

Mrs. Mary A. Selman Passes Away

At 4 a.m. Monday morning, death took away one of Raymond's honoured and respected pioneers in the person of Mrs. Mary A. Selman, mother of a large and respected family and a person who since 1901 had done her full share in the building up of Raymond and district as long as her health would permit her to serve.

Mrs. Selman had been bedfast for some time past, and no doubt her passing was a great relief to her, although of course it brought sorrow to her relatives and friends. She passed away at the home of her daughter Mrs. O. J. Rolfson where she had been moved only last Wednesday. Up until then she had remained at her own home and had been cared for by Mrs. Lee Selman, who with Lee and Drexel had been living at her home. Her husband died in 1929 and two grown sons passed away, one in 1916 and one in 1918.

Mrs. Selman was born in South Africa in November 1853, so that she would have been 86 years old had she lived until November of this year. With her parents she moved to England [sic] and from there the family emigrated to the United States when she was 13, taking six months to cross the ocean and covering the distance from the Missouri to Salt Lake City in wagons, she walking most of the way to the new destination. She and her husband were married in the old Endowment House in Salt Lake City by President Brigham Young, and they lived first in Cache Valley and later because of the Indian raids and the severity of the climate in Cache Valley, they moved to Payson.

In 1901 the family moved to Raymond being amongst the first to settle here. Mrs. Selman, as a member of the first Relief Society Presidency organized in Raymond, and as long as her health and physical condition would permit, was active in the organizations of the Church. A number of years ago she suffered a fall and broke her hip, and it never knitted properly and from then on she was forced to use crutches. Of a sunny and cheerful disposition, she never complained nor found fault and in the midst of disappointment and discouragement she was always full of faith and hope and refused to have her spirits broken by the experiences of mortality.

The mother of ten children, eight of whom are still living, she has 37 grandchildren and 7 great grand children. The living children in order of their age are: Mrs. A.A. Willis of Watsonville, Cal., Mrs. Lily Dean of Payson, Utah. Mrs. O. J. Rolfson, Mrs. Sylvia Welch of Stockton Cal., and C. William, Delsel G., Drexel H. and Lee H.

FUNERAL SERVICES

Funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Chas. Selman were held in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Church Thursday afternoon with Bishop J. O. Hicken of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ward in charge. The combined choir of both wards was directed by W. W. McMullin, with Mrs. Albert Winkler at the console. Special musical numbers for the service were a vocal solo by J. LeRoy Anderson, a vocal duet by Mesdames Muriel Terry and Winnie Strong, and an organ solo by Mrs. Albert Winkler.

The invocation was offered by Elder C. E. Allred and the benediction by Elder J. U. Allred, friends and neighbors of the deceased for 35 years.

Speakers were Elder Geo. Fairbanks, friend of the family who spoke on the three degrees of man's existence, the spirit world, mortality and life after death. The other speakers Bishop A. E. Fawns of Stirling, and John Green of Lethbridge, eulogized the life and labors of deceased

and paid her a fine tribute through the faithfulness and willingness to serve on the part of her children who are members of his ward.

Pall bearers for the service were five grandsons of the deceased, Brownie, Dean, Wilson, and Leonard Rolfson, Francom Selman and Nolan McMullin. The profusion of flowers were a fine tribute to the esteem in which deceased was held and a large cortege followed the remains to the cemetery where interment was made with Christensen Bros. in charge.