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Lloyd was born July 25, 1903, at Cardston, Alberta, the son of James C Cahoon and Barbara (Dietrich) Cahoon. Lloyd’s father came to Cardston in 1895, then returned to Manti for his family. The following spring he arrived in Cardston May sixth. Lloyd’s mother, with her two small sons, arrived in Cardston in August 1896, travelling by train to Stirling, Alberta. Lloyd’s father was born in Manti, Utah, his progenitors originally came from Scotland. Barbara D Cahoon was born in Switzerland. She came to Utah with her parents and sister, when she was three years of age. Barbara returned to Manti, after living in Cardston about two years, as her mother was very ill. While there her third son was born. She then returned to Cardston with her new baby and also her mother. While in Cardston six other children were born. Lloyd was the second to be born in this new country.

The Cahoon family’s first home was in the west part of town. It was a small house, with a sod floor. Their second home was south of Lee Creek, where Rozella and Warner Linder’s home is now. This is where Lloyd was born. After the flood in 1907 they moved their home up on the south hill on the lot that Norman Scott now lives, 90th Ave. East. A few years later they built the large home at 229, First St. West. Their homes were always regarded by them as a type of Grand Central Station. It was a frequent gathering place for relatives and friends.

Lloyd was always interested in sports. He enjoyed all kinds, both competitive, and recreational sports. Basketball was his best liked game, and the one he excelled in the most. Baseball, tennis, golf, track and field, fishing and camping were all among his favorite activities. He played basketball in the High School Team. Later he played on the Town Teams. He coached different Church teams. As coach of the Second Ward’s Senior Basketball Team, Lloyd had the distinction of accompanying his team to the finals in Salt Lake City. This was the first time that a Canadian team made such a trip. He was a member of the Cahoon Brothers Five Man Basketball team. One of the unique sports groups in this area at that time. They won most of their games, and had much enjoyment. Charlie Cheeseman issued a challenge to any Five Brother Team to play them. Five Brothers in Vancouver accepted the challenge, and arranged to come to Cardston. But they never arrived.

Lloyd was also musically inclined, and leaned the technique of several instruments. He played in many Bands and Orchestras.

After finishing Grade 11, Lloyd went to Calgary to take a Teachers Training Course. He taught school for one year at Taylorville. Then he went back to school for Grade 12. The following year, he taught school in Cardston.
On September 16, 1925, Lloyd D Cahoon and Laura Duce were married at Cardston, Alberta. They had planned to leave the day of their marriage for the Samoan Islands. They had been called there as missionaries. But due to the condition of the roads, after a heavy rain, they were unable to do so. There were not even gravel roads in those days. The following morning they left by train, not knowing what the future would hold for them.

Laura was born August 4, 1904, while the family were living on a farm about two and a half miles south east of Cardston. She was the second daughter of George Alfred Duce and Viola Ann (Beazer) Duce. Both of her parents were of English nationality. Her father came to Cardston when he was 16 years of age. Her mother came when she was eight. There were several Duce families living near each other, so it became known as Duceville.

Most of Laura's childhood was spent at Beazer, her parents moving there when she was four years of age. She, with her sister and their two aunts, spent many hours roaming the countryside, walking or riding horses. As a result, she developed an appreciation of nature and plants, that has lasted her throughout her life.

At an early age Laura took a special interest in school, as her older sister was attending. Two years before starting, she was busily studying lessons, brought home by her sister. Because of this, Laura was promoted two grades during her first school year.

The Duce family, parents and four daughters, moved back to Cardston when the two older girls were ready for High School. They built a new home at the place which is now 217, First St. West, next door to the James C. Cahoon home.

After finishing Grade Eleven, Laura went to Raymond to take Grade Twelve. This was the year before it was available in Cardston. She went to Calgary the following year to take a teachers training course. Laura then returned to Beazer, and taught school for two years, teaching grades one thru eight.

When Lloyd and Laura arrived in the Samoan Islands, their first assignment was to write a course of studies for all the schools in the mission. They were then requested to hold a training school for all the missionaries and native teachers in the mission. A good deal of their time was spent in teaching school.

Lloyd's musical talents were also very useful, among other things, he was asked conduct a Brass Band. He helped many of the Samoans to play the different instruments. One day a Samoan Chief and his wife came to visit Lloyd and Laura, they asked Laura to teach organ lessons to their young Samoan daughter. Laura had never taught music, but she had taken lessons for several years. She agreed to do her best. This mission lasted nearly four years. During this time, their first baby was born, Lloyd George.
On returning to Cardston, Lloyd became a partner in his father’s newly established lumber business. He bought the business from his father seven years later (1936). He continued to operate this business until 1961, when he sold it to his sons. Two other sons had been born to this family; Jimmy D., and Bryce D.

During this time Lloyd became a prominent and highly respected businessman, community worker, and Church leader. He served on the Town Council for six years, on the school board for three years, and several years on the Chamber of Commerce. He was a Rotarian for over 30 years. During this time, he served his term as President of the Club. When his son George was made a member, Lloyd became a Senior Active Member, then an Honorary Member of the Club.

Lloyd was also very active in his Church. He was Bishop of Cardston Second Ward, a councillor in the Stake Presidency, and councillor in the Temple Presidency, to President Willard L. Smith. On August 30, 1959 he was called to be President of the Alberta Stake. He held this position until he was called to serve in the Church Building Committee. So he and Laura left almost immediately for Idaho Falls, where they were to be located. Lloyd was Purchasing Agent for the Church throughout all of the North West States, from Utah to Canada, and from North Dakota to the coast. In the year and a half they served, they bought all the materials for all the Churches that were built in this area.

A busy schedule kept Lloyd and his family around town most of the time. But they would often take off into the country on family picnics, camping, or fishing trips for a few hours or days as time permitted.

Lloyd and Laura had a real interest in seeing different parts of the world. They travelled in all directions, and had an enjoyable time doing it.

George married Hazel Mildred Swalm, Jimmy D married Kathleen Viola Green, and Bryce married Marilyn Kay Lawlor.

Lloyd passed away September 25, 1967, after a series of heart attacks. Laura has lived in Cardston since that time until now January 1977.