

HYRUM LIPTROT RIGBY

A record of Hyrum Liptrot Rigby written by  
himself.



I was born in Hooper, Weber County, Utah on the 12th of October 1874 in a small two roomed frame house in the west part of the town. My parents was John Rigby and Grace Liptrot. My nationality is of English decent. My father was born in Hindley, Lancashire, England and my mother in Bedford, Lancashire, England. They came to the United States of America in 1865 by sail boat.

I was the fifth son of seven children, six boys and one girl. I was blessed January 7th 1875 at Hooper by Joseph L. Robinson. I was baptized in Hooper Canal Thursday July fifth 1883 by Jessie Fowers and confirmed a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints the same day by James Ridout.

My schooling started the same fall in the West School House, better known as the Blue School House. My teacher was Annie Singleton. My school days were happy ones and I made many new friends.

My mother was a sweet Latter-Day Saint and it was her joy and pride for her children to do something in the church, so I was a member of the primary association. An outstanding time for me was May Day Celebration. We would have a queen of the May and brade the May Pole and have lots of fun. Martha Hardy was President of the Primary when I first went. I also was a member of the West Sunday School with James Beus Supt and Eli D. Spaulding and William S. Flinders as counselors. Clrinda C. Beus was my first Sunday School teacher.

In the Spring of 1886, March 30 my mother died. She was 45 years of age. This left our home very lonesome. We were all young children, I being 10 and my only sister six years old.

At the age of 14 Bishop Gilbert Belnap called a number of boys to come and cut wood for kindling for the meeting house. After we had done our work we were offered the Aaronic Priesthood. One evening

a few days later I was ordained a Deacon by Charles Parker at his home and was a member of the Quorum of Deacons with Orson Sowles as our President. Our quorum duty was to take care of the meeting house, sweep, dust, make fires, clean and light lamps, and do other work when called by bishop.

I continued to go to the public school each year and about 1890 a Central School was opened up in the adobe meeting house or Relief Society Hall with James R. Beus as teacher. I attended this school for two years and in the year of 1895 was called by Bishop William W. Child to take a Sunday School Teacher Course at the Weber Academy. I spent six months in taking this training.

I was chosen a Sunday School teacher at the age of 19 teaching in the first intermediate class, with John Manning as Supt.

In the summer of 1896 I built my home.

I received the Melchizedek Priesthood and was ordained an Elder Nov 15th 1896 by Pres. John W. Hooper, Pres of the Elder's Quorum.

On November the 18th 1896, I married Cathrine Lowe from Franklin, Idaho in the Logan Temple. We were married by Apostle Mariner W. Merrill and we made our home in Hooper.

I spent the next three years improving my home, farming for a living, and working in the Sunday School and ward teaching.

In the summer of 1899 I received a letter calling me on a mission and in the fall of that year received my appointment to England, and on November 10th 1899, I went to Salt Lake City to church head quarters and was ordained a seventy and set apart for my mission by Apostle Abraham Owen Woodruff and started for England on November 11th 1899, leaving my wife and two small children, a girl and a boy, at home.

I arrived in Liverpool December second of the same year, taking 21 days, 13 of which was on the Atlantic Ocean on the steam ship

Rhyland. There was 16 Elders in our company. I was appointed to labor in the Bristol Conference with James H. Frisby from Arizona as our conference Pres. I labored here one year, then was transferred to Liverpool Conference with Wm J. Facer, from Idaho as our conference president.

I arrived home January 25, 1902 and found my family well. I went back to farming for a living and it was only a few months until I was again in the Sunday School teaching in the second intermediate department. In 1907 I was transferred to the parents class and labored in this class until May 4, 1913 when I was appointed second assistant superintendent of the Sunday School to Supt. Thomas W. Read, with Richard D. Hooper as first Assistant Supt.

As a superintendency we labored with much satisfaction and joy, always with the best of good will toward each other and to the officers and teachers and the school. This continued until May 2nd 1920 when Bishop James R. Beus chose Supt Read as second counselor and the school was reorganized with John D. Hooper as Supt and John H. Naisbitt and James G. Widdison as assistants.

