

### **Hyrum and Luella Emaline Tuttle Harmon:**

Hyrum, or Hite, as he was called, was born March 15, 1862, in Duncan's Retreat, Washington County, Utah Territory to Appleton Milo and Elmeda Stringham Harmon. His father was the carpenter and captain of the tenth ten, on the first company of LDS pioneers. He built the roadometer that was designed by William Clayton and Orson Pratt to measure the distance traveled each day.

Hyrum married Luella Emaline Tuttle December 31, 1890, in Manti and they had two children: Laurence Barnes (q.v.) and Lila Marie. He filed for divorce in 1903. Luella was born May 23, 1871, to Luther Terry and Emily Amelia Cox Tuttle in Manti, Utah Territory. After being divorced from Mr. Harmon, she married Isaac David Vorhees and they had one child. He died in 1932 and she died October 19, 1957.

Hite and Luella moved to Highland in 1890 building the large home at approximately 6550 W 10300 N (#12)<sup>2</sup>. Luella was there for only a short while before their separation and divorce. He rented part of his large home to many others over the years and some of the renters helped him work his large farm. He was a good neighbor and always helped his neighbors at harvest time. He apparently built a molasses mill on his property, as remnants of it were found after his death. Hite was a School Trustee in 1907.



One night he had a large quantity of wheat stolen from his granary in burlap bags. He discovered that one of the stolen bags had a hole in it and spilled a trail of grain all the way to the culprit's home (who shall remain nameless here but he later became a member of the Bishopric).

Although Hite was a member he was not active and didn't participate in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, but he was one of the finest Christian men - always treating his neighbors with great love and respect. My father and brothers had a great deal of respect for him; I have vague memories of him. One of my memories was watching him make a rope out of binder twine. He had a machine to which he hooked

the twine, then twisted it tightly into a rope. He poured water on it and let it sit for a day or two then released it and it was a fine rope.

For the last few months of his life he was in a care center in Sandy where he died January 6, 1945. He is buried in the Lehi City Cemetery. After his death his property was sold to LeRoy Wagstaff.

Ed note: In July, 2017, Wade Allinson, who had read my history, contacted me and stated that he had located the name of Hyrum Harmon inscribed on a rock on the Muddy River in Emery County with an 1880's date.