



## RODNEY & NOMA BRIEF SYNOPSIS

### OVERVIEW

A very brief synopsis of the Rodney and Noma Tew Family. Points of interest i.e. Rodney and Noma's Birth, where they lived, an introduction to their children and Values they shared with their family.

## Rodney Warren and Noma Christensen Tew Family

Rodney Warren was born in Arco, Idaho to Warren Snow and Vera (Hill) Tew on February 19, 1917. His brothers and sisters are Klea, Elaine, Earl, Reba, Floyd, Orson, Vivian and Inez.

When 8 years old his family moved to Bingham County, settling on a farm north of Shelley (Just ½ mile west of Stanton grade school – now a residence) that he attended through the eighth grade and graduated from Shelley High in 1935. He worked at the sugar factory after school and saved money for college at Utah State University, graduated from the Institute and then filled a mission to Great Britain from 1937 to 1939.

In March 1940 Rodney moved to Blackfoot to start farming. He'd bought the Neff farm. He attended a Ward reunion and met Noma Christensen, daughter of Nephi and Laura (Lorentzen) Christensen.

Noma was born July 23, 1920 in Blackfoot. Her brothers and sisters are Clara, Olive, Ove, Thelma, Coston, Robert and Raymond (twins), and Harold. She attended Wicks grade school (now torn down) through fifth grade, then Central and graduated from Blackfoot High in 1938. She worked as a dental assistant for Dr. MacClure for 2 years on Saturdays and after school and then 2 years after graduation until she married Rodney Tew on August 15, 1940.

Rodney and Noma were married August 15, 1940 in the Salt Lake Temple in Salt Lake City Utah with family and friends around them.

Rodney sold the Neff farm that fall and bought a larger one in Roberts and they lived there for 6 ½ years, but mosquitos were so big and bad that they sold out and moved back to Bingham County in March, 1947, on the Ziegler farm across from the Lower Presto schoolhouse (now a residence).

Rodney and Noma are parents of ten children: Jeanette Noma – October 5, 1941; Warren Rodney – May 22, 1943; Sonja Marie – January 11, 1945; Kent Hugh – September 22, 1946; Bruce Nephi – April 16, 1949; Craig Lyle – September 14,

1950; Tamara Noreen – July 4, 1952; Rebecca Jean – May 16, 1954; Kurtis Marlo – March 19, 1957; Marlene Vera – January 22, 1962.

Rodney scraped and leveled and made his farms very productive, teaching their children how to work at his side.

In 1961 they moved their family to Raft River to clear sagebrush and develop a section – put some in potatoes. They sold out in 1962 to a land developer and came back to the “Doc” Sorenson farm west of Firth to raise potatoes, hay, grain and livestock.

Rodney served on North Bingham Soil Conservation Service Board, helped organize Potato Growers of Idaho, the 1% Initiative Committee and the Idaho Property Owners Association.

Rodney’s word in his dealings has been as good as a contract, always dealing with his fellowmen as he wanted them to do with him. He served in the superintendency in the Ward MIA, Ward and Stake Sunday School, Stake Seventy’s Quorum, adult teacher, Bishop of Goshen Ward and started the Building fund for the new Goshen church.

Noma served as Sunday School Secretary; teacher in MIA, Sunday School, Relief Society and Primary and counselor in the Stake Primary and Stake Relief Society.

School consolidation began when the oldest started school so all of the children were bused to Firth and graduated from Firth schools, some of them as top students, and then went on to college.

Their family was their top concern. They worked and played together making many choice memories.