

## The Workman Family in Early Delta, Utah

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*- particularly as recorded in local history and newspapers*

*The history of various Workman families in Delta and Millard County is well recorded in individual family histories. This report is not intended to replace or supersede any of them. It does, however, show interesting details of the family, especially in the struggles and trials they faced in the early development of this region.*

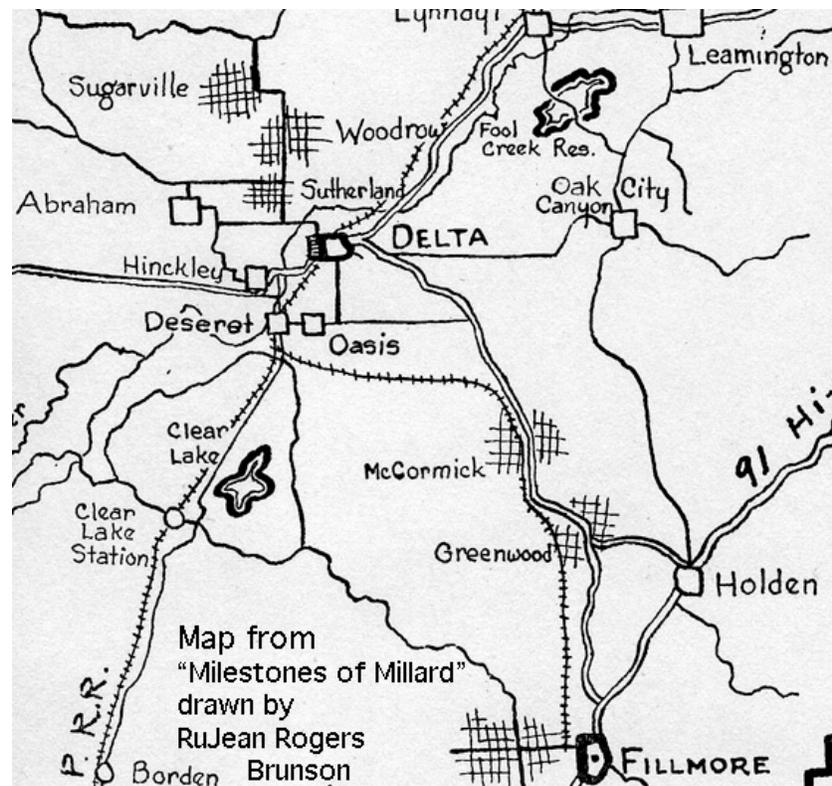
Some of the families descended from John Workman tried their fortunes in Millard County, mostly in Delta, but also some in Hinckley and other places in the area. Their stories are interesting because of the trying times they experienced as well as their successes. It appears from the family records and the newspaper reports of the time that many of the families and descendants experienced enough problems that they did not remain in Millard County very long. The stories gleaned from the local newspapers, the *Millard County Progress* (printed in Fillmore) and the *Millard County Chronicle* (printed in Delta) give many reports that refer to the Workman family. It is evident that the family contributed significantly to the development of Delta and surrounding area. Many of the reports listed in this article come from the Utah Digital Newspapers project, produced by several of the Universities in the state of Utah. Also useful in the research is the book, "Milestones of Millard," a centennial history of the county published in 1951.

The first person descended from John Workman to have come to this area was probably Amos Jackson Workman, son of Andrew Jackson Workman (the son of John Workman and Lydia Bilyeu). Mamie, the daughter of Amos was born in Hinckley, Utah in 1893. All that could be inferred from local records was that Amos lived in Hinckley for a few years before returning to Southern Utah. <sup>1</sup> In his history in the "Workman Family History" book by Anderson, pertaining to his life in Southern Utah, he is said to have been "a successful fruit farmer and developed several varieties of figs and pecans." and was "one of the first farmers to settle in and develop the Hurricane area." He is credited as being "instrumental in constructing the highline canal." <sup>2</sup> The canal in Hurricane was begun in 1894-1895 and took about 11 years to build. It is likely that Amos was back in the area near the beginning of this time. The early history of Hinckley saw extensive irrigation canal work, which also was critical to the development of Delta a number of years later, so it is possible that Amos had a hand in that work in the few years he lived in Hinckley.

A brother of Amos also settled in Hinckley. Edwin Monroe Workman married Christiana Reeve in 1894 in Logan and their first child, Arnold Reeve Workman was born in Hinckley on 20 December 1894. According to the Millard County history, Amos and Edwin came from southern Utah in a group listed as the "Second Group of Settlers." The history points out that "They left their homes and property which was in constant danger of the Virgin River overflowing its banks." <sup>3</sup> Apparently, Amos decided to return to southern Utah only having stayed in Hinckley a short time. Edwin Workman and his family were prominent citizens of Hinckley from that time forward.

Delta was one of the newer cities to come into existence in Utah. It was a city that was created and based more on economic factors than previous communities of the state, which were largely created at the encouragement of the church towards the spreading of LDS settlements throughout the West. Delta came into being largely due to federal funding through the Carey Act which encouraged irrigation of lands in the west. A Wikipedia article about the Carey act states: "The **Carey Act** of 1894 (also known as the Desert Land Act) allowed private companies in the U. S. to erect irrigation systems in the western semi-arid states, and profit from the sales of water. It was a new approach for the disposal of public desert land, as the federal government decided this task was too large for individual settlers. Through advertising, these companies attracted farmers to the many states which successfully utilized the act, notably Idaho and Wyoming." <sup>4</sup> The article goes on to say that the act was not very successful and cites only examples in Idaho and Wyoming as having some level of success.

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The towns of Hinckley, Oasis and Deseret were established many years earlier, south and west of the present location of Delta. Oak City, to the east in the foothills, was also a thriving community, established 50 years earlier. The primary source of water for the whole area (other than Oak City) was the Sevier River, which had been dammed and irrigation canals constructed over the years, sometimes with significant failures, especially dam collapses. The area where Delta is now was not considered practical for irrigating at the time and irrigation was the only way to make a living in that arid country. From *Milestones of Millard* we read: "The idea of securing the land to farm on the great stretches of level desert in the vicinity of what is now the city of Delta, was very strong in the minds of some of the people of Oak City years before any settlement was ever started at Delta. ... With this idea in mind, in the summer of 1903, Frederick R. Lyman, Edward S. Lyman, Joseph S. Anderson, and E. L. Lyman, Jr., made a trip from Oak City to ... about five miles south-east of the present site of Delta. ... After drilling a number of holes, they found water to be about ten feet from the surface which was regarded too far for sub-irrigation, so the scheme was abandoned."<sup>5</sup> A few years later, a number of men from the nearby communities got together and proposed constructing a dam and canals to bring water to the area. The site was at the time named Melville, after the Melville family and the Melville Irrigation Company. A history of Delta reports: "The Irrigation Company and the proposed town was named Melville for James A. Melville, who investigated the water rights and gave valuable assistance in the organization of the irrigation company. A convention of the citizens of Millard County was called by James A. Melville and held in Fillmore. March 24, 1906, to discuss utilizing the waters of Sevier River by building reservoirs, canals, etc. James A. Melville was later elected chairman. A.A. Hinckley made a motion that the new town being contemplated should be called Melville and that the new irrigation company should be called the Melville Irrigation Company."<sup>6</sup> Prior to that, the place was only a railroad siding, named Aiken, but when the naming of the post office came, it was called Burtner, which came as a total surprise to the people there. A reporter for the *Millard County Progress* wrote a very amusing article in an attempt to explain the affair. The report reads:

"In the last issue of the Progress-Review we noticed a news item which stated that the 'Post Office at Melville had been named Burtner.' This reminds us of the Catholic mother who took her girl baby to the priest to name and christen. She had decided to name the little one Lucy. It so happened the good woman had an impediment in her speech and when she presented herself and child before the Holy Father she answered his inquiry as to what the babe was to be called by lisping out 'Luthy thur.' The priest was horrified. The idea of naming the child Lucifer as he understood it and he indignantly exclaimed, 'I will not do it' and proceeded forthwith to sprinkle the little one and gave her the name of John. We petitioned the postal department at

