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Catherine Dover Atkinson died May 16, 1988 in Laramie, where she had resided at the Bethesda Home for the past year.

Mrs. Atkinson was born August 16, 1896, in Cheyenne, to early Wyoming settlers Arthur and Priscilla "Bessie" Dover. She was reared at the family ranch in Halleck Canyon, where she received her early education. She continued her schooling at Dalton, England, until World War I conditions forced her return to the United States.

Atkinson was married to Edward Huston in 1920 and a son, Dover Huston was born to this union.

In 1930 she married Leslie G. Atkinson of Garrett. He was also a member of a pioneer ranch family. Together Leslie and Catherine established a livestock operation in the Garrett area, which they maintained until their retirement in 1971. At that time they moved to Wheatland where Mrs. Atkinson spent the past several years.

Mrs. Atkinson lived her life in the sunlight and shadows of Laramie Peak, the area she liked so well. She was an excellent horsewoman and would recall, with a sparkle in her eye, beating out challengers in the horse races held at local fairs.

She was a longtime member of the Toltec Club, the Laramie Peak and Wyoming Cow Belles.

Mrs. Atkinson was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Leslie, her son Dover, grandsons Lex and Lee Huston, brother William E. "Ned" Dover and sister Eva, Mrs. T.B. Dodge.

She is survived by five great-grandchildren — Shawn, Kelly, Courtney, Josie, and Cameron Huston — and several nieces and nephews.

Catherine Atkinson will be remembered for her zest for living, her abiding interest in young people, and her avid support of the sport of rodeo.

Memorials may be made to the Wheatland High School Rodeo Club or to the Shriners Crippled Children's Hospital.

Services were held Thursday, May 18, 1988 at 2 p.m. in the United Church of Christ in Wheatland with Father Kale King officiating.

Burial was in the Wheatland Cemetery.

Schrader-Prell Funeral Home of Wheatland was in charge of arrangements.