I was then appointed to work in the genealogical organization with F. M. Belnap as chairman and my work was the girls and boys baptism work in the temple. We went to the temple twice every month once with boys and once with girls. In July and August of each year we went to the Logan Temple. I labored in this capacity until May 27, 1923, when the ward was reorganized. Thomas W. Read was chosen Bishop with Robert E. Widdison as first counselor and I was chosen as second counselor. On July 15 of the same year I was ordained a High Priest and set apart as second counselor to Bishop Read, in the Ogden Tabernacle at Weber Stake Conference by Apostle Joseph F. Smith. This position I held until May 19, 1925, when the ward was again reorganized.

On March 24, 1926 I was called as a member of the Weber Stake Genealogical Board with David R. Roberts Chairman, and was set apart by Brigham H. Goddard in Stake Board Meeting in the Second Ward Chapel in Ogden. I held this position until April 13th 1927.

In December 1927 I was again chosen as a Sunday School teacher and was appointed to the missionary dept. In 1934 I was transferred into the High Priest class as instructor and I labored there until Jan 3, 1937. I also was the class leader and teacher in the High Priest priesthood class for four years and was released in January 1937.

I am the father of six children, one boy and five girls. I have taken great pleasure in my home and in making it pleasant and attractive for my family and friends.

12 August, 1901

#### LATTER-DAY SAINTS' MILLENNIAL STAR.

ELDER HYRUM L. RIGBY of the Liverpool Conference writes from Horwich under date of the 12th inst., reporting the baptism of nine honest souls at Wigan last Sunday. Elder Joseph Eckersley of the Liverpool office baptized three of them—his mother, sister and her husband—while for the others the ordinance was performed by Elder Oscar T. White. Sister Eckersley is an invalid, but on being baptized she was able to walk without assistance—something she had not done for upwards of *a* twelvemonth. After the baptisms two successful meetings were held in the branch hall, at which much good instruction was given by President William J. Facer, and Elders Eckersley, White and Richard P. Carlisle. The brethren laboring in that district feel much encouraged, and believe the prospects for further accessions to the fold quite favorable.

Marriage License. Book # page 120 #  
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF UTAH, COUNTY OF CACHE, #  
To any Person Legally Authorized to Solemnize Marriage, Greeting: #

YOU ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED to join in Holy Matrimony Mr. Myron S. Rigby, of the  
County of Nebo, in the County of Nebo, and State of Utah, of the  
age of 22 years, and wife Catharine Low, of the  
County of Onida, in the County of Onida, and State of Idaho, of the  
age of 22 years.

WITNESS my hand as Clerk of the District Court and the seal of said Court hereto affixed at my office in Logan City, in said  
County, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of Nov, A. D. 189 Stephen H. Nathan Clerk of the District Court.  
By Stephen H. Nathan Deputy.

STATE OF UTAH, } ss.  
County of Cache. }  
I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of November,  
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety eight, at Logan in said County,  
I, the undersigned, an Elder of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, did join in the holy bonds of Matrimony, according  
to law, Myron S. Rigby of the County of Nebo, State of Utah  
and Catharine Low of the County of Onida, State of Idaho.  
The nature of the ceremony was according to the rites and ordinances of said Church, and was a present mutual agreement of mar-  
riage between the parties for all time.

We were solemnized as stated by this certificate, and are now husband and wife.  
Signed Myron S. Rigby Groom.  
Signed Catharine Low Bride.  
Signed Myron S. Rigby with the presence of  
Witness Edgar H. Leonard  
Witness J. C. Leonard  
Elder of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

HOONESS TO THE LORD

# MISSIONARY CERTIFICATE

To all Persons to whom this Letter shall come:

This Certifies that the bearer  
 Elder HYRON L. RIGBY is in full faith and  
 fellowship with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and by the Gen-  
 eral Authorities of said Church has been duly appointed a Mission to  
GREAT BRITAIN to Preach the Gospel and  
 administer in all the Ordinances thereof pertaining to his office.

And we invite all men to give heed to his Teachings and Counsels as a man of  
 God sent to open to them the door of Life and Salvation, and to assist him in his  
 travels in whatsoever things he may need.

