



The James Harvey Langfords lived in Old Mexico from 1889 to 1912, when they were driven from their homes. All American properties were confiscated.

Above: Picture of James Harvey and his two wives and families taken in Oaxaca, Feb 8, 1898. Rear, L-R: Harvey, 13; Lillie Mae, 12; Alva, 12; Annis, 13; Ernest, 10. Front L-R: Orlondo, 6, Aunt Lillie, with Walter Haymore, Milton L., 4; Pearl, 2, on lap of James Harvey; George, 4, Aunt Rose holding Ella, 1; Blenda, 6; and Hortense, 8.



Right: Langford Home in Oaxaca. James Harvey made and kilned the brick and built the house.



Old Class Picture taken in Mexico. Annis and Lillie Mae in top row, and Ernest and Orlondo in second row. Blenda in third row.



Uncle Ike and his family in front of a dugout they once lived in. (Common in Utah and Mexico, early.)

MY FATHER, ERNEST FOUNTAIN LANGFORD

The genealogy on my father's side also goes back to Kentucky and Virginia to the time no of the Revolutionary War. The lines are mostly English, with a smattering of Scotch Irish and German. For a detailed account of his lineage, see The Descendants of Fielding Langford. A copy of this book is in the possession of all the children and grandchildren of H. Tracy Hall and Ida-Rose Langford Hall. Copies are also found in many libraries in Utah and Idaho.

My father's grandfather, James Harvey Langford Sr., came across the plains with his father, Fielding Langford and mother, Sarah Bethurem Langford, in the company of Captain James W. Bay. The company left Council Bluff, Nebraska, 27 May 1852, and arrived in the Salt Lake Valley Friday on 13 August, the same year.

James Harvey Sr. was twenty-one when they arrived in Salt Lake City. Four years later, he married Mary Caroline Turnbaugh, 14 September 1856. Mary Caroline's family had been in the same pioneer company. They moved to Willard, Utah, where the family lived when Dad's father, James Harvey Langford, Jr, was born 27 March 1884.

Dad's mother was Rose Ellen Jackson, whose parents, both English, had emigrated from Yorkshire County and Kent County England to Utah to gather with the saints in Zion. Her father, James Jackson Jr., had crossed the plains with his parents, but Annis Bedford, her mother, had come by herself in a wagon company as a young woman. Annis had taught school in England. Both James Jackson and Annis Bedford settled in, of all places, Lehi, Utah, and were married there. [Where my Mother's Norton family had also settled soon after arriving in Utah].

After the birth of the Jackson's first child, Mary Lydia, b. 26 September 1860, at Lehi, the Jacksons were called down to the wine mission in Southern Utah. The rest of James and Annis Jackson's children were born in Toquerville, where they settled after leaving Lehi, Utah. Rose Ellen Jackson was born there, 1 December 1865.

During the next few years James Jackson married three other wives. Annis died when Mary Lydia and Rose Ellen were teen-agers. With all those wives, wouldn't you think Annis' children would be cared for within the nearby homes of the other wives? Instead, after the death of Annis, James Jackson told the oldest daughter, Mary Lydia, that she was responsible for the other children of the family. An awesome responsibility for a young teen aged girl.

ROMANCE IN PANACA

James Jackson often traveled to Panaca (then in Utah, now in Nevada), to sell fruit and vegetables which he grew on his farm. He could get good prices for his produce in the mining areas near Panaca. On one trip he took his daughter Rose Ellen with him, and she stayed in Panaca for a while to recover from a recent illness. She met my Grandfather, James Harvey Langford Jr., while in Panaca. His family was living there at the time.

TWO FOR ONE

When James Harvey asked for Rose Ellen's hand in marriage, James Jackson said, "Yes, if you marry her older sister, Mary Lydia as well." James Harvey left it up to Rose Ellen,