

Lucy Ann Ainsworth

1857 – 1944

Mrs. Ainsworth, Pioneer Of Big Horn Basin, Dies

Mrs. Lucyann (Lula) Ