

Jesse Manwaring

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Jesse Manwaring, chief of police of Provo, prompt and efficient in the discharge of his duties, was born in England, on the 26th of June, 1862. His father, Henry Manwaring, was one of the early settlers of Utah who arrived in 1872, coming to this state as a convert to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He established his home in Springville and continued to reside there until called to his final rest, his death occurring in 1905, when he had reached the age of seventy-five years. In early life he had learned the trade of shoemaking, which he long followed as a source of livelihood. He was ever an active and earnest member of the church and was president of a branch in England, serving also as a traveling elder. The mother, Sarah (Barbar) Manwaring, came to America with her husband and children, the family numbering seven sons and two daughters, of whom Jesse Manwaring was the sixth in order of birth. The mother died in this state in November, 1918, at the very advanced age of eighty-seven years.

Jesse Manwaring supplemented his public school training received at Springville, Utah, by a course of study in the Brigham Young University. From the age of fifteen years he has been dependent entirely upon his own resources and whatever success he has achieved or enjoyed has been attributable to his individual labors. He was apprenticed to the harness maker's trade and for thirty-five years engaged in work along that line. In fact he followed harness making until 1907. In 1911 he became connected with the police force as an officer and was appointed in April, 1915, to the position of chief to fill out the unexpired term of W. F. Giles. He was again appointed in 1917 and has since continuously filled the position. His thorough understanding of the work of the department, his desire to be of real service and benefit in crushing out crime and his resourcefulness in methods have made him largely an ideal officer in this position.

In 1885 Mr. Manwaring was married in Salt Lake Temple to Miss Louisa E. Jacques, a native of Utah and a daughter of Thomas and Hannah (Philipps) Jacques, representatives of one of the old families of Nova Scotia. Mr. and Mrs. Manwaring are the parents of three children: Jesse Vernon, Grace and Leona. The family reside at No. 592 West Third street, North, where they own an attractive home.

Mr. Manwaring is a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints of the third ward, in which he has served as elder. His political endorsement is given to the democratic party and he has been an earnest worker in its ranks because of his firm belief in its principles. Having spent the greater part of his life in Utah, he is well known in this section of the state and the substantial traits of character which he has always displayed have gained for him warm friendship and high regard.