

## The Story of my Life

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I Henry C. Blunck was born of good  
ly Parents on the 25<sup>th</sup> Day of August  
1877 at Quarnbeck near the City of  
Kiel in the Province of Schleswig Hol-  
stein Germany and on the Shores  
of the Baltic Sea. When I was 3  
Years old My Parents moved to  
the City of Kiel, with a Population  
of 800 000 People. My Father being  
employed on the Commercial Ships  
that ply the Harbor from over Sea.  
In 1880 My Parents joined the Church  
of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints  
and were baptized by Elder Sorke  
I commenced my schooling in 1884  
in the month of April in the Folkes  
Schools of the City of Kiel. The Dis-  
cipline of the School were very strict  
and therefore learned in early life  
to obey and pay attention.

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### My Parents having joined

The Church, I myself was taught the Principles of the Gospel, attending Sunday School and Sacramental Meetings and Bible Classes. In the Year 1889 May 15<sup>th</sup> I was baptized a Member of the Church by Elder Louis W. Cannon & Conferred by him the same Day. My Father Christian Blunck was Presiding Elder of the Kiel Branch. And all our Meetings were held in our Home. In the Fall of 1889 My oldest Sister Dora emigrated to Zion arriving in the Month of October in Salt Lake City Utah. She became employed as a Domestic in the Home of Brother & Sister Owen Hardy. In the Year 1891 I had the Privilege of emigrating to America. I left Hamburg Germany 21 of September and arrived in Salt Lake City Utah on the 16<sup>th</sup> of October of that Year.

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Our Voyage was rather rough and stormy. I was seasick quite a bit of the trip. One of our Passengers died crossing the Ocean and was buried at Sea. Stopping the Vessel long enough to hold the Funeral. In March 1892 I was ordained a Deacon in the Aaronic Priesthood in the Sugar House Ward and assisted in passing the Sacrament cleaning the Chapel and making Fires on Sunday Morning. I was employed at the Home & on the Farm of Br. Peter Hansen. In the Spring of 1893 the Salt Lake Temple was dedicated and I had the privilege of attending the Dedication Service. On the 4th of July 1892 My Sister Minnie emigrated to Zion and arrived on that Date in Salt Lake City Utah. She made the Home with Br. & Sister Hugh J. Cannon, & Br. Charles Wilkins. During the Spring of 1895 and

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Summer I was employed in  
East Mill Creek for Charles  
Stillman and His Father and Bishop John  
Peff. And in the Month of December  
1895 My Parents and Youngest Sister  
Martha arrived in Salt Lake City. This  
Completed the Emigration of Our Family  
Consisting of Father, Mother, and Four  
Children, which took 6 years to unite  
us again in the Land of Zion. Which  
was a Happy Reunion. We resided  
for 3 Months on 21 South in Sugar  
House Ward. In the Month of February  
1896 we all moved up to our future  
Home Rexburg Idaho. There where no  
Railroads, No Electric Lights, No Telephone,  
No Improved Roads nor Paved Sidewalk  
Our Closest Railroad Station was 18 Miles  
at Market Lake. There was no Coal to  
be had Everybody burned Wood. In the  
Spring of 1897 I received Employment for  
or of Dr. Thomas Bissinger who was operating

a Mine up in <sup>Page 5</sup> Montana, I was doing  
the Bookings for \$20.00 Dollars per Month  
and returned just before X Mas of the  
same year. I was Ordained a Priest  
in May 1897 by Bishop J. J. Johnson  
of the Burton Ward. I acted in that po-  
sition for 6 years both in the Burton and  
in the Hibbard Ward. In the Spring of  
1898 I was appointed Religion Class  
Instructor. I lived in Burton 3 years  
with my Parents and 2 years in Hibbard  
leasing Farms on Shares to make our  
Living. Renting the Fred Goet Farm while  
while he filled a Mission in Germany. I  
took Part in the Various Organizations  
in the Ward to learn somewhat how  
to Dance. In the Month of Jan, Febr and  
March, I was called as a Home Missionary  
to the Lyman Archer, and Sunny Dell Wards  
With I and Elder Emil Berrowds en-  
joyed so very much. In 1901 I declared  
my Intention to become a Citizen of the  
United States. My Father filed on a Home  
stead in the Spring of 1900 on Moody Creek

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And build a House on it the same year. We vacated the farm of Fred Post in the Spring of 1901 and moved onto the Dry Farm. I helped Father in the Spring and Summer plowing & breaking Sage Brush Land, and fencing. In the Fall of 1901-1902 I worked for Br. Thomas E. Ricks feeding Schep's dairy Chores for 25.00 D. and Board. In the Summer of 1902 I worked on his Farm 1/2 Miles from Town in all Farm Operations. Also the Winter following. In the Spring of 1903. Joseph A. Johanson my Brother in Law who was married in 1902 to my Sister Minnie and I took a contract chopping Saw Timber for Morgan Knapp until Fall. During this year I was keeping company with my girl friend Edna or Kathie Attrib. In the Fall on October 2d we were married in the Salt Lake Temple. I was Ordained an Elder in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, by Claf Anderson assisted by

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Thomas W. Archibald, J. was  
Employed the following Winter  
for James W. Webster and F. S. Parkinson  
Hauling Building Material, such as Lumber  
Building Rock, Fence Post, scraping with  
Fresno on Reservoir, also feeding sheep  
in Hibbard. In the Spring of 1904  
We again took another Contract Hauling  
Saw Timber at the Bowerman Mill  
in Island Park Country. In the Fall  
we moved back to Rexburg & at first  
lived in a Tent on a Lot we had purchased  
the year before while we were building  
our 1st House Log House. In November  
1904 Our Dear Mother died on the Dry  
Farm from Chewing. While I was em-  
ployed for Mr. Woodhouse up on Moody Creek  
My Wife was lying on her during her sickness  
On the 26th of Febr our 1st Baby Boy  
was born in 1905 He & I & the Baby  
moved up on the dry Farm & took over  
the Management of the same. Father now  
being alone moved up to Marysville

