

SKETCH OF MY LIFE  
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I was born at Grantsville, Utah, Feb. 26, 1870. My father was. Andrew V. Millward, and my mother, Louisa Estham. I was the 4th child of a family of 12, 6 boys and 6 girls, all fine healthy children. I bless my mother always for her faith and devotion to her Church and family.

As soon as I remember anything, I can see her working to make us clean and comfortable, and how the house would shine when she got through scrubbing. When I was four years old, my brother John Andrew died, age 7. As time went on, I started to school, taught by Mrs. Croft in a room of her house. Later in the school house in the Fort, we took turns a month at a time.

I was baptized when I was eight years old by Alma Hale. Some of Utah's leading citizens attended that very school. As years passed quickly away, I attended night school, dancing school, and studied elocution, and did washing for my music lessons. I also worked at Bishop Edward Hunters for 7 years. During this time, my grandmother Jane Eastham died, my sister Emily keeping house for grandfather until he died. She also passed away, age 23 on the 24th of April 1890. Three years before this, we had lived in Salt Lake. City, where we studied music, and belonged to the tabernacle choir, Professor Evan Stevens Choral Society, Thirteenth Ward Choir, and had an acquaintance with many socially prominent people, who later became leaders in the church and state. I had sung alto all my life, and joined in many concerts, operas, cantatas, and dramas. I loved to dance, and was of a happy disposition, but always religious.

I always attended Sunday School, Sacrament meeting, Young Ladies, and was at the first Primary ever organized by Eliza R. Snow. I remember President Brigham Young, John Taylor, Wilford Woodruff, Joseph L. Smith, Heber J. Grant, and spoke to all of them. I attended the L. D. S. College one season, took music lessons from Mary Romney, she was assistant tabernacle organist.

I took dressmaking from Mrs. Eliza Thomas for 6 months at Salt Lake City, also voice cultutr and singing by note from Professor Stephens.

I had many young friends, both boys and girls, among them was Charles Rytting, whom I married Jan. 6th 1892 in the Logan Temple, making our home in Grantsville. We owned our own home where we lived ten years, having four children born there. Our first, a girl was 3 days old when Bro. Rytting received a call to go to Sweden on a mission. He left Sept. 28, 1893 and returned Oct. 1895. I did dressmaking and helped in sickness while he was away.

My sister Gracie lived with me for eight years. On April 6, 1891, I attended the laying of the capstone of the Salt Lake Temple, and sang in the tabernacle choir on a

specially erected balcony, also sang in the special ladies chorus written for the occasion by Professor Stephens. I also attended the dedication, of the temple, April 1893.

On the 24 of Jan, 1898 my mother died, age 48, leaving 10 children, 5 sons 5 daughters. This was a crushing blow to all of us, and especially on my father, who took the place of both for 33 years. He died Feb. 14, 1925, age 82,

We sold our home in Grantsville and moved to Lyman, Idaho. We bought 40 acres and built a two room log house, later an 8 room bungalow. Here we lived raising our family, having 9 children, 6 boys and 3 girls, Mary Louisa died 27 of March 1903, Arvid died Feb, 22, 1912, Lucille died 24 of Jan, 1918 at Pocatello, Idaho, age 13 years,

I was called to preside over the Y. L. in 1902, was released after six years to be ward organist, which office I have filled now for 26 years. I acted as counselor in the Primary for 7 years and as counselor in Relief Society several years, as a ward teacher since I was 22 years old, most of the time.

I have worked as a class leader in all the organizations, played for dances and gave some music lessons for all programs, funerals, have acted as organist for all the associations for 25 years, I have learned the words to all the hymns and many of the anthems. I have always sung the songs as I played them. Have done temple work for 25 people, helped prepare many for burial, visited the sick many days and nights, and was a bishop's wife for 14 years.

All five children have been married in the S. L. Temple. One son has been on a mission, all are good citizens, all have good positions. I have 19 grandchildren, one son at home yet in 1929. He goes to Ricks College. I am 59 years old.

In 1928, I had the pleasure in company of 50 Ricks College students of taking a trip through Yellowstone Park, which is one of the 7 wonders of the world,

My one great desire is to continue faithful all my days on earth and that my children shall do all they can toward the up-building of the church of God and I know it is the true Church, and more real joy is found in its service than all the pleasures of the world combined.