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Little Pigeon Hollow Road = Quarry

Aptos, California  
May 24, 1997

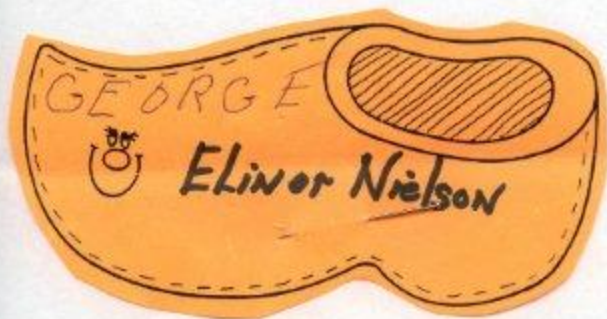
Dear Family,

I am pleased that this family reunion is being held in Ephraim. I've looked forward to seeing the old homestead and other places that were of special significance when I was growing up.

I have prepared a map that shows points and places of interest and I hope that you have a chance to look at some of these. My brothers and sisters and I grew up in Ephraim and it was a most impressionable time.

It's good to come back for a brief visit with families.

Robert





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58 North 200 East, Manti, Utah 84642 835-5041

Mr. R. D. Nielson  
42 Primrose St.  
Aptos, CA 95003

Dear Mr. Nielson:

Thank you very much for your donation of \$500.00, toward the placement of the name of TECKLA PAULINE CHRISTENSEN NIELSEN on a bronze plaque for FAMILIES to be a permanent addition in the Garden of Treasures under Temple Light. Enclosed is a receipt for your donation. For your information, the sum needed to complete the payment for said name is \$500.00.

As you are aware, all contributions, big or small, are important for this ongoing project which has been supported and is being achieved by hundreds of cooperating persons interested in making a permanent record for posterity. This monument recognizes the dedication of those who have sacrificed and are continuing to sacrifice to build Zion.

Thank you again for your generous contribution. Hopefully, other family members will respond and help in placement of your mother's name.

Sincerely,

*Jane*  
Jane A. Braithwaite  
President

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P.S. Since we are registered as a non-profit corporation, both with the Federal Government and with the State of Utah, your donation is tax-deductible.

NOTE: The \$1,000.00 donation for the name of A.C. NIELSEN, JR., has already been paid. Even though his name has already been placed on a plaque, at no further cost to the family, it will be repeated with his wife's name. On the plaque the names will appear as follows: NIELSEN, A.C., JR. and TECKLA PAULINE CHRISTENSEN *Nielson*

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Place #1: The location of an old rock house on 3rd East, between Center and 1st South Street is where I was born. It was also likely the place where George and Mary were born, but I don't have any specific assurance of this. About 1909, our family moved out of that house and moved to--

Place #2: a home on 3rd South and Main Street in Ephraim. I am not sure whether Dad built that house or not but it was our home until Dad and Mother had both passed on. It was my home from 1909 until 1935, when I was married to my sweetheart, Lenore.

Place #3 on the map is a home that Shelley and Shirley built which is just kiddy corner across the street from our old home. They lived there about in 1940 to 1943.

Place #4 was our chicken farm. It was purchased in about 1918. It was first used as a feed lot for our pedigreed Short horn cattle which we had for quite a while. Then later it was used as our primary "chicken farm" where we had as many as 5,000 chickens from about 1922 to 1926.

Place #5 was Grandpa and Grandma Christensen's home which was later purchased by Aunt Dowmer and Uncle Hy Thorpe. That was right next to our place on Main Street.

Place #6 was Uncle Otto's home down by the railroad track. Uncle Otto and his wife lived there until they passed away. Cousins Cyrus, Maude and Sena were raised there.

Place #7 was Aunt Winey's and Uncle Charles' home on 1st South and 2nd East. This was just across the street from Folmer Bertleson's grocery store.

#8 was Uncle Laritz and Aunt Linda's home. That was on 1st South and 2nd West, right next to the railroad track. They had that all the time that we were in Ephraim.

