

Dr. Wesley Fletcher Fish and Sarah Rhoana Hatch. Four boys.

- 5-1 Wesley Franklin Crowther, b. 27 Feb., 1936.
- 5-2 Thomas Clifford Crowther, b. 23 Oct., 1937.
- 5-3 Emer James Crowther, b. 23 April, 1939.
- 5-4 Robert Earl Crowther, b. 13 Nov., 1941.

BIOGRAPHY OF JAMES FRANKLIN CROWTHER

James Franklin Crowther was born September 17, 1860, 6:00 a.m., at Ephraim, Sanpete County, Utah. He was born in a "Dugout," which was a very common form of domicile in the early days of Utah. It was constructed by digging out a cave in the side of a wash or hollow, placing two large logs over the top, and spreading poles over them and placing first brush and then dirt on the poles thus making a roof. Sometimes the front was closed with a wall of logs, skins, or anything available.

He was the son of Thomas Crowther and Jane Jewkes Crowther who were married in Cedar City, Nov. 25, 1856 and moved to Ephraim in the spring of 1860. In the spring of 1861 they moved to Fountain Green where the family grew up. Their main source of livelihood came from farming. One spring the grasshoppers ate all of the wheat crop so they planted corn which matured and was what they had to live on during the following winter. James Franklin developed a great liking for corn meal mush and johnny cake and retained it all his life. Even his children seemed to inherit a strong liking for corn products.

During his early days there were many difficulties to be contended with. The Black Hawk war was on while he was yet too young to enlist in the militia or stand guard, but he and his playmates would have their drills with their wooden guns. It was in June, 1867, that the Indians raided the Fountain Green cow herd and killed Lewis Lund. Father Crowther brought the body to town in his wagon and when Frank saw the blood he felt a strong desire to avenge that blood, which

never left him. He told the story to his children so that they never pass the scene of the episode without feeling a reverence for the one who gave his life for the perpetuation of an early colony.

However, when peace was finally effected, the Crowthers did their share to maintain it. They treated the Indians so well that "Indian Jim," a sub-chief, would always stay at their home when in town. On one occasion when Frank had lost his pony, he went to Indian Jim in his wigwam and told his troubles. Indian Jim immediately started questioning the various members of his tribe and in about half an hour returned with the lost pony. It is good to have a friend, even Indian.

He was baptized March 14, 1869 by Elder James Woodward, and confirmed a member of the Church just one week later by the same James Woodward. In the winter of 1873 the towns of North Sanpete suffered an epidemic of small pox. Frank was the only one of his father's family to get it, and although it made him quite sick, it did not leave him with any marks or other bad effects as it so often did in those days. He even says his health was better after it left him. About this time he was ordained a deacon and enjoyed working in that office keeping the meeting houses clean and warm, etc.

In the fall of 1880 he went with others to southern Colorado, and during the winter, worked on the railroad grade along the Navajo river. In the spring helped lay track from Chama, New Mexico, to Durango, Colorado. There were times during the winter when they were snowed in and the crew were glad to eat venison which he would bring into camp until supplies could be obtained from town. In July of 1881 he turned to Fountain Green where he helped his father harvest the crop

and then worked in the sawmill in Spring Creek Canyon getting out logs and sawing lumber for the Manti Temple. He also worked with his father building the terrace walls of the Manti Temple.

In November, while hunting deer, he was accidentally shot, the one ounce ball passing through the left elbow, taking part of the joint away, then striking his left hip, grazed the outside of the hip bone and lodged in his back. He states that "with the help of the Lord, and careful nursing by a loving mother, I was restored to health, but my left arm is still stiff and crooked." And it remained so until his death.

Completing the requirements of the district schools he was offered a two years' normal scholarship at the Desert University (later U. of U.) by Sanpete County, on condition that he would teach two years in the district schools after completing the course. He attended from



Home of James F. Crowther, Sanford, Colo.

the fall of 1882 until the spring of 1884 under Prof. John R. Park. In the fall of 1884 he began teaching in the district school at Fountain Green. He found pedagogy very interesting. Also the pedagogs of the vicinity, especially the lady ones and he says "After two years of courtship with the largest, prettiest, best and most intelligent lady teacher I could find, I was united in marriage to Mary Olsen in the Logan Temple on December 31, 1884 by Apostle Mariner W. Merrill."

