

RIGDON, CHARLES LOAMI
March 2, 1876-April 14, 1937

Charles L. Rigdon, 61, former United States district attorney for Wyoming and twice Laramie county prosecuting attorney, died of a heart ailment Wednesday morning at the Denver General Hospital. Rigdon, a prominent representative of the criminal law profession, was born in Jasper County, Illinois, March 2, 1876, the only child of David B. and Mary E. (Coan) Rigdon.

He came to Wyoming with his family in 1898 from Kansas. Rigdon acquired a public school education and graduated from the high school at Plainville, Kan. In 1902 he was graduated from the University of Wyoming with a bachelor of arts degree and later matriculated in the law school at the University of Kansas from which he graduated with a bachelor of laws degree in 1904.

Rigdon moved to Wheatland, Wyo. and opened his law practice following graduation from the Kansas university. In January 1909, he was elected prosecuting attorney for Laramie County, which at that time included the Wheatland area and moved to the county seat, Cheyenne.

He was elected to a second term and later he again entered into private practice.

President Woodrow Wilson appointed Rigdon United States district attorney for Wyoming in 1914. He served until 1921.

On June 12, 1907, Rigdon married Miss Etta Goodrich Lund. Five children were born. They were Mary Barbara, now Mrs. James Beale, of Portland, Ore.; Harriet Jane, now Mrs. John Larson, of Wheatland; Ruth A., now Mrs. Tom Garrett, of Garrett, Wyo.; Louise, now Mrs. Jimmy Reed, of Denver; and Charles, Jr. of Cheyenne.

Rigdon is survived by the aforementioned children, his father, Dr. David D. Rigdon of Garrett, and his wife, Mrs. Buel Wagner of Denver. Rigdon's wife divorced him and later married Wagner, a Wheatland resident. Wagner died a few weeks later, and Mrs. Wagner moved to Cheyenne, and recently to Denver.

Rigdon also moved to Denver following his service as U.S. district attorney.

Funeral services will be conducted from the chapel of the Copley Funeral Home tomorrow, April 16 at 3 o'clock. The Rev. Pipkin will be in charge and interment will be made in the Wheatland cemetery.