

**William Hatfield**  
1866 - 1952

Friday, November 21, 1952

### **Hatfield Services**

TEN SLEEP — Funeral services for William "Billy" Hatfield, 86, were conducted in Ten Sleep Thursday afternoon. The L.D.S. rites were performed in the Methodist church.

Mr. Hatfield died at his Ten Sleep home Monday after being ill since August.

Pallbearers were Berch Warner, Leo D. Rhodes, Paul Frison, Roy Shriver, Henry Tully and Sam McPike. Honorary pallbearers were Harley G. Murphy, Thermopolis; Bliss Bayne, O. E. Nowles, both of Basin; W. O. Lewis, E. S. Rice and Bert Burgess, all of Ten Sleep.

Mr. Hatfield was born April 23, 1866, at Springfield, Mo.

In 1910 he married Mary L. Smith of Altoona, Wis. The couple had no children. She preceded him in death.

Survivors include two sisters, Mrs. Mae Bissell, Kansas City, Mo., and Mrs. Maude Jones, Leavenworth, Kan.; two brothers, Claude Hatfield, Des Moines, Ia., and Elmer Hatfield, address unknown. Another brother, Ben, preceded him in death.

"Billy" Hatfield, as he was commonly known, came into the Big Horn basin from Casper in 1896 where he had been working for a time for Richards and Cunningham Sheep company.

He was a teamster and farmer. It is said that there is not a ranch in the Nowood or Ten Sleep country that he did not help develop during his 56 years of residence in the area.

Mr. Hatfield worked several years for Roe Emery, successor to the Bay State cattle company and rented and operated several ranches in the area.

After his marriage, he and his wife owned the Hatfield lodge in Ten Sleep canyon and Meadow Lark lodge at Meadowlark lake at the head of the canyon.