

# Thomas W. Jones

# T. W. JONES, PIONEER TAILOR, DIES AT 83 YEARS

## BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR OGDEN'S OLDEST ELK

### "Uncle" Tommy Jones' Anniversary Does Not Pass Unnoticed by Local Lodge.

Yesterday was the seventy-eighth birthday anniversary of "Uncle" Tommy Jones, and the event did not pass unnoticed by his many friends, but it was especially noted by several of those who are members of Ogden lodge No. 719, B. P. O. E. "Uncle" Tommy is the oldest Elk in the Ogden herd and this goes for age as well as period of membership in 719, for he was a charter member when the antlers were passed around in 1901.

The remembrance of the brother Elks took the form of a silver leather covered flask bearing this inscription: "Uncle Tommy Jones, 1834, 1912." The veteran Elk was corralled at the

club rooms late yesterday afternoon and presented with a birthday reminder.

In spite of his 78 years, "Uncle Tommy" is just as young in spirit as any member of the Ogden herd. He declares that it will be at least twenty years before "11 o'clock" is sounded for him. At least he hopes that the Divine Exalted Ruler will wait until after the new club house has been dedicated.

"It wouldn't make a particle of difference if Uncle Tommy was 178 years old today," said one of the prominent members of the lodge, "for he would still be one of the grandest Elks that ever donned the antlers, and he would be one of the boys, too. He is always willing to join us in a song and there never has been a line of march too long for him to cover."

"Uncle Tommy" has held several official positions in No. 719 and at the present time is a member of the board of trustees.



Thomas Foy Jones of Arsarokee, Mont.; Sheridan Jones, Magna, Utah; Mrs. C. W. Cross, Oakland, Cal.; Mrs. J. K. McCormick, Berkeley, Cal.; Mrs. R. M. Stewart, Reno, Nev.; T. Allen Jones, Alaska; Mrs. S. J. Thomas, G. H. Jones, Mrs. A. G. Maw, Irving W. Jones, Winford S. Jones, Arlington G. Jones, C. Thurman Jones and Myrtle E. Jones, all of Ogden. He is also survived by forty-two grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren.

The body will lie in state at the home Saturday afternoon and evening and Sunday until 3 o'clock.

The time and place of funeral has not yet been decided.

Thomas Wilkins Jones, pioneer tailor of Ogden and for years one of the well known residents of the city died this morning at 2:45 o'clock at his home, 474 Twenty-fourth street where he had been ill since last December as a result of general debility. He had been in ill health for practically the past five years, since the time that he retired from the tailoring business, which has since been directed by a son, A. G. Jones.

The life of Thomas Wilkins Jones was closely interwoven with the progress of Utah and especially of Ogden. He was nearly 83 years of age, having been born at Quebec, Canada, on September 12, 1834.

His father died in 1841 and the family returned to Wales, where he became an apprentice in the tailoring business. In 1850, having heard the preachings of Mormon elders, he was baptized at Cardiff, Wales, and three years later sailed from Liverpool for New Orleans. After a six week journey he reached that port and then went up the Mississippi river to Keokuk, Iowa, where he fitted out an outfit and came with the C. V. Spencer train to Utah, arriving in Salt Lake on September 19, 1853. In 1854 he came to Ogden and had been a resident of this city practically since that time.

He was ordained a member of the seventh quorum of seventies and was on a mission at Fort Supply, in what is now Wyoming, for a time.

His marriage to Sarah Jane Foy was on April 3, 1856, in Ogden, and the couple returned to the fort until the approach of Johnston's army, when he was deserted, and Mr. Jones returned to Ogden.

In the fall of 1857 he was mustered into service in the Nauvoo Legion and marched north with his brigade through the Marsh valley. On his return he was detailed to Echo canyon and took part in "the bloodless war." Later he moved south with these forces to Spanish Fork and, when the peace commissioners arrived, returned to Ogden, which he made his home.

His first tailoring establishment was opened in 1870 and grew in extent in many years, this being on what was then Main street, now Washington avenue. Hundreds of men from the western states patronized this establishment, which became well known as one of Ogden's enterprises. Mr. Jones also kept up his church activities and was prominent in business affairs and civic events. He was prominent member of the Elks lodge.

Mrs. Sarah Foy Jones died in March 1873, leaving seven children. On March 2, 1874, Mr. Jones again entered the married state, Miss Louisa Goodale being his bride. Mrs. Jones has fifteen sons and daughters of the pioneer tailor survive him. The children are: