

HIRSCHY, EZRA
April 12, 1899-April 21, 1940

A body identified as that of Ezra Hirshey was found in the charred ruins of a barn at the John Phillippi ranch near Bordeaux after it had burned to the ground Sunday afternoon.

The fire was discovered by Mrs. Swan who called Mr. Phillippi, who was away from the ranch at the time.

It was the opinion of witnesses who were attracted to the ranch by the fire that Hirshey had set the barn afire then hung himself. A burned rope was about the neck of the body.

Hirshey was born in America, but moved to Canada with his father who took out a homestead there. Hirshey became a citizen of Canada. His father later returned to the states but he remained. He fought in the world war with the Canadian army. After the war he came back into the states but only for a visit so did not take out any papers as an immigrant. He decided to stay but failed to make proper entry back into the country. When he applied recently for citizenship, the irregularity was at once noticed. However with the help of friends and relatives it was thought that the difficulties would all be ironed out in a satisfactory manner.

Thursday in Wheatland Hirshey seemed in the best of spirits and at the time commented that he enjoyed so much, working for Mr. Phillippi.

Sunday morning he washed out his clothes and was apparently feeling fine.

Mr. Phillippi left the ranch in the afternoon but was called back by the fire. Upon discovery of the body in the ruins he called coroner C.S. Dennis who with county attorney Bud Jones investigated the tragedy.

Hirshey is a brother of Mrs. J.C. Moon of Slater. He is also survived by 2 other brothers, Paul of Providence, Oregon and Solomon of Canada.

Hirshey was well liked by all who knew him and his untimely death will be lamented by all his friends.
