

SOWARD, JOHN FREDERICK
June 8, 1860-February 14, 1933

Death claimed John Frederick Soward Tuesday, shortly after noon at the Wheatland hospital following a sudden sick spell that overtook him Thursday afternoon while working at his trade as a blacksmith. Friday he was taken to the hospital where everything possible was done for his relief, but to no avail, death winning the fight early this week. For years Mr. Soward had been in ill health yet insisted on working whenever it was possible.

He was born in Annaton, Grant county, Wis., June 8, 1860. He was married in 1880, and to this union was born five children, Zola who preceded her father in death, Guy, Isabel, Laura and John. Mrs. Soward died in Boise City, Idaho, many years ago. Mr. Soward plied his trade of blacksmith until stricken by the flu in 1914, which left him so ill he was no longer able to work at his trade. He came to his sister, Mrs. N.J. Mertz and made his home here with her for a time, later going to the Wheatland General hospital where he was employed and treated for his health for some years. December 28, 1928 he was united in marriage to Edith McCaw, who survives him. He is also survived by four children, a brother Alfred of Boise, three sisters, Mrs. Eva Nebb of Boise, Mrs. Hattie Smith of Billings, Montana, Mrs. Ida M. Mertz of Wheatland, several nephews and nieces. His daughter, Isabel of White Fish, Montana, came for the funeral, which will be held from the Copley Mortuary at two o'clock Friday, according to present plans. Uncle John had a pleasant word for everyone, a loving pat for every child and even a dog was never passed without a pat or word from him. His was a loving, kindly nature, and though bowed by suffering and aged in looks far beyond the span of his years, he was uncomplaining and appreciative of every act of kindness. Such men are God's blessing to earth no matter how humble their station may be. His family have the since sympathy of many friends in their hour of affliction. A beloved nephew, William Soward, died just a year ago this month of the same disease, pneumonia, as Uncle John.