were held.

We had service Enrichment activities at the cannery in which we canned chicken noodle soup and another time, Cream of Chicken soup. Dry pack was available also. We were served delicious meals at both.

Sister Connie Gibb led sisters on a summer hike.

In the summer we had our Visiting Teaching Brunch and Seminar with the Young Women at Springlen Park. The theme was "One Single Heart" focussing on how one person can make a difference. Lynn and Tina Folsom taught a class on Dutch Oven Cooking from which was provided a delicious meal for everyone.

The Sisters had the opportunity to do baptisms with the Young Women.

We had our All-Day Enrichment with a lot of different classes ranging from craft classes, cooking classes and family traditions class. Fun was had by all. The young women were invited to participate in all classes. A good supper was provided as well as babysitting so all mothers could participate.

Book Club had a get together and watched the movie by CS Lewis called the "Shadow Lands" which was about his life story.

We had the opportunity to participate for the Food Drive for our area.

2007

Luncheons for all the sisters were held with different themes each month, consisting of soups, salads appetizers.

We had our 17th of March Party with the theme of "Who Can Find a Virtuous Woman with a Sense of Humor." Different humorous stories were shared with a "Beauty and The Beast Skit" and then a supper was enjoyed by all.

Our big Fall Enrichment theme was "Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread" with a note attached to a small loaf of bread invitation going out to invite each sister.

We held regular Visiting Teaching Interviews.

2008

Our central focus was on personal food storage and preparedness. With the theme based upon Noah's Ark, each sister was provided with a wonderful book with obtainable goals that everyone could reach in their own way. Each month had a different spiritual, food storage, and temporal goal that each sister could work on. It has been a wonderful book that can be used each year. With sister Donna as Homemaking/Enrichment counselor, we had many fantastic events. One in which we focused on preparedness and had a Noah's ark theme with wonderful decorations. We entered the cultural hall via a wooden ramp, there were sea sick bags on the back of the chairs and animals and plants around the room. This was a fun night with an emphasis on spiritual and temporal preparedness. We invited the sisters at the beginning of each month to concentrate on different areas of preparedness.

Transition quilts were given to Kelsey Barfuss, Ashley Williams and to Dixie Davis who was moving away.

We loved serving together as a Presidency and I could not have asked for better sisters to serve with. I grew to love each one deeply. I must say that I love Relief Society with all my heart and value the love and sisterhood enjoyed there. We are so, so very blessed.

TINA FOLSOM
June 29, 2008-December 18, 2011

Tina Folsom	President
Linda McCollister	1st Counselor
April Demes	2nd Counselor
Jennifer Campbell	Secretary Rosie Gibb



April Tina Linda
Demes Folsom McCollister

(Picture taken January 2018)

2008--This Presidency began in the middle of the year.

A noteworthy event this year was the book that was published by Cindy Heggie. She took it upon herself to collect histories of the Hill spring women. It has been a great achievement and a blessing for all those who received one.

The Relief Society Presidency has been trying hard to follow the counsel of our Stake Presidency and reach out to all those around the community and beyond. Many opportunities to serve were taken advantage of and the friendship of the sisters has been strengthened.

Luncheons have been continued, and are still a great way to invite non-members to participate, and are a wonderful way to build friendships.

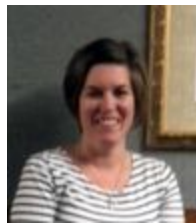
The Christmas enrichment activity was enlightening and fun, and positive feedback resulted.

The theme for the year was, "This Little Piggy...." We had many activities to go along with this topic such as This Little Piggy Went to the Market, which focussed on bargain shopping and food storage. Another was, This Little Piggy Stayed Home and we had an activity of housewife Olympics.

We enjoyed our March 17th parties and have continued with the potluck luncheons every couple of months. They have had good attendance and are a great opportunity to invite non-members and are great for the sisters to socialize.

We had our Super Saturday in October with many classes including apron making, pie making, rug making, wood signs, etc. We had a very good turnout and some non-members from the community participated.

Our Secretary changed during the year and Rosie Gibb was called.



