

# THOMAS OGDEN DIES AT HOME HERE TUESDAY

## Funeral Services Being Held Today at Tabernacle for Prominent Pioneer

With the passing of Thomas Ogden, who died at his home here at 11:30 Monday night, many early pioneer incidents and enterprises in Richfield in which he was a prominent figure will be recalled. He was constantly active in church work, serving for years in the high council of the Sevier stake. He was prominent as a farmer and stockraiser in the early days, and later became owner and manager of the old Co-op, then known as Thomas Ogden & Sons, located where Jensen Bros. now stands. His health has failed steadily the past three years, and during the winters he has found the warmer climate at his home in Ocean Park, California, more agreeable, so consequently has not been so closely associated with local affairs as in previous years. However, he returned to Richfield in April for his usual summer sojourn here, and enjoyed the past few weeks of his life among his old friends. He suffered a stroke Tuesday of last week, and for several days before death was unable to talk. However, he had lived long and well and had won the respect of hosts of friends.

Funeral services will be held in the stake tabernacle at two o'clock this afternoon, Thursday.

Thomas Ogden was born September 25, 1849, at Hall i' th' Wood, near Bolton, Lankashire, England, a son of William and Mary Vickers Ogden. His great-grandfather, John Crompton, was a relative of Samuel Crompton, inventor of the spinning ginney, who also lived in the neighborhood of Hall i' th' Wood. This noted old house is now a national museum.

Natural to the locality in which they resided, the Ogden family worked in the cotton mills. As a small child Thomas, himself, assisted with tasks at the mills during half a day, and when thirteen years of age was employed full time. The occasion of the Ogden family's emigration to the United States was, as in most cases with the Utah pioneers, one of religion. The family joined the L. D. S. church the year before Thomas was born, and he, consequently, was raised as a member of the church, and as a young man served in England as branch agent of the Millennial Star.

About May 20, 1868, the family set sail on the sailing vessel "Emerald Isle," and arrived in New York harbor after eight weeks on the ocean. It is of interest to note that since then Mr. Ogden has made two trips to his native land, making the last trip in six days. From New York the family went by train to Benton, where men and teams had awaited their arrival for six weeks. Wagons, horses, mules and cattle were used in making the journey across the plains. The company arrived in Salt Lake City September 25, 1868, and Thomas and his brother went to the Weber river section to work on the railroad. In December he joined his parents and family, who in the meantime had moved to Santaquin. In March, 1872, the Ogdens left Santaquin and settled in Richfield, where Indian troubles were still all too frequent. Mr. Ogden stood guard and drilled all summer. He was one of the first members of the United Order in Richfield, and remained with it until it was dissolved in 1878.

March 31, 1873, Thomas Ogden was married to Miss Anne Marsh in the endowment house at Salt Lake City, and to them was born W. T., Albert, Frank M., Charles L. and George H. Ogden; Nora, now Mrs. James Jensen; Walter Ogden and Jane Ogden Gledhill. His marriage to Hannah Wells took place in October, 1884, in the Logan temple. Their children are J. W., Ruby, now Mrs. Lee Riding, Eva and Lizzie. With the exception of two daughters, Jane and Lizzie, all of Mr. Ogden's children survive, together with forty-five grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Surviving also is his widow, Mary Marsh Sellers, to whom he was married in the Salt Lake temple in 1918, and one brother, Joseph Ogden, the last members of his father's family.

During the winter of 1919 and 1920 Mr. Ogden and his wife worked in the Hawaiian temple. It might be interesting to note here that Mr. Ogden has been present at the dedication of the Salt Lake, St. George, Manti, Cardston and Mesa temples. He visited his native land as a missionary in the early eighties, and crossed the Atlantic again to visit Europe in 1907. He has also traveled in Old Mexico, and in general has availed himself of opportunities for a life of usefulness and pleasure.