

THIRD GENERATION

ANGUS BYARD PRICE

(Son of Ezekiel Price and Elizabeth Rhoda Watkins)

Angus Byard Price, born 27 November 1878 in Draper, Utah, was the seventh son and eleventh child of Ezekiel Price and Rhoda Elizabeth Watkins Price. Angus (generally called "Ang") was named after Ezekiel Price's good friend and Church leader, Angus Cannon. Elder Cannon had the privilege of giving the infant Angus his Church blessing when he was officially named. Young Angus grew up with a sense



Angus is held on his father's lap in this 1881 family photo. Front, left to right: Aaron, Rhoda, David, Ezekiel, and Angus; rear, Port, George, James, and Ezekiel William.



of humor that would become notorious; he loved to tease anyone and everyone. Being raised on a farm, he also worked as hard as he played.

Angus was ten years old when he was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Draper on 1 September 1889; Joseph M. Smith performed the baptism and John Fitzgerald confirmed him a member. Baptisms in those years were usually performed in a pond at the end of town.

Angus's father Ezekiel Price was a farmer and self-taught veterinarian who loved horses and took pride in his ownership of them. Angus grew up helping to raise and care for his father's fine horses, but he did not develop Ezekiel's same affinity for them. In later years, Angus would use horses on his own farm when necessary, but he had no desire to ride or own a lot of horses.

Angus was fourteen in 1892 when his father died of pneumonia, and he and his younger brother Aaron had the responsibility to help his mother Rhoda on the farm. His older brothers were by that time either married or had moved away to find work to support the family. Angus found he liked farming.



Young Angus (left) and his younger brother Aaron.

At age seventeen, Angus was severely injured. He was milking the cows when one discontented cow refused to stay still. In a temper, Angus kicked the cow. The cow kicked back, hard, striking Angus in the leg and breaking it in three places. The doctors who looked at the leg declared it couldn't be saved and wanted to amputate immediately. Angus stubbornly refused, declaring, "No! If I am to die, I will die with it on!"



The old Price house in Draper, Utah (13156 South Fort St.), where Angus was born in 1877. Newer additions have enlarged the original house.

Angus and his family set the leg themselves as best they could with a wooden splint and hoped for the best. As a result, although Angus lived, the leg never healed correctly: it was always a half-inch shorter than the other leg, and Angus would walk with a distinctive limp the rest of his life. In his later years, Angus would often use a baseball bat for balance,

then eventually acquire a cane. Angus would find his cane particularly useful whenever he wanted to capture a grandchild at family outings!



"Lu" Williams, at seventeen, her age when she met Angus in 1898.

—and she had a naturally competitive nature.

As it happened, Angus was still out in the barn milking when Aaron arrived at the house with the girls in his buggy. The first look the two girls had of Angus was when he entered the house in his rough work clothes and faced them with a bucket of milk dangling from each hand. Aaron introduced Angus' date, Emma, and then Aaron's own younger date, Lucy. Angus left to change and spruce up. After a few minutes, Angus returned and stood in the doorway. As Lucy later recalled, *"...Angus came and stood in the doorway looking all around the room. I was watching him, and I thought, 'I wouldn't mind having him.' When his eyes met mine, he came straight to me, and that was the beginning of the end. He didn't want my chum, Emma!"*

The Price home in Draper had a large front room which Ang's mother Rhoda liked to use for entertaining. She often invited neighbors and friends over for socials and an evening of dancing. On one particular evening, in December 1898, Ang's brother Aaron arranged to bring two girls over to double date with himself and Angus. Aaron picked a girl named Emma Tillick to be Ang's date, while he himself had his eye on Emma's younger friend, seventeen-year-old Lucy Williams, from American Fork. Lucy was an athletic girl, born in Auckland, New Zealand, to a Scottish father and a New Zealand mother of English descent. Lucy liked sports and loved to participate in women's races — she usually won



Lucy with her parents, James Clark Williams and Sarah Porter Rogers Williams.

Lucy had both Angus and Aaron at her side all evening, but Angus was the one who dominated her attention.

Within a few months, Ang and Lucy—often called “Lu”—had become an item. On 5 September 1899, when they knew Lucy was celebrating her eighteenth birthday, Ang and Aaron made sure their afternoon chores were finished early. They scrubbed up, jumped into their Sunday-go-to-church clothes, then hitched up Mother Price’s buggy. They headed for Lehi, intent upon reaching the home of Lucy’s sister, May Williams Fox, before sundown.

As the story was later told, Angus had a twinkle in his eye as he and Aaron engaged in a dialogue: “I’ll bet Lu and Amy [Lucy’s sister] will be surprised to see us—they won’t know

what to do,”

Angus told

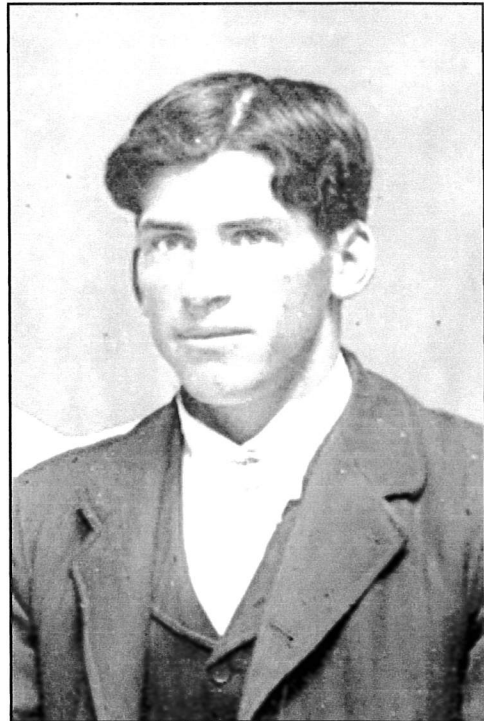
Aaron. “I can hardly wait to see the look on their faces when we pull up at May’s house.”

With a grin, Aaron teased, “It’d serve you right if Lu wasn’t at May’s house. With your not telling her we’d be dropping in, she’s probably going back to American Fork to celebrate. You should have told her you’d be coming.”

“That would only spoil the fun,” Angus chuckled.

The sun had just begun to slip behind the western mountains when they reined up in front of May’s white frame house in Lehi. Lucy’s younger sister Amy was the first to see the boys and came scurrying through the gate to meet them.

Excitement danced in her eyes as she spoke: “Angus, how in the world did you and Aaron find out about the party?”



Angus still had the mischief lurking in his eyes when he was married in April of 1900.



As it turned out, Lucy really didn’t mind missing her first surprise birthday party...

Party?— Now it was the boys who were surprised. They knew nothing about a surprise birthday party.

“Yes!” exclaimed Amy. “May and I have invited some of the girls over, and tonight we’re giving Lu a surprise birthday party. When I saw you and Aaron all dressed up, I thought May had sent you an invitation without my knowing about it.”

Angus and Aaron both felt grins creeping over their faces at the thought of Lucy’s mildly disapproving sister, May, inviting Angus to *anything*. The boys alighted and were walking with Amy toward the house. Amy had just begun to tell them how welcome they were, when an astonished older sister, May, met them at the gate: “Angus Price! What are you and Aaron doing here?”

Angus smiled. “Oh, we’ve come to help celebrate Lu’s birthday.”

“I’m really sorry, Ang,” May replied, “but our gang of girls have planned a surprise party for Lu. Some have already arrived, and she doesn’t even know you are here. So, if you hurry and get back into the buggy and leave, she’ll never know you were here.” At that, May turned abruptly and hurried into the house.

