

VENICE MCALISTER

(Written in 1984 by Venice McAlister Lindsay)

Venice McAlister Lindsay, second child of Sarah Ann Zollinger McAlister and Lorenzo Charles McAlister, was born in Providence, Cache County, Utah, on September 24, 1897. Birth was in the home of our Zollinger grandparents.

My first recollection is of an examination by a doctor. We were living in a part of great grandmother McAlister's house on East Third Street in Logan. My next recollection is having chickenpox. I was probably about four since my sister Louise and I caught it from our brother Irvine who was in school at the Woodruff in Logan. At that time we were living in the Sixth Ward in Logan. My next recollection is of a visit Irvine, Louise and I made to a house our parents were building on East Third North on property just north of Grandmother Mack's house. We were walking on floor planks. The carpenters sent us home.

We lived in this house until 1909 or 1910. Grace, Sara and Dorothy were born there. Our parents traded the Third North house to a Mrs. Spandy for her house in River Heights. Dean and Clarissa were born there.

Louise and I went to Providence elementary school for two years. Irvine was in high school at Utah State Agricultural College and went on to get his bachelor's degree there. Father bought a small piece of property in Logan so that Louise and I could return to the Logan school system. I went to the Whittier. High school was the Brigham Young College. Logan had no city high school at that time.

Between 1912 and 1913 our parents sold the house in River Heights. As I remember, father intended to buy a farm. Our parents rented a house in the Sixth Ward near the Sixth Ward Meeting House. While we were living in this house, father died in the Logan hospital of peritonitis in November, 1914. Our hearts were still with the people of River Heights. Mother managed to buy a house there. We lived in this house for two or three years. Mother traded it to a dentist for his house on Third North. It was a large house, and we were able to take in boarders. Our first boarders were two girls. Later mother took in college boys who lived and ate meals there.

Irvine, Lou and I found work. I worked part time in the business office at B.Y.C. and in the telephone company as a relief operator. I continued these jobs until graduation. At that time the secretary at the B.Y.C. got married and I got her job. I had a quick course in shorthand. I had learned to type. After two years I married William Lindsay,

Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, and bookkeeping teacher, on June 20, 1919. Of this marriage two children were born: Harold William on June 3, 1920, and Venice on February 15, 1930.

Life with William was not exactly easy and peaceful. When Harold was three, William was given leave to attend the University of Chicago. He had been there for a summer session previously. I secured an office job on campus. We shared an apartment with another couple from Logan who had a small girl. During our first year in Chicago, Adalene Barber Bailey took care of Harold while I was at work. The Baileys went back to Utah after one year. We kept the apartment and rented a room for a time. Harold went to a University nursery school. When school was closed, William sometimes took Harold to the University library with him. After two years William earned his Master's degree from the University of Chicago.

We returned to Logan and the B.Y.C. unfortunately for us, the Church closed the B.Y.C. in 1926 and under the direction of Adam Bennion set up the institute program.

William secured a position as Assistant Treasurer at the University of Utah. He wasn't happy with this position, and at the end of the year we were back in Chicago. William entered the University of Chicago to work toward his Ph.D. I secured a job in the Recorder's Office where I worked for about 18 months. We lived in Oak Park where Harold attended Oak Park elementary school. While we were living in Oak Park, Venice was born on February 15, 1930, in a Chicago hospital.

When we returned to Chicago after William's leaving the University of Utah, William applied for a teaching position in the Chicago junior college system. He secured a teaching position at Crane Junior College shortly after our return and did not continue as a full time student at the University of Chicago. William later transferred to Wilson Junior College where he taught until his retirement in 1949.

After living several years in Oak Park, we were back in Chicago living in the University of Chicago neighborhood. I enrolled in classes at the University of Chicago. I had taken classes at the University of Utah and a summer class at the University of Chicago in Methods of Teaching Shorthand and Typing. I had taught a class in shorthand and one in typing at the B.Y.C. the year we returned from Chicago. A colored woman named Minnie looked after Venice while I was in class. We lived close to the campus. I secured a bachelor's degree in 1933 at the University of Chicago.

As the years passed, William developed arthritis. It got very much worse in the thirties. A doctor at the University of Chicago Medical School thought his problem was caused

by sinus infection. Dr. Scott operated on his sinuses, but that was not the answer. One doctor told us to leave Chicago and go live with our relatives, but he also suggested we see a Dr. Dick who might have some ideas that would help. Dr. Dick said to go to Arizona. William secured a leave of absence, and on January 5, 1938, we left Chicago for Tucson. Harold was enrolled as a freshman at the University of Illinois at Urbana. He had graduated from Hyde Park High School. He was at home in Chicago for Christmas vacation. We took him back to Urbana on our way to Tucson.

