

OWENS, JAMES S.
September 9, 1871-1925

The funeral of James Owens, resident of the Badwater ranch country 90 miles northwest of Casper, and brother of Mrs. Henry Clark of Wheatland, was held Monday afternoon from the Methodist church, the body having been brought here for burial.

Owen lived alone at a ranch on Badwater creek, three miles from any neighbor. Discovery of his death was made by deputy assessor, Joe Bell of Natrona county, who visited the ranch on business and discovered the body of the rancher lying near the ranch house, a dead rabbit by his side, a small bullet hole thru his left side, and a rifle containing an exploded cartridge lying by him. Appearances indicated he had been out hunting on horseback, and on his return had leaned the rifle against the front end of a wagon. It is probable when he picked up the rifle, the trigger caught on a single tree, discharging into his body.

He was fifty-five years of age at the time of his death, and had lived in the ranch country north of Casper since 1903, altho he had been on the ranch were he died only five years. He was born near Fairfield, Iowa, Sept. 29, 1871, moving to Missouri at the age of six years. He visiting in Wheatland in 1903 when he first came west. He is survived by 3 sisters, Mrs. Henry Clark of Wheatland, Mrs. J.M. McKillip of Maryville, Mo., and Mrs. A.J. Parrott of San Pedro, Calif. The latter arrived Saturday evening to attend the funeral and is visiting at the home of her sister here.