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Clayton Ray Williams was born at home at 339 L Street on December 3, 1926 to Florence Campbell Williams and Gilbert Winder Williams. Clayton had whooping cough as a one-year-old, so his parents took him to Southern California to recuperate. The family bought a cabin in the Uintahs (Holiday Park) when Clayt was three years old.

The family often took a Sunday drive and would visit Grandpa and Grandma Williams. Clayt's cousins were his best friends. Rex and J.D. lived next door and the Hardys lived across the street. They played night games and sports coached by his older cousin, Alan Hardy. Clayt adored his cousins.

Clayton went to Ensign Grade School. He was class president every year and then studentbody president. He ran back and forth to school--10 blocks each way--four times a day. He remembers how good he felt after his baptism in the basement of the Tabernacle.

The family spent their summers at Holiday Park. Clayt rode horses, fished, hiked, explored, swam, and made dams in the river. He was in charge of carrying water, cutting wood, and taking care of the gas lamps.

Clayton attended Bryant Jr. High. He joined the glee club and also gave a speech at graduation. When Clayt was 13, the family moved to 489 B Street. Clayt attended the Ensign Ward regularly. He did chores such as washing the car, cutting the lawn, and cleaning the basement.

Clayt had one sister, Adele, and two brothers, Dick and Doug. The family sang together and listened to the radio. Their father bought a Steinway grand piano during the depression. When Clayt was 13, Flip and Flop died. He was very sad. Clayt and his cousin, Rex were inseparable. They often ate and slept over at each other's houses and had a lot of fun.

When Clayt ran for studentbody president at Bryant and lost, he remembers he cried all the way home. He spent a summer working at Zions National Park. His Grandma Campbell came to live with the family, and he remembers the night she died in the bedroom he shared with her.

Clayt LOVED sports! Clayt attended East High School from 1942 to 1944. He played on the basketball, football, and tennis teams. He worked for Mt. Fuel digging ditches and laying pipeline. Some of Clayt's fondest memories include the years at East High. During this time, his brother, Doug went to war.

After Pearl Harbor in 1941, Clayt wanted to sign up to serve, but his father made him wait. He joined the Coast Guard in 1944 and served on a ship in the North Atlantic as a decoder. The motion of the ship made him sick as he typed.

He was honorably discharged from the Coast Guard at 20 and joined the Sigma Chi fraternity at the University of Utah. Here Clayt met lifelong friends. The group continued to meet with their wives every month for 50 years.

Clayt was called to the Norwegian Mission. Skiing, fishing, and swimming were allowed. He served in Moss, opened up Hammerfest, and served as District President. He didn't see his mission president for 18 months. Clayt wrote the mission plan for the mission.

Clayt loved the Norwegian saints and was instrumental in baptizing some wonderful people. After serving for three years, the mission president asked Clayt to extend for six months as his counselor, but Clayt's mom didn't want him to, so he didn't. He toured Europe with his parents.

Clayt came home from his mission in June. He dated Marilyn Richards Covey and the couple soon was engaged. They were sealed in the Salt Lake Temple by Elder David O. McKay on September 20, 1950. The newlyweds lived in a small apartment on the avenues.

Clayt and Marilyn moved to Michigan for the summer where Clayt worked. After they returned, their first child, Catherine Ann was born on October 25, 1951. Clayton joined his father and brother, Dick, at Williams Gritton and Wilde, an engineering firm. He was secretary/treasurer. They bought their first home at 1538 Glen Arbor (Christmas Street) in Salt Lake City in 1952. They attended the Edgehill Ward.

Their second child, Marilyn Louise was born on Oct. 22, 1952. Clayt graduated from the University of Utah in 1953 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Living on Christmas Street was fun. Santa visited them every year and passed out candy to all the children.

The next year, Clayton Covey was born on June 26, 1954. Then, Stephen John was born July 14, 1955. Clayt and Marilyn were busy with four children under four.

