

## BRIEF HISTORY OF PAUL HARDISON REDD

Paul Hardison Redd was born 10 August 1897, in New Harmony, Utah. He was the son of William Alexander Redd and Mary Verena Bryner Redd. In 1905 the family moved to Raymond, Alberta, Canada. They arrived in Stirling, Alberta, Canada 1 July 1905. It was cold and windy and they wore fur coats to keep warm as they travelled to Raymond in a horse drawn buggy. Paul liked the buttons on his coat, they looked like small doubletrees and he wanted them, so he cut them off. His mother was quite upset as she had to sew them all back on. There were nine children, Will, Lura, Fern, Jessie, Paul, Lyman, Vilo, Pauline and Mary, Kay was born after they arrived in Canada.

William A. Redd built a large cement home, east of the Raymond Stake Center, it still stands. Some of the foundation cement blocks were from the foundation of a home started by John Taylor. This home was where Verena Redd and her family continued to live after the death of William A. Redd in 1911. He had bought land and mother and boys farmed this land. Part of this land is held by the family today. Paul went to school in the building that is now the Japanese Church. A new Public School was built, then torn down and a new one built. The church built a school called the Knight Academy, for High School. This building has also been torn down and a new one built. Paul was always proud that he was the first student registered in the Academy. He arose at four thirty A.M. and waited at the school door until it opened, to gain this honor.

Paul was a good student but often missed school in spring and fall to help with the farming. He took ribbons in pole vault events and later played in the school and town bands. Playing the cornet very well, he played for fifty one years on the 11 of November for the Cenotaph programs honoring the soldiers of two World Wars, only missing one year.

Paul went to Normal School in Calgary Alberta, for one year, to receive his teaching certificate. That was all that was required in those days. He obtained a few semesters of school in Utah, years later. He taught school in Stirling, Alberta, for three years and while there he met and married Grace Brandley, in the Salt Lake Temple, December 19, 1917. They had six children. Maurine, Theodora, Hazel, Alma Grace, Norma and John Paul. They moved to Raymond where Paul taught school for one year.

Next Paul joined the Canadian Air Force of World War One. He trained in eastern Canada with his brother Lyman. The war ended before he was required to go overseas. Upon his return home he taught in the Knight Academy except for the year he taught in Magrath where Hazel was born. He taught in the Academy until it closed. He continued to farm and teach until his death.

After he retired from teaching in Raymond, he taught in Warner, Alberta and Milk River, Alberta. He felt he was too young to be retired. During these years he built many homes in Raymond, taught many classes in church in Raymond, and served as a counsellor in the bishopric of the Raymond First Ward. He held many other positions in the church. He also performed many services for widows and people who were in need of a general handyman. He had a major heart attack but recovered and was active again for many years.

On 14 January 1936 his wife Grace died, in Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada. This was a very sad time for Paul and his family.

On 12 November 1938 he married Emma Brandley Peterson, Grace's sister who had nine children, Garth, Jean, Mary, Virginia, Harold (Jim), Lavon, Barbara, Helen and Grace. Grace passed away at the age of 16, of a brain tumor. Emma and her children came and together we made one large happy family, not without problems, however.

Paul was a Wheat Pool delegate for many years and served his community well. He gave numerous funeral talks and prayers. Teaching was a very rewarding experience for Paul and many of his students will attest to the fact that he was an excellent teacher, both in school and church. He built his last home at age 75. On 21 March 1978, Paul had a heart attack and died suddenly, after completing a day's activities, in Raymond, Alberta, Canada. Paul was a good man and gave his large family a heritage that they can be proud of and very grateful for.