

AUTOBIOGRAPHY, IDA-ROSE HALL

I was born Feb 20, 1921, in Ogden, Weber County, Utah to Ernest F. Langford and Zina Charlotte Chlarson Langford. I was fourth in a family of seven children. I had three older sisters, Irma, Iola, and Iona, and three younger brothers, Ernest, James, and Heber. Iona and Iola were twins. There was four years between my birth and my Twin sisters, and I was four years older than my nearest-t o-age brother, Ernest.

By the time I was ready to go the first grade, we had moved from South Ogden to 3249 Orchard Avenue. I attended Washington School, on Washington Avenue and approximately 33rd street for 10 years, and then went on to Ogden High school. I always enjoyed school and consistently got good grades. At Washington Jr. High, I participated in the choruses, was in several plays, and worked on the school paper.

These extra curricular activities were extended into my Jr. and Sr. year at Ogden High school.

By the time I got to Weber College, on Jefferson and 25th street, three of my sisters had already graduated from that institution. At that time it was a two year school. I grew up in the depression, and jobs, including part time jobs for earning tuition were hard to come by. Fortunately, my twin sisters paved the way and got me a job in Ogden's Woolworth Cafeteria. During the school year I usually worked only one day a week-- Saturday. The manager of the Cafeteria, Mrs. Michaels, took a liking to me, and gave me a full time summer job. At the end of the summer she asked me if I would like to train to be a manager of a Woolworth Cafeteria. After talking it over with my parents, I said "yes", and instead of finishing Weber, I spent the next year training.

In those days if the woman got married, she had to quit working. One job to the family. Mrs. Michaels took a dim view of that young man who came in to walk me home from work often. I had been going with Tracy for some months by that time.

I did not have to tell her, however, that I was going to waste all her efforts in training me because I developed a severe case of eczema on my hands and arms due to the harsh soaps we used to wash the glassware. They transferred me out onto the floor, where I was in charge of the notion counter, and I also acted as a change girl, running change to the various counters as necessary.

I married my husband, H. Tracy Hall, Sept 24, 1941, and we found housing near the University of Utah where Tracy was in his Sr. year studying Chemistry. Three months after we were married, on Dec 7, 1941, Pearl Harbor happened. I was able to transfer to the Woolworth store in Salt Lake City and I worked there until after Tracy graduated from the U. After he obtained a position at the Bureau of Mines, East of the campus, in the Spectroscopy Lab, I quit working. The Bureau let him take classes during