

Orson Spencer Thomson

Born April 28, 1855

Brighton, Sussex County, England



Martha Ann Poll

Born June 5, 1857

Salt Lake City, Salt Lake Co., Utah



Orsen Spencer Thomson (continued)



SALT LAKE CITY,  
Utah.  
*Morris & Co.*

MARHTA ANN POLL



REMOVED TO  
322 SOUTH MAIN ST.,  
SALT LAKE CITY,

*Orson Spencer Thomson.*

ORSON SPENCER THOMSON

MARTHA ANN POLL THOMSON

Born-June 5, 1857  
Died-November 18, 1917

Written by Granddaughter:  
Madge Summers Newton

My Grandmother Martha Ann Poll Thomson died at the age of 60 when I was five months old.

My Mother talk to me of her until Grandmother was well known to me. I knew of her love for beautiful dishes and crystal and silver. That she and Grandfather had a beautiful rose garden that they both tended with loving care.

She had a beautiful singing voice and was active in all of her ward musicals. Grandmother saw that all of her children had some special musical training. The boys with wind instruments and the girls with voice, string and piano.

Great Grandfather Poll always provided his family with many comforts in living. In her married life, Grandmother Martha Ann continued to receive many things that other women of her day never had.

Grandmother was a staunch Mormon and her influence show-up in her family. All of her children had their temple endowments and two of her four sons went on foreign missions.

Grandmother was short of stature, but she held herself straight and proudly thus giving herself a queenly appearance.

She was firm with her children and demanded obedience. Her first love was Orson and she was extremely jealous of him. Grandfather was stern in a teasing way, but this jealousy pleased his ego. He was always showering Grandmother with gifts of china, jewelry, pictures and etc.

About 1909 Grandmother thought she was expecting a child. When the family doctor told her that she had a tumor and was going through the change of life, she was very disappointed. However, a short time later a baby boy was left on the door step. December 13, 1910. This child brought great joy to the family. They stayed up all night feeding him sugar water from a spoon. Two days after Norman John the new addition to the family arrived, an elderly gentleman called at the door and asked for the shawl that the babe had been wrapped in. Grandmother was so frightened that he would ask for the baby that she hurriedly handed him the shawl and sent him on his way. After a few days Grandma asked the family doctor to come check the baby over. The Doctor's first words were, "My, hasn't this baby grown." This let all in attendance know that the doctor had seen the lil' guy before. Again, Grandmother asked no questions.

Norman John grew and learned fast. Soon he was given the nickname of "Teddy the Tough" - after President Theodore Roosevelt. We all knew our youngest uncle as "Ted".

Grandpa and Grandma Thomson had a social group that met often to socialize with music and drama and enjoy delicious dinners. Gram was a superior cook, threatening her friends to her well known english dinners. One of the favorite being Beef Suet Pudding. All of her descendants learned to enjoy this unusual meal too.

Grandmother was heavy and at the age of 56 suffered a stroke which caused her to be paralyzed for three years. She spent most of the time in a wheel chair. Nettie Rose the youngest daughter being her main nurse.

She was relieved from her suffering November 18, 1917. She was

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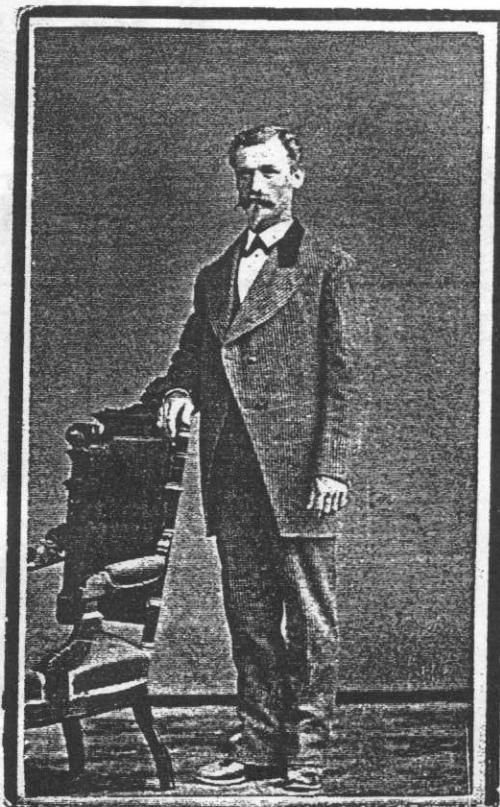
MARTHA ANN POLL THOMSON  
About 1900

