

REUBEN FOWKES 1842-1892
MARY BACON FOWKES 1842-1915
&
CATHERINE BACON FOWKES STEVENSEN 1855-BEFORE 1878

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**REUBEN, MARY BACON FOWKES
& CATHERINE BACON FOWKES STEVENSEN**
Italized information is Reuben's personal 1891 Handwritten Diary

Combined histories obtained from: Reuben Fowkes' Diary; son- Reuben W. Fowkes; daughter - Katherine Emma Fowkes Sellers; daughter - Edith Elizabeth Fowkes Wanlass; Family records of Son-in-law - James Wanlass; Grand daughter - Margaret Wanlass Schmith; Niece of Mary Bacon Fowkes - Adeline Henry Hinckley; Great Grandson - Leslie Wanlass; Recollections of Edith Myers a daughter of Esther Fowkes Thomas; Thomas E & Ethel Hood-relatives by marriage. Chronologized, verified, with additions by Alona Southwick Perkes -2gg daughter, Dec. 2002 additional information added and Revised Nov. 2010.

1842 April 18th, Reuben Fowkes was born at Ibstock, Leicestershire, England, the second son of a second marriage of Richard Fowkes (labourer), aged 62 and Mary Barrass (#183,406) His birth certificate states: Market Bosworth 1842, Birth in the Sub-district of Ibstock in the county of Leicester, #483, Eighteenth April 1842 Ibstock, Reuben, Boy, Father Richard Fowkes, Mother Mary Fowkes formerly Barrows, father Labourer, Signature of Mary Fowkes her X mark, Mother, Ibstock, registered Sixteenth May 1842, Registrar J. Bonsat. Reuben's paternal grandparents are said to be Richard and Elizabeth Gamble Fowkes, Maternal grandparents, Edward and Leonora Thompson Barrass.

1850 Sept. 8th, When Reuben was only 8 years old his father died at the age of 70, he was 'worn out'¹. Reuben used to work for the farmers by weeding the garden or crops and in that way he was quite a help in providing for his mother and only sibling, an older brother Charles (born 29 Nov. 1839). Reuben was paid very little, while his mother used to get rice straw, cure it and then braid the straw into hats that brought good return. She also crocheted little bootees, jackets and other articles, and she would carry these things long distances to other towns to sell. Her hand work paid well and in this way she could help with expenses too. She was a splendid type of person, a fine personality—tall, and a pleasure to talk with her.

1851 Census found the family living at Ibstock - Mary's brother, Robert, was also living next door: #131 Mary Fowkes, Head, Widow, 47, Formerly Servant, born Leicestershire, Ibstock
Continue folio 427, page 28 #131

...Richard Barrass, son, Unmarried, 29, Tailor, born Leicestershire, Ibstock

...Ellen Barrass, Dau, Unmarried, 16, knitter, born Leicestershire, Ibstock

...Richard Fowkes, son, 9, Scholar, born Leicestershire, Ibstock

NOTE: Richard Fowkes age 9, has to be Reuben as indicated in later 1861 census' (Ibstock, Leicester, 1851, #0087709, 107/2083 ED 11, Folio 426, page 27 & 28)

1855 Reuben first heard the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints gospel preached on the streets in England and he was baptized in 1855. Because he joined the church he became an outcast among his companions. They felt that he had done the wrong thing, for the Mormon people were looked down upon and were even called a degraded people at that time. He was devoted to his religion and walked great distances to attend a L.D.S. Church conference².

One Sunday morning some of his companions called on him and invited him to go for a walk with them. His mother did not feel right about his going, but finally said he could go. They walked until they came to an old abandon mine, and after walking out on a trestle they pushed Reuben off, ran away and left him for dead. He didn't know how long he lay there but when he came to, he found he happened to land

¹ Death Certificate statement added 2010

² Sentence inserted 2010

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on a lot of loose sand. He had survived the fall with a lot of bruises, a sprained knee and part of his top front teeth were broken off.

It's been said that Reuben received his education as a mining engineer at the Oxford College in England and was a very brilliant man ³.

1861 Census found the family at Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Hugglescote Parish.

#88 Whitelegs: Mary Fowkes, Widow, Head, 57, Shoe binder, born Leicester, Istock

...Ellen Barrass, daur, unmarried, 26, Knitter, born Leicester, Istock

...Reuben Fowkes, Son, Unmarried, 19, Coal Miner, born Leicester, Istock

...Mary Ann Barrass, GDau, 9, Scholar, born Leicester, Istock

...Henry Edward Barrass, GSon, 7, Scholar, born Leicester, Istock

(Registrar's Dist of Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Hugglescote Parish, Leicester, England, 1861 Film#542946, RG9/2271, ED#3, Folio 46 page 18)

1862ish When Reuben reached dating age, he met two Bacon sisters (Elizabeth and Mary) at church. Reuben started paying a lot of attention to Elizabeth who worked in a lace factory as a overseer, and Mary had fallen in love with him. When he left for a few days both girls felt that Elizabeth was his choice but a few days later a letter arrived addressed to "Mary Bacon". Elizabeth claimed the letter but Mary insisted it was hers, so Mary put the letter, unopened, down the neck of her dress and said, "We shall see when Reuben comes again." and there the letter remained 3 days until Reuben arrived on Sunday and verified that the letter was indeed for Mary, telling her that he had fallen in love with her. Elizabeth remained angry for a long time over the situation.

Reuben's sweetheart, Mary was a very tiny young lady, and she could walk under Reuben's arm and not touch it, and she was just 4 feet 11 inches tall! Mary was gifted with sewing abilities and would sew articles for gifts, clothing for people, and was able to earn an income for herself and family.

Mary was born **Feb. 8, 1842** at Chesterfield, Derbyshire, England, the daughter of William and Caroline North Bacon, two good, old English families. Her birth certificate states: "Registration District of Chesterfield 1842, Birth in the Sub-district of Chesterfield in the county of Derby, #393, Eighth of February 1842 at Newbold Lane, Chesterfield, Mary, Girl, father William Bacon, Mother Caroline Bacon Formerly North, Father Framework Knitter, Signature of Wm Bacon, Father, Newbold Lane, Chesterfield, registered Twelfth of March 1842 by Samuel Hollingworth, Registrar."

Having come from a family of some distinction, Mary had the right to have the bell on the church steeple ring for her three Sundays in a row as a signal of having been married. The day they were married, the church was packed with friends and relatives.

1863 Apr. 5th, Reuben and Mary Bacon were married at Hugglescote Parish, Leicestershire, England on Easter Sunday. The marriage certificate states: "Registration District of Ashby de la Zouch, 1863, Marriage solemnized at the Parish church in the Parish of Hugglescote in the County of Leicester. #124, Married April 5th, Reuben Fowkes, 21, Bachelor, Pitman, Residence Hugglescote, Father Richard Fowkes Labourer, and Mary Bacon, 21, Spinster, Residence Hugglescote, Father William Bacon, Frame Work Knitter, Married in the Parish church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church after Banns. Marriage solemnized between Reuben Fowkes and Mary Bacon in the presence of us, John Gurlay, Richard Bate, Ann Bacon, Ellen Barrass, the Curate was Edw. F. Cave B. Carre". Reuben's half sister and Mary's sister were witnesses to their marriage.

³ Paragraph inserted 2010

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Reuben was about 5 feet 10 inches tall with blue eyes and brown hair, while Mary was small in stature with dark brown eyes and black hair, they made a great looking couple. (Edith Myers) ⁴

When Mary's father, William Bacon, joined the 'Mormon' church, his people disowned and disinherited him. His health was poor (he had asthma) and this worked a hardship on his wife Caroline, who in addition was a nurse and went out among the sick a great deal. This left the responsibility of caring for home and her invalid father upon young Mary's shoulders.

Mary had joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and was baptized Mar. 11th, 1857, at Loughborough, Leicester. As a newly married couple they lived with Mary's parents; William & Caroline Bacon, so that Mary could continue caring for her invalid father who suffered from Asthma.

1865 Aug. 20th, Edith was born to Reuben and Mary at Coalville, Leicestershire, England. Her Birth certificate states: Registration District Ashby-da-la-Zouch 1865. Birth in the Sub-district of Whitwich in the counties of Leicester and Derby. #446, Twentieth August 1865, Coalville Hugglescote, Edith, Girl, father Reuben Fowkes, Mother Mary Fowkes formerly Bacon, Father a Collier, Signature of Mary Fowkes, Mother, Coalville Hugglescote, Registered Eighteenth September 1865 by John Davenport

Edith, was blessed by her maternal grandfather, William Bacon on Sept. 3, 1865. Somewhere along the way she received the addition of 'Elizabeth'to her name, Edith Elizabeth Fowkes.

1865 Oct. 10th, Mary's father William Bacon died, just less than a month after blessing Edith Elizabeth. "DIED: In Loughborough, Leicestershire, on the 10th of October last, of asthma, Elder William Bacon, aged 53 years." (Millennial Star Publication, Sat. Dec. 16, 1865, page 800)

1866 Mar. 31st, Mary's mother Caroline North Bacon died. This left Catherine, the youngest sister an orphan at the tender age of 11. Mary and Reuben took her into their home.

1867 Oct. 10th, Esther Ellen was born at Whitwick, Leicestershire, England.

With both of Mary's parents dead, her just younger sister, Elizabeth had previously emigrated with their uncle, Dr. William North, on the "Sunflower" in Aug./Sept. 1864 and settled in Fillmore UT. Her next younger sister, Ann had married John Grimley July 20, 1864, leaving 11 year old Catherine as the only unmarried sibling. Reuben and Mary were very comfortable in their home, Reuben being a respected civil engineer and Mary with a vocation of making men's suits from cloth she had spun. Mary was also a gifted musician with a beautiful singing voice, with two little daughters they talked it over and decided to give everything up and seek their fortune in America. The Fowkes family started to make plans to emigrate to the USA, including Catherine in their plans.

1868 June 30th, Reuben Fowkes 26, Mary 26, Edith 2, Esther infant, Catherine Bacon 14 (actually 13) migrated from Liverpool, England to America on the ship "Minnesota" with a company of 534 emigrating Latter-day Saints. Catherine Bacon was changed to the Perpetual Emigration Fund ordered by Pres. B. Young (located at the end of the ship's information, #025,692). Both Reuben 'Fowlks', and Catherine Bacon are listed as being Indebted to the Perpetual Immigration Fund in 1868, (025,686 page 22, 64)

While crossing on the boat, there was a storm at sea and some possessions, mostly of the 'Fawkes' family, were swept overboard. There were a few things that had been tied down and were separate which were saved, including wedding gifts of a cut glass crystal, a sugar & creamer, covered butter dish, and a holder for the spoons in which the spoons were placed upside down. People on board were very good to share with what they had, diapers for Esther and other things to make the Fawkes life a little more bearable for their losses. Very generous and loving gestures on the part of fellow converts who were coming to Zion.

⁴Paragraph inserted 2010

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1868 July 12th, They arrived in New York City after spending 6 weeks on the ocean and traveled by railroad to Fort Laramie, Wyoming which at that time was the terminal for the Union Pacific Railroad Company.

1868 July 25th, Reuben purchased two oxen, a big white one and a big red one and a wagon. They continued their journey across the plains and mountains in the Chester Loveland company (they, however, are not listed on the roster for the Loveland 1868 crossing, but statements of Mary & Edith state it was so). They traveled along the Platt River for days and days. They had to forge the Platt River many times and it was very dangerous because of the quick sand it contained. One young man, the only son of an elderly couple was quite spoiled and disobedient and wouldn't follow the directions of Captain Loveland. He put out into the river alone and was drowned in a whirl pool. They had some good swimmers there but they were unable to find his body. This was a sorrow to all of the company. The "Big Sandy" (which was a mountain of sand), was difficult to cross as the oxen would sink in the sand to above their knees and the wagon wheels to the hubs, and the oxen could only go a few paces at a time. Everyone walked who were able, men, women and children. Most of the way Reuben carried Edith Elizabeth (almost 3) on his back, over the sand. The heat was so terrible that Mary had a sun stroke and lost so much weight that she lost her prized wedding ring in the quick sand and they never found it. She was placed in one of the wagons because she was too weak to walk, her two daughters who were also ill, had to ride in the wagons because of their weakened condition. Wood was scarce and it was difficult to gather even enough to make fires to cook on, however, they were a happy group in spite of all the discomforts with Indians and sickness. They held meetings, sang hymns and had dances along the way to break the monotony of the long journey. In spite of night guards the Indians attacked and caused a great deal of trouble, they had quite a lot of their oxen stolen.

1868 Aug. 20th, They arrived in Salt Lake City on Edith's 3rd birthday with only what they stood in. Disappointment waited the Fowkes family for there was plenty of work to do but no money. Mr. Croxall, who had been on a mission to England and had stayed with the Fowkes' while there, helped them out a lot. He helped them get settle in a small room that joined his home, located at First West between 3 & 4 South Street, belonging to the SLC 7th Ward (#1,750,676). Reuben worked as an engineer on the Mormon Tabernacle and other imposing buildings under construction throughout the city. He also found work on a railroad that was being put through for the Union Pacific tunnel in Weber Canyon as a civil engineer, and other vital construction jobs for the company.

Because Mary was a versatile woman, while Reuben was working, she did all she could to help make some money to feed the family. She was an exceptionally good tailoress and rented a small sewing machine that fastened on a table which had to be turned by hand. She understood tailoring and made suits for the men and lovely dresses with neat seams for the ladies, using the thimble and knitting needles she had brought with her. Mr. Croxall was very good getting work for her from good reliable people so that she bought bed clothes and things that were needed. When she could get an order to sew something from people who could afford it, it helped bring food supplies to the family through trade of potatoes, flour, bacon, fruits, etc., along with necessities.

On one occasion a Mr. Walsh was called to fill a mission in England. He didn't see however he could go because he didn't own a suit of clothes and he had no money. One sister had enough gray wool linsey material she had brought from England she said she would give him and Mary made his suit and a small collection of money was given to him. They were all so united in all that was done. Mr. Walsh went on his mission.

1868 Oct. Just before Oct. General conference Reuben came walking home and Mary saw him coming and went out to meet him. He handed her a few dollars in script, his pay for working on the railroad

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explaining that the contract had gone broke and that was all they could pay the men. Mary, in her same old cheerful way, said, "Well, we have plenty. We have flour and potatoes, and bacon and everything we need and I have made a new suit of clothes for you so take that money and get you a pair of shoes and then we can all go to conference."

Within Temple Square, 10 acre block (where the Salt Lake City Temple was under construction) was The Tabernacle and The Endowment House, which was located on the northwest corner of the Temple Square. Within these sacred walls the Fowkes adults; Reuben, Mary & Catharine went to be sealed.

1868 Dec. 1st, Reuben and Mary were sealed in the Endowment house in Salt Lake City. Reuben was also sealed to Mary's youngest sister, Catharine Bacon. The records state:

"Reuben Fowkes bn 18 Feb. 1842 at Ibstock, Leicshr, Eng.

Mary Bacon bn 8 Feb. 1852 at Chesterfield, Derby, Eng.

Catharine Bacon bn 27 Feb. 1853 at Loughbrough, Leicester, Eng (really 1855).

Sealed 1 Dec. 1868 by D. H. Wells.

Witness: A. Pratt and W. W. Phelps"

(#1149515 Sealing Records of the living, Endowment House Records, 1 Jan. 1867 - 16 Aug. 1869, page 214, #12171)

1869 SLC Directory lists: Fowkes, Reuben, lab. 7th w(ar)d. 1 W. bet. 3 and 4 S. (979.225E4s 1869 page 106)

During the 1860's federal soldiers prospecting for minerals had found significant coal veins north and over the hill from the Chalk Creek Fort, the fort was later renamed Coalville. The entire canyon precinct was named Grass Creek.

Early Spring 1869 Reuben's started working for William Wallace Cluff, Mayor of Coalville, in the

Grass Creek Mine, at a rail-road tunnel near Echo, Utah (RWF). The family moved to Coalville, Summit, Utah area where Reuben secured some land. There was a cliff where a pillar of rock jutting out of the earth and in the very shadow of that, Reuben, Mary and little Edith Elizabeth decided to build their rock house located on Main Street by the banks of the beautiful Chalk Creek⁵ which would supply them with water. Using Reuben's stone mason and civil engineer skills and a rock hill close by, he carried large flat rocks, Mary carried smaller ones and little Edith Elizabeth carried small rocks in a bucket or her apron to be used to fill in the gaps between the larger rocks, fitting them all together with mud. There were two windows and a door in the one room rock house,



Granite blocks to be used in the construction of the temple. Tabernacle and Endowment House can be seen in background.



Rock House Built by Reuben and Mary Fowkes
Coalville Utah about 1868.

Picture by William Reuben Fowkes

⁵ Location inserted 2010

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with a fireplace to keep them warm and to give Mary a place to cook. There wasn't any lumber of any kind so Reuben cut cottonwood or willow trees into poles. The smaller tree branches were used for the roof, then covered with dirt, which matched the dirt floor. They didn't have a door or window for the openings but they had some cloth coverings over those until they could afford other things. A log was placed along one side of the room, far enough from the wall so that they could lie down, a log as a foot board and the wall as a headboard for their 'bed'. They went out into the meadows and pulled grass and cured it to put on the ground. Reuben got some straw from a man that thrashed a small amount of grain and used the straw for a mattress, and that was the bed they had to sleep on. They were very poor, they didn't have furniture. The home was quaint enough to be attractive, and being on the bank of the beautiful Chalk creek, it had a picturesque setting, their first realization of happiness and independence in their own home. There was no work to be had so they, along with others, suffered a lot of hardships.

In later years a poem was written about the Little Rock House by Catherine Mary Fowkes Ruward. It states:

Little Rock House Catherine Mary Fowkes Ruward

Reuben and Mary built a little rock house,
By the side of a running stream.
It was the first little house they could call their own,
It was the answer to their dream.

The four rock walls formed the only room
And Mother Earth made the floor.
Two windows for light and curtains so bright
And they entered through a door.

Now Reuben knew that he should find wood,
Only the best would do,
To make the table and chairs, bed and shelves,
And a cradle too, for each baby new.

And Mary would cook and clean and sew,
And make candles for light in the night.
Their peace and love surely came from above,
and their family did thrive and grow.

Now this little rock house so dear and quaint
Inspired an artist* to paint.
Many years have passed on, and the house is now gone;
But it lives in our memories.

