

ELGIN AND VIVIAN GRAFF HOME

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The Elgin Graff Home was built in 1938-39. It was built by three men as contractors. They were: Len Carter, Joe Riding and Hans Anderson. We, as a family, moved into our home, March 31, 1939. Our family consisted of three daughters at that time, Lorna, Doris, and Emogene (Gene as she was called), being just two months old. Up until this time, we had lived with Elgin's mother, Emma Graff, in her home. The night Gene was born, it began to snow. This was Jan. 30, 1939. Up until this time, we had had no snow. The snow was about two feet deep and stayed on the ground for about a month. Grandma Graff and Elgin had a hard time keeping my room warm with an old-fashioned fire place. Grandma carried such large logs to keep the fire burning so Gene and I would survive the cold weather. When we moved into our new home, we really enjoyed *having* more room and having everything new.

Our son, Clark, was the only baby born in our home. John, Ken, and Jeri were born in the hospital in St. George, Utah, and Lorna, Doris and Gene were born in Grandma Graff's Home.

Our family consists of seven children, four girls and three boys plus a still-born baby boy.

We have kept pur home modern. We just installed a new gas furnace and a refridgeration unit, and we purchased a big screen TV and a new stereo, including a record player in 1996.

Elgin and I are still living in our home and enjoying it. Elgin is going to be 88 yrs. old on June 29, 1996, and I was 84 yrs. old Dec. 28, 1995.

Our family has grown through the years from seven children ~~to~~ a posterity of 112 plus three on the way. This count was made on Mother's Day, May 12, 1996. We are grateful to our Heavenly Father for the special spirits that have come into our family.

We had one son, John D. Graff, serve a mission in England. We have two grand-sons serving at the present time. Jason Larson serving in the Mississippi-Jackson Mission and Derek Graff serving in the Texas-Fortworth Mission. We hope and pray that we will have more grand-sons wanting to go on missions in the future.

Elgin and I became great-great-grand parents in January 1996. Jason McArthur and his wife, Michele, had their first child and our first great-great-grand child.