

## WALTER HERMAN STEVENS

1899-1934

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Walter Herman Stevens was born in 1899 in Nebraska, however, by the time he was 9 months old the family was living in Precinct 6 of Phillips Co, Colorado. The 1900 Federal Census reports he was the son of Thomas C Stevens and Etta and at that time, he was the youngest of four children: Alta (5); Harley C (4); Edgar J (2) and Walter himself under 1 year. (The proofer for the census records reads Walter at 9 years putting him born in 1891, but the original image shows 9/12 and he is listed as the youngest in the family.)

In 1910 the Thomas Stevens family is living in Liberty, Perkins, NE and there are two more children Roscoe (9) and Earle (3). Walter is shown as being born in September 1899 in Nebraska. Thomas is listed as widowed at this time placing Etta's death after 1907 and before 1910. In 1920 the Federal Census indicates that Alta Stevens is living in Worland, Washakie Co., WY and is the wife of James I Case. The following paragraph will show Alta's own report, but there is no record of a sister named Minnie although Alta tells about her. That places Minnie after the birth of Earle and probably was born between 1907 and 1909.

Alta Stevens Case gave data to the book entitled, Washakie County History by its people and filled in for the book a brief description of the Stevens family in the 1920s and 1930s to the date of the book's publication (1976). She wrote that her brothers and sisters were a part of Wyoming early day history. She said Walter came in 1920 and worked in Worland and Ten Sleep for a few years that he married Pearl Simpson Riddle in 1930. Walter was a deputy sheriff in Ten Sleep and also worked for Holly Sugar Co. Harley and Roscoe came from Cortex, CO in 1922 and worked for Ted Rice in Ten Sleep and for the Holly Sugar Co. Thomas Carl Stevens, Alta's father, came from Fort Morgan, CO in August of 1922 to Worland, Washakie, WY. He suffered a stroke and passed away in September of that year. A sister, Minnie, came from Denver for the father's funeral and remained. She married Sumner Haynes, but after a few years went to Texas and settled there. Earle Stevens came for the funeral from Central City, NE and worked for Porter Lamb and later Chas Orchard working with cattle and sheep. Walter (as per the 1930 census) was working for a farmer named Henry Doores and handled sheep and cattle. It was the following spring May 23 1931 he married Pearl Simpson Riddle in Casper, Natrona, WY. The couple had two children: Joyce Arlene Stevens born 3 Oct 1932 and Walter Dale Stevens born 8 June 1934. Walter Herman Stevens died in 1934 and is buried in the Ten Sleep cemetery.

NOTE: Alta Stevens Case was living in Basin, Big Horn Co, WY when she died April 7, 1985 (Social Security Death Index); it shows her birthdate as 7 June 1894. *For your information: Alta Stevens Case had four children: Ronald I, Laurel H, Gloria L and Delores U (ages 14,7,2,1) in 1930 census. That makes several cousins for Walter Dale Stevens.*

## Funeral Services Held for Walter Stevens Tuesday

Walter Herman Stevens was taken ill three weeks ago and after having been ill for some time was brought over to a local hospital, where he passed away Monday, the cause of his death being tularemia. A hard fight was made to save his life, but to no avail.

The last rites were carried out for Walter Herman Stevens Tuesday afternoon at Ten Sleep in the Methodist Episcopal church. A large company of friends gathered to pay their respects for this neighbor and friend. The Rev. J. L. Williams, Pastor of the Ten Sleep church conducted the services. A quartett sang two numbers. "In the Garden" and "Abide With Me." Mrs. E. T. Ferry, Mrs. C. H. Harkins, Mr. E. T. Ferry and Mr Abner Johnson were the members of the quartett Miss Elizabeth Gifford, accompanied the quartett on the piano, and played for the services. Mrs. Don Harkins sang a solo "The Perfect Prayer", Mrs. E. T. Ferry accompanied at the piano. After the services in the church, the Oddfellows took charge and carried the casket to the place of interment, and there read the ritualistic service of their Order. The late Mr. Stevens was well and favorably known. The Sympathy of Ten Sleep community and Worland people was expressed by the large number present. About twenty people, Oddfellows, included, attended from Worland. There were many beautiful floral tributes that added to these expressions of high esteem.

Walter Herman Stevens was born September 26th, 1899. He was the fourth child born to Mr.