*The rock house became an inspiration to George Beard, a noted Utah artist who took numerous pictures and painted the Coalville Rock House in various seasons.⁶



Rock House picture from Coalville Utah, Museum
obtained Oct. 2010

⁶ Paragraph and Photo inserted 2010

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1869 May 14th, Eveline May was born to Reuben and Mary in their new rock house near Coalville, but the folks called her "Hard Times" because she came in the middle of poverty and hardship. When they were ready to bless May they didn't have a bonnet, so Mary tied one of Reuben's handkerchiefs on her head and this served as her bonnet. (Birth records were not required by the territory at this time, therefore the only records available were through the church, and Eveline May is not listed in the Coalville LDS Church records. She was not blest until 1873 in Almy, Wyoming)

Mary couldn't nurse her babies well and they couldn't buy milk, so she boiled rolled oats until they were done, strained it and fed her baby on it. When the baby became fussy, Mary would take a little sugar mixed with water, soak a corner of cloth in the mixture and then let the baby suck on it, it was called a 'Sugar Tit' in those days instead of a pacifier. They didn't have much to eat and when they did have flour, it was made into little round cakes and baked on the fire place which Reuben had made.

Mary would gather reeds, straw from along the streams and byways, cure and weave it into straw hats. She would take the straw hats she had woven to market and trade them for food and such goods as helped make their life better.

Reuben was very active in social work in the Coalville community and especially in dramatic entertainment. He was a fine reader, very humble in what he did and a very good at putting on entertainment. Mary used her skills and talents in each place they lived to contribute to the cultural and religious aspects in the communities. She continued her musical interest by performing for church and organizations and encouraged her daughters to participate in many dramatic productions. Reuben did not take part on the stage, but everything was done under his direction and when 'sister' Kate (Catherine) was to sing, the house would be full to capacity.

Some background is needed for in late Oct. 1869 Brigham Young had decided that the Mormon church should facilitate the building of a five mile narrow gauge railroad from Coalville to the Union Pacific line at Echo, from there the Union Pacific would carry Summit county coal to Ogden. Thus, under the direction of W. W. Cluff, the Coalville LDS bishop, the people of Summit county agreed to prepare the roadbed and supply the ties for the five-mile narrow-gauge railroad. An issue of \$250,000.00 in stock was offered, much of that was promised to the people who worked on the project (Hist. Summit Co).

1870 Jan. By the middle of Jan. the men had virtually completed the roadbed preparation, and had held up their end of the bargain, however the Union Pacific didn't. It failed to provide iron for the tracks and work had to be suspended. Due to competition of the new higher-quality coal found on Union Pacific land near Rock Springs, Wyoming, the Mormon authorities decided not to look elsewhere for the rails and so the work on the spur line came to a halt, leaving Cluff's Coalville crew without compensation for their work, one of whom may have been Reuben (Hist. Summit Co).

Mary would walk from her rock home at Coalville, to the little town of Echo, 9 miles north west⁷, where there was a slaughter house. There she got beef and sheep fat to make candles to sell and the kind butcher would also give her liver and small pieces of meat. While she was gone, she likely had 'Kate' and 5 year old Edith to help tend to baby May. Mary would tie a little sugar in a clean white rag and tie it up tight with a string, and if the baby cried too hard she instructed Edith to dip the sugar in a little water and put it in the babies mouth and tend her, until Mary could return from the store. Sometimes Mary was so tired when she got back from that long walk that she just cried. However, Mary would take the mutton fat and render it out by melting it and purify it and put string up into a candle mold. She would dip the

⁷ Mileage inserted 2010

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wick into the tallow, making the very best kind of pretty white candles. Mary would take the candles to the store and sell them to help pay for the family food that was necessary to buy from the store.

1870 June 22, Census; the Fowkes family are found living at Coalville, Summit, Utah Territory. [However, the census taker, Ed L Butterfield, must have been hard of hearing, very sloppy with names or had other issues as he really recorded the names wrong]

Fowks, Robert, [Reuben] 28, male, white, Coal Miner, born England, Parents of Foreign birth

...Mary, 28, female, white, Keeping House, born England, Parents of Foreign birth

...Eliza [Edith Elizabeth], 4, female, white, At Home, born England, Parents of Foreign birth

...Emma [Esther], 2, female, white, At Home, born England, Parents of Foreign birth

...Jane [Eveline May], 2/12, female, white, At Home, born Utah, Parents of Foreign birth

Moore Daniel, 22, male, white, Coal Miner, born England, parents of Foreign birth

(Note: Robert Fowks does not show up in the 1880 census for US western states. Reuben & Mary Fowkes did lived in Coalville, even though the names are mixed up, this has to be Reuben (Robert), Mary, Edith Elizabeth (Eliza), Esther (Emma) and Eveline May (Jane) 2 months old.

Census, Roll M593_1612; Page: 108B; Image: 221; Family History Library Film: 553111, line 20, #136, 114

Catherine was not with Reuben and Mary, nor has she been found in the 1870 Census at any conceivable location or spelling.⁸

Reuben quit working for the Cluff Coalville crew as he could not get hold of any money and could just get a few things from the store. He had studied about mining and understood it thoroughly. When the Union Pacific Coal Company heard that Reuben owned a set of surveying instruments, they offered him work as a mining engineer in the Almy, Territory of Wyoming. Wyoming Territory was acquired from France as part of the Louisiana Purchase in 1803 and was first settled in July 25, 1868. Uinta County was just established in 1869 within the Territory of Wyoming. The new mining town was named Almy, Wyoming.

Reuben gratefully accepted the offer and since there was no money to buy transportation he determined to go on foot. Reuben took 2-3 flour cakes or dry biscuits, rolled up and tied a quilt on his back and walked from Coalville, Utah to Almy, Uinta, Wyoming approximately 45-50 miles. As he traveled, when he came to a spring or a stream that looked as if it had good water in it, he would sit down beside it and dip his dry biscuits in the stream to soften them a little so he could eat them, then travel on his way. When he arrived at Almy, his job was waiting for him because there was an old mine that had had a fire in it for some time, and as they were opening new mines Reuben was needed to survey the area for the mining operation for the Union Pacific Railroad. "The mining camp of Almy, which is located on the right bank of Bear River, about five miles north of Evanston. The camp was named in honor of Thomas J. Almy, a leading official of the Union Pacific Coal mine. Prospectors had discovered coal in the mountains near the present site of Almy as early as 1868, before the advent of the Union Pacific Railroad, and the first coal mine afterwards known as Mine No. 1 was opened by the Rocky Mountain Coal and Iron company in 1869. Said company shipped the first coal that year but it was not until 1870 that the real coal traffic was inaugurated" (US Utah H2J).

"Among the men employed to open the mines and later to operate them were a number of L.D.S. coal-miners, who in the summer of 1870 met in the so-called "Old Wyoming Camp." near Mine No. 1, about three miles north of Evanston, and with common consent appointed John Jolley, one of their number

⁸1870 Census and two following paragraphs inserted 2010

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to preside over them as an ecclesiastical capacity. They then commenced to hold regular meetings, and auxiliary organizations were also organized” (US Utah H2J). Almy as a branch of the L.D.S. Church was organized in 1870, part of the Bear Lake Stake. Reuben, Mary and Catherine are listed in the early church records of the Almy L.D.S. Branch, with James Bowns as bishop (an emigrant mine worker in 1871 from England (#034,535).

1871 Reuben, to help keep his sons out of mining work, obtained through the ‘Homestead Act’ 366 acres



of land north of Almy, Wyoming. Located on the ranch was a strip of light/white-colored rock almost 2,500 ft thick, comprised of volcanic ash beds/limestones containing fossils of plants, fish, and shells. This strip of ‘rocks’ would become known as the ‘Fowkes Formation’ in 1900 (National Geologic & USGS)⁹. Some outcrops of coal comes to the surface through this formation about six miles below Almy (Wyoming, Uinta Co, It’s Place pg 89, 126).

From a Rand McNally 2009 Road Atlas¹⁰, (page 116 of Wyoming) the “Fowkes Ranch” was located about 4 miles East of the Utah & Wyoming boarder, along the East side of the Bear River and 12 miles North and slightly West of Evanston, with Almy centered between the ‘Ranch’ and Evanston¹¹.

Reuben was the first white man to take a wagon down the East side of the Bear River to his half section of land. He built a 3 room log cabin to house their family and they moved to the ranch when Edith was a young girl. At first the wild hay that was growing along the river bottom was cut with a scythe and put up (stacked).

In the coming years the land was put under (plowed), hay and other crops (oats) were planted and cultivated. He stocked his ranch with cattle, sheep and horses, raised oxen and taught them to work and sold them to ranchers to plow or pull heavy loads. Edith E. spent most of her time with Reuben, always with one younger sister for company. Reuben could not go to the ranch very much because of his responsibility at the mines, but he did enjoy it when he could go. Therefore he hired Mr. and Mrs. Mort Jackson to run the ranch during the years he was involved with the mines.

When the railroad company got started there was work for every body, especially the ones that were emigrating in. The Fowkes family helped the community grow into a very lovely place. Almy grew so fast the company had to build the first existing boarding house to take care of the working men and the Union Pacific Coal Company asked Mary to ‘manage’ it which was a blessing to the young family. She was able to provide work for herself and children, which helped pay the expenses. Resourceful as always, Mary would sew articles for gifts when she wanted them and was very free with any extra money. Mary used to have an old lady take care of all her babies, sort of a nursery, while she was taking care of the boarding house. She never did any of her own cleaning, she always hired somebody to do it, then she did other type of work or sewing, to earn money to pay for the labor that had been done for her. Edith Elizabeth started

⁹ Formation Reworded 2013

¹⁰ Updated map

¹¹ Ranch location and information updated from Jay & Ione Fowkes description 2010.

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her schooling at Almy. The first public school was held in a frame building near the Rocky Mountain store, and A. H. Parson was the teacher (Uinta Co, It's place pg 130).

There were very few loaded gun shells to buy, so Reuben bought a reloading outfit and would reload empty shells for their hunting trips. Everybody took care of their empty shells and Reuben would get the empty tea containers from the store, which were made of lead. He would break the lead containers into small pieces, put the pieces into an iron ladle and hold it on hot fire coals until the lead melted. He would pour the molten lead into molds which hardened quickly. He had a small measure shaped like a mallet on one end and this measured the powder and buck shot. In the empty shot gun shells he placed the hardened lead, measure of buck shot, measure of powder and a paper wad. The shell was then crimped around the top and ready for use.

1871 Sept. 27th, Caroline Anne (Annie) was born to Reuben and Mary at Almy, Uinta, Wyoming in a two room house. Almy was a fine town and wonderful people lived there, everyone ready and willing to help for the betterment of the mining town. Mary and Reuben both helped in any way possible for the benefit of the public and do practically anything. They were very good singers and sang many duets together.

Reuben was Superintendent of Sunday School and started a home talent group who put on many plays, he never tired of his endeavors to make it a success. He was a live wire civic leader and was loved by all who knew him.

1872 Jan. 28th, Caroline Anne Fowkes was blessed by John Ward (#034,535).

1872 Samuel Fowkes was said to have been born to Reuben and Catherine, (Joseph Valentine Fowkes). Samuel likely died at birth as he was not blessed in the Almy Branch, nor was he buried in the Almy Cemetery. Note: The Almy Branch records (034,535) have some issues where a Pugmire son named Samuel Henry Pugmire was linked to the Fowkes family on the indexes as he was blessed the same day as Caroline - but his parents names were left blank. Because he was listed under the 'Caroline Fowkes' blessing the secretary linked him to the Fowkes listing directly above his name. The Pugmire family was from Evanston and Samuel Henry Pugmire died there 14 Mar 1877- BYU Special Collections)¹²

1873 Meetings were held in various halls until the erection of the meeting house in 1873, a well build edifice which stood near Number 4 mine.

The rough timber school house was located near Number 4 mine for the children. Mr. Wardel, Superintendent of the Union Pacific Coal Co.'s Number 4 mine, placed Reuben in charge of the mine and would later give him full charge of the property.

1873 Jun. 6th, Mary LeNorah was born to Reuben and Mary at Almy.

A fire occurred in one of the Coal Mine, and in those days the ventilation was not good and when a mine fire occurred, people couldn't work in the mine. Reuben figured out a way to put the fire out, by engineering the water from the Bear River around to where it could be run into the mine. The officials of the mine were afraid that when the water hit the fire there would be a great combustion and further damage would be done. Reuben told them, "No, that wouldn't be the case, if they would just let a trickle of water run down the mine as he prescribed." They finally agreed so the ditch was made, the water was put down in a small trickle, gauged by Reuben as he observed the amount of steam escaping from the mine tunnel. The top official visitor from New York City, Mr. Black, paid Reuben a great compliment, "Mr. Fawkes, no one else could have done what you have done. We appreciate your engineering skill and your

¹² Paragraph added after additional research proved Samuel Henry Pugmire was not a Fowkes.

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knowledge. You have returned the mine into service and have made possible for the employment of the people to continue, and for profits to be made from the mine.”

1873 July 20th, Evaline May was blest by Wm Budge and Mary LeNorah was blest by Samuel Pike on the same day (#034,535 pg 37).



Chief Washakie,
1870's

1873 Aug. 31st, Edith was baptized, possibly in the Bear River, or perhaps the Fowkes Spring that existed 3 miles from the Ranch, or possibly in the dam on the ‘Fowkes ditch’ located on the ranch.

Chief Washakie and his Shoshone tribe lived and roamed freely through the country in the Almy area. Reuben got along well with the Indians. The Shoshone Chief Washakie and his son would go up the river and often times call on the Fowkes. Reuben and the Chief often ate together, as Reuben would rather feed the Indians than have them run his cattle off. One day the chief arrived and Mary only had one loaf of bread left, which she gave to him. He put the loaf down and said, "No!" He sat in the corner and waited, for he could smell new hot bread cooking in the oven. Mary used to always slice the bread after buttering the end, as she has seen her mother do¹³.

One night Edith and May were bringing the cows home from pasture and the Indians chased and lashed them until Reuben came in sight, the Indians turned and ran.

1874 Jan. 27th, Reuben William, being the first son of Reuben and Mary, was born at Almy and blest 14---1875 by Matthew Morris (034,535 pg 38).

1874 After the mine was open after the fire, and the men went back to work, they became dissatisfied and wanted more money and went on strike. Reuben met with them and told them that if they continued to strike, the company would get Chinamen to work for them, for half as much as the men were getting now, which was \$10.00 a day and a good wage in that time. The miners continued to strike, and as Reuben had predicted, The Rocky Mountain Company was the first to employ Chinamen and brought in about seven hundred. This caused bitter feelings against Reuben, even his life was threatened. He became discouraged and sent in his resignation, but the company would not except it. Bishop Pike told Reuben he should stay on, since he was a big help in giving work to people who emigrated to this country and needed work as soon as they could get it. Reuben was unusual in the consideration of his fellow men. The Union Pacific depended largely upon the Chinamen’s labor and at one time there were as many as twelve hundred employed by the two companies. Each big mining company had its store for supplies (Uinta Co, It’s Place pg 127) The Chinamen worked the mines at reduced wages, including the mines in the Almy and Evanston areas. Reuben was very displeased about it because it caused a lot of trouble among the different mining groups, for the cowboys were in sympathy with the American workers.



Mary Bacon Fowkes

1874 Reuben was named “Rancher of the Year” quite an honor! Soon the Fowkes family had added onto their log cabin to complete a five-room house in which to serve their growing family.¹⁴

1874 Jul 15, Sometime prior to this date Catherine met Joseph Brigham Stevenson during her late teen age years. Perhaps Joseph left Bingham Canyon, Utah's mine and went to Almy for work or a family visit.

¹³ Paragraph revised 2010

¹⁴ Paragraph added from Ione Fowkes information 2010

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Either way, Joseph Stevenson (of SLC) & Catherine Bacon (of Almy) met and were married in SLC the evening of 15 July 1874 by Judge Elias Smith at the judge's home. Catherine was age 19.¹⁵

1875 The Union Pacific Railroad Company came into possession of the property of the Wyoming Coal and Mining Company, and a man known as N. W. Surat was made superintendent at Almy #1 mine and would only stay there one year. A fire broke out in No 1 mine and Surat, contrary to the advice of his foreman, water was turned in, resulting in the closing of the mine soon after. Reuben was made foreman under Surat. (Uinta Co. It's Place pg 124,125).

1875 Feb. 19th, Lillian Caroline was born to Catherine and Joseph B. Stevensen. In the Almy branch records (on pg 38), "C. Lilian Stevenson, father-Joseph B. Stevenson, mother's maiden name- Catherine Beacon, birth date 19 Feb 1874, Almy, Uinta Co., Wyo. Terr. blessing 4 Apr 1874 by Chars C. Rich" (Definitely says 1874 but believe it is 1875 as that is the date Lillian always used for her birth throughout her lifetime)¹⁶

1875 Mar. Catherine was said to have died in childbirth of Lillian, her second child, at Kaysville according to relative Adeline Henry Hinckley. (However, research has been unable to find a death or burial record for Catherine. She is not recorded as dying in the LDS Church records of Almy, or Kaysville, nor as being buried in the Almy or Evanston or Kaysville cemetery. She is not on the Utah Burial index.) She died between 1875 and 1878 as verified by the LDS Temple Records of 1 living 1 dead sealings, when Joseph Stevensen had Catherine (who was listed as 'dead') sealed to him the same day he married Isabella Pennington, 9 May 1878 in S. L. City)¹⁷.

1875 Sept 19th, Edith Elizabeth had a recommit-baptism by Samuel Pike (#034,535).

1875ish Reuben had seen some drunk Indians leaving town and knew that they were heading out towards his ranch and he feared some trouble. Reuben was quite a ways behind the Indians and never got a chance to catch up to them. Mark Jacson and his wife were the caretakers of the ranch, Edith Elizabeth and May had gone down to get the cows when they heard the Indians coming so they hid in the willows. The Indians would have passed by without knowing anything about them except the dog, Rover, wouldn't be quiet and drew their attention. The Indians came over and broke the fence down and forced the girls out into the open. The Indians had been drinking and they whipped them with their whips and drove them about two miles, the horses hoofs scraped May's heels and ruined her shoes. After about two miles, May fell in a faint. Mrs. Jackson was making some butter, and the Indians said they wanted some. Mrs. Jacson had a fresh patty so she gave it to them and they were angry and nasty and threw it, hitting her in the chest, nearly knocked her down. She was glad it was fresh pat of butter and not a hard one. The Indians shot one of the dogs and Rover (the barking one who exposed the girls hiding place) they pursued, taking a shot at him but were unable to kill him. Reuben had brought along a Indian tracker who could track better than anybody else. They followed the Indians who used all kinds of techniques to cover their tracks from the ranch. They trailed them until 2 o'clock in the morning and with a moon out they thought they surely would be able to catch them by following their tracks and listening for the sounds of them but they were unable to make contact. Reuben wanted to find them and make them pay full account for their cruelties.