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Washington to grant us an office under the name of Melville. They granted the office but handed it out with the Burtner attachment. And like the Catholic mother we have accepted the action as final but feel that somehow we have been cheated in the trade. We are now in the anomalous condition of having a town called Melville and a postoffice named Burtner, and then to cap the climax of this absurdity, the railroad switch located in the very center of our community is adorned with the dignified and euphonious name of 'Akin.' Just who called it thus is not known, but the name suggestive of some one with somnambulistic tendencies who had been visiting their neighbor's fruit garden before the products thereof were fully ripe. Notwithstanding this triple alliance among ourselves, we feel that the matter will be properly adjusted in due time, and part of our superfluities be relegated to the archives of history." <sup>7</sup>

The name Burtner evidently came from a railroad agent in Salt Lake City. According to *Milestones*, "Hoping to gain favor from the railroad, the name was changed to 'Burtner,' May 12, 1908, for J. H. Burtner, general passenger agent for the Salt Lake route." <sup>8</sup> The town was established with this name, with a post office and a telephone line, all in 1908. The line installation was placed in the Nelson Bishop home (not actually the LDS Bishop as reported in the article): "The phone line reached Burtner on the night of Jan. 19, 1908, by the hand of Thos C. Callister and son. And the same was placed in the home of Burtner's first Bishop, a two story house of eight rooms affording good accommodations for the weary traveler and tourist." <sup>9</sup> The name of the community was changed to Delta in 1911 and officially recorded in the county records on August 6, 1913. According to the *Milestones* history, "The name seemed appropriate since the valley is a delta of the Lake Bonneville and the streams which followed its drying up." <sup>10</sup> The first United States Census taken for the town in 1910 has it listed as Burtner, and Delta in all subsequent census records.

Burtner/Delta grew faster than the building process could accommodate. Most of the people lived in tents to begin with. An article in the newspaper elaborated on the "whiteness" bestowed on the town from the tent fabric: "If we felt to be egotistical, we might boast of being the whitest town in the county, for outside of the commodious dwelling of Nelson Bishop and the [rustic] cottage of our genial friend, the postmaster, all of the residences in the town are of snowy whiteness, or at least they were a short time ago, when purchased from By. Rippe & Bro., tent makers of Salt Lake City." <sup>11</sup> One problem with the tents, as elaborated in another article, is the problem of keeping the weather out: "A destructive hail storm visited Burtner yesterday afternoon destroying cow pastures and all grown crops, and proving beyond doubt that tent roofed houses are good sprinkling cans." <sup>12</sup> The homes were gradually constructed and by March 1909 almost 50 homes were built or under construction and the church meetings were feeling quite crowded. The report states:

"There is now about 40 houses in Burtner. Seven or eight more in course of construction. Strangers coming daily until one finds it hard work to keep acquainted with the people.

"The meeting house is far too small on Sunday both at Sunday School and Sacrament meeting.

"The Carey Act land of the Burtner Irrigated Lands Co. is going fast. Something like 8,000 (eight thousand) acres are already sold.

"The beautiful summer days that March has afforded has brought prospective buyers unto the Sunland of ours. Who are intending to make this their home in the near future. Carpenters are in demand so anyone following that occupation would be able to find employment by inquiring at the lumber yards. The carpenters hammer & cut of saw can be heard from morn until night in various parts of the City. The most prosperous place of business is Burtner's hotel the same is nearly always crowded." <sup>13</sup>

Listed among the early settlers in 1909 are George Billings and Abram S. Workman, among others. <sup>14</sup> Beginning in 1909, references to the Workman families can be found regularly in the *Millard County Progress* and the *Millard County Chronicle*.

Edwin Monroe Workman and his family were already well established in Hinckley, not far from this newly created city of Burtner. In 1909, there were a couple of articles mentioning him and his family. One recognizes him as a stalwart and dependable constable: "But one pleasing feature on this wintry landscape was the sigh[t] of our old constable (Ed. Workman) who from force of habit had hitched up his team and was scraping in the snow as far down the street as the school house so the people in the north part of town might not be snow bound and coupled with this sight was the thought that our new constable (just installed) would be doing the same thing for the people in the south part of town where he resides, so that after all the people of Hinckley would be alright so far as locomotion was concerned." <sup>15</sup> One article is a report of the death of their infant son, Melvin Jay of pneumonia, "The little son of Bro. and Sist. Workmans died Jan 28th of pneumonia. The funeral services were held

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at their residence and interment was in the Hinckley graveyard." <sup>16</sup> Another reports the birth of their son, Karl Monroe, in November of that year: "Mistress Stork has been busy again and has left a boy at the home of E. M. Workman." <sup>17</sup>

The first mention made of someone in Abram Smith's family was in October 1909, with one of Abram's daughters, though not by name: "Our misfit party was a success the prize being awarded to Mr. Lawrence Abott and Miss Workman." <sup>18</sup> It was probably Abigail Mae Workman, who married George Edward Billings less than two years later. She was mentioned again about six months later as having participated in an oratory competition. <sup>19</sup> Abbie filed a notice of a homestead <sup>20</sup> and later, her marriage to George Billings was reported: "Mr. George Billings Supt. of the Hinckley co-op and Miss Aba Workman of Burtner were married in the Salt Lake Temple Wednesday June 7th. Their many friends join in wishing them success and a pleasant journey down the stream of life and that the paths where ever they may roam may be strewn with roses and sunshine." <sup>21</sup> Abram was first mentioned in the newspaper at the end of 1909 where it was reported that he was sustained as first counselor in the Stake Sunday School superintendency: "At our Sabbath meeting Sunday Bro. John Reeves and W. E. Robison of the Stake Presidency of the Sunday School was present. A reorganization was effected. Bro. Wm E. Bunker and Asst. Levi H. McCullough and Jos Callister were released with a vote of thanks and Lewis R. Humphries chosen superintendent with Abram Workman as 1st and Ezra Bunker as 2nd Asst." <sup>22</sup> Meltiar Hatch served a mission during this time and his return and mission report meeting were mentioned: "Elder Workman who has been laboring in the missionary field in Kansas arrived in Burtner the 9th. Monday evening a party was given in his honor, a beautiful program was rendered. Brother Workman made a short talk touching in brief on his experiences while in the missionary field which was very much appreciated and a treat to all present. After the program the chairs were removed and all participated in a dance which was not brought to a close until in the wee small hours of the morning. ... Elder Workman who has just returned from a mission occupied the time at the chapel last Sunday, his topic was the fall of Adam and Eve." <sup>23</sup>

Burtner grew and thrived in the few short years that it sported that name. On October 13, 1910, they had the first ward reunion of the Burtner Ward. It was noted in the report that Millie Workman offered a recitation. A. S. Workman, Sr., was part of the Glee club which performed and A. S. Workman, Jr, and company performed a "Samson song." The committee members for the party included A. S. Workman, Jr., and Abbie Workman. <sup>24</sup>

Delta officially became the name of the city in 1911. In their Pioneer Day celebration on the 24th of July of that year, Abram was called upon to make a speech concerning what Delta would be like in ten years. <sup>25</sup> That would have been interesting to hear, especially in light of the tragedies that the family saw in those coming ten years.

