

ROMERO, JUAN

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Juan Romero, Mexican sheep herder for the Swan Land & Cattle Co., was killed instantly Sunday evening when he was struck by a bolt of lightning.

According to information, Romero and his son Catarno were tending sheep for the Swan Land & Cattle Co. about 9 miles west of Slater in the Reshaws and the boy was at the camp during the thunderstorm. His father was out in the storm, which struck that vicinity about 5:30, and did not come into camp that evening. The next morning Catarno started a search for his father and found him dead. He notified the company and they phoned Coroner H.G. Watson.

Coroner Watson and Sheriff Wain responded to the call and investigation found that Romero had been struck in the head by a bolt of lightning and instantly killed. The lightning traveled through his body and made a four inch hole in the ground, where it entered. The buttons from the raincoat on Romero were all snapped off and one of them was found 15 feet from the dead man. The shoe strings in his shoes were busted, giving evidence of the force with which the lightning struck.

Romero was 57 years of age at the time of his death and was born in Satello, N.M. He is survived by two boys and a girl. Funeral services were held Tuesday from the Watson Mortuary chapel and burial was made in the Wheatland cemetery.