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Nye Merchant Goes To Coast

"Tonopah - Richard B. Davis, the founder of the mercantile house of Lothrop-Davis Company the first in the camp in 1900, left yesterday accompanied by his two daughters Mrs. Fred Bartels and Mrs. Tebe Bever to make his home with them at Ocean Beach.

On Saturday night Tonopah lodge No. 28 F. & A. M. called a special social session so that all members could meet the venerable charter member before his departure. Henry C. Schmidt, worshipful master, in a fitting speech presented Mr. Davis with a handsome traveling bag."

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Tonopah Mourns Richard B. Davis

"Tonopah - In view of the prominence of the late Richard B. Davis it is probable that the town trustees will call upon the entire city to set aside Tuesday (8 Oct 1929) to honor the memory of the man who started the first store, built the first frame building and the first stone building for mercantile purposes and established the first telephone connection with the outer world. The body arrived this morning. The funeral will be under the auspices of Tonopah Lodge F. & A. M, of which he was a charter member."

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Davis Funeral Services Held

"Tonopah - Tonopah today honored the memory of the late Richard B. Davis, pioneer of the young Butler City which had not yet attained the dignity of the euphonic name of Tonopah. The obsequies were under the auspices of Tonopah Lodge F. & A. M. with which deceased had been identified since the lodge was transferred to Tonopah. The pallbearers were chosen from the pioneer associates of Mr. Davis. Other fraternal orders represented were the Odd Fellows and Elks.

The floral offerings exceeded any similar contributions in recent years, coming from almost every county in the state with a strong representation from Reno, Dayton and Virginia City with generous donations from Los Angeles and San Francisco where many of the former business and social associates had removed.