The little family enjoyed living on Glen Arbor. The children played with their friends on the circle every day. The Cowans, Simmons

In 1958, Clayt and Marilyn built a home in the new Mount Olympus Cove at 4187 Neptune Drive. The family loved the spaciousness and the beautiful view. The home sat on 1 1/2 acres of scrub oak. The children loved to explore and make trails in the oak. Daniel Covey was born March 9, 1959. Florence Irene joined the family July 28, 1962.

The family was active in the Holladay 12th Ward. Clayt served in the bishopric and was Priest Quorum Advisor. Marilyn served in the ___ and taught the Stake Relief Society Literature lessons.

In 1964, Clayt was called to serve as a stake missionary. Then, in 1966, he was called to the Mt. Olympus High Council, where he served for __ years. He enjoyed the associations.

The family looked forward to their summer weeks at Holiday Park, the Williams cabin in the Uintahs. Clayt loved to fish Yellow Lake, take hikes to his "hut" he built when he was __, and run the Weber River. They loved hot rocks in sleeping bags, getting food from the "cooler," and floating boats.

The family also loved their annual vacation at "Hebgen," the Covey family cabin built by Grandpa Richards in 1950? It was a special retreat for all. Clayt enjoyed sailing, skiing, boating, visiting with lots of relatives at the beach, talking with family until the wee hours of the morning, and just relaxing in such a beautiful spot. The family enjoyed singing, trips to West Yellowstone for ice cream, and a trip into Yellowstone Park every now and then.

All six children served missions for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Cathy served in Pennsylvania, Louise was called to Ireland, Clayt and Dan went to Argentina, Steve to Puerto Rico, and Florie to Taiwan.

Uruguay
Cathy married Steven LaVier Tait, Jr. on Aug. __ 1976. Their reception was in the backyard of their home on Neptune Drive. Louise married Gary Nelson one month later on Sept. 7, 1976. They also had their reception at home.

Sadly, Clayt and Marilyn separated in 1976. Clayt moved out of their home and into a condominium downtown. These years were the most difficult of his life. Clayt and Marilyn were divorced in December of 1979.

Clayton's grandchildren, Steven LaVier Tait, Jr. and Anna Louise Nelson were born in 1977. Then Daniel Gary Nelson and William Carson Tait arrived in 1979. Heidi Irene Nelson was born in 1980.

7 Clayton married Elaine Egan Stevens in ^{*May*} March of 1980. Clayt's son, Clayt, married Denise Madsen the same year.

Clayt's mother, Florence Campbell Williams died at 89 in 1983. She was a support to him throughout his life and an example of Christian service.

In 1988, at the age of 60, Clayt retired from Williams Equipment and Controls and opened an art gallery, Williams Fine Art, which would prove to be the most successful art gallery in the state?

Clayton dealt with many talented artists and sold many of their paintings. He held many ~~shows~~ ^{*art*} and educated the public ^{*about the great early wild artists*}
Exhibits

Clayt painted and sold many oil paintings. This is from a photograph he took in Paris in 1963? at the Tuillery Gardens.

Clayton painted many beautiful works of art. This painting of the Lion House in Salt Lake City was published in the Ensign Magazine of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

~~Clayt painted this from a photograph he took while in Soho on Manhattan.~~

Marilyn died in November of 1993, after nine months of chemotherapy treatments for lymphoma. It was a difficult time for the children and grandchildren to lose their "Nana." At her viewing, Clayt addressed everyone in the family. He expressed his love for all and his commitment to stay close as a family.

Clayt loved to create fun experiences for his children and grandchildren. He rented a bunny suit for Easter and had one of the older cousins wear it. He booked a horse-drawn sleigh at Christmastime. He loved to be together with his family.

Clayt's grandchildren were important to him. He attended many recitals, concerts, court of honors, plays, graduations, weddings, and other important events for his 26? grandchildren.

Miscellaneous Jewels

Clayt enjoyed traveling with his children.

Maui, Hawaii

1990

Palm Springs

1992

MESA, ARIZONA

1996

Occasionally, he took the whole family--even the grandchildren. He was given a book on his 70th birthday with messages to him from each of his children and grandchildren.

