

WEISS, GEORGE STAMM
May 2, 1906-May 24, 1923

George Weiss, aged 18 years, was killed about 7:30 Saturday evening on the Yellowstone highway south of town, when he lost control of his car in a stretch of soft dirt and crushed beneath the steering wheel, as the car careened in a half-circle into the ditch on the opposite side of the grade.

The accident occurred about 200 yards north of the Mason corner on a stretch of new grading. According to Mr. and Mrs. Hodson, who were in the field about 50 yards from the scene of the accident, young Weiss was following behind a tourist car, but to all appearances, never attempted to pass. They saw his car hurtle into the ditch, and saw Weiss thrown out. The other car was then some distance ahead, and there was no indication of a collision of any sort. They found the boy lying in the middle of the grade, while his car was in the gutter headed the opposite direction. The steering wheel was broken, and it was evident that the car had turned completely over, crushing the driver under the wheel. The four lower ribs on the boy's right side were crushed in, and he was bleeding internally.

The tourist returned and helped pick up Weiss, offering to take him to town. At that time, Russell Davis drove up enroute to Wheatland, and Weiss was placed in his car. He was then sufficiently conscious to explain the desire to be taken to the office of Dr. Smith. He was unconscious on his arrival, and only revived under the influence of stimulants to answer a few questions as to his sensations. He died early Sunday morning.

At an inquest held in the office of the clerk of the district court, W. Jones, a verdict was returned as to the effect that Weiss came to his death as a result of the overturning of his own car, without any responsibility attached to other parties. Evidence was submitted to show that he informed a friend two days previously that his steering gear was out of order.

The unfortunate young man was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Weiss, whose home is on a farm southwest of town.