May’s curt words hurt Ang’s pride, and he had to subdue a brief flush of anger. Then a merry twinkle appeared in his eyes as he spoke to Amy in a very serious voice: “Listen, Amy. Maybe I can help you with the party while I’m here, even if I can’t stay. You go on in and tell the rest that Aaron and I are here, and that we’ve come to take you and Lu for a short ride. Explain to May that we’ll be gone just long enough for all the girls to get here and get things all set.”

Amy apparently convinced May that Ang’s plan was the thing to do. When Amy returned to the gate, an excited and unsuspecting Lucy was with her. The girls were helped up into the buggy, Angus clicked the reins, and they were off.

When Angus saw they were safely out of sight of May’s house, he pulled on the reins. As the horses stopped, he said, “Amy, you and Aaron go over to Millie Thompson’s and wait for us. Lu and I’ve got a thing or two to talk over. We’ll come right back.”

No one today knows what Ang and Lu had to discuss. Nor has anyone reported just what a besieged Aaron had to say to a house full of angry girls waiting in vain for Angus and Lucy to return; however, the complaints of the girls probably seemed mild compared to what Angus heard from an irate May when he brought Lucy back after midnight.



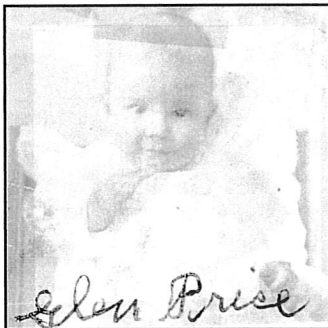
Angus and Lucy were married 18 April 1900 in the Salt Lake Temple. Ang's brother , James E. Price, had his own marriage sealed in the Temple at the same time. Lu's happiness helped diminish her chagrin over arriving for her wedding on a potato wagon.

Lucy had indeed missed out on the first surprise party given in her honor, but she afterward defended the right of Angus to attend it. Angus did not seem to mind the scoldings he received; neither did he seem to care that May never believed his story that the "kidnap" was not deliberate and that, intoxicated by the evening and Lucy's presence, he had simply lost track of the time!

The courtship between Angus and Lucy continued, and they were married 18 April 1900 in the Salt Lake Temple. Ang's

mother Rhoda may have had some reservations about the marriage: Rhoda learned that a neighbor was delivering a wagon load of potatoes to Salt Lake on the wedding day. Ever protective of her livestock, Rhoda could not see the sense of sending her buggy and horses all the way to Salt Lake when Angus and Lu could just as easily ride in with the neighbor. Consequently, Angus and Lu got up early in the morning and rode from Draper to the temple on a wagon full of potatoes. Lucy, understandably, always felt afterward that they should have been allowed to take Rhoda's buggy—riding on a load of potatoes was neither romantic nor comfortable!

Ang and Lu were met at the temple by Ang's older brother James E. Price and James' wife Fannie. Jim and Fannie, who had been married in a civil ceremony two years before, had traveled down from their cabin in Duchesne County to witness the wedding; they had also decided to have their own marriage sealed for eternity in the temple at the same time as Angus and Lucy.



Angus and Lucy spent the first year and nine months of their marriage in Draper. Their first child, Angus Glen Price, was born two days before Christmas of 1900.

By the second year after their marriage, Angus had built a comfortable two-bedroom home and was farming 60 acres of land. It was at this time that Ang's older brother, Dave and Will, persuaded him to sell his Draper property and move with them to Basalt, Idaho. The three men hired a freight car to carry all the furniture and the cows, horses, and other livestock, and the families left by train on 21 January 1902 for Idaho Falls. Dave had already settled his family in Basalt, but Angus had Lu and their child, and Will had his wife and six children. After disembarking at Idaho Falls, the two families stayed with a cousin, Moroni Price, for a week, then traveled by bob sleigh through the snow to Will's property twelve miles northeast of Idaho Falls. The small one-room shanty on the property was a disappointment. Although it was much too small for two families, they decided to make the best of it, chopping mounds of sagebrush every day to keep two fires going. Lu had brought a large quantity of bottled fruit which from lack of space they were forced to store in the granary. Naturally, the fruit froze solid, and nearly every bottle broke. "What a waste!" Lu afterward wrote, "...It was a cold, cold winter!"

Spring brought escape from the crowded shanty. Angus bought what seemed to be a promising property a few miles northwest of Idaho Falls. It had a two-room house with a spacious cellar and a large barn sitting on forty acres. After moving in, they found that the cellar regularly flooded with several inches of water. When Angus planted a crop on the forty acres, the yield was dismal; the only real return on their labor came from their small garden.

Meanwhile, Lu was again with child. As the time for the delivery drew close, Lu traveled to American Fork to be



Earl Louis Price, about 1906, when he was four.

with her parents. Earl Louis Price was born at her parents' home on 17 November 1902.

When Lu returned to Idaho with the new baby, Angus had concluded that their farm acreage was fit only for pastureland. He and Lu decided to sell or trade the forty acres. As Lucy later recorded, *"A man wanted to trade us two houses and [two] lots for our forty acres. He said how much rent we could get for them. Both lots were in Idaho Falls, one near the Snake River and the other on the other side of town. He said they happened to be empty just then, but we wouldn't have any trouble renting them. He said they may need a little fixing up."*

Angus made the trade for the two town lots apparently sight unseen. At the same time, he made arrangements to rent a 160-acre farm in Taylor, Idaho, west of Idaho Falls. As Ang and Lu were making the move to Taylor, they looked in on their newly acquired Idaho Falls properties to see how much "fixing up" was actually required. Lucy later wrote: *"Angus went to see the one by the river. I stayed in the wagon. He said he wouldn't want anyone to live in that place, and it looked like no one had for a long time. We drove to the other place. Neither of us got out. It was dilapidated. The doors were hanging loose and the windows were all broken. It didn't look like anyone had lived there for years. We never went back. We didn't even try to sell them. We sure got stung!"*

When Ang and Lu arrived on the farm in Taylor, they found a nice house with two rooms. Angus promptly added a third larger room and settled down to farm. The land proved fertile and gave a good return on his crops. He and Lu were to remember their time in Taylor with fondness. A creek went through the front corner of the land and proved to be a congenial place to raise geese. One big gander, however, had a belligerent temper and would chase anyone unwary enough to come near. On one occasion, Ang's younger brother Aaron was visiting. Although Aaron had been threatened by the gander before, he approached the creek once again, and the irate gander was in instant pursuit, this time catching Aaron by the seat of his pants. Lucy remembered, *"Aaron came running for the house yelling all the way. The gander hung on, flapping his wings against him every step of the way until Aaron had reached the house."* Aaron's plight provided great entertainment for the rest of the family.

The farm's prosperity was in one way unfortunate: the owner was able to sell it to a third person for a good price, and Angus and his family were obliged to move. Angus rented another farm a few miles distant. There was a delay in waiting for the previous occupants of the farm to move out, however, and the Price family was obliged to

spend a night in an old unoccupied house. As Lucy remembered:

"This house had been empty for a long time, and it smelled strongly of skunks. We left our cupboard and other things outside, as well as our food. There were several holes that went under the house. Angus went around and filled them all in so the skunks couldn't get under there. In the night, there was such a noise under the floor and much thumping against the floor. The smell was something terrible! The bed was by the window. I had the window wide open, however, it wasn't good enough. I spent the night sitting up in bed with my nose to the window in order to get a little fresh air. I'll never forget that night!!!! It seems that when Angus filled those holes up, he locked the skunks in, instead of out as we had planned. We couldn't use our milk or butter as they tasted like skunk too.

"We went over to the place we rented and told the people we couldn't stay there, so they moved out. The house they lived in smelled a little skunky too. There was a trap door to go under the floor. Angus found a skunk under there and chased it out through a hole. He closed the hole, and that was the end of the skunks!"

