

October 8, 1880

A FATAL ACCIDENT.

On Tuesday or Wednesday of last week, David Eames went to the canyon for a load of wood, and having secured it, was returning when his horses, which are high spirited animals, took fright at something and ran away, so injuring David that he returned home leaving the load of wood in the canyon. Thursday morning his brother Joseph Eames went after it, with a team that was deemed trustworthy, but as he did not return that evening as expected, David and another brother went after him. About 10 o'clock they found the wagon tipped over and in such a condition as to indicate a runaway; and after searching some time they found the dead body of Joseph on the slide, or dugway, lying on his right side, with his arm folded under him, and a pool of blood near him. They succeeded in getting the body down to the road; then went to the Temple wood camp for assistance. The fatal injuries were received on the head and face which were fearfully mangled. As the corpse presented such a ghastly appearance, they washed the head and face before bringing it home. They arrived in Logan about 5 o'clock in the morning and a coroner's inquest was at once held. He bore a good character, and leaves a wife and three children to mourn his loss. We extend our sympathy to his family and friends.

The following is a copy of the verdict rendered by the coroner's jury:

Territory of Utah, Logan precinct, Cache County

An inquisition held at Logan Third Ward, in Logan precinct Cache County of the first day of October, A.D. 1880 before Ezra D. Carpenter, coroner for said County, upon the body of Joseph Eames there lying dead, by the jurors whose names are herein subscribed. The said jurors upon their oath do say that he came to his death from 12 to 2 o'clock on Thursday, Sept. 30th by being thrown from a cartload of logs while the team was running and being dragged some distance under the load receiving his death wound on the right side of the head and face, at Thomas X. Smith's mill hollow, Logan Canyon.

In testimony whereof the said juror have hereunto set their hands the day and year aforesaid. W. E. Basset, Thomas McNeil, W. T. Hopkins, Attest, Ezra D. Carpenter, County Coroner