

Harriet Eliza Strong Speirs

October 27, 1894 – June 21, 1975

Harriet Eliza Strong Speirs, or as her family called her Aunt Hattie, was born October 27, 1894 in Salt Lake City, Utah. She was the seventh child of eleven born to William Hill Strong and Clara Ann Bishop.



William Hill and Clara Ann Bishop Strong Family about 1906. Harriet is seated next to her mother in the bottom right corner of the picture.

The family was living in a home built by William Hill at the rear of 827 East 4th South where Hattie was born. Some of her siblings; Lewis Hyrum, Elias John, Loretta Maud and Lillie Geneva were also born in this home.



State Board of Health File No.

CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH
STATE OF UTAH

PLACE OF BIRTH
County of Salt Lake
Precinct of
Town or Village of
City of Salt Lake City

STREET AND NO. 813 East 4th South
(If in Hospital or other Institution, give its Name instead of Street and Number)

FULL NAME OF CHILD HARRIET ELIZA STRONG { If child is not yet named, make supplemental report as directed

Sex of Child <u>F</u>	Twin, Triplet, or other? (To be answered in event of plural births)	Number in order of Birth	Premature.....	Legitimate? <u>YES</u>	Date of Birth <u>October 27, 1894</u>
			Full Term..... <u>YES</u>		(Month) (Day) (Year)

FATHER		MOTHER	
Full Name <u>William Hill Strong</u>	Full Maiden Name <u>Clara Ann Bishop</u>	Residence (Usual Place of Abode) <u>Salt Lake City, Utah</u>	Residence (Usual Place of Abode) <u>Salt Lake City, Utah</u>
Color or Race <u>White</u>	Age at Last Birthday <u>31</u> (Years)	Color or Race <u>White</u>	Age at Last Birthday <u>32</u> (Years)
Birthplace (City or Place) <u>Salt Lake City, Utah</u>	Birthplace (City or Place) <u>Utah</u>	Trade, Profession, or Particular Kind of Work Done, as Spinner, Sawyer, Bookkeeper, etc. <u>Merchant</u>	Trade, Profession, or Particular Kind of Work Done, as Housekeeper, Typist, Nurse, Clerk, etc. <u>Housewife</u>
Industry or Business in Which Work was Done, as Silk Mill, Sawmill, Bank, etc.	Industry or Business in Which Work was Done, as Own Home, Lawyer's Office, Silk Mill, etc. <u>Own Home</u>	Number of Children of This Mother (At time of this birth and including this child) (a) Born alive and now living (b) Born alive but now dead (c) Stillborn	

each and the number of each, in order of birth, stated.

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MIDWIFE*

I hereby certify that I attended the birth of this child who was Born alive at M. on the date above stated. (Born alive or stillborn)

(Signature) J. Beattie
Date November 3, 1894 Physician (Physician or Midwife)

Address of Physician or Midwife Salt Lake City, Utah

Filed November 3, 1894 Wm. T. Dalby (Registrar)

Registered No. 2947

Given Name Added from Supplemental Report
July 31, 1942
T. J. Howells, M. D. Registrar

About 1904 Harriet moved with the rest of her family to a home one door east which was located at 345 Lake Street, (rear 831 East 4th South) which had been purchased by William Hill from his Mother Harriet Neeley Strong. Chloe LaPriel was born in this last home.

