

## JOSEPH WILLIAM GIVIDEN

Joseph Gividen was born December 3, 1874, at Sulphur, Kentucky to William Gividen and Melvina Browning Gividen. In his youth he worked long hours on the family farm. The lifestyle of the post civil-war south provided little opportunity for formal education beyond the elementary grades. On January 2, 1899, Joseph married Mary Alice Stone, daughter of James Barton and Josephine Annabelle Wright Stone.

While residing at Sulphur, Joseph and Mary Alice had their first of two children. James Vance Gividen was born June 28, 1902. About that time the LDS missionaries were proselyting in the area. Elders Kenneth Mollen of Mapleton and Elder Meacham of Wallsburg converted the Gividens to Mormonism, baptized them, and established a missionary headquarters in their home. Elder Mollen spoke highly of Mapleton and its beautiful surroundings to the extent that by 1903, Joseph sold everything and moved his family by railway to Springville. Upon arrival they didn't have enough money to buy a meal. Railroad fare had depleted their money. Fortunately, they were invited to stay with Mary Alice's father, James Stone until other arrangements could be made.

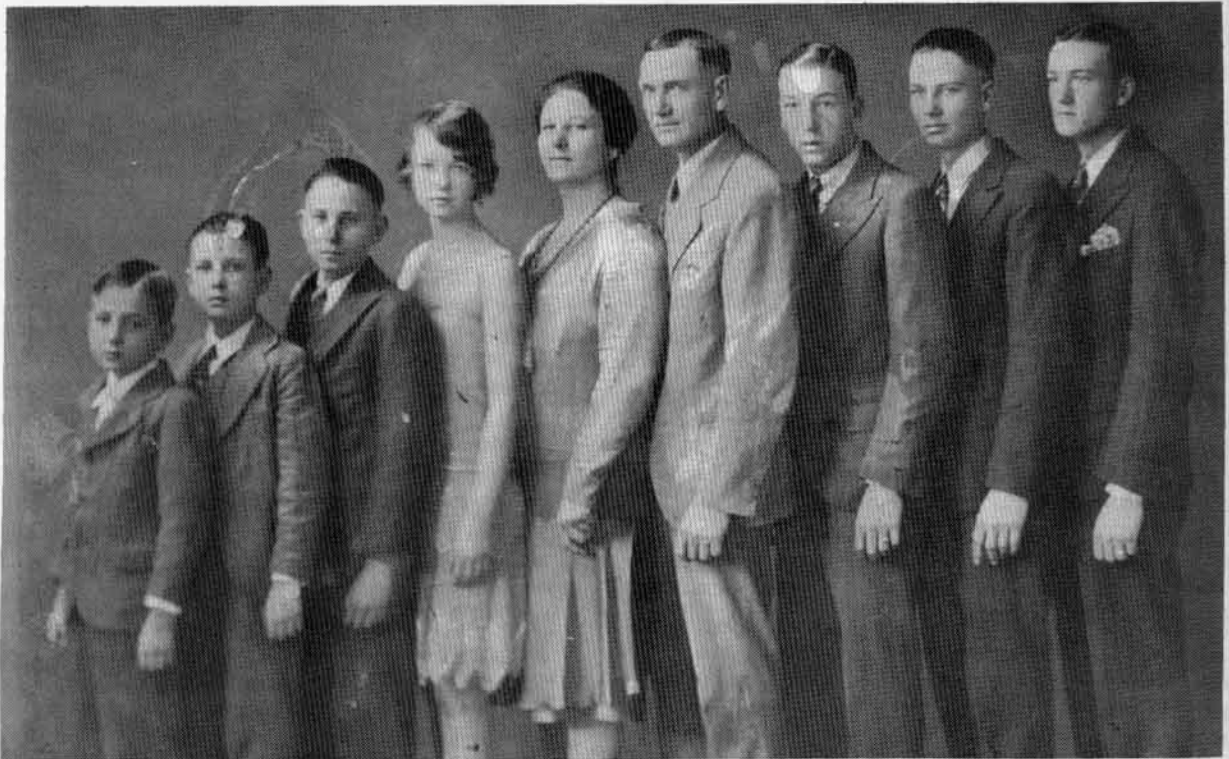
Joe eventually found a job working at the Mark Cook brick yard west of Evergreen cemetery. He was paid 65¢

for a ten-hour work day. After moving to Mapleton a second child, Melvina Josephine was born on July 12, 1914. Joe also became interested in fruit trees and began working for Sam Fullmer who operated a large orchard in town.

Later, Joe worked as a track inspector for the D & RG Railroad. For two winters he walked the tracks from Mapleton Depot to Thistle and back again every day. Joe carried a spike mall, an S-wrench, one rail bolt and nut, and four spikes all in a sack that resembled a nose bag used for feeding horses. The round trip took ten hours to complete. He was paid \$1.75 per day. He worked several other jobs during his life in Mapleton. He hired on with Joe Jensen's threshing operation and later became a butcher.

Joe was generally well liked in the community. He was easy going and held to a policy of keeping out of other people's business. He treated people according to a Christian code of conduct. He took a posture of stepping over people he disliked rather than on them.

Joe remained in Mapleton the rest of his life. He died at the age of 72 from a heart attack on August 9, 1952. Twenty-nine days later his wife Mary died of a stroke on September 12, 1952.



OTTO ARMOND HALL FAMILY - (left to right): Jesse Grant, Max Larsen, Ross L. (bus), Melba, Rebecca Larsen, Otto Armond, Donald, Armond Otto, Arthur.

## OTTO ARMOND AND REBECCA LARSEN HALL

Otto Hall was the son of James Edward Hall and Katie Wiggins. He was born at Springville, Utah, December 29, 1884. As a young boy he attended the fourth ward school, Sage Creek School and the Washington School, and by age 14 he was working on the railroad for contractors. By age 19 he was a foreman and had worked throughout most of the western states.

On February 5, 1908, Otto married Alice Rebecca Larsen in the Salt Lake L.D.S. Temple. Becky was educated in the local schools. Soon after their marriage they made their home in Bingham, Utah, while Otto worked at the Utah Copper Mine. Next he went to work in Colorado, then to Payson, where they were building the double track for the railroad. Next he went to California,