I was born in Riverdale, Idaho, 12 April 1890, the 4th child of Homer and Loila Bates Woolf. I remember very little of my childhood in Idaho, but I do remember a pole corral on the banks of the Bear River. And I remember my Grandfather Woolf’s barn in Hyde Park, covered with large circus advertising pictures.

My family moved to Canada in 1894, taking our cattle, horses, and chickens. The chickens were hauled in a small coop attached to the wagon. When we made camp, the chickens were turned out to feed. We made quite a caravan; Dad drove a wagon, Mother drove another, pulled by mules. Sarah, my older sister, drove the democrat, also pulled by mules, and Jesse, my older brother, drove a wagon and I often rode with him. I remember one time the team Jesse was driving decided to run away. The wagon tongue dropped and was caught under the railroad tracks, causing the wagon to overturn, throwing us from the wagon. Mother could see the trouble we were in but couldn’t stop her stubborn mules and had to keep on going.

Another exciting incident I remember on this trip was one night some horse thieves came driving their horses by and shooting guns, trying to get our horses to mix with theirs, but so many of ours were hobbled that they were unsuccessful. We met plenty of Indians, which made the trip exciting to a small child. After traveling 6 weeks, we crossed the line at Immigration Gap and our cattle were held there for 3 weeks.

My Dad took up a homestead south of Cardston. I started school in Cardston and went to live with my grandmother, Sarah Daines, until my folks finally moved to town.

I also went to Knight Academy in Raymond and to Military School in Calgary at the request of Pres. E. J. Wood. While there, I attained the rank of Lieutenent.

I married Mary Wright in Cardston 7 Nov. 1911. In January of 1912, we were sealed in the Logan Temple. We had 10 children. Mary died in 1943.

During the World War II, I had 5 sons in the Royal Canadian Air Force. In 1944, Devoe, a flying officer was shot down over Belgium, leaving a wife and small son.

In 1946, I married Norma Smith. We lost one child and adopted a little girl 6 months later. Our 2nd child was born in 1950, a boy. We moved from Hill Spring to Cardston in 1968. I was Ward Clerk for many years and held other positions in the ward while living at Hill Spring.

NOTE; Andrew Bates Woolf died 5 June 1979, at the age of 89.

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