

## **Micajah Hugh Phillips**

M. H. Phillips, age 87 years, one of the pioneer farmers and ranchers of Nowata county, died at 4:25 o'clock Friday afternoon at the old Phillips homestead, 11 miles north-west of the city.

The death of Mr. Phillips marks the passing of another of the men who pioneered in Indian Territory long before Oklahoma was thought of as a state. Mr. Phillips was one of the men who came to Nowata county in the days of the free range and lived to see the range disappear forever. Mr. Phillips was a man of the highest character and was highly regarded by all, and especially by the old-timers who had known him for many years.

Micajah Hugh Phillips was born in Surrey county, North Carolina, in 1843, and spent his childhood and young manhood there. In 1865 he was married to Miss Josephine Raper, and in 1870 the young couple, and their family, moved to Tahlequah, where Mr. Phillips farmed for over ten years. In 1888 Mr. Phillips came to what is now Nowata county and laid out the farm and ranch where he passed away Friday afternoon. He moved his family to their new home seven years later, in 1895.

Mr. Phillips was always a lover of the open range and when the land in Nowata county was allotted and the county began to be settled up, Mr. Phillips and his son, Spencer Phillips, went to western Kansas, where another ranch was laid out, and on which Spencer Phillips still lives. In 1915 Mr. Phillips turned his interests over to his sons and retired, spending the declining years of his life on the farm ranch northwest of the city which he laid out over 40 years ago. Mrs. Phillips passed away in May, 1929, and a son was killed last year in an automobile accident in Texas.

Surviving are three sons: W. P. Phillips, Tulsa; Spencer Phillips, Rolla, Kan.; and Bud Phillips, of the home address; and five daughters, Mrs. John Strong, Caney, Kans; Mrs. J. T. Edmonson, Maysville, Ark.; Mrs. E. V. Schrimsher, Roswell, N.M.; Mrs. Preston Majors, whose home is northwest of the city, and Miss Josephine Phillips of the home address.

The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Phillips ranch home northwest of the city, with W. E. Barr conducting the service. A quartet composed of C. L. Woods, W.H. Thomason, Mrs. T. R. McSpadden, and Mrs. Chas. Weeks will sing. Interment will be in Memorial Park.

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