

## 2. Dr. George Monroe Bateman, second son of Alfred John and Clara Hess Bateman

Autobiographical excerpts: *From Horse and Buggy Days to the Atomic Age 1897 - 1971 Memoirs.*”

by George Monroe Bateman and added biography by Dr. Harold C. Bateman

(See also second chapter about the early childhood of the family written by Dr. George M. Bateman)

George Monroe, son of Alfred John Bateman & Clara May Hess

Born: 12 September 1897, Bloomington, Bear Lake County, Idaho

Died: 28 January 1972 Tempe, Maricopa, Arizona

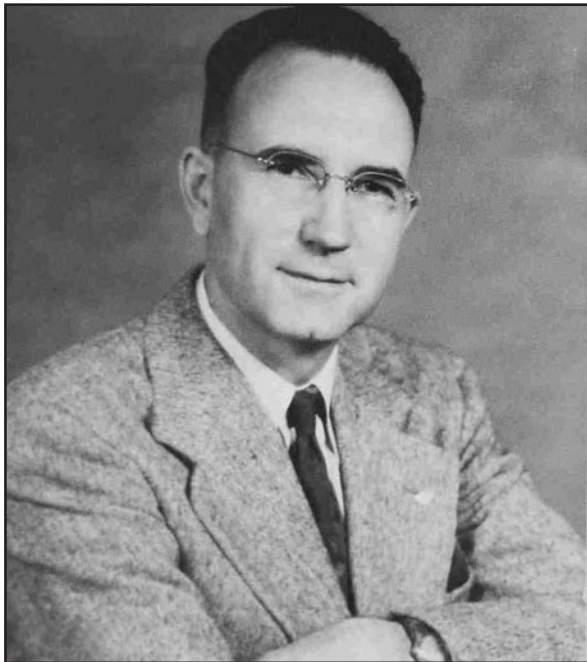
Married: Florence Harris, 24 May 1922, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah (Salt Lake Temple)

Florence, daughter of William McGee & Harriet Ann Carson Harris

Born: 1 October 1901, Lago, Caribou, Idaho

Died: 4 August 1987, Chandler, Maricopa, Arizona

Children: Cornella Bateman, Flora Mae Bateman Curry Black, Georgia Rose Bateman Smith, Harold Harris Bateman.



Dr. George M. Bateman.



Florence Harris Bateman.

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Dr. George Monroe Bateman carved out a distinguished career and the family is very proud of his record. Briefly discussing his earlier history, it is worth observing that he was the valedictorian of his class while completing a four year course of study in three. He was a high school and college debater and the debate manager at the Utah State University. He had to pay his way through the university since Father and Mother had their hands full with a large family which entailed much expense. Their modest income was derived from their milk cows, occasional sale of livestock and a few laying hens. In spite of severe economic pressures, George M. maintained a straight A average in his grades.

He first entered the Logan College during September 1917. During his university career, he had the necessary aptitude to secure high grades in all disciplines studied. His major areas of specializations at the Utah State University included chemistry with physics and mathematics as strong minors. His outstanding scholarship early attracted the attention of the Department of Chemistry chairman and professor, Dr. Reuben L. Hill who appointed him an



George M. joined the Reserve Officer Training Corps on Sept. 12, 1918 at Utah State. He contracted flu during the 1918 Influenza pandemic, but survived.

instructor in this area. This is a signal honor and attested to his intellectual capacity.

He related the following life-changing experience which occurred during his freshman year at Utah State Agricultural College: "In February I accepted a position as a part time assistant in the Utah Experiment Station with Professor Greaves who, at that time, was one of the top men at Utah State in both teaching and research. This position was what I wanted because it gave me an opportunity to work under a capable man, and also solved my financial problems for the remainder of the year.

"A few weeks after accepting this position, Dr. Greaves called me into his office. He was looking at my record book and was very angry. I explained that I had made a mistake in recording data, had torn out the page and thrown it in the waste basket. He stated that it was a very grave offense to tear a page out of a record book and that all of the results in the book would be subject to question because of the missing page. He pointed out that the regular procedure was to draw a line through the errors and move to the next page with the new observations. He further stated that I would be under probation until the missing page was replaced.

"I felt that it would require the patience and sagacity of Sherlock Holmes to track down the missing page. After a number of inquiries I learned that all of the waste paper from the college was dumped in an empty coal chute near the heating plant. On inspection I found the chute was an underground cavern about two thirds full of waste paper. I almost lost my courage and came very near withdrawing from the college. Finally, I decided to examine every scrap of paper by individually transferring it to the empty end of the chute. I can remember that I started at about 8 P.M., and worked until about 5 A. M. with no sign of the missing page. My patience had almost run out and I devoutly called for Divine assistance in my search. Finally, after moving almost every scrap of paper I found the missing page which I carefully ironed out and restored to the record book. A few days later I met Dr. Greaves and he was showing one of his rare smiles. He had the record book in his hand. I told him of my successful search for the missing page and he placed his hand on my shoulder, and said, "Use your errors to improve your weaknesses. Do not try to ignore them by tearing pages out of your book of life." As I look back I am certain that this trying experience had a profound influence on my life."

On 30 May 1921, George Monroe Bateman graduated in the Commencement Exercises with a Bachelor of Science degree with the highest honors. He had won numer-

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George M. Bateman was awarded the coveted degree, the Doctor of Philosophy with a major of chemistry and minors of physics and mathematics in the commencement exercises of Cornell University in May 1927.

ous scholarship A pins during his four years at the college, also the Thomas Medal. His high grades won membership in the prestigious scholastic honor society, Phi Kappa Phi. He later was initiated into the Sigma Xi Scientific Honor Society at Cornell University when he completed his Master of Science Degree in 1926.

During several summers, George M. worked for the International Harvester Company and assisted the farmers in repairing their harvesters. His versatile service to the farmers and to the company makes good reading. During August 1920, he went to Grace, Idaho to repair some combines, when on Sunday, he was persuaded by some friends to visit the Harris home. On this foray, he met Florence Harris and her parents. He was quite impressed with her



Florence Harris, 1922.

since he had noticed her earlier at church with some interest. George was also impressed by her fine parents and always spoke of them with the deepest respect. He left Grace but did not see Florence again for another year since he returned to Utah State University to complete his final year.

After receiving his coveted "sheepskin," George M. accepted a teaching position at the Grace High School for the year of 1921-22. He was assigned to teach the courses of science. In order to meet the certification for the state of Idaho, he spent the summer studying at the Utah State University summer school taking prescribed courses needed. At the conclusion of two terms of intensive study, he managed to satisfy the professional requirements of certification but found it necessary to go to Paris, Idaho, the county seat of Bear Lake County to take state examinations on Idaho high school methods, and on Idaho State and United States Constitution. He passed the examinations with high grades. During his stay in Paris, he lived

"George M. was a studious and scholarly boy, always attending to his studies before play, as Mrs. Bateman told me. This studiousness helped him get four years of school in three. He worked as a debate manager at Utah State University and was Valedictorian of his class. (He debated Harold B. Lee, future president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints) He won numerous scholarships at college, and won membership in the scholastic honor society Phi Kappa Phi. While working as a principal of the Arimo, Idaho schools, he applied for graduate assistantships at several universities and was accepted to study at Cornell University at Ithaca, New York. He received the doctoral degree of philosophy with a major in chemistry and minors of physics and mathematics. Phyllis Bateman



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with his parents and furnished some needed labor to Father in harvesting the crops.

George M. had such a good time in Paris that he said that he was reluctant to leave for Grace but leave he did. When he arrived there, no brass bands appeared to greet him. He was not thrilled with the community after looking it over but as soon as he got better acquainted with the people, the complexion of things changed when he lucidly commented: "As time went on, I became acquainted with many fine people in Grace and I began to think in terms of personalities, rather than in the physical ugliness of the town."

During the Christmas holidays, George M.'s room mate got married so he found it necessary to find a new boarding place, which housed undisciplined children so he found it a pleasure to escape to the McGee & Harriet Harris home which was a model of serenity. These excellent people were some of the most highly respected people in the area. During these visits George took an increasingly greater interest in the most attractive and eligible debutante in the area. In November, George invested some of his hard-earned wealth in a fine stone and presented the ring to Florence.

