

OBITUARY FOR ROBERT H BAIRD

1872-1947

Researched and compiled by Faye V Bell, 2012

Robert H Baird (Bobby) was born in Scotland 1872. Both of his parents were born in Scotland (1900 U.S. Census and also known personally by the author). He immigrated from Scotland to the United States in 1898, immediately got his citizenship in Philadelphia, PA, and two years later he was living in Alamo, Big Horn County^[1], WY. In Alamo (now called Manderson) he was William O Steele's hired man, but later he and Steele became partners in the sheep business. All three were immigrants from Scotland. He brought Agnes McIntyre from Scotland to the U.S. as his bride (married in Glasgow 22 Feb 1906) and their first child, a son whom they named Robert L Baird was born in Wyoming. The 1910 census indicates Robert L Baird was 5/12 (meaning 5 months old when the census was taken) and the couple lived in Sunshine^[2], Big Horn County, WY. Their second son was born in 1910-1911 and was named Donald (Dan) McIntyre Baird. Robert H Baird was active in his occupation as a sheepman in and above Ten Sleep, WY and by 1920 census they were living in Election District #6, Washakie County (Big Trails). Upon their retirement, they moved to Worland in the early 1940's and were residents there until his passing on May 6, 1947, Worland, WY.

Memories: The Bairds had thick Scottish brogues and were not easy to understand sometimes (particularly Agnes) but they were as canny as Scots are known to be and they prospered well in Wyoming. They were loved and appreciated in the Ten Sleep area. According to previous research used in *Vanguards of the Valley (publ 1986)*, Bobby Baird was naturalized upon his arrival in Pennsylvania showing how important it was to him to be an American citizen.

^[1] Alamo is now known as Manderson..

^[2] In Place Names of Wyoming by Mae R Urbanek, Sunshine is nonexistent; however, there is a Sunlight Basin, Park County, WY that may be where the Scottish couple were living. High elevation and rich meadows might be conducive to raising sheep as did Steele and Baird.

Funeral Services Are Held Friday For Robert Baird

Funeral services were held Friday in the Ten Sleep Methodist church for Robert H. Baird, longtime Worland resident who died here May 6, with Rev. R. F. Goff, pastor of the Worland Methodist church, officiating.

Mrs. Frank Flynn of Worland sang "I Hear the Voice of Jesus Say" and "O, Love That Will Not Let Me Go," accompanied by Mrs. R. F. Goff. Active pall bearers were Murdo McLean, Don Fraser, Paul Frison, Robert Taylor, George Brown and Donald McCauley while honorary pall bearers were Eric Carlson, Alex Leiper, Andrew McDonald, Gavin Leiper, Thomas Elliott, William Murdock, Dave Richmond, Harold Pearson, William Pearson, Robert Leind, Roy Davidson and W. S. Fiscus.

Baird was born Aug. 16, 1871 in Ayershire, Scotland and came to Wyoming in 1897. He returned to Scotland in 1906 to marry Agness McIntyre of Glasgow, the couple coming to Worland where he became a partner in the Steele Brothers sheep company.

In the 20's he served two terms as commissioner for Washakie county. He first lived on Gooseberry creek, then moved with his

family to Big Trails after which the family spent two years in Canada, returning to Wyoming.

He is survived by his widow, two sons, Robert L. of Worland and Dan M. of Thermopolis; two brothers, John L. of Dickie, Wyo., and Thomas of Glasgow, Scotland; three sisters, two living in Scotland and one in New York, and two grand-daughters, Gay and Donna Baird, Thermopolis.

Bob Baird Found Dead In Front of Bell Residence

Bob Baird, widely known Worland resident, was found dead late last night in front of the Bell residence, Tenth and Robertson. Baird had been making his home at the Bell residence.

It was not immediately known who discovered him lying in front of the building on the sidewalk, but the matter was reported to police, who investigated and found him dead. Death was believed due to a heart attack.

Baird Funeral Services To Be Held Friday at Ten Sleep

Funeral services for Robert H. Baird, who was found dead in front of his residence in Worland Tuesday night, will be held on Friday at 2:30 p.m., in Ten Sleep in the Methodist church with Rev. R. F. Goff officiating.