

DOTY, SILAS

October 1, 1847-September 26, 1911

Silas Doty was born in Convia, Michigan, on October 1, 1847, and died at St. John's hospital in Cheyenne, Wyo., September 26, 1911. Death was the direct result of heart disease, the deceased first taking sick at Wheatland about two months ago.

Silas Doty was one of the pioneer settlers of Laramie county, coming west in 1869, and until about seven years ago was engaged in the ranching business on Cherry Creek in Goshen Hole. After selling his ranch properties, he moved to Wheatland to reside, and was one of our foremost and most highly respected citizens. He was one of the incorporators and heavy stockholders of the State Bank of Wheatland, being elected President of the institution at the time of organization. He devoted his entire time for a number of years in laying the foundation for a strong banking institution, and the bank today stands as a monument to his foresight and keen business ability.

Mr. Doty was a man of mature judgment and he was frequently besieged by his friends for advice in business matters. He was a very agreeable and affable person to meet and to know him was to love and respect him. He was a strong republican and one of the staunch supporters of the party in many a warm campaign, being acknowledged one of the "wheel horses" of the party by everyone in this section of the state.

The deceased is survived by a number of relatives who were here to attend the funeral---a sister, Mrs. A.M. Laberteaux of Marshall, Mich., who is nearly 80 years of age; Mr. and Mrs. John Richardson of Battle Creek, Michigan, the latter a niece; and Earl Doty, a nephew, also of Marshall. Besides the above, a sister, Mrs. Esther Detterich, resides at Bronson, Kansas, and another sister, Mrs. Louise Mulvaney, lives near Marshall, Mich., while a brother Zebulin Doty, also lives at Marshall. The deceased was married to Miss Elinor Welsh in January, 1885, who preceded him to the great beyond, she passing away at Wheatland on October 9, 1906.

The remains were shipped to this place from Cheyenne last Friday morning, and funeral services were conducted at the Congregational church at one o'clock p.m., being conducted by Rev. A.D. Snively, of the Episcopal church, assisted by Bishop Thomas of Cheyenne. A special choir furnished appropriate music, and the floral decorations were many and very beautiful. The pallbearers were all pioneer residents of Laramie county, and life-long friends of the deceased being as follows: Messrs. D.W. Brice, H.W. Loomis, Wm. Harter, Osgood Johnson, A.L. Ferguson, and Colin MacDougall. Mr. Doty was a thirty-second degree Mason, and the members generally of the local Masonic order attended the funeral. Interment was made in the Wheatland cemetery, the remains being laid to rest beside those of his beloved wife.