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Husband Lewey Rodolphus RUSSELL-641				
Born	1 May 1859	Place	Filmore, Millard, Utah	LDS ordinance dates
Christened		Place		Baptized
Died	12 Nov 1922	Place		Endowed
Buried		Place		Sealed to parents
Married	12 Oct 1888	Place	Springerville, Apache, Arizona	Sealed to spouse
Husband's father			Horace RUSSELL-3420	MRIN: 1291 ☐ Deceased
Husband's mother			Lydia Ann HOBSON-3421	☐ Deceased

Wife Elizabeth Catherine DEWITT-640				
Born	5 Jun 1870	Place	Big Cottonwood, Slk, Utah	LDS ordinance dates
Christened		Place		Baptized
Died	29 Apr 1904	Place	Thatcher, Az	Endowed
Buried		Place		Sealed to parents
Wife's father			Abel Alexander DEWITT-24	MRIN: 19 ☒ Deceased
Wife's mother			Margaret Miller WATSON-25	☒ Deceased

Children	List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth.	LDS ordinance dates	Temple
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1	Sex F	Mary Elizabeth RUSSELL-1642		
Born	8 Dec 1890	Place	Esagar, Apache, Arizona	Baptized
Christened		Place		Endowed
Died	17 Oct 1987	Place	Las Vegas, N.M.	Sealed to parents
Buried		Place		
Spouse			Burk HAMBLIN-1648	MRIN: 574
Married	12 Oct 1910	Place	Salt Lake City, Utah	Sealed to spouse

2	Sex M	Lewey De Witt RUSSELL-1643		
Born	23 Jul 1892	Place	Esagar, Apache, Arizona	Baptized
Christened		Place		Endowed
Died	29 Oct 1982	Place	Boise, Idaho	Sealed to parents
Buried		Place		
Spouse			Goldie Annetta PARKER-1649	MRIN: 575
Married	5 Jul 1923	Place	Cascade Valley, Idaho	Sealed to spouse

3	Sex M	Horace RUSSELL-1644		
Born	22 May 1894	Place	Springerville, Apache, Arizona	Baptized
Christened		Place		Endowed
Died	19 Mar 1895	Place		Sealed to parents
Buried		Place		
Spouse				
Married		Place		Sealed to spouse

