

Oscar Taft was born 4 Mar 1909 at Yost, Utah the 13th and last child. His middle name is after President Taft who took office the day Oscar was born. Oscar was reared and educated in Yost.

He had a pretty normal childhood, which included stealing wood from the Bishop to give to a widow (Ida Rice) who later became his Brother Andrew's wife. He also caused his brother William to come up with 25.00 to pay for a dentist bill. "I didn't want fillings, but I told the dentist to put two gold teeth in the front."

In 1930, at the age of 21, he married May Martha Smith in the Salt Lake Temple and they became the parents of four children, three daughters and one son.

At 18 years of age, Oscar had received a patriarchal blessing which stated he would go on a mission. He kept waiting to be asked and at the age of 24 after the birth of three girls, he left his wife and children and fulfilled a two year mission to South Texas.

Oscar spent the early years doing farming, but later obtained an education and worked for Hill Air Force Base as an Electrical Engineer.

In 1954 he was set apart as a counselor in the bishopric by President Joseph Fielding Smith. Oscar a very active member of the church. In 1983, he was declared legally blind but this did not stop him from serving daily in the Ogden Temple. Blindness did not stop him from crocheting around clothes hangers to given away as gifts.

Oscar and May did lots of traveling in their retirement years and enjoyed a vacation to Hawaii where they attended the Hawaii Temple for one session.

May 5, 1993, Oscar lost his wife of 63 years and 6 years later, Oscar passed away in 1999 at the age of 89 at the home of his daughter, Lucille of cause's incident to age.

- (1) Their first daughter, Lucille married Earl King and they are the parents of 5 children. They currently reside in Ogden, Utah and are enjoying retirement.
- (2) The second daughter, Maxine married Rulon Jones and is the parents of 3 children. They too are retired and live in Roosevelt Utah.
- (3) The third daughter, Betty may married Darcey David Nye and they are the parents of 3 children, also retired and live in Layton, Utah.
- (4) The only son Danny Oscar married Donnalee and lives in Reno Nevada where he works for the U.S. Government. Danny was a blessing to the family as he arrived 3 months early weighing only 1 lb. 11 oz.