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## PREFACE

I take sole responsibility for what has gone into these pages. I have searched histories and corrected a few things that I felt needed correcting. I have visited with people and after writing down the things they told me, I have taken them back for corrections. A few friends have written their own experiences and I have copied them as they were written. Other things I have written from memory. I am hoping the reader will enjoy some of these Bits and Pieces.

"Ever notice how much better  
"Those tales from our youth depict us  
"As the years leave fewer witnesses  
"Who are able to contradict us?"  
--George O. Ludcke, The Wall Street Journal

I will say of my writings like in the Book of Mormon, I Nephi 19: 6-7 . . .

6. "And now, if I do err, even did they err of old: not that I would excuse myself because of others, but because of the weakness which is in me, according to the flesh, I would excuse myself.
7. "For the things which some esteem to be of great worth--others set at naught and trample under their feet."

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Photo of Leeds, December 1915



Photo showing Leeds and Log Cabin Inn, built sometime after 1915



Last of the Cabins from the Log Cabin Inn  
Taken July 7, 1995, two weeks before they were burned down by a controlled fire.

## INTRODUCTION AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Bits and pieces are the spice of life, and this book is full of them. They are the memories you have in your twilight years. That is probably why they are called the Golden Years.

We have had some wonderful homecomings here in Leeds. Our last one was August 8, 1981. So many of those that came then are no longer with us, and many of those that lived here have passed on. The community has changed drastically. If old-timers came back, who would they know? I have lived here all my married life and I don't know half the people around here; not even half of the ones that come to church. Of all of the people I know that have moved in, Leeds has reaped the cream of the crop.

Most of the stories told here are written from my point of view, and as far as I know, they are correct. If anyone else saw them in a different light, I invite you to write your own version. I have had constant encouragement through all my searching.

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When I had problems with my computer and didn't know what to do, I turned to my dear friend Doug Burt. Another friend, Alan Howard, willingly took an aerial photograph of Leeds and had it blown up for my front cover.

I have made a thorough search for the Articles of Incorporation for the Town of Leeds, but all efforts have hit a blank wall. All I have been able to find is who wrote them and he is no longer among the living. Clair Stirling says he doesn't know whether we ever had a copy of them in the Leeds files. Are we incorporated???

To lend interest to the reader, I have included several personal stories of a number of the Leeds residents and their relatives. The facts in all of them are basically true. I am sure there are many others equally interesting, but the ones I have used are the ones people have been kind enough to give to me, some by word of mouth and others in written form. Some of them I have participated in and am familiar with.

It will probably be said that I have omitted material and events that should be included. I am quick to agree, but I have done the best I can.

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