And we pray God, The Eternal Father, to bless  
 Elder RIGBY and all who receive him,  
 and minister to his comfort with the blessings of Heaven and Earth, for time and  
 all eternity in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

SIGNED AT SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH,

November 10th, 1899, in behalf of said Church.

Lorenzo Snow

Geo. D. Hannon

Jos. F. Smith

First Presidency.



BOOK Q

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HOLINESS TO THE LORD  
GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD AND



SEVENTH'S  
PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE  
LICENSE

CERTIFICATE

This Certifies that of Edward E. Rigley was ordained as  
Seventy in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints  
by J. C. Warrick on the 10 day of Nov. A.D. 1899  
and is therefore authorized to officiate in all the duties pertaining to said office  
and calling

By order of the First Seven Presidents of the Seventies  
this 10 day of Nov. A.D. 1899  
Alfred H. Weaver First Secretary  
Leah H. Weaver President

A MISSIONARY BLESSING

Pronounced upon the head of Elder Hyrum L. Rigby, in the Salt Lake Temple Annex, November 10th, 1899, by Apostle Abraham Owen Woodruff.

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Brother Hyrum L. Rigby: In the authority of the Priesthood and. in the name of Jesus we ordain you a Seventy in the Church of. Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and confer upon you all the keys and authority pertaining to this high and holy calling.

- We bless you and set you apart as a missionary to Great Britain, whither you have been called of God, through His Prophet. We seal and confer upon you every gift and blessing necessary to qualify you for the faithful discharge of your duty, and every blessing necessary to cause

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your heart to rejoice on account of the work of the Lord, and because of your

being called to the ministry. We say unto you, dear brother, you shall be blessed, if you are humble, with the graces of the Gospel: You shall be blessed with the gift of discernment and revelation, and you shall have power to lay hands upon the sick and they shall be healed, and you shall have power to lead people into the waters of baptism and afterwards to lay hands upon them and they shall receive the Holy Ghost and testify that God, the Eternal Father, has revealed to them the truthfulness of the Gospel. We bless you that you shall seek diligently to acquire a perfect testimony of the Gospel-and of its principles, that you shall become fully qualified and be able in your humble way' to successfully present the principles of the Gospel and to defend them. We say unto you that if you will study diligently and seek to become efficient, the Lord will enlighten your mind and inspire you that you shall be able to comprehend the Scriptures and\_ to receive a testimony of the divinity of the Book of Mormon and the Doctrine and Covenants, and. all of the Scriptures revealed of the Lord. He will bless you with this knowledge and cause that you shall have joy in testifying to the truthfulness of the same and of the mission of the Prophet Joseph. We bless you that you shall be able to make friends and to adapt yourself to your surroundings and not feel that you are out of place, or that the Lord has made a mistake in calling you, for He has made no mistake. He will forgive you your sins if you will be faithful and true before Him, and you shall feel that this is the case, and that He is with you and approves of your course. We bless you that you shall be able to present the principles of the Gospel in plainness. Be Humble. We admonish you to preach the first principles of the Gospel, that people may not take offense at your sayings. We bless you that you make friends at the fireside and obtain access to the homes of the people. We bless you that you shall be a pillar of strength in the British mission; sustain the presidency of the same and those placed to preside over you, and work in harmony with your companion, and you shall be filled with joy and shall fill this mission to your own satisfaction and to the satisfaction of the Lord. We bless you to this end, dedicate you to the Lord, re-seal upon you your former blessings, and say go in peace and return in safety, by sea and by land, being preserved, and that the inspiration of the Lore. may be with you. This we do in the authority of the Priesthood and in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.-

-Leo Hunsaker, Reporter,



## LETTER OF APPOINTMENT.

ELDER Lyman Rigby

DEAR BROTHER:

This is to certify that you are appointed to labor in the Bristol Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, under the direction of the President of that Conference.

It is your duty to preach the Gospel, to administer the ordinances thereof that pertain to the office of Elder, and to assist your President by discharging all duties which he may require of you, for the welfare of the cause in which you are appointed to labor.

Dear Brother, keep the commandments of God, honor the covenants you have made with the Lord and with your brethren, observe the counsels of those who are placed over you; live a pure life, be humble and prayerful, resist temptation, eschew the very appearance of evil, that the Holy Spirit may accompany your administrations; that the power of your priesthood and calling may increase upon you; and that the hearts of the people may be opened to receive your testimony and to minister to your necessities; and then you will be instrumental, in the hands of God, in turning many from the errors and follies of the world to the knowledge of the truth.

