

CHASTEEN, EDNA LEO PENCE  
1886-January 21, 1953

Death came to Mrs. Melvin Chasteen of Chugwater in the Memorial hospital of Cheyenne on Wednesday, January 21, following an illness of several weeks.

Mrs. Chasteen was a pioneer resident of Platte county, coming here from Kansas in a covered wagon in 1902 with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Pence.

The late Mr. Pence settled at Wheatland and built what is known as Krewer place at the northwest edge of Wheatland. Here the Pence family resided for many years. Mrs. Chasteen, then Miss Edna Leo Pence, worked on Wheatland's first newspaper, The Wheatland World, and on other newspapers when she was a young woman. After her marriage on October 14, 1914 to Melvin Chasteen, she lived near Wheatland for a number of years on a ranch. The family moved to Chugwater in 1937, and here she resided until the time of her passing.

She is survived by her husband, two daughters, Mrs. Glen Thompson of Denver, Colo., and Mrs. Don Willcuts of Wheatland; three sons, John of Chugwater, Russell of Wheatland and Joe of Manville, and eight granddaughters.

Also surviving are two brothers, Wayne Pence of Wheatland and Forest Pence of California, and a sister, Mrs. Grace Garlock, also of California.

Funeral arrangements are in charge of the Schrader Funeral Home and services will be held in the Congregational church of Wheatland Saturday afternoon, January 24, at 2:00 o'clock.

Rev. Robert O. McCaslin of the United Presbyterian church of Torrington will officiate. Pallbearers will be Russell Bradley, Henry Gustafson, Denzil Moxley, Herman Hellbaum, Adam Boyd and Ira Johnson.

Burial will be in the Wheatland cemetery.