

Albert Bartlett dies

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One of the most illustrious personalities in Wheatland's or Wyoming's history ended quietly Sunday with the death of Albert B. Bartlett, 95, at Platte County Memorial Hospital.

Born April 15, 1885 in a community called Fairbank located near where the town of Guernsey is today, he was a son of Ichabod Sargent and Mary Jane Eastman Bartlett. His father had moved to the area in 1882 to build a smelter along the east bank of the river. The log cabin in which Albert was born still stands along the North Platte River.

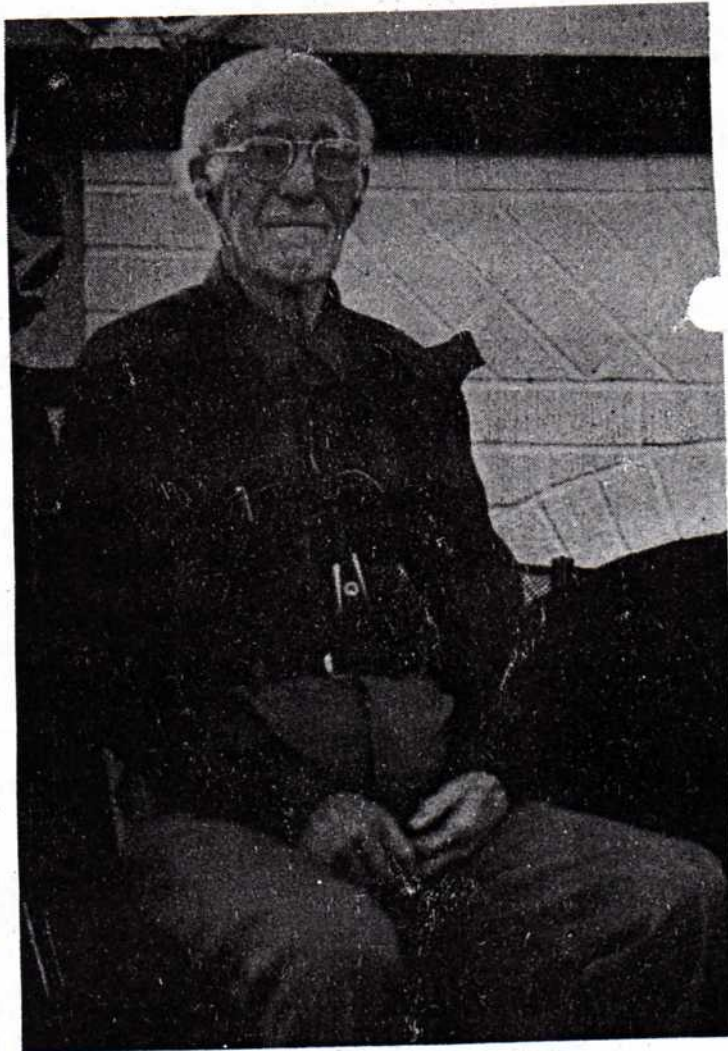
In 1889 the family moved to Cheyenne where he and his two brothers and a sister attended school. Sidney, William and Edna all preceded him in death.

He graduated in 1898 from Cheyenne High School and went on to attend the University of Missouri School of Mines where he earned a bachelor of science degree in mining engineering in three years. He earned his masters degree in 1910.

Upon his return from school Albert and his brother, Sidney, formed Bartlett Engineering Co. in Cheyenne. Always being a politically minded person he assisted the family when his father and brothers purchased the Cheyenne Leader Newspaper in 1906 with the express purpose of helping to elect a Democrat as governor. This was accomplished in 1910 with the election of Joseph M. Carey.

Through the years Albert served as Assistant State Engineer, Deputy State Engineer, State Geologist and was a member of the State Planning and Water Conservation Board. He did survey work on irrigation ditches for adjudication of water rights and worked as irrigation engineer for the Federal Land Bank.

Along with his interest and contributions to engineering Albert also found time to work as manager for a sheep company near Esterbrook



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Although volunteering for the military in World War I and not being accepted he found other ways to serve his country. He testified before the U.S. Senate Committee hearing during the 1940s on the ferrosilicon process for making magnesium metal needed for manufacture of war planes. The process was adopted.

In 1952 he, with others, located mining claims for iron deposits near Atlantic City, Wy., where the U.S. Steel Co., later built a plant. He was also among the first, with his associates, to discover uranium deposits in Fremont and Converse counties.

An avid reader and frequent contributor to the letters to the editor column in the Record-Times, he was

also the author of two other books, "Wyoming, Horse Age to Space Age," and "When Will the Mob Rule?" These are on file with the University of Wyoming's Coe Library. A feature story on Albert was published in the Feb. 10, 1978 issue of the Record-Times.

He is survived by Hilary Blair Glen Bartlett whom he married Dec. 6, 1952. They had no children but developed close associations with many nieces and nephews.

No formal services were held, but memorial gifts in his name may be made to the community swimming pool fund. These memorials may be sent to the Platte County Parks and Recreation District or be directed to Schrader-Prell Funeral Home.

At 65 years of age when most men might be thinking