

ELLIOT, JOSEPH ALFRED
September 27, 1886-August 25, 1945

Death came Saturday, August 25, to Joseph Alfred Elliot, president of the Wheatland Development company and one of the community's most prominent and esteemed citizens. "Joe" as he was affectionately known to his innumerable friends here and throughout the state, had been in failing health for the past several months, and it was sorrow that his associates learned that the fight to regain his health had been lost. He died at the Wheatland hospital.

The deceased was born in Grundy county, Ia., September 27, 1886, and was educated in that state, graduating from Cornell college there in 1909. He then came to Wheatland as engineer for the Development company and was made superintendent about 1915. He later became vice-president and in 1937 was made president. He worked tirelessly in the interests of the company and in 1940 saw Reservoir No. 3 completed.

Aside from his work with the company, Mr. Elliot found time to serve as Mayor of Wheatland for a number of years, and was trustee of Wyoming university for two terms. He was a life-long member of the Methodist church and an ardent supporter. He was also a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, a charter member of the Wyoming Engineering Society, the Elks lodge, the Masonic lodge, consistory and shrine and past master of the Wheatland lodge. He was secretary-treasurer of the Service Filling Station company. Always active in civic enterprise, Mr. Elliot was much interest in and a loyal supporter of both high school and university athletics.

His wife, Margaret, preceded him in death in 1937. He leaves one brother, W.J. Elliot of Lansdowne, Pa., one sister, Mrs. Lillian E. Linn of Los Angles, Calif., and a foster son, T Sgt. Edward F. McGinty, now in England.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning, August 29, at 10 o'clock in the Methodist church. The Rev. W.W. Maxwell officiated and arrangements were in charge of Schraders. He was laid to rest beside his wife in the Wheatland cemetery where the Masonic lodge conducted graveside rites. The services were attended by his brother and sister, two brothers-in-law, W.H. Fisher and Charles M. Fisher of Iowa, a sister-in-law, Mrs. Jesse F. Irwin of Billings, Mont., and a nephew, Lowell Sherwood of Belle Plaine, Ia.