

JOHN WESLEY ASH.

DIED—At the residence of his son, Adelbert Ash, in this city, at 1:10 a. m. Friday morning, September 24, 1897, JOHN WESLEY ASH, aged 61 years, 8 months and 15 days.

The deceased was born in Jackson county, Illinois, January 6, 1836. He was one of a large family and has brothers, half-brothers and sisters residing in Illinois, Missouri, Kansas and California. He, with his family, arrived in Colorado twenty-five years ago Thursday, and he has been a resident of the state ever since. For a number of years he resided in Colorado City and owned the land which East Colorado City and Stump addition now occupy. During the old Leadville days he had a freighting outfit on the road between this city and the carbonate camp. The last years were spent on his ranch located in Douglas county, some 20 miles from Denver. For the past 30 years the deceased has been more or less an invalid, never enjoying robust health, but notwithstanding this he has lived a very active life.

When a young man he was united in marriage to Miss Tobitha Fitzgerald. To them nine children were born, two of whom survive; Mrs. W. P. Epperson and Adelbert Ash, both of this city. On February 18, 1883, his wife died at her home in this city, universally mourned by all who knew her. The deceased never remarried.

In November of last year the deceased went to Excelsior Springs, Missouri, in the hope of recuperating his rapidly failing health. After an absence of 8 months he returned to this city in a much worse condition than when he went away. Since that time he made his home with his daughter and son, both of whom are married.

John Ash, as he was familiarly called, was well and favorably known. In his dealings he was known as an upright man; he was a good neighbor, accommodating and friendly, a man of correct habits and high moral ideas. As a father he was indulgent and spared no pains to make his children happy at all times.

The funeral will be held from the First Baptist church, this (Saturday) afternoon at 2 o'clock and the services will be conducted by the pastor, Rev. C. M. Reid. The interment will be at Evergreen cemetery where his remains will be laid beside his wife and daughter. May they rest in peace.

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