

HUNTON, JOHN L.  
1883-March 22, 1944

Last rites were held at the Schrader chapel Sunday for John L. Hunton, 60, of Laramie, who died suddenly of a heart attack at his home Wednesday, March 22. The Rev. R.E. Morgan of Boulder, assisted by Rev. C.S. Higby, officiated at the service. Music was furnished by Mrs. O.O. Natwick of Cheyenne, Mrs. Leona Butler, Miss Urith Blake, Robert Barnes and Don Maxwell. Miss Tess VanDyke sang a solo composed by Mr. Hunton entitled "The Mesa Trail".

Born in Baltimore, Md., Mr. Hunton was a member of a prominent Wyoming pioneer family. He came with his parents to Wyoming when he was 5 years of age and lived on a ranch at Bordeaux. Later the family moved to Wheatland. He was a nephew and namesake of the late John Hunton, post trader, contractor, ranchman and engineer at old Fort Laramie.

Mr. Hunton took music lessons from his mother, Mrs. Mora Hunton, while a child and later studied music at the University of Nebraska, University of Chicago and the University of Wyoming where he was connected with the music faculty at one time.

Notable among his musical compositions is a suite catching the spirit of Wyoming and Laramie. His paintings have also had considerable recognition. Some were at the Carnegie library in Laramie at the time of his death, and an exhibit had been planned for the near future.

Besides his mother, he is survived by three brothers, Donald E. of Wheatland, E. Deane of Wyoming university commerce division, James of Denver, and a sister, Mrs. Ted Herring of Nebraska.

Burial was made in the family plot at the Wheatland cemetery. Pallbearers included O.O. Natwick of Cheyenne, Russell Staats of Chugwater, A.D. Faville, R.A. Ferguson, John Phifer and Glen Brown.