

Samuel Roger Mills

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Services for Samuel Roger Mills, 96, who died in Wheatland Oct. 27, 1988, were held Saturday, Oct. 29 at 10:00 a.m. in the First Christian Church with Chet Shaw officiating.

Mills was born Oct. 5, 1892 in Middletown, Ind., the son of William Henry and Frances (Noftsinger) Mills. He received his schooling in Indiana.

In March, 1911, he moved with his family to Wyoming where they settled near Uva.

On Feb. 19, 1914, he was married to Lucille Jackson. They homesteaded in the North Laramie area and later farmed on the Wheatland Flats. Mills was ranch forman for George Mitchell on the HR Ranch from 1916 to 1919.

In 1932 he was elected as Platte County Treasurer and served for two terms. Later, he was elected as Platte County Commissioner, and in 1953 he was elected as State Representative from Platte County.

In the early 40's he went into the real estate business with M.A. Thrasher and later with Carl West. In 1965 he was appointed justice of the peace and municipal judge for Wheatland, and served in that capacity until he resigned on his 80th birthday in 1972.

He became a member of the Christian Church as a young boy in Indiana, and was a member of the First Christian Church of Wheatland since 1930, where he was very actively involved until the past few years. He was a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge and the Masonic Lodge.

Mills traveled extensively for many years and visited every state but Alaska. He also visited Mexico, Canada and several European countries. Lucille Mills died in March, 1982.

On February 27, 1984, Mills was married to Elizabeth Whinery of Wheatland, at the Platte County Nursing Home where they were both residents and have lived since that time.

He is survived by four children: Helen Mills Cook of Johannesburg, South Africa, Harry Mills of Farmington, N.M., Marvin Mills of Phoenix, and Marian Mills Peck of Ogden, Utah. He is also survived by 14 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

A son, Raymond, two grandchildren and one great grandchild predeceased him.

Platte Funeral Chapel of Wheatland was in charge of arrangements.