Mary Ellen Cahoon Tolman Little History of My Life as I Remember it Ritten December 25, 1941

<<NOTE: I've preserved the spelling in transcribing this from Mary Ellen's handwritten history. I added punctuation for ending sentences only. (Michael Baird)>>

Mary Ellen Cahoon Tolman was born Brigham City Box Elder Co Utah (Born November 3, 1870) daughter of Rais Cahoon and Mary Sharlott Johnson Cahoon.

We lived in Brigham City. I remember lill about. sep 1881 moved to gentile valley Idaho. their wasn't meny familys but mostly latirday saints. we had meetings Sundays schools had just a small log house for meeting house also used the same house for school. we lived 3 miles from school we had to walk most of the time as father only had one team and he had to use that on the farm in the summer and worked in the canyon in the winter getting out logs for the saw mill. some times their wasnt money enough to run the school only 3 months. some times they had to pay the teacher by each family paying their shear acording to the size of their family going to school. I didn't get but very little schooling as soon. as I was large enough to work out I went to work to help darn my own close also I did what I could to help my folks. we all worked heard. my mother would card wool in to rooles then would spin those rooles in to yarn to make our winter stockings and mittons. also we would make bats out of the wool for our quilts. we children had lots of fun in winter time coasting down the hills.

on Nov 17 – 1887 I married Joseph Holbrook Tolman sr. married in the Logan Temple. I went in to Plural marrage. I saw some very trying times but I never forgot the Blessing I recived. some times when I was tried with what I thought all most more than I could stand that lovely peacfull feeling would come over one and I would feel to say thank you Lord for that lovely feeling and would get curage to go on and I want to Bear my Testmoni to my dear children. I know the gospel is true. The lord wont fail us if we do our part.

In June 7 – 1896 moved from Honeyville Utah to Chesterfield. worked in the sunday school as teacher for bout 5 years also was a distric teacher in the Realief society for 3 years. In september 1912 moved to Inkom Idaho. In Nov 1912 I broke my leg. went to Hospitol in Pocatello that same nite my son Alvin died he was 17 years old. later on I was counsler to Mary Webb in RS for a time then counsler to sister Martha Cornwall later to counsler to Elvisa Preece then in Jan 11 (1921?) Mary E Tolman was set apart as President of the R S in the Inkom ward by Joseph H Tolman sr. served as President 8 years. enjoyed the work very much. Moved to Lava Hot Springs Idaho in April 1931. I still live in Lava Hot Springs. have did some R S work as teacher . do temple work for the dead in the Logan Temple as often as I can. I have had 8 children 4 boys and 4 girls. I have buried 3 of my boys. I feel well in the gospel and am willing to do what I can to pleas and make my children happy and my dear friends may the lord bless you all is my prayers. your mother Mary E Tolman

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