

HUDSON, MERLE ANNA HIATT  
August 27, 1893-August 26, 1981

Merle A. Hudson, died Wednesday, Aug. 26, 1981 at the Platte County Memorial Hospital Nursing Wing at the age of 87.

Merle was born in Moravia, Iowa, Aug. 27, 1893, the daughter of Preston and Cordelia Hiatt. She was raised in Iowa and attended Normal School there. She came to Wyoming to be near her older brother and took a homestead of her own in the Antelope Gap area. She taught school here for a short time and met and married Elvin Hudson, neighbor homesteader. She and Elvin ranched in the Antelope Gap community for many years and raised their family on the ranch. Elvin passed away in 1965 and Merle moved to Wheatland where she spent her retirement until her death.

She was a charter member of both the Antelope Gap Grange and the Garden Club as well as being a member of the United Methodist Church. She is survived by a son, Clint Hudson of Grandview, Idaho; and three daughters, Barbara Waln of Wheatland, Janet Moore of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Joyce Connely of Santa Fe, N.M. Surviving also are 12 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, and infant son, a daughter, Dorothy, and three sisters and one brother.

Funeral services were held Friday, Aug. 28, 1981 at the Schrader-Prell Funeral Chapel in Wheatland with the Rev. Virgil Lamm of the United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in the family plot in the Wheatland Cemetery.

A memorial has been established in her name to the Platte County Memorial Hospital Nursing Wing.

The Schrader-Prell Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.