

quiet, humble, unassuming, cheerful; ever kind, but never complaining. She was a true, faithful wife, an affectionate mother and an undeviating friend. Peace and rest; beloved one, farewell!

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JACOB HOUTZ.

SPRINGVILLE, Dec. 14.—One more of Utah's good old pioneers has gone to his final rest. This last one is Jacob Houtz, one of the early founders of Springville. Last Friday, Dec. 11th, he breathed his last, the cause being extreme old age. He was just eighty-two years of age; was an ambitious, hard-working man. A few months ago, the sickness which finally proved his last, took hold of him.

Several hundred people attended the funeral services in the meeting house and a long line of mourners followed the remains to the cemetery on the hill. The principal speakers at the services were Elders Frank, John and Phillip Boyer and Charles Evans. They all spoke in high praise of the respected dead pioneer. Elder Evans especially bore a powerful testimony.

Jacob Houtz was born in Pennsylvania in 1814. He gave up nearly all his property, forsook friends and kindred, and went west with his family to gather with the Mormons in early times. He reached Utah in September, 1847, six weeks after the Pioneer band entered these valleys. Later on he fulfilled missions to Germany and parts of the United States.

The deceased was the father of Mrs. Mary E. Snow, wife of President Lorenzo Snow; was grandfather of M. L. Snow, editor of the Brigham City Bugler, also of Mrs. E. H. Peiros, Mrs. Virginia Stephen, Miss Birdie Snow, Mrs. Ada Williams and Mrs. Minnie Nugent, all of Salt Lake City, and all of whom were present at the funeral services.

A READER.

W. S. MUIR.

W. S. Muir, who was among the first settlers of Bountiful, departed this life Friday afternoon, Nov. 27th, and was buried on Tuesday.

Deceased had just returned from an extensive trip through Idaho and southern Utah where he had been visiting his children and the people whom he had been the means of bringing into the Church while on a mission, when he was taken down with pneumonia. He was sick in bed about a week.

The funeral services were held in the West Bountiful meeting house, Prest. Hess, Elders Robert Patrick, Thomas Dobson, John W. Taylor, and Bishop Grant were the speakers.

Deceased was born on July 19, 1822, at Bannockburn, Scotland, about thirty miles from Glasgow. In his early life he had a hard struggle, working from early morn until late at night, getting but two hours' schooling each night after his day's work had been completed. He was a warper by trade.

January 1st, 1844, he married Jane Stewart Robb, both having joined the Church about a year before their marriage. The same year they emigrated to Nauvoo.

In March, 1846, he left for Winter Quarters where he enlisted in the Mormon Battalion and made the famous march to Los Angeles, on foot, a great deal of the way barefooted. The fall of 1848 he returned to Council Bluffs where he met his wife and to which place in the meantime she had moved. In 1849 the family moved to these valleys and the following year to Bountiful which has ever since been his home.

In the spring of 1855 he left for Scotland on a mission, returning the year of the move south. He went to Ft. Supply

to start a colony there, and was in the Morrisite troubles in 1862. He took a trip to Great Britain in 1887 to gather genealogy. He was the first postmaster at Woods Cross, where he served for twelve years.

In June, 1895, he was ordained a patriarch. He was a faithful and zealous member of the Church, ever trying to do his duty.

He leaves twenty-one children seventy-two grand and three great-grand-children to mourn his loss.

JAMES WRATHALL.

James Wrathall, eldest son of John Wrathall and Elizabeth Atkinson, was born Nov. 8, 1828, in Buckden, Langcote, Yorkshire, England. He spent his time until early manhood in service on the farm. Being of an observing and practical turn of mind, he plainly saw that unless an effort was put forth to change the conditions by which he was surrounded, his course in life would be run in the same channel as those who had gone before him, and that in old age he would still be as he was in youth, a dependent upon others. Under these circumstances his mind naturally turned toward America, the land where he believed he could, by industry and perseverance, become free and independent. His course was in consequence in this direction, and while striving to bring about a realization of his hopes, he, in the month of March, 1849, heard the Gospel preached by Elder Richard Grandshaw. Recognizing the voice of the true Shepherd, he became convinced at once of the genuineness of the teachings he received and having saved enough money, he, in the following January, bade goodbye to his aged parents and shipped to New Orleans. One feature connected with his leaving home and which he often related to his children and others, was the request of his old mother, that under every circumstance he should keep good company. He made her a promise that he would, and it was one of the chief aims of his life to keep that promise sacred. On arriving at New Orleans he, with the company of Saints, started at once toward the west. Reaching Kanesville he entered into an arrangement to run a farm, but before the summer was over the agreement came to an end and he joined Thomas Williams' company and crossed the plains, arriving in Salt Lake City November, 1850. He immediately sought baptism at the hands of Elder Edward Stevenson.

