

JOHNSTON, ANNA MILLER
April 15, 1859-May 15, 1905

After a severe illness lasting several days, Mrs. Anna Johnston, wife of M.R. Johnston, superintendent of the Wheatland Development Co., passed away in this city on Monday morning at 4 o'clock. The deceased had been a sufferer from rheumatism, and death was due to a combination of diseases.

Anna Miller was born at Medway, Ohio, on Thursday, April 15th, 1859. She was united in marriage to Martin R. Johnston at Dayton, Ohio, Saturday, January 14th, 1882, and moved to Cheyenne with her husband January 29, 1887, where they lived until three months later, when they moved to Wheatland.

Besides her husband, her two sons, Eldon, who is attending the Rush Medical college at Chicago, and Frank, who is attendance at the State University at Lincoln, Nebraska, were summoned here by her sickness, and were at her bedside at the time of her death. The deceased also leaves a mother, 76 years of age, two sisters and four brothers residing in and around Dayton, Ohio.

The deceased was the pioneer woman of Wheatland, having come here in the infancy of the colony. She was a member of the Methodist church and took great interest in church work. She had been a church worker all her life and was active in the work of the church at Uva before one was built in this city. Her friends are legion throughout the community, and everywhere are to be heard expressions of regret over her untimely demise.

Funeral services were held in the M.E. church Tuesday at two o'clock, and the gathering was the largest of its kind to be held in our little city, there being over 75 teams in the funeral cortege. Many and beautiful were the floral decorations, the friends of the deceased taking this means of paying their last respects to the memory of the departed.

Among those from a distance attending the obsequies were Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. E.S. Johnston, Dr. and Mrs. G.P. Johnston, Bert and Clarence Johnston, Pitt Covert and Wm. DeBois of Cheyenne; Mr. and Mrs. F.W. Foss, E.M. Banks and Geo. Milne of Chugwater; Mr. and Mrs. Osgood Johnson, Geo. and F.S. Mitchell, W.H. Ralston and John O'Brien of Uva.

The order of the Eastern Star, of which the deceased was the first Worthy Matron, and the Masonic lodge, turned out enmasse, the former lodge holding beautiful services at the Wheatland cemetery south of town, where interment was made.

The Rev. Chas. DeLaBarre preached the funeral sermon and his tender words of expression in the eulogy of the life of the deceased reached the hearts of everyone in the gathering. The Pastor took for his text part of the 9th verse of the 15th chapter of Jeremiah, and say in part, "A great sorrow has gathered us here, our Father knows we cannot understand His ways; He knows they are mysterious to us and His sympathy is with us. Than try to say anything, I'd rather take my place down there with those who weep. You have known her longer than I have, but for three years I have known her only as a pastor knows the pillar of his church. But her sun has gone down, her life was like the sun in it's shining, when the sun comes over the eastern hills and it's morning on our broad prairies and in our jagged mountains, everything turns toward the light, the blade of grass tipped over with it's silvery crown, the flower turns that way, and gently the