

RIGDON, JOHN THOMAS
April 23, 1878-July 4, 1901

The funeral of John T. Rigdon was held Sunday, at 3:00 p.m., at the M.E. church, and was conducted by Rev. J.H. Gillespie, assisted by Dr. Smiley. The church was crowded to its utmost by sympathizing friends, the deceased having lived here the past seven years, and was widely known. Rev. Gillespie spoke earnestly and his discourse was listened to with the deepest interest.

John Thomas Rigdon was born in Effingham county, Illinois, on the 23rd day of April, 1878, and was in his 23rd year at the time of his death. He was one whom no one could speak disparagingly, and in all walks of life, was honorable and upright. He attended the state university in 1897 and '98, and left his studies in that institution to enlist at the breaking out of the war with Spain in the Alger light artillery. He served with credit in that organization in the Philippines, and on his return home, prepared to take a course in law at the Denver law school. He was spending the summer vacation at home and expected to return to his studies this fall. He had made an excellent record at the law school and stood among the leaders of his class. He was the third son Dr. and Mrs. Rigdon have been called upon to lose in the past three years, and his death was particularly sad and distressing. The utmost sympathy goes out to the stricken parents and the brother who survive.