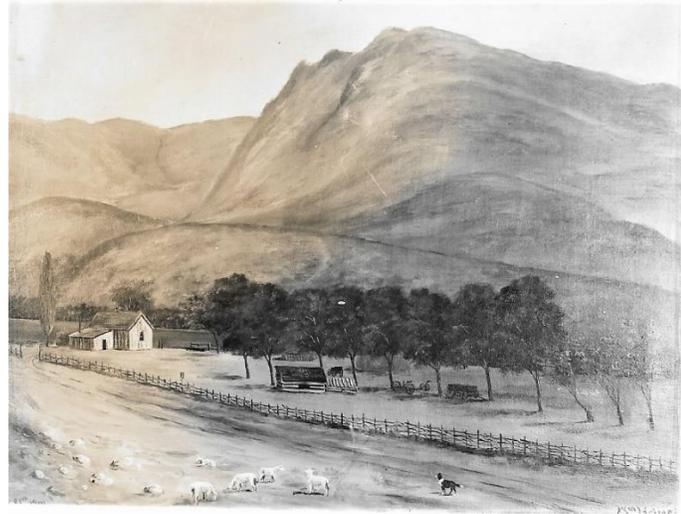


Nettie (Bishop) Greenwood and Sister Virginia (Strong) with their babies

Harriet had a wonderful childhood, much of which was spent up Emigration Canyon. Her father William Hill was devoted to nature and the canyon where he spent many of his childhood days.



Harriet (age 5) with brother, Elias



Strong farm up Emigration Canyon

The family built a few cabins up at Kelvin Grove and would move there at the close of their school work each summer. During this time in the canyon Hattie spent her time gathering shells on the mountain slopes, hiking with friends and relatives and gathering native black currants for her Mother who used them in cobblers. She also gathered wild choke cherries for use in jellies and fished at a water hole in what would become known as Pioneer Addition. Many families lived in Emigration Canyon and would commute back and forth to their work in the city during this period of LeGrande Young's railway. She attended church during these summers at the place known as Pioneer Addition. She is quoted as saying "those were happy, happy days for us all."

During Harriet's teenage years she developed a love for family history. Little did she know how much this was to affect her life and the lives of those around her. The blessings she earned for the living and the dead cannot be numbered, Not only did Harriet do so much for the Strong family, she also did so much for her husband's family.



Harriet, 18 years old



Harriet 20 years old



Harriet 20 years old

Harriet worked in the Strong Brothers' store which was located at 813 East 4th South.



Not far away was the old Speirs Grocery store. The Speirs store, owned by Adam Speirs, was cared for by two of his sons Ernest and Edgar. Neither of these boys were married and were considered confirmed bachelors. Harriet knew Ernest as all the children from the Webster School knew him, their parents were friends and he sold all the kids "penny candy."

Ernest was much older than Harriet, so when he started to give her some attention she had mixed emotions. She respected him as an older gentleman and a friend in the store and the ward, but resented his attention in any other way.



LaPriel (who shared a room with Harriet) recalled that “there were times she would be very disturbed with his attention and on some occasions wept with indignation, wondering why he was so persistent. He was always a real gentleman to her and took her to the finest shows at the old Salt Lake Theatre, the Orpheum Theatre, Saltair, Lagoon and other fine entertainments.



He had some of the finest horses in the City, many of them winning prizes in cart races at the Utah State Fair. He loved his horses and he and Harriet went horse-back riding on many days.



Adam Speirs Home, 723 E. 5th So, Ernest with one of his horses. Harriet and Ernest lived here during the first years of their marriage.

She loved the horses and rides and found great interest in his hobby. As time went on she learned to have great respect for him and then gradually this so-called respect grew into a love for the man who was to be her husband. She was unaware of why he persisted in giving her his attention until after their marriage. Their courtship was very hard on Hattie for neighbors and relatives tongues were not always kind about this romance. She was an attractive, beautiful young woman and he was so much older (about 10 years). One can understand to a degree why their romance was of such great interest to all that knew them, but apparently the Lord had a purpose for this marriage.

Ernest was not what you would call a religious man as far as attending Church, but a fine man in every respect. He was not too active in the Church because he had a great fear of being asked to pray or to take part in a meeting. This was a great trial to him and one that he never fully overcame. After their marriage he attended Church regularly, but sought his Bishop out to tell him of his fear. He was made a ward teacher, which he loved, and was at home doing good for others. After their marriage on the 29th of March 1916 in the Salt Lake Temple he told Harriet of his sacred experience. It seemed that his Father came to him in a dream after he had been dead for some years and told him he was to marry Harriet Strong. He knew that he had an unusual experience and that he must follow through in the direction his father had given him. They lived in the old Speirs home which had three floors including an attic. One day Ernest and Hattie decided to clean out the attic and they found an old trunk. It was full of the Speirs family history. Ernest asked Hattie to please do his family's genealogy and in return he would do anything he could to support her in this effort. This was to be her calling in life, not only the Speirs' genealogy but also that of the Strong's. For the rest of her life Hattie spent her time in behalf of her ancestors, both living and dead. No children were born to Ernest and Hattie, but the love of her family filled that void. In March of 1916, Harriet guided her father William to found the Jacob Strong Family organization. She directed that stalwart organization for the rest of her life. Now, over 100 years later we can see how that organization has guided the Strong family in uniting as a family and completing important work that needed to be done. During this time of her life Harriet also attended the LDS Business College and graduated from that institution in 1929.