OAHU, HAWAII

1997

Christmas

This was a "dream trip." All of Clayt's children and grandchildren loved it. Clayt rented five vans and six condos on the North Shore of Oahu.

The trip to Hawaii was a favorite for everyone. The last night on Oahu, the grandchildren performed a "thank you song" entitled "If Everybody Had Our Grandpa," to the tune of the Beach Boys.

St. George
1998, 2002, 2004

Christmas Holidays
Visiting, swimming, tennis, and the sand dunes.

San Diego
2005
Christmas Holidays

Visiting, swimming, Sea World, the beach, Midway

Clayt was very proud of his son, Steve, who received his 2nd Master's degree in 2002 in Film Studies. Steve also worked with Clayt at Williams Fine Art for 7 years.

Clayt had an interest in family history. He loved telling stories of ^{his} ancestors' lives or stories of his early life. Finding and decorating ancestors' graves was a favorite of Clayt's on Memorial Day.

After Marilyn's death, Clayt's children invited him to Hebgen every year. He enjoyed many great times with the family, laughing, skiing, visiting, and watching the children. Clayt's last attempt at waterskiing was at the age of 78.

Clayt and his sister, Adele, had a nice relationship through the years. They helped each other through trials and hardships.

In 1995, the family held a Williams Reunion at Adele's home. It was the last time Clayton's siblings were together, as Doug died years later and Dick died years later. All of the cousins were reunited and shared memories of Nanny and Grandpa.

In 19?? Clayt had a reunion with his children. ^{the dinner catered by backbone at 1000 1st St. Wey} They visited 4187 Neptune Drive, went to dinner at the Alta Club, and visited together.

Clayt's greatest joy is his children. He is so proud of each one of them--especially Louise.

Memories from Cathy & Steve:
My graduation...

Text + Bio

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Memories from Louise & Gary: *Letting Daniel use the new Lexus for Senior prom, trips to Holiday Park, the Hawaii trip, skiing together, supporting us with graduations, weddings, babies*

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Memories from Clayt & Denise:

Text + Bio

Memories of Steve:

Text + Bio

Memories of Dan & Cynthia:

Text + Bio

Memories of Florie & Steve:

Text + Bio

Clayt's grandson, Will, had a special relationship with "Grandpa." Even though Will lived in Mesa, Arizona, he and Grandpa had an annual "playoff game" of basketball. Grandpa looked up to Will and admired him.

Clayt's grandson, Clayton ___ Williams was born in 19?? He had Down Syndrome and other physical complications. Claytie's life had a great impact on Clayt. Claytie died in 19__ at the age of __. Claytie's life helped Clayt to see the ___

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The family gave Clayt a "This is Your Life Bus Tour" in 19?? They booked a private bus which drove everyone around to the places in "Grandpa's" life--where he was born, went to school, etc. It was fun for everyone to hear some of Clayt's memories and see the places that meant a lot to him.

Clayt dealt with many prominent people as he bought and sold painting at Williams Fine Art. He developed a friendship with Diane Keaton, and persuaded her to come to Salt Lake City for the opening of the ___ in 20??

Clayt was involved in many humanitarian efforts. He raised money for LDS Hospital as Amicus President in 19?? He was a founding member of the ___ Museum Board.

In 2000, Clayt received a Merit of Honor Award for his ___

At the age of 80, Clayt was working full-time at his art gallery, Williams Fine Art, playing tennis every week, involved in ___ and ___, on the University of Utah's Fine Arts Board,

Full work on civic things

TIMELINE

1.

Works

2 pages for St. Platy groups

Before 7 pm

*1 Page for Elaine
1 photo of Elaine
3 photos & tramps
+ text*

Full Bios & pages

1926-born on Dec. 3, 1926 in the front bedroom at 339 L Street. Cousins, Rex and J.D. Williams lived next door and the Hardys lived across the street. Maids (girls from Oakley) lived with us. Bought a Steinway grand piano during the depression. Family sang a lot, listened to the radio. Lived in the 21st Ward, but the family didn't attend regularly. Visited Williams grandparents every Sunday after a Sunday drive

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1927-1 yr old. Sick with pneumonia and whooping cough. Parents thought he was going to die, so they took him to California for his health.

