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CHARLES GUILD

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Wherever one goes in traveling over the broad extent of the American continent, the Scotch element appears prominently connected in its civilization with not only the learned professions, but also as leaders in large and extensive commercial operations and industrial organizations and combinations of *high* order. The industry, thrift, sagacity and strong mental powers so characteristic of the Scottish race in its

native land, are here developed to an extent that causes it to dominate and take the leadership and to control the affairs that it is connected with and conduct them to gratifying success in every department of commercial activity. We are led to these reflections in contemplating the life of Charles Guild, now a resident of Piedmont, Wyoming, who is not only a man of successful business undertakings, but deeply permeated with a highly religious spirit, is an honored and useful member of his community and his church. He was born in Dundee, Scotland, on April 14, 1826, a son of James and Agnes (Gordon) Guild, representatives of families that for a long series of years have been identified with the old "land of the heather and the hill. His paternal great-grandparents were David and Isabel (Wanlass) Guild. David Guild became a weaver by profession and vocation and, as is customary in the old country, his son Charles (who married Margaret Smith) as well as his grandson James, became weavers, and this honorable vocation has been successfully and diligently followed for many generations. Charles Guild, even when but a child, was employed in some of the departments of the weaving trade, by his industry here adding to the general earnings of the family support. As he was thus fully occupied he had little opportunity to acquire the needed education of the schools and books. He, however, became thoroughly conversant with all the details of his trade and was occupied in weaving in Scotland until his emigration to the United States in 1854. Immediately upon arriving in the United States he took his course to Utah, where, with the same industry and conscientious fidelity to his work, he was engaged in weaving and farming for fifteen years in Ogden and Lehi. In 1868 the first survey of the Union Pacific Railroad was conducted, and Mr. Guild then came to Wyoming and located his home and family on the stage road, close to the tollgate, four miles below Piedmont, which was their residence for about four years. When the town of Piedmont was located, the family removed thither and Mr. Guild established the first mercantile business of the town, which he successfully conducted until his buildings and stock of goods were destroyed by fire. Not discouraged by this ill-fortune, however, he at once turned his attention to ranching, taking up a tract of government land in 1884, a portion of his present home. Since that time he has added to his landed possessions until in this ranch he owns 640 acres of valuable and highly productive land. This property he has largely improved and developed into one of the finest

homes in this section of the state, and here he has erected a commodious residence containing twenty-three rooms. The necessities of the public seemed to demand that his residence should also be utilized as a hotel, and as such it has been popularly conducted by Mr. Guild to the satisfaction of his numerous patrons. In many directions the energies and business capacities of Mr. Guild have been demonstrated. He was one of the founders and incorporators of the Guild Land and Live Stock Co., of which he has held the office of president, and he also established upon a firm foundation and basis the Guild Mercantile Co. He has been a strong supporter of the Republican Party and has taken a very active part in the affairs of the county, while he has performed the duties of a justice of the peace with conceded ability. Mr. Guild has been for many years a conscientious and valuable member of the Church of Latter Day Saints, active in its services and he is now filling the highly responsible office of elder of the church at Piedmont. At Ogden, Utah, on February 19, 1855, Mr. Guild was united in matrimony with Miss Mary M. Cardon, a daughter of Philip and Martha M. (Turner) Cardon. She was born in Piedmont, Italy. Her father was a native of France and her mother of England. They became residents of Utah in 1854, and there resided until their respective deaths which came at Logan. To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Guild have been born eleven children, eight are now living. They are Mary, wife of John Cross of Piedmont, where he is a merchant and holds the office of postmaster; Charles A., died in infancy at Slaterville, Utah; Joseph P., noted on other pages of this work; James H., engaged in stock raising; George T., also mentioned in another part of this volume; John A., married and resides at Lyman, Wyo., where he is the popular postmaster and a merchant; Lovina A., who died in infancy at Utah; Emma, wife of Daniel Gambell, Union Pacific station agent at Carter, Wyo.; Ida E., wife of D.C. Swartsfager, Union Pacific station agent at Knight, Wyo.; William Q., connected with merchandising at Lyman; Katie A., a young lady of brilliant promise, who, after graduating at Brigham Young College at Logan, Utah, died at Piedmont, on November 23, 1898, at the age of twenty-two years and nine months, and was buried in the Guild cemetery on the Piedmont ranch. Favored with sons whose abilities were equal to the successful achievement of the diversified kinds of business in which Mr. Guild is interested, he has practically retired from their operations and is enjoying the society of his numerous

friends during these advancing years of his life. He has ever been a man of exemplary habits, kind-hearted, hospitable, generous to the needy, sympathetic with the suffering and diligent and faithful to all his trusts. He is gifted with a wonderful intuitive knowledge of mechanics and has invented a number of useful articles, notably a combination door lock which can be changed to 220 different combinations, and he has been successful as a logical sequence of the commonsense, industry and capacity he has manifested during a long series of years. His wife has been truly a loyal helpmeet and they maintain in their pleasant Wyoming home a generous western hospitality.

Editors note: Charles' wife Mary was the daughter of Philip Cardon and Marthe Marie Tourn and they were both from Italy.

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