

MULLIN, GEORGE PATRICK
March 2, 1901-April 10, 1933

A hurry up call from the Chas. Mullin ranch eleven miles northeast of Wheatland Monday evening at 6:15 resulted in a speedy for Dr. Fish and Coroner Payne to the scene of death where George Patrick Mullin had taken his own life during the afternoon, supposedly around 2:30 or 3:00, by gunshot.

Early Monday morning Tom and Charley Mullin left to ride the range and move cattle to a different section. About six o'clock the men returned, going to their respective homes, and as Charley entered the house and saw a note written to him on a sheet of tablet paper. His next glance was towards the corner of the room where the two men always left a shotgun standing. The gun was gone. Rushing out of the house he found the prostrate body of his brother in a small irrigation ditch about thirty steps south of the house, and close by was the missing gun.

Investigation by the brother, doctor and later the coroner's jury, indicated the deceased had carefully worked out plans for his death. The butt of the gun was placed against a tree, a light rope had been tied around the trigger and then wound about the stock of the gun in such a manner that by pulling the rope, the gun could be discharged. The charge of shot had entered the left side of the neck and passed out through the right side below the base of the skull. Death was instantaneous.

The note left by Mr. Mullin shed but little light on the real cause of his act, but clearly indicated it had been written under a spell of melancholia. Death of the young man came as a severe shock to the relatives, but particularly so to Charley Mullin, who had found his brother's lifeless body, for the two had been making their home together. On leaving home in the morning Charley detected no signs of sickness or evidence of worry on the part of his older brother. Dinner dishes left on the table showed that the deceased had eaten a hearty meal, and he was not troubled over the lack of money as it is stated he was well supplied and had several sources of a steady income.

The name of George P. Mullin was known throughout the country, from coast to coast and in all of the rodeo centers of the Union, and even in England where he had gone at one time with Tim McCoy, maker of western pictures. Mr. Mullin had spent several months in Hollywood where he featured in numerous pictures as a daring and fancy rider and roper and was a general favorite among his associates. But though gone from here a great deal of his time, he considered this section of the country his home and spent as much time as possible here.

Mr. Mullin, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Mullin, was born here March 2, 1901, and at the time of his death was 32 years and 22 days old. He was preceded in death by both his father and mother, and by one brother, John, who died in service during the World War. He is survived by a sister, Mrs. R.E. McClure of Glendo, and three brothers, Tom and Charley of Uva and Edward of Laramie, and numerous other relatives and a host of friends.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 Wednesday morning at the Lyla Watson Funeral Home with burial made in the Wheatland cemetery.