

REED, OWEN HERBERT  
December 6, 1896-July 6, 1935

Herb Reed of Wheatland, truck driver for the Russell Transportation Co., lost his life Saturday night about 7 o'clock in an accident on Lang hill between Denver and Brighton. Charles Hutchinson, bill clerk for the company at Denver was with Reed at the time of the accident and was knocked unconscious but was not badly injured. He was on his way to Cheyenne to spend Sunday with his mother and brother who live there.

While the details of the accident are difficult to figure out, it is thought that Reed, traveling at a reasonable rate and hauling an 8,000 pound load, tried to pass a car going the same direction. He pulled to the left to pass and it is thought a car approaching from the north was too close for him to get back on the right side of the road. In order to miss the approaching car, he pulled off the highway on the left where there was a wide shoulder. In pulling back it was necessary to pull up a few inches to get on the highway. The tracks, as nearly as could be seen, showed that the tractor of the truck went almost directly across the highway and the trailer followed but skidding sideways. The tractor stopped against the bank and the trailer tipped over on the cab, crushing Reed against the steering wheel. When the truck was forced back on the highway, it is thought the driver lost control of the vehicle.

Hutchinson was fortunate in escaping serious injury as he was found unconscious with his head and shoulders in the cab, under the cowl and his legs and feet out of the cab.

The body of Reed was taken to Brighton where it was prepared for shipment to Wheatland.

L.J. Russell, owner of the truck line, left Douglas immediately for the scene of the accident after being notified. He then came to Wheatland to tell Mrs. Reed the sad news.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon from the Congregation church with Rev. R.E. Morgan in charge of the services. Interment took place in the Wheatland cemetery with the Lyla Watson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Owen Herbert Reed, youngest son of S.H. and Anna P. Reed at Huggins, Texas county, Mo., December 6, 1896. On April 18, 1916, he was united in marriage to Grace Evert of Hyannis, Nebr. To this union were born six children: Hazel, Owen, Robert, Harold, Eugene and Donald. He is survived also by his widow, his mother, Anna P. Reed of Mountain Grove, Mo., two sisters, Mrs. Henry Ewert of Hyannis, Nebr., and Mrs. Ola E. Gwinn of Mt. Clemens, Mich.; four brothers, C.L. Reed of Catlin, Ill., R.M. Reed, Broomfield, Colo., S.C. Reed, Bosler, and T.A. Reed of Gretna, Nebr.

The deceased had been driving for the Russell Co., for four years and this was his first accident.

The pallbearers were Stanley Chambers, Ernest Anderson, Harold and Frank Rumsey, Jent Hubbard and M.S. Jordan. Employees of the Russell line and their families that attended the funeral were: Bob Allen of Denver, George Hutchinson of Cheyenne, L.J. Russell and wife, Wm. Horton and wife of Douglas, Mrs. Ray Wilson of Douglas, Peter Hutchinson, Mrs. S.A. Dalier, both of Douglas.