As it turned out, the new farm prospered. Lucy later wrote:

We planted grain and one-half acre of potatoes. We had hay too. Our potatoes didn't look very good. The neighbors were very nice and we would help each other. They would josh us about our poor potato crop. When it was time to dig the potatoes, they said they would dig theirs first as it wouldn't take long to get ours up as we wouldn't have many. Their potatoes turned out very poorly, and ours were very good.



Lucy holds baby Bert on the Taylor, Idaho, farm in 1906. Lucy's mother, Sarah Rogers Williams, stands left. Lucy worked alongside Angus in the field while her infant lay nearby on a shaded quilt.

We got 100 sacks on half an acre, and they didn't get that much off from an acre. So we had the laugh on them. We had a good crop of wheat too."

On 1 June 1905, Lucy delivered a third son, Bert Leland Price, born in Taylor. It was not long, however, before Lucy was back helping on the harvests. Lu would place baby Bert on a quilt in the shade, then work alongside Angus. Angus would cut and haul the wheat, then Lu would stack it. That season, they had two large wheat stacks.

The harvest of 1907 was anticipated to be the most promising yet. Unfortunately, a dam upstream broke, flooding out all the farms below. The Prices and all their neighbors lost their entire crops. Lucy went into such a depression that her family sent her sister Amy from Salt Lake City to cheer Lu up. Amy, however, felt so bad about this run of bad luck that Angus now had *two* crying women to deal with.

Lucy's father was at that time running a successful hot pie shop in downtown Salt Lake City, and he offered Angus a job. Lucy was ready to return to Utah, so Angus held an auction sale for all their furniture, machinery and livestock. Angus and Lu moved into a home in Salt Lake City owned by Lu's father, James C. Williams, at #17 Grape Street

(now known as 117 North Almond Street) just above North Temple street and just two blocks from the pie shop.



Angus stands in front of the J.C. Williams Hot Scotch Pie shop, then located at 61 West 100 South, Salt Lake City. Photo taken about 1907.

Lu's father, James Clark Williams, was trained as a baker in Kirkcaldy, Fife, Scotland. After a sojourn in New Zealand, he brought with him to America a recipe for "hot scotch pies" which he used to start a business at 61 West on First South in Salt Lake City (located across the street from the present-day entrance to the Crossroads Mall). With family help, Jim's Hot Scotch Pies became a local tradition. (Jim Williams later went into temporary partnership with Morrison and Sons, and his meat pies were then sold under the Morrison name—in fact, Jim's Hot Scotch Pies are still made and sold today, under the name of "Morrison Meat Pies.")

Angus helped run his father-in-law's Hot Scotch Pie shop on First South. The shop was next door to Baer's Saloon. It was soon found convenient to cut a hole between the two establishments to allow bartenders to pick up pies from the shop to serve their customers. Angus sold all kinds of cakes, cookies, candies, ice cream, bread, and soda water. Nearly all the baking was done by the family.

On 29 December 1907, Ang's fourth son, LeRoy James Price (known always as "Roy") was born in the Grape Street home. The following February, however, little Bert, just two years and eight months old, contracted pneumonia. Bert died on 16 February 1908 and was buried in the Salt Lake City Cemetery.



Baby Bert Leland Price, born in Taylor, Idaho, in 1905, died in February of 1908.

Angus and Lu lived for a short time at 471 South 200 East, then decided to purchase a two-room home at 640 East Driggs Avenue in the Forest Dale section of Salt Lake. Angus added three more rooms to make it a comfortable family dwelling. It was in this home that their fifth son, Ralph Williams Price, was born on 7 December 1910.



Glen, age 10, died in September 1911.

Tragedy again visited the Angus Price family on the early evening of 9 September 1911. Angus asked his oldest son, Glen, age ten, to go the blacksmith's and fetch a shovel which Angus had left to be repaired. Glen was crossing the road at Seventh East and Simpson Street when he ran into the path of the local northbound street car and was struck. Weeping neighbors brought the mangled body back to his parents. Glen was laid to rest beside his small brother Bert in the city cemetery.

Lu took Glen's death particularly hard. Angus did not believe the motorman's story that Glen had been playing with two other



640 East Driggs Avenue, Salt Lake City, about 1912. Lucy stands behind three of her sons, (left to right) Roy, Ralph, and Earl. Two other sons, Glen and Bert, had died.

boys and had ignored several bell warnings given by the motorman on the speeding car. Angus conducted his own investigation which confirmed that Glen was actually alone; the investigation cast the rest of the motorman's story into doubt, but little more could be done.

The Price family moved again in early 1914. This time, Angus bought a lot on Green Street and built a delightful brand-new frame home. His first daughter, Lucy Marie Price, was born in the home on 31 May 1914.

About that same time, Lu's older sister, Ada, and her husband, Ed E. Miller, were running into financial constraints. Ed had signed a promissory note to buy 120 acres of dry farm land located in the



The Angus and Lucy Price House on Green Street, about 1913. Lucy's children, Roy, Ralph, and Earl stand at the side in their standard overalls.



The Angus Price family, all "spiffed up," in 1920. Left to right: baby Mel, Lucy, Ralph, Marie, Velma, Angus, and Roy. Behind is Angus' beloved 1917 Model T Ford "flivver."

southernmost part of Tooele County, just two miles directly south of the Lofgreen train stop on the Union Pacific route. This was part of an area that had once been full of lush grass, but overgrazing by cattle ranchers in the late 1800s had turned the land back into pure desert. Experimental dry farming in this area had recently shown that wheat and lucerne crops might be successfully grown to replace the sage and juniper that now predominated. Ed Miller hoped to duplicate their success. In addition to the 120 acres, he had purchased an adjoining 80 acres from the State of Utah, paying \$200 for the patent.

Because Ed and Ada now needed cash, Angus agreed to buy the patented 80 acres, paying his brother-in-law \$550 for the desert property. Unfortunately, the dream of raising crops on the arid land was an illusion. Angus held on to the drought-stricken property for a few years, then finally jettisoned it, selling the 80 acres to Herman Lofgreen for the nominal sum of \$10.

As much as Ang and Lu enjoyed their new home on Green Street, trouble intervened in the form of an insidiously dishonest neighbor boy. Angus and Lu decided to remove their children from the boy's influence and sold the home in 1915. The family moved to a home at 1212 West Pacific Avenue (450 South). Their second daughter, Velma Sarah Price, was born there on 25 January 1917. Not long after, the family moved a few doors down the street to 1186 West Pacific Avenue.

In 1917, the family's prosperity was such that Angus decided to buy a car. In those days, it wasn't possible to go to a lot, pick out a particular car, and bring it home. Angus went to the Ulcer Smith



The Angus Price family, in their more usual clothes, on 9 May 1920. Left to right: Lucy, Ralph, Marie, Roy, Velma, and Angus. Even the 1917 Model T is dressed down.

Ford dealership in January of that year and ordered a Model T Ford. The dealership promised to send the car in about a month. When no car appeared, Angus began dropping in on the dealership every few days. Still, no car appeared. May came, and again no car; then June, then July. As each holiday passed, the family suffered deeper disappointment. Finally, three days after the 24th of July Pioneer Days celebration, the car arrived.

Angus had never driven a car, so the salesman took him down to Liberty Park. After some very brief instructions, the salesman turned Angus loose behind the wheel. Ang's son Earl, then fourteen, rode along. Angus headed for home, but ran into trouble as he tried to cross some railroad tracks, and the car engine died. Car motors in those days had no self-starters. They had to start the engine by manually turning a hand crank. Angus and Earl wore themselves out trying to restart the engine for about an hour. Finally, a man on a passing sprinkling wagon saw their plight. He sprang down and helpfully started the car for them.

