ALBERT EDWARD STANGER
And
JOSEPHINE STEELE

On 13 March 1872 Albert Edward Stanger was born to George Stanger and Mary Etherington Stanger. They lived in Slatersville, Utah and in the fall of 1883 they moved to the vicinity of American Falls, Idaho. Shortly after the move they went to Idaho Falls district, then known as Iona, to live with his older brother, A. J. Stanger and his wife Elizabeth. One of the first steady jobs he had was with the Iona Mercantile Co. Daily driving a team and wagon into Idaho Falls to pick up the freight for the store. He was working at this time for the sum of $40.00 per month. He saved his money and bought a piece of farm land which he farmed after his store house.

In 1895 he met Josephine Steele, daughter of Wm. George Steele and Ellen Proctor Steele. It was a long and lasting courtship and they were married on 15 March 1899. In 1900 Al left the employ of the Mercantile Co. and became the manager of the Iona Sheep Co. He managed this until 1904 when he assumed the management of the Iona Mercantile Co. in Lincoln, Idaho.

In 1910 Albert was called to fulfill an LDS Mission to the Eastern States and Canada. This he accepted willingly and it was a great sacrifice for his wife and family while he was gone for 2 years. When he returned he assumed his responsibilities as manager of the Iona Mercantile Co. in Lincoln. Al managed his own farms and livestock interests until 1918 at which time he became interested in the Idaho Falls National Bank, which he organized and later became president. In 1919 a group of men decided that a warehouse should be built enabling the growers to take their grain and store it and be issued receipts so they could borrow money against their crops. Under Al’s direction the Idaho Falls Bonded Warehouse Co. was organized.

Al was not a man content to remain idle in any way. Because of the vital interest in the growth of the area he became actively engaged in the political growth of the country. He served as Justice of the Peace for one term and in the fall of 1918 he was elected to represent the county in the state legislature. He served 2 terms in the House of Representatives and one term in the Senate. He continued to conduct his business of livestock and farming and was a leader in the reclamation fields of Idaho. He was president of the Progressive Irrigation District for 6 years and a member of the board of directors of the State Reclamation Association. He was a member of the Advisory and Judicial Committee representing the Canal Co. of the Snake River Valley. For many years he acted as the chairman of the Central Committee for the Republican Party for Bonneville county. There are few phases of development and progress in Bonneville County with which A. E. Stanger has not been closely and helpfully identified and his cooperation at all times could be counted on to further the advancement of the community.

He was a Bishop of the Lincoln Ward LDS Church. On 14 June 1950 he passed away. His wife Josephine died in 1948. Their children are Albert George (Bert), Vera Larson, Glenn Steele, Keith, and LeRoy. (As of 2002 all are deceased.)