

# Dr. Hiram W. Fenner Dies At His Home in California

**Practised Many Years in Tucson; Was Head of Red Cross, Director of Carnegie Library and Prominent in Many Other Activities**

Dr. Hiram W. Fenner, 70, prominent Tucson physician over a period of 35 years, died following a heart attack in his home, Carmel, Calif., yesterday morning.

Dr. Fenner, as a resident of Tucson, was widely known beyond the confines of his city and county. He was the son of Hiram and Elizabeth

Myers Fenner, both natives of Pennsylvania, who later lived in Bucyrus, Ohio. In the latter town, Dr. Fenner was born in 1859. His ancestry on both sides was German, but his father's family were early settlers in Pennsylvania.

Dr. Fenner was educated in the public schools of Bucyrus and was graduated from the high school in 1876. The same year he began the study of medicine in Terre Haute, and subsequently entered the Medical College of Ohio—now the University of Cincinnati—from which he was graduated in 1881.

He then came to Arizona and was appointed physician for the Copper Queen mining company in Bisbee, where he remained until 1883. In the latter year he located in Tucson, engaged in practice, and during the years that intervened, his skill, his strict adherence to professional ethics, and his tactful manner won for him a warm place in the hearts of his many friends and patrons.

#### Left 10 Years Ago

Dr. Fenner left Tucson ten years ago to make his home in California.

Besides attending to his general practice, Dr. Fenner, for many years, was division surgeon for the Southern Pacific railway company. He was formerly regent of the University of Arizona and a member of the board of library commissioners which superintended the erection of the Carnegie library. In politics he was a Republican. He had associated for years with the Arizona Medical society. He was married near San Francisco to Miss Ida Hemme, a native of California.

Dr. Fenner had no children. He left, at his death, his widow, Mrs. Ida Fenner, two sisters-in-law of Berkeley, Calif., en route to Europe when he died; and relatives in Bucyrus.

Always a leader in civic affairs, Dr. Fenner did much to become friend to Tucson's populace. He would seldom accept office and used his funds and time freely for Tucson's good, according to his former associates.

#### Headed Red Cross

He headed the Tucson chapter of the American Red Cross until it was placed on a firm basis. In 1913-14, he presented ground, on which has been erected the Woman's club, to that organization at Ott and Main streets. He aided the Young Women's Christian association for several years in its financing of property at Driscoll and Pennington streets.

While in Tucson, Dr. Fenner was associated with the Citizen's Building and Loan association and the Southern Arizona Bank and Trust company.

Dr. Fenner is also remembered as the man to first bring an automobile to the Old Pueblo. He did this in 1901. The auto, of early type, was operated by steam, and was purchased in the east from the Real Auto company.

The Fenner home first stood at Pennington street and North Stone avenue, across from the Steinfeld department store at the southeast corner of the intersection. Later the doctor built a home in Paseo Redondo, now occupied by Dr. S. H. Watson.