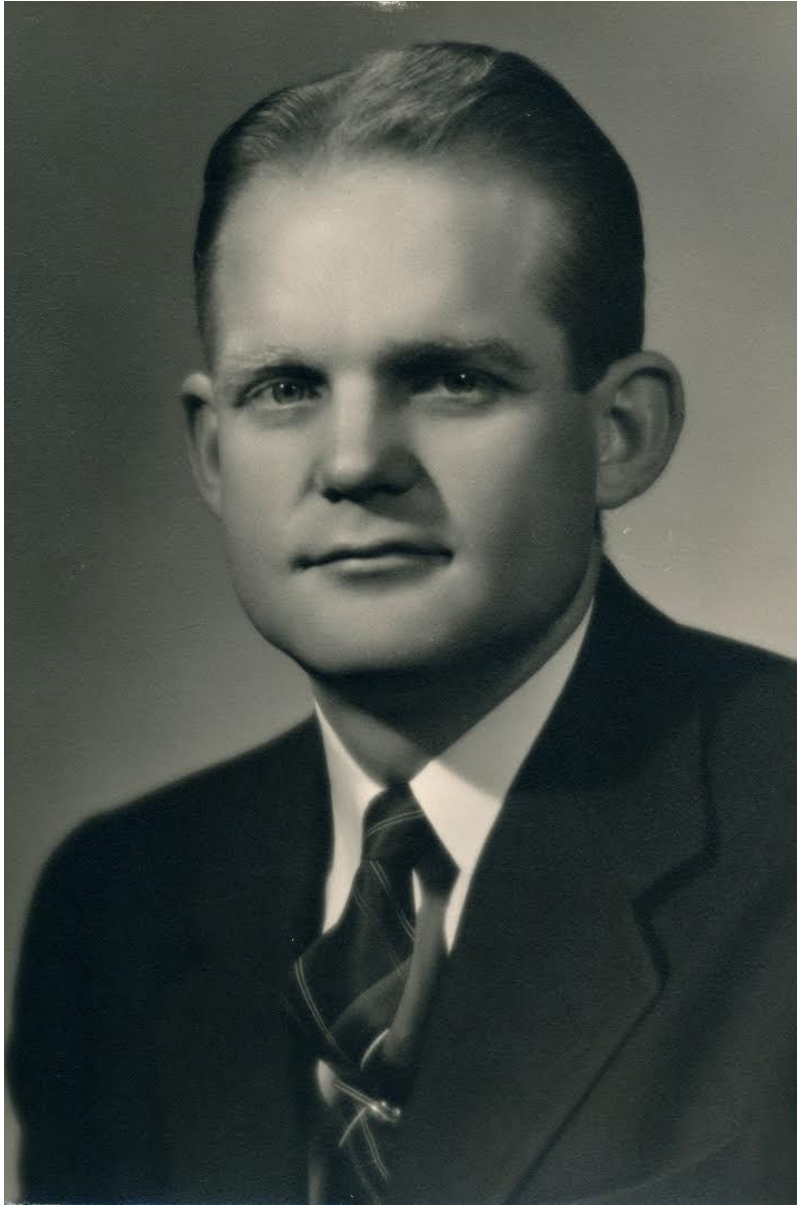


Howard Freestone Millett: 100th Birthday: (b. 1918 d.1968)

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Picture #0: Howard Freestone Millett

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November 24, 1918 is my Father's birthday. Howard Freestone Millett was born while his Father, William Howard Millett, was still in Europe at the ending of World War I.¹

On the day seven months later (June 1919) when Dad's Father finally returned, Lillian (my grandmother) had gone to the station to meet the train but he was not on it. "The troop train came but no Howard." Back at home in the Freestone car going on an errand, Lillian saw the Millett car coming towards them.

Lillian: "I intuitively sensed that Howard had arrived after all and was in that car. ... I stopped the car, got out and started running towards the oncoming car, and saw Howard doing the same. We met and embraced in the middle of the road. ... What a meeting place after two years of waiting. I said 'Come and see your son.' ... we were so happy that there wasn't words in the English language to express our joy and thankfulness to our dear Father in Heaven for His protective care and for reuniting us as husband and wife once again."²

"What does it Take to Make a Family?"³

Saturday, November 24, 2018 marks the 100th anniversary of Howard Freestone Millett's birth.

This article illustrates how my parents established a family with four sons centered on their faith in the Restoration of the true gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through modern prophets. This included developing talents and abilities, being "anxiously engaged" as member missionaries, in striving to do "good to all men" and in being a self-employed entrepreneur.
(D&C 58:27) (Articles of Faith 1:13)

My Father, Howard Millett, met my Mother, Mildred Ethington, at a Mayday dance in Mesa, Arizona where my Mother performed a ballet dance presentation as part of the floorshow at the popular place known as the Mezona.

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Picture #1: Howard and Mildred Millett

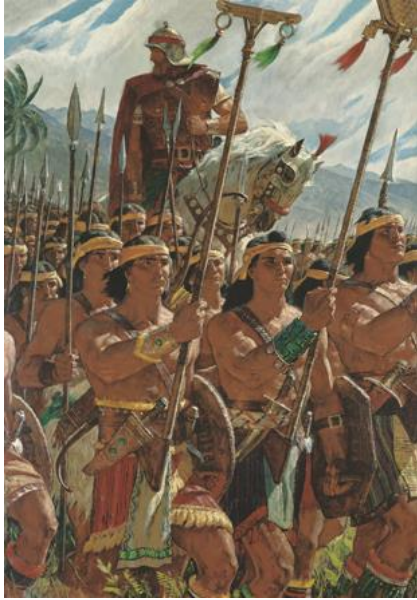
Howard and Mildred were married in the Arizona Temple on August 21, 1945.

