

HUNTON, MORA, EVANS
April 6, 1861-February 7, 1946

Wyoming has lost another of her remarkable pioneers with the death of Mrs. Mora Hunton at her home in Wheatland, February 7. Mrs. Hunton, whose life reflected the indomitable spirit of the pioneer, came to this state as a bride in 1883.

Mora Evans, a native of Baltimore, Md., was born April 6, 1861, was the daughter of George P. and Catherine Evans. When she was only six weeks old, she and her mother ran the blockade to join other members of her family at Madison, Va.

On Sept. 14, 1882, she was united in marriage to Thomas Hunton, youngest son of the Virginia branch of the Hunton family. To this union six children were born: John L., deceased; Edward Dean of Laramie; Thomas Basil, deceased; James Epes of Denver; Mora Herring of Benkleman, Nebr.; and Don Evan of Wheatland.

In the year 1896, the family moved to Wheatland where Mrs. Hunton took an active interest in religious and cultural activities in spite of her full life as a homemaker. She was untiring in her effort to benefit the community by church, Sunday school and club work. She was a charter member of the W.T.K. club and was actively interested in the establishment of the Carnegie library.

Mrs. Hunton, a talented musician, devoted years of her life to teaching of piano. As an artist of outstanding ability, she painted many pictures of southeastern Wyoming, one of which is a scene of Laramie Peak from Guernsey lake. This painting now hangs in the Guernsey museum.

In spite of many hardships of pioneer life, Mrs. Hunton retained the poise and quiet dignity of a lady of the Old South. She loved the arts and instilled in her children, and in the members of her community, an interest in the finer things. No other woman made a greater contribution to the cultural development of the state.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the Congregational church with the Rev. W. James Hoare officiating and the Schrader Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Music was furnished by Mrs. O.O. Natwick and Mrs. Bruce Douglass of Cheyenne. Pallbearers were W.B. Jones, Russell Fish, A.D. Faville, Jack A. Cole, O.A. Libbey, and C.W. Richard. Burial was made in the Wheatland cemetery beside her husband, Thomas Hunton, who preceded her in death in March, 1916.