

JAMES FLOYD TUTTLE

1893-1941

James was born 31 July 1893 to Josiah Granville and Jennie Adelle (Rogers) Tuttle in Hartford, Connecticut. Born when Chicago was hosting the World's Fair, the "Origins of Species" by Darwin was changing man's view of himself, and John Dewey's progressive theories of learning deeply impacted education. In Jame's day, Connecticut was just beginning to build large brick buildings, and huge insurance companies settled in Hartford, making it the insurance capitol of the nation. Modern times were beginning, but horse-drawn carts were still the rule even within the city.

1893 was still not a good year in which families would feel comfortable in raising a large family. Cleveland assumed the presidency of the United States, but the country began to experience the worst financial panic in years. Following the failure of a number of prominent firms, the stock market suddenly collapsed. Banks called in their loans, and credit just about dried up. Businesses failed daily. Before the year was out, five hundred banks and nearly 16,000 businesses had gone into bankruptcy. The domestic panic in financial circles brought on a major depression which effected every aspect of the country, resulting in the closures of factories, businesses, mines and mills, and hundreds of thousands of people being thrown out of work. This situation lasted from 1894 through 1897 covering the period when James Floyd Tuttle was born and until he was four years old. It is not surprising that his parents who came from a long line of large families, decided to have only two children!

His father and mother did not marry until they were thirty and twenty-nine years old respectively, and then waited two years before they had their first child, and their second child, Ruth Lillian a year later in 1894. Three years later in 1897 the depression had run its course and the country was getting back on it's feet again with more jobs, money becoming comparatively easier to come by, and the children were two and three years old. With this small a family it was easier for the Tuttle family to get by.

In 1915 Grandmother Rachel Patterson Tuttle died when she was about eighty-six years old. Sorrow and grief for the passing of a grandmother would have been shared at this time by the breakout of World War I...and undoubtedly demanded the interest of most of the nation as well as their arguments as to what America should do. As the war progressed, James seems to have been working as a truck driver during the period of 1915 to 1917 (20 to 23 years old). The War engaged the attention and participation of more and more major nations in Europe, and the British Isles began to feel the blockage of German submarines. In 1917 Wilson's war message was read to Congress, preparations were made for millions of Americans to go to war, and the Germans threatened to sink any ship, armed

or unarmed, attempting to relieve Britain with supplies. The following year on May 16th James enlisted in the Army at the age of twenty-four years nine months. I find no record that he was ever stationed anywhere except in the United States; and he was honorably discharged a year later on April 15, 1919. A day later on April 16, 1919 he re-enlisted at Camp Gordon, Georgia for another year and served in the 340th Motor Transport, apparently driving trucks. This enlistment lasted a year. He was discharged April 15, 1920 as a private first class. He was now almost twenty-seven years old. He remained a civilian for about seven months, probably spent time with his family in Connecticut, and then re-enlisted in the Army at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia to serve for three years. He entered the Army this time as a private first class in Battery "F", 17th Field Artillery. However by the end of 1920 the War had wound down, Americans were tired of the fighting, the "enemy" had been beaten, and on July 29, 1921 James was discharged from the Army after only seven months of service (in this term) due to a "reduction of the Army". It was two days before his 28th birthday. His discharge paper read:

"Said James F. Tuttle was born in Hartford, in the state of Connecticut. When he enlisted he was 27 4/12 years of age and by occupation a truck driver. He had blue eyes, light brown hair, ruddy complexion, and was 5 feet, 6 inches in height. Given under my hand at Camp Bragg North Carolina this 29th day of July, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one. J.E.Sloan, Major, 17th F.A."

According to the reverse side of the discharge paper, his vocation had been truck driver and carpenter. Evidently he met his future bride in Georgia while in the service since he married Callie Bell on 21 August 1921, a little less than one month after his discharge. He was twenty-eight years old and Callie was only seventeen years old (and seven months).

Out of the army and out of a job, he camped out in Georgia. How they met we don't know...but being stationed in Georgia certainly gave him the opportunity to meet the "locals", and come to appreciate their daughters as well.

