

Robert W. Heyborne Biography

1845-1907



Robert W. Heyborne was born in Killkenny, Ireland in 1845. When he was very young his parents took him with them to Australia where his father died, leaving his mother with six children to raise. They came to America and on to Cedar City in 1857. After arriving in Utah, Robert crossed the plains twice more to assist with the L.D.S. immigration.

Robert W. Heyborne married Margaret Bladen in Cedar City, and they were later sealed in the Salt Lake Temple. To this marriage was born seven daughters – Mary Ann, Sarah, Eunice, Margaret, Jessie, Bertha, and Agnes Pearl.

Early in life Heyborne was called into public service beginning with the office of City Marshall, from which he progressed to the City Council where he served three terms. He filled the office of Mayor two terms, served as City Recorder nearly six years. Assessor and Collector for Iron County for eight years, member of the Territorial Legislature four years, member of two Constitutional Conventions, and he represented Iron County in the first Utah State Legislature.

Robert W. Heyborne was a very prominent figure, both civilly and ecclesiastically. He was a fluent speaker and was before the people in public life for forty years. He died at the age of 62 in 1907.

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