Over the next couple of years, there are reports of Arnold Workman, son of Edwin M. Workman of Hinckley, outlining his achievements in sports, particularly, basketball and track, for example: "Our basketball team dealt out a decisive defeat Saturday night to the Payson High school team... Workman made three sensational field baskets from about center." <sup>26</sup> He was at the time a student at Millard Academy in Hinckley. Also during this time, there were a few references to Abram Smith and his family. Abram (or his namesake son) were listed as part of the Commercial Club, "A. S. Workman and . S. Marshall were appointed to confer with the directors of the Ward hall, making arrangements for a permanent meeting room" <sup>27</sup> Abram, Junior, was shown in a couple of entries reporting his being on the honor roll. <sup>28</sup>

Over the next years, there were many "Newsy" and social reports of the family. One report, in particular, described a visit home by Millie Workman: "Miss Millie Workman, who taught school at Bingham the past year, came home one day last week for a short visit before entering summer school at Salt Lake." <sup>29</sup> Of particular interest is a note (in the same article) describing heroic efforts on the part of Abram, Jr., in saving the canal from disaster. The article states: "A. S. Workman Jr., is deserving of creditable mention for preventing the second serious break in the canal on the north tract last week, when he discovered a quimp hole where the water had begun rushing through and immediately put a stop to it by jumping in the canal and chock-up the hole with mud temporarily until he had time to notify the Delta Land & Water Co. Mr. Workman was awarded a \$20 bill by the company the

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following day for thoughtfulness and prompt action in this instance."<sup>30</sup> Primarily, though, the entries reported visits away or of relatives coming in to visit the local families, for example: "Miss Millie Workman, who has been attending school at Salt Lake City, has returned to spend her vacation with homefolks here before entering upon her professional duties as a teacher in a Box Elder County school."<sup>31</sup>

The first world war began at about this time (1914). From the newspaper reports, it can be determined that the war did not affect the people of the Delta area much until the last year or two of the war. Instead, life seemed to go along as normal. There are articles reporting illnesses, such as: "Lewis, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Workman, Jr., has been very sick for the past week, but we are glad to report that he is improving at this time."<sup>32</sup> There were birth announcements: "Born to Mr. and Mrs Geo. E. Billings, Wednesday June 20th, a nice baby girl."<sup>33</sup> There were wedding showers and receptions:

Last Saturday evening Mrs. Lizzie Chidester entertained at games, ice cream and cake, the relatives and friends of her sister, Miss Millie Workman, who was married to Mr. Edward Erickson, of Brigham City, Utah. Wednesday, September the 5th. Every one present enjoyed themselves immensely and joined in wishing the newly-weds much joy and happiness. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Workman, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. John Workman, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Jeffery, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Billings, Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Stains, Mr. and Mrs R. J. Law, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Wallace, Mrs. Eliza Hook and Miss Rowena Elder.

"Mr. and Mrs. Erickson will be at home in Brigham City about the 20th of September."<sup>34</sup>

We find teaching position announcements:

"List of Teachers Employed in County for 1915-1916.

Delta

... Millie Workman, Elizabeth Chidester, ..." <sup>35</sup>

and even some unabashed advertising: "Cornwall's Dairy Farm" (There are many details about the farm, nothing to do with the Workman family, but it had comments about insurance, including the comment: "Abe Workman paid me liberally for saying this.")<sup>36</sup>

In the last half of 1917 there were a number of reports concerning the Abram Smith Workman, Jr. family. His support of county farmers is listed,<sup>37</sup> and an addition to his house is documented: "A. S. Workman Jr., has just completed an addition of three rooms and two porches to his farm residence just east of the Deseret Spillway."<sup>38</sup> He was even involved in a rabies-related altercation: "Rabies are again affecting the coyotes and dogs in this locality. Last Saturday A. S. Workman, Jr., killed one with a club which came running around the house, brushed past him, ran into the garden and bumped up against the wall, showing it was blinded. One of the Mexicans who was topping beets for him had a like experience at his tent."<sup>39</sup> It was reported that his mother-in-law passed away: "Mrs. A. S. Workman, Jr., has just received word that her mother, Mrs. Marie Porter, had died in Idaho. Mrs. Porter has visited in Delta many times and is quite well known here. Much sympathy is felt for Mrs. Workman."<sup>40</sup>

Starting in 1917, however, we start to see the effects of war on the family. Two of the young men were drafted or joined the armed services, Meltiar in 1917: "Meltiar Workman went to Salt Lake last week and joined the army."<sup>41</sup> and Arnold Reeve Workman in 1918: "... Millard County's quota of the next increment of the draft ... Arnold Reeve Workman, Hinckley"<sup>42</sup> Sometime before Arnold's call to the military he had completed a mission to the Nauvoo, Illinois area. From his mission in October of 1917, he sent a letter that was printed in the *Millard County Chronicle* (printed October 25, 1917 . See the complete text in the end note).<sup>43</sup> He was called into military service and left on May 27, 1918.<sup>44</sup> Claude Billings (husband of Lydia Workman) was also drafted, but allowed to return home to bring in his harvest. The report reads: "Claude Billings, who was drafted about a month ago and sent to Camp Kearny, has been granted a sixty-day furlough to return home and help harvest the beet crop. He returned home on Friday of last week."<sup>45</sup>

The year 1918 proved to be a year of great tragedy. The war was on the minds of the people, and many helped the war effort.<sup>46</sup> There was even a welcome birth announced: Rita, daughter of Abram Smith Workman, Jr.<sup>47</sup> But the year began with the tragic death of Julia Workman Elder in January 1918, of tuberculosis:

"Died

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"Mrs. Julia Rhoane Elder, Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Workman, Sr., at the home of her parents, January 7th, at 10:30 a.m.

"Mrs. Elder was thirty-seven years of age and leaves a husband and six children, the eldest being eighteen years of age and the youngest seven years of age, to mourn their loss. Death came as a relief after continued suffering from tuberculosis." <sup>48</sup>

A local girl drowned in July and was taken to the home of Abram Workman: "Tragic Death of Delta Girl Gladys Powell Perishes While Bathing ... The body was taken to the home of A. S. Workman, nearby." <sup>49</sup> Abram, Junior, was actively involved in activities, that year, including fixing up a wagon to help in transportation of school children: "A. S. Workman, Jr., who runs the school wagon from the reservoir west of town, has been fixing up the wagon in fine shape with linoleum on the floors and seats and we see where the South and west side school children are going to have a warm place to ride to school this winter." <sup>50</sup> and working in his business: "A. S. Workman, Jr., spent the last week and the first of this in Salt Lake attending Conference and looking after business affairs." <sup>51</sup> However, major tragedy struck with the influenza epidemic that hit the area in October 1918.

Abram Smith Workman, Junior, was the first person to die of influenza in the 1918 epidemic in the Delta area:

"Abram S. Workman, Jr. Succumbs to Ravages of Disease.

"Deceased a Highly Respected Citizen and Provident Father.

"It becomes our sad duty this week to chronicle the sudden death of the first and only victim of influenza in this community so far, that of Abram S. Workman, Jr., who contracted the disease Wednesday of last week and died Wednesday of this week at 2 o'clock, a. m., being buried the same day at 5 o'clock, p. m.

"Mr. Workman was in the town Wednesday and attended the Democratic convention, after which he visited at the home of J. Avery Bishop during the evening. That night he took down with a chill and on Thursday afternoon he took down with pneumonia.

"Mr. Workman and family came here about nine years ago from Panguitch and has been one of our sturdy, industrious farmers and community builders every since. He was an honest, conscientious citizen and made friends with all who knew him. His loss to the community and his friends will be severely felt.

"His immediate family consisted of his wife and seven children. Besides these he leaves his father, mother and a number of brothers and sisters who live in this vicinity and two brothers who are in the army, to mourn his loss.

"Mr. Workman had just turned thirty-seven at the time of his death. He left Mrs. Workman and the children well provided for, having accumulated considerable worldly belongings, as well as having protected his family with a several thousand dollars worth of insurance." <sup>52</sup>

A few days prior to coming down with the flu, he attended the Democratic convention in town. He died a week later of pneumonia. This tragedy and the ensuing deaths and effects were published in many articles. It is notable that in the same issue of the newspaper, there is an article that reports that Millie (Workman) Erickson, Abram, Jr.'s sister, just arrived in town, having recovered from serious illness: "Mrs. Millie Erickson, who has been in a Salt Lake hospital for the past three weeks returned home Tuesday evening, much improved in health. She was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. A. S. Workman, Sr., who has been with her during her illness." <sup>53</sup> Abram, Junior, died on October 16th. Four days later, on the 20th, his brother-in-law, George Billings died of influenza:

"Eight Citizens Dramatically Taken From Our Midst in the Past Nine Days.

