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Pioneer Personal History Questionnaire

Elizabeth S. Jolley, Tropic, Utah

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Panguitch, Utah

1. Pioneer's name
Elizabeth Stolworthy Jolley.
2. Address
Tropic, Utah.
3. Present occupation
Housewife.
4. Previous occupation
Housewife.
5. Date of birth
September 17 1858.
6. Place
Parowan [sp], Utah.
7. Present age
82.
8. Whom did you marry? When? Where?
William J. Jolley, April 21, 1875, Mt. Carmel, Utah.
9. If from a foreign land, give country, city and name of ship in which you came to America.
unanswered.
10. At what place did you join the company or wagon train with which you came to Utah?
unanswered.
11. When did it leave for Utah?
unanswered.
12. What was the place of your destination in Utah?
unanswered.
13. When did you arrive there?
unanswered.
14. Who was the leader of your company or train?
unanswered.
15. Method of travel (handcart, ox team, mule team, horseback, etc.)
unanswered.
16. Of what was your first home constructed? How were bricks made in those days?
Logs – Bricks made of mud moulded [sp] by horses.
17. What form of lighting do you recall as being used in your first home in Utah?
Candles.
18. When were electric lights first used in your community?
December 20, 1939.
19. What type of fuel was used in your first home?

Wood, Pine, and Cedar.

20. What kinds of food did you have in pioneer times?

Vegetables and Pork we raised and some Molasses.

21. What type of clothes did you wear and how were they manufactured?

Home spun wool and purchased cloth.

22. Do you recall any interesting customs or incidents pertaining to pioneer courtships?

My own experience of courtship and marriage was unusual as I belonged to the "Order" and Mr. Jolley did not, and we were not allowed to marry out of the "Order." Mr. Jolley lived in Mt. Carmel and my Bishop refused to let me marry him, but after much apprehension [we] ran away and were married secretly, for they threatened to cut us off the Church also the one who married us. We really suffered over this until one of the Apostles came and settled the trouble in our favor.

23. What comparisons can you give between cost of food and clothing in early days and the present time (Such as one bushel of wheat, one sac of flour, and one pound of sugar).

I do not remember, as we raised our own grain and did not have any sugar.

24. What were some of the methods and incidents pertaining to sharing food and supplies in times of common need?

We lived in the Order before I married then we moved onto a piece of land and had to care for ourselves and it was a mater of (Root-Hog or die).

25. What was the first type of cultivated plant life introduced in your vicinity?

unanswered

26. What were the first farm implements used on your farm? Any homemade implements?

A plow that was home made affair with a cottonwood beam.

27. Did you bring them with you or purchase them here?

Made them here.

28. From who did you purchase them, and at what cost?

Not purchased.

29. What was the first industry or industries created in your town?

A Wollen [sp], Tannery Factory and Sawmill at Orderville.

30. Did you have any early day mining experiences? If so, where and at what time?

unanswered.

31. Do you recall seeing any buffalo or hunting any wild game? If so, tell about some incident.

unanswered.

32. Were fish and game plentiful upon your arrival in Utah? What kind? Where?

unanswered.

33. Did you use any of the wild plant life at that time, such as wild hay, sego bulbs, thistle greens, etc.?

We used Pigweeds and Red-Roots for greens.

34. Relate some of the interesting incidents of early days [examples given].

My father was called to the "Muddy" wen I was 10 years of age when we were on Mesquito Flat (now called Moab) only one day from our destination, the Navajoes [sp] stole our mules it was while the guards were changing at midnight the Indians slipped in and frightened our horses away leaving us stranded until help came to take us on.

There was also another time when my husband's father was injured by the Indains [sp] and left for dead he and my husband and I were almost killed another time by Indains [sp] while at a camp at Longvalley [sp].

35. What were some of the methods and incidents pertaining to combating prairie, foret, or habitation fires?

unanswered.

