

TURPEN, BESSIE S.  
September, 28, 1881-June 29, 1902

The community was greatly shocked Sunday to learn of the death of Miss Bessie Turpen, who passed away Sunday at 12:40 a.m. at the hospital in Cheyenne. Miss Turpen had been in poor health the past two years, she seemingly never recovered from an attack of pneumonia, which she had in December 1899. Some two weeks prior to her death, she had Dr. Johnston perform an operation for appendicitis, her physicians having decided she contracted this disease. The operation, however, disclosed a tubercular affection of the bowels, and the case was so complicated, that a second operation was decided upon, from which Miss Turpen was unable to rally. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Turpen, and her brother, J.F. Turpen, were with the deceased at the time of her death.

The remains were brought to Wheatland Monday and funeral services were conducted by Rev. Crater at the Congregational church in the afternoon, and were very largely attended by friends of the deceased. There were many beautiful floral offerings, thus attesting the esteem in which Miss Turpen was held. Interment was made in the Wheatland cemetery.

Bessie S. Turpen was born in Cheyenne, September 28, 1881 and was 20 years and 9 months old at the time of her death. She was of retired disposition, but beautiful of character, and was a general favorite with all who knew her. Another daughter of the family, Miss Grace Turpen, in December, 1899, and in this, their second deep sorrow, the bereaved relatives have the sympathy of all.