August 31, 1884 he was ordained a priest by Elder J. Martinus Jensen. December 12, 1884, he was ordained an elder by his father, Thomas Crowther. May 3, 1885, he was ordained a seventy by Peter Lauritsen. September 13, 1891, he was ordained a high priest by Silas S. Smith and chosen a member of the High Council of the San Luis Stake of Zion.

May 22, 1886, a girl was born to him and he called her Mary Grace. In January, 1887, an epidemic of diphtheria broke out in Fountain Green and the school was closed for three or four months, so he made arrangements for his wife to complete the term and he went to Colorado and settled in Sanford where he built a one-room log house and in June his wife joined him there. He engaged in farming and school teaching and his wife ran a little co-op store in one end of the one room log cabin. Here a son was born May 2, 1889, and they called his name Arthur Franklin, and he was blessed on the 7th day of June by Soren O. Berthelsen. The store grew and in the spring of 1890 was moved to a building of its own and housed the post office in one corner. He was engaged as manager of the Sanford Co-op store and appointed postmaster. He continued in that position for about eight years.

He accepted a call and went on a mission to the

Indian Territory mission March 5, 1898 and returned February 22, 1900. In June he was appointed secretary and treasurer of the San Luis Stake Sunday Schools and remained in that office until he moved to Provo, Utah, in October, 1909. He was elected justice of the peace in 1900 and re-elected until he filled four and a half terms. He worked in the store for about three years after returning from his mission and then engaged in farming and sheep raising.

On account of education facilities and other environments he sold his farm in Colorado and moved to Provo, Utah, October 1, 1909, where he engaged in coal merchandising and farming. Later he sold the farm and coal yard and engaged in apartment house business.

He sent four of his five sons on missions. Arthur left in October, 1912, for the Japanese mission, and returned in 1917. Osmond left for the British mission, November 25, 1919 and returned June 11, 1922. Earl left for the California mission April 16, 1924, and labored in the Nevada conference, returning June, 1926. Eldon left for the British mission September 8, 1928, and returned November 21, 1930, to a parentless home, his mother having died February 24, 1930, and his father passed away October 6, 1930. He returned just in time to attend the funeral of his oldest sister, Grace, December 28, 1930.

The posterity of James Franklin Crowther, third child of Thomas Crowther and Jane Jewkes:



James Franklin Crowther Family Group

THOMAS CROWTHER FAMILY

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- 2-3 James Franklin Crowther, b. Sept. 17, 1860 at Ephaim, Utah, d. Oct. 6, 1930, m. Mary Olsen who was b. April 3, 1863, and d. Feb. 24, 1930.
- 3-1 Mary Grace Crowther, b. May 22, 1886, d. Dec. 28, 1930, m. Walter Stevens who was born at Holden, Utah, July 2, 1882. Their children are:
 - 4-1 Walter Frank Stevens, b. March 31, 1911 at Provo, Utah, m. Fern Lee, b. May 2, 1914 at Hibbard, Madison County, Idaho.
 - 5-1 They have one child, Dennis Frank Stevens, b. Mar. 22, 1939 at Goldendale, Washington. (Klickitat County.)
 - 4-2 Mary Lucile Stevens, b. Jan. 18, 1914 at Marley (Richfield), Idaho. She was married to Harvey B. Bickett, Oct. 1, 1933, their children are:
 - 5-1 Walter Clair Bickett, b. April 2, 1938 at Gooding, Idaho.
 - 4-3 Ruth Stevens, b. June 9, 1916 at Provo, Utah, was married to Garth E. Brush, b. Dec. 9, 1916 at Richfield, Idaho, m. May 31, 1933.
 - 5-1 Ottis Garth Brush.
 - 4-4 David Clair Stevens, born at Marley, Idaho, Nov. 16, 1917, m. Wilma Lucile Hennis, June 20, 1941. She was b. April 9, 1921 at Gardena, Calif.
 - 4-5 Fay Stevens, b. Jan. 10, 1920 at Marley, Idaho, m. Roy Raymond Blakeslee, Nov. 16, 1940. He was b. May 7, 1912. Their child:
 - 5-1 Mary Illene Blakeslee, b. Richfield, Idaho, May 18, 1941.
 - 4-6 Helen Stevens, b. Feb. 22, 1924 at Shoshone, Idaho.
 - 4-7 William Grant Stevens, b. Aug. 26, 1925.
- 3-2 Arthur Franklin Crowther, b. May 2, 1889 at Sanford, Colo., m. Ethel Ann Cluff, Oct. 31, 1917. She was born in Anarbor, Michigan, Nov. 15, 1887. They had two children who both died in infancy.
 - 4-1 Mary Jane Crowther, b. Sept. 27, 1920, d. Oct. 5, 1920 at Buhl, Idaho.
 - 4-2 David John Crowther, born at Provo, Utah, June 5, 1921, died same day. They took two of their nieces into their home and raised them to maturity, June Fern Kimball, b. June 18, 1918 at Magna, Utah. Helen Stevens.
- 3-3 Chester Lawrence Crowther, born at Sanford, Colo., July 16, 1891, d. Jan. 3, 1892.



