

Francis "Drake" Hinton by Drake Hinton

My Great Grandpa Francis "Drake" Hinton

Francis Hinton was born on February 6, 1902. He was the 4th of 10 kids. He grew up in Hurricane, Utah. Back when my grandpa Francis went to school he would go to school till 8th grade then finish school in another place. This was hard for him because he lived in Hurricane and to finish school he had to go to St. George. One time in school Francis learned about a pirate named Sir Francis Drake. People started to call him Drake. So his nick name was Drake and it stuck with him his whole life. He started 9th grade in St. George, but he quit school after a few months. After he quit school he worked odd jobs. He found a job herding sheep. He would go and herd sheep 4 to 6 months. They would carry their supplies in a wagon. The boss would come and bring supplies every once in a while. Because they were so far away they would get lonely. When they were close to towns they would talk to local people. While he was in Cane Beds, AZ he met his future wife Zina Alberta Perkins. On November 18, 1937 they got married in Las Vegas by the justice of the peace, who was a relative. So after they moved to Los Angeles, CA Francis started to work as an auto body apprentice. On June 20, 1938 they had their first child. They named her Alma Laree Hinton. They moved back to southern Utah, where he started work on a turkey farm. Then they moved to Cane Beds and he worked with his brother-in-laws running cattle. On Aug. 6, 1943 they had their second child my Grandpa Harold Francis Hinton. Francis wife had a really bad stroke. He had to care for his kids and his wife he never complained. He was a good worker. The two things he loved to do were to get wood and to fix fences because it gave him the most satisfaction. Francis "Drake" Hinton died on August 29, 1984. What I learned from my great Grand Grandpa stories is that he loved work. Also, I learned that he never talked bad about people. I hope I can be like my Great Grandpa "Drake".