Martha Ann Poll Thomson (continued)

the mother of four daughters: Charlotte Irene Clissold Baggaley, Alice-Sarah Herridge Eitner, Ruby Summers and Nettie Rose Hendry. Five sons: Orson LeRoy, Alvin Poll, William Fredrick, Raymond Charles and Norman John Thomson.



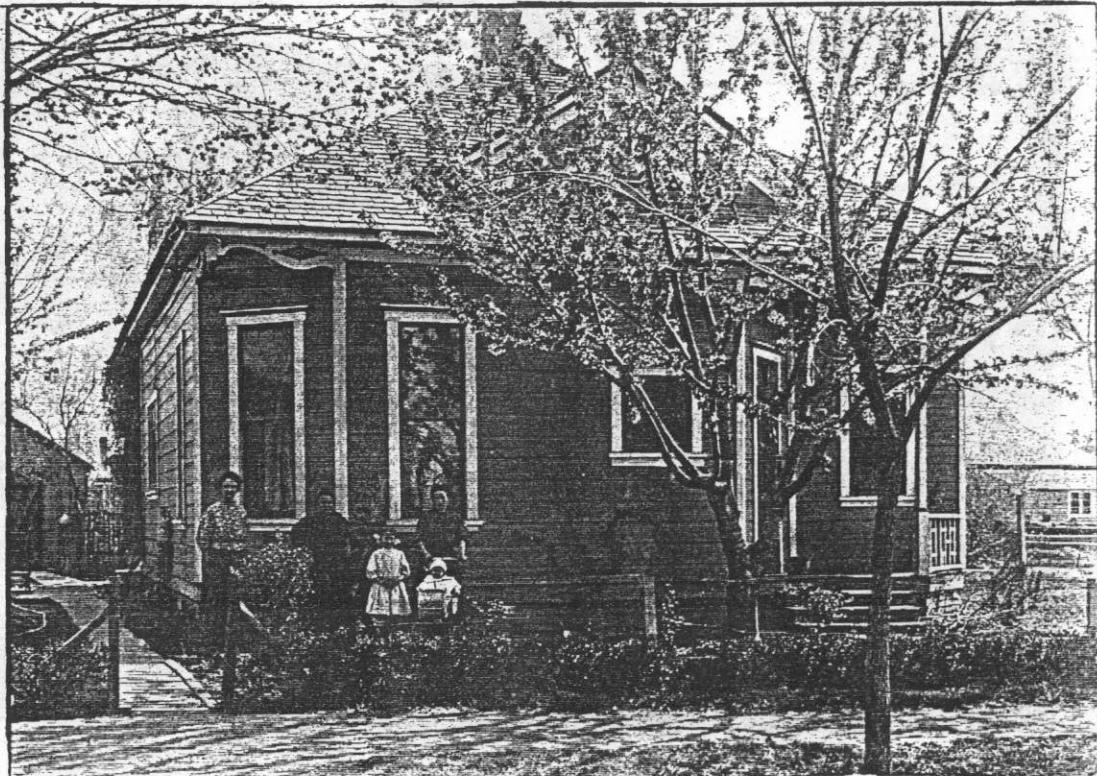
Martha Ann Poll (right)  
Elizabeth Jeanette (left)  
November 1873



Frederick Robert Poll

Grandma's last  
home:  
338 Coatsville  
Avenue  
Salt Lake City,  
Utah

Left: Hettie  
Thomson,  
Grandma Martha,  
Nettie Thomson,  
Ruby Thomson and  
LeRoyce Thomson  
about 1907



