

FERGUSON, ROBERT ANDREW
August 12, 1881-November 4, 1959

The community was greatly saddened Wednesday by the sudden death of R.A. Ferguson, long time resident of Wheatland. Mr. Ferguson passed away following an illness of two days in the Platte County Memorial Hospital.

Robert Andrew Ferguson was born in Belfast, North Ireland, August 12, 1881, where he (unreadable) America in 1904, locating first in Oil City, Pa. This same year he came to Platte county, operating the ranch on the Laramie River, of which he became owner in 1914. In 1921 he became a rural mail carrier, retiring from government service 35 years later. Bob, as he was known to his many, many friends, also worked as a harness maker for the Wheatland Hardware Co. when he first came to Platte county.

He was united in marriage to Hazelle Merrill December 4, 1912, and to this union were born two children, Kathleen and Robert. Robert passed away in 1957.

Mr. Ferguson was a member of the Congregational Church, Wyoming Stock Growers Association, A.F. & A.M. No. 16, Wheatland. It is also noted that he was the first person naturalized in Platte county.

Funeral services will be held from the Congregational Church today, Friday, at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. J.B. Milstead officiating. Interment will be in the Wheatland cemetery with pallbearers being J.A. Cole, Reuben Good, G.H. Good, Ward Goodrich, Harry Dearing and Don Hunton. Graveside services will be conducted by the Masonic Lodge.

Besides his wife, Hazelle and daughter Kathleen, he is survived by one brother, William of Vancouver, B.C.; a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Taggart, Belfast, North Ireland; his aunt, Mrs. Alice Murdock, Holestone Doagh, North Ireland; a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Annesta Zee Ferguson, Laramie; grandchildren, Mrs. Colleen Metzler, Powell, Terry Ann and Robert L. Ferguson, Laramie; Kraig, Keith, Kerry and Karren Brighton, Wheatland and one great grandchild, Michael Metzler of Powell.

Friends who wish may contribute to the Heart Fund in lieu of flowers.