

Chas. Hightower Succumbs After Extended Illness

Charles A. Hightower, 84, died Friday, June 24, 1955 in a local hospital following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, June 28, at 2 p.m., from Schrader Chapel with Rev. Charles Thomas officiating. Interment was made in the Wheatland cemetery, where I. O. O. F. graveside services were held.

Mr. Hightower was born in Warren County, Iowa, December 12, 1870, the son of Robert M. and Eletha Hodgins Hightower. He had made his home in and near Wheatland since 1894, except for two years spent in Missouri. Prior to coming to Wyoming he had lived in Iowa and Colorado.

He married Carrie Borrall on March 14, 1900 and to this union were born four daughters, all of whom survive. Mrs. Hightower preceded him in death October 4, 1948. He was a member of the Baptist Church and a charter member of the local I. O. O. F.

It was interesting to hear Mr. Hightower tell of some of his experiences in Iowa, when he was a boy. His father was one of the first settlers in Warren County, Iowa, where they had to go fifty miles to take their wheat to the mill in Red Oaks. At one time, when going to the mill, they were unable to cross the river and removed their clothes, swimming across with small amounts of grain, had it ground and returned it the same way. There was a great shortage of matches in those days, so when the fire went out, they would borrow from a friend and take it home in an iron kettle.

Left to mourn his passing are four daughters, Mrs. Ina Brown, Wheatland, Mrs. Ida Harding, Seattle, Washington, Mrs. Susie Anderson, Lebanon, Oregon and Mrs. Gladys Graham, Laramie; six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Members of the I. O. O. F. Lodge served as pallbearers.