

NAOMI RICHARDS ELLER

DAUGHTERS OF UTAH PIONEERS - WILLOWS CAMP
#54880 - SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CA.

Naomi was born 9 April 1920 at Manard, Camas, Idaho. Father, William Adams Richards was born 5 August 1880 at Parowan, Iron Co. Utah. Died 29 July 1944 at Gooding, Gooding, Idaho. Mother, Ann Butler, was born 6 June 1891 at Monroe, Siever Co., Utah. She died 12 Dec. 1953 at Ontario, Ore. My sister, Marjory La Rue was born 14 Dec. 1911 and died 14 Dec. 1911 at Manard, Camas Co., Idaho. Another sister, Ruth, was born 28 May 1916 at Milford, Beaver Co., Utah.



Attended school from the first grade to part of the third grade (1926-1928) at Springdale, Camas, Co., Idaho. Third through high school, November 1928-1939; at Gooding, Gooding Co., Idaho. After high school, Wieser NYA School from June 1939 to October 1939. Attended Boise Junior College from January 1940-1942. Graduated 8 June 1942.

On the 18th of March, I married Russel Henry Eller in Idaho City, Boise Co., Idaho.

Russell Richards Eller was born to us 31 December 1942 at Gooding, Gooding Co., Idaho. Effie Ann Eller was born 3 June, 1944, also at Gooding, Idaho. Ruth Marie Eller was born 7 June 1949 at Boise, Ada Co., Idaho. Alfred William Eller was born 10 December 1954 at Boise, also. He died 16 September 1973.

The family lived on the Camas Prairie until Naomi was eight years of age. They moved because of Ann's poor health and realized that the high altitude was not good for her heart condition. In Gooding, the girls finished high school.

In 1939 Naomi went to Wieser, Idaho to attend NYA school. At the school there were four hundred boys and only one hundred girls. It was a vocational training school where Naomi learned to teach nursery children. She stayed until October, 1939 and then left to go to Boise to babysit. January, 1940, Naomi started Boise Junior College. Naomi wanted an education. She stayed on at Lucille Hill's earning her room and board.

In 1941 Naomi met Russel Henry Eller and they dated for eleven months. On the 18th of March, 1942 they were married. Russel would soon be leaving for the Army. Naomi had three months until she graduated from college. Russel was not taken into the service at this time. Their marriage was not made public at this time and they continued to live apart, Naomi with a girl friend and Russel lived with his brother.

Naomi finished her junior college and graduated 8 June 1942. After graduation, the Ellers set up house-keeping in a one room apartment. Naomi went to Gooding for Christmas. Russel could not get away. Russell Richards was born 31 December 1942 at Gooding. When Russell Richards was a year and three months old Russel Henry was called into the Army. He left March 1st and was captured 9 October 1944 and was a prisoner of war until April 12, 1945. Naomi moved to Gooding to be with her family while Russel was overseas. Effie Ann was born 3 June, 1944 while Russel was at boot camp.

Russel returned after the war in June 1945. In November, the Eller family moved to Boise. After a long search for an apartment, they found that it was most difficult to find living quarters when

you have two small children, finally they were successful. Three years later, they built their own home.

Ruth Marie was born 7 June 1949. The family was busy, the older children went to school and Russel worked driving taxi for twenty nine years. Alfred William was born 10 December 1954. He became ill in May 1955. Ruth Richards and Naomi took him to Salt Lake City, 29 July to the Primary Children's Hospital. He was very ill with pressure on the brain. At three, he became a total invalid and was completely helpless. He lived nineteen years. Naomi and Russel took care of him and tried to give him the best life possible. They took him with them where ever they could. On the 16th of September, 1973, Alfred passed away.

Russell graduated from high school and then went into the Coast Guard, served a mission and went to BYU. He later married Pamela Nelson. He graduated in 1968. They had two children when they moved to California.

Effie Ann graduated from high school and then went to Ontario, Oregon to stay with Ruth Richards. They moved to Astoria, Oregon in 1964. Ann went to college for two years and then went on a mission to France. She attended BYU after her release from the mission and graduated in 1970 and then moved to California.

Ruth Marie graduated from high school and then attended BYU, graduating in 1971. She also moved to California. In 1975, she went on a mission to Tennessee. Ruth married Michael M. Mitsuda on 5 August 1978 in the Oakland Temple.

Russel Henry Eller had a heart attack in 1963 and was in the hospital for twenty one days. He later had another attack and was hospitalized for thirty three days. He had a stroke in 1978 and another one in 1980. He passed away 2 July 1980.

Naomi came to San Jose, California with her family. She went to the Oakland Temple to receive her endowment 23 August 1980 and was sealed to her husband, Russel Henry Eller 12 August 1981. She was also sealed to Effie Ann, Ruth Marie and Alfred.

Naomi moved to Astoria, Oregon to be with her sister, Ruth Aldrich, who was not well. She moved in 1981.

Naomi held many church positions. In 1938-1939 she was second councilor in Primary in the Gooding Ward. 1959-1980 Relief Society visiting teacher in the Boise First Ward. 1958-1971 taught the three to five year old in Primary in the Boise First Ward. 1982 she taught the three year old Primary children in the Astoria Ward. 1983-1984 taught eighteen month to three year old children in Primary. 1984, August called to the Longview, Washington Stake Genealogy Library.

1981 Naomi was accepted in the Willow Camp of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers.

1973-1984 she wrote the story of Alfred's life TALL STRAIGHT FREE.

As of this writing December, 1984, Naomi has seven grandchildren.