

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

Ezra Hirschy, a Slater ranch hand, committed suicide on Sunday, April 21, by setting a barn on fire, and then hanged himself inside the barn by a rope.

Hirschy's charred body was found in the ruins of the barn on John Phillippi's farm about 8 miles north of Slater.

C. Stewart Dennis, Platte county coroner, pronounced the death a suicide, saying a burnt rope was found about the neck of the body.

Many attempts were made to reach his body in the burning barn, but the barn was full of straw and too far gone when the fire was discovered.

Ezra Hirschy was born on April 12, 1899 in Berne, Indiana, and died on April 21, 1940 at the age of 41 years.

The deceased was a member of the Canadian army during the world war. He has lived in this community the past 10 to 15 years.

He is survived by a sister, Mrs. Phoebe Moon, of Slater, a brother, Paul of Providence, Oregon, another brother Solomon of Canada, and several other brothers and sisters.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, April 24, from the Watson and Dennis chapel, with Rev. L.W. Flenner of the Congregational church officiating. Interment was made in the Wheatland cemetery.