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- 3-4 Lewis Olson Crowther, born at Fountain Green, Utah, Jan. 16, 1893. Married Winnie McDaniel, Jan. 15, 1918. She was born Mar. 15, 1895.
- 4-1 Raymond Lewis Crowther, b. March 20, 1919 at Provo, Utah.
- 4-2 Frank McDaniel Crowther, b. Jan. 18, 1921 at Provo, Utah.
- 4-3 Mary Louise Crowther, b. Aug. 12, 1923 at Provo, Utah.
- 3-5 Esther Jane Crowther, b. Oct., 1895 at Sanford, Colo. Married Ernest Long, Feb. 4, 1914. He was b. May 12, 1891 at Valdesa, N. C.
- 4-1 Their children are Cleo Mary Long, b. Feb. 21, 1916 at Provo, Utah. Was married to James Paxman Martin, Sept. 15, 1937. He was born -----.
- 5-1 They have one child, born in Brunswick, N. J. Name Karen Martin.
- 4-2 Jessie Ernest Long, b. Provo, Utah, July 1, 1919.
- 4-3 Richard Crowther Long, b. Nov. 17, 1930, at Provo, Utah.
- 3-6 Osmond Crandal Crowther, b. Aug. 13, 1898 at Sanford, Colo. Married Idena Jensen, Dec. 10, 1924. She was b. Feb. 12, 1900 at Fountain Green, Utah. Their children are:
- 4-1 Eloise Corine Crowther, b. Nov. 9, 1925 at Fountain Green, Utah.
- 4-2 Janet Crowther, b. June 25, 1927 at Provo, Utah.
- 4-3 John Osmond Crowther, b. Jan. 12, 1930 at Provo, Utah.
- 4-4 Frank Martinus Crowther, b. Feb. 21, 1932 at Mt. Pleasant, Utah.
- 4-5 Mariana Crowther, b. July 24, 1936, at Fountain Green, Utah.
- 4-6 Dean Stevan Crowther, b. Feb. 9, 1942 at Ftn. Green, Utah.
- 3-7 Israel Earl Crowther, b. Aug. 27, 1901 at Sanford, Colo. Married Ruth Wintch, June 22, 1927. She was b. Sept. 20, 1905 at Manti, Utah. Their children are:
- 4-1 Loree Crowther, born at Richfield, Idaho, Aug. 7, 1928, and died the same day.
- 4-2 Earl James Crowther, b. Sept. 16, 1929 at Shoshone, Idaho.
- 4-3 Norma Jean Crowther, b. Feb. 8, 1931 at Provo, Utah.
- 4-4 Dolores Ruth Crowther, b. July 30, 1932 at Provo, Utah.
- 4-5 Richard Keneth Crowther, b. March 18, 1934, d. Dec. 27, 1936 at Provo, Utah.
- 4-6 Glen Wintch Crowther, b. Nov. 10, 1935 at Provo, Utah.
- 4-7 Lois Crowther, b. Jan. 26, 1939 at Provo, Utah.
- 4-8 Thomas Henry, b. July 11, 1942, Provo, Utah.