In the spring, George M. took Florence to meet the parents in Paris during the latter part of May and George happily noted that "the folks fell in love with her as a daughter. On May 23, we left for Salt Lake City where visited with Florence's sister Viola and her husband, George Matthews. On the next day, 24 May 1922, we were married in the Salt Lake Temple."

He worked that summer for the International Harvester Company and heard of an opening for a principal of the Arimo, Idaho schools. He was offered the position and accepted after securing a release from the Grace High School. During his two years at Arimo, he applied for graduate assistantships at several universities but when one came from Cornell University, after conferring with Florence and after many hours of great deliberation, he decided it was now or never for a better education. Living frugally, they were able to save \$4,000 "Coolidge" dollars. He had an opportunity to purchase a fine farm but wisely decided to go to Cornell University for advanced study. He accepted work during that summer at the Utah Power and Light plant at Grace.

While they were at Grace, their first child named Cornella was born on 20 July 1924 Grace, Bannock, Idaho. She never grew very tall and passed away in Tempe, Arizona 5 February 1950 and is buried in Tempe Cemetery. She died 5 February 1943, according to another source.

In his splendid autobiography *From Horse and Buggy Days to the Atomic Age*, (1897-1971), he very vividly de-



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scribes their severe challenges faced during their three years stay in Ithaca, New York where George M. pursued his advanced study for the two higher degrees. While at Cornell University, he won the respect of his peers and the world renowned scientists at this prestigious school. He excelled in all course work taken and in his scientific research. Required coursework and examinations were satisfactorily completed to satisfy the requirements for the Master of Science degree which was received in 1926 commencement exercises. The following year was a truly significant one in his life since he wrote a superior doctoral dissertation and passed all written and oral examinations with flying colors and was awarded the coveted degree, the Doctor of Philosophy with a major of chemistry and minors of physics and mathematics in the commencement exercises of Cornell University in May 1927. After receiving this great honor, he would be known henceforth as Dr. George Monroe Bateman which marked an extraordinary achievement. The receipt of this credential proved to be a great source of pride to the entire Bateman family and gave their morale a substantial uplift which was needed. George received some vital information which caused them to accept the offer from Dr. Arthur J. Matthews, President of Temple Teacher's College, Tempe, Arizona. They received many courtesies from the eminent professors of Cornell and Dr. George M. highly eulogized them for their gener-

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osity and humanity.

Dr. George M. vividly describes their boat trip from New York to New Orleans and by rail from there to Arizona. His fine autobiography graphically narrates their hard labors expended to make their newly rented home suitable in that tropical climate which boasted of Hell's Furnaces. His story of their experiences makes absorbing reading. Little time was needed to convince them that their first priority was to build a new home. A well-located lot was secured on which was built an attractive home. It was later razed to make room for a rapidly expanding campus. Another new home was built at 515 Broadmor Drive in Tempe where they lived the rest of their lives. They were made happy when another beautiful little daughter,

Flora Mae Bateman Black was born 8 May 1929. She had several children from her first husband, Robert Preston Curry (born 3 October 1919). Two of the Curry boys, Preston Robert and Jeffrey Stanton have completed missions for the LDS Church and attended Brigham Young University. Their daughter was Julie Ann Curry Bever, born 29 Decmber 1957. Flora and Robert Curry were divorced caused over religious differences. When they were married, he joined the Church but later went back to the Catholic Church which caused the break up. Flora Mae married Wayne F. Black (born 14 July 1918) and has offspring from him (James Wayne Black was born 4 December 1969). She earned a Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Arizona State and taught high school. She passed away several years ago.

When Dr. George Monroe Bateman arrived at the teacher's college, it was a small provincial institution without one earned doctor of philosophy on the faculty. The teaching force was seriously in need of professional upgrading and the greater the degree of mediocrity, the greater was the resistance to improvement and change. Dr. George M. sensed the strong undercurrents and jealousies he faced in the faculty. The struggles and resistance encountered faced by the administration of the small college were many as it slowly but surely moved toward a fully accredited, advanced degree-granting institution. George M. felt the impact of the wrath and bitterness of the struggle and the resentment of the faculty members who were unhappy to have an earned Doctor of Philosophy on the faculty who was agitating for advanced programs which offered the Master's degree and the Doctoral degree as could be provided by law and by having adequate scholarship on the faculty.

Dr. George M. Bateman was one of the chief pioneer architects in successfully transforming this modest college

into one of national and international renown noted for scholarship and quality of faculty. Some of the old moss-back faculty members must have either gone to their graves or turned over in them when it was literally saturated with doctorates representing all disciplines epitomized within the context of universal knowledge of a great university. Dr. George initially provided leadership in restructuring the departments as per accreditation requirements characteristic of a university. Colleges were established; highly qualified deans and departments within the colleges were set up. Thus an advanced program or programs were established which offered advanced study leading to master's degrees and doctorate degrees. He lived through a very challenging and hectic period of growth when the school became Arizona State College and finally, Arizona State University.

George M. was promoted to full professor in 1930 which is the highest professional ranking attainable on the campus of a university or college of higher education.

George and Florence were blessed with a petite and sweet baby girl 15 October 1934 Georgia Rose (married Lehi Tingen Smith 18 Feb 1956 Mesa Temple, children: Lehi David, born 10 Jan. 1958, Redwood City, San Mateo, Ca, Mark Bateman , born 11 Dec 1959, Mesa, Maricopa, Arizon, Thane Harris, born 25 Oct 1961 Mesa Mari-



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George M. & Florence Bateman family.

copa, Arizona, Kent Larson, born 5 November 1966, Mesa Maricopa, Arizona)

. . . George M. and Florence were looking forward to the birth of their fourth child the latter part of July 1937. On 30 July 1937, while eating a light lunch after teaching a class, when Florence called him and said that she was in labor. George M. lost his keys temporarily but found them in time to get her to the hospital on time. When his doctor congratulated him to say a baby boy had been born, this on 30 July 1937, George said: “We named the baby Harold Harris, the first name was for my brother and the second was Florence’s family name.” Harold married Geraldine Harris 3 Sep 1965 in the Salt Lake Temple.

George M. served his country again during World War II [reporting for duty 5 October 1941] for two years in the chief of chemical warfare offices in Washington, D.C. Because of bad health in his family, he was released to do work for his country at Arizona State University. He was reverted to an inactive status.

[Editor’s note: Some of his experiences in Washington, D.C are worthy of mention.] He related: “On Sunday morning, December 7th, the family attended church at Arlington. Since the sun was shining and it was warm, we decided to spend the afternoon at Mt. Vernon which is located about seven miles south of the city of Alexandria. The home of George Washington stands on a beautiful, rolling lawn overlooking the Potomac River as it flows towards the Bay. We were inspired by the beautiful home and its surroundings, and they helped us to better realize the greatness and vision of the “father of our country.” Later in the afternoon we returned to Washington and allowed the children to enjoy the many Christmas decorations and displays in the business district. They especially enjoyed

“Mother Santa Claus” who was life-like, jolly, rocked back and forth in her chair, and gave a message of Christmas cheer. It was beginning to get dark so we started our return home by Pennsylvania Avenue. When we almost reached the Treasury Building, bells began to ring, sirens to blow, and the newsboys started yelling, “Pearl Harbor Bombed.” I was both puzzled and shocked. Daily warnings indicating the danger of surprise attack had been sent to all of the defense establishments in the Pacific area, and yet the Japanese were successful in crippling our Pacific Fleet. The whole event was so upsetting that I failed to concentrate on my driving and, as a result, committed a serious traffic violation by stopping in a safety zone, of all places, on Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House. Several policemen were blowing their whistles and all traffic was stopped, while a policeman roughly directed me to move my car to a relatively quiet street near Lafayette Square. He exhausted his swearing vocabulary and then began to give me the “works” as far as violations were concerned. He requested my driver’s license, and I also handed him my Army Identification Card. I told him that the bad news had affected my driving. After briefly noting my credentials, he tore up the citation slip and asked me to please drive safely. After this experience we drove leisurely past the German Embassy and noted that it was surrounded by a cordon of policemen. Bonfires at the rear of the Embassy compound indicated that the personnel were destroying their official papers.

“The next Monday morning I was back in the office in full uniform for the first time, and the phone rang. It was a pleasure to hear the voice of my old next-door neighbor and former colleague on the Arizona State faculty, the Honorable John R. Murdock, Representative from Arizona. I



George M. & Florence Bateman family. Lehi Smith, Harold H. Bateman, Robert Curry. Front: Georgia Smith, Florence, George M., Flora Curry with grandchildren on laps.



