



HYRUM MORONI DABB (1886-1949)

Hyrum (Hy) Moroni Dabb was born in Ogden, Utah, April 7, 1886, to Sara Emily Barrow and John Dabb. When he was a year old, his family established a home in Harrisville where he grew up with his brothers and sisters: Howard A, Clarence G., Edwin, Evert, Lucy, Cora, Ida, and Carrie.

While growing up, he worked hard on the farm with his father and brothers. Farmers never lacked for work in the summer: planting, cultivating, and harvesting. All year round farm chores, feeding cattle, cutting wood, and milking cows were inevitable and sometimes monotonous.

Hyrum received whatever schooling he achieved in Harrisville. He was active in the Harrisville LDS Church where he taught Sunday School periodically most of his life beginning at the age of fourteen.

He married Allie Poorte in the LDS Salt Lake Temple on April 13, 1910. Together they had five children, Clyde (1911), Ralph Francis (1913), Stanley (1916), Emily (1919), and Wilmer Russell (1923).

In 1913, Hyrum was in the hog business, and he had some 200 hogs. He fed them the left overs from Ogden restaurants and cafes. Two or three times a week, he would make the rounds with a wagon to these places. Unfortunately, his hogs developed hog cholera and died. The pigs very likely caught the hog cholera from pieces of pork in the refuse he was feeding them, and little was known then about vaccination. This loss was a setback that made life on the farm quite an economic struggle. After the loss of his hogs, he still kept a few hogs on his farm. He kept a boar pig around for breeding purposes which was used by all the neighbors to cover their sows. He trained his boars to walk in front while the farmer guided them from behind. Neighbors would guide his boar down the road to their farms. Hy's price for this service was one pig from each sow's litter.

Hyrum was a scout master for many years. He spent a great deal of time with the young boys of the community taking them on trips. He also taught them the art of caring for tools, and he kept his own tools in good condition. His knives and axes were so sharp and honed that he could shave the hair on his arm with them. When the scouts grew into men, they still recalled how, as boys, they would sit around Hy Dabb's kitchen table and talk and eat pop corn and try to solve the puzzles and riddles he created for them. Hy also served as YMMIA president and was scout master for eleven years and served as scout commissioner for seven years. At the time of his death, he was a seventy and had participated actively in quorum work.

The family farm always had a dog or two. There were sheep, pigs, chickens, a few ducks and geese. The latter became dinner for Thanksgiving and Christmas. A staple for the family's supper was homemade bread and fresh milk. Hy took his family on many short trips to the

mountains. He was a keen observer of nature, a trait he passed onto his children. He was handy and always kept busy. His children remember him sitting on his feet on the kitchen floor at night fixing shoes, whittling, braiding or making trinkets such as picture frames.

Hyrum's son Ralph reported that Hy inherited a bit of his father's "temper, voice, and vocabulary." He was outgoing and liked to associate and talk with people. His civic duties included serving as constable and justice of the peace, and chairman of the local Democratic committee.

He died at the age of 62 on 23 January 1949, after an eight month battle with cancer. He is buried in the Ogden Cemetery.

SOURCE:

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Barrow, Sara Emily	Dabb, Evert Adolph
Dabb, John	Dabb, Phillip Edwin
Dabb, Carrie	Poorte, Allie Poorte
Dabb, Ida	Dabb, Allie Poorte
Dabb, Howard	Dabb, Clyde
Dabb Lucy Jane	Dabb, Ralph
Hyrum Moro	Dabb, Stanley
Dabb, Cora Belle	Dabb, Emily
Dabb, Clarence George	