

MCCALLUM, DUGALD M.

November 8, 1845-September 15, 1917

Hon. D. McCallum, former mayor of the Town of Wheatland, a former state senator, and one of our most prominent citizens, met his death by being run down by a train near the outskirts of Denver on last Saturday morning.

Mr. McCallum was one of the first residents of Wheatland, having located here when the town was started in 1904, at which time he engaged in the lumber and contracting business in partnership with H.E. Crain. He was one of our most substantial and foremost citizens, and was actively engaged in business here until about a year ago, when failing health compelled him to give up active business affairs. The death of Mrs. McCallum about four years ago was the turning point in his life, up to which time he had been hale and hearty. About a year ago he was taken to Denver by his nephew, Mr. J.C. McGillivray, in the hope that the change would result in an improvement of mind and body, but he failed to improve as was hoped and gradually became more feeble, the unfortunate circumstances which led to his death undoubtedly being brought about by a temporary aberration of the mind.

The body was shipped to this place for burial, funeral services taking place at the Congregational church on Monday afternoon, being conducted under the auspices of the local Masonic Lodge, of which the deceased was a member.

The deceased is survived by a son, N.J.N. McCallum, of this place.

The Tribune, of Cheyenne, where the deceased was a resident prior to moving to Wheatland, makes the following mention of the accident which caused Mr. McCallum's death:

The identity of Dugald McCallum, former Wyoming legislator and widely known lumberman of Wheatland who met death under the wheels of a train near Denver late Saturday afternoon was established through an inscription on a Masonic ring which he wore, according to information received here by friends.

Although Mr. McCallum until a few years ago had been engaged in the lumber business at Wheatland and the Platte county capital was his Wyoming home, he was widely known in Cheyenne where for four years, from 1888 to 1892 he was the manager of the Cheyenne Lumber company. Earlier he had been employed as a contractor for the Union Pacific railroad. He was 72 years of age and a native of the province of Quebec, Canada.

He removed to Wheatland in 1894 and established the D. McCallum Lumber company which still is being conducted.

Mr. McCallum was elected to the Wyoming senate in 1912 being a member of that body in 1913. More than a year ago failing health necessitated his retirement from business and he removed to Denver.

When picked up by the engineer and fireman of the train by which he was run down, Mr. McCallum wore neither hat nor coat. He was bare-footed and his feet were covered with mud indicating that he had been wandering about for a long time before he was struck by the train. Trainmen aver that they sounded the whistle when they saw him on the track ahead but that he appeared to pay no attention to the signal. An effort was made to apply the brakes when it became evident that the man would be run down but the speed of the train carried the engine and number of cars over his body.