

## Anna priscilla turley van wagoner

ANNA PRISCILLA TURLEY was born Aug. 14, 1892 in Colonia Juarez to CLARA ANN TOLTON and ISAAC TURLEY. Her father was a polygamist, having two wives. ANNA was the youngest of twenty-four children.

Her early life was spent in Colonia Juarez where she attended school and took an active part in Church activities and attended the Juarez Stake Academy. Her father died when she was in her teens, leaving her mother to care for the children. In 1912, at the time of the exodus, her widowed mother took her brother and ANNA to Beaver to stay with her uncles: Walter and Frank Tolton. Here she attended the Murdock Academy. She taught one year of school there prior to going to Wasatch County with her cousins, Grace and Amy Skinner. Here she taught in the public schools in Midway



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Albert Van Wagoner

for four years. She was thorough in her work and an easy disciplinarian. She had the love and respect of all the children and the good will of the patrons. She was especially efficient in domestic art, needle work, and physical education. She sang in quartets and was a counselor in the MIA in Midway. She boarded with the families of Clark and Ruby Bronson, Bishop Henry and Emily Coleman, also Bishop Jacob Probst, and William and Eliza Bonner.

It was here in Midway that she met her husband, ALBERT VAN WAGONER. He and his brother Dean were in the grocery business and also operated the picture show house where ANNA sold tickets for them. They were married in the Manti Temple on Jan. 2, 1918, making the trip from Heber to Manti by train. It was a beautiful, warm day. When their friends met the train on the 5th of January, they were waiting for them in a bob sleigh.

ALBERT had purchased a furnished home which they moved into upon their return. She continued to teach school for two years because of a shortage of teachers, dut to World War I. Here their first child, Maxine, was born, as well as a pair of twins (a boy and a girl--7½ and 8 lb. babies) who were stillborn. At this time ANNA was very ill. ALBERT later sold this house and built a lovely brick house--one of the nicest in the valley--where their second pair of twins were born: twin girls, Anita and Alberta who were nice, healthy babies.

In 1926 they sold this home and moved to Pleasant Grove where they built the Alhambra Theater and a furniture store and cafe. They were both very active and held responsible positions in the Church organizations; and ANNA taught Seminary when it was first started. They took their family to the dedication of the Mesa Temple in Arizona in Oct., 1929 when they made a trip to Mexico. This was ANNA's second trip, since her marriage, to visit her mother and family. Her first trip home was in 1920, two years following her marriage. In June, 1930 a baby daughter, Shirley, was born to them. In November of the following year they moved to Lehi where ALBERT operated a theater and also a grocery store in partnership with his brother, Dean. ANNA continued to teach Seminary in Pleasant Grove for half a day. She was Social Science leader in Relief Society; taught the deacons in Sunday School; gave the lesson in the Daughters of the Pioneers; and was a counselor in the MIA. She was highly respected and loved by all who knew her.

She caught cold which developed into pneumonia. She had been ill for several months prior to this time. She passed away on Saturday morning, March 23, 1935 and was buried in the cemetery at Midway, Utah on March 26, 1935.

Children of ANNA PRISCILLA TURLEY and ALBERT VAN WAGONER:

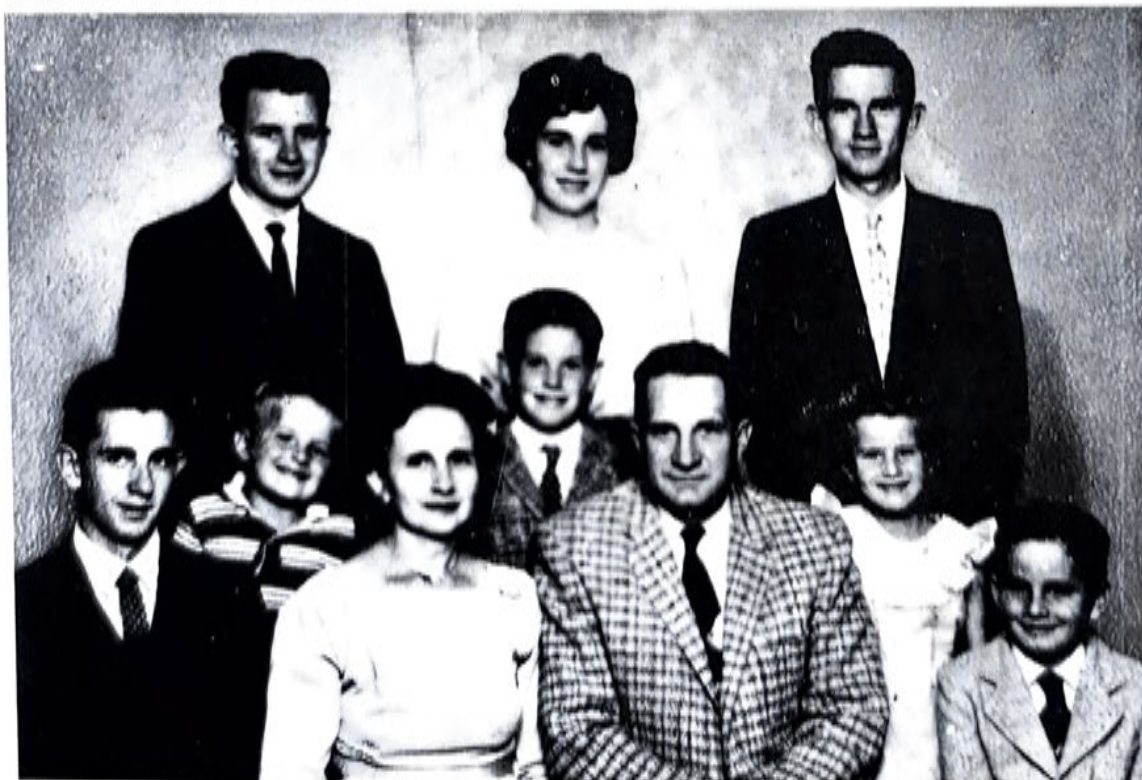
Grace Maxine Van Wagoner Powell  
Norman Van Wagoner (stillborn)  
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Anita Van Wagoner Fitzgerald  
Alberta Van Wagoner Eastmond  
Shirley Van Wagoner Dunn  
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Grace Maxine Van Wagoner Powell

Maxine was born Nov. 6, 1918 in Midway, Utah. She attended first grade in Midway, from 2nd to 8th in Pleasant Grove, then moved to Lehi, where she has lived since November, 1931. She was sixteen years old when her mother died. She tried to take the place of a mother in the home by washing, ironing, canning fruit, preparing meals and sewing for her three younger sisters and her father, while finishing her junior and senior years of high school. After her father's marriage to ORAH MAY GILES, June 2, 1937, she worked at several jobs outside the home.

She married Keith Schow Powell, son of Nicoline Eliza Schow and Thaddeus Ashton Powell, on Dec. 13, 1937 in the Salt Lake Temple. They are the parents of eight lovely children and grandparents to thirteen. Maxine has always had a job in the Church, having been a counselor in the Lehi Stake Relief Society, on the Stake Genealogical Committee, counselor in YWMIA, and counselor in ward Relief Society, secretary of Jr. Sunday School, teacher in Primary and Sunday School. At present time she is secretary in the Fifth Ward Relief Society and Secretary-treasurer of the John Van Wagoner Family Organization.



Maxine and Keith Powell Family