

Chapter 03 Where I-We have lived-owned

Route 1, (5 miles North) Idaho Falls

My family was living on a Farm which was at that time was five miles north of Idaho Falls. The Address was given as “The Farm Just North of Beaches Corner”. “**Beaches Corner** was an unincorporated community in Bonneville County, Idaho, United States. Beaches Corner is located at the junction of U.S. Route 26 and Idaho State Highway 43, 5 miles (8.0 km) northeast of Idaho Falls.” Today, Highway 91 going through that part of Idaho is now called I-15. In the early days it was just called the Yellowstone Highway. Beaches Corner is a populated place located in Bonneville County at latitude 43.542 and longitude -111.964. The elevation is 4,790 feet.

Beaches Corner had a gas station and convenience Store. We never had any money and I don't remember of ever even going to the store.

Back at the time that I was born I think that there was an address of Route 1 box?? Highway 91, Idaho Falls, Idaho. Highway 91 went directly passed our 80-acre farm. It was the main route north to Yellowstone Park. I remember in the spring and fall, large herds of sheep were driven up the highway, causing cars to have to ease their way through the sheep herds.



The house on our farm seemed large as a small kid but wasn't. On the ground floor it had a large kitchen, which it seems that it was mostly used as a family room. There was a living room-dining room that was only used on Sunday. The living room heated on Sunday using an oil stove, leaving the coal kitchen stove in the kitchen for regular heating. The picture is of the farm today and is owned by a Female Doctor

We had a Magneto Telephone. It was a rural telephone with everyone in our area on the same telephone line. To get the operator, you would crank the little handle on the side of the

wall telephone. The telephones seemed to be ringing all the time. Our ring was something like three long and two short rings. When the telephone rang, we would start counting the long and the short rings to know it was for us. There was a wet battery located down in the basement that would go dead and had to be replaced to use the telephone. I don't remember using the telephone and didn't know anyone to talk to that had a telephone. Telephones were not to be used by kids.

Originally, there was my parents' bedroom downstairs, later they moved into one of the upstairs bedrooms and converted the downstairs room into a "separator room" after they bought the machine that would take the Cream out of the milk. Previously, pans would be set all over to let the cream come to the surface of the pan and skimmed off. The Cream could be sold, and we would take a little bucket of cream out to the road every morning to be picked up.

The Barn was not much of a building, but it kept the snow off the cows and dad and my brother Orden milked the cow's morning and night. The milking routine started at 4 or 5 in the morning. It was my job to crank the Separator to separate the cream that we sold daily. As dad was a school teacher in Idaho Falls, the milking had to be done in time for dad to get to town to teach his class.

The Grainary had wheat that I played in like sand at a Beach. You could dig a hole and cover up in it. I didn't know the danger of suffocating. The potato cellar was dug into the ground with dirt covered over it. It was large enough to park a Wagon or small truck into it. My only skiing experience was off the potato cellar.

My interest, even as a very young boy was the Machine Shop. It was loaded with antique tools. A previous owner must have done a lot of work in the shop. I don't remember seeing my father with even a screwdriver in his hands. Mother seemed to be very handy with most of the home repairs.

There was a brick garage about 30 Ft. in front of the house north of our driveway. A Pump house that contained the Well water pump located to the South of the house. There was an outhouse at the side of the house I don't remember seeing it used and I don't remember the

indoor bathroom being installed or remodeled. I remember taking baths in the Kitchen in an oblong copper tub. This tub was stored long after we quite using it.

Our crops were sugar beets and grain and my father share cropped. Others would take care of the crop for a percentage of the crop yield. It was exciting when the "thrashers" came to process the wheat fields in the area. The whole area worked together, and we had a large dinner sitting at tables around the front lawn.

We went to Church at the Lincoln LDS Ward. The Lincoln Branch was organized in 1904. In 1904, the population of Lincoln was 500, 83% LDS members. The population in 2000 was still 500 people.

