

FERGUSON, HAZELLE MERRILL

May 16, 1889-April 9, 1973

Hazelle M. Ferguson, 83, passed away at the Wyoming State Sanitarium, Basin, Wyoming, on April 9, 1973, after an extended illness.

Mrs. Ferguson was born May 16, 1889, in St. Paul, Nebraska. She came to Wheatland on July 4, 1902. She married Robert Ferguson on December 4, 1912 in Wheatland. To them were born two children, Robert Malcom, who died in May, 1957, and Kathleen, who lives in Thermopolis with her husband, Kenneth R. Brighton. To Hazelle and Bob Ferguson, seven grandchildren were born and there are now 18 great-grandchildren, of whom Hazelle was very proud.

During the sixty-odd years Hazelle Ferguson reside in Wheatland, she was very active in clubs, and organizations. She became a member of W.T.K. Club in September of 1913 and was active in the organization for over fifty years. She was made an honorary member of W.T.K. Club as well as the Laramie Dell Club. She also served as President of the Wyoming Federation of Women's Clubs in 1933-1935.

Mrs. Ferguson was instrumental in organizing the "Class Reunion" of Wheatland High School, and attended most of its meetings after its organization in 1958. Mrs. Ferguson graduated from Wheatland High School in 1908 and her two children and seven grandchildren graduated from Wheatland High School also.

The Platte County Historical Group, affiliated with the Wyoming Historical Group, was also one of her hobbies. She had been a member of the Congregational Church (now the United Church of Christ) since 1928. She was a member of the School District No. 9 board of directors for 18 years, P.E.O. and eastern Star have also counted Hazelle as one of its members for many, many years.

She leaves as survivors her daughter, Kathleen and son-in-law, Kenneth Brighton, seven grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren. Mrs. Ferguson was preceded in death by a son, Robert, and her husband, Robert.

Funeral services were held at the United church of Christ Wednesday, April 11, 1973 at 2:00 p.m. with the Rev. Elliott Graves officiating. Pallbearers are Darrow Blow, Ray Lamborn, Mark Boughn, Frank Robinson, Joe Whitmore, and Howard Fish. Burial will be at the Wheatland Cemetery.

The family would prefer memorials to the Chapel of the Pionee Home, Thermopolis, or the Platte County Library.