Tracy Gibson was born 13 Jan. 1878, at Franklin, Oneida County, Idaho (in the section of Franklin Canyon known as Cherry Creek), the daughter of William Moroni Gibson and Phebe Elizabeth Woolf. She was blessed and named by 6 May 1880, by Simpson M. Molen.

The home in Franklin Canyon in which Tracy was born was a 6 room frame house. It burned down and when she was 2 years of age they were living in a shanty. Later a better home was built. The 2nd wife of her father, Harriet, and her children lived in this home (which also burned down years later—about 1927). William M. Gibson owned and operated a sawmill in Franklin Canyon.

In the fall of 1880, Phebe took her children and moved to Hyde Park, Utah, to live with her parents, in the home that had belonged to her grandfather, John Anthony Woolf I, and was built by him in the year 1867. It consisted of 3 rooms, the 2 west rooms were adobe and the east room was frame. After her grandfather passed on, Tracy continued to live in their home with her grandmother, mother, brother and sisters, and her mother’s brother, Andrew Woolf. Andrew did not marry and was like a father to his sister’s children. Tracy said many times how she loved the atmosphere of this childhood home, and had many pleasant and happy memories connected with her life there.

At the age of 6, Tracy had typhoid fever. On her 8th birthday she was baptized in the Hyde Park Spring by Benjamin Hymas. (The first settlers of Hyde Park located near this spring.) After the baptism, she was wrapped in a quilt, and told to run home, which was about 30 rods east of the spring. Her Uncle Andrew presented her with a story book on this birthday, which she kept until her death. Also among her treasures were a brooch that belonged to her grandmother Woolf and a doll bed and cupboard that her father had made for her.

When she 7 or 8, she spent 6 weeks of one winter in Ogden as the small guest of Henrietta Douglas, a friend of Tracy’s grandmother, Sarah Ann DeVoe Woolf. While visiting there, she attended the Ogden Public School. When she returned, she attended Hyde Park District School. After graduation, she returned to take the 8th grade again, as she had a great desire to learn and was not privileged to attend college. Her school record was excellent, especially in reading and spelling. All her life she took an interest in history, historical novels, and dramas. In school, which was held in the vestry of the rock meeting house, the children sat on blocks of wood for benches and wrote on slates with slate pencils.

Tracy was quite a good singer and was prominent in ward dramatics and operettas. She was a member of the choir from 1895 to 1904. She thoroughly enjoyed the practices, which were held on Saturday evenings, and always looked forward to them. She and other choir members of Hyde Park went with the Stake Tabernacle Choir to Salt Lake City to compete in a contest with other stake choirs. When in her teens, she played an accordian and a guitar (a gift from her fiancé). The guitar continued to be a source of enjoyment to her and her family during her married life. She had a desire to learn to play the piano and organ.

She took great pride in her personal appearance and was fond of nice clothes. As a young lady, she took part in a beauty contest held in Cache County. Her eyes were brown, her hair dark brown, and she had a well-shaped nose and clear complexion with natural coloring in her cheeks. Her eyes sparkled when she laughed. She was 5 feet 6 inches tall and her usual weight was from
135 to 150 pounds. The first years of her married life she wore her hair with a bob on top of her head, later with the bob low on the back of her neck, and in 1926-27 she had her hair cut, and had a marcel curl with the hair parted on the side.

Tracy Gibson was assistant secretary of the Hyde Park YWMIA from 1895 to 1897 and secretary from 1897 to 1902. From 1902 to 1904 she second counselor in this same organization.

On 27 Sep. 1899, at the age of 21, she was married to George Seamons Daines in the Logan Temple, with Apostle Marriner Merrill officiating. Her wedding dress was a light grey silk trimmed with white mull and bead trimming. She wore white slippers and artificial orange blossoms. After the ceremony, they held a family dinner party at her mother’s home, where gifts and dishes were received from relatives and friends.

The first year of their married life was spent in Franklin, Idaho, where her husband taught school. The next home was in Hyde Park (part of the Joseph Daines home in the southeast part of town). The next home was the George Christoffersen home, situated in the northeast corner of town. In 1903 they moved into a 2 room house on the lot upon which the present home stands. One room, which was built of logs, had been built by Joseph Roper, who had moved to Preston, Idaho. The frame room was added for Mr. And Mrs. Olsen. The house was occupied by Frank Purser when purchased by the Daines. A pump over a well at the southeast corner of the house was the source of water for culinary purposes and for the livestock.

In the fall of 1908, they began building the new house and moved into it in July 1909. The electric lights were installed in 1909, and in 1910, water was piped into the new home. The house was a 6 room story, yellow brick veneer home, with a large porch on the front.

Their 1st child, Mildred, was born 12 Oct. 1900, at the Woolf home in Hyde Park, Utah. When Mildred was 2 months old, she and her mother went by train to Whitney, Idaho, to join her father, who had been transferred to Whitney School. After living there for one year, they returned to Hyde Park to establish permanent residence.

Twin boys were born in the old house, 19 Sep. 1903, and were named Harold George and Homer Gibson. Then on 2 June 1907, a second set of twins was born, also in the old house—girls, Phebe Loray and Florence May. Next came Lila Josephine, born 20 Oct. 1909, in the new house.

Tracy was kind and patient and had a sweet disposition. She was a refined lady: she did not make it a practice to gossip, and disliked hearing others indulge in the habit. Generosity was one of her good traits of character. She gave to the needy as often as she could and enjoyed doing it. She evidenced a keen interest in world events and added to her knowledge by reading and listening to the radio.

She was operated on in 1912 and again in 1921. She was not blessed with good health from 1912 to the time of her death in 1937, though she was not bedridden all these years. An inward goiter, which finally caused her death, gave her a great amount of trouble.

About 1916 or 1917, she taught a class of Beehive girls for one year. She was also Captain of the William Hyde Camp of Daughters of Utah Pioneers for 4 years, from 1926 to 1929.

In July 1915, she, her husband and youngest daughter accompanied Joseph B. Daines, his wife, Martha, and son, Earl, to the World’s Fair in San Francisco, and then on to San Diego, Ca. They traveled by train and were gone 3 weeks. They sailed 100 miles along the Pacific Ocean from San Pedro to San Diego. Many enjoyable short trips by buggy and automobile were taken by the Daines family during the summer months. Among the places visited were a Logan Canyon, Bear Lake Valley, and Soda Springs, Malad, Twin Falls, Shoshone Falls, American
Falls, Treasureton, Riverdale and Cub River Canyon, Idaho; Salt Lake City, Washakie Indian Reservation, Provo, and Nephi, Utah (home of Tracy’s ancestors in the early days), and Yellowstone National Park in 1929.

Her husband filled a mission to the Western States from June 1923 to March 1925. He came home 2 months early because Homer had pneumonia. Her son, Harold, labored in the Texas Mission from February 1934 to May 1935, returning home on account of impaired health due to the climate.

Tracy had a testimony of the truthfulness of the gospel and enjoyed reading about the gospel, the church, and its leaders. She especially enjoyed reading about the life of Pres. Heber J. Grant, and she liked to hear him speak. She always encouraged her husband and children to perform their church duties well and faithfully.

Tracy was stricken ill on Wednesday, 11 Nov. 1936, with influenza and bronchitis, which caused her goiter to become toxic. She died after a great deal of suffering Friday, 8 Jan. 1937, and was buried 12 Jan. in the Hyde Park Cemetery. She was survived by her husband, 6 children and 10 grandchildren.

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