

William Wilson Phelps
February 29, 1872 – October 19, 1951

The Wheatland Times
October 25, 1951

W.W. Phelps, Long Time Resident Dies October 19

William Wilson Phelps was born February 29, 1872 in Hopkins county, Ky. and died October 19 at the age of 79 years, 7 months and 20 days.

Services were held Sunday at 2:00 in the Baptist church with the Rev. Charles Thomas officiating. Burial was in the Wheatland cemetery.

Pallbearers were Frank Baker, Gordon Drury, Jake Axford, Ed Hyslop, Gay Robbins and Royce Krusee.

In 1887, the parents of the deceased emigrated to Phillips county, Colo. and settled at Holyoke. The party made this long trek in a train of five covered wagons.

In 1893 Phelps was united in marriage to Miss Ella M. Jackson and to this union seven children were born.

In 1893 they moved to a Greeley, Colo. farm and in 1895 to Wyoming, settling on a ranch some 22 miles southwest of Wheatland on the Sybille. In 1916 Phelps sold this ranch, now known as the Radichal ranch, and moved to a farm a mile west of town where he and his family made their home until 1933. At this time they moved to Wheatland to look after their rental properties. In 1950 Phelps retired in his 78th year.

Mr. Phelps was a life-long Baptist and was at the time of his death a member of the local church.

Surviving him are his wife Ella, six children: Mrs. Mae Davis, Mrs. Laura Runyan, Mrs. Cora Runyan, all of Wheatland and Mrs. Eva Napier of Kellogg, Ida. and Mrs. Dora Braketa of Riverton; one son, Otis Phelps of Walla Walla, Wash.; 14 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren.

The Platte County Record
October 26, 1951

Death Claims W.W. Phelps

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In 1893 the family moved to Greeley, Colorado, where he was engaged in farming and in 1895 they moved to Wyoming where he engaged in ranching some 22 miles southwest of Wheatland on the Sybille. In 1916 he sold his ranch, now known as the Radichal ranch and moved to a farm one mile west of Wheatland where they made their home 1933 when they moved to Wheatland to look after his rental properties until 1950 when he retired in his 78th year.

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Among those who are left to mourn his passing are his aged companion, to whom he had

been faithful for the last 58 years, and six children: Mrs. Mae Davis, Mrs. Laura Runyan, Mrs. Cora Runyan, all of Wheatland, one son, Otis Phelps of Walla Walla, Washington, Mrs. Eva Napier of Kellogg, Idaho and Mrs. Dora Braketa of Riverton, Wyoming. He also leaves 14 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren besides his many friends.

He also leaves three brothers, Henry of Wheatland, Albert of Casper and Kelly of Santa Barbara, California, and two sisters, Rebecca Ethredge of Chadron, Nebraska and Nora West of Santa Barbara, California.

He was preceded in death by one son in 1910, at the age of ten years.

Funeral services were conducted at the Baptist Church by the Pastor, Charles F. Thomas, on Sunday, October 21st at 2 p.m. with local interment under arrangements by Schraders.