

John Henery and Harriet Geneva Campbell Oram
Family History

John Henery Oram was born October 28, 1883, in North Ogden, Utah; at the home of his grandparents, John and Electa Ann Gardner Montgomery. The eldest son of William Lake and Mary Mahala Montgomery Oram. There were two boys and two girls in the family. One girl, Sarah, passed away at the age of two months.

Harriet Geneva Campbell Oram was also born in North Ogden, Utah on August 8, 1887. She was the second daughter to Warren and Mary Eliza White Campbell. Their boy, Cyrus, passed away at the age of one month.

Both families moved to Liberty, Utah at a very young age.

John and Geneva grew up together. They went to school and attended all church functions held in the valley of Liberty. They became sweethearts and were later married on December 4, 1907, in the Salt Lake L.D.S. Temple.

They spent the early years of their marriage farming and caring for their growing family, while making their home in Liberty and Eden. In 1928, the farm and home were lost due to the oncoming depression years. With their large family they moved to Ogden, Utah where they found a house and quickly went about making a home for the six girls and three boys. The two oldest girls were married and had homes of their own.

What a big job it was as they devoted their lives to teaching and being there for their children. They were loving and caring parents. They entertained us. Mother had a beautiful voice. She would sing to us as she went about her daily chores. Dad and Mother danced to the music from the phonograph. They turned our work into play. Dad would recite his never ending supply of poems and stories. He had an infectious laugh and twinkles in his eyes, that some how faded after mother passed away. Love was not a stranger in our home. Yet, make no mistake, we were made to mind and if we were slow to respond; a thump on the head soon caught our attention.

Mother's health wasn't the best, and through the years, deteriorated. Dad was always at her side to help where and when he could. Harriet Geneva passed away February 9, 1946. She was 58 years old.

Our lives were very different after Mother's death, an immense change had occurred. We all rallied around Dad, but it didn't help much. He had lost his partner in life. Dad being a religious man, and both he and Mother being faithful in their belief of the L.D.S. religion as it was taught and practiced in our home. They knew they would be together again.

Dad was employed at the Ogden Union Stockyards from 1928 until he retired in 1954. He was 71 years old.

Those were lonely years for Dad without Mother. I am sure it was a joyous reunion in Heaven, when Dad joined Mother over 23 years later. John Henery passed away July 22, 1969. He was 86 years old.

John and Geneva's 11 children are as follows, in sequence:

Mary LeoneGeneva
Della MaeUvada
MinaJohn
Warren C.Beth
William G.Elaine
Violet

At the time of Dad's death, in 1969, all 11 of his children were living, as well as, 33 grandchildren and 65 great grandchildren. The great grandchildren are still increasing the Oram posterity. We now have 107 great grandchildren, 121 great-great grand children and 2 great-great-great grandchildren. In addition, there are the great-great grandchildren who have joined our family through marriage.

Four daughters have now passed away. Mina in 1982, Violet followed in 1985, Uvada in 1993 and Elaine in 1995. Elaine is the only daughter who's husband survived her. Son, William is also alone, Opal passed away in 1993.

South Ogden, Utah

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