

MONTGOMERY, WILLIAM JOHN

December 27, 1875-July 8, 1948

William John Montgomery was born Dec. 27, 1875 in western Canada. He came here with his parents at the age of four years. When he was nine years old, he started working for the Swan Land and Cattle Company as a horse wrangler at their 2-Bar ranch.

After several years working for the Swan Co., and other outfits, he started his own ranch. At the age of 27, he married Cora Hire, who had come to this vicinity with her folks from Indiana.

Mr. Montgomery wintered his cattle at his brother's neighboring ranch the past few years, and the Montgomery's spent the winters in Wheatland and the summers on the ranch. About two years ago, Mr. Montgomery retired and spent his full time in Wheatland.

Death came suddenly on July 8, when he suffered a cerebral hemorrhage, and died en route to the hospital. He had lived here for sixty-nine years.

He is survived by his wife Cora, three boys, John, Guy and Leo, all of Wheatland, a daughter, Mary May Rawlings and four grandchildren.

Services were held Sunday at the Schrader Funeral Home at two o'clock with Rev. R.A. Klein officiating. Burial was made in the Wheatland cemetery. Pallbearers were Tom Dodge, Tom McGill, Gus Rosentreter, Claude Lewis, Clem McAuley, and A.E. McAuley. Honorary pallbearers were O.G. Alexander, Charles Palmer, Ted Chaney, Harry Linton, Fritz Henke, Otto Plaga, and Willis Troyer.