The Children in our farm area went to a small two or three-room school. In that Dad was a school teacher at that time, and taught in Idaho Falls, we drove the 5 miles to school in Idaho Falls.



When we lived on the Farm, the depression affected everyone. I remember a Sheep herder that was unable to find employment



and my parents permitted him to park his Sheep Herders Wagon on our Farm in the winter. The picture of the Wagon is as I remembered the wagon where the sheep herder, his wife and one child lived. I remembered going out to visit during the winter as Mother was concerned about the very cold weather. The picture is typical of the sheep herder's wagon. Three people lived in this cramped space during the winter and summer.

Garland, Utah 1938

My father had a master's degree and wanted to work for the government. He was temporarily employed with a government Agency called "Farm Security Administration" and we moved to Garland, Utah. This was a major change of lifestyle for us. Previous, we grew about everything that we ate, made most of our cloths and wore old shoes or went bare foot. In Garland, everything had to be purchase. It was sure different to eat store purchased food. It was the first time that I can remember being in a store. I attended the third grade in Garland. We lived in an apartment that was associated with a hotel in the middle of town. The lions club met in a room below us and we would hear them "roar."



I was now a "City Kid" and no longer a Farm kid. It took a lot of reorienting myself to live in a City where I could have friends and not have to get up at 4 am every morning to do chores.

Morgan, Utah, East State Street and N Commercial. 1938

Dad was transferred to Morgan Utah. We rented a house, across the street from the major railroad.



It was in the days of the Steam Engines. It took weeks to learn to sleep with noise created by the train traffic. Trains were coming or going day and night.



We had to ride to school in a bus, and that was a different experience. I attended part of the third grade in Morgan. Most of our street was dirt (muddy) even though it had the original Morgan City Stores located on it.

My parents purchased me a season pass to Como springs. I spent the summer swimming and playing at the Como Resort.

172 North 100 West, Saint George, Utah 1939

My father was still trying to get a permanent job with the government in agriculture. They said that they had an opening, but it was a terrible place to live. Dad said that he would take anything. The terrible place to live was St. George. It was a population of 3400 and St. George had no air-conditioning.



172 North 100 West

A few of the wealthy people had fans. My family purchased an evaporative air conditioner as soon as they were available. This home was located just south of the Historic Brigham Young Winter Home where the Center of the LDS Church was centered in 1877. When we lived there, Doctor Gates owned the home and had his office in Brigham Young's Bedroom. I was in the home several times, but only met Mrs. Gates. I remember peeking into the back window of the Brigham Young Office building and seeing it piled with furniture. This home was converted into an office and is still there today.

205 North 100 West, St. George, Utah.

I don't remember much about it but it was a Spanish style home. It had a barnyard located where the St. George City Offices are located now. I remember that we had chickens at that time, and I was

permitted to take an egg occasionally to the bakery and exchange it for a one cent candy that contained two to three chewy candies and a tiny toy and were called "Guess what's". I don't have a picture of this home and it was torn down to build the city offices.

246 West 100 North, St. George, Utah

I don't remember why we moved so often I just remembered that we rented and lived in these homes from the time we moved into St. George in 1939 to 1941. I remember that we were living in this home on December 7, 1941. We were in the church (we met in the St. George Elementary School) that Sunday morning and heard about Pearl Harbor and Church was dismissed and we all went home. One of the things that I remember about this home is that



246 West 100 North

my brother and I had a bedroom downstairs and there was a door opening to the outside and going up steps.

Cedar City, Utah 83 North 100 West. Eden Apartments. 1941

Not long after the war started my father was transferred to Cedar city, homes for rent were very difficult to find and the only place that my parents could find was to rent an apartment at the Eden apartments. Our apartment was on the front north corner on the third floor. The only thing that was available was a one-bedroom apartment for our five-member family had to squeeze in to that one-bedroom apartment. My brother and I slept on a Murphy bed in the front room which we had to pull down every night when we went to bed and put it back up the next morning. My sister Helen slept on a roll away in the kitchen and again that had to be opened up and put away each day. Then my parents had the bedroom. The apartment came with a garage which we stored our car in. I was able to get enough income from jobs doing yard work to rent another garage to keep my stuff in.



