

LAST TESTAMENT OF T.R. GLEDHILL

From a letter to Preston written Feb 13, 1947

"...I will give you my last will and testimony, and you may keep it for future reference. I have always said I wanted to live until I was 72 -- 8 years yet -- I should do twice that. I believe considerable will happen the next 8 years..."

TESTIMONY, MY FINAL WORDS AS A GUIDE TO YOU

My family can please me best, by serving their God. Nothing else matters much if you are loyal and true to God and to the teachings of your home. My wishes are fully satisfied. Stay together, be loyal to each other.

I want to say that I have lived a very, very happy life. I married the girl I loved, the Lord sent me His spirit children I wanted, I lived in this town, made the friends and had the neighbors I loved most, followed the profession I wanted in the way I wanted. Almost every real righteous desire of my heart has been given me. Every position and opportunity in the Church I have filled, have added to my joy. My married children have chosen the companions I wanted. They all four have given me happiness. I admire them for their intelligence, and most of all, that they all are clean and honorable. It is a source of joy to me, too, that they all have been married in the temple and I like them all personally and individually. What more could I ask. There is no place in my heart for hate or complaint for any living soul.

Finally, the Gospel means more to me, has influenced my life more than anything else. I know that God lives and hears the prayers of common sinful mortals like myself. What little I have accomplished I attribute to His loving care and guidance. I have not words to adequately express my gratitude for this knowledge, support, and comfort. My humble service for the living and the dead has largely been prompted by my love and loyalty to my God. This vicarious work has greatly contributed to my joy.

Dear ones, cherish the scriptures. Feed your spirits the devine part of you. Live your religion, be true to your covenants. The Lord bless you always.

Dad