Harriet is on the back row of the people with the arrow pointing to her.

Sometime during their years together they moved from the old Speirs family home to a new home located at 720 South 1300 East in Salt Lake City.



It is not known how long they lived in this house. Ernest died September 28, 1935.

Two years later on June 7, 1937 Harriet married Andrew LeRoy Bosworth.

MARRIAGE LICENSE License No. 76467

THE STATE OF UTAH, COUNTY OF SALT LAKE.

To Any Person Legally Authorized to Solemnize Marriage, Greeting:

You are hereby Authorized to Join in Holy Matrimony

Mr. Andrew LeRoy Bosworth of Bingham
in the County of Salt Lake and State of Utah over the age of 46 years, and
Mrs. Harriett Eliza Strong Speirs of Salt Lake City
in the County of Salt Lake and State of Utah over the age of 42 years.

Witness my hand and official seal this 9th day of June 19 37

(SEAL) WILLIAM J. KORTH County Clerk, Salt Lake County, Utah.

By JOHN A. HARTER Deputy Clerk.

STATE OF UTAH, } ss. I hereby certify that on the 9th day of June in the
COUNTY OF SALT LAKE } at Salt Lake City, in said County, I, the undersigned,
a Bishop in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints did join in the Holy Bonds of Matrimony
according to law Andrew LeRoy Bosworth of the County of Salt Lake
State of Utah and Harriett Eliza Strong Speirs of the County of
Salt Lake State of Utah. The nature of the ceremony was according to Law
, and was a present mutual agreement of marriage between the parties
for all time.
We were married as stated in this Certificate, and are now husband and wife.

Signed, Andrew LeRoy Bosworth Groom. }
Signed, Harriett Eliza Strong Speirs Bride. } ALMA E. RASMUSSEN
In the presence of Alfred E. Konold Witness: }
Roy Jones Witness: } Emigration Ward

It is not known where Harriet and Andrew met, but it is possible she met him while serving as office manager at the Bingham Canyon Hospital.



Bingham Canyon Hospital

After they married they moved to Bingham Canyon so Andrew could be near the Kennecott mine. They lived for nine years in Bingham in a variety of houses and made many friends there that would last a life time for Harriet. She was active in the Bingham Ward and made good friends with the Bishop there. During their time living in Bingham WWII broke out and Harriet helped with raising funds to help with the war effort. She was also in charge of gathering metal for the local metal drive, she was able to collect 11 tons of metal in this drive. Harriet and Andrew divorced after nine years of marriage. The divorce was granted on December 7, 1946 and Harriet moved back to Salt Lake City taking back her old last name of Speirs as outlined in the divorce decree. Hattie continued doing her genealogical work for both the Speirs and Strong families during this time and after.

In 1952 Harriet took a much deserved trip back east to see various church sites and to visit Pennsylvania where her great grandfather Jacob was from. During this trip she visited the Hill Cumorah to see where the gold plates had been delivered to Joseph Smith.



