

**Joseph L. Menefee  
Well Known Rancher  
Died Here Saturday**

3-19-20  
Joseph L. Menefee, a resident of the Wheatland territory for the past 26 years and one of the well known ranchers here died Saturday at the age of 76 years, 6 months and 7 days.

Funeral services were held from the Wheatland Baptist church, Wednesday afternoon with Rev. Chas. F. Thomas officiating and burial was made in the Wheatland cemetery with the Watson Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

Joseph L. Menefee was born in Greensburg, Ind., on Aug. 26, 1852 and departed this life March 23, 1929.

Early in life the deceased moved to Ottumwa, Ia., where he made his home until in 1879 when he moved to Washington county, Kans., which residence was retained until in 1903, when he settled in the vicinity of Wheatland, where he has been engaged in the farming industry until the time of his death.

In 1882 he was united in the bonds of Holy Wedlock to Miss Jememia Shields at Washington, Kans., and to this union seven children were born, all of whom remain to mourn his death save one daughter, Mrs. Roy G. Derrick, who passed away at Hollenburg, Kans., in 1910. Those of the immediate family who remain are: his wife, five daughters, Mrs. W. M. Shepard, Mrs. T. C. Hall, Mrs. S. M. Parker, Mrs. W. M. Pence and Dora Menefee, one son, Alvin, all of Wheatland. He also leaves a brother, Lafayette Menefee of Fairbury, Nebr., and fourteen grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

In 1884 the deceased united with the Baptist church at Hollenburg, Kans., and has retained his membership all these years.

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