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accepted his invitation to attend one of the most historic meetings in the history of our country, a joint Congress meeting, where President Roosevelt in an eloquent and stirring speech declared war on Germany and Japan.

“About this time representatives from the various armed services were requested to attend a meeting in a small room in the Commerce Building. We were told that the United States and some of its allies were working on a project to utilize nuclear energy for the manufacture of atomic bombs which would be many times more destructive than the TNT bombs. Information was available that the Germans were working on a similar project. Of course, this information was given the highest classification of secrecy. The next day we were called back and told that a mistake had been made in giving us this information, and that death could be the penalty for disclosing it.

“After the Pearl Harbor episode it was necessary to spend long hours at the office (a temporary building), which was located on the land now occupied by the State Department. Signs were posted everywhere in the building with this warning, “Hitler has big ears.” The Defense Department was operating on a 24-hour basis, and it was necessary to be away from home an average of one 24-hour shift per week. No street or home lights showed during the night in the Washington area, and frequently practice air raid warnings were sounded day and night. In the office we were required to dive under a desk or a table for safety. One of the air raid warnings caught me in the basement, so in accordance with regulations I dived under the nearest table and found that the space was already occupied by a Brigadier General, a beautiful secretary, and a colored janitor. This was a good example of desegregation. The janitor said, “This am de first time I’s been under a table with a General, a Captain, and a beautiful secretary.” This incident amused the personnel at the Office for quite a while. . . (Bateman, George M. “From Horse and Buggy Days . . .” p. 57)

“One day while going through some plant inspection reports, I noted that over ½ million tons of virgin rubber were stored in one ancient wooden building, and this constituted almost the total reserve in the United States. The office sent a letter to the rubber company, which recommended that the stock be stored in several smaller fire-proof warehouses, to insure the safety of our reserve rubber in wartime. We received a discourteous reply telling us in effect to keep the “government nose” out of private business. About a week later, the morning newspapers had the following headline, “More than ½ million tons of rubber destroyed by a fire of unknown origin.” In my opinion this

loss was almost as serious as the Pearl Harbor episode because our Army and Air Forces moved on rubber.

“Our reserve rubber stocks were reduced to a few thousand pounds, and the Japanese occupied all of the major producing areas. It was necessary for our country to turn its attention to the possibility of the development of synthetic rubber. At that time we made a study of the situation for the General Staff and found that a number of American oil companies had formed a cartel with some German chemical firms, providing that research on synthetic rubber be developed in two phases: first, that the methods for the manufacture of the monomers (basic or beginning materials) be carried out in the United States; and second, that the process for the polymerization of these monomers into synthetic rubber would be developed in Germany. The American companies kept Germany in touch with all our new discoveries in this area, while the Germans gave us no information concerning their phase of the research. It was, therefore, necessary for our scientists to completely develop this second phase of the synthesis of rubber, and this required time. It was hard for me to understand how our business men could have been so naive on such a strategic problem. (Bateman, George M. “From Horse and Buggy Days . . .” p. 59)”

Dr. Harold Bateman’s commentary continues: During 1957, the committee on professional training of the American Chemical Society placed Arizona State University on the approved list of colleges and universities and honored him in these words: “Doctor Bateman is to be commended for the contribution he has made in the development of the chemistry program and the selection of the staff.

As Chairman of the Division of Sciences and later of the physical sciences and mathematics, he was active in spearheading the designing and construction of two campus buildings: the agricultural building and the physical science center. It was the huge 256,000 square foot science center which the board of regents name after Dr. George Monroe Bateman. He was an active member of many faculty committees. The noted educator was a member of the Graduate Council for twenty years and of the Administrative Council for fifteen years and was named chairman of the Athletic Board and served as chairman of the faculty.

In 1962, Doctor Bateman was released from his original assignment after thirty-five years of continuous service to the university. The departments of botany, chemistry, physics and zoology began under his direction, and mathematics was included in his division, were university disciplines offering the highest academic degree, the Doctor of Philosophy. President G. Homer Durham in a letter made

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Flora Mae, George M. holding Georgia Rose, Florence holding Harold, Cornella.

the following strong statement: "I wish to acknowledge my sincere appreciation for your recent distinguished service as head of the Division of the Physical Sciences. Under your direction the departments of that area have acquired admirable physical quarters and assumed the dimensions of true university disciplines."

With all of his work in the development of the science program at the Arizona State University, Dr. George Monroe Bateman found time for service in the community and in his Church. He was a member of the first bishopric of the Tempe Ward and later bishop from 1945 to 1949. During this time the ward membership grew from fifty to nearly four hundred. As bishop he was instrumental in planning and building a new Tempe LDS ward chapel. He was also a member of both the Phoenix and Maricopa Stake high councils.

In the spring of 1944, a half a year after returning to Tempe, Arizona George M. was called to the Maricopa Stake High Council by Elder Spencer W. Kimball of the Council of the Twelve. He related: "In October 1944 President Lorenzo Wright of the Maricopa Stake, LDS held a conference with me. At that time I was a member of Maricopa Stake High Council. He indicated that Bishop R. L. McCook, Sr. of the Tempe Ward had asked to be released because of the illness of his wife. I received this news with sorrow, for I had been closely associated with the good bishop and his family for more than 16 years and had the greatest love and respect for them. I was shocked and almost speechless when President Wright said, "You have been chosen as the next bishop of Tempe Ward." I had never aspired to this high position, for I had always gained the deepest satisfaction as a teacher; for only at this level can one give service which definitely shapes the character and the advancement of the individual. The as-

sumption of this position would require me to take over the temporal and spiritual leadership of over 400 people in addition to the requirements of my profession. I felt very humble and pointed out that there were several other ward members who were more qualified from every standpoint. In addition to my heavy teaching schedule and position as Head of the Science Department, I was engaged in several other activities such as Commander of the Tempe American Legion Post, Chairman of the Medical Technology and Nursing programs, Member of the Graduate Council, and Chairman of the Planning Committee for a new science building on the campus. In view of all of these activities, I begged President Wright to "let the cup pass by me."

About five months passed with no further mention of this matter, so I began to feel secure in the thought that the assignment had gone to another. One morning in March 1945, I had just begun my lecture on general chemistry when my secretary signaled that I had a very important telephone call. I requested the party to call me later since I had a class in session. To my surprise I heard President Wright on the other end of the line say, "Ok Brother Bateman, go back to your class but be sure and read the Arizona Republic in the morning. We will see you before the end of the week." The next morning the Republic had a big headline which stated that President Truman had given away several additional billion dollars to needy foreign nations. After some searching, I found another news item which stated that Dr. Bateman, head of the Science Department of the college at Tempe, had been appointed as the new bishop of the Tempe Ward. I was very much disturbed, but I knew that there was no turning back. Early that morning, congratulations began to pour in by telephone. Many of the non-Mormons expressed their regret that I was leaving the teaching profession to enter the ministry. It required considerable effort on my part to make them understand that my position as bishop was a labor of love and that instead of receiving a salary from the church, it was necessary to contribute both time and money as a lay leader. It should be noted that the LDS church operates almost entirely with lay priesthood and that every youthful member has the opportunity to receive experience and training, which will qualify him for both leadership and teaching positions.

Later in the week, President Wright and his councilors paid a visit to our home and had a meeting with my wife and me. They pointed out that my special mission would be the financing and the construction of classrooms and chapel for the growing ward. They stated that I had a reputation for getting things done. I felt very humble in as-



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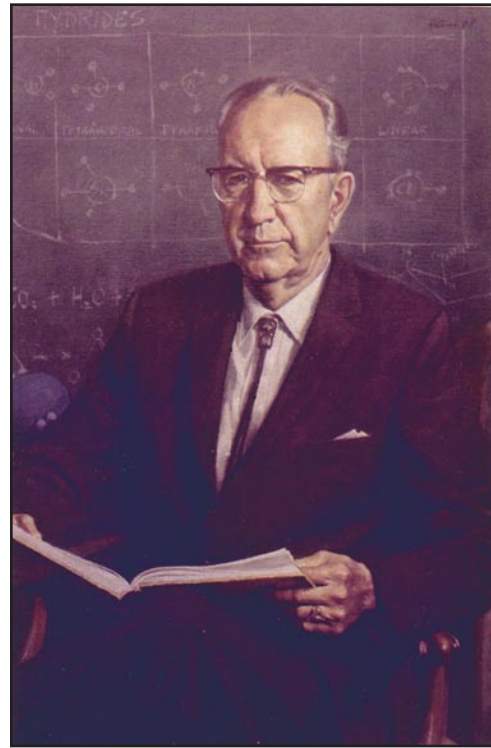
Florence & George in Europe 1970.



