Death of J. B. Hanson

The news of J. B. Hanson's death was a great surprise to our people. He had been reported as some better a week before the announcement of his death was received. There are few particulars now known, but the following are the main facts as they have come by telegraph and a brief letter. He died at Pasadena, Cal., at 5:45 a.m., Friday, January 24th. A week before his death he was not feeling so well as formerly and bowel trouble ensued. The body will be placed in a vault and kept in California until spring.

Deceased was born in Clear Creek township, Jasper county, 41 years and 3 months ago. His parents are dead, both having died in Collins a few years ago. Two of their children died at an early age. The other members of the family are four brothers and one daughter, viz: J. B. Hanson, whose death we now record, S. E. Hanson, George Hanson and A. H. Hanson, Mrs. A. J. Fawcett.

J. B. Hanson was one of the most successful business men of Collins. As president of the Exchange Bank, he was known in business affairs by our people for many years. He was one of the first business men in the town, and in a life of great commercial activity, became wealthy. He leaves to mourn his departure, his devoted wife, and a little daughter, Mildred, who accompanied him to California a few months ago in the hope that his health, which was failing, might be restored. A large circle of friends deeply regret his sudden departure and keenly sympathize with the bereaved wife and daughter, and the brothers and sister of the deceased.

One of the touching incidents of Mr. Hanson's life was the loss of his only son, who died a few years ago in Collins. His friends believe that this bereavement greatly accelerated his decline in health.

Mr. Hanson was well known in Masonic circles and he took a warm interest in the local lodge and its affairs. He will be much missed by the brethren of the Mystic tie. The silver chord is broken.

The hearts of our people are with the bereaved widow and the fatherless daughter in California at this time. Mrs. Hanson is beside her mother and sisters in that far western country, and the old neighbors and friends in Collins are also with her in sympathy.

Hanson, James Burr
d. abt 1904

In the year 1893 she was married to James Burr Hanson, the owner and cashier of the Exchange State Bank, their wedding taking place in Colorado Springs, Colo., where her parents were spending the winter. After a wedding trip to California, they returned to Collins and built a home. A few years later a little son and then a daughter came to brighten their home and make them

when the son, Floyd Olis, aged six years, contracted measles and pneumonia and passed away. Three years later she was bereft of her husband and both were laid to rest in the Collins cemetery.

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