

SOWARD, WILLIAM M.

January 21, 1898-February 1, 1932

William Soward, 34, prominent rancher of this locality, passed away shortly before midnight, Monday, February 1st, after an illness of short duration.

Funeral services were held from the Congregational church Wednesday afternoon. Rev. R.E. Morgan of that church, performed the last rites. Burial was made in the Wheatland cemetery with the Copley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

The deceased was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Soward and was born January 21, 1898 in Garden Valley, Idaho. His parents died within a few days of each other in 1906. Mrs. J.N. Mertz, sister of his father, took the Soward children to their ranch on the Laramie river, west of Wheatland. Mr. and Mrs. Mertz raised the three boys and they grew up in this locality.

William received his education in the schools of Platte county and graduated from the Wheatland high school. He attended the University of Wyoming one year.

He enlisted in the army, early in the World War, going to Camp Johnston, Fla., from Camp Logan. He was overseas about ten months. Upon his discharge from the army he returned to the Mertz ranch where he worked.

In 1920 he was united in marriage to Miss Alma Sturgeon. To this union three children were born, Marjorie, Allen and Dorothy June. They continued ranching on the place until they purchased the Noble ranch and lived there until fire destroyed the ranch house. Then the family moved to the Oscar Soward place.

At the latter home, he was stricken with pneumonia and his condition became gradually worse until the end.

He is survived by his wife, three children, his aunt, Mrs. J.N. Mertz, his brothers, Clarence and Frank and two nieces of Wheatland, and other relatives in Boise, Idaho.