

HALL, HUGH RALPH  
June 24, 1869-September 20, 1931

The entire community was greatly saddened to hear of the sudden death of H. Ralph Hall of Owen, which occurred on Sunday afternoon. Mr. Hall had not been in the best of health the last several years but was leading his usual active life, and went to Lusk Saturday looking after his wool interests. He was taken desperately ill Saturday night with an acute attack of heart trouble. He improved to such an extent, however, that on Sunday to have some one bring him to the Wheatland hospital. John Agnew of Lusk, a friend and business associate, started with him in the car. Within a few miles of Wheatland, he was again taken acutely ill. Mr. Agnew drove with all possible speed, but Mr. Hall expired just as they were reaching the hospital.

Mr. Hall was one of the leading citizens of this section; having been in Wyoming since early manhood. He was identified with ranch interests and for quite a number of years was the state wool buyer for one of the leading wool commission houses in the United States. He will greatly be missed as a business man and as a friend in this part of the country.

Hugh Ralph Hall was born in Bethany, near Statesville, North Caroline, June 24, 1869, the eldest of six children of Dr. and Mrs. E.A. Hall.

He died at Wheatland, Wyoming, Sept. 20, 1931, at the age of 62 years and 3 months. His death is the first break in the family of six children and one half-sister, Mrs. Maggie Gillespie of Laramie. The mother passed away nearly 40 years ago; the father but three years ago, lacking but a few months of 90 years.

When a young man of 22, Mr. Hall came to Wyoming. On Oct. 20, 1897, he was united in marriage to Miss Tinnie Gillespie, also from Statesville, N.C., and together, they established a home in the ranch country of the upper Sibylee. There they started in the sheep business, the whole venture being a product of the industry since coming west. The next year they sold the ranch to the Swan Land & Cattle company, as they needed more range. Together with his brother Flake, they went higher into the hills, buying the present Dobson place. Later, Mr. Hall became an employee of the Swan Land & Cattle company. Twenty-four years ago, Mr. Hall bought the ranch property west of Wheatland which has since been the family home.

He served several terms as commissioner of Albany county, and was always interested and active in all matters of community betterment.

For many years, he was a wool buyer for Webb & Co. of Philadelphia. This gave him a wide acquaintance over the state, and he became an expert in his line, trusted alike by employers and customers.

He was a member of Laramie Lodge No. 3, A.F. & A.M., and the Masonic services were conducted by the Wheatland lodge at the request of the Laramie lodge. Mr. Hall had been a member of the Albany lodge No. 7, I.O.O.F. of Laramie for 25 years.

From boyhood, he retained his membership in the Bethany Presbyterian church in the old home. A few months ago, he transferred his membership to the Union Congregational church in Wheatland, of which Mrs. Hall is a member.

His interests were varied, but his chief interest was in his family and home, including also the ranch life and live stock interests. He had often expressed the hope that