

Personal Journal of Shirden Tim Shields

Questions by daughter Wendy removed from a jar at random. Including the last question.

Answered stating July 25, 2020 to December 28, 2020. The Jar has been in my position for many years waiting for me to open and respond to.

1. Q: Did you receive your education somewhere other than school?

A: I found life to be an education in many forms. Starting with the home and learning from family and others. What was taught was not always the best and learning through experience was often difficult.

The best teacher was hard work and perseverance. Reading was difficult for me. I enjoyed most all subjects in school even though it was difficult and as I got older it was providing for myself and family which drove my education. As this is the first of the many question in the jar, I will likely say more about particular educational environments which I learned from.

2. Q: Describe your yard as a child ...did you help with yard work? What are your memories? Draw a diagram if you can.

A: First 2 years being in Commerce, next to Diamond City, AB. carries no memories of the yard or house which still stands today. Ocean Park home was 2 acres of land with an outbuilding and a out house. There was a bathroom located on the main floor and dad built an addition to put a 2nd bathroom off the 2nd story of the house. The yard had fruit trees and other trees covering most of the property. An area was cleared with a rubbish pile of trees which had been bulldozed down and an open area left for garden. The fruit trees were cherry, 2 different plum, 2 different apples, pear and a walnut tree. A holly bush hedge was also sheltering the property between the house and the road. Photos of this house are in my journal photo album. We left this property shortly after I was 8 years old when mother passed away. I then lived in many other homes and have some recollection of all of them. Between age of 8 and 16 I lived in Burnaby, North Vancouver, Port Coquitlam, Richmond (2 homes), all in B.C. Warner, Cardston, and Calgary Alberta. Attending a total of 11 different schools till grade 10. As some of the homes were on a farm, I did have the opportunity to work in the yard and doing farm chores. Mowing laws and raking leaves washing window and weeding garden was always keeping me busy along with house chores.

3. Q: List at least 3 good qualities about yourself.

A: Able to work with my hands to build and fix around the home.
Willing to serve and work till the job is done.
Provide support when called upon by others and lead when needed.

4. Q: What are the most difficult decisions you have made?

A: To serve a mission when younger. This was most difficult with out the home guidance of parents or siblings. The need to share feelings and concerns with family is most important to understand and make important live choices.

5. Q: Tell about your teen-age social life – your friends, dances, movies, dating, outings church functions, etc.

A: Junior High School was attending school dances in the afternoon, playing softball in the spring, camping with friends and attending youth church functions including scouts. Would hang out at the Lions park when living in Cardston. Living in Richmond was non social other than working at McDonalds. Calgary was school and work and attended a few church dances. Would spend time hanging out with roommates when not working. Had no sports activities in Calgary. Enjoyed listening to music mostly in the car or my bedroom.

6. Q: Tell about your own family tradition: Christmas, birthdays, graduation, Canada Day, Halloween, Mother's Day. Father's Day, Weddings etc.

A: Not much to tell as a youth or teen: Christmas came but once a year when family would gather as many as could to have a meal. This became less family after our mother passed. After father remarried, I do not recall any siblings other than Louis being at home. There was one Christmas when living in Warner that Bob visited this was an interesting visit best not put-on paper as at the age of 13 impressions of the visit were confusing and difficult to understand at the time. I have no other recollections of holiday's, graduations, weddings or special days as a youth.

7. Q: Did you have a bicycle? What was it like? All my bikes were standard (meaning no gears) with 2 pedals and push back on the pedals for breaks. A piece of cardboard and clothes peg holding the cardboard to rub on the spokes to give a motor sound.

A: I only remember 2 bikes though I must have had others. When 6 yr. old my first bike was small and I was even smaller when a passer by in a car hit me when I was riding in front of the house. I was taken to the hospital but recall no major injuries or any stay long in hospital. Unrelated to the accident my tonsils and adenoids were removed at this time.

I also recall having a bike at age 9 (late spring of 1962) when living in North Vancouver at Miss. Clark's home. I had two incidents one was riding down the hills on King Street when my toe must have caught in the front spokes as the hill were so steep, we would take our feet off the pedals and let it rip. I came conscious hearing a lady yelling at me from her front porch saying "get up a car is coming". I staggered up and got off the road and hobbled home several blocks away to nurse my scrapes and bruises those with me had a good laugh. Helmets were not common if even available for youth riding bikes it was not until 1995 that bike helmets for youth became law in B.C.

The next was losing the key to my bike lock on sports-day at school and dragging my bike home to find out when I arrived at home, I had worn a hole through the tire and tube Dad was not pleased as this cost more to repair than the lock was worth. Just to understand how I felt when taking the bike home, the trip was all uphill and I had to cross the Upper-level Highway which is the main and busy road linking North and West Vancouver it also had concrete barriers on each side which I had to lift the bike over this was very scary for me. It was too difficult for me to take the bike over the walkway cross over stairway with the locked wheel.

8. Q: What was dinner time like at your home?

A: I only recall two meals often had both were on Sundays. When Living in Ocean Park each Sunday about 1:00 PM we would often have a visitor usually a High Councillors or other Stake visitors join the family for a meal most times would be roast beef and potatoes with other vegetables. Ice cream would often be served as a dessert. Visiting would happen and then the time would come to attend sacrament meeting which was held in late afternoon.

We would then come home and have a light meal and retire for the night.

When living in Richmond and grandmother Lulu Shields was living with us Sundays after Sacrament meeting would always have pancakes and hot chocolate when the chores were finished and we could watch the Ed Sullivan show before going to bed.

9. Q: Tell about any exciting experience in scouting. etc.

A: My two most rememberable experiences in scouting and Young Men's (called mutual back then)

First was the week 7-day camp at Camp Farragut which is located in Idaho 30 miles N.E. of Coeur D'Alene. Sunday was the most rememberable with 5,000 scouts sitting on the hill side having sacrament and President David O, McKay presiding. The week was full of scouting activities during the day and camp fires each night with skits and songs.

