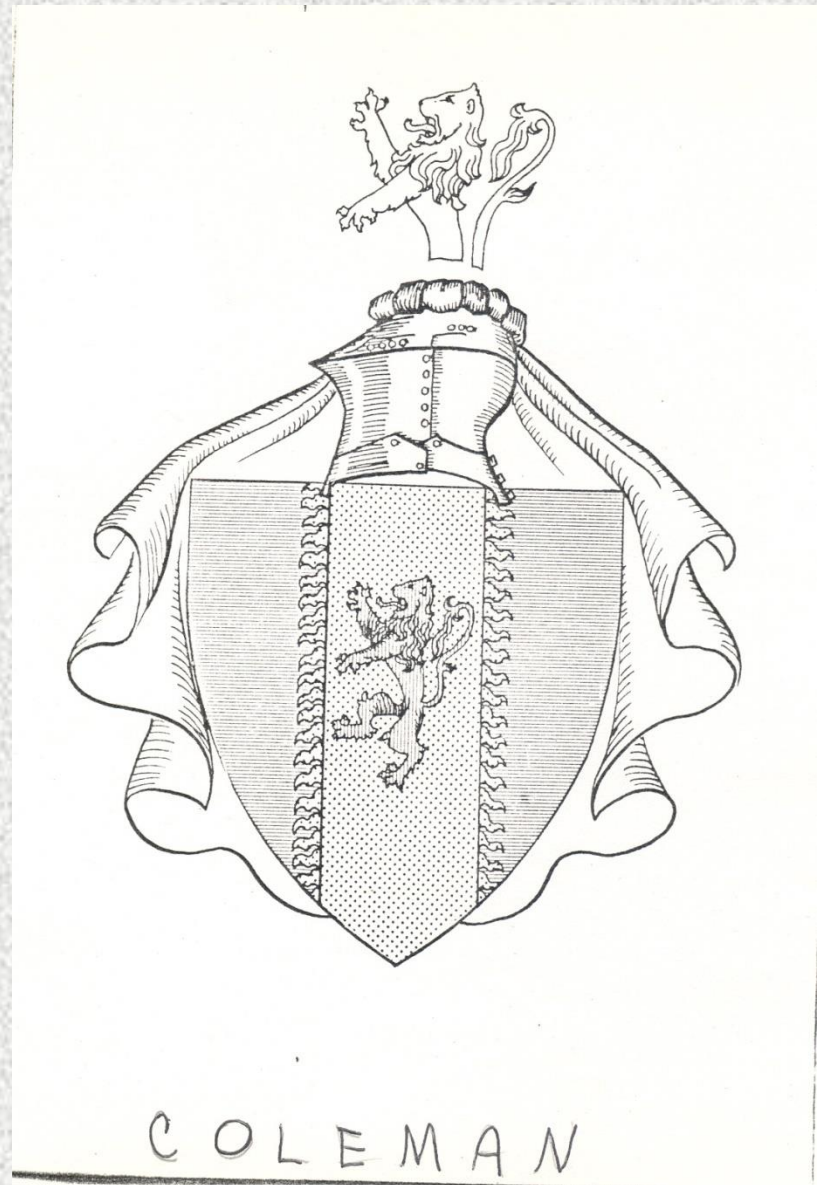


Coleman  
Pics & Things  
Including  
Averett, Neilson  
& Eagles

For Jolene  
by April  
Sept 2011



# Coleman, Simmons & Averett Pedigree

Pictures are in  
the correct  
places on  
this chart



# Coleman History – Time Line

## England to Nauvoo to Utah to Arizona

- [A beginning Time Line with only the people who joined the church – someone needs to add the rest of the details.]
  - akrColeman - July 2002

1783 Corse, Glouc, Eng

**Ann Sparkes** is born to **Thomas & Ann Gurney Sparkes**

[She later marries **Thomas Eagles**.]

1784 of Appreley, Glous, Eng

**William Crook** is born to --- & --- Crook

[He later marries **Margaret Lane**.]

1803 Jan 20 Arlsey, Bedfs, Eng

**Prime Coleman** is born to **George & Sarah Coleman** – one of 17 children three sets of twins, a set of triplets, - only 8 lived to adulthood

Coleman Pioneers of Utah, Arthur Coleman, 1962?

1806 June 11 St Neots, Hunts, Eng  
Little Paxton, Huntingtons, Eng

**Sarah Thornton** is born to **William & Elizabeth Christian Thornton**

“She and her older sister, June, were left motherless at the age of 10 and 11, their mother dying August 23, 1816...”

“Personal Record” of Sarah Thornton, written by a daughter

1811 Oct 31 Eng

**Prime’s** father **George Coleman** died – he left a will naming **Prime**

1816 Aug 23 Eng

**Elizabeth Christian Thornton** dies “[**Sarah**] and her older sister, June, were left motherless at the age of 10 and 11, their mother dying August 23, 1816. The father placed the two girls in a boarding school and afterwards re-married.”

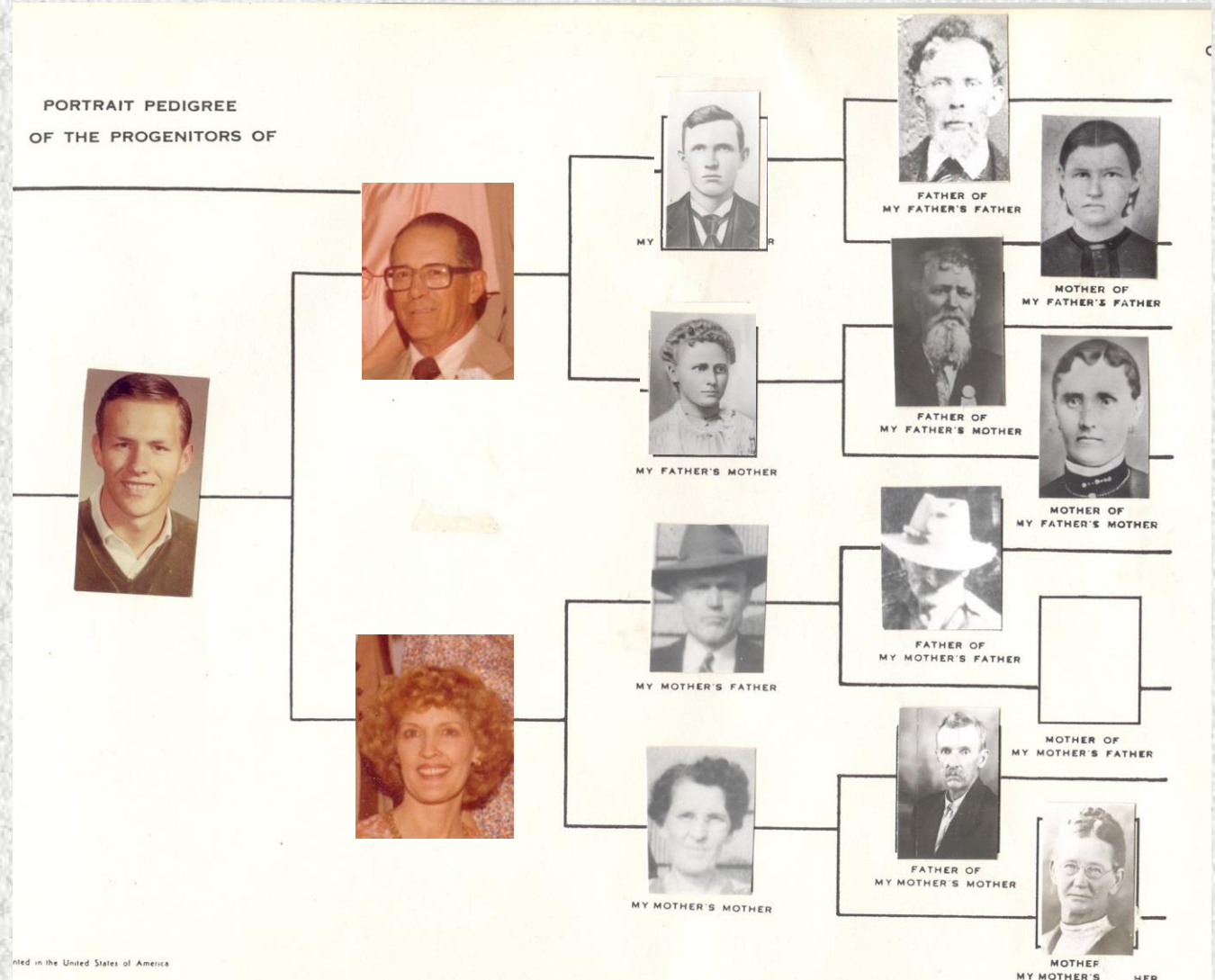
[ This was a very strict environment. See Personal Record for more details.]

