

Leon Sinfield Richman



Born May 10, 1897 in Paradise, Utah. He was blessed by his grandfather, Samuel Sinfield. He attended grade school at Paradise Elementary School. He worked on his dad's farm.

Leon was drafted into the service during World War I. He went to Fort Lewis Washington, for training, but the war ended before he had to go into active duty.

Leon married Boston Obray Thomas on October 15, 1919. Leon's brother George married Boston's sister Estella Thomas. Boston and Estella are daughters of John Edward Thomas & Annie Shelton Obray.

Leon and Boston had 3 children: Reta Richman, Leon T. Richman, and Lynn Thomas Richman. See more information and photos at RichmanFamily.org.

He owned 10 acres of ground in Paradise and grew sugar beets. He was a hard worker. He was short, about 5' 3," and his hair was a light red. He had a good tenor voice and sang in quartets at funerals. He also played the banjo, drums, and a mandolin with a small band most Saturday nights. He was quiet-spoken and his daughter said she never heard him say anything bad about anyone.

In about 1930, Leon bought a truck and hauled potatoes and wheat in Idaho. They sold their home in Paradise and moved to St. Anthony, Idaho. When the depression hit, he lost his truck and took whatever jobs he could—shoeing horses or working in the fields.

Leon died on July 14, 1933 at age 36 in an accident while on the way to work in the fields south of Rexburg. He was standing with other men in the back of a truck when the truck rolled over in a barrow pit. He died later that afternoon in the hospital.

Leon's funeral was July 16 in St. Anthony, and on July 17 in Paradise. Over 600 attended.

Below is a photo of a saw owned by Leon Sinfield Richman (shown in the top of the photo). His son, Lynn Thomas Richman owned a matching saw (shown in the bottom of the photo).



Leon Sinfield Richman's pocket set of scriptures that he used in World War II. They were given to him by his mother, then passed along to Lynn Richman.