Rosie Gibb

We continue to have high Visiting Teaching percentages every month.

The sisters are very willing to help those in the community.

Overall, the Relief Society grows and stretches, hopefully with all being enlightened and uplifted.

2009--This year we didn't try to have huge events, but we tried to focus on meeting the needs of the sisters a little at a time. Although we did have a few larger gatherings. On March 17th we had a dinner and program, with service being our theme.

During July we had a Mother and Daughter social combined with the Glenwood Ward. There were activities, lunch, and all the mothers and daughters who wanted to,

got their picture taken together. It was a good way to get to know our Glenwood sisters as well.

In September a new approach was initiated by the General Board in which “Additional” meetings are to be held in order to meet the needs of the sisters.

Our last bigger event took place in October, which was our Christmas event. There were a few simple yet wonderful crafts, food, and good companionship.

The rest of the year, we focused on smaller gatherings, with simple activities the reason to get together, but companionship and getting to know each other the focus.

Luncheons have been quite successful again this year. Not everyone shows up every time, but there is always enough.

We have another activity about once a month, which this year has included gardening and food preservation, bread making, family history, yogurt making, and other activities. All in all it was a good year.

Visiting Teaching, always a challenge, was still given a good effort by our sisters.

BRENDA BECK
December 18, 2011-December 28, 2014

Brenda Beck	President
Patty Gibb	1st Counselor
Lori Schnoor	2nd Counselor
Patsy Martin	Secretary



Patsy Lori Brenda Patty
Martin Schnoor Beck Gibb
(Picture taken January 2018)

2012

During our time as, Relief Society Presidency, every Sister, in the Ward, received a Birthday card which was made by Debbie Rowley. Following is a picture of three cards she made. Very unique.



On the Sunday of our Ward Conference, our Stake President attended Relief Society and spoke to us about the concern of pornography on the internet and in our homes. He said it is a serious problem and no home is exempt from this evil and that we need to be vigilant in keeping it out of our homes and minds. For us, as mother's to be more vigilant knowing what our children are watching, doing, etc.

We had an evening of learning how to cook using the magic boxes or bean bags that we had previously made. Some sisters crocheted "huggers hats" to give to Humanitarian services.

Brother Terry and Sister Jeanne Dent, members for a year, went to the Temple to receive their endowments and to be sealed. This was a lovely evening for Ward members.

We celebrated the 170th birthday of the Relief Society Organization on March 15, 2012. We had a "Mad Hatter" party complete with backwards names, the cheshire cat, a mad hatter cake, and lovely decorations, including tea pots and cups. We wore our different hats, chatted together, and enjoyed wonderful food.



Sister Brenda Beck, our Relief Society President talked about the meaning of Relief Society and its importance in our lives as women. We watched a slide show that was published by the Church, about the Relief Society and how we are all "Daughters in (the) Kingdom" of God. Bishop Cannon Smith talked to us about how the Relief Society and the Priesthood work together, how it was organized after the pattern of the Priesthood and the blessing it is to belong to it.

We tied quilts, and donated underclothing to the Women's Shelter in Pincher Creek, and made rice bags for the Lodge in Cardston.

The Relief Society has been focussing on a program entitled "Transition," which is to help any sister in the Ward that is experiencing change in their lives.

In July, we hiked to Blackiston Falls in Waterton. Afterward we had taco in a bag and fruit to eat at a camp kitchen. It was a beautiful day.

We made it a bit of a tradition in our presidency to welcome the Young Women into Relief Society by "kidnapping" them with no notice, and taking them out to dinner. This year we took Nicole Mason, Jennica Barfuss, Sarah Demes and Whitney Smith.

We had a very successful Super Saturday was held in November and the Young Women helped to tend the children of those participating in the classes.



Sister Arlene Stasiuk, demonstrated how to make twenty-one different articles from one roll recipe.



Sister Debbie Rowley demonstrated how to make name tags. Left round the table, Ashley Williams,?, Rosie Gibb (standing), ?, Jaquie Folsom, Debbie Rowley, Kim Kiemele,?.