¹⁵ Additional research proves that Catherine married Joseph B. Stevenson, added 2010

¹⁶ Paragraph added 2010

¹⁷ Paragraph added 2010 from additional research

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At one time there was a large encampment of Indians not far away, and there was to be a horse race. The horse race was to be between the Kentucky Colonel blue grass racer, and an Indian pony. The story of the Indian pony goes something like this: a white boy had been promised by his father that he would buy him a pony and when the Indian came, the boy picked out a shiny one, or a tall one, or a sleek looking one. Each time the Indian, being very forth right, would say “No, No”, and finally indicated the pony the father should buy. It was a little unlikely pony with lines that didn’t look as if it were a super animal. It was discovered before long that the pony could outrun all the ponies in the community. It was really fast and finally came to the attention of this Kentucky Colonel. The race day came and Reuben took Edith Elizabeth and they went to the horse race. They arrived early and Edith was invited to visit the squaws. She was told that she should sit on the robes and there was some talk going back and forth but was in the Indian tongue and Edith didn’t speak the Indian tongue. Nevertheless, the hostess was interested in Edith and was trying to be nice, after a few moments she rustled around some of the robes and belongings in the tent and brought out a basket with some dirty crusts in it and offered some to Edith. She didn’t want to take any but felt if she didn’t it would be an affront to her hostess so she took it and kind of held it and munched a little of it. When the signal came for the race to start, everybody hurried out to see the race. The course had been set and the colonel with his tall sleek animal was certain that he was going to win. That is not the way it turned out for the Indian pony won.

1875 Fall/Spring 1876 No. 4 mine was opened by the Union Pacific Company in the fall, with Adolphus Eurgens given the superintendency of the mines at Almy. Reuben was put in charge of the underground work and would hold the position for many years (Uinta Co, It’s Place pg 124,125). Because of the good work in fighting a mine fire, Mr. Woddeall, one of the share holders of the company told Reuben he wanted him to take charge of the mine property from then on. Reuben would open several mines during the upcoming years, and this created lots of worry. This position he would hold until 1887 when he was succeeded as Superintendent by Tailor Ramsey.

1876 May 16th, Charles Mortimer was born to Reuben and Mary at Almy, and blest June 25, 1876 by John Crowthers (#034,535 pg 35).

1877 Sept. 3rd, Reuben and Mary were re-baptized and confirmed by Samuel Pike (#034,535).

1877 Aug 5th, Esther was re-baptized and confirmed by James Bowns (#034,535).

1877 Dec. 3rd, Katherine ‘Kate’ Emma was born to Reuben and Mary at Almy.

1877 Dec. 9th, “.....Up to that time Almy Branch belonged to the Bear River Lake Stake of Zion, but as the communication with the settlements in Bear Lake Valley was difficult, due to the long distance and the high mountain roads, the Saints.....in Evanston were transferred to the Summit Stake of Zion.organizing the Almy Branch into a regular Bishop’s ward Dec. 9, 1877 with James Brown as Bishop.....”(US Utah H2J).

1878 Jan. 20th, “Katie Emily” was blest by Solomon N. Tremelling (#034,535 pg 36).

1878 Mar. 24th, Reuben is made 2nd Counselor in the 2nd Quorum Elders Presidency (#034,535 pg 9).

1879 July 23rd, Richard Barrass was born to Reuben and Mary at Almy.

1880 June 5th, Almy Uinta Wyoming Census state: Fowkes, Reuben, white Male, 38 Married, Mine Foreman, parents and self born in England. (1,255,454 page 329)

Fowkes, Mary, white, Female, 38, wife, married, Housekeeping, self and parents born England

....Edith E. white, Female, 15, daughter, single, attending school, self and parents born England

....Esther E. white Female 13, daughter single, attending school, self and parents born England

....Evaline M. White, Female, 9, daughter single, at School born Utah Terr., Parents born England.

....Caroline, White, Female, 8, daughter, single, at School, born Wyoming Terr. Parents born England.

....Mary L. White Female, 6, daughter, single, at School, born Wyoming Terr. Parents born England

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....William R., White, Male, 5, son, single, at School, born Wyoming Terr. Parents born England

....Charles M, White, Male, 4, son, single, at School, born Wyoming Terr. Parents born England

....Kate, White, Female 2, daughter, single, born Wyoming Terr. Parents born England

....Richard B. White, Male, 10/12 Aug, son, single born Wyoming Terr. Parents born England

Boarders....Lists 5 boarders between ages 29-55 but names are unreadable due to water damage.

1880 Census does not reveal the location of Lillian, she is not with Ruben and Mary, nor is she with her father Joseph B. Stevensen's new family in Park, Colorado. As a 5 year old, someone had her in their care¹⁸.

1880 Sept. 5th, Earnest was born to Reuben and Mary at Almy, he was blest by James Bowns Sept. 19, 1880, Ernest died on 19 Oct. 1881 (#034,535). He is not listed as being buried at the Almy Cemetery¹⁹.

1881 Mar. Twenty-nine lives were lost in an explosion at No. 2 mine, twenty of them were Chinamen. A miner who would later become a father-in-law within the family, Charles Beveridge had a miraculous escape. Seeing the flames coming through the trapdoor of his slope he threw himself into a depression between the tracks. His hands and feet were terribly burned but in spite of being crippled he would live a long and useful life as postmaster in a little store he would set up in Almy until his death (1904)(Uinta, Co. It's Place pg 127,128).

There were no hospitals in Almy so often times the boarding house was used as a hospital when men were hurt or burned in the mine, with Mary being nurse or Doctor as needed. When there would be an explosion at the mine, Doctor C. F. Gamble, the mine physician, would come and have Mary for the nurse, and the rooms in her boarding house became rooms for the patients. Mary was a very strict nurse, and when she asked someone to do something, they darn well better do it, and do it right because her standards of cleanliness and nursing had to be followed if the patients were going to get well. Her patients loved her and tried to do the things that Mary told them to do because they knew that she had their best interests at heart. Reuben and Mary took care of the poor and other sick in the camp and did much charity work. Mary could do practically everything and do it well, Reuben worked very hard and had many hardships and troubles.

1881 Historical Society of the Territory of Wyoming states that in December, 1881, The Rocky Mountain Coal and Iron Company shipped 16,694 tons, and the Union Pacific Company shipped 7,734 tons with nearly 600 men working in the mines at that time (Uinta Co. It's Place pg 121).

1881 June 26th, James Wanlass had been a miner in Scotland and it was natural that he should find his way to the mines in Almy, Wyoming. James was received into the Almy Branch 26 June 1881 from 15 Ward S. L. City. Now 35 years old, 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighing 160 lbs with a 40" chest (J.W. handwritten LDS Record Book). James came to Reuben and Mary Bacon 'Fawkes' boarding house, hoping to find work from Reuben who was superintendent of the Almy mines. There he saw the dark eyed beauty with gorgeous hair, named Edith Elizabeth Fowkes, very trim, very good looking and he fell in love with her right away. She couldn't stand him, even if he was very handsome and 19 years older than her, she though he was a bigoted Scots.

1882 April Seth Thomas a new emigrant from England, came to Almy and was for some time the foremen at No. 4 mine (Uinta Co, It's Place pg 134). He would steal the heart of Esther Ellen within a few years.

¹⁸ Paragraph inserted 2010

¹⁹ Sentence added 2010

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1882 Apr. 4th, James Wanlass, engaged to Edith E., was ordained an Elder by James Bowns, just before he married her (#034,535), on Apr. 10th, 1882. James and Edith had to travel all the way to Salt Lake City and even though the temple wasn't finished they wanted to start their lives with the endowments because they wanted any future children to be eternally sealed to them. At the Endowment house, Edith received her garments from Eliza R. Snow who attended and helped her through the endowments. Their marriage was performed by Pres. Joseph F. Smith for time and all eternity.

1883 May 21st, Twin daughters, Ethel Vilate and Lucy were born to Reuben and Mary at Almy. Little Lucy died on May 23, 1883 before she was even blessed. She is not listed as being buried in the Almy Cemetery²⁰.

1883 July 1st Ethel Valet (Vilate) was blessed at Almy Branch.

1883 July 1st, Norah was baptized and confirmed by James Bowns (#034,535).

Katherine started to go to school with the other children and they had quite a long way to go. She would carry her small lunch pail in one hand, and in a bag made out of gingham or calico or anything else to carry her book, slate, pencil and trinkets. During the winter the snow was so deep and very cold, everyone had to walk, no rides, no snow ploughs. Even going to church everybody would be there, regardless of walking through the snow. Reuben and Mary were very brilliant and with their practical teachings and by their example taught their children more than any book learning Kate could do.

Mary was tiny in stature, but was as broad as she was tall. The neat home was surrounded by a white picket fence with a board at the bottom of it. A little six year old girl was standing there and Mary was only a head taller and she could just see over the top of her picket fence.

1884 Apr. 10th, Little Ethel Vilate died before her first birthday, she is not listed as being buried in the Almy Cemetery²¹.

1884 May 23rd, Reuben W. was baptized and later confirmed on June 1, 1884 (#034,535).

1884 Nov. Two brothers of the Harris family will play a vital role with the Fowkes family. Ephriam and Henry Harris, arrived from England going first to Ogden and eventually on to Wyoming where they prepared for the rest of their family to arrive within a year.

1885 Feb. 14th, Joseph Valentine was born to Reuben and Mary at Almy, and blest Apr. 19th, 1885.

The large family required a constant determination on the part of both Reuben and Mary to provide for their needs. Reuben would have the children read a chapter in the Bible before going to bed each night and he would share his very strong testimony of the gospel with them.

1885 May, The rest of the Matthew and Sarah Ann Harris family arrives, settling in Evanston, including young William, still to young to catch the eye of Caroline Annie.

1885 Sept. A deadly race riot occurred in Rock Springs, Wyoming which triggered fierce anti-Chinese sentiment in a number of other area coal mines. In Almy area, The Wyoming cowboys were a reckless group and they made up their minds to run the Chinamen out. One afternoon a fine looking cowboy came on horseback to Edith (Wanlass') house where she lived near the Bear River bridge on the county road. He told her to put a red light in the window next to the road as it would be a guide for the cowboys to Chinatown. At first she said she wouldn't, and he said "You'd better". So Edith walked two miles to ask her father, Reuben, about it and he said she had better do as she was asked because there was going to be trouble and not much could be done about it. Edith went home and put a red checkered tablecloth over

²⁰ Paragraph reworded 2010

²¹ Paragraph reworded 2010

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the window facing the road and set a lighted lamp on the table behind the cloth to make a red light. Everyone living near the Bear River bridge county road put a red light in their window as a guide for the cowboys to Chinatown. At 12:00 midnight the cowboys went into Chinatown and forced the Chinese onto flat railroad cars and forced the conductor to transport the Chinamen out of the country and told them to never come back. They had no more trouble with the Chinese and the mines, however the Governor was pretty angry and sent a telegram stating he would put Almy in a hole if anything ever happened again like that. Word was sent back to the Governor to come and try.

1885 Oct. 9th, Esther Ellen married Seth Thomas at the Logan Temple in Cache Co., Utah.

1886 Jan. 12th, Shortly before midnight, there was an explosion in Mine #2 that shook the earth for miles around and resulted in the death of eleven men: John Cummock, William Horsley, Frank Mason, Enoch Thomas, Robert Murdock, John H. Hood, Joseph Evans, John Peat, Ellis Gradman, John Hunter* and two boys named Horn and Peterson. Work was resumed at the mine, but two years later it was closed on account of fire (Uinta Co., It's Place page 128). The mine explosion touched many survivors of the community including the James & Edith Wanlass family as John Hunter was a brother-in-law to James Wanlass, having married his sister, Christina Wanlass. John left 3 young children and just 44 days after his death, Christina gave birth to a little daughter she named Christina).

1888 Feb. 2, Reuben filed on 320 acres of land through the Bureau of Land Management, (Accession # WYWYAA023729), 12 miles north west of Evanston, Wyo.

1888 Oct 18th, Eveline May married William John Starkey at the Logan Temple.

1888-1890 Thereabouts, Reuben served as superintendent for the Petterman Coal Co, at Inez, Converse County, Wyoming.

1889-1890 The first meeting house was erected by the Latter Day Saints in Almy. (It was later destroyed by fire) (US Utah H2J).

1890 July 10th, Wyoming became the 44th State of the USA. A great day for celebration!! Reuben gave up superintending and gave the remaining of his life to ranching.

The Almy mines required a 'gas inspector' which was a very responsible position held by Tomas Hood, for the next eight years. One of the required ways to check for gas would be to take a canary down into the mine. If the canary 'toppled over' they knew it was time for the men to get out of there²²

1891-92 Reuben's hand written diary, for the year 1891-92 at 49-50 years of age, typed in italics as was written. Those mentioned within are identified as Reuben's children and their spouses as of 1891:

'Mother'- wife Mary Bacon Fowkes

26 years old	'Edith' Elizabeth	Marr: James Wanlass	Apr. 10, 1882
24 years old	'Esther' Ellen	Marr: Seth Thomas	Oct. 9, 1885
22 years old	Eveline 'May'	Marr: William John Starkey ('Starky')	Oct. 18, 1888
19 ½ yr. old	Caroline ('Carrie') Anne	Marr: Henry Harris ('Harry')	Oct. 14, 1891
18 years old	Mary LeNorah ('Norah')		
17 years old	Reuben William ('Will')		
16 years old	Lillian ('Lille') Caroline		
15 ¾ yr. old	'Charles' Mortimer		
13 years old	Katherine ('Kate') Emma		
12 years old	Richard Barrass ('Dick')		
6 years old	Joseph Valentine ('Joe' or 'Little Joe')		

²² Paragraph information received from Ethel Hood, 2010

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The Harris' family who settled in Almy, came to the U.S. in two bunches. Ephriam & Henry came in Nov 1884, while the remainder of the family came with parents Matthew & Sarah Ann in May 1885. The Harris given names mentioned in Reuben's diary are: Olsen (Father), Andrew, Jack, Ephriam, Henry 'Harry', William, Sam, Walter, Esther, Matthew.

Henry 'Harry' marries Caroline Fowkes in 1891 and William marries 'Norah' Fowkes in 1894. Henry 'Harry' later marries his brother William's widow, 'Norah' in 1942.

The ranch was 6 miles North of Almy, Almy was another 6 miles North of Evanston, located 4 miles East of the Wyoming-Utah border on the East side of the Bear River. [From Hwy 89 at Evanston, North to Front street, Left at Front street, Right on WY 89, Right at Co Rd 103, approx 11.5 miles]²³

'Mother' Mary ran a boarding house in Almy and Reuben usually stayed at the ranch; that's the reason for all the travel between the two locations.

Reuben's handwritten 1891-92 diary with commas added:

In the front of small, 6" x 3 3/4" red leather diary, it say *Reuben Fowkes: gum boots, tea pot, coffe, chair bottom; Bill/Billy & Diamond 1, Charly & Tom 2, Bess & Judy/Lucy 3, Derby & Pet 4*, (assume these are Reuben's team of horses. Possible other names of horses mentioned are: Baldy, Luty, Pet, Doll, Prince). **Jan. 1, 1891 Thurs.** *Me & Charles; Andrew, Sam, and Ephi Harris went up to Cotton Wood grove after deer - saw about 15 at long range, got none - very fine day for this time of the year. Fri. 2nd, Mother & Andrew (Harris) went back to Almy - me & Charles and Harris boys went to Salt Creek, saw a few deer did not get any, we stayed all night at log shanty. Sat. 3rd, Very cold this morning, very strong wind, started home about 2 p.m. Saw a few deer on divide on our return, did not go after them, got home about 4 p.m. Sun. 4th, Charles went to Almy with the Harris boys - returned at night. Windy day not very cold. Mon. 5th, Fetched two load of cedar for fire wood from dug way. Me and Charles drove, Kate & Joe went for it. Tue. 6th, Killed old pet cow. Wed. 7th, Me and Charles, Dick, Kate and Joe went to Cotton Wood grove, did not see any deer. It was very windy blowing from the East and drifting, very cold. Thurs. 8th, Charles & Kate went to Almy with the team and buggy, came back at night, very cold day - Me & Dick, (?) Balleulect lumber stable. Fri 9th, Had all the stock fetched up from meadow. They all look in good condition, have not fed much hay to any of them yet. Sat. 10th, Cleaned stable out. Hauled the manure on the timothy patch front of the house. Sun. 11th, Boys & Kate went up to Almy in the buggy - came back at night. Jas. Bruce & Charles Peterson came down hunting stock. Beautiful day. Mon. 12th, Charles & Kate went up to Almy after mail. Very fine day. Very cold at night. Tue. 13th, Staid in the house not feeling well, very fine day, quite warm in middle of the day..very cold last night. Wed. 14th, Me & Dick went up to Almy with Bill & Bess and the buggy. Went to Edith's (Wanlass') at night, stayed a little while. Sent team down to store after while. Thurs. 15th, Came down to ranch 10:30 a.m. Fetched McCovi... machine from the meadow - put it in buggy house, very fine day. Fri. 16th, Me and children went to Cotton Wood Grove with the buggy, did not see any deer. Drove Burtons horses down to ranch, quite warm this afternoon. Sat. 17th, Charles and Dick went to Almy with the buggy. Brought down Seth (Thomas) & Andrew (Harris), very fine day today- Sun. 18th, Charles & Kate went to Almy and took Seth & Andrew back. They stayed all night. Mon. 19th, Charles & Kate came back from Almy about 11 a.m. Cut the meat up, very fine day. Tue. 20th, Very misty this morning. Went to Richard's, came on with the slay, brought some flat rocks back for door step, very fine day. Wed. 21, Charles, Kate & Joe went to Almy in buggy - Joe staid up there. Me and Dick worked on cellar getting it ready for ice to be put in it.*

²³ Directions received from J. Wanless Southwick 2010

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Very fine day but rather cold. Thurs. 22nd, Charles & Kate came back last night from Almy. Worked on cellar, made a door for it, warm day. Feeding just a little to homed stock & colts. Fri. 23rd, Fetched two loads of ice from river. Very fine day - about six inch of snow on meadow. Sat. 24th, Fetched one load of ice. Charles & Dick went to Almy in buggy. Mother (wife Mary) came back with them. Andrew came down with a load of sawdust. (Sawdust was used to insulate the ice that they cut from the river for their summer cooling of food. Properly insulated it would last through the summer season.) Sun. 25th, Put all the ice we had on hand in cellar. Put the harness on Doll Mare, she took a circus round the house, she was very wild. Tom Bradshaw & Dude won't come for Tom's horses. Mon. 26th, Mother went back with Andrew last night to Almy - we used the children, put two more load of ice up which finishes what we wanted to put up. Tue. 27, Thrashed some timothy, storming all day. Wed. 28th, About six inches of snow fell last night. Very warm day - thawing very fast. Charles & Dick went to Almy with the slay - Caskins book teachers & Will came down. Thurs. 29th, Harry's stock broke in corralls last night. Charles & Dick came back from Almy 10:30 a.m. Fetched the door from Seth's house. Fri. 30th, Repaired corrall, Starkey and fence - fetched water. Me and Kate went to Almy in cutter to stay all night. Surprise party at John Russell's, did not go. Sat. 31st, Me & Kate came down to ranch, brought Joe back with us. Mines idle yesterday & today. Starkey came down with Andrew. Will came down on Judy. Moderate day for time of year.

