

ROBINSON, ELIZA ARCHER
May 20, 1849-October 2, 1934

The recent death of Mrs. R.D. Robinson marked passing of one of the real pioneers of Wheatland, in fact she had the distinction of being first woman resident on the present town site of Wheatland. This fact was not learned by The Times until this week.

In a talk with Coll Morrison this week, The Times' reporter learned a lot of early day history of this country and the fact that Mrs. Robinson was the first woman settler was definitely established.

The Morrison's came to this section in March, 1886, and settled at the Wheatland post office, which is now a portion of the Chas. Randall farm 12 miles southwest of Wheatland. Mr. Randall stated he was still living in a part of the old buildings.

The Robinson's came to Wheatland in April, 1886, and Mrs. Robinson settled in a tar-papered building that belonged to the Wyoming Development Company and was located in back of the present site of the Wheatland hospital, where she cooked for the men building the office building of the Development Company on which the Pioneer Pharmacy now stands and which in the past few years been moved back on the alley. Mr. Robinson worked as a carpenter on the building and Mr. Morrison and the late Henry Mudd hauled Rock from the Rock Lake vicinity to make the concrete for the basement of the building.

Mrs. Eliza Archer Robinson, daughter of James and Ann Sturgeon Archer, was born in Manchester, England, May 20, 1849. In 1850 her family immigrated to the United States, settling at Green, New York, where she spent her childhood and early life. In December, 1880, she came to Fort Collins, Colo., where she was united in marriage to Roswell Delos Robinson. She moved to the Wheatland vicinity in the spring of 1886, at which time she became the first woman to establish residence on the present town site of Wheatland, and continued to reside in this locality until her death on October 2, 1934.

She is survived by one son, Howard A. Robinson of Wheatland, one daughter, Laura A. Willey of Binghamton, New York and one sister, Mrs. Margaret McGrath of Cazenovis, New York. She is also survived by two grandchildren. Mr. Robinson preceded her in death in 1911 and she is interned by his side in the Wheatland cemetery.