83 North 100 West

Cedar City, Utah 83 North Main Street. 1943

My parents rented a three-bedroom apartment which was located above the Mullet jewelry store on Main Street. Access to the apartment by a private door next to the jewelry store and then going up the steps to our apartment. My brother had been drafted in the Army, so I had my bedroom to myself. I had to give up my rented garage at the Eden Apartments, but I did have a small room next to my bedroom that I could put some of my things in. This meant that we lived in the middle of Cedar City, on the main street.



The only benefit of Orden going into the Army was that I inherited a nice bike and I could keep it in the Stair way.

St. George, Utah 276 West 100 North Sept 1945



My Father was transferred to Enterprise, Utah, but we were not able to find a home with indoor toilet's facilities and Mother refused to live in a home that only had an out-house. So, the transfer was to St. George instead. This time, Dad purchased a two bedroom home next door to the home that we had rented at 246 West. My Sister Helen had moved to Salt Lake City and enrolled in a Nursing program.

The home had a partial basement and it was decided to excavate for another room for my bedroom. We cut a window in the foundation and dug out the area for the room by using the window to take the dirt out. That project seemed to take a long time, to take the dirt out and to form and bring concrete in. Finally, the project was finished, adding a door and the window.

My parents wanted a guest bedroom for when we had visitors like her Uncle, Apostle Joseph F. Merrill who stayed with us a couple of times when he was in St. George for conference and other assignments.

Salt Lake City, Utah Rose Park, June 1948

Not having the money to continue to college after I graduated from high school or the money and desire for a mission. I got a job at the Salt Lake Sears tire store. I lived in a garage in new homes being built in the Rose Park area and served as a night watchman. I realized that I needed more education as I didn't want a career in the Sears tire shop.

Looking around at what opportunities that I had, I fell prey to the promise of a Navy recruiter who promised me to train in a Navy Radio Material School. So, I joined the U S Navy.



San Diego U S Naval Training Center July 1948

I arrived at the Naval Training Center for my Basic Training and was assigned to Camp Decatur, company 340.

The Basic training took 11 weeks to complete. I spent my off time at the LDS Services Man's home

At the end of Basic training ("Boot camp") I was assigned to the Navy Class "A" Radio School,



U. S. Naval Station, Kodiak, Alaska February 1949

I was assigned to the Kodiak Naval Base for a week or so while waiting for a flight out to Adak. I looked up some friends that I had met in Radio School and went into Kodiak Village to find several that I was asked to say hello to.



Umnak Air Force Base, Umnak Island, Alaska

Flying in a Navy R3Y four engine cargo Aircraft on our way to Adak, we made an un-scheduled stop at Umnak AFB. We hit a severe weather head, damaging the air ship, making the hydraulics system fail and causing a forced landing. We were told that the Lord blessed us as this WWII landing strip was the only one within a hundred miles that we could land on. All the Islands in the Aleutians Islands are covered by mud and Tundra. (See Alaska chapter 07). We only lived there, waiting for parts and repair of the Aircraft.

U. S, Naval Radio Transmitting station, Rocky Point, Adak, Alaska

My first assignment was to stand Transmitter watches. I think that I spent about six months in this assignment. The normal tour of duty on Adak was one year as Adak duty was a hardship to have to stay longer. That changed after the Korean War Started and no transfers until after the War.



Great Sitkin NOB, Alaska

Great Sitkin NOB was a secrete Base developed toward the end of WWII. It was a supply depot that was stocked with supplies for retaking Attu from the Japanese. A large number of casualties resulted due to inadequate equipment when retaking the Attu Island. A high priority was made for proper support for the retaking of Kiska. Great Sitkin continued to be expanded to provide support for the invasion of Japan. I was the only Radioman as part of the 50-man maintenance team. Nothing had changed since the end of the War. No pictures were permitted.