36. Do you know how any courties [sp], towns, rivers, creeks, lakes, valleys, peaks, mountain ranges, or other landmarks or points of interest got their names? Origins of places and name are very interesting and important. List them and tell how and when they were named.

unanswered.

37. Do you know of any early day hotels, boarding houses, or stage coach stations?
unanswered.

38. What was the first school you attended in Utah?
A school at Centerville.

39. Location of school? Date?
Centerville – 1866.

40. Name of teacher?
unanswered.

41. Was tuition paid? How much?
Yes, \$3.00 was paid for tuition.

42. School books used. (title and author)
Mc-Guffy [sp] reader and Elementary speller.

43. Can you give the names of several books in your immediate family or in the homs of early day pioneers?
unanswered.

44. What newspapers or magazines do you recall in your home or locality?
The Deseret News.

45. Were they published locally?
unanswered.

46. Do you recall the first telegraph station in your locality? Where? When?
At Kanab Utah In Kane County.

47. Did you ride on the early day horse cars? Where? When?
unanswered.

48. Do you remember the first automobile you ever saw? (when and where)
In Tropic Utah 30 years ago.

49. When did you first see a train? Where?
At Marysvale, Utah.

50. Do you recall your first ride on a train? When? Where?
From Marysvale to Idaho, 30 years ago.

51. Do you recall any early day theatrical entertainments?
Just our Home Dramatic Clubs.

52. Were these local people, or traveling stock companies?
Local people.

53. Do you remember any important celebration in commemoration o f any individual or event?
unanswered.

54. Were you acquainted with any women prominent on the frontier such as “Calamity Jane”?
Elizabeth Clarage McCune was one of my friends on the Muddy.

55. Do you recall any of the early day “boothill” cemeteries?
unanswered.

56. Can you remember any early day characters buried there?
unanswered.

57. Do you recall any tombstone inscriptions?
unanswered.

58. Do you recall any of the early day disputes over water rights? If so, give details.
Mr. Roundy killed Mr. Segmiller over a water dispute at Upper Kanab by Alton Utah.

59. Can you tell anything of the days of “squatters” or “nesters” (homesteaders) or the troubles with cattle and sheep owners?
unanswered.

60. Do you recall any bank robberies, stage holdups, executions of horse thieves [sp], cattle rustlers, etc.? If do, give details.

Joe Wood killed Jim Maxwell over cattle stealing.

61. What do you recall in connection with the voting to put the state of Deseret into the Union?
unanswered.
62. Do you recall any political strife over violence in connection with early government?
unanswered.
63. Have you had any interesting or outstanding religious experiences such as participation in the establishment of a local mission, United Order, etc.?
Lots of experience while in the United Order.
64. Were you affiliated with any military organization or mobilization?
unanswered.
65. What was your first contact with the Indians? What Indians? Name of tribes or band?
unanswered.
66. What customs did you notice among the Indians? What tribes?
unanswered.
67. What was their type of shelter? Tepees, hogans, etc?
unanswered.
68. Did they ever harvest any crops such as corn?
unanswered.
69. What places were their crops grown?
unanswered.
70. Did the Indians have any method of irrigation? Where? When?
unanswered.
71. Did you ever learn any of their languages or dialects? If so, what language?
unanswered.
72. Do you recall the locality of a mound or prehistoric site?
unanswered.
73. Give your experience in horse-trading with the Indians.
unanswered.
74. What are some of your impressions of early Utah days.
unanswered.
75. Total number of your descendants.
14 Children – 76 Grandchildren – 81 Great Grandchildren.
76. Names and address of any sons or daughters.
Matildia Allstrom Idaho Falls – Luella Lloyd Springfield Idaho.
E.M. Jolley 146 W 2nd S. Provo Utah J. Jolley Tropic, Utah. etc.
77. Names of a few grandchildren.
unanswered.
78. Have you written any books, diaries, journals, sketches, or newspaper articles? If so, give details.
Have a sketch made for Daughters of the Pioneers.

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