

WILLSON, ROBERT S.
June 4, 1907-August 9, 1973

Robert S. Willson, 66, was seriously injured at his job at Platte County Weed and Pest Control Shop when a hoist fell on him. The accident happened on Thursday, August 9 at approximately 8:30 a.m. Mr. Willson died as a result of the accident a few hours later at DePaul Hospital in Cheyenne. The accident was investigated by a team of inspectors from the Wyoming Occupational Health and Safety and Platte County Coroner Ted S. Schrader. An autopsy was ordered but no inquest is planned.

Robert S. Willson was born June 4, 1907 in Boulder, Colorado. He married Eva Flohr on July 7, 1928 in Brighton, Colorado. They have lived in Wheatland since 1940. Mr. Willson farmed south of Wheatland up to three years ago. He served as a board member of the Wheatland Co-op for 25 years and also served for several years on the Wheatland REA board. He had been employed as a shop mechanic for the Platte County Weed and Pest Control for the past three years. He was a member of the Odd Fellow Lodge and the Rock Lake Grange.

Mr. Willson is survived by his wife, Eva P. Willson, Wheatland, a daughter, Florence E. Willson, Wheatland, a grandson, Robert M. Willson, Wheatland, and a step-mother, Mrs. Ruth Willson, Denver, Colorado. Also surviving is one brother, Paul Willson, and two sisters, Mrs. Mildred Hockday, Arvada, Colorado and Mrs. Grace Housman, California; four step-brothers, Lester Willson and Saxton Willson, both of Denver, Colorado and Neil Willson and Edward Willson, both of California.

Services were held Monday, August 13, 1973, at 2:00 at the Schrader Chapel, Rev. John McClure of Encampment, Wyoming, officiating. Burial was at the Wheatland Cemetery with IOOF services at graveside.

Those serving as pallbearers were Wilmer Beran, Lester Strong, Wallace Baker, Harold Garrett, Richard Chase and Louis Montoya. Honorary pallbearers were Henry Mills, Virgil Vogt, Harold Hobson, Dale Wright, Buddy Hohnholt, Fred Goetz, Sr., Lester Clawson, Lawrence Moulding and Chester Marshall.