

**NELSON, BEATRICE HAMILTON LUCAS**

**April 20, 1897-January 27, 1935**

Wheatland residents were greatly shocked Sunday when the news was received from Cheyenne that Mrs. Ed Nelson had passed away in that city early Sunday morning. While her condition was considered critical by her large number of friends, they held hope for her recovery. Mrs. Nelson was taken to Cheyenne last week after being ill for about four weeks.

Beatrice Hamilton Lucas was born on a ranch near Wheatland, April 20, 1897, and aside from the time she was away to school she had lived in this community all her life. Her earlier education was received in the Wheatland schools and later she attended the University of Denver and Colorado State College. She then came back here and taught school in Platte County for three years and finished her education at the Library of Science in the University of Iowa. After graduating she had charge of the local library for the following five years.

January 5<sup>th</sup>, 1926, she was united in marriage to Edward A. Nelson in Wheatland, and to this union, there were three children born; Eugene Raymer, 8 years of age; J.Y., age 6 years; and Betty Bea, age 6 weeks. She is survived by her husband, Ed Nelson of Wheatland; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E.K. Lucas of Wheatland; one brother, Harold Lucas of Wheatland and Mrs. C.E. Wiley of Cheyenne.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 from the Congregational church with Rev. R.E. Morgan and Rev. D.M. Kitch in charge. Interment took place in the Wheatland cemetery with the Lyla Watson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Nelson was actively associated with the early day ranching in this section and when just a small girl had the honor of owning "Muggins", probably the best known cow pony in the world. She owned this horse until he was pensioned and taken to California to spend his days in peaceful bliss.