

COL. REED DIES SUNDAY

Pioneer Resident of Wheatland Passes
After Lingering Illness.

11-17-1929
The community was grieved on Sunday morning to learn of the death of Col. E. D. Reed, pioneer farmer and auctioneer of the Wheatland section.

Elby Dee Porter Reed, the son of John and Nancy Hanks Reed, was born in South Carolina, on November 28th, 1854, and departed this life at his residence in Wheatland, Wyoming, at 5:30 a. m., November 17th, 1929, being at the time of his death 74 years, 11 months and 19 days of age.

In his early childhood his parents moved to Missouri where he grew to manhood and spent a large part of his life. He lived in Oklahoma on different occasions but the major part of his life was spent in Missouri and Wyoming. He came to Wyoming from Missouri in 1904 and for the past twenty-five years has made Wheatland and vicinity his home.

Mr. Reed was united in the bonds of wedlock with Miss Irene Haynes of Browning, Mo., in 1879, and to this union seven children were born, all of whom except, Pearl, who died in infancy, remain to mourn his home-going. He was also preceded in death by his wife in 1922. He was again united in marriage in 1923 to Mrs. Alta Austin, who has been a faithful companion to the end.

Among the bereaved are his wife and the following children: Page Marvin Reed, Wheatland, Wyo.; Goldie Myrtle Wilson, Wynona, Okla.; Eunice Pine Courtright, North Platte, Nebr.; Vic Ace Reed, Pine Bluffs, Wyo.; and Laura Dove Griffin and Irene Love Good, of Wheatland, Wyo.; five grandchildren and a number of other relatives and an innumerable host of friends.

Col. Reed, as he was known far and near, was an efficient auctioneer, having entered this profession when but a boy and his methods of conducting a sale ring had won for him a wide circle of friends.

Early in life he professed faith in Christ as His Savior and followed Him in baptism, uniting with the Methodist church in which church he remained until in 1925, when he put his membership in the local Baptist church. He made a special effort in living a commendable life and it has been one of the comforts of life during the recent months of his last illness to hear him tell of his readiness to meet his God.

In his going a loving father and faithful husband will be missed. As a citizen he was always ready and willing to promote the best interests of the people. He was a faithful and devoted member of the fraternal order of Odd Fellows and will be missed by his brothers of the lodge. He was District Deputy Grand Master at the time of his death, and was also a member of local Rebecca lodge. The church will miss his council and advice and his ability of doing things in his particular way, serving as he did on the various committees and always having the best interests of the church at heart.

Col. Reed had been in ill health for several months and although everything that medical skill and love of wife, children and friends could do his weakened body at last surrendered to the demands of complications that were too deep seated to remove in the face of his advanced age.

"Servant of God, well done!"