

OLD PIONEER PASSES AWAY

Richard Bentley of St. George Breathes His Last in That City.

Richard Bentley, one of the oldest living pioneers in Utah, died at his home in St. George yesterday morning. Mr. Bentley was born in England in 1820 and was nearly 86 years of age. He has been a sufferer from asthma for years. This and his extreme age caused his death.

Mr. Bentley reached Illinois in 1843, coming from England as a convert to the Mormon faith. Later he moved to Council Bluffs, Ia. He crossed the plains to Utah in the early '50s and located at Nephi. He was one of the party which settled the Carson territory. This was at that time a portion of Utah but is now embraced in Nevada. A son was born in that territory and was named Frank. One of the towns settled in Nevada was called Franktown in honor of Mr. Bentley's son.

When the missionaries were called back to Salt Lake Mr. Bentley returned and secured a position in the church historian's office. In 1860 he filled a mission in England. Upon his return he moved to St. George, where he opened a general store. He was for many years the only merchant in that city. In 1878 he retired from active business. Mr. Bentley was prominent in political circles in St. George. He served several terms as mayor and filled other offices. His wife survives him, also six children, forty grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

His three sons are William, Oscar and Frank R., who live in St. George, and Joseph C. of New Mexico. His daughters are Mrs. E. G. Woolley of Salt Lake, Mrs. E. D. Woolley of Kanab and Mrs. Nelson Terry of Enterprise. Mrs. E. G. Woolley left for St. George upon receiving the news of her father's serious illness but he died before she reached his bedside. No funeral arrangements have been made.