1929-3 yrs old. Holiday Park vacations began. Flip and Flop (collie and spitz mix dogs) were his constant companions, riding horses, fishing damming the river, etc.

1930-4 years old. Grandpa Campbell died.

1931-5 yrs old. Neighborhood nighttime games and sports coached by Alan Hardy.

1932-6 yrs old. Ensign Grade School-class president every year.

1933-7 yrs old. Household chores included washing the car, cutting the lawn and cleaning the basement. At Ensign Grade School, ran 10 blocks back and forth four times a day.

1934-8 yrs old. Holiday Park chores-carrying water, cutting wood, taking care of the gas lamps.

1935-9 yrs old. Baptized in the basement of the Tabernacle-remembers how good it felt. Changed from bvds to shorts.

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1938-12 yrs old. Grandpa Williams died. Student body president at Ensign Grade School

1939-13 yrs old. Flip and Flop died. Moved to 489 B Street. Bryant Jr. High. Attended Ensign Ward regularly.

1940-14 yrs old. Grandma Campbell moved in. Rex lived with the family for awhile. He and Rex ate and slept at each other's houses frequently. Lost the studentbody president race and cried all the way home.

1941-15 yrs old. Grandma Campbell, who shared his bedroom, died during the night. Heard the radio report of the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

1942-16 yrs old. Brother Doug went to war. Worked at Zions Park. Played basketball, tennis and football at East High.

1943-17 yrs old. Dug ditches and put pipelines to houses for Mountain Fuel.

1944-18 yrs old. Attended the University of Utah. Joined the Coast Guard (he wanted to sign up his senior year, but his dad wouldn't let him until he was going to be drafted).

1945-19 yrs old. Sick on a ship in the North Atlantic Ocean. V.E. Day. V.J. Day.

1946-20 yrs old. Discharged from the Coast Guard. Joined Sigma Chi fraternity at the U. of U.

1947-21 yrs old. Went through the temple for the first time. Went on a mission to Norway.

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1948-22 yrs old. Skiing, fishing and swimming with the members was allowed. Served in Moss, opened up Hammerfest and served as district president there. Didn't see the mission president for 18 months.

1949-23 yrs old. Wrote mission plan for the Norwegian Mission.

1950-24 yrs old. Mission President asked him to stay 6 more months as his counselor, but his mother didn't want him to so he didn't. Had a great trip in Europe with his parents. Home from mission in June. Married Marilyn Richards Covey on September 20th. Lived in an apartment in the avenues. Attended U. of U. Miscarried a baby in December.

1951-25 yrs old. Grandma Williams died. Moved and worked in Michigan for the summer. Joined Williams, Gritton and Wilde as Secretary/Treasurer. Catherine Ann ^{Dearborn} born October 25, 1951.

1952-26 yrs old. Bought first house at 1538 Glen Arbor. Marilyn Louise was born on October 22, 1952.

1953-27 yrs old. Graduated with a Bachelor of Science Mechanical Engineering degree from the University of Utah.

1954-28 yrs old. Clayton Covey was born June 26, 1954.

1955-29 yrs old. Stephen John was born on July 14, 1955.

1956-Williams Equipment & Controls Co?

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1958-32 yrs old. Built new house at 4187 Neptune Drive.

1959-33 yrs old. Daniel Covey born on March 9, 1959. Called as 2nd counselor in the bishopric of the Holladay 12th Ward. Called as Priest Quorum Advisor.

1962-36 yrs old. Florence Irene born on July 28, 1962.

1964-38 yrs old. Called as Stake Missionary.

1966-40 yrs old. Called to the Mt. Olympus Stake High Council.

1973-47 yrs old. Williams Equipment & Controls Co. moved to Lawndale Dr.

1975-49 yrs old. Father, Gilbert Winder Williams died at 83. Brother-in-law Wood Worsley died. *same day. Holding Dad's hand as he died*

1976-50 yrs old. Separated from Marilyn. Hired Steve Wiscomb, sold Fisher.