“**Sarah Thornton** decided then and there that should she ever have children, they should never acquire their education at a boarding school. ...She [**Sarah**] remained at this school about ten years when she met, and after a courtship of six weeks, married **Prime Coleman**, a son of **George Coleman** and **Elizabeth Prime**, born in 1804

“Personal Record” of Sarah Thornton, written by a daughter

- See <[aprilsancestry.com](http://aprilsancestry.com)> for entire timeline

# Coleman Picture Pedigree



Gary Coleman  
Parents

Leland and Louise

Grandparents:

Mary & John and  
Edward & Unna

Great grandparents

Prime T & Elizabeth -  
Elisha & Mary Jane  
and Robert & Emma  
[not pictured] and  
William & Laura



# Prime Coleman — Ancestors History 2

IMPORTANT 1

to interview my grand uncle, Prime Thornton Coleman.

My interview with uncle Prime did not reveal any new genealogical facts but he told me about his visit to the Colemans in England. They were farmers. He told them who he was and that he would like to tell them about the family in America and would also like to learn about his English relatives. They said that they knew all they wanted to know about his branch of the family and they wouldn't tell him anything. They thought he was trying to get property. They were rude, inhospitable, and not very well educated. I asked uncle Prime the name of the place where these people lived. He could not remember but said that he could show me on the map.

Uncle Evans (78 yrs.) and Uncle Prime (85 years next Sunday) are my oldest living Coleman relatives. I have known both these men for many years and I believe that their information is accurate.

# Sarah Thornton

## Wife of Prime Coleman

Sept 2003 – akrc - from an old timeline – no sources

For more details - I have her short story and many more pages

- 1805 Eng Sarah's sister, Jane, is born
- 1807 June 11 St Neots, Hunts, England **Sarah Thornton** is born to ----- & ----- Thornton
- 18?? Sarah's mother died. Her father remarried. Sarah & older sister Jane, were put in a boarding school.
- 1826 June 27 England **Sarah Thornton** father died
- 1826 Aug 26 Beds, England **Sarah Thornton** married **Prime Coleman**
- 1827 May 5 , Beds, Eng George Coleman, 1st child born to **Sarah Thornton & Prime Coleman**
- 1829 Aug Thorncot, Beds, Eng Sarah Coleman, 2nd child born to **Sarah Thornton & Prime Coleman**
- 1831 Sept Thorncot, Beds, Eng **Prime Thornton Coleman**, 3rd child born to **Sarah Thornton & Prime Coleman**
- 1833 Oct 2 Old Warden, Beds, Eng Ann Coleman, 4th child born to **Sarah Thornton & Prime Coleman**
- 1835 Dec 7 Thorncot, Beds, Eng Elizabeth Coleman, 5th child born to **Sarah Thornton & Prime Coleman**
- 1836 Dec 9 Thorncot, Beds, Eng William Coleman, 6th child born to **Sarah Thornton & Prime Coleman**
- 1838 Oct 4 , Eng Rebecca Coleman, 7th child born to **Sarah Thornton & Prime Coleman**
- 1841 Aug England **Sarah Thornton** is baptized into LDS church by elder Joseph Brotherton
- 1843 Jan 1 England to USA **Sarah Thornton & Prime Coleman** family left home
- 1843 Jan 16 Liverpool, England **Sarah Thornton & Prime Coleman** family left docks
- 1843 Apr 12 Nauvoo, Hancock, Illinois **Sarah Thornton & Prime Coleman** family arrive

See <[aprilancestry.com](http://aprilancestry.com)> for entire timeline

# Sarah Thornton Coleman - History 1

## PERSONAL RECORD

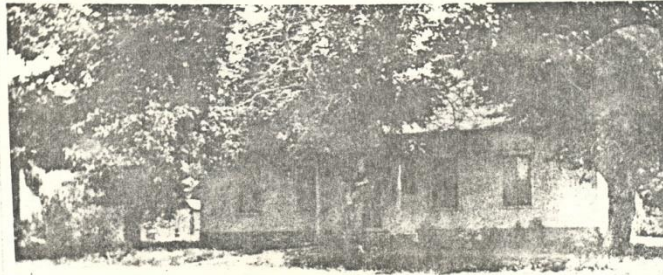
*Sarah Thornton*

Name in full **Sarah Thornton**  
 Father's name **William Thornton**  
 Mother's maiden name **Elizabeth Christian**  
 When born (day, month, year) **11 June 1806**  
 Where born (town, county, state) **Little Paxton, Huntingdon., Eng.**



When blessed (day, month, year)  
 By whom  
 When baptized (day, month, year) **18 Oct. 1842**  
 Where baptized **Thorncot, Bedfordshire, England**

Baptized by  
 When confirmed  
 Priesthood ordinations:  
 Office  
 Office  
 Office  
 Office  
 Office



Married to **Prime Coleman** Date **16 Aug. 1826**  
 Where married by  
 Where endowed Date **1852**  
 Where sealed Date **18 Oct. 1852**  
 To whom (husband or wife) **Prime Coleman**  
 Patriarchal blessing by Date  
 Departed for mission to Date  
 When returned  
 Special appointments:

Where died **Lehi, Utah** Date **1 Mar. 1892**  
 Where buried Date  
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## IMPORTANT EVENTS

List below and on the reverse side items such as schools attended, vocation and business activities  
 Church positions, places of residence, special talents and interests, unusual and faith promoting  
 experiences, travels, genealogical and temple work, Church leaders and other outstanding characters  
 you have met, etc.

Sarah Thornton Coleman, daughter of William Thornton and Elizabeth Christian, was born 11 June 1806, at Little Paxton, Huntingdonshire, Eng.

She and her older sister, June, were left motherless at the age of 10 and 11, their mother dying August 23, 1816. The father placed the two girls in a boarding school and afterwards re-married.

Rules and regulations of the school were so strict that the children had no childhood pleasures. Whipping was not allowed, but other punishments were. Going without food, undressing and going to bed in the daytime, separation from playmates, etc. The most cruel punishment was that given to the children when found sleeping with the knees drawn up. They were expected to recline in bed perfectly straight, and should they draw their knees up in their sleep, the teachers and nurses roughly jerked the legs down, thus suddenly awakening the child.

Sarah Thornton decided then and there that should she ever have children, they should never acquire their education at a boarding school. However, she remained at this school about ten years when she met, and after a courtship of six weeks, married Prime Coleman, a son of George Coleman and Elizabeth Prime, born in 1804 at Arlesey, Bedfordshire, England.

# Sarah Thornton Coleman — History 2

The young man's father told him he was making a mistake by marrying a girl who had spent most of her life in a boarding school, and who could not hope to be a helpmate to a cattle man and farmer. But the young man decided he knew best. So Prime Coleman and Sarah Thornton were married in August 1826.

They owned and lived on a large, well equipped farm at Throxcot, Beds., Eng. The house was a large, two story building, splendidly furnished. Here seven children were born to them: George, Sarah, Prime Ann, Elizabeth, William, and Rebecca. Later one more in Nauvoo, Illinois, named Martha Jane.

There was plenty of hired help, both in the house and on the farm, so the mother's only work was to look after the children and manage the household affairs. It took only a few years to convince the father-in-law, that he had been mistaken in his opinion as to what an educated girl could or could not do. Mr. Coleman finally acknowledged to his son and daughter-in-law that she had made a wonderful wife and mother. There were no washboards or washing machines in those days; the family washing had to be done by rubbing the clothes between the hands. This family's washing was done every six weeks, and the task was not finished in less than three days. She thought it looked very much like her own bed, but paid him for it. Upon arriving home and taking it upstairs to a bed room, she discovered that her feather bed was missing, and upon examination she discovered that she had really bought her own feather bed from a would-be robber.