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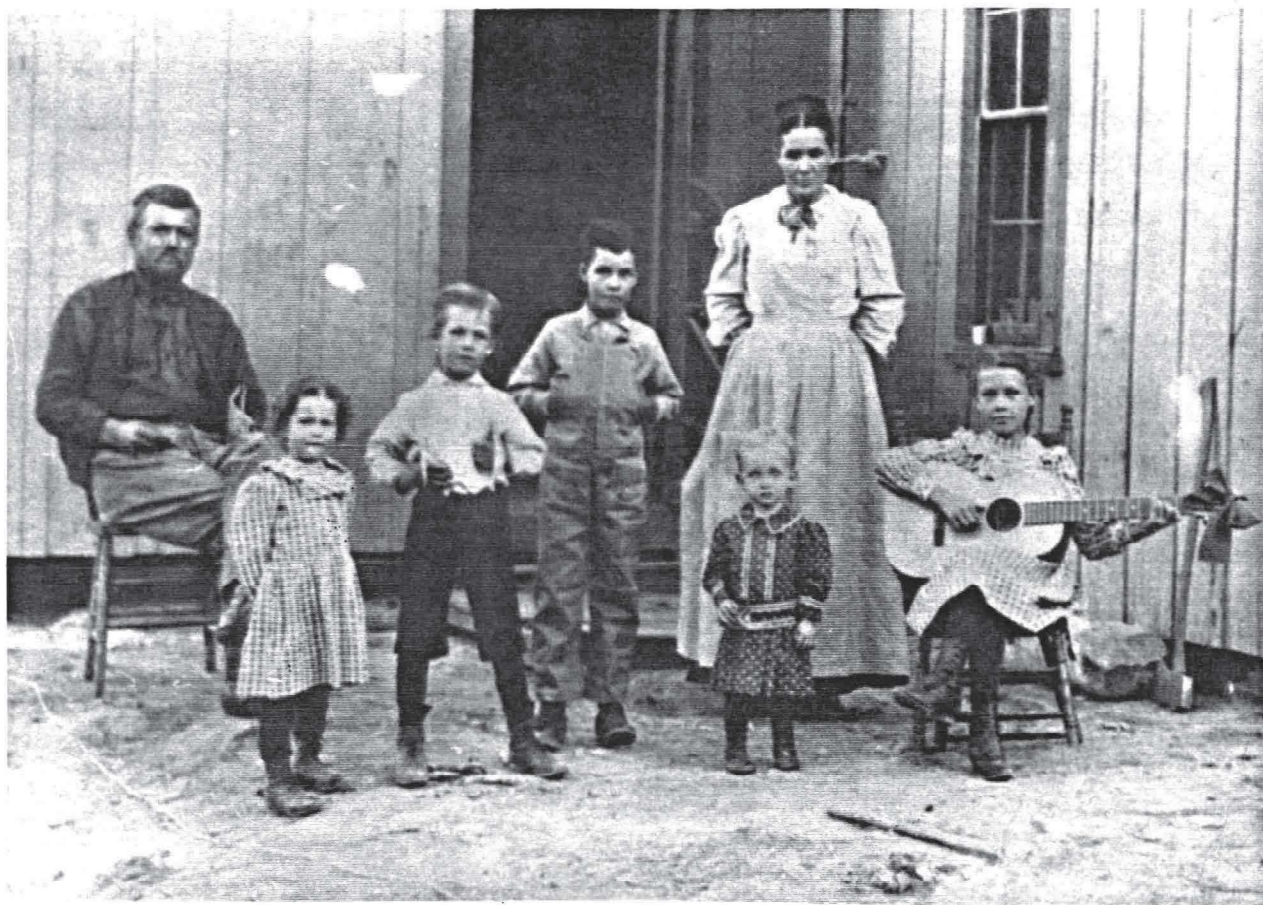
- ☐ **Option 1 -- Family File** Send all names to my family file at the _____ Temple.
- I will provide proxies for: ☐ Baptism ☐ Endowment ☐ Sealing
The temple will assign proxies for ordinances not checked.
- ☐ **Option 2 -- Temple File** Send all names to any temple and assign proxies for all approved ordinances.
- ☐ **Option 3 -- Ancestral File** Send all names to the computerized Ancestral File for research purposes only, not for ordinances. I am including the required pedigree chart.

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Husband	Wife

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Wife		Elizabeth Catherine DEWITT-640	
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4	Sex M	Harold RUSSELL-3755	
	Born	22 May 1894	Place Springerville, Arizona
	Christened		Place
	Died	17 Mar 1895	Place
	Buried		Place
	Spouse		
	Married		Place
			Sealed to spouse
5	Sex M	Clarence Alexander RUSSELL-1645	
	Born	31 Mar 1896	Place Eagar, Apache, Arizona
	Christened		Place
	Died	28 Feb 1953	Place Salt Lake City, Utah
	Buried		Place
	Spouse	Bessie RANE-1650	
	Married	2 Apr 1921	Place
			MRIN: 576
			Sealed to spouse
6	Sex F	Margaret Ann RUSSELL-1646	
	Born	12 Apr 1898	Place Eagar, Apache, Arizona
	Christened		Place
	Died	7 Jul 1962	Place
	Buried		Place
	Spouse	John Howard SISLER-1651	
	Married	14 Jul 1917	Place Boise, Idaho
			MRIN: 577
			Sealed to spouse
7	Sex M	John Sheldon RUSSELL-1647	
	Born	30 Aug 1900	Place Woodruff, Navajo, Arizona
	Christened		Place
	Died	20 Sep 1917	Place
	Buried		Place
	Spouse		
	Married		Place
			Sealed to spouse