1977-51 yrs old. Steven LaVier Tait born. Anna Louise Nelson born. Rotary President.

1978-52 yrs old. Ulcer.

1979-53 yrs old. Daniel Gary Nelson born. William Carson Tait born. Divorced. Ulcer.

1980-54 yrs old. Father-in-law, Stephen G. Covey died. Married Elaine ^{Stevens} Stevens. Heidi Irene Nelson born.

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1981-55 yrs old. High Priest Group Secretary. Cruise to Israel.

1982-56 yrs old. Lisa Marie Tait born.

1983-57 yrs old. Mother, Florence Campbell Williams died at 89. Moved to condominium at 1010 Oak Hills Way. Stake Sunday School President. Turp-prostate operation.

1984-58 yrs old. Brother, Dick sells all company stock to Clayton.

1985-59 yrs old. Amy Irene Tait born. Gospel Doctrine teacher. Lake Powell trip.

1986-60 yrs old. High Priest Group Leader. Cancun (2 families)

1987-61 yrs old. Began selling business. Hawaii.

1988-62 yrs old. Painted "Soho." Dec. 3-Grand Opening of Williams Fine Art. Pancreatitis at The Homestead (2 families).

1990-64 yrs old. Maui (2 families). Deseret Foundation Art Show.

1991-65 yrs old. Mother-in-law, Irene Louise Richards Covey, died at 89. Completed sale of Williams Equipment & Controls. Full-time Williams Fine Art. Retirement party at Williams Fine Art.

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1992-66 yrs old. Family trip to Palm Springs. Trip to Russia, bought Russian art. Son, Steve begins working at Williams Fine Art.

1993-67 yrs old. Ex-wife, Marilyn Richards Covey Williams, died at 65. Moved Williams Fine Art to Eagle Gate Plaza.

1995-69 yrs old. Williams family reunion at Adele's home. Palm Desert with family. Appendicitis.

1996-70 yrs old. Family trip to Mesa for Steven Tait's missionary farewell.

1997-71 yrs old. Brother-in-law, Jay Parkinson dies at 88. Hebgen summer trip. Trip to Laie, Hawaii with whole family. Started with personal trainer at Alta Club.

1998-72 yrs old. 1st heart attack (May 1st)-1 stent. Bleeding ulcer (July 3rd). Steve quits Williams Fine Art. Snow skied into Hebgen cabin with boys. Hired Anne Larsen.

1999-73 yrs old. Steven and Leslie Tait married. Brother, Doug, died at 76, Clayt conducted his funeral. Christmas trip to St. George with family. 2 cataracts removed from eyes. 2nd heart attack (Sept. 15)-2 stents.

2000-74 yrs old. 1st great-grandchild, Benjamin Carson Tait born. Anna and Dan Anderson married. Brother, Dick, died at 82. Colonoscopy.

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2002-76 yrs old. Grandson, Claytie dies on June 18th. Bought Palm Desert condo. Son, Steve's graduation-masters in Film Studies. Bronchitis. Christmas in St. George (This is Your Life program). Kids to special birthday party.

2003-77 yrs old. Ivin Clayton Tait born. Son, Clayt called as bishop. Daniel and Angie Nelson married. Knee surgery.

2004-78 yrs old. Founding board member of Museum of Utah Art and History. State Tax Audit. MUAH Gala with Diane Keaton. Stress test. St. George.

2005-79 yrs old. Senator Smith. Mike and Shelby Nelson married. Trip to Mesa for daughter, Cathy's Master's degree. Campbell family party. Hebgen. Samuel Jay Anderson born. OC Tanner partners with Williams Fine Art. Bob Olpin dies. Heidi and Jason Cutler married. Birthday party at Louise's home. San Diego family trip.

2006-80 yrs old. Lucy Irene and Joshua Thurn Tait born. J.D.'s 80th. Hired Donna Poulton. Lisa and Joseph Hoyt married. PRI orderd Williams Fine Art to vacate. Hebgen wtih adults. Broke wrist playing tennis. Final knee shot.