The other activity went over several months when the Wayne Greep taught us how a TV worked. Each week he would explain a particular component of the TV such as the picture tube, tuner or audio show us how to test to verify if the component is working. We then would test our own TV which he gave us out of his scrap TV's as he was a TV repair man and would let us scavenge parts from other old TV's to repair ours. By the end of several months, we all had a working TV to take home. Note that thy were all black and white pictures only as colour TV were just coming onto the market. This experience gave me the confidence in being able to work on and fix electronics. This was all done in the basement mechanical room of the Temple Street Chapel in Cardston. During the week we would scavenge the parts and use the tube tester at Wayne's shop.

10. Q: How do you feel about school:

A: Schooling is always good. Put to use what you have learned and learn what you can put to use.

11. Q: Is there anything you have built, created, or crafted of which you are proud of?

A: Many projects around the home and at work I have created and mostly happy with them. The ability to repair and keep items working has come as a talent which I have been blessed with. Being proud of them is a difficult way to describe what I have accomplished as I have done them mostly out of necessity to make life better for me and the family. If I am proud of anything it is my family and could not have had such great children with out the help of my loving wife Janet.

12. Q: What kind of leader are you?

A: I like to lead by example though I am not always the best example as I have faults. I desire to share with those I have stewardship over all which is to be

accomplished and put a plan together with their input to accomplish the task at hand. I try to give encouragement even when times become difficult and try not to be overbearing but clear in direction. Take responsibility of my actions and those who I am leading. Show appreciation to others for successes.

13. Q: What are the most important things your parents taught you?

A: I have my independence to make choices and learn from the choices made. Jesus Christ lives and as I make poor choices I can repent and correct and make restitution for my mistakes. I have been blessed with how to work hard and help others. As I reflect on this question each day as I learn I realized that even though my parents are not present I am still learning from their examples and what they did teach me.

14. Q: How do you feel about death? Tell about your philosophy of after-life.

A: Death is an opportunity to be with our family and our Heavenly Father. This is possible through the atonement of Jesus Christ who died that we may live. See John 3: 16-17. My father has shared the story of a Br. Hebert Q. Hales which I feel best answers the questions of after-life and I believe all that is written. See attached link - <http://bdespain.org/frontier/progress/proghale.htm> Please take time to read this by yourself and again with family.

15. Q: Describe any handed-down talents that you might have.

A: The talent of being able to fix things with in the home is a talent which I feel is a blessing of my father and his generation to self maintain and preserve the home and other possessions. Learning how items work and knowing were my limits lay in fixing or maintain them has been an unexplained gift. My generation and future generations have much more opportunity to source others knowledge via internet than our ancestors which has greatly enhanced the ability to fix things. With this knowledge it is important that the younger generation continues to understand that thy must be self reliant in all things and motivated to do what ever they can for themselves and to serve/help others.

16. Q: Did you have a favorite TV show as a child or youth? Tell about it.

A: As a child say 10 yr. old, I looked forward to Tuesday night to watch the Red Skelton variety show.

Each week Red would be a different character with many other guests and mostly comedians. This show ran for many years 1951 to 1971.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6z2ojfveL-I>

17. Q: What is the biggest lesson in life you have found to be true?

A: Being kind to others will always make you and them feel good and worthwhile. To build someone self-esteem and show sincere appreciation for them. The ability to do this takes effort and constant reflection on what you are doing when serving others and taking care of your own needs. Those who are closest to you and serving you can be the most important to show appreciation for what they do.

18. Q: describe your favorite outfit as a youth, etc.

A: I wore simple clothing blue jeans, plaid shirt, runners which were bought at the Army and Navy for \$2.00 and would last a year. Early teen years Progress Clothing in Lethbridge was the go-to store for school clothes. Sunday dress was dark pants and white shirt. I did have a sweater which I wore once to school in grade 5 and was teased by other kids never to wear to school again.

19. Q: Who were your friends you were growing up? How did they influence you?

A: Friends which I remember were short term and most names forgotten. With changing schools often friends in my youth came and went. In later teen years friends were mostly co-workers not school mates. Long life friends are few some which in later years have reconnected with and on occasion visit with. Alan Hamon and Fay (Brown) Spackman are two such friends I would consider life-long friends.

Both of which have been a positive influence during my life and I cherish them both for being there when needed though I did not always realize and appreciate their counsel. Cal & Deb Logan has become dear friends in the past 25 years.

20. Q: Describe your Sundays as a father.

A: Sundays as a father were teaching by example of a day of worship. Attending church meetings with the family was important. Having dinner as a family together on most Sundays. Was a day to spend with extended family for special occasions. Discourage any sports or other weekly recreational activities which were not spiritually uplifting. Visiting with friends was a good activity.

21: Q: Thinking back, was there a teacher or class that had a great influence on you?

A: I do not recall any teachers which had an influence on me in school or church. As I started to work Phil Witt had an impact on my understanding of hard work and doing a job till completed. He showed compassion when making mistakes and allowing me to correct them. He also supported me when I was needing to find a place to live at age 17.

22: Q: How do you feel about winning and losing?

A: Winning always feels good and losing is winning if you have learned something. With a positive attitude you are always a winner.

23: Q: In what ways are you like unlike your mother and father?

A: I cannot recall characteristics of my mother. As like my father I work hard to provide for the family, I enjoy travel and visiting with family. The skill of being able to fix and repair items comes naturally to me and this must have been engrained in my DNA through my father. I also enjoy playing sports such as football, baseball, soccer and golf I do not recall ever seeing my dad play any team sports.

24: Q: What special things did you do with your father?