LEWEY R. RUSSELL - ELIZABETH CATHERINE DEWITT

1 May 1859 - 12 Nov 1922

5 June 1870 - 29 April 1904

Margaret - Clarence - Lewey - John - Mary



Lewey R. Russell - Elizabeth DeWitt
Children

Mary - DeWitt - Clarence - Margaret

ELIZABETH CATHERINE DEWITT

Elizabeth Catherine DeWitt, the fifth child, and third daughter of Abel Alexander DeWitt and Margaret Miller Watson, was born on 5 June 1870 in Big Cottonwood, Salt Lake County, Utah. The year "Libby", as she was nick named by her brothers, and small sister, Margaret Lenora. President Brigham Young called the DeWitts to assist in colonizing Arizona. The depth of sorrow felt by the family was not felt by "Libby". All of her needs of love and security were provided by her ever loving parents, brothers and sisters.

The Apache Indians were highly frustrated with the apparent move to colonize Arizona. President Young suggested the families settle in southern Utah pending further instructions. The DeWitts settled in Kanab, Kane County, Utah.

The DeWitt children were very active in church and school activities. "Libby" started to school there, and life was very exciting to her. This little song bird was given many opportunities to sing. She sang little scotch songs she learned from her mother along with many other songs learned in church and school.

They were a happy family upon the arrival of another little girl, Martha Ann, born 8 October 1874, and a brother John Daniel, born 5 November 1876. "Libby" was front and center, helping her mother care for these babies. She entertained them by singing lullabys with her mother.

"Libby" was baptized 5 June 1878. Her mother taught her to appreciate her membership in the church with the blessings of having her parents and family. Her mother was not so privileged. She lost her parents, friends, and family except for one sister who came to America first. Leaving Scotland, her lovely home and personal treasures was her real test. She was baptized in Holyoke, Mass. at night. The ice had to be broken in the river for her to be baptized. "Libby" did appreciate her blessings.

Joy, then sorrow seemed to follow. Just four days after Christmas their precious Martha Ann died on 29 December 1878. The following month on 10 January 1879 William Washington was born. The following year "Libby" experienced the sorrow her family experienced when they left Cottonwood. She was not able to relate to her mother's sorrow in leaving Scotland, as her family were preparing to move into Arizona. The Prophet told the DeWitt's to go on into Arizona — that is all it took for her father to sell and move his family. They settled in "Round Valley" early in 1880. This place was later known as Springerville and was near the head of the Little Colorado River. There her father and older brothers cut and hauled logs to build homes and a school house which was used for Church also. The DeWitts lived in their wagons until their home was complete.

"Libby" helped sew carpet rags, and roll them into balls prior to weaving into rugs and a carpet for their new home. Looking forward to see the colorful carpet laid and finishing the beautiful room. She learned early to knit, weave, crochet, embroider, and cook. She was a neat little house keeper and real help to her mother. She was well prepared for marriage when her "lead man", Lewey

Rudolphus Russell, proposed to her. They married 12 October 1888. They made their home in the town of Union, later known as Eagar. Their log house set on the upper corner of the Herbert Jarvis lot. Mr. Jarvis remembered being called to administer to "Ibby" at the time their first baby, Mary Elizabeth, was born on 8 December 1890.

Lewey and "Ibby", as he nick named her, continued to participate in the choir, musicals, and choruses. "Ibby" was a soloist.

Their first son, Lewey DeWitt Russell, was born 23 July 1892. And Horace and Harold — twins — arrived 22 May 1894. What excitement for all! Then the shock of their deaths, one after the other on 17 March 1895. Clarence Alexander brighten their home again when he was born 31 March 1896. Oh, what a beautiful day when Margaret Ann arrived with her red curly hair and her mothers disposition. Esther Cecelia Hamblin, a midwife delivered her on 12 April 1898.

