

## *Introducing 2012 Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame Inductee...*

### **Richard Carlisle (Dick) Langley (1898 - 1999)**

Richard Carlisle (Dick) Langley was born May 10, 1898 in Durango Colorado, to William and Catherine (Carlisle) Langley. He moved with his family to Montana in 1899 where they settled on Hound Creek. He attended school at Hound Creek until he was 13. At that time, he went to work for his uncle Jimmy Carlisle, breaking horses on his large horse and cattle ranch, at Benton Lake. Carlisle operated one of the largest horse operations in Central Montana during the early 1900's. From 1921 through 1929, Langley placed in bronc riding at most of the major rodeos in Montana, including Great Falls, Wolf Point, and the Bozeman Round-up.

Although he rodeoed mostly in Montana, he did travel to California and entered a number of rodeo's there, along with two trips to the Cheyenne Frontier Days, where R.R. Doubleday took a picture of Langley leaving Sundance.(1) Sundance had the reputation for flipping over backwards. Langley was told if the horse felt like he was flipping over, that he better bail off. (2)At this moment Double Day got two subsequent pictures. After winning the bronc riding at Wolf Point, the stock contractor offered to stake Langley to go to Cheyenne. A life size reproduction of this picture of Langley on Sundance hung in the old Cheyenne Train Station for many years before it was tore down.

In the late 1920's upon the death of Jimmy Carlisle, Langley and his brother Lew bought out the horse operation of the Carlisle estate. They then furnished bucking horses for numerous rodeos in Central Montana. These horses were trailed to the rodeos, some as far as 150 miles away. Langley usually tried out most of his horses before taking them to a rodeo. He also broke and sold horses to various ranches, throughout Montana during the 1930's and 1940's. His family went on to raise descendants of these horses. In his later years, Langley ranched on the Muddy Creek, north of the Sun River, where he pastured cattle for the livestock auction yard at Great Falls. He also order bought cattle for a number of livestock operations and meat packers. Langley was a member of the Montana Cowboys Association in the 1930's and early 1940's. He also judged many local rodeos. Langley died December 10, 1999 in Great Falls Montana. He was 101. The picture of Langley on Sundance currently hangs in the Cheyenne Frontier Museum and Cowboy Hall of Fame.