Death of Arthur Halterman

The sorrowful news reached Collins that Arthur Halterman was killed in a coal-bed in Colorado last week. His brother Robert was with him and was seriously injured. We will have full particulars in our next issue.

Our readers remember Arthur. He was a bright young man, with a good business education and was a resident of our town before and after his marriage to a young lady of Indiana. His loss is felt in our community as deeply as in his home. The tidings of his sad death and the injuries to his brother deeply touched our people, whose sympathies go out to the bereaved wife, his parents and family.

His uncle, John Halterman and sons William and Dennis, Chris Halterman and daughter, Mrs. Ed Vasey, were in attendance at the funeral, which took place at Palmyra, Warren county, yesterday.

Arthur Halterman, Arthur
D. 11-18-1908

The Sad Death of Arthur Halterman

Arthur and Robert Halterman started from their home near Shaw, Colo., after coal, which is plentiful in the canyons, near Agate, Colo., about thirty-five miles south-west of their home. They started Tuesday morning 17th day of November at nine o'clock, having a good time and camping Tuesday night in the canyons, about five miles from the coal banks. Arthur exclaimed what a good time they were having and such a pretty place, picking out little evergreen trees that he was going to dig up and take home. They arrived there about nine o'clock on Wednesday 18th. Having dug nearly a load of coal, the banks, which were about fifteen feet high and undermined about six feet, broke and fell upon them about eleven o'clock, Arthur being covered over completely and Robert to the pit of his arms.

Robert said with all his own sufferings as far as he could tell Arthur lived about five minutes. He could hear his dear brother's dying moans and outcries which were, "Oh God," five or six times and then came his pitiful dying moans and they ceased, and Robert hallo-ed for him but got no answer. During this time Robert was trying to get out. There happened to be a well pick in his reach; he searched and got it, then picked the slate from him, which took him about twenty minutes, as near as he could tell. He crawled with his hands to the wagon, got a whipple tree and a neck yoke and attempted to use them as crutches but did not have the strength. Then he got down on his hands and knees and dragged himself to the top of the banks or canyons, about twenty-five yards, with his intention of getting a horse and getting help. He got as far as the bedding and camping station, which was about 80 feet from the horses and had down to rest. After resting a few seconds he attempted to rise to his hands and knees again, but could not move anything but his head and arms, being weak from his bruises. Robert laid there from that noon until the next morning at about 8 o'clock, when by the aid of God, there came help. That night Robert burned comforters and blankets to keep warm, and also helping until he was out of breath and Irish his rifle which was in reach of his arms. After help came they dug

Arthur out and took Robert to a neighbor rancher, about two miles, and Arthur to a house nearby. Arthur's head was buried about six inches and his body about 8 inches under the slate and coal. They sent a telegram home, which was a great shock to all. After receiving the telegram their father, Eugene Jones, Wm. Hurman, Dr. Sturman, formerly of Hartford, Ia., and a Lyman doctor went and brought Robert as far as Bovina, Colo. and Arthur's body home that night. After the help of many friends and Dr. Sturman they managed to get Robert out home the next morning.

Robert is improving slowly, he had one foot and his hip crushed; the left side of his face and right side of his head were bruised. Arthur's body was taken to the home of his father-in-law, Mr. Henry Ruble of Indiana, Ia., where the funeral was preached. The remains were laid to rest in the Palmyra Cemetery beside his baby, Chester Arthur Halterman. Arthur was the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Halterman; was born in Warren Co., Iowa, April 7th, 1884 and died near Agate, Colorado, Nov. 18, 1908, being at the time of his death 24 yrs., 7 months and 11 days old. On July 26, 1905 he was married to Miss Maude Ruble of Indiana, Iowa. To this union were born three children, two sons and one daughter; one son having died in infancy. He leaves to mourn his loss a loving wife, one daughter, Irene Velora; one son Dwight Miles; his father, mother, three brothers, and one sister, besides many other relatives and friends.