Platte D. Lyman  
James L. McMurrian  
Amey W. Davis Lett

Presidency of the European Mission of the Church  
of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

42 Islington, Liverpool

Decr 2<sup>nd</sup> 1899.

## TRANSFER.

ELDER Hyrum L. Rigby

BELOVED BROTHER:

You are hereby honorably released from your missionary labors in the Bristol Conference, and appointed to labor in the Liverpool Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, under the direction of the President of that Conference.

It is your duty to preach the Gospel, administer the ordinances thereof that pertain to the office of an Elder, and assist your President in discharging any duties which he may require of you, for the welfare of the cause where you are appointed to labor.

Dear Brother, keep the commandments of God, honor the covenants you have made with the Lord and your brethren, observe the counsels of those who are placed over you; live pure, be humble and prayerful, resist temptation, eschew the very appearance of evil, that the Holy Spirit may accompany your administrations; that the power of your priesthood and calling may increase upon you; the hearts of the people be opened that they may receive your testimony and minister to your necessities; and then you will be instrumental, in the hands of God, of turning many from the errors and follies of the world to the knowledge of the truth.

Platte, D. Lyman

James L. McMurrian

Henry W. Wainwright

President of the European Mission of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

42 Lillington, Liverpool, Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 1900

## LETTER OF RELEASE.

ELDER Myrum L. Rigby

DEAR BROTHER:

You are honorably released from your missionary labors in the Liverpool Conference, with permission to return home on the steamship New England which sails January 11th. 190 2

Your labors in the ministry in this land have been satisfactory and, no doubt they will result in much good to the people who have listened to your testimonies and given their minds to the contemplation of the Gospel truths presented to them through your instrumentality.

I pray that the blessings of our Eternal Father may attend you during your journey and that your life may be spared to reach home in peace and safety, there to enjoy the society of loved relatives and friends, at the gathering place of the Saints.

I beseech you, dear brother, to continue your faithful labors in Zion, as directed by the servants of the Lord, to establish the Church and Kingdom of God upon the earth.

Your Brother, in Christ.

*Francis M. Lyman*

President of the European Mission of the Church  
of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

42 Islington, Liverpool; December 27th. 190 1

## HOME SWEET HOME

By Jewel Rigby Widdison

In the summer of 1899 Hyrum L. Rigby, my father of Hooper, Utah rec'd a letter in the mail calling him on a mission to Great Britain.

On Nov. 10, 1899 he went to Salt Lake City to the Church Headquarters and was ordained a Seventy and set apart for his mission by Apostle Abraham Owen Woodruff and left for England on Nov. 11, 1899. Leaving his wife Catharine, my mother and two small children at home. Recta, their little girl was 2 years old and LaVern their baby boy was 4 months of age.

He arrived in Liverpool, England Dec. 2, 1899 taking 21 days, 13 of which were on the Atlantic Ocean on the Steam Ship Rhyland.

He labored in the Bristol and Liverpool conferences of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day-Saints.

He was released on Dec. 27, 1901. Sailed for home on the steam ship, New England Jan. 11, 1902.

While in England he converted a Mr. James Houghton to the gospel. As-a gift, Mr. Houghton carved a souvenir for him to keep as a reminder or memento.

It was a beautiful plaque that said, "Home Sweet Home." He had carved it with his pocket knife out of a thin flat 12" long piece of wood. It could be hung on the wall as an ornament.

It has been a special keepsake for our family all these many years. It still hangs above the door in our home since he brought it home in Jan. of 1902.

On the cold snowy Jan. 2<sup>d</sup>, night that he arrived-by train in Ogden on: his return from his mission, he checked his big trunk and other luggage in the depot. So anxious to get home to his family he turned up his coat collar pulled down his hat and started out walking at 9:00 p.m. in the snowstorm for Hooper, a distance of ten miles.

My mother knew it was time for his release but hadn't heard from him for ft-long time and being so lonely, this night went to bed wondering when he would ever return home, or if she would ever see him again.

