

Private William Tecumseh Bridwell



William Bridwell was born in 1845 in Virginia and served for the entire War. He enlisted in Fry's Brigade, Lee's Army of Northern Virginia. He was at the battle of Gettysburg and played a large part in the retreat from Gettysburg. He participated in some of the hardest fought battles of the War for Southern Independence. He also played a large role in the reconstruction after the War. He arrived in Canon City in 1878 and was a carpenter. He later went into the grocery, real estate and insurance businesses. He also contributed to the building of Shelf Road. He was Grand High Priest of the Royal Arch Masons of Colorado and known as one of the oldest and best known residents of Canon City. He died on 29 September 1927, at the age of 82.

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Canon City, Colorado, Thursday, September 29, 1927

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William Tecumseh Bridwell, one of
the oldest and best known residents
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morning from the effects of a general
physical decline. Death was due
more to a collapse of vital force than
to any well defined disease. It re-
sulted from a dissolution of the
organisms that continue to keep alive
the spark of life. He was in the
seventy-fifth year of his age and had
lived continuously in Canon City for
nearly half a century.

Mr. Bridwell had been in failing
health for about a year and had been
under treatment in the hospital since
August 29th, exactly one month pre-
vious to his passing away. His con-
dition was serious when taken to the
hospital and at no time thereafter did
it show any improvement, despite the
efforts of physicians and friends in
his behalf. His death was not sur-
prised to those about him.

Mr. Bridwell was born in Virginia
and spent his early manhood in that
state. When the Civil War broke out
and the secession of the Southern
states took place, Mr. Bridwell volun-
teered as a soldier in the Confederate
army and served under the Stars and
Bars until the surrender at Appom-
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Mr. Bridwell was enlisted in the army
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the in the earnest fighting of the war. He was with the army of General Lee in its invasion of Pennsylvania, participated in the battle of Gettysburg and in the retreat after the defeat of the Confederates by the forces of General Meade.

He served valiantly in many a hard fought battle for the cause he believed to be right, but when the war was over he patriotically accepted the result and turned his attention to reconstruction and the arts of peace.

He came to Colorado in 1878, two years after its admission to the Union, and settled in Canon City. He took up the carpentry trade after coming here and continued in it until engaging in the grocery business with the late Charles Apple a few years later. Later he took up the insurance and real estate business, which he continued until his death.

Mr. Bridwell maintained an insurance office here for more than thirty-five years and was one of the pioneers of that line of work in this community.

Mr. Bridwell was one of the most distinguished Masons in Colorado and his death will be regretted by the members of that order all over the state. He was a past grand master of the A. F. & A. M. of Colorado; a past grand high priest of the grand chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of Colorado; a Knight Templar, a Shriner and a member of the Co-sistory. He had filled all the chairs of the various Masonic bodies of Canon City and it was his boast that he had not missed a grand lodge meeting in Denver for forty years. He expressed regret after being taken to the hospital that his illness prevented his attendance at the grand lodge meeting there last week. A member of the local lodge and an intimate friend of the deceased stated Thursday morning that Mr. Bridwell had been for more than a third of a century "one of the most active Masons in Colorado."

Mr. Bridwell was an adherent of the Episcopal church and served for many years as a member of the vestry of Christ church congregation. He supported all of its activities and benevolences. He was a charter member of Canon City lodge No. 619, B. P. O. Elks and signed card No. 2 at the time of its organization.

Mr. Bridwell is survived by a niece, who has kept house for him since the death of Mrs. Bridwell. He has no other family kindred in Colorado so far as can be ascertained.

The body is at the mortuary of Wilson & Son, 225 Main street. No arrangements for the funeral have been announced.

Members of the Masonic order from different parts of the state will be present at the funeral to do honor