

WILLIAM HAMANN BLUNCK

Born 5 November 1906 in Rexburg, Idaho at the home of Uncle Joe and Aunt Martha Gardner. At this time my parents lived 12 miles southeast of Rexburg in a community known as Herbert. Here is where my parents had homesteaded 160 acres and where they were making a livelihood.

I attended school at Rexburg Elementary, Madison High and Ricks College.

June 18, 1930 I married Lillian Galbraith in the Salt Lake Temple. This marriage was terminated soon. However, to this marriage a daughter was born: Glenda, born 13 March 1931. This marriage was cleared by Church authorities in 1931 and I was able to secure a recommend so I could fill a mission.

I filled a mission in the East Central States Mission. I had some wonderful experiences. I was called to open up new places to the missionary work. In two places we have new stakes. I returned 1 December 1935 after receiving an honorable release.

While on my mission I had my eye on a young lady by the name of Ruth Mae Henderson. I knew she was the one, and I told President Kirkham about her. He endorsed my feelings and gave me his blessings. So we were married in the Salt Lake Temple 21 January 1936. To this union three children were born; namely, Virginia Mae, William Henderson and

George Henderson.

We lived in Rexburg six years, in Ogden two years, and in the Virginias for 20 years.

While in the Virginias we were called to many positions in the Church. Branch President four years, High Councilor, District President, etc.

After retiring from my work, Ruth and I were called as Temple ordinance workers in the Washington Temple. Then after spending 18 months in the Washington Temple we moved to Orem, Utah.

(Note: My daughter, Glenda, came to live with us after she graduated from high school. We loved to have her and she enjoyed being with us. She married Ben Bohon, Jr. from Roanoke and they have had a wonderful marriage and are good workers in the Church. Virginia and Bill are also doing fine and are working hard in the Church. George lived only two days and we feel he is okay.)

I am now working again as a Temple ordinance worker in the Provo Temple.

I am grateful for the Gospel and especially grateful for my testimony.

I love you all,

William H. Blunck

RUTH HENDERSON BLUNCK

Ruth Henderson, born 18 November 1905, Roanoke County, Virginia in the Back Creek Section.

Third child of Herbert and Osceola F. Henderson.

Started her schooling at the Old James Ferguson School House. About that time the schools in that vicinity were consolidated. Attended elementary school through two years of high school.

While in school, when she was 17 years old, she won a prize in the Roanoke County 4-H Club; the prize was a trip to Washington, D.C. with all expenses paid (in a room-improvement contest).

At age 19 she was baptized into the L.D.S. Church. She entered training at St. Luke's Hospital in Bluefield, West Virginia in 1927 and graduated May 1930.

She practiced nursing, mostly private duty, in Bluefield and Welch, West Virginia, also in Bristol and Roanoke, Virginia.

In 1936 she was married to William H. Blunck by the late Honorable Reed Smoot in the Salt Lake Temple. She lived in Idaho for six years, moved to Ogden, Utah; then Bluefield, West Virginia for six years and Roanoke City and County 20 years. In 1975 she moved to Orem, Utah.

Has tried to be faithful to her religious beliefs.

Gave birth to three children: Virginia B. Oak, William Henderson Blunck, George B. (deceased).

GLEND A BLUNCK BOHON

To William Hamann and Lillian Galbraith a daughter,  
Glenda, was born on March 13, 1931.

Glenda Blunck married Benjamin Harrison Bohon in  
Roanoke, Virginia. The marriage was later solemnized in  
the Idaho Falls Temple.

They have three boys and one girl:

Shelene Sue Bohon	1 June 1954
Robert Kevin Bohon	8 September 1958
Neil Douglas Bohon	27 December 1959
Derek William Bohon	3 October 1971

Glenda and Ben live in the beautiful hills of Virginia  
in a lovely home he helped build himself.

Address: Ben H. Bohon, Jr.  
6904 Canyon Road  
Salem, Virginia 24153

## VIRGINIA OAKS

I enjoy being involved with my family and what they are doing.

This past term I took a Doctrine and Covenants class at B.Y.U. with Lori which strengthened my testimony and gave me some valuable time alone with her. I also spent one hour each week helping in David's classroom at school. I really appreciate my parents taking care of Melissa so I could do these things.

I have been a Cub Scout leader for nearly two years.

I find being the wife of a bishop brings many blessings - also frustrations and feelings of inadequacies.

I enjoy being a play and movie critic as I go to so many with Harold.

I'm not as athletic as I'd like to be. I enjoy hiking in the mountains, reading, sewing, decorating, and working in the yard - sometimes cooking.

I enjoy being with and teaching my family most of all. I have deep feelings of love for others but sometimes have a hard time showing these feelings. I'm working on doing better.

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HAROLD OAKS

I enjoy being with my family and doing things together. We have been working on our yard and garden and we get a lot done working together. Then we have milk shakes together. (Making homemade milk shakes is a specialty of mine.)