A: If work is considered special this is what I did with dad. I do recall going to Harrison Hot springs as a family multiple times and also one scouting outing to Writing on Stone in the spring of 1966. Summer vacations to visit my dad's brothers in California was great and attending the Worlds Fair in Seattle, Washington 1962.

25: Q: Did you go camping? Tell about experiences doing it.

A: I did like camping as a youth and as I got older. Two rememberable events as a youth. First time to Writing On Stone was Easter weekend 1966 scouting trip with my father. We arrived at the camp later than most of the others and no tent to sleep in. Dad new of a hollow at the base of the cliffs which would provide

shelter. We leveled off an area to sleep in and set our sleeping gear into place settling in for the night. Morning arose to find 6 inches of snow on the bottom of our sleeping bags. This was all new to me as not ever experiencing Alberta spring weather this time of year I always remembered green grass and flowers blooming on fruit trees and in gardens. The second rememberable camping was the spring of 1967 when I was camping with friends on Lee Creek SW. of Cardston just past of where the golf course is today. As I recall we hiked till we found a sandy area next to the creek to pitch a lean to in which to spend the night this was a beautiful warm spring day. By morning things had changed with blowing winds we found our selves in a blizzard with no preparedness for the snow and cold. It was hard to hike back into town due to the heavy snow. As we got closer to town and onto a road, we were picked up by a passerby who then drove us home. By the end of the weekend there was 3 ft. of snow and I was glad to be in a warm house. Check out the spring storms of Southern Alberta 1967 we were blest to get home safely.

26. Q: What is your favorite book? What do books mean to you?

A: Book of Mormon another testament of Jesus Christ. This is the most correct book ever written. As quoted by Joseph Smith Jr. "I told the brethren that the Book of Mormon was the most correct of any book on earth, and the keystone of our religion, and a man would get nearer to God by abiding by its precepts, than by any other book." (*History of the Church*, 4:461.)

Books are for learning and some for enjoyment.

27. Q: Describe a typical day during your Junior high school years?

A: I attended two schools' grades 7 & 9 in Cardston Alberta, grade 8 in Richmond B.C. the experiences were greatly different due to the home environment and schools. Most rememberable was grade 9 in Cardston. Mornings would start with seminary the teacher was Mrs. Cathy Castleton her husband Doug was serving in the U.S, military and was stationed in South Vietnam when the country was at war with North Vietnam. Cathy was also my caregiver from October 1968 to spring of 1969 while my father and stepmother Marcia were in Arizona. Needless to say, I never missed a seminary class that year. As a student I achieved average grades which was due to trying hard and completing all assignments. Spending time with friends was playing sports such as baseball, football which I enjoyed. School dances were held in the afternoons which on occasion I would attend as this was mandatory. Pin ball at Yip's Café' was a time to let my hair down which I was trying to grow long. My only job was setting pins on Thursday night at Ed Wolfe's bowling alley and pool hall. I was paid \$.50/hr. which was about 3 hours

of work during the women's league bowling. Other work in the spring consisted of yard cleanup and some painting jobs my dad had me help with. At the End of Junior High school, I left Cardston and moved to Calgary to find summer work and never returned home to live.

28: Q: What are your favorite colours, flowers, food hobbies?

A: Colour is Blue, Flowers pretty, Food- roast beef dinner with whipped potatoes, gravy, peas, corn, carrots as vegetables, tossed garden salad with thousand island dressing, dessert may be ice cream or pie a cheese cake made with eagle brand condensed milk is always welcome. As an alternative a hamburger loaded is never turned down. Hobbies considered but none as a favorite is golf, watching a TV movie, light gardening (picking fruit), walks with Janet especially on the beach December 4th each year ok this last is my favorite.

29. Q: How did you like being the youngest child? What were the advantages and disadvantages?

A: Being the smallest eventually turn into being the tallest. Not much to say at 5ft 6 ½ in. As the youngest you learn to run the fastest, fear can be a great motivator. Getting what you want when younger as the youngest has its advantages. I recall once when shopping Louis and I each were told we could buy something. Louis chose some clothing as we were shopping for the new school year. I chose a toy plane and was Louis upset because I got a toy and he didn't. Lesson learned is to take advantage of what is offered. As you get older and life takes control of each day you learn to love your siblings more and it becomes very hard when they leave this earth even though you know you will see them again.

30. Q: Write your testimony or the gospel.

A: Jesus Christ lives and is our advocate with the Father. His prophets guide and teach us today as they have done in ancient times. Joseph Smith did see the Father and Son who appeared to him the Father introducing his son and counselled him to follow their direction and stay true to their teachings. The Book of Mormon is a true book translated by Joseph Smith by the power of our Heavenly Father. Upon the above beliefs is my testimony of the truths taught through the organization of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the Standard works known as The Bible (King James version), Book of Mormon another testament of Jesus Christ, Doctrine and Covenants and Pearl of Great Price. To this I testify in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

31. Q: Describe the most serious illness you have had.

A: I have not had my most serious illness as I am still typing and vertical. You will know when I do, I just won't be able to tell you.

32. Q: Do you remember any special feeling you had as a child?

A: My greatest rememberable feeling was at my mother's funeral which was one of sadness and not having a full understanding of her passing.

33. Q: What do you think of movies? What is your favorite movie and why?

A: Movies can give you a time to relax and take your mind off of stressful times. I have had some of my best sleeps while watching a movie. I enjoy many types of movies from musicals to comedy including adventure, true stories but most of all watching with Janet.

34. Q: Did you have a childhood hide -out? A: NO.

35. Q: Describe your conversion to the gospel.

A: My conversion came slowly over time. From learning as a youth and not so much as a young adult other than getting distracted by the ways of the world. Being taught and fellowshipped by friends slowly helped me gain a greater understanding and a deeper testimony of the Gospel. Service to others I have found to be a true builder of my testimony as services to others brings you blessings in your own life which strengthens your personal testimony over time. Learning to forgive yourself and others will also strengthen your relationship with Jesus Christ and our Heavenly Father.

