

HESTER, NEWTON FRANKLIN
August 28, 1884-October 25, 1958

Newton Franklin Hester, 74, prominent Wheatland businessman, passed away in the Platte County Memorial Hospital, October 25, 1958, after a lingering illness.

Newt, as he was known by his many friends, was born in Bloomington, Nebr. on August 28, 1884, the son of John and Almira Hester. He spent his early life on a farm in Kansas and attended Kearney business college and later was employed in banks at Riverton, Mason and Naponne, Nebraska. On Nov. 7, 1912, he entered holy wedlock with Irma Fulton at Riverton. In 1917 the couple moved to Slater where they farmed for the next five years.

In 1922, Newt decided to go into politics and ran for office of County Clerk and was elected. He served in that capacity from 1922 until March 1941, when he retired from the office and went into wheat farming and livestock business in Nebraska and Kansas until the spring of 1943. He returned to Wheatland and entered into the real estate, farming and livestock business until his death. He remained a staunch Democrat and party worker after leaving office.

He is survived by his wife, Irma, one son, Fulton of Wheatland; one brother, C.G. Hester, Agra, Kansas; four sisters, Mrs. Pearl Gould, Phillipsburg, Kansas, Miss Ivy Hester, Franklin, Nebraska, Mrs. Ada Young, Denver, and Mrs. Ida Mordinger, Stockton, Calif.; and two grandchildren and one great-grandchild, Debra Allene Baker.

Mr. Hester was a member of the Congregational church of Wheatland, and of the A.F. & A.M. No. 264 of Franklin, Nebr.

Services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 p.m. from the Congregational church with Rev. Daniel T. Winger officiating. Burial was made in the Wheatland cemetery. Pallbearers were Frank Kuehner, Don Wilson, Robert Grant, Clark Haeberle, Lee Peterson and Morris Hitt.

In lieu of flowers friends may, if they wish, may contribute to the memorial fund at the Platte County Memorial Hospital.