

RALSTON, WILLIAM HENRY
1862-November 11, 1943

Last rites were held last Saturday afternoon at the All Saints Episcopal church in Wheatland for William Henry (Harry) Ralston, 81, pioneer rancher and resident of the Uva community for a number of years.

The Rev. P.B. Hawley officiated at the services which were well attended by many people from this area and Cheyenne, who came to pay their final respects to the well-loved cattleman. The beautiful flowers also testified to the respect in which he was held. Pall bearers were Orvel Bridgmon, W.B. Jones, J.E. Criss, Clark Fritz, George R. Mitchell and N.F. Hester. The body lay in state at the Schrader Funeral Home in the morning.

Mr. Ralston was a native of Ayr, Scotland and when a youth, went to New Zealand. In 1883 he obtained passage to the United States, and after six months in the insurance business in New York City, responded to the call of the west. He arrived in Uva in the company with Richard Trimbull, then associated with A.M. and H.E. Teschmacher and Fred O. de Billier in the Duck Bar outfit.

Mr. Ralston was employed by the Duck Bar until its dissolution several years later, at which time he purchased the outfit. It was at the headquarters there that he made his home occupying the Ralston ranch until about thirteen years ago when he moved to Cheyenne to reside at 1815 Evans with his daughter, Mrs. Herbert V. Lacey, his only survivor.

The Scotsman was actively interested in the organization of Platte county from a portion of Laramie county in 1911, and served as county commissioner and representative in the state legislature. After moving to Cheyenne, he and his daughter visited frequently in Wheatland.

Death came at the Memorial hospital in Cheyenne after an illness of two months.