

HUDSON, JOSEPH A. W.  
August 15, 1857-June 12, 1943

J.A.W. Hudson, a pioneer of Wyoming, passed away June 12 at St. Joseph's hospital in Denver at the age of 85 years. He maintained unusually good health throughout his life until last July, when he suffer a heart attack and was confined to his bed from Sept. 1942 until his death.

Mr. Hudson was born Aug. 15, 1857 in Blackford county, Indiana. In 1873 he came with his parents and family to Red Willow county, Nebr. arriving there just after the Pawnee Indian massacre which occurred near the present town of Trenton.

On January 22, 1882 he was united in marriage to Frances Dudek in Red Willow county. They lived on a homestead at Hamlet, Nebr. farming and raising stock until 1894 when he moved all his possessions by covered wagon train further west. He spent the winter in Teton Basin, Ida. but came back to Wyoming in August 1895 and settled on a ranch about 25 miles west of Wheatland. He lived here until he bought a farm on the Wheatland flats which he owned until his death.

Mr. Hudson was a true pioneer and in his early years was a cowboy, buffalo hunter and trapper. Seven years ago, after Mrs. Hudson's death, he started to write some of his pioneer experiences for the Nebraska and Wyoming State Historical societies and a number of his articles appeared in the Wyoming and Nebraska papers. He loved nature and God's great out of doors, and was a man of strong religious convictions. In his last illness, he became especially patient, but often expressing a longing to go to his Heavenly home.

His wife and two children, Valentine Hudson and Mrs. Violet Wiegand, preceded him in death. He is survived by eight children, twenty-seven grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren. The children surviving are: Mrs. A.E. Hoffman and Mrs. L.T. Loughmiller, both of Wheatland; Mrs. Carl McCracken of Everett, Wash.; Mrs. Raymond Adams of Denver; Hallie and Claude of San Francisco, Calif.; Floyd of Ridgeway, Colo.; and the Rev. Everett of Caldwell, Ida. Four of his grandchildren are now in the service of their country.