

Dennison Lowe Butler

Dennison Lowe Butler was born April 7, 1883 at Monroe Sevier County, Utah. He was the only son of John Lowe Butler II and Sarah Saria Johnson. He received his education in the Monroe schools. On February 18, 1892 he was baptized and confirmed a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He was ordained an elder October 1, 1911 at Carey, Blaine County, Idaho and endowed in the Salt Lake Temple November 15, 1911. On that same date he was sealed for all time and eternity to his second wife, Annie Elizabeth Hansen. They later divorced and she went back to her old home in Australia.

When a young man he came to Idaho seeking employment and found it at Soldier, Idaho and Hailey, Idaho. His first marriage was to Nancy Morgarett Wardrop at Hailey, Idaho on December 21, 1906. With them as a witness were the bride's school teacher, Victor La Valle and her aunt, Irene Ballard. Mr. LaValle's wedding gift was a set of six silver tea spoons. These spoons are valued highly by their only daughter, Alice Marguerite. They are today in the possession of Alice Butler Kelly.

At the time of this marriage he worked for the Muldoon Mining Company near Bellevue, Idaho some miles east of Hailey, Idaho. His mother came to Idaho in about 1910 and was a second wife living in polygamy with John Lowe Butler II.

His marriage to Nancy dissolved in heart break for both of them and soon after he left Idaho to make his home elsewhere. His work-a-day life was that of a carpenter and cabinet maker. He took great pride in his work and especially miniature furniture for children.

He was employed by the union pacific railroad in building the lodge on the rim of the Grand Canyon. It was a beautiful structure in stone mostly, but a mighty fire leveled its beauty. He worked for Uncle Sam in the ship yards at Washington and an accident there almost took his life. He later worked for the government at the Geneva plant near Provo, Utah.

As he walked the face of this earth loose sixty-nine years most of the dollars he earned rolled away in all directions bringing succor to those in need. He had a great love for his fellowmen and a keen eye where help was desperately needed. He was tolerant of another's failings and sincere in his forgiveness.

He had a deep concern and love for his widowed mother and cared for her tenderly, especially in her declining years. His sisters too fell under this generous hand of their brother. He was a friendly man and now that he sleeps, there are those who came forth and pay him a high tribute for his doing of the "word", proving he truly let not his right hand know what his left hand do'eth.

In 1924 he married Charlotte Walker of Cedar City, Utah. He cared for her invalid brother in his home many many years and eighteen years later "Aunt Charlotte", passed away and left him lonely indeed.

In 1943 he moved to Sacramento, California and established a cabinet makers shop. He married a lady by the name of Lillian . He remodeled an apartment house and finished six living quarters to rent as he now dare not climb heights any more. When he was stricken his wife Lillian chose not to care for him. A nurse, a cousin, took him into her home. He was invited to come to Idaho Falls, Idaho and make his home with his daughter, but on arriving in St. George, Utah, his heart began to give him serious problems and he had to return to California until he was stronger.

A year and a half ago he grasped the yoke of pain and suffering. On March 18, 1952 at, a San Jose, California hospital he gently layed it down with a prayer on his lips for his brother who was less fortunate than he.

He leaves to mourn his passing his daughter Alice Kelly of Idaho Falls, Idaho and the following sisters and brothers:

Mrs. Ann Richards, Ontario, Oregon.
Mrs. Mary Anderson, Salt Lake City, Utah.
Mrs. Jane Neilson, Wendell, Idaho.
Mrs. Olive Smith, Los Angeles, California.
Mrs. Carrie Thurber, Boise, Idaho.
Horace Butler, Rupert, Idaho.
K. T. Butler, Gooding, Idaho.
Leland Butler, Sacramento, California.

Two grandchildren, Annette and Roy Jon Kelly, Idaho Falls, Idaho.



Dennison Lowe Butler and His Mother