

Bibliography

of

James Mark Ringdahl

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My father James Mark Ringdahl was born January 4th, 1931 in Ogden Utah, the only one out of his family to be born in a hospital, where the rest of his family was born at home in Wyoming.

His mother Mary Lucile Field was born in Nephi Utah on September 6th, 1891. And his father John Godfried Pettrtsson was born December 31st, 1881 in Norrkoping Sweden. His father came to america in 1884 where he was three years old at the time, and as his father died, and his mother could not raise his brother, and or him, so she put him on a ship with a young girl to take care of him. When the ship arrived at New York, then the girl put him on a train for Ogden Utah., The conductors then took care of him until he got to Ogden., and then his cousin Hilda Ringdahl pick him up and began to raise him. So he ended up just taking the name of Ringdahl and he was never adopted.

My father James has 3 brothers and 2 sisters, who are John A Ringdahl 79 still living in Green River. Florence Ringdahl deceased. Thelma H Webb 73 still living in Green River. Darold Ringdahl deceased and Calvin Ringdahl who is also deceased.

James Ringdahl my father has been a resident of Wyoming for 61 years, and likes it here just fine. When he came to Green River the population was two to three thousand people, and all were Railroad workers at that time, and now there are over 12,000 people living in Green river.

James Grandparents and Greatparents were from on his

mother's side, her parents were from Beaver Utah. Her father grew up with Butch Cassidy (George Leroy Parker), who lived next door to him. His father came with a handcart company in 1856 to Salt Lake City, Utah. My dad's mother's Grandfather was from PENN., and then joined the Mormon church. His first wife would not join the Mormon church as she was already Catholic. He had also had seven children by her, and he then left her and went to Winter Quarters at Omaha Nebr., and was with Brigham Young when the first Mormons arrived at Salt Lake City, Utah. He then married my mother's Grandmother who came to Salt Lake with the main bunch. Also her mother's parents moved from Nephi Utah to Urie Wyoming just above Fort Bridger, and had a Ranch there. And later they moved to Lyman, Wyoming.

My father James went to school in Lyman WY. 1st thru 5th grade, and then he went to Washington school in Green River, WY. up thru the 6th grade, and then went to Lincoln High School 7th grade thru the 12th grade and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1949. He likes to study World and American History, and also likes to play Basketball and Football while in High School and was a member of the Green River Letterman's Club. James had two close friends while in school by the names of Darold Cornners who now lives in Fort Collins, COLO. and Ernest Lowesth who lives in Rock Springs WY. We played Football and Basketball together until we graduated from High School in 1949.

My father was raised in his childhood years when he first came to Green River in 1935 with his parents and his parents had

Ranches 35 miles south of Green River and he was Four at that time. My father remembers one brother who is now deceased and his other brother, and his sister who is 12 years older, and recalling working for a Company on the Ranch and my father was by him self, and had no company due to work taking place. My father James had a favorite horse by the name of Little Dry Clipper which was caught up at mountain Gotta. His brothers then broke his horse in for him and he renamed him Chesty. My father also had a dog by the name of smokey and so his horse, dog, and him self did most everything together. My father also remembers dressing up like an Indian and getting on his horse and taking off to the ranch and being gone all day and then his mother would wander where he was, but evebtually his mother would say to her self that he'll find his way back home sooner or later, and everything would be alright. And as the years went on my father went with his mother so she could grow the supply truck for the different sheep camps and he was also with her all this time and then my father's dad was out with the sheep at that time due to that he did not drive at that time. My father at 13 or 14 years old had gone out with the sheep to pull camp which is called a Camp Tender which takes care of the camp and my father did the cooking, water'ed the sheep, and etc... Then in the summer my father James took took the sheep up to the untia mountains south of Green River in to Utah and my father also ran two herds of sheep to Spirit Lake and then he ran two moresheep herds over and around Hooks Lake, Thompsons Pass and over to Gilbert lake peak

or creek. My father was also on the Lotmans and he would pack the horses and sheep, and move the camp, and then his dad bought Burralis and packed them also. This was his first experience at doing this and he also did this at the ranch. Finally my father headed back to the summer range and this was in July 6th until the 15th of August or the 20th of August. When the snow started to come my father moved down from the mountains where he moved to the flatlands and stayed there his dad would ship Lambs into the market in October, then in to Green River, then loaded them up on the trains. And at this time my father took the horses back to the ranch 35 miles south of Green River and my father felt this was a pretty good life and he really enjoyed it and wishes he could go back and re live those times again.

