

RUMSEY, LILLIAN SAMPLE  
June 18, 1874-September 19, 1965

Last rites for Lillian S. Rumsey, 91, were held at the Schrader Chapel on September 21, 1965 with Rev. Henry Harthberg officiating. Interment was in the local cemetery with her grandsons Harold, Bernard and Rick Rumsey, Joe and James Bonner, and Warren Schroefel serving as pallbearers.

Mrs. Rumsey was born in Boone county, Ia. June 18, 1874, and was married to Edward L. Rumsey on July 1, 1896 in Fullerton, Nebr. Death occurred at her home in Wheatland September 19, following an extended illness.

Family members surviving are a son, Frank and daughters, Mrs. Hazel Jordan and Pearl Rumsey, all of Wheatland; a brother, Irvin Sample of Fullerton, Nebr.; seven grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild. She was preceded in death by a son Harold in 1938.

Mrs. Rumsey, her husband and children came to Wheatland from Fullerton, Nebr. In 1906, and settled on a rented farm until 1908 when they bought the farm a mile south of Mason's Corner. Their home was the gathering place for young people of the neighborhood for many years, and the Rumsey family was an integral part of the development of the Wheatland Flats.

Mrs. Rumsey was a faithful member of the Methodist church, and until recently, was an active member of the Ladies' Aid. She was a charter member of the Wheatland Country Women's Club and the Pleasant Hour club, rural clubs that made life pleasanter for pioneer farm families. She was also active in the Gibson Farm Bureau where her husband was the first president.

After Mr. Rumsey's death in 1924, she moved into Wheatland where her home was open to those who need sanctuary. She was a firm believer in Equal Rights for Women, and was an energetic worker in the Republican Women's Study club.

She was an understanding wife and mother, and her life typifies the life of the pioneer Wyoming woman whom history honors. For her "Death is not extinguishing the light, it is putting out the lamp because dawn has come".