James and Callie must have moved to Connecticut after marriage since their first child (James DeWitt) was born in Connecticut thirteen months later, 29 September 1922. James was twenty-nine years old and just starting his family. Callie however, was eighteen and a half years old, and I imagine for the South, to get married at seventeen years old and having a child at eighteen, was probably reasonable for that period of time. However, you would think it would have been difficult from the standpoint that Callie was not only young, married and pregnant, but had left home to live somewhere she had never lived before. Without a family and very little family among the Tuttles except Ruth Lillian

Tuttle who was only a year younger than James Floyd, and who would die in 1926. Callie lived in Northeastern state far different from the South she had been born and raised in. What a change in weather, geography, environment, living patterns, language and culture at that point in time.

Two and a half years later, a second son, Theodore Roger was born on 25 Jan 1925, and their third child, another son, Eugene Young was born on 23 September 1927 when their father was thirty-four years old and Callie was twenty-three and the mother of three little children.

The next few years would be difficult. It was 1928 and the nation was used to ten years of prosperity and a booming stock market which fueled loans by banks not only to local depositors but to other nations as well. Anyone with money invested, and often the investments were in companies of little real value. Consequently, by 1929 came the great stock market collapse, and the precursor of the Great Depression. Perhaps it was because of the Depression that the Tuttle family had their next child, James Floyd Tuttle jr., named after his father, in Atlanta, Georgia on 12 Jan 1930....the same town that Callie Bell had been born in twenty-six years earlier. Her husband was now thirty-six years old and probably not working, but probably living with or close to Callie's parents.

By the Spring of 1932, conditions in the United States reached what seemed to be an intolerable impasse. Employment at a terrible low dropped even lower until a quarter to a third of the labor force were unemployed. It was under these conditions and a national election taking shape in the summer of 1932 that Callie was pregnant again when she was twenty-eight years old and her husband was thirty-nine. In the Fall she gave birth to her fifth child, another son which they named Raymond Lee (sounds like a southern bent to his name). It was somewhere around this time that James Floyd Sr. got a job as a street sweeper in Hartford. There were cars, but it seemed there were as many horses walking the streets pulling milk and vegetable wagons. This meant too, that the streets needed to be cleaned of horse droppings. So...street sweepers marched thru Hartford with white uniforms, push brooms and barrels on wheels. This eventually led to driving a street sweeper. It was a job, and it supported the family. It was also a job that lasted for some years because he was still sweeping streets after the Depression when his next child, David, was born on March 1, 1936 when James was forty-two and a half years old. His wife was now a mother of six children, the oldest of which was fifteen years old and the youngest a new-born, living in a three story tenement building.

Almost five years passed before Callie became pregnant again, she was thirty-seven years old and James was forty-seven. But...after twenty years of marriage and six children,

and seventh on the way, James Floyd Tuttle Sr., died just one month short of his forty-eight birthday. He had been mopping floors in the capital building, and was mopping the floor in the Capital building restroom, apparently slipped, fell and hit his head on the marble floor. No one found him until some hours later, lying unconscious, hemorrhaging from his head, on the bathroom floor. He died several days later in the hospital. He left behind six children, all sons, and a wife who was eight months pregnant with another son, Carl Edward Tuttle.

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The status of the family at the time he died was as follows:

DeWitt was nineteen and serving in the Navy in WWII.

Ted, sixteen, had been an usher then a theater manager before he ran off to join the Canadian Air Force.

Eugene, fourteen, had worked a variety of jobs from driving an ice truck to shining shoes to being an usher at the theater Ted managed. At fourteen, upon his father's death, he quit school, and took what money he had saved, and with his mother he went to the Greyhound Bus Station, and asked how far his money would take him. He could travel as far as Denver, Colorado. He boarded the bus, his mother returned home to her remaining four children. Eugene traveled to Denver, then went from house to house asking for work. Some paid him, others fed him. Eventually he got on a greyhound bus and went West to California.

Junior, (J.F.T. jr) was eleven and started work
Raymond, nine and in school

David, five years old

Carl was born a month later on 25 Jul 1941

The family was living at 109 Portland Street, Hartford, Connecticut in a tenement building with a number of other families who were Jewish, Italian and Irish. After our father's death, the family remained in Connecticut several more years before deciding to move West, based on Eugene's suggestions regarding how nice it was in Phoenix. However, Callie managed to marry a man by the name of William Callahan for a very short period of time. I don't remember him, can't recall him living with us in Connecticut, and have no idea who he was. (This is something to investigate with the other brothers and check records in Connecticut). The knowledge regarding the marriage was a complete surprise to me, however, it was related to me by Callie Bell Tuttle sometime in the 1960's when some work was being compiled on this family history.