***Feb. 1, 1891** Sun., Blowing & drifting this morning. Very stormy all day. Andrew fixed the slay up and left his waggon down here - storming very bad at 5 p.m. Concluded not to go up tonight, Starkey went up on Judy. Andrew started for Almy with sleigh. Me & Will followed him with cutter, snow about two ft. deep where it had drifted, had a little trouble to get up. I came back tonight with Edith's boy, James. Wed. 4th, Very fine morning, very cold last night, fixed waggon bed. Thurs. 5th, Charles brought waggon up to Almy, I came up in the cutter, very fine day. Sat. 7th, Charles & Kate went up to Almy in cutter. Kate came back with Starkey & Seth. They had two dump overs. Charles came down with Andrew, brought some coal. Sun. 8th, Me, Seth, Starkey, Charles & Andrew went a ride in the sleigh up canyon, nice day but cold. Andrew went back to Almy - took little James with him. Mon. 9th, Very cold today. Charles took Starkey and Seth up to Almy in cutter. Practicing with the rifles at about 250 yds. Hank Lee called here, he is a regular bore. I lost my pocket book, I think Lee has got it. Tue. 10th, Charles came back about noon, fine day but cold. Horses have been sick with distemper for several days. Wed. 11th, Hung the door at timothy shed, fine day. Thurs. 12th, Me and Joe went up to Almy. Dick walked up in the afternoon, he said Charles had been whipping him. Old lady Williams died while I was up there. Fri. 13th, Came down about noon today, a very warm day. Sat. 14th, Charles & Kate & Dick went up to Almy ... going to Valentine dance. Joe's (6th) birthday...Lille & Norah came over from town to Almy. Sun. 15th, Andrew came down on horse back last night. Charles & Kate & Joe came down about noon today. I went up with Andrew after Dick, who walked up to Almy on Friday last. Mon. 16th, At Almy. Mothers went away. Lille & Norah was home. I came down in cutter, got down fine about 9:30 a.m. about six o'clock p.m. a terrible blizzard started. Wed. 18th, Cleaned stables out, 4 loads put in on timothy patch. Me & Dick went up to Almy. J Baer had been to Almy ... said he wanted Lille if he could not get her he would shoot her. Thur. 19th, Dick went over town to have Pet Mare shod. I stayed at the house. Will, Dick came back Lille is very sick. Fri. 20th, Me & Charles went to Almy. Mon. 23rd, Me and Charles went up to Almy. I went in cutter, Charles rode Judy and led Billy horse up. Very heavy storm at night. Took some meat up. Tue. 24th, Me and Charles came back from Almy. Brought the old sleigh down to repair it, also old sleigh from No. 4 mine. Snowing and drifting very bad. Wed. 25th, Stayed in the house all day. Kate went to Almy on Pet Mare. Blowing and drifting. Pet Mare kicked Billy horse. Thurs. 26, Thrashed timothy. Saw a great number of sage hens flying over mouth of canyon. Kate came from Almy,*

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said Billy Wandle was dead. Windy and stormy. Fri. 27th, Repaired the sleigh, snowing very heavy all day but it was very wet snow, melted nearly as fast as it came. Sat. 28th, Me & Charles went to Almy with old sleigh to bring coal back. Dick rode Judy up, stormed very bad, snowing and drifting. Charles came back on Judy.

(Found at back of diary this Letter draft) Mar. 1, 1891 "Almy Wyo. March 1st, 1891 SF Corn ... Dear Sir. Dec. 5th, I received yesterday of news of this. In reply I would say I was not able to answer all the questions in the letter, as I will have to refer to my diaries, which are down at the ranch, which I have quite a few notes in them during the time I was treasurer. I will also see the trixters that took hold after my time expired and try and get to see the minutes of their first meeting. Thurs. was a meeting appointed for me to turn everything over to my successor. I was at the place at the specified time, waited over two hours, but could not find any of them around. I finally learned one was at a party, another was practicing with the band. I had traveled six miles from the ranch and had to return at midnight, all for no purpose. I had arranged with Mr. Epperson (for me) to take charge of some mines in Converse County, Wyo. and now anxious to leave every thing all right before I left, in regard to the school business. I left both papers vouchers for my wife to present as soon as she knew there would be a meeting. She sent me word, she had turned everything over to them. Cash in hand was between two and three dollars which they said she might accept as we had been at considerable expense going back and forth to town on school business. My wife turned the papers over to Geo. Peterson. It was him that made that statement in regard to the balance in hand. That was the last I knew of the school business after my term expired, which was July 1888, - until April 1890. I will write you all the particulars, as far as I possible can get hold of, in a few days. Respectfully yours. R. Fowkes."

Sun. March 1st, 1891 Snowing all night, very wet snow. Raining this morning. Me & Dick came down to ranch with coal, commenced to snow, very heavy about noon, very cold. Mon. 2nd, About 12 inch of snow fell last night. Blowing & drifting very bad, about 3 ft. back front of the house. Me & Charles thrashed timothy in the afternoon. Dick sick today. Tue. 3rd, 7 a.m. Fine morning but cloudy. Thurs. 5th, Lille went to a party held at Sam McPhee tonight against Aunt Emma's wish. Fri. 6th, Lille came home about 2 a.m. accompanied by Young McPhee. She abused Mother very bad to Edith's, shut door in her face. Sun. 8th, Made new double tree for Andrew - Put a new shoe on Reeves sleigh. Andrew & Charles took big load of hay to Garitts/ Grants, dumped over on dugway - broke racks back end of bobs sled down. Mon. 9th, Me & Dick went to Almy in cutter - Andrew, went back took a double waggon box full of hay to Thos. Swedden. Storming today very bad, dug out the lower dugway.

(Letter draft found at back of diary) "Judge Corn. Almy March 10, 1891. Judge Corn, Evanston Wyo. Dear Sir: I have done my best to find out in regards to the school business. I was elected to the office of Trustee to succeed Mr. Breman at the general school election held in May 1885. I was Treasurer of the District my whole term which expired at the general election in May 1888. Thos. Snedder succeeded me. Geo. Peterson - John Siers, Thos. Snedder composed the school board - after my term expired. R. L Fishburn, School teacher, audited my accounts a short time previous to my term being out, but the exact time I cannot remember. The report was handed into the board. I have spoken to Thos. Snedder in regard to the minute book and the Fishburn report. He did not have the books, he admitted as having seen the report but did not know where it was now. In reference to my diary of March 14th, 1888, that I came up from ranch to fix school account at that date, found the funds exhausted with the exception of \$197.60. Me and my wife went very carefully over the whole account and papers and found a balance on hand as stated above. After this I paid three teachers salaries as follows, Fishburn \$80.00, Thos Smith \$65.00, Maggie Mutlen \$50.00, total \$195.00, leaving a balance on hand of \$2.60. I never paid anything after this. That \$2.60 is what I referred to in my last. I notified Geo. Peterson at the time

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what was left on hand. Peterson was Clerk at the time, I do not remember of any money being borrowed from Mr. Brenan or any one else during my term. If there was any borrowed it was unknown to me. I never paid anything out, as I can recollect, without a note from Peterson, all papers and vouchers were handed over to Geo. Peterson as I stated in my last. And never had any idea but what everything was all straight, till last April tenth of Court. It is now nearly two years since my term expired, time and many things I cannot call to mind. No doubt but there are papers lost and there may have been changes made in the book since I was in to make it reflect on to me during my term. I do not know as I can say any in regards the matter. I will be over at any time when you send for me. It would be possibly two or three days after you wrote before I got your letter as I am down at the ranch most of the time. I think this is about all I can say in the matter. Yours truly, R. Fowkes."

Mar. 10th 1891 Tue. About 8 inch of snow fell last night where me and Dick came down, old tracks was drifted up. Wed. 11th, Me and Kate & Joe went up to Almy in cutter, stayed all night. Too much snow to haul any hay so far this week. Hundreds of Sage Hens laying around on the benches down the ranch. Tue. 12th, Me & Kate came down to ranch (left Joe up there) Charles & Dick went to pick coal at No. 7 - roads are so bad we have to keep traveling up there to get them padded. Fri. 13th, Took a load of hay to Snedders, ten to eleven hundred, paid \$5.00 for it. Roads was pretty good, got down about 3:30 p.m., loaded up tonight to go to Beveridges. Sat. 14th, Chas & Dick went up with about 1100# of hay to Beveridges got down about noon. Me & Charles took about 1100 # (pounds) to Rowbothaurs. Very warm day, snow melting very fast. Bear was in Almy tonight. Sun. 15th, Came to ranch this morning, Andrew came with us, very fine day - Charles & Andrew took a load of hay to Alma Peterson about 1200#. Very warm, snow going very quick. Mon. 16th, Charles came down about 10 p.m., loaded another load for Daniels, about 1300#. Chars came down about 5 p.m. - loaded about 1500# for Alma Petersen, to go first thing in the morning. Tue. 17th, Thrashed timothy out. Fed horses about six a.m. Charles & Dick went to Almy with them for Petersons, got back about one o'clock. Took about 1200# for Garrets, snow very soft, bad sleighing. Levi, a Petersen boy, came down. Wed. 18th, Very fine morning, No. 7 idle 3 day, loaded a load about 1500# for Chas Morgan. Charles went up with it. Me & Dick went up in cutter, Charles came back, him & Kate loaded about 1300# for Daniels, me & Dick came back afternoon. Norah came home for a week. Thurs. 19th, Charles & Kate loaded about 1300# last night for Daniels. Charles & Dick took it up, they got back about 3 p.m. Me & Kate then thrashed timothy bundles, it cleaned. Place looks very much like storm, blowing hard. Fri. 20th, Took 1500# to Garrets. She paid for the whole \$18.00. Me & Dick went to Almy - rain broke in the afternoon. Norah was at Almy, she came on the 18th, leave of absence for one week. Girls went to Stanforth party, they say they had a good time. Sat. 21st, Cleaned out the stables. Charles & Kate went up to Almy. Andrew brought sawdust down. Seth, Starkey came down with him. Thawed considerable today. Sun. 22nd, Put sawdust on ice in cellar, need another load. Seth & Starkey helped us - Charles & Kate came down, Norah came down with them. Very windy this afternoon, snowing & drifting very bad. Boys got up to Almy. Mon. 23rd. Last wind became very strong. Had to put stock in stable - worst storm I ever saw. Stock covered with about two inches of snow - could not see ten feet for drifting snow. Put horses back in corral to night, drifting very bad, got about 15 inch of snow on the level - Tue. 24th, Charles & Dick went to Judy a load of coal, Me & Kate took Norah back in cutter, boys got back about noon. Me & Kate about 3 p.m. Hitched the cream colored horse up with Joe went to Whiting corner, worked good. Very fine day - showering. Wed. 25th, Misty morning - Hauled two load of rocks from Hawn's hole with Cream & Billy horses. Saw sage hens on the bench quite a number. Thawed quite a lot today, cannot sleigh very well to Almy. Thurs. 26th, Charles & Dick went to Almy with sleigh, brought some coal. Wanless & Starkey came down with them. Me & Kate hitched old Joe on in cutter, cut a large cedar down. Snow to deep could not get to haul it down.

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Fri. 27th, Me & Jim & Starkey & Charles went up canyon to look for deer could not see any. Snow two feet on the level, we could not travel with out great exertion - came back twice, saw no deer. Livey & Rony calved today in the willows. Very heavy snow storm. Sat. 28th, Storming very bad - fixed a new tongue on sleigh. Charles & Kate went to Almy with Jim & Starkey. Andrew came back with them - Livey cow very cute. Mar. 29th, Put partitions in timothy shed for the young calves. Me, Andrew & Dick went up to Almy in the buggy. Snow very deep in some places, other places bare, heavy on the horses. Snowing all day. Mon. 30th, Me & Dick came from Almy this a.m., brought cows grain. Borrowed Ephie Harris shot gun, saw hundreds of sage hens on bench above the house. I shot one. Tue. 31st, Went to top of the hill with waggon to break the track so we could haul hay - snowed a little all day.

Apr. 1, 1891 Wed., Hauled a load of hay to Wallmarts, about 1000#, he paid \$4.50 for it. Carrie came back with us. Loaded another load to start early in the morning. Thurs. 2nd, Took a load of hay tonnage about 1000#, paid Charles, he left the money with Will. Livey cow very sick, fixed double tree for buggy. Cloudy, dull day, thaw but little. Livey cow is very sick. Fri. 3rd, Took about 1200 lbs to Peterson's, Charles & Dick took it. I went up on horse back on Judy. Thawed very much, Seth & Starkey started for conference. Sat. 4th, Took a load of hay to Red house at Mom's corner. Carrie, Kate came to Almy. Andrew came back in buggy with Kate & two Harris boys. Livey cow very sick. Sun. 5th, Red heifer calved - heifer calf. Livey some better. Came up in buggy with Charles & two Harris boys. Thawing very fast.

(Found at back of diary) *"Almy April 6th, 1891 E Epperson Esq. Dear Sir, Your dated Mar 30th, received yesterday. In reply I will state the ten 10 acres of land you have heard me speak of located about two or three miles south west of the sixth ward bridge. I don't suppose I will have any claim to it now. It is about fifteen years ago since I arranged for it. I was to pay ten dollars per acre for it in installments of ten dollars. I paid thirty dollars on it. I learned afterwards it would be a long time before I could get water on it and I did not bother any more with it. When I arranged for it, I was told a canal was to be commenced at once and I could get all the water I wanted. The proposed canal was not made for years afterwards and I gave the idea up - as the land at that time was worse with out water. I have just come up from the ranch on the School affair. Everything looks forward, but I will have to pay Judge Corn \$100.00 for his service made to me which will cripple us a little, as we intended to pay your request with that money, but we will pay you as soon as we possibly can. I hope you and Mr. Epperson will enjoy your trips. Kind regards to yourself and wife. Yours R. Fowkes."*

Apr. Mon. 6th, 1891, Carrie & Charles went back to ranch. Took sawdust down. Me & Mary went down to see Judge Corn in regard to school matters. My case comes up tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. Blossom cow calved. Tue. 7th, Blossom cow calved today. Went over to town to court, my case did not come up again, will have to go over tomorrow. Andrew & Dick came from ranch, very stormy day & very cold. Andrew went back to ranch on horse back. Dick stayed up here.

(Found Letter draft at back of diary) *"Almy April 7, 1891 Mr. Joseph Brown. Dear Sir. You will greatly oblige me if you will pay me the \$12.00 due me for rent from the first of February to the first of April as I am needing the money very bad. The rent will be the same as John arranged for - I will give you an receipt as soon as you pay me. You need not do anything by way of repairing the house as you said you had a house at NO 7 (Mine #7) as you could move into. I would like you to vacate the house by the 15th, of the present month as I wish to move into it myself at that time, as we are to crowded here. You need not anticipate any trouble from any one in regard to you paying the rent money to me. I have John's name signed to all the papers. I would like you to take the chickens out of the house so it will have time to sweeten by the time we come down to clean. You will greatly to oblige me by giving this note an early*

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consideration as I need the rent money very much. I am also very anxious, as I stated above, to move in since John has left everything for me to look after."

(Found Letter draft at back of diary) *"April 1891 Received twelve dollars \$12.00 from Jos. Brown for rent due from February first to April first 1891 which is the full amount due - signed Emma Brown."*

April Wed. 8th, 1891 Went over town this a.m. My case did not come up till 2 p.m. When presented it was dismissed at me. Seth came back from conference, rode back with us, road very bad, very cold day. Charles came up from ranch on horse back. Said Livey cow died yesterday. Me & Dick came down to ranch, paid for the register, also for advertising 8 stray horses. Thur. 9th, Buried Livey cow. Andrew went back to Almy this p.m. Bess Mare got a very bad leg, had to leave her at Almy. Sat. 11th, Charles & Dick were up to Almy - Will came back with them. Thawing very fast. Sun. 12th, Staid at house all day went to Almy to take wife back, Kate went up with us. Andrew Kennedy wife died. Mon. 13th, Me & Kate came back in the buggy. Thawing very fast, fetched a load of cedar for fire wood. Several have places on meadow - river breaking up. Tue. 14th, Hauled manure from lumber stable up to dam at reservoir in pasture. Heavy snow storm about noon. Wed. 15th, Me & Charles went to Almy with Pet & Baldy and little waggon - roads very bad. Brought Bess Mare back with us, her leg is very small. Thur. 16th, Me & children dug 27 post holes and put the post in. Thawing more today than any day yet. Green grass springing up very nicely. Fri. 17th, Charles & Dick went to Almy with little waggon took box full of hay. I dug about 10 post holes, had to quit snow to deep - Kate's heifer calved. Boys came back from outing - brought wood. Seth has notified his patent had come. Sat. 18th, I worked on dam in pasture, it was to froze to do anything with. Me & the boys scraped manure in a heap in cow shed. Andrew & Will came down on horse back. Sun. 19th, Hitched Derby horse up went up to Green dugway with him & old Pet. He worked first rate. Seth walked down to ranch, I went up with horses with Seth & Will - to stay all night. Mon. 20th, I went over town with Esther and got her patent for the land. Saw Epperson - Had quite a talk with him, came down to ranch at night with Carrie. Tue. 21st Dug holes for post side of county road up towards south east corner. Hauled from dam in river the apparatus what we had to repair the dam with. Snow nearly all gone from meadow. Wed. 22nd, Pulled out post on lower side of pasture and ditch ready for moving up to county road. Snow has nearly all gone off the meadow. Dug about 20 post holes - at the upper corner. Thurs. 23rd, Hauled posts up for new line. Went up to Almy to arrange for Andrew to come down. Fri. 24th, Andrew came down with his team to help plow ditches on meadow. Seth & Starkey came down as well. Sat. 25th, Plowed a outlet ditch just below the bridge on big ditch - also one on the bank of Seth Slough - made one at Seth top corner. Sun. 26th, Harry walked down from Almy. Went to Almy with buggy took Mother back also Carrie. Andrew took his team back with Starkey & Seth, Esther & Mary - Mon. 27th, I came back from Almy with buggy & Norah. Hauled sod away from new ditch. Repaired old ditch bank, quite a lot of water on meadow. Tue. 28th, Killed.....Finished hauling post for new fence. Fixed lower viaduct to keep water from running into Whiting ditch. Very nice day. Wed. 29th, Kate & Charles went up to Almy - me & Seth hauled sod from new ditch on meadow till noon Charles & Kate came back, said Edith was very sick. Tamped post along side of county road. Thurs. 30th, Very fine morning. Dick went to Almy on horse back to take some meat to Edith who is very sick. Also to fetch gum boots for Charles. Me & Charles put wire on new fence. Very windy today.

