Obit states he was born in Carrolton, MO, I could not find that city or county. He moved to Denver, CO when he was a young man and established a tailor business, removing from there to Tonopah in 1923, having made his home there until his death. He also had a tailor shop in Tonopah for a number of years but his interest turned to mining and he held several claims in the lower Tule Canyon area. He studied Geology and mineralogy at the Tonopah School of Mines. On 24 May 1945 he married his childhood sweetheart Ellie Harris of Hannibal, MO. In recent years he was a custodian at the Tonopah Bank until ill health forced him to retire.