Several years after their father's death, Callie decided to move to Arizona, and got on a greyhound bus with her youngest children (four boys), their suitcases, and what few things they had, and traveled West.

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When James Floyd Tuttle married Callie Bell Young, he was 28 years old and Callie was 17 years old; and had her first child when she was eighteen and her last child when she was thirty-seven years old. Upon his discharge and marriage to Callie Bell, they must have moved within the year to Hartford, since the children including the first was born there. Interesting, a girl so young, married, pregnant and leaving home for somewhere she had never lived before. Without family, very little family among the Tuttles, and in

a northeastern state far different from the South she had been born and raised in. What a change in weather, geography, environment, living patterns, language and culture at that point in time.

After twenty years of marriage, James Floyd Tuttle died just one month short of his 48th birthday. His wife was 37 years old, had six children, and was eight months pregnant with a seventh son, Carl Edward Tuttle who would be born on July 25th, six days before his father's birthday. The status of the family was as follows:

DeWitt was 19 and serving in the Navy in WWII.

Ted, 16, ran off to join the Canadian Air Force.

Eugene, 14, worked driving a horse-drawn milk wagon when he was not in school.

Jr. (J.F.Jr.) was 11, Raymond 9 and David 5.

They were living at 109 Portland Street, Hartford, Conn. in a tenement building with a number of other families, Jewish, Italian and Irish. After their fathers death, the family remained in Connecticut several more years before moving to Phoenix, Arizona. In the meantime, however, Callie managed to marry a man by the name of William Callahan for a very short period of time. I don't remember him, can't recall him living with us in Connecticut, and have no idea who he was. (This will be something to investigate with the other brothers and check the records in Connecticut). The marriage was a complete surprise to the author, and was told to me personally by Callie Bell Tuttle sometime in the 1960's.

After Callie and her four youngest sons moved to Arizona, Eugene joined the Army Air Corp and the remaining four children entered school in Phoenix. Callie became a waitress at a bar, began drinking and coming home for an hour a day around noon. After she prepared the days meal (one) she left the home and returned either to the bar or to the man she had now taken up with (James Herbert Thompson).

In 1952 DeWitt was in the Navy; Ted had moved to Los Angeles and married Rita Lemieux (a nurse); Eugene was 25 years old, out of the Army Air Corps and working in Los Angeles; Jr. was in the Marine Corps during the beginning of the Korean war; Raymond was in Korea with the U.S. Army; David was living with Eugene in Los Angeles for a year and half and returned home in 1952 to find his mother married to "Tobe" (Mr. Thompson); and Eddie was ten years old. Apparently "Betty" (Callie Bell) had married her drinking companion and the family continued to be of little importance to either one of them. Callie had not told anyone of this marriage, consequently it was a surprise to the entire family. They remained married to each other for the rest of her life.

Home had now changed again. There was drinking in the home every day; harsh words; Tobe trying to be the "man" in the family when he had never had children before. He wanted to be boss....pushed David around once and ended up on the ground then pushed Callie around and ended up on the floor when David got of bed and saw it; tried to hit Eddie and that too ended up with him hurt and finally deciding to be a quiet drunk. The boys (David and Carl) in the meantime spent their time in school. David spent his spare time in the library and working in order to avoid as much as possible any contact with either "parent".

At 18 years old David graduated from high school and joined the Marine Corps. never to return home again. Because of the atmosphere at home, no supervision, no parenting, Eddie ended up in trouble, in Juvenile Hall, in jail and finally in prison.

When all the children were gone, Tobe and Betty moved to Northern California. Eugene had married, become a chiropractor, had three children and was practicing in Eureka, California among the lumber men. Eugene bought a piece of property on which Tobe and Betty lived. From this point on Eugene became their provider of sorts---and when he eventually divorced his wife Zoe Stott and moved to Idaho, they moved there with him.

By this point in time, Ted had died at age 39, leaving behind his wife and three sons, (Rita later died of cancer); Eugene moved to Idaho and retired from chiropractic and took to building a nursery; Jim (Junior) was married, had one son named Steve, and lived in Pasadena; Raymond had married a French-Canadian woman (Andree Brodeur) and moved to Canada where he subsequently had two daughters; David remained in California after being discharged from the Marine Corp. He had married Lucille Whetton, had four children, divorced Lucille after 15 years of marriage and married Audrey Snyder Starnes (in 1970); Carl eventually got out of prison, dried out from his habits and married a former wrestler.