One of the girls who lived for years with the Coleman family at Throxcot was Lucy Brown, whose father had previously died. Her mother had married again, and Lucy was compelled to go out and find work. She also joined the church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, and came to America with the Coleman family. After arriving in Nauvoo, Illinois, she went to live with John Taylor, and family, for \$1.00 per week. There she met and married Elias Smith. They came to Utah in September 1851. The Coleman and Smith families have been close friends ever since. "Aunt Lucy", as we had always called her during her extended stay at the Coleman home at Throxcot, England.

Mrs. Coleman was much more inclined towards religion than her husband, and she often said that while she attended church, he enjoyed more to rest at home, reading and smoking his pipe. When the elders found them, the Coleman family was not long in making their decision to join the church and come to the new world. So with their four children, who were over eight years of age, were baptized in 1841 and 1842. On the first of January 1843, they left their home in Throxcot in a large baggage wagon, and began the journey to America.

Christopher Layton (for whom the city of Layton, Utah was later named) had been one of the hired men on the Coleman farm in England. He, too, was baptized and came with the family. He and the eldest son, George Coleman, who was about sixteen years of age, drove the baggage in a very cumbersome wagon with three strong horses, in tandem hitch. Listen to this account of a part of this trip with this baggage wagon. "It was against the law in England for a teamster to ride, and while both of us were riding, a policeman saw and gave chase. We whipped up the horses and after going about three miles, we outran him and slowed down again to a peaceful jog." Leaving the wagon at Wolverhampton, they went by train to Liverpool, where they joined other Saints. They were enrolled on the ship Swanton, with Captain Davenport, as the nineteenth company of Latter-Day Saint emigrants, with Lorenzo Snow as company's captain.

They had to stay in Liverpool two weeks waiting for repairs on the ship. During this time they made the vessel their home, doing their cooking and sleeping on board. Brother Layton acted as cook for the Coleman family. One incident in their history says: "One day Brother Coleman said to Layton, "Chris, ain't you going to peel some potatoes and make us a pie?" So Chris made the meat and potatoes into a pie, and when it was baked, all the others wanted to share it and asked for a recipe of "Chris's Pie", as they called it.

# Sarah Thornton Coleman — History 3

ON JANUARY 10, 1843, they sailed from Liverpool. The company numbered 212 souls. After sailing for seven weeks and three days they arrived at New Orleans, La., and were transferred to the ship Amaranth, in which they sailed up the Mississippi river to St. Louis. There they were transferred from the steamer to a barge. They were held at St. Louis, however, two weeks waiting for the ice in the river to break up. About the seventh or eighth of April a small steamer fastened a cable to the barge and tugged it up the river to Nauvoo, Ill. where they landed on the 12th. of April, 1843, just three months and twelve days after leaving their home in England. Choice feather beds and other valuable baggage had been left behind or thrown overboard enroute to decrease their burden, as the trip was a long and tedious one.

When they arrived at Nauvoo, Ill., the Coleman family went to live on the farm belonging to Patriarch Hyrum Smith, as Brother Coleman had been an experienced farmer in his native country. Here they suffered privation and hardship not known before by this heretofore prosperous family. It was here Sister Coleman gave birth to her eighth child, Martha Jane, September 15, 1843, four months after their arrival in Nauvoo, Ill.

After a little more than a year of this new life of sacrifice and hardship, typhoid fever broke out in Nauvoo. Some of the Coleman children were down with it. The father was also ill. A cat had broken the window. Rather than allow the mother to get out of bed, Brother Coleman insisted on fixing something to stop the wind from coming into the sick room. While in the act of doing so he took a chill and said, "I am a dead man". Typhoid fever developed and he lived only a short time. The father and the oldest daughter, Sarah, age fifteen died in June 1844, within a few days of each other, and were buried in an old well, along with many others. This left Sister Coleman with seven children to rear. Lacking the comforts of the olden days in England, and almost destitute of the necessities of life.

It was during this month, June 1844, and about two weeks after these sad deaths in the Coleman family, that the Prophet Joseph and Patriarch Hyrum were martyred, bring the Saints an almost unbearable sorrow. One of Sister Coleman's daughters, Elizabeth, about ten years of age, was staying at the home of Hyrum Smith at the time. She often related the scene of grief and sorrow in the house when the dead bodies of Joseph and Hyrum Smith were brought back to their homes. Soon after this sorrowful time the saints left Nauvoo and were driven from one county to another. She with her children shared in the persecutions and trials of the exodus from Nauvoo and in the hardships endured while crossing the plains.

Being driven farther west from state to state, they spent between four and five years on the journey to Utah. They stopped from time to time for the men to work and purchase teams, wagons and provisions to continue the long trek over mountains and bridgeless streams. One stop in Nodaway County, Missouri, lasted about three years, where they built log huts which were without doors, windows or chimneys, and floors were the bare earth. Many mothers gave birth to babies in these crude dwellings. Food consisted mostly of corn bread, and bran for coffee. The corn had to be ground on a hand mill. Here the men had plenty of work and completed a good outfit for the trip across the plains.

Companies were organized for the move, and the Coleman family was in the company led by Bishop Evans. They made the final start June 15, 1850, arriving in Salt Lake valley the following September. They spent that fall and most of the following winter here. In February 1851, President Brigham Young sent David Evans south to preside over the little colony already located on Dry Creek.

Sarah Thornton Coleman and her seven children, three sons and four daughters, came with the Evans family and

# Sarah Thornton Coleman — History 4

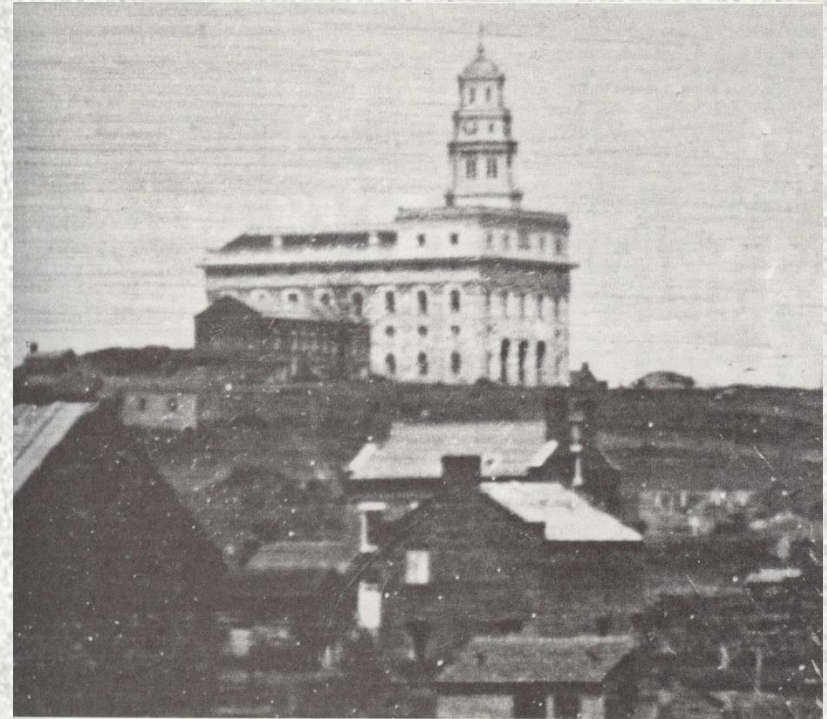
remained to help build up what is now the city of Lehi, Utah. Her sons built a two room house for her, which was among the first homes built here. This house still stands, 1934, one block west and one half block north of the Relief Society Hall.

Sister Coleman was chosen and acted as president of the first Relief Society organized in Lehi in the fall of 1868, in which position she served for many years. She was blessed with the gift of tongues and used that gift on many occasions.

The Coleman family was among the first to employ a genealogist in England to search out their ancestors, and have done temple work for hundreds by the surname of Coleman, Thornton, Prime, and Christian, from England, also the Colemans in America. Sister Coleman and her oldest son, George and his wife, Jane Smith, began work in the St. George Temple soon after the Manti and Logan temples were finished. Later all the family joined in this work for the dead. When not able to do the work personally, they furnished the cash to hire it done.

