



WILLIAM [HENRY] PREVO
(1885-1952)

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Some of these data come from the autobiography of Randall Murray Prevo,
Son of William Henry and Florence Jane Prevo

William Henry (Bill) Prevo was born in Lucas, Iowa on 15 October 1885. He came West shortly before WW I to visit his Uncle Alva Bert Arnold in Ten Sleep, WY. When the U.S. entered the war, he joined the Army along with the Moses boys: Arthur, Mabry and Millard F. (his future brothers-in-law) and was assigned to the 91st Division with them. All four of them were in France. Bill was wounded in France and lost hearing in one ear. He married Florence (Jane) Moses in 1920, they were in Ten Sleep briefly while Bill tried managing a service station. From there, he went to work for an Oil company in Casper and the family prospered through that position. In Casper, they had two children: Randall Murray and Phyllis Prevo born 1921 and 1924, respectively. By 1930, they were in Manderson where they took up farming along the merged Paintrock and Nowood rivers. During WW II, Bill joined the Marines and though he wanted to see action, he was put on guard duty in San Francisco. Jane lived in California and waited his enlistment out. The couple moved back to Wyoming after WW II and Jane stayed in Worland while Bill worked on the Manderson farm, but Bill got tired of that and joined the Merchant Marines(*that may not be the case*). William Henry Prevo took his own life in Sept/Oct 1952 in Manderson, WY. “ His survivors were his wife Jane, Randall and Phyllis Prevo Hillhouse (later Strong) and a number of grand sons and daughters.

Memories: A rough and tumble sort of fellow that blustered about a lot of things: nations, politics, warfare and sometimes “warmed up” by liquor, Bill was hard for a child to feel comfortable around (*especially myself as I was pretty timid when I knew Bill Prevo, but “It might have been hard to keep ‘em down on the farm, after they’d seen Paree”*) *fb* The Prevos were not divorced and Jane did not remarry.

Two Shot In Manderson

Two men are dead today following a shooting in the Manderson bar Monday night about 8:30.

Bill Prevo, about 35, was found dead at his ranch home after he had shot the bartender, Henry Kaiser. Prevo also shot himself in the knee while scuffling with other bar patrons over the gun.

Lyle Leonard, Big Horn county undersheriff, said that Prevo had been drinking in Worland Monday evening. He then went to the Manderson bar and began abusing

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the patrons. Kaiser asked him to leave.

Prevo went to his car and got a gun, a .32 caliber automatic pistol. When he went back into the bar, Kaiser started for Prevo. Prevo shot at him several times, hitting him twice. One bullet went into his right chest and the other went through his abdomen, lodging against his spine. During the scuffle for possession of the gun, Prevo was shot in the knee. He left the bar and went to his home.

Kaiser was rushed to Washakie memorial hospital in Worland.

About 10:30 p.m. county authorities went to Prevo's home.

Clare Hitchcock, Big Horn county coroner, said he was found dead, sitting on the edge of a bed with a rifle between his knees and a bullet in his right temple.

Hitchcock said that an inquest will be held when the county attorney returns to Basin.

Kaiser was flown to Denver Tuesday afternoon in a private plane to see a neuro-surgeon. He died shortly after arriving there. The plane belonged to Talmadge Lovelady and was flown by Tony Joly.

PREVO SERVICES

Funeral services for William H. Prevo were conducted at 2:30 p.m. Friday at Ten Sleep by the Rev. Harold I. Jack. Military burial was provided by Washakie post 3093 and Ten Sleep post 9405 of the V. F. W.

Pallbearers were Berch Warner, David Egbert, George Brown, Leo Rhodes, Sam McPike and Roy Shriver.

Surviving Mr. Prevo are his widow, Jane Prevo of Worland, a daughter, Mrs. Charles Hillhouse of Worland; a son, Randall M. Prevo of Stockton, Cal., and five grandchildren.

Mr. Prevo served with the U.S. marines during World War II.