

Communications

S. T. Kelsey Dies In Los Angeles

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and Highlands Maconian:

Samuel Trueman Kelsey passed away March 7 at the home of his sister, Mrs. Ansel Ogden, in Los Angeles, Calif. Mr. Kelsey died of cardiac asthma. He suffered intensely and was put in an oxygen tent.

Mr. Kelsey came to Highlands in the early 1870's with his parents, was a graduate of Bingham school at Asheville and was passed to the bar, but never practiced law, was a surveyor, real estate, and liveryman. Was married to Mrs. Chas. Bowers (Miss Ivy Simmons) and went to the Pacific coast in the late 1890's.

"True" was a wonderful fellow and was loved and honored by all who knew him.

It was the writer's privilege to meet with Mrs. Ogden (Lula Kelsey), True, and Elias D. White last September, it was a reunion of four school mates of the early 1880's when it was a one-room school house at Highlands then. Many questions were asked relative to their Macon county friends. They were pleased to know that Sam Picklesimer, Mat Daves, Nathan McKinney, Frank Smith, Martha Norton, J. J. Smith, H. M. Bascom, Frank Hill, and many others were living in Macon county yet.

Mr. Kelsey was a Master Mason, very active, was one time a member of Blue Ridge Lodge at Highlands. He mentioned many Masons who were members of that lodge—Tom Vinson, Mack Wilson, T. D. Holden, "Uncle Dave" and Burric Norton, Mack and Rod Person, Ike Peek, Grant Zachary, and many more.

It has been said "you can take

a man out of the mountains but
you can't take the mountains out
of the man."

Come to see me, if you are pass-
ing this way. The latch string
hangs on the outside of the door.

Respectfully,

A. D. McKinney

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