

IRVING RAY STRINGHAM

I was born October 26, 1895, in Vernal, Utah, on the old Stringham farm in Maeser Ward, No hospitals in those days. I attended school, including the 7th grade, at the Maeser Ward School, 8th Grade at the Vernal Central School, 1st year high at the Vernal Uintah Academy, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 1st year College at the Brigham Young University at Provo, Utah. Was President of my class in 1915. I played drums in the Band and Orchestra to help finance my schooling.

In 1916 Brother Bry and myself leased Father's and Brother Phil's sheep and the old Stringham ranch. One year, we received 60¢ a lb. for our wool, the next year we received 16¢ per lb.

I married Vera Edelia Jacobson, from Provo, October 4, 1916. We lived in the North half of the old Stringham house. Bry and wife in the south half. Bry took care of the sheep and I took care of the farm.

My wife gave birth to twins the 19th of March, 1918 at Provo, Utah at the old Jacobson farm house. I think this was the most happy and proud day of my life, a girl and a boy. The girl we named Helen Caroline. The boy was injured in birth and died March 21, 1918. We named him Elden J.

We sold our interest in the sheep to Bry in 1919 and left for California Mission. Spent 2 months in Los Angeles, and was sent to San Diego, California, where I was made President of the Mission there. While in San Diego we were blessed with a baby boy June 30, 1920. Named the boy Irving Ray Jr. We spent 18 months at San Diego, then we were sent to San Francisco. We spent 2 months there, and were released. We came back to Vernal in June. The depression from the effects of World War One was on, in full swing. Very hard times. I got a job building roads out on Hill Creek with my brother-in-law Sylvanus Collett. Worked two months and then was hired to teach school at Maeser School. Taught two years, 1922-23. In 1924 got a job at the old Ashley Co-op in Vernal. Sold men's wear. Worked at Co-op one year, then went back in the sheep business.

Was Superintendent of Sunday School two years in Maeser Ward, one year Superintendent of Vernal 1st Ward.

I played drums and zelaphone for dances for many years. At one time I had a novelty band of twenty members, that became well known through the State. The main two members were a Mountain Lion and a Young Donkey.

We stayed in the sheep business with its ups and downs, mostly downs, until May 1945, when we sold out. I learned to play the old button type accordin while herding sheep. Left Vernal May 15, 1945.

We made a trip to Jacksonville, Florida to see our son Thorai. He was stationed there in the Navy. We had a very lovely trip for two months and visited many cities of the United States.

We bought the Colonial Village Motel in Salt Lake City, May 1, 1946. Stayed in this business six years. Sold motel to our son Thorai and wife.

Was President of Utah Motel Association for one year.

From 1953 to June 14, 1956 I worked for the Wasatch National Forest, building roads, bridges, etc. Worked two summers in Provo Canyon with a crew of Ogden, Utah Reform school boys, which I enjoyed very much. I was injured on the job June 14, 1956. Since then have had two operations on my back, which has left me in such a condition that I am not able to do any hard work.

We are living at our home at 3014 S. 20th Ea. Salt Lake City, 9, Utah.

CHILDREN OF IRVING RAY STRINGHAM AND VERA JACOBSON
STRINGHAM

1. Helen Caroline Stringham, born March 19, 1918, Provo, Utah. Married Frank Robert Noel Jan 2, 1938. She has three children:

1. Elden Frank Noel born
2. Duane Ray Noel born
3. Carl Robert Noel born

Elden is in the U.S. Navy living in Norfolk, Virginia. He married Joan Gregory. They have a son Michael Jaye born . He will have spent four years in the Navy in October 1960 and will be released. He is studying Electronics and Radar. Duane and Carl are going to school here in Salt Lake City.

Helen remarried July 4, 1959 to John Fredrick McCollough. They live at 2126 Garfield Ave. Salt Lake City, Utah. Helen has been teacher in Sunday School, Primary, Boys Club, and Relief Society. Is Relief Society teacher at present.

2. Elden J. Stringham born March 19, 1918. Died March 21, 1918. A twin to Helen.

3. Irving Ray Jr. born June 30, 1920 San Diego, California. Died Nov. 16, 1944. Captain and Pilot of B-24 in World War 2. Married Eugenie Hearn, May 30, 1944, Riverside, California. His ship was shot down over Munich, Germany, November 16, 1944. He and seven of his crew were killed.

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"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills; from whence cometh my strength."

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4. J. Thoral Stringham born July 11, 1922. He married Viola Coles, a fine girl from Aims, Iowa, July 11, 1946. He and family live at 2762 Yuma Circle, Salt Lake City, Utah. He served in the U. S. Navy during World War 2. They have three children.
1. Darlene NeRce born . Student, studying piano & dancing.
 2. Allen Jaye born . Student and scout.
 3. William Ray born . Student and scout.
- They own and operate the Colonial Village Motel in Salt Lake City. J. Thoral is in the bishopric of the Garden Heights Ward. He and wife are so busy in Church work, I can't name half of the things they do.

5. NeRce Stringham, born November 19, 1926. Died of Pneumonia Mar. 11, 1928.

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