Lee, Simeon L.

Lee, Simeon Lemuel Birth Date: 4 Sept 1844 Birth Place: Vandalia, III. Death Date: 12 Jan 1927 Death Place: Carson City, Nv. Inscription: "HE SPEAKS THO HE SLEEPS" Simeon Lemuel Lee, M. D. First Lieutenant Co. H Eighth Illinois Infantry Volunteer Regiment Husband of Lola Monteg Father of Frank Bishop, William Lemuel, Adelbert Watts. Section: 1E Row 18 Plot 12

Military Data:

8th Illinois Infantry, Co. H Rank In: Pvt Rank Out: 1st Sgt Film Number: M539 Roll 52

Census Data:

1920 Census – Ormsby Co. – Carson City Age: 75 Place of Birth: Illinois (self) England (father) New York (mother) Occupation: Medical Doctor Wife: Lola Daughter: Willamina (16) Note: daughter is listed as adopted, no history of family available



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Dr. S. L. Lee Is Summoned

State Loses Valuable Citizen

Carson City Appeal, Wednesday, January 12, 1927

This morning, about 9 o'clock, Dr. S. L. Lee, a pioneer resident of this state, and one of the best known physicians in Nevada, passed away at his home in this city.

For the past two years his health has been failing, and he realized his condition and had made preparations for the end. He has been attending his office duties up to within a few days, his wife bringing him down each day, and to his friends and patients he insisted that the end was very near.

He leaves a devoted wife, Mrs. Lola Montz Lee.

USEFUL CAREER

Dr. S. L. Lee had given the public one of the most useful careers of any of the professional men of the state. Coming to Nevada shortly after the Civil War he took up his practice in Pioche, serving the mining camp and surrounding section. He moved to Carson City in the early seventies and with his family made this city his residence.

During his period of usefulness he made a study of vital statistics and through his efforts it became a part of legislative enactment. For years he served without pay and his records are the only ones available during the period when there was no provision made for such statistics.

A COLLECTOR

From the day he arrived in this state he has been busy collecting the various fine minerals, gems and Indian relics, until today his collection of only the finest specin=mentsremains the most complete and valuable in the state. Every scientist visiting this city in years has made the Doctor Lee office his headquarter owing to the variety , fine classification and selection of specimens from every nook and corner of this state.

The collection is a fortune in itself and represents a life work. Of recent years, he turned lapidary and cut and polished many of the gems and fine specimens that are now contained in his collection. It has been a great pleasure to his friends to visit this display, which showed knowledge and patience.

As a citizen, Dr. Lee had been one of the foremost of the state. All civic, state and national affairs were part of his existence, and with the tremendous amount of reading that he followed through life, he was a source of wonderful reliability when one wanted to know what happened in the world. He burned midnight oil so many years that the familiar light in his room will be missed with his passing.

Dr. Lee had taken an active part in the Republican party lines and during the years of his activities was among the leaders of his party cause. Locally, he assisted in the directing of many of the improvement sand his home stands as one on the fine monuments to the man who wished to live and die in this city. His beautiful flowers were a passion and his tree planting will be an everlasting memorial to the fine citizen who had no fear of death and to the last spoke calmly of his departure with friends.

Dr. Simeon L. Lee was born at Navdalia [sic], Fayette County, Illinois, September 4th, 1844, which makes his age 82 years. Following the death of his brother, who was killed in the Civil war, he took his brother's place in the ranks and served under General John A. Logan.

After the war he returned home where he was married to Lola Montez Wells in 1868. Three sons were born and all died after reaching manhood.

In 1870 he received his medical degree from the Cincinnati Medical College and immediately moved West, where he made his continuous home.

His useful life as a citizen and physician will always be a memory to the people of this city and over the state. It has been a great pleasure to know Dr. S. L. Lee.

As a young man he joined the Masons and was a Shriner of the San Francisco lodge.

Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon under the auspices of the Masonic