

HUNTON, JAMES E.  
October 8, 1899-October 15, 1969

James E. Hunton, 80, oldtime cowboy, rodeo contestant, and nephew of John Hunton, who was one of Wyoming's noted early settlers, died Wednesday of a heart seizure at his home, in Denver.

Mr. Hunton moved to Denver about 25 years ago from Wheatland, and before his retirement, worked several years for Carlson-Frink Dairy in Denver. He was born Oct. 8, 1899, at Bordeaux, Wyo., in the general area of his uncle, John Hunton's ranch. This ranch supplied hay for cavalry mounts for historic Ft. Laramie.

In his youth, Mr. Hunton competed in rodeo as a bronc rider and bulldogger. He was also a trick roper and rider. Later in life he maintained an active interest in the romance of the Old West and took up painting pictures of famous bucking horses. In the 1920's, he was among the rodeo contestants that staged wild west shows in England and Belgium.

Mr. Hunton attended the local elementary and high schools, and spent two years at the University of Wyoming in Laramie. He married Jennie Church Oct. 4, 1914, at Alliance, Neb. Mrs. Hunton survives.

Other survivors include Mrs. Mora Herring of Benkelman, Neb., a sister; Mrs. J. Vee Gallegos, of Arvada, Colo., daughter; and two grandchildren.

James Hunton was a brother of the late Don E. Hunton, who was a prominent Wheatland businessman before his death, owning the Wheatland Motor Co.