Sarah Thornton Coleman reared a highly respected and prosperous family; all of them became active in church work in the cities where they have lived. She lived an exemplary life, passing at the ripe age of 86 years and 9 months, with full faith in the gospel for which she had sacrificed so much. According to her son's, William Coleman, history, she was living with her children in Smithfield, Utah when she died 2 Feb. 1892.

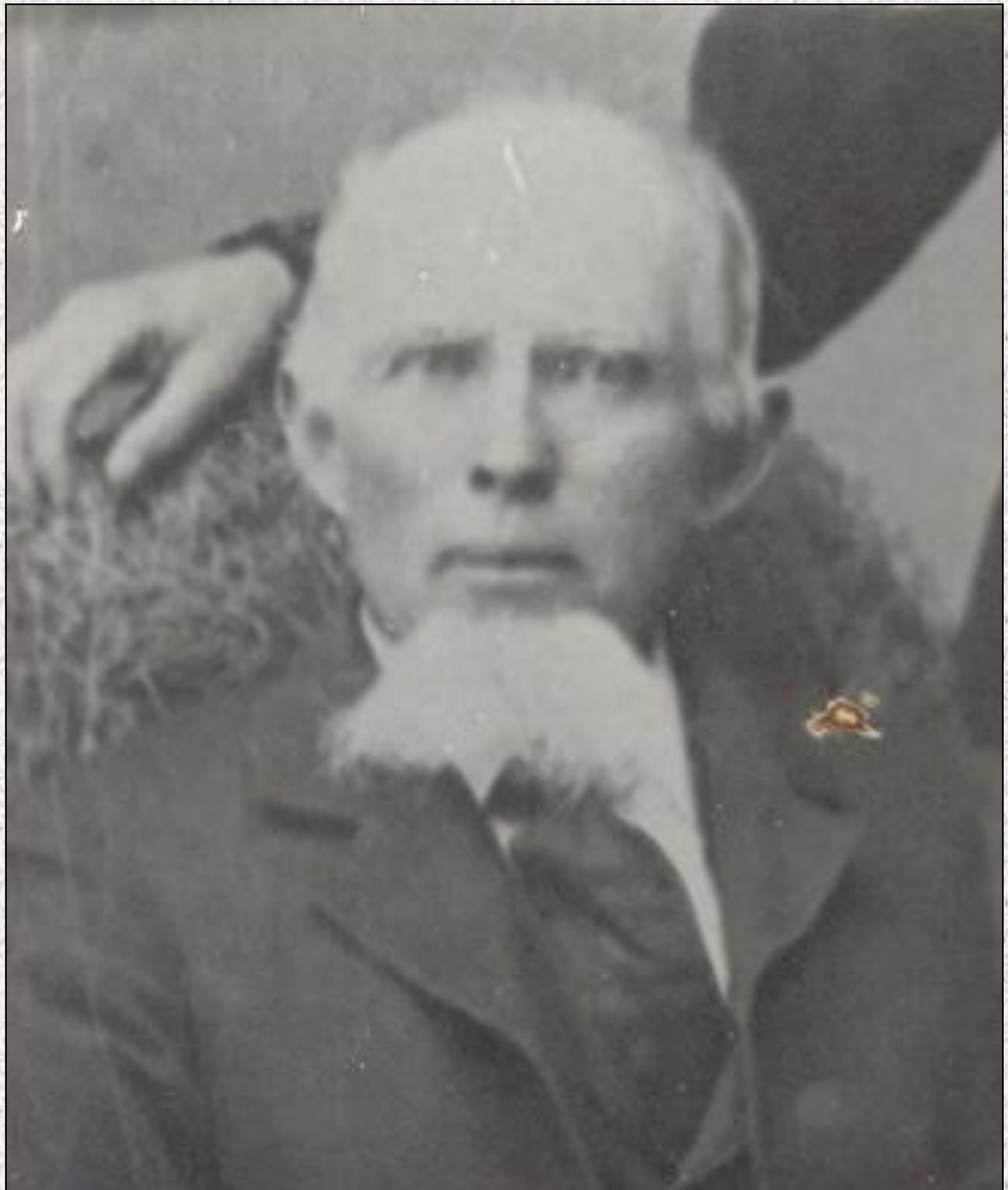
# Coleman, Averett and Eagles families were in Nauvoo, with the prophet Joseph Smith



The Nauvoo Temple. Photograph by Lucian Foster, 1846.

Prime Coleman died in Nauvoo and was buried in a old well with five others. The family was living on a farm owned by Hyrum Smith.

Prime  
Thornton  
Coleman





*Elizabeth  
Eagles  
Coleman*

*Married Prime  
Thorton Coleman.  
She died before her  
children were  
raised*

# Elizabeth Eagles

## Wife of Prime Thornton Coleman - part 1

- Sept 2003 - akrc
- from an old timeline - no sources listed
- For more details - I have many more pages
- 1847 (8) Sept 22 Burlington, Iowa **Elizabeth Eagles** is born to **Elias Eagles & Mary Crook**
- 1849 June 1 Burlington, Iowa Joseph Eagles is born to **Elias Eagles & Mary Crook**
- 1850 Burlington, Iowa Census lists **Elizabeth**, 3 years old, with **Elias & Mary Crook Eagles** & Sister & a servant
- 1850 Nov 24 Burlington, Iowa Josephine Eagles is born to **Elias Eagles & Mary Crook**
- 1851 Sept 1 Burlington, Iowa Josephine Eagles daughter of **Elias & Mary Crook Eagles** dies - less than 1 year old  
Father, **Elias Eagles**, leaves family - goes to Australia looking for gold - never heard from again - I think he had a family there - [find descendents]
- 1855 Feb 23 Kaysville, Davis, Utah Mother, **Mary Crook Eagles** , marries Robert Knell
- 1855 Kaysville, Davis, Utah **Elizabeth Eagles** is baptized LDS Church
- 1855 Nov Utah Sister, Susanna Knell is born to **Mary Crook Eagles** , and Robert Knell
- 1856 Nov 10 Utah Future husband, **Prime Thornton Coleman** marries 1) Emma Beck Evens
- 1858 May SLC, Utah Sister, Rhoda Knell is born to **Mary Crook Eagles** , and Robert Knell
- 1861 Jan Kaysville, Davis, Utah Brother, Robert Knell is born to **Mary Crook Eagles** , and Robert Knell
- 1863 May Pinto, Iron Utah Sister, Cornelia Knell is born to **Mary Crook Eagles** , and Robert Knell
- 1864 Nov 26 SLC, Utah **Elizabeth Eagles** married **Prime Thornton Coleman**  
Endowed & Sealed in the Endowment House

# Elizabeth Eagles

## Wife of Prime Thornton Coleman - continued

- 1864 Nov 26 SLC, Utah **Elizabeth Eagles** married **Prime Thornton Coleman**  
Endowed & Sealed in the Endowment House
- 1863 May Pinto, Iron Utah Sister, Clara Knell is born to **Mary Crook Eagles** ,  
and Robert Knell
- 1866 Feb 22 Pinto, Iron Utah William Henry Coleman, 1st child, born to **Elizabeth Eagles & Prime Thornton Coleman**
- 1868 June 5 Pinto, Iron Utah Willard Ellis Coleman, 2nd child, born to **Elizabeth Eagles & Prime Thornton Coleman**
- 1870 June 5 Pinto, Iron Utah Mary Della Coleman, 3rd child, born to **Elizabeth Eagles & Prime Thornton Coleman**
- 1872 May 22 Pinto, Iron Utah Susan Luella Coleman, 4th child, born to **Elizabeth Eagles & Prime Thornton Coleman**
- 1876 June 5 Pinto, Iron Utah Sarah Ida Coleman, 5th child, born to **Elizabeth Eagles & Prime Thornton Coleman**
- 1878 July 29 Kanab, Kane Utah **John Robert Coleman**, 6th child, born to **Elizabeth Eagles & Prime Thornton Coleman**
- 1878 Oct 2 Utah **Elizabeth Eagles Coleman** is sealed to her mother **Mary Crook Eagles** and Robert Knell
- 1881 Alpine, Apache, Ariz Junius Coleman, 7th child, born to **Elizabeth Eagles & Prime Thornton Coleman**
- 1883 Mar 26 Alpine, Apache, Ariz George K Coleman, 8th child, born to **Elizabeth Eagles & Prime Thornton Coleman**
- 1883 Mar 26 Alpine, Apache, Ariz **Elizabeth Eagles**, age 35, dies in child birth leaving husband, **Prime Thornton Coleman**, and 1st wife, Emma, to raise her 8 children.