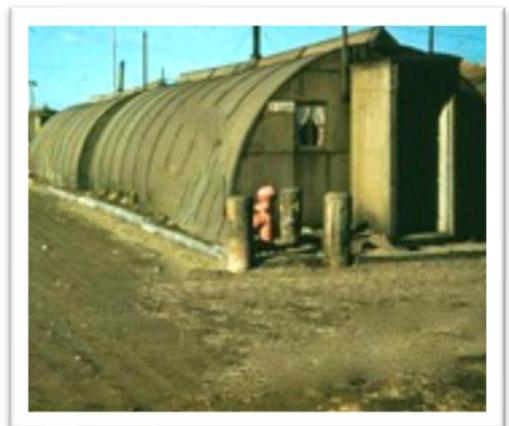
Heart Lake Navy Receiving site, Adak, Alaska

I was transferred to the Navy NOB receiving site. The receiving site was located about 40 miles from the Rocky Point Transmitter Site to reduce interference. Monitoring many radio frequencies was done at this site for



communications with Navy Air Craft, Ships, and Teletype to NOB at Seattle and commercial Ships in Distress. There were no living facilities at

Heart Lake, and we computed from NOB with a “Bomb Buggy”



Radio City, Adak, Alaska

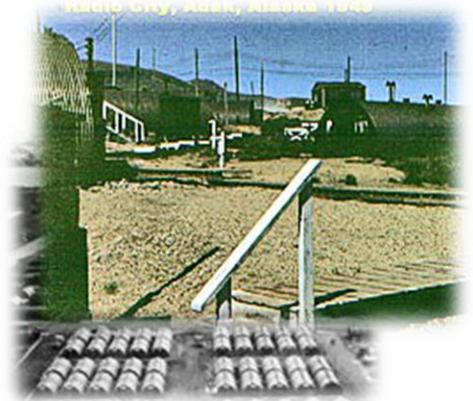


I was station at Radio City for six months. Radio City was a Naval Security Station. Quonset huts were where the personnel lived and some of the other building, such as the mess hall were wood buildings. Wood steps and walkways were common as the mud and tundra were

difficult to walk on.

Naval Operating Base, Adak Alaska

I returned to the Adak Navy Operating Base for a short time. Most of the buildings were Quonset huts. Things were just like it was at the end of the War.



Cheltenham, Naval Radio Station, Cheltenham, MD - 1951



Cheltenham NRS was an Intelligence operating base and Training center for the project that I was assigned too. It was located near Washington DC where I spent my week ends.

My week-end home was called “The Sheridan

Embassy” It was a three-story

apartment that housed 16 priesthood holders that worked for several Federal Government agencies, but as the FBI, CIA. The “house Mother” as he was called worked for the

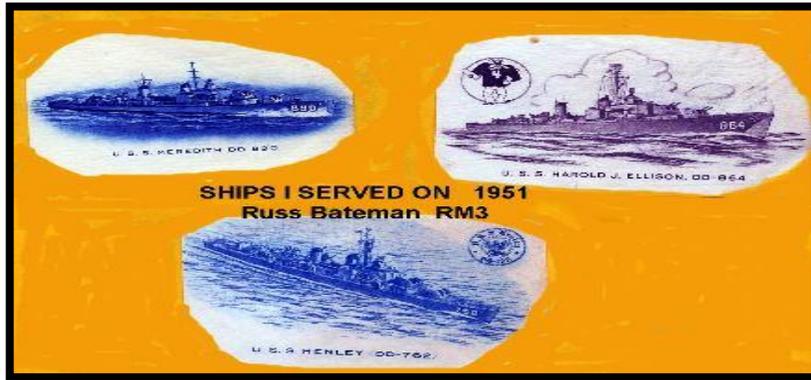


Department of Agriculture and was the "in" charge person.



