

Frank B. Howard Dies Oct. 30 At 91 Years Of Age

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Frank B. Howard passed away at Platte County Memorial Hospital, Wheatland, October 30, 1959 following a long illness. Mr. Howard was born in Blue Lakes, Wisc. June 18, 1868 and was 91 years of age at the time of his death.

Mr. Howard was the son of Thomas and Nancy Whit Howard and had made his home in Platte county since 1922, coming here from Nebraska. He was a retired merchant and had also been in the cafe business for several years.

He is survived by one step-son, Bernie Freeman, Laramie; five step-daughters, Mrs. Margaret Haerberle, Mrs. Lyle Clay, Mrs. Harold Loomis, Wheatland, Mrs. Don Kirby, Watsonville, Calif., and Mrs. O. Slonaker, formerly of Roseberg, Ore., now of Laramie. His wife, Emma L. passed away October 31, 1953 and one brother and four sisters also preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held Monday from the Schrader Chapel at 2:00 p. m. with Rev. Robert L. French officiating. Interment was in the Wheatland cemetery with his step-grandsons as pallbearers.

Mr. Howard led an interesting life. He homesteaded in Greeley County, Nebraska near Scotia, and as a young boy drove the stage line (1887) from Howard City to Loup City, Nebr. He moved with his family to Scotia when he was 16 years old.

Around 1889 he came to this area and worked for Dad Bovee building a railroad. He was a cook at the old Commercial Hotel (presently La Ramie), was a cook for the Swan Company roundups and helped build the road between the 2-Bar and Wheatland. He also helped build the log house on the Jake Axford home, bringing the logs from Iron Mountain.

Mr. Howard was in Buffalo in 1888 during the Johnson County War and cooked on the John Smith ranch on Crazy Woman Creek. He was employed for 20 years by the Swan Company.