

BRIEF BIOGRAPHY GLADYS HELEN NICKLE DRUMMOND

Gladys is the second child and second daughter born to Daniel Earl and Lena Marie Dahlman Nickle. She was born at Springfield, Mo.

Gladys has happy memories of her early years and also many memories of The Great Depression that came a few years later. She stated she knew about The Depression from the news, from what they told her in school, and from the newsreels she saw when she went to the movies. She can recall the difficulties that people suffered during this time and what the prices of food and other items. Perhaps these experiences helped her to become conservative in her nature and frugal in her growing up years, which would prove to be a great blessing to her later in life. She stated that her parents didn't seem to be overly worried about the conditions of the time and she definitely wasn't at all concerned.

She graduated from high school and was employed briefly at a lumber company at what she remembers to be a very low wage. She has happy memories of friends, family, cousins, and Church people prior to this time and many boy friends. At 16 she served a short full-time mission in the Central States during her summer vacation from school.

She tells of meeting her future husband, James G. Drummond, at the skating rink and how they were attracted to one another. During their courtship Jim converted to Gladys' religion and they married in the Manti Temple in Manti, Utah. Jim was a very good man and provided well for her and their six children. He served faithfully in the Church with such callings as Bishop and District President over four corners of Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas and Arkansas.

Gladys served for many long years in the Church in Springfield and could be numbered among those who caused the church to grow and function. She held many callings in the church, among them Branch Relief Society President, District Relief Society President and many times served on the mission boards, etc. She was also a most excellent Gospel Doctrine teacher and taught many of the Relief Society Lessons. She did all these things while rearing her six children and supporting her husband in his heavy church responsibilities – which was no easy task.

They lived happily in Springfield, Missouri, most of their lives and completed a six-month mission to the Peter Whitmer home prior moving to Salt Lake to retire. They had Gladys' family and one daughter here and many other family members. They had some happy experiences here and enjoyed life. Jim's death was a very difficult time for Gladys and her children and they honored him greatly.

Gladys' years in Salt Lake have been comfortable, with a minimum amount of illness, and her children have been most faithful to her and even devoted to her.

She is faithful in her religion and loves the church and gospel and is faithful in reading her scriptures and serving how she can at this point in life. She keeps in close contact with her children and grandchildren and sisters and brother in-law while caring for her needs.

(Compiled by her sister, W. Nadyne Nickle – Feb. 2006)