Howard was on a short leave from the U.S. Army and was a second lieutenant. He had been training for the invasion of Japan, called Operation Downfall, scheduled for November 1, 1945.⁴

Instead, to everyone's joy and relief, World War II came to an end with the Japanese surrender to the allied forces aboard the Battleship Missouri in Tokyo Bay on September 2, 1945.

The Blessings of Liberty

My Father and Mother always expressed gratitude for the great blessings of liberty divinely bestowed upon America, this "precious land of promise."⁵



Picture #2: Stripling warriors

Caption: The Arnold Friberg painting of the 2,060 young warriors that delivered the Nephites from bondage and destruction.

This great blessing was eloquently described by Helaman, the son of Alma, the Prophet as well as the general whose 2,060 stripling warriors delivered the Nephites from almost certain destruction. These chapters of the Book of Mormon were frequently referenced and quoted in our home.⁶

“And behold, we are again delivered out of the hands of our enemies. And blessed is the name of our God; for behold, it is he that has delivered us; yea, that has done this great thing for us.” (Alma 57:35)

Albuquerque: New Place to Live?

After initially living in Long Beach, California, my parents visited Albuquerque, New Mexico as a possible new home for our family, better suited to improving his health that was becoming worse in the California smog.

My Mother did not particularly like the adobe architecture so prevalent in Albuquerque buildings and homes and wanted to go back right then to Mesa where my older brother, Howard Lee, age four, and I, one month old, were staying with my Grandparents William Howard and Lillian Millett. However, Mom had a dress in the cleaners and so they stayed an extra day and were able to attend the Albuquerque First Branch meetings on Sunday, January 4, 1953.⁷



Picture #3: adobe architecture, Albuquerque

Caption: The adobe architecture with cactus and other water-frugal-plant landscaping so prominent in Albuquerque was not my Mother's favorite. She had grown up in very simple circumstances in Mesa, in very small homes and very low-water landscaping--if any.

The members of the Church in Albuquerque were so outgoing, positive and excited about the gospel and their testimonies of the Restoration that my parents decided right then and there that they wanted to move from California to Albuquerque. Also on that day, January 4, 1953, my parents reported that the single branch was divided into two branches.⁸



Picture #4: Mom and two boys 1953

Caption: My Mom holding Ronald (me) with Howard standing in 1953 as we began our move to Albuquerque from Long Beach. Dad is behind the camera.

“Recognize the Pattern of God’s Hand in Building His Kingdom”

When President Henry B. Eyring began his talk in the Priesthood Session of General Conference in April 2013 that my boys and I were watching in our Stake Center, it was a wonderful surprise to hear him describe the same group of members that my parents wanted to be a part of after their visit to the Albuquerque first branch in 1953.

President Eyring arrived in Albuquerque in 1955 as an officer in the United States Air Force for what was supposed to be a short few week stay before being transferred to another base.⁹

During his first visit to the branch, President Eyring explained what happened and what it led to:



Picture #5: President Eyring April 2013

“A man walked up to me, introduced himself as the district president, and told me that he was going to call me to serve as a district missionary.”

“I told him that I would be there for training for only a few weeks and then I would be assigned somewhere else in the world. [The District President then] said, ‘I don’t know about that, but we are to call you to serve.’ In the middle of my military training, by what appeared to be chance, I was chosen from hundreds of officers being trained to take the place in headquarters of an officer who had died suddenly.

“So, for the two years I was there, I worked in my office. On most evenings and every weekend, I taught the gospel of Jesus Christ to people the members brought to us.

“My companions and I averaged more than 40 hours a month in our missionary service without once having to knock on doors to find someone to teach. The members filled our plates so full that we often taught two families in an evening. I saw for myself the power and the blessing in the repeated call of prophets for every member to be a missionary.

“On the last Sunday before I left Albuquerque, the first stake was organized in that city. There is now a sacred temple there, a house of the Lord, in a city where we once met in a single chapel with Saints who brought friends to us to be taught and to feel the witness of the Spirit. Those friends felt a welcoming home in the Lord’s true Church.”

President Eyring said that before he departed for his military service that his bishop had given him a blessing that his “time in the air force would be [in] missionary service.”

For me and my brothers, from our earliest years we recall that fellowshiping members and investigators was just a normal wonderful part of being in our family and being members of the true Church, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The first stake in Albuquerque mentioned by President Eyring was organized on that last Sunday that President Eyring was in Albuquerque, October 27, 1957. This picture of my Mother, my brothers and me is from 1956 when Charles was a baby and preparations were being made for the rapid growth of the Church in Albuquerque to lead to the establishment of a Stake of Zion.



Picture #6: Mom and 3 boys

Caption: Family picture with Dad behind the camera in early 1956 which would be during the time frame mentioned by President Eyring when he and his family were in Albuquerque. Left to Right: Ronald Price, Mom with Charles Ethington, and Howard Lee.



