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Biographical Sketch

of

George T. Baker

Pioneer Year 1850

Born 20 Feb. 1847 in Des Moines, Iowa

Married 12 Dec. 1870 in the Endowment House

to Ellen M. Wagstaff

Died 25 Feb 1927 at Chapin, Idaho

Buried date ____ in American Fork City Cemetery

George T. Baker, 80, passed away, Friday, February 25th, 1927 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Lucy A. Jacobs at Chapin, Idaho, after a short illness. Mr. Baker apparently was doing nicely with the exception of being very weak when he suddenly expired at 10:30 p.m. He had made his home with Mrs. Jacob since the death of his wife on November 21st, 1925, which occurred in this city. They had resided here for many years.

The deceased was born February 20, 1857, in Des Moines, Iowa. He was a twin of John T. Baker, who died when six years of age. His parents were George and Rhoda Ann Thompson Baker who came with their family to Utah in 1850. They settled in Tooele County, later moving to Salt Lake City and still later to American Fork where George T. grew to manhood. The twin boys were the second sons in a family of twelve children.

When the call came for men to go back to the LaPlatte river and bring emigrants to Utah, he took his father's wagon and team and went back to get as many of the saints as he could bring. He had a very hard time as cholera broke out and six died in his wagon, and after a long and tedious journey he arrived back at Salt Lake with four passengers.

Mr. Baker went out with a company of men to Southern Utah to fight the Indians in the Black Hawk War and remained all through it.

On December 12, 1870, he was married in the Endowment House to Ellen M. Wagstaff, daughter of Samuel and Lucy Wagstaff of this city. Three children were born of that union, Mrs. Ellen M. Morton of Salt Lake City and Mrs. Jacobs of Idaho, who survive their father, and Mrs. Ladacy Miller who died in Charleston in 1905. He also raised a young man as his own.

Mr. Baker moved away from American Fork several times but always had a strong desire to return. One of his outstanding characteristics was his honesty and his impatience with anything that savored of dishonesty in any way. His was a hospitable nature and he was especially sympathetic to the poor. His home was always open to his friends and relatives, as well as those who needed a home.

Besides his two daughters, the deceased is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Stephen T. Baker of American Fork, O.T. Baker of Joseph, Joseph Baker of Snowville, Mrs. James Bowden of California, Mrs. Linda Garland of Salt Lake City, Mrs. Lois Sangor and Mrs. Parthenia Hedden of Idaho, also two grandchildren and one great-grand child.

Interment was made in the city cemetery where George E. Abel dedicated the grave.