David and I work a lot on his Cub Scout requirements. We won the Pinewood Derby; and recently made a stool for Melissa. He also helps keep the lawn mowed and things repaired.

The person I enjoy being with most is Virginia - and we do many things together. She is my best critic when I work on plays or give talks for I know she will be honest and constructive. Her insight in working with the children is most valuable as I interview each of them.

Being Bishop has helped me understand the importance of living the Gospel and how it is truly the source of our happiness here and hereafter. The people of the Orem, 18th Ward are among the best in the Church and that helps a great deal.

Teaching at B.Y.U. is an opportunity to work with wonderful young people and with a dedicated faculty. They are supportive and want to use their talents to help build the Kingdom. As Department Chairman I am able to see growth in all areas of Theatre and Film at the University. It is exciting to be here at a time of such development and growth in the students' lives.

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LORI OAKS

I am 18 and finding the years disappearing ever more quickly as I grow ever older. I left home this year for the first time to participate in B.Y.U. social life as well as academics. To do this I worked part time in addition to full time credit at B.Y.U. I found this experience rewarding in independence but difficult to juggle social obligations such as dating in with a very busy schedule.

This spring I have the unique opportunity of traveling to Europe with my father. I am studying, preparing, and looking forward to this excursion. When I return I will continue my junior year at B.Y.U.

I am majoring in Theatre Education and plan to teach Theatre and English on a high school level. I enjoy all types of sports, especially skiing and biking. I especially love being with and getting to know others.

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SHELA OAKS

Ich bin - this is a new way of saying "I am". Everybody else was getting too monotonous for me with their "I am's".

My sixteenth birthday is in August. This is one birthday I'm having trouble and waiting for.

This year I've been in two of our school plays.

As you may have noticed in my first two words, I've also been taking German.

Forensics is another interest of mine. I've done almost all of the individual events and I've also debated. Right now I'm running for Junior Class Vice President.

I enjoy meeting new people.

Composing is one of my main interests. I entered one recently in a contest for flute, two violins, and piano.

Hopefully next year I'll be in our school choir.

Everything's hope for next year and plans for the summer.

I'm happy. I hope things stay that way.

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## EMILY OAKS

I am 13 and am glad I'm finally a teen. Now I have a retort when my friends tell me I'm not fully a teen when I'm only 12.

The things I like to do most are 1. draw, 2. write, 3. act, and 4. play sports.

I am on a girls softball team this year called the 'Phillies.' I play catcher; just about as important a position as pitcher is. I love to get people out who think they're sly in passing me at second - until I get the ball down to third and they're out.

At the beginning of this school year I thought I'd have a wonderful time, but as the days slugged onward I found it to be extremely boring. It wasn't hard to discover the reason: There is no drama whatsoever in that school. No plays, no speech classes, nothing. I had no rehearsals to look forward to, no opening nights or parties. A while ago I typed up a petition requesting drama and am still in the process of people signing then so I can hand them in to the principal. I hope it works so that next year will be more exciting.

Otherwise, I am extremely happy and enjoy participating in other odd projects at home, church, or school.

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DAVID OAKS

I'm nine years old and will be a fourth grader next year.

I play soccer on a city team and have just gotten into baseball this year.

I won first place in the Pinewood Derby this year in my Cub Scout Pack.

I'm saving my money to buy a 10-speed bicycle.

I like math best in school.

I have won prizes in Art and Music in the P.T.A. Reflections contest.

I have lots of friends which is great because I come from a family of girls.

I'm trying hard to overcome being a tease but it's hard.

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MELISSA OAKS

I am three years old. I have my mother right around my little finger - also Grandma and Grandpa Blunck.

I like to do puzzles, listen to stories, sing songs, and go places.

I ride a red tricycle given to me by my grandparents; and play mostly with boys.

I don't like giving up when I want my way or being teased by my brother.

I love eggs, crackers, and milk, and yogurt.

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## History from High School to Present

William Henderson Blunck  
June 15, 1981

- June, 1961                      Graduated from Cave Spring High School, Roanoke County, Virginia
- July, 1961                      Entered the Mission Home in Salt Lake City to start my mission to the Northwestern States Mission; called by David O. McKay
- Worked in: Shelton, Washington; Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; Wenatchee, Washington; Lewiston, Idaho; Rupert, Idaho; Pocatello, Idaho, and Portland, Oregon (Second Counselor)
- September, 1963                Traveled west with Cindy Pincock and Brent Riley from Virginia to start school at BYU
- October, 1963                    Talked to Elaine at a dance and set up our first date (Elder Miller was to go with her roommate)
- December, 1963                 Trip home for Christmas vacation. Traveled with school friends from Richmond, Virginia in an old Chrysler.
- May, 1964                        Asked Elaine to get married
- July, 1964                        Picked up a new car at the port in Baltimore (new VW cost \$1680), thanks to my parents
- August, 1967                    Married Elaine Neibaur in the Idaho Falls Temple. Traveled to Seaside, Oregon and to Sun Valley, Idaho for our honeymoon.
- September, 1964                Elaine and I attended BYU
- May, 1967                        Graduation from BYU, Bill with a BA in Political Science, Elaine with a BA in English (Honors Program)
- June, 1967                        Worked early summer to build an

apartment downstairs at my parents' home in Virginia

July, 1967                      Attended a special school for General Electric Co. in Schenectady, N.Y.