May 1, 1891 *Worked on fence on county road. Me & Dick, Norah & Joe went up to Almy with buggy. Andrew came down - me & Dick came back tonight about 10 p.m. Sat. 2nd, Plowed ditches in pasture - also broke some land up right side of barns front of house. Very fine day - Dick took Prince horse up for fun. Sun. 3rd, Hitched Derby up, went to Cotton Wood Grove. I went to Almy, Andrew as well. Edith has been very sick this last week, little better today. Mon. 4th, Came back from Almy early this a.m. Carrie came with me, also Edith's James & Reuben. Seth & Starkey came down. Nearly finished*

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putting wire on fence next county road. Tue. 5th, Finished plowing the piece marked out front of the house. Levi & Derbyshire came down. I managed to buy his colt to keep it for stud. I will pay him \$ for it. We put the brand on it. Caught some fish out of big ditch. Wed. 6th, Sowed timothy on piece at right hand of barn front of the house. Put posts up in lane to meadow, repaired fence. James Wanlass came down, early on, been hunting. Went to Almy in buggy with Jim, Seth, Starkey, Carrie, Dick. Thurs. 7th, Came back from Almy last night. Plowed for turnips, sowed some turnips, also radishes, Lettice, onion, thundered & lightened last night. Fri, 8th, Charles & Dick went to river bridge to cross to go after James cow which had gone over the river, they could not find it. Andrew & Will, Starkey & Seth came down. Will was laid off owing to trade being so slack. Sat. 9th, Plowed a ditch for Seth at top end, plowed a piece up in pasture. Will took buggy to Almy to fetch Mother & Edith down - they got down about 8 p.m. Aunt Susana came down. River very high. Sun. 10th, Drove the folks around the meadow in the buggy. Went up to Cotton Wood Grove. Brought the folks up to Almy, very nice day, took five cows home. Mon. 11th, Sent Andrews key to stable, so not to forget. Came down to ranch with Carrie, Norah & Will. They came down to clean the house, sowed beets & turnips in the old garden. Tue. 12th, Plowed in pasture & grubbed brush, (Grubbed brush is removing sage brush from the land prior to planting crops) Starkey helped us. Very warm day, thundered & lightened. Wed. 13th, Plowed in pasture & grubbed brush. Starkey & Seth walked down, Starkey helped plow. Seth went up the canyon to look for his mare. Thurs. 14th, Plowed and grubbed brush in pasture. Fen sent down for his mare & colt. Me & Will went to Almy in buggy. Starkey went up home. Plowed & grubbed brush in pasture. Raining all day, very cold day, sowed carrots in new garden. Sat. 16th, Finished plowing in pasture excepting what Seth needs. The girls went to Almy, Kate came back. Andrew came down, brought both waggons, Seth & Starkey walked down. Sun. 17th, Shut water off in big ditch, snaked dead cow out of ditch Seth, Starkey, May & Esther came down in their new waggon, took a drive down in meadow, all got wet through very heavy thunder storm. Me & Dick went to Almy & came back at night. Mon. 18th, Ice about rope 3/8" thick. Charles went up with buggy, brought Norah back with him - brought 3/8 rope for lariat. Plowed in pasture, grubbed brush, raining. Tue. 19th, Hauled manure for potatoes in old yard. Plowed in pasture & grubbed brush, made some ditches side of Canyon Creek. Raining nearly all day, blowing a gale. Wed. 20th, Seth & Starkey came down. Plowed some land for Seth's garden in pasture or new garden, finished plowing in pasture for this season. Starkey makes beds for his seeds - heavy, heavy rain. Thunder & lightening very heavy storms. Thurs. 21st, Seth & Starkey stayed all night, could not go up for the storm. Raining this morning very heavy. Thunder storm. Today Will & Dick went to Almy for coal, got very wet. Seth & Starkey went home tonight. Fri. 22nd, Rained all forenoon. Plowed where the old house stood. Grubbed brush in pasture. Shot two ducks, one shot on lake at bottom of meadow. Sat. 23rd, Fine morning, sowed timothy in pasture before breakfast. Will harrowed it in. Seth, Starkey & their family came down and sowed some seeds in their garden. Will & Kate went up to Almy with buggy to fetch Mother & Lille down. They arrived at ranch about 8 p.m. Andrew also came down. Sun. 24th, Andrew came down last night. Hitched Doll Mare up for first time. Harry & Carrie & Esther Harris came down. Seth & Esther & Starkey & May came down in their team. All the folks went back with Lille & Norah. Mon. 25th, Sowed seed at old house. Plowed ditch at outlet from Whiting ditch. Dug post holes, Charles & Kate went to Almy to go to circus, very heavy thunder storm tonight. Thurs. 26th, Dam washed out in big ditch, we fixed it up again. Dug 14 post holes in new garden and put posts in. Charles, Kate, Carrie & Lille came back from Almy. No circus. Seth & Starkey came down and finished sowing their small seed. Wed. 27th, Me, Will, Charly & Dick went for poles to the divide to build a fence between new garden & pasture, brought 43 poles back, raining a little. Thurs. 28th, Put poles up on garden fence. Fen fetched his colt. I told him charge would be \$15.00, he wished me to take the heifer for \$12.00, I agreed to it. Carrie, Lille

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- Willie went to Almy - came back tonight. Fri. 29th, Sowed timothy just below the meadow. Kate & Mother & Andrew came down. Very heavy thunder storms. Judy had a colt this a.m. Lille shoes. Sat. 30th, De Constitution day. Seth & family, Starkey & family, Some of Edith's, Harry Harris came down to spend the day, several teams went to Cotton Wood Grove, several parties there. Sun. 31st, The children had a team Joe & the Gray, went to Richard Canyon. They say they had a splendid time, roped the Sorrell, turned Red Cloud out. Thunder storm - all the folks went back to Almy excepting Lille & Norah.

June 1, 1891 Mon. Very heavy snow storm also wind at 5 a.m. Tue. 2nd Luty had a fine mare colt. Wed. 3rd, Note from Epperson in regard to taxes, Carrie brought it down on horse back. Sharp frost at night, me & Will went to Almy to go to Evanston tomorrow. Rained every day for a month. Fri. 5th, Put potatoes in new garden, fix some fence in garden. Daules came with his stud horse put him to Judy, Pet, & Doll. Seth & Starkey was down. Sat. 6th, Finished fence in new garden - repaired pasture fence. Put Daules horse to Bess, she kicked him he had to be took home. Lille & Norah & Joe went to Almy with Will. Will & Norah & Joe came back, Lille stayed, Andrew came down. Sun. 7th, Andrew brought a letter from Epperson, Judge Kirby & wife came down for a visit. Seth, Starkey & their families came down & went up canyon, took their dinner up with them. Me & Charles went up to Almy with buggy - Andrew went back. Mon. 8th, Me & Mother & Charles went to Evanston, saw Epperson. Made new arrangements with him and revised the old ones - Starkey & May came over town in the express, they came back with us. Came back to ranch, brought those seed potatoes. Tue. 9th, Very sharp frost this a.m. finished planting potatoes in new garden. Sowed red top in canyon ditch, sowed some wheat & Barley in new garden. Made irrigating ditches in new garden. Timothy coming up very good. Wed. 10th, Ice 14 inch thick - plowed a ditch from outlet at Whiting's ditch along side of fence in meadow, down opposite Whittings lands. Daules came down with his horse, Luty took the horse. He went back tonight. Seth & Starkey came down, Will, Kate & Dick went to Almy came back at night. Thurs. 11th, Commenced to plow at 6:30 this a.m. at the upper end of new garden for oats, plowed all day. Bell had a calf, Seth & Starkey came down. Starkey picked brush all day. Hottest day of the season. Cold toward night. Fri. 12th, Sowed oats in top end of new garden - Bell cow had a heifer calf - Seth - Starkey & families came down to ranch. Me - Seth - Starkey - Will & Charles & Dick went hunting at head of Richards Canyon, game very wild & scarce, got nothing, camped out all night. Sat. 13th, Hunted around at the head of Salt Creek saw a few antelope quite a way off returned home at noon. Daules was here with his horse. Bess Mare stood for him & tried Pet she refused and Doll refused. Judy took him. Caught a mare in corrall for Blight. Andrew came down & went to Almy. Came back and brought Mother. Sun. 14th, Very cold last night and this a.m. Hitched Doll Mare up in buggy went to Cotton Wood Grove. She worked pretty good. Horses came down. Andrew stayed up. Harry & Carrie went up, Kate & Lilli & Dick baptized today. Mon. 15th, Mother & Will went up this a.m. Will, Norah & Carrie & Lille came down Dick & Kate went to Almy, they was baptized Sunday Morning last, Lille also was baptized at the same time. Weather very cold. Tue. 16th, Hauled manure today in meadow. Seth & Starkey came down and helped us turned water on meadow. Had Doll hitched up, she kicked very much. Fixed part of partition fence in cow corrall. Seth & Starkey went up home again. Wed. 17th, Went to canyon for poles, Seth & Starkey went with us brought back 46 poles - Seth & Starkey went home. Very hot day, mosquitoes very bad. Carrie went to Almy on Pet Mare Harry came back with her. Thurs. 18th, Daules should have been down to Luty, Stork got in meadow last night. Will & Kate went up to Almy to take Mother to Evanston. Came back about 5 p.m. brought catalog for scales. Starkey & Seth came down. Completed division fence in cow corral, rain nearly all day. Fri. 19th, Repaired fence between sheep & cow corrall. Plowed ditch from outlet of Whiting ditch toward gate in meadow. Charles went to town on Ponileg to take orders for scales &

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ordered a 4 ton scale - should be here in two weeks. Rained today. Sat. 20th, Plowed ditches in meadow from Whiting outlet to just below gate. Grubbed brush. Will went to Almy also Lille. Andrew came down. Mother came back with Will, cold today - receded place for scales. Sun. 21st, Staid in the house all day, Harry came down put bridle on Sorrell horse also collar. Went up to Almy with Mother. Dick, Harry & Carrie went to John Sims about place for scales. James came from Salt Lake. Mon. 22nd, Came down to ranch early this a.m. with Carrie, Lille & Dick. Plowed ditch next to gate in meadow into timothy in garden. Grubbed brush, very windy day and very cold. Me & Will had a walk around meadow.

(Found Letter draft at back of diary) "Almy June 22nd (1891) to the Honorable Board of County Court Forum for Unita County, Wyom. . Gentleman, I wish to ask permission to put up scales on one side of the county road, fork of the Woodruff and Cokeville county roads about two hundred yards east of the Cowey Bridge which crosses Bear River. My proposed location for said scales will be but 1 L. slightly action to traffic. Hoping the above will have your early consideration, Yours R. Fowkes."

June Tue. 23rd, 1891 Very cold this morning, ice on the ditch. Continued ditch in old garden irrigating. Dick & Kate grubbed brush - Me & Dick went to Almy in buggy - saw Blightloff, was to busy, could not fix timber for scales. Wed. 24th, Charles went to Daules about the horse - to see why he had not come down in accordance with arrangements. Will over hauled machine. Irrigating. Frost every night. Thurs. 25th, Daules came down today. Judy & Bess took the horse. Went to Almy with buggy. Received note from County Councilman stating Meg had no objections to new building scales up at fork of Woodruff & Cokeville county roads. Frost, potatoes froze in Almy. Fri. 26th, Me, Will, Charles & Dick went to dig hole for scale, took Joe & Gray. Plowed surface off - leveled out the bottom at south end, ground very hard. Sat. 27th, Me, Will, Charles & Dick went to scales, digging hole hauling rock. Hauled three loads for foundation, quit at noon, went to Almy in buggy with Carrie, Kate & Will came back last night, Norah came down. Sun. 28th, Andrew came down last night, brought post for lumber for scales, left it at Seths. Hitched Doll up with Derby, children went to bottom Wood Grove, she went pretty good. Daules came down, put horse to Judy & Doll, they refused. Mon. 29th, Andrew went back to Almy early this a.m. I went up went to Evanston saw Custim, paid him for scale, brought some bolts back. Norah went back to Almy, Lille ... with Dick at ranch. Very hot day. Tue. 30th, All children went up to Almy to attend vacation of school children going to recite. Children came back about 4 p.m. Will went up to go to the store as they needed him for a little while. Very hot day.

July 1, 1891 Wed. Charles threw a rock at the geese & killed the gosling. I then chopped the heads off the two geese. Charles & Dick went after Pet Mare which had got away, got her in Rocklands Canyon. Lutty is away out, very hot day. Fri. 3rd, Cut, sawed jaz at the mouth of old canyon ditch, mostly foxtail. Seth & Starkey, with their families came down to spend the 4th. Sat. 4th, Team went up for the folks. Mother, Aunt Mary, Norah, Jim & Edith and family came down, also Sam Hutchinson, Jack Harris & families and others. Had a very fine time. Sun. 5th, Most of the visitors staid all night, went up about six p.m. very warm day. Andrew went back. Mon. 6th, Went to Evanston to see about the scales. Team ran away around Russells field fence ...mine broke seats of the buggy a little. Andrew brought scales. Tue. 7th, Hauled rock for scales, commenced to lay rock for foundation of scales, very warm day. Wed. 8th, Fetched 4 bushel lime from N25 stone, laid some rock in foundation, very warm day. Thurs. 9th, Started to cut wheat across down near river. Charles ran machine. Cut about a load for Andrew to take up to Almy for his own use. Fri 10th, Worked on foundation of scales. Very warm day, thundered & big wind, very bad. Andrew got a very bad hand. Sat. 11th, Worked on scales. Andrew came down, Carrie & Lilly went up to Almy. Mother came back with team - very cold, rain, very cold at night. Sun. 12th, Very sharp frost last night, potatoes all cut off, same Hubbards. J. Harris & families came down. Also John Lord, Bob Bruce, I arranged to sell Doll horse to J. Lord. Mon. 13th, Mother went up to Almy, also

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Andrew, and took load of hay up. Me & Charles worked on foundation and finished, very warm day. Lille & Carrie came back from Almy. Tue. 14th, Kate went up to Almy on horse back to stay awhile with Edith as she was very sick. Me & Charles finished foundation of scales - brought Andrew rack back with us. Wed. 15th, A Sorrell colt came to ranch from down the canyon. Very young and poor - we kept it and fed it cows milk. Very hot day. Thurs. 16th, Got a load of hay up, put it on lower end of cow shed. Me & Charles came up to Almy, stay all night. Charles cut some wheat grass at bottom of meadow. Fri. 17th, Me & Charles put the 2 x 16 plank in on a wall, came down to ranch, got a load of hay up, wheat grass. Sat. 18th, Worked on iron, worked scales, nearly connected it, came down to ranch with Mother. Andrew came down brought some coal. Charles took Doll Mare to John herds. A very hot day. Sun. 19th, Will came down last night. Put loader up. Harry Harris walked down. Very warm day. I went to Almy, took Mother back. Will, Carri, Harry & Dick. Esthers (?)cream (?)broke. Mon. 20th, Me & Dick came down to scales, finished them, they very correct. Came to ranch about 5 p.m. very hot day. Seth came down to help us with them, Harry, Andrew took ½ load to Fords. Tue. 21st, Put another load in shed. Makes three in all. Charles cut in old pasture, also foptail(a location on ranch) top end of meadow. Wed. 23rd, Andrew took a load to Atkinson, brought lumber back for racks. Had quite a job to sell his hay 2340 lbs, cut \$10.00 per ton. Thur. 23rd, Seth & Charly cutting, Seth broke the tongues of machine, went to get a new one for Champion. Fri. 24th, All the folks went up to Almy to spend the 24th. I staid at ranch alone. Sat. 25th, Repairing old rack, Harris & folks all came down, had a very good time, they stayed all night. Sun. 26th, All the visitors went back home after having a very good time. I went up with Mother, staid all night, very hot day. July 27th, Came back to ranch and Carrie, Charles & Dick, Seth came down with his waggon. Tue. 28th, Repairing rack, Seth & Charles cut some in new garden. Wed. 29th, Seth & Charles cutting till noon. Very heavy thunder storm, could not get any hay up. Rained all afternoon - Levi came down about noon. I told him he could start tomorrow. Thur. 30th, Very cloud looking this a.m. Seth, Andrew, Charles went to divide after poles. Me & Dick, Kate, folks went to Almy. Got back with poles all right. Came back from Almy, rain came down. Fri. 31st, Got one load of foptail up. Worked on corrals fence all day. Thunder & storm mostly through the day. Levi sick with diarrhea.

Aug. 1st, 1891 Sat. Levi had to go home being very sick. Seth broke machine, he had to go over town for fitting. Carrie & Dick went to Almy. Mother & Esther came out. Seth cost \$20.00 against No 6.... Put two loads of up foptail stack, one on crib lower end of county. Fix machine, Seth & Charles cut in Seth top bend, put up load on foptail, 3 ½ loads on Seths. Finished top bend. Commenced in old pasture, Seth broke his tong - put another one in. Mon. 3rd, Levi came down told me he had quit. I went up to Almy with Mother. Came back at noon. Got 4 loads of hay up from top bend for Seth. Charles & Seth cut in old pasture. Seth worked his horse all day. Judy raked all day. Tue. 4th, Seth & Charles cutting all day in old pasture, up to canal in ditch. Starkey came down, put six load on house stack, but one to unload. Tue. 6th, Put one load on foptail, (foptail is a tall grass with spikes of brushlike flowers or in simple words a noxious weed, presume this was a foptail infested location on the ranch, referred to as foptail) 6 ½ loads on NE stack. Had to lay over at noon on account of wind blowing. I went to Almy, came back at night. Reading a letter from Brother Reuben at Rock Springs enquiring about sheep. Fri. 7th, Borrowed Kennedy's single Hoover to rake with. Seth mowing on his own piece. Charles mowed at the upper end. Got 5 loads up yesterday, had to quit on account of the wind. Grass drying out fast. Sat. 8th, One load house stack, one load to NE stack, six loads to South Stake, one load to Setters house, 1895. Carrie & Noah took buggy to Almy. Mother, Carrie, Willie & Harry Harris came down. Sun. 9th, Seth, Starkey with their family came down with Rade Robinsons, wife & family came down, John Lord came down, Wm Reeves called with three others, they went hunting. Mon. 10th, Mother went back last night. Carrie & Harry - buggy came back, Walter Harris came down to work on the hay. Waiting for hay.

