

History of
JAMES WILLIAM BOOTH

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James William Booth was born in St. George, Utah to James and Elizabeth Tye Booth. His father came from England in 1874 and settled in St. George. James William was known as “Will” for most of his life.

Not much is know about his early life. He was brought up in St. George as his father was a business man and operated a photo and merchant store there. Will hauled freight from Modena for his father's store. Modena was the rail head for the area in the early days of

Southern Utah. Most of the goods arriving in St. George was freighted from there as the railroad never came to St. George.

His father died when he was 16 and Will left home going to White River in the Ely area of Nevada. The family didn't know where he was for several years. He worked for ranchers and the railroad. He was a signal maintenance man.

When he came back to St. George he married Marvel Riding, a daughter of Malinda Barlow and Edwin Taylor Hale Riding, July 1, 1908.



Their first child, Fred, was born October 51, 1908 in St. George, Utah. Their second child, Jesse Rea (Swartz), was born April 8, 1910. When Fred was 4 years old they moved to Caliente and Will worked on the railroad as a fireman. While they lived there a flood came and ran through their house. A man came in a buggy and rescued Marvel, Fred,

and Swartz.

Will moved his family to Milford, Utah, this was where Elma was born. She was born April 2, 1912 in Milford, Utah.

Will worked for the railroad but because of his dislike for the Unions he black balled by the union and lost his railroad job.

Will moved his family back to St George, where Shirley (Shake) was born June 1, 1914. He hauled wood and worked as a laborer to keep his family. Will's mother lived in Harrisburg, Utah, so Will moved, his family there. Jim was born here on 6 November 1916. They lived in the old school house.



Will's Mothers home in Harrisburg.

Fred started school, walking to Leeds to attend. In Fred's history it is indicated that they lived in Harrisburg approximately two years. Their house was destroyed when the freeway was built in the early 1960's.

Will next moved his family to Layho, about 10 miles west of Milford, on the railroad. He hauled ore from 2 small mines to the railroad. He would go one trip one day with one wagon and team. The next day he would take two wagons one trailing behind the other wagon

with 4 horses pulling. He loaded and unloaded these by hand.



The caption on the bottom of this photo reads: "Old Kuhn home at Grape Vine Springs. Henry Peterson and family occupied at the time the picture was taken. Woman at left, Mrs. Peterson's mother. Woman with baby Mrs. James Booth. Children are Booth's and Peterson's.

This home was located on the North end of Leeds, Utah where the spring is located today. The photo is displayed in the Wells Fargo museum in Silver Reef, Utah.

The next fall they moved into Milford for a few months then back to Harrisburg for a short time, then they moved to 434 North 400 West in St. George where Esther was born. She was born September 28, 1918. That winter was the year of the flue epidemic. Will went back to the Frisco mine to work and was gone when the family had the flue. They nearly lost Swartz and when Will returned home unexpected Marvel fainted.

Bob Dunn, one of Will's cronies came home with him and helped

move the family to Elmo Adams' home at 130 South 500 East. He lived with them several months and when he got ready to leave he and Will had a big fight over a rope that belonged to Will.

The next move was to the Washington fields where Will worked for Healy Seegmiller as a farm hand and broke horses. He worked there two years then they moved to a small house in St. George, belonging to Wilford Schmutz. Johnny was born, November 19, 1920, while they lived there. The next spring Will moved his family to Middleton. He ran Joe McAllisters Place there. They planted a vineyard and garden but jackrabbits ate them. Then they moved back to St. George above the George Whitehead home at 269 North 100 West.

Will had acquired a team and wagon and Fred had a pony Healy Seegmiller had given him and a 22 rifle. He traded everything they owned but their clothes and high chair for an old Model T Ford. In the fall of 1921 they loaded everything in it and moved to Lehi to his sister Mary Herron's farm. Ruth was born August 16, 1922. She was still born. Will bought a plot in the Lehi Cemetery and buried her there.

Will worked for the farmers besides working Mary's farm. Fred, Swartz, Shake, Elma went to school at this time. Fred walked into town 3 miles to attend, The others went close in.

Mary moved back to Lehi so Will moved to another place. Marvel became ill and was taken to a hospital in American Fork where they did Gail bladder surgery. She died soon after, 7 June 1923, and is buried in the Lehi Cemetery next to her baby. This plot is easy to find in the cemetery. It is lot number two and is just on the right as you enter the cemetery from the South.



Will moved
Lake City

his family to Salt
thinking he could

do great there but this didn't happen. In the spring Will was placed in the hospital for hernia surgery. Fred went to work in the County Hospital. Swartz went to work for a dairy farmer in Draper, Johnny had gone to live in Enterprise with Rhoda Laub, an adopted sister of Wills'. The rest of the children, Elma, Shake, Jim and Ester went to an orphanage located in Salt Lake City.

Will had phlebitis in his legs after the hernia surgery and was in the hospital for several months. The church paid for this as he was in the LDS hospital. Fred and Swartz gave him money to keep him in cheap rooming houses after he left the hospital. Fred went to work in the Bingham hospital making enough money to give his dad.