Park House, Marble Arch, London England, 1951

“You will proceed on 21 February 1951 and report to the U. S. Army Air Base, Westover, Field, Mass. For further transfer on 25 February 1951 to Commander in Chief, Naval Forces, Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean London, England for duty with U. S. Naval



Communications Unit No.32” was the first paragraph of my transfer orders to Comm Unit 32. When in London, I was housed at the Park House, a Hotel leased by the Air Force near the Marble Arch

in Downtown London, England. I had a chance to tour England for a couple of weeks waiting for my assigned ship to arrive at Plymouth, England.

I will serve on three ships on the Comm 32 Assignment while being assigned to the Navy Department London England.

On 10 January 1951, the ELLISON departed Norfolk on her fourth trip to European-Mediterranean waters. Following two months of renewing old acquaintances in the Mediterranean, the ship accompanied the U.S.S. PERRY (DD-844) on a tour of various ports in England, Scotland and Germany.



I arrived in Plymouth England by train on 6 March and found my assigned ship

USS Harold J. Ellison DD 864 (Gearing CLASS) 6 March 1951



The Ship was modified to add our “Spook Room” before it

left the United States. The “Comm 32 Team” Officer was assigned a room in the “Officers Country”, The Chief in the Chief’s quarters and the enlisted men in a sleeping room for just our team. My Arrival filled the shortage of the previous member that was transferred to a Special assignment on a Submarine.



USS MEREDITH DD 890 (Gearing Class) 11 May 1951



USS Meredith (DD-890), a Gearing-class destroyer, was the fourth ship of the United

States Navy to be named for Jonathan Meredith USMC, a sergeant who saved the life of Lieutenant John Trippe of Vixen, during the Barbary Wars



Commissioned: December 31, 1945 Decommissioned: June, 1979 Fate: To Turkey June 29 1979, renamed Savastepe.



USS Henley DD-762 (Sumner Class) 22 SEPT 1951



Builder: Bethlehem
Steel, San Francisco
(Union Iron Works)



Commissioned October 8, 1946

September 23, 1950 Decommissioned:

Naval Security Station, Washington D.C.

Assignment: Contractors Escort. I was assigned to a team of Contractor Escorts that would accompany Contractors wherever they went on the Naval Intelligence Facility.

Naval Radio Station, Imperial Beach, California 1952

I spent my remaining time in the Navy going to Military schools and various assignments.

I enrolled at San Diego Junior College



**National City, California; Our first home was previously a “care takers” home.
20 March 1954.**

4674 Van Dyke Ave. San Diego 16 California

I have been looking for a home in the National City area and selected an apartment that was being refurbished by one of the National City Ward Members. However, it was not ready for us when we were married.



We found a little bungalow that was available. It had a small kitchen – living room. The bathroom and bedroom were very small. The bedroom was a converted porch and only had enough room for the bed. The rented home provided furniture and that helped as we had no furniture of our own.

**3408 Tolas Ct., National City, California 10
July 1954**

Maurice Black was a friend that I met at work. We talked about purchasing a home and he suggested this new sub-division that was being developed in National City. We purchased homes next to each



other with adjacent driveways. The floor plans were similar, but opposites. The homes were three bedrooms, bath and a half. The prices for the homes were \$11,900. I applied for a VA loan.

We had a nice three-bedroom home, but no furniture. I remember sleeping on the floor and no other furniture in the house. We gradually purchased used furniture, paying cash for whatever we purchased. We needed a gas stove and purchased a Chambers through our Bishops Store. I remember it was a struggle paying for it as it was very expensive.



With limited finances, we purchased to miniature cars, Nash Metropolitan and a Crosley Pickup. The Nash was new and a nice, but small car. The Crosley was used and had mechanical breaks. To stop, you step on the break and take both hands off the steering wheel, and if you pulled hard enough, you could stop.

