

A Sudden Death

Rev. John Stryker, formerly of Sedalia, passed away in Kansas City.

The Summons came Saturday

Deceased Had Been in His Usual Health Up to the Time He Was Stricken—
Death Followed almost Immediately.

Rev. John Stryker, a former Sedalian, who for the past two years had made his home in Kansas City with his daughter, Mrs. S. W. Kniffin, died very unexpectedly Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Kniffin home, the news of his demise being conveyed to relatives here through a message received by Dr. George E. McNeil.

Mr. Stryker, according to information received of his death, ate heartily at noon and seemed in a healthy condition to all outward appearances. He was suddenly stricken with an ailment from which he never rallied, expiring a short time afterward.

Mr. Stryker spent many years in Sedalia as a contractor and builder, and several Sedalia business houses and residences were constructed under his direction and under contracts held by him. Among the most pretentious business buildings is the opera house block on East Second street, which was built under his guidance and by workmen in his employ.

Deceased, in addition to his regular occupation, also acted as a minister of the Baptist church, and was a devout member of the First church of that denomination of this city, he and his widow being among the oldest and most regular attendants at that place of worship during their residence in Sedalia. For a period of forty-five years Mr. Stryker resided here, and at all times and under all conditions he held the respect and esteem of a legion of friends, who will regret exceedingly the passing of this good man.

Besides his widow, Mr. Stryker is survived by three sons—Herbert A. Stryker, of Third street and Prospect avenue, this city, Howard Stryker, residing in Canada, and Harry Stryker of Spokane, Wash. A daughter, Mrs. S. W. Kniffin, and sixteen grandchildren also survive.

The remains, accompanied by relatives and friends, will arrive this afternoon at 12:45 o'clock on Missouri Pacific train No. 2, and the funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock at the First Baptist church, the Rev. Dr. J. B. Fuller, formerly pastor of that church, to conduct the services.

The pall bearers will be as follows: Messrs. Grant Crawford, H. M. Mosher, Logan Thomas, Melvin H. Morris, W. J. Letts and Judge Louis Hoffman.

Interment will be in Crown Hill Cemetery.