

## HISTORY OF JUDSON ADONIRUM TOLMAN, JR.

Judson Adonirum Tolman, Jr. was the son of Judson Adonirum, Sr. and Mary Ann Howard. He was born the 14, Jan., 1886, at Chesterfield, Bannock, Idaho. He was blessed and given the name of his father by his father in Chesterfield, Idaho.

After having six daughters and no sons, Judson's mother was very desirous of having a son, so she fasted and prayed asking the Lord to send her a son. Her next child was a son, and she always felt that Judson was given to her in answer to her prayer. It would seem that this was true because of his natural, sweet disposition. Those who knew him best, said he was mild even in anger. From the cradle to the grave he consistently brought forth from the lips of everyone who ever knew him the same testimony that, he was the most perfect man they ever knew. He was a living testimony of the Saviors admonition, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

Judson's father being the bishop of the ward, his son was very closely affiliated with the Mormon Church. As deacon and teacher he was kept busy gathering fast offerings by horseback, on foot or by bob sleigh. The offerings were paid in those days in products such as: ham, beans, flour, potatoes, eggs, butter or anything one happened to raise, but seldom in money.

He was baptized the 14, Jan. 1894 in the Chesterfield Ward by his father, Judson A. Tolman, and confirmed a member of the Church of Jesus Christ the 14 Jan. 1894 by Denmark Jensen. He grew up in Chesterfield where he met Jennie Call, a neighbor girl. They married the 3rd of Sept. 1902 in the Logan Temple. Jennie was the daughter of Chester Vincent Call and Minnerette Barlow. She was born the 11th of Nov. 1885 at Bountiful, Davis, Utah. By this union were born five lovely daughters namely:

Minnie Meleta Tolman born 25 Nov. 1903	Chesterfield, Bannock, Idaho
Mary Drucilla Tolman born 28 Aug. 1907	Chesterfield, Bannock, Idaho
Genevieve Tolman born 3 Sept. 1909	Preston, Onida, Idaho
Odessa Tolman born 26 March 1912	Preston, Onida, Idaho
Juanita Tolman born 3 Jan. 1914 (died)	Preston, Onida, Idaho

At the age of eighteen he was called on a mission to Scotland. Soon after his first child Minnie was born. He departed the 14th of Sept. 1904 for Great Britain where he served until the 25th of Sept. 1906, at which time he returned to Chesterfield to his family and friends.

Upon his return from his mission he worked for his father as manager of the creamery, making all the butter for the community and shipping the surplus to Pocatello, Idaho and other towns. As the result of the depression Judson's father had to liquidate all his property, and he then moved to Preston, Idaho. Judson Jr. and family soon followed. Their farewell party was held on Friday the 5th of Nov. 1909, Judson gave his farewell talk in Sacrament Meeting the 31 of Oct. 1909.

In Preston and surrounding towns Judson helped his father build several homes, barns, etc. He later worked on a dairy farm for his brother-in-law, Leonidus S. Mecham, at which time he again went into the butter making and sold it all over the country. Then he went to work for George C. Parkinson. He built himself a home in Preston but worked a lot of his time in Riverdale just north of Preston. He worked for Mr. Bon Meeks several years on his farm. He never got more than \$60.00 per month, and it was hard to keep a family on that much money, so they had to scrimp to make ends meet.

Judson was ordained a High Priest before leaving Chesterfield and he served in the Bishopric there. Judson and Jennie loved to sing, they were blessed with rich beautiful voices. They made good use of this talent and sang often in ward choirs and quartets. They sang for funerals and social programs all around the valley. When their last child was born Jennie never completely recovered as she had diabetes. The baby died from the effects of the poison in her system. Juanita died the 24th of Jan. 1914, his wife followed her on the 15th of June 1916. The baby was buried in Riverdale, Idaho. Jennie was buried in Preston and upon her request they moved the baby there.

Soon after his wife's death, Judson's niece by marriage made him acquainted by correspondence with Cecelia Durfee, acting as cupid. Through this beginning they were later married on the 14th of Feb. 1817 in the Logan temple. They went on a short honeymoon. They then returned to Preston to the home of his first wife and took over trying to raise the family. They added three more to the family namely:

Jennie Arthema Tolman born 14, April 1918 Preston, Onida, Idaho

Sarah Leora Tolman born 28 Jan. 1920 Preston, Onida, Idaho

Judson Adonirum Tolman born 14 May 1925 Salt Lake, Salt Lake, Utah

Soon after Judson and family moved to Salt Lake City to resume his job with the Moran Paving Company. He worked for Moran for the summer then went to work for the Utah Power and Light Company. This position he held until his death in 1942. When they first moved to Salt Lake, they rented a place on "L" Street for a short time. Then they moved to Highland Park where they lived for a number of years. They moved around a bit, living in the East Millcreek and Millcreek wards, but finally decided on a home in Holladay. So buying a piece of land he proceeded to build him a home. In all of these places they were very active in the church, serving in many ways.

His only son Judson almost died of pneumonia when he was very young. The doctor didn't expect him to live. His father gave him a blessing and he did survive at that time, however he died the 5th of August 1935 at age 10. A great sorrow to the family.

