

WILLIAM ONEY CHEENEY
(1856-1943)

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Mr. William Oney Cheeney was born 1 August 1856 in Wisconsin. All of his life he was a rancher/farmer. He came to Wyoming in 1886 and was a cowpuncher in Laramie. In 1888 he went to Iowa and married Adeline Rebecca Butchy. The couple homesteaded in Nebraska. Adeline passed away in 1904. The couple had six children; in 1919 he married Annabelle Phillips and there were 3 children brought to that union. Mr. Cheeney was found dead in his cabin in Ten Sleep (the first week of February). Two of his sons lived in the Ten Sleep area on the Nowood Creek: Slim Cheeney and his family and Everett Cheeney and his family. Funeral services will be held February 8 conducted by Reverend H H Bailey, 1st Baptist Church.

Other: Wm O Cheeney was living in Goshen County, WY, listed as a Cheyenne citizen in 1940. A 22-year old man named Earl Cheeney lived with him and he was then 83 years old and still considered a rancher; his address is listed as Rural, Goshen Co. WY.

TEN SLEEP — (Special) —

Funeral services for William Cheeny were held Tuesday, Feb. 8 at the Ten Sleep church, the Rev. H. H. Bailey of the First Baptist church officiating.

Pallbearers were Clyde Elbert, M. E. Ward, William Pearl, P. E. LaRose, Harold Pearson and R. T. Egger.

Music was by the women's quartet, composed of Mrs. Roy Shriver, Mrs. Sam McPike, Mrs. Glen Montgomery, Mrs. Stanley Reser, accompanied by Mrs. Calvin Dornberger. They sang, "Abide With Me," "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Rock of Ages."

William Oney Cheeny was born July 31, 1856, near Madison, Wis. When a young man he came west and first worked in Iowa. He came to Wyoming in 1886, and worked as a cowpuncher at Laramie. In 1888 he returned to Iowa and married Adeline Rebecca Butcher and they homesteaded in western Nebraska.

They were the parents of six children. In 1902 he was baptized into the Baptist church. Mrs. Adeline Cheeny died July 2, 1904.

In 1909 he married Annebell Phillips and three children were born to them. Mrs. Annebell Cheeny died in 1918 during the flu epidemic and Cheeny returned to Wyoming to make his home in 1919. He lived on a ranch north of Cheyenne until 1927 when he went to Fort Collins, Colo. In 1929 he returned to Cheyenne and his home was there until two years ago when he came to Ten Sleep.

He is survived by seven children, Mrs. Amelia Shutts of Oregon, Mrs. Bertha Yorty of California, Mrs. Ella Nagel of Iowa, Mrs. Viola Thompson of Colorado, Walter and Everett Cheeny of Ten Sleep, William Earl Cheeny, who is in the south Pacific with the marines, two stepsons, Walter and Charles Phillips. There are 29 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Nagel, Mrs. Clyde Thompson, Mrs. Earl Cheeny and Miss Dorothy Cheeny left last week on the bus for their respective homes. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cheeny and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Cheeny accompanied them to Warland and all visited

