

WEDEMEYER, FRANK DETLEF  
November 12, 1878-November 25, 1958

Frank Detlef Wedemeyer, retired pioneer rancher, who observed his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday in Platte Memorial hospital November 12, passed away early Tuesday morning. Death resulted from complications following a fall October 18 in which he sustained a broken hip.

Final rites will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, November 29 in the Christian church with the Reverend J. B. Milstead officiating minister. Interment will be in the Wheatland cemetery with Schraders in charge of arrangements.

One of Platte county's prominent and respected pioneers, Mr. Wedemeyer was born November 12, 1878 in Cheyenne to Johan and Dorthea Voight Wedemeyer, both natives of Preitz, Germany who came to the United States in 1873, settling in Davenport, Ia. before coming to Cheyenne.

He was educated in the Cheyenne schools and began his first cattle operations on the ranch of his father near Iron Mountain. He later owned sizable holdings of his own on the Laramie river west of Wheatland, running many cattle and sheep. The property, originally a territorial grant was sold in 1948 to Harry Kittell and Mr. Wedemeyer had made his home in Wheatland since his retirement.

In 1911, he was married to Mary Johnson, whose parents, natives of Sweden settled in Wyoming in the early 1870's. The Wedemeyers, who moved to the Wheatland ranch in 1911 were the parents of 3 daughters, Dorothy (Mrs. Todd) Harding and Elizabeth (Mrs. Richard) VanDercook, both of Washington, D.C.; and Louise (Mrs. Bryce) Orr of Wheatland. Mrs. Wedemeyer, now in poor health is being cared for in Washington, D.C.

Besides his wife and three daughters, he leaves two brothers, John of Long Beach, Calif. and Ernest of Kansas City, Mo.; a sister, Mrs. Bertha Boomer of Long Beach, Calif.; and five grandchildren-three of Wheatland and two of Washington, D.C.

A capable and well-liked rancher, good neighbor and loyal friend, Mr. Wedemeyer will be remembered for his cheerful manner and his interest in current affairs. He gave many years of service to the school board of his district and was a member of the Wheatland Lodge AF & Am No. 16 as well as the Wyoming Consistory.