"George E. Billings who had been very sick at his home when the hospital was established was moved there the last of the week and died of influenza Saturday morning at three o'clock. Tuesday at twelve o'clock, after being reviewed by relatives, the body was laid away in the Delta cemetery with appropriate services and the loving care of friends. He leaves a wife, who is now very low with the same disease and four little girls. His father, three brothers and two sisters also survive him. At the time of his death George was just turning thirty-one years of age. He was a man who always worked for what he thot to be the good of the community. He will be greatly missed by the community as well as by his more intimate friends and family." <sup>54</sup>

Abram's sister, George's wife, Abigail, died on the 24th, as this report shows:

"Mrs. George Billings Crosses Great Divide.

"The death of Mrs. George Billings last Friday, followed so closely the death of Mr. Billings was a severe shock to

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her relatives and to the community and left four little girls both motherless and fatherless. Her death, she being a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Workman, Sr., threw a heavy cloud over the already gloomy surroundings of their fire-side, having just buried their son, Abram, who had passed away from the effects of the same disease. It leaves an added sorrow in the home of Mr. Alonzo Billings as well, he having lost both his son and daughter-in-law in less than a week.

"Mrs. Billings was a quiet pleasing little mother, who always met her friends with the same even unassuming smile that made them love and respect her, and the world better for her having lived in it." <sup>55</sup>

In the next few issues of the newspaper, it was reported, erroneously, that the home of Abram, Junior, was turned into a temporary hospital for treating the victims of the epidemic. <sup>56</sup> The correcting article named the Chidester home as the place: "Last week we stated that the new hospital recently opened was in the A. S. Workman, Jr., residence. In that we erred. It is in the Chidester home. T. J. Britt is occupying the former place and has been for over a year." <sup>57</sup> The Chidesters were also also relatives (Abram's sister Mary Elizabeth married John Nicoll Chidester), though it appears that they were no longer living in that home in 1918. There is an interesting reference to Abram, Junior, in another book, specifically in regard to the epidemic. This comes from a friend, who was also affected by the epidemic, Edward Leo Lyman, Jr. "In the fall of 1918 we had here in Delta a severe epidemic of flu. Many people were sick and many died. We had closed all public gatherings and at one time here in Delta we had in the school house forty people who could not be buried for want of caskets. Abram Workman and I were on a committee to sell Liberty Bonds. He came here to our house to see me, being at the time sick with the flu but he didn't know it. Within a few days after this both he and his sister and his sister's husband had all died with the flu."<sup>58</sup> At the time, Brother Lyman was quite upset because his wife was very sick with the flu and was with child. He struggled with his feelings: "I felt mean and angry at my friend Workman. Agnes asked me to administer to her but I didn't think I could do it the way I felt and I put her off. I would go outside and walk around the house. I did this several times and every time she would ask me again. I just had to try it. The Lord blessed us even under those trying conditions. It came to me to promise her that she would live and not die, that her baby would live also and not die." <sup>59</sup> She did recover and the baby was born and lived a healthy life. This story shows how hard all these people suffered during this awful time. Of course, Abram did not knowingly bring this illness into his friend's home, but as one faces such severe conditions, it is difficult to see clearly. Abram and many of his family suffered so much from this. Leo's family, fortunately recovered.

Beginning in 1919, the soldiers started to return home from the war. Among those mentioned are Arnold Workman: "A welcome is heartily extended to our returned soldiers, although no public demonstration is possible. Mr. Arnold Workman, returned from overseas with the '145th,' reached home Friday January 25th." <sup>60</sup> Meltiar Workman was mentioned in a report concerning another soldier: "Ray Tozer ... Ray tells about seeing Melti Workman in France, the only man he knew..." <sup>61</sup> John Workman, the youngest son of Abram Smith Workman, Sr., was described in an interested report:

"After being away a year, John Workman arrived home last Thursday night (June 19th)... John was in France for several months, but got no actual fighting. He was ordered to the front just a day before the armistice was signed, so that a day more and he would have been in it.

"For some time John was stationed where he saw the wounded brought back every day. He also reports that chow was not up to much. He fell away on slum, and many times didn't get even enough of that.

"John brings back some nice souvenirs; the 75 mm. shell that is hand hammered into the from of a vase, embossed with the American Eagle, and the words 'U. S. A. 1918, A. E. F.', is a very fine specimen of handicraft. Also a fired projectile, with time cap nose, for firing shrapnel, showing the marks of the rifling when fired."<sup>62</sup>

A couple of entries later in 1919 seem to indicate that life was starting to return to normal, though for the Abram Workman family it really was a sad adjustment. One article reported an accident where Abram, Senior, was injured in a farming accident, where his leg was seriously injured by a derrick hay fork: "A. S. Workman had the misfortune to run a derrick hay fork partly into the calf of his leg. The wound caused him a lot of trouble, and his recovery is painful. The leg swelled, and showed possible signs of infection. The same leg had been badly crushed a few years ago, so that this injury on the same member aggravated the trouble." <sup>63</sup> A month later, it was reported that the Erickson family, including Abram's daughter Millie, moved to Salt Lake City: "E. E. Erickson, and wife (formerly Millie Workman), left this week for Salt Lake City, where Mr. Erickson will go into the

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hay and grain business. We wish him success in his new venture." <sup>64</sup> What is striking, however, is an article in August 1919 praising Abram's farm:

"The farm of A. S. Workman is one of the prettiest places on the project. This farm is located just northwest of the sugar factory, within nearly a stone's throw of part of the factory's property. The large canal above it, which circles around the upper part of the sugar factory and the farm to the east, will no doubt have to be cemented in time. That is one of the expenditures that will come upon that part of the system with a certainty. Water is very close upon part of the sugar company's property, and the farm of Mr. Workman will be relieved just as much by cementing this canal by drainage.

"The trees on this farm are some of the nicest on the flat. They are large and at even a short distance completely hide the buildings. The editor saw apricots and apples growing on the fruit trees there; the apricots cook up well, with good flavor and solid substance. Pear and cherry trees were too young to bear.

"On the Workman farm last year, then all the boys were at home, he raised 20 tons of sugar beets to the acre on fertilized land. He has 13 acres this year, on which he again expects to get 20 tons. This year he was handicapped by lack of hands to help him, as his son was at the front until too late to do the spring work, and no one could be got.

"At the time of the visit there were eleven stacks of choice wheat on the land, to thresh out about 1,000 bushels of wheat.

"Altogether, the appearance of the premises, both as to crops and to trees, is very pleasing and attractive. With ample help this will be maintained as one of the choice farms on the project." <sup>65</sup>

It mentions that "all the boys were at home" in the previous year. Noticeably absent, however was any note of the tragedy that struck the family in that year with the loss of a son, two daughters and a son-in-law. The article did mention the return of his son, John, from the front lines of the war.

