

My Parents

David Jensen(Johansen) was born April 15th, 1835 at Tolton, Norway and died Jan. 9, 1909 at Preston, Idaho. His second wife Julia Konstance Peterson was born at Oslo, (formally called Christiania) Norway, August 30, 1851 and died March 11, 1920, at Burton, a few miles west of Rexburg, Idaho. She was baptized a member of the L.D.S. Church in March of 1863.

David and his first wife, Serena, Julia's older sister, had buried a baby. Because of loneliness and grief they were out walking one day and came to a place where the L.D.S. missionaries were holding a meeting. Having nothing else to do they went into the meeting, listened, became interested, investigated and joined the church. It was through them that the Peterson family heard of the Gospel.

In 1863, David and his wife immigrated to America, bringing Julia with them as that was a chance to get one of the children to Zion. In the fall of 1876, Julia's mother, son Charles, and daughter Nettie, who married Hans Olsen, immigrated to America. Julia's father never joined the church, nor came to America. Although when Serena's son, Hyrum D., was there on his mission, he said he thought great grandfather would have come back with him if he hadn't died a short time before Uncle Hy came home.

David and Julia were married November 18th, 1868, at Salt Lake City, Utah. Through this marriage there were twelve children, there being one pair of twins. Peter, the oldest boy, was the first white boy born in Preston. (His headstone in Preston cemetery bears that inscription.) Their fifth child was Junius Charles, born at Preston, Idaho where the Fifth Ward is. Because of him being born a few months after his grandmother came to America, he was always known as "Grandma's Boy."

Sylvester Low was born March 18th, 1836 at Tealing, Scotland and died May 17th, 1908 at Cardston, Alberta, Canada. His first wife, Ann Allan Paton was born October 29th, 1842, at Dalkeith, Scotland, and died Dec. 13th, 1905, at Smithfield, Utah.

Sylvester was working in a flour mill in a town twenty miles from his home. One day he heard some L.D.S. missionaries. He became interested, investigated, and was baptized a member of the L.D.S. Church January 24th, 1855 in the German? Ocean near Arbroath, Scotland. He went home to tell his folks the good news about the wonderful church he had heard of. After listening to him tell about it, his father opened the door and told him that if he followed Joseph Smith he must get out. He left, never seeing his father again. The next day his mother walked the distance of the 20 miles to the place he was working to take his small savings to him. That was the last time he ever saw his mother.

In 1855, he sailed for the Americas. It happened that a widow and her two children were on the same boat, they were likewise sailing for Zion. He sort of adopted the widow for his mother and he took the place of the man of the family for her. After

landing, through lack of funds, they did not come to Zion at the same time. But when they both had arrived they met.

Sylvester and Ann Allen Paton, the widow's daughter, were married Feb. 28th, 1858 in the Endowment House at Salt Lake City. Through this marriage there 14 children, 11 of them growing to manhood and womanhood. Their tenth child, Sylvia, was born Dec. 11, 1877.

Sylvia L. met Junius C. Jensen while she was teaching school at Preston. After a courtship of several years, during which time he fulfilled a mission to the North Central States, they were married June 18th, 1902, in the Logan Temple. Their courtship was very different than what it is now, as it took three hours or more to make the trip from Preston, by horse, to Smithfield to see her.

Their children Lowell Charles, born April 11, 1903; Peter Low, born June 1, 1905; Della, born Feb. 3, 1907 and died Oct. 25, 1918; Bessie, born April 5, 1910; Anna, born May 13, 1912; Junius Low, born June 30, 1915; La Moyne, born Oct. 3, 1919, are all very proud of their lineage.

Lowell C. was married June 2, 1926, To Grace C Anderson at Idaho Falls, Idaho. They have one son, Lowell Charles Junior, born November 29, 1930. at Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Peter L. was married July 3rd, 1929 to Edna Harris in the Logan Temple. They have a son, Duane Charles, born June 26th, 1930, at Boise, Idaho.

Both father and mother have always taken a very active part in the Church, he having served as a counselor in the Second Ward of Preston Bishopric for some time and being a High Councilman now, Mother's work has been mainly associated with the Primary and Relief Society Stake Board work.

Lowell's other children are Julene, born May 15th, 193?, and the twins Richard and Robert, born Aug. 25th, 1936. Junius married Maragret Boestcher in Pocatello. April 25, 1933. Their son Junius Peter was born October 31, 1936.

Anna married Robert Burnside May 13, 1937 in the Salt Lake Temple. Barbara Jensen, still born, came April 11, 193?. Robert Junius was born June 18, 1941 (on mother and father's 59th wedding anniversary).

La Moyne married James L. Barrus of Burley in Glenns Ferry, Idaho the summer of 1941. (Aug 16th) Sylvia Mae born March 10, 1942. James Junius born May 7, 1943.