

October 13, 1902

## John Walter Robison

One of the Oldest Citizen of Enid has passed to the Great Mythical Beyond.

Saturday night last, October 11, 1902, Mr. S. S. Dumont the proprietor of the Grand Avenue Hotel, believing that Mr. John Walter Robison, one of his regular guests, was sick in his room on South 9th street, between Main and Cherokee, because he had not eaten a meal at the hotel since Thursday noon, went over to the hotel clerk, J. B. Brown. The gentlemen were much astonished to find Mr. Robison lying on his bed cold in death. *the room at 8:30*

They immediately telephoned to the Sheriff's office and house and found that the Sheriff and deputy Clerk were both out of town. Coroner Ralph Roberts was then summoned and he took charge of the body and the personal effects of the deceased. The body was given in charge of Kirwin & Daniels the undertakers who immediately conveyed it to their rooms. It is the belief of the physicians who viewed the body that Mr. Robison had been dead at least eighteen hours and perhaps twenty-four. The undertakers attempted to embalm the body so that it could be kept until the relatives could be heard from, directing the final resting place of all that remain of our fellow citizen. They found that decomposition had so far advanced as to make embalming impossible. *in company*

Sheriff Porter arrived from the north about 11 p. m. and immediately began an investigation of the case. He failed in finding the address of any of Mr. Robison's folks after a long search through all his old letters. He telegraphed Stet. Sanford at Millerville, Georgia, who came to this country with the deceased. Mr. Sanford wired back yesterday, saying; "Relations hard to locate, if they are not heard from soon, bury him in the Enid Cemetery." The Garfield County Bar Association, of which the deceased was a member, took charge of the funeral arrangements and burial expenses. The funeral occurred at 11, a. m. today, October 13. A good representation of the Bar Association attended the funeral.

This afternoon, soon after the funeral, Sheriff Porter received messages from a sister and a brother of the deceased to hold the body until they knew more. However, their wishes could not have been obeyed the body could not have been kept.

Mr. Robison died from heart trouble; blood vessels broke near the heart, causing considerable hemorrhage, the blood having flowed out of his mouth in considerable quantities after death.

He lived alone in a little one roomed house; no one was around him or near him when he died. The deceased was between fifty-eight and sixty-one years of age; no one seems to know his exact age.