

LIFE HISTORY OF

JESSE EDWARD VANDERHOOF

Born in North Ogden, Utah, on March 12, 1878. I was baptized in February at North Ogden, Utah. Records being burned could get none; so was baptized at Ogden, Utah March 7, 1921 by Amasa S. Holmes, Elder. Confirmed March 7, 1921, Charles R. Dana, High Priest. Confirmed a priest March 7, 1925 by Edward L. Howard, Seventy, at Carlin, Nevada. There I was teaching class in Mutual and President of Building Committee and Finance Committee. This was a lot of hard work after working for the Southern Pacific Company, but I don't believe I ever enjoyed two years any better; Carlin being one of the toughest towns in Nevada they said we could not build a church there, but we did. I ordered twelve hundred dollars worth of material from Ogden. We did not have a dime. I started two brothers and myself out—one got \$85.00, one got \$65.00, I got \$585.00. When our material landed we had the money to pay for it. We gave a dance that cleared \$195.00. I had helped build two other churches--one in Idaho and one in Brigham City. Then in September 19<sup>1927</sup> I was transferred to Roseville. The second Sunday I was here I was put in as a Book of Mormon teacher in Sunday School. That office I held until September 13, 1942 when I was called on a home mission. In September 26, 1928 I was ordained an Elder by Jesse L. Thompson holding office of an Elder. At Roseville I was President of the Elders Stake 1940-41. In 1929 we had no Mutual. Sister Roskelley, Sister Taylor and myself were appointed as Amusement Committee. I remember we held one dance, sold 325 tickets and our Queen won over three wards. Miss Verna Bowman was elected Queen. Then in 1930 we started our Mutual. I was Counselor for one year then was put in the Sunday School as First Counselor to Walter Kingler one year; then was put in as President of

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Mutual for five years; from 1929 to 1943 I was Presiding Ward Teacher. From 1939 to 1941 I helped can plums and pears and picked prunes and took them to drier.

On the 21st day of August, 1938, I was ordained a Seventy by Rulon S. Wells, First President of the Seventies. I helped pick out the lots which our Church is built on. That was in 1930. Then came the work of building our Chapel for which I helped dig the basement. Then I was on the roof, shingling.