

Lowell Budd Duncombe

A MODERN STRIPLING WARRIOR



Family History StoryBooks



Long ago, in a big family, lived a boy named Lowell. He was the oldest of eleven children! Lowell's family was really big, with lots of aunts, uncles, and cousins. They all shared a special bond and had fun together.



One of Lowell's first memories was a sunny day, when he and his Uncle Gerald, who was just a bit older, bought a huge watermelon for ten cents. They struggled to take it home in a little wagon, laughing all the way.



When Lowell was seven, his family moved from Salt Lake City to Canada. They packed their things (even a cow!) onto a train. Their new home was a cozy log house built by their Uncle George.



Young Lowell learned the value of hard work early on. He helped his father on the homestead, planting gardens and caring for animals. Every task, big or small, was a chance for Lowell to show his determination and strength.



Lowell went to school in an old church building. One time he and his friend, Hershel got into a bit of trouble for playing a game of baseball using a ruler and a nut!



Lowell loved Halloween! One night, he and his friends moved someone's outhouse across town as a prank. But they had to move it back when the town policeman found out.



Lowell was baptized in a river when he was nine years old. It was a peaceful and happy day. They didn't have a church building, so they met in a big tent instead. He helped out at church, sweeping out the tent between meetings and hauling water to do dishes. He felt proud to be part of his community.



As a teenager, Lowell took various jobs to help his family. He worked in fields, tended to animals, and did whatever was needed. His commitment to his family showed in every job he did, no matter how tough.



Lowell had a horse that loved to buck! It was a wild ride every time he got on, but it was always an exciting adventure for him.



When he was 16 years old, Lowell went to a rodeo and rode a big, mean horse. He won \$25 for his bravery, and was very proud of his achievement.



As Lowell grew older, World War One began. Wanting to help, Lowell and eight of his friends bravely joined the army. A Church leader met with them before they shipped out and was inspired to promise them that if they didn't do anything that would make their mothers ashamed, they would all come home.



Lowell was assigned to work with the cavalry after basic training. He loved working with the horses and became the best in the camp at putting shoes on them. He spent several months in Canada training before being shipped over to England to wait to go to the war in France.



While on leave in London, Lowell attended the local branch of the Church. He met a girl named Nellie, and they quickly fell in love. They spent precious moments together, knowing that each minute was a treasure. Lowell was shipped over to France to fight in the war just three weeks after their wedding. They were both terrified of what awaited Lowell in the war.



In England, Apostle David O. McKay heard of the promise made to the nine Canadian boys. He felt inspired to repeat the promise and add, "I promise you boys, in the name of the Lord, that if you will continue faithful to the commandments of the Lord, avoid the vices and sins of the world, and keep the Word of Wisdom, you will all come back and be preserved to fulfill a life's work."



In the war, Lowell did many brave things. His responsibility with the cavalry was to charge across the battlefield and storm enemy positions. This was extremely dangerous. Many soldiers died. He had several horses shot out from under him, and his favorite horse was killed.



One time, Lowell was commanded to storm a machine gun nest and his horse got shot. He lay behind the horse while snipers fired at him all day, only escaping after the sun went down. Despite the dangers, he remembered the Lord's promise that he and his friends would return safely, keeping his hope alive.