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To help his Son-in-law Albert  
Gollinger. I raised this Summer 1200 Bushels  
of Wheat on his Farm, with where so to  
speak my 1st Boots. We rented our Home  
in Rexburg to my Sister Martha & we  
stayed on the Farm all Winter. In 1906  
I rented Father's Farm again, the helping  
us. And in the Month of Nov the 5th  
another Son was born to us, & we named  
him: Wm. <sup>Hamman</sup> Edwards. He was blessed by  
Patriarch Henry Flammé. On the 21st of  
Dec, 1906 my oldest Sister Dora passed  
away in the G. D. S. Hospital. In the  
Spring 1907 I filed on a 160 Acres of Land  
Joining Father's 160. I worked all Summer  
getting out Fencing Material & House Logs  
On the 4th of January 1909 our 3rd Son  
was born named & blessed Jew Christia  
by his Father. On the 9th of January  
1910 I was selected & sustained as Presi-  
dent of the Herbit, Independent Branch. I  
was ordained a High Priest on 5th of February  
1910 by Bro. Thomas E. Bassette. I became a life  
Member of the Genealogical Society



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6th of Oct 1910, Father Christia  
Blunck resived a Card & left for a Mission  
to Germania 19 of April 1911 On the 25th  
of April 1911 I had my Teeth all pulled  
out And on the 1st of July 1911  
our 4th Son was born named & blessed  
Kenneth Edward by James W. Archibald  
On the 27 of Jun 1911 we commenced the  
Erection of the Hebert Meeting House. On  
the 15th of July 1911 the Cornerstone of the  
Fountain Stake Tabernacle was laid. On  
the 27th of Nov. 1913 I purchased Fathers  
Farm of 160 Acres for 4500.00 Dollar  
On the 21st of April 1914 our 5th Son  
was born and blessed on the 7th of June  
by L. V. Hanson & named Rulon Dettif  
On the 19th of March I had the Misfortune  
of breaking my Leg. On the 11th of <sup>June</sup> 1916  
our 1st Baby Girl was born and she  
was blessed and named Julia Mary  
by Elder George H. Dillie. On the 2d of Sept  
1916 we purchased the Rock House of Nephi  
Wittaker for \$1800.00 In Winter of 1916-1917

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was quite severe, the snow was  
Deep and Drifts were High. And a Neighbor  
of ours George Rounkamp was killed in  
a Snowslide. In the year 1918 we bought  
our 1st Comb. Harvester 1050.00 Doll  
and a Model T. Ford for 565.00 "

In 1918 Joseph A. Johnson returned from  
a Mission to Sweden. It was a quiet Event  
full of fear and quite prosperous. But the  
following years was a Total Failure.

1918 is the ending of the 1st World War

In 1923 we had another Baby girl come  
to our Home blessed & Named Viola

May. by the Father. On the 8th of July  
1925 there was born to us a Baby girl

Named blessed Erna Genieve by the Father

And on Aug 15th 1927 La Vera Ruth  
was born & blessed by John L. Balliff Sen.

Our Father passed away in March 1926

I was ordained a Bishop of the 4th Ward  
of Rexburg Sept 27th 1925. George our

eldest Son was called to go on a Mission  
to Germany in the Spring of 1925 & Returned

9 of Feb 1928. William went to the East

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Central States Dec/1st 1933 and returned 12th of Dec 1935. Pulam went on a Mission to the German Austria 7 of Oct 1938 and returned 29th of May 1938. He was drafted in the Army Coast Artillery in March 1941 and was released in the Fall of 1945. I was called on a Mission in Dec 13 1944 and labored in Fla. and Alabama presided in Montgomery Branch. Was released in Dec 20th 1946. Came home & reported my Mission. That my Wife Mattie passed away 6th of May 1955 after an Operation in the Jacksonville Hospital, from a Blood Clot on the Heart. After Returning from my Mission on the 2 of May <sup>1947</sup> I married Martha Irene Barriek. We spent our Honey Moon up in Eastern Canada Braineridge near Toronto Ontario. We also took in the Centennial Celebration in Salt Lake in 47. In 1948 we went to visit the Yellow Stone Park also went & visited Irene's Daughter in Colorado. And when called both of us to Southern States Mission on 13th of Sept 1948.

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### Laboring in Fla. & Georgia

In January 1950 I underwent a serious  
Operation in Savannah Ga. We were  
released in March 24<sup>th</sup> 1950. Returned  
Home to be at April Conference in Salt  
Lake City. Arrived in St. George on April  
10<sup>th</sup> 1950. We were called to labor  
as Temple Guide Missionary in June 1950.  
We went to Rexburg Idaho on Aug 1<sup>st</sup> 1950  
to see my Sister Minnie who is quite sick  
for 4 Days & return Home. But was  
told over long Distance on Aug 23 that  
she had passed away peacefully. The funeral  
was held Aug 26<sup>th</sup>. We were in attendance.  
It was a beautiful funeral. Minnie's husband  
Joseph A. Johanson died Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 1948.

There are many things that could be recorded  
and mentioned. But it is almost impossible  
to go into every detail. Might mention  
that Joe Gardner took a stroke last December  
and is very poorly.

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