

MERBACH, JOHN FREDRICK, SR.

June 23, 1878-September 9, 1967

John F. Merbach, a long time Wheatland resident, passed away at the Platte County Memorial Hospital Rest Home on September 9, following an extended illness. Mr. Merbach was born in Rochelle, Ill. June 23, 1878 and lived in Prince George, B.C., Canada before coming to Wheatland in 1919. He was married to Emma Elisabeth Drube June 26, 1901 at Madison, Minn. Mr. Merbach was a familiar figure on the streets of Wheatland, well known and respected by all, as he had served as police chief here for approximately 30 years. He was affiliated with the Methodist Church.

Funeral services were held on September 12, at 2:00 p.m. from the Methodist church, Rev. Henry Hartberg officiating. Interment was in the Wheatland cemetery. Serving as pallbearers were William Sutherland, Judd Mattison, George Waln, William Yost, Frank Kuehner, and Rupert Potter.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Emma Elisabeth; two sons, Fritz Merbach and Herbert Merbach of Wheatland; five daughters, Mrs. Erna Riggs, Lawson, Colo., Mrs. Ethel Pickhardt, Waleska, Ga., Mrs. Emma Qualls, Ogden, Utah, Mrs. Evelyn Creacy, Ogden, Utah, and Mrs. Eleanor Jones, Cody, Wyo.; 14 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; and three great great grandchildren and one brother, William Merbach of Clark, South Dakota.

He was preceded in death by three children, William, Elizabeth and John, Jr.