

WALN, WINFIELD SCOTT
June 6, 1853-August 22, 1925

Winfield Scott Waln, well known pioneer rancher of this section for the past 52 years, passed away after a short illness Saturday evening, at the age of 72 years. Mr. Waln had returned a few days before from a motor trip through northern Wyoming and southern Montana, in the course of which he became ill.

He was born near Bainbridge, Ind. on June 6, 1853. His parents moved from this place to Knoxville, Ia. when he was two years old. In 1857 the family moved to Kansas. While they were there, the Civil War broke out and the father joined the Union army, dying in battle. The mother and children remained in Kansas until 1866, and then returned to the old home in Indiana. In 1868, they moved again to Iowa, where the mother bought a farm, on which Mr. Waln worked until 1873, when he came to Wyoming freighting for two years from Cheyenne to points in northern Wyoming.

He then returned to his mother's farm, working there for another year, and then coming back to Wyoming, where he freighted and worked on the northern frontier, and in southern Montana and the western Dakotas. In 1880, he again returned to Iowa, where he was united in marriage in 1880 to Miss Clara Goodwin, who survives him. He preceded his wife to Cheyenne two years, still being engaged in freighting for the government out of Cheyenne. Mrs. Waln joined her husband in Wyoming in 1882, and they established their home near the present McFarlane post office. Later they took a homestead below the present McFarlane home.

On this ranch on Horse Shoe, they lived 28 years when they sold out and bought a farm a mile east of Wheatland, the present home.

The deceased is survived by his wife and eight children, as follows: Arthur C. Waln of Wheatland, Mrs. Edith Leech of Glendo, Walter W. Waln of Fresno, Calif., James W. Waln of San Francisco, Calif., Harriet Waln of Laramie, Mrs. Eunice Torgerson of Cheyenne, George F. Waln of Wheatland and Roy V. Waln of Ft. Collins, Colo.

Mr. Waln was widely know among the old settlers, among whom he leaves a memory of sterling integrity. For several years he had been a genial figure on the streets of Wheatland where he will be missed.