**Julian-lots 1 thru 4 inclusive, Block 41 in Kentwood in the Pines Unit 2 18
November 1955**

I always had a dream of a place up in the mountains. I saw this advertisement and went up to see in in November 1955. The cost was \$550 and the terms were reasonable so we purchased it. We would go up with boxes and buckets and bring back snow to have a snow ball fight on the Green lawn in the sun shine, with the children's new friends.



Delmar Mesa Ranch, Route 1 Box 49, Delmar California 31 March 1956

Gaye and I decided to take a ride up in that part of the country and ended up in the Del Mar Mesa area. We drove into an area of about six homes and found that it had been a Jehovah Witnesses settlement, but several had moved. There was a for sale sign on one of the farms so we stopped to talk to the owner. They were directed to move somewhere in Canada and needed to sell their property. The property was 10 acres with a very small house, an old garage and chicken coop. The Ocean was four and half mile to the west. Water had to be hauled and dumped into a cistern. There was seven miles dirt road to the property.



The \$6,000 price was right, so we purchased it. We rented out National City home and moved to the Ranch. We did some remodeling and developing of the property.

3408 Tolas Ct., National City, California

We moved back to the National City home as our renters moved out and we had to do some refurbishing and repairing and get it ready to sale.

1451 Hubbard Ave, San Diego, California

New home



(10 July 1978??)

Pine Valley Utah

We purchased a lot in Pine Valley, near the Pine Valley Chapel, but had to sell it due to our finances. So, we only lived there in our dreams

St. George Utah, 600 South about 750 East, June 1962

No picture. Home was where the Dixie University Football field is now located

In that we were not able to make a go of the St. George Business, we had to seek employment.

8684 W Brentwood, Littleton, Colorado

I had a job offer from Martin Denver and we rented a home in Littleton, Co. I worked for Martin Denver Test division in an area called the Cells which was a tower where the Titan IV researched and developed.



975 S. Fayette Ave., Salt Lake City, Utah July 1962

Returning to Utah from Colorado, Gaye's Sister-in-law found a place that we could rent. It was a little small for us, but it gave a place to get organized and settled back in Utah.



1138 West Girard Ave.,(Rose Park) Salt Lake City, Utah 31 July 1962

We paid \$13,612 for this home. It had a basement and a Garage. It was not a bad home, but small. We had a terrible neighbor that had a bright light just outside bedroom window and made a lot of noise. He wouldn't work with us at all. This was the time that NAACP was breaking the Black (Negro) into White neighborhoods. The neighbor sold his home at a high price as this was the first Black home in the area. The Black neighbors were far better than the people before them, but it made it just about impossible to sell the home when we wanted to get a bigger home.



3222 South 525 West, Bountiful Utah \$21,000

We purchased this bountiful home as an upgrade to give us more room for our family.



**Lots 338,339,340 Unit 5, Vista Valley Estates,
Duchene County Utah 13 February 1979**



We purchase three lots in Duchene County as an investment. We gave these to our oldest Son. This was another place that we only lived there in our dreams. We had plan to build a Cabin, but it never happened.

Route 1 Box 49, Monroe (Austin) Utah 6 August 1972

Gaye and I did most of the construction of this 6400 Sq. Ft. home. It had a 100 Atomic radiation Protection Factor” Basement fallout shelter on a 5-acre lot. This was the nicest and largest home that we owned.



Acords Lakes 8200 ft elevation Mountain summer retreat.

KSL



Farnsworth Peak



I worked at Farnsworth peak for about 15 years. We would work/live on the peak for eight days and then would be off for thirteen days. So, I lived one third of the time on

the peak.



Dixie Communications Store-St. George

We moved to St. George to take care of Gaye's mother. We lived in the back of our store for a few months



459 East 700 South, St. George, Utah



Rocky Point Cell Site-2 acres



**970 East 700 South
Unit 2, St. George,
Utah (721 South)**



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640-624 East 100 South, Pleasant Grove, our Utah Rental Units



Purchased Plots 2, 3, 4, Lot 7 Block 8 Platt "B" St. George City Cemeteries 8
December 1965