Place #9 was Uncle Joe and Aunt Lilly's home. That was right next to Grandma and Grandpa Nielson's home. It was built of home made bricks made of cement, by Dad and Grandpa and by the family. It was a delightful home.

Place #10 was Uncle Toot's home. That was a place on 3rd South between 2nd and 3rd East. That is where Uncle Toot and Aunt Nora lived and they raised their family of two daughters. They later moved to Axtel.

Place #11 was Aunt Eliza and Uncle Otto G's home. That is on 3rd South and 2nd East where they also had a grocery store, and a mortuary. Otto G was the main undertaker in those

days.

Place #12 was Uncle Charlie and Aunt Lizzy Christensen's home. That was right on Main Street. He was Mother's oldest brother. They lived there and raised a large family and I believe some of them are still in the area.

Place #13 is Uncle Fred and Aunt Milly's home. He was Mother's other brother. That was down by the railroad track on 2nd West. They also inherited the farm that they called "Over West". That was over on the west side of the Sanpitch River and was one of the main homes that Grandpa Christensen had when my Mother and her family were growing up.

Place #14 was Grandma Ellen's home. She was Grandpa Nielson's second wife. He had no children by Grandma Ellen but Uncle Laritz and my Dad pretty much took care of Grandma Ellen. She was a weaver of rugs and such and we had many rugs woven by Grandma Ellen. She also had a nice orchard and a nice garden. Either Uncle Laritz' family or my family took care of it for Grandma Ellen.

Some of the buildings that Dad built, particularly the homes, was #15, Fred Jorgeson home, built about 1916. It was later purchased by Andrew Berigo and then Ed Thorpe, who lived there until he passed on.

#16 is J. N. Hanson's home on Center Street and 1st East. That was a lovely home.

#17 is Eph Peterson's home, built by Dad. It is on 2nd East and 2nd North. There were many other homes built by Papa, as we called him, with help from his boys, particularly Andrew and George.

One of the special projects that Dad and several others in Ephraim had was the building of the so called Social Hall, #18. That was on 1st South and Main Street. It was the most elaborate dance hall in Southern Utah, south of Provo. It later became known as Dreamland.

#19 was another big project known as the Pea Factory, down west of the railroad track on 1st North. It was a big enterprise for the people of Ephraim. It was one of the best places to get a job of any place in Sanpete County. Dad was very helpful in building particularly the cement warehouses that adjoined the pea factory. I worked in the pea factory. Mary worked there sorting peas. George worked there in various kinds of assignments.

#20 was the Ephraim School Gymnasium. This was built in 1921 by Dad in connection

with the other school buildings in Manti and in Mayfield. This was one of the good years of Papa's and Axel Christiansen's company known as Nielson-Christiansen Construction Company. They built many other places elsewhere in Utah.

#21 is the Ephraim Carnegie Public Library on Main Street, built about 1916 by Dad. During construction George's arm was run over by a wagon that was hauling either gravel or brick. George fell from the wagon and part of his arm was crushed by the wheel of the wagon. I believe he had a life long scar from that.