Picture #6a: family picture about 1956. A busy family of three boys Ronald, Charles and Howard with Dad and Mom



Picture #6b: 4 boys together

Caption: in 1961 Douglas Karl arrived and our family of four boys was complete. Ronald, Charles holding Douglas and Howard.

“Howard’s Hamburgers, Howard’s Hamburgers, Finest Meat that You can Eat”

In order to be able to start building our family’s hamburger drive-in, just the third one in Albuquerque behind McDonald’s and Lionel’s, Mom and Dad sold the small motel in Barstow, California that they had invested in.

Our first drive-in restaurant had a limited number of items on the menu: hamburgers of several varieties (single, double, cheese, with or without pickles), soft drinks, milk shakes and French fries. Dad prided himself in mixing his own recipe for the ground beef, including several different cuts of meat, as well as grinding it up and making the patties fresh also at the drive-in. We also served excellent French fries made from fresh processed potatoes that were peeled by machine and then cut into fries. The hamburger buns were delivered fresh daily.

I remember our family taping the “Howard’s Hamburgers” jingle on a two reel tape recorder at our home that was played on the radio to advertise the business.

And, “Howard’s Hamburgers” prospered.

As we got older, we could work in the family business, and later businesses, right with our Dad. What a fun way to learn how to work and be closer to our Dad.



Picture #7: drive-in from outside

Caption: “Howard’s 19 cent Hamburgers” Drive-in built in 1953.

After listening to President Eyring’s talk in 2013, that included the description of his time living in Albuquerque, I got together with several of the members who were there at that time and we compiled a list of many of the early members that were there at the same time he was in the Albuquerque First Branch. I then sent a letter to President Eyring describing how my family fit in and a listing of those leaders and members that were there in about 1955-1957.

He was kind enough to respond and wrote, dated July 30, 2013:

“Dear Brother Millett:

“Thank you for the kind note regarding my talk, *‘We are one.’* I am grateful to know that my words brought back such pleasant memories of Albuquerque. I did not realize that Howard’s Drive In was owned by your father. It was such a wonderful place to take my family.

“I very much appreciated reviewing the list you compiled of the Albuquerque Saints during the time my family and I lived there. I have fond memories of interacting with many of them. Thank you again for sending the list.

“May our Father in Heaven continue to bless you and your family. – signed: Henry B. Eyring.”

Memories of Howard Millett by Norman Castle

Norman Castle is the son of Raymond and Ada Castle. His father was our Bishop for many years and their family was in our branch and later ward during the whole time we lived in Albuquerque (1953-1970). Dr. Castle was an outstanding chemist at the University of New Mexico and later taught at BYU.¹⁰

My Dad, Howard Millett, enjoyed creating businesses and being able to employ young ward members in his two drive-in restaurants (San Mateo-Central and University Avenue locations) that eventually also included gas pumps out behind the drive-ins.



Picture #8: drive-in student workers

Caption: Workers at “Howard’s Hamburgers” Drive-In restaurant at University Ave. by UNM in Albuquerque. People in picture: Norman Castle (far right), Dave Norris (next left) and two others (unidentified). The year is probably 1956 or 1957 before Norman graduated from Highland High School.

Norman relates:

“I ended up working for him at his San Mateo and Central location [just a short walk from Highland High School]. I would get out of school at HHS at noon be there at five after twelve, work the counter or wherever I was needed until 12:55, get paid for one hour at 75 cents per hr., grab a hamburger and a milkshake and make it back to school by 1:00--yeah right!--to the minute?!

RM: How is that for a busy hour? Doesn't seem like drudgery to me. And, who would be delighted to provide that kind of flexibility to get in that hour of work and then dash back to school?—that would be my Dad, Howard Millett. And, he was excited about teaching his employees to enjoy work and have a zest for living, being productive in life, and being “anxiously engaged in a good cause.” (D&C 58:27)

Norman continues:

“Howard was a person with a lot of enthusiasm for business; He once discussed with me a scenario of how to get into business for less than \$500. There was a drive-in that had failed on Lomas Blvd next to a car wash with all the equipment still right there. It sure seemed to me that it might have worked.

“He also gave me another scenario [to make that failed business come back to life], He said he could actually do it for nothing because he had 30-day credit with all his suppliers because of his good credit. Knowing him, it probably would have worked.”

RM: My Dad really could make starting and running a business an exciting endeavor and fun conversation.

Norman continued.

“Later on, I worked at the University location [also a Howard's Hamburger Drive-In built in about 1956] and sometimes if someone wanted me to take their shift I would work Noon to midnight. I was building a car and thought I needed the money--although the grades may have suffered some.

“There were a lot of friends made during this time. Sometime later he added gasoline to his drive-in locations and this worked out as well. Sometimes he would sell gas at [just] a penny or two above his cost.

