ERWIN ROSWELL SPILSBURY and JOSEPHINE CALLIS (Parents of Janet Spilsbury Bradshaw)

Born: 28 Oct 1901

Toquerville, Wshngtn, Utah

Died: 8 Oct 1989 (almost 88 years)

Provo, Utah, Utah

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Married: September 4, 1929

Parents: George Moroni Spilsbury

and Roselia Haight

Charles A. Callis and

10 December 1986 (76)

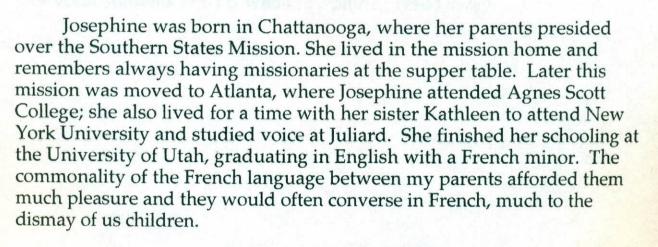
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Grace Elizabeth Pack

Chattanooga, Hmltn, Tennessee

Erwin had happy boyhood memories of growing up at the turn of the century in the rural area of Toquerville in Southern Utah. He was the youngest of twelve children. He rode horses, herded sheep, plowed farmland, raided watermelon patches, (he could always pick out the best melons) and enjoyed the delicious fruits raised on the family farm. He was the only one in his eighth grade graduating class to go to high school. He served a mission in the Netherlands, French speaking. He loved the French language and at the time of his death could still carry on

conversations with native speakers. After his mission he attended the Academie L'Français in Paris, then completed his Bachelor's at the University of Utah, where he met Josephine.



After their marriage, they moved to Preston, Idaho, where Erwin was hired to teach school. Soon the depression hit, and their

circumstances were meager, but they were grateful to have a job. Erwin taught French at the high school and then, having schooled himself in Spanish to help with the Mexican laborers, he also taught Spanish. He served as principal of the junior high and later of the high school.

Josephine graced the small community of Preston with her beautiful voice. She sang for various programs and for most of the funerals. We children loved to hear her sit at the piano and play jazzy songs while Daddy would sing and dance. She loved babies and was a devoted and loving mother to her five children who love and honor her.

Finding it difficult to support a family on a teacher's salary, Erwin found employment with the US Gypsum Company, where he filled various positions until his retirement. The family moved from Preston to Boise to Salt Lake to Indianapolis (where Erwin served as branch president) to Chicago and then Denver. Both parents served faithfully in each new ward. Josephine taught voice and piano and continued her singing for church and public occasions. Upon his retirement, Erwin became a real estate agent. They were called to the Northeastern United States Mission where they served in Bermuda and Connecticut. At the end of their mission they moved to Provo, where they became temple workers. Their home was a haven to many, especially the grandchildren who came to BYU while Erwin and Josephine were in Provo.

Their children were taught to value education and encouraged to develop their talents. Erwin established a scholarship in Mother's name for vocal students at BYU when Josephine passed away.