

Andrew Tracy - April 1890

Andrew was born 18th of April 1890 at Yost, Box Elder County, Utah, the 4th child and 2nd son of David Samuel Tracy and Rebecca Harriet Taylor.

Yost, an early pioneer settlement is located in the northwest corner of Utah, surrounded on three sides by mountains with clear streams of water flowing to the north.

Andrew led a normal life, going to school in a two-room schoolhouse and attending church in a one-room rock building. He liked to act in plays and was a great imitator, often called upon to do readings and entertain at church functions.

He worked on the farm and enjoyed riding horses, hiking in the hills and hunting wild game and jack rabbits.

As Andrew grew to manhood, his father made him a partner with his older brother, David, in the D. S. Tracy & Sons General Store at Yost. Supplies for the store were ordered by mail and shipped by rail to Kelton, Utah. Andrew's job was to drive a team and wagon the nearly 50 miles to Kelton and pick up these supplies. Often he had the company of people who needed to catch the train on business with the outside world. The trip took a day each way.

The young people in those days would travel to neighboring towns for dances and other entertainment. While at a dance in Almo, Idaho, about 12 miles north of Yost, he met the young lady of his life, Ida Rice. About a year later, they traveled to Salt Lake City and were married in the Salt Lake Temple. The date was Nov. 6, 1913.

Andrew and his bride set up housekeeping in Yost in a one-room log cabin he had built on a 30 acre tract of land his father had given him. Their first son, Nathaniel Oswald, died age three months of pneumonia, but as time went on three more children were born to them Oriel Andrew, Richard Woodrew, and Alice Rebecca.

They dreamed of a larger home and arranged with a local sawmill operator to work for him when possible and take lumber as payment instead of wages. Then on August 20, 1920 tragedy struck. While guiding a log through the mill, Andrew slipped and fell into the saw. He suffered a deep gash in his leg and another very deep cut in his body just below the rib cage. There was a long, tortuous ride down the winding canyon road on a makeshift stretcher in a

Model T Ford touring car to Yost and then the 80 odd miles to a hospital in Burley, Idaho. Hours were spent in the operating room. The doctors shook their heads and gave him little hope for recovery.

Four days later Aug. 24th, Andrew passed away. He left a young wife and three children under five. Their new baby, Seth Elwood was yet to be born seven months later. Funeral services and burial were at Yost, Utah.