

HISTORY QUESTION OF THE MONTH

What Butlerville resident was born in Madison, Tennessee, August 11, 1863, moved to Provo, Utah in 1889 and that same year to Salt Lake City?

Was a dairy farmer for several years?

Worked as a general contractor?

Moved to Butlerville about 1910?

Was the Butler Precinct Democratic Chairman?

Was the Salt Lake County Roads Supervisor for District 8 for 7 years?

Had a son who was blinded in an explosion, but was still able to work as a mechanic?

Died suddenly at his home in Butlerville on October 31, 1935?

ANSWER

Wilkins Goodrich, his wife Serena and their four children, Benjamin, Edward, Wilkins, and Dora moved to Butlerville about 1910. They lived on the east side of 2700 East, north of where the Butler Middle School is located today. At the time, there were just two other families living along that road. Their son Benjamin, who was blinded in an explosion, was still living at home when his father died. Benjamin had lost both eyes in an accident in 1916. Giant powder caps he was carrying in his pockets exploded when he stumbled and fell, while he was working at a mine in Alta. His eyes were so injured that it was necessary for the doctor to remove them. After Mr. Goodrich's death, Mrs. Goodrich sold the farm and moved in with her son Edward. Benjamin moved to Salt Lake where he lived with the Janes family. Benjamin was 98 years old when he died.

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