“We had a UNM student [working at the drive-in] that could mimic Howard's voice. He would shut the back door HARD and say in Howard's Baritone voice ‘How Ya Doin?’ And it would fool every one of us.¹¹

“There were lots of great people in the ward and it was good to see your list and be reminded of them. We knew most of them.”^{12 13}



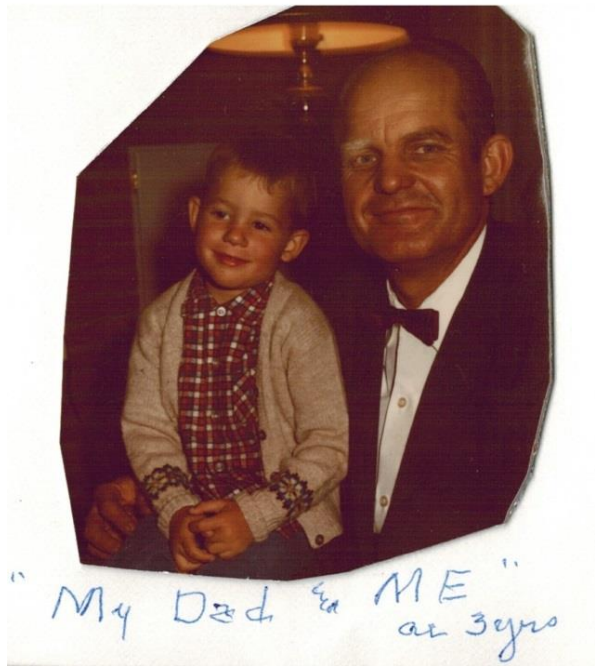
Picture #9: Ripple's Drive In

Caption: If you want to see a drive-in restaurant very close to what my Father Howard Millett started in Albuquerque, go to Ripple's in Provo, Utah at 3225 N Canyon Rd—shown in this picture. A family business since 1955, Todd Ripple is the owner and he and his wife run the business.



Picture #9a: 4 boys

Caption: Douglas Karl, the last of us four boys arrived on March 19, 1961. This photo includes Ronald Price (me), Douglas Karl (baby), Charles Ethington and Howard Lee.



Picture #9b: Doug with Dad

Caption: Doug and his Dad, ready to go to work. Taken in about 1964, when the Central and San Mateo drive-in had been moved, building and all, down to Lomas Avenue which was a better location.



Picture #9c: Doug and Dad at drive-in

Caption: Three year old Doug at work with his Dad at the Lomas Howard's Hamburgers Drive-in.

Memories of Howard Freestone Millett by Dean Beutler

Story of Dean Beutler given on November 8, 2018 with Douglas K. Millett and Daniel G. Millett. Dan had recently become acquainted with Dean from working together in the Arizona Temple.



Picture #10: Dean Beutler

Caption: "The reason I am here working in the temple is because of Howard Millett." Dean Beutler, meeting with Doug and my cousin Dan in 2018, described how my Dad always took a genuine interest in others and fellowshipped members and investigators.

Dean Beutler had many great opportunities growing up, but lived in a very modest home. He stated that his Dad died when he was 17 in October 1957 and he turned 18 in December. He had learned how to work and had a job at Union Rock near Mesa Drive & Baseline Road in Mesa, Arizona.

His friend, John Steverson had moved from Mesa to Albuquerque, New Mexico in 1964 working as a cowboy at a ranch. He told Dean that there were a lot of jobs available in Albuquerque and he should come over and check it out. Dean had a 1961 white Chevy Impala convertible with red interior and found the same type of job he had in Mesa at a rock crusher company.

The two of them lived in a newer two-story apartment building and one Saturday, Howard Millett dropped by to visit them. He invited them to church, and Dean stated for some reason he could not say "no" to my Dad. My Dad then told them

that he would pick them up, but Dean pointed to his newer car and said they would drive. Dad then said that he would be waiting for them out in the parking lot.

The next day they drove to church and sure enough, there was Howard standing in the parking lot waving his arms above his head saving them a parking spot. They were both impressed. They went to church five to six times and enjoyed seeing Howard. He remembered that during church, Howard would lead the music. Dean said that Howard would just make him feel so good.

He described my Dad as being very friendly, kind, genuine, and always wanted to help, receiving nothing in return. He also stated that Howard was very interested in them and in their best interest. He said that you meet a lot of people in your life, and Howard was one which made a lasting impression on him who he would never forget.

My cousin Daniel Millett had met Dean Beutler over a year ago prior to this interview including Dan and Douglas. Dan is a temple worker at the Mesa Arizona Temple. Dean was the supervisor in the room Dan was serving in the temple. Dan said that Dean looked at his name tag and asked if he was related to Howard Millett. Dan told him that his uncle was Howard Freestone Millett.

When Dean heard Dan say my Dad's name, Dean dropped his head down toward his chest looking down at the floor. For a moment Dan thought Dean had somehow had a bad experience with my Dad and that was why he was looking down. Then he slowly looked back up and said, "The reason I am here working in the temple is because of your Uncle, Howard Millett." Dean then shared with Dan his story as it is told in this section.

Doug told Dean that he was so glad to have the chance to be in his home and hear him tell the story of his experiences with our Dad. It is wonderful to have someone share the experience they had with someone we so dearly love. We appreciate Dean for his insight in how he saw our Dad.

Dean married Jean Shumway. He has been married to her for 53 years and they have a number of children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Memories of Howard Millett by Suzanne Hanna

The Hanna Family was in the original branch from 1948, when Peggy Pollock Olson married Mervil Hanna. Peggy met Mervil, who was in the grocery business,

when she visited her sister, Marge Komadina. Both families were in our ward throughout our family's stay in Albuquerque from 1953 until 1970.¹⁴



Picture #11: Suzanne Hanna



Picture #12: Suzanne Hanna and Phillip

Caption: Suzanne (Susie) Hanna and her wonderful only slightly handicapped brother Phillip (Down Syndrome) were ever-faithful members in the Albuquerque First Ward.