## **Prime Thornton & Elizabeth Coleman's Children**

Standing: "Doll" [?Frances is her real name?] , Suzie, Evans, John Robert

Sitting: Willard, George on knee, June, Prime

Taken at Alpine Arizona 1885

# Prime Thornton Coleman's Children



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Sitting: Willard, George on knee, June, Prime  
Taken at Alpine 1885.

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[?Frances is her real name?],  
Susie, Evans,  
John Robert

- Seated:  
Willard,  
George on  
knee, June,  
Prime
- Taken at  
Alpine  
Arizona 1885

# John Robert Coleman as a child

Taken from family picture

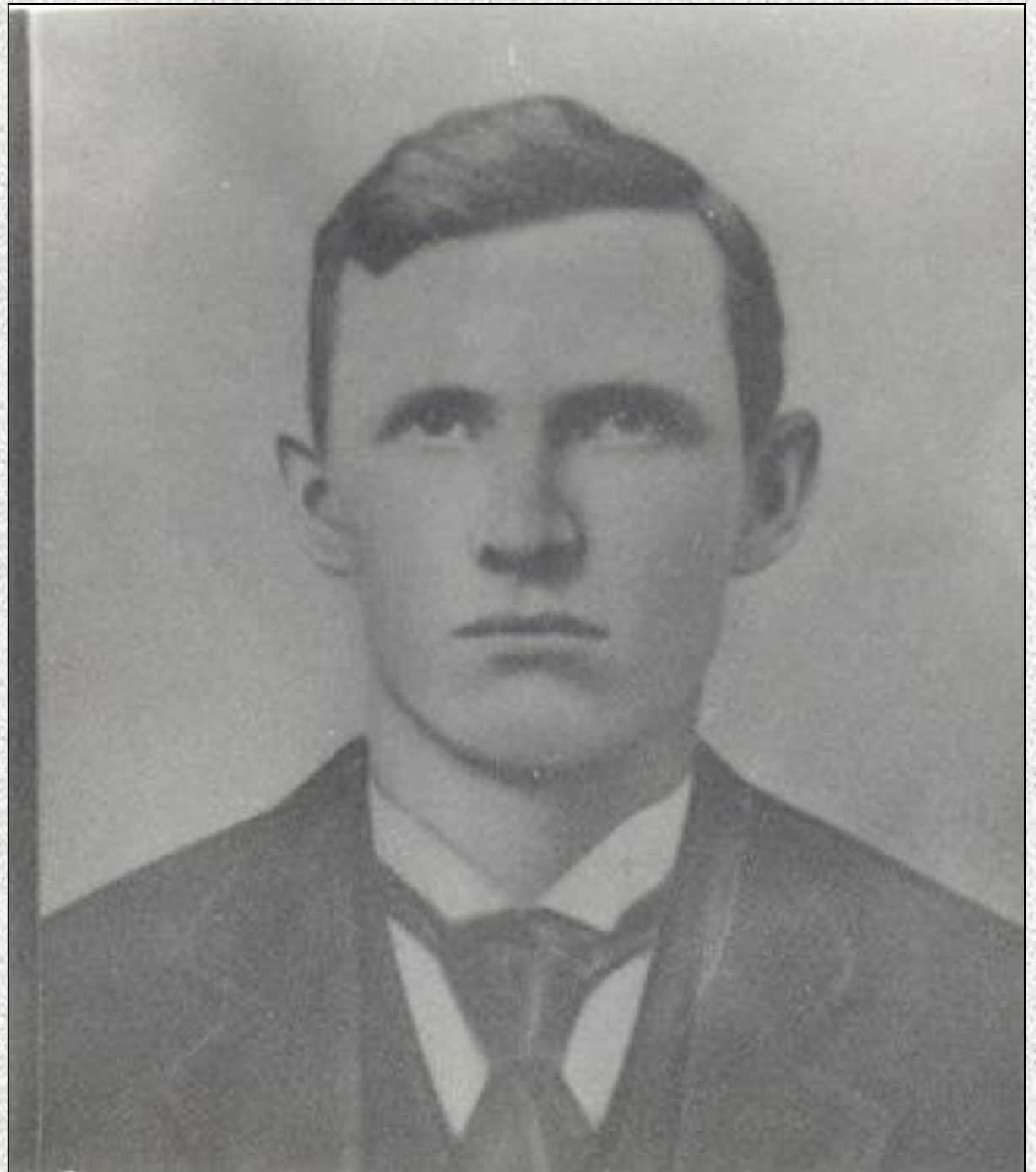


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Sitting: Willard, George on knee, Jane, Prime  
Taken at Alpine 1885.



Leland's  
Dad

John  
Robert  
Coleman



# John Robert Coleman History 1 & 2

Kanab Kane Co Utah born 27 Dec 1878  
 we came to Ariz in Dec 1880 and settled in  
 in Alpine. There were 3 children in my family  
 and three of them died when small  
 I started to school in Alpine and went  
 to the 8 grade which was as high as we  
 could go in school at that time  
 I worked a cowboy for 4 or 5 years  
 then I went to Phoenix and Stockman  
 We moved to Springerville in 1885 and  
 I went to school in Springerville 4 or 5  
 years and then I went and worked  
 for a horse outfit in the mountains while  
 in about 1890 I met my wife and  
 went together till June 1891 they were  
 married in Springerville and I started  
 breaking ranches and riding in  
 between our first child was born  
 July 25-1902 in Springerville and  
 our second child was born Dec 21 1893  
 times and the drought was very bad  
 and not any crops were raised was  
 very dry so I had to hunt work else  
 where so I decided to go to Winslow and  
 find work as after Christmas in 1902  
 Abraham Hamblin and I started out horse  
 back to Winslow we made it to Winslow  
 and I found work right away

John R. Coleman

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 the Ice Co. in Phoenix and I started  
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 are 5 years and set in Phoenix  
 in Springerville which  
 I left Phoenix and set in Phoenix  
 I went back to Springerville in 1910 and went  
 for the Rabbit sheep Co. I worked for them  
 for 4 years at which time I went to farming  
 the Hall ranch. I worked here 2 years. In  
 1915 I was elected constable in which office  
 held for 2 years and then served under  
 J. E. D. Dineen as deputy sheriff.  
 In this position for 2 years and in  
 1918 I was elected assessor of Apache  
 county in which office I served for 2 years.  
 In 1921 I became water commissioner  
 which was a 2 year term but I only served  
 year and then went to road contracting.  
 in Winslow and I became partner in  
 contracting road building for the state. Some  
 the jobs that we undertook were; Mayer  
 Humbert, building a bridge across Lynch  
 creek and the Kirkland cut-off highway of  
 well Hill; we built 19 miles of road

# John Robert Coleman History 3

petroleum went to the Little Colorado River  
at Holbrook. We ranged 10 or 12 miles  
of road from Springerwell to M<sup>o</sup> Nav.  
Then our partnership came to an end in  
1925. All the while I had been contracting and  
had cattle and range with joint permits so went  
back Springerwell and sold my cattle in 1926.  
We worked very hard but just couldn't seem to  
get ahead. In 1927 I was journeyman over  
an Apache Indian road gang which was  
building a road at White River. In 1928 I  
ran for state representation from Apache  
county and was elected. I served in this  
capacity for 2 years which was 1929 & 1930.  
I went back to farming after this time.  
In 1933 I was appointed <sup>maintainance</sup> journeyman of  
the Arizona highways at which job I worked  
for 4 years until 1937. In 1938 I ran  
for state senator from Apache county  
and was elected for a term of 2 years. I served  
in this capacity during 1939 and 1940. Then  
in 1941 I went to work for the Arizona  
Highway Dept. in Phoenix as a job keeper  
with the motor vehicle dept. which job I  
held for 10 years until 1951. My health

was failing me so I had to quit. I still  
have cattle and range which I look after  
and enjoy.

# John Robert Coleman

John served in the Arizona Senate. That's why they moved to Tempe.

**ELECT**  
**JOHN R. COLEMAN**  
 DEMOCRAT FOR  
**STATE SENATOR**  
 APACHE COUNTY  
 ———  
 Previous Experience As A Legislator

PERSONAL RECORD		List below ar
Name in full	<i>John Robert Coleman</i>	
Father's name	<i>Prime Thornton Coleman</i>	
Mother's maiden name	<i>Elizabeth Eagle</i>	
When born (day, month, year)	<i>29 July 1878</i>	
Where born (town, county, state)	<i>Kanab Kane Co. Utah</i>	
When blessed (day, month, year)		
By whom		
When baptized (day, month, year)		
Where baptized		
Baptized by		
When confirmed	By whom	
Priesthood ordinations:		
Office	By whom	Date
<i>Deacon</i>		
Office	By whom	Date
<i>Elder</i>		
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Office	By whom	Date
Office	By whom	Date
Office	By whom	Date
Office	By whom	Date
Married to	<i>Mary Elzade Averett</i>	
Where married	<i>Springerville, Ariz</i>	
Where endowed	by <i>Bishop Udall</i>	
Where sealed	<i>Mesa Temple</i>	
To whom (husband or wife)	Date <i>4 June 1901</i>	
Patriarchal blessing by	Date	
Departed for mission to	Date	
When returned	Date <i>4 Feb 1954</i>	

Personal Record Form

# John Robert Coleman Obituary

Death takes  
J.R.Coleman  
John R. Coleman,  
81, of Tempe and  
Springerville, a  
former Arizona  
legislator ...

## Death Takes J. R. Coleman

John R. Coleman, 81, of Tempe and Springerville, a former Arizona legislator, died yesterday in a Phoenix rest home.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. tomorrow in the Eagar chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Burial will be in the Eagar Cemetery.

MR. COLEMAN was elected to the state house of representatives in 1929 and the state senate from Apache County in 1939.

Mr. Coleman was born in Kanab, Utah, and came to Arizona with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Coleman, when he was 4. His parents operated ranches first in Alpine and later in Springerville.

Mr. Coleman retained cattle ranching interests in the Springerville area throughout his life.

As a young man, he worked for the Santa Fe Railroad. In 1902-03 he was constable in Springerville, and in 1917-18 served as a sheriff's deputy.

IN 1919 he was elected Apache County assessor. After that he contracted road work under the firm name of Coleman and Windsor.

He went to work for the state highway department as auditor of gasoline taxes in 1940, retiring in 1952.

Surviving are his wife, Mary; two daughters, Mrs. Della Burgess, Tempe, and Mrs. Ailene Beamer, San Gabriel, Calif.; two sons, Joe E., Springerville, and Leland G., Mesa; 12 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call this afternoon at the Meldrum Mortuary in Mesa.

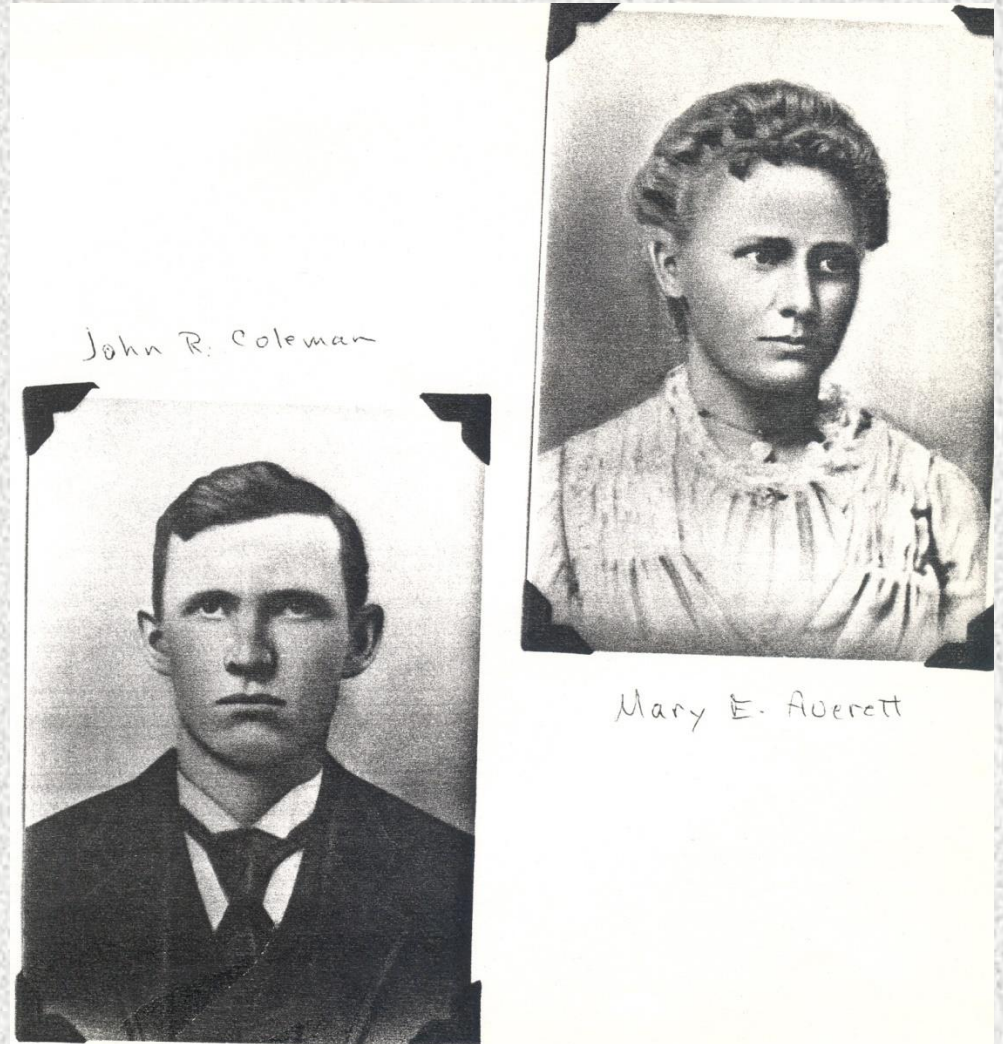
# Coleman Home



John Robert Coleman bought the Averett house after his father-in-law died

# John & Mary Coleman

- John Robert Coleman married Mary Elzade Coleman on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ they lived in Springerville, Arizona



# Mary Elzade Averett Coleman

Married to John Robert  
Coleman

Mother of Leland G  
Coleman



# Mary Elzade Averett Coleman

## Mrs. Mary Coleman

TEMPE — Services for Mrs. Mary E. Coleman, of 2089 E. Howe, who came here 15 years ago from Eagar and was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Relief Society, will be at 11 a.m. tomorrow in the LDS church at Eagar. Burial will be in the Eagar Cemetery.

Mrs. Coleman, 86, was born in Springerville. She died Wednesday in Granite Reef Nursing Home.

Surviving are two sons, Joe E. of Springerville and Leland G. of Mesa; a daughter, Mrs. Della Burgess of Tempe; two sisters, Mrs. Pauline Bazan of Phoenix and another out of state; a brother out of state; 13 grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call before services at the Eagar Ward Relief Society room, Mel-drum Mortuary announced.



## LOTS TO TALK ABOUT 4-15-61

Frontier recipes, crocheting patterns, and memories of persons and places past came in for some attention from (left to right) Mrs. Grace Martin, 83; Mrs. Roy Serrine, 74, and Mrs. Vina Steele, 77, all of Mesa, and Mrs. Mary E. Coleman, 78, of Tempe, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Della Burgess, also of Tempe. Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Serrine, sisters, came to Nutrioso, Ariz., in 1888 from Kansas, and Mrs. Steele was born in Tonto Basin, and Mrs. Coleman in Springerville.

In Memory of

MARY E. COLEMAN

Born

April 11, 1883 Springerville, Ariz.

Passed Away

October 1, 1969 Mesa, Arizona

Funeral Services

October 4, 1969 11:00 a. m.  
Eagar Ward Chapel  
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Interment Services

Eagar Cemetery

# Mary Elzade Averett Coleman

A rough time line of  
events in her life.

