

NICKESON, VIRGEL CLARK  
July 19, 1871-December 18, 1948

Virgel Nickeson was born near Stanhope, Iowa on July 19, 1871, and departed this life December 18, 1948 at the Community Hospital in Wheatland, at the age of 77 years and 3 months.

On February 19, 1896, he was united in marriage to Mary A. Davis and to this union were born six children. He was preceded in death by his wife and one daughter, Naomi, both of whom passed away in 1929.

He operated a barber shop in Ames, Iowa until 1911 when he brought his family to Wyoming and homesteaded ten miles southeast of Chugwater where he engaged in ranching. In 1936 he received his diploma as a graduate masseur and for the past eleven years, he practiced as such in Wheatland.

He was affiliated with the Christian church in Ames, Iowa, and was a member of Paradise Lodge IOOF in Wheatland.

There are to mourn his passing four sons, Burrell of Chugwater, Wright and Jack of Junction City, Oregon, and Virgel of Long Beach, California; one daughter, Ruth McFehhen of Downey, California; a brother, Daniel of Nevada; fifteen grandchildren, nine great grandchildren and a host of friends.

Final rites were conducted from the Schrader Funeral Chapel in Wheatland on Sunday afternoon at 2:30, Rev. J.B. Milstead officiating and the body was laid to rest in the family lot at Wheatland. Members of the IOOF conducted the graveside services.

Pallbearers were: Herbert Geis, Carl West, Ray Lamborn, Bennie Russell, Ross Davis and Homer Stoneking.