

W.A. "BILL" LOOMIS FOUND DEAD AT HIS HOMESTEAD SUNDAY

Friends Crowd Church To Capacity to Pay Last Respects

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"Accident of a .22 automatic revolver discharged by his own hands," was the verdict rendered by a coroner's jury Monday morning in the death of William A. Loomis, known better to all his friends and acquaintances as just "Bill".

Bill's body was found on a bed in the house on the place he homesteaded located a half mile from his father's ranch, shortly after seven o'clock Sunday evening by his brother, Jack, when he decided to seek his whereabouts after a prolonged absence during the day.

The tragic end of the unfortunate young man came when a bullet from an automatic pistol pierced the right temple as he is thought to have been handling it while sitting on the end of his bed.

It is also thought that Bill met his sudden death some time during the afternoon hours.

Mr. Loomis was in his thirty-first year at the time death overtook him. He was of a jovial disposition and enjoyed a wide popularity throughout the county, as was testified to at his burial Wednesday afternoon, when friends packed the Congregational church to capacity to pay their last respects and sent floral offerings to place at his bier in such profusion that the rostrum could not accommodate all of them.

Interment was made in the Wheatland cemetery near the remains of his mother, who died in October, 1930. The Copley Mortuary had charge of the burial.

The obituary as read at the funeral services, conducted by Rev. R. E. Morgan at the Congregational church, Wednesday at 2 p. m., said:

"William Archibald Loomis, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wightman Loomis, was born at Cheyenne, Wyo., August 1, 1901, and died on his homestead near Wheatland, February 28, 1932. He is survived by his father, his two brothers, Harold and Jack, and his sister, Margaret. Mrs. Howard Robinson of Wheatland, is a cousin. Other relatives live in Vermont.

He was graduated from the Wheatland high school in 1920. He then took a business course in Park's Business College, Denver, after which he went to work in the Wheatland Hardware store and continued there to the end.