

WILLIAM HENRY BROWN

Born: 06 March 1884

Died: 13 Feb 1936

William Henry Brown was born in Kaysville, Utah. He met Ida Bertha Heuser at a recreational/amusement park. They were married on 13 February 1906, and have five children (see Ida Bertha Heuser history for names and dates).

He was a farmer in Crescent, Utah. (There are recollection my mother, Ella Maud Leavitt Brown told me). He had purchased some hay from someone in Murray, Utah. He was unable to pay for the hay—so he went to live with the people for two months in their home—to work off the debt for the hay.

When their sons were misbehaving—he would tie them to the sledge hammer in the back yard and tell them to pretend they were playing with it.

William made homemade “Brew” (I guess it was beer). From this following story I get the impression that Grandma (Ida Bertha) didn’t appreciate this very much. When William would leave to go to work—Ida Bertha put SALT into the mixture—she said the first time this happened it was by accident—but then she kept putting salt in the mixture every time William would make it (I suppose this ruined it). William blamed the failed brew on water and finally stopped making any. Can’t you just imagine Ida Bertha smiling in the background? Sounds like quite an ingenious lady.

He was in St. Mark’s Hospital for two weeks. Ida Bertha and her daughter Louise would go see him every day. He didn’t want them to know what he was in the hospital for. It was heart problems. He came home from the hospital, but did die from a heart attack on 13 February 1936. Ida Bertha had Louise walk to the neighbors (the only people in their area that had a telephone) to report his death.

\*Story typed from a manuscript with minor corrections. Story came from my great aunt. I retype and share it with her permission.