36. Q: Where is the most exciting place you have been to? What made it exciting?

A: The Temple of our Lord. Being sealed to Janet on our wedding day. All other exciting places can not compare to that day though thy may have seemed exciting at the time.

37. Q: When and how did your testimony develop?

A: My testimony is developing each and every day. As I learn how to serve others and be a better person brings me closer to our savior and increases my testimony of him and all which he has done for me and how I must try each day to be better than yesterday.

38. Q: What do you think brings good luck?

A: There is no good luck. We are blessed when our actions are good, kindness to others, learning to forgive, being Christ like in what we do brings us joy and happiness. If you wish to call this good luck then you need to understand that blessings and happiness come in many different ways and forms. Look around and count your blessings.

39. Q: Tell about the changes you've seen in your lifetime: society in general, technology, fashion, fads, morality, politics, etc.

A: Over 68 years the world is a different place. This world has become much smaller as travel communications, and technology has evolved during my life time affecting all basic needs such as food, housing, modes of transportation and communication. Healthcare has evolved with many new procedures, medications, and practices which are constantly improving as science is developing new ways to treat old and new diseases.

In the mid 1960's the muscle cars were becoming popular and by early 70's there were many models on the road by most all manufactures. The big 3 North American auto makers were promoting their cars with futuristic looks in the late 50's and 60's. By the mid 70's gas prices slowed this trend down and the compact cars became more popular and fuel efficient. Houses in the 70's were becoming larger and more in demand as the urban sprawl took off and cities areas began expanding at an unprecedented rate. In 1980 fast food became mainstream as more households were becoming dual income providers. Each decade the fashions for clothing changed drastically. Almost impossible to keep up with colour and style trends which is ongoing today. Travel by air has increased greatly with very few people not having the experience at some time to fly for various reasons. The increase of illegal drugs and prescription drugs has created a health pandemic which is continuing to be a serious challenge for society to deal with. Technology is ever growing and changing. This influences every aspect of our lives and is an ongoing learning process which quickly will leave you behind if you do not keep learning all the new technology terms which keeps you informed and up to date with the many devices which come available for your use such items like the instant pot for cooking to the latest 5G network for

communications. Music, movies, theme parks, sporting events, are continuing their growth to provide the unquenchable thrust for the worlds demand for recreation and escape from productive work and service to others. The deterioration of morals in government to relax the restrictive laws to allow supposed freedoms of choice has provided a highway for the adversary to promote and produce a selfish and self centered mindset in general to this and future generations to accept a way of life which is causing great deterioration of personal and society as a whole to not recognize the purpose of why we are here and that our heavenly father is not pleased with us and life will become more difficult without his blessings as we do not recognize and be obedient to his council and commandments. It is to this end which the world will continue to change that lawless disobedience, vandalism, war and unrest among us within our own country and other countries will evolve to and this change I am afraid will escalate at a much faster pace in the years to come. The greatest change over the years is that those who strive to serve others and help humanity are being stretched as the need for those to serve is becoming greater. Either being in our own community or the world at large is more prevalently known during times of need due to natural disasters or personal challenges such as health, financial loss, additions, loss of loved ones, accidents or injury by others. Having noted this the need to help and serve others is growing at a much greater pace than those willing and able to help which is a cause of greater despair and a sense of hopelessness for many around us creating more poverty, violence, crime and a greater destruction to our wellbeing. We must personally rely on our saviour Jesus Christ and follow his guidance though his appointed modern prophet, local church leaders and personal revelation, personally living the commandments and honouring our covenants, to be happy and progress in years to come. I testify Jesus Christ lives, guides us and by following his teachings, being obedient as taught in the standard works of the Gospel, making and keeping our covenants as taught at baptism and in the Temples of the Lord that all will be well throughout our life and we may have joy as promised.

39. Q: What color was your house, your bedroom, your living room as a child?

A: Black and white just like the old pictures show.

40. Q: What do you feel has been the most significant world event that has taken place during your lifetime and why.

A: Many events which are notable, July 21, 1969 Man's first walk on the moon, November 9, 1989 the falling of the Berlin Wall. The most notable is when the

announcement was made June 9, 1978 “Every faithful, worthy man in the Church of Jesus Christ of Later-day Saints may receive the Holy Priesthood” This revelation unknown to most of the world effected every person in the world.

41. Q: Where did your grandparents live? What was their home like? Did it have a certain smell or look?

A: Shields grandparents lived in two home which I know of. First home was 2 miles south of the Village of Shaughnassy, Alberta. This house stands today though it has been added to and other houses built near it. The 2nd house was in White Rock B.C. I have very little recall of the houses. Grandparents Sivyer was in Vancouver B.C. also very limited remembrance of this house.

42. Q: Do you recall any outstanding family trips or summer holidays you experienced as a child?

A: I recall 4 family trips. 2 of which were to California both times we visited my father’s brothers Wallis, Russell and Elden and our cousins living in San Jose and Los Angeles. Spending time at Disneyland and Sea World were highlights of the vacations. Dad would pull off the road to fruit stands and purchase fresh watermelons and cantaloupe which we feasted on. He would also stop at vineyards and buy green grapes by the box which were so sweet it was like eating candy.

In 1962 we went to the Seattle Worlds Fair this was very exciting to see all the new and wonderous events. I recall one pavilion which was most futuristic which in one area you experienced a short weightless moment and you also were able to talk on a phone and see the person you were talking to on a small 2-inch screen this was very amazing technology in 1962.