Florence and Dr. George Monroe Bateman in Arizona, 1968.



George and Florence, Christmas 1967.



*A portrait painting of Dr. George M. Bateman was commissioned by the Arizona Board of Regents. It was done by Professor Gittens of the University of Utah and it now hangs in the Arizona State University Library. He was honored by being named "The Father of Science at the Arizona State University" by the institutional officials. Another signal honor was showered upon him when the Board of Regents and university officials name the mammoth 220,000 square foot science building: "The Dr. George M. Bateman Science Center" which was a very great honor for his services to this great university.*



Florence & George M. Bateman, 1972

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suming this position, but my wife gave me her full support and assured me that I would be a good bishop. I selected Grant Layton and C. Ferrel Dana as my councilors. Later Grant Layton was replaced by Theo LeBaron. In a few weeks we completed the Ward organization so that it functioned smoothly. On October 1, 1945 at the quarterly conference of the Maricopa Stake, I was ordained a bishop by Elder Thomas E. McKay, Assistant to the Twelve (Bateman, George M. "From Horse and Buggy Days . . ." p. 69).]

In addition to his experience as an educator, he served in the United State Army during World War I during 1918-1919 and again as an officer in the Chemical Warfare Service during World War II. In 1944, he was commander of the Tempe Post of the American Legion. He is a veteran scouter and was awarded the Silver Beaver for distinguished service to boyhood. He served for many years as a scoutmaster and chairman of the BSA district.

The distinguished Arizona university professor is a member of the American Chemical Society, Arizona Academy of Science and a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. In recognition of his outstanding contributions to science and community he is listed in *Who's Who in America* and *American Men of Science*.

George M. was very devoted to his family, and he and Florence usually made a trek to Utah and Idaho once a year to attend the Bateman family reunions and to visit. They certainly were loyal and the family appreciated their devotion since their presence was always enjoyed and so the years passed.

On 12 March 1958, George M. was awakened from a deep sleep by a telephone call which advised that Mother had passed away with a massive stroke. They attended her services in the Logan Second Ward chapel. When he looked down at Mother with me at his side while she was resting peacefully in her casket, remarked to me sadly: "Now she is but a memory. I am not going to worry about it." He quietly expressed his great love and appreciation for her many sacrifices made for him and the family.

He was again awakened from a sleep once more 8 March 1961 by a long distance telephone call that Father had passed away from pneumonia. He made another trip with Florence to attend Father's services, 11 March 1961. After the services, the cortege moved from the Hall Mortuary to the Wellsville Cemetery where three years previously Mother was laid to rest. George M. dedicated the grave with a beautiful prayer.

During 1969, a large retirement party was held dur-

ing the spring for Dr. George Monroe in Tempe, Arizona, which was attended by Alfred, Idella, and LeRoy. Since I [Harold] was teaching at Weber State College, I did not make the trip. He was greatly honored, but he continued to do some teaching and conducted seminars at the university.

All the honors showered on my brother, Dr. George M. Bateman have not been included in this brief sketch. For further details, see his ninety-two page autobiography which he kindly furnished all of his brothers and sisters.

Briefly, a portrait painting of him was commissioned by the Arizona Board of Regents done by Professor Gittens of the University of Utah and it now hangs in the Arizona State University Library. He was honored by being named "The Father of Science at the Arizona State University" by the institutional officials. Another signal honor was showered upon him when the Board of Regents and university officials name the mammoth 220,000 square foot science buildings: "The Dr. George M. Bateman Science Center" which was a very great honor for his services to this great university.

George M. and Florence attended their last Bateman family reunion during August 1971 when he was president of the family organization and he arranged an excellent program. This meeting was held at Lava Hot Springs, Idaho in the good state which saw the siring of all of the members of the family. This was the last reunion that all the family attended for even Alfred and Idella were there.

When I shook hands with him in Lava that day, little did I realize this would be the last time that I would see him in this life. Fortunately, I took an entire roll of movies of this affair and in my speech warned of the impending attrition which would soon be experienced from age since all of John's and Clara's "first" family would be soon over 70 years of age

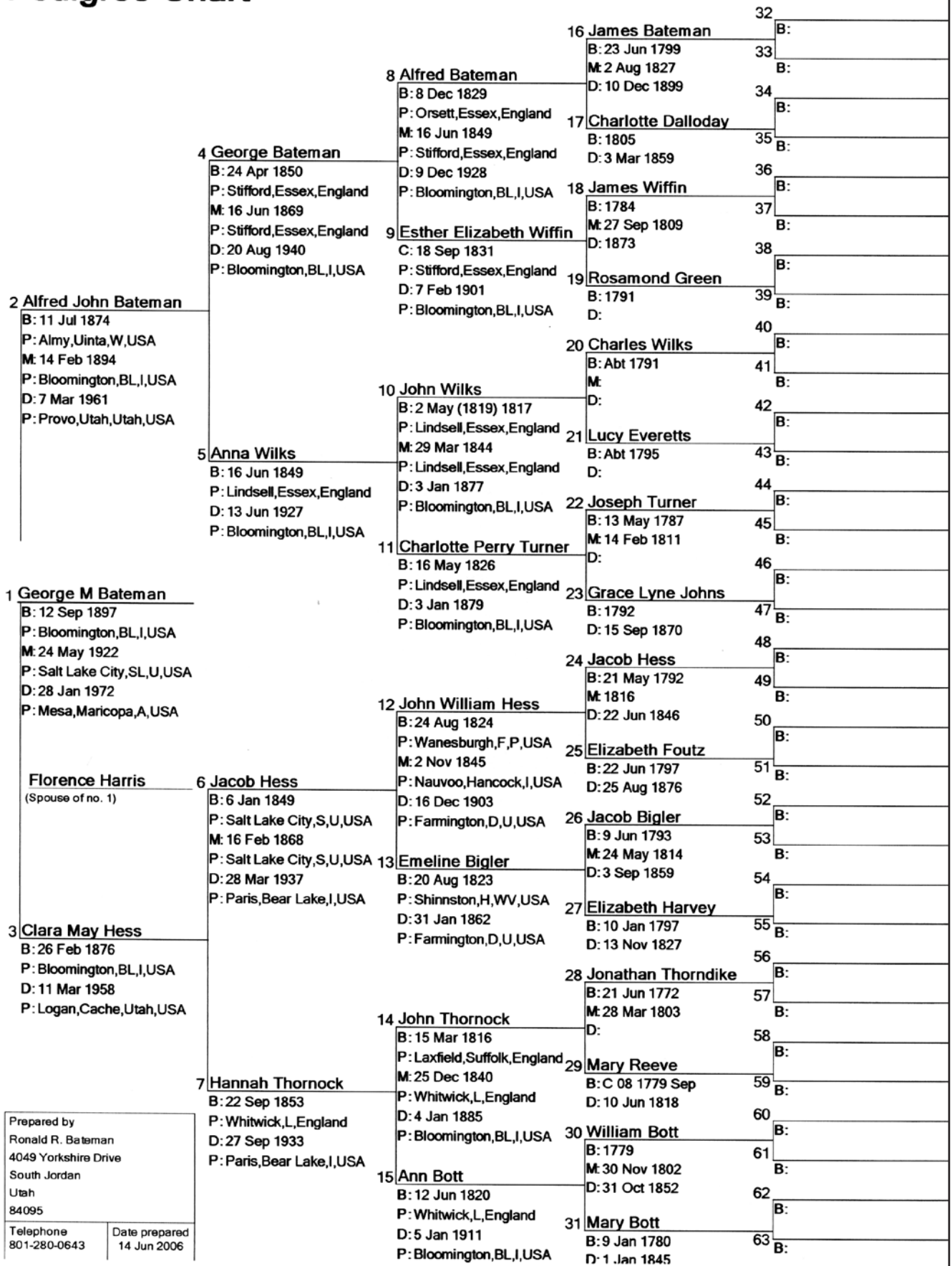
On 28 January 1972, found our brother, Dr. George M. Bateman being rushed to the Mesa hospital in an ambulance where he passed away of a heart seizure. He had been working around his lot and in his garage when he suffered from severe pains in his chest and was at once rushed to the Mesa hospital where he passed away. Most of the family attended his services . . . George M. closed his autobiography with the apropos poem: "I know the night is near at hand, The mists lie low on hill and bay, The autumn sheaves are dewless dry; But I have had my day."

