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J. R. Mason, Who Spent Many Years for Wyoming Dies Thursday Evening

He Brought Many Excursion Trains of Eastern Farmers
Here, Selling Them Land of the Wyoming
Development Company

John R. Mason, beloved pioneer of this section, answered his Master's final call Thursday evening at his home here. It was the ending of a beautiful life on a beautiful day.

Mr. Mason was born December 18, 1857 at Rockport, Illinois. He moved with his family to Nebraska, and engaged in farming, was owner of a drug store and worked in a bank also selling real estate. He was married to Miss Martha Sterret, December 27, 1879 in Nebraska. Their home was blessed by two sons both of whom survive. Charles of Cheyenne, who was at his father's bed side the past two days and Ralph, who lives in California and who will be here for the funeral Sunday afternoon at 2:30 in the Congregational church with Rev. R. E. Morgan in charge.

Mr. Mason came to Wheatland in

1902 as a real estate agent for the Wyoming Development Company. He was joined by his family from Lincoln, Nebraska in 1906. He sold thousands of acres for the Company and aided materially in the settling and upbuilding the colony. Later he engaged in the creamery business making Wheatland dairy products famous over a large territory. It was he who named the Wheatland colony "The land of milk and honey".

He has suffered intense physical pain for the past several months but his cheerful smile and greeting never faltered. The beauty of the Mason's home life is known to all and the greatest of sympathy is felt for the sorrowing family.

Earth is poorer and heaven richer.