

DAVIS, JOHN EZRA
September 29, 1890-June 6, 1978

John Ezra Davis, age 87, passed away Tuesday, June 6, 1978, at the North Shore Manor Nursing Home in Loveland, Colorado.

Ezra was born to John and Sarah Davis on September 29, 1890 in Philips County, Colorado. Ezra came to the Wheatland area with his family in 1902 at the age of 12 from Colorado. They lived in Wheatland where he attended grade school and high school graduating in 1911. He worked for the Wheatland World after graduation. Ezra and Nettie Mae Phelps were married on December 4, 1912 in Platte County.

The couple moved to the Fish Creek area where they homesteaded in 1915 and ranched there until 1919 when they moved back to Wheatland. He worked for the Wheatland Times for a few years and had a farm west of town at the same time. In the 1930's he bought the Town Crier. He ran the Crier for over 30 years, along with a credit union for a period of time. He sold the Crier in the 1960's and then retired. During his time in retirement, he remained very active up until the time he moved to Loveland in October, 1977.

He was a member of the Odd fellows for over 40 years and was treasurer of the organization for 35 years. Very active all during his career in community activities, he was also a member of the Rebeccas, member of the town board from 1952-54, and a member of the United Methodist Church.

Ezra is survived by one sister, Bertha Etheridge of Spokane, Washington and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mae, June 28, 1977; five brothers; and one sister.

Services were held Friday, June 9, 1978 at the United Methodist Church with Dan Barcus officiating. Acting as pall bears were Casmer Isabell, Eddie Welty, Fritz Merback, Dale Wright, Herb Pearch and Darrell Hartung.

A memorial has been established to the Odd Fellows. Schrader-Prell Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.