

## A PORTRAIT OF THE YOUNG FAMILY

IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT HENRY ALBERT YOUNG (GRANDPA) WAS FIFTY YEARS AHEAD OF HIS TIME. HE LOVED TO READ AND KEPT UP WITH THE WORLD HE LIVED IN. HIS KNOWLEDGE AND LEADERSHIP MADE HIM A STATESMAN IN HIS AREA. MANY FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS WOULD COME TO HIM FOR ADVICE. HIS UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR NEEDS AND CONCERN FOR OTHERS TRULY MADE HIM AHEAD OF HIS DAY.

BETSY ELIZABETH (DUNCAN) YOUNG (GRANNY) WAS A LOVELY, SWEET AND FRIENDLY LADY THAT WAS CONTENT WITH BEING A LOVING MOTHER AND HOMEMAKER. SHE WORRIED AND CRIED IF ONE OF HER CHILDREN WAS LATE GETTING HOME. SHE WAS A GOOD COOK AND LOVED BY ALL.

GRANDPA AND GRANNY WERE MARRIED IN 1890. FROM THIS UNION CAME EIGHT BOYS AND THREE GIRLS: RADFORD, LAWRENCE, HALLIE, DRAPER, EWELL, ANDREW, FOLK, FIELDIN, VELTA, JUDSON AND GERTRUDE (PASSED AWAY AT AGE 3). THEY GREW UP IN HARD AND DIFFICULT YEARS. THEY WORKED HARD, PROSPERED, BECOMING PROMINENT AND RESPECTED PEOPLE. THEY HAD LEADERSHIP ABILITY, RAISING THEIR CHILDREN TO BE LEADERS AND TO UPHOLD FAMILY TRADITIONS. GRANDPA AND GRANNY CERTAINLY HAD THE RIGHT KIND OF BLOOD TO PRODUCE SUCH AN OUTSTANDING FAMILY OF WHOM THEY WERE VERY PROUD. AN ANGEL CAME AND TOOK YOU AWAY, ONE BY ONE. OUR LOSS IS HEAVEN'S GAIN. THE WORLD MAY CHANGE YEARLY AND FRIENDS FROM DAY TO DAY, BUT OUR LOVE AND MEMORY OF THE YOUNG FAMILY WILL NEVER PASS AWAY.

IT'S BEEN LONESOME WITHOUT YOU ALL AND SAD AS WE GO OUR WAY. LIFE HAS NOT BEEN THE SAME SINCE YOU WERE CALLED AWAY. WE WISH GOD COULD HAVE LEFT YOU ALL WITH US A LITTLE LONGER, BUT WE KNOW HE NEEDED YOU MORE.

THE LOVING MEMORY OF THIS REMARKABLE FAMILY WILL ALWAYS BE A KEEPSAKE IN OUR HEARTS, NOW THAT THE LORD HAS THEM IN HIS CARE. NO MORE BIRTHDAYS TO CELEBRATE. ALL THAT'S LEFT ARE LOVING MEMORIES AND PICTURES OF THE ENTIRE FAMILY THAT I HOLD DEAR. IN OUR HEARTS YOU WILL ALWAYS REMAIN. WE SAW EACH OF YOU FADING LIKE A FLOWER AND KNEW GOD WOULD BE CALLING YOU AWAY. WE SEEM TO HEAR A WHISPER NOW AND THEN TO CHEER UP AND CARRY ON.

JAMES FLINCHUM