September 11, 1967              Our first son, Richard William Blunck, born in Burley, Idaho. Bill was not in Burley--he was traveling to Denver to start a new job with General Electric

September 12, 1967              Started my new sales job in Denver, Colorado with G.E. Elaine and Richard joined me in October to live in high rise apartments in West Denver

December, 1967                   Traveled to Kearney, Nebraska for Christmas with the Oaks and Grandma and Grandpa Blunck.

May, 1967                        Left G.E. and started selling for General Foods Corp.

June, 1968                        Moved from Denver, Colorado to Pocatello, Idaho.

March 31, 1970                   Joel Neibaur Blunck born in Pocatello, Idaho

December, 1970                   Promoted by General Foods to Phoenix, Arizona as Key Accounts Sales Mngr.

January, 1971                    Purchased our first home at 3921 South Butte Ave., Tempe, Arizona

September, 1972                  Richard starts school

October 30, 1972                  Aaron Henderson Blunck born in Mesa, Arizona

August, 1973                    Left General Foods Corp. to work as area sales manager for a group and charter travel company, Prestige Vacations, Inc. Traveled with groups to Spain, Morocco, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, and Mexico.

September, 1974                  Joel starts school

September 11, 1975               Richard baptized by his father, Tempe 6th Ward

January, 1976

Left Prestige Vacations, Inc. to go to work as zone sales manager for Memorex Corp. (Arizona, New Mexico and El Paso, Texas)

March 31, 1978

Joel baptized by his father, Tempe 6th Ward

June, 1979

Sold house on Butte Ave. and moved to a new house about two miles south, 1964 E. Lodge Dr., Tempe.

January, 1978

Bill named Western Sales Manager of the Year by Memorex Corp.

September, 1979

Richard ordained a Deacon by his father

October 30, 1980

Aaron baptized by his father

June 16, 1981

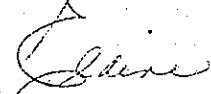
Dear LaVina:

I have enclosed the history Bill wrote and those which he had the three boys write. I suspect there may be more information there than you ever wanted to know.

I thought I would tell you that right now, Bill spends a tremendous amount of time with our boys and others about that age (8-13). He teaches a Blazer B class in Primary and coaches Joel's Tempe Parks & Recreation Department baseball team. The little boys call him "Coach" and just love him. It seems like he has a special gift for working with youth.

I'm working part time as a legal secretary for a very good, very tough Jewish lawyer in downtown Phoenix. I teach the Social Relations lessons in Relief Society, and do a lot of sewing and delivering children from place to place. We're very happy here in Tempe, love our ward, and only wish we were closer to all our loved ones.

Sincerely,

  
Elaine Blunck

RICHARD W. BLUNCK

Here is some of the things we are doing right now, and a little history.

I was born in Burley, Idaho on September 11, 1967. Right now I am in the Tempe 14th Ward, in the Tempe South Stake. I am the secretary in the Deacons Quorum. I like music and I play the Baritone in our band at school. I am in the 8th grade. I have two brothers; their names are Joel and Aaron. They are very nice brothers. Joel is 11 years old and he really likes baseball and cooking. Right now he is a Blazer Scout. Aaron is eight years old and he likes watching T.V. He also like science fiction movies. He is in the CTR-B class.

Right now I am a 1st Class Scout but very soon I will be a Star. I am also on a baseball team. Our sponsor is Real Corp. I am the pitcher on our team. We have won all our games so far.

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JOEL BLUNCK

At the current time I am playing baseball. My dad is the coach. He's a good coach and teaches our team a lot. We have just played our fifth game. We have won four and lost one.

We also just got back from vacation. We went through Utah to Idaho to visit my Grandma and Grandpa Neibaun. We had lots of fun. We rode 3-wheelers and also bought a truck. Then we came back and visited the Oaks and ate breakfast at their house the next day. Then we bought some fireworks at Rock Candy Mountain. We got home the next day. And that night we lit off some of our fireworks.

I'm also in my dad's Primary class. And I know every Article of Faith except 3. I learn all about the presidents of the Church and scriptures and lots of other things. I just got into Scouts and almost have my Tenderfoot and two electives. I'll be going into the 6th grade.

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AARON BLUNCK

I'm playing baseball.

On the 4th of July we are going to light lots of fireworks.

When we went up to the Neibauns I learned how to ride an "ATV".

I'm a Cub Scout; and my best story is David and Goliath.

I'm in CTR B; and I'm in third grade now.

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