On his cold lonely dark walk from Ogden he was passed by only one horse and buggy. He had hoped for a ride but the driver upon seeing a loney walker only whipped his horse and sped past faster than ever.

As he arrived at his home around three a.m. in the morning he was about frozen. Icicles were hanging from his mustache from his breathe and of course he was covered with snow.

When a big knock came on the front door I guess it really frightened my mother, but as you might guess not for long.

While he was away, she had supported him with money, milking her cow, making butter to sell and at times clerking in her sister Sarah Parniund's ice cream parlor. Many is the time her baby buggy sat in the

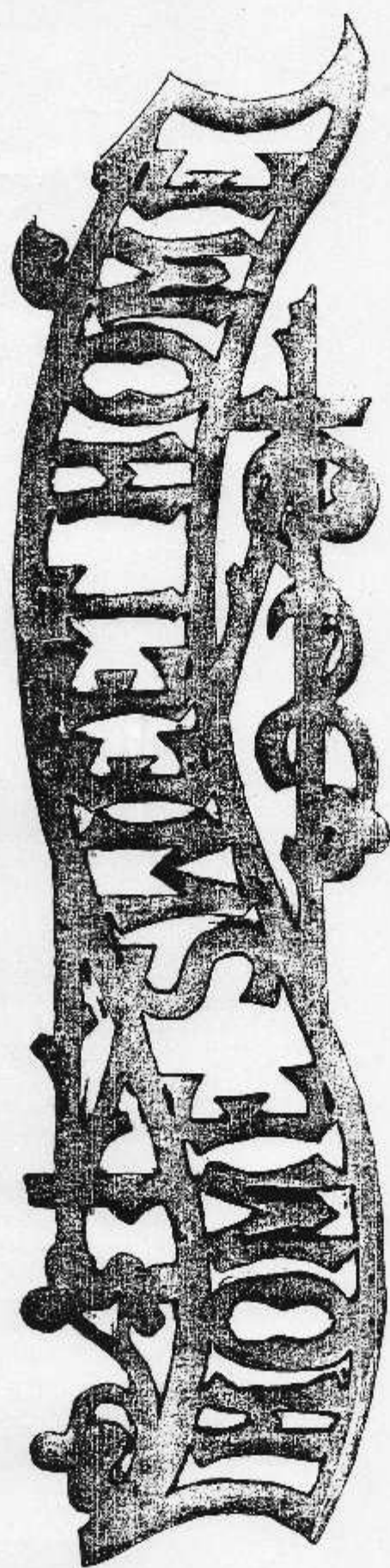
snow with the children in it while she milked and did her chores. She told of how one time a big pig rooted it over, tipping her babies into the mud. Her brother-in-law Alma Rigby helped her a lot.

Hyrum L. Rigby died on Nov. 18, 195 at the age of 80. As he was being viewed in our home before his burial, Mr. Houghton, who had later in life moved to Ogden, Utah came to the viewing. Upon seeing the Home Sweet Home plaque, pointed out to us that it was he who had made it. He<sup>y</sup> remarked of his love and devotion as a friend that he had for Mr. Rigby. He had been out here several times over the years to visit him.

\*Note\* As the mission call came in the mail they could see that it was from Box B. If you received a letter from Box B you knew without further adieu what it meant.



Hyrum L. Rigby 1899-1901  
An Elder  
in Great Britain



Written by Reta Rigby Parker

'when I was the age of 2 years 9 months father was called on a mission to England for the L.D.S. Church, leaving mother and me and my little 9 month old brother Hyrum LaVerne.

Mother, with the help of my grandfather John Rigby and my Uncle Alma Rigby father's younger brother, was left to care for the farm and cows and etc. Mother worked very hard. Many a time us little folks were left in the house alone crying, while mother went out to milk the cows and do the chores. She had quite a time sometimes to get money to keep father. My Aunt Sarah and Uncle Dan Farnlund, mother's sister and her husband, ran the dance hall and ice cream parlor in Hooper. Mother used to go there and work earning some money on the side.

