

ADAMS, ROBERT CARSON
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PROMINENT FEEDER AND FARMER PASSES AWAY HERE MONDAY
Final Rites for Carson Adams Are Held Today

Carson Adams, one of the most prominent feeders and farmers on the Wheatland flats, passed away at his home at 1:30 a.m., Monday morning after an illness of short duration. Mr. Adams had not been in the best of health for some time but his condition was not critical and his many friends were shocked to learn that he had passed away so suddenly.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Congregational church with Rev. R. E. Morgan in charge. Interment was made in the Wheatland cemetery with the Lyla Watson Funeral home in charge of arrangement.

Robert Carson Adams was born in Lexington, Ohio, in 1862, celebrating his 73rd birthday on March 12th. His parents were Thomas Adams, and Mary Brown of the Ohio pioneers.

He was left fatherless at the age of eight months, but came west at the age of ten years with his mother and stepfather, to Iowa. The influence of his pioneer blood sent him farther west at the early age of nineteen, to Fort Morgan, Colo.

On June 23, 1897, he wedded Miss Iva Victoria Harris, of Fort Collins. Of this union four children were born; Janet V., who died in infancy; Abby Harris, of Pendlton, Oregon; Robert Carson, Jr., located at Annapolis, Maryland; and Mrs. Myrna L. Hall, residing west of Wheatland.

Mr. Adams was a member of his mother's church, the First Presbyterian of West Liberty, Iowa, until his marriage, when both transferred to the First Presbyterian of Timnath, Colo., where he had a general store.

He was made a Master Mason in Ashler, Lodge No. 10, at Douglas, Wyo., in the year 1905, and later demitted from said lodge and affiliated with Laramie Lodge No. 3, at Laramie, Wyo. He also was a member of Natural Bridge Chapter No. 9 Royal Arch Masons at Douglas, Wyo. He belonged to Wyoming Consistory No. 1 at Cheyenne, Wyo., and was also a member of the Shrine, Korein Temple at Rawlins, Wyo. He further belonged to the Order of Eastern Star, being affiliated with Wheatland Chapter No. 11 of Wheatland, Wyo., having originally belonged to Woodbine Chapter Number 18, of Douglas, Wyo.

While in Timnath he ventured into his first sheep feeding in the years 1896, 1897 and 1898.

Wyoming first knew him when he was engaged in buying and selling sheep in and north of Douglas. Being persuaded by the late George N. Doyle to come and live among the growers instead of the feeders. He was well known by all sheepmen of that vicinity and was highly respected, doing extensive business with no written contracts. One, having large business north of Moorcroft, stating that Mr. Adams could have anything in the shape of a sheep he had to sell without a word on paper. A high tribute from one man to another.

While living in Douglas, Mr. Adams bought his first Wheatland farm, west of town. He once owned the acreage adjoining the J.L. Thompson farm.

In 1918 he purchased the present Adams holdings northeast of Wheatland, which has been his home for the past seventeen years.

He was always interested and active in all progressive movements in Agriculture and stock-raising and will be greatly missed in that line.

A worthy citizen, a loving husband and father, a true American, greater tribute cannot be paid to our lost friend and neighbor.

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Death Takes Carson Adams at Early Hour Monday Morning

Friends of Carson Adams who had seen and visited with him while in Wheatland Saturday could hardly believe it possible that death had claimed him as its own early Monday morning. For some time Mr. Adams had not been in the best of health but his interest in life kept him active and constantly on the go and among his friends and associates.

Robert Carson Adams was born in Lexington, Ohio in 1862, celebrating his seventy-third birthday March 12th. His parents were Thomas Adams and Mary Brown of Ohio pioneers. He was left fatherless at the age of eight months, but came west to Iowa at the age of ten years with his mother and stepfather. The influence of pioneer blood sent him further west at the age of nineteen, settling then in Fort Morgan. June 23, 1897 he married Miss Iva Victoria Harris of Fort Collins. To this union were born four children: Abby Harris of Pendleton, Oregon; Robert Carson, Jr. of Annapolis, Maryland; Mrs. Myrna L. Hall, residing west of Wheatland, and Janet V. who died in infancy.

Mr. Adams was a member of his mother's church, the First Presbyterian of West Liberty, Iowa, until his marriage when both united with the Presbyterian church in Timnath, Colorado, where he was proprietor of a general store. While in Timnath he ventured into his first sheep feeding in 1896 to 1898. His interest in the chosen line of feeding brought him to Wyoming, extending his efforts first in Douglas and the country north. In 1918 he purchased the present Adams holdings northeast of Wheatland which has been his home for the past several years.

Not only was Mr. Adams intensely interested in stock raising, feeding and agriculture, but he was equally interested and active in fraternal work. He was a 32nd degree Mason and a member of many of its branches. He was a most wonderful husband and father and a friend of all. One of his early associates paid tribute to him by saying that he would trust Mr. Adams implicitly, that his word was as good as gold and many of their early dealings which ran into many thousands of dollars never demanded a cash payment or the need of paper. His word was taken as a bond.

Funeral services are being held from the Congregational church this afternoon under direction of the Lyla Watson Funeral Home, Rev. R.E. Morgan, pastor of the church, officiating. Burial will be made in the Wheatland cemetery.