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Georgia Lonquest Dies Instantly Of Gunshot Wound

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Georgia Lonquest died instantly on Friday, July 10, 1970, of a wound in the chest from a 12-gauge shotgun. Harry L. Lonquest, her husband, has been charged with first degree murder in the fatal shooting.

Lonquest called the La Ramie Hotel after the shooting and Pauline Van Dyke notified Sheriff Mickelsen. When the authorities arrived at the Lonquest ranch 15 miles northeast of Wheatland Lonquest was waiting for them. It was determined Mrs. Lonquest had died some time between 10:00 a.m. and noon.

A coroner's inquest was held on Monday, July 13 at 8:00 a.m. in the Schrader Mortuary. The coroner's jury, consisted of Mark Boughn, Sam White, and Ronald Williams. Testifying were Pauline Van Dyke, Dr. James G. Allison, and Sheriff Mickelsen. The verdict was that the deceased came to her death apparently by the hand of Harry Lonquest.

Lonquest was then turned over to the custody of Sheriff Mickelsen and charged with first degree murder.

Preliminary hearing before the justice of the peace is pending.

Georgia Thelma Lonquest was born at Hutchinson, Kansas on June 20, 1905 and had been a resident of Wheatland since 1942. She was a member of the Catholic Church and the Women of the Moose.

Besides her husband she is survived by an aunt, Mrs. Ivy Phelps of Canon City, Colorado and several cousins.

Private funeral services were held on Tuesday, July 14, at 10:00 a.m. at the graveside, with Father Leonard Wren officiating. Interment was in the Wheatland cemetery at the family plot.