

DODGE, JOHN TYLER
May 27, 1850-June 23, 1936

The Angel of Death has again entered the fast thinning ranks of our pioneers in taking from this life John Tyler Dodge, at the home of his son, Thomas, on Tuesday, June 23rd at the advanced age of 86 years and 39 days.

Mr. Dodge was born in Saginaw, Mich., May 27, 1850, the son of Nathaniel and Hannah (Robb) Dodge. His father died in 1852 and with his mother and family came to Omaha, Neb. in 1856. Nebraska's metropolis then being a steam boat landing only. When but thirteen years of age he drove a bull team and crossed the plains with an outfit which was so small that the government compelled them to wait until another outfit could join them and as they proceeded on their way, they came upon a ring of smoking ruins that had been a corral of wagons whose owners had waged a losing fight with the Indians.

He returned to Omaha and made it his home until 1878. Mr. Dodge and his brother shipped in the first handmade wagons received in Omaha.

In 1862, Mr. Dodge was united in marriage to Miss Emma Cooper and to them was born one son, William A. Dodge. Mrs. Dodge died when her son was two years of age. October 31, 1872, Mr. Dodge and Miss Mary Elizabeth Bellville of Ohio, daughter of Samuel and Jane Bellville, were married, and to this union were born four sons, Thomas A., Arthur, Samuel and Walter, the last three died in infancy, and one daughter, Nora, Mrs. T.A. McGill. The family made their home in Nebraska farming until 1878 when they moved to Longmont and a little later to the old mining town of Teller, Colo., making this their home until 1884. They moved to Laramie in 1885 and later to the ranch which has been their home until failing health caused them to sell it to George Dodge in 1930 since which time they have made their home with their daughter, Mrs. T.A. McGill and family and their son Thomas and family. Mr. Dodge had been in failing health for several months and was a patient sufferer during that time. He was a member of the reorganized church of Latter Day Saints.

He is survived by his devoted wife who has shared his joys and griefs for more than 64 years, his son William of Laramie, Thomas of Rock River, and his daughter, Mrs. T.A. McGill of Wheatland, 12 grandchildren and five great grandchildren. His innumerable friends join in grief with his family in the loss of a beloved friend, counselor, and upright christian gentleman, whose passing leaves a gap none can ever fill, but can never die as long as his memory remains in the hearts of those who loved him. Funeral services will be conducted in the Lyla Watson Funeral Home parlors at two o'clock this (Thursday) afternoon with Ralph Underwood, pastor of the Christian church in charge. Burial will be in the Wheatland cemetery. Pallbearers are his grandsons.