

JOHNSON, OSGOOD
January 6, 1862-July 27, 1941

The community is saddened at the death of one of its most prominent and respected citizens, Osgood Johnson, who passed away at the Wheatland hospital Sunday afternoon, July 27th. Mr. Johnson had not been well for the past several months, but carried on his duties at the Stock Growers' Bank until about three weeks ago when he was confined to the hospital.

Osgood Johnson was born in Baltimore, Md. January 6, 1862, coming to this part of Wyoming in 1882 to work as a cowboy on the Duck Bar ranch in the days when Wyoming was in its infancy as a cattle state. Later he became a ranchman on the Laramie river. In September 1896, he was united in marriage to Minnie L. Gape of Cheyenne, who was a teacher in this vicinity prior to her marriage.

Mr. Johnson was one of the organizers of the Stock Growers' Bank, and was president of the firm at the time of his death, having been associated with the banking business for 27 years. He was a trustee of the Platte County Library since 1923 and chairman of the board since that date. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, A.F. & A.M. 16; Past Master; treasurer of the Wheatland lodge at the time of his death, and he was also a member of the Wyoming Consistory and the O.E.S. He made hosts of friends especially among children and young people of the community; he was always willing to give of his time, strength and fine character to the many civic projects in the town and vicinity.

Mr. Johnson was a member of the Episcopal church and services were held from that church on Tuesday at 2:30, the Rector from Cheyenne, Mr. Bennett officiating. Watson and Dennis were in charge. The business houses of Wheatland closed for an hour during the services. Interment was at the Wheatland cemetery. Pallbearers were Dr. O.B. Wilson, W.B. Jones, James Clark, Byron Thompson, Orville Bridgmon and Jim Foreman of Cheyenne.

Osgood Johnson is survived by his widow, a sister, the only other living immediate relative, Mrs. F.C. Bolton of Baltimore, Md. A complete obituary and some of the highlights of Mr. Johnson's life will appear in next week's Times.