

JOHNSTON, WILLIAM ANDREW

April 5, 1884-September 26, 1949

Funeral services for William Andrew Johnston who died Monday at the Wheatland General hospital were held today (Thursday) at the Methodist church with the Rev. Irvin Noyce in charge. Graveside services at the Wheatland cemetery were conducted by the I.O.O.F. lodge.

He was born in Denver, Mo., April 5, 1884. In 1906 he moved to Torrington when it was but a small village of 14 residences. He homesteaded on Cherry creek about six miles southwest of Torrington and worked as a carpenter there until 1920 at which time he, together with his brother-in-law, W.H. Cadle, constructed most of the early homestead buildings, business houses, and residences in Torrington and vicinity.

He was united in marriage to Adah Fay Smith of Torrington on November 24, 1910 and to this union three children were born, Doval, Eldon and Glenn.

In February, 1920, "Andy", as he was most commonly known, with his family moved by team and wagon coming up over the old Dickenson Hill in the Goshen Hole country and settled on his farm six miles northwest of Wheatland which is now owned by Woodrow May.

In 1924, he and Frank Windom entered the general contracting business together, and continued this association until 1940 when their partnership was dissolved.

He was a member of the I.O.O.F. lodge and the Mountain View chapel.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Adah Johnston; three sons, Doval and Eldon Johnston of Wheatland, and Glenn Johnston of Casper; four sisters, Mrs. L.E. Cook of Wheatland, Mrs. Charles David and Mrs. W.H. Cadle, both of Torrington, and Mrs. Ray Cook of Grant City, Mo.; two brothers, John W. Johnston of Laramie and Elmer Johnston of Torrington, and six grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Fred Ryff, Everett Pritchard, Burton Hinds, Vincent Utter, B.A. Fish and Ward Goodrich. Serving as honorary pallbearers were Frank Windom, A.S. Neely, Henry Drucker, E.B. May, A.E. Foreman, J.E. Holmes, Louis Lauck, M.R. Williams, Russell Davis, and L.E. Wiegand.