

SAUNDERS, WILLIAM F.  
1871-October 1919

WM. SAUNDERS' BODY TAKEN FROM WELL ON MONDAY

The suspense is over, and the look of anxiety gave way to one of relief on the faces of the entire community when word that the body of Wm. Saunders had been found.

The body was taken out at twelve o'clock noon, on Monday, having been buried for almost twenty-five days. The labors found the body in a cramped position with his feet in about two inches of water. No marks or abrasions of any kind were found on the body, except a few skinned places on one hand.

Mrs. Saunders was in Wheatland when the body of her husband was recovered, and as the body was in a badly decomposed state, the funeral was held at 2:00 o'clock the same afternoon, arrangements having been made before the body was found.

There have been various rumors afloat as to the depth at which Mr. Saunders was buried, and our readers will remember we gave it at 94 feet when the accident occurred, and this was corroborated by finding the body at depth.

William Fleming Saunders, aged 49 years, was born in Mercer county, Illinois, and moved with his parents to Iowa when a small boy. He was married June 8, 1904, to Miss Anna Elinor Fleming. Mr. Saunders lived in Lenox, Iowa, for several years and came to Wheatland in 1908. He was a member of the Presbyterian church, and at the time of his death, was Noble Grand of the I.O.O.F. lodge in Wheatland. He leaves a wife, two sons and three daughters to mourn his departure.

Funeral services were held at two o'clock Monday under the auspices of the Odd Fellows lodge, Rev. McClellan officiating.