CLAUDE LEROY BROWN
1882-1948

Claude LeRoy Brown was born 8 Nov. 1882, at Taylorsville, Salt Lake County, Utah. He was the 14 child of Hannah Eliza Woolf and Homer Brown. He had 5 brothers and 3 sisters living at the time of his birth. Claude attended school in a little one-room brick schoolhouse where church meetings were also held.

When Claude was about 8 years old, there was a diphtheria epidemic, and several of the Brown children, including Claude, caught it. Claude never fully recovered. His larynx was partially paralyzed, and he spoke in a rather high-pitched voice for the rest of his life. His feet and legs were also partly paralyzed, making it difficult for him to participate in childhood games and other activities.

Claude’s father, Homer, died in 1905 and his brother, Will, ran the farm. Will married in 1910, but continued to run the farm. Claude and his mother sold the farm and moved to Thomas, Idaho, in 1914. Lydia (Claude’s sister) and her husband, John “Jack” Evans had a farm there, and they built a cement-block home for Claude and his mother near their home. Claude cared for his mother until Dec. 1927, when she died at the age of 89.

Claude then moved back to Taylorsville and lived with a nephew, Ben Brown, who was near his age. Ben was the son of Orson, Claude’s oldest brother. They lived together in Orson’s old home for several years. Claude died 15 May 1948, in Salt Lake City at the age of 65.

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from Josie B. Quist, her mother, and Church and family records.

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