

CORRESPONDENCE.

Obituary of William Hyde.
 LOGAN, March 3rd, 1874.
 Editor Deseret News.

I forward you the obituary of Judge William Hyde, who died at his residence at the Falls of Cache county, U.T., of a short but severe illness, his disease being that of "stricture of the esophagus," or food pipe, on Monday morning, March 2nd, 1874.

William Hyde, son, was born September 11th, A.D. 1815, in York, Livingston county, New York; was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints April 7, 1834, at Freedom, Catteraugus county, New York.

In February, 1838, he moved with his father's family to Kirtland, O., and in the spring of 1838 went to Far West, about which time the Saints of that place were much harassed by the mobocrats of that region of country. He remained in Far West until the 1st of October, 1838, when he moved to Quincy, Ill., where, and in the vicinity of which place, he resided until October, 1839, when he moved to Nauvoo.

At a conference held at the latter place he was, on the 7th of October, ordained to the office of an elder, and on the 8th day of November, 1839, he started on his first mission, travelling through Illinois, Indiana and Michigan. In the spring of 1840 he returned to Nauvoo, and, while attending Conference, was sustained a member of the quorum of seventies. As soon as the Conference was over, he started on a mission to the State of Maine, in company with Elder John Herriott, travelling much of the way on foot. He passed through the State of New York, preaching wherever an opportunity presented itself.

On the 23rd of March, 1841, he started for Nauvoo, travelling on foot and steam boat, and arrived in Quincy, April 30th, and remained there with his parents the most of the season, and in the following Fall and Winter travelled among and preached to the adjoining counties. On the 23rd of February, 1842, he married. The following summer he built a house in Nauvoo, and made such other improvements as are incident to a new country.

At the October Conference of 1842 he was called on a mission, and on the 23rd of the same month started for Vermont, from thence to Philadelphia, New Jersey and New York. Having accomplished that mission, he returned to Nauvoo in June, 1843. Remained there for a few months, he again started, on the 23rd day of September, on a mission to the eastern states, and on the 6th of May, 1844, according to a previous appointment, returned to Vermont to accompany Elder Erasmus Snow in that field of labor. While upon that mission he received the news of the murder of Joseph and Hyrum Smith, with whom he had become intimately acquainted, and for whom he entertained the most profound regard. Immediately after hearing the sad news, he started for Nauvoo, arriving home August 6th.

At the October Conference, 1844, he was ordained one of the Presidents of the 5th quorum of seventies.

In January, 1845, he was appointed a mission to the States of Mississippi and Alabama. Having accomplished the object of that mission, after some months he returned to Nauvoo, and in the following summer labored part of the time on the Temple.

After passing through the troubles and afflictions which the Saints partook through in Nauvoo, he started west on the 15th day of May, and arrived at Council Bluffs on the 12th day of July, 1846. On the 16th he was mustered into service in the Mormon Battalion, which he accompanied to California, holding the office of second sergeant. After the disbanding of the Battalion, he started for Salt Lake and arrived there, after much privation, on the 12th of October, 1847. On the 15th of the same month he started east for Winter Quarters, arriving there Dec. 12th, 1847, where he joined his family. During this journey, which was made in the winter season, he suffered very much from cold and want of food.

In the spring of 1849 he started for Salt Lake Valley, and arrived there Sep. 22. At a special conference, held Aug. 22, he was called on a mission to Australia. He started on the same Oct. 20, and arrived at Sydney April 9, 1850.

When released from that mission he left Australia with a company of Saints, Feb. 22, 1854, en route for Salt Lake Valley. He arrived at San Pedro on the 12th of June. From there he proceeded to San Bernardino, and from thence started for home. During the journey he, in connection with the others of the company with whom he travelled, narrowly escaped being murdered by the Indians. He arrived home August 14, 1854.

In the summer of 1857, he was chosen and ordained to preside over the 44th Quorum of Seventies, which was organized in Lehi and vicinity, at which place he then resided.

In the spring of 1860 he moved from Lehi to Cache Valley, having been appointed to preside over the Seventies of that Valley. On the first of July he was appointed to preside at Hyde Park. Shortly after this he was appointed adjutant and chief of staff to Brig. Gen. E. T. Benson of Cache Valley Military District.

During the winter that Bros. Benson and Maughan attended the Legislature, he was left in charge of Cache Valley, during which time he travelled and preached among the settlements.

In the summer of 1864, he was appointed Captain of the G. S. L. City Train, and went to Wyoming to gather the Saints.

At the death of Brig. Gen. E. T. Benson, he was elected to fill that position, which he did with honor and distinction.

From the year 1866 he held the office of Probate Judge for Cache County, with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the people. He was chosen a delegate from Cache County to the Convention held in Salt Lake City in 1872, to adopt a Constitution for the State of Deseret.

On the 7th day of Oct., 1872, he was ordained to the office of High Priest and Bishop, also, on the 27th of June, 1873, he was ordained to the office of Patriarch at Logan, Cache Co.

The citizens of Cache County, in the demise of Judge Hyde, lose a valuable and honored citizen. The various positions which he filled were rendered honorable by the incumbent. The leading characteristics of his life, those of justice, humanity, and unselfishness, were ever prominent in his actions. As President, Bishop, General, Judge, husband, or father, he was kind, courteous, and consistent, and as a Saint the embodiment of truth and humility.

Cache County deeply feels and mourns his loss, but is consoled with the knowledge that he has fought the good fight, laid up the crown of life, and will come forth in the morning of the first resurrection, clothed in immortality and eternal life. His family and his friends have the

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