In 1961 we went to Melville Saskatchewan to visit Sylvia and Ivan. The ride was very hot and long. I became very sick with the flu and spent most of the time emptying my stomach and laying in bed. Ivan’s mom had given me prune juice which made me even more sick. We left after a few days and stopped in Southern Alberta and visited with Shields family. Uncle Morris who was operating a mobile soft Ice cream truck in Lethbridge was tracked down for a short visit. I was still so sick I did not even want to eat an ice cream cone, not the best trip that summer. As a teenager I do not recall any summer vacations with family.

43. Q: Were did you live as a child?

A: I was born at the ST. Michaels Hospital in Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada September 29, 1952.

Home was at Commerce, Alberta a small community N.W. of Dimond City which is located North West of Lethbridge 15km. In 1955 the family moved to Ocean Park B.C. which is south of Vancouver next to White Rock which is a major border entry town to the U.S. in 1961 after the passing of my mother I moved several times in the Vancouver area till in 1965 when father remarried and moved to Warner Alberta for one year then to Cardston, Alberta. As a teen I lived in Cardston for 2 years 1966 & 1968 spending 1967 in Richmond B.C. with my sister Ethel and her family. In summer of 1969 I moved to Calgary where I lived on my own and stayed in Calgary till 1976.

44. Q: How do you feel about music?

A: I enjoyed listening to music as a teenager with singers and groups from the 60's and early 70's.

Influences of my older siblings and songs from the 50's also catches my ear. Vinyl is my go-to music media though the ability of technology to stream music and find old songs is great.

My favorite Hymn is Because I Have Been Given Much (#219) in the green LDS hymn book.

45. Q: If someone gave you a day in which you could do anything you wanted to do. Along with the money you needed to do it, what would you do? A week? A year?

A: Likely I would try to help those which are less fortunate either in my community or abroad in a way that others would be able to sustain themselves. A personal single activity would to be able to travel in outer space and look at this earth as very few have been able to do. May take more than a day to get ready.

46. Q: Tell about retirement. When, where, what will you do with your time?

A: It's happening now at home. Trying to stay active helping others and working a little. Answering the questions in a jar was one of my activities I planned on doing in retirement.

47. Q: Who were (are) your (my) friends as an adult? Why were they important to you?

A: My best friend is Janet spending time with her is what I look forward to each day. Other friends which I cherish as brothers and sisters due to their support and encouragement when needed are Alan & Jan Hamon, Cal & Deb Logan, Dave & Bonnie Thomsen and the list could go on. Not only my siblings and Bullock are friends they are loved family. I also consider my children as friends.

48: Q: What are you frightened of?

A: My greatest fear would be having to lose my wife and love Janet.

49: Q: Describe your first home?

A: Our first home was Janet's apartment in Redcliff which we stayed in for a short time when first married. We then moved into an old house which was in very poor condition it was so bad that when we moved out a year later the house was torn down. We then bought our first home in Redcliff which we lived in for 5 years prior to moving to Lethbridge. This was a nice small house with a large back yard and single detached garage. The home had 3 bedrooms up the kitchen and dining area was small. We did not buy our living room furniture till we were in the house for a year. The basement finished with 1 bedroom, family room, laundry area and bathroom. Christmas eve of 1980 Janet went home to Welling a few days earlier with Becky and I left about 6:00PM and a storm was starting. A good friend Wayne Bennett ask me to stop by their home before leaving and tried to convince me to stay the night with them due to poor road conditions. While at Wayne and Susan's home our friend Sheldon Moore called Wayne to ask for help to clean up our basement as he checked our home and found a flooded basement due to a broken pipe in the basement. Well Christmas eve was spent sucking up water with my two good friends and spending the night at home by myself. This is learning how to be a new home owner and the trials which come with owning a home and how great friend come to help when needed. I would also note that during this storm and extreme cold below -40 C gas lines to the community were freezing and no heat was being provided for over 24 hours causing lots of other

damage to many homes. We were fortunate that no other damage occurred to our home as I was able to secure alternative heating.

50. Q: Which is your favorite scripture? Why?

A: **Moroni 7: 43-47**

43 And again, behold I say unto you that he cannot have faith and hope, save he shall be meek, and lowly of heart.

44 If so, his faith and hope is vain, for none is acceptable before God, save the meek and lowly in heart; and if a man be meek and lowly in heart, and confesses by the power of the Holy Ghost that Jesus is the Christ, he must needs have charity; for if he have not charity he is nothing; wherefore he must needs have charity.

45 And charity suffereth long, and is kind, and envieth not, and is not puffed up, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil, and rejoiceth not in iniquity but rejoiceth in the truth, beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

46 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, if ye have not charity, ye are nothing, for charity never faileth. Wherefore, cleave unto charity, which is the greatest of all, for all things must fail—

47 But charity is the pure love of Christ, and it endureth forever; and whoso is found possessed of it at the last day, it shall be well with him.

These verses teach of the true nature of Christ and our own salvation.

51. Q: What church callings have you had? Which one did you enjoy the most?

A: Many church callings starting with being a home teacher now ministering, scouting program working with cubs and stake group commissioner, Sunday school president, serving in Elders quorum presidency's, serving as a bishop's assistant in various capacities, ward clerk in various capacities and wards, Stake Seventies quorum presidency, ward missionary, special assignments with youth such as Trek and fund raising. My most enjoyable is working in the Cardston Temple as a baptistry coordinator.

52. Q: Describe getting a Christmas tree with your family as a child. How did you decorate it, when did you put it up etc.

A: I do not recall being involved with getting or putting up Christmas trees this was likely done by my older siblings. The first Christmas I recall getting a tree was

the year I spent with my sister Ethel in Richmond B.C... We went to a tree lot and pick up a charley brown tree Christmas eve and took it home to decorate.

