

IRVINE, WILLIAM C.

February 5, 1861-June 14, 1948

Funeral services will be held Friday at two o'clock in the Masonic temple for William Irvine who died at the St. Luke's hospital in Denver at 8:30 a.m., June 14. The Masonic lodge will be in charge of the services with the Rev. J.B. Milstead officiating.

Pallbearers will be Blaine Memmer, F.E. Memmer, Ned Dover, Jim Chaplin, Pat McGuire, and C. Stewart Dennis. Honorary pallbearers will be J.E. Foreman, A.L. Kendig, A.S. Neely, William Sturgeon, Jim Atkinson, Tom McGill, George Martin and Tom Dodge.

Mr. Irvine was born in County Down, Ireland, February 5th, 1858, being 90 years, 4 months and 9 days old at the time of his death. He was the son of Edward and Mary (Hanna) Irvine, who were farmer folk. Desiring to seek his fortune in America, Mr. Irvine left Ireland and arrived in New York in September of 1882. He secured employment in the Bloomingdale Hospital for the Insane, remaining in this position until 1885, when he resigned and left for California on the same day. Here he obtained employment and bought a piece of property near Los Angeles.

Tiring of the coast, he sold out and in December, arrived in Omaha, Neb. In a short time, he went to Lincoln, Neb. and went to work in the State Insane Asylum, continuing there until July 5th 1890 when he resigned and securing an outfit, started overland for Wyoming, arriving on Blue Grass creek the first day of August. He located a ranch on which he received a patent in 1901. He engaged in live stock raising with much success and it was from his stock brand of an open razor that he received his nickname of "Razor", a name of which he was quite proud.

He sold the Blue Grass ranch to Adam Boyd and moved to Wheatland, but after a short time, the ranch life again called him and he bought the old Jim Whitney ranch from John Timm who owned it at that time. Again he engaged in stock raising, meantime investing in bank stocks and real estate, he found his business affairs too complicated and sold out again and moved to Wheatland which had since been his home.

Mr. Irvine was gifted with a keen droll wit and delighted in playing practical jokes on friends or stranger. He was affiliated with the Masonic order and was a member of the Mystic Shrine. His wife preceded him in death. He will be greatly missed by innumerable acquaintances and friends, and with his passing, one more vacancy is made in the ranks of the pioneers.

He is survived by a son, Eugene Irvine, five sisters and one brother in the Old Country, a nephew, James Irvine of Wheatland, and a niece, Mrs. Adam Boyd, also of Wheatland, a nephew, John Irvine of Montana and numerous other relatives.

Mr. Irvine will lie in state in the Schrader Funeral home from Wednesday until Thursday evening and at his home from nine until noon on Friday.