

Last rites held here for Mary Morrison 9-15-1961

Funeral services were conducted Monday at 2 p.m. at the Schrader Chapel in Wheatland for Mrs. Mary E. Morrison, 87, a long-time early resident of this community. She died in Cheyenne Sept. 15, following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Morrison was the widow of Dr. Charles Morrison. For many years they lived on their farm at what is now known as "Straw's Corners", 4 miles west of Wheatland. Bob Straw purchased the farm from Mrs. Morrison in October of 1937.

Mrs. Morrison, who was affectionately called "Aunt May" by all who knew her, was born Sept. 6, 1874 at Ft. Abraham Lincoln, N. Dak. In the early days, when the Wheatland Flats were just being settled, she taught school near Wheatland. Known for her keen intellect and wit, Mrs. Morrison could relate countless stories of the early history of the Wheatland area.

She was preceded in death in 1925 by her husband, "Doc" Morrison, who at the time of his sudden death, was a member of District 9 School Board. The Morrises had no children of their own, but took into their home a nephew, Charlie Williams, and raised him to manhood. Mr. and Mrs. Williams, who now reside in Phoenix, Ariz. were in Wheatland for the services.

After selling the farmstead to Bob Straw, Mrs. Morrison moved to Wheatland, where she lived for a time before moving to Cheyenne to make her home with her sister, Mrs. Margaret Kent.

She leaves to mourn her passing two sisters, Mrs. Kent of Cheyenne and Mrs. Katherine Eaton of Ft. Collins, Colo., several nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Rev. Fred Stiegemeier conducted the final rites, and burial was in the Wheatland cemetery. Pallbearers were William Yost, Clyde Yost, Eli Kestie, Ishmael Mitchell, Glen Cochran and G. O. Cochran.