

# Accidental Death of Glen Flannigan

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**LOSES LIFE WHILE HERDING SHEEP AT "NECK OF DESERT." SHOT IN ABDOMEN WITH SPECIAL "22" RIFLE. LIVES BUT SHORT TIME AFTER ACCIDENT. HUNDREDS OF MEN SEARCH FOR BODY. FOUND MILE SOUTHEAST OF OLD HOMESTAKE MINE, TWENTY-FIVE MILES WEST OF CEDAR CITY.**

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News reached town last Friday afternoon, after the Record had gone to press, that Glen Flannigan, seventeen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Flannigan, had been accidentally shot and killed about a mile south-east of the old Homestake mine, near the Neck of the Desert.

Glen left town Monday morning, April 16, to herd sheep for J. G. Pace. Early Thursday morning, April 19, he left camp to look after the sheep, according to Will Hall who was herding with him. He was last seen walking up toward the ridge south-east of the Homestake mine and carrying a 22 special rifle with him. The camp was located about one-half mile west of the Hole in the Wall.

Mr. Hall noticed that the sheep began to scatter some about ten or eleven o'clock in the morning and in the afternoon he gathered part of the sheep up. Upon his return to camp, however, he found that Glen had not returned and fearing that the young man was lost he went over to Woolsey's to get someone to take the word into Cedar City. Earl Woodard returned with Mr. Hall to the camp and finding that Glen had not returned went on to town and informed the lost boy's father of the fact.

Mr. Flannigan, J. G. Pace, L. T. Pace, and Clark Pace left Cedar about eleven o'clock that night but were unable to find camp. One car went around by Woolsey's and one by Iron Springs in an effort to find the camp. All night they searched, building bon fires and using search lights and lanterns but it was not until five o'clock the next morning (April 20) that camp was discovered.

Upon arrival at camp Mr. Flannigan learned that Glen was still missing. Word to that effect was sent into town by L. T. Pace and immediately Junior High School and B. A. C. boys with a number of other citizens prepared to return to the vicinity of the camp to search. About twenty carloads of men, and boys, numbering from one hundred to one hundred twenty-five, went out to continue the search. Mr. Flannigan advised searching the ridge south-east of the Homestake mine and at 11:30 A. M. a plan of organization was effected and the men commenced the search going in a south-westerly direction over the hill. Rite of paper

were found and some tracks but these later proved to be signs of the trail that Clark Pace had taken in advance of the searchers.

The men and boys collected south of the ridge and reorganized. Their search began, under the second organization, in a north-westerly direction toward the old Homestake mine. But after the party had advanced about three-quarters of a mile they were stopped by the message that the body of Glen had been found by other searchers about a quarter of a mile east of the ridge which had been combed by the two organizations.

George Croft, D. A. Stones and others had not heard the call for all men to reorganize south of the ridge and had kept on going in a semi-circular direction and had been first to discover the body of the boy. Mr. M. E. Miller of Beaver had found the tracks of the youth and would have found the body within the next fifteen or twenty minutes had not Mr. Croft given the signal. The body was discovered about 12:45 p. m.

From the evidence it appeared that Glen had rounded the sheep up in the morning and had decided to sit on a rock and watch them. In sitting down his gun had become accidentally discharged through contact with a rock and he was shot through the abdomen. The bullet evidently passed up through the stomach or intestines causing internal bleeding which resulted in death. It appeared that as soon as Glen discovered that he was shot he had thrown the gun to one side and had run straight for camp. After he had gone about eighty-five yards he had fallen down, struggled some, and being able to get up again had run on towards camp. He did not go more than about fifteen yards farther until he fell again. He had struggled some, it seemed, but could not rise from this place. Realizing that he was approaching death he had placed his hat under his head as a pillow. When found, his right ear was somewhat mutilated, but it was decided that it was due to some force not directly causing the accident.

After the coroners' inquest held by Samuel Leigh, Wm. Butler, Dolph Andrus, George Croft, John Pendleton and D. A. Stones, the body was brought to town by Gronway Parry. Dr. M. J. Macfarlane confirmed the decisions of the coroners' jury.