

TURPEN, HATTIE OLIVE BURT
January 28, 1846-December 16, 1934

Death claimed another of the early settlers of this section December 16th, when Mrs. Bryant Turpen closed her earthly career in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ernest Bullock, in Canon City, Colorado, to which place she was taken some weeks ago from the farm east of town here.

Hattie Olive Burt was born in Middlebury, Vermont, January 26th, 1846, daughter of Henry and Susan Burt. She received her education in the schools of her native state and came to Denver, Colorado in 1872 where she was employed as a teacher in the rural schools. In 1874 she went to Fort Collins where she met Bryant Turpen, to whom she was married on October 30th, 1876. Shortly after their marriage, they established a home in Cheyenne in the house next to the one occupied by the Hebard family. Mr. Turpen was engaged in freighting between Cheyenne and Deadwood until 1886 when the family moved to the Cottonwood settling on the ranch as a homestead which they gradually increased to its present size of some 3000 acres.

To them were born six children. Olive Belle, who died in 1878; James F., who is well-known here as a contractor; Bessie S., who died in the flower of her youth in 1904; Grace Alice, who died in the hey-day of her girlhood on December 26th, 1899; Abby B., who is now Mrs. Ernest Bullock; and Lizzie I. who married Howard Hasselquist. The tragedy of the deaths of Mrs. Hasselquist, her two year old son, her husband and his brother, all in a week's time on January, 1919 of botulism poisoning, leaving an infant son the only member of a happy family is yet fresh in the memory of the folk who knew them. Mr. Turpen died January 13th, 1925. Thus, Mrs. Turpen faced many heart aches during her journey through life. She was gifted with a keen mind which remained clear until the end.

The last years have been a period of waiting to join her loved ones on the other shore and her often express wish that the wait might be ended takes much of sting from the grief of her family and friends at this time. Funeral services were held in the Congregational church of Wheatland, Tuesday afternoon at 2:30, and burial made beside her husband in the cemetery.