

At his work, Bill had been transferred from parts manager to service manager and, after a time, became dissatisfied with the job. He applied to AT&T to be-



Deone and Shari visiting with dad

come a telephone line-man. He was hired on a crew in Idaho Falls, making it necessary to move.

In late July, 1950, they moved. Bill enjoyed his work and made many friends from crew members and their families.



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They lived in a small apartment on Water Street in Idaho Falls. Frequent trips were made to Yellowstone Park and other interesting sites in the area.

The trip home to Preston was almost every other weekend to visit with parents and friends.

Deone's brother, Wayne Hall, and his family were living on the Hall family farm in Preston. Wayne had multiple sclerosis and it was becoming increasingly difficult for him to walk and see to the work on the farm.

In the fall of 1951, Howard Hall suggested that Bill take over the responsibility of the farm and move back to Preston. He was to run it on a share basis.

After much discussion, they decided to accept his offer. Just before Christmas, 1951, they made the move back to Preston. Right after New Year's, 1952, they moved into the farm home six blocks west of town. It was a two-story house with four bedrooms. Some sheep and cattle were also on the property.



1951 -- Bill taking brother-in-law, Wayne Hall, for a ride on the horse

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Following my father's discharge from the U.S. Army after World War I, he arrived home on January 25, 1919, one day after the birth of Rolan. The little family moved on a farm in Preston and he herded sheep that spring and summer. In the fall, they moved into the old Praban Hansen house down by Bear River and he continued to run the farm and milked 18 head of cows.

Wayne was born July 1, 1920, and the following spring they moved to town and my father went to work helping my grandfather, Richard Henry Dalley, paint at Oneida Station.

Venna was born September 30, 1922, and that fall, my father fed feeder lambs. Having sheep always seemed to be his great love. In early spring of 1923, he went to work in the Eagle Clothing Store and Greaves Department Store where he was still working at the time of my birth.

Another little red-haired sister, LaMoyné, joined the family on May 11, 1927.



On New Year's Day of 1928, the family moved to a farm west of Preston and ran it, later purchasing 204 acres at a cost of \$11,000. Location of the farm was three-quarters of a mile a little southwest of the center of town at 610 West 170 South. He fed lambs every fall and eventually began purchasing sheep of his own.

The new home was two stories with the two east rooms and two upstairs rooms having been built with adobe bricks in March of 1878. Outdoor stairs went up the west side of the house. In 1906, the stairs had been removed and a kitchen, pantry, wash room, another small room and a closed back porch

the 204 acres for the sum of \$11,000. He had a large herd of sheep which pastured the meadow.

Some six years later, the Halls decided to remodel the old house and started by tearing out the wall between the wash room and pantry and removing the doors, making a little alcove where cupboards and a sink were installed. The other little west room was turned into a bathroom. An outdoor privy had been used up to that time.

Outside the house, frameworks were built around the porch poles to square them and arches were built between. On the east side, the second story porch was removed and the roof covered over with shingles. A new cement porch with sides part way up was built on the ground floor, the poles squared up and archways built. Then, the entire house was stuccoed and painted white.

The orchard had been removed by this time due to some trees being diseased and a path led east from the front door to a dirt road that ran two blocks east of the house, making an easier way of getting to town when the sand would blow on the north road. A few years later, Howard was able to purchase the one-rod wide road to the east. By this time, another small house had been built some 300 feet to the east and the family living there also



Stucco house after remodeling

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used the road. Around 1940, the road was deeded to Preston City on the condition they would maintain it through the years.

Discussions had been held around 1885 by area farmers seeking irrigation water, not only for the new area of Preston, but also for the Worm Creek fields, of a possible dam in the Glendale area with water to be diverted from the Cub River to the east. To avert a near water war, the district court ruled in 1905 that the Preston group and the Whitney (Worm Creek) group would have equal shares and they were consolidated into the Preston-Whitney Irrigation Company.

In 1928, the storage reservoir was located in the center of the little community of Glendale and work began to build a dam across the southwest area of a little valley to contain the water. Dedication of the dam was held in 1930. It was the last dam built by horsepower.

This new kitchen room had a set of double windows on the south wall and nine doors: two on the east from the two original rooms, an outside door with an oval glass in it on the south, doors to the three little rooms on the west, a stair door on the northwest leading to the bedrooms on the second floor (a new room having been built above the new kitchen), one in the northeast area to a cellar, and a north door leading to a two-room covered back porch measuring 5x19 feet with a connecting door between the two rooms. Each room had a small window on the north.

Some 50 yards west of the house, the ground dropped down into a meadow which had several small underground cold water springs running through it for animals to drink. Further on, the springs combined and ran west to the Bear River. Sand hills were on the north and south sides of the meadow.



West addition is shown with the north covered porch and the south open porch on the other side of house

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On the north wall of the new kitchen was a big black cooking range. A large hook was in the middle of the ceiling where a 30-inch kerosene lamp was hung for light.

Mr. Nielson had other land holdings and put this property up for sale. In the fall of 1919, Joseph Hill Hall and his wife, Henrietta Bronson Hall, purchased the home and property and moved in with five of their six children. The eldest son, Joseph Howard Hall, was married and living in his own home.

A large orchard, containing every kind of fruit available, was planted east and north of the house on about one and one-half acres.

Some eight years later, the Halls purchased a home closer to town and their son, Howard, with his wife, Armored Dalley Hall, and their five children, rented the place for a few years before buying