

J. HENRY THOMPSON, former resident of MALTA, celebrated his 84th birthday Friday, April 11, 1980, quietly in his home in Provo, Utah, where he lives with his daughter, Janie.

J. HENRY was postmaster at Malta for 42 years and Bishop of the Malta Ward for 14. While in Malta he raised 4 sons and 3 daughters and held many positions in the community. He

was Freight agent for both Garrett & <sup>Orange</sup> ~~Orange~~ Freight companies, He <sup>ran</sup> ~~ran~~ a creamery, and kept an ice house. He was notary public and secretary of the Malta Land Irrigation Company.

He sold fire insurance for Beneficial Insurance Company. & for many years had the only telephone in Malta. Mrs. J. HENRY THOMPSON celebrated their GOLDEN WEDDING in 1970. Mrs. Thompson

died July 22, 1974, age 82, in Provo, Utah, of natural causes. All four of his sons are now living in Idaho: The eldest son JOHN HARMON THOMPSON is on the faculty of Ricks College in REXBURG. The second son JOSEPH EDWARD THOMPSON is in charge of the reading in the Blackfoot School District. The youngest son SAMUEL OLIVER THOMPSON is proprietor of a Condominium Complex called LEISURE VILLAGE in Boise. Third son Bob is now a resident of Burley. Their 30th Grand<sup>child</sup> ~~son~~ is ROBERT KELLER THOMPSON, born in Burley is five years old.

J. HENRY THOMPSON is the third of 5 JOHN THOMPSON\*S in a row. J. HENRY\*s grandfather, JOHN THOMPSON was alderman <sup>on</sup> ~~of~~ the town Council of HARROGATE, YORKSHIRE, ENGLAND and a member of the Royal Order of the Bath. J. HENRY\*s father JOHN ERNEST THOMPSON emigrated to AMERICA and worked for JOHN T Rockefeller in Cleaveland Ohio where J. HENRY WAS born. J. HENRY\*S eldest son was named JOHN HARMON THOMPSON whose eldest son was named JOHN HUGH Thompson(deceased). The fifth JOHN THOMPSON namesake in a row JOHN HUGH THOMPSON was killed in a tractor misshap in Rexburg Idaho three years ago<sup>1977</sup> at age 10.

J. HENRY THOMPSON was born APRIL 11, 1896, in Independence, Ohio, 16 miles south of Cleaveland. He moved to Yorkshire, England in 190~~8~~ when he was <sup>5</sup> ~~12~~ years old, and stayed <sup>9 years in England</sup> ~~14 years old~~ til 1910. During his stay in England his family was converted to the MORMON CHURCH and immigrated in 1910 <sup>To</sup> ~~to~~ Murray, Utah. While at Murray he received a scholarship to Heniger Business College in SLC where he studied accounting and penmanship. He moved to Reid Springs near Almo, Idaho, <sup>1914</sup> where J. Henry\*s father was to run the EY Ranch for Orsan Sanders. He received a mission call to the Central States Mission from Almo in 1918. He was district leader over Kansas City, Kansas as well as, Kansas City, Missouri, which included Jackson County, Missouri which is very important in the ~~the~~ History of the Mormon Church.

J. HENRY THOMPSON was born April 11, 1896, in Independence, Ohio, 16 miles south of Cleaveland. He moved to Yorkshire, England, in 1901, when he was 5 years old, and stayed 9 years til 1910. <sup>Bill Penrose</sup> During his stay in England his family was converted to the Mormon Church and immigrated in 1910 to Murray, Utah. While in Murray he received a scholarship to Henniger Business College in Salt Lake City where he studied arithmetic, bookkeeping, and penmanship. He moved to Reid Springs near Almo, Idaho in 1914, where his father was to run the EY Ranch for Orsan Sanders. Reid Springs is a property upon which Raft River had its beginning. J. HENRY and his father dug into the sod and built their first living place in Idaho. The dug-out was produced by piling the sod, cut out into walls around the place being dug. A pole, fence wire, straw, and dirt roof was placed on top. The years spent in this uncomfortable and unhealthy abode took a heavy toll on the health of his mother and the family moved into the village of Almo. Thompson spent the year of 1915 working at the Burley Sugar Mill, lodging on Overland Ave near the S River. That Xmas he walked home to Almo from Burley through snowdrifts seven feet high. THOMPSON was called from the Almo Ward to serve a mission to the Central States in 1918. While serving his mission, he sang the lead in an <sup>Operetta</sup> Operetta in Independence, Missouri, which also starred Miss Lora Harmon, who in 1920 would become his bride. 15 years later they would name their seventh child after SAMUEL O. BENION who was their mission President at the time.