

Killed by Lightning.

Nutrioso, Sept. 26, 1904.

The residents of our little town were greatly shocked Saturday on hearing of the death of one of our most highly respected citizens, George Wilkins, who was killed by lightning on the 20th inst. in Magdalena, N. M.

Mr. Wilkins, in company with his wife and two small children, had gone there to work and intended staying all winter. He was killed while tending to his horses. His wife waited supper for him and became anxious after waiting a reasonable length of time. John Martin and Parley Burk started in one direction to hunt for him; Willard Hamblin, Frank Lee and Warney Fenney in another. His horses were found about fifty yards from him. They were so stunned and stiff that they could hardly move. On finding the horses in this condition, they became convinced that something serious had happened. They continued the search and found him lying face downward. A coroner was immediately sent for, but he thought it unnecessary to hold an inquest, as all were satisfied that he had been killed by lightning.

John Martin and Mrs. Wilkins started as soon as possible for Nutrioso with the body, but one of their horses became sick when they were about forty miles from home. Bishop Wilkins came along about that time with a fresh horse and they were soon on the road again, arriving here about 12 a. m. Saturday.

His untimely death was a severe blow to relatives and friends, as it had only been a week since he left home, well and hearty, and in high hopes of a prosperous future.

The funeral was held Sunday the 25th at 10 a. m. at the residence of Lucindia Wilkins, mother of the deceased. The speakers

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were Bishop Wilkins, Elders Wm. Hamblin, W. I. Burk, J. W. Lee, Oscar Hamblin and E. A. Noble, all of which spoke very highly of Brother Wilkins and the goodly life he had led; of his self-sacrificing nature. Words of encouragement and sympathy were spoken to his grief stricken relatives. The remains were laid peacefully at rest. A number of friends from Alpine attended the funeral.

Brother Wilkins was a good

man and leaves a host of friends and relatives to mourn his demise. His wife has lost a good husband; the family a good son and brother; the ward a good friend, and the town a good citizen.

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