

**Frank Ainsworth**  
1857 - 1936



*Frank and Lula  
Ainsworth  
were married  
on  
January 19,  
1885  
in  
Mount Pleasant,  
Iowa.*

*They boarded  
the train  
April 7, 1885  
for  
Cheyenne  
Wyoming.*

# FRANK AINSWORTH PASSES AWAY MON.

Earliest Pioneer of the Big Trails  
Country

(By A Big Trails Correspondent)

Our community was saddened once more on Monday morning when the news of the death of "Grandpa" Ainsworth was passed from one neighbor to another. Mr. Ainsworth had a very severe stroke on Wednesday, February 5th, and it was soon evident that it was only a matter of time, for he grew gradually weaker. On Sunday he sank into a coma, and on Monday morning, he passed quietly and peacefully away.

Mr. Ainsworth lived a long and colorful life. He came to this country in 1879. He has often told of the experiences he had with Indians and bears in those early days. He and Mr. Ainsworth observed their 51st wedding anniversary on January 19th.

Mr. Ainsworth was an affectionate and appreciative husband, a kind father and a good neighbor. His home was always the center of hospitality, and many a weary traveler found rest and food and good cheer at Ainsworths. He was well-known, and highly respected by everyone who knew him. His passing is sincerely regretted by all his friends.

Funeral services were held at Ten Sleep on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30.

Ulder E. H. Meyers conducted the services and a quartette composed of Mrs. Clifford Egbert, Mrs. Fred Greet, Mr. Jennings and Mr. Shaffer sang "Saved by Grace," and "No Disappointment In Heaven." Mrs. Shaffer accompanied them. Burial was at the

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Ten Sleep cemetery.

Pall Bearers were Fred Greet, Frank Greet, Jim Pyle, W. A. Waldo, Roy Mills and Jake Griffin.

The sincere sympathy of the entire community goes to the the grief stricken widow, who is separated from her constant companion of more than half a century. May she be given the strength and courage to carry bravely on for yet a little while.

### Obituary

Frank Spicer Ainsworth was born in Dover, Lee County, Iowa, April 26, 1857 and died at his home at Fairview Ranch at Big Trails, Wyoming, February 24, 1936, his age being 78 years, 9 months and 28 days.

His mother died when he was 3 years old. She left him in the care of his uncle and Aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Albe of Keokuk, Iowa. His father, Danforth Ainsworth, was never found after he went to the Pikes Peak country as a miner.

After the death of Ben Albe, Mrs. Albe was married to Doctor Walker and they moved to Pleasant Hill, Cass County, Missouri. Here little Frank became a news boy and continued until 1871, when he joined a prairie schooner train to cross the plains for Denver. He rode on horseback from St. Joseph, Missouri, helping drive the big herd of cattle for Mr. Phillips, being 5 weeks enroute; he arrived in Denver July 3, 1871 and hired out to Mr. George Dane.

In 1876 he joined the Black Hills gold seekers, returning to George Dane after the disappointment.

In 1879 he came to the Owl creek and Big Horn mountains as a hunter and trapper.

He first settled on what is now the McClellan-Brown ranch, later coming to Fairview where he filed a homestead. Here he spent the rest of his life.

On January 19, 1885, he was married to Lucy Ann Bishop, who also being an orphan had been adopted into the Albe family. To this union were born 4 sons. Frank Ernest, who preceded him in death, 9 years before. Ray Williams Danforth, Harmon Herbert and Marion Lorenzo, who live near him.

He is survived by his loving and devoted widow. Three sons and four daughters-in-law. Eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

"Grandpa" Ainsworth has gone to rest, but the wonderful stories, he so much loved to tell, will long live in the hearts of those who heard him tell them.