And now just a brief word about his family. Florence passed away 4 August 1987 in Tempe, Arizona and is buried in the local cemetery there.

CORNELLA "CONNIE" BATEMAN

# Pedigree Chart

Chart no.




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EMPE (Ariz.) DAILY NEWS, Saturday, January 29, 1972

## Funeral Services Tuesday For Local Resident Dr. Bateman



Dr. George Bateman

Services for Dr. George Monroe Bateman, professor emeritus of chemistry at Arizona State University, will be held Tuesday at the Tempe Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Time has not been set and other arrangements are pending with Gibbons Tempe Mortuary.

He died at Mesa Southside hospital emergency room about 2 p.m. on Friday.

Achieving both his master of science and Ph.D. degrees in chemistry from Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, he came to the campus at Tempe in 1927 as instructor of physical science. He was the only Ph.D. on the college faculty and up to the time of his coming, no courses in biology, chemistry or physics had ever been offered. He was responsible for directing the total science program at ASU.

He served as professor of chemistry, chairman of the Department of Chemistry, head of the Division of Physical Sciences, was chairman of the Athletic Board, and of the Faculty, also member of the Graduate Council.

Dr. Bateman, who resided here at 515 East Broadmor with his wife, Florence, was born on September 12, 1897 at Bloomington, Idaho.

His church work, all with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, included being a member of the Tempe First Bishopric and later serving as Bishop from 1945 to 1949, serving as a member on both the Phoenix and Maricopa Stake High Councils.

A veteran worker in the Boy Scout movement, he served as Scoutmaster and Tempe District Boy Scout chairman.

He was a veteran of both World War I and World War II and was an officer in the Chemical Warfare Service in the latter.


Recognition includes: being listed in Who's Who in America and American Men of Science, also as a Fellow of the American Association of Advancement of Science and Fellow of the American Institute of Chemists.

The family said that those who may wish to do so may make memorials to the George Bateman Scholarship Fund through the Arizona State University Alumni Association.

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## Florence Harris Bateman



Services for Mrs. Florence Harris Bateman, 85, of Tempe will be 10 a.m. Friday at the Tempe Fourth Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, College Street and Alameda Drive, Tempe. She died Tuesday, Aug. 4, 1987, in Chandler.

Visitation will be 6 to 8 p.m. today at Tempe Mortuary, 405 East Southern Ave., Tempe.

Mrs. Bateman was born in Grace, Idaho, and moved to Arizona from New York in 1927. She was a homemaker and a mother. Mrs. Bateman was active in the LDS Church and a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Faculty Wives Club.

Survivors include daughters Georgia B. Smith and Flora B. Black, both of Tempe; son Harold H. Bateman of California; sister Viola Matthews of California; 12 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Tempe Mortuary handled the arrangements.

Florence Harris Bateman obituary August 1987.

"after nearly twenty-five years of loving care by her mother" and is buried in Tempe Cemetery.

FLORA MAE BATEMAN BLACK  
(Daughter of George M. & Florence)

Flora Mae was born on 8 May 1929, in Tempe, Arizona. She was the second child of George Monroe Bateman and Florence Harris Bateman. As a youth Flora developed a fondness for animals and throughout her life she had many pets of various species. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Education from Arizona State College at Tempe (Which later became Arizona State University) on May 23, 1950.

Flora married Robert Preston Curry on May 24, 1950. They were later divorced. Her father Dr. George M. commented about their marriage in his autobiography: ". . . Flora had married Robert Curry in 1950. During the next thirteen years they achieved a fine family of two sons and one daughter, a nice home, and a top place in the community where Bob was assistant superintendent of Tempe public schools. However, as the years passed they failed to develop compatibility and common interests. As a result, they were granted a legal separation. I shall always wonder why two such nice people, who had almost everything in their favor, could not have enjoyed a happy life together."

They had three children: Robert Scott, born March 4, 1954, Jeffery Stanton, born March 2, 1956, and Julie Ann born 29 December 1957 in Tempe.

(Daughter of George M. & Florence)

Cornella Bateman was born on 20 July 1924 Grace, Bannock, Idaho. George M. in his autobiography spoke of her thusly: "Our oldest child had been born with a glandular deficiency which limited her mental development to that of a three-year-old child. For the past seventeen years, she had proved to be a continuing tragic experience in our lives." Later in his writings he stated: "She had a loving disposition, and at times it seemed that a choice human spirit was trying to break through the imperfections of her physical body. Her retardment and handicaps brought many trials and much suffering to her parents, especially to her mother, because it was necessary to watch her almost every minute during the day. But this great and long-lasting sorrow was not without its reward, because such suffering tends to make one stronger, helps in the development of charity and the compassionate spirit. To a certain extent, all men are born short in one way or another, and none of us are perfect. It behooves us to remember that we all live to some extent in glass houses. We should search in our own hearts, for the imperfections we see in others may really be a reflection of ourselves." She never grew very tall and passed away in Tempe, Arizona 5 February 1948



George Monroe, second son of Alfred John and Clara Bateman



Wayne, James, & Flora Black.

Flora Mae Bateman Black family in 1989. Left to Right: Mike & Julie Curry Bever, Michelle Hurley Curry holding Tara Curry, J. Stan Curry, James Black, Flora Bateman Black, R. Scott Curry, Wayne Black Front: Robert Curry and Adrienne Curry.



James Black Family 2006  
Back: James and Polly Black  
Front: Zach and Torri Black



James and Polly Black Wedding 1993  
Left to Right Back: J. Stan Curry, Michelle Hurley Curry, Polly Bigler Black, James Black, Flora Black,



J. Stan Curry family.

## Across Three Centuries Alfred John Bateman & Clara May Hess Family

ROBERT SCOTT CURRY was born March 4, 1954 in Mesa, Arizona to Robert and Flora Curry. He served in the England South London Mission. He is a freelance writer, and is on the ASU Staff in the registrar's office and the art museum. He lives in Tempe, AZ.

JEFFERY STANTON CURRY was born 2 March 1956 in Mesa, Az. to Robert and Flora Curry. He served in the Colombia Bogotá Mission (1975-77). Stan married Michelle Nilsson Hurley 3 June 1978 in the Los Angeles Temple. He is an environmental attorney. Church callings: multi-Region public affairs council, stake executive secretary, temple preparation instructor, bishop, elders president, YM President, ward mission leader,. Michelle Nilsson (Curry) was bon 25 May 1958 in San Antonio, TX. Church callings: counselor in Relief Society and Primary presidencies, temple preparation instructor, Gospel Doctrine instructor, Primary instructor. She is a homemaker, and has been a BYU Humanities college assistant advisor.

Robert Andrew Curry was born 29 June 1981 in Provo, Utah to Stan and Michelle Curry. He served a mission to the Florida Ft. Lauderdale Mission. He married Kimberly Ann Guimont 10 April 2004. He is in journalism and works as a television assistant producer in Mesa, AZ

Adrienne Curry was born 20 December 1983 to Stanton and Michelle Curry in Phoenix, AZ. She is a commercial designer, living in Phoenix, AZ.

Tara Michelle Curry was born 11 February 1987 to Stanton and Michelle Curry in Phoenix, AZ She is attending BYU. Michael Patrick Curry was born to Stanton and Michelle Curry 24 October 1989 in Phoenix, AZ. He is a high school student Alexander David Curry was born to Stanton and Michelle Curry 3 May 1992 in St. Petersburg, Russia. He is a middle school student. Stan and his family reside in Phoenix, AZ

JULIE ANN CURRY (BEVER) was born 29 December 1957 in Mesa, AZ. She married Michael Jess Bever 28 January 1978 in Tempe, AZ. They are managers of a carpet & flooring store in Brookings, OR

On August 26, 1966, Flora married Wayne Fish Black. Wayne was born on July 14, 1918, in Bedford, Indiana. He served in the 8th Army Air Force during WWII as a navigator and a bombardier where he completed 32 missions over Germany in a B-17.