ABOUT 1900



LL ROY, RUBY, GRANDMA MARTHA, BILL, NEV'TLE, ALLIE, GRAMPA ORSON, ALVIN, LOTTIE AND RA DOND

PATRIARCHAL BLESSING OF MARTHA ANN POLL THOMSON

Farmer's Ward  
Granite Stake  
July 2, 1905

A Patriarchal Blessing pronounced upon the head of Martha Ann Thomson, daughter of William Flint and Charlotte Long Poll, born at Salt Lake City, Utah, June 5, 1857.

Given at the home of Mrs. Emma Woodruff, under the hands of Patriarch Amos H. Sneff.

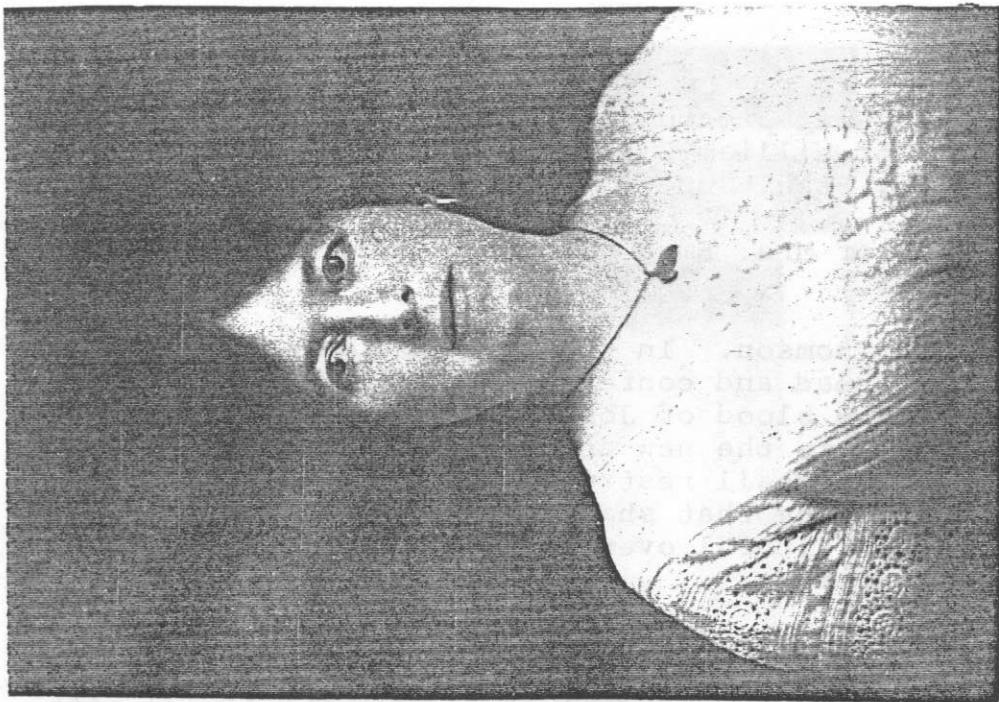
Sister Martha Ann Thomson. In the name of Jesus Christ, I lay my hands upon your head and confer upon you, a Patriarchal Blessing. You are of the blood of Joseph and are entitled to all the blessings pertaining to the new and everlasting covenant. The blessings of the Lord shall rest upon you from this time and you shall realize a blessing that shall comfort your heart in days to come. You have been faithful over a few things, and the Lord will make you ruler over many.

Dear Sister, realizing that you are receiving a blessing, have faith and every word shall be varified in this blessing. You have gathered with the Saints of God, in fact you are living with the Saints of the most High God and you shall live to see many events in the future and if you continue to be faithful, you will see mighty works in this latest. You will live to see the center stake of zion prosper and be built and the power of God will rest upon you, so that you will never leave the faith, and shall be true and faithful to the end of your days. You shall have visions and dreams to comfort your heart and you shall be blessed with a numerous posterity which shall stand upon Mount Zion clothed with honor and they shall do a noble work.