Everyone at the Price home was excited to see the new car. They all piled into the car for their first ever ride, then realized it was time for the children's church Primary classes. Angus drove Lucy and the children to the church building. After his earlier experience at the railroad crossing, he was afraid he wouldn't be able to restart the car again, and so he left the Model T parked and running outside the church building for an hour and a half until the classes concluded.



In 1922, Ang's 1917 "flivver" was still a source of pride. Here is the Price family again on the Union farm. Left to right: Roy, Ralph, Velma, Lucy, Mel, Angus, and Marie.

By 1919, Ang and Lucy were again concerned about the influence of p r o b l e m neighborhood boys on their children, and they decided to move again. This time, Ang acquired a twenty acre farm in Union, Utah. (The community of U n i o n ,

originally known as Union Fort, was also referred to in pioneer times as South Cottonwood; since then, unfortunately, the "Union" designation has largely disappeared except to survive in street names. Today, the community once known as Union has been engulfed by Midvale City and Cottonwood Heights.)

Ang negotiated the purchase of the Union farm in December 1918, paying \$1,250. The farm was to become the final home for both Ang and Lucy. The farm had two small homes built years before by the D e n n e y family and s o m e outbuildings. Their sixth son, Melvin Porter Price, was born on 27 December 1919.



When Angus moved to the farm in Union in 1919, there

In Union, Utah, 1921. Left to right: Roy, Angus, Ralph, Marie, and Lucy. At far right is a glimpse of the small home where Lucy's parents, James and Sarah Williams, would live in later years.



Life on the Angus Price farm in Union. Left to right: Gene, Calvin, Melvin, and Velma. In the right distance, the two homes on the farm can be glimpsed.

were no electric lights, no inside bathroom, no gas, nor even water. At first, the family hauled water from a creek about two miles away. They found a neglected cement irrigation cistern near the house. Angus and the boys, working their way from the cistern, began following a connecting irrigation ditch, cleaning out the ditch as they went. They cleaned it all the way up to the top of Butler Hill. Full of anticipation, they turned a

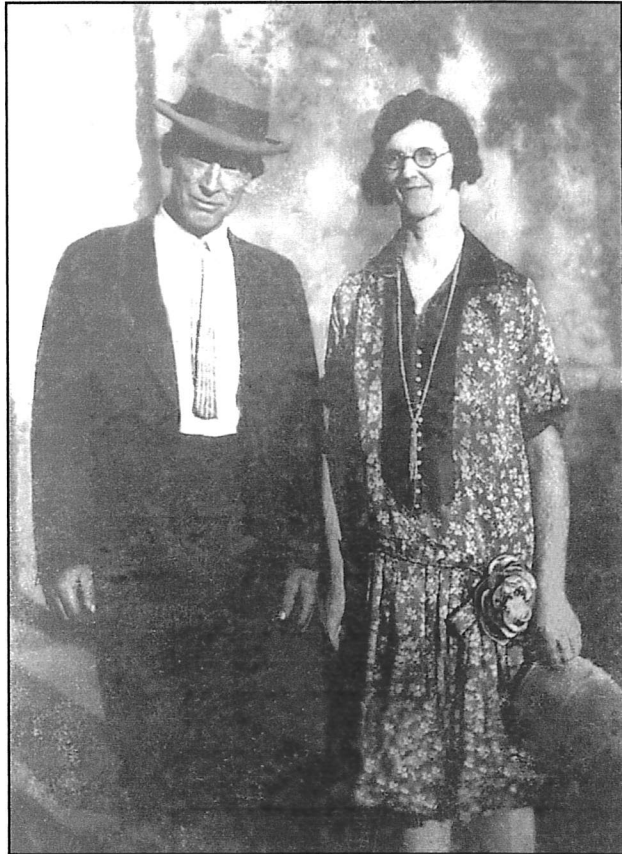
flow of water into the irrigation ditch to fill the cistern. They returned home, and after a wait of several hours, they found the cistern had received only a negligible



Angus on the farm in Union, June 1920. The crowd on horseback includes Velma, Roy, Ralph, and Marie.

amount of water. They again walked up the ditch and found someone had turned the water away from the ditch. It took several days to fill the cistern. Although the cistern water sometimes became stagnant, the family survived and enjoyed good health.

Lucy always regarded Angus as a good man, and a wonderful husband and father. In turn, she always set herself to be a good wife and to take proper care of him. Lu said the first haircut Angus had after they were married was given to him by one of his brothers. The brother made such a poor job of it, Lucy had to trim it up to make it look decent. From that time on, she cut Ang's hair his entire life except for three or four times. She also cut the boys' hair and that of a few others.



Angus and Lucy dressed up and set to attend another of their regular Saturday night dances.

Angus often ran the farm on the side, depending on his older boys to help maintain it. He was always ambitious, very seldom sleeping later than 5:00 a.m. Aside from the farm, Angus found work with the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad. He hired on first as a coach cleaner and then as a machinist's helper. When the union went on strike in 1922, Angus joined other union members in leaving the job; however, he was never to get his job back. Never afraid of hard labor, he began working as a hod carrier for brick workers and plasterers.

The Price family continued to grow; in mid-August of 1923, Lucy went into labor and sent young Roy to fetch the doctor. The doctor arrived and spent the night in the farm house monitoring Lucy's condition. The following day, 15 August 1923, Lucy gave birth to her seventh son, Eugene Williams Price, always known afterward as "Gene." The last child born to Ang and Lu was Calvin George Price, born in Union on 5 December 1925.

Angus had definite ideas about how children should be raised. First of all, he believed they should always be kept busy. He taught each of the boys how to work



Angus (right) and daughter Velma eye the forthcoming turkey crop.

hard on the farm. When discipline was called for, Angus developed a unique way of correcting a child. He would take a few minutes with the offender and discuss the problem, ensuring that the child understood the

offense; then, being the fair-minded parent that he was, Ang would conclude, "If you can outrun me, you won't get a spanking." To no one's surprise, each one of the Price children would grow up to become very fleet of foot!

In 1931, the Great Depression was casting a deepening shadow across America; in Utah, drought and grasshoppers were destroying all the crops. Angus became discouraged at the poor yield of crops on his Union farm and began to look about for another property that might give a better yield. He found, however, that the depressed economy made it impossible to sell his own property even for the price he originally paid. Even so, he was still willing to sell to a buyer, but none appeared. Angus inspected several prospective properties in the West Jordan area, but, in the end, he decided to remain on the farm in Union.

Angus was a strong man, being built as many Welshmen are with a broad chest and wide shoulders. His employment as a hod carrier added to his natural strength. A family story tells that Angus was sick enough one day to send his sons Roy and Ralph to work to take his place. Ang normally had to carry the hod (a wooden trough filled with bricks) up a ladder to the bricklayers.



Wayne Tanner (left) seems unconcerned that two of Angus's turkeys are perched on his car roof during a 1939 visit from California. Lucy stands behind a friend, Ann Pitts, while Angus is far right in the workman's apron.

