

LAW OFFICERS SEARCH FOR POLYGAMIST CHARLES HENRY HADERLIE

Prior to 1890 some of the Latter-day Saint men married more than one wife. One of these was Charles Henry Haderlie who had a wife and family in Thayne, Wyoming and another wife and family across the state line in Freedom, Idaho. Nearby, in the town of Bedford, Wyoming, lived Rudolf Wolfley. His son, Ernest Wolfley, told a story that is remembered by Roscoe Titensor who wrote the following account during April of 1979:

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As the U.S. Government were after polygamists, often putting them in jail, Mr. Haderlie heard of officers coming to Freedom; so he rode horseback to Mr. Wolfley's farm. He excitedly told Mr. Wolfley what was up. Mr. Wolfley told him to dig into the side of the recently threshed straw stack to hide. The officer rode into Mr. Wolfley's and asked if he knew of any polygamists being in this area. Mr. Wolfley said, "Yes, I know of one." So he took the officer out through the yard. Mr. Haderlie could hear their conversation from his hiding place in the straw. Mr. Wolfley said, "This one had hustled out through the yard and was hiding behind a high slab fence." As they went around the corner of the fence, there was a rooster with twenty-five hens and Mr. Wolfley said, "You caught him right here in my yard."

Roscoe Titensor