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I want to tell you a story of my fifth Great Grandfather, William Slade. He was born in 1834 in Opelousas, St. Landry Parish, Louisiana. He was the son of William Rufus and Julia Higginbotham Slade. He spent his early years in Louisiana but later moved with his family to the Republic of Texas. When he was a little older, they moved to Western Illinois and to Utah.

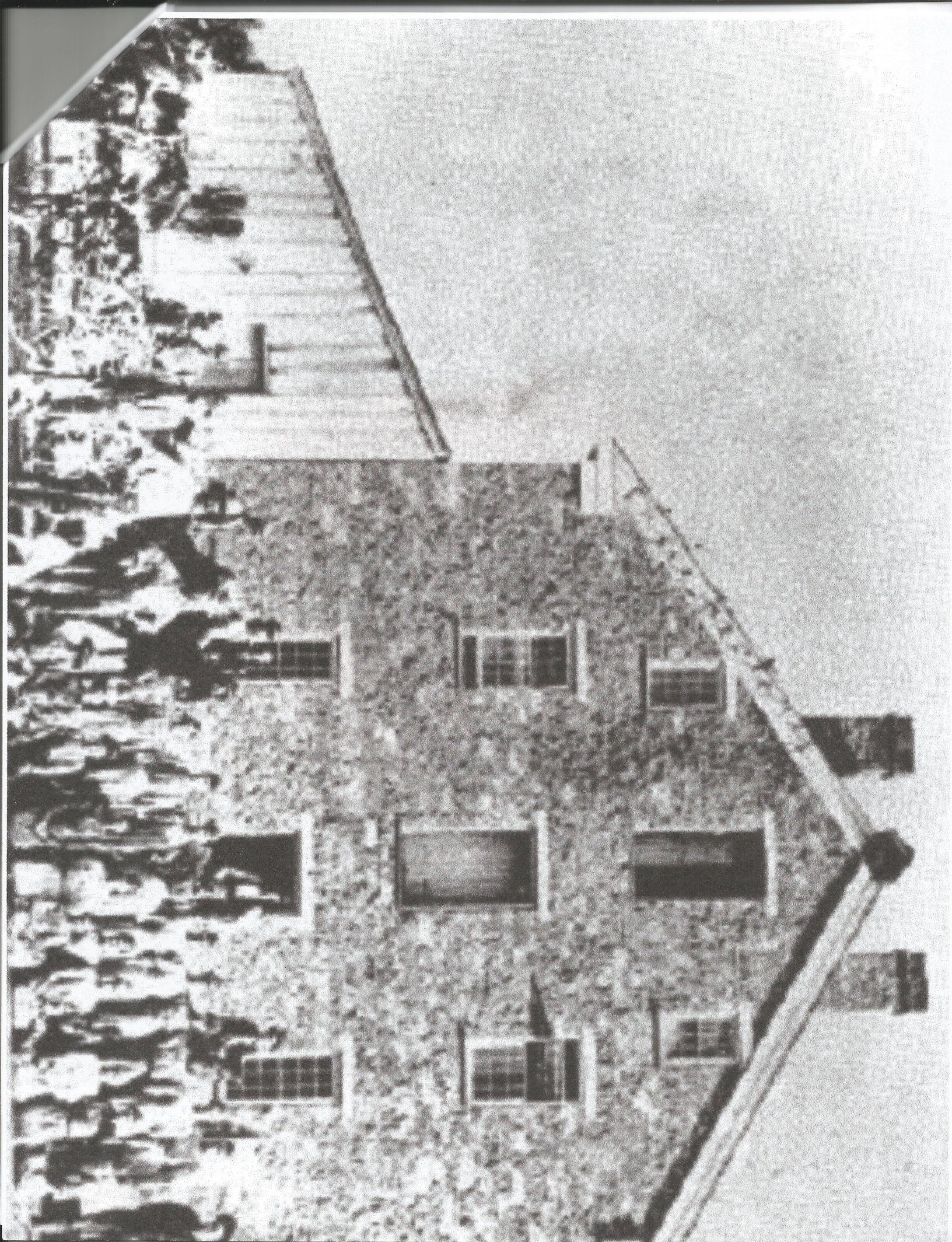
Grandpa Slade was a friendly man who liked to tell stories to his family and friends. He really liked living in the South, where his family owned a cotton plantation. They lived in a big southern two-story house with a large balcony that the kids liked to sleep out under the stars on. They would listen to the wolves and mountain lions howl at night and howl back at them for fun.

One day when Grandpa Slade was young, he went with his Dad and some of the plantation workers to a friend's house to help butcher pigs. His Dad saved the pig's feet to make beans and soup. He loaded a sack of pig's feet and my Grandpa Slade on one of the horses and sent them back to the plantation. On the way home, a pack of wolves surrounded Grandpa and the horse and he was really scared. Grandpa threw some of the pig's

feet out and the wolves started fighting over them. Grandpa took off on the horse to get away and the wolves ran after them. As they got closer to home, his Dad's hunting dogs and the plantation workers heard the wolves howling. The workers let the dogs loose and ran to save my Grandpa and the horse. They brought them home safe.

Grandpa and his family joined the Mormon church and in 1856 they traveled as pioneers to Utah with the Jacob Croft Company. They traveled the Mormon Trail and settled in North Ogden, Utah. Brigham Young sent them to settle Southern Utah and Grandpa helped build the Old Cotton Mill in Washington, Utah. They raised cotton and Grandpa helped nickname St. George, "Utah's Dixie". It is still called "Dixie" today.

Grandpa and his family lived all over Southern Utah (Pine Valley, Panguitch and Parowan) before moving to Mexico in 1902. Grandpa died in Colonia Dublan, Mexico August 29, 1902.



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