- 3-8 Thomas Clyde, b. Dec. 4, 1903, d. Dec. 20, 1903 at Sanford, Colo.
- 3-9 Ray Eldon Crowther, b. June 4, 1906 at Sanford, Colo. Married Nelda Beck, Aug. 17, 1932. She was b. Nov. 18, 1908 at Nephi, Utah.
- 4-1 Mary Joyce Crowther, b. Jan. 31, 1937 at Provo, Utah.
- 4-2 Elda Joan Crowther, b. Feb. 11, 1939 at Provo, Utah.

LIFE OF MARY GRACE CROWTHER STEVENS

BY HER BROTHER, ARTHUR F. CROWTHER

Mary Grace Crowther was born at Fountain Green, Utah, on May 22, 1886, the daughter of James Franklin and Mary Olsen Crowther. In 1887 she was taken with her parents to Sanford, Colorado, where they settled to help build up a new colony. Here they lived happily for about twenty-two years. They engaged in farming and raising sheep and cattle and operating a small store and post office. Schools were established at an early date and none of the settlers of the new colony needed to lack for educational facilities until after they had finished the eighth grade. Grace studied diligently and passed one grade each year until she had finished the eight grades. She helped with the chores and housework before and after school and as soon as she was old enough she would go and help her father in the store and post office. After completing the course of study in the eight grades offered at Sanford, she went to Provo, Utah, and attended the Brigham Young University for three years and obtained a diploma in the Normal School of that University.

She then returned to Colorado where she engaged in school teaching in the towns of Eastdale, Manassa, and Sanford. Many of the boys in her classes were of equal or greater age than she, but she did not success-

fully teach them the laws of matrimony. In 1908, an old classmate of the BYU, Walter Stevens, started to writing her letters from the mission field, and in 1909, after his mission was finished, they were married in the Manti Temple, and went to Blanding, where he had interests in cattle raising. But after about one year at that they sold out there and moved to Provo, where he worked at various jobs, and after three or four years, moved to Idaho and took up some land near Richfield. Here they followed farming and stock raising with a good degree of success all the rest of her life.

She died at Richfield, December 28, 1930, leaving a husband and seven children behind.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF ARTHUR FRANKLIN CROWTHER

I, Arthur Franklin Crowther, was born in Sanford, Colorado, May 2, 1889 and grew to manhood there. Started driving the cows to pasture in the morning and home at night at the age of four. Started to milk and feed them at the age of six. Started to do farm work in the field during summer vacations from school at age nine. At age twelve, father being manager of the co-op store, it was my job to haul all the produce, such as butter and eggs to the railroad to be shipped to market and merchandise from the railroad to the store to be sold to the customers. At age sixteen, father obtained the contract to haul the mail from the railroad to the Sanford post office. Then I made the trip every morning and night, hauling the mail along with the produce and freight for the store.

In 1909, father sold out all his possessions in Colorado and took his family with him to Provo, Utah, to give

his children the advantages of the schooling offered by the Brigham Young University. I had completed the eight grades of elementary school and did one year of high school work in Colorado and in the spring of 1912 was graduated from the commercial department of the B. Y. U. About that time I received a call to go on a mission and left in October for Japan where I labored for four and a half years.

On my return I found a very nice and loving young lady, Ethel Cluff, a daughter of one of Provo's most prominent families, just waiting for a husband. I was very happy when she consented to let me be the lucky man, and we were married in the Salt Lake Temple, October 31, 1917. I had taken a civil service examination for accountant and received my appointment in the navy department. The United States had entered the war between Germany and Great Britain, and in my civil service status, I was still subject to be drafted into the army. My country was at war and needed all of its men, and I was willing to give it all the service I could, but preferred to give it in the navy than in the army, and therefore enlisted in the navy in February of 1918 and was sent to Newport, R. I., for training. My wife also went to Newport and rented a room in town and came to see me often and I would go and spend the time with her as often as I could get liberty from the training station. After completing the course of training in the Yeoman school and because of my knowledge of shorthand I was given the rating of Yeoman 2nd Class and detailed to the engineers office.

After the armistice was signed, I was demobilized and returned to Provo. But since it was impossible to find employment of any kind there, we went up into Idaho where I hired out to work for a farmer named