

A search for Art Barnett, 72, Wendover, last seen of December 22, was begun last week by the sheriff's office, county coroner and highway patrol. Officials theorize that Barnett probably drowned in the Platte river someplace east of Wendover between there and his home on the government reserve where he had lived alone.

On December 22 Barnett started home from Wendover, walking down the river east toward where he had his boat anchored. He was last seen on that date by the Wendover depot agent and members of a section crew working near Wendover.

It was not discovered that Barnett was missing until January 1 when a neighbor, Mrs. Charley Lamb, went to his home and did not find him.

Officials were notified and a search was begun last Saturday. To date, no clue to Barnett's disappearance has been found other than his boat which was still tied to the bank of the river east of Wendover.

Barnett's next of kin, a half-sister, Mrs. Mary Bell Garrett, Letts, Ia., has been notified of his disappearance. He had lived in this section a number of years.

Officials who have organized and conducted the search are: Sheriff W.I. Sutherland, County Coroner Ted Schrader, Highway Patrolman Ray Karpinski and Welfare Director H.C. Coleman.