

HON. ALEX. BOWIE PASSES AWAY  
Well-Known Pioneer Cattleman, Financier, and Member of  
First Wyoming Legislature Dies in Denver--  
Funeral Here Sunday

Following a decline which has covered a period of two years, Alex Bowie of this city, one of the best known and among the first of the cattle men of the state, and a member of Wyoming's first legislature, died in Denver Tuesday night. He was 68 years of age. The body will arrive here tonight and the funeral will take place on Sunday. The final arrangements will not be completed until the arrival of Mrs. Bowie with the remains.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowie, for the past several years, have been spending their winters in California. This year the climate failed to agree with the former, and they went to Phoenix, Ariz. where they stopped for a time. Here, too, Mr. Bowie failed to progress and they came on to Denver, intending to come on the Wheatland in a short time. However, his condition became so serious, it was impossible to move him, and he sank rapidly until death on Tuesday night.

From 1883-1908, Mr. Bowie was manager of the Sawn Land & Cattle company, and for ten years previous, he had been with the Swan Brothers, working up from an ordinary rider to the position of manager. He was one of the pioneer cattle men of this section, passing through turbulent Indian times. Later as a manager of the Swan Land & Cattle Company, he met the problems and conditions that confronted the cattle man in the early days with a grasp and ability that marked him a man of exceptional daring, quick judgment and much strength of purpose. He has been recognized for years as one of the best informed cattle men in the state. At the time of his death, he owned and operated with a great deal of success, a fine ranch on the North Laramie river, where he handled both cattle and sheep.

Following his retirement from the Swan Land & Cattle company eight years ago, he removed to Wheatland having acquired personal interests of a financial importance that required his whole attention. He was connected with the State Bank of Wheatland and was active in it's directorate up till the time his health began to fail. He was for a time president of the institution, and to him and others of his splendid judgment and conservatism, is traceable the great success of the institution.

Alexander Bowie was born in East Aurora, N.Y. in 1848. In early manhood, he came as far west as Chicago and there was employed in the stock yards until he decided to come to the real west in 1873. On his arrival in Wyoming, he went into the employ of the Swan Bros., as stated, and steadily advanced to a foremost position among the citizens of the state.

As a member of Wyoming's first legislature, he was an important part of the launching of the state on it's forward career, and he never ceased his efforts in boosting for it's interests.

He has been a lifelong Republican, but his private interests have been so extensive that he has sought no honor since his retirement from the legislature. He has, however, strongly identified with his party at all times.

He was Scottish Rites Mason, a member of the Knights Commandary, and a Shriner. He stood high in the esteem of the people of the community and widely over the state, being known to hundreds, especially to the older residents of Wyoming. His passing will be marked with general and deep regret. Sincerest sympathy is extended to the bereaved wife and to other relatives and close friends.

Riding the range with him in the seventies were two brothers, Joe and John, both of whom are dead. John became a locomotive engineer and was killed in a wreck at Alton, Mont., and Joe died in Alberta, Canada. Two sisters, Miss Beata of Gilroy, Calif. and Mrs. Davis, residing in Illinois, survive. It is not known whether either will be here for the funeral.