We reached Tucson on January 8, 1938, and found living quarters in a tourist court. Venice went to school in a suburban school until school closed at the end of May. We found a house to rent and had our furniture sent from Chicago storage.

William rested until the summer session when he enrolled at the University of Arizona. His arthritis continued to improve. His sabbatical leave was extended to the fall of 1940 when he returned to his teaching. He spent his summers in Tucson and winters in Chicago until 1949 when he was able to retire. During his retirement he spent his time taking classes in philosophy and religion, but most of his time was spent improving the yard around the house that we bought in 1939. He built a cement block wall around the rear of the property on which he planted nine citrus trees and two date palms. From 1949 to his death on December 20, 1955, his arthritis was never too painful. His death was caused by high blood pressure.

Harold finished his first year at the University of Illinois and came to Tucson in June of 1938. He spent the summer and fall in Oregon and entered the University of Arizona in January, 1939. By that time we had secured residency in Arizona. He majored in agricultural economics. He enrolled in R.O.T.C. at Arizona so that when he graduated in 1942, he was inducted into a motorized unit of the cavalry. On May 1, 1942, he and Winifred Whiting of St. Johns, Arizona, were married. Winifred was a University of Arizona student. Harold was active in extracurricular activities in the College of Agriculture. He was very active in the activities at the L.D.S. Institute at the University of Arizona. Dr. Daryl Chase, Director of the Institute during Harold's years at the U. of A., was working on his book, Joseph the Prophet, when he heard of Harold's death in France. He dedicated one section of his book to Harold. The dedication page read "TO HAL, eager student, young friend, believer in immortality, as he met death in France, July 25, 1944." Harold and Winifred had one daughter, Margaret Anne, born October 8, 1944, in Tucson. Margaret has one daughter, Donna Lesli, born May 4, 1962, in Ft. Campbell, Kentucky, where Margaret and her husband, Clifford Bright, were living at that time.

Margaret Anne earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree from Pepperdine University, and she lives in California where she is a contract administrator for a large firm.

Venice graduated from Tucson High School and entered the University of Arizona where she was enrolled in the School of Music majoring in piano. After graduation from the U. of A., she spent two years at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music in Oberlin, Ohio, where she earned a Master's degree in music. After her graduation, she married Ivan Hawkins, whom she had met at the U. of A. when they were both students there. They were married on June 19, 1953, in Tucson. Ivan was Tucson City Clerk for the first three years of their marriage. Since 1956, Ivan has practiced law in Tucson, and Venice has handled his office over the years. They have two children: Anne Marie Hawkins Welsh, born June 5, 1954, and James Harold Hawkins, born September 28, 1958. Anne is an M.D. in Internal Medicine as is her husband, Thomas Welsh, whom she married upon graduation from the U. of A. Medical School. Their internship and residency training was done at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas, Texas. They began their practice of medicine at Sun City near Phoenix and are now practicing in Tucson. They have a son, David Thomas, born on February 22, 1983.

James Harold Hawkins, Venice and Ivan's son, has a bachelor's degree in metallurgical engineering from the University of Arizona. He received an award as the College of Mines' Outstanding Senior in 1980. After graduation, he accepted a job with Boeing in Seattle. He left Boeing this past January (1984) to do graduate work in metallurgical engineering at the University of Washington in Seattle. He married Donna Marie Depugh in September of 1981. Donna has her bachelor's degree in microbiology and medical technology and is employed by a medical laboratory in Seattle.

When we came to Tucson in 1938, I wanted very much to teach. I had a minor in education at the University of Chicago. I needed some more course work in education to teach in Arizona. I attended the University of Arizona the first semester we were in Tucson but didn't get a school. I had also applied for office work. In June I was offered a secretarial job in the College of Law at the University of Arizona. This I accepted and worked there four years. I left that job for secretarial work in the U. of A. Extension Division. Several bureaus were under the direction of the Extension Division. One was the Visual Aids Bureau. There was an opening there which I got. I managed that Bureau until I retired in 1963. I have spent the past 20 years being useful to Venice and Ivan and their children, and now I spend three days a week taking care of David, my great grandson.