

RUSSELL, ALVIN DEXTER
February 6, 1882-January 8, 1945

A.D. Russell, legislator, prominent rancher, and pioneer resident of Platte county, collapsed and died of a heart attack at 1:30 p.m. Monday just as he entered the lobby of the Frontier hotel in Cheyenne.

Mr. Russell, whose first venture in politics, won him a seat in the house of representatives by an overwhelming majority on the Republican ticket last November, had arrived in Cheyenne at noon and had registered at the Pioneer hotel where he was to stay during the 28th session of the legislature. He had walked from there to the Frontier hotel where he was stricken.

Soon afterwards, his son "Cush" Russell who is employed in Cheyenne at the Union Pacific, was summoned and the body then taken to the Schrader funeral home and later that afternoon brought to Wheatland. Platte county residents were shocked by the sudden death of Mr. Russell as he appeared to be in good health, and had been carrying the duties involved with his ranch and political life until the time of his death.

Alvin Dexter Russell was born February 6, 1882 in Malone, N.Y. He came from Springfield, Vt. in 1901 to Platte county where he worked on Cottonwood for Dick Turpin for five years. In 1906, he returned east to Charleston, N.H. and was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Clayton, and to this union, seven children were born. He returned to this community in 1908 and has held large ranching interests on Cottonwood and Horseshoe since that time. Mr. Russell was an active member of the Congregational church, the Masonic lodge and the Stock Growers association.

Survivors include his wife, Sarah; three sons, Lauriston of Cheyenne, Clayton D. of Glendo, and Robert K., at home, Mrs. Frances Westfall of Ft. Sill, Okla., Mrs. Faye Boyd of Rawlins, Miss Barbara Russell, who is attending the University at Lincoln, Nebr. and Wilma Russell, at home; two sisters, Mrs. Howard McCullough of Springfield, Mass., and Mrs. George Hayward of Springfield, Vt.; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held today (Thursday) at 2:30 p.m. in the Congregational church with the Rev. W.A. Barwick of Cheyenne officiating and burial was in the Wheatland cemetery. The legislature recessed this afternoon, and a large number of state representatives and state officials the services. The court house, city hall and many business firms were closed during the funeral, and the Masonic lodge members attended in body.

Pallbearers included O.O. Natwick of Cheyenne, Harry Coleman, Millard Coleman, John Phifer, A.E. Hoffman, and Ed Foreman. The Schrader Funeral Home was in charge of local arrangements.