

OBITUARY FOR WALTER S FISCUS
1868-1953

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Walter S Fiscus was born in Douglas, Audubon, IOWA, on December 1868 (1880 Federal Census) to Elias and Herriott [Harriett] Fiscus and was the youngest of their four children: Benjamin, Mary, Eliza and Walter. In 1896, he married Blanche who was also born in Iowa. By 1900, they were living in Ten Sleep, Bighorn Co (at that time), WY. He considered himself a farm storekeeper; just prior to that they had lived on Spring Creek. Walter served as Justice of the Peace, as manager of the Federal Building, and as notary public in the decade 1910-1920. He was a stockholder in the Ten Sleep Telephone Co at its incipience.

1921-1923 Mr Fiscus was President of the Stockgrowers State Bank of Ten Sleep. In 1921 he was listed as a woolgrower in Washakie County and was on the roster of woolgrowers for another two decades. He and Rouse Anderson were partners in the sheep business. In 1930, he was the proprietor of the Ten Sleep Drugstore, and he yet partnered with Rouse Anderson.

In 1942, he was enroute to Worland, WY when the roads were icy. When he came to the silver bridge that had been constructed on highway #20 he struck the bridge almost head-on. His wife, Blanche didn't survive the crash, and her sister Mrs. Nichols who was visiting from Iowa, lived through it. Walter died in 1953 at the age of 82.

Memories: Walter Fiscus was ALL business. The couple had no children and they had some activity in the Methodist Church, but limited relationships with the community. (Most of the above was taken from earlier research in 1985-6 (Vanguards of the Valley). Fb

TEN SLEEP OLD TIMER DIES WED.

Walter Scott Fiscus, 85, who moved to Wyoming in 1898 and laid out the town of Ten Sleep, died at 6:05 a.m. Wednesday at Washakie Memorial hospital in Worland after an illness of several months.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday at the Ten Sleep Methodist church. Burial will be at Ten Sleep.

Mr. Fiscus, who was reported to be the oldest living Ten Sleep resident, was also given credit for naming the community.

He was born Dec. 19, 1867 in Marshall county, Iowa. He is survived by a sister, Eliza A. Wiley of Albion, Ia., and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

FISOUS SERVICES

Funeral services for Walter Scott Fiscus, 84, one of Ten Sleep earliest pioneers, were conducted at 2 p.m. Friday at Ten Sleep by the Rev. Grier Hunt, assisted by the Rev. Oyer Morgan.

Burial was in the Ten Sleep cemetery.

Mr. Fiscus was born Dec. 19, 1868 in Marshall county, Ia. He died Wednesday morning at Washakie memorial hospital after an illness of several months.

He was married Feb. 23, 1896 to Blanche Nichols at Audubon, Ia. Mrs. Fiscus died in 1942. They had no children.

He is survived by one sister, Eliza Wiley of Albion, Ia., and several nieces and nephews. One sister and one brother preceded him in death.

Mr. Fiscus operated a general store for several years in Fiscus, Ia., which was named for him. He sold the store shortly after his marriage and in 1898 he and his bride traveled to Ten Sleep in a covered wagon.

At Ten Sleep, where they were some of the earliest settlers, Mr. Fiscus operated both a ranch and a general store for a number of years. He was Ten Sleep postmaster for 14 years. He also plotted the town site and took an active part in community affairs. He was a member of the Christian church.