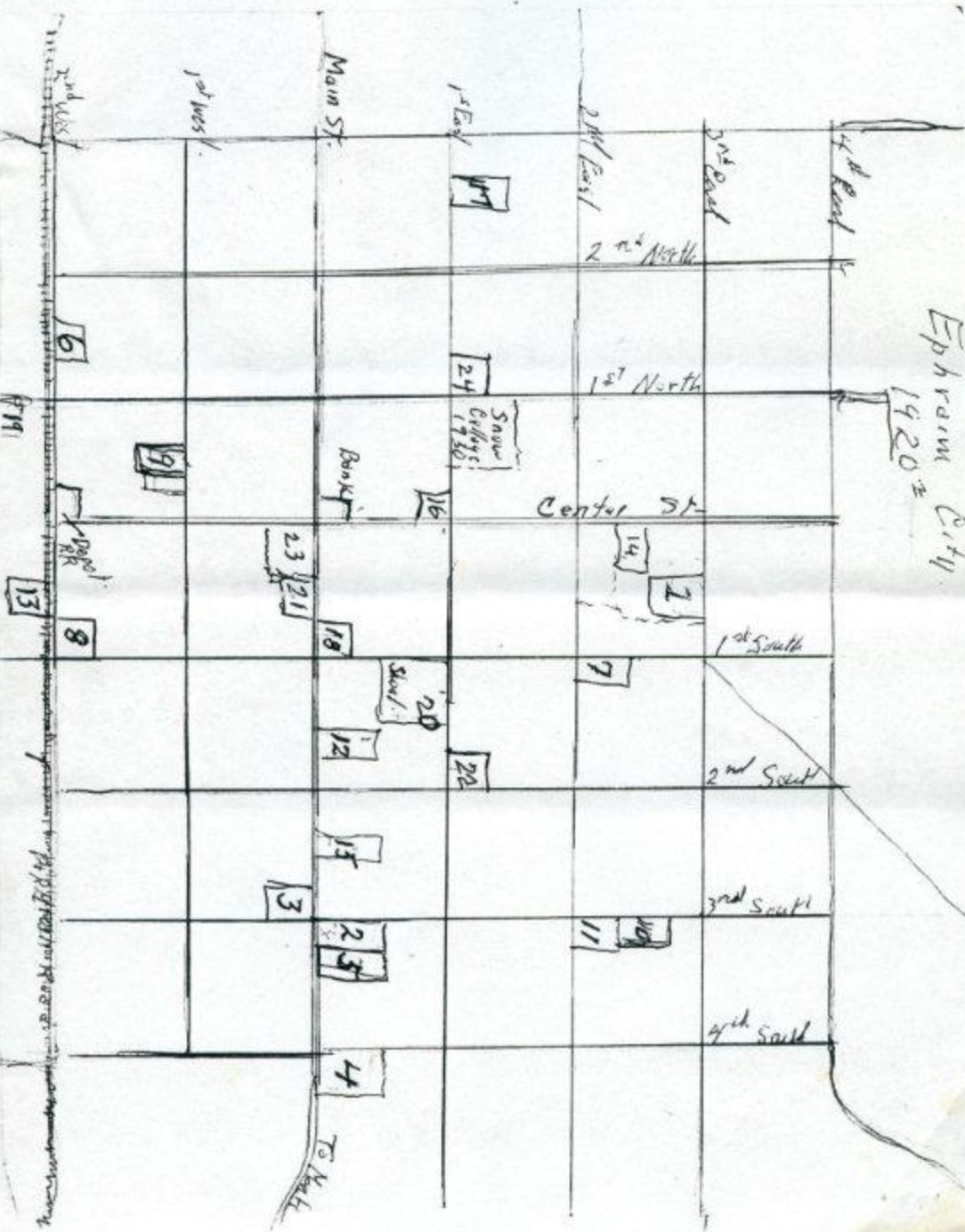
#22 is the Ephraim South Ward Church house. That is where we had our reunion dinner and that is where many of us learned about the church. Before that church was built there was a large adobe church house two stories high and about 30 feet wide and 100 feet long. This was heated by two large wood and coal stoves, one on the main floor and one on the second floor.

#23 is the Tabernacle, also built by Grandpa Nielson and Dad and some others. It was a real native rock house. It should have been preserved as a special "memorial building" for the people of Ephraim, but was torn down.

#24 is the North Ward Church located on 1st North and 1st East, right next to Snow College. Our stake was divided into three wards. Everything west of Main Street was West Ward and everything north of Center Street and east of Main Street was North Ward and everything east of Main Street and south of Center Street was the South Ward where we all went to church.

This is a brief summary of things our family contributed to the building of Ephraim, but in addition to this Dad had many other programs and projects. In addition to the buildings in Ephraim, he built many miles of sidewalks. He also constructed the main head house on Little Hill that stored the culinary water for homes in Ephraim. He was also the main contractor in the construction of the second power house which was built up Ephraim Canyon in order to utilize the water from the big springs up Ephraim Canyon which also furnished the water supply for Ephraim. It turned the turbines that helped furnish the electricity for Ephraim.

Ephraim City  
1920



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Map of Ephraim City, 1920