

Alex D. Moffat Is Called

At his home in Salt Lake City last Monday, Alex Moffat, one of the early pioneers of Park City and for many years connected with the Ontario min., passed away.

In the early days of Park City Mr. Moffat was one of its best known citizens, prominent in Masonic affairs and just a general, good all-round fellow, and the few left in this community who knew him and associated with him in "those good old days," will sincerely regret to hear of his passing on.

Tuesday's Salt Lake Tribune in giving an account of the death of Mr. Moffat, says:

Alexander D. Moffat, who for more than fifty years has been in the forefront of the metal mining activities of the state, died Monday morning at his home, 251 East Fourth South street, at the age of 75 years. One of Mr. Moffat's sons, D. D. Moffat, is assistant general manager of the Utah Copper company.

Mr. Moffat was born May 22, 1852, in Edinburgh, Scotland, and came to the United States at the age of 3 with his parents, settling first in Pennsylvania. The family moved to Utah in the early 60's, and when the son "Alex" had gained early manhood he started on the mining career that carried him through some of the most eventful days in the history of western mining. It was in the old Alta district that he first cast his lot with a band of hardy pioneers who sought their fortunes in digging the natural treasures that lay buried in the hills.

But the Alta district did not hold him long, and, early in the 70's, about ten years after coming to Utah, Mr. Moffat went to Park City, which was then known as the Uintah mining district, making his way to that camp in the dead of winter on snowshoes. This was shortly after the organization of the district, when the enormous amount of wealth in gold, silver and lead, which has since been taken from its mines, was still a dream. Mr. Moffat became associated with the Ontario Mines company, the first to open a bonanza ore body in that region. He worked up step by step until, in 1886, he was made mill superintendent for that company. Then he was sent to Mexico by the Hearst-Hagen interests, owners of the Ontario company, to begin certain operations for them there. Later he was employed for a time by the Granite Bi-metallic Consolidated Mining company of Phillipsburg, Montana.

Returning to Utah, he again went with the Ontario company, when he was made general superintendent of all Ontario properties. Altogether, he was in Park City for thirty years, during which time he was associated with some of the most prominent figures in Utah mining annals. Among them were R. C. Chambers, David Keith, United States Senator Thomas Kearns, John Judge, John Daly and F. J. Westcott. Mr. Westcott is the only one of these who is still living.

After leaving Park City Mr. Moffat went to Newhouse as general superintendent of the Newhouse Mining company. Later he went to the Majestic Mines company at Milford as general manager. He was associated with this company up until the time of his death.

On October 10, 1877, Mr. Moffat married Martha Anne Sherratt, who survives him. Also surviving him are two sons, D. D. and Gall S. Moffat, and one daughter,

Mrs. J. H. Patrick, all of Salt Lake. Surviving also are nine grandchildren.

Private funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the residence, with the Very Rev. Dean W. W. Fleetwood of St. Mark's cathedral officiating. Interment will be in Mt. Olivet cemetery. Services at the graveside will be conducted by Mt. Moriah lodge, No. 2, Free and Accepted Masons, of which Mr. Moffat was a member.