Mary Elzade Averett

11 Apr 1883	Born to Elisha <sup>Wm</sup> & M.J. Hatfield (B.C.)	Springville Ar
1885	Bro Leonard Born & Died	"
2 Aug 1889	Bro Upsilon Born	"
13 Jan 1890	Bro Alton Born	"
19 Nov 1891	Bro Claude Born	"
15 Sept 1892	Bro Eliph Born	"
11 July 1895	Sis Pauline Born 4 Sept 1895 Baptized (Bro Upsilon too)	"
8 Dec 1897	Bro Clyde Born	"
29 July 1899	Bro Commodore P Born	"
4 June 1901	Marydell J.R. Coleman / 10 Sept 1901 sis Orla J Born	"
25 July 1902	Bro Donald Born	"
21 Dec 1903	Dan Della Born / 17 June 1903 sis Gene Born / Died 29 July 1903 Mother Died	"
22 July 1906	Son Joe E Born	"
3 Oct 1907	Bro John H. H. Sharp	"
9 Feb 1908	Dan Ailine Born	"
10 Apr 1910	Dan Orla Born 25 Oct she died	Winstons, Hoajo, Ar
	1912	
23 Sept 1915	Son Leonard Born	
21 Sept 1918	Sister Died by Sis Pauline M. W. Boyan	Springville
	1921	
24 Oct 1924	Dan Orla M. W. A. Curges Bro Commodore M.D. Adams	
10 Sept 1927	Son Joe M. E. Lund	
	30	
10 Mar 1932	Dan Ailine M. E. Stamer	
	33	
	36	
1938	Son Leonard M. J. Simmons	Prescott
	39	
	42	
	45	
	47	
1 Sept 1949	Bro Commodore M.D. C. Mullin	
	50	
4 Feb 1954	Moved to S.E.C. in Ar Temple	Mesa Ar
	56	
12 May 1960	Husband Dies	Tempe Ar
	62	
	65	
	68	
1 Oct 1969	Died (survived it 3 days)	Mesa Ar

M E Averett

# Mary Elzade Averett Coleman

## Personal Record Form

PERSONAL RECORD		List below and on 1
Name in full	Mary Elzade Averett	Church positions, p
Father's name	Elisha Averett	experiences, travels
Mother's maiden name	Mary Jane Hadfield	ters you have met, e
When born (day, month, year)	11 April 1883	
Where born (town, county, state)	Springerville, Apache, Ariz.	
When blessed (day, month, year)		
By whom	Elijah Averett	
When baptized (day, month, year)	4 September 1895	
Where baptized	Eager, Ariz.	
Baptized by	George H. Crosby	
When confirmed	5 Sept 1895	By whom George H. Crosby
Priesthood ordinations:		
Office	Relief Society Teacher	By whom
		Date 1924-1942
Office	Primary Teacher	By whom
		Date
Office		By whom
		Date
Office		By whom
		Date
Office		By whom
		Date
Married to	John Robert Coleman	Date 4 June 1901
Where married	Springerville, Ariz.	by Bishop Udall
Where endowed		Date
Where sealed	Mesa Temple	Date 4 Feb 1954
To whom (husband or wife)	John Robert Coleman	
Patriarchal blessing by		Date
Departed for mission to		Date

# Mary Elzade Averett

A timeline  
of events  
of her life

Mary Elzade Averett		Springville Ac
11 Apr 1883	Born to Elizabeth <sup>Wife</sup> M.J. Audford (B.C.)	"
1885	Bro Leonard Born + Died	"
2 Aug 1889	Bro Hyman Born	"
13 Jan 1890	Bro Alfonso Born	"
19 Mar 1891	Bro Claude Born	"
15 Sept 1893	Bro Eliph Born	"
11 July 1895	Sis Pauline Born	"
8 Dec 1897	Bro Clyde Born	"
29 July 1899	Bro Commodore P Born	"
4 June 1901	Marrried J.R. Coleman / 10 Sept 1901 sis Ora J born	"
25 July 1903	Bro J. Powell Born	"
21 Dec 1903	Dan Della born / 17 June 1903 sis Gene Born / Died 27 July "	"
1904	29 June 1903 Mother Died	"
22 July 1906	Son Joe E. Born	"
3 Oct 1907	Bro Joe H. H. Shoup	"
9 Feb 1908	Dan Hilma Born	"
10 Apr 1910	Dan Oola Born 25 Oct she died	Windsor, Mojo, Ac
1912		
23 Sept 1915	Son Island Born	
21 Sept 1918	Sister Dies Age 21 Pauline M. O. Bangor	Springville
1921		
24 Oct 1924	Dan Della M. W.A. Burgess Bro Commodore M.D. M. Adams	
10 Sept 1927	Son Joe M. E. Lund	
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50		
4 Feb 1954	Sealed to J.R.C. in Ac Sample	Miss Ac
56		
12 May 1960	Nelson's Oria	Sample Ac
62		
65		
68		
1 Oct 1969	Died (buried in Ac)	Miss Ac

M E Averett

# PATRIARCHAL BLESSINGS

LDS Patriarchal Blessings are available for the following Coleman family members to their descendants. They are of a very personal nature and are only to be shared with family. Direct line descendants can order them from the church or I have original and typed copies of these blessings.

Name: **ELIZABETH EAGLES COLEMAN** - Date: 29 May 1875 - Place: Spring Valley, Lincoln, Nevada - Patriarch: John L Smith

Name: **MARY CROOK EAGLES KNELL** - Date: 10 June 1875 - Place: Pinto, Washington Co., Utah - Patriarch: John L. Smith

Name: **MARGERETT E (LANE) CROOK** - Date: [I think 1840s -] - Place: England - Patriarch: J Albiston

Name: **PRIME COLEMAN** - Date: 14 MAY 1843 - Place: Nauvoo, Ill - Patriarch: Hiram Smith

Name: **PRIME THORNTON COLEMAN** - Date: 29 May 1875 - Place: Spring Valley, Nevada - Patriarch: John L Smith

Name: **SARAH COLEMAN** - Date: 14 May 1843 - Place: Nauvoo, Illinois - Patriarch: Hyrum Smith

See Averett for a list of other blessings available

## Obituaries



**Della Burgess**

**Burgess:** Della Coleman Burgess, 80, of 2089 E. Howe, died Wednesday in a Valley hospital. Services will be at 9 a.m. Saturday in Meldrum Mortuary Chapel, 52 N. Macdonald. The Springerville native was a lifelong resident of Arizona and a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Survivors include her husband, William; two sons, Wallace and Edward; a brother; nine grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Della  
Coleman  
Burgess

Della is the daughter of John Robert  
Coleman and Mary Elzade Averett

# Ailene Coleman Beamer

MRS. AILENE C. BEAMER  
1408 South Palm Avenue  
San Gabriel, California

Passed away December 22, 1964

Loving Wife of:  
Dr. Charles K. Beamer

Loving Mother of:  
Jacqueline Beamer  
Kathleen Beamer

Beloved Daughter of:  
Mrs. Mary E. Coleman

Sister of:  
Mrs. Delia Burgess  
Mr. Joseph E. Coleman  
Mr. Leland G. Coleman

Memorial Services:  
10:00 A.M. Thursday, December 24, 1964  
Hillside Church - Rose Hills Memorial Park  
Dr. Joseph W. Hemphill officiating

Interment:  
Rose Hills Memorial Park  
Whittier, California

THE LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
He leadeth me beside the still waters. He re-  
storeth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of  
righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though  
I walk through the valley of the shadow of  
death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me:  
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou  
preparest a table before me in the presence of  
mine enemies, thou anointest my head with oil:  
my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and  
mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the

Lord for ever.