Be faithful from this time and you shall realize blessings from the Lord, even greater than you have had before. Your faith shall be strengthened in the latter day work and you shall be able to give good council to all those with whom you may associate.

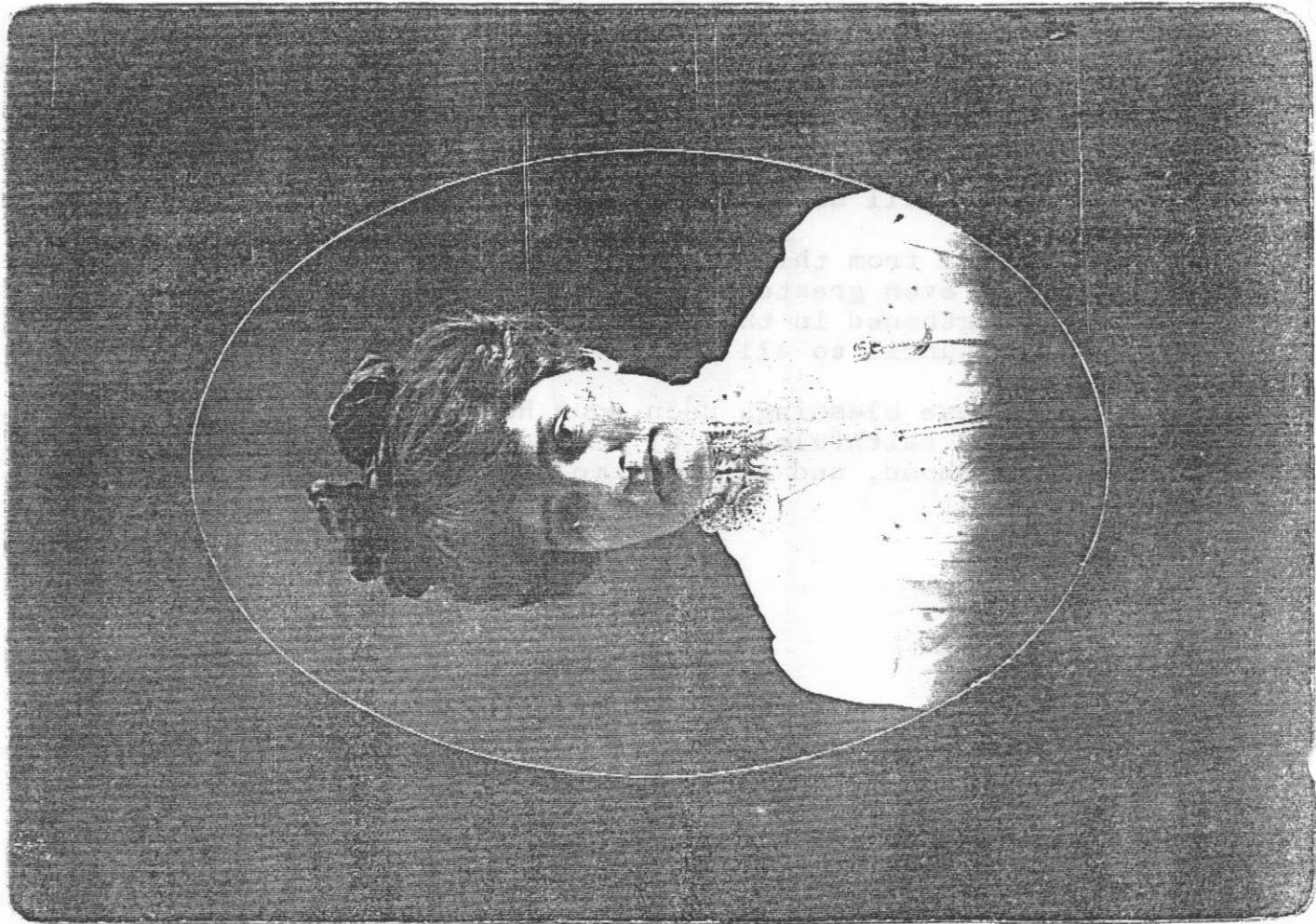
I seal these blessings upon your heart at this time on conditions of your faithfulness, by virtue and in the authority of the Holy Priesthood, and in the name of Jesus Christ - Amen

