

STURGEON, WILLIAM THOMAS
1866-October 20, 1953

Wyoming lost another of its lon-time residents this week with the death of William Thomas Sturgeon, which occurred at a local hospital Tuesday, October 20, after an extended illness. Mr. Sturgeon was 87 years of age.

A retired rancher at the time of his death, Mr. Sturgeon came to the state from Kansas at the age of 16, in 1872, when Wyoming was still a territory. He worked for the Swan company and the Pick company as a young man. Mr. Sturgeon filed and proved up on a homestead the same day.

For two years after his marriage to Miss Cicely Alkinson, He and his wife made their home on Duck creek. They bought the ranch near Owen in 1897 and this was the family home for many years. The former owner of the ranch was Clarence Friend, whose son is an astronomer on the west coast.

Mr. Sturgeon was preceded in death by two children, Katie Staumbaugh and a son, Earl, who died in childhood, and his wife who passed away in 1948. Surviving him are two daughters, Mrs. Stanley Wilson at the home ranch, and Mrs. Alma Ketchum of Guernsey with whom he had been making his home. Three sons also survive, Robert J. Sturgeon of Garrett, George W. Sturgeon of Meeker, Colo. And Sidney Sturgeon of Rock River. Leo Sturgeon and Miss Ivy Belle Sturgeon, a nephew and niece, both of Lucas, Kans. Also are numbered among surviving members of the family.

Mr. Sturgeon was a member of the Methodist church.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 11:00 a.m. at the Methodist church, with the Rev. Howard Rice and the Rev. J.B. Milstead officiating. Burial will be in the Wheatland cemetery, with Schraders in charge. Active pallbearers will be Ralph Hall, Byron Fish, Tom McGill, J.A. Cole, Noel Hall and Lance Robinson. Honorary pallbearers are to be John Guthrie, Laramie, Ferris Thomas, Glendo; William Cook, Guernsey; Charles Baker, Guernsey; and Dolph Riley and Tom Dodge of Wheatland.