

BANKS, EDWARD MANNING  
October 2, 1860-November 19, 1940

Funeral services for E.M. Banks were held Friday, November 22, in St. Luke's Episcopal church, Casper, with Rev. N.L. Chowenhill officiating. Interment was made in the Wheatland cemetery at 2:30 in the afternoon.

Edward M. Banks was born in Bridgeport, Nova Scotia, October 2, 1860, and died at his home at 845 East Second St. in Casper, on Tuesday, November 19, 1940, aged 80 years. He came to Wyoming in 1882 to live with his brother who was the first pastor of the Cheyenne Baptist church. Later he became foreman of the Swan Land and Cattle Company of Chugwater where he joined the Masonic Lodge, the members of which attended services in Casper and officiated at the grave in the afternoon. Later Ed Banks assumed management of the Kilpatrick Bros. ranches in Nebraska, until his retirement a few years ago, making his home for the greater part in Wheatland.

Large in stature and ever smiling, every man and little child was a friend, Ed Banks won a wide acquaintance over the state. He was a cowboy of the old school when Wyoming was in its heyday of big cattle ranches, and his delight was in meeting stockmen to talk of the days past and of the "wild and wooley west" of yesterday in Wyoming and Nebraska.

A hardy pioneer, Mr. Banks worked with John Portuguese Phillips who was made famous by his ride from Ft. Phil Kearney to Ft. Laramie. He was also associated in business with the late John Hunton.

Mr. Banks served one year in the Wyoming legislature, representing Laramie county, and later served one year in the Nebraska legislature.

Mr. Banks is survived by his wife, Mrs. Florence Banks, and two step-children, Mrs. Leon Goodrich of Casper and Irvin Austin of Wheatland, a nephew and niece of California.