

## Laurene & Laretta Thomas

Laurene and Laretta Thomas came to me the 12<sup>th</sup> of November, 1932, they were 3 ½ years old. A cold and rainy day deserted by their father and mother. Their great grandmother, Mrs. Mary Brown brought them and asked me to get them in a home as she was too old to care for them. I took them to place them in a place of safety. They had been cruelly treated and I told Judge Linch of Winchester I would keep them until I got them in a better condition before placing them in an institution. John and I thought of sending them to an institution for a home. I would on Christmas Day. The Christmas service of Dr. Cadman help me to decide to keep them. I was not able, I thought to care for them both physically and financially , but I determined with the help of my Heavenly Father. If it was the thing for me to do, He would provide. They were precious children and they crept into our hearts. Many have shared every privation and has helped care for and train them the best we know how. Our greatest desire (was) of Christian training and environment to fit them for useful lives.

When my work on earth is done I pray Lord's greatest blessing on them for a great service to humanity for what the Father has done for them for I feel sure they are His children and were spared for a purpose and I deem it a privilege to be chosen as one of God's servants to help lay the foundation with the help of my dear sister to fit our little girls for they are ours only for the keeping for they as I believe were providentially sent to us. Therefore, we are just taking care of God's children and I ask daily for a guidance to do it well. Not that (I) haven't made mistakes, though I have always had His support in correcting the best I could, what I failed to do.

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