

FAMILY NEWS

The family reunion was held this summer at Kirtland, New Mexico where Byron and Maud Farnsworth, and Mark and Ina Elkins prepared wonderful meetings and meals for all who were able to attend. On Friday evening, July 14th a meeting and reorganization of the family officers were held in the Chapel under the direction of president Clifford Young. Former officers were released. Amos Tietjen, Sr., was elected president, Ina T. Elkins is vice-president, and Iris T. Bunker is the new Secretary-treasurer.

In Grants, New Mexico, a group is preparing a museum with an aim towards honoring the first three pioneer-settlers of the area. This is of special interest to the Ernst Albert Tietjen family because he is one of those men. From Mrs. Mark Elkins, a member of the group working for the museum, comes a request for original articles which members of the family would like to contribute. As a deserving tribute to E. A. Tietjen, it should be a pride to the family to put on display all they can.

Several births have increased the family population this year: a boy, Kimball Quinn, was welcomed into the home of Clara Marie and Don Johnson about the 5th of May at Morgan, Utah.

Myrna Suzanne was greeted in Monticello, Utah on April 30th by Devon and Doris Ida Black.

Lorenzo S. and Ida Mae Turley (deceased December 27, 1959) Peterson have added several new members: Pamela Kaye, daughter of Eda P. and Ralph Christensen, born January 16, 1962 at Delta, Utah. Ruth, daughter of Barbara P. and Charles Homedew, born January 25, 1962 at Monticello, Utah. Joseph J., son of Betty P. and Grant A. Christensen, born Nov. 4, 1961 at Delta, Utah. Jolinda, Daughter of Peggy P. and Tom Harrison, born July 26, 1961 at Monticello, Utah. Michell, born June 26, 1961 and Melinda Mae, Continued on page three.....

IDA FREDRICKA KRUEGER TIETJEN

"Life Sketch of Ida Fredrica Krueger Tietjen to be read by those of her grandchildren who may be living in the year of jubilee."

I, Ida Fredrica Krueger, was born in Mecklenburg, Stralitz, Town of Lepen, Germany, September 8, 1825. I am the daughter of Andreas Krueger and Dorthea Linstead. When I was two years old my parents moved from Mecklenburg, Stralitz, to Meelslenburg, Schrivin, and my mother died there the same year. My parents belonged to the Lutheran Church and I was taught to believe in the same.

When I was six years old, I began going to school. When twelve years old, I went to live with my step-grandmother, and while living alone it led me to seek the Lord. When I was fifteen I left school and my grandmother learned me the dairy business; when eighteen years old, I left her and went and superintended dairy and housekeeping for Mr. Boron van Malgen and while there I formed the acquaintance of August H. Tietjen, who was the steward, and another young man. I rather think the latter suited me best, but I was undecided which one to accept. One night I had a dream that August H. Tietjen was the right one.

On October 22, 1847, I was married to him, being then 22 years old, and on the 22nd day of October, 1847 we moved to Sweden.

My husband, August H. Tietjen, is the son of Carl Fredrick Christian Tietjen and Dorothea Sophia Christiana Hellmer. He was born December 9, 1814, in Mecklenburg, Schwen, Town Rhaen.

In 1857 I first heard of the Gospel of Latter Day Saints (or the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints) and I felt very much opposed to it, thinking they were the false prophets that I had read of that should come, for I had been a Bible reader.

My husband believed in Mormonism as soon as he heard it. He was baptized June 24, 1857. He then got the spirit of gathering to Zion in Utah, where the saints had settled.

I did not want to be separated from my husband, so I prayed to the Lord. I would go ahead and get baptized and if it was right I wanted him to give me a testimony, and if it was wrong, I wanted him to forgive me. As soon as I was baptized and had hands laid upon my head for the gift of the Holy Ghost, I received a testimony, and I began to preach and teach the gospel to all I came in contact with. I Continued on page two.....

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thought that when I could see it that they could see the gospel was true that the Elders had preached; they that had been my friends now turned against me to be my enemies. They told evil things about me and would not speak or believe the truth.

I read the scriptures in their true light. I saw fulfilled, when the Lord prophesied, that signs would follow them that believed. I saw the healing power in my own family, especially my oldest son, Ernst Albert Tietjen. He had lost the sight of his left eye. The elders administered to him and his eye was restored.

I was like my husband as soon as I was baptized, I wanted to gather with the Saints in Utah, so on the first day of April, 1859, myself and husband and five children left Sweden and went to England, and there joined a large conference of Saints and crossed the sea on the sailing ship named William Tapskah to New York. We were five weeks crossing the sea, then we traveled by railroad and steamboat to Florence, Nebraska, where we waited five days for our outfits to cross the plains. We traveled across the plains with ox teams.

We arrived in Salt Lake City, Utah, September 15, 1859. We had a great many trials to pass through, but still I felt it was a pleasant trip—I felt satisfied with the way I found things here in Zion for they preached the same Gospel as they did in the old world(our country).

Our means we spent as we were counseled to do in helping the poor to immigrate, and for other donations, and the rest we lost, so we came down to know what poverty was. I had never known what it was to be poor until this time and it was quite a trial for me. But all the time my faith strengthened in the principals of the gospel.

Nearly the whole of the first year that we were in this country my husband was sick, and we had to sell our clothing and buy bread. I had to work very hard to take care of my family; we had to make most of our clothing. Three children were born in Utah. Since that time, with working, we have enough to get along and have enough to make us comfortable.

My five older children are now married the right way in the Gospel and have had their washings and anointings and I hope all the rest of my posterity will do the same.

And whoever this sketch of my life may go to, I hope and pray they will live faithfully in the work I have commenced. My husband and myself are strong and healthy according to our ages.

My parents are both dead, but I have two brothers and five sisters living, but there is not one of my relatives living that I know of that has embraced the gospel.

The Relief Society of this ward (Santaquin, Utah) was organized August 25, 1868, I was one of it's first members. I was also one of its first teachers that was appointed to visit the ward.

In 1871, I was released from being a teacher and appointed treasurer which office I hold at present. I am second counselor to the president of the Silk Association.

I will now write to those of my offspring who may be living fifty years hence.

My Dear beloved children, I have written you a short sketch of my life hoping it will be interesting to you and that you will preserve it and hand it down to your posterity for generations.

I say unto all of you, be humble and prayerful and always, under all circumstances, put your trust in the Lord and he will not forsake you. I want to testify to you that I know this to be the true Church and Kingdom of God established upon the earth never to be thrown down and I hope that all of my future generations may live so as to have a testimony for themselves of this work, and it is my desire that you may further carry out and establish the work that I have commenced, so that when we have finished our probation we may receive our exaltation in our Father's Kingdom. I do testify to you that I believe the principle of plural marriage to be a divine principle of God delivered to Joseph Smith, the Prophet. My husband is a strong believer in this principle. The reason we have not practiced it is owing to our circumstances.

I will say goodbye to you all and I hope we shall all meet on the Golden Shore with our Heavenly Father (who sent us here) after we have finished our mission here on earth.

I do pray that we may live faithfully so that we may be worthy to enter the Celestial Kingdom of our God.

Ida Fredricka Krueger Tietjen
