



RICHARD ROY DANIELS BROWN 1875-1951

Richard D. Brown and Lucy Ann Enslow Brown became the parents of Richard Roy Daniels Brown on 10 May 1875 in Harrisville, Utah. The baby was born in a one room house on his father's farm located one quarter mile west of the Oregon short Line Railroad tracks.

Richard attended school in a one room adobe building that stood next door to his house. The townspeople used the building for school, church, and all church activities. It was here he was ordained a deacon in the LDS Church at age 12, and a teacher at the age of 19. His main duty, as a deacon, was caring for the church, and on cold winter mornings he often carried an armful of kindling to start a fire for Sunday School. He walked more than a mile to the store in Farr West to get a five-gallon can of Kerosene to fill the lamps. The deacons would then clean the lamp chimneys in order to have lights for evening meetings or amusements. When a dance was held, church officials gave admission tickets to four deacons in return for cleaning and lighting the house and carrying drinking water for the dancers.

When Richard was 15 years old, his father was called on a mission to England. Richard helped with the family finances by working for Bishop Martin in Farr West for twelve dollars a month. He later worked in Ogden Valley for \$15 per month. In the spring, he plowed fields in Clinton. He was later employed by Harvey Taylor in Harrisville, helping in his dairy and working his team on the county roads. The following summer he drove the team to haul material for the D. H. Peery mansion known as "The Virginia."

At the age of 19, he went to Blackfoot, Idaho to work. The next summer he went to Horse Prairie, Montana, where he remained for two years working on a ranch. He had the opportunity to ride horses on the range, caring for cattle, putting up hay, etc. In the fall and spring he enjoyed riding among the cattle while branding or dividing the herd.

Richard returned home from Idaho, and within a few days received a mission call. It surprised him, as he had been away from home for several years and had not had the opportunity to attend church. He left for the Indian Territory Mission on 10 March 1897, with Alfred Dixon, Levi J. Taylor Jr., and William Anderson. When they reached the headquarters in St. John's, Kansas, the mission president assigned Richard to labor in Arkansas. The missionaries worked without purse or scrip. During his 27 months in Arkansas he did not spend one cent for food or lodging. His family sent some clothing to him and some money to headquarters to pay for the gospel tracts which he distributed.

At the first conference of elders, President William T. Jack gave Richard a blessing, promising him that he would baptize more people than any missionary in that field of labor. This promise was literally fulfilled. He had the privilege of baptizing more than 30 converts.

After laboring in Arkansas, the mission president transferred him to east Kansas where he continued to labor without purse or scrip for five months. He was then released and returned home.

While he was gone, the Amalgamated Sugar Factory had been built in Weber County, and he obtained employment in the boiler room. The following spring he did carpentry work, returning to the Sugar Factory in the fall. During the next year he traveled for various companies as a salesman throughout Utah, Nevada, and Idaho. In 1902, he began working for a farm implement company and worked his way up to becoming the branch manager of the Mountain States Implement Company in Ogden.

Richard married Genevra Miller on 12 November 1903. They made their home in Harrisville and raised two daughters, Myrtle (1904), and Thelma (1905). Genevra died 27 March 1926. On 1 September 1927, he married Florence Powell in the Salt Lake Temple.

Richard held many positions in the LDS Church: Sunday School teacher, chorister, M.I.A. presidency, and presiding ward teacher. On 31 January 1908, he was called as first counselor to Bishop Emuel Bachman. On 26 August 1913, President Heber J. Grant set him apart as bishop of the Harrisville Ward. While serving as bishop, he also served as stake chairman of the old folk's committee, and chairman of the Bishop's Council of the North Weber Stake. With representatives from three other stakes in Weber County, he established and directed the affairs of the Bishop's Storehouse in Ogden.

During his tenure as bishop he loved the people as a father loves his own children. He felt that the night was never too dark, the road too long, or that he was too tired to visit the home of the sick or those in need if he could render assistance or bring comfort to someone.

Bishop Brown was released 13 March 1938. After nearly 25 years as bishop and more than five years as a counselor, he served a total of 30 years in the bishopric.

The president of the North Stake sustained Richard as a member of the high council where he served from 21 November 1938 to January 1942. When the LDS Church organized the Farr West Stake, President Wilmer J. Maw chose Richard to be the first counselor in the stake presidency. Church officials released him 6 February 1944 because of failing health.

In 1945, Richard R. D. Brown retired from the Mountain States Implement Company and moved with his wife, Florence, to Ogden. In the fall of 1947, they moved to Mesa, Arizona, where they continued to do genealogical research. They had started doing this many years before. They performed ordinance work for hundreds of individuals in the Arizona Temple.

Richard R. D. Brown died 22 June 1951, in Ogden at the age of 76. He was buried 25 June 1951, in the Ogden City Cemetery.

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Bachman, Emuel	Martin, Bishop (Farr West)
Brown, Genevra Miller	Maw, Wilmer J.
Brown, Lucy Ann Enslow	Miller, Genevra
Brown, Myrtle	Peery, D. H.
Brown, Richard D.	Powell, Florence
Brown, Thelma	Taylor, Harvey
Dixon, Alfred	Taylor, Levi J. Jr.
Enslow, Lucy Ann	Widstoe, John
Grant, Heber J.	