

## *This is my Life*

My parents came from Blairsville Ga. in 1889 to Montrose, Colo. My Dad worked on the railroad until it was finished to Old Dallas just below Ridgeway. They came to Norwood my Dad worked the ranchers, part time carried the mail to Hadrodix, a little settlement, where Uravan now is located; who were building the Hanging Flume. He carried the mail on horse back going down Mavrick Draw and Mail Box Park, some times he had to swim the river, it took two days to make the trip. They lived in Norwood several years. Their first child died there and was the first to be buried in the Norwood Cemetery. Two other children were born in Norwood, Walter and Oliver. They moved to Upper Disappointment.

The Indians came in the summer to hunt and fish, They would stop and ask for something to eat usually when my father was not at home.. My mother was afraid not to feed them, they wouldn't eat a bite until she would eat first. It was after the Indian massacre on Beaver Creek, and the Indians were afraid that they would be poisoned.

They moved to Lower Disappointment to work for P.A. McKenna. They worked for him until he married Margaret Reed, who had two boys, Albert and Edgar.

My Dad bought a homestead relinquishment from George Faderes about 1906. My sister, Ethel, myself and Charley were born before they moved on the Homestead. Ethel, in 1894, I in 1895 and Charley in 1898.

We went to school through the eight grades in Cedar.

I went to school in Montrose the first year of High school, next three years in Telluride where I graduated in 1917. I took the teachers examination that summer, one could get a first, second or third certificate to teach according to your grades.

I taught for three months that winter in the Lilly Lands for \$75.00 There were about nine pupils, school was held in Ray Masters house. I lived in the house too and boarded with Grace Masters.

I went to summer school in Gunnison the next summer but went back to Telluride went to work at the Telegraph Office, worked there for three months, then went work for Georgr Goldsworthy in the Kracaw grocery store, where i worked for about three years. I then went to Denver worked in the A.T. Lewis Dry Goods store and went to Barnes Business school at night.

I was needed at home as my Dad uncle that lived with them had a stroke the folks were not able to take care of him. He lived about a year after I came home. I started teaching again, work awhile then go to school, in Gunnison until I got a Life Certificate to teach. I went to Greeley one winter and one summer finished the third year of College.

During this time I filed on a Homestead on North Mountain.

I taught two years at Cedar and one <sup>year</sup> at Redvale. Some of my pupils were Wanda Starbuck Ayers. Naoma Starbuck Barret, Gordon Barrett.

Wayne Porter, Bill, Richard. Ruth Bray, Lucile Clark, Ward and Kathryn Priestley. Mary McDermott Icke, Lile Van Wilson, Virginia Osborne Hunt, and L. Gardner.