Flora was a dedicated teacher whose career assignments included Head Start through primary grades. She taught as a Substitute teacher and had several full time positions throughout her life. In February 1972, she earned her Master's degree in education from ASU in Tempe.

Flora and Wayne had one child, JAMES WAYNE

BLACK, born on December 4, 1969. They lived in Tempe, Arizona. Wayne was an auto parts wholesaler and Flora taught school in Mesa, Arizona. Her church callings usually involved kids, she was a Cub Scout leader more than once. Wayne, although not a member of the church, attended regularly and served in Scouting. James graduated from Tempe High School in 1987. In 1988 they had a home built and moved to Prescott, Arizona. They enjoyed living in the cool pines and good times with their new friends and work associates. Wayne sold real estate and Flora taught 2nd grade in Chino Valley, Arizona. Flora passed away November 27, 1993 after a two year battle with cancer. Wayne continued to live in Prescott until he passed away on March 23, 2002.

James served in the Ogden, Utah mission from 1989 to 1991. Upon returning from his mission he attended Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona. While there, he met and married Pauline(Polly) Mae Bigler. They were married in the Mesa Arizona Temple on July 30, 1993. Polly graduated in December 1993, with a Bachelor of Science in Education. In May of 1994 James earned a Bachelor of Science in Communication(Broadcast Production). James was drawn to the technical nature of the broadcast equipment and after graduating from NAU he decided to go for another degree in electronics. In July of 1996 he completed an Associate of Applied Science degree from DeVry Institute in Phoenix, Arizona. Polly taught in a bilingual (Spanish) first grade class while in Phoenix. She learned Spanish on her mission in the Honduras, Tegucigalpa mission (1989-1991).

In October 1996, James and Polly moved to Boise, Idaho, where James was hired as a Field Service Engineer, in the Semi-Conductor industry. They have two children, Zachary Wayne, born November 27, 1996, and Torri Anne, born August 14, 1999.

In October 2004, James and Polly completed temple work for Wayne, his parents and grandparents. This was something Wayne was preparing for shortly before he died. (Flora Mae's biography written by her son James Black, 2006.)

GEORGIA ROSE BATEMAN SMITH

(Autobiography)

(Daughter of George M. & Florence)

Georgia Rose Bateman was born 15 October 1934 o George M. & Florence Bateman. She has her college diploma from Arizona State and has taught school. She is married to Dr. Lehi L. Smith (born 29 November 1927 in Oakley, Cassia, Idaho to George Albert Smith & Aurora Phosia Humphries), who was a member of the Arizona



## George Monroe, second son of Alfred John and Clara Bateman

State University faculty and has his doctorate from Stanford University.

I was born on October 15, 1934, in a place called Tempe, Arizona, to the finest parents a child could ever have... George M. Bateman and Florence Harris. At that time, Tempe was a rather small little town, as compared to what it became in the succeeding years. Initially, it was surrounded by desert and farmland.

All of our relatives lived in Utah and Idaho, and my father had come to Arizona to teach at the college in Tempe. He had just graduated with his PhD in chemistry from Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. He shunned offers to go to work in industry and chose instead to make his contribution helping to build what has become Arizona State University.

During the summer recesses, we would often travel to Utah and Idaho to visit grandparents, uncles, aunts, and cousins. Being so far away in Arizona, we all really missed being around family, but this is where we stayed. This is where my life began and I have spent most of my adult life here as well. One never knows where the road they travel will take them. My childhood was a very enjoyable one. I had two older sisters, Connie and Flora, and a younger brother Harold. He was named after Uncle Harold. We all called him Buddy until he was in college. As we were growing up, Buddy and I were always together. Where one was you would find the other. We really looked out for each other and truly enjoyed being together.

We would always look forward with eager anticipation to our family traveling up to Utah and Idaho in the summertime. We really enjoyed attending Bateman Reunions, visiting relatives, and then we would spend the rest of our time at my Grandfather Harris' ranch, where my mother grew up. I loved it there, spending the days with my cousins, playing in the creek, building a playhouse up in the barn hayloft, riding horses, locking up the chickens so the coyotes wouldn't kill them, milking cows, gathering eggs, feeding the animals, canning, working in the garden, and of course helping with the work around the ranch. I was privileged to live my summers like most children dream about, but I actually experienced the dream.

Growing up in Tempe was an enjoyable time too. There were lots of children in the neighborhood around our home. I always thought my home at 1106 Van Ness Avenue, was the nicest home in the whole town of Tempe. Our home was one of the few that had a basement where there was a large playroom, a bedroom, and a room full of shelves where mother could put all the results of her canning. It was always so nice and cool down there in the

basement when the days started getting hot.

My elementary school experiences were at the Payne Training School, which was a school on the college campus. I then attended Tempe High School that was only a block away from the college. After graduating from high school, I attended Arizona State, graduating in 1956 with a BA degree. One could accurately say that all my school years were spent in just a four block area.

But time has moved on. The Payne Training School where I attended elementary school burned down in about 1957. The high school building I went to school in was a two story square, wooden building. It was very picturesque. Later, it also caught fire and burned to the ground. The home I have described was taken over by the University in 1957, and it was torn down to make room for the University's added expansion. The old expression, "You can never go home," really applies in my case. Although I have been in about the same place most of my life, there is nothing left of the old landmarks that were so much a part of my early life.

It was while I was attending college, and in my senior year, that I met Lehi Tingen Smith. This has been the most wonderful blessing to me. He was at the college working on his Master's Degree at the time. I had become well acquainted with his sister through the classes we shared at the college. One Sunday afternoon, I went to her place looking for her, and Lehi was there, and we met. A few months later, we were married in the Mesa Temple, on February 18, 1956. What a wonderful life we have shared. This year, we celebrated our 50th Wedding Anniversary. What a great blessing it has been to both of us that I happened to go looking for his sister that afternoon. Out of small things, great things come to pass.

LEHI T. SMITH by Georgia Bateman Smith

Lehi Tingen Smith was born in Oakley, Idaho to George Albert Smith and Aurora Phosia Humphries. He spent most of his early boyhood days in the small ranching town of Heber, Arizona, which was located in the deep forests of the White Mountains. Because of the elevation, the weather was temperate in summer, but cold and stormy in winters. His father was the school teacher there in a little one room schoolhouse. He loved his life in the mountains, and spent most of his childhood there and in other mountain communities of Arizona.

He attended Arizona State, and was only 20 years old when he graduated in 1948 with a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics. He left almost immediately after graduation to serve a mission in the New England States. Soon after he returned from his mission, he entered the

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Lehi & Georgia Rose Bateman Smith.



Left front, seated: Kellie Maurer Smith, Lara Jean Smith Back, standing: Lehi David Smith, Rebecca Rose Smith, Brian Lehi Smith.



Left front: Michael Clayton Black, Kristin Anne Smith, Ryan Keith Smith, Steven Geoffrey Smith Back row, standing: Michelle Martin Smith, Mark Bateman Smith, Camille Marie Black.



Left, children across the front: Thomas William Smith, Kaitlyn Beverley Smith, Alexander Kent Smith, Samuel Benjamin Smith Back row: Kent Larson Smith, Julie Beverley Smith.



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Army and served 2 years during the Korean War. He was assigned to the White Sands Proving Ground (now the White Sands Missile Range) in New Mexico, working in the military's missile programs.

He attended Arizona State and BYU working on his Master's Degree. Shortly after completing the requirements for his degree, we met, and were later married. He began teaching mathematics at North High School in Phoenix, Arizona. Soon thereafter, he applied for and was offered two scholarships to attend Stanford University. We moved to Menlo Park, California. It was quite a change from the dry arid climate of Arizona. The foliage was plush and green. It was beautiful. The plants were all different because of the added moisture. Our first son Lehi David was born there at Stanford.

When Lehi was nearing his graduation with his doctorate, he was offered positions at BYU, USU, and ASU. We decided to return to our roots in Arizona and he accepted the job at ASU. Lehi graduated from Stanford in 1959, which is when we returned to Arizona. He joined the mathematics faculty at the University. A great majority of his teaching years were at Arizona State University. We built our home soon after our arrival in Tempe and lived there for forty years. Our next three sons were born in

Mesa. Their names are Mark Bateman, Thane Harris and Kent Larson.

