

DODGE, MARY ELIZABETH BELVILLE

June 17, 1853-October 2, 1939

The Angel of release mercifully came and ended the suffering of Mary Elizabeth Dodge, widow of the late John Tyler Dodge, on Monday morning, October 2. Mary E. Belville was born June 17, 1853 in Ohio. She was the daughter of Samuel and Jane Belville. Her early life was spent in Ohio and later she moved to Nebraska where she met and married John Tyler Dodge in 1872. To this union five children were born, three of whom died in childhood, and Mrs. T.A. (Nora) McGill passed away here on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May, thus preceding her mother in death by only a few months.

Mr. and Mrs. Dodge had made their home with Mr. and Mrs. McGill for several years before the death of Mr. Dodge in 1936, and the relation between the mother and the daughter was very close making the death of her daughter to the aged mother following soon after the death of her husband. In July Mrs. Dodge fell, fracturing her hip and has since then been confined to her bed in the hospital here.

Mr. and Mrs. Dodge moved from Nebraska to Fort Collins, Colorado in 1878 remaining there until 1885 when they moved to Laramie, Wyoming. After a short stop there, Mr. Dodge filed on a homestead on Duck creek in Albany county, and there they made their home until age and failing health compelled them to retire from active labor. Their home was noted for its open handed hospitality and generosity to all who entered its doors. Mrs. Dodge was a devoted member of the Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints.

Funeral services were held at the Congregational church here Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock with Reverend L.W. Flenner and the minister of the L.D.S. church of Albin officiating. Eastern Star services were also held.

Mrs. Dodge is survived by her son, T.B. Dodge of Wheatland; her granddaughters, Mrs. Margaret Phifer and Miss June Dodge; her grandson, George Dodge; children of her son and Mrs. Charles Johnson, Mrs. Agnes Tuney and Owen McGill, children of her daughter. Great-grandchildren are Tommy Knox Phifer, Barbara Johnson, Tyler, David and Jimmy Dodge, besides a step-son and his children, William Dodge of Laramie.

Burial was made beside her husband in the Wheatland cemetery.