

HEBER C. BODEN

DIED THIS MORNING

This morning at about 6 o'clock, Heber C. Boden passed peacefully on to his eternal rest. The final end came while Mr. Boden was asleep and his family watching at his bedside could scarcely detect the moment when the spark of life went out so quietly did it burn down.

A little over a year ago, Mr. Boden was stricken with paralysis and for many weeks lay helpless on his bed. Then he got better and was able to be up and walk about slowly, though one side failed to respond to the treatment and remained partially paralyzed. For a number of days, he has gradually been slipping and the end was not altogether unexpected though his passing has left a great void in the family and filled the hearts of his loved ones and friends with sorrow.

Heber Coleman Boden was a splendid type of manhood. Born in Aberdare, South Wales, October 20th, 1855, he possessed the sturdy characteristics of his race and was one of the substantial citizens of this community during his residence here. He was the son of James and Ann Coleman Boden and was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints by his father when a boy in his native land. The family left Wales for Utah in 1868 and came across the plains with ox teams, arriving in Salt Lake City in the fall of the year. The day after their arrival Mr. Boden's father died and after laying away his remains, Mrs. Boden and her children came to Brigham City and this was their home from that time until the present.

Mr. Boden spent five years at Perry working for the late John Welsh and there he met his wife Charlotte Welsh Boden, whom he married on October 9th, 1876. He helped to build the Utah Northern railroad through this section and was later appointed section foreman of this district, a position he held for many years. He went up to Dillon, Montana, and officiated as road master of the Utah Northern railroad for a number of years then returned to Brigham for a brief stay and went up to Swan Lake, Idaho, where he stayed from 1883 to 1886 in the employ of the railroad. Returning to Brigham he again took up his work on the section and left his position to become the candidate for city marshal in 1890 on the People's ticket. Mr. Boden was unanimously elected to that position and served the community well. In 1892 he was chosen as the first chief of the Brigham City Fire Department and on April 14th, 1893, he left for a mission to England where he remained until '95. After returning home he was elected mayor of Brigham City and at the end of his term was re-elected. It was during his tenure in office that the present electric light system was installed.

Ecclesiastically Mr. Boden held the position as one of the presidents of the 58th quorum of Seventy for many years and was a High Priest at the time of his death. He served his ward as an acting teacher and was one of the staunch supporters of every bishopric the ward had during his residence there.

Mr. Boden was a fearless man, yet kind and sympathetic. He lived to see all his children honorably married and started out in life upon the right track. Three children have preceded him to the great beyond and his good wife and son, H. Wallace Boden of Salt Lake, daughters Mrs. A. W. Ensign of Logan, Mrs. D. O. Stohl and Mrs. Arvill Lund of this city survive him. Fourteen grandchildren also are left to cherish his memory, for they loved their grandpa.

Mr. Boden has a legion of friends in the passing of this faithful husband extending sympathy to the family and in the passing of this faithful husband, loving father, unswerving friend and honest man.

Funeral services will be held on Sunday next at 2 o'clock p. m. in the Second ward chapel.