

HOWARD, EMMA LOUSETTA BIRD

April 30, 1870-October 31, 1953

Services were held here Monday at the Congregational church for Emma Lousetta Bird Howard, wife of Frank B. Howard, at 2:00 p.m. with the Rev. Alan Inglis officiating.

Mrs. Howard, whose death followed an extended illness, had lived in Wheatland since 1905, and was widely known throughout the county and state, having been honored by being chosen the first State Mother. She was also a Past National State Mother.

Mrs. Howard was born in Lockwood, Mo., April 30, 1870, and died at a local hospital Saturday, October 31 at the age of eighty-three. Her first husband and four children preceded her in death.

She is survived by her husband, Frank B. Howard of Wheatland, two sons, Tom Freeman of Tensleep, and Bernie Freeman of Afton; six daughters Mrs. Esther Williams, Mrs. Margaret Haeberle, Mrs. Lyle Clay and Mrs. Harold Loomis, all of Wheatland, Mrs. O. Slonaker of Roseburg, Ore., and Mrs. Don Kirby of Watsonville, Calif.; one sister, Mrs. Wilda Higgans, Portland, Ore.; and two brothers, Sam Bird, Ft. Collins, Colo. And Charles Bird, Jerome, Ida. Also surviving Mrs. Howard are 18 grandchildren, 31 great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren.

Burial was in the Wheatland cemetery, with Schraders in charge of arrangements. Pall bearers were N.F. Hester, Robert Ferguson, Russell Staats, Reuben Good, John Phifer, and J.A. Cole.