In 1990, the family statistics were as follows:

Dewitt, lived in Connecticut, remarried, had a daughter, then died.

Ted and Rita, both died.

Eugene lives in Idaho, retired, three children, divorced.

Jim, divorced, one son, lives in Pasadena.

Raymond, divorced, two daughters, he died in 1989.

David, four children: daughter Eden died in 1989, David married, Matthew married, Heather single. David Sr. married, a second time, to Audrey Snyder for 30 years, lives in St. George, Utah in 1999.

Carl, married, living in Fullerton, California, no known children.

Callie Bell Tuttle Thompson, died in Idaho

HUSBAND James Floyd Sr. Tuttle-8

BIRTH: 31 Jul 1893 PLACE: Hartford,Hartford,Connecticut
 CHR.: PLACE:
 MAR.: 21 Aug 1921 PLACE: Hartford,Hartford,Connecticut
 DEATH: 11 Jun 1941 PLACE: Hartford,Hartford,Connecticut
 BURIAL: 12 Jun 1941 PLACE: Soldiers Field,Wilson,Connecticut
 FATHER: Josiah Granville Tuttle-24 MOTHER: Jennie Adelle Rogers-25 Parent Link Type: (B)
 OTHER WIVES: Parents' MRIN: 12

WIFE Callie Bell Young-9

BIRTH: 24 Jan 1904 PLACE: Atlanta,Fulton,Georgia
 CHR.: PLACE:
 DEATH: Jan 1987 PLACE:
 BURIAL: PLACE: Parent Link Type: (B)
 FATHER: James Arnold Young-355 MOTHER: Sarah Isabell Robertson-356 Parents' MRIN: 110
 OTHER HUSBANDS: William Callahan-16 and 1 Other

CHILDREN

1. NAME: James DeWitt Tuttle-10 Parent Link Type: (B)

--- BIRTH: 29 Sep 1922 PLACE: Hartford,Hartford,Connecticut
 M CHR.: PLACE: Christ Church,Hartford,Connecticut
 MAR.: PLACE:
 DEATH: 31 Aug 1994 PLACE: Newington,Connecticut
 BURIAL: PLACE:
 SPOUSE: Lucille (M. Palazzi) Thomas-18 MRIN: 6 There are other marriage(s)

2. NAME: Theodore Richard Tuttle-11 Parent Link Type: (B)

--- BIRTH: 25 Jan 1925 PLACE: Hartford,Hartford,Connecticut
 M CHR.: PLACE:
 MAR.: 15 Jul 1950 PLACE: Los Angeles,Los Angeles,California
 DEATH: 13 Jan 1964 PLACE: Los Angeles,Los Angeles,California
 BURIAL: PLACE: Los Angeles,California
 SPOUSE: Rita Annette Lemieux-19 MRIN: 7

3. NAME: Eugene Young Tuttle-12 Parent Link Type: (B)

--- BIRTH: 23 Sep 1927 PLACE: Hartford,Hartford,Connecticut
 M CHR.: PLACE:
 MAR.: 20 Feb 1954 PLACE: ,California
 DEATH: PLACE:
 BURIAL: PLACE:
 SPOUSE: Zoe Eunice Stott-20 MRIN: 8

4. NAME: James Floyd Jr. Tuttle-13 Parent Link Type: (B)

--- BIRTH: 12 Jan 1930 PLACE: Atlanta,Georgia
 M CHR.: PLACE:
 MAR.: 22 Apr 1951 PLACE: ,California
 DEATH: PLACE:
 BURIAL: PLACE:
 SPOUSE: Barbara Ruth Blair-21 MRIN: 9

5. NAME: Raymond Lee Tuttle-14 Parent Link Type: (B)

--- BIRTH: 16 Sep 1932 PLACE: Hartford,Hartford,Connecticut
 M CHR.: PLACE:
 MAR.: 16 Apr 1966 PLACE: ,California
 DEATH: 13 Apr 1989 PLACE: St. Bruno,Canada
 BURIAL: PLACE:
 SPOUSE: Andree Brodeur-22 MRIN: 10

