

**Father of first graduate of IHM Academy, Florence MIMS '07, and siblings.**

## **George Price MIMS, 1861 ~ 1920**

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Thursday, June 3, 1920 (Medford, Oregon weekly - *Mail Tribune*)

### **COL. G. P. MIMS, POSTMASTER, DIES SUDDENLY.**

George P. Mims, postmaster of Medford, and known to scores of southern Oregon people as Colonel Mims, died at his room in the Holland Hotel Wednesday morning about four o'clock of acute indigestion. His death was sudden and came as a shock to the city.

Colonel Mims was in good health Tuesday and attended to his duties as usual. About two o'clock Wednesday morning he was taken ill, and Dr. Pickel was called, who gave medical attention. Dr. Pickel was called again at three o'clock. Despite all human efforts death ensued an hour later.

Colonel Mims was born near Newport, Tenn., and was 58 years of age. He resided in the Rogue River valley for the last 12 years, owning a ranch near Central Point, he named Seven Oaks. Previous to his coming to southern Oregon he lived in the Coeur d'Alene district of Idaho, and other parts of the northwest. He lived for many years in Texas. He was a personal friend of Josephus Daniels, secretary of the navy. Four years ago he was appointed postmaster, though there were many contestants for the place. He was a member of the Elks.

A son, Percy G. Mims, living at Yreka, Calif., has been notified of his death. The postal authorities at Washington, D.C. were also notified. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

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Thursday, June 10, 1920 (Medford, Oregon weekly - *Mail Tribune*)

### **LAST RITES TO COLONEL GEORGE P. MIMS.**

Medford paid its last tribute Saturday afternoon to the memory of the late Postmaster Geo. P. Mims, with a largely attended public funeral held in the Elks's temple, where the remains lay in state a half hour before the services and many called to take a last look at the well known departed citizen.

The mourners, accompanied by Assistant Postmaster and Mrs. Wm. J. Warner, were seated in the little balcony in the rear of the temple. They were Miss Kathleen Mims of Spokane, youngest daughter of Col. Mims, and George Mims of Portland and Percy Mims of Medford, sons.

The body was expressed on the late south bound train last night to Newport, Tenn., Colonel Mims's birthplace and boyhood home, for burial accompanied by Miss Kathleen Mims.

*Burial: <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=51427903>*