I remember being with my Great Aunt Hattie many times in my life. I have many fond memories of her and the things she did for me. While I was growing up I was the only male Strong left from the William Hill Strong line to carry on the family name. Because of that I was treated nicely by my loving Great Aunt. Every year on my birthday I would receive a beautiful card with a nice crisp one dollar bill in it. I was always so excited that she remembered my birthday. I always loved to go up to see her on the

avenues and was always amazed at how much typing she would be able to do with her crippled arthritic hands. She was such a beautiful, loving, caring person. Harriet obtained many outstanding honors in her life. She was a member of the Daughters of the Mormon Battalion; Daughters of the Utah Pioneers and the Utah Republican Women's Organization. She received recognition from the Mitre Press of London, England in 1934 as one of the principal women of America for her contributions to genealogical work. She was also a member of the Genealogical Research Foundation and was one of thirteen women of Utah honored in Chicago as one of the leading Genealogical Researchers in the country. But the greatest honor that we can give her is the undying love of her family. She is loved and honored by so many of us for her years of service and sacrifice in our behalf and in behalf of our departed ancestors. All the family history work that has been accomplished in this family so far is due to her timeless work, endless sacrifice and great talents. Harriet Strong Speirs, we love and honor you and your efforts now and for all the eternities.

Harriet Eliza Strong Speirs passed away June 21, 1975 of problems incident to age. She graduated to the loving arms of all of her departed ancestors and found happiness in eternal glory.

TYPE OR PRINT IN PERMANENT INK SEE REVERSE FOR INSTRUCTIONS		LOCAL FILE NUMBER 18-2195		UTAH STATE DIVISION OF HEALTH CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		STATE FILE NUMBER	
DECEASED—NAME 1. HARRIET ELIZA STRONG SPEIRS		MIDDLE		LAST		SEX Female	
RACE (WHITE, NEGRO, AMERICAN INDIAN, ETC.) (SPECIFY) White		AGE—LAST BIRTHDAY (YEARS, MONTHS, DAYS) 80		HOURS, MIN.		DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY, YEAR) Oct. 27, 1894	
CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION OF DEATH Salt Lake, rural		HOSPITAL OR OTHER INSTITUTION—(NAME IF NOT IN INDEX, GIVE STREET AND NUMBER) Wasatch Villa Convalescent Nursing Home		COUNTY OF DEATH Salt Lake			
STATE OF BIRTH (IF NOT IN U.S.A., NAME COUNTRY) Utah		CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY U.S.A.		MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (SPECIFY) Widowed		SURVIVING SPOUSE (IF WIFE, GIVE AN-DEB NAME)	
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 528-64-0635		USUAL OCCUPATION (GIVE KIND OF WORK DONE DURING MOST OF WORKING LIFE, FROM 14 YEARS OF AGE) Housewife		KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY Own home			
RESIDENCE—STATE Utah		COUNTY Salt Lake		CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION Salt Lake City		STREET AND NUMBER 900 Donner Way, #104	
FATHER—NAME William Hill Strong		MOTHER—MARRIED NAME Clara Ann Bishop					
INFORMANT—NAME Mrs. LaPriel S. Bunker		MAILING ADDRESS 900 Donner Way, #104 - Salt Lake City, Utah 84108					
PART I DEATH WAS CAUSED BY (ENTER ONLY ONE CAUSE PER LINE FOR (a), (b), AND (c))		IMMEDIATE CAUSE		APPROXIMATE INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH			
(a) metastatic carcinoma of bladder				1 1/2 years			
(b) _____							
(c) _____							
PART II OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS: CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO CAUSE GIVEN IN PART I (e.g., HYPERTENSIVE CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE)		AUTOPSY (YES OR NO) NO		IF YES, WERE FINDINGS CONSIDERED IN DETERMINING CAUSE OF DEATH? NO			
ACCOUNT, SUICIDE, HOMICIDE, OR UNDETERMINED (SPECIFY)		DATE OF INJURY (MONTH, DAY, YEAR)		HOW INJURY OCCURRED (ENTER NATURE OF INJURY IN PART I OR PART II, ITEM 18)			
INJURY AT WORK (SPECIFY YES OR NO)		PLACE OF INJURY (AS HOME, FARM, STREET, FACTORY, OFFICE BLDG., ETC.) (SPECIFY)		LOCATION (STREET OR R.F.D. NO., CITY OR TOWN, STATE)			
CERTIFICATION—PHYSICIAN: ATTENDED THE DECEASED FROM (MONTH, DAY, YEAR) 1951 TO (MONTH, DAY, YEAR) 6/21/75		AND LAST SAW HIM/HER ALIVE ON (MONTH, DAY, YEAR) 6/21/75		I DID/DID NOT VIEW THE BODY AFTER DEATH (YES OR NO) NO		DEATH OCCURRED AT THE PLACE, ON THE DATE, AND TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, THIS IS TRUE TO THE CAUSE(S) STATED (INITIALS) 12:30 A.	
CERTIFICATION—MEDICAL EXAMINER: ON THE BASIS OF THE EXAMINATION OF THE BODY AND/OR THE INVESTIGATION, BY MY OPINION, DEATH OCCURRED ON THE DATE AND DUE TO THE CAUSE(S) STATED.		HOUR OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY, YEAR) 12:30 A.		THE DECEASED WAS PRONOUNCED DEAD (MONTH, DAY, YEAR) 6/21/75			
CERTIFIER—NAME (TYPE OR PRINT) A. J. MACFARLANE, M.D.		SIGNATURE <i>A. J. MacFarlane</i>		DEGREE OR TITLE M.D.		DATE SIGNED (MONTH, DAY, YEAR) 6/23/75	
MAILING ADDRESS—CERTIFIER 697 E. South Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah 84102		CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION Salt Lake City, Utah		STATE Utah			
BURIAL DATE June 24, 1975		CEMETERY OR CREMATORY—NAME Salt Lake City Cemetery		LOCATION Salt Lake City, Utah			
FUNERAL DIRECTOR—SIGNATURE <i>Max Larson</i>		FURNISHING FUNERAL SERVICES LARKIN MORTUARY		ADDRESS 260 E. 88th Temple St., Salt Lake City, Utah			
FURNERARY DIRECTOR—SIGNATURE <i>Max Larson</i>		REGISTERED 268		DATE RECEIVED BY LOCAL REGISTER June 21, 1975			
SDH-VS-12R-12/67						June 23, 1975	

