

GRIFFIN, CHARLES DANIEL
March 21, 1846-October 16, 1921

Charles Daniel Griffin, one of Wyoming's pioneer residents and most respected citizens, passed away at his home here Tuesday morning, October 16th, at the age of 82 years.

Mr. Griffin took an active part in the business and social life of Wheatland during his long residence here. He came to Wheatland from the Reitz Ranch on the Laramie River in 1900 and was first employed as a rural mail carrier. He later engaged in the plumbing business and then worked for the city. He was a veteran of the Civil war, serving in Company E of the 12th Illinois Infantry and was the last surviving member of the Henry Tisch post of the G.A.R. He was very prominent in Masonic circles, holding his A.F. & A.M. membership in the local lodge No. 15 and a charter membership in the Wyoming Consistory No. 1 of Cheyenne. He also belonged to the Immanuel Commandery No. 3 of Laramie and was one of the early members of the Korein Shrine, A.A.O.N.M.S. of Rawlins. He is survived by his wife, one son, Chas. A. Griffin of Denver, and one daughter, Mrs. Minnie Rietz of Wheatland.

Funeral services were held from the Christian church this morning, Thursday. At 10 o'clock with Pastor Frank C. Barnes preaching the funeral oration. The Masonic lodge of Wheatland was in charge of the services at the grave. Burial was made in the Wheatland cemetery by the Watson Mortuary.

Charles Daniel Griffin was born in Paris, Ill., March 21, 1846. He was united in marriage to Miss Elon E. Jamison in Dent county, Missouri on August 26th, 1874. To this union two children were born, Charles J. Griffin of Denver and Mrs. Minnie Rietz of Wheatland. He came to Cheyenne in 1883 and was employed as a civilian at Camp Carlin, which is at the present time Fort D.A. Russell as an ambulance driver. His family joined him in the west in 1885. He worked at Rock River as a freighter of supplies and for the railroad, being in the construction department on the bridges and buildings. He then engaged as a stage driver from Rock River to Billings, Mont. They later engaged in the hotel business in Medicine Bow on the present site of the Virginian Hotel. He then moved his family to Fort Steele, where they lived for three years. They moved from there to the present Rietz ranch on the Laramie river and in 1900 moved to Wheatland. His wife preceded him to his Master a few years ago. He was married on January 28th, 1928 (?) to Mrs. Lavinia Hubbard. He was a member in long standing in the Wheatland Christian church.