

## **History Question of the Month**

Who was the first person to have a telephone on Danish Road?

### **Answer**

Melvin Jay Proctor was born April 18, 1926 to Melvin Proctor and Mary Vola Tripp of Union. Jay spent most of his youth growing up in the family home by Little Cottonwood Creek on Highland Drive. Jay served in WWII in the 12<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 4<sup>th</sup> Division, of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Army in Europe. He received the Purple Heart. After returning from the service, he married his wife, Bea. They lived for a few years on Thomas and Lilly Dyers's farm in Danish Town. About 1947, Jay got employment with Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company as a repairman. Since he was on 24 hour call, he needed to have a telephone. No one in Danish Town had a telephone at the time. The Telephone Company ran a line down over the hill from Wasatch Boulevard to Jay's home on Danish Road. When Jay and Bea moved, about 1951, the phone line was taken down and it was about another four years before Danish Town people had telephone service.

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