Harriet Speris funeral program

<p style="text-align: center;">MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR HARRIET ELIZA STRONG SPEIRS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BORN October 27, 1894—Salt Lake City, Utah</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DIED June 21, 1975—Salt Lake City, Utah</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Daughter of William Hill and Clara Ann Bishop Strong Wife of Ernest Speirs</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FUNERAL SERVICES Tuesday, June 24, 1975 - 12 Noon Larkin Mortuary Chapel</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PALLBEARERS Lewis G. Strong Darrel Reynolds Wayne Davies Alden Wardell Newell Young Lee Haugly</p> <p style="text-align: center;">INTERMENT Salt Lake City Cemetery</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Funeral Directors LARKIN MORTUARY—Salt Lake City, Utah</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR HARRIET ELIZA STRONG SPEIRS</p> <p>OFFICIATINGBishop Waldo L. Macey</p> <p>FAMILY PRAYER <i>Lewis G. Strong</i>Gary L. Bunker</p> <p style="text-align: center;">✠</p> <p>PRELUDE MUSICThelma Ryser</p> <p>INVOCATIONRoland G. Kaiser</p> <p>SPEAKERBishop William S. Haglund</p> <p>SPEAKERGeorge Cannon Young</p> <p>VOCAL SELECTIONHulbert Kedddington "The Lord Is My Shepherd" acc. by Thelma Ryser</p> <p>REMARKSBishop Waldo L. Macey</p> <p>VOCAL SELECTIONHulbert Kedddington "The Lord's Prayer" acc. by Thelma Ryser</p> <p>BENEDICTIONPatriarch George L. Nelson</p> <p style="text-align: center;">✠</p> <p>DEDICATION OF GRAVEB. Allen Bunker</p>
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Rear: l to r; Blanche, Clara Ann, Virginia
Front: l to r: Harriet, Loretta, Chloe LaPriel



Harriet Strong Speirs

Biography written by Lewis W. Strong, Great Nephew of Harriet

October 22, 2017