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RICHARD S. BRYDON

Mr. Woodford was born April 2, 1860, at West Avon, Connecticut, and died in Claremont on October 21, 1941. He was a son of a Congregational clergyman. Mr. Woodford was educated in the schools of Hartford, Connecticut, and made an outstanding record as a scholar. As a youth, he spent a year in Colorado for reason of health, and then returned to Connecticut, but it was not long before he came West again and spent some time in the cattle country of Southwest Missouri. For a time he operated a store on the White River of Missouri, and from there he came to California.

The marriage of Mr. Woodford on May 8, 1889, united him with Miss Emma B. Harwood. Five children were born to this happy union: Alfred O.; Marjorie B.; James B.; Mrs. Mary Woodford Smith; and Mrs. Katharine Woodford Bentley. Mrs. Woodford survives her husband and still resides in the Claremont home place.

Richard S. Brydon

Richard S. Brydon, a long-time resident of Los Angeles County and one of the Pomona Valley's large citrus growers, was born in Gault, Ontario, Canada, on July 1, 1878, son of Robert B. and Christine Brydon. He first went to school in his native country, but coming to Southern California in 1890, with his family, he continued his schooling at Buena Park. As a youth, he was with the Jepson Saddlery Company, of Los Angeles.

In 1902, he and his brothers organized the Brydon Brothers Saddlery in Los Angeles, and he remained with this business until 1917, when he came to La Verne to take charge of the two hundred and fifty acres of property in La Verne Heights which he and his brothers acquired. In 1922, he purchased his brothers' interests in the property, and in 1943 he sold the property and then moved to San Dimas, where he erected a home on San Dimas Canyon Road.

Mr. Brydon was a director of the First National Bank of La Verne and of the La Verne Lemon Association. His church was the Presbyterian of Pomona, and his fraternal affiliations were with the San Dimas Masonic Lodge and Shriners of Los Angeles.

Mr. Brydon married Miss Mabel Paddison, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Paddison, of Norwalk, where she was born. Her father was a very successful dairyman in the Norwalk area, and a well-known citizen of that community.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Brydon are: R. John; Janet (Mrs. Manley Reitz); Edith (Mrs. Maurice Shirk); and Mae (Mrs. Robert Haines).

Mr. Brydon passed away in San Dimas on November 12, 1944. A man of exemplary character and kindly disposition, his friends were very numerous. Since his passing, Mrs. Brydon has continued to live in the community and is active in social affairs and looks after her own business and property interests. Among her affiliations is the Eastern Star.