PLATTE, Cullis

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Racine, Wisconsin
Died: January of 1957
Kellogg, Idaho

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CULLIS PLATTE TAKEN BY DEATH IN IDAHO

Cullis Platte, 68, long-time Kelligg, Ida., resident and law enforcement officer, passed away this morning at Wardner hospital in Kellogg where he had been confined for some time. He had been ill the last four months.

Mr. Platte was born in Racine, Wis., and came to the Kellogg district some 31 years ago. He was on the Kellogg city police force and a Shoshone County deputy sheriff for 12 years. His wife passed away several years ago.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Alene Spring, Pasco, Wash., and Mrs. Iris Montgomery, Kellogg, Ida., one brother, Howard Platte, Viborg, S. Dak., a sister, Ida Strachan, Kennebec, S. Dak., and five grandchildren.

Cullis Platte Family

Cullis Platte (1889-1957) was born in Racine, Wisconsin. He was the first child born to Peter and Christine Platt. As a child, the family imigrated to South Dakota where they farmed. Cullis attended school and the Baptist Church in Viborg.

As a young man, Cullis was intrigued by the free land offered by the railroads. He acquired a section of land at Coffee Creek, Montana at the turn of the century. He settled on the land and became a wheat farmer.

In the early years, his section of land flourished. He married Lydia Tufford in 1915. One boy and two girls were born to this union: Kenneth, Alene and Iris.

Drought coupled with a grasshopper infestation left the land too barren to produce anything but a meager living. Relinquishing his land and most of his possessions, he put his family in a touring car and travelled west to Portland, Oregon. There he worked as a longshoreman for one year. He never became accustomed to the climate and a large city. He was eager to move on.

Northern Idaho was to be his next destination. He became fascinated by the Bitter Root Mountains with their vast evergreen forests, clear running streams and numerous lakes that make up the picturesque landscape. There he spent the rest of his life. For a while he tried mining. Later, he became an officer in the sheriff's department. He retired from that position.

His wife passed away in 1953. He lost his son in World War II. One daughter died in 1984. One daughter, Iris, remains in the Silver Valley area.