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**Biographical History**

Veldon Ray Hodgson was born in Teton Idaho on April 30, 1922. He was raised in southeast Idaho and attended Ricks College until the onset of the Second World War. When the United States joined WWII, Hodgson took a civil service exam and began service as a inspector trainee with the army ordnance department. In 1942 he enlisted in the Marine Corps and was trained as an aviator. After being honorably discharged from the military in 1946, Hodgson served in the central states mission for the LDS church.

Following his mission Veldon Hodgson’s professional career began. He received training in physics and mathematics at the University of Utah, and then went on to become an engineer for RCA, and General Dynamics Astronautics where he tested the first ICBM’s. This work led to his assistance with the development and testing of the Saturn V Rocket. From this point on Hodgson had first hand experience with many of the major developments in the space program until his retirement in the 1980’s.

In his retirement years Veldon Hodgson spent many years compiling his family history records, and exploring his past. Hodgson was a faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He was asked to volunteer in many capacities in the congregations to which he belonged.

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