

MCDONALD, ROBERT D.  
March 22, 1885-May 13, 1921

Hundreds of people in this part of the state were shocked to learn of the sudden accidental death of Robert D. McDonald of Diamond, last Friday afternoon.

Mr. McDonald left the home ranch in the morning to ride after cattle. The McDonald brothers were turning the cattle out on the range. About 11 o'clock Robert's saddle became loosened and the horse started to buck, throwing the rider to the ground with great force and causing internal injuries. Known ever for his courage and pluck, he rose and resaddled the horse and continued riding for some time, complaining occasionally that his chest pained him. In the afternoon, he told his brother, Hugh, that he felt very ill and asked him to flag the approaching passenger train that he might be taken to Wheatland for medical attention. Before the train arrived, he lapsed into unconsciousness and passed away before the train reached Wheatland.

The deceased was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald McDonald of Wheatland, among the oldest and most widely known residents of this part of the state. Robert was born on the ranch where he met his death, on March 22, 1885, and had always made his home there. He was united in marriage to Bertha A. Davidson on March 12, 1918, and to this union two daughters were born. He leaves to mourn his untimely death, his aged parents, his widow, two daughters, a brother, Hugh McDonald, and a sister, Mrs. Margaret Sharp. Funeral services were held from the Congregational church of this city Sunday afternoon, Rev. Chas. A. Nash officiating. A large number of friend, including older residents of the county, gathered to pay their last respects to their unfortunate friend and neighbor and to extend their sympathy to the sorrowing family.

Mr. McDonald was a stalwart young man of apparent rugged health, and bore a most excellent reputation as a citizen of sterling worth and character. His death is a community loss.