Over the next year, there are a number of notes in the newspapers related to the Workman family are references to Nellie Workman, recently widowed wife of Abram, Junior. For example: "Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Porter gave a wedding reception to their many friends at the home of Mr. Porter's sister, Mrs. Nellie Workman. ..." <sup>66</sup> The last of those references is the marriage of Nellie to G. C. Morrison: "G. C. Morrison and Mrs. Nellie Workman were married in the Manti temple. The best wishes of their friends go with them." <sup>67</sup> There are references extending all the way to 1930 for her, but she is still named Nellie Workman. Most of these articles were with regard to her as an educator. One notable example is "Upon motion of Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Pederson it is ordered that Josephine Goulter, Lettie Stevens, and Nellie E. Workman and Isabella Briggs are ordered taken off the widows pension and indigent list for the reason that Josephine Goulter has removed to California, Lettie Stevens and Nellie E. Workman are teaching school and Isabella Briggs, has now married." <sup>68</sup> Many other references are listed in the end note. A few years later, there is a note concerning Louis, the son of Nellie, in 1923 who was injured, playing with dynamite: "Delta - Louis Workman, 13 years of age, lost parts of both thumbs and parts of two fingers when a dynamite stick exploded in his hands." <sup>69</sup> Other than these items, references to the family between 1920 and 1924 were mainly legal notices, primarily delinquency notices, <sup>70</sup> possibly an indication of coming tough economic times.

In around 1924, another Workman family came to Delta. Cornelius, a younger brother of Abram, Senior, moved his family from the Big Horn Basin of Wyoming to Delta, Utah. Besides Cornelius and his family, his married son Claude also moved to Delta with his wife, Martha and their baby daughter Venita. In Wyoming, Cornelius had been fairly successful, but in 1922 a fire destroyed his home, including his business records and he decided to make a fresh start in Delta where he had some family. Kendrick, the youngest child of Cornelius reports: "Two years later our family moved to Delta, Utah, to recoup our fortunes. Utah Idaho Sugar Co. had built a large refinery there and was losing money because they couldn't get enough sugar beets to justify its operation. They got 15 or 20 families from Lovell to move there and plant beets. The ground was poor, the water was scarce, and these families lost everything they had." <sup>71</sup> As mentioned, this was a fairly difficult time. Besides the economic difficulties, their time in Delta was also marred with death and injury. David Turner Workman, the 15 year old son of Cornelius was dragged to death by a horse: "Delta - As David Tanner [Turner] Workman, 15, lifted his hand to remove one end of a halter rope from around his neck, his mount, to which the other end of the rope was fastened, became frightened and ran away, unseating the youth and dragging him to his death." <sup>72</sup> At the same time Kendrick, David's youngest brother, was injured falling off a horse and did not receive proper medical care because of the concern over his brother's untimely death. Kendrick wrote about that incident: "The next summer another mare, 'Kit' spooked when I was holding her and ran over me. My right femur [humerus] was pulled out of the shoulder socket and the rounding end was broken off. It took a specialist in Salt Lake to fix me up. Before

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it was determined the extent of my injuries the same animal threw my brother Turner, and drug [dragged] him to death."<sup>73</sup> Kendrick lived with the effects of this accident for the rest of his life. One arm was shorter than the other. On a happier note, however, in the following month, David's sister, Verda was married, as noted in this notice: "The following marriage licenses were issued by county Clerk W. D. Melville: Lowell Albert Belston and Verda Workman both of Delta; on September 19th"<sup>74</sup> The family was not able to have any financial success in Delta. Kendrick reports: "It took three [railroad] boxcars to move our household goods and farm equipment to Delta. We left 3 or 4 years later with about enough to fill one small wheelbarrow."<sup>75</sup>

By the end of the 1920's only two Workman families remained in Delta. Meltiar Hatch Workman and his family were able to survive the difficult times. He had a successful Buick dealership, as noted in many newspaper reports. For example: "R. I. Wills has purchased from the Melville Irrigation company 26 1/2 feet frontage on Clark St., ... The property is now occupied by M. H. Workman, Buick agent. The price paid was \$100 per foot front. ... M. H. Workman has purchased 43 feet in the center of the north side of Clark Street, the site of the former Lincoln Theater. \$100 per foot front was also the price paid for this property. Mr. Workman is planning to erect a modern building of two stories and basement, to accomodate his growing automobile and garage business."<sup>76</sup> Sam Clark Workman and his family also stayed in Delta. Clark was the son of George Albert Workman, a brother of Abram, Senior. Claude Billings and his family also remained in Delta. These three families appear in the 1930 U. S. census for Delta.<sup>77</sup> Claude's family also included three of the orphaned children of George and Abbie Workman Billings. Abram and most of the rest of his family moved north, living mainly in the Salt Lake area. Edwin Monroe Workman and his descendants still remained in Hinckley.

There are other family references in the newspapers, but this is sufficient to give a fair summary of the Workman family in the Delta area from the beginning until about 1930, by which time many of the family had left the area for various reasons.

Today, Delta and the surrounding area thrives. New industry is there and water is not a serious problem. One of the local newspapers, the *Millard County Chronicle*, is still published. Because of the archives available it was possible to build this report, helping us learn a bit more about how many of the Workman family tried to make a living in this region. The reports also show many important events that took place here at the time that affect so many of us who belong to the Workman family. We can learn from their lives and experiences and should not forget what they went through during this time and place.

- Joseph F. Buchanan, September 2011

### End Notes

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1 His daughter, Mary or Mamie, was born in Hinckley on July 11, 1893. Amos and his family are back in

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Virgin, Utah before the end of the century, but there is a reference to Amos in the Millard County Progress newspaper twice, November 29, 1912, page 2 and again in the December 12th issue, page 6, with the tax delinquency notices. It is evident from these reports that he had property in Hinckley at some time, but left it to return to the Virgin and Hurricane area where he lived out the rest of his life. See also next end note.

2 *Workman Family History*, Thelma C. Anderson, Publishers Press, Salt Lake City, 1962, p 148.

3 *Milestones of Millard*, Daughters of Utah Pioneers, 1951, p 510.

4 <[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carey\\_Act](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carey_Act)>, accessed July 2011.

5 *Milestones of Millard*, p 620.

6 "Early History of Delta, Utah," from Millard County Tourism online magazine, <<http://www.discoveringmillardcounty.com>> reference found in 2005, (The item specifies that the quote comes from the first minutes of the Melville Irrigation Company.)

7 *Millard County Progress*, Fillmore, Utah, 7 February 1908, p 5 - "Melville" Items.

Also: *Millard County Progress*, 12 June 1908, p 3 :

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED that dais plat so filed and recorded in the office of the county recorded on the 19th day of March, 1907, as and for the plat of the new Town of Melville, be and the same is hereby altered, changed and amended so that the same will be a plat of the Town of Burtner, and the word "Melville" be stricken therefrom, and the word "Burtner" inserted in lieu thereof...

Adopted the 4th day of June, A. D. 1908.

8 *Milestones*, p 625.

9 *Millard County Progress*, 13 March 1908, p 1.

10 *Milestones*, p 625.

11 *Millard County Progress*, 7 February 1908, p 5 - "Melville" Items.

12 *Millard County Progress*, 26 June 1908, p 1 - "Burtner, June 18, 1908."

13 *Millard County Progress*, 26 March 1909, p 1.

14 *Milestones*, p 625.

15 *Millard County Progress* 15 January 1909, p 1 - "Correspondence. Hinckley."

16 *Millard County Progress*, 5 February 1909, p 1, in the section concerning Hinckley.

[Melvin Jay Workman, son of Edwin Monroe Christiana Reeve Workman, died 29 January 1909 in Hinckley. He was born 28 Apr. 1907.]

17 *Millard County Progress*, 3 December 1909, p 1 - "Correspondence. Hinckley."

[23 Nov. 1909 - Karl Monroe Workman, born, son of E. M. Workman, Hinckley.]

18 *Millard County Progress*, 29 October 1909, p 1 - "Correspondence. Burtner."

19 *Millard County Progress*, 15 April 1910, p 1:

Names of Contestants

For M. I. A. Track Meet

Oratorical Contest

Oral Stories

Abby Workman, Burtner

20 *Millard County Progress*, 3 Feb. 1911, p 3 (also Dec. 23,30 1910 Jan. 6,13,20,27 1911)

NOTICE

Department of the interior Interior U. S.

land office at Salt Lake City, Utah

Dec. 17 1910.

