



[PACKER, NEPHI](#)

Died of Dropsy. Early last Tuesday morning Nephi Packer, for many years a resident of this valley and of Duncan, died suddenly at the residence of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Wm. Packer, of dropsy. It has been impossible for Mr. Packer to lay down for several weeks. He was sitting in his chair as usual on Tuesday morning when he suddenly fell to the floor, face downward. When assistance reached him he was dead.

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[PARKS, JOHN W.](#)

W. J. Parks (sic), the well-known cattle man, and long time resident of Arizona, died at his home in Solomonville, Sunday, June 28th. Mr. Parks had been ill for more than a year suffering from Bright's disease, which brought on other complications. Mr. Parks was born in Nashville, Tenn., December 23, 1843. When still a boy of tender years, he went with his parents to Texas, where they resided for a number of years. During the war of the rebellion, he enlisted in the Confederate Army and served all through the war. In 1879 he went to New Mexico, and removed from there to Duncan, Arizona, in 1882, where he went into the cattle business. In 1880 he removed to Solomonville, where he became a deputy sheriff under William Whelan, and resided continuously in Solomonville to the time of his death. Always prominent as a cattle man, he became interested in mining, and invested in mining property on the "Strip," at San Carlos, being one of those who took a prominent part in having the "coal strip" cut off from the reservation. In politics Mr. Parks was a staunch Democrat, and always took a prominent part in the affairs of his party. He served for several terms as justice of the peace in Solomonville. Mr. Parks was the father of ten children, three of whom died in Arizona. He is survived by a wife and seven children, James V., William H., John D., Jennie V, Charles W., Dollie V and Hoard M. The funeral services were held at the family residence in Solomonville, Monday afternoon, Rev D J. Hines officiating. The interment was made in Solomonville cemetery.

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[PAYNE, ANDREW](#)

Andrew Payne, aged 40 years, died at his home near the Solomonville depot, Saturday, November 16, 1918, from pneumonia. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon, at 3:00 o'clock, at the grave in Solomonville cemetery, Rev. Euscacio Eguroala, pastor of the Catholic church at Solomonville, officiating. The deceased leaves a widow and seven children to mourn his loss.

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[PERRY, EMMA W.](#)

DEATH OF MRS. PERRY. Mrs. Emma Wakefield Perry, who came here recently from California on account of failing health, died last evening at her home on Eleventh street, at 7:30 o'clock. Mrs. Perry was born in Humboldt, Kansas, November 27, 1870. She is survived by her husband and three children, her mother, her brother, James Wakefield and sister, Mrs. D. E. Jonson.

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PLATT, ISABELL ROMNEY

DEATH OF MRS. PLATT. Pioneer of Graham County Passes Away After a Short Illness.

Mrs. Isabell Romney Platt, aged 56 years, beloved wife of Dr. W. E. Platt, died Sunday, June 8, 1919, after a short illness, of acute indigestion. The funeral services were held in the Thatcher Church, yesterday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, the funeral cortege leaving the home here about 2:30 o'clock p.m. The church was prettily decorated with flowers and white bunting and a large crowd from all parts of the valley was in attendance. The Thatcher Ward Choir furnished the music, Prof. H. L. Payne giving two special numbers. The deceased was very highly eulogized. Words of praise were given for her faithfulness to duty throughout her entire life and many words of comfort were given to those who mourn her death. The speakers were are follows: Bishop Joseph Greenhalgh, Mrs. Katherine Pace, Joseph McFate, W. W. Pace, J. N. Heywood, J. D. Lee and Bishop Frank N. Tyler, all of whom have been well acquainted with Mrs. Platt for many years and have learned to love her for true and genuine worth. A large concourse of people followed the remains to the Thatcher cemetery. Mrs. Platt was born March 3, 1863 at Salt Lake City, Utah. She was married at the age of 21 years to Dr. William E. Platt. Eleven children were born of this union of whom five are dead and six are living. She is survived by her husband and the following children: Mrs. Ethel Platt Crandall, Mrs. Eva Platt Thorpe, Mrs. Nellie Platt Stevens, Mrs. Clara Platt Goodman, Mrs. Lola Platt Johns and Miles Platt. Mrs. Platt was on of the pioneers of Graham county, having lived here for twenty years. She was an ardent worker in the Mutual Society of Layton Ward for fifteen years, of which she was president for eight years. She was also a most valued member of the Layton Relief Society. Her death came as a great shock to the entire community. Her illness lasted only a few days and was hard to realize that she had been sick. She will be deeply mourned by many who have known her as a good friend and neighbor. She was a devoted mother and loving wife, her entire life being wrapped up in her family. She was a true and faithful member of her church: "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them. Rev. xiv:13."

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POSEY, AMOS L.

DEATH OF A. L. POSEY. At 11 o'clock of the night of November 29th, Amos L. Posey, at the age of 90 years, 3 months and ten days passed from this earthly sphere to the great beyond. The funeral services were held in Safford Thursday under the auspices of the Confederate Veterans and the remains were interred in the Union cemetery. Mr. Posey has been a resident of the Gila valley for nearly thirty years and came here from Alabama. He served the Confederacy all through the civil war in the eighth (sic) regular cavalry.

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POWELL, MRS. ALLIE

On March 28th, Mrs. Allie Powell, aged 82 years, 8 months and 8 days, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Powers, in Safford. Mrs. Powell had resided with her daughter in Safford since last January. She leaves five children to mourn her loss, three of whom were with her at the time of her death.

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