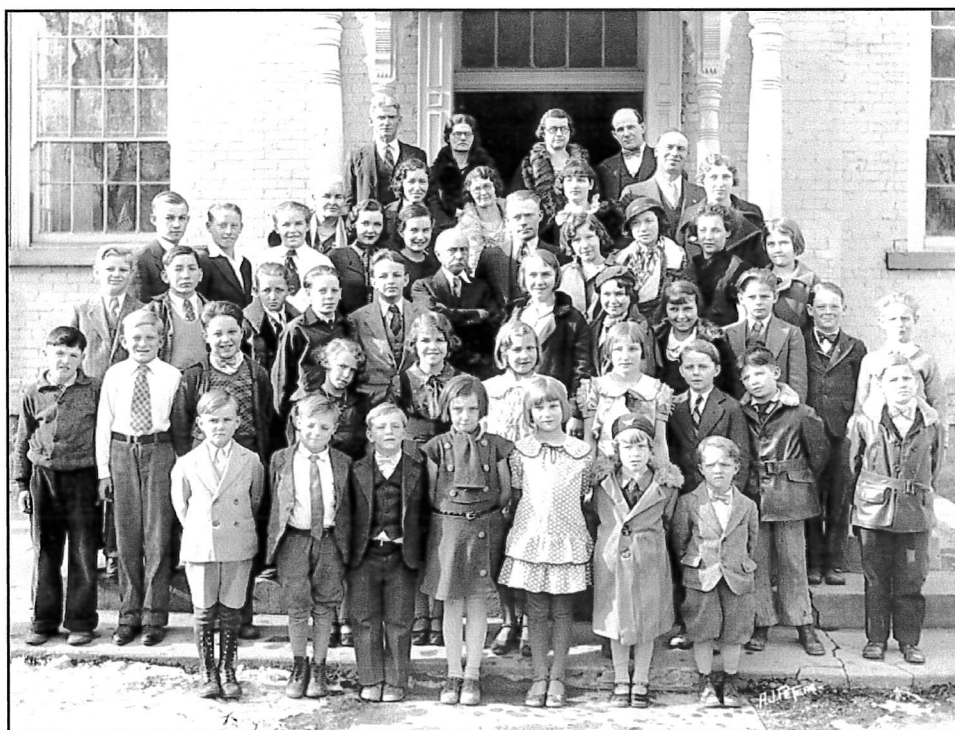
Roy and Ralph were proud of their young strength, but they found that it took both of them to do Angus's job of carrying one hod, and even with the two of them lifting the hod together, it proved terribly difficult. Both Roy and Ralph finished the day with a greater respect for their father than they had ever entertained before.



Earl Price, the second son of Angus and Lucy, had married in 1924 and became the father of five children. Earl's last child, a son, was born in July of 1934, but lived only two months. Earl, who had contracted Bright's Disease and was dying of kidney failure, outlived his infant son by only eight weeks, passing away on 9 November 1934.

Earl Price died in 1934.

Despite hard times and even through the Depression years, Angus and Lucy made every Saturday night their dance night. Rain or snow, they would drop down to Union Hall and thoroughly enjoy themselves. Angus had one leg that was shorter than the other, but it didn't bother his dancing. He was an excellent dancer and enjoyed trading dances with other couples. Occasionally, Ang and Lu would go uptown to the Jackson Dances; other times, they would look in at dances in Lehi or American Fork where Lu's sisters lived.



The Union Ward Sunday School, 14 January 1934. All in the photo had perfect attendance in 1933. Angus Price is top left, just behind Hazel Lauritzen Price (Ralph's wife). Lucy Williams Price is to her left. Gene Price is far left in the second row, while Cal Price is second from far right in the same row.



Above: The Angus Price family pose as a group, probably in honor of Ang and Lu's fortieth wedding anniversary on 18 April 1940. Front, left to right: Velma, Lucy, Angus, and Marie. Back: Roy, Gene, Ralph, Mel, and Cal.

Angus and Lucy loved to travel, and as the years went by, they made several trips to California, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Wyoming, and Montana. In their later years, they enjoyed visiting the Latter-day Saint temples. They went through the Salt Lake Temple, Idaho Falls Temple, Manti Temple, St. George Temple, and the Los



Lucy and Angus Price look proudly on their 49th wedding anniversary, celebrated 18 April 1949.

Angeles Temple. They performed over eleven hundred LDS endowments, proxies, and sealings.

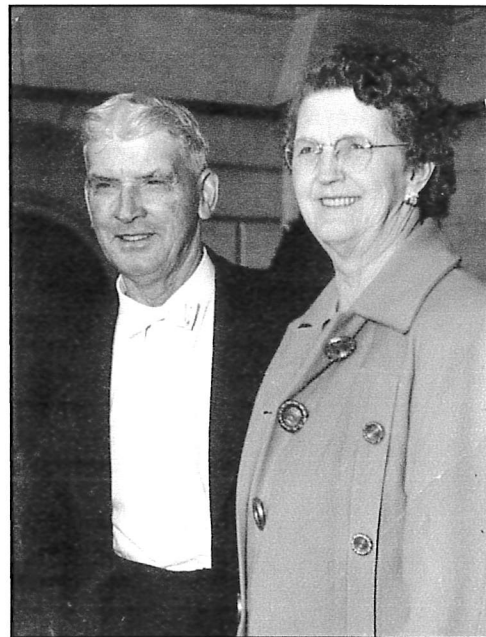
Although Angus loved to travel, he would absolutely refuse to consider the idea of getting aboard an airplane, but always insisted on journeying by car or bus. On one



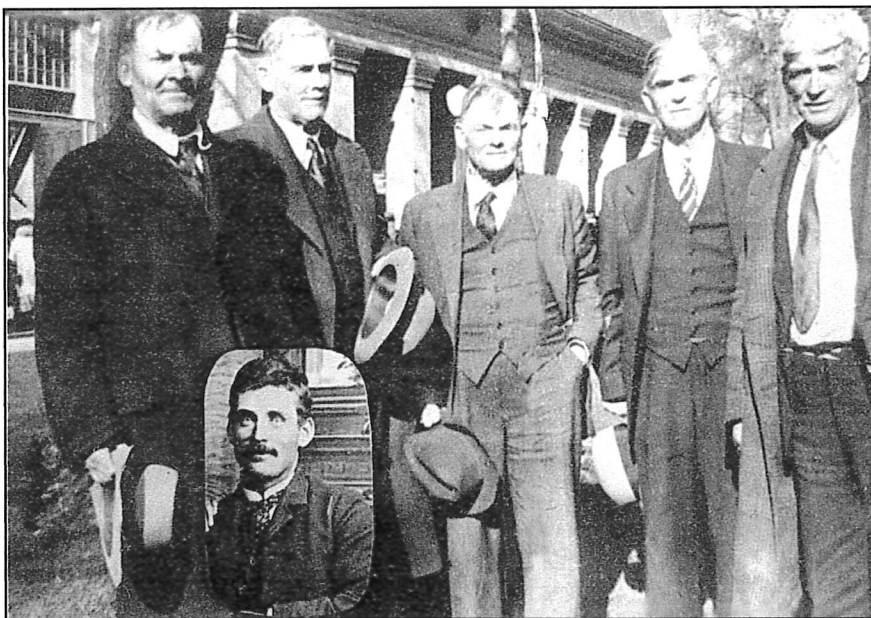
Angus and his "boys." Left to right: Mel, Roy, Ralph, Gene, Cal, and Angus.

occasion, Angus and Lucy took their usual bus to California to visit their niece, Tressa May Goodman. Upon arrival, Angus became very ill. Despite Ang's prejudice against air travel, Tressa insisted they return home by airplane. When Ang's son Roy received word Angus and Lucy were actually returning by plane, Roy was incredulous and decided Angus must be truly ill. Roy met Angus and Lucy at the airport. When Roy anxiously asked how Angus liked his plane ride, Ang complained, "The ride wasn't long enough—we barely got through eating when the ride ended."

For many years, Angus had coped with a tobacco problem. He and several brothers had grown up in a home where his mother was encouraged by her doctor to smoke as a prescribed health remedy. Tobacco was also used in the home at times of sickness to counter noisome smells. Ang gave up cigarettes when he went to the Temple to be married, but a few years later resumed the habit. In all his years of



Angus and Lucy loved to travel, but he was prejudiced against airplanes.