“I have indelible memories of Howard Millett Sr. businessman, vocalist, and priesthood holder in the Albuquerque First Ward. As a child, I was always in awe

of his zest for life and his passion for the gospel. This enthusiasm made him the most memorable of church choristers.

“Back then, in Sunday School, we had a practice hymn. He didn’t settle for merely singing the hymn. We spent time reviewing the lyrics and thinking about the meaning, line by line. Two of my favorites were ‘Let Each Man Learn To Know Himself’ and ‘Know This That Every Man is Free.’ Before we began, Howard reviewed the words with conviction . . . ‘Consider, ere you cast the stone, if you yourself are pure and faultless . . . brothers and sisters let us remember this as we sing it . . .’ ”

“When we sang the line, ‘God will force no man to heaven,’ it was Howard Millett who taught me about free agency and who helped me think deeply about this gospel principle. With one eyebrow cocked and his infectious smile, he had the rapt attention of a nine-year-old who learned to love music, the hymns, and the messages that sank deep into my soul. There was never a question that he believed what he sang. [Suzanne describes memories from about 1959 or 1960.]

“Brother Millett would declare with conviction:

“‘Brothers and sisters, if we ponder the lines:
Example sheds a genial ray
Of light which men are apt to borrow,
So first improve yourself today
And then improve your friends tomorrow.’
Let’s now sing this hymn—with enthusiasm!’

“Howard’s testimony is what filled his calling with the spirit. That spirit was a great example of ‘a genial ray.’ ”

“Seventy Six Trombones Led the Big Parade”

In our family, developing talents was part of the family program. My Mother was an excellent pianist, organist and dancer and a great teacher of all of these talents. My Father had a great baritone singing voice and especially loved leading the singing of the Hymns of Zion. Mom would accompany my Father singing solos as well as performing second piano parts for two piano numbers with one or another of us boys on the other piano. It sounded so much better with her also playing the piano together with me.

All four of us boys played the piano, and studied ballet, tap, jazz and ballroom dancing. Mom and Dad purchased two identical Baldwin upright pianos. They were positioned side by side in our large living room in our home we built on 433 Graceland Drive in SE Albuquerque, only a few blocks from our first drive-in restaurant.



Picture #13: Doug and Charles at piano

Caption: Doug and Charles at the piano, in about 1966. The second identical Baldwin piano is off to the left side of this picture. “Our” piano on the right and “Mom’s” piano on the left.

Playing two-piano numbers and teaching piano is greatly enhanced by having two pianos right together. Mom would love to play with us whether it was a short or a long time. Not only did the music sound better, but we avoided developing many bad habits and repeated mistakes that are so hard to eliminate from piano practicing.

When Meredith Wilson’s “Music Man” film came out in 1962, Howard was 14, I was 10, Charles was six and Douglas was one. We organized our Millett Quartet with our most popular number being “76 Trombones” with Mom accompanying us.

As Doug became older he would be added as the fifth member of the Millett **Quintet** and had a fun part of making kitchen pots and pans to produce a great big bang noise. Charles would direct the subplot when the “76 Trombones” song got to

the part “Starting off with a big bang bong on a Chinese gong, by a big bang bong at the rear [***big bang from Douglas!***].”¹⁵



Picture #14: 76 Trombones

Caption: The Millett Quartet’s most popular number was “76 Trombones” from the movie film “Music Man” that came to the theatres in 1962. Left to right: Howard (Dad), Howard, Me (Ronald) and Charles

We enjoyed performing this and some other numbers for family, friends and for Church activities.

Howard and Mildred Millett Family: “Engaged in a Good Cause”

In my family, living the gospel, enjoying work, developing talents and testimony, being a missionary and giving service was just how life should be.

Here are some of our family’s favorite quotes, mottos and scriptures:

“Persist in doing, for that which we persist in doing becomes easier to do. Not that the nature of the thing has changed, but that our power to do has increased.”¹⁶

– Ralph Waldo Emerson

“Don’t be a scrub!”¹⁷

--Karl G. Maeser

“Remember that what we do today determines what we are tomorrow. Any accomplishment that we may hope to make will require and depend on the full utilization of all our powers.”¹⁸

--David O. McKay

“The pioneers never had it so rough!”

--Mom and Dad when we would complain or criticize

“See the Good in the World!”

--KBYU Motto

“I the Lord am bound when ye do what I say. But when ye do not what I say, ye have no promise.”

--D&C 82:10

“We believe ... in doing good to all men.”

--Articles of Faith 1:13

“Have I done any good in the world today? ...

Doing good is a pleasure,
a joy beyond measure,
a blessing of duty and love.”

--Hymns #223

“Verily I say, men should be anxiously engaged in a good cause, and do many things of their own free will, and bring to pass much righteousness;”

--D&C 58:27

Family History Stories Come to Life

Growing up with frequent interactions with my Grandmother Lillian F. Millett, she always was able to make family history stories come to life. I began to realize that

she took many years and many writing efforts to bring the excitement of being in our families to the next generations.



