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Laverna Heaton Allen family histories and papers

Mentions Virgin's Homecoming after 50 years. Many transients were welcomed and the fruit melon displayed served free to all. Some said if Mormonism made people feel and act like that, they would like to be Mormons. The survivors of Virgin's choir sang "O My Father" and by request, Alice P. Isom sang "Go and Tell My Mother" and danced a step dance although in her seventies.

She made quilts, rugs, dresses, lots of temple aprons, fancy work. She was thankful her mother who knew how to work, taught her to share with those in need. One of her first responsibility was to take the tithing (food not money) to the bishop.

Taking gruel or soup to the sick, washing their dishes, etc. She enjoyed rag and quilting bees, singing, dancing, choir practice, theaters, candy pulls, etc. She said she never heard profane or vulgar language that beggars, rich senators, both state and nation, stayed at her home and never spoke a disrespectful word to me and mine.

She had a large correspondence.

She mentioned learning how to make [...] givers for strings pounded it for soap suds to wash hair and clothes (Paiute Indians taught them)

Aug 22 1866 - George Isom - Black Hawk War raids on livestock in Calvary; shoulder arrow [...] in lead shot burdeon spot Paria Canyon

John William Parker/ Alice Widdaker Parker D. July 1843 with her stillborn baby (Parents John/Alicel Widdaker Parker)

Elizabeth - 5 years

MaryAnn Parker Richards - [...] Lancashire, Eng.married Samuel W. Richards, Feb. 14, 1855. Took care of combined family while his sons served missions.

John Parker Jr. brought the 3 children to his parents in Nauvoo; he was seasick; Elizabeth's hair had to be cut it was in such a lack of care

Her father got the chills & fever (malaria) which Grandmother Parker got and died; there Grandfather Parker feeble from it

John Parker Jr married a widow with 7 children, 2 older sons, 3 under 18. Ellen Briggs Douglas Parker sold a cow, had 50¢ for currants and made a pudding for their wedding dinner.

Ellen's 2 oldest boys and John Parker Jr. went to St. Louis to earn money to move their combined family as the mob was making it impossible to remain in Nauvoo. Ellen braided and sewed straw hat and sold it to one of the boatman for \$1.00. Later she returned to bring the others to St. Louis where they worked six years, with a soft drink business then sold it for \$20.00 gold pieces which they sewed in vest linings and bottoms when they bought 11 wagons with double yoke of oxen and a spring carriage with a team of big horses for the parents and the two children from their 2nd union, Alice Parker Isom, our grandmother, John Parker.

Put in charge of Hurricane's Burial Committee when Relief Society was organized in Hurricane. She had trained and practiced thirty years as a midwife. She spent her last years helping others.

With 2 grandsons and 2 grandson-in-laws she worked with the Red Cross.

Nov 19, 1922 - 5 years after her memoirs when 70, she updated them. William Palmer sold her stock in Cedar Sheep Association giving her enough to buy liberty bonds and help family. In 1918 she took Ellen to Salt Lake and Ogden to see relatives. They saw Isabell who died 15 days later leaving her the last of her parents' family they had moved to Salt Lake in 1852.

The boys came home from World War I and she received her pension (300 back pension). She cleared her ZCMI by sending them \$25.00 and 3 \$50.00 liberty bonds. In 1920 a mill in Salt Lake with a niece, Annie Spilsberry's organized a family genealogy. Alice P. Isom did work in St. George. Mary Amelia Streeper was there. She was one year younger than me and looked lovely. She was killed in an auto accident right after.

Mar 13, 1920 - Morris Hopkins died (11 years old) John Hopkins got her after the funeral and she stayed a month when Evadna had Ann.

She helped with other Virgin's peer's funerals and didn't go to Salt Lake City that year, but decided to visit LaVerna at Moccasin for 2 weeks. LaVerna hadn't seen her for many years so John H. came for us and we spent a week in the mountains where it was nice with some rain. We had tropical clouds come up in the west of Moccasin had a cloudburst.

George and Annie's 11th grandchild (boy) was born (they had 12). Grandma Isom's health was failing at 75. She paid a Miss Lynch \$60.00 for her help in getting names when last in Salt Lake.

She mentioned Fred buying a home in Hurricane and us living there one year. She died 2 years later? Twelve of Ellen's have married and two grandsons.

She talks about the Pine Valley Property shares and hopes those who don't want it sell to other but not out of the family.

She'd set the mill's price at \$500.00 (the boiler worth \$300) but she never collected \$50.00.

The Virgin Place was sold for \$1,000.00. Annie Isom is patient and good to George. His health has made it hard for her. I want Annie Crawford Isom have my new house and do what she likes with it when I die. My family understands this and do not consider it is the business of grandchildren, and son-in-laws. My girls can divide what is in my home according to value. Ellen had it the hardest and least opportunity. The four youngest had the most. The cattle and the rest should be divided with no ill feelings.

1 Spring 1852 Emigrated to SL City

2 Jan 17, 1845 - April 2, 1845

3 Built 20 x 40 room; lumber roof

4 Grandparents Owen Isom; Elizabeth Howard ; John Parker Jr; Ellen Briggs Douglas; Alice Widdaker; Parents George Isom & Alice Parker

5 9 Children: George, Lorenze, Hortense, Whitney, Rex