Judson got sick around Christmas of 1934. He had rheumatic fever and was bed ridden until his death in August. A doctor suggested they do heart surgery. His father asked if it would do any good and the doctor did not know. They decided against the surgery. He only lived a few months more. When he stopped breathing and was considered dead his older sisters, Minnie and Odessa were getting him ready for burial. His mother came into the room and was very distraught and upset. They noticed some movement under his ribs and his heart started to beat again. His father said "No we are not going to bring him back now" and removed Cecelia from the house. It wasn't until a little later that his mother finally went to his side and told him it was all right to leave her, that he finally passed away. There is an interest story about young Judson. About a year after his death on his birthday he was seen by a neighbor boy. Paul Sunburg was playing out side when he saw Sister Tolman in her yard watering, and by her side was young Judson. He decided to go and play with him, however when he got to the Tolman's house he didn't see him. Being young, around five, he didn't consider the fact that Judson was dead. He had seen Judson and therefore thought he was alive. He asked Sister Tolman (Cecelia) if he could play with Judson. She told him that Judson had died and so he wasn't there. He continue to

plead to be able to play with Judson. Getting nowhere with Cecelia he asked if he could go into the house, thinking that was where Judson had gone. She told him he could. He didn't come out for quite some time, so Cecelia went to check. He was just leaving as she arrived at the door. He was shaking his head and he told her that he was not there. He then went home and told his mother that he had seen Judson by his mother, but when he went to play he was not there anymore. He couldn't understand why. Because of the age of Paul they felt he was too young to make up a story like that, and they felt that young Judson had come to comfort his grieving mother on his birthday and was viewed by Paul.

Judson Adonirum's big job was in the genealogical work in the ward where he filled the capacity of chairman. He was an outstanding leader in this capacity and put the work over in a big way.

Judson and his wife dearly loved to dance and each Saturday night found him with his car full going to the Jackson Dance Hall where they met others of their friends and they really had a fine time.

He always owned a car and he used it both for work and pleasure. He never went for pleasure without finding someone who was homebound or without a car. He would fill the car full and away they would go, sometimes to the Logan Temple and sometimes to the Manti Temple. Our lovely canyons were often visited by him. He went weekly to the Salt Lake Temple always with his car loaded.

When he went on trips to visit family he would tell them when to expect him. He would not be late or early. One time his son-in-law Gene Hintze was traveling with him. Gene took over the driving while Judson took a short nap. Gene drove faster and they were ahead of schedule. Judson pulled off the road and waited so they would not arrive earlier than expected.

He wasn't one to put himself forward, but when called to a church position he would put everything he had into it and he would do it extremely well. He was a wonderful father and husband. He was never a man to get angry. He was firm and just in all his dealings both at home and elsewhere. His family loved and respected his judgment. He never took sides in any argument in the home until he weighed it well and then he called all parties concerned and talked things out and soon every wrong had been righted. It was his wonderful way that helped his wife, Cecelia and his girls by his first wife to get along so well.

When his youngest daughter was to be married he was too ill to attend. He made all the arrangements for the sisters to be there for Leora. They went to the Manti Temple because it was the only temple opened at the time. Cecelia stayed with her husband. After Leora and LaVar returned from the temple her father had them come into his room. He counseled with them concerning marriage and gave his advice. They left to go to a motel for the night but were summoned to come home around 3:00 a.m. because Judson was not doing well. He died that morning with his family by his side.

At his funeral services Bishop James E. Moss who was one of the speakers expressed the sentiments of all who knew him when he read the following poem. He said he knew of only one other man besides Judson that the poem fit so well.

MEN ARE OF TWO KINDS

Men are of two kinds; and he was the kind I'd like to be,  
Some preach their virtues, and a few express their lives by what they do-That sort was he.  
No flowery phrase, or glibly spoken words or praise, won friends for him,  
He wasn't cheap or shallow, but his life ran deep; and it was pure.  
You know the kind; Not many in a life you'll find-  
Whose deeds outrun their works so far - that more than what they seem - they are.  
There are two kinds of lives as well; the kind you live and the kind you tell.  
Back through the years from age to youth, he never acted an untruth.  
Out in the open light he fought, and didn't care what others thought -  
Or what they said about his fight, if he believed that he was right.  
The only deeds he ever hid, were acts of kindness that he did.  
What speech he had was plain and blunt; his was an unembellished front.  
Yet children loved him, babe and boy played with the strength he could employ-  
Without one fear - and they are quick to sense injustice and deceit.  
No back door gossip linked his name with any shady tale of shame.  
He did not have to compromise with evil doers shrewd and wise  
And let them ply their vicious trade because of some past escapade.  
Men are of two kinds; and he was of the kind I'd like to be.  
No door at which he ever knocked against his manly form was locked.  
No broken pledge, lost him respect; he met all men with head erect.  
And when he passed, I think there went to yonder firmament,  
A soul so white, so pure, so fine. It came complete to God's design.





THE FAMILY OF JUDSON ADONIRUM and MARY ANN HOWARD TOLMAN

(The picture taken at Blackfoot, Idaho just prior to the departure of Judson, Jr., for his mission to Great Britain, Sept. 14, 1904)  
 BACK ROW: (left to right) Charlotte, Alice, Judson, Clara, Emma; SITTING: (left to right) Judson Adonirum Tolman, Sr., Myrtle, Sarah,

POSTERITY AS OF MAY 1962  
 of  
 Judson A. and Mary Ann  
 Howard Tolman

Children	Grand Children	Great Gr. Children	2nd Gr. Gr. Children	3rd Gr. Gr. Children	Totals
Sarah	12	45	105	3	165
Dora	14	47	94	1	156
Emmo	11	41	67	0	119
Clara	14	33	23	0	90
Alice	11	26	14	0	51
Charlotte	5	19	16	0	40
Judson	8	40	66	0	114
Lucretia	15	53	28	0	96
Myrtle	10	21	0	0	31
Howard	6	16	2	0	24
Lloyd	2	4	0	0	6
11	108	345	415	4	883