

Pioneer Called

Casper Bryner died at his home in this city, Friday, April 10, after a long illness with dropsy and complications

Casper Bryner was born at Zurich, Switzerland, August 14, 1834. He embraced the gospel taught by the Latter-day Saints in 1854, coming to America a year later with the first company of Swiss converts. He crossed the plains with an ox team, arriving in Salt Lake City in the fall of 1855. His parents and brother followed him to Utah. Casper Bryner was married to Magdalena Gubler at the Endowment house, Salt Lake City, in April, 1861. He was called on a mission to the Dixie country in 1858 to grow cotton at Heberville, and went on this mission in Joseph Horne's company. Returning from this mission he was called on with others to settle the Dixie country and arrived at the place where St. George now stands with the first company of pioneers in the fall of 1861. In December, 1869, he was married to Susanna Stabeli at the Endowment house, Salt Lake City, and this wife survives him. He fulfilled a mission to Switzerland in 1880-1881, and was for many years a member of the High Council of the St. George Stake.

He is survived by his wife, nine children, 6 sons and 3 daughters, thirty-nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren. The sons are Harmon and David of Puce, Utah, Casper A. of Salt Lake City, and Joseph, Hyrum A. and Carl G. of St. George. The daughters are Mrs. Josephine Empey, Mrs. Annie Sandberg and Mrs. Mary Cannon, the latter of Stone, Idaho.

Casper Bryner was a loyal and industrious citizen, a devoted husband, a kind parent, a firm friend, and of great integrity in all his dealings.

Funeral services were held in the tabernacle Sunday afternoon, the building being beautifully decorated with a profusion of flowers. The speakers were Elders Geo. F. Jarvis, David H. Cannon, Schuyler Everett and John L. Pace. Interment was made in the City cemetery.