In December of 2012, the lesson was on the purpose and the true meaning of Christmas. Sister Brenda Beck gave a talk on the purpose of Christmas. A song was sung, "I Wonder as I Wander," by Sister April Demes. A message was given by Sister Brenda Kunkel, of a Christmas she experienced as she and her husband served a mission in Taiwan. Sister Lynn Folsom sang, "Little One," accompanied by Tina Folsom. A video was shown on the story of Jesus. There was time for testimonies.

In January, 2013 a luncheon with the theme of "Crock Pot" cooking was held.

We had a meeting on 72 hour kits and food storage.

Our March 17th party theme was "An 8 Cow Woman," which was a Hawaiian theme. We watched the video "Johnny Lingo" while we ate Hawaiian haystacks. Sister Nicole Smith gave a talk on, "Holy Cow-How to become more spiritual", Lori Merrill gave a talk on, "Mad Cow-How to handle life's stresses without going crazy." Bishop Cannon Smith then shared his mission experiences in Hawaii and how each one of us are good inside. Diane Woolf taught us how to do the Hula. A fun and uplifting evening for all the sisters and the ladies of the community who attended.

In May, the Young Singles Branch was formed in Cardston.

In October, a very special Ward Temple day began in the early evening with the Young Women and Young Men doing baptisms with some adults officiating. The Primary children had their pictures taken outside the Temple and they were given information on the Temple in the Visitor Center, then taken on a hayride. Endowed

members did initiatory, endowments, and sealings. Members gathered at the Temple Street Chapel for refreshments to end the special Ward Temple day.

Another successful Super Saturday was held.

The monthly Relief Society Luncheon theme for November was favorite Christmas dishes.

In December, the Ward held “A Night in Bethlehem” for the Ward Christmas party in which entire families were invited to attend. Each auxiliary had an assignment. The evening was wonderful and well attended.

The first Presidency announced that beginning in 2014, a general women’s meeting will be held the Saturday before each general conference for all women, young women, and girls age eight and over. This semiannual meeting will replace the general Relief Society and general Young Women meetings that have been held annually since 1993.

In February we held a potluck luncheon and the ladies who are in the book club met afterward.

Our theme for our March 17th party was, “A Blast From the Past.” The men in the community and Ward were also invited. Dinner was served by the Glenwood Ward which allowed all the Ward sisters to enjoy the evening together. Brother and Sister Kim Schnoor put together a video presentation of all their past pictures from members of our community. It was a delightful presentation.

This year the Presidency kidnapped Celie French and Alexa Woolf and took them to Tina's Restaurant in Glenwood, for supper.



Starting on the left and going around the table, Patti Gibb, Lori Schnoor, Brenda Beck, Celie French, Alexa Woolf, and Patsy Martin.

Another successful Super Saturday was held.

A very special evening for the sisters of the ward and community was held at the Prince's Lodge in Glenwood. The theme was, "How to Keep Christ in Christmas," presented by Brother Myron and Sister Emma Peterson.

Each quarter of the year we had a birthday party to celebrate the birthdays of the sisters during that quarter. This activity was very well received and well attended and was great fun indeed.

On Christmas Sunday, we had a special Christmas presentation during our regular meeting time.

DIANE WOOLF
DECEMBER 28, 2014-October, 2016

Diane Woolf	President
Darylee Anderson	1st Counselor
Barbara Hall	2nd Counselor
Patricia Campbell	Secretary



Darylee Diane Barbara Patricia
Anderson Woolf Hall Campbell

(Picture taken January 2018)

2015

We started off the year with a challenge from Stake President Lybbert for each family or individual to research and submit three family names to have their temple work completed. We held a Family History research class on how to use the computer to find and research our own family names. In April, 3 Ward Temple nights were set aside to do adult baptisms, initiatory and endowments as ward members responded to the Stake Temple challenge.

In March, we threw a birthday party to celebrate the organization of the Relief Society. The theme was "Relief Society-173 Years of Faith, Family and Relief." The hall was decorated and a lovely meal was held. A Youtube video, "Relief Society-Something Extraordinary" was shown. We were taught to trust and rely on the Spirit because it sparks our creativity, allowing us to become better and more profitable servants. Sister Nonavee Campbell shared how Visiting teachers had helped her cope in difficult circumstances and Sister Connie Gibb shared how being a visiting teacher and the examples of different companions had blessed her life. The Bishop emphasized the blessings and responsibilities of being a part of this "extraordinary" organization.

