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In 1938 I made a new lease with Sinclair superseding the old one in Farmington. I made an addition to the service station, a grease room, and got $50.00 per month on a 10-year lease. I borrowed from Davis County Bank to build the station in Rigby.

We went in June with the trailer to Freedom, Wyo. and did the brickwork on the new ward chapel. It was after the middle of June and the water hose was frozen the next morning.

Before we went to Freedom, my father, who was living in Farmington, had an accident. He was in the street in the dark in front of his house when a boy on a bike without a light struck him. It knocked him over and he sustained a brain concussion from which he did not recover. He died July 2, 1938 in the hospital in Ogden.

One Sat. night my wife awoke me about midnight with pains. She was afraid our new baby was ready to be born. I awoke Dorothy and told her (she was 11) that we were going to Afton and maybe to Salt Lake and to look after the other two children.

We drove to Afton. Everything of course was closed and Daisy felt a little better, so we went on home to Salt Lake, where I left my wife at home, 1809 South 5th East, and I drove right back to Freedom. Daisy felt a lot better and Cherry was born Sept. 24, '38.

I sent the two youngest children home with my brother Heber and Dorothy stayed with me in the trailer.

When we were about done with the church, Dorothy and I went up Greys River one evening to fish. We caught several fish and put them on top of the car for the night. Next morning they were frozen like rocks. The night of Aug. 3. the lucern and grain and etc. in Star Valley had all frozen. We had had a freeze from two winters in about six weeks.

While we were at Freedom they were building a power plant a few miles north for R.E.A. The superintendent of the construction asked me to lay the blocks on the building, so we moved the trailer close by the job and Dorothy kept house for me. When we completed the job I sold the trailer to another man on the job (Mr. Burton) and we loaded the things in the car and came home to Salt Lake.

While we were working on Ogden High I began looking for a lot to build another house on. Lots were very cheap. There was a fifty foot lot on Chadwick Street, one on either side of the street. I could get either one for $350, all improvements paid -- sewer, sidewalk, curb and gutter, and concrete street, all paid. I finally settled on a lot at 1580 Downington Ave. I bought two lots for $450, sewer, sidewalk and curb paid for. In a short while I sold one for $400 and early in 1939 we built a 1 1/2 story house. We were living here on Pearl Harbor day, Dec. 7, '41. Rodney Jim, our sixth child, was born 9th Nov. 1939.

While living here we were in the Edgehill Ward. Soon after moving here I was asked to be president of an elders quorum. There was one quorum in the ward with about 120 members. Only a half dozen or so came to meetings. They hit on a plan to divide the quorum geographically which was about even. I was to head