

WALN, ARTHUR C.

January 5, 1883-October 31, 1974

Arthur Waln, 91, a Glendo old-timer, died Thursday, October 31, 1974 at the Platte County Memorial Hospital following a brief illness. Services were held Monday, Nov. 4, at the Schrader Funeral Home in Wheatland, with burial in the Wheatland Cemetery. Rev. Elliott Graves officiated at the 10:00 a.m. service.

Local history has it that his mother, Mrs. W.S. Waln, was the first white woman settler in the Horseshoe Creek Community, and that her son, Arthur, was the first white child born there on January 5, 1883. Mrs. Waln once told historian Virginia Cole Treholm, author of *Footprints on the Frontier*, in an interview, that she and her baby son waited out the blizzard of 1883, alone in an old trapper's cabin on the McFarlane place. They spent 28 days without seeing a person. Mr. Waln, she said, had gone to Cheyenne to file on a homestead location to which they were moving.

Mr. Waln is survived by three brothers, George Waln, Wheatland, James Waln, Auburn, Calif., Roy Waln, Cheyenne; and one sister, Eunice Torgersen, Denver, Colo.