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Reeves borrowed our buggy, they broke down. Tue. 11th, Very hot this morning, thundering near all day. Got 9 loads up today, Lille is sick. Wed. 12th, Very hot through the day. Boys went fishing at noon, to hot to work on meadow, got 8 loads up today. Makes 73 in all. Moo cow calved. White heifer. Thurs 13th, Two knife heads. Went town with Mother & Kate. Tried to exchange the rake, could not do it as they had none on hand. Brought 42 doz. Kobe teeth for Holingsworth rake. Fri. 14th, Stayed at Almy all night on account of heavy rain. Randolph people took a steam Harvester & sawmill combine, the traction engine broke through the bridge on county road. Me & Kate came down to ranch. Sat. 15th, Worked on county road where I had the road changed. Carrie & Wille went to Almy. Mother & Willie came down to ranch, got two loads of # oz up. Sun. 16th, Got 4 loads of hay up, put it on crib side of cow shed. Very steady rain in the afternoon. Mon. 17th, I am down from Almy, Will came & Lille. Mother Harris came down arrived with Seth, & Starkey & Charles went to divide after poles could not do any thing on meadow, to wet. Tue. 18th, Got some rock to put around frame of scales, cannot do anything on meadow, to much rain every day for the last week. Got our load up, pretty wet. Sam & family came along. Wed. 19th, Fit big rack on, Andrew & Walter Harris took a load of hay to Edith 1663. Harry Harris came down went hunting, got two chicken, very cloudy. Tue. 26th, Got a load of cedar posts, 43, fine day, got 5 loads of hay up, put 4 on NE stake, had to turn top of all the stack over, they were soaked with wet for 3 or 4 ft. deep. Sat. 22nd, Carrie & Kate took buggy up for Mother and her two girls came down with her. Harry & Will came down at night with Sam Hutchinson horse & buggy. Sun. 23rd, Got our load up on N. 1, stack loaded on for Penman. Got some young potatoes up for dinner. Went up to Almy with Mother and the girls. Mon. 24th, Came down from Almy with Carrie, met Andrew going up with Penman hay he got off the road through my fence, he had 3500 lbs on his waggon, got a little hay up. Tue. 25th, Very hot day. Today got 11 loads to NE stack, Charles cut ½ day.

Sept. 5, 1891 Got through haying with exception of about one load. Sun. 6th, Took two load of hay to Isaac, 2510 at \$10.00 per ton. The other load 1500 at total received \$20.00 in full. Mon. 7th, Started out on a hunt alone. The muddy load of hay to Isaac 1800 ct \$9.00, \$8.00. Camp at rock, spent tonight. I shot first chicken. Tue. 8th, Moved from camp about 8:30 Shot quite a few chickens & missed such a lot. Thur. 10th, Returned from hunting got my amount of victories. Very heavy electric storm, mostly hail. **(Found At back of diary)** "Sept. 10, 1891, need for the house, tools, axe, saw, chisel, spade, drille. Hole for scale 12 x 16 x 25 inches deep."

Sept. Fri. 11th, 1891 Hauled coal for houses. Pitch 2 in. Sat. 12th, Big rack to store, 311 - medium rack Harris, 2460 - Norah walked up to Almy. I went up in old wagon, met Mother coming down, she went back with me. Sun. 13th, Carrie down from Almy with Mother. Lille came from Eppersons on a visit. Mon. 14th, Big rack, Smith 25.60, Medium, Smith 23.10, Small loads 18.40, Worked on back house at Almy. Me & Charles came down in buggy, Lille went back on stage. Tue. 15th, 3 load to Harris, Big rack, 2290; Medium, 1992; small rack, 2150. Wed. 16th, To Harris, 2670; To Harris, 2025; For Harris, 1970; 1665 = 7 ton 15 cut 30 full. Thur. Wed. 17th, Penman, 2895 big; 1870, 2610 = 7375 + 3000 = 10375. Had Derby & Bess shoe, Mother went town with me. Fri. 18th, Two loads to Penman, Big rack 2820, medium 2875; wife house one load small rack 1845. Sat. Sept. 19th, Big Raule Robinson 2475; medium rack Hunters 2594; small rack wife house, 1750. Sun. 20th, Charles cut the oats & timothy in garden. Big rack 2455. Medium rack 2490. Small rack to wife house 1800, loaded three racks up. Mon. 21st. Went to Almy with Mother, put lock on back house, built new comode. Unloaded small racks 1800, raining. Dick took rack down. Two loads to Henry finished them. Big rack 2455, medium 2490. Tue. 22nd, Seth & Starks brought two loads up to their house last night. Did not have time to go any further. Staid all night. Today it commenced to rain early - could not take the hay up. Me & Andrew had a load ready, could not take it up. Wed. 23rd, Raining this a.m. steady and heavy all day. Charles came down on Tom

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horse. Rifle went off accidentally and shot Ring in the leg. Me & Kate went up to Almy, roads very bad, stay all night. Thurs. 24th, Came down to ranch took Seth to unload the two loads in his corrall Big rack 3200, medium rack 2... Seth & Starkey came down with both racks - Me & Andrew hauled two loads of hay. Fri. 25th, Very sharp frost this a.m. Small rack to Doctor Gamble 1770, medium rack 2380, big rack 2680 to Robinsons. Starkey made another load to wife house, small rake 2230. Sat. 26th, To Robinsons Big Rack 2565, medium 2335, small rack 2305 - Went up in buggy fetched Mother down to ranch helped them to unload. Roads very bad. Sun. 27th, Got oats up out of garden, also timothy, about a ton of oats, 43 tons of timothy, very cold and cloudy. Mon. 28th, Two load to Beveridges, medium rack 2790, small rack 2255; big rack to Store 2625. Tue. 29th, 4 loads to Store: Big rack 2765 Store, medium 2430 butchers, small 2650 store, Big rack 2305 store, small 2075 store. Wed. 30th, Big rack 2285 to store, small 2200 to store, medium 2200 wife house.

Oct. 1st, 1891 Snow last night, took three load to Beveridges big rack 2470, medium 2645, small rack 2400, finish Beveridge 6 ½ tons. Fri. 2nd, Small rack to store 2600, big rack 2740, medium 2450, small rack to Harris, Seth contract from our stack 2105. Medium rack to S of house 2200

(Found at back of diary) Oct. 2nd 1891, Paid to Starkey at time he went to conference \$44.25

Sat. 3rd, Two loads to store, small rack 2000, medium rack 2205. Mon. 5th, One load to Ed Burton small rack 2287. One load to Atkinsons big rack, one load to Millers, small rack 2350. S of house 1900, from bottom stack. Tue. 6th, Two loads to Ed Burton, Big rack 2535, medium 2065, one load Adamson, small rack 2190. Wed. 7th, One load to Adamson, small rack 2612 medium to S of house 2100. Tue. 5th, Adamson 2185, Burton 2135. Fri. 9th, Load to Robinson small rack 2450, J Lord medium rack 2380, S of house 1800. Sat. 10th, J Lord, big rack 2245, J. Lord small 2300, S of house medium 1900 from bottom stack. Mon. 12th, to Sam E. Hutchinson, big rack 2330, medium 2215, small 2115,load 1390 = 8050. Went with Mother to Evanston with Harry Harris & Carrie going to Logan (For temple wedding). Tue. 13th, From Seth, Starkey the Reese girls. Big rack 2655, small rack 2065, from our stack to Edith - 22 old stick apron for bill.

1891 Oct. 14th A special day for the Fowkes and Harris families. Ephriam Harris and his future spouse, Catherine Hutchinson, along with his younger brother Henry Harris and future spouse, Caroline "Carrie" Anne Fowkes traveled to Logan, Utah. Both couples were married and sealed on the same day. 'Harry' and 'Carrie' Harris, were sealed together by W. Merrill in the Logan Temple. Ephriam who was born 9 Apr 1867, while Henry was born 8 Sept. 1868, both at Hucknall Falkard, Notts. Eng. (#178,135, & Marriage licenses records at Logan, Utah).

Oct. Wed. 14th, 1891 To Becksmith Evanston, medium rack 2780 to J. Reeves big rack 25.. Bell small 2365, from Seth, Starkey. Very cold at night very hot midday. Thurs. 15th, to Becksmith Evanston medium rack 2640, to J Reeves big rack 2555, Small rack 21. Fri. 16th, to Becksmith Evanston medium rack 2615, to J. Reeves big rack 2305, small rack 2255. Sat. 17th, To Beveridge medium rack 1795. J Reeves big rack 25, small rack 2166, Went up Rock Canyon to attend wedding supper of E. Harris, had a very good time. Sun. 18th, Came down to ranch from Red Canyon about 2:15 a.m. Staid at home all day. Mrs. Harris came down to ranch, Starkey, Seth their family came down to ranch. Mon. 19th, Carrie's wedding party held at ranch today. All the families went down and a great many others had a good time. Tue. 20th, Some of the folks staid till about noon today. Thurs. 22nd, One load to S of house about 2000 our hay. One load to Harrings 24....Seth hay, one load to Seth 2200, Seth hay.. Fri. 23rd, Two loads to Seths big rack of Seth hay. Me & Andrew went to timber at Holliance for poles. Started about 7:30 a.m. arrived 4 p.m. Very hot day, Starkey went as well. Sat. 24th, One load to Seth, big rack of Seths hay, Starkey finished today, Seth as well. Sun. 25th, Arrived home from timber with two load of poles. Seth & Starkey came down with us to ranch. Charles shot two antelope. Mon. 26th, Seth & Starkey went back

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home rode Judy & her colt. Andrew & Charles went to Almy to get some coal for house, brought oat, bran, corn, grain, very warm day. Tue. 27th, Me - Andrew & Charles brought load of hay to S of house, 2065 finished stack. Fixed coal shed, commenced on well.

Nov. 3rd, 1891 Rocked the well. Wed. 4th, Chinked stable at S of house. Mon. 9th, Gave receipt to Chas...for hay delivered to him. Saw L Kirby in regards to advertising sale of horses. Tue. 10th, Will, Charles fetched load of cedar firewood. Wed. 11th, Me, Charles & Dude went to canyon after poles. Went to Almy in buggy. Thurs. 12th, Commenced to put ceiling on in kitchen. Finished our room, Sam Hutchinson said he would not pay for his hay. Fri. 13th, Finished ceiling kitchen, came down to ranch. Sat. 14th, Mother came down to ranch in buggy. Andrew brought a load of nut coal down to ranch. Sun. 15th, Very cold, stormy day. Staid at house all day, went up with Mother to Almy in the buggy. Saw Eclipse of moon, turned old hay today. Mon. 16th, Came down to ranch, heard on the way the girls went to ... dance on Saturday night. Went up at night to see about it, had quite a racket. Aunt Emma favored their going - came down this a.m. to ranch, went up again tonight to straighten the dance business with the girls. Saw Lille, she said she would not go again without permission. I told her I should doubt her. Wed. 18th, Came down to ranch. Me & Dick, Kate & Joe went to divide, Sam two deer, very fine day. Old bay was sick. Thurs. 19th, Worked on rock foundation under the house. Fine day but cloudy. Kate went on horse back to hunt for Edith's cow & calf, which went away last Monday. Sat. 21st, Went up to Almy, Aunt Emma took a house intending to move, did not like me getting after her about the girls going to the dance. Sun. 22nd, Staid at the house all day with Mother. Had a very nice interview with the teachers Hood & Williams. Fri. 27th, Building pig pen at wife house. Sat. 28th, Finished pig pen. Mother came down to ranch with me. Jack & Sam Harris came down to go out hunting stay all night. Sun. 29th, Hunting for Edith cow & calf - Kirby brought two appraisers for the strays. Me & Mrs. Harris came down Harry & Carrie & Esther Harris also - very fine day. Mon. 30th, Went up to Almy - took three little pigs. Heard that Gofbs had come.

Dec. 1, 1891 Tue. Flour - Serviceberry brush - Went to Almy took some meat, made cupboard. Andrew & Charles went up, snowing very heavy. Wed. 2nd, Put frame of chicken coop up, in Starkey, and came down to ranch, now cold wind, about two inch of snow on the ground. Heard Ramsy was discharged. Fri. 4th, I took a walk round Richards range and back by that way back through the cedar in our canyon but saw no deer nor Edith cow. Sat. 5th, Went to Almy - blowing and drifting. Saw Gofbs at Starkey. Andrew & Charles came down to ranch, Kate sent a letter to Ida Hichten. Sun. 6th, Me & Mother & Dick spent today at Carrie's. Mr. Olsen Harris was there had a good time. Mon. 7th, Came down to ranch this morning, very cold. Tue. 8th, Put roof on timothy shed. Wed. 9th, Got Cutter on for first time this season. Went to Almy with gray, not enough snow for good sledding. Thurs. 10th, Made out Seth and Starkeys time for their work on meadow. Came down with the gray - very fine day, but cold. Fri. 11th, Put manger in old timothy shed. Finished rock work on house. Sat. 12th, Kate went to Almy with buggy. Took wash board off from front of house in porch, evened off the leg and put it on in good shape. Very fine day, quite warm in the sunshine freezing in shade. Andrew came down, brought some coal & Pork. Sun. 13th, Very cold night last night. Fixed tin in window 4 kitchen. Cut stole meat last night, Dick shot a jack (jackrabbit). Jas. Blight called as he passed by. Andrew went back to Almy 7 p.m. Mon. 14th, Kate came back from Almy. She went church yesterday, several had been baptized, ready to be confirmed. Very fine day. Fixed bars in garden, commenced to take roof off cellar, banked up around potato. Tue. 15th, Me & Dick went up Richard Canyon to look for Edith's cow. Saw 11 deer shot at them, did not get one. Very fine day, quite hot middle of day. Wed. 16th, Me & Joe go up to Almy saw Kirby about selling the strays, he said we would sell them on Dec. 28th., Very fine day today. Flour - Tea - coffee - Sugar. Thurs. 17th, Came down to ranch, saw Seth & Starkey work at the mine, very black. Said they was satisfied

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with their hay etc. Clouding up looks like snow. Whiting mine brought the red heifer. Fri. 18th, About three inches of snow fell last night. Snowing through the day. Me & Dick put new shoe on old sleigh. Andrew came down, brought a big load of coal which he had picked. Sat. 19th, Me & Andrew & Dick went up canyon, saw no deer. Very bad traveling in quaking asp groves. Me & Dick went to Almy in cutter. Andrew & Kate stayed down. Sun. 20th, Staid at wife house all day - Will had cutter, took our children & J. Wanlass and their children, they broke the front of cutter. About three inch of show.

(Found Letter draft at back of diary to:) *"Uinta Publishing Co. Evanston Wyo. I notice in my advertisement of stray horses you over looked putting in one Sorrell horse, Maude CL on left shoulder also CR on left thigh. Would like you to publish this note. I will be over and see you in a few days. R. Fowkes, Almy Wyo."*

Dec., Mon. 21st, 1891 Me & Dick came down to ranch, sledging very good. Made a new shoe for old sleigh. Tue. 22nd, Put sleigh shoe on, got a load of cedar for fire wood. Andrew went up to Almy - cold rough day - looks very much like storming. Wed. 23rd, Very rough and stormy. Repaired spring seat. Andrew came down, Mine No. 7 work no more this week. Sent Dick up to store with the cutter to get bran & corn, got none, clean out cow shed. Thurs. 24th, 7 a.m. Snowing about six inches of snow. Me & Kate & Dick went up to Almy in old sleigh. Cut a Christmas tree at dug way, left it at Edith. Seth & Starkey & families went up with us, staid at Edith's. Fri. 25th, Harry & Carrie staid at our house last night. Kate came from Edith early this a.m. said Edith baby (10 month old Earnest Wanlass) near dying. Me & Mother went to Edith. Baby was dead when we arrived. Had dinner at Edith's with all the children except Lille. Sat. 26th, Arranged for Seth & Starkey to dig grave and for James & Mary to go to Evanston to get coffin. Child to be buried tomorrow. Came down to ranch in cutter. Storm looking. Came back from ranch, James got coffin put in the hole. Sun. 27th, Very cold this a.m. Attended funeral services at Edith's, held at 10 a.m. Started for grave yard 11 a.m. Very cold. Went down to ranch in cutter with Harris. He took halter from Sorrell. Harry & Andrew came up in sleigh. Mon. 28th, Charles & Dick drove our band of horses with strays which was going to be sold today. Pompey sold for \$12.00, Gray no pick, I brought for \$8.75. Sorrell Harris bought for \$33.00. Dick went down to ranch with gray - very cold night found Edith's cow and took it to their house. Came to ranch in cutter. Andrew came down with sleigh. Paid May \$10.00 for Starkey work on meadow. Levi came down to attend to his mare about off younger food. Wed. 30th, Snowed most of last night, snowing from the east. Commenced to feed two or three days ago. Me, Kate & Dick went up to Almy to solo concert, meet with a very rough storm on dug way - roads all drifted up. Concert put off account of storm. Tue. 31st, Came down to ranch this a.m. with Charl & Tom about 1 ft of snow on level, drifted very bad in places. It is 3 to 6 feet deep. Seth came down with Chas Morgan & Brown's boy. Him pay for Morgan, Mare Doll, Mare got away from Loyd and came down to ranch. Andrew tied her behind the sleigh and took her up - Levi came down to see to his young mare, got a bad cut on top of its shoulder.

1892 Diary Jan. 1st. *Clouds look like snow. Dick went to Almy with Pet & Gray with the harness on to fetch the old sleigh down again, snow a little, attended to Levi. He and Dick got back about 5 p.m. snowed for the last 10 days. 2nd, Fed stock and worked on the old table - very fine day. 3rd, Got Kate red dress down, went to Almy in cutter to see how the road was. Shoveled out the blew dug way, stayed at wife house all day. Carrie & Harry was at house, stayed for supper, fine day. 4th, Came back brought some oats down. Kate & Dick went in cutters to go to the concert. Took gray to, both stayed at ranch alone, rather windy tonight. 5th, Kate & Dick came back, put handle in small axe. Cleaned hog stall out, three loads put on garden, very fine day. 6th, Finished two leaf table, cleaned lumber stable out, put manure in garden, went out in cutter. 7th, Came back from Almy - could not get any grain, bought the meat. Andrew came down, fine day. 8th, Seth colt strangled. Worked on cellar took roof off, took cupboard out,*

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put dirt on road at bridge at Whitings ditch. Fine day. 9th, Worked in cellar had quite a job to get the frozen dirt down after it was mined. Me and Kate went to Almy in cutter, got up there about 7 p.m. very cold towards night. 10th, Will and Lille came after Aunt Emma pig & chickens, took six & three chickens. Could not catch the others. Me, Will, Charles & Peterson boy Henry, came down to ranch in sleigh. Bess & Derby hitched in sleigh. Very cold and drifting. Andrew & the boys went back, took the extra sleigh back and left Derby & Bess down here, better, Joe came down as well. 11th, Charles start to work at mine. Coldest night of the season so far. Lots of stray stock around the corral. Horse & cows. Fixed barrels to house water. Hauled two barrels. 7 Bradshaw horses came down twice today, also feeds with ours, hauled load of hay on meadow. 12th, Fed stock, fixed sleigh tree, Hauled load of dirt from cellar, fine day but very cold. Took load of hay on meadow for feed.

