

MERRILL, MALCOM RISLEY  
1866-October 15, 1943

Malcolm Risley Merrill, newspaper man and resident of Platte county since 1902, died Friday, October 15, at the Wheatland General hospital where he was taken two weeks previously. Mr. Merrill had made his home in Glendo and Douglas the past several years, returning in July of this year to Wheatland where he had lived for many years.

He was born in Lancaster county, Nebr. In 1866, the first white male child to be born in that county. Coming to Wheatland in 1902 from Cleveland, Ohio, Mr. Merrill was active in newspaper work and founded the Laramie County Times, later to become the Wheatland Times.

He leaves his wife, the former Mabel Buffington, whom he married in 1932, two daughters, Mrs. R.A. Ferguson of Wheatland and Mrs. Ruth Watkins of Long Beach, Calif., four grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, October 17, at 3:00 p.m. at the Schrader chapel, with the Rev. C.S. Higby officiating. Two solos, "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" and "Sunset and Evening Star" were sung by Robert Barnes, with Mrs. Robert Kuns providing piano music. Pallbearers were M.A. Thrasher, Orvell Bridgmon, N.F. Hester, H.T. Fish, Arthur Rugg and Joseph Elliot.

Interment was in the family plot in the Wheatland cemetery.