

THE FAMILY OF ARTHUR MORRISON RAWSON AND MARGARET ANGELINE PACE

Following is Arthur's autobiography as written in 1915. It is included here because he lived in the Farr West area for a number of years, and some of his children married Farr West residents. (No corrections are made in spelling.)

I, Arthur Morrison Rawson, was the ninth child of Horace Strong and Elizabeth Coffin Rawson. I was born June 17, 1840 in Nauvoo, Hancock County, Illinois. When I was about two years old Father moved to Lima Branch in the Yelrome Stake where we resided until the exodus from Nauvoo City in 1846.

We first stopped at Mt. Piscus where we planted a crop and stayed until June or July, then we came to Kainsville and settled about two miles up the Muskrat Creek, one mile west of the Old Indian Mill.

There we cleared off a nice farm where we lived one year. Then father sold out to William Coffin, Mother's cousin, and we made another home about one mile west, where we lived until the spring of 1850 when we sold to Mr. Wolfe, and then we started for the Valley of the Mountains.

We joined President Wilford Woodruff's Company and were in Captain E Whipple ten families. I helped to drive the cow herd part of the way across the plains. We had many experiences while traveling.

I had many boy friends and shared in all the pastimes during the summer. There was nothing of importance that I remember until one day we were traveling up the Platt River. In the afternoon the dogs got after an old buffalo and all at once he started toward the wagon train and came over to one team and jumped over between the wheel, team and wagon, which frightened the team and in a few minutes a few dozen or more of the teams were running in all directions.

Our dear old mother was in the wagon, sick with cholera, but she took no harm for our (team) did not run, but the teams on both sides of us did. There was such terrible excitement, cattle bellowing, men hollering and women crying.

There was one woman ran over and badly hurt. Her horse and buggy were all used up and all kinds of scares but we soon got everything in shape and arrived in Salt Lake pretty well tired out but glad to get there.

In a day or two our brother Daniel came for us and we all went to Ogden and settled between 8th and 9th streets and resided there until Ogden City was laid out when we moved houses and everything we could on lots in the City, lying just south and east of where the Post Office is now located.

The winter of 1850 to 1851 I attended school in Brown's Fort. We had a teacher by the name of Ingram, a gentleman who stopped and wintered. The next winter I went to school in the first school house built in this part, with Miss Chrille Abbot as teacher and we always had a good time.

That fall brother Critchello came to Ogden and taught school during the winter, in the house that was built first, and the next summer and winter he taught in a house a little beyond where Jenkins lived and the north West corner of the block where we lived.

In the early spring I hired out to John Thomas to drive a team and plow his farm. When I got through with him I worked for Edward Bunker and helped him until he got his crops in, then I went to school until fall.

The next winter school was held in a doby house built on the west side of the Post Office. This school was taught by Critchello and by a man by name of Truly. The next spring Father and family moved to Kaysville and bought a farm of Allen Taylor near the foot of the east mountains, near Bares sawmill and put in a large crop and everything did fare for a splendid harvest in the fall but in July the swarm of grasshoppers that came over the east mountains destroyed all the fine crops and that fall father moved to Farmington and I attended school there and had a good time with the young people of Davis County and had spelling matches with the ward joining Farmington to the south, I don't remember what it was called. On two occasions William and I spelled them all down.

The next spring we rented land of Brother Clark and planted it to corn after the wheat had all been eaten up by the grasshoppers and we raised a fine crop which made bread for us and fed the cattle. This was the hardest time we ever had in the valley.

We saved some corn and fodder for Brother Clark and ourselves. We lost most of ours as well as everyone who tuned their stock out on the range and most of the people had to, that winter.

In the spring we sold out what we had there and moved to Payson, Utah. This was the spring of 1857. During this summer I worked for my brother Daniel and the fore part of the winter went to school and the latter part worked for the Church, helping Joseph and Brigham Young take care of the church stock.

We drove them west of town on the lake shores as that was good feed grass and then to the east shore. We stayed home at night and went over and rounded the poor cattle up and drove them to parts that had the best feed. In that way we saved nearly all the Church herd.

In the spring I went to work for the Bishopric. Part of the time I worked in the canyon, lumbering and making roads, and in the latter part of the season I worked on the meeting house.

On May 24, 1857 I was ordained a seventy. I was almost seventeen years old. My brother Daniel B. Rawon ordained me and I joined the 46th Quorum.

That fall Johnson's Army came to Utah and our Militia was called out to keep them from coming into the valley. I was kept home to haul wood and to ride express. I hauled wood for the families whose men were away and rode 1,000 miles express, and as my brother William was brought home sick with rheumatism I had him to look after and my brother Daniel's family, besides Mother and Father and others that needed help. This kept me busy till spring.

I had sown part of the winter wheat. After getting William's crops in and Father's work done I, with seven or eight others, went up Provo Canyon and contracted two miles of road, which kept us busy that summer.

We did pretty well and after putting up hay I went to Camp Floyd and made dobies until I had earned \$300.00 in Gold. I ran a wagon and peddled for a while, then hired out to Brother Thorn to help thrash wheat, at Payson. Then Orville Child and Lehi Curtis and I went out to Fort Ephraim, in Sanpete County and threshed.

I came home to get married. On the 3rd of February 1859 I married Margaret Angeline Pace. We lived in Payson until 1860, then we moved to Ogden. In March 1860 our first baby girl was born. In the fall of 1861 our second girl was born. We have raised a family of ten and have buried two.

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Following are additional facts about the Arthur Morrison Rawson family:

His wife, Margaret Angeline Pace, daughter of James Edward Pace and Lucinda Gibson Strickland, was born 14 Sep 1842 in Nauvoo, Hancock County, Illinois. She and Arthur were

married in Salt Lake City.

