

My Life Story

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I was born in Salt Lake City Sept. 16, 1899
a daughter of Rachel Ann Baxter and Charles
E. Jackson. My parents were good people and
came here from England for the sake of their
religion. I have 2 full sisters and one full
brother and several foster brothers and sisters
as my father although not a polygamist was married
several times, he lost each wife through death.
My parents taught us the gospel and to go
to Sunday school and other church meetings also
to pay our tithing.

When we were real small children my father
would read stories from the Bible to us each night
after we were tucked in bed. On Sunday nights
after church friends would gather at our house
and we would all stand around the organ and
sing hymns. Then my mother would serve light refreshment
we were happy though poor.
When my youngest sister Minnie was born

my mother died when the baby was ten days old
I was 10 yrs Essie 5 yrs and Maurice $7\frac{1}{2}$ yrs old.

One day my mother's old maid sister came to
stay with us and take care of us. She married
my father and thus became our step mother.

At that time we lived in a small house
with a store in front on 2nd So. bet 8th & 9th
East my father ran the store. We lived in the
Webster School district where I attended grade
school.

Then one day my father moved to a larger
store and house near the university of Utah. Then
I attended training school at the university.

We took in university students to board
as the house was so large we didn't need it
all and to help with expenses. Beside running
the store.

It was my job to cook all the meals and
put up all lunches and wait on any customers
that would come in the store in the mornings
before school time, then I had to be to school
by 9 o'clock. We had a girl to work in
the store the rest of the day while my father
delivered.

I was about sixteen years old then, my
Aunt was blind so she would tell me what

to Cook and how to do it and I would cook it.

I would have to come home from school and Iron for the family and boarders or make pie or cake for supper. For this work I received \$2.00 a week which was considered pretty good with your clothes and food too.

I didn't work all the time some times I played base ball with the boys and girls in the vacant field next to the store. Other times the girls would go around the back in our back yard and swing and flirt over the back fence with the boys playing ball.

The boys and girls after get together in the evening and played kick the can or run sheep run under the street light on the corner. We often had surprise parties where the guests brought the refreshments and enjoyed board games such as spin the bottle post office and so forth. We had lots of fun.

When I was eighteen I got a job at the Western Credit Association in the Judge Bldg. I worked there till I was married.

One day one of my Cousins got married and invited me and my boy friend to the wedding.

It was there I met your grandpa as she and her boys friend were very good friends of his and his girl. I never saw your grandpa again for a year after that, then one day I met him down town and we started going around together he belonged to the national guard and after serving in the Mexican border service he came home and we were married. After we had been married several years we decided to go to the temple and he married for time and Eternity. We had six children 2 girls and 4 boys the first little girl was premature and lived only a few hours but we took the boy to the temple and had them sealed to us. Bonnie was born after we had been to the temple so it wasn't necessary to take her.

I have worked in civic and church organizations such as P. T. A where I served as room mother membership chairman, secretary + treasurer. I served in P. T. A Eight yrs.

In Church work I was a primary teacher a councillor and finally a president. I worked in primary 11 years.

I also worked with the teen age groups
in their program for 2 yrs.

I am now working with the relief Society as
a visiting teacher, a supervisor and a sun
shine worker. I also belong to the relief Soci-
ety singing mothers group also the ward choir.

now I am waiting for Bonnie to return from
her mission and am very proud of the office
my Boys hold in the Church, I am also watching
to see what my grandchildren do with their
lives and may God bless you all
Grandma Andersen