

RODRIQUEZ, RAFAEL  
October 24, 1868-January 9, 1937

Rafael Rodriguez, resident of the Wheatland Flats, was fatally burned in an explosion at his home Saturday morning as he was building the kitchen fire.

Mr. Rodriguez got out of bed and started the fire, but for some reason the fire did not seem to burn. He put a quantity of kerosene on it and the stove exploded setting him afire and burning almost over his entire body. He was taken to the Hospital but lived only until 2:15 that afternoon. The explosion also set fire to the house and burned a portion of the floor and some clothing. The other members of the family were not injured.

Funeral services were held from the Watson and Dennis Home for Funerals Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Father Martin performed the final rites and interment took place in the Wheatland cemetery.

The deceased was born Oct. 24, 1868 in Old Mexico. He came to the United States seventeen years ago and a year later came to the Wheatland community. He is survived by two children by his first wife, who died in 1921. They are Mrs. Pete Apodoca and Manual Rodriguez; his second wife, and four children, Jesus, Mary Lou, Mike, and Jesusita.