

## David Jenkins Passes Away

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Mr. David Jenkins, a resident of this city, and one of its earliest Pioneers passed away on Thursday night at 10 o'clock. His death came as a result of complications. He was born at Llanelly, Carmarthenshire, South Wales. His parents were John and Elizabeth Williams Jenkins. He arrived in this country April 1, 1855, and in Cache Valley in 1860. His life was devoted to his family and to his church, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He fulfilled a mission to the British Isles in 1893, and was honorably released over two years later. While in England his wife and eldest daughter went to see him and returned home with him.

He also fulfilled a home mission. In his early years he worked for the Utah Northern and Union Pacific Railroads, and because of this fact he was a guest of honor at the Golden Spike celebration in Ogden in 1919. He was also a mechanic, and expressman, and at one time ran a general merchandise store. He was very active in fighting against the Indians in the early days. At the time of the uprising of the Indians in Franklin due to the injury of an Indian, he was called to cross the treacherous Bear River on horse back in the middle of the night and go to Clarkston and notify the residents to leave their homes at once and gather at Smithfield to organize themselves. After returning from his mission in 1893 he started work in the Logan Temple as an officiator, working in that capacity for about 18 years, and was then given an honorable release by President Budge. He married Miss Lena Coburn of Wellsville in the Endowment house of Salt Lake, December 26, 1864. She died shortly after returning with Brother Jenkins from his mission in 1893<sup>1</sup>. He married Miss Sophie Kaestli of Logan in the Logan Temple in 1899. He is survived by the following sons and daughters: Wm. C., David F., Albert P., John O., Leland E., Linn, Lizzie and Anne<sup>2</sup>, Dr. Paul K., Dr. Leslie M., Alton A., Kurt L. and J. D. Jenkins.

He is the grandfather of seventeen, and the great grandfather of nine.

He had the following brothers and sisters: John, William, Thomas, Philip, Sarah and Lizzie. He is survived by Thomas. Funeral services will be held on Sunday.

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<sup>1</sup> Lena Coburn Jenkins died in 1896; they had been married about 32 years and had 10 children.

<sup>2</sup> David's daughter, Linn, was also known as Lena. His daughter, Anne, was also called Anna. Another daughter, Ida, died soon after birth.