53. Q: Describe the downtown of your childhood at Christmas time?

A: I do not recall going down town much as we lived in rural areas. My only recollection was with the family and my father took us into New Westminster to go shopping. The main road was decorated with many lights and lots of store neon lighting, as a result dad became distracted by so many lights and ran a red traffic light which spoiled the shopping and reduced the Christmas finances. Other than that, Cardston put a tree in the middle main road downtown.

54. Q. What did you use to do as a child that got you in the most trouble with your parent? How did they handle it?

A. Jumping on the bed till one time I fell off head first and landed on my dad's toe. Being in the backwards position with my head down and bottom up my bottom I think hurt more than his toe due to the reflex action of my dad's hand landing on the bottom very hard. No more jumping on the bed!!!

55. Q: What do you look like?

A: I look like a homo sapien.

56. Q: Describe a trip downtown as a youngster?

A. Going downtown would have to determine where downtown was. This may have been along the beach on Marine Drive in White Rock. Going all the way into Vancouver which was seldom done as New Westminster was closer and easier to travel to but the most exciting was taking the train to Bellingham, Washington with my sisters. Taking the train to Bellingham was the most exciting.

57. Q: Tell about anniversaries, celebrations, trips, gifts, etc.

A: My best trip and celebration was our 25th wedding anniversary when we went on our first cruise to the Western Caribbean in 2004. We went with Janet's sister Kathy and husband Geoff. The food and entertainment were mesmerizing. We toured ancient ruins, shopped in villages and enjoyed the sun of the Western Caribbean.

58. Q: What is the most important lesson/message or advice you have learned that you would like to pass on for others to profit by?

A: Learn to forgive others and always show appreciation to others for what they do even if it is not in your best interest.

59. Q: Did it snow where you lived as a child? What kinds of things did you do in the snow?

A: Snow was a rare occasion and did not happen every year? I recall sledding one year with my brother Louis down a hill near the end of North Bluff (16th Ave.), the road we lived on and while coming up the hill I stood on the sled Louis was pulling and he did not like that. He quickly pulled the sled out from under me and I fell chipping my front tooth and to this day the tooth remains chipped. Living in Southern Alberta as a teen I have learned snow.

60. Q: What do you remember about your baptism?

A. I was baptized on November 6th 1960 by my brother Edward Shields and confirmed by my Father

Clyde O-Dean Shields. The baptism took place in the 308 - 41st Avenue West Vancouver B.C. Stake Center building in Vancouver B.C. the newly formed Vancouver Stake. At the time we were living in Ocean Park and part of the White Rock Ward. My brother Louis may have been the only family present other than dad and Ed. My mother had passed away 6 weeks earlier. If any grand parents were present, I do not recall.

61. Q: Tell about the places you have worked?

A: My first official job and employer was at the Fox pool hall / bowling alley in Cardston, not the best atmosphere to work in and was paid 50 cents a night to set pins at the bowling alley which had 2 lanes. This was 5 pin bowling. My next Employer was when I lived with my sister Ethel in Richmond B.C. after turning 14 in September of 1967, I was hired at McDonalds Restaurant on # 3 road in Richmond this was the first McDonalds built in Canada. My responsibilities were to be the lot boy cleaning up the parking lot as there was no dinning rooms at that time and washrooms were located on the exterior of the building which was part of the responsibility to keep clean. I also was assigned to make milkshakes during busy times. This was done by adding syrup into the paper cups along with the milk

shake ingredients from an ice cream machine called a Taylor, this was then put on the multi mixer to mix and add air to the milkshake this machine could hold 5 milkshakes at one time having 2 machines the expectation was too be able to be making 10 milkshakes at once you had to work very fast to do this. You can see how this was done in a movie called "The Founder". In 1969 after moving back home and then then to Calgary I became employed at McDonalds in Calgary which started a career in Fast foods after being with the Franchisee known as Max Pasley Enterprises and managing two of their McDonalds restaurants. I moved to Edmonton in 1976 which I work at other restaurants and food industries. In 1977 I moved to Medicine Hat where I began working for CFI Industries which opened the first Burger King Restaurant in Medicine Hat Canada. In 1987 I parted with CFI and explored other options of opening a new restaurant at this time I also worked for the Lethbridge Community Collage where I designed and taught a course known as Building Service Worker after teaching two sessions the opportunity to be involved in building and owning a Wendy's Restaurant Franchise in Lethbridge became a reality and I then spent 2 years working on this venture. Six months after opening the restaurant the partnership dissolved and I then decided to change careers and during the next year work at various jobs. During this time, I worked at the Cardston Alberta temple during the closure and renovations. I was part of the undecorating crew spending much time on a jack hammer and working on the exterior of the building cleaning caulking off the exterior stone in preparation for new mortar to be installed in all the stone joints. By 1989 I chose to work for Pioneer Property Management as a building operator and took night course at the Lethbridge Community College be coming Certified as a building operator Class A which changed in the building code to a Class 4 Power Engineer in about 1998. In 1992 my co worker Grant Pocza and I formed Comres Property Management and successfully operated our business till May of 2017 when we sold the company and I retired in September of that year.

62. Q: Tell about your civic or political activities.

A: Not much to tell. I voted and served in the Scouting program, coached soccer and serve at the Lethbridge Soup Kitchen when asked.

63. Q: What would you want to be remembered for?

A. Just to be remembered by family and friends as one who did his best to care for them, serve them and love them.

64. Q: How did you learn to ride a bike.

A: I was put on a bike by my older siblings and held up right till I could keep my balance. I do not recall how long this took but I do remember at one time when I was learning that I became very scared when hit by a passing car shortly after learning how to ride. My injuries were minor though I did go the hospital at which time my tonsils and adenoid were removed which were not related to the bike accident. This experience did leave me confused about riding a bike as a child.

