

## **FREDERICK ARTHUR KILLPACK**

Frederick Arthur Killpack was born on 11 November 1865 in Glenwood, Sevier County, Utah. His parents, William Joseph and Eliza Sarah (Sauze) Killpack, came to America and to Utah as converts to the LDS Church and settled in Manti. From Manti they were called to help settle Glenwood, but lost everything they had because of an Indian War and returned to Manti.

When Fred was 14 years old he went to Molen in the summer to help his uncle with his farm work. He returned to Manti in the fall for school. He did farm work for several years and then began working for Mike Molen. While working for Mike, Fred attended school at Brigham Young University and prepared to be a teacher. Mike trusted Fred completely as his accountant. At tax time each year people came to Mike with calves or whatever they had to sell for cash to pay their taxes. Mike trusted Fred's judgment to buy and pay for them. Fred lived in Mike's home.

Jane Ann Richards was born on 4 February 1873 in Batley near Bradford, Yorkshire, England. Her parents, William Howell and Lucy (Renton) Richards were converts to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They immigrated to America in 1877 on the sailing ship "Idaho" Jane Ann was four years old. The family lived first in Salt Lake City where William Howell worked as a stone cutter. They moved to Panguitch, then to Manti. In the spring of 1882 the family settled in Ferron.

In Manti and also in Ferron, Lucy gained permission for her daughters, Jane Ann, then about 8 years old, and Catherine, two years younger, to glean wheat in grain fields. Lucy put cabbage leaves under their bonnets to protect their heads from the sun.

In Ferron, Jane Ann, at about age 9, went to Molen and helped Mrs. Warren Peacock tend babies and do other chores. Jane Ann walked home every Saturday night to be with her family and back to Molen on Sunday afternoon, a distance of three miles each way.

The first school house Jane Ann attended was built about 1890 when she was 17 years. It was a one-room school house with a fireplace on one side. Because the fireplace did not heat the room adequately, a big round stove was installed. The benches were logs. The school house also served as a church until the first church was completed.

Jane Ann Richard's mother died at the age of 31 on 19 March 1883, shortly after giving birth to a son, James Howell. One month later Jane Ann's father died on 25 April 1883, leaving six orphaned children. The six orphans went to live with families that would take them. Edward went to live with a distant relative in Manti. Jane Ann, age 10, went first to the home of Mike Molen. John Edson King and his wife had just lost a little girl and wanted Jane Ann, so the Molens let them have her. The Kings were very good and kind people. They had two little boys, and there was plenty of work for Jane Ann to do. Jane Ann always faithfully went to all her church meetings. She had a beautiful voice and loved to sing, especially the Welch songs that her parents had taught her. She and her sister, Catherine, sang often on programs for the town. Sister King taught Jane Ann to sew and to cook and she became excellent at both.

When Jane Ann was older she worked in homes where the mothers were in bed following child birth. They were always in bed for two weeks or longer. Jane Ann earned \$1.50 to \$2.00 a week.

Janae Ann was called Janie by her family and friends. She was a beautiful girl with brown eyes and dark brown hair. She had many boy friends and loved to go to dances. She met Fred Killpack when he was working for Mike Molen. Fred and Jane Ann became acquainted and fell in love. After Fred and Jane Ann were married on 17 April 1890, they lived in part of Molen's home until the home that Fred was building in town was completed enough to move into which they did on December of 1890. For many years Fred's home also served as a hotel in Ferron. The Molens moved from Ferron in 1890 and sold their very fine furniture to Fred for a reasonable price. Fred's home was of red brick with six rooms. There was a nice lawn in front. On the large lot Fred planted many choice fruit trees and also ornamental trees. Beautiful silver maple trees lined the sidewalks around the home.

Five children were born to Fred and Jane Ann in their beautiful new home: Irene, born 12 January 1891, married Frederick Albert Zwahlen; Reva born 23 February 1893 and died 3 January 1894; Mary born and died 11 February 1895; Clive born 23 December 1895, married Mary Iva Olsen; and Gwendolyn born 7 April 1899 married Fenton Lyle Williams.

