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Picture Caption: D.L. and Sweet Sutton Carl

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David Larimer Carl, tenth child of Thomas and Sarah Morton Carl, was born 8/19/1887 at Lieper's Fork, Williamson County, Tennessee. He came to Llano and purchased the Martin Jewelry Store in 1913. Then on 11/5/1913, he married Willie Leila (Sweet) Sutton, daughter of James Montroville and Mary Elizabeth Carmichael Sutton, in Floresville, Wilson County, Texas. Two children were born to this union, Marjorie, 1914, and James Larimer, 1921. At the time of his moving to Llano, his eldest sister, Maggie Carl Hardison and her two children, Jennilou and Morton, also moved to Llano. Years later, another brother, Thomas Carl and his wife Bertha Sutton Carl (sister of Sweet Carl) joined them. Then in the 1950's their sister, Lutie Carl Manning moved to Llano, to be near her family.

D. L. graduated from high school in Franklin, Tennessee and attended David Lipscomb College. In Llano, he was active in civic and church affairs. He served on the city council and the school board for several years. During the great depression, his jewelry business failed and he took his watchmakers bench to a Texaco station which he operated until the latter part of 1966. His health failed and he died on 1/2/1972. He was buried in the city cemetery. They were married for 59 years.

His wife, Willie Leila (Sweet) Sutton was born 4/9/1890 in

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Chattanooga, Hamilton County, Tennessee and met her husband in Floresville, Texas. She graduated from Ridgedale High School in Chattanooga in 1909 and came to Texas to live with her mother and sister. Her father, a Civil War Veteran, died in 1899. She became a secretary in a Floresville bank prior to her marriage.

The Carls opened their home to ten members of the church of Christ in 1915 and they began meeting regularly. She served as president of the Women's Culture Club and Parent Teachers Association and was an apt bible teacher. She corresponded with Dorothy Mae Howard and Helen Jewel Wales at Boles Home and became "Mom" to both of them. She was a good homemaker and a family favorite.

During the depression, she supplemented their earnings by baking bread, cakes, pies, frying potato chips (before they were packaged), catering weddings and meals for the holidays. She also made "Miss Farmer's" homemade candies and the ever favorite, fruit cake. She continued this work into the sixties.

In later years, she gently cared for her mother, sister, brother-in-law and husband. She was able to attend church services until she was 92. On 9/17/1984, she fell and broke her hip. Following surgery, she was a resident of Hill Country Manor until her death on 11/23/1985. An early Thanksgiving get-together had been planned for that day. Her son had visited her for several days. Three days before her death, all her family was here for a

visit. She loved all her family and commented on how fortunate she was to have them all with her.

With a thrown kiss, she went to her eternal peace. She was buried beside her beloved Larry in the Llano City Cemetery.

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