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On two or more occasions when mother was riding with me leaving Brigham City through the canyon to the East, she would point to her left and say: "There is where father had his woolen mill." However, because I have found no other reference to his having owned or constructed a mill at Brigham City, I feel quite sure she had this canyon confused with Ogden Canyon.

Alfred Randall had acquired several blocks of property in Salt Lake City, on West Temple street and on Main street and this property he sold to invest in the Ogden mill. It was located on land belonging to him. There is reference to his having a sizable tract of land deeded to him with a grant deed signed by the President of the United States, Ulysses S. Grant. The mill was constructed and equipped at a cost of $60,000.00 and it went into successful operation August 19, 1868.

This mill seemed to have been a sound venture and it operated successfully for several years. However grandfather seemed to have been a better miller than biller; a better mill man than business man because one day he realized he no longer owned the mill. He had lost his equity in the mill, his land and his savings. In a word, he had lost his woolen shirt. While he had worn it, it had been a clean shirt, but on the new owner it seems to have been a dirty shirt. I prefer not to go into the details, but so much was said about this that I deduced that it was a sad and trying experience and a difficult one to accept gracefully, as Alfred and his family seemed to have done, although grandfather went to his death hoping that the wrong would be righted.

After this disappointment he did considerable building, including a large home for himself in North Ogden and the establishment of an orchard and farm. There was orchard and farm ground in Centerville where my grandmother lived. One of his older boys was called by Brigham Young to move into northern Arizona near the Mormon Lake area and he and his sons established an impressive cattle domain in what was, and still is, known as Bloody Basin. These Randalls trickled into other Arizona areas including Phoenix where they went into business including particularly the automobile business. Other Randalls went into Idaho around Idaho Falls and Burley, and some stayed in the Ogden area to become influential in church and business including the banking business. The Orrin and Melvin Randalls increased in the Centerville area. Aunt Ellen Baird raised her family in north Davis county but later moved them to Provo. Aunt Emily's family grew up in Georgetown, Idaho, and then Paris, Idaho, and later in Logan. Alice raised her family in Georgetown and vicinity. By this writing there must be more than five thousand descendants scattered about the church.