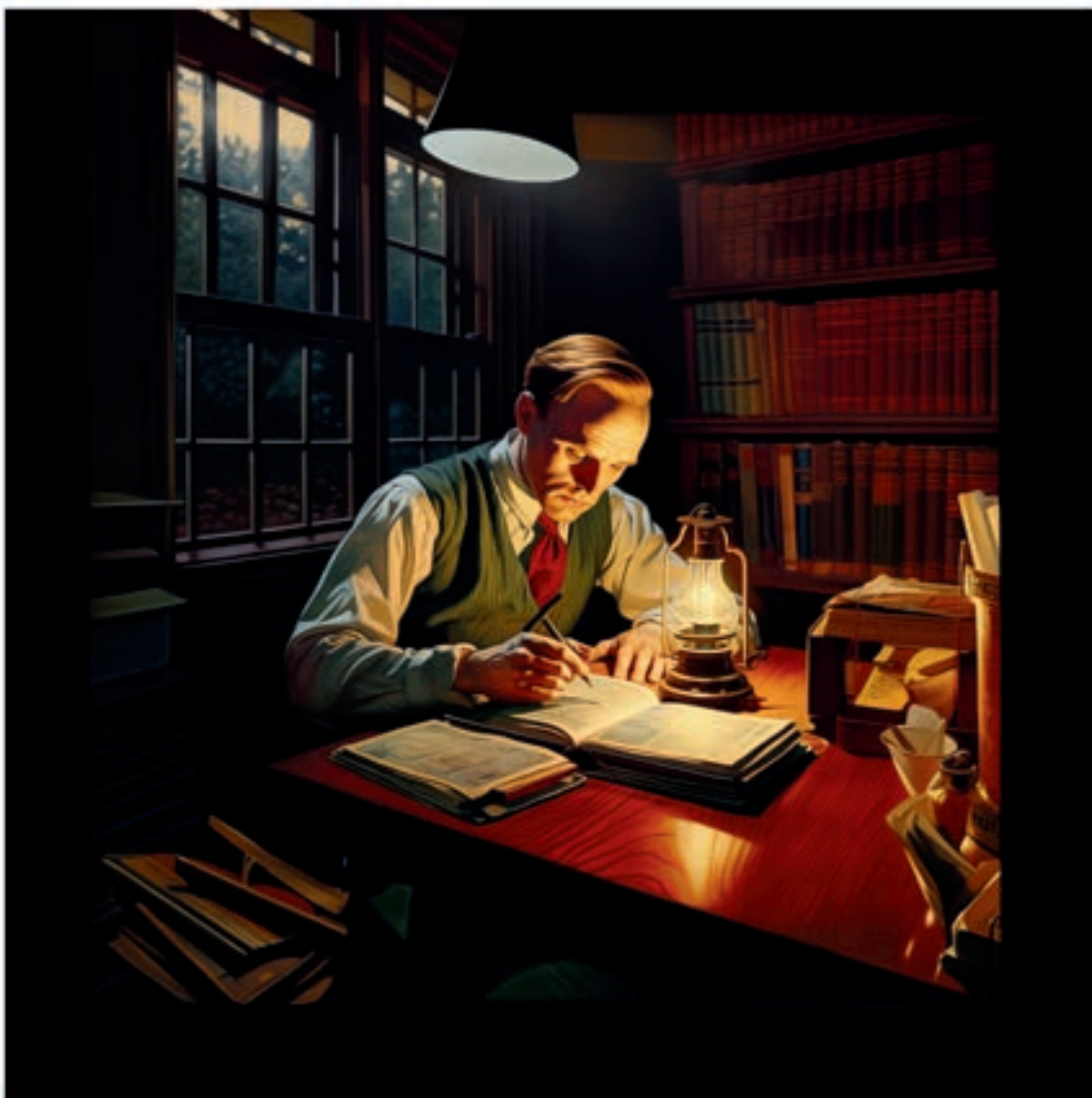
The Great War finally ended. Lowell and his friends had to face all kinds of challenges, sadness, temptations, and danger, but they stayed true to their beliefs. Lowell and all eight of his friends made it home. They were just like Helaman's Stripling Warriors in the Book of Mormon.



Lowell returned to Nellie in London, and the pair sailed home to Canada. The journey across the ocean was long, but they were filled with excitement for their new life together, trusting in their faith and love. Nellie never returned to England again.



Lowell settled down and tried starting his own farm raising cattle and turkeys. He worked hard, but was hardly making enough money to support his wife and three little children. They eventually sold the farm and he started work at a factory.



Lowell had a dream of becoming an engineer. He studied hard, often late into the night by the light of a small oil lamp. His dedication paid off, and he eventually received the title of Master Mechanic, an achievement that filled him with pride and joy.



Lowell helped design and build a sugar factory, a hospital, and even the community swimming pool. He became a well-respected engineer. His knowledge and hard work blessed not just his family, but the whole town.



Later in life, Lowell had a love for the delicate songs of canaries and the quiet beauty of tropical fish. He spent hours caring for his feathered-friends and fish, creating a peaceful harmony in their home and delighting his grandchildren and neighbors.



There was a time when Nellie was very ill and asked Lowell to take her to visit the Temple in Cardston (the first Temple built outside of the United States). After a special blessing, she walked down the stairs with newfound health. It was a miraculous moment of mercy for the family and a forever reminder of answered prayers.



Lowell and Nellie cherished adventures with their six children and their many grandchildren. Whether it was picking berries, chasing turkeys, or just exploring the great outdoors, each day was a new adventure filled with laughter and love.

As he grew older, Lowell's love for his family and faith only grew stronger. He taught his children and grandchildren the value of hard work, kindness, and belief. His life was a beautiful story of devotion and care. Today his great-great-great grandchildren remember his faith and sacrifice.

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The Stripling Warrior Boys



Lowell and Nellie on their Wedding Day



Lowell and Nellie with Nellie's Family in London



Lowell and Nellie in front of their old farmhouse



Lowell and Nellie with their children



Lowell and Nellie with some of their children at their 50th Wedding Anniversary