Angus Price (far right) stands with his brothers on Temple Square in Salt Lake City. Left to right are James Evan Price, David Louis Price, George Franklin Price, and Porter Willard Price. Inset is Ezekiel William Price.

using tobacco, Angus was careful never to smoke in the house. He did not want others to inhale the smoke, especially women and children. In spite of his tobacco habit, Angus had maintained his Church activity, and he was very proud of the fact that none of his children ever smoked.

In 1943, Angus' older brother, Dave Price, made a special visit. Dave brought up the subject of Angus' son Earl who had died in 1934. Dave confided that Earl had visited



The extended Price family gathered in April 1950 to celebrate the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Angus and Lucy at Liberty Park, Salt Lake City.



Utahns Plan Anniversary Celebration

Mr. and Mrs. Angus B. Price, Union, are shown as they appeared 50 years ago, when married, and (in insets) as they appear today. They will celebrate golden wedding anniversary next week.

Fifty Years Together

Union LDS Couple to Observe Golden Wedding Day April 18

UNION, April 11—Fifty golden years of happy married life will be celebrated Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Angus B. Price, prominent Union couple, who reach their golden wedding anniversary on April 18.

Married in the Salt Lake temple, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, April 18, 1900, they have resided in the Union area for the past 30 years, having lived in Idaho following their marriage.

A reception will be held at the family residence, 7184-16th East, from 8 to 10 p.m. Sunday.

Reunion Planned

A reunion of the Price family will be held next Tuesday in Liberty park, Salt Lake City, and the couple will be honored further on Wednesday with an excursion to the Salt Lake LDS temple grounds, to which their friends and relatives are invited.

Prominent in work of the LDS church, they have both been active in many auxiliary organizations. Mr. Price served as a home missionary, and was active in the Young Men's Mutual Im-

provement Assn., as a ward teacher supervisor, and in genealogical work.

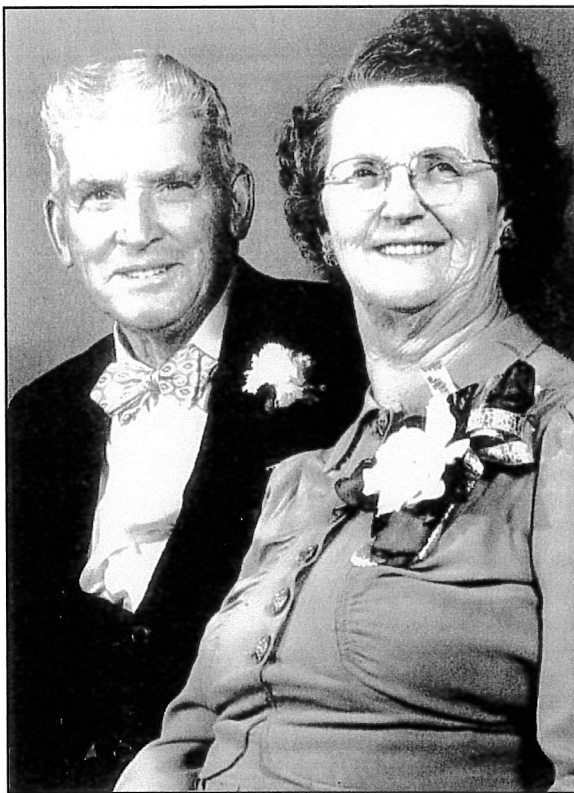
Mrs. Price came to the United States with her family on 1884, four years after her parents joined the LDS church in New Zealand. She was born in Auckland Sept. 6, 1881, a daughter of James Clark and Sarah P. Rogers Williams.

Member of Choir

Her church activities have included membership in the Union Second ward choir for many years, as well as teaching and counseling in the Primary Assn. and Relief society, and genealogical society work.

Mr. Price, a retired farmer, was born in Draper Nov. 27, 1877, a son of Ezekiel and Rhoda Watkins Price.

Of their 10 children, seven survive. They are Roy J., Ralph W. and Calvin Price, all of Union; Mrs. Marie Turner, Oakland, Cal.; Mrs. Velma Casper, Melville and Gene Price, Salt Lake City. There are 25 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren in the family.





him in a dream. In the dream, Earl wanted Dave to give Angus a message. Earl said he was concerned that his Dad's spiritual progress was stopped because of tobacco, and that Angus should quit. Angus listened carefully to Dave's account of Earl's visit, then made an irrevocable decision on the spot to quit both tobacco and coffee. Ang never smoke again. Since he was again living the LDS "Word of Wisdom," he was able to return to the temple. He spent many hours there in his later years. His health and stamina improved. When he was 75 years old, his complexion was clearer than when he was 65. He used lemon drops as an aid to quit; afterward, he always had lemon drops on hand for the visiting grandkids.

It soon became a custom for all the children and grandchildren to meet at Angus's home for Thanksgiving. Year by year, the size of



Angus and Lucy celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary in April 1960. Behind them, left to right, are their children, Calvin, Gene, Melvin, Velma, Marie, Ralph, and Roy.



Angus at his kitchen table. He's smiling with good reason—that's a box of birthday candy he's setting aside.

new milk cow. He saw one advertised on a bulletin board and went to investigate. The woman selling the cow told him it was an especially good animal and gave a lot of milk. She felt the cow was worth \$45.00. Angus said he couldn't pay over \$40.00 for a cow. She accepted his offer, and Angus took the cow home. After milking it, Angus knew the cow was really worth the money asked. He went back to the woman and paid her the extra five dollars. Ang's daughter-in-law Margaret (Cal's wife), witnessed the transaction. For her, the incident just reaffirmed what she knew of Ang's bone-deep honesty.

On 18 April of 1950, Ang and Lu celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. The family held a reception at the home that Sunday, then hosted a family

the Angus Price family gatherings grew. It finally reached the point that it became necessary to hire the Lion's Club Building at Union Park for their dinner. Before eating the turkey dinner, it was traditional for the gathered family to sing a hymn, then each family member would say in turn what he or she was thankful for. These family gatherings were remembered fondly by all of Ang's children and grandchildren.

Angus was always faithful to his church callings. He was an exemplary home teacher. He served on the genealogy committee, was a ward teacher supervisor, held missionary cottage meetings, and held positions in the LDS Church's youth organization, the Mutual Improvement Association. His greatest love, however, was temple work.

Angus was also a man of strict integrity. There was a time when Angus needed a

Birthday

Angus B. Price will celebrate his 80th birthday anniversary Wednesday at an open house at the home of a son, Ralph W. Price, 7660-17th East, from 7 to 10 p.m.

He was born Nov. 27, 1877, in Draper, to Ezekiel and Rhonda Watkins Price. He married Lucy Ellen Williams April 18, 1900, in the Salt Lake Temple, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He has seven living children, 33 grandchildren and 28 great grandchildren.