Church records indicate that this family had a child born in the Harrisville area in April 1869. It is assumed that they were living in West Harrisville (later known as Farr West), because they first bought some property from his brother Daniel B. Rawson on 18 Mar 1873. Eight of their twelve children were born in this area. Of their twelve children, two passed away before their parents. Their first son, Arthur Franklin, died at age 5, and his sister Martha Amelia Rawson Taylor, died at age 44, leaving ten children—five of them married and five at home ranging from ages 16 to 1.

He was elected Constable and served 20 years at Harrisville.

He was baptized in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at Pottawattamie County, Iowa on June 17, 1848 by his father, confirmed by Bishop Coon. Ordained a Seventy May 24, 1857 at Payson, Utah. He was ordained High Priest and Bishop on November 15, 1891, at Rexburg, Idaho, by Heber J. Grant, who later became President of the Church, and was set apart to preside over the Ammon Ward there in Idaho. He was ordained a Patriarch on June 9, 1901 by Mathias F. Cowley in the Union Stake

He moved his family to Ammon (near Rexburg), Idaho sometime after their last child was born in 1884. Arthur was ordained a Bishop there 15 Nov. 1891. Apparently Arthur and his wife moved back to Farr West, where he bought some property 26 July 1922. He died in Ogden 28 Feb 1923 and his wife died in Ogden 19 Feb 1929. Both are buried in the Ogden City Cemetery.

Arthur had been a strong, well-built man, 5 ft. 10 inches tall, weighing 180 pounds. He was dark complexioned with dark hair and eyes.

THE CHILDREN OF ARTHUR MORRISON RAWSON AND MARGARET ANGELINE PACE:

1. **Lucinda Elizabeth Rawson** was born 9 Mar 1860 in Payson, Utah, Utah. She married (1) 20 Jan 1877 in Ogden, Weber, Utah, William Franklin Owen. He was born 5 Aug 1854 in Ogden, Weber, Utah. She married (2) 11 Nov 1931 in ____, William Franklin Rawson. He was born 20 Oct 1858 in Payson, Utah, Utah.
2. **Margaret Anna Rawson** was born 20 Jan 1864 in Washington, Washington, Utah. She married 20 Apr 1882 in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah, Thomas Wilford Hiatt. He was born 17 Mar 1859 in Millcreek, Salt Lake, Utah.
3. **Martha Amelia Rawson** was born 4 Apr 1866 in Harmony, Kane, Utah. She married (1) 11 Jan 1883 in the Salt Lake Endowment House, James Henry Taylor. He was born 21 Aug 1857 in Bingham's Fort (later Lynne), Weber, Utah.
4. **Arthur Franklin Rawson** was born 7 Apr 1868 (?) in Harrisville (now Farr West), Weber, Utah.
5. **Amanda Jane Rawson** was born 14 Oct 1869 in Ogden, Weber, Utah. She married 13 Feb 1879 (?) in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah, Reuben Hiatt. He was born 28 Dec 1857 in Millcreek, Salt Lake, Utah.
6. **Dora May Rawson** was born 14 Jun 1871 in Harrisville (now Farr West), Weber, Utah. She married (1) 5 Nov 1890 in the Logan Temple, John Abraham Denning. He was born 4 Nov 1856 in Bountiful, Davis, Utah. She married (2) 12 Sep 1911 in Pocatello, Bannock, Idaho, James Arthur Ball. He was born 5 Mar 1869 in Brushy Mountains, Wilkesboro, Wilkes, North Carolina.
7. **William John Rawson** was born 21 Aug 1873 in Harrisville (now Farr West), Weber, Utah.

He married 18 Dec 1895 in Logan, Cache, Utah, Nancy Ett Southwick. She was born 18 Jan 1877 in Lehi, Utah, Utah.

8. **Mary Louette Rawson** was born 10 Aug 1875 in Harrisville (now Farr West), Weber, Utah. She married 1 Nov 1893 in Logan, Cache, Utah, David Henry Grow. He was born 19 Nov 1873 in Huntsville, Weber, Utah.
9. **Horace Edward Rawson** was born 25 Apr 1877 in Harrisville (now Farr West), Weber, Utah. He married (1) 22 Dec 1897 in Logan, Cache, Utah, Esther Ann Richardson. She was born 21 Feb 1882 in Malad, Oneida, Idaho. He married (2) 6 Jan 1909 in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah, Elizabeth Ann Thomas. She was born 16 Feb 1877 in Harrisville (now Farr West), Weber, Utah.
10. **James Daniel Rawson, Sr.**, was born 3 Feb 1879 in Harrisville (now Farr West), Weber, Utah. He married 3 Feb 1898 in the Salt Lake Temple, Sarah Elizabeth Crane. She was born 23 Oct 1878 in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah.
11. **Laura Rawson** was born 26 Jul 1882 in Harrisville (now Farr West), Weber, Utah. She married 6 Feb 1900 in Ammon, Bonneville, Idaho, William David Southwick. He was born 22 Dec 1877 in Bingham, Salt Lake, Utah.
12. **Samantha Percilla Rawson** was born 30 Mar 1884 in Harrisville (now Farr West), Weber, Utah. She married 2 Jul 1917 in Farmington, Davis, Utah, William Wyatt Anderson. He was born 30 May 1886 in „Illinois.

SOURCES:

1. Autobiography of Arthur Morrison Rawson, written in the Taylor Talk Newsletter about 1975. Available in the Ogden Regional Family History Center, 539 24th St., Ogden, Utah.
2. International Genealogical Index on the internet (2008).