WILLIAM EDWARD BROWN

William Edward Brown was the 10 child of a family of 14 born to Homer and Eliza Woolf Brown. He was born 29 March 1873, in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, Utah.

He ran sheep in Wyoming in his early life and later moved to Taylorsville, Utah. It was there he met and courted Mary Alice Newbold, to whom he was married 22 June 1910, in the Salt Lake Temple. 2 sons, William Albert and Reed Jenkins, were born to them while they lived on a farm at Taylorsville.

Grandmother Brown had moved to Thomas, Idaho, along with other relatives. So it is that William Edward and Mary Alice lived on the home place in Taylorsville until the spring of 1914, when through land promoters, they saw great possibilities in moving to Idaho.

In the spring of 1914, all of their possessions including horses, livestock, machinery, and furniture were loaded on boxcars at the Oregon Short Line Railroad in Murray, Utah, and shipped to Idaho. There they bought 80 acres of hard work. The water rights were very difficult to obtain and lots of hours were spent trying to make a profitable operation out of the farm.

Their 3rd child and first daughter, Mary, was born in 1919 in Thomas, Idaho.

William Edward Brown passed away 23 March 1927, leaving Mary Alice and 3 children to carry on. The boys were very young, but with the help of their hard-working mother, they managed to keep the farm and eventually got it paid for, that was a happy day.

Mary has very little remembrance of her father, but people who knew him have said that he was a great lover of horses. He had one team that he was particularly fond of that could pull loads that others were unable to budge.

He also loved to entertain people and was known to be in many skits and plays that the Church and community held for entertainment. A woman recently told Mary that she still remembers some of the jokes he told at the 4th of July celebration in the neighborhood at a "stump speech."

His children remember the first riding pony that he bought for them. They were very proud of her. This about the time he purchased a white-top buggy. Up until then, their only transportation had been a lumber wagon. A few years later, they acquired their first car—a "Model T" Ford touring car. They were very happy with it, even though in cold weather the radiator had to be drained and refilled before using again. To start it, the back wheel had to be jacked up and much cranking was required.

William Edward Brown was a hard-working, honest, even-tempered man. He passed away in 1927 at the early age of 54 and is buried in the Riverside-Thomas Cemetery, Bingham County, Idaho

Mary Brown Bair, Daughter with recollections of William Albert and Reed J. Brown, Sons.

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