

Edward Hunter Mitchell

His Obituary

Edward Hunter Mitchell, prominent Davis County resident, and stone cutter on the Salt Lake Temple died at his home in Woods Cross at 12:25 A.M. Monday morning (July 14, 1924) of diabetes at the age of 65 years, after a serious illness of six weeks. He had been ailing for some ten years, and but a week before his death he had been removed to his home from the L.D.S. hospital where for a month he had taken the newly discovered serum treatment for the disease. Only momentary relief was afforded by the treatment and the disease returned in all its acuteness after he left the hospital.

Mr. Mitchell is a son of the late Benjamin T. and Susan Huston Mitchell, and was born in Salt Lake City, August 17th, 1859.

As a young man he learned the stone cutting trade and cut stones for the Salt Lake Temple throughout its erection, for the Catholic Cathedral of Brigham street, for the Deseret News building, the McCune residence, now the building occupied by the L.D.S. school of music and many other public and private buildings in Salt Lake City and vicinity. He also worked at the Working Mens Co-op for a few years.

In 1892 and for the succeeding seven years, he was engaged in the sheep business as sheep owner in Toole county. In 1899 he moved to Davis county where he purchased the Frank Grant farm and engaged in farming and dairying which occupation he had continued to pursue until the time of his death.

By nature public spirited, interested in education, and all things for the betterment of the community, country, and state in which he lived, Mr. Mitchell served a four year term as school trustee of the West Bountiful School District before the consolidation of the several school districts of the county during which time he superintended the building of the best Bountiful school house, and again as member of the Board of Education of the Davis County School District immediately after the consolidation for one term.

Continuously active in a religious way, Mr. Mitchell was counselor to Bishop William Winegar for a number of years and filled various offices in the Latter-Day Saint Church.

As a representative of the Utah Fire Clay Company of Salt Lake City and various other corporations of the intermountain area and as a business man, he was distinguished by his scrupulous honesty, which trait he stressed and exemplified.

Mr. Mitchell was essentially a home man. He married Mary Emery on the 7th of July 1881 and raised a family of fourteen children, all of whom survive, a really remarkable witness of the parental qualities, the care and tender family devotion of Brother and Sister Mitchell.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Mary Emery Mitchell children, Mrs. Alma Hepworth, Mrs. Andrew Smith, Herbert B., David, Georgia, Lucille, Bernice, Alfreda., and Ida all of Woods Cross; Edward E. Mitchell of Bountiful; Mrs. Ray Stringham of Holden; Mrs. Alma Taylor, and Mrs. Roy Taylor of Salt Lake City, and Frank H. Mitchell of Ophir and thirty-nine grandchildren.