

Anna Ryen



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STATE OF MONTANA
Bureau of Vital Statistics
Certificate of Death

BK 2, P 283

1 PLACE OF DEATH

County Gallatin Registered No. 101
Township _____ or Village _____ or
City Belgrade No. Springhill St. _____ Ward _____
(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number)

2 FULL NAME Anna Ryan

(a) Residence. No. _____ St. _____ Ward _____
(Usual place of abode) (If nonresident give city or town and State)
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs. mos. days How long in U. S., if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. days

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX Fe 4 COLOR OR RACE W 5 Single, Married, Widowed, or Divorced (Write the word.) Single
5a If married, widowed, or divorced HUSBAND of (or) WIFE of _____
6 DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year) June 17 1824
7 AGE Years Month Days If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min. 92 3 17
8 OCCUPATION OF DECEASED (a) Trade, profession or particular kind of work Housekeeper
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) _____
(c) Name of employer _____

9 BIRTHPLACE (city or town) Norway
(State or country)

10 NAME OF FATHER Ingbringt

11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or Town, State or Country) Norway

12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Not known

13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or Town, State or Country) Norway

14 Informant Martin Ryan
(Address) Bozeman Mont

15 Filed Oct 6 1916 R. E. Seitz
Registrar

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16 DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) 19 16
Oct 4 1916

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Sept 20, 1916, to Oct 4, 1916
that I last saw her alive on Sept 20, 1916
and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 830 p
The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:

Senility

(duration) _____ yrs _____ mos. _____ ds.
CONTRIBUTORY Traumatism left hip
(Secondary) joint and bed sores
(duration) _____ yrs _____ mos. _____ ds.

18 Where was disease contracted _____
if not at place of death? _____

Did an operation precede death? _____ Date of _____

Was there an autopsy? _____

What test confirmed diagnosis? _____

(Signed) J F Blair _____ M. D.

Oct 5 1916 (Address) Bozeman Mont

* State the Disease Causing Death, or in deaths from Violent Causes, state (1) Means and Nature of Injury, and (2) whether Accidental, Suicidal, or Homicidal. (See reverse side for additional space.)

19 Place of Burial, Cremation or Removal _____ Date of Burial _____
Spring Hill Cem Oct 7 1916

20 UNDERTAKER _____ ADDRESS _____
Davis & West Bozeman Mont

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING.
WRITE PLAINLY WITH UNFAADING INK. THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD.
N. B.—Every item of information should be carefully supplied. Age should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important. See instructions on back of certificate.

RYEN ANNA

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Following the grain futures markets can help you estimate income

From the scrapbook

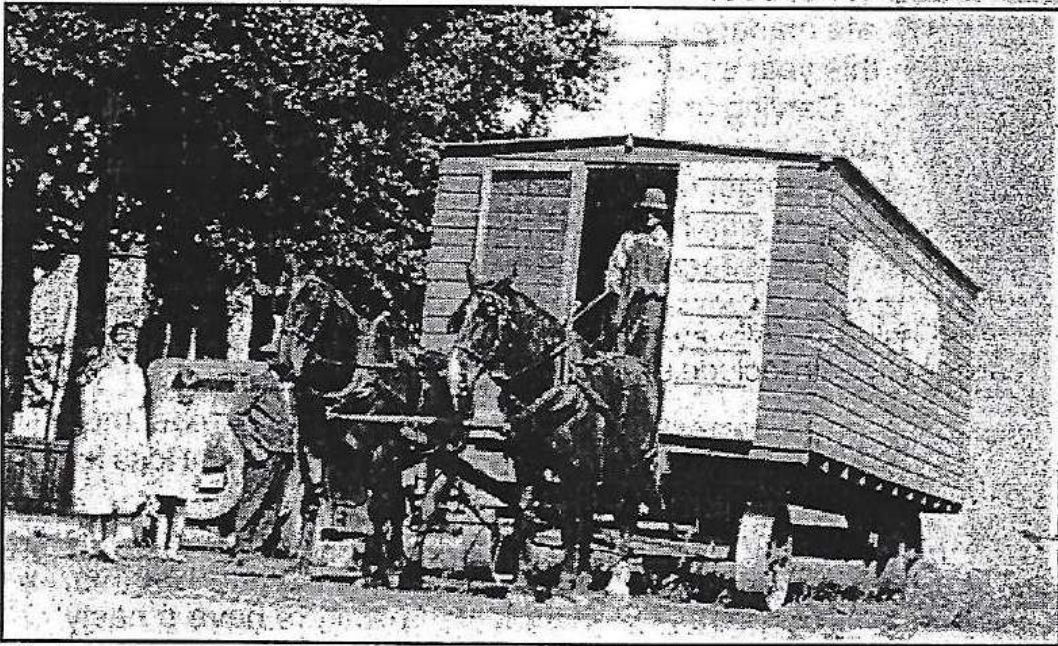


Photo courtesy of Gallatin County Historical Society Pioneer Museum
Charlie Cramer's cook house was a familiar site years ago in the Gallatin Valley at threshing time. The driver of the team is ~~Charlie Cramer~~ and the women in this old photo are Anna and Marie Ryen. If you have a photo for our "From the Scrapbook" feature, please send it to Montana Home Town Newspapers, PO Box 1011, Townsend, MT, 59644. All photos will be promptly returned.