Will sold clothes by book orders to help himself. He thought the grass was greener in Caliente, Nevada and he went there by train. He got Fred a job on the railway tunnels that were being widened. Fred quit his hospital job and went down there.

It was a dream of Will's to get his family back together. Elma had died of Rheumatic fever in the orphanage.

Will went to St. George where his sister Emma Larson was living. Through her he met Gladys Wilson, a maiden lady who had a home at 400 East Tabernacle. They were married in the temple (13 October 1931) and they had marvelous work done. All of the family came here to live except Fred, who stayed at Caliente and worked to keep the family going.

Will was a great story teller. He loved to talk about his problems and told them to anyone who would listen. His only ambition was prospecting. He had several old cronies live with them at different times, most of them were old prospectors. They would dream dreams of mines, mills and quick riches

Will would talk about mules. He said, "A mule will be good to you for 20 years to get a chance to kick your head off." He had a good singing voice and sang to his grandchildren.

Gladys died in August 11, 1944. Will found out he had diabetes at this time. It was hard for him to stay on his diet. When he had a 6 month illness Fred and Swartz took care of him and when they changed

his bed they would find candy bars under his mattress. He died 2 September 1950 and is buried in the St. George cemetery by Gladys.



Fred came home from Caliente when the depression hit the railroad and he was layed off. He worked at anything he could find to help keep the family going. He married Marie Lang, 5 October 1933. He became a mechanic and had own garage until he retired. He was a volunteer fireman for 46 years.

Jesse Rea (Swartz) married Selena Atkin in 1933. They were divorced a year later. Then he married Grace Edwards, they were divorced soon after. He became a mechanic and worked with Fred until he retired.

Elma was born 2 April 1912 at Milford, Utah. She was baptized 12 October 20, She died in Salt Lake City 14 July 1927. She was endowed 18 December 1929.

Shirley (Shake) went into Air Conditioning. He married Jean Cripps 10 November, 1934. They moved to Las Vegas and made their home there.

James J moved to Tooele after he married Alice Fox, 11 April 1935. He worked at the Smelter then later he went to work for Kennecott until he retired.

Esther married Jim Fox, They moved to Tooele. Jim died 21 August 1958 and she married Frances (Dude) Morgan. They lived in Tooele. Esther worked at Tooele Ordinance Depot until she had a stroke. They moved to Stansbury Park.

Johnny moved to Tooele. He married Beth Empey Hogan who was divorced with 3 children. They moved around to several areas then

settled in Las Vegas. He had an Industrial accident causing him to have brain surgery. He had never been the same person but he coped very well. He had a big personality change from his surgery but he kept a positive attitude.



From
left to
right:

James William Booth, John Booth, Esther Booth, Jim Booth, Shake Booth, Rea Booth, Fred Booth.



James William Booth with his grandkids



James William Booth holding Monte Fox and Dorrel Booth



James William Booth as a young man.



More of the grandkids



The middle person is James William Booth
The others are unknown



James William Booth and Ed Norcross
Photo was taken in Milford, Utah November 1912



From left to right: James William Booth, Fred Booth, Rea Booth, Shake (Shirley) Booth, Jim Booth, John Booth.

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING
 N. B.—WRITE PLAINLY WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD
 Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of CERTIFICATION is very important. See instructions on back of certificate.

1. PLACE OF DEATH: (a) County <u>Washington</u> (b) City or town <u>St George</u> (If outside city or town limits name Precinct) (c) Name of hospital or institution: (If not in hospital or institution give street number or location) (d) Length of stay: In hospital or institution _____ (Specify whether In this community _____ (Specify whether year, month or day)	2. USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED: (a) State <u>Utah</u> (b) County <u>Washington</u> (c) City or town <u>St George</u> (If outside city or town limits write RURAL) (d) Street No. _____ (If rural give locality) (e) If foreign born, how long in U. S. A. _____ years.
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3. (a) FULL NAME <u>Gladys Wilson Booth</u>	3. (b) If veteran, name war _____	3. (c) Social Security No. _____
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4. Sex <u>Female</u>	5. Color or race <u>White</u>	6. (a) Single, widowed, married or divorced <u>married</u>
6. (b) Name of husband or wife <u>James W. Booth</u>	6. (c) Age of husband or wife if alive <u>64</u> years.	7. Birth date of deceased <u>June 21 1890</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)
8. AGE Year <u>54</u> Month <u>1</u> Days <u>21</u> If less than one day _____ yr. _____ mo. _____ da.	10. DATE OF DEATH (Month, day, and year) <u>Aug 11 1944</u> 11. HEREBY CERTIFY That I attended deceased from <u>April 23 1944</u> to <u>August 11 1944</u> I last saw him/her alive on <u>August 9 1944</u> death occurred on the date stated above, at <u>2:45 P. M.</u>	

