

DUFFY, JOSEPH F.

January 26, 1845-November 29, 1936

Death came Sunday to Joseph T. Duffy, 91, beloved Wheatland resident and the last civil war veteran in Platte county after an illness of several months.

Grandpa Duffy, as he was affectionately called by all those who knew and loved him, was born in Hancock county, Illinois on January 26, 1845. He was the fourth child in a family of eight children. One brother, W.J. Duffy of Waverly, Kansas, is still living and is 83 years old.

Mr. Duffy was a boy of eighteen when he enrolled in the Civil War with Company L, Twelfth Regiment of Illinois Calvary volunteers with the rank of corporal, the 18th day of December, 1863 and was honorably discharged the 29th of May, 1866.

Following the Civil War, he joined General Custer at St. Louis and went with him to Texas where he said he nearly lost his life a couple times and had many other exciting and hair-raising experiences.

On his 34th birthday, Joseph T. Duffy was united in marriage to Mary E. Lewis of Marysville, Missouri and to this union were born five children, Claude, who died at infancy, Roland E. Duffy, Mrs. C.L. Thompson, Harold T. Duffy, and J. Glenn Duffy, all of whom make their home in this locality. They lived in Missouri until March 1915, when they moved to Wyoming settling on a homestead near Dwyer. In 1919, they moved to Wheatland where they lived until 1924 when Mr. and Mrs. Duffy moved to Pasadena, California, living there until 1927, and returning here.

Mr. Duffy was preceded in death by his wife who passed to her reward, November 2nd, 1929 at the age of 71 years.

When Mr. Duffy celebrated his 91 birthday on the 26th of January last, fifteen were present including his children and grandchildren, the latter numbering six, and Mrs. Etta Lewis, a sister-in-law.

Funeral services were held in the Methodist church with Rev. J.L. Williams preaching the sermon. Lyla Watson Funeral Home was in charge of the burial with interment at the Wheatland cemetery under military services.