6. NAME: David Bruce Tuttle-1 Parent Link Type: (B)

--- BIRTH: 1 Mar 1936 PLACE: Hartford,Hartford,Connecticut
 M CHR.: PLACE:
 MAR.: 28 May 1970 PLACE: Anaheim,Orange,California
 DEATH: PLACE:
 BURIAL: PLACE:
 SPOUSE: Audrey Irene Snyder-7 MRIN: 2 There are other marriage(s)

Records of: David B. Tuttle
 633 S. Pocahontas Dr.
 Washington, Utah 84780
 (801)673-2539

HUSBAND James Floyd Sr. Tuttle-8 Yr of Birth 1893
 WIFE Callie Bell Young-9 Yr of Birth 1904

CHILDREN (continued)

7. NAME: Carl Edward Tuttle-15 Parent Link Type: (B)
 --- BIRTH: 25 Jul 1941 PLACE: Hartford,Hartford,Connecticut
 M CHR.: PLACE:
 MAR.: PLACE:
 DEATH: PLACE:
 BURIAL: PLACE:
 SPOUSE: Susan-23 MRIN: 11

HUSBAND James Floyd Sr. Tuttle-8

NOTES:

Ref: Rogers of New London and Descendants by James S. Rogers, Boston, 1902;
 Ref: Obituary column, Hartford Courant, 25 Aug 1926;
 Ref: Memory of Callie Bell Young Tuttle Thompson when she was alive.
 Ref: Tuttle Lines in America by Alva M. Tuttle, 1968.

Note: James F. Tuttle died at age 48, his sister Ruth died at age 32, unmarried according to the obituary and James wife Callie Young; she stated Ruth had been a public librarian.
 Confirmed: 26 Mar 1999 St.George Temple.

WIFE Callie Bell Young-9

OTHER MARRIAGES:

William Callahan-16 (MRIN:4)
 James Herbert Thompson-17 (MRIN:5)

NOTES:

confirmed 26 Mar 1999.

CHILD 1 James DeWitt Tuttle-10

OTHER MARRIAGES:

Gloria Doris Envia-472 (MRIN:943)
 Married: 22 Jun 1957

NOTES:

Christened in the Episcopalian Church, Christ's Church Cathedral in Hartford, Connecticut, according to information from his wife Gloria Doris Envia.

CHILD 2 Theodore Richard Tuttle-11

CHILD 3 Eugene Young Tuttle-12

CHILD 4 James Floyd Jr. Tuttle-13

CHILD 5 Raymond Lee Tuttle-14

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CHILD 6 David Bruce Tuttle-1

OTHER MARRIAGES:

Lucille Whetton-2 (MRIN:1)
 Married: 2 Dec 1955(Div) Mesa,Maricopa,Arizona

NOTES:

Source: Personal knowledge and church records.

LDS baptism:1 Aug 1953,Phoenix First Ward, Phoenix Stake located at 18th Street and Brill.
 Baptized by Eugene Royer, Priest who was the missionary companion to Leo Packer who taught me the

gospel. LDS friends I had at the

Confirmed 2 August 1953 by Frihoff N. Allen, Elder and father to one of the time.
 Ordained Deacon: 30 Aug 1953 by G. Heber James, second counselor in Bishopric.
 Ordained Teacher:8 Nov 1953 by Thomas Y. Merrill first counselor in Bishopric.
 Ordained Priest: 13 Dec 1953 by G. Wesley Johnson, Bishop of Phoenix First Ward.

Patriarchal Blessing: by Silas L. Fish, 5 May 1954, Phoenix Stake Patriarch and father to one of the girls in our young peoples group.

Ordained Elder: 26 Sep 1955 by Justin B. Lillywhite, stake presidency, Santa Ana stake, Santa Ana, California, while I was stationed in El Toro, El Toro, California.

the Marine Corps at

Ordained Seventy:1 Aug 1966 by Paul H. Dunn of the Presidency of the First

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Council of Seventy (a general authority).
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Set apart as a Seventies President by Boyd K. Packer, a member of the
Quorum of the Twelve Apostles.

Set apart as a Seventies President: by Marion D. Hanks, of the Presidency of
the First Council of Seventy.

Name submitted to be ordained a highpriest 12 December 1982. I had been a
Seventy for 16 years, four months and 18 days.

Ordained a High Priest by President Merritt B. Emley (19 December 1982) and
assisted by Galen Hall and David Wood. President Emley of
of course, was the voice in the ordination.

the stake presidency

CHILD 7 Carl Edward Tuttle-15