Notice is hereby given that Miss Abbie Workman of Burtner, Ut who on 5th day of April 1910 made homestead entry serial no. 05808 for lots 3 and 4 sec. 31, T .16 S. R. 6 w, and lots 4 and 5 section 6 township 17 south range 6 west S. L. Meridian has filed notice of intention to make final commutation proof to establish claim to the land above described before the Clerk of the District Court at Fillmore, Utah on the 3rd day of February 1911.

Claimant names witnesses: A. S. Workman, Sr. L. R. Humphries, A. S. Workman, Jr. and John Browsers, all of Burtner Utah.

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E. D. R. Thompson, Register.

21 *Millard County Progress*, 16 June 1911, p 2.

22 *Millard County Progress*, 24 Dec. 1909, p 1 - "Burtner"

23 *Millard County Progress*, 16 June 1911, p 2 - "Burtner"

24 *Milestones*, pp 627, 628.

25 *Millard County Progress*, 14 July 1911, p 7:

Delta

Program for July 24th 1911.

... Recitation Lydia Workman.

... Delta 10 years hence by A. S. Workman.

Committee on decoration ... M. H. Workman ... Claude Billings

General Committee ... M. H. Workman

[Note: Meltiar Hatch Workman had only been home from his mission a short time before this assignment.]

26 *Millard County Progress*, 1914-02-13 p 6 - "Millard Academy Notes"

Other issues of *Millard County Progress* include references to Arnold:

*Millard County Progress*, 1911-11-10 p 1 (first year student).

*Millard County Progress*, 1912-05-03 p 3.

*Millard County Progress*, 1912-05-10 p 4 (also Apr 26 and May 3).

*Millard County Progress*, 1913-02-21 p 1.

*Millard County Progress*, 1913-02-28 p 2.

*Millard County Progress*, 1913-02-28 p 1.

*Millard County Progress*, 1913-12-05 p 3.

*Millard County Progress*, 1913-12-12 p 3.

27 *Millard County Chronicle*, Delta, Utah, 29 Jan. 1914, p 1 - "The Commercial Club Doings."

28 *Millard County Chronicle*, 9 Apr. 1914, p 1 (also in the following week edition, 16 Apr.):

Chronicle Honor Roll.

A. S. Workman, Jr., Delta

29 *Millard County Chronicle*, 4 June 1914, p 1 - "Newsy Notes about Folks."

30 *ibid*

31 *Millard County Chronicle*, 1914-07-30 p 1 - "Newsy News about Folks."

Other articles found:

*Millard County Chronicle*, 12 Mar. 1914-03-12, p 1:

Newsy Notes about Folks

John Workman returned Sunday from a business trip to our growing sister town, Lynndyl.

*Millard County Chronicle*, 1914-04-16 p 1:

M. H. Porter of Salt Lake was here the first of the week visiting his cousin, Mrs. A. S. Workman and husband ...

*Millard County Chronicle*, 1914-05-28 p 1:

Mrs. Emma Robinson.

... her mother, Mrs. Emma Reeve is still living in Hinckley, as are two of her brothers, John and Henry Reeve, two sisters, Mrs. Ed Workman and Mrs. Ray Slaughter, ...

*Millard County Chronicle*, 1914-06-25 p 1:

Newsy Notes about Folks

Mrs. A. S. Workman Jr., returned Friday from a weeks visit with relatives and friends in Salt Lake.

*Millard County Chronicle*, 1914-07-16 p 6:

Hinckley Happenings

J. W. Workman and wife of the St. George country, are visiting relatives here, this week.

*Millard County Chronicle*, 1914-09-10 p 1:

Newsy Notes about Folks

Miss Florence Wood from Holden is visiting with her friend, Miss Lydia Workman.

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Oak City Offerings

Miss Lydia Workman from Delta was here Sunday

*Millard County Chronicle*, 1914-11-19 p 1:

Newsy News about Folks

L. V. Kelso, wife and three children of Franklin, Nebraska, arrived Wednesday to visit their brother, Judge John Kelso and their uncle, A. S. Workman, Sr. and family. They will also look over the country with a view of establishing a residence, providing they find a farm to their liking, suitably located and priced at a figure that is persuasive.

*Millard County Progress*, 1915-10-22 p 1:

Hinckley

Mrs. Workman of Idaho and Mrs. Martindale of Tooele have spent the past ten days here visiting with their sister and brother, Mrs. Wm. A. Reeve and Mr. John E. Wright whom they had not seen for twelve years. ... The two guests of honor had formerly resided in Dixie and most of the guests were their former neighbors, among them ... Edward Workman and wife,...

*Millard County Chronicle*, 1917-06-28 p 8:

Personal Items

Mrs. James Elder and children are here visiting with Mrs. Elder's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Workman, Sr.

*Millard County Chronicle*, 1917-07-19 p 8:

Personal Items

Mrs. Marie Porter and daughter, Amy, who have been here visiting their daughter and sister, Mrs. Nellie Workman, left Tuesday for her home. She will return in the near future and make her home with Mr. and Mrs. Workman.

*Millard County Chronicle*, 1917-08-02 p 1:

Delta News Notes.

Mrs. Lizzie Chidester has returned home from Summer School.

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Ed. Erickson is visiting in Delta, the guest of Miss Millie Workman

32 *Millard County Chronicle*, 1917-08-30 p 8 - "Local News."

Also *Millard County Chronicle*, 1917-06-28 p 8:

Personal Items

Mrs. Claude Billings has been very ill for some time.

33 *Millard County Chronicle*, 1917-06-28 p 8 - "Personal Items."

Also *Millard County Progress*, 1915-3-12 p 1:

Hinckley

The family of Edwin Workman has been increased by the arrival of a baby. Mother and child are reported as progressing rapidly.

34 *Millard County Chronicle*, 1917-09-06 p 1 - "Married."

Also *Millard County Chronicle*, 1917-06-21 p 1:

Bundle Shower Given.

Miss Olive Cook entertained at a bundle shower Tuesday evening, at her home north of town in honor of her sister Florence, who was married the 6th of this month in the Salt Lake Temple to John Workman. The house and lawn was beautifully decorated and lighted with lanterns. The guests assembled on the lawn, where games were played, music, recitations and songs enjoyed, also a few old time dances. Delicious refreshments were served after which the guests departed for the parlor, where the bundles were opened. The bride and groom received many beautiful and useful presents, one of which is worthy of special mention, it being a beautiful tatted piano scarf.

Mr. and Mrs. Workman will make Delta their home. They have the sincere wishes of the community for a long and happy married life.

35 *Millard County Progress*, 1915-08-20 p 1.

36 *Millard County Chronicle*, 1917-05-24 p 4.

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37 *Millard County Chronicle*, 1917-08-16 p 1:

Utah County Farmers Entertained

The farmers of Utah county arrived in the Pahvant valley last Saturday morning ...

The following is a statement of contributions and expenditures of the banquet:

... A. S. Workman, Jr. 2.50

38 *Millard County Chronicle*, 1917-11-29 p 8 - "Building Operations."

39 *Millard County Chronicle*, 1917-11-29 p 8 - "Rabies Break Out Anew."

40 *Millard County Chronicle*, 1917-10-11 p 1 - "Local News Items."

41 *Millard County Chronicle*, 1917-07-26 p 8 - "Personal Items."

Also *Millard County Chronicle*, 1917-08-16 p 1:

More Soldiers Called For.

... Meltiar Workman, Delta ...

(also in the same issue , same page)

*Millard County Progress*, 1917-08-17 p 1; 8

Second Drawing in Millard County Draft

(Military draft list)

Delta ... 762 - M. H. Workman

42 *Millard County Chronicle*, 1918-05-16 p 1 - "Local Draft News."

Also *Millard County Progress*, 1918-05-17 p 1:

Millard's Quota to Leave May 27th

... 33 men, Following are the men selected by the Board to fill this quota: ...