65. Q: What are your food preferences and how did they come about?

A. "I'll gladly pay you Tuesday for a hamburger today! "This was a commonly used line when watching a Popeye's cartoon as a child. Well as time went on the hamburger played a major part of my substance as a late teenager and I have loved eating them the rest of my life. The add-ons of French fries and milkshakes or pop I have had to control consumption of to try and stay healthy. The ongoing lure of a good hamburger to this day is a weakness that I am drawn to and likely will always have a craving for. Janet's roast beef and mash potato's dinner with a good assortment of vegetables and salad is very hard not to over indulge in and looked forward to enjoying when ever served. Good cook and good food is how good eating comes about.

66. Q: Tell about a special date you had with a boy or girl friend?

A: October 7, 1978 at about 8:00PM after attending the priesthood session of general conference I had my first date with Janet Bullock. We went out for pizza with our friends from young adults in Medicine Hat. Wayne Bennett asked Susan Neilson out Allan Kirkham asked Deb Sveinson out and I asked Janet Bullock out. We all had a good time. This was such a good time that we all got married by June of the following year to our date of that night.

67. Q: Tell about your favorite uncle and aunt.

A: I do not know that I had favorite uncle and only knew two aunts. Aunt Barbra Davidson my father's sister and Aunt Cathern Wright my mother's sister. As for my fathers 7 Brothers uncle Morris was the one I new the best and he was a character. I have fond memories visiting with him and also helping out in the print shop when I lived in Cardston.

68. Q: Describe your wedding day,

A. Oh! What a day it was. I meet this beautiful girl all dressed in white at the Cardston Alberta Temple.

I think I may have been very nervous. The day started by having my father give me a fathers blessing.

This seemed to calm me as we were sealed, I was peaceful. After the ceremony we then had a family lunch at the Cobble Stone Manor in Cardston after which a good friend Bill Morgan took Janet and me to Lethbridge in his small 4-seater plane. I learned after we landed this was not very exciting for Janet. We then drove to Welling where we had a reception and after cleaning up went to Lethbridge and stayed the night.

69. Q: What are your talents and how have you used them?

A: I do not have any talents but like those that do what I do is work hard at making the best with what I have been given.

70. Q: What is the most trying experience that ever happened to you?

A. Life has it trials and as one grows from the trials of life it would seem the next trial is the most trying to date. I have not decided which trial in life was or is going to be the most trying. It is important to know that a trial is an opportunity to learn and grow.

71. Q: What was your most (really) embarrassing moment?

A: My most embarrassing moment is when I would hear a story or joke with a group of friends and would laugh so hard that I would almost pass out as I could not catch my breath.

72. Q: What convinced you most in your choice of a spouse?

A: The sweet caring for others especially children. Willing to put up with my imperfections and accept me as I am.

73. Q: Were you responsible for any household chores? What were they? Which did you enjoy the most? Which did you enjoy the least?

A: Many chores over the years as a youth and husband. From cleaning the chicken barns and feeding chickens to taking out house hold garbage. Cleaning toilets to

washing windows. Picking blue berries and cackle berries, hoeing the garden and cutting the grass. All of which kept me from doing what I wanted. I do not recall any chores as something I looked forward to doing but did accept that when I did them, I was glad to have finished.

74. Q: Tell about the house(s) you lived in during your childhood. Do you remember the addresses or phone numbers?

A: I do not remember any addresses just the towns and some of the street names or numbers. They were 2 story homes to apartments. Birth till age 2 Diamond City, AB. Age 3-8 Ocean Park B.C. age 8 Burnaby B.C., age 9 North Vancouver B.C & Port Coquitlam B.C., age 10 Richmond B.C on #6 Road, age 11 Richmond B.C - Lynas Lane, age 12 Warner A.B, age 13 Cardston A.B., age 14 Richmond B.C. on #1 Road, age 15 Cardston A.B., age 16 Calgary AB, several homes over 7 years.

75. Q: Do you have any possessions of your parents which reminds you of them?

A: I have a set of dinner plates which my mother had when they lived in Diamond City. I have a pocket knife which belonged to my Dad, it shows its age and many years of use. I also have a few hand tools. Also, a foldable table which I made with my Dad.

76. Q: What convinced you most in your choice of a spouse?

A: The fact that I was accepted of who I am and that Janet was caring and loving. She is a great teacher and loving to children. Her smile and ability to make me happy and willing to put up with my short comings. I have been very blessed to have her in my life.

77. Q: Describe a typical school day as a child in elementary school?

A: Walked to school most days sat in a desk did what I was told most the time. Enjoyed recesses and playing with friends. Went home and repeated the next day.

78. Q: Tell how, when and where you learned to drive. Any memorable experiences?

A: I write this with the understanding that the Statute of Limitations will apply in any disclosure I may allude to. My first car was purchased prior to me having a driver's licence. I do not recall how I registered the car got a licence plate and

insurance but I did. After driving the car for three weeks in the city of Calgary I took my drivers test at the motor vehicle office and passed the first time. I was fortunate that the maintenance man from work went to the test with me or the testing officer would have failed me for driving without a license. This car was a 1965 Ford Mustang and was standard transmission which took some time for me to master the shifting especially when starting going uphill. Most all memorable experiences were not of a favorable nature and most of them costly, unfortunately this is how I learned to drive safely. I do recall being very nervous when first driving in heavy traffic and Mattie Brown my land-lady who was with me prior to having my licence told me to ignore those who honked their horn. Whether they were honking at me or some one else I do not know but her comment settled me down and gave me more confidence. My friend Fay Spackman may comment different on this as Mattie was likely also her instructor.

79. Q: What has been your most important accomplishments?

A: Being able to provide for my family and serve others whom my talents have been able to help.