(Found at end of diary) "Jan. 12, 1892, Me & Dick gone down with the boys tonight. As I do not know whether you have been over town and seen Judge Corn or not, this is an important matter. When you come down to ranch we can talk this matter over - and other things as well. Come, if you can possibly make it. RF." Jan. 13th, Fetched Burtons mare and colt down to ranch from Cottonwood grove. Also our cream colored horse. Branded also our bay horse, brand on right thigh on Sorrell.

13th, Very cold night last night. Cloudy this a.m. Hauled two load of dirt from cellar. Took load of hay in meadow for feed, went up to Almy in sleigh took Bessie & Derby horses. Very cold ride - Will at home today sick. 14th, Came down to ranch brought oats, 83 lbs. Not so cold today, looks like snow. 15th, Cloudy this a.m. looks very much like snow. Worked on cellar, dirt is very hard with being froze. Not making much head way - no snow today. 16th, Cloudy this a.m. not cold. Freezing, but better. Worked on cellar, very warm day. Me & Dick came up to Almy. Andrew came to ranch. 17th, Staid at Almy all day. Did not feel well this p.m. and I should have gone to meeting. Thos. Beady spoke in the afternoon, having returned from his mission to England. Very misty day - worked on hay account. 18th, Very cold morning, river all over the willows. Started for ranch 7:30 a.m. Met Andrew at 7 coming from ranch. He had a very cold ride. Me & Dick staid at Esther's a while to warm. Arrived at ranch 10 a.m. Worked on cellar a little, brought bran & flour. 19th, Very windy this morning. Looks like storm. Worked on cellar, made but slow progress as it is froze to much. 20th, 7 a.m. Very fine morning, seems almost like spring. Finished plugging cellar, commenced on the frame. Met Joe, went to Almy in cutter, very warm day. Came back from Almy about 9 a.m. Joe staid up there. 22nd, Very cold night last night. Worked on frame work of cellar, it is now ready for lumber. Very fine warm day. 23rd, Dull and cloudy this a.m. Turned out a fine day. Me & Kate went to Almy in cutter. Andrew came with lumber for cellar. 24th, At the house all day figuring out Seth hay all for last summer. Very fine day but very cold. 25th, Very cold this a.m. Will rode down to store with me, 10 below deg. Me & Kate arrived about 10:30 a.m. Worked on cellar in the side. 26th, Worked on cellar, put roof on. Got water, very fine day - Blizzard commenced at 8 p.m. of snow and rain. Very strong wind lasted about 1 hour. 27th, Rooster crowed last night several times, got a load of wood from Dude Slough for wife house. I took it up this afternoon. Seth baby has been sick. 28th, Came down to ranch. Mother came down as far as Esther's got a load of wood from ditch slough, cleaned stable out, very fine day. 29th, Very fine morning. Fixed support on roof of kitchen to hoist pig up tomorrow. Very fine day. Kate went to Almy in cutter & Pet Mare to bring Mother down tomorrow. 30th, Very fine morning. Kate & Mother came, brought little Joe with them. Down about 11 a.m. Jos. Clark came down about 1 p.m. Killed the old sow, she was not very fat. Paid Clark a dollar for his trouble. Andrew came down with a load of sawdust. 31st, Seth and Esther and the children was down. Snowing most of the day. Me & Mother went up in the cutter, Andrew brought the dead pig up.

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Feb. 1892 Came down early this a.m., about 8:30, cleaned out cow shed, about six inches of snow fell. Warm all day for time of year. 2nd, Very sharp frost last night. Made door for cellar and hung it up - making seat for Seth sleigh. Very fine day. 3rd, Very misty this a.m., came up to Almy with Charles & Bess, brought slabs, make pig pen for big hog. Fix pen this afternoon. 4th, Tom horse Kate, Bess last night Came down to ranch around about 10 a.m. Nannie cow had a calf, bull calf, very misty, cold. 5th, Very cold last night, there is about 12 inches of snow on the level. Little Joe sick with measles. Went down to river to see if the ice was so we could get it, it was not. Put latch on cellar door, fixed pig pen - Nannie calf died. 6th, Joe really sick all night. He is light headed. Little snow fell during the night, Dick & Kate went to Almy in cutter for Mother to come down to Joe. They came down about 4:30 p.m. Joe is a little better. Andrew came down.

(Found at end of diary) Feb. 6th, 1892 One cream colored horse about 8 years old branded on right thigh **Ji** One bay horse three white feet branded on right thigh. One Sorrell horse branded **CL** on left shoulder also **CR** on left thick. Sale of Horse: Bay to Rowbothaurs \$12.00, Gray to Fowkes \$8.75, sorrell \$33.00 = \$53.75.

Feb. 7th, Seth came down, killed steer - fine day but cold.

Andrew & Seth went back home. Joe considerable better.



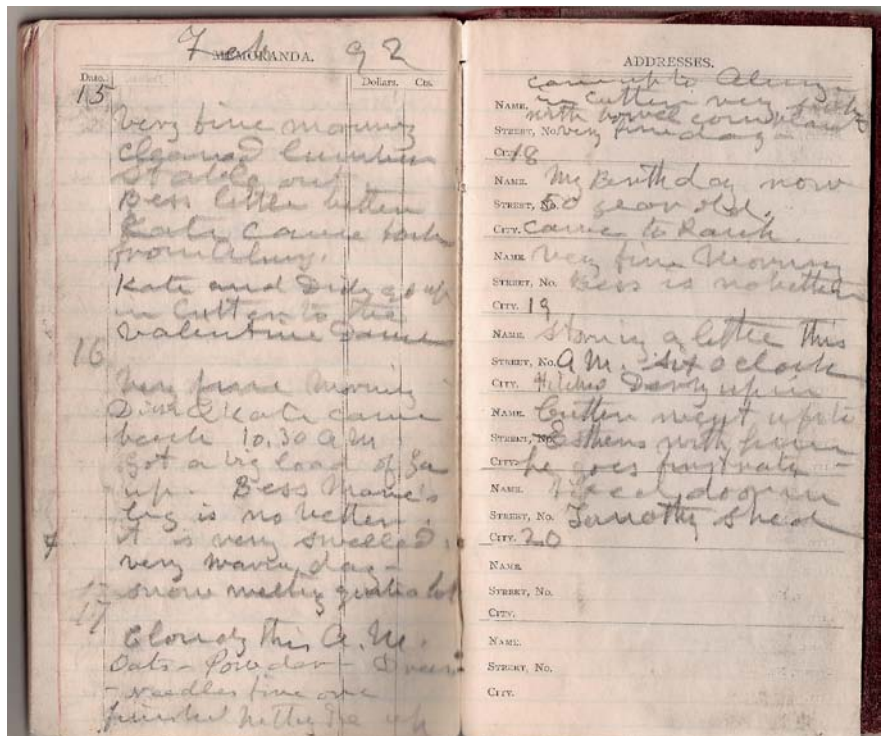
Mary B. Fowkes approx. 50 years of age

1892 Feb. 8th, For Mary's 50th birthday, all her children went together and gave her a silver tea pot.

Feb. 8th, Mother, Kate & Joe went up in cutter. Kate & Dick came back to ranch 5 p.m., fine day but cold. 9th, Andrew & Charles came down to ranch to fetch the old hog and a dozen chickens. Me, Kate & Dick got 8 blades of ice up. Very cold strong wind, drifting very much. 10th, Very rough night, more drifting cold wind. Wind broke front of cutter up. Bess Mare's hock is very swelled and painful, got two loads of ice up - very rough day. 11th, Cloudy this morning not cold. Oil for Bess leg - potatoes, corn,Went to Almy, snow was drifted very bad on

dug way -
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traveling.

All the girls with their children was at wife house. 12th, Came down to ranch, very foggy & cold. Dug snow out at dugway, got down to ranch about 11 a.m. Got one load of ice up. Bess's leg pretty bad, bathed it well today, very fine day. 13th, Very fine morning at 5 a.m. Got a load of ice in & two barrells water. Bess Mare very sick. Andrew & Charles came down, brought some coal. Kate went up to Almy in cutter, very fine day tho windy. 14th, Andrew & Charles went to low hills. Saw lots



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of marks of deer but no deer. Staid at house all day not feeling well. Andrew & Charles went back to Almy, very windy. 15th, Very fine morning, cleaned lumber stable out. Bess little better, Kate came back from Almy. Kate and Dick gone in cutter to the Valentine dance. 16th, Very fine morning. Dick & Kate came back 10:30 a.m. Got a big load of ice up. Bess Mare's leg is not better, it is very swelled, very warm day. Snow melting gradually. 17th, Cloudy this a.m. Oats - powder- dress- needles fine one, finished me up. Came up to Almy in cutter verywith bowel complaint, very fine day. 18th, My birthday now, 50 years old. Came to ranch, very fine morning. Bess is not better. 19th, Storming a little this a.m. six o'clock. Hitched Derby up in cutter went up to Esther's withhe goes first rate. Fixed door in timothy shed.²⁴

1892 Feb. 24th, The Deseret Weekly Obituary reads: "At Almy, Feb. 24th 1892, of inflammation of the bowels, Reuben, son of Richard Fowkes and Mary Barrass, deceased was born at Ibstock, Leicestershie, England, Feb. 18th, 1842. He leaves a wife and eleven children to mourn his loss." (026,608 pg 464, Mar 26, 1892) He died of what is known as appendicitis, had just turned 50 years old, and still superintendent of the Union Pacific Mines.

After Reuben's death, Mary took care of the ranch with the help of her children, and one day there was trouble. Some of the ranch property was located across the Bear River. A neighbor by the name of Mr. Whitney was trying to get some of Reuben's ranch away from Mary. He wanted the part that was on the other side of the river and he tried every scheme he could think of to get it. Charley let the cows get away from him and they got over into the part that Mr. Whitney was trying to take away. Mr. Whitney took the cows and put them in his corral and was going to keep them. Charley went home and told Mary about it, she told him to harness up the horse, and hook it up to the buckboard and they'd go see Mr. Whitney. They forded the Bear River and when they got there Mary said, "I have come for my cows, Mr. Whitney," and he said "I can't let you have them." Mary said, "I want those cows and I want them right now!" He said, "No, I'm not going to let you have them because this proves that you were letting the cattle on my side, and on my land, and I am going to keep them." Mary grabbed her new buggy whip, got out of the buggy and approached him. She gave Mr. Whitney a sound thrashing with that buggy whip, she knocked his hat off first, then she whipped all about the shoulders and whenever she could, she hurt him. When she finished she only had half of her new buggy whip. She then drove off to Evanston, where she went to the court house and told the law what had happened and offered to pay a fine of \$50.00. The man laughed and said that he had wanted to do that for years, and charged her \$5.00 and said that was plenty for a fine. He told her he would take care of Mr. Whitney. As she was going out of the court house, she met Mr. Whitney coming in to make a complaint and she said to him, "It's no use you coming in Mr. Whitney, I have already paid the fine." Mary got her cows back and Charley tried to keep the cows on their side of the river. Mary loved the ranch and used to say that "No one could be nearer the Lord than those who till the soil of this Good Earth"²⁵

1893 July 17th, Lillian 'Lillie' Caroline married Peter West Hood at Evanston, Wyoming.

1894 Jan. 5th, Mary LeNorah married William Harris at Almy, WY.

1895 Mar. 20th, The most disastrous of all Almy explosion occurred just as the 60 men were just about to come to the surface for the evening meal (Uinta Co., It's Place pg 128). Undoubtly touching the lives

²⁴ *with bowel corn plant*-changed to *bowel complaint* (likely due to appendicitis), Ione & Jay Fowkes interpretation, 2013

²⁵Sentence added 2010

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of the Fowkes family friends at #5 Mine.....”Several mining disasters occurred in the Almy Red Canyon coal mines from time to time, but the most disastrous one, was the explosion on March 20, 1895 whereby 62 of the brethren employed at the coal mines, lost their lives. Among those killed were the following: Henry Burton, Benjamin Coles, Edmond Cox, William Sellers, Hugh Sloan, William Sellers, Jr., John Lester, Aaron Buttle, John L. Morris, William Grieves, Jr. Thomas Hutchinson, Willard J. Brown, Joseph Hyden, James B. Bruce, John Lock and son, James Clark, John Clark, Samuel Hutchinson, James Woodhouse, Andrew Mason, Jeremiah Crawford, John Pheby and George Hardy (US Utah H2J)” and William Graham age 17 yrs 1 month (599,291). Seven on the outside were killed by flying timber, Death came instantaneously to James Bruce, the mine foreman and O. Maltby, superintendent of motive power, died about two hours after being found. Those within the mine were killed instantly. The bodies were all rescued through the heroic efforts of rescue parties. The following Sunday interment services were held by ministers of the various denominations. Thirty-two were buried from the Mormon church, and the others from the chapels to which they belonged (Uinta Co. It’s Place pg 129).

1898 Apr. 20th, Kate Emma (age 19) was married to James Albert Sellers in SLC. by R. Winder (#1,750,676).

1900's, The mines were found to be unsafe because of the large amount of methane gas that continued to cause problems; which included explosions, fire and heavy coal dust that was unsafe to breath. Even though the mines were vented as much as possible, they were still unsafe so they were closed²⁶.

1900 June 8th, At Diamondville Town (#1,2741,827) Uinta Co, Wyoming 1900 census we find: James Wanlass, head, white male, born Aug 1846, 53 years old, married 18 years. Both he and his parents born in Scotland, emigrated 1877 and been in the US for 23 years. Has his Naturalization papers, a Coal miner, could read, write and speaks English. Owns his home.

...Edith E. Wanlass born Aug 1865, 34 years married 18 years. Mother of 9 children 8 living. She and her parents born in England. Lived in US for 31 years, can read, write and speak English and children

...Mary Wanlass dau, born Oct, 16 years, single

...James Wanlass, son, born July, 14 years, single, a coal miner

...Reuben Wanlass, son, born Apr, 13 years old, Born Wyo.

...Maggie Wanlass, dau, bn Mar, 10 years old, Born Wyo. single

...Edith E. Wanlass dau, born Dec, 8 years old

...Wilford Wanlass, son, born Feb., 4 years old, Born Wyo. Single

...William C. Wanlass, son, born May, 2 years old, Born Wyo. single;

...Alexander Wanlass, son born July 1899, 10/12 months of age.

...Boarding with the James Wanlass family is: brother William R. Fowkes, white male, born Jan., 25 years, single, born in Wyo., parents born in England. A Clerk Grocery, can read, write and speak English.

1900 June 13th, Uinta Co., Wyoming Census (#1,241,827) finds the ‘Fowks’ families living in the Red Canyon Precinct. In the same household are:

Mary Fowks, Head of the house, white female, born Feb. 1842, age 58 years, a widow, the mother of 13 children of whom 10 are living. She and her parents were born in England. She free owns her farm of 18 years, emigrated in 1867 and lived in the US for 33 years.

²⁶ Paragraph from Ethel Hood inserted, 2010

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....Joseph Fowks, son, born Feb. 1885, age 15, single. Born in Wyoming 4 months of school during year, can read, write and speaks English

....Kate Sellers dau., White female, born Dec. 1878, age 21 years, married 2 years. Had one child which is living, born in Wyo., can read, write and speak English.Albert Sellers, son, white male, born June 1899, 11/12 years of age, single, born in Wyoming. His father born in Utah, his mother in Wyoming.

....Edith Bell, serv. White female. Born Feb 1881, 19 years, single. Born in England, parents born in England she emigrated in 1885 and was in US for 15 years. She can read, write and speaks English.

....Samuel R. Adams, boarder, white male, born Apr. 1833, 68 years old, widower, born in England, parents born in England, emigrated 1860 and in the US for 40 years. A Farm laborer unemployed for 2 months of the last 12, cannot read or write and speaks English.

....George Bell, boarder, white male, born Feb. 1895, 15 years old, single. He was born in Wyo., his father born in Scotland, mother born in England. He is a chore boy, can read, write and speaks English.

1900 June 13th, Reuben William married Ida Beveridge at the SLC Temple.

1900 Sept. 16th, The Almy Ward was again made into a branch, becoming part of the Summit Stake.

1900 Oct. 9th, Charles Mortimer married Edith Louise Bell at the SLC Temple, the same Edith Bell living with the Fowkes family as a serv. in the 1900 census.

Mary shortly afterwards moved into Evanston. It is possible that at this time the Fowkes Formation ranch would now be owned by Charles Fowkes, clerk of the Bear River coal Company (Uinta Co, It's place page 126).

1906 July 22nd, Reuben W. Fowkes and Ida Fowkes arrived from Diamondville, Wyo, into the Cumberland Wy. Ward along with Clifton Blaine (034,541).

William and Eveline May Starkey family are also at Cumberland Ward (034,541)

1910 Apr. 20th, Uinta Co. Census of Evanston Town, Wyoming, (#1,375,760) At Summit H. we find: Mary Fowkes, head, female, white, 69 years old, a widow, mother of 13 children 10 living. She and her parents were born in England, she emigrated in 1867, speaks English, no occupation.

....Richard Fowkes, son, male, white, 29 years old, single. He parents born in England, speaks English and is a Labourer.

....Joseph Fowkes, son, male, white, 26 years old, single. His parents born in England, speaks English, is a Helper, Boiler Maker.

1913 May 29th, Richard Barrass married Hattie C. Palmer (#1,750,676)

1914-15 During the cold winter months Mary would often get a cold and this year her cold wouldn't go away.



1909 Cumberland, Wyoming: 14 Cousins!
 Top row, left to right, 4 boys: (1899) James Albert Sellers, (1901) Raymond Mark Harris, (1897) William "Bill" Wanlass, (1898) William F. Harris
 2nd row down, 5 boys: (1905) Charles E. Starkey, (1904) Eugene Sellers, (1903) William Fowkes, (1905) Lawrence (Larry) Wanlass, (1902) William F. Starkey
 3rd row down, 2 boys: (1906) Harold L. Harris, (1908) Zelf V. Harris
 Bottom 3 boys: (1906) Edwin C. Sellers, (1906) Reuben L. Fowkes, (1909) Blaine Fowkes

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Picture Taken Approximately 1910-1911
4 Generations

Standing: Mary Wanlass Marshall

Seated Left: Mary B. Fowkes
(Grandmother)

Seated Right: Edith Elizabeth Fowkes
Wanlass holding granddaughter Edith
Virginia Marshall born 1908

1915 March 9th, Mary Fowkes, 74, died at her home in Evanston, Wyoming (#321,148), of pneumonia, and was buried March 11th, 1915 in the Almy Cemetery.

