



WILLIAM BAILEY LAKE, JR. 1857-1954

William Bailey Lake, Junior was born 4 Oct 1857, in North Ogden, Utah. He was the last of four children and only son of William Bailey Lake and Sarah Jane Marler. When he was six months old his father was killed and scalped by Indians while returning from the Salmon River Mission. Shortly after his father's burial, the Lake family moved to Utah County with the other Saints because of the fear of Johnston's Army being in the area. The families returned to Harrisville in July 1858.

While in Utah County, Sarah Jane Marler Lake married Pleasant Green Taylor who was his father's brother-in-law. She was Pleasant Green Taylor's fourth wife. William Bailey remembers, "Two of them [the wives] lived on one side of the road and two on the other, but they were like one big happy family."

William Bailey attended his first school in Harrisville. It was a "little log cabin with benches made from slabs." Mary Shupe was his teacher, and he remembers feeling humiliated when he whispered and she made him stand on one of the benches.

During William Bailey's childhood, the people traded for goods because cash was scarce. His mother worked hard and would card, spin, and weave wool and then make their clothes. They only had one pair of shoes per year. He recalls, "We certainly had to be careful with them to make them last. We went barefoot a lot and kept our shoes greased to preserve them. I remember when I herded sheep in the spring of the year I used to pick my way around the spots of snow because I was barefoot."

One event William Bailey never forgot was when he saw a train for the first time. He remembers that "It was traveling along the tracks very slowly and I climbed upon the roof of our home to see it better. I shouted at mother and told her to come quickly that a number of houses were moving around down west of our place and just then the engine let out a beller which scared me so much I tumbled right off the roof." During the railroad construction, men camped at Farr West. William Bailey remembered that the family traded eggs for sugar with the railroad cooks. Sugar was scarce and the railroad men always liked fresh eggs. He remembered, "Our food was just ordinary, but we always had plenty. Mush and milk were served a lot and potatoes and what was known as "Mormon" gravey, made of milk."

William Bailey Lake married Ida Bingham on 27 March 1878 in the Endowment House in Salt Lake City. He is found on the 1880 Census of Harrisville as a railroad hand, age 22, with his wife, Ida, 19, and 5 month old son William B. Lake. He and Ida build the house at 931 North Harrisville Road in 1879. The family had two children, William Bailey (1879) and Josephine (1881). Josephine died the day she was born and Ida died two days later in August of 1881.

William Bailey later married Sarah Emily Heninger on 22 Nov 1883. They were the parents of six children: Wealthy and Walter (1884), James Morgan (1888), George William (1889), Lisle Orane (1894), and Horace Cowley (1897). George William and Walter both did not live to adulthood.

The Lake family is found in the 1900 Census: William B., 42, farmer; Sarah E, 40; William, 20, railroad blacksmith; Wealthy, 15, at school; James M., 12, at school; Lisle L., 5; and Horace E., 2. In the 1910 Census the family, still in Harrisville, includes: William B., 52, carpenter; Sarah E., 51; James M., 22, packing company laborer; Lisle L, 15; Horace C., 12.

William Bailey's wife, Sarah Emily, died 25 February 1918 in Harrisville. The 1920 Census finds William Bailey Lake, Jr., living in Harrisville, Utah, age 62 as a farmer who owns his own farm. He is living with his son, Horace C. Lake, age 22.

On 18 March 1920, William Bailey married Minnie Sheldrick Harding in Salt Lake City, Utah. She died in 1924. By 1940, William Bailey Lake had moved to Ogden, residing at 2721 Gramercy. He died on 30 March 1954 in Ogden, Utah and was buried in the Ogden City Cemetery.

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Bingham, Ida	Lake, Sarah Emily Heninger
Harding, Minnie Sheldrick	Lake, Sarah Jane Marler
Heninger, Sarah Emily	Lake, Walter
Johnston's Army	Lake, Wealthy
Lake, George William	Lake, William Bailey
Lake, Horace Cowley	Lake, William Bailey III
Lake, Ida Bingham	Lake, William Bailey Jr.
Lake, James Morgan	Marler, Sarah Jane
Lake, Josephine	Salmon River Mission
Lake, Lisle Orane	Shupe, Mary
Lake, Minnie Sheldrick Harding	Taylor, Pleasant Green