In the spring of 1851 he went to Grantsville and was among the original locators of that place, and since that time has made it his home. His means and his energies have been expended in the development and building up of the town. In 1854 he went back to bring a company of Saints in and it was in this company that he first met Mary Leishman, whom he married in 1857. In 1855 he was called to go to Carson Valley in company with the late Orson Hyde, Christopher Layton and others. Here he assisted in performing the work assigned them in that place. He returned the following year and commenced laying the foundation of his future home. In 1858 he was again called to cross the plains and traveled in Captain Mumford's company, he being assistant captain and commissary. He also did much service in the early settlement of these valleys in defending the settlements against Indian attacks, etc. In 1862 he was called to take a mission to his native land, and performed a good work while there. Other positions have been held by him during his service in the Church and for many years prior to his death was a member of the High Council in Tooele Stake. During his life he has succeeded, through his thrift and industry, in accumulating considerable

of this world's goods and always deemed it a privilege to render any assistance required of him in the building of Temples and in advancing the work of God. Although his time was largely occupied with the cares and annoyances attending the handling of a large business, it was always a pleasure to him to converse with his friends and neighbors upon the beauties of the Gospel. It was his aim to secure for himself, and so far as he was able, for his children, an eternal salvation, and he endeavored to work on such lines as would bring about that result.

He was naturally of a quiet and unassuming disposition, and by many of his acquaintances was comparatively unknown, while to those who knew him and were in his confidence the goodness of his nature was understood and his worth appreciated. He had the humility of a child and a heart that was as tender as that of a woman. He was always loyal to the Priesthood and held as sacred his power and authority. In all James Wrathall was a strength among the people and he carried with him an influence for good. Although he has gone, his goodness will live and be kept fresh in the minds of many people. One of the last acts of his life was to set aside a fund of \$1000 to be held in trust by the Bishop of Grantsville, the interest thereof to be devoted to the benefit of the poor of the Ward forever. He has had four wives, three of whom have gone before him, in each instance leaving a family of small children. He had been in feeble health for many years past, and had it not been for his indomitable will would have succumbed long since. At last he contracted a severe cold and his poor weak body, failing to rally at his bidding, gave way and death came on Sunday morning, Dec. 13, to bring him that peace and rest that he had earned through his life of usefulness and integrity. His wife and all his children were present; he leaves three sons and ten daughters and twelve grandchildren.

His funeral was held on Tuesday, Dec. 15, and the meeting house was filled with friends and neighbors who came to pay the last tribute of respect to him. The speakers were President Gowans, Counselor Anderson, Elders Gillespie, Rydalen, Jefferies and Williams and John H. White of Salt Lake. All testified to his worth and character as a devoted, consistent Latter-day Saint. May his rest be sweet and his example in life be emulated by his orphaned children.—[Com. Millennial Star, please copy.]

THE DEAD.

Peaceful be their Rest.

HILTON.—In this city, Dec. 26, 1896, of pneumonia, Thomas Armitage, infant son of William and Annie F. Hilton; born Nov. 4, 1896. The father is Officer Hilton of the police force.

KIMBALL.—In Salt Lake City, December 24, of paralysis, Mary Houston Kimball, wife of the late Hiebert O. Kimball, aged 78 years, 3 months and 13 days.

GORTON.—In this city, Dec. 23, 1896, of old age, John Gorton, late of the London conference; age 76 years.

MERRILL.—In this city December 22, 1896, from cancer of the stomach, Franklin Merrill, aged 53 years.
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GOLDING.—At 170 Y street, December 21st, Dudley B., infant son of Brigham Y. and Charlotte Golding; aged 3 months and 4 days. Houston, Texas, papers, please copy.