Father stayed 27 months in England. I shall never forget the night he got home. It was a cold night, a fine sleet of snow falling, when he arrived in Ogden, a city about 10 miles away. Instead of waiting until morning, he was so anxious to see us, he decided to walk home. He said he checked his baggage, turned up his coat collar, put his hands in his pockets and started west.

I was just a little girl but I can remember how lonesome mother was that night. We all slept in the front room on the couch. I remember she cried herself to sleep.

Along about 2:30 in the morning a loud knock came at the door. Mother raised up with a start and said, "Who's there." And a voice said, "It's me. Let me in." She jumped out of bed and ran and unlocked the door. It sure was a happy meeting.

Of course my brother did not remember papa and neither could I. We were afraid of him. I thought it was "Amy's Man," as I expressed it. (That was a neighbor's husband) It took us a day or two to get used to him."

Reta's father brought them gifts from England. She got a set of dishes and a picture of a dancing girl in a lovely pink frame.

Tune: Yankee Doodle

1st Verse: Grandpa Rigby went to England To  
serve on a mission.  
He had to walk from place to place, Was  
led by inspiration.

Chorus: Grandpa Rigby served the Lord As a  
missionary.  
Taught the gospel to the people,  
Bore his testimony.

2nd Verse: Grandma had to stay at home  
To tend her two small children.  
She worked hard to earn the living  
And support her husband.

Chorus: She milked the cows and did the chores,  
Worked the ice cream parlor.  
Labored hard the whole day through  
Just to earn a dollar.



Furnels I have taken  
Part in H. D. Rigby

Thomas Moore Talked  
Margret Moore Prayer Home  
Thomas Moore Jr. Dismissal Prayer  
Baby Gaily (Dell) Talked  
Joseph Higley Prayer at Home  
Eva Higley Talked  
John Simpson Talked  
Baby Garner (Ed) Talked  
Beth Burrot Decided to  
Sarah Arave Talked  
Manda Scofield Prayer  
John Marshitt Talked  
Charles Higley Talked  
Eliza Haynes Andrews Talked  
William Wadsworth Prayer  
Baby Parvle (Cork) Decided to  
Charlotte Craythorn Prayer Home  
Mary Webster Decided  
Mary Hull Prayer Home  
Elise Marshitt (Lee) Talked  
Wilmer Rigby Decided  
Baby Rigby (Alma) Decided  
William Garner Prayer  
Levi Cox Talked  
Baby Craythorn (Dewey) Talked  
Baby Stoddard ~~Constitutional~~  
Baby Reed (Lells) Talked  
Bap Baby Decided

Eoline Welch Talked  
Ruth Fowers Talked  
John Dyson Prayer at Home  
Mrs Cook Talked  
Elyde Crane Talked  
Mark Child Prayer Home  
Elizabeth Homing Jr Talked  
Mrs Wm Simpson Prayer Home  
Rose Higley Prayer Home  
Norma Hull Prayer Home  
Robert Hull Prayer Home  
Baby Fowers (Geo C) Talked  
Elizabeth A Christensen Conducted  
Mary Russell Conducted  
Arvel Altwood Prayer  
Arvel Altwood Jr Prayer  
Artine Crane Decation  
Charles Simpson Prayer Home  
Mildred Liptrot Jensen Prayer (husband)  
Martha H Read Talked  
Two Decation  
Sisters  
A C Christensen Prayer Home

## A Tribute to Grandma Rigby

Some folks can do more earthly good  
Just sitting in a rocking chair.  
They're never too busy to help you,  
And you'll always find them there.  
Waiting with patience and kindness,  
In a world too busy to stop.  
With a word to lighten your burden,  
And lift you back to the top.  
We're wishing years of happiness  
To our Grandma neat and dear.  
We hope she'll find new blessings  
With every coming year.

## To Grandpa Rigby

Our Grandpa is a reg'lar guy;  
He's not the least bit droll.  
The fountain of eternal youth  
Bubbles in his soul.  
His patience is amazing.  
His wisdom is supreme;  
We think our Grandpa Rigby  
Is strickly "on the beam."  
And oh, we hope the world can say,  
As time ticks off the clock,  
"They lived the things he always taught,  
Behold! This is his flock!

By Maude Jones Rigby  
A tribute for their 50<sup>th</sup>  
Wedding Anniversary.  
November 18, 1946