737 Arnold R. Workman, Hinckley

*Millard County Chronicle*, 1918-05-23 p 1:

Hinckley Happenings

The following boys will leave on the 24th for training camps from Hinckley: Arnold Workman, ...

43 *Millard County Chronicle*, Oct. 25, 1917, page 1

Letter from Missionaries

Chicago, Ill., October 16, 1917.

*Millard County Chronicle*.

Delta, Utah.

Gentlemen:

Thru the courtesy of one of your subscribers, John Alvey we have been able to read in the Chronicle each week, the news from home.

No doubt all readers of our paper are somewhat interested in the soldiers who go out for Christ as well as those who go at our Country's call.

During our stay in Iowa we have labored as companions for about seven months. Early this summer one of us, Elder Hansen was transferred to Illinois so we had not seen each other since, till we men [met] in Carthage, September 8th 1917. We, in company with several other missionaries of Illinois and Iowa visited the old Carthage jail where the Prophet. Joseph Smith and his brother Hyrum were murdered June 27th 1844.

The jail is now owned by the Church and has been used as a dwelling house for years, but at present is unoccupied.

In going from Carthage to Nauvoo we went thru Keokuk, Iowa. Here we saw the great Keokuk dam and locks on the Mississippi. Fifteen turbines now being run produce 150,000 horse power. When sale is found for the electricity the plant will be enlarged to twice the present capacity.

Sunday morning, September 9th found us walking up the road leading from the ferry landing to the city of Nauvoo. Thru the kindness of the people living in the Joseph Smith mansion, most of us were permitted to lodge there. The others stayed at the home of Sidney Rigdeon.

In the afternoon we met beneath the quiet shade of the trees, now growing rank on the old Mormon cemetery. Here we sang songs of Zion and enjoyed an inspiring testimony meeting.

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Monday we began our sight-seeing of Nauvoo. Nauvoo is generally known as being situated on one of the most beautiful sights on the Mississippi River. The city is located in a bend of the river, Main street running north and south from river to river. Very few of the buildings which once adorned Main street are now standing. Those of note are the Joseph Smith mansion, Nauvoo House and the homes of the Prophet's father, John Taylor and Sidney Rigdeon. In Nauvoo at the present time only about one hundred of the old Mormon houses are intact and about half of these are unused. Many of the homes have been altered and repaired while others are falling in ruin. With the building up of towns down the river, such as Quincy, Illinois, the fine brick which were put into homes in Nauvoo began to disappear on rafts and were used in buildings down there.

Nauvoo has a population of about one thousand. It once was the home of over twenty-thousand people. The chief occupation is that of raising grapes, over seventy carloads being shipped every year. The shipping point is from Montrose, Iowa, after being ferried across from Nauvoo.

We find the people very friendly and they are looking for our people to return and rebuild their city. Thruout Hancock county, Elders doing country work are very kindly received. In fact we find the people in this country more friendly than we do the people in other counties where our labors have called us. In visiting these places dear to our memory, one cannot but feel the determination and steadfastness of character of those who so freely gave their lives, that truth should not perish from the earth. Into our lives comes a new feeling of duty; that of helping to complete the work they so bravely began.

Yours sincerely,

Elders H. C. N. Hansen,  
and Arnold R. Workman.

A picture of the Elders in the door of the Nauvoo house was enclosed in the letter.

44 *Millard County Progress*, 1918-05-17 p 1:

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45 *Millard County Chronicle*, 1918-10-10 p 8 - "Personal Paragraphs."

46 *Millard County Chronicle*, 1918-05-02 p 4:

Liberty Loan Subscribers

(large list, includes these:)

Luther Buchanan, Delta

E. L. Lyman, Jr., Delta

Abbie Billing[s], Delta

A. S. Workman, Delta

Mrs. A. S. Workman, Delta

Geo. E. Billings, Delta

T. Edwin Workman, Hinckley

*Millard County Chronicle*, 1918-05-09 p 4:

Liberty Loan Subscribers

E. M. Workman, Hinckley

47 *Millard County Chronicle*, 1918-03-21 p 8.

48 *Millard County Chronicle*, 1918-01-10 p 1.

49 *Millard County Chronicle*, 1918-07-11 p 1.

50 *Millard County Chronicle*, 1918-10-03 p 8 - "Personal Paragraphs."

51 *Millard County Chronicle*, 1918-10-10 p 8 - "Personal Paragraphs."

52 *Millard County Chronicle*, 1918-10-17 p 1 - "INFLUENZA CLAIMS ITS FIRST VICTIM."

53 *Millard County Chronicle*, 1918-10-17 p 8 - "Personal Paragraphs."

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54 *Millard County Chronicle*, 1918-10-24 p 1 - "Influenza and Pneumonia Take Alarming Toll."

55 *Millard County Chronicle*, 1918-10-31 p 1.

56 *Millard County Chronicle*, 1918-11-21 p 1:

Workman Home Becomes Hospital

Three Mexicans Die as Result of Influenza - Situation Among Other Better.

The A. S. Workman, Jr., residence near the sugar factory has been turned into a hospital to care for the Mexican population and the help at the factory. The hospital at the School House having been closed.

*Millard County Chronicle*, 1918-11-28 p 1:

"Flu" Situation Not So Good

Mrs. Wm. H. Miller is Victim of Disease - Several Delta Men Taken Down

At the Workman home, which has been converted to the uses of a hospital for influenza cases, there are ten cases, of which seven are Mexicans. ...

57 *Millard County Chronicle*, 1918-11-28 p 8 - "Personal Paragraphs"

58 *History of a Pioneer - Edward Leo Lyman, Jr 1881-1958*, published in Delta, Utah by Melvin A. Lyman, M. D. 1959, pp 82-84.

59 *ibid.*

60 *Millard County Progress*, 1919-01-31 p 8.

Also *Millard County Progress*, 1919-03-21 p 1:

Mr. Elmer Bishop died in the service. ... He was buried in a grave in one of the most beautiful spots in France. Mr. Arnold Workman, a member of the same regiment, spoke in his memory.

61 *Millard County Chronicle*, 1919-06-26 p 6.

62 *Millard County Chronicle*, 1919-06-26 p 8 - "John Workman."

Also *Millard County Chronicle*, 1919-05-29 p 1:

Solders' Dance The Affair of the Season

The social and dance held at Delta Tuesday evening to welcome home the returned soldier boys...

... and lastly, the very fine flower vase made by Pvt. John Workman from a used 75 shell. This a beauty of Workman-ship, and something to be highly prized.

63 *Millard County Chronicle*, 1919-07-31 p 5 - "Delta News Notes."

64 *Millard County Chronicle*, 1919-07-31 p 9 - "Personal Paragraphs."

65 *Millard County Chronicle*, 1919-08-21 p 4 - "A Pretty Place."

66 *Millard County Chronicle*, 1920-04-29 p 1 - "Wedding Reception."

Also *Millard County Chronicle*, 1919-11-20 p 1:

Relief Society Special Thanksgiving Program ...

Thanksgiving sentiments -- Mrs. Alex Adams and Mrs. Nellie Workman

*Millard County Chronicle*, 1920-02-05 p 8:

Personal Items

Miss Lela Peterson spent the weekend at Sutherland as the guest of administratrix, at her residence in Delta, Utah, on or before the 17 day of April, 1920

Nellie E. Workman, Administratrix.

J. A. Melville, Jr., Attorney.

*Millard County Chronicle*, 1920-05-06 p 10:

Personal Paragraphs

M. O. Porter is living in the former Workman house, north of the sugar factory.

67 *Millard County Chronicle*, 1920-12-09 p 1 - "Married in Manti."

68 *Millard County Progress*, 1925-10-09 p 1 - "County Commissioners notes."

See also *Millard County Progress*, 1925-08-28 p 1:

Millard Teachers for School Year are Announced.

Delta Elementary - ... Nellie Workman, ...

