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FAMILY HISTORY AS DICTATED BY FRED ROYLANCE, 4/4/88

WHAT YEAR WOULD HAVE... LET'S SEE HIS NAME WOULD HAVE BEEN...

Was Charles Ira Roylance.

WHEN WOULD HE BE BORN?

He was born on the 28th of December, 1879, in Springville, Utah.

DO YOU KNOW HOW LONG HE LIVED IN SPRINGVILLE FOR?

I don't have any recollection or any knowledge of how long he stayed in Springville. All the knowledge I have of my father for that period of time was that he worked with his father, Henry Roylance, Jr., in maintenance contracts on railroads that had been put through Utah in those years there, the early years.

IN SPRINGVILLE?

Yes, in Springville.

DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT HIS CHILDHOOD AT ALL? KNOW ANY STORIES OR ANYTHING ABOUT HIS CHILDHOOD?

The only knowledge I have of his childhood is that he remarked several times about his home life with his grandmother because his mother died shortly after he was born. I don't have any stories from his youth.

DID HIS GRANDMOTHER RAISE HIM IN SPRINGVILLE?

He was raised in Springville by Grandmother Sandford.

AND HIS FATHER HAD GONE TO PROSSER?

No, his father didn't go to Prosser until in the 1920's.

OKAY. BUT HIS FATHER DID RE-MARRY?

His father did re-marry, and the lady's name was Huett. That's about as much knowledge as I have of that.

WHEN DID HE GET MARRIED?

I have no knowledge there. We have genealogy records that would give us that.

DO YOU KNOW WHERE HE MET HIS WIFE AT?

I have no idea. I put two and two together but the only supposition that I can come up with there is that Mother, Grandmother Roylance, was a ... went out cooking on the railroad

and I have put two and two together that possibly he was out on a job working and she was cooking and so they made acquaintance that way, but I have nothing to back that up.

OKAY, HIS WIFE, YOUR MOTHER, YOU MEAN?

Yes, it would have been Louise, Louise Roylance. Louise Lamb Roylance.

OR LOUISE LAMB, HER MAIDEN NAME.

Yes.

SO THEY ... WHEN WOULD BE THE FIRST JOB THAT YOU KNEW THAT HE HAD? WHEN WOULD BE YOUR FIRST RECOLLECTION?

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Another interesting thing here, they were married in April of 1906. They were on their way to San Francisco on the train to celebrate their honeymoon. When they were on the way, the San Francisco earthquake took place, and so they never went to San Francisco because of the earthquake.

FOR THEIR HONEYMOON?

For their honeymoon. Where they did do, I don't know.

AND THEN YOUR FIRST RECOLLECTION OF WHERE THEY SETTLED WOULD HAVE BEEN...

I talked to a lady in Springville here in '82, and she knew of Dad and Mother and she had visited Mother and she remembered several things about her. In fact, she stayed overnight. She was one of Uncle Charles Sandford's daughters and she was way up into her 80's at that time, and I don't know whether she's alive now, but she said that she had visited and stayed overnight with Mother, so they were living in Springville at that time, and that would have been oh, sometime between 1906 and 1912.

NOW MY DAD WAS BORN...

Your father was born in ...

1909.

Yes, 1909, and I'm not sure. Springville, Utah, I guess, wasn't he?

I GUESS. I DON'T KNOW.

I'd have to check on that because I don't know for sure either. In 1912, in what time of the year, I don't know, he went up and went to work at Storrs, Utah, for a man by the name of George

Storrs, who was a contractor, superintendent type individual, and at that time, they were building that mining town. Dad and Mother moved up there and Mother took in boarders and saved quite a bit of money for that time.

SO THE COMPANY WAS CALLED Storrs AND THE AREA WAS CALLED Storrs? IS THAT CORRECT?

Yes. It was called Storrs, Utah. And was so known on the maps and such.

SO HE'D BEEN IN Storrs FROM 1912 TO WHAT?

He would have been at Storrs from 1912 until 1918.

WAS HE RUNNING THE TIPPLE AT THAT TIME?

Yes, he was known as the Outside Foreman or the Tipple Foreman.

WHAT WAS THE REASON HE WOULD HAVE LEFT IN 1918?

Oh, in 1918, my father and Uncle Jim Halladay went in partners and went onto a ranch out in western Utah near Gold Hill...

NEVADA?

Is that in Nevada?

I HAVE NO IDEA.

I don't either. But Gold Hill and you could find that out.

DO YOU KNOW HOW FAR THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN FROM WENDOVER? NO IDEA?

No.

SO THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN AT THE RANCH FROM 1918 TO PROBABLY 1920?

Approximately, yes.

AND IT WAS A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN WHOM?

My father and J.A. Halladay. James A. Halladay.

THAT'S WHO WAS IN PARTNERS WITH HIM?

Yes. You see, there would be Louise Lamb and Aunt Bell Lamb or Halladay were sisters.

OKAY, SO THE TWO MEN'S SISTERS WAS HOW IT WAS TIED IN?

Yes.

AND HALLADAY'S WIFE WAS NAMED WHAT?

Her name was, I think, Isabella.

HER MAIDEN NAME WAS WHAT, LAMB?

Yes, maiden name was Lamb.

AND YOUR DAD'S WOULD HAVE BEEN LOUISE LAMB?

Yes.

AND THAT WAS NOT A SUCCESSFUL VENTURE?

No, they had to give it up and they borrowed money from the state and it was always... I remember my father saying he hoped they'd never look into those records because he hoped they wouldn't have to repay the money that they borrowed. I think it was finally ... they were finally absolved of any debt.

