

Birth year based on age of sixty-five at the time of his death.

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James McQuillan Dies At Home In Tonopah

"Tonopah - James J. McQuillan, widely known Nevada mine operator and former mayor of Tonopah, died here yesterday. He had been in poor health for several months and became seriously ill three weeks ago.

Born in San Francisco sixty-five years ago. Mr. McQuillan came to Virginia City with his parents when a child, moving to Candelaria when he was fifteen years old. As a young man he was actively identified with the mining development of Candelaria, Sodaville and Douglas. He opened the first assay office in Tonopah and was one of the original owners of the West End Consolidated and the Midway mines. He was associated with the development of most of the major mines in Tonopah.

Active in civic affairs, he built the first school house in Tonopah and served as a member of the Tonopah board for twenty years. He helped organize the first bank in Tonopah. Unanimously elected, he was Tonopah's first mayor when the town was incorporated and later served as a member of the Nye County Commissioners for eight years. He took an active part in the affairs of the Democratic party, serving two terms in the Nevada Legislature and two terms as postmaster under the Wilson Administration. He was a charter member of the Tonopah Lodge of Elks.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Katherine McQuillan, to whom he was married in 1891, a daughter, Mrs. Charles Riley and two grandsons of Los Angeles, a son, Roy McQuillan of San Francisco, two sisters Mrs. J.D. Robb and Mrs. W. J. Douglas, a brother Jack McQuillan and several nieces and nephews.