Lewey and "Ibby" were so happy with their children. They taught them to read music, sing, recite and to pray. They enjoyed their little programs at home, school and church. Mary remembers kneeling at her mother's knees to pray. And De would crawl over and kneel beside her in the attitude of prayer. Years later he told Mary that whenever he was tempted to do something not exactly right he would see his mothers face and he could not bear the thought of doing one thing to bring sorrow to her.

"Ibbys" first love was her husband, children, and their home. She put forth every effort in making her house a home, a heaven on earth. An embroidered picture of verse decorated their walls. The back splash above the wash basin was always daintily decorated. Mary had many happy memories of her home life, while living. One of the many things she remembered was a beautiful hand made quilt her mother made for her. It was a colorful red and white blocks, used as a bed spread when they had company and stored under her pillows at other times. Elizabeth was truly an adept quilter, having the finest stitches. Many of her pillow cases were finished with crochet lace of her own design. Some wide as ten inches. She used regular sewing thread. She was also an accomplished dress maker. She made clothes for each of the children. Mary was taught to crochet, weave, and to quilt. She made little sampler quilt blocks as early as twelve years of age.

Elizabeth and Lewey were delighted, while preparing their wagon in order to go with friends to the St. George Temple to have their five children sealed to them. They were expecting a baby in April, yet the discomfort of the trip was relieved by the joy of the words. "Sealed for time and all eternity!" The great day was 25 November 1897. As they were returning home, it was so cold their food froze. Mary remembers eating frozen apples.

A drought in Springerville, Arizona area and the opportunity in Woodruff to work on the railroad caused Lewey and the family to sell their farm and move there. What a joy to live near her parents. Their 7th child, John Sheldon, was born there 30th August 1900. Lewey built an adobe sun baked brick house on a rock foundation for his family. Mary and De helped mix the mortar with their bare feet, then carried each brick up to their father to lay in place. As the walls became higher Lewey raised the ramp for them to safely climb with the bricks. He plastered and did the roofing. Oh, how

happy they all were with a home of their own, with an orchard and current bushes. Of course, "Ibby" wanted to move right in, but Lewey knew better, stating it was much too damp. He told his family there was need for lumber in order to build the porch, saying it would be dry enough by the time he would get back and they would move in. "Remember, little John is only two weeks old". The day Lewey left for the saw mill "Libby" built a big fire in the fireplace to rush the drying process. The next day her brother helped move her in. It was not too long before she began to chill. Mary came in, seeing her mother sitting by the hearth near the fire shaking all over. She ran for her Grandma DeWitt to come and help. Grandma (Margaret Miller Watson DeWitt) put her ailing daughter to bed. The next day Lewey came home and crawled into the house. He had injured his back. "Libby" was in a high fever and did not realize when they brought him home. They put him in the other bed. The Relief Society teachers took care of them and the children. The Nurse came out and told Mary to keep the children playing in the yard so her parents and the babies could sleep, but to go in after awhile and check that all was well with them. When she went in and saw her parents so pale and the babies asleep, she thought, "Wonder if my parents should die what would become of us?" She ran to the current bushes, crawled back out of sight, fell upon her knees, crying to her Heavenly Father to please heal her parents. When she returned to the house she heard a commotion inside. She hurried in and found her father, who could not even turn over in bed, walking the floor with burned hands. Her mother was holding little Margaret in her arms with all her clothes torn off. Margaret had drawn a chair up to get something off the mantel, and her dress caught on fire. Her screams had brought her father to her rescue. Mary ran for the linseed oil, which was in her father's work shop, to put on the turns. In a few days all was healed and well.

The Russell's had lived in their new home for about one year when Lewey's brother wrote from Morenci, Arizona telling him what wonderful opportunity to make money as a machinist there at the mines. He was a good machinist; the temptation was too great to refuse. One evening he was laying on the floor playing with the babies when "Ibby" came over and sat down beside him, and she laid her head on his chest. Suddenly he raised up and said, "I sold the place to-day". What a shock! "Ibby" never said one word, but the expression on her face could never be forgotten. They moved to the artesian well district south of Safford, bought a farm, sank a well, planted their crops, but before they produced the well failed. Then they moved to Thatcher, Arizona and Lewey opened a blacksmith shop. "Ibby" was expecting their eighth child. She attended the funeral of President Andrew Kimball's daughter, Fanny on the 24 March 1904. The brought "Ibby" home; she was hemorrhaging from her lungs. She was bedfast for one month and then died 29 April 1904, in Thatcher. She was buried there with her unborn child.

