

AYERS, CHRISTINA HERBOLDSHEIMER

June 5, 1865-March 14, 1935

Funeral services for Mrs. W.L. Ayers were held Sunday afternoon, March 17, from the Methodist church and was largely attended by the people of this community. The many beautiful floral offerings and many sincere expressions of sorrow were indicative of the high regard in which Mrs. Ayers was held. Brief but impressive services were conducted by Rev. R.E. Morgan with Rev. Dwight M. Kitch assisting. Interment took place in the Wheatland cemetery with the Copley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were: S.W. McGinley, H.W. Loomis, T.R. Shepard, Henry Evers, Joe Webb and Chas. Klassert. Honorary pallbearers were: George Richardson, Coll Morrison, E.M. Banks, D.W. Brice, U.S. Jones and Chas. Goodrich.

Christina Herboldsheimer Ayers was born in Pennsylvania on June 5th, 1865 and departed this life on March 14th, 1935. Mrs. Ayers was taken ill October 18th, but after a valiant and with splendid courage, she has gone to her great reward.

She came with her parents to Guttenburg, Iowa soon after birth. In 1885, in the company of Mr. Ayers, she went to Adams County, Nebraska, near Hastings, where her brother Dan was located. At this time she rented a farm and started farming operations for herself, in connection with her brother. On April 5th, 1885, she was united in marriage with W.L. Ayers. To this union were born four daughters, Mrs. Lester Baker of Chugwater, Wyo., Ella and Lillie, twins, Ella, Mrs. Ross R. Day of Whittier, Cal., Lillie, Mrs. G.W. Goodrich of Wheatland, Wyo., and Jennie, Mrs. Charlie C. Young of Monrovia, Calif. Grandchildren include William Ward and Philo Ayers Goodrich, Charles William Young and John Lester Baker. In addition to these are left to mourn her departure, the bereaved husband, W.L. Ayers, two sisters, Anne Gibbons of Bonner, Mont. and Lizzie Morrow of Potter, Neb., three brothers, Dan Herboldsheimer of Potter, Neb. and John and Phillip of Guttenburg, Iowa.

In the fall of 1885, Mr. and Mrs. Ayers went to western Nebraska, near Potter, where Mr. Ayers took up a homestead and a tree claim. Then returning to Adams County for the winter, they moved their meager possessions to their newly acquired homestead in the spring of 1886. Since fortune did not await them there, they ventured a prospecting tour to the Wheatland colony in the fall of 1894. At this date they made their first purchase of land, in this colony, consisting of eighty acres, located seven miles south of Wheatland, which is now their home. In the spring of 1895, residence was taken up here. The first five years of their residence here were years of constant struggle to gain a foothold, during which time, they and their family resided in a small dug-out with only a dirt floor. However, they persisted so courageously and with such determination, that fortune finally turned in their favor with reward for their labors. From that time to the present their advancement has been steady and consistent and as a result their holdings are well over 2000 acres of irrigated land in this section.

Mrs. Ayers was a woman of great industry and sound judgment and had a practical knowledge of all ranch activities. She has always been active in assisting her husband in the operation of the farms. Her pleasure was derived from this type of life and especially was she fond of caring for and handling livestock. One of her distinguishing