



I, Lorenzo Hawkins, was born April 8, 1906 in the state of Sonora, Old Mexico. My father was a contractor, building railroad grade at the time. They shoveled the cactus away so they could set up a tent for me to be born in.

A rich Spanish rancher in the area by the name of Don Lorenzo thought I was quite a package and offered my parents a job and other considerations if they would give me to him to raise as his son. Of course, they refused. (Quite a price to pay for such a small package.) Hence the name, Lorenzo.

At the time the Mormons were driven out of Mexico I was six years old. I remember very vividly seeing the Mexican rebels riding through town. We came into the United States at El Paso, Texas where we were held in quarantine for some time.

We then lived in Arizona and New Mexico before coming to Blanding when I was ten years old and where I have lived for the last fifty years.

I finished my schooling in the spring of 1925/ Sept. 29, 1926 I married Macy Rowley in the Salt Lake Temple.

I have had many rich and rewarding experiences. In my church life the most rewarding was the two years my wife and I spent on an L.D.S. mission in Indiana.

I also served two years in the military service of my country, which I love dearly. Fourteen months were spent in Europe. I was in combat at the Battle of the Bulge at Bastogne, Belgium. I am proud of this service but try not to remember the details.

I have worked hard all my life for any thing I could get as pay. Nobody bothered to tell me I was under privileged. I have worked as a laborer, janitor, timber cutter, saw mill hand, in building and highway construction and anything at which I could earn an honest dollar.

The last twelve years before coming into the post office were spent as a heavy equipment operator.

I came to the post office January 25, 1953, totally unprepared as far as training was concerned. The Department officials have been very kind and considerate where they could have been rough.

I have had my most rewarding years as postmaster of Blanding. It has really been a challenge to me and still is. The most enjoyable thing about my job is that it allows me to meet my friends and relatives and be of service to them.

Lorenzo Hawkins

moved to ELMO, UT upon retirement from post office