Picture #15: LFM

Caption: Lillian Freestone Millett, wonderful grandma, pioneer in family history, diligently sought after the best gifts to make family history exciting and interesting.

What if we could emulate her example and “seek[ing] ... earnestly the best gifts” (D&C 46:8), diligently striving to receive a portion of the supernal gift of writing like unto the Brother of Jared. Of Mahonri Moriancumer it is said that “the things which he wrote were mighty even as thou art, unto the overpowering of man to read them.” (Ether 12:24)

Today we have an information explosion available on the world wide network and in our files, boxes, books and scrapbook or Facebook pages that contain “nuggets of family history gold” as it were that can help forge those powerful links from us to our families, on this side or the other side of the veil.

But, how often and with how much effort do we mine that gold and refine it? That gold is now residing in billions of bytes stored here, there and everywhere. We often make sincere commitments to expend more effort to forge those supremely important links. How often are our commitments lost to procrastination or to not finding that “round tuit”—that slippery, ephemeral, ever shifting “getting around to it?”

What would my Dad Howard Millett recommend? I think he would recommend starting a tiny family business led by a “family history champion” (including some payment every month), whose main duty is to stop the procrastination cycle, find that elusive “round tuit” and make “steady as you go,” “line upon line” progress on making family history come alive like my Grandmother always could do.¹⁹

Family History can be great, wonderful fun! Try it; you’ll like it!

Wouldn’t it be wonderful to have multitudes of faithful saints throughout the world diligently asking for these great gifts, seeking “wisdom by study and also by faith,” (D&C 88:118) and then receiving a portion of those great gifts like unto the gifts of the Brother of Jared and Moroni, the son of Mormon? Speaking and writing with power, “unto the overpowering of man to read them.” (Ether 12:24) Yes, that would be a supernal gift!

su-per-nal: relating to the sky or the heavens, celestial.

¹ My Dad’s Father did not return home from Europe until June, 1919 as he was stationed for a time in occupying Germany. This delay might have helped him to avoid the calamities of the Flu epidemic that swept the world at the end of World War I killing many servicemen on their way home.

“The Influenza Pandemic of 1918,” Stanford”, Stanford.edu, Retrieved 11/19/2018.
<https://virus.stanford.edu/uda/>

“The influenza pandemic of 1918-1919 killed more people than the Great War, known today as World War I (WWI), at somewhere between 20 and 40 million people. It has been cited as the most devastating epidemic in recorded world history. More people died of influenza in a single year than in four-years of the Black Death Bubonic Plague from 1347 to 1351. Known as "Spanish Flu" or "La Grippe" the influenza of 1918-1919 was a global disaster. ... Of the U.S. soldiers who died in Europe, half of them fell to the influenza virus and not to the enemy (Deseret News). An estimated 43,000 servicemen mobilized for WWI died of influenza.”

² Lillian and Howard Millett with Phyllis Millett Gardner, “Through these Years: Howard and Lillian Millett: A Family History,” Mesa, Arizona, 1988. Page 88-91.

“He had a choice experience while in New York City, when the soldiers were returning home in June of 1919. His regiment was being entertained and during the program the song writer Estelle Philleo, said he would give an autographed copy of his song, “Out Where the West Begins,” to anyone who could get up and sing it. Howard took the challenge and got up and sang it.”

“Forty years later a very pleasant experience came into our lives, which proved the great value of living the Gospel. Howard's Lieutenant, who was with him in the Army, remembered him and came to visit us from Pennsylvania. His name was Birge W. Kinne, and he was accompanied by his wife. He said he could not forget Howard because of the principles which he lived by. He said that Howard's record was one of a man who stood by the correct values of life and did not use liquor, tobacco nor profane language, and he had kept his life clean from the filth of the Army. They extended us a cordial invitation to visit them in their home in Pennsylvania. It was a pleasant experience for both of us.”

³ “My Turn on Earth,” ziontheatricals.com, Retrieved 11/19/2018.
[<http://www.ziontheatricals.com/my-turn-on-earth-the-classic-lds-musical/>]

“The classic LDS musical is available once more for production by LDS Wards, Stakes and other groups!”

“My Turn on Earth: “What does it take to make a family?” YouTube.com, Retrieved 11/19/2018.
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2A3Uq_lyr9M]

“The song: What does it take to make a family from the musical “My Turn on Earth” by Carol Lynn Pearson and Lex De Azevedo.”

⁴ “Map of Operation Downfall: Invasion of Japan ,” Wikipedia.org, commons area, map, Downloaded 11/17/2018.
[https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/f/fa/Operation_Downfall_-_Map.jpg]

“Operation Downfall,” Wikipedia.org, retrieved 11/17/2018.
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operation_Downfall]

“Operation Downfall was the proposed Allied plan for the invasion of Japan near the end of World War II.

“Japanese Instrument of Surrender,” wikipedia.org, Retrieved 11/17/2018.

“Representatives of the Empire of Japan stand aboard USS Missouri prior to signing of the Instrument of Surrender. The Japanese Instrument of Surrender was the written agreement that formalized the surrender of the Empire of Japan, marking the end of World War II.”

⁵ Deta Petersen Neeley, “A Child’s Story of the Book of Mormon,” 4 volume set, 1949.
[https://www.goodreads.com/author/show/1264572.Deta_Petersen_Neeley]

I don’t know how old I was, but this four volume set on the Book of Mormon was a great help in expanding my testimony of that great Book.

