

Nellie Thomas Wanlass

1850-1950 Lehi Centennial History

Nellie Thomas was born in Lehi, September 10, 1877, daughter of William and Ellen Barnes Thomas.

She was the oldest child of a family of nine and was raised in the Lehi Third Ward where she took an active part in the different organizations. She was secretary of the first Religion Class that was organized in the ward, with Josephine Brown as president. She served as first Counselor in the Y.W.M.I.A., with Winnie Glover Goates as president and Mammie Fox as Second Counselor, from 1896 to 1900.

She was married to Jackson Charles Wanlass in the Salt Lake Temple, January 10, 1900. They are the parents of six children of whom four sons and one daughter are still living. They are: Athol T. Wanlass of San Pablo California; Marion L. Wanlass and Ruel L Wanlass, Rodeo California; Glen Wanlass, Lehi, Utah, and Mrs. Max Fenn (Faye) of Benson, Arizona. They have seventeen grandchildren.

Mrs. Wanlass has lived in Lehi most of her life with the exception of ten years living at Alpine and lower American Fork power plants where Mr. Wanlass was employed as electrical operator for the Utah Power and Light Company.