WHAT KIND OF CROPS WERE THEY RAISING?

They raised hay. And to my understanding...

DID THEY HAVE CATTLE?

They had some cattle, yes, and some sheep. Just enough for their personal needs, I think. In 1920, they came back to Springville, and from Springville they went back to Storrs.

TO THE Storrs AREA?

To the Storrs area, and he went back to work for the coal company that he'd worked for previously.

AND YOU BELIEVE THAT WAS AT THAT TIME CALLED THE Storrs COAL COMPANY?

Yes, and I think there was a name change in about 1925. They re-named it Spring Canyon Coal Company.

AND THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN THE MINE JUST UP FROM THE PEERLESS? IS THAT RIGHT?

Right. That would have been...

THE NEXT MINE UP.

Right. Second mine up the canyon.

NOW AGAIN, WHEN HE WENT BACK THE NEXT TIME, WAS HE STILL THE TIPPLE MANAGER?

He was still the Tipple Foreman. That's correct.

AND HOW CLOSE ... SO THE FIRST TIME THAT HE WORKED UP IN THE CANYON THEY LIVED NEAR THE MINING OFFICE, IS THAT CORRECT?

Yes, the company store and the management offices, they lived real close to.

THE FIRST TIME?

The first time.

WHEN THEY WENT BACK THE SECOND TIME IN 1920...

When they went back in 1920, they lived in a house, a stone built out of the natural materials from the area, sandstone, and they lived about a couple hundred feet from the Tipple.

ALL RIGHT. AND HE WORKED THERE UNTIL WHEN?

He worked there until the spring of 1928.

WHAT WAS THE REASON THEN? HE GOT LET GO?

Yes, he was discharged for various things. I don't know the full story, but I think it was a discharge for his conduct there, drinking.

SO HE GOT LET GO IN 1928, AND THEN WHERE DID HE GO?

When he was discharged in 1928, we moved to Springville, Utah, and I completed 20 days of school in the fourth grade there. We lived in Springville that summer, June, July and August, and we moved back up to Letuda just one mine up from, two mines up from the Spring Canyon, and he went to work for the Letuda Coal Company as a Tipple Foreman.

THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN IN WHAT YEAR?

In 1928, he went to work and he worked there until the spring of 1932, and when he was again discharged, because of lack of business and slowdown of the economy and the getting into the great depression. We moved to Salt Lake City, and moved into some property that they'd purchased the year before at 4200 South and 9th East, Salt Lake City.

WHAT WAS HE DOING THEN?

He did nothing that summer. Did nothing until the following year when he went to work on the government make-work programs.

AND THEN AFTER THAT, THE NEXT... DO YOU KNOW MUCH ABOUT HIS HISTORY AFTER THAT?

Well, during the depression years, '34 and '35, '35 and '36, he worked at various government make-work programs and continued to

work there until Mother took sick in 1937 and that's the year she died, March of '37. And he still was on make-work programs up until 1940, and then there was some private construction that he was involved in, the Tooele Ordnance Depot and that just about ended my association with my father.

WHEN DID HE MOVE TO MY MOM AND DAD'S PLACE, DO YOU KNOW?

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SO HE WOULD HAVE MOVED TO MARK AND DORA ROYLANCE'S HOME IN 1942 OR '43?

Yes. '42 or '43. He purchased a small building, two rooms and moved it onto the back of Mark's lot and there he stayed until his death in March of 1945.

DESCRIBE IF YOU CAN HIS PHYSICAL APPEARANCE, WHAT HE LOOKED LIKE?

Dad was of slight appearance, of about 5'7" tall, dark haired individual that most of my life, that I know him, he was quite balding in front. His complexion was quite weathered because of his constant exposure to ... when he worked on the Tipple there, the blowing slack and coal and dust, one thing and another, he had kind of a reddish appearance to his face. He was always a clean-cut individual and quite a ... liked to dress well, and had nice clothes and nice appearance when he was cleaned up.

WAS HE OVERWEIGHT?

To my knowledge, I never remember my father being overweight. Always thin, thin as a rail. Sometimes he was quick to anger, and had a quick temper. Sometimes it was difficult to get along with.

ANYTHING ELSE ABOUT HIS PERSONALITY?

His declining years, he had... Last couple of years, he had difficulties with diabetes, had to take insulin, and one of the things that plagued him throughout his life and I don't know how this happened, but he had one eardrum that was punctured, and I can remember every night, he used to lay down on the couch and take a bottle of hydrogen peroxide and let a couple of drops into that ear to keep it clean and keep it free of infection, but he did have that difficulty in his later years. And I think one of the things that was a cause of his death was spinal meningitis, probably entered through that source there. That was one of the difficulties. He was always quite serious as I remember my dad. Never did... He liked to hear a joke, but he wasn't very good at telling them, but he had a ready laugh, and was always generous, Dad was, and helpful with people. Always smoked cigars and chewed tobacco most of my that I remember about his life. Never attended church until the latter years of his life and he was living in the building behind Mark's home and he began attending

church in Mark's ward. I never remember him attending church even when the children were blessed. I remember the blessing of my sister and I don't think that he was present when she was blessed and named.

WAS HE ANTAGONISTIC TOWARDS CHURCH?

No, I don't think he was antagonistic against the church. I don't think he ever paid any tithes and offerings that I was aware of and I think he supported the building fund in the Storrs chapel. When they built the building up there, I think he supported the building then.

Dad was an excellent gardener, and I've heard other people say this, that he was always had a nice looking garden and made it very productive.