Ronald P. Millett, “Surrounded and Protected by the Book of Mormon’s Powerful Words,” Meridian Magazine, August 19, 2013.
[<https://ldsmag.com/article-1-13137/>]

“The prophets of God call out to us to surround ourselves with the unequalled power of the words of the Book of Mormon. With the new electronic edition of the scriptures and gospel library, we can now easily access at any time the written and spoken words of the Book of Mormon to inspire and protect ourselves and our families. In a world overloaded with a cacophony of opposing voices, the wisdom from this book is designed to allow us to discern between truth and error in science, religion or philosophy.”

“In my youth before I became a Deacon in 1964, I gained a love of reading the Book of Mormon.

“My Grandmother, Lillian Millett, gave me a gift of the “Book of Mormon in Living Sound” that Deseret Book published on long playing 33 rpm records.

“I would listen to a record or two most nights and having the Book of Mormon words constantly round about me as it were affected everything in my life. My testimony increased. Temptations were lessened in their power. I enjoyed listening to the Book of Mormon at least ten times before going on my mission. Scriptures would easily come to mind for inspiration, insight or warning.”

⁶ Douglas L. McDermott, “Regarding: The 2000 Stripling Warriors, their Fathers and Captain Helaman,” McDermott Financial and Insurance Services, Retrieved 11/18/2018.
[<http://mcdermottfinancialandinsuranceservicesinc.com/2ndPainting.html>]

Some great art work along the theme of the 2000 stripling warriors.

“Helaman’s 2000 Stripling Warriors,” ldsart.com, Retrieved 11/18/2018.

[<https://www.ldsart.com/helamans-two-thousand-stripling-warriors>]

⁷ “Taylor Ranch, Albuquerque Neighborhood Guide,” tripsavvy.com, retrieved 11/18/2018.

[<https://www.tripsavvy.com/albuquerque-taylor-ranch-neighborhood-57827>]

“Adobe Houses A Defining Face of New Mexico,” voanews.com, retrieved 11/18/1018.

[<https://www.voanews.com/a/adobe-houses-face-new-mexico/3037043.html>]

“ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO —

As the largest city in New Mexico, Albuquerque is one of the fastest-growing high-tech centers in the U.S. Yet you rarely see skyscrapers here. Instead you will find small, dirt-walled houses everywhere. With flat roofs — often with projecting beams — stepped levels and round-edged walls, they are called adobe houses, and they are one of Albuquerque’s defining characteristics.”

“Adobe Houses: Pueblo Style from the Southwest,” realtor.com, January 6, 2015.

[<https://www.realtor.com/advice/home-improvement/pueblo-houses-spanish-colonial-style/>]

“Adobe houses in the Pueblo style—modern versions are known as Pueblo Revival—aim to mimic the appearance of the Spanish Colonial West. This architectural style merged home-building concepts from Spain with the local materials and styles of Native American tribes, particularly the Pueblo and Hopi in the Southwest.”

⁸ “United States information: New Mexico,” Church News, Feb 2, 2010.

[<https://www.thechurchnews.com/archive/2010-02-02/united-states-information-new-mexico-35041>]

“By 1930, membership in New Mexico was 1,643. The Albuquerque Stake was created on 27 October 1957. Steady growth necessitated creation of another stake in Albuquerque in 1966, and creation of stakes in Las Cruces, Gallup, Farmington and Roswell followed in the 1970s. The New Mexico Albuquerque Mission was organized in 1975. Significant growth in the 1980s required creation of additional stakes for Santa Fe, Grants, Albuquerque, Kirtland, Bloomfield, and Silver City. In the 1980s, Santa Fe New Mexico Stake President H. Vern Payne also served as chief justice of the New Mexico Supreme Court. In September 1996, more than 700 Church members in New Mexico joined with government officials in rededicating a monument built to honor members of the Mormon Battalion, who had passed through the state 150 years earlier. A temple in Albuquerque, the first in New Mexico, was dedicated March 2000.”

⁹ Henry B. Eyring, “We Are One,” General Conference April 2013 Priesthood Session.

[<https://www.lds.org/general-conference/2013/04/we-are-one?lang=eng>]

Gerald N. Lund, “Elder Henry B. Eyring,” The Ensign, September 1995.

[<https://www.lds.org/ensign/1995/09/elder-henry-b-eyring-molded-by-defining-influences?lang=eng>]

“Sometimes the smallest of things, even seemingly inconsequential and trivial happenings, later prove to be of singular importance. So it was in the life of Elder Henry Bennion Eyring, who on 1 April 1995 was sustained as the newest member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles. For Elder Eyring, the call to the apostleship represents a culmination of numerous ‘defining influences,’ as he calls them.”

¹⁰ Norman Castle lives in Orem, Utah with his family. He and his wife, Leah, have six children, 17 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

¹¹ Additional information from Norman Castle:

“As a side note: Even though we now live in Orem, Utah for many years, I still have contact with several of the people on your list from Albuquerque. One of my son’s lived in a ward with Jay Fidel, son of Chad and Eddis Fidel. I also work on the same temple shift with Terry Olson, son of Peggy Hanna, and just last month spent a morning with Steve Komadina at the Albuquerque Balloon festival, while visiting my daughter Lisa who lives in his ward and also has worked for him.