THE OFF-SPRING OF CRSON SPENCER AND MATHA ANN POLL THOMSON



Above: Charlotte Irene Clissold,  
Bagley. Aunt Lotte  
First Born - 28 April 1878

Left: Alice Sarah Herridge, Eitner  
Aunt Allie  
Second Born - 4 October 1880



Children of Orson Spencer and Martha Ann Poll Thomson (continued)



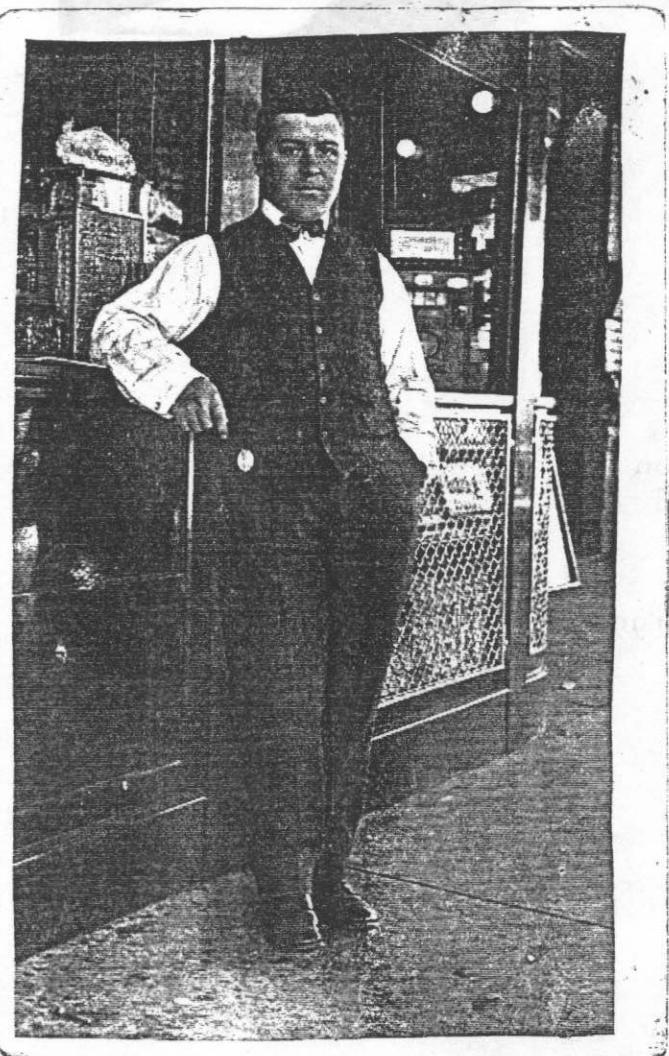
Orson LeRoy Thomson  
Marshalltown  
Ia Street 6  
Sept 1901



Upper left: Orson LeRoy Thomson  
Third Born - 3/6/83  
Full-time Mission in  
England 1903-05

Lower left: Alvin Poll Thomson  
Fourth born - 9/2/86

Upper right: William Fredrick Thomson  
Fifth Born - 15/5/87  
Full-time Mission in  
Holland 1910-1912



Children of Orson Spencer and Martha Ann Poll Thomson (continued)



Upper left: Ruby Thomson Summers  
Sixth born: 29/10/90

Upper right: Raymond Charles Thomson  
Seventh born: 17/1/93  
Standing

Nettie Rose Hendry  
Eighth born: 10 Aug 1999  
Standing in middle

Uncle Milt Hendry  
Sitting

Lower right: Norman John Thomson  
Adopted: 13 Dec 1910  
(Uncle Ted)



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