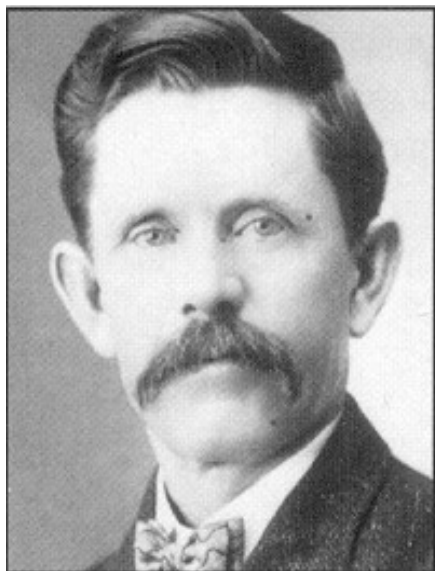


# Life Sketch of Thomas Jedediah Jones

5 June 1858 -- 6 January 1931



Thomas Jedediah Jones, the fourth son of Thomas and Sage Treharne Jones, was born June 5, 1858, in Cedar City, Utah. Quite early in life he took to the carpentry trade, which he followed quite successfully through his life. He became a very successful, public spirited, and useful citizen, as well as a church leader in this part of the state. He was unpretentious with a high sense of humor. Jed took a leading part in public improvements, especially schools, school buildings, etc., and was one of the prime movers in securing the B.N.S. for Cedar City, which has done so much good in the southern part of Utah.

Thomas and Eva Lunt were married May, 1878, when he was 20 and she 17 years old. They were the parents of ten children.

In his work as a carpenter, Thomas Jed spent some time as a building supervisor on the Tabernacle building (the Cedar City Post Office now stands on this site), which was completed about 1887. In 1888 he started a two year mission as a carpenter on the Manti Temple. Another important event in his career as a builder occurred when he was appointed as Building Supervisor for the first Branch Normal School Building (Old Main). This building is still being used on the campus of S.U.S.C. Heber Jensen's recollections were as follows: "I can remember as if it were yesterday how Jed would go all over town on horseback asking men to work, gathering supplies for those who were already working, and raising the spirits of those who were working on the B.N.S. building.

He held many important positions, both religiously and civilly. He was Sunday School Superintendent for many years; and, in 1925, he was chosen as a Councilor to William R. Palmer in the Parowan Stake Presidency. His civic jobs included two terms as Mayor of Cedar City and one term as Representative from Iron County to the Utah State Legislature.

His sunny disposition, keen sense of humor, and unwavering faith were admirable qualities considering all the trials he had to endure. He suffered greatly with rheumatism for a number of years. He lost four grown children, three with families of their own, and his wife had very poor health for the last ten years of her life. He lived for nine years after her death. He died January 6, 1931 in Cedar City.

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