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Mrs. Jennie Thompson, Pioneer Ranchwoman Called to Her Reward

Deceased Was Second Woman to Settle on Laramie

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Mrs. Jennie Thompson, wife of Jasper N. Thompson, a resident of the Wheatland community for 53 years, passed away at her home, here, Friday afternoon after a short illness.

The Thompson family came to this section of Wyoming in 1877 and have made their home here since that time. Mrs. Thompson, at the time of her arrival in Wyoming, was the second white woman to reside on the Laramie river. She was one of the real pioneers of this section, going through the hardships and disappointments of the early days, and at a time when the Indians were far more numerous than the white people. The Thompson ranch, as it was known for years, is located 16 miles east of Wheatland on the Laramie river. They later sold the ranch to their daughter, Mrs. J. J. Mullen and husband, who lived there for some time and they sold it last fall to Harold Greenacre, who is the present owner.

Mrs. Thompson was born in Virginia, June 22nd, 1852 and was 77 years 11 months and 28 days old at the time of her death. On October 31st, 1873 she was united in marriage to Jasper N. Thompson at Carthage, Mo. To this union five children were born. In 1877 the family left Missouri and settled in the vicinity of Wheatland.

She is survived by her aged husband, one daughter, Mrs. Cora Mullen, both of Wheatland, six grand children and five great grand children. She was preceded in death by four of her children.

On May 28th, 1928, she accepted Christ as her Saviour and was baptized and while she never united with any church she has followed to the best of her ability the teachings of Christ up to the time of her death.

Funeral services were conducted from the First Baptist church on Sunday afternoon by Rev. Chas. F. Thomas, he being assisted by Rodney Darst. Burial was made in the Wheatland cemetery with the Watson Mortuary in charge of arrangements.