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**MISS ANNA RYEN
DIED AT SPRINGHILL
BURIAL SATURDAY**

Miss Anna Ryen, who has lived at Springhill for about 40 years, died at her farm home Wednesday night, Oct. 4, at the advanced age of 92 years. She had never married and the only relative she has in Montana is a nephew Martin Ryen, who made his home with her at the farm. She had a sawmill near Springhill for about 20 years, but for the past 20 years she has given her attention to the raising of hay on her farm, the money saved from lumber the product of her mill, being sufficient for her needs for some time so that she did not attempt to go into extensive farming.

She was born in Norway, June 24, 1824. She has always been a woman of unusual activity and only recently has she shown any signs of breaking down because of her advanced years. The funeral services will be held at the Springhill church, Saturday afternoon and the remains will be interred in the Springhill cemetery.

**CAPTAIN CLARK ARRIVES
TO TEACH MILITARY ARTS
AT THE STATE COLLEGE**

Captain Hollis Clark of the United States army, retired, who has been detailed by the secretary of war to act as instructor in military science and tactics at the Montana State college, arrived in Bozeman Thursday morning to take up his work. Drill has been carried on for a few months at the col-

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Miss Annie Ryan

Born in Roros Norway, May 17, 1823.

Died at Spring Hill Montana Oct 4, 1916

Buried in Spring Hill Cemetery.

She came to the U. S. (Chicago). When

she was 40 yrs old. From Chicago

she went to Helena with a Mrs Brown

In 1873¹⁸⁶⁸ she came to Spring Hill with

the Ekblund family traveling with

horses and wagon. It was Annie

Ryan's duty to take care of the

Ekblund's cat on the trip.

At Spring Hill she worked for the

Benhams, later ^{September 18, 1876} she came into

Possessions of Benhams ranch,

now the Martin Ryan ranch.

He went into the woods and pulled

out logs with oxen. Annie always

wore dresses even while logging.

She was able to saw logs into

lumber in her own mill which

was later dismantled. In 1905 she

wrote and asked Martin to come. Chris

Sullivan was her right hand man for 36 yrs

Located ten miles northeast of Belgrade and twelve miles north of Bozeman, is the farming community of Springhill. Settled in the 1860's, by the height of its development in the 1880's, it could speak of a church, a school, two flour mills, a sawmill, a sash and door factory, a distillery, and a blacksmith's shop. The spring which flows from the Bridger Mountains down Mill canyon, supplied the community with the waterpower for its mills and gave it the name of Springhill.

Geographical features around Springhill were named after some of the first settlers in the area. Melvin Ross Sr., one of the first in the area, climbed Ross's Peak, which is directly behind the community. Although Mr. Ross did not stay in the area long, the name stayed. Corbly Canyon and Corbly Gulch were named after Andrew Corbly. Potter Gulch for the Potter family who didn't stay long in the area but moved to Central Park between Manhattan and Belgrade. Truman Gulch was named after Arthur Truman, and Jones Creek after Marshall Jones.

Most of the first settlers west came by flatboat or wagon train, looking for fertile farm land. Prospectors came looking for silver or gold fields, later to give up mining for farming. Settlers found the Gallatin Valley rich with game, timber, grass, and water, and homesteaded on her mountain slopes.

Howell and Issac Benham made use of the waterpower by building the first sawmill on the brow of the hill where the Ryen house used to stand. The mill, known to some as the Lumnit mill, also thought to have been built by Marshall Jones, was built in 1864 or 1865. Anne Ryen came to work for Benhams around 1872 and bought the mill, house and adjoining land in 1876. She continued to run the mill and herself hauled the logs out of the canyon by oxen for many years. In 1876 Chris Gulbransen came to work for her and did so until 1912. Anne's nephew Martin Ryen later managed the sawmill and did so until his death in 1953.

In 1865 Lewis Howell and Henry Monforton built the Mountain Dew Distillery, which was located under the hill where the road leads up to the dance hall. It was licensed by Tom Crane, who was the government granger. The government stamp was burned into the barrel-end, which helped seal it. Indians supposedly came over the mountains for some of the firewater, but never harmed anyone in passing. The whiskey was sold in nearby mining regions, as well as in Bozeman. The distillery could turn out 350 to 700 gallons of rye whiskey a day. The rye was raised at Springhill and Lewis Howell, a homesteader, was the main producer. A newspaper clipping from the Bozeman Chronicle dated May 19, 1950, states that the distillery ran from 1867 to 1877. But, Springhill residents recall the distillery's last operations in 1870.