—Psalm 23



*Leland  
and  
Louise  
Coleman*



Papa  
at  
the  
fruit  
stand

In Loving Memory of

*Leland G. Coleman*

Born September 23, 1917  
Springerville, Arizona

Passed Away June 11, 1999  
Mesa, Arizona

FUNERAL SERVICE

Tuesday, June 15, 1999 at 10.00 A.M.  
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints  
Lazona Ward  
1345 East University  
Mesa, Arizona

PRESIDING  
Pete Taylor

CONDUCTING  
Bishop Alan Hollingshead  
Lazona Ward

ACCOMPANIST  
Elberta Nielson

CHORISTER  
Kathleen Hakes

FAMILY PRAYER  
Jerry A. Coleman

CASKET BEARERS

Don Coleman	Rod Coleman
Garey Coleman	Scott Coleman
David Bjorklund	Chris Coleman
Daniel Coleman	Darrell Parry
Brady Coleman	Malcolm Simmons

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Jason Coleman	Dane Bjorklund
Bill Burgess	Rob Burgess
Leland Burgess	Wallace Burgess

PRELUDE

INVOCATION  
David Bjorklund

OPENING HYMN #136  
"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

LIFE HISTORY  
Don Coleman

FAMILY REMARKS  
Garey Coleman, Lynette Bjorklund

MUSICAL NUMBER  
"Families Can Be Together Forever"  
Grandchildren  
Cathy Coleman, Accompanist

FAMILY REMARKS  
Rod Coleman, Scott Coleman  
Elisa Parry

SPECIAL MUSICAL NUMBER  
"In This Very Room"  
Ashlie Bjorklund, Brooke Farnsworth  
Dana Coleman, Monique Maughan  
Vanessa Nance, Accompanist

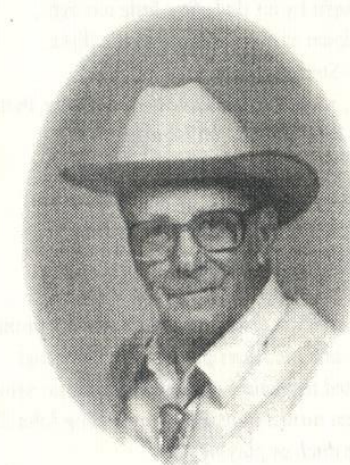
REMARKS  
Brad Perkinson

CLOSING HYMN #292  
"O My Father"

BENEDICTION  
Wallace Burgess

DEDICATION OF THE GRAVE  
Rod Coleman

INTERMENT  
Eager Cemetery  
Eager, Arizona



"... the Indians were right. Death was  
the black horse that came some day into  
every man's camp, and no matter  
when that day came a brave man  
should be booted and spurred  
and ready to ride him out."

Buckey O' Neill

## IN LOVING MEMORY



**LELAND COLEMAN**  
1917 - 1999

Happy Birthday Day! You were born 90 years ago today in Springerville, AZ. What an incredible journey through life you had. Growing up during the Depression, cattle ranching with your father, combat in World War II, earning a Master's Degree at ASU, teaching school, serving a mission to Alaska, citrus farming and much more. But most of all we remember you for being the kindest and most unselfish person we ever knew. Not a day does by that we don't miss you and your steadying influence. Your life certainly exemplified the following:

Walk humbly son,  
Walk humbly now  
And cherish every step  
For a life well spent  
On this Earth we're lent  
Will be marked by the void  
You have left

Yes there is a tremendous void in our lives now, but your love, example, and memory helps us to go on till we meet again on the other side.

## Leland G. Coleman



*Born in Springerville, AZ, in 1917, Leland was the youngest child of a pioneer family who settled in Round Valley in the 1870's. His father was in the cattle business and Leland grew up working with cattle throughout eastern Arizona and White Mountains. In 1938 he married Louise Simmons. He worked for the Atchinson, Topeka, & Santa Fe Railroads from 1940 to 1943. In 1943 he enlisted in the Army. He participated in a number of battle campaigns in the Pacific, including the invasion of the Philippines and Okinawa, where he was wounded twice, once critically. After recovering in a hospital on the island of Tinian, he was assigned to occupation duty on the northern Japanese Island of Hokkaido for six months. In 1949 Leland, Louise, and their children moved to Tempe, Arizona, where he attended Arizona State College, now ASU. He attained a Master's degree in elementary education in 1953 and taught school at Lehi Elementary from 1953-1969. He taught at Hawthorne Elementary from 1969-1979. In addition to teaching school, he also purchased a citrus grove in 1954 and farmed it until 1997. He also operated a retail citrus store known as The Goldspot at his northeast Mesa grove from 1982 to the present time. He and his wife served a church mission in Alaska from 1979 to 1981 and have remained active in church and family activities. His kindness, generosity, example, and devotion to his family will live in loving memory forever. Another member of the Greatest Generation has passed on to his eternal reward.*

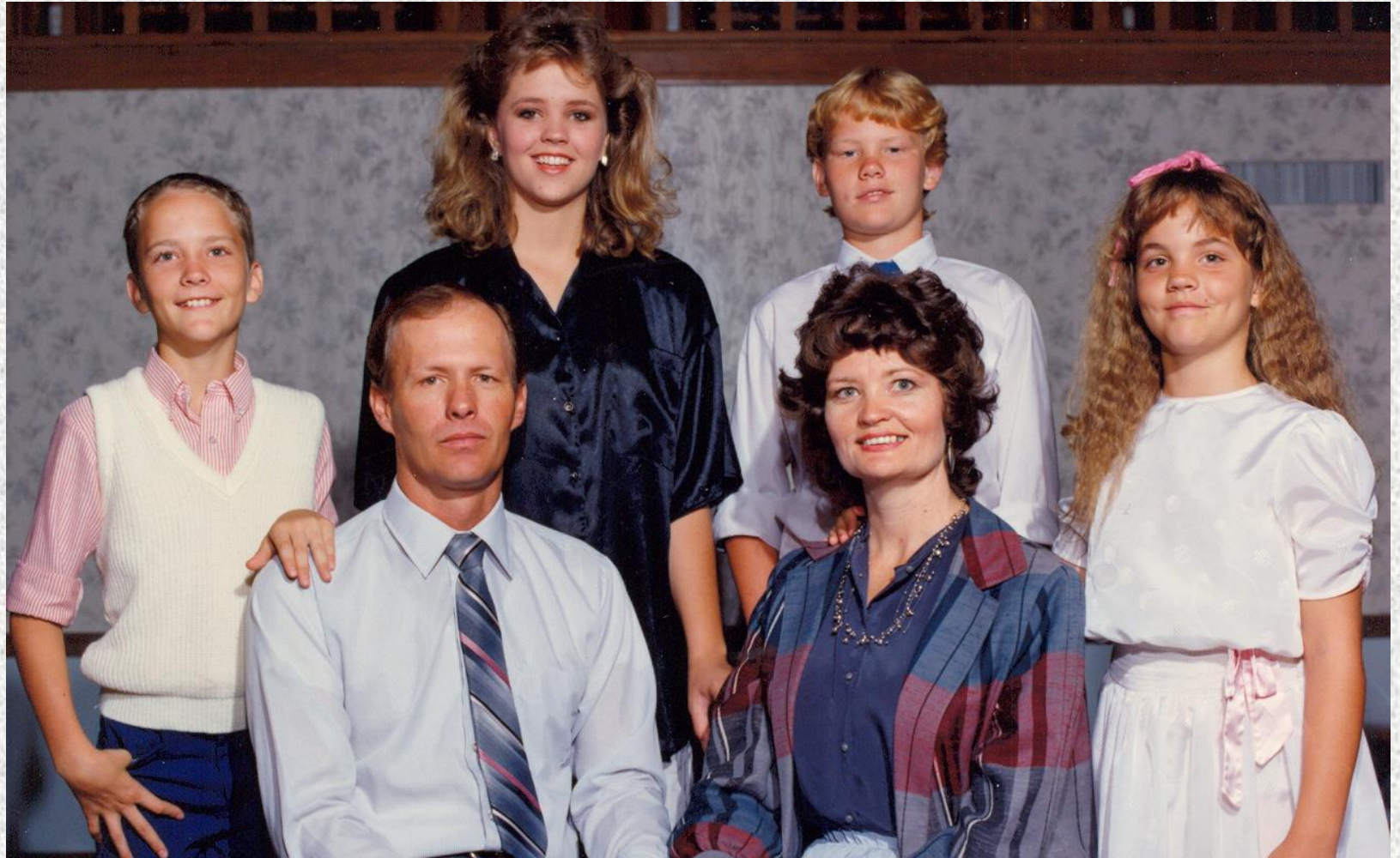
# Leland & Louise Coleman Family 1974



Don, Garey, Lynette, Lisa, Rod, Scott



# Children of Garey Coleman



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**Daniel, Jessica, Jerry & Veronica**

I have many more things on the  
Coleman line that need time  
organizing and digitizing. If you  
want to help contact me,  
April Coleman.  
See my website at  
<[aprilsancestry.com](http://aprilsancestry.com)>

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