

HARRIET TAGGART GOODRICH OBITUARY

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NAPLES PIONEER MOTHER SUCCUMBS DURING VISIT WITH DAUGHTER AT ROOSEVELT

Mrs. Harriet M. Goodrich of Naples mother of President, A. G. Goodrich passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Leona Manwaring of Wilson, a short distance this side of Roosevelt where she had been visiting for some time. Mrs. Goodrich had been ill for some time and succumbed at the age of 79 years. She was born in Iowa and came to Ashley Valley in the early days as one of the very first pioneers.

She is survived by two sons and three daughters, Parley and A. G. and Mrs. Leona Manwaring, Mrs. Elmer Lind and Mrs. Julius Jensen, the latter residing at Soldier Summit.

Funeral services will be held in Naples Ward Chapel Saturday at 1 p.m. the town where she spent the greater part of her life and where the greater part of her family reside.

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MRS. HARRIET GOODRICH, PIONEER MOTHER, PAID WONDERFUL TRIBUTE AT SERVICES

Funeral services were held at the Naples Ward Chapel at 1 p.m. Saturday for Mrs. Harriet M. Goodrich who passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Elmer Manwaring of Roosevelt where she had been the past nine weeks.

Bishop John Simper presided. The house was filled to capacity and there was a profusion of beautiful flowers. The singing was by Lewis S. Gardiner, Lavell Manwaring, Earl Goodrich, Lewis Haws, Iva Manwaring, Ella Goodrich, Ina Chivers and Alice Allred. The first selection "Every Hour I Need Thy Blsseing." Prayer, J. W. Olsen. Singing "Abide With Me."

Lewis S. Gardiner was the first speaker. His remarks were directed to her example as a true mother and a faithful Latter-Day Saint.

Patriarch James M. Shaffer spoke of her great sacrifice for others and never speaking ill of anyone.

A sacred duet was rendered by Elmer Manwaring and Earl Goodrich, "The Homeland."

The concluding speaker President Wallace Calder told of her noblest character in God's highest standards. The closing song, "The Flowerland" was beautifully rendered. The benediction was pronounced by Alfred Powell. She was laid to rest in the Vernal cemetery where John Cook dedicated the grave.

Mrs. Harriet M. Goodrich was born September 2, 1848 in Pottawattamie County, Iowa. She was the daughter of George W. Taggart and Fannie Parks. She came across the plains with her parents when she was four years old. She remembers very little of this journey but often told of trying experiences of her early life in Salt Lake where hunger and privation were endured. Her father was a musician in the Mormon Battalion, also a skilled mechanic and did work for Brigham Young and Heber C. Kimball. He helped with work on the spread eagle at Eagle Gate in Salt Lake City. He also helped to build the Chase Mill.

In 1884 she was married to George A. Goodrich. Soon after her marriage they were called to help settle what was then called the Muddy. There they endured untold hardships.

After leaving the "Muddy" they settled in Morgan County and later came to Ashley Valley in 1887. Two years arriving in Uintah County five of their children were taken in death within a few weeks with the dreaded diphtheria.

She was the mother of twelve children, five of whom survive both parents, the father having died in 1911.

Deceased was always a faithful Latter-Day Saint and worked in church capacities as long as she was able. She was president of the Relief Society and a Sunday School teacher for a number of years. Nothing pleased her better than to converse with people on the principles of the Gospel. She was a great reader. She had a very cheerful, kind and forgiving disposition.

The children who survive her are Albert G. Goodrich of Naples; Parley H. of Tridell; Mrs. Julius Jensen of Soldier Summit; Mrs. Elmer Manwaring of Roosevelt and Mrs. Elmer Lind of Maeser. There are 37 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

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