Several years before Margaret Miller Watson DeWitt, died in 1930, she called her family to her bedside and said, "Listen to the Heavenly choir! Listen to Lucy, Sarah and "Libby"."

I know that our Grandmother, Elizabeth Catherine DeWitt Russell, "Ibby" and her "Lead Man," Lewey Rudolphus, are singing at every opportunity over there. Oh, what Joy! All except one of their children are with them. (Mary Elizabeth Russell Hamblin, their oldest child, is still living in Salt Lake City — April 1984)

LEWEY R. RUSSELL - Husband of Elizabeth Catherine DeWitt

Lewey Rudolphus Russell, who married Elizabeth Catherine DeWitt, daughter of Abel Alexander DeWitt and Margaret Miller Watson DeWitt, was the second child of Horace Russell and Lydia Ann Hobson. He was born 1 May 1859 in Fillmore, Millard Co., Utah.

His grandparents, Jonathan Russell and Jesse Hobson families crossed the plains in the Benjamin Gardner Company leaving the first of May 1852 and arriving in the Great Salt Lake Valley in September 1852. They assisted in settling Fillmore. Their son Horace and daughter Lydia, respectively, were friends while crossing the Plains, and were married 2 May 1856 in the Salt Lake Endowment House. They are the parents of eight children. They assisted in colonizing Arizona in 1879 in Woodruff. There they assisted in building dams in the Little Colorado River — (about 14 dams were washed out). Later they moved to Concho, and then on to Springerville in 1880.

In Springerville their son, Lewey, met Elizabeth Catherine DeWitt. They participated in the choir, many musicals, etc. and fell in love. They were married 12 October 1888 in Springerville, Apache County, Arizona. They settled in Union, that was later known as Eagar. Lewey engaged in farming, black smithing, and carpentry. He built homes, a school which was also used for a church, and caskets as required. "Ibby", as he nick named his sweetheart, assisted the Relief Society in covering the caskets with silk and beautiful lace, — always white.

They moved to Woodruff where he built a lovely adobe (sun baked brick) home on a rock foundation for his "Ibby". She and the children were so happy there, near Grandma and Grandpa DeWitt. He and "Ibby" were always involved in the choir, musicals and various programs. She was a vocal soloist.

The Russell's moved to Thatcher where Lewey opened his own blacksmith shop. They were expecting their eighth child when "Ibby" started hemorrhaging from her lungs, and died a month later 29 April 1904 in Thatcher, Arizona

Later Lewey married Altamah Sophia Billingsley 21 July 1907. They had one son, Elijah Randolph Russell born 9 Oct 1909 in Thatcher, Arizona. They moved to Letha, Gem County, Idaho. There they made a home for their children. Lewey had his own Blacksmith shop. He sharpened plow shears, shod horses, and set wagon tires. He installed a gasoline powered grist mill and ground meal for their neighbors and themselves.

Alta died 13 Jan 1918 in Emmett, Idaho. Lewey's mother, Lydia Ann Hobson, came to live with him to assist in housekeeping. His health failed him, and he had to close his shop. The three of them — Lewey, his & Alta's son, and Lewey's mother moved to Emmett, Idaho and lived with his daughter, Margaret and her husband, Howard Sisler. They did what they could to help. Lydia died 24 October 1920 and Lewey died 18 November 1921.

6. MARGARET LENORA DEWITT, b. 20 July 1872, Big Cottonwood, Utah, d. 13 August 1873 of Whooping Cough

7. MARTHA ANN DEWITT, b. 8 October 1874, Kanab, Utah d. 29 December 1878 of Diphtheria
