

Dean Thomas Terry:

I was privileged having been born with “red sand” between my toes. I was born two blocks west of the Brigham Young Winter home in St. George, Utah, at the end of the depression in 1934 to Edward Sirls Terry and Florence Woodbury Terry. Times were hard. When I attended school, the teacher asked if I had lost a shoe. I replied, “No, I found one”. I was the youngest of eight children and I spent my summers on the Beaver Dam Wash 40 miles west of St. George at our family ranch, and my winters in St. George where I attended school. I attended elementary, the Woodward Junior High (this is where I met my wife Carol Foremaster), Dixie High School and Dixie College. When I was 12 years old I raised a Grand Champion hog in 4H and sold it for \$250 that I parlayed into what I have today.



Carol and I were married in the St. George Temple on October 15, 1954 and we moved to Henderson, NV where our oldest son was born. We came back to St. George briefly and then moved to Las Vegas. We lived there for 10 years and our next son and two daughters were born while we were living there. When our oldest son was a sophomore in high school, we moved back to St. George and have been here ever since. We have 17 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren and 3 of our 4 children live in St. George.

I have been blessed to hold many leadership positions in the church. I have been in the Bishopric, Bishop and a Stake High Counselor for 12 years, the Scoutmaster twice, and a Temple worker for 3 years. I have also served on many committees in our community. For instance, I was the chairman of the St. George Housing Authority, on the Dixie Center Executive Committee Control Board, Color Country Travel Council, President of the Washington County Schools Foundation for Students and I was Co-founder and on the Board of directors for Sun Capitol Bank (which is now US Bank). Currently I am a Paul Harris Fellow member of the Rotary Club. I am a life member of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers and I am enjoying the Sons of the Utah Pioneers. I have always had an interest in real estate and business and I have been a builder and developer for many years. I did the first annexation which was 1210 acres (I didn't own all the property) into the City of St. George called the Dixie Downs Addition and also recorded the first CC&R's in Washington County. So you might say I am a modern day pioneer. Another project is the St. George Holiday Inn Resort Hotel of which I am still the owner today. I am currently developing a 20 acre shopping center which will house Albertsons, McDonalds and other major tenants.

I have a wonderful heritage, as I am the youngest of my grandfather Thomas Sirls Terry's 201 grandchildren. He was born in 1825 and came into the Salt Lake Valley September 25, 1847. Dudley Leavitt was my great-grandfather on my father's side and Orin Nelson Woodbury was my great-grandfather on my mother's side. I am also part of the Fuller line. I am so grateful for the faith, sacrifice and commitment of these early pioneer ancestors of mine.

My wife Carol and I love being busy and we served a full time mission together in the St. George Temple Visitor's Center & Historic Sites Mission. We love to travel and have been to Europe, the Caribbean, Indonesia, Canada, Australia and throughout the United States. But with all that, my favorite place to be is at my Twin Springs Ranch with my family and friends enjoying my horses and 4 wheeling with my grandchildren.