In June, a Tri-Stake Women's Conference themed "Fresh Courage Take!" was held. Sisters Wendy Watson Nelson and Sheri Dew addressed us. They emphasized the power of covenant making and keeping.

Throughout the year classes were held on color coding, a girls night out to a movie, a hike in Waterton, and an iphone class.

October brought Super Saturday with 7 classes offered. Also a class was held to make "Book Bags For Babies" humanitarian project.

In November we made a Relief Society Temple trip.

The potluck luncheons and book club were continued most months of the year.

May 3 was a special lesson with sisters from the Primary and Young Womens attending a Visiting Teaching seminar. Each member of the Presidency focused on a different topic of "Love, Return and Report and Service". Sister Arlene Stasiuk bore her testimony of the power and influence of Visiting Teaching and shared a poem she had written. The Spirit was strong and we left feeling grateful for one another and the sisterhood we share.

Visiting Teaching

I am just a visiting teacher
But an important part of God's plan
I'll be humble in all of my duties
Show love for my fellow man

I must listen to my Savior's direction
And my mission I must really full fill
To help those in need is our calling
And to honour Heavenly Father's will

I'll remember that I am a teacher
An example of trust, faith and love
Make careful and good preparations
Guided now by our Father above.

My testimony must become much stronger

My love for my Savior be true
And carry it to all of our sisters
It's up to me and to you.

We need to strive to live like our Savior
Get to know him, keep our hearts full of love
Live a prayer and be a good example
And honour Our Father above.

December 6 was our Christmas lesson, "Living a Christ Centered Life." The Spirit was very strong as we contemplated our Saviour's life and how we could better emulate His attributes.

Visiting Teaching percentages are high, but our sisters realize it's people and not percentages that count. The need for compassionate service has been great with several members of our ward and community experiencing challenges with health and the loss of loved ones. The women of our ward have stepped up, given and continue to give the love, support and service that is needed.

2016

Our year started as the Stake introduced us to the 2016 Temple Initiative-"Come Ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord." We were given the mandate to concentrate on our temple worship and service and to continue preparing family names to take, as well as attending more frequently.

Our Bishop encouraged us to have our attendance such that we would be able to have our own session.

We were asked by the Stake to replace our "Good News" moments at the beginning of our meetings with special temple or family history experiences and we have followed that directive.

At the end of January we had a Wellness Retreat at Prince's lodge in Glenwood with the focus on 3 areas: emotional wellbeing, physical wellbeing and creativity. Supper was had, games played and a few sisters stayed overnight. The next morning we had breakfast and a gab session. It was an enjoyable time, giving us the chance to get to know one another better and promote the feelings of sisterhood that should exist in our Relief Society organization.

To celebrate the 174th birthday we had “Dinner and a Movie.” A light supper was served with popcorn and a chocolate bar as a dessert for the movie “Emma’s Story.”

Our Stake Relief Society event in April was “Praise to the Man-Honouring the Prophet Joseph Smith.” It was a service project sewing costumes for the summer Youth activity, “Joseph’s Legacy,” coming this summer.

In May we attended the Cardston Community Theatres production of, “The Little Mermaid” featuring 3 of our ward members, Sisters April and Eden Demes and Brother David Anderson.

In the summer we held a “Cookie Caper” in which each sister brought 2 dozen cookies then divided them and delivered them to those in the Ward and community that needed a visit.

In September we went to the temple and took our family names.

We had a condensed Super Saturday with a class on dips by Diana Folsom and Cynthia Layton demonstrated how to make an advent calendar. Diana then helped Thare Del Gado with a class on tortilla making.

Our last enrichment of the year was a class on 72 hour emergency kits and having a home evacuation plan.

Luncheons were held 6 times throughout the year and attendance was good.

Exercise classes that began in 2005 are still being held three times per week.