Deseret Evening News, Sat. March 13, 1915, page 8,
Evanston, Wyo

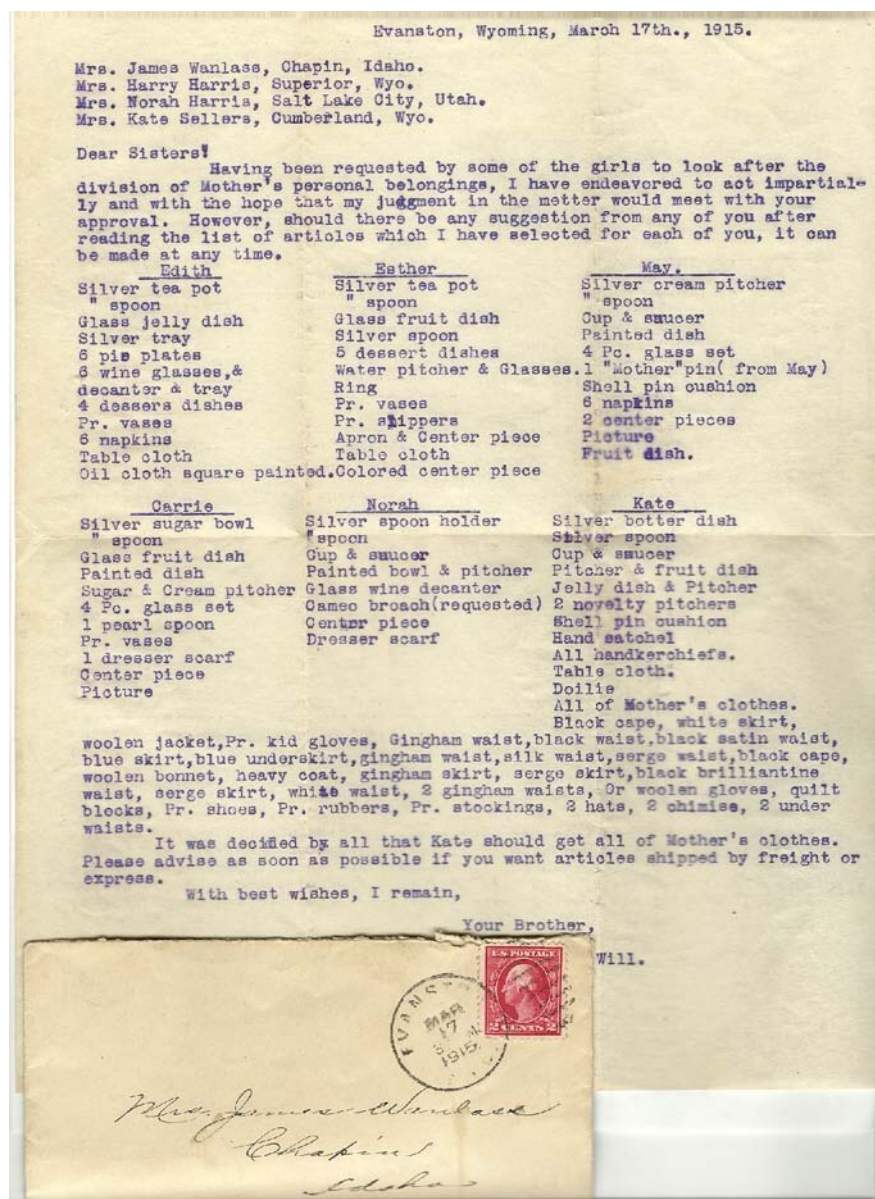
Mrs. Fowkes Dead

Evanston, Wyo; March 11 - Mrs. Mary Fowkes, an old time resident of Almy, Wyo, who recently moved to this place, died Tuesday morning of pneumonia. She was 74 years old and leaves several children. Funeral services were held from the ward chapel under the direction of bishop James Brown.

Deseret Evening News, Tues. Mar. 23, 1915, page 11,
Evanston, Wyo. Obituary

Evanston, Wyo. March 20 - Mrs. Mary Fowkes died March 9 of pneumonia at her home in this city. Mary Fowkes was born in England in 1842, and was married to Reuben Fowkes in 1863. In 1868 they came to America, walking from Laramie to Salt Lake. The husband died 12 years ago at Almy. Mrs. Fowkes had resided for 43 years at Almy and Evanston. She lived an honorable, upright, Christian life. Funeral services were conducted in the LDS church in this city by Bishop James Brown. The floral offerings were profuse and beautiful. Interment was in the Almy cemetery. Millennial Star, please copy.

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1915 Mar 17th, Will Fowkes wrote a letter to his sisters:

Mrs. James Wanlass, Chapin, Idaho
 Mrs. Harry Harris, Superior, Wyo.
 Mrs. Norah Harris, Salt Lake City, Utah
 Mrs. Kate Sellers, Cumberland, Wyo.

Dear Sisters! Having been requested by some of the girls to look after the division of Mother's personal belongings, I have endeavored to act impartially and with the hope that my judgment in the matter would meet with your approval. However, should there be any suggestion from any of you after reading the list of articles which I have selected for each of you, it can be made at any time.

Edith: Silver tea pot, Silver spoon, Glass jelly dish, Silver tray, 6 pie plates, 6 wine glasses & decanter & tray, 4 dessert dishes, pr. Vases, 6 napkins, table cloth, oil cloth square painted. Esther: Silver tea pot, silver spoon, Glass fruit dish, Silver spoon, 5 dessert dishes, Water pitcher & Glasses, ring, Pr. Vases, Pr. Slippers, Apron & center piece, Table cloth, colored center piece. May: Silver cream

pitcher, Silver spoon, cup & saucer, Painted dish, 4 pc. Glass set, 1 "Mother" pin (from May), shell pin cushion, 6 napkins, 2 center pieces, picture, fruit dish. Carrie: Silver sugar bowl, silver spoon, Glass fruit dish, Painted dish, sugar & Cream pitcher, 4 pc. Glass set, 1 pearl spoon, pr. Vases, 1 dresser scarf, center piece, picture. Nora: Silver spoon holder, silver spoon, cup & saucer, Painted bowl and Pitcher, Glass wine decanter, Cameo broach (requested), Center piece, Dresser scarf. Kate: Silver butter dish, Silver spoon, cup & saucer, Pitcher & fruit dish, Jelly dish & Pitcher, 2 novelty pitchers, shell pin cushion, hand satchel, all handkerchief, Table cloth, Doilies, all of Mother's clothes, black Cape, white skirt, woolen jacket, Pr. Kid gloves, gingham waist, black waist, black satin waist, blue skirt, blue underskirt, gingham waist, silk waist, serge waist, black cape, woolen bonnet, heavy coat, gingham skirt, serge skirt, black brilliantine waist, serge skirt, white waist, 2 gingham waists, or wollen gloves, quilt blocks, pr. Shoes, pr. Rubbers, pr. Stockings, 2 hats, 2 chimise, 2 under waists. It was decided by all that Kate should get all of Mothers' clothes. Please advise as soon as possible if you want articles shipped by freight or express. With best wishes, I remain, Your Brother, Will.

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Evanston Wyoming Newspaper 1937

Reuben & Mary Fowkes Family Reunion

Descendants of Mary and Reuben Fowkes held a reunion in the City Park Saturday, June 19th 1937.

125 persons attended. Programs for adults and children were given during the day. At noon, a luncheon was served, the long tables being centered with roses and lilacs. In the evening a large bon fire was made and roasted wieners and marshmallows enjoyed. At 9 p.m., all present were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Martin F. Harris (*son of Harry & Caroline Annie (Carrie) Fowkes*) at the Strand Theater.

R. W. Fowkes [Reuben William], of Winton, WY was master of ceremonies and also conducted community singing.

The families of the following were present at the reunion: Mrs. Charles Fowkes (*Edith Louise Bell*



Reuben & Mary's children, left to right: Reuben "Will" William Fowkes, Edith E. F. Wanlass, Esther F. Thomas, May F. Starkey, Carrie F. Harris, Nora F. Harris, Lillie F. Hood, Kate F. Sellers, Richard B. Fowkes

Fowkes, widowed in 1935), R. W. Fowkes, Richard Fowkes of Salt Lake City; Edith Fowkes - Wanlass, Victor, Idaho; Esther Fowkes - Thomas; Lenora Fowkes - Harris, Kate Fowkes - Sellers; Carrie Fowkes - Harris; Eveline May Fowkes - Starkey; Lille Fowkes - Hood. (*Only living family member absent was Joseph V. Fowkes*)

Program at Reunion

Community Singing

Invocation...Wm. J. Starkey

Short Talks: Mrs. Seth Thomas (Esther), Mrs. Wm. Starkey (May), Dick Fowkes (Richard), Mrs. James

Wanlass (Edith), Mrs. Albert Sellers, Sr., (Kate), Mrs. Peter Hood (Lille), Mrs. Harry Harris (Carrie), Mrs. Wm. Harris (Lenora), Mrs. Charles Fowkes (Edith Bell Fowkes) and R. W. Fowkes (Reuben William)

Solos were given by: Eleanor Williams, Essie May Burdett and Glen Williams. Dance Numbers were given by Miss Hysell²⁷

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Edith, ?, Lillian, Nora, Mae, Carrie

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Almy, Wyoming Cemetery Directions:

From Evanston Wyoming, travel north on WY-89 for almost 6 miles.

Turn left at Moon Way and go about 0.2 miles,

Turn right onto Almy Road 107 (County Road 107) for about 0.9 miles

Arrive at Almy Cemetery on the left (west).

Fowkes plot is in a fenced in area towards the left rear of the cemetery²⁸.

It appears a replacement for 'Mother' 'Father' headstones placed at the east end of the plot with a more recent upright headstone on the west, in the Almy Cemetery which states:²⁹

Mary Fowkes - "Mother" Feb. 8, 1842-Mar 9, 1915

Reuben Fowkes - "Father" Feb. 18, 1842 - Feb 24, 1892

Another small granite stone in the lot marked (R.F.[possibly the first marker for Reuben Fowkes])- (#599,291 and fiche #6,104,995[possible explanation]).



MARY

Beloved Wife Of

REUBEN FOWKES

Feb 8 1842

Dec 9 1915

REUBEN

Beloved Husband of

MARY FOWKES

Born Feb 18, 1842

Died Feb 24, 1892

²⁸ Almy Cemetery directions added 2010

²⁹ Paragraph added 2010

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Directions to the Fowkes Ranch in Almy, Wyoming (added 2010): From Evanston Wyoming, travel north on WY-89 for almost 8 miles.

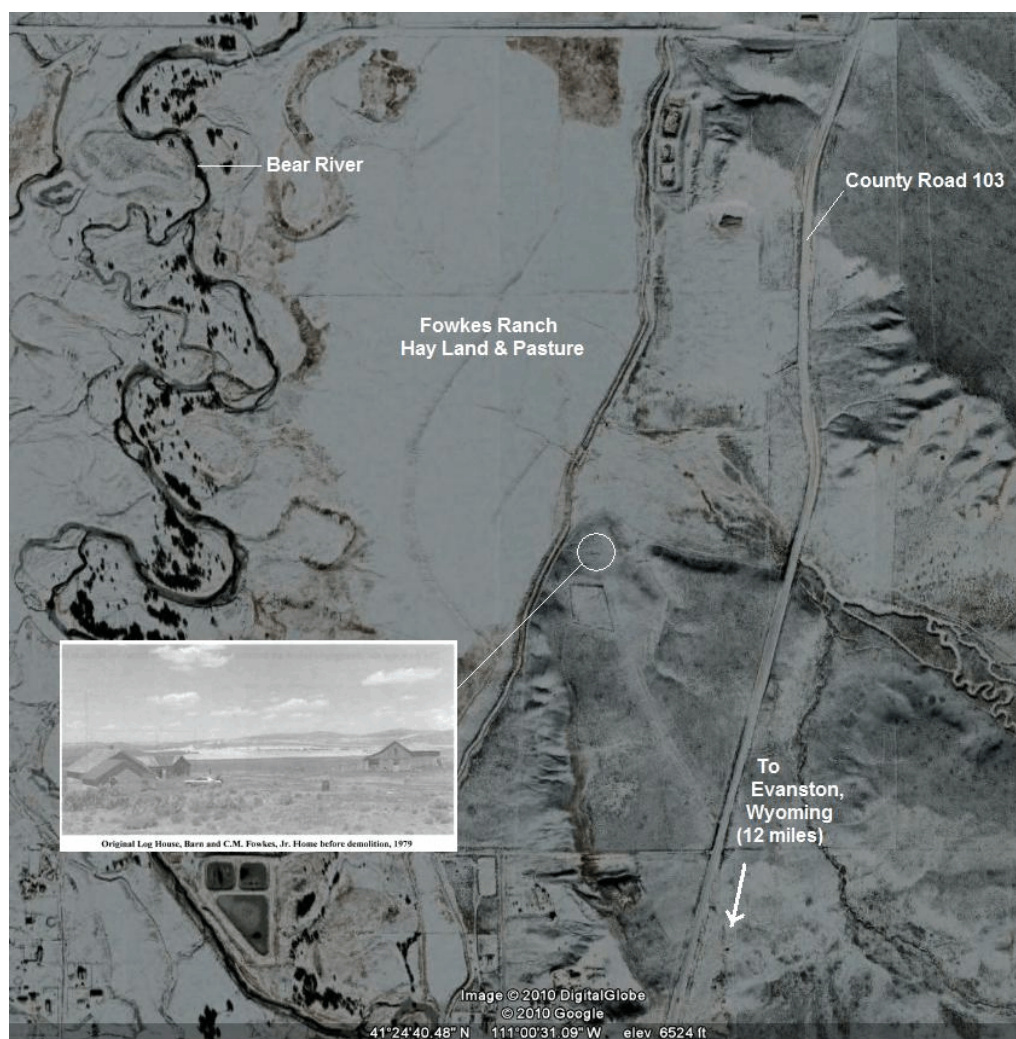
Before the highway makes a major turn to the left (west),

Exit onto County Road 103 on the right (by a gas station in 2010)

Continue north about 3.5 miles, down a hill to a creek bottom.

GPS location of homestead: N41 24.692' W111 00.514'

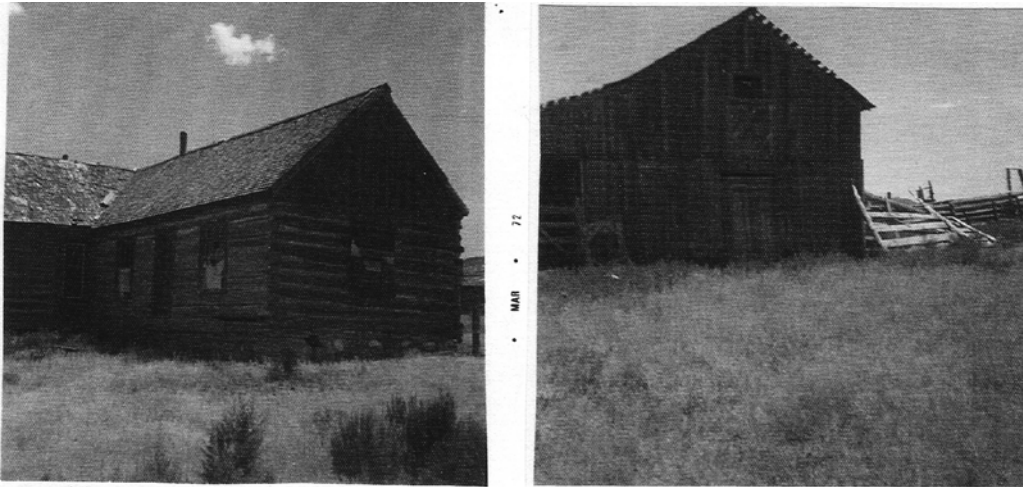
The Fowkes Ranch lies between County Road 103 and the Bear River, including the expansive hay ground along the river. (see map)



NOTE: From Elliott Jay & Ione Fowkes, Wednesday Sept. 22, 1910 - After Reuben passed away, the ranch reverted to Charles M. Fowkes, Sr. Upon Charles death in 1935, the ranch was managed by his son, Charles M. Fowkes Jr. Ranching operations ceased on 15 September 1967 and the ranch was leased to neighbors. Because of liability concerns the three sons of Charles J.; Jay, Gene and Bill, removed all buildings from the ranch. Except for 12 acres on the east side of the original ranch, the ranch was sold in 1980 to Mike Martin who owned other ranches in the area. It is intended that direct Fowkes

descendants of Reuben and Mary will own the 12 acres perpetually. Gene owns 4 acres and Jay owns 8 acres as he bought out the 3rd brother Bill, who died of multiple sclerosis and felt his children, all girls, were all connected to Texas, not WY or UT. - The Ranch is located along Hwy 103, about 3 ½ miles where on the left is a large horse barn with gravel road leading to it. The Ranch looks over the valley and Bear River.

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Ranch house on the old Fowkes Ranch on Bear River, north of Almy, Wyoming. Homesteaded about 1870/71, 320 acres. Picture taken March 1972. No building left on acreage, Ranch owned by Aaron Martin as of October 2002.



Mary Barrass Worked This in 1815 Aged 11 Years”

The first clue in tracing our family history in England was the multi-colored sampler, hand worked in cross-stitch or needlepoint, by Mary Barrass, mother of Reuben Fowkes. Mary’s grand-daughter, Kate F. Sellers, fell heir to the treasured work of art.

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Alona S. Perkes & Jay Wanless Southwick
Great Great Grandchildren of Reuben & Mary Bacon
Fowkes, through Edith Elizabeth Fowkes Wanlass.
Picture taken Oct 12, 2010 - At the site of Fowkes
Rock House, located along Main Street in Coalville,
Utah.



Chalk Creek provided the Fowkes family with water.
Picture taken 12 Oct 2010



Fowkes Ranch land, picture taken from the Fowkes Formation Ridge 12 Oct 2010

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More of Coalville & the Fowkes Rock House Pictures by George Beard, located at BYU Special Collections as of 2010.

<http://www.lib.byu.edu/dlib/beard/>

Below are some of the Beard pictures concerning Chalk Creek and the Fowkes Rock House at Coalville, Utah. Perhaps you can find additional pictures.

pg 1 #4

pg 9 #179

pg 10-11 #191-202

pg 55 # 1096-1097

pg 59 #1180

pg 69 #1263 & 1367

More **Pictures of Chief Washakie** and his tribe at:

http://www.google.com/images?um=1&hl=en&rlz=1T4GGLD_enUS373US373&tbs=isch%3A1&sa=3&q=Washakie&btnG=Search+images



Pencil sketch by Frederick Charles Bush, believed to be of Chief Washakie - no date or identification listed on the original sketch which was in possession of Laurel B. Miller

To see complete copy of **Reuben's Red Diary** go to:

<http://southwickresearch.com/Genealogy/AncestorsOnly/WanlassHistory/ReubenFowkesHistories.htm>

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