*Millard County Chronicle*, 1926-05-13 p 1:

Teachers Engaged for Next Term

The following is a list of teachers who have signed to return:

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Elementary Schools: ... Nellie Workman, ...

*Millard County Chronicle*, 1926-07-15 p 8:

About People You Know

Among those accompanying the Manti Temple excursion this week were Bishop and Mrs. Leo Lyman; Nellie Workman, ...

*Millard County Chronicle*, 1926-07-22 p 4:

Hinckley

... Mr. Blake expects to take the girls and Mrs. Nellie Workman of Delta to Orderville this week, for a long looked-for homecoming.

*Millard County Chronicle*, 1926-07-29 p 8:

About People You Know

M. H. Workman made a business trip to Salt Lake City last Tuesday.

Mrs. Nellie Workman has gone on a trip to Bryce canyon and to Orderville.

*Millard County Chronicle*, 1926-09-09 p 1:

Teachers for Next Term of School

Delta Grade School

... Nellie Workman, ...

*Millard County Chronicle*, 1926-09-23 p 1:

School Opens With Record Enrollment

... Nellie Workman, who teaches one 3rd grade is native of Orderville, Utah, but has been for some years a resident of Delta. She has studied at B. Y. U. and has had five years well-received teaching experience

*Millard County Progress*, 1927-06-10 p 1:

Next Years School Teachers Selected

Delta Grade: ... Nellie Workman 3rd; ...

*Millard County Progress*, 1927-08-26 p 1:

List of Teachers for Millard school District 1927-28

Delta Grade: ... Nellie Workman ...

*Millard County Progress*, 1928-08-24 p 1:

Directory

Millard County School Dist.

1928-29

Delta Elementary:

Nellie Workman

*Millard County Progress*, 1929-08-09 p 1:

Financial Report of

Millard County School District

Teacher's Salaries 1928-29

Nellie Workman 392.50

69 *Millard County Progress*, 1923-08-24 p 2 - "News Notes from All Parts of Utah."

70 *Millard County Chronicle*, 1920-09-02 p 8:

The Selling Season Opens with a Rush

Over 9,000 Acres sold in August

The year has commenced. The sale of lands has come in with a volume of business that betokens a fine year ...

The Millard County Realty Company brings the opening of the season in with the following fine volume of business:..

40 acres at Woodrow to N. S. Workman of Hurricane.

*Millard County Chronicle*, 1920-10-21 p 1:

Drainage News

... finished the tile laying just on the north edge of town around Workman's and Willis Lyman's, ...

*Millard County Progress*, 1922-12-08 p 4:

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Delinquent Tax List for 1922

(Drainage District Taxes) ...

Edwin M. Workman ...

E. M. Workman; Delta ...

Abraham H. Workman ...

Meltire H. Workman; Delta ...

Nephi S. Workman ...

*Millard County Progress*, 1922-12-22 p 1:

Commissioners Notes

... the county treasurer is instructed to let M. H. Workman redeem the SW 1/4 NE 1/4, Sec 14, Twp 1, S, Range 7 West, without paying taxes, costs or interest, said land marked no benefits, hence erroneous.

*Millard County Progress*, 1923-03-16 p 1:

*Millard County Progress*, 1923-03-23 p 3:

Notice of Sale, Sevier Canal Company, Salt Lake City, Utah  
(Shareholders listed)

Workman, N. S. (I. R. Morgan) 948, 30, 22.50

*Millard County Progress*, 1923-12-07 p 4:

Notice of Delinquent Drainage Taxes 1923

E. M. Workman; Hinckley; Utah ...

E. M. Workman; Hinckley; Utah (another entry) ...

Edwin M. Workman, Hinckley, Ut., ...

Meltire H. Workman; Delta; Utah; ...

Nellie E. Workman; Delta; Utah ...

M. H. Workman; Delta; Utah; ...

Elouise R. Workman, Delta, ...

Nellie E. Workman et al, Delta ...

Nellie E. Workman, Delta ...

*Millard County Progress*, 1924-04-04 p 1:

*Millard County Progress*, 1924-04-11 p 3:

Notice of Sale of Real Estate

(Delinquent taxes)

E. Fred Pack, E. M. Workman, Agt., Hinckley, Utah ...

Ed. M. Workman, Hinckley, Utah

71 Autobiography of Kendrick Workman, unpublished.

72 *Millard County Progress*, 1924-09-19 p 4 (and 1924-09-26 p 4) - "News."

73 Kendrick Workman autobiography.

74 *Millard County Progress*, 1924-10-17 p 1.

75 Kendrick Workman autobiography.

76 *Millard County Chronicle*, 1926-04-29 p 1 - "Realty Deals Indicate Delta's Building Boom to Continue."

See also *Millard County Chronicle*, 1926-01-14 p 10:

About People You Know

M. H. Workman spent the fore part of the week in Salt Lake attending to business matters.

*Millard County Chronicle*, 1926-02-04 p 8:

About People You Know

Bishop Edgar W. Jeffery is driving a very fine new Buick four-door sedan, with real spanish leather upholstery, purchased from M. H. Workman

*Millard County Chronicle*, 1926-02-18 p 10:

About People You Know

Del Searles purchased a new '26 model Master Buick sedan from M. H. Workman this week. Avery Bishop purchased a Buick touring car from the same firm.

*Millard County Progress*, 1926-08-13 p 1:

## The Workman Family in Early Delta, Utah

### Delta

Work is progressing rapidly on the building on the site of the old Lincoln theatre which is being erected by M. H. Workman. The building is to be 50 by 125 feet and will be a modern brick structure with plate glass front. It will have a garage and store building and will cost approximately \$15,000.00.

*Millard County Chronicle*, 1926-08-26 p 8:

#### About People You Know

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Workman and Mrs. Lizzie Chidester, of Salt Lake City, are Delta visitors this week.

M. H. Workman went to Salt Lake City Tuesday to obtain some new Buicks.

*Millard County Progress*, 1926-09-24 p 1:

### Delta

The Workman building on the site of the old Lincoln Theatre is nearing completion. It will be occupied by a garage and a store.

*Millard County Chronicle*, 1926-09-30 p 8:

#### About People You Know

M. H. Workman returned Wednesday from Salt Lake City, where he made final arrangements for leasing part of his new building.

*Millard County Progress*, 1927-03-25 p 1:

Atty Grover A. Giles purchased a new Buick Six Broughm last Saturday. The sale was made by Mr. M. H. Workman, Buick dealer in Delta. The car is one of the most beautiful ones own in this county.

*Millard County Progress*, 1927-09-16 p 8:

Mr. M. H. Workman, Buick dealer in Delta, was a business visitor in Fillmore this week

*Millard County Progress*, 1928-02-24 p 6:

### Lynndyl

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Workman of Delta were in Fillmore on their way to Beaver. Mr. Workman was driving a new model Oldsmobile Sedan.

*77 United States Census for Delta, Millard, Utah, 1930:*

Name: Melton H Workman [Meltiar H. Workman]

Home in 1930: Delta, Millard, Utah

Spouse's Name: Edna Workman

Race: White

#### Household Members:

Name	Age
Melton H Workman	40
Edna Workman	38
Grant Workman	10
Ruth Workman	7
Merlin Workman	6
Beth Workman	4 3/12

Name: Clark Workman

Home in 1930: Delta, Millard, Utah

Spouse's Name: Geneva Workman

Race: White

#### Household Members:

Name	Age
Clark Workman	24
Geneva Workman	22
Myrle Workman	4 4/12
Junior Workman	1 4/12

Name: Claude D Billings

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Home in 1930: Delta, Millard, Utah

Spouse's Name: Lydia W Billings

Household Members:

Name	Age
Claude D Billings	37
Lydia W Billings	36
Claudia Billings	11
Mary Billings	10
Alonzo C Billings	8
Lenon Billings	6
Evan A Billings	4 6/12
Lydia A Billings	1 9/12
Elva Billings	17
Nelda A Billings	16
Mae Billings	15