

The Exemplary Life of Ellen Wright Smith Grant



*Written by Helen Barton Peterson
in order to share
the incredible lives of
Ellen Wright Smith Grant &
Walter Eldredge Grant*





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To our dear Grant Family ... and other friends,

Time is getting short. I am eighty-two-years old and I have always had a dream of making sure that Grandma Ellen Grant's history was recorded for her posterity.

I am the oldest granddaughter and Walter Clark is the oldest grandson ... and Margaret Thompson Sanders is right behind us. My mother, Helen Grant Barton, is Ellen Wright Smith Grant's daughter.

My sister, Helen Barton Peterson, is a talented writer and researcher and was the perfect person to pull Grandma Ellen's history together. Her vision was to have many pictures, in magazine form, to give Ellen's history more life and interest. So, we decided to partner together to make sure that this dream became a reality. It truly is a "dream come true."

It has been quoted by Ellen's husband, Walter E. Grant, "*We often hear about the men folk ... but not enough is said about the women folk.*"

We are grateful that Grandma Ellen and Foxy Grandpa were such a strong team and that we have been able to capture their life together.

With Eternal Love,
Catherine Barton Pedersen

Life Event Time-Line for Ellen Wright Smith (Grant)

Born: April 27, 1885: Paradise, Cache County, Utah

1885 - 1887: HELENA, MONTANA: (4 MONTHS TO 2 1/2 YEARS OF AGE) WITH HER PARENTS

1887: SMITHFIELD, UTAH: FOR 3 MONTHS; PARADISE, UTAH: FOR 3 MONTHS, (AVOIDING FEDERAL AGENTS)

1888: SPOKANE, WASHINGTON, FOR 5 MONTHS WITH HER FATHER AND MOTHER

1888 - Feb 1893: CARDSTON, CANADA, FOR 4 YEARS, DUE TO POLYCAMY. (ELLEN WAS AGES 4 TO 8-YEARS-OLD)

Feb 1893: LOGAN, UTAH, ELLEN & HER FAMILY LIVED SEPARATE FROM HER FATHER AND FAMILIES FOR AWHILE

Baptized: May 9, 1893 - Logan Temple Logan, Utah

1903: Ellen started College at the B.Y.C., (Brigham Young College), Logan, Utah

1903: TAUGHT SUNDAY SCHOOL IN THE LOGAN 6TH WARD - THREE YEARS (1903-1906)

1904: TAUGHT SUMMER KINDERGARTEN & WAS FIRST COUNSELOR IN YOUNG WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION - (1 YEAR)

1907: WENT TO FOUR-YEARS OF COLLEGE, OBTAINED AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN DOMESTIC SCIENCES AT B.Y.C.

Married: September 2, 1908 to Walter E. Grant in the Logan Temple, Logan, Utah

June 23, 1909: Birth of Evaletta Grant, West Bountiful, Utah

1908-1910: SECOND, THEN FIRST COUNSELOR IN YOUNG WOMEN'S PRESIDENCY, WEST BOUNTIFUL WARD

1910 - 1975: JOINED THE LADIES BETTERMENT SOCIETY - (PROMINENT WOMEN WHO LOBBIED FOR CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS)

1910-1912: HOLBROOK, IDAHO WARD, TAUGHT SUNDAY SCHOOL; YOUNG WOMEN'S SECOND COUNSELOR,

THEN LATER, FIRST COUNSELOR OF YOUNG WOMENS, THEN PRESIDENT OF YOUNG WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

MARCH 1, 1912: BIRTH OF MARY GRANT, WEST BOUNTIFUL, UTAH

1912: MOVED TO WEST BOUNTIFUL, UTAH - TAUGHT BEEHIVE CLASS IN YOUNG WOMEN'S - ONE YEAR

1913: ACTIVE IN P.T.A. AND MEMBER OF NATIONAL AMERICAN MOTHERS

1913 - 1965: WORKED ON THE DAVIS COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

1914 - 1915: TAUGHT RELIEF SOCIETY FOR ONE YEAR

April 3, 1915: Birth of W. Eldredge Grant, Jr., West Bountiful, Utah

1915 - 1917: TAUGHT JUNIOR GIRLS IN YOUNG WOMEN'S

April 12, 1917: Birth of Helen Grant, West Bountiful, Utah

1917 - 1919: CALLED AS STAKE ORGANIZER OF THE JUNIOR GIRLS IN YOUNG WOMEN'S - TWO YEARS

June 5, 1920: Birth of June Grant, West Bountiful, Utah

June 27, 1922: JOINED D.U.P., (DAUGHTERS OF UTAH PIONEERS), CHARTER MEMBER OF JOHN PACK CAMP

1922 - 1927: FIRST VICE-CAPTAIN, D.U.P. - JOHN PACK CAMP

Fall of 1923: CHARTER MEMBER OF THE JESSAMINE LITERARY CLUB

December 4, 1925: Birth of Romania Grant, West Bountiful, Utah

1927 - 1929: SECOND COUNSELOR IN THE STAKE YOUNG WOMEN'S PRESIDENCY

1930 - 1932: FIRST COUNSELOR IN THE STAKE YOUNG WOMEN'S PRESIDENCY

1910 - 1935: SANG IN WARD AND STAKE CHOIRS FOR 25 YEARS

May 17, 1927: Birth of Richard Gibbs Grant, West Bountiful, Utah *

1927 - 1932: WORKED IN THE COUNTY D.U.P. AS FIRST VICE-CAPTAIN

1932: ELECTED STATE PARLIAMENTARIAN FOR D.U.P. (SERVED FOR 6 MONTHS, RESIGNED TO WORK IN THE TEMPLE)

1932: ORDAINED AS A TEMPLE WORKER IN THE SALT LAKE TEMPLE - SERVED FOR 25 YEARS UNTIL MAY 12, 1958

1942: ORGANIZED THE GRANT FAMILY STUDY GROUP FOR HER CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES

Fall of 1963: AWARDED HONORARY GOLDEN GLEANER AWARD AT 74 YEARS OF AGE

1967 - 1968: CHOSEN TO BE "MOTHER OF THE YEAR FOR DAVIS COUNTY" AT 79 YEARS OF AGE

Nov 18, 1975: ELLEN PASSED AWAY. SHE IS BURIED IN THE BOUNTIFUL MEMORIAL PARK, BOUNTIFUL, UTAH

(*Woods Cross wasn't incorporated as a city until 1935, so all of Ellen's children were born in West Bountiful.)