

boys at top speed on bicycles ran into him and knocked him onto the back of his head, rendering him unconscious. He lingered for four weeks and passed away at the Dee Hospital in Ogden July 2, 1938. Two of his missionary companions of his last mission and his Son-in-law, Dr. E. E. Erickson were the main speakers. The Dr. compared his life with that of Job in the Bible story; in many respects very similar. He had requested that his body be placed within a cement structure with the rough box and casket well protected. His wishes were carried out and a good flat stone marker has been placed at his grave like that of Mother and of Aunt Mary.

Some of the Highlights in Father's Life

About 1875, Father went on a mission to the Southern States in company with his Uncle Edward Stevenson who traveled extensively as a member of the First Council of Seventy of the Church. They visited David, one of the Three Witnesses of the Book of Mormon. He heard David Whitmer bear his testimony to the truthfulness of his and Oliver Cowdry's and Martin Harris' testimonies as published in that book. Father was released on account of sickness; malaria fever, etc.

His cousin Will Stevenson was his room-mate and chum as a student at the University of Deseret about 1876. They had some fine text books together.

He did some R.R. contract work in Juab or Sevier Co. and used the money buying calves as a start in cattle.

At Oakley Idaho he was a counselor in the Bishopric to John L. Smith

In Auburn, Wyo. he was Supt. of S.S. for 14 years and a counselor (First C.) to Bishop Heman

Hyde for about ten years; 1894-04. and then on the Stake High Council until 1910 during which time he acted as a member of the Stake Presidency in the absence of Wm. W. Burton who was feeble and spent his winters in warmer climates.

About 1898 Father was a County Commissioner in Uinta Co. being the first man from Star Valley ever elected to that office. He defended Bishop James Brown in his selection of help in his office as County Clerk on the matter of Principle above politics and pushed a man out of a room who came to offer him a big bribe for his vote. All the politicians learned that he would never take a drink of liquor and that he was a man of prayer.

At a big Valley Celebration of three days of Pioneer nature in July 1904 Father was Grand Marshall of the Day. He rode a beautiful high-spirited driving animal, Old Bell, with a new saddle and fancy Navajo blankets and as a tall stately man commanded respect from all and lead in all the parades.

As Chairman of the Finance Committee he directed collections of all means for the building and furnishing of the big Stake Tabernacle which was dedicated 1910 and was the finest building for religious worship in Wyoming. Needless to say he contributed more than any other individual. Also in the construction of a big new building for the Fielding Academy at Paris, Idaho he donated more means than any other man in Star Valley. Not the most wealthy but very liberal. As a member of the Auburn Bishopric, he would make up any need to add to all donations in meeting the full assignment for the Ward.

Short-term mission Jan. to June 1927 cut short by Mother's death.