

OBITUARY OF JASPER NEWTON BEATY

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Jasper Newton Beaty was born in Carrolton, Mo., Jan. 12, 1845. At the age of 17 he enlisted in the Union army and very soon afterward was captured by rebel forces and thrown into prison. He succeeded in escaping and making his way west where he joined his brother James W. Beaty. The reunion of the young men marked the beginning of a long business career for both that was to extend thru the years under the name of Beaty Brothers.

It was in 1863 that J. N. Beaty came west. He and his brother hired out as freighters at Nebraska City and thence went to Denver. They arrived in the capital city with just \$5 in cash between them. There they engaged in the service of Colonel McNasser, a famous pioneer of the time. and freighted down to Santa Fe. From that post they hauled the first lumber for the new Fort Lyon and made their first visit to the Arkansas Valley which was to be the future home and the scene of business triumphs for both.

Having, by much labor, acquired some ready cash, the Beaty Brothers finally bought their own freighting outfit and made regular trips from Fort Lyon to Santa Fe, to Denver and as far west as Salt Lake City. In the latter place they finally disposed of their outfit, deciding to return to the Arkansas Valley and locate there. It was in 1869 that J. N. Beaty and his brother came to Manzanola, six years before the railroad came. He took up land along the river and with James W. acquired the nucleus of a herd.

At the first round up the Beaty brothers found their small herd had been enlarged by just four calves, two apiece. Then followed a series of disastrous experiences that, might well have broken down the iron determination of the sturdiest of pioneers. The winters of 1876, 1880 and 1881 are memorable for their severity. The western country was sept by blizzards, and the herds of cattle. suffered severely. The Beaty Brother lost heavily from the ravages of the storms. In 1878, or the following year, J. N. Beaty moved his herd to the Cimarron country, and eventually controlled one of the largest herds in Western Kansas, approximating about 25,000 cattle. Not withsithstanding the crushing losses of the three or four hard winters when his herds were decimated.

Mr. Beaty, with Spartan fortitude, set to work to repair his shattered fortunes and how well he succeeded is known to everybody in the Arkansas Valley today. Mr. Beaty branched out, into numerous side lines, apart from ranching. He organized a bank in connection with the J. N. Beaty Mercantile Company, in Manzanola. in 1893, in which he was associated with Horace Dye. Ranchers of the vicinity used to leave their money at the store with the request that it be tanken care of. So many of these sums were left in trust that the idea of a bank finally appealed to Mr. Beaty and Mr. Dye and it was carried out. Today the J. N. Beaty & Co. bank is being successfully conducted by William D, Beaty, a nephew of J. N. Beaty, and a son of the man who shared the

hardships and good fortunes of the latter in those trying pioneer days. He served in the Colorado legislature during the years of 1881 and 1885.

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Town of which he was the first mayor. He became interested in irrigation improvements and was one of the organizers of the Catlin ditch. He was also interested in the High Line, Excelsior and other ditch properties. He was also identified with the banks at Ordway, Swink and Syracuse, Kansas. He was president of the Excelsior Land and Live Stock Company of Avondale, and was a holder of considerable mining properties. Mr. Beaty was prominent in fraternal work and was a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Masons and Eastern Star.

On Jan 17, 1883, J. N. Beaty married Miss Jennie Ross, of Sterling, Ill., who was then a school teacher at Las Animas. The marriage ceremony was performed in Pueblo and they then removed to their home ranch in Manzanola. From this union was born two children, Robert Ross Beaty and Jennie Ruth Beaty, now Mrs. F. W. Haver, of Boone. Both were with the father when the end came. Mrs. Beaty died December 18, 1911.

Mr. Beaty had three brothers, J. W. who shared his early fortunes in the west, Alvin and John. James W. and John are deceased, while Alvin is living in Lakin, Kas. Mrs. Eliza Porter, a sister, also survives. She resides in Garden City, Kansas. Another sister, Mrs. John Vroman, now deceased.

Funeral services for Mr. Beath will be held at the home this Friday morning at 10:00 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. J. F. Finlay, of the First Christian church of La Junia. Interment will be in the family plot at Manzanola.