

## PATRIARCH WM. HORSLEY PASSES ON

Peacefully sleeping and without any trace of suffering, Patriarch William Horsley passed on into the other life Sunday evening at a few minutes after eight o'clock. The end was not unexpected for dissolution had set in fully a week before and the marvel to all who watched the flame of life slowly flicker out was the apparent strength with which it burned right up to the last.

With the passing of Patriarch Horsley, another familiar figure of the community, one which has been seen daily about town practically as long as many of the present middle aged generation can remember, has been removed from this earthly activity and gone to that rest which the faithful will inherit in the eternal worlds.

Patriarch Horsley was born at Soham, Cambridgeshire, England, November 20, 1844. He came from stock that was entitled to hold up its head, figuratively speaking, in the old country because of the social and financial position of his parents and grand parents. But all this was lost when Mr. Horsley's mother became a convert to "Mormonism" when he was five years of age. Because she accepted this gospel and joined the church, she was cast out from her home and disinherited except on condition that she would reject "Mormonism" and return to her family belief. But this Mrs. Horsley refused to do and so she left her comfortable home and the family she loved and started out in the cold world to take care of herself. The little boy William loved his mother and when she bid the family good-bye he could not bear the thought of losing his loving mother so he went along and the pair made their way to the great city of London where they lived in poverty and worked hard to gather together sufficient means to bring them to Utah. In due time William also became a member of the church and found employment as an errand boy in a store for which he was paid sixty cents per week.

About this time the husband and father came and found the wife and son and pleaded with them to return home and renounce the religion they had espoused but the mother refused saying that she knew the gospel to be true and all the homes and wealth of the world could not tempt her to renounce it. The father then made threats to kidnap the boy so the mother found another position for him, one which paid higher wages, and the two improved their financial circumstances materially.

In April, 1855, the circumstances of the mother and son had so improved that the way was opened for the boy to take passage for America and he left Liverpool on the 12th of April and arrived in Salt Lake on September 23rd, after a momentous journey across the ocean and by rail across the continent as far as the railroad extended and then by ox team across the plains. The young man remained in Salt Lake City where he found friends, and passed through the trials and privations of those times, working at whatever he could find to do until 1860 when the mother arrived bringing with her two sons, Harry and Clements, who had become converted to the gospel.

In 1864, Patriarch Horsley came to Perry, then Three Mile Creek to reside and work and shortly thereafter he was called to go back to the Missouri river with an ox train to assist the emigrants across the plains. On March 9th, 1867, he was married to Elizabeth Welch and from that union have been born five sons and three daughters, all of whom are alive today except one son and one daughter. The family came to Brigham City in 1876 and Mr. Horsley was placed in charge of the old co-op store. In 1884 he was called on a mission to England and served in that capacity for two years and upon his return home in 1886, he and his sons established the firm of Wm. Horsley & Sons which has been one of the prominent commercial houses of this community ever since. Patriarch Horsley filled a second mission to his native land in 1900 and 1902 and on the 29th day of August, 1915 he was ordained a Patriarch in the Box Elder stake under the hands of the late President Francis M. Lyman.

The life of Patriarch Horsley is well known to all the older residents of this community. He possessed a genial personality and even up the very last moments of his life could "crack a joke" and express himself in jovial terms. He was a true friend of the

needy and himself and family have given more time and labor, perhaps, for the welfare of the general public without a penny's remuneration, than any other family in this community. He has left a name that is a heritage to his family and his life's work stands as a monument that will endure through the eternities.

Surviving is a loving helpmeet who has been an invalid for a long time and the following sons and daughters, all of whom are stalwarts in all that goes to make up true man and womanhood: William Clements, John H., Clarence E., Ernest P., Louise, all of this city, and Mrs. Lilly H. Petersen of Salt Lake. There are also twenty-grand children and three great-grand children.

Funeral services will be held in the tabernacle Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock under the direction of Bishop Geo. W. Watkins and the remains may be viewed at the family home corner of First South and First East Streets, between eleven and one o'clock on Wednesday.

## FUNERAL SERVICES WILLIAM HORSLEY

A large gathering of friends and acquaintances of William Horsley, pioneer merchant in this section of the state who recently passed away, attended the funeral services held in the stake tabernacle Wednesday afternoon. In honor of his memory the stores closed during the hours services were being held.

Patriarch Alfred Cordon of Willard, a boyhood companion of William Horsley, was the first speaker and told of their boyhood days in Box Elder county.

R. L. Fishburn related items of interest in the business life of the deceased.

Nicholas W. Crookston of Logan, a relative, related the family history of the Horsley and Welsh families.

Bishop T. H. Blackburn spoke of his association with Mr. Horsley in the old Co-op store in early days in this community.

L. P. Johnson related some of the experiences of himself and Mr. Horsley when they drove ox teams across the plains to assist immigrants to Utah. John Mathias, David Rees and Solomn Wixom, he said, were others of the party on this trip.

President S. Norman Lee and Bishop Watkins told of the faithful services in the church of William Horsley and his family since they resided here, and J. D. Peters related early experiences when they were boys together residing at Three Mile creek.

Beautiful musical selections were rendered by the First ward choir, W. R. Dredge, S. N. Lee, and the Madson sisters. The flowers were many and beautiful. The services were impressive.