

FUNERAL SERVICES

The Last Sad Rites Over Bishop Stoker Were Held in the Bountiful Tabernacle Tues. Afternoon

The funeral services over the remains of the late Bishop Stoker who passed away last Saturday morning were held in the Bountiful Tabernacle, Tuesday afternoon.

There was a very large attendance—people from all parts of the county and from different parts of the state.

The floral offerings were very numerous and beautiful. There were several lovely large designs.

The speakers were, T. H. Barlow, Richard Stringham, Simon Bamberger, Charles R. Mabey, B. H. Roberts, Pres. Grant and Bishop Barlow. All of the speakers testified of the many beautiful traits of character that he possessed and what he had been able to achieve on account of the same that scarcely any other man would have been able to have done.

Deceased was born in Hancock Co., Illinois Sept. 28, 1844 and was the son of John and Jane McDaniel Stoker.

In 1848, the subject of this sketch came to Utah with his parents. After spending the winter in Salt Lake, the family moved to Bountiful in the spring of 1849 where the deceased resided to the time of his demise.

On March 3, 1866 he married Miss Regena Hogan. Eight children were born to them of whom seven are living. He had forty-two grand children of whom five preceded him to the great beyond. He has one great grand child.

Bishop Stoker was among the first to introduce dry farming in this state and in the west. He and his brother Alma took up 160 acres of land on what was then known as the sand ridge and for many years raised grain without water. After the canal was built and water brought out of the Weber river, this land became the best orchard and garden land in the state.

As fast as his children grew up and married, he gave each a twenty acre farm which showed his generous and helping disposition.

Deceased served as Blackhawk Indian War Veteran for nearly three months, and also filled a mission to the northern states.
