

History Question of the Month

What Cottonwood Heights resident served as a Utah State Senator from 1942 to 1944? Was elected Chairman of the Salt Lake Democratic County Committee in 1947? Was elected again to the Utah State Senate in 1948 and was considered as a possibility for President of the Utah State Senate?

Answer

John Arthur Bailey was a well-known Salt Lake attorney. He was born in Albion, Idaho, in 1905. He graduated from the University of Utah in 1936 and was admitted to the Utah State Bar January 1, 1937. He practiced law in Salt Lake City. He and his family lived in Cottonwood Heights on 70th South and 30th East. He was active in civic affairs. While serving in the State Senate his interests were in employee employer relationships and educational legislation. Mr. Bailey attended the opening ceremonies of the 28th Utah Legislature on January 13, 1949 and then was forced to return home because of health issues. His Doctor confined him to bed. With his absence, the Senate was evenly divided with 11 Democrats and 11 Republicans. Mr. Bailey died of a heart ailment February 10, 1949, at the age of 43. He left behind his wife and four children.

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