

GOODRICH, GUSTAVUS THOMPSON

August 4, 1860-July 16, 1931

G.T. Goodrich, a resident of the Wheatland colony since 1895, passed away after a long illness near midnight, July 16<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Goodrich, who enjoyed a wide and friendly acquaintance throughout the county, had been ill since early last year, and due to his advanced age, the end was patiently awaited when it was found that medical skill could only relieve his suffering.

Throughout his life, Mr. Goodrich was active in all movements of a progressive nature, and no worthy cause was neglected by him.

The deceased was a thirty-second degree Mason, a member of Wheatland A.F. & A. M No.16, which conducted the burial rites at 4 p.m., in the temple, with Rev. O.C. King of the M.E. Church reading the obituary. Interment was in charge of the Copley Mortuary.

The decease leaves to mourn his loss two daughters, Mrs. Rosalie Robinson of St. Francis, Kan. and Miss Dorothy Goodrich of Seattle, Wash., one son, G. Ward Goodrich of Wheatland; five grandchildren, Charles and Marjorie Robinson of St. Francis, Kans., William Ward and Philo Ayers Goodrich and Miss Erma Corbridge of Wheatland.

Friends and relatives attending services from distant points were Mr. and Mrs. A.D. Walton, Cheyenne; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Willis Thompson, Greeley, Colo., Geo. H. Work, Denver; Fred Ward, Rock River; Dr. D.B. Rigdon and Mrs. Etta Rigdon and daughters, formerly of Cheyenne, but now of Wheatland.

Gustavus Thompson Goodrich was born at Thompsonville, Wis., August 4, 1860, and departed from this life July 16, 1931, at the age of 70 years, 11 months and 12 days. About 1881, Mr. Goodrich came as far west as Sioux Rapids, Ia., and in 1883, he came to Greeley, Colo. Later he purchased land at Orchard and he was one of the first County Commissioners of Morgan County, Colo.

He was married to Rose E. Ward on June 13, 1888. To this union were born five children. One little girl, Lucille, dying in infancy. Mrs. Pearl Colbridge dying in early womanhood. The remaining children are Mrs. Charles D. Robinson of St. Francis, Kans., G. Ward Goodrich of Wheatland and Miss Dorothy Goodrich of Seattle, Wash. His wife preceded him in death about eight and a half years.

Mr. Goodrich purchased land in the Wheatland colony in 1895 and in the spring of 1897, moved his family to Wheatland where he has since resided, ever working earnestly for the up building of the community.

Mr. Goodrich was considered one of the early settler of the community, and he was among the farmers who were engaged in the sheep feeding business in this district. Likewise, he was one of the first farmers to start raising sugar beets. For several years, he served as fieldman for the Great Western Sugar company.

In January of this year he was appointed Justice of the Peace and served in that office as long as health permitted.

Mr. Goodrich was a Mason since June 18, 1903. He was a Scottish Rite 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Mason and was a member of the Shrine, Eastern Star and the Knights of Pythias.