

Death Claims

Myles E. Hunter

Accident Ending Life of Cedar Resident Occurs While Unloading Rifle

The people of Cedar City were shocked and grieved when the news was given out Wednesday night about 8:30 that Myles E. Hunter, 40 years of age, had been accidentally shot with a 30-30 rifle and died almost instantly at his home here.

He had recently returned from a hunting trip in company with several local men, hunting elk in the Cedar mountains where four elk were obtained. Wednesday night he was in his usual good health except for a cold that had developed and while Mrs. Hunter was arranging some little remedy for his cold he went into the bedroom to retire for the night. A moment later his wife heard a shot and as she entered the room he was still standing but fell on the bed with one arm under his head.

It appears that he reached over to pick up a rifle in the corner of the room, probably to unload the gun, when it must have struck something as he drew it toward him and was discharged, the bullet entering his body near the heart and passing out of the right side, through the partition wall and into the ceiling of the living room.

An inquest was held Thursday morning before Justice J. T. Leigh and the jury found as follows: "That the said Myles E. Hunter came to his death on the 18th day of November, 1931, at about nine o'clock p. m. by a shot from a 30-30 saddle rifle inflicted accidentally, and that the same was not feloniously done." Signed, C. W. Macfarlane, George P. Houchen, Kenneth Macfarlane.

The deceased was born in Cedar City on September 4, 1891, where he grew to manhood and on May 23, 1914,

married Miss Alta Hamblin of Kanab. He had been engaged in farming and livestock industry. He served as wastermaster in Cedar for four years under former Mayor Eugene Christensen and conducted the affairs of his department in a creditable manner. He leaves a host of friends in this city who extend sympathy to the bereaved family. Surviving are his widow, two sons, Frank and Evan Hunter; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Hunter, and the following brothers and sisters: George and Mont Hunter, Mrs. M. J. Urle, Mrs. Earl Merryweather and Mrs. John Deal, all of Cedar City; Mrs. Earl Bennett, Lakeview, Ore.