When my father graduated from High School he went to work for his dad in the summer time with the sheep and this was until fall and then he started working for the Railroad in Green river as an Electrician Helper and he repaired Diesiel fits, worked on capsule single house and also checked on the Steam Engines on the 4000, 3900 passenager runs. My father worked here until the Korean War broke out on June 25th, 1950 then he joined the National Gaurd in Green River, WY., it was the 104 First Tank Battlion. My father then went off to Fort Campbell Kentucky and received more training then he was shipped out to Campbell Kentucky to Campstomen in Cailf., and then reported to or sent to Korea, then to Japan and reported here, then my father left on a Salsa B00 Exspress Train and was ordered to UPEIJIMIEA off the

coast of Japan for 11 months with the JLC then left here on July 6th, 1952 and he had enough points to come home then and he spent 14 days on the Sanseckoo ship to San Franisco then rode a faistry on July 31st to Camp Carsen Colo. or Ft. Carsen and got here on the 2nd of August, and was discharged and came home on the 4th of August to Green River, WY. then as he got to Green River he was laid off from the Railroad and went back to work for his father in 1952 December out at the Ranch and then started working for FMC Corporation where he was a mines person, shop person, welder and now is working in the maintance department and has been employed for FMC sense December 10th, 1952 and has 39 years in as of December 10th, 1991.

My father has held offices and done vountieer work in the Green River Ablance Service from 1974 to 1978 and was elected to the City Council in 1967 for 4 years and also he has been a Sweetwater Memorial Hospital Board and as President from 1978 to 1986 and he served 3 terms on this board.

Ans 38 years ago my father married Bonnie C Thompson Ringdahl from Omaha Nebr. they met in Green River, WY. and were Introduced by my mother's aunt and uncle Dick and Amy Thompson and they were then married February 5th, 1954 but they met in 1953. My mother and father never had any children for 7 years and finally they had a daughter by the name of Christine C Nelson Ringdahl and they share two grand children Christopher and Matthew Nelson both 4 and 6 and were born in 1985 and 1987 and my father loves being a grandparent for those two grand sons mean

alot to him sense he never had any boys to raise, just a daughter.

My father likes hobbies and sports such as, fishing , golf and him and his wife have travled to Mexico City, Alchpolco, Toxialco, London England, Olso, Norway and Modele Norway and Stockhold Sewden, along with traveling my father and mother used to Square Dance in 1960 and were part of a Club then to.

My father had told me of a interesting story about the Chineese men buried underneigh the Sweetwater County Libuary at one time and here is what he had told me about it.

Where the Sweetwater County Libuary is now the or used to be the old graveyard, then after the World War II ended in 1945, and belived to be the next summer of 1946 there were some Vetrans Apartments there and I got a job with the EC Nickles Company where we were digging we found at the foundaiton some graves that have never been moved at that time, and when we did find some bodies we'd take the bodies out, and the city would come and get them and put them on the truck and take them to the new cemtery to be buried. And at one place there were a number of Chineese Buried there and some still had there clothing still in tacked and even with there pig tails still were in tacked to their skulls at that time. Some of the bodies were then taken up to the new cemtery and reburied. There even once was a man witb his Buffalo Robe on and he still had his Cow Boy Boots on and when you touched his clothing it would detreaierate and so the new Sweetwater County Libuary still has some bodies still buried

underneath the ground to this day.

And this is the life story of my father James Mark Ringdahl.