

Orange Heights Historic Reference

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G.F. THOMPSON IS CALLED SUDDENLY

Subdivider of Pasadena
Properties Was Ardent Prohibitionist
Long Prominent in Methodism
End Comes Unexpectedly Day After
Birthday
Celebration

George Frank Thompson, for many years prominent as a realty subdivider in this city, passed away Saturday afternoon at his home 880 Garfield Ave. after an illness of two years. He celebrated his sixtieth birthday on Friday.

Although confined to the house much of the time since suffering a stroke two years ago, Mr. Thompson had been somewhat improved of late, and entered into his birthday festivities with his family and a small group of friends in his customarily cheerful spirit. Saturday afternoon at 3:30 he suffered a second stroke, and died before a physician who had been summoned arrived.

When a young man Mr. Thompson was engaged in the railroad business in Howard Lake, Minn., where he was born on February 27, 1865. For several years prior to his coming to California he and his brother, the late Charles W. Thompson of this city, were engaged in the banking business at Howard Lake.

Was Prohibitionist

..... about twenty five years ago, he became interested in the realty business and was among the first to subdivide property on an extensive scale. One of the first properties he subdivided was a tract on Pasadena Avenue between Orange Grove and Villa Street. The Rosemont Tract bounded by Pasadena and Winona Avenues and Orange Grove and Walnut Street was later developed, after which he opened Orange Heights in the northeast of the city.

Mr. Thompson owned considerable real estate in the downtown section, one of the properties being the old Coffee Cup Inn, now Schuster's Cafe, which he built about ten years ago, and which he later sold.

Prominent in Methodist Church circles, he had been a member of the Lincoln Avenue Methodist Church since coming to Pasadena. At the time of his death he was a member of the board of trustees, being chairman of that board for many years and active in other ways. Taking active part in the prohibition party, he had served that organization in various executive positions, and had been for many years treasurer of the party in California.

About thirty years ago he married Miss Ida May Wilson. Besides Mrs. Thompson he is survived by a son Herbert Willard Thompson, four brothers John Thompson of Taft, William Thompson of Vancouver, Ben Thompson of Spokane, J. Francis Thompson of Pasadena, and a sister Mrs. Vincent Bouser of El Monte, and large number of nieces and nephews among whom is Judge Raymond G. Thompson of El Monte.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the parlors of Ives and Warren. Dr. Charles Coke Woods, pastor of the Lincoln Avenue Methodist Church, will officiate and burial will be in Mountain View Cemetery. His nephews will act as pallbearers.