Janie was a beautiful seamstress and sewed many beautiful clothes for her children. She had made 25 dresses and 25 slips for Gwen before she was born. Janie always had a lady to do her washing and ironing and she always kept her children looking like live dolls. Since she did not have the best of health, Fred made sure that she always had extra help. Janie's husband and her children were her joy.

Fred had a talent for medicine and was called for every kind of accident. One night, in snow and cold he rode a horse two miles to get a needle out of Clyda Black's finger. He was with the doctors so much that they felt

he should go and study to be a medical doctor. He saved money for many years and began to study medicine in San Francisco in the fall of 1900. Shortly after they moved to California, Janie became very ill with pneumonia and peritonitis. Her sister, Emma came to help her, but Janie's health deteriorated. She died on 3 Jan 1901, just four months after they moved to San Francisco. The baby, Gwen, was only 1 ½ years old and Fred was devastated. It was a sad little family that returned to Ferron by train: Fred, his three children and their Aunt Emma, to help them, with Jane Ann's body in the baggage coach ahead.

This put an end to Fred's study of medicine; however, he did prepare to be a pharmacist. Fred returned to his school teaching. Emma stayed in the home to help the family. On November 4, 1903 Fred and Emma were married. A little boy names William was born to them on 22 July 1904 and died the same day. Janie Jerusha was born 5 Aug 12906. She was named for Fred's first wife and Emma's sister. Fred's children adored Emma and she became a loving second mother to them. Emma had poor health and was never very well. Fred and the family were heart broken when she passed away on 24 November 1913.

Fred built a drug store on the south-east corner of his lot, at his first home in Ferron. It was the first drug store in town and Fred operated it himself. Dr. Easley came in 1904 and stayed with Fred for some time until he was married. Sometimes Fred rented one room in the back of the store to a dentist.

Fred was very progressive. He had the first running water in his home and the first telephone in town. Many ears before a town water syster was installed Fred built a cistern on a hill near his home. He encouraged his close neighbors to help him build the system so that water could be piped into his home and into theirs.

Fred was thrifty. He always had a choice Jersey milk cow; he raised a few sheep and had a beautiful orchard. He let the orchard grass grow between the rows of fruit trees. When he went to milk he cut an armful of fresh grass for his cow. By the time the last row was gone the first row was green again. When the late apples ripened Fred wrapped each one in paper and stored them in boxes in the cellar. They always had apples for Christmas. He had an ice house where he kept ice all summer long.

Fred was good to the poor and needy. He built a home for one needy w3oman and made her casket when she died. Sometimes whole families moved in with the Killpacks when one of them was sick. He took in one family of strangers whose baby was very ill. The baby died and Fred took charge of arrangements for the funeral. He had the baby buried in Ferron.

In about 1908 Fred traded his home in town for nicer and larger one on the edge of town towards Molen. With this home he acquired a large acreage of land. Young people were always welcome at his home. He took them for buggy rides in his fine, white-topped buggy pulled by his prize trotters. On the large acreage Fred had a good-sized pond with lots of fish and a boat. In the winter the young people enjoyed ice skating on the pond. He had a roller skating rink in the basement and furnished the skates for the young people. He made a big swing, a hammock, a place for playing croquet, a basketball court, and a merry-go-round. It was made with a wagon wheel, a large post and ropes. The children had great fun turning the wheel and hanging on to the ropes.

In about 1911 the new home burned to the ground, but it was not long before Fred had it rebuilt even nicer than before.

A few years after Emma died, Fred married a third Richards sister, Catherine, a widow with four children. One of the children (Ione) was married.

Fred was always fixing things. His daughter , Gwen, said that when he had finished fixing something, he always said, "That will be 30 cents." Fred died of prostate cancer on 15 July 1930, age 64. Fred was a very kind and patient man and had a wonderful way of handling his children.