

OLD PIONEER OF IRON

COUNTY AND THE SOUTH

Yesterday morning we were favored by a visit from Nephi Johnson, one of the pioneers of Parowan, Cedar City and other towns in the south. Mr. Johnson's home is now at Mesquite, Clark County, Nevada, and he was on his way home from the Parowan home-coming.

Mr. Johnson is now 82 years old, but is remarkably well preserved, can read and write still, gets about with apparent ease, is straight and would not be taken for much if any over 60.

He was a member of the original band of pioneers who settled Parowan January 13, 1851. After residing there for two years. From there he moved to Johnson's Fort with his brother, and it is from them that the settlement takes its name of Johnson.

In 1856 Mr. Johnson moved to Cedar City, but resided here only about three years when he was called by Bishop Isaac C. Haight to lead a company of saints into the upper Virgen Valley, and assisted in making the first wagon road into that country. He settled at Virgen City, where he resided for 12 years, and then moved to Kanab, where he lived 25 years.

Mr. Johnson was joined at Parowan by his brother Alma Johnson, another pioneer of this section, who is now residing at Tropic, Garfield county.