

GRAY, RACHEL CLARISSA COAN  
April 18, 1832-November 23, 1914

Mrs. Rachel Clarissa Gray, eighty-two years of age, the wife of the late Dr. Gray and for the past sixteen years a resident of this city, passed away at Cheyenne last Monday. Interment took place here Tuesday afternoon from the M.E. church, of which she had been a life-long and consistent member. Cerebral hemorrhage was the cause of death. Mrs. Gray had been in Cheyenne about one month.

Rachel Clarissa Gray was the daughter of Elbert and Mary Hanna and was born April 18, 1832. She was one of six children, four boys, Albert, Joseph, James and John and two girls, Adaline and deceased. She is survived by two brothers, Albert who lives in Illinois and Joseph of Indiana. She is also survived by two half-brothers, Frank and Edward of Kansas City, Mo.

She was married to H.S. Coan and to this union was born two children, a son Charles and a daughter Mary, who became the wife of Dr. Rigdon, both of those preceding her into the other world.

After the death of Mr. Coan, she was married to Dr. Gray, father of Rolland and Ira Gray and Mrs. I.N. Pence of this place and of Mrs. S.G. Hopkins of Cheyenne.

Grandchildren are Ernest Coan of New Mexico, John Coan, a student in the Tenn. Theological school, Mrs. Clara True of Palco, Kansas and Hon. Chas. L. Rigdon, United States Attorney who now resides in Cheyenne. She was also the aunt of our most esteemed friend and neighbor, Mrs. Dr. Tisch. Mrs. Gray resided in Wheatland for the past 16 years. Early in life she gave herself to Christ and His church, and much of her service to His cause was rendered through the M.E. church of which she was a member.