Mr. Price



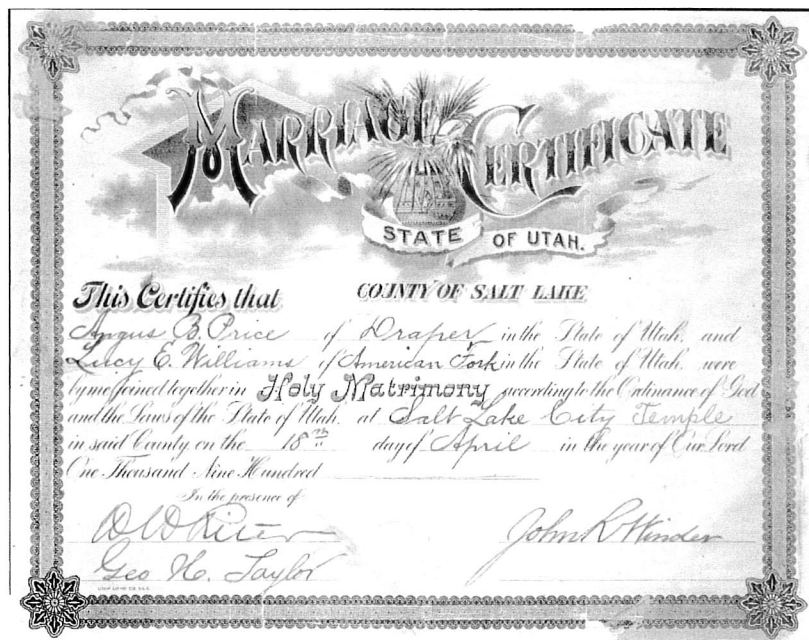
Angus and Lucy on a visit to Rigby, Idaho, in 1962. Angus passed away the following year.

reunion in Liberty Park the following Thursday. Ang and Lu were still together ten years later in 1960 when the family celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary.

Ang had reached his 80s when he decided to sell off part of his farm. A developer wanted to turn the property into a sand excavation site, but Angus did not want that. He did not mind having the property developed for residential purposes, however, so when he was approached by another developer who promised that the property definitely would not become a sandpit, Angus sold. Unfortunately, the second developer was actually representing the first, and the lower part of Ang's farm did become a sand excavation site for several years. (Eventually, when no more sand could be excavated, the property was sold again—today, Ang's former pastureland is

occupied by the Boulder Hollow Apartment complex, by the adjoining residential properties directly to the east, and, to the west, by a large portion of the Santa Fe Apartments; all these are accessed from Fort Union Boulevard.)

In 1963, Angus contracted his final illness. He was 86. His wife Lu afterward wrote of his passing:



Angus and Lucy were married for more than 63 years when Ang passed away on 29 July 1963.

"My husband, Angus B. Price, passed away on July 29, 1963 at our home in Union. He had been sick for only two weeks, but was not bedfast. He was up several times a day, but was weak. He said he didn't want to die in bed! We had the doctor come, I suggested we give him some kind of stimulant, which we did. I think the doctor knew it would be the end soon. We are glad he didn't send him to the hospital. When the end came, he was sitting on the couch, sleeping, and didn't wake up. What a lovely way to go. Velma was with me at the time, and we were talking quietly in the kitchen. She said we should check on him, but he had already passed away. I miss him very much. I am always going to go tell him something, and he isn't there. I wouldn't want him back to lay and suffer though. I didn't think he would leave me so soon."

Angus Byard Price was buried 1 August 1963 in the Salt Lake City Cemetery. His wife, Lucy Ellen Williams Price, survived him for over six years, then passed away on 10 May 1970. Lucy was buried at his side. Their sons, Angus Glen Price and Bert Leland Price lie next to them.

MEMORIAL SERVICES	
held at	
Butler Seventh Ward L. D. S. Chapel	
August 1, 1963 12:00 Noon	
Bishop Ronald Beckstrom Officiating	
Family Prayer - Roy Price	
SERVICES	
Prelude Music - Melton Steller	
Invocation - Hollis Smith	
Vocal Solo - Betty Wilson	
"In The Garden"	
Speaker - Pres. Donald B. Milne	
Mixed Quartet - Florence Smith, Hollis Smith, Lynn Bradford, Gene Beckstrom	
"Come Come Ye Saints"	
Speaker - Bp. Clyde V. Buxton	
Vocal Solo - Grandson, Richard Casper	
"Going Home"	
Remarks - Bp. Ronald Beckstrom	
Benediction - Grandson, Lorin Price	
Postlude Music - Melton Steller	
INTERMENT	
Salt Lake City Cemetery	
Graveside Prayer - Bp. Del E. Brady	
PALLBEARERS	
Lorin Price, Byard Price, Glen Price	
Ronald Price, Robert Price	
Richard Casper, Gary Casper	
IN CHARGE OF FLOWERS	
Butler Seventh Ward Relief Society	

In Memory of

Angus Byard Price

BORN

November 27, 1877

Draper, Utah

DIED

July 29, 1963

Cottonwood Heights, Utah

Angus B. Price

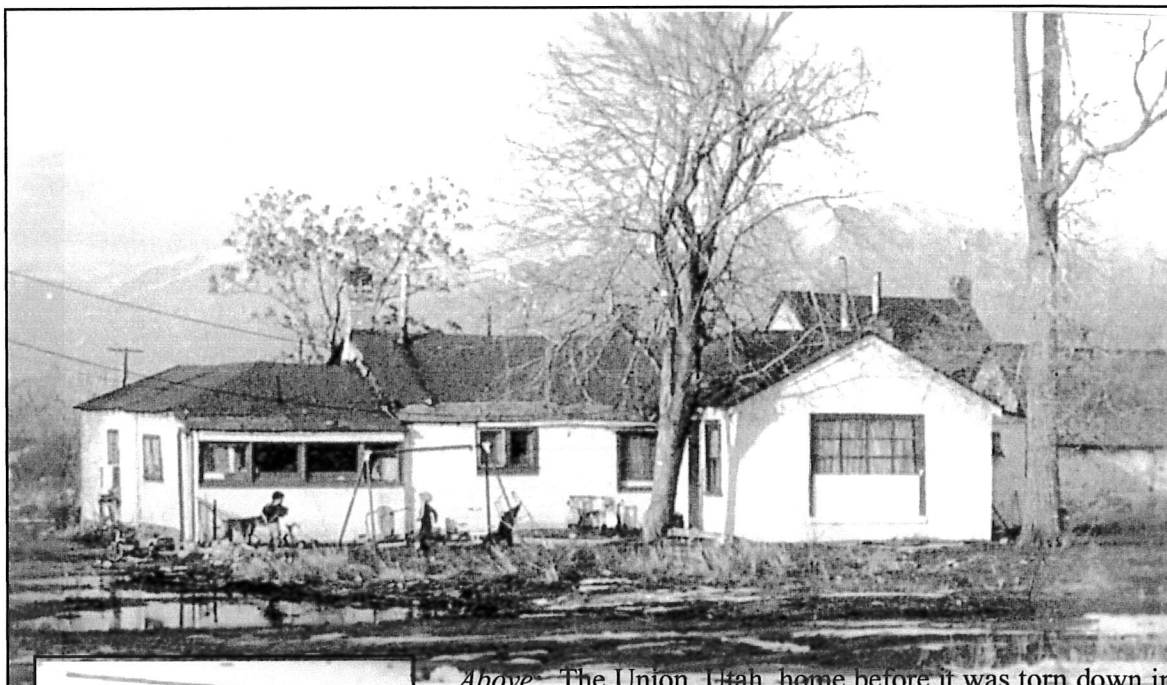
COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS — An-

aus Byard Price. 85, 7164-16th East, died of causes incident to age Monday 1:45 p.m., at home. Born Nov. 27, 1877, Draper, to Ezekiel and Rhoda Elizabeth Watkins Price. Married Lucy Ellen Williams April 18, 1900, Salt Lake Temple. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Farmer. Active member LDS Church. Survivors: widow; sons, daughters, Roy J., Union; Ralph W., Eugene, Mrs. G. W. (Marie) Tanner, Cottonwood Heights; Melvin, Salt Lake City; Calvin, Sandy; Mrs. K. B. (Velma) Casper, Holladay; 36 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren. Funeral Thursday noon, Butler Seventh LDS Ward Chapel. Friends call 4760 S. State Wednesday 6-8 p.m., Thursday at chapel one hour prior to services. Burial Salt Lake City Cemetery.