9. Birthplace <u>Fire Valley, Utah</u> (City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)	10. Usual occupation <u>Housewife</u>	11. Industry or business _____
12. Name <u>Ephraim Wilson</u>	13. Birthplace <u>Illinois</u> (City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)	14. Maiden name <u>Isabell Dean</u>
15. Birthplace <u>Edinburgh, Scotland</u> (City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)	16. (a) Informant's own signature <u>Ephraim Wilson</u>	16. (b) Address <u>St George, Utah</u>
17. (a) <u>Burial</u> (b) Date thereof <u>8/19/44</u> (Method, cremation, or removal) (Month) (Day) (Year)	18. (a) Mortuary <u>Pickett</u>	18. (b) Signature of funeral director <u>Henry Pickett</u>
18. (c) Address <u>St George</u> (d) License No. <u>58</u>	19. (a) <u>Aug 12 1944</u> (b) Embalmer's License No. <u>160</u> (Date received local registrar) (Registrator's signature)	18. Immediate cause of death <u>Acute myocardial failure</u> Due to <u>chronic myocarditis with hypertrophy and dilatation</u> Other conditions _____ (Include pregnancy within 3 months of death) Major findings: Of operations <u>none</u> Of autopsy <u>none</u> PHYSICIAN Underline the cause to which death should be charged statistically.

22. If death was due to external causes, fill in the following: (a) Accident, suicide, or homicide (specify) <u>✓</u> (b) Date of occurrence <u>✓</u> (c) Where did injury occur? <u>✓</u> (City or town) (County) (State) (d) Did injury occur in or about home or farm, in industrial place, in public place? <u>✓</u> (Specify use of place) (a) While at work? <u>✓</u> (f) Means of injury _____ 23. Signature <u>Wilford Reichman</u> (M.D. number) _____

FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

STATE FILE NO. **50-270057**

BIRTH NO. **143 5004401** UTAH

REGISTRAR'S NO. **59**

1. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY Washington		2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived, if institution or residence before admission). a. STATE Utah b. COUNTY Washington	
b. CITY (If outside corporate limits, write RURAL) OR TOWN St George		c. CITY (If outside corporate limits, write RURAL) OR TOWN St George	
c. LENGTH OF STAY (This place) Life		d. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location)	
d. FULL NAME OF (If not in hospital or institution, give st. address or loc.) HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION			

1. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or Print) a. (First) JAMES b. (Middle) William c. (Last) Booth		4. DATE OF DEATH (Month) (Day) (Year) Sept 5 1950	
5. SEX Male	6. COLOR OR RACE White	7. MARRIED - NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (Specify)	8. DATE OF BIRTH (Month) (Day) (Year) Nov 16 1880
9. AGE (In yrs. last birthday) 70		10. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) Rail Road	
11. BIRTHPLACE (City and State or foreign country) St George, Utah		12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? U.S.	
13. FATHER'S NAME (Birthplace) James Booth (England)		14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME (Birthplace) Ester Lyle (Utah)	
15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES (Yes, no, or unknown) (If yes, give war or dates of service) no		16. SOCIAL SECURITY No. none	
17. INFORMANT Fred Booth			

18. CAUSE OF DEATH		MEDICAL CERTIFICATION		INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH	
Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c)		I. DISEASE OR CONDITION DIRECTLY LEADING TO DEATH ^(a) acute myocardial infarct		1 1/2 hours	
ANTECEDENT CAUSES		DUE TO (b) Chronic myocarditis		several years	
DUE TO (c)		II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS		several years	
1. Diabetes mellitus		2. Lisfranc's of both feet		several months	

19a. DATE OF OPERATION none	19b. MAJOR FINDINGS OF OPERATION none	20. AUTOPSY? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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21a. ACCIDENT, SUICIDE, HOMICIDE (Specify) none	21b. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office, etc.)	21c. (CITY or TOWN) (COUNTY) (STATE)
21d. TIME (Month) (Day) (Year) (Hour) OF INJURY	21e. INJURY OCCURRED While at Work <input type="checkbox"/> Not While at Work <input type="checkbox"/>	21f. HOW DID INJURY OCCUR?

22. I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I ATTENDED THE DECEASED FROM **November 19 1949** to **Sept 5 1950**, THAT I LAST SAW THE DECEASED ALIVE ON **Sept 3 1950** AND THAT DEATH OCCURRED AT **7:30 P** M, FROM THE CAUSES AND ON THE DATE STATED ABOVE.

23a. SIGNATURE W. Reichmann M.D. (Degree or title)	23b. ADDRESS 14 North Main St. George, Utah	23c. DATE SIGNED Sept 8, 1950
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24a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REINTERMENT (Specify) Burial	24b. DATE Sept 8 50	24c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY St George	24d. LOCATION (City, town, or county) (State) St George Utah
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DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REG. Sept 8-1950	REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE Virgil W. Woodbury	25. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE AND ADDRESS Henry Ricketts St. George Utah	Funeral Director's No. 58 Embalmer's No. 160
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