

MITCHELL, GEORGE  
April 28, 1859-December 14, 1955

Death came early Wednesday morning, December 14 to George Mitchell, 96, one of Wyoming's prominent pioneers and resident of the Wheatland community since 1894. He had been hospitalized with pneumonia several days before his death. A well known rancher, Mr. Mitchell engaged in the cattle business, developed the Mitchell Cattle company in the early days and resided on the HR ranch 15 miles northwest of Wheatland until his final illness.

Born April 28, 1859 in Aberdeen Scotland, he was the son George R. and Barbara Shives Mitchell. He came to Wyoming in 1876, was a territorial legislator, and in 1886 moved to Casper where he operated a branch of a lumber company. His was the first house in the community and it also served as company office. He was one of three commissioners who organized Natrona county when it was separated from Carbon county.

He was Casper's first mayor, serving in 1890 for two years, at a salary of \$50 per year.

Mr. Mitchell was called to Scotland in 1892 by the death of his father, selling his lumber yard at that time. When he returned to Wyoming, it was to the ranch near Wheatland, center of hospitality for the area and the setting for many colorful and eventful incidents in pioneer life.

He was president of the Stock Growers bank in Wheatland for many years and during the time between 1908 and 1924 served as trustee, vice president and treasurer of the Wyoming Stock Growers association.

He was a member of the Episcopal church, the AF and AM No. 16, Royal Arch Masons for 50 years and the Korein Shrine temple.

Surviving are a son, George R. Mitchell of Wheatland; three daughters, Mrs. Ruth Fancher of Wheatland, Mrs. Bayard C. Wilson of Casper and Mrs. Gordon C. Wilson of Glendo; two brothers, Fergie S. Mitchell of Wheatland and Shives Mitchell of Glendale, Calif.; nine grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

Last rites will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday, December 17 at the Methodist church in Wheatland, the Revd. Kale King officiating, and six grandsons will serve as pall bearers. The body will lie in state at the Schrader chapel until the time of the services.

There will be Masonic graveside services, with interment in the Wheatland cemetery beside his wife who preceded him in death in 1942.