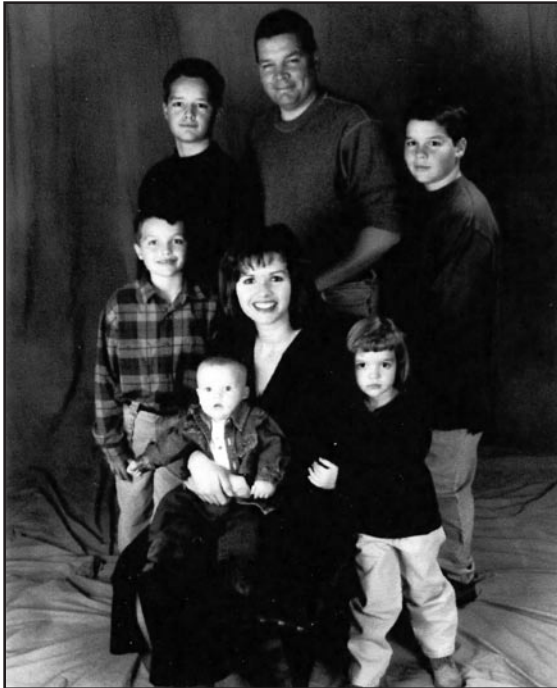
Lehi has often said: "The rearing of our four sons has been one of the greatest of all our blessings." It was a great joy and blessing to share with them the experiences of their childhood and their growing years, to see each of them in turn serve missions, to graduate from the University, to be married and sealed in the Temple to wonderful wives who are very precious to us, and to see them engaged in the process of rearing their own families. And now we are privileged to know the happiness and joy of holding our grandchildren.

What a fulfilling and rewarding experience it has been to share our life and also a great honor for us to have these four faithful sons, to share some of their lives and experiences with us. It has been a great joy to see them grow and develop over the passing years. It has been a privilege to be their parents, and we are grateful to our Heavenly Father for this special blessing in our lives.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has always been an important part of our lives. Lehi was ordained a patriarch in January 1981, in Tempe Arizona Stake, and continues to serve to this day as a patriarch in the Mesa Central Stake. As great a blessing in our lives as the Church has been, without any question, because of the church, by far our greatest and most important blessings, interests, activities, and accomplishments in our lives center on our family. We have great ancestors and a great and promising posterity. Our greatest happiness is through our family.

LEHI DAVID SMITH was born 10 January 1958 in Redwood City, California to Georgia and Lehi Smith. David served an LDS mission to London England. He graduated from Arizona State University in chemical engineering. He married Kellie Jo Maurer 17 September 1988 in the Jordan River Temple, South Jordan, Utah. She was born in 1966 in Salt Lake. Their children are Lara Jean Smith born in 1992; Brian Lehi, born 1994; and Rebecca Rose, born 1996; all in Ogden, Weber, Utah. David and his family reside in Ogden, Utah and he works at Thiokol Corp.

Second son, MARK BATEMAN SMITH was born 11 December 1959 in Mesa, Arizona to Lehi and Georgia Smith. He served in the New York City Mission and graduated from Arizona State University in accounting. He married Kay Lynne Warfield 9 January 1993 in the Mesa Temple in Mesa, Arizona. She was born 1966 in Gross Pointe, Wayne, Michigan (div). They are the parents of Steven Geoffrey, born in 1994; Ryan Keith, born in 1996;



Left front (mother with younger children): Jared Thane Smith, Zachary Harris Smith, Jean Hathcock Smith, Emily Jean Smith  
Back row, standing: Jacob Daniel Smith, Thane Harris Smith, Nathan James Smith.



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and Kristin Anne, born in 2000; all in Mesa, Maricopa, Arizona. Mark married Michelle Martin in 2005. She was born in 1960 in Mesa. Her children are: Michael Clayton Black, born in 1983 and Camille Marie Black, born in 1987; both in Mesa. They live in Gilbert, Arizona.

Third son THANE HARRIS SMITH was born 25 October 1961 in Mesa, Arizona to Lehi and Georgia Smith. He served in the California San Bernardino Mission. He graduated from Arizona State University with a degree in computer systems analysis. Thane married Jean Hathcock 8 January 1983 in Mesa, Arizona in the Mesa Temple. Their children are Jacob Daniel, born in 1985; Nathan James, born in 1986; Jared Thane, born in 1992; Emily Jean, born in 1996; and Zachary Harris, born in 1999; all in Mesa. Their residence: is in Mesa, Arizona.

Fourth son KENT LARSON SMITH was born 5 November 1966 in Mesa to Lehi and Georgia Smith. He served in the Ohio Cleveland Mission He married Julie Beverley Standage 3 January 1991 in the Mesa Temple. They have the following children: Alexander Kent, Thomas William, Samuel Benjamin, Kaitlyn Beverley. Kent graduated: from Arizona State University with a degree in electrical engineering. They reside in Chandler, Arizona

HAROLD "HAL" OR "BUDDY" HARRIS BATEMAN (Autobiography)

(Son of George M & Florence.)

Harold Harris Bateman was born 30 July 1937 in Tempe, Arizona to George M. & Florence Bateman. He has his bachelors and doctorate degrees from the Arizona State University. He received his master of business administration from Brigham Young University in June 1963. After graduation he was employed by the Sandia Corporation at Albuquerque, New Mexico. He completed his doctorate from Arizona State after his father passed away. He was working in the Dean of Admissions Office at Arizona State University but resigned to accept the Dean of Admissions position at the Rancho Santa Margarita Colleges with an office at Santa Anna State College in California.

He has a nice family. He married Geraldine 1 September 1965 in the Mesa Temple. They were later divorced. Their children are Jennifer Ann born 24 November 1966; Nathan Harold born 5 May 1970; Amy Louise born 26 July 1976 (She is a maseusse and lives in Hawaii with her children.); and Bret Harris born 24 October 1978. They live in Irvine, CA. Hal married Judith "Judy" Carver on 19 August 2003. They are both retired. Hal is doing some consulting work as he eases into retirement, and Judy retired in January 2006 from elementary teaching, and peer coach training of new teachers.

### History of Harold H Bateman

I was born in Tempe, Arizona on July 30, 1937 to George M Bateman and Florence H Bateman. They almost didn't make it to the maternity home in time; I was delivered seconds after arrival. My parent were both from southeast Idaho ranches near Bear lake and Lago Idaho from Mormon pioneer families. Tempe was a small college town when I grew up, but continued to grow as ASU became a major university. Dad was Director of the science division at ASU so I attended the Ira Payne training school, the ASU elementary school and lab school for student teachers. During this time, I participated in the Boy Scouts and went to the National Jamboree in Valley Forge. My parents encouraged me to get my Eagle and with the help of a lot of merit badge counselors I attained the rank.

In September of 1951, I entered Tempe High along with my sister Georgia who was a junior. I was impressed and drawn to sports, and wanted to play. I enjoyed sports and played football, basketball, and track. It consumed my goals and thoughts at that time. Although not the star, I started on the football and basketball teams and was the top distance runner for the school. Other activities or recognition included junior class President, representative to Boys State, and membership in the National Honor Society. I graduated in 1955. In the summers, I worked in Idaho with my cousins on my Uncle Tom's and Guy's ranch, my mother's brothers who always treated us as family. I got a job as a "hired man" putting up hay, milking cows, irrigating and learned how to work hard and long hours. I had fun with my two cousins Robert and McGee and with our friends from the surrounding farms and ranches, going to church and other activities.

During September, 1955, I enrolled at Arizona State University on a track scholarship. I majored in Chemistry and worked for Dr Roland Robins who later discovered the drug Riboviran which was effective against a number of viruses and was a flag ship drug of a large pharmaceutical company. I graduated in 1960 with honors. I completed an MBA at Brigham Young University in the spring of 1963. We were the first class of MBA students to graduate from BYU and it was a small class and special experience. My parents and name sake Uncle Harold Bateman attended the graduation.