80. Q: Tell of a time when you felt especially close to heavenly Father's Spirit or when your prayers was answered.

A: My prayers were answered on June 20th, 1979 and closest to Heavenly Father when I was sealed for time and all eternity to my dear Janet. At the time I may have not recognised how great of a blessing this was I do remember the great feelings of Joy and Happiness.

81. Q: If you could be an animal, which one would you choose and why?

A. I have no answer for this question.

82. Q: Do you have a favorite game?

A. I enjoy playing games to pick a favorite is difficult. What I do enjoy is playing with Janet.

83. Q: How did your father spend his time supporting your family?

A. My father worked very hard long days and very little time off. His skills as a farmer, carpenter, pipe fitter, plumber, painter and handy man kept him busy all the time I can recall. He was able to always find work or stay busy helping others.

84. Q: What games did you play in your home or neighborhood?

A: board games such as Monopoly, Stock ticker, sorry, chess, checkers, snakes and ladders were the games of my youth. Card games were also played. I enjoyed cribbage with my brother Ed. Outside games were also played though I cannot remember them much.

85. Q: What was a favorite place to go with your family when you were young?

A: There were a few places which I enjoyed. Harrison Hot Springs, Beaches during summer, Horse Shoe Bay for fathers and sons and a trip into Vancouver to visit Aunt Catherine and go to Queen Elizabeth Park or Stanley Park. A trip to Writing-on-Stone when moved to Alberta.

86. Q: Describe a favorite vacation in your married years?

A: One rememberable trip was going to Utah and visiting where Janet went to school at BYU. We also went to a theme park and toured Salt Lake City.

87. Q: What were some of the circumstances surrounding your birth?

A: I was really too young to remember and no one has ever told me anything about my birth other than I was born at St. Michaels Hospital in Lethbridge, AB.

88. Q: What is the most wonderful thing that ever happened to you?

A: Being sealed for time and all eternity to my loving wife Janet.

89. Q: How did your mother spend her time?

A: All I remember of my mother doing is being a home maker and baking and selling bread to earn extra money for the home.

90. Q: What "gladdens" your heart? List a few of your simple pleasures.

A. Attending the temple and serving others. Taking walks on a summer evening with Janet. Having my children and grandchildren visit. Taking a hike in the mountains. Walking on a warm beach with family.

91. Q: List each of your aunts and uncles and tell one thing about each of them.

A: On my mother's side:

Uncle Constance Sivyer, - did not get to know

Uncle Herbert Sivyer, - did not get to know

Aunt Catherine Wright, was always welcoming she worked at the Vancouver General Hospital.

Uncle Tomas Sivyer – passed away as an infant.

On my father's side:

Uncle Leland – served in the U.S. air force and lived mostly in the U.S.

Uncle Ned – Took over the homestead in Shaughnessy then retired in Cardston and Lethbridge.

Uncle Morris – Very kind and encouraging, not judgmental.

Uncle Eldon – Served in the U. S. military and also was a family doctor in Los Angeles.

Aunt Barbra – Very hard working and much like grandma Lulu shields.

Uncle Grant – was often the brunt of his older brother's torment.

Uncle Wallace – was an entrepreneur owning a few different businesses living in the U.S.

Uncle Russell – Lived in Los Angeles and was a family doctor. He suffered with Rheumatism and loved to dance.

Aunt Daisy – passed away as an infant.

92. Q: Did you have a close relationship with any of your grandparents? Tell about it.

A: The only grandparent I really got to know was my grandmother Lulu Brown Shields who lived with us after my mother passed. She was a great help to the family during the few years after my mother passing when my dad was farming at Richmond B.C. The other grandparents we visited but I was too young to really get to know them.

93. Q: Describe any family pet you had and was one your favorite? Why?

A. The only pet I can recall was a cat called Frenchie which was black and white. Having a white face with a black patch under its chin is how it got the name Frenchie as it looked like it had a goatee. The cat was at the house in Ocean Park and was there to be a mouser. If I recall it spent one too many nights on the road in front of the house.

94. Q: How did you spend your free time when you were younger and what do you do now?

A. The term free time is not really true as once time is gone no price can bring it back. I hope that this being the last question I have pulled out of the jar has help the reader to understand that what we do with our time was spent. Time not given freely but given to us as a blessing while upon this earth. How we spent the time is our free choice and I hope other are wiser than I on how they spend it.

Two questions which are not answered can be found by going to Family Search.
<https://www.familysearch.org/photos/people>

1.) How Many brothers and sisters do you have? Describe them? Tell a story about you and each of them?

Ethel Sarah – May 14, 1939 passed May 10, 2012

Edward Wilfred - March 19, 1940 passed September 17, 2001

Sylvia Patrica - March 18, 1940

Robert Clyde - April 2, 1942 passed January 2, 2017

Louis Dean - November 26, 1950

2.) Tell about each of your children... names, birth dates, where,

Wendy Elizabeth - January 31, 1973 – Calgary, Alberta

Brian Neil - November 15, 1974 – Calgary, Alberta

Becky Ann - March 22, 1980 – Medicine Hat, Alberta

Amber Rae - July 6, 1981 – Medicine Hat, Alberta

Michael James - November 3, 1985 – Medicine Hat, Alberta

Mark Alan - April 22, 1989 – Lethbridge, Alberta

when, doctor, characteristic and differences, raising them in your home, problems, joys and sorrows, accomplishments, etc. (see Janet's photo albums and journals. No need for me to repeat.)

Having now completed what has been a 6-month long task and not being a writer of any kind, I will return the jar to Wendy with a thank you as to have encouraging me to accomplish this task while I was still sound of mind in my own opinion. If I have offended any one my apologies and please forgive me.

The Jar has been in my possession for many years waiting for me to dust off and open with the intent to complete with my sincere thoughts and love to all my children and grandchildren.

Love,
Shirden Tim Shields.

Ps. Printed copy is with my photo Journal assembled by my loving wife Janet Shields