

Wheatland Farmer Hangs Self in His Barn Loft Early This Morning

The body of U. S. Jones, prominent pioneer settler of Wheatland was found hanging by the neck in a barn at the Jones farm, one and one-half miles northwest of town, Friday morning.

The body, suspended from a rafter was discovered by Jones' wife at 9:15 A. M., when she went to the barn to investigate his prolonged absence from the house. He left the residence at about 7 A. M. He is believed to have hanged himself within a few minutes after he left the house. He climbed onto a pile of alfalfa hay, tied a throw rope around his neck and jumped,

snapping the vertebra, which brought instant death.

Jones was a leader in Wheatland district affairs for 40 years. He was among the earliest settlers on the project, coming in the early '90s. He was a member of the Platte County board of commissioners about 14 years ago.

The Jones' farm is among the best developed on the Wheatland flats. Prior to the depression the owner was regarded as well-to-do, but suffered severe reverses.

According to close friends of the deceased they attributed his act to ill health and financial troubles.