Alma Marker, Pioneer, Dies in Rest Home

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Alma Marker, retired pioneer Idaho Falls merchant, died Saturday [27 October 1956] at 11:40 a.m. at a local rest home at the age of 97.

Mr. Marker started in business in Idaho Falls in 1883 with a general store and was in continuous business until he retired in 1938.

He was born in Spanish Fork, Utah, Oct. 20, 1859. He was married to Elizabeth Larsen in Nampa, Utah, Nov. 8, 1881. Operator of a small store in Nampa he moved his merchandise to Idaho Falls in 1882 and sold goods out of trunks prior to the building of his store on Capitol Ave. Ten years later he moved in the building now occupied by the Idaho First National Bank, where he was in business for 33 years.

He was also associated with the Bonneville Sportsman Assn. and was an ardent fisherman. As one of the early pioneer merchants, he became very well known. He is also remembered as an accomplished violinist.

His wife died in December of 1944. Survivors included the following sons and daughters: Milroy Marker, Edward Marker, Mrs. Harry (Elva) Hemler and Miss Minnie Marker; one grandson Dean Waddell of Salt Lake City and one great granddaughter Miss Joyce Waddell of Los Angeles.

Funeral services for Mr. Marker will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the First

Parents: Jans Jensen Marker and Anna Maria Jorgensen.

Spouse: Elizabeth Larsen, 8 Nov. 1881 - Dec. 1944

Note: Joe Marker was a grand-nephew of Alma Marker