“I occasionally see Rolf and Janeal Kerr at the Provo temple also. Our daughter Lisa married Bill Segó’s son, Lars Segó so we see Bill and Irene also quite often.

“Richard Townsend, son of Naoma and Milton Townsend is a sealer in the Oquirrh Mountain Temple. He performed the marriage sealing of my sister Edie’s son, Morgan Payne, a couple of months ago so we had a nice visit with Richard again. Richard was my brother George’s best friend growing up in Albuquerque.”

¹² “Ripple’s Drive-In,” Provo Daily Herald, May 9, 2017.

[https://www.heraldextra.com/ripple-s-drive-in/article_545fc092-837b-58ee-a5c0-486e1afad655.html]

“Years open: 62 years

“Ripple’s Drive-In has been serving up classic burgers and fries on Canyon Road in Provo since 1955. They are open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and only accept cash.
Location: 3225 N. Canyon Rd., Provo”

¹³ Ripple’s is currently owned and operated by Todd Ripple. It had been their family since it was built and open for business in 1955 with continuous operation for 63 years.

It is at a great location, close to Timpview High School. Our drive-in was a bit bigger and had a lobby for ordering and waiting for the order to be fulfilled inside. Ripple’s has no lobby but does have awnings that provides some protection from the weather. Ripple’s also is known for the delicious fresh meat on their hamburgers and excellent French fries.

Ripple’s menu today includes more items than ours did at the San Mateo drive-in. Our University Avenue drive-in, with drive up car hop service, would later include halibut like Ripple’s has and even shrimp, which Ripple’s does not carry.

Ripple’s is open Tuesday to Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.—very unusual for a drive-in restaurant to be closed on Monday (Family Home Evening Day for Latter-day Saints). Also, payment is cash only.

For a google search that will get some great pictures on the restaurant, search for “ripple’s provo Utah”

“In Ripible’s Drive:” manta.om, retrieved 11/18/2018.

[<https://www.manta.com/c/mmjcjs1/in-ripple-s-drive>]

¹⁴ Suzanne Hanna, emails to Ronald Millett Oct/Nov 2018.

¹⁵ “76 Trombones Lyrics,” elyrics.com, Retrieved 11/18/2018.

[<https://www.elyrics.net/read/n/national-symphony-orchestra-lyrics/76-trombones:-from-the-music-man-lyrics.html>]

¹⁶ “Ralph Waldo Emerson quotes,” goodreads.com, Retrieved 11/18/2018.

[<https://www.goodreads.com/quotes/19755-that-which-we-persist-in-doing-becomes-easier-to-do>]

““That which we persist in doing becomes easier to do, not that the nature of the thing has changed but that our power to do has increased.”

“Heber J. Grant: Chapter 4: Persistence,” lds.org, “Teachings of the Presidents of the Church,” Retrieved 11/18/2018.

[<https://www.lds.org/manual/teachings-heber-j-grant/chapter-4?lang=eng>]

“President Heber J. Grant often quoted the following statement, which is sometimes attributed to Ralph Waldo Emerson: ‘That which we persist in doing becomes easier for us to do—not that the nature of the thing is changed, but that our power to do is increased.’ President Grant exemplified this truth, particularly in serving the Lord. Despite hardships such as poverty and the early death of his father, he persisted in keeping the commandments, fulfilling his Church callings, and doing all he could to build the kingdom of God on the earth.”

¹⁷ Richard S. Van Wagoner and Steven C. Walker, “A Book of Mormons,” Signature Books Library, Retrieved 11/18/2018.

[<http://signaturebookslibrary.org/karl-g-maeser/>]

“Karl G. Maeser (1828-1901)
Father of Brigham Young University

“There is a Mount Sinai for every child of God, if he only knows how to climb it.”“Every one of us sooner or later must stand at the forks of the road and choose between personal interest and some principle of right.”“The truly educated man will always speak to the understanding of the most unlearned of his audience.”“Whatever you do, don’t do nothing. Whatever you be, **don’t be a scrub.**” (emphasis added)

¹⁸ “Quotes from David O. McKay,” goodreads.com, Retrieved 11/18/2018.

[https://www.goodreads.com/author/quotes/601416.David_O_McKay]

RM: Source not found but must have come from the Improvement Era, Relief Society or Instructor Magazines—all of which we subscribed to.

¹⁹ Glenn V. Bird, “Lillian Freestone Millett: Seeking Kindred Spirits,” The Ensign, February 1988.

[https://www.lds.org/ensign/1988/02/portraits/lillian-freestone-millett-seeking-kindred-spirits?lang=eng&_r=1]

“Elder John A. Widtsoe must have had someone like Lillian Freestone Millett in mind when he said: “Those who give themselves with all their might and main to this work [of genealogy] receive help from the other side, and not merely in gathering genealogies. Whosoever seeks to help those on the other side receives help in return in all the affairs of life.” (Utah Genealogical and Historical Magazine, July 1931, p. 104.)

“Sister Millett has unceasingly devoted her time and talents to uniting her family—those who have been, are, and are yet to come. She has accomplished the sizable task and discovered the immense joy of identifying and then submitting for temple work the names of thousands of her loved ones.”