Resource: *Personal records of Ruby Price Klenk*
 Personal records of Calvin George Price
 Personal records of Lorin Ralph Price
 Personal records of Lucy Ellen Williams Price

SIDEBAR: HISTORY OF THE PRICE HOME IN UNION, UTAH



Above— The Union, Utah, home before it was torn down in 1983. To the far rear is the roof the home occupied by “Grandma Denney” (Sarah Porter Rogers Williams Denney). At far right is the stone building used to store fruit and grain.



In December 1918, Angus and Lucy Price wanted to raise their children away from inner-city influences, so Angus negotiated the purchase of a twenty acre farm in Union, Utah. The farm, located at 7168 South 1600 East, was purchased from Frank Barnes Stephens and his wife Lunette for \$1,250. Frank Stephens had acquired it as an investment property in 1905, purchasing it from Charles and Sarah Ann Denney. The Denney family had owned the property since 1880, when they bought it from the original title holder, John L. Vance, son of pioneer settler Isaac Vance.

Ang’s purchase wisely included 12½ shares of water in the Brown and Sanford Irrigation Company—a generous amount of irrigation water in those days, but necessary if one were to grow crops on the

thirsty, sub-marginal, farm land that Angus had acquired. Much of the farm's sandy acreage sloped down from a hill area popularly (and justly) known as "Poverty Flats." In those years, the upper hill was covered with fruit orchards.



Lucy and Angus Price in front of their farmhouse home in Union.

Two older homes built by the Charles Denney family were already on the farm property, together with other outbuildings. When the Prices moved in, the main house had only four rooms, a pantry and a closet. A kitchen and porch were immediately added. Later on, a bedroom and long closet were built next to the kitchen on the north side.

When Ang's youngest sons, Melvin, Gene, and Cal, were young, the home didn't have electricity, indoor water, or indoor plumbing. Angus and the boys dug a long ditch for water extending about a block and a half long from the road to the house. An indoor bathroom was added, and water was piped to the kitchen sink. Later, electricity was brought to the home, and electric lights replaced the coal oil lamps. Then, even later, natural gas was brought into the home to fuel a new floor furnace, which was great to heat the home. A gas water heater was also added and enjoyed. The coal range was replaced with an electric stove which made life much easier for Lucy.

Originally, there was no direct access between the living room and the kitchen; everyone had to pass through a series of side rooms to get from one to the other. However, one day, while Angus and Lucy were out of the house, Gene and Cal were playing around. They decided that always having to run through side rooms just to get between the kitchen and the living room was getting tiresome, so they conducted



When Angus Price purchased his farm in Union (now Cottonwood Heights), Utah, in December of 1918, he was surrounded by orchards and farmland. Since then, the area has become engulfed by apartment complexes and other residential and commercial sprawl. Above is an overlay representation of the location of the Angus Price farm as it relates to modern day development through the 1990s. In 1934, Ang's son Ralph bought three acres adjoining the farm to the east.

a daring experiment. To see if the idea of a doorway was feasible, they punched a hole though the adobe wall separating the kitchen and living room. Eying the damage, they began to have second thoughts, so they hurriedly covered the hole with a framed picture before their parents returned. After Angus and Lucy returned, the boys recovered their nerve. Gene and Cal apprehensively approached their parents and broached the idea of a doorway. Angus and Lucy considered the idea and thought it might work. Only at that point did Gene and Cal reveal the hole! Fortunately, the idea of the doorway had now become desirable; with the blessing of Angus and Lucy, the construction of the new portal continued, and everyone was happy with the convenience of the new access.

The twenty acres farmed by Angus Price and his family occupied a rectangular area that lay between 7000 South and 7200 South and between 1500 East and 1600 East. There was a sixteen foot wide right of way extending from the bottom of the Price farm; the right of way ran from the southeast corner of the property eastward about

75 yards, then ran down the hill northward 75 yards to connect with the dusty main road that would later become known as Fort Union Boulevard. Between the road and the lower part of Ang's property was a narrow strip owned by the Berrett family. Angus would rent this strip and incorporate it with his lower pasture.

Ang's son Calvin remembers:

"Dad had alfalfa planted in most of the 20 acres, however, he did reserve one area for a garden over the years. The farm had horses, cows, pigs, chickens, turkeys, and rabbits at different times. The ground was hard, and had a lot of rocks in the soil. Over the years, a large rock pile was created as they were taken from the ground.

"The home at the rear was occupied by Grandfather James C. Williams and Grandmother Sarah Porter Rogers Williams. After Granddad's death, Grandmother lived there with her second husband, Charles Denney, until his death. [Note: Charles Denney was the one-time owner of the farm property before and his first wife sold it to Frank Stephens in 1905; Charles married Sarah Porter Rogers Williams in 1934.] Afterward, for health reasons, Grandmother moved into the main house to live with Lucy and Angus. The rock building was used for storage, a cellar, and for bottled fruit and vegetables.

Many fond memories are associated with the home and the love that was shared."

Calvin and Cal's wife Margaret share early memories of living in the two rooms that were on the east end of the house during the first part of their marriage. Later, Ang's son Ralph Price added a kitchen and living room to the east and south sides of the house. Ang's daughter Marie and her husband Wayne Tanner later moved into the home. Marie was a great companion and help to Lucy and Angus in their last years. Angus died in 1963, and Lucy passed away in 1970. After the property was divided among family members, Marie and her family continued to remain in the home. By 1983, the old home had become structurally unsound; the adobe home with all the additions was torn down, and a more modern wood frame house was moved onto the property for Marie to continue to raise her family.

Resource: *Personal records of Calvin George Price*

Children of Angus Byard Price and Lucy Ellen Williams

- 1. Angus Glen PRICE**, born 23 December 1900, Draper, Utah; died 9 September 1911, Salt Lake City, Utah.
- 2. Earl Louis PRICE**, born 17 November 1902, American Fork, Utah; married 15 October 1924, **Merna Elizabeth CHAPLIN**; died 9 November 1934, Salt Lake City, Utah.
- 3. Bert Leland PRICE**, born 1 June 1905, Taylor, Idaho; died 16 February 1908, Salt Lake City, Utah.
- 4. LeRoy James "Roy" PRICE**, born 29 December 1907, Salt Lake City, Utah; married 29 June 1936, **Joyce KUNKEL**; died 7 August 1998, Midvale, Utah.
- 5. Ralph Williams PRICE**, born 7 December 1910; married (1) 12 April 1934, **Hazel LAURITZEN**; married (2) 24 June 1936, **Ruby Evelyn ATKINSON**; died 8 February 1998, Sandy, Utah.
- 6. Lucy Marie PRICE**, born 31 May 1914, Salt Lake City, Utah; married 23 July 1930, **Grant Wayne TANNER**; died 29 August 2001, Draper, Utah.
- 7. Velma Sarah PRICE**, born 25 January 1917, Salt Lake City, Utah; married 6 December 1933, **Kenneth Burton "Burt" CASPER**; died 29 April 1981, Salt Lake City, Utah.
- 8. Melvin Porter PRICE**, born 27 December 1919, Salt Lake City, Utah; married 15 September 1944, **Elaine BAGGALEY**; died 25 October 2004, Salt Lake City, Utah.
- 9. Eugene "Gene" Williams PRICE**, born 1923, Union, Utah; married 21 June 1944, **Margaret May DUNCAN**.
- 10. Calvin George PRICE**, born 1925, Union, Utah; married 25 February 1948, **Margaret CLARK**.

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