



A school building, later rebuilt into one of the Henke apartment houses, the Buechner Drug Store building, Palace Market building, Globe Hotel and Depot were the first brick buildings built in Wheatland by Mr. Goodrich. The house owned by Margaret Loomis was the first brick dwelling and was built by Mr. Goodrich for I. W. Gray.

Before the end of the year Mr. Goodrich had a crew of 35 men working with him.

When he started the brick yard which was located on the west side of Wheatland where the dump yard now is, Mr. Goodrich employed a brickmaker from Fort Collins. They burnt their own lime and used wood brought down from the hills. Mr. Goodrich did the cooking in addition to his other work. Later as his crew grew he hired a cook for the outfit. He furnished the brick and layed them at \$10.00 per 1000.

Mrs. Goodrich arrived in November, 1894 with their son Leon by train. At that time the train only ran north to Orin Junction and returned.

They located on a tract of land three miles northeast of Wheatland which Mr. Goodrich improved. The farm is now owned by Louis Spovak and the brick barn built by Mr. Goodrich still stands.

Leon Goodrich lacked a couple months being three when arriving here with his mother. He is an architect in Casper at this time. Their other son Arlo was born here and is following the trade of his father grandfather and great grandfather.

A large number of the buildings built by Mr. Goodrich and his associates still stand. The last bricks made by the brick yard were used in some of the court house construction.

Mr. Goodrich was a builder in more than one sense of the word and has done a lot in the building of Wheatland. He had said all this would not have been possible had it not been for the help given him by his wife, who grew nearer and dearer to him year by year.

The picture above was made by The Record at the Goodrich home Tuesday, March 17, 1936, the day previous to the celebrating of their 46th wedding anniversary.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon from the Methodist Episcopal Church with Rev. Wilbur P. Wood officiating with the Watson and Dennis Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Goodrich was born in Columbus City, Indiana, August 25, 1867, and at the time of his death was a few months past 70 years of age. He had been a resident of Wheatland since April 7, 1894.

In 1885 Mr. Goodrich heard the call to go west and moved to Fort Collins where he followed the trade of his father and grandfather, that of a brick layer and mason. He also worked for a while in Denver where he said brick layers were at that time drawing \$6 per day and board could be had for about \$3 per week.

In 1890 he returned to Indiana to visit his family where he met Miss Flora Sappington whom he married March 19, 1890 and brought her to Fort Collins with him. From Fort Collins Mr. Goodrich went to Eaton where he had a brick kiln and where he later met I. W. Gray who was later one of the first merchants in Wheatland.

March 18, 1894, Mr. Goodrich accompanied by his brother Clem, J. J. Shaw, Jim Cooper and Henry Burnhart came to what is now Wheatland. The five men brought thru five covered wagons. Blizzards and blocked trails caused them untold difficulties. They finally arrived in Wheatland April 7.

When they arrived the Coll Morrisons and M. R. Johnsons were about the only families living near the present location of Wheatland and the Wyoming Development Co. building was the only structure.

They put up a tent near the present location of the Park to Park garage and camped there two weeks before they could get into the hills for lumber to build a house.

Mr. Goodrich then started the brick yard and the construction of several buildings.

Their first fourth of July here, Mr. Goodrich said, was spent at the Two-Bar ranch. The whole population of the valley turned out which at that time didn't number much over 20 persons.