

The fifth son Charles Weldon, born 18 Nov 1906. He being only 2 years older than I, we were together a lot however Charley was not as healthy as I. It seemed that he had a lot of rheumatism. It wasn't that he didn't like athletics he just could not participate very much. He was an excellent driver. He could, and did, drive many automobiles up the hill when the owner was stuck. He helped with the farm as much as he could and he drove truck for Morris Smith a lot when Morris had the store. When he felt good he would work hard then his heart would give him trouble and he would have to go to bed for awhile. Charley had a real nice black mare; she would do most anything for me. He traded her for a down payment on a Ford roadster. Charley married Alice Burgess 1 Jun 1927. He served in the Sunday School Presidency, and was Ward Clerk, in the Yost Ward. He moved to Brigham City so he could be closer to the Doctor. It was there he died 24 Aug 1942. They had the following children, Weldon B, Wren David, Lena Rae, Velma, Verda, and Beth. (Written by Oscar Taft Tracy)

Family record book of Rebecca Harriet Taylor Tracy cites Patriarchal blessing by David Harry Toyn. She also records that he had rheumatism and leakage of the heart during the winter of 1920 and 1921. Secretary of YMMIA 1926. Had Rheumatic fever six weeks 1926 - 1927. Second Counselor of YMMIA 1927-1928. Stake Board Member of Sunday school 1928.

Memories of Father by LenaRae Tracy . . .

Charles Weldon Tracy was born November 18, 1906, at Yost, Box Elder, Utah. The twelfth child of David Samuel and Rebecca Tracy. Charles like his older brothers and sisters grew up in the small community of Yost, attended the local grade school and worked on the family farm. However, as a child, he contracted Rheumatic Fever which caused damage to his heart. This made it difficult for Charles to do heavy manual labor and frequently had long periods when he had to rest in bed.

Mother and dad had an interesting courtship. They probably met through Aunt Sarah Burgess. It has been reported to me that dad dated Aunt Sarah and then met my mother through her. They corresponded through letters and met occasionally at dances. The letters were addressed in the beginning to Miss Alice Burgess Dear Friend. Then soon became Dearest Friend and finally Dearest Alice. At the age of 22, Charles and Alice Burgess from View, Idaho were married on 1 June 1927 in the Salt Lake Temple. Alice also had heart disease similar to that of Charles making life difficult for the two of them. They settled in Yost to raise a family. Through the letters my mother Alice saved we know that Charles was active in the Church and that he was a hard worker when well enough to work.

Charles and Alice lived in Yost until 1941, at which time they moved to Brigham City to be closer to medical care. During the years they resided in Yost, their six children were born.

According to Rebecca Tracy's History, Dad had heart problems which were discovered at the age of 6 years. During his courtship correspondence with mother we learn he was ill for some time and was finally diagnosed with rheumatic fever just before December 1, 1926. Dad wrote a column for the Oakely Idaho Herald and he worked for Uncle Morris at the store. He really enjoyed working at the store. Irvin relates that dad was a very

good driver and helped many people at different times. As children we remember that he was in the hospital a lot and he would spend some of his time embroidering things for us kids. One year after moving to Brigham City to be closer to a doctor he passed away. Our time with father was short as he returned to his heavenly home at the age of 34. Six years later Alice died of heart failure at the age of 38.

Memories of Uncle Charlie by Irvin Smith . . .

I called him Uncle Charlie. He was my favorite uncle; he worked for my dad driving a truck, hauling various commodities to market for the ranchers in Yost. I was constantly coaxing to be allowed to go with him. I did go many times and I am sure he found it hard to endure my chatter or nagging. I was always at your house hanging around like a puppy dog. I adored your dad. I was in the army stationed in Hawaii when he passed away. I missed him and his letters very much.

Patriarchal Blessing
Of
Charles Weldon Tracy
Yost, Utah November 6, 1923
#3241

A blessing given by David Harry Toyn Patriarch upon the head of Charles Weldon Tracy Son of David Samuel and Rebecca Harriet Taylor Tracy born November 18, 1906. Brother Charles Weldon Tracy in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I place my hands upon your head and give unto you a blessing that shall be a beacon light to guide you through life. The Lord has his eye upon you for good Brother Tracy and if you will live a clean pure life. There is many blessings await you. The privilege shall come to you for you to go on a mission and if you will accept this call when it comes unto you. It will be unto you a wonderful school you shall be greatly blessed in your mind and in your body that you will be equipped for this labor and when you are in the mission field for a few months your mind shall be touched and the Gospel will be like an open book unto you and thou will be an instrument in the hands of the Lord in bringing souls to a knowledge of the Gospel. Thou art of the seed of Abraham through the loins of Ephraim and the blessings of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are yours if you will live for them and in due time of the Lord you will be privileged to take a companion to the House of the Lord and there be sealed up for all time and eternity and you twain will be greatly multiplied and your guarding angel shall guide your footsteps that you will escape the pitfalls that will lay in your pathway. Your life will be a successful one and you will be satisfied for the Lord will give unto you many responsibilities while you sojourn here upon the earth family has grown up and out of the way you will spend a good deal of the time in the house of the Lord. Now dear brother I seal you up against the power of the adversary that he shall not have power over your life until the day of redemption and I seal you up to come forth in the morning of the first resurrection and you shall be crowned with immortality and eternal life in the celestial kingdom of God.

Now these blessings are all yours through your faithfulness and I seal them upon you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.