

PERSONAL HISTORY OF ADRAIN BEN BALDWIN

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I like Nephi have been born or good and faithful parents.

My father's name was Adrain Luther Baldwin, he was born in Manderfield, Utah, six miles north of Beaver, Utah

My mother's name was Sadie Huntington, she was born in Beaver, Utah.

My parents both attended school in Beaver, Utah and graduated from Beaver High School. They met each other in their high school years and after dating for a year they were in love and decided to get married. They were married in Beaver, Utah. A short time after their marriage with the help of wonderful grandparents, family members and friends they built a small two bedroom home on 3<sup>rd</sup> west in Beaver, Utah. Dad worked for the State Road Dept. The wages in the 30's were about \$4.00 a day. These were difficult times, but they grew large gardens and orchards and raised a few animals which they relied on for food. They were industrious and prepared food to see them through the winter. They canned fruits of all kinds and dug under ground cellars to store root vegetables, they ground cornmeal, dried fruits and vegetables and cured and smoked meat.

When I was growing up we had "out houses" that I remember well, especially in the winter months when the temperature got down to about 15 or 20 degrees below zero. I am so grateful for modern conveniences that we enjoy today.

My grandparents on my fathers side of the family were Thadeous Baldwin and Annie Baker. My grandmother passed away at an early age and I never knew her but I look forward to meeting her at a future date. I knew my grandfather Baldwin as I was growing up and thought so much of him. My blood line goes back to England. My forefathers left England with the Puritans in the 1700s because of religious tyranny. They came to this country and settled in the New England States in Connecticut My great grandparents Caleb Baldwin and Nancy Kingsbury were simple farmers. They were taught the Gospel about 6 months after the Restoration and were baptized and confirmed members of the church in October 1830. Grandfather Caleb was incarcerated in the Liberty Jail with The Prophet Joseph Smith, they along with several others suffered much during that period of time. The Lord revealed to the Prophet sections 121-123 of the D&C while in the Liberty Jail. This experience had a great effect on my great grandfather as he listened and was taught at the feet of the Prophet Joseph Smith. Great Grandfather and Great Grandmother Baldwin along with other faithful saints received their endowments in the Navhoo Temple and came west with some of the first settlers to the Salt Lake Valley and were called to help establish the Kingdom of God in southern Utah.

My grandparents on my mothers side of the family were William Frederick Huntington and Maude May Warren. My grandfather was born and raised in the little town of Greenville, Utah, west of Beaver, Utah. My grandmother's mother died when she was very young and her father wasn't able to raise her so she was raised with a Mitchell family in Parowan until she was old enough to work and make her own way. My grandmother went to Frisco, Utah and lived with

her aunt and worked in her boarding house as a cook. My grandfather was living at the boarding house and working in the mines. They met, fell in love and married. After their marriage they moved to Beaver, Utah where they settled and raised their family, my mother along with two sisters and a brother. They worked very hard to survive as farmers and dairymen during the great depression.

Grandmother Huntington was known as one of the best cooks in the county. She had an old wood burning stove she cooked on and without any notice when family or friends dropped in she had a great meal prepared in no time. My grandparents loved life, they survived many hardships and challenges but were submissive, kind and considerate, their families and the gospel principals were the way they lived and tried to teach their families. I am so proud of my heritage and my family on both sides.

I was born in Beaver, Utah, August 17, 1936 and was named Adrain Ben Baldwin.

Beaver, Utah was a great place to grow up in as a young boy. I had many friends and we loved to hunt and fish and just do what young boys do in a small farm town. I attended school in Beaver until the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and then my parents moved our family to Cedar City, Utah where my father found employment as a car salesman. My parents bought a home on 3<sup>rd</sup> West, next to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Chapel, which has been torn down and replaced by the Southern Utah Mortuary. Later my parents build a new home on Highland Drive. I have two brothers, Warren, who is 4 years younger than I am and Kent who is 8 years younger. I was raised in a home where we were encouraged to love the Lord, learn the value of hard work, and to get an education, and serve missions.

I met my wife, Ferrol-Dene Baldwin who lived across the street on 3<sup>rd</sup> west. We were in the same ward, and associated in neighborhood gatherings and on occasion walked to school together. I graduated from Cedar High School and instead of going on a mission which I regret to this day I enrolled at the local college, College of Southern Utah, which is now a university and is Southern Utah University. I attended college for 4 quarters with a major in business. I joined the R.O.T.C. and was a member of the Gamma SI Fraternity group. I joined the National Guard and served for seven years. Ferrol-Dene Whatcott and I had been dating steady. We were married Sept 11, 1956 in the Salt Lake Temple. The year after we were married we bought a little home on 1150 west and started our family. The year we were married I started selling cars for the local Ford dealer and Ferrol-Dene was employed at First Security Bank. I decided to make car sales my occupation and continued in that work. After 13 years with the Ford dealer we decided to open our own business so we bought some property on north main in Cedar City and opened our used car and truck business, doing business as The Valley Car Corral. We were blessed with 5 children, Mitch W Baldwin who lives in Cedar, Bonnie Baldwin Jones of Cedar, Shelly Baldwin Hansen who lives in St George, Toni Baldwin Brown also of Cedar. Twelve years after Toni was born we were surprised with another sweet daughter, Amy, who lives and works in Salt Lake City. We have been blessed with 17 wonderful grandchildren. In 1966 we built a new home on 300 east in the foothills and moved across town.

The Lord has blessed our lives so much, He has cared for us through life's challenges as well as the many good times. Each of our children have been married and sealed in the temple. I

appreciate the sealing keys of the priesthood that have been restored to the earth that through our obedience we can be an eternal family. We enjoy many good times as a family, especially holidays. We have a good time with the family at our mountain cabin. We are so grateful for the beauties around us and the mountains where we enjoy the peace and quite and our family. We enjoy and look forward to the activities of our grandchildren, baptisms, church and school programs, Ball games, dance and music recitals. Our son Mitch served a mission in the Chicago Illinois Mission and we are looking forward to our grandsons going on missions.

We have been blessed with callings in the church and have enjoyed serving together. Ferrol-Dene has been the organist in the wards we have lived in and has been active in Relief Society, Primary, Young Women, Extraction and many other calling especially one that involves music. I have served in the Stake High Council, Stake Young Men's President, Elders Quorum President and in the Family History Center. I also served in a Bishopric and as the Bishop of the Cedar 5<sup>th</sup> Ward for 5 years. I have enjoyed my callings but have felt inadequate in each of these callings but I have felt the help of the Lord many times and He has helped and blessed me so much and I recognize his hand in our lives. My wife and I are working together as Ordinance Workers in the St George Temple and feel that this is a special calling to be able to work together and serve the Lord.

We have lived in So Utah all of our married lives. In our business we have spent time in metropolitan areas doing business and have always been grateful we have been able to make a living and raise our children in Cedar City and associate with people for the most part who are of pioneer stock and have helped us raise and teach our children and grandchildren.

The past several years we have been able to travel and learn in different parts of the world, Israel, Europe, Alaska, along with Church History sites in upstate New York, Palmyra, Ohio and Illinois. We are members of the Sons Of Utah Pioneers and enjoy serving in that great organization.

We have had some health challenges with some members of our family, but if the Lord is willing they will be worked out and we would like to go on a mission in the near future.

I love to hunt and fish and my wife likes to read so I take a hook and she takes a book and we go fishing and have a great time together.

The Lord has blessed us so much as we look back over the years in the things we have tried to do. We have been blessed with so many temporal and spiritual blessings. We stand all amazed at His love.

Adrain Ben Baldwin