

## Deaths

### S. J. Soper

S. J. Soper, 82, former mayor, councilman and school board member of South Hutchinson died Wednesday in Los Angeles, Calif., and following a funeral service and cremation the ashes will be brought to Hutchinson. A service will be held Sunday afternoon at Johnson and Sons Funeral chapel with the Masonic lodge in charge. Interment will be in Eastside cemetery Monday.

Mr. Soper was born Dec. 6, 1857 near Galva, Ill., and came to Kansas in the early '70s, settling first in Leavenworth and coming to Reno county shortly afterwards. He was a resident of Hutchinson during the grasshopper raids.

He was married on Nov. 15, 1888 to Mary Ann Jordan one of the well known school teachers of the county, at the home of her mother, northwest of town. They made their home in Hutchinson until 1900 when they moved to South Hutchinson. He was chairman of the school board when the present school building was built and supervised its erection.

After coming to Hutchinson he was with the Dickey Drug store until 1900 when he engaged in the real estate business until his retirement in 1934, when he and Mrs. Soper went to California to live. His last visit here was in 1935. In 1938 he and Mrs. Soper celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

During his long life here he was a member of the Masonic orders, being a 32nd degree Mason.

Survivors are his widow, and three daughters and five sons: Mrs. Susie Miller, Burlington; Mrs. Faye Judy, living south of town; Mrs. Ethelyn Lomborg, Wichita; Ray Soper, Wichita; Dr. Fred L. Soper, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Dr. Gail R. Soper, Evanston, Ill.; Dr. H. Vern Soper, Los Angeles and John M. Soper, Hutchinson, and a niece, Mrs. A. W. O'Brien of Hutchinson. All the children will be here for the funeral except Dr. Fred Soper.



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