

Pioneer Life of

Mrs. Joseph Hudson

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The eventful pioneer life of Mrs. Joseph Hudson was brought to a close Tuesday August 17, 1936.

Mrs. Hudson's parents were pioneers before her having come from Bohemia in sail boats in the year 1858.

One interesting fact is that it took boats three months and two weeks to come cross the ocean, being lost for thirty-seven days due to a severe storm.

A little more than three years after the Horak family arrived (Mrs Hudson's mothers people) in America, 3 Horak brothers entered the Civil war on the Union side and died in service.

Mrs. Frances Dudek Hudson was born in Shoeville, Johnson county, Iowa August 4, 1861.

In 1878 Joseph Dedek moved his wife and eight children of which Frances was the oldest to Red Willow, Nebraska with ox teams. There he settled on a homestead. Here Frances laid the major part of the sod for the sod house. The father was a blacksmith by trade. He had a library in his home of about 1,000 volumes which was open to the settlement.

Frances Dudek married Joseph Hudson January 22, 1882 at McCook, Nebr.

After a severe drouth of several years duration Mr. and Mrs. Hudson and six children moved with two covered wagons driving their stock, over the old Oregon trail. While enroute the seventh child and youngest daughter was born. A trunk top was used for her cradle. They arrived in Jackson Hole in the late fall of 1894.

After spending the winter here they started south and east, settling 30 miles west of Wheatland, August 20, 1895. Here three sons were born, the youngest having died in infancy.

Twenty-six years ago they moved to the Wheatland flats where she made her home until her death.

Her beautiful Christian character shed its lasting influence upon her loving children and grand children as well as a host of friends. As the years went by Grandma Hudson grew closer to her Savior.

The last few days of her life she expressed the desire to die, saying that she knew that she was ready to meet God and the Judgment. At her passing Grandma slipped peacefully into the Great Beyond.

We wish to sincerely thank our many friends for the many acts of kindness and sympathy extended in our recent bereavement.

J. A. W. Hudson and family