

## OBITUARY FOR JAMES 'HENRY' TULLY

1882[3]-1956



Photo Provided by Terril J Mills: L to R Francis Becker Ingram. Frank Tully, Fanny Washburn Tully, Henry Tully

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(The following was taken from the biographical sketch done by Mary Tully Felhberg about her parents and published in the History of Washakie County in 1976; and other from the U.S. Federal Census records.)

James Henry Tully was born October 27, 1883 (as per his WW I draft registration card) in DeSoto, MO to Elizabeth McGuire and James Tully. His father, a railroad worker, died when Henry was six years old. In the 1900 Census the Tullys lived on Sugar Creek, Benton, Iowa as servants to the David Cantonwine family. Later Elizabeth Tully, then the mother of Mamie, Grace, Henry and Frank Tully and of a baby named Teddy Lucksinger, moved to Basalt, Eagle, Colorado where they were until the turn of the century. Elizabeth McGuire Tully had taken up residence near her brother-in-law, Jake Frison, who also worked on the railroad. When the Frisons came to Wyoming about

1900, Henry Tully was with them as they made their home on Ten Sleep creek. Henry made his living working on ranches, driving stage and herding bulls for George McClellan on McClellan's mountain range. In 1910, Henry was on Red Bank, Big Horn Co., WY (26 years old) single and viewed as a lodger with George and Mary McClellan. He met and married Fannie Washburne who had come from Iowa to be with her deceased mother's best friend, Mary McClellan. By 1920 he and Fanny were enumerated in Election District #1, Washakie County. From the early 1900's until about 1938, the Tullys lived on Big Trails. They had two children—Mary and Wayne. They lost their son Wayne in 1932 in an accident involving a horse. After a semi-retirement, the couple lived in Ten Sleep until 'Henry' Tully passed away in 1956.

*Memories: Henry Tully was a small man with curly brown hair and gray eyes (Registration Draft Card WW I gives description as well). It describes him as short and medium build. I never saw Henry that he was unpleasant or bad tempered. It appeared that he and Fanny lived a compatible, happy family life. In Ten Sleep he did odd jobs—some for the Frison family—as well as for the Ten Sleep community. In Ten Sleep, they lived in the “old Conner” house on the first lane that led to the Ten Sleep creek past the Sutherland lots and headed south from the west #16 hwy. fb*

# James Henry Tully Rites Held Monday at Worland

Requiem mass for James Henry Tully, 73, was said Monday in St. Mary Magdalen's Catholic church, Worland. The rosary was recited Sunday evening. Burial was in the Ten Sleep cemetery.

Mr. Tully, born Oct. 27, 1882, at Desoto, Mo., died Oct., 12, 1956, at Worland, having lived to the age of 73 years, 11 months and 15 days.

He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife, the former Fannie Washburn, Ten Sleep, who he married Nov., 10, 1918. His daughter, Mrs. Mary Felburg and grandchildren of Worland, and one sister, Mame McDermott, Fort Collins, Colo. His son, Wayne Tully, died 25 years ago.

Mr. Tully had been in poor health for several months but had not been bedridden until he was taken to the hospital Oct. 8 when he contracted pneumonia.

He came to the Big Horn basin in 1901 overland in a covered wagon with the Jake Frison family from Glenwood Springs, Colo. He went to work for the Bay State ranch and helped to build the first telephone line into the Basin from Buffalo over the Big Horn mountains to Ten Sleep and north to Basin City.

The following year, he got a job as a stagecoach driver and carried the mail for several years covering the territory from Lost Cabin north to Bananza.

About 1908, he went to work for the Red Bank Cattle company and, as foreman and manger, he rode the range for many years from Whiskey Gap on the Sweetwater porth to the Mantana line.

About 1934, the family moved to Ten Sleep where he established and operated the first commercial spraying and insecticide business in Washakie county. He continued in this business until his death. He also was district water commissioner for Washakie county for the past 10 years.

"Once more the black-winged angel of death has struck and claimed its victim. Once more the ranks of the pioneer are thinned. Once more a good neighbor and a fine citizen has been snatched from our midst. Always mindful of his obligations as a citizen, always tolerant in his judgment of others, always loyal and willing in the promotion of the general welfare of his community, Henry Tully has left a record enviable to say the least. Few indeed are those who could boast more friends and fewer enemies," it was said of Mr. Tully during the services.



# John Tully Services Scheduled Monday

Requiem mass will be said at 10 a.m. Monday in St. Mary Magdalen church for John Henry Tully of Ten Sleep. Burial will be in Ten Sleep cemetery.

Mr. Tully died Friday morning in Washakie Memorial hospital following a short illness. He would have been 74 Oct. 29.

One of the early settlers of the area, he came to Wyoming and Washakie county in 1902 from DeSoto, Mo., where he was born.

Mr. Tully worked for the Red Bank Cattle company when he first came to the county and later

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owned the Red Bank ranch in partnership with George McClelland. For the past 15 years he has been in the pest control business.

On Nov. 10, 1910, he married Fannie Ethel Washburn.

He was preceded in death by his son, Wayne, who died in 1931.

Survivors include his wife of the home; one daughter, Mrs. Mary Fehlberg of Worland; and one sister, Mrs. Mame McDermott of Fort Collins, Colo.