

Charles Randall dies of injuries in auto-train crash

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This community was deeply saddened to learn of the accidental death of one of its old timers, Charles Randall.

Mr. Randall, age 87, was driving south on the old highway 87, about 5 miles south and west of Wheatland, when his car was hit by a C&S train at the crossing. The car was struck on the right side and swung around on the highway to the opposite side. Mr. Randall was removed from the car and rushed to the hospital, where he died a short time later.

The accident occurred about 1:50 Thursday afternoon. The engineer of the train was W. L. McGinnis of Cheyenne, and D. G. Hoskins of Cheyenne, the conductor.

It was headed east on the spur with several carloads of beets.

An inquest into the death of Charles Randall was held Tuesday, November 14 at 4 p. m.

On inquest jury: M. E. Echelberger, A. S. Neely and George Woolsey.

Their report: "The deceased came to his death as a result of injuries sustained in an auto-train collision. We further find no carelessness or negligence on the part of the Colorado & Southern railway train crew."

Charles Randall was born in Hillsboro, Ia. October 7, 1874 and passed away Thursday, November 9, 1961 at 2:44 p. m., in the Platte County Memorial hospital at the age of 87 years and one month. His unexpected death was caused from a tragic car and train accident.

He came to Wheatland, Wyo. in 1895 and was married to Emma E. Akerblade. To this union were born nine children. He leaves to mourn his passing six daughters and two sons.

Surviving are Mrs. Orien (Bertha) Hawkins of Horseshoe Bend, Ida., Mrs. Ina Davis, Casper, Wyo., Mrs. Weston (Eva) Curtz, San Leandro, Calif., Mrs. Jack (Esther) Coe, Philip, S. D., Mrs. Etta Carter, Grand Junction, Colo.; Mrs. Margery Goertz, East Vaughn, N. M., Eldon Randall, Wheatland, Wyo., and Hilton Randall of Casper, Wyo. Twelve grandchildren, 29 great grandchildren, one brother Ed Randall of La Harpe, Ill. and a host of other relatives and friends also survive.

His wife, one daughter, and one grandson preceded him in death.

A precious one from us has gone,

A voice we loved is stilled;
A place is vacant in our home.