

TURPEN, BRYANT  
February 18, 1851-1925

Bryant Turpen, a leading citizen of this section since early pioneer days, and a man widely esteemed by all, passed to rest Tuesday evening at the home of his son, J.F. Turpen, after an illness of several months.

Mr. Turpen was familiarly known to all as "Dick", having humorously been christened that by his friends in early days, after the famous English bandit Dick Turpen.

He was born in Milford, Ky., on Feb. 18, 1851, and accompanied his father and grandfather to Alverado, Texas, when he was 7 years old. In 1866, when he was 15 years of age, he came north to Denver with a trail herd of cattle, and was located there and at Ft. Collins for the next ten years, engaged in the freighting business. In 1876 he was married to Miss Hattie S. Burt, and the same year moved to Cheyenne, engaging in freighting to the Black Hills. In 1885, he filed on the fine ranch on Cottonwood creek, a mile and a half above the old Fort Fetterman crossing, which he owned until the time of his death.

In 1886 he moved his family to the ranch and was engaged in the cattle business the remainder of his life.

Surviving him are his wife and two children, J.F. Turpen and Mrs. Abbie Bullock.

Throughout his long residence in this section of the west, Mr. Turpen established and maintained a reputation of sterling integrity and his passing will be mourned by both his associates in the old days, and by the younger people, who bore for him an affectionate regard.

The funeral will be held at 2 P.M. Saturday from the Congregational church, the local Masonic lodge, of which he was a member, will be in charge.