After graduating I accepted a job with Sandia Corporation in Albuquerque, New Mexico. While working there I met Geraldine Harris, and we married on September 1, 1965 at the Mesa temple. We later moved to Arizona where I worked at Motorola in marketing information systems,

George Monroe, second son of Alfred John and Clara Bateman

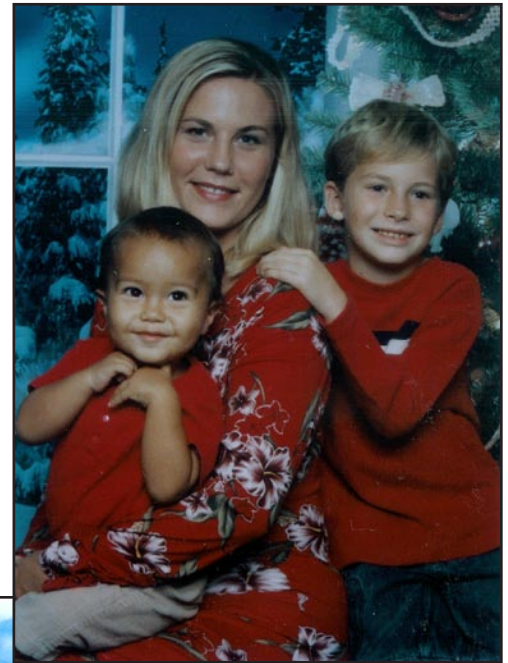


Hal and Judy Bateman on their wedding day  
19 August 2003.

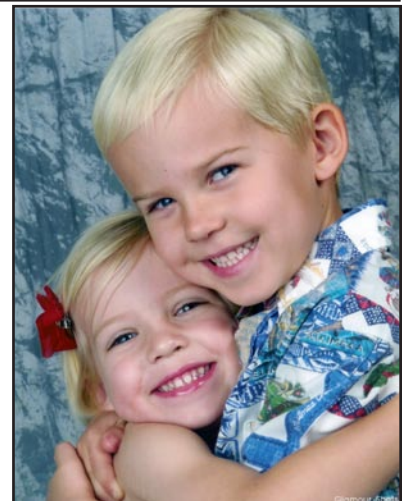


Natasha and Jennifer in December 2005.

Amy, Kai'ea Ignacio and Zion  
Crosby.



Below: Hal Bateman's sons Nathan and Brett  
Bateman. Below right: Izabella and Cade  
Bateman, Nathan's children.





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and Arizona State University. While at ASU, I received free tuition, and was allowed to pursue my PHD while working. Our family was really happy during this time and the Bateman family all lived within four blocks of each other which included my parents, Georgia and her family, and Flora and her family. Jennifer and Nathan were born during this time and our families participated in many events together.

I completed my PhD program in June of 1972. My father had passed away and I was disappointed he could not be at my graduation, but I felt his presence. I was offered a job from Santa Ana College in California to be Dean of Admissions and Records, and we moved to California. Our family grew with the birth of Amy and Bret. We were active in church positions and activities. During my 32 years at the college I held different positions including Vice President of Student Affairs, but came back to the A/R position which I liked best. In 1995, Geri and I decided to separate and she moved to Arcata, California where she bought a home and worked as a nurse. It was a beautiful place and she seemed happy there.

In the spring of 2003 after turning 67, I decided at my age I was getting suspect in my job so I announced my retirement plans. I received the Robert Brown Distinguished Service Award from the State Admission and Records organization at one of the parties and I felt very honored and blessed with a career I had greatly enjoyed.

During my single time, I had met Judy Gettys on a Sierra Hike. She was also a long time teacher and we had a lot in common, so we decided to get married on August 19, 2003 a month after my retirement. My daughter and granddaughter, Jennifer and Natasha, who had lived with me for many years had moved out a few months before. It was a good time to commence a new life for my golden years.

Children and Grandchildren of Hal Bateman:

### JENNIFER ANN BATEMAN

Jennifer was born November 24, 1966 in Mesa, Arizona. She graduated from University High in Irvine. She received her RN from Santa Ana College and bachelor's degree from California State University at Dominguez Hills. Jennifer has held jobs at Fountain Valley Hospital, Ricoh Copiers Corp., and is currently working for Orange County California as a registered nurse. She is a single working mother. She had two children: Joshua Blain Herbert, born on November 19, 1986 at Fountain Valley, California, who died in a drowning accident December 3, 1987. He was loved by all. Natasha Bush Maxwell was born August 24, 1989 at Fountain Valley, California. She

is a junior at Valencia High and has been the lead in a number of plays given by the drama department. They live in Tustin, California.

DANIEL MONROE BATEMAN was born August 15, 1968. He died with complications from a too early birth on August 16, 1968.

NATHAN H BATEMAN was born May 5, 1970 in Mesa, Arizona. He graduated from University High, and attended Santa Ana College and Arizona State University majoring in Business Management. He worked for Insight Corp. in sales, and Harbor Diesel as division manager, and sales and marketing representative. He has two children with Chantelle Kelly Bateman. Cade Stephen Bateman was born February 16, 2000 in Orange California and currently is enrolled in Kindergarten; Izabella Caprice Bateman was born August 8, 2002 in Orange, California. They like visiting their grandparents, and Cade likes to play the X-box. They live in Irvine, California.

AMY LOUISE BATEMAN was born July 26, 1976 at Newport Beach, California. She graduated from Irvine High School; she completed and graduated from Spa Luna Holistic School as an esthetician. She has worked at Fairmont Kealani Resort, Total Woman, and the St. Regis Resort. Grandpa Hal helps out with baby sitting. She is a single working mother with two children: Zion Alexander Crosby born July 30, 1995 at Mission Viejo, California. He has two famous great grandfathers, Bing Crosby and George M Bateman. Zion plays baseball and is in 5th grade. Kai'ea La'akea Ignacio was born in Maui, Hawaii on October 20, 2001. He is already skate boarding. They live in Irvine, California.

BRET BATEMAN was born October 24, 1978 at Newport Beach, California. He is single, graduated from College of the Redwoods in science and math, and has attended California State University at Humboldt. He has his own handyman business and likes surfing. He lives in Arcata, California.

Dr. Harold C. Bateman concluded George M.'s biography in 1979 by stating: While he was living, Dr. George M. Bateman was very proud of his fine family and loved them dearly. Cornella and Florence rest near him in the Double Butte Cemetery. All of us who loved him find ourselves reminiscing about our numerous contacts with him but all of us will soon join him. (Dr. Harold C. Bateman, "A Brief History of the Alfred John – Clara May Hess Bateman Family", 1979, pp. 103- 108; see also 161-172; also several excerpts are taken directly out of *From Horse and Buggy Days To The Atomic Age-1897-1971, Memoirs* by George M. Bateman)



## Family Group Record

Husband		
<b>George Monroe BATEMAN</b>		
Born	12 Sep 1897	Place BLOOMINGTON, B.L.K., ID
Christened		Place
Died	27 Nov 1977	Place TEMPE, , Az
Buried		Place
Married	24 May 1923	Place SLC, SLK, UT
Husband's father	Alfred John BATEMAN	
Husband's mother	Clara May HESS	
Wife		
<b>Florence HARRIS</b>		
Born	1 Oct 1901	Place Lago, Caribou, Idaho
Christened		Place
Died	4 Aug 1987	Place Chandler, Maricopa, Arizona
Buried		Place Tempe, Maricopa, Arizona
Wife's father		
Wife's mother		
Children List each child in order of birth.		
1	F	<b>Cornella BATEMAN</b>
	Born	20 Jul 1924 Place Grace, Bannock, Idaho.
	Christened	Place
	Died	5 Feb 1948 Place Tempe, Maricopa, Arizona
	Buried	Place
	Spouse	
	Married	Place
2	F	<b>Flora Mae BATEMAN</b>
	Born	8 May 1929 Place Tempe, Maricopa, Arizona
	Christened	Place
	Died	27 Nov 1993 Place Prescott, Yavapai, Arizona
	Buried	Place
	Spouse	Robert Preston Curry
	Married	24 May 1950 (Div) Place
	Spouse	Wayne Fish Black
	Married	26 Aug 1966 Place
3	F	<b>Georgia Rose BATEMAN</b>
	Born	15 Oct 1934 Place Tempe, Maricopa, Arizona
	Christened	Place
	Died	Place
	Buried	Place
	Spouse	Lehi Tingen Smith
	Married	18 Feb 1956 Place Mesa, Maricopa, Arizona
4	M	<b>Harold Harris BATEMAN</b>
	Born	30 Jul 1937 Place Tempe, Maricopa, Arizona
	Christened	Place
	Spouse	Geraldine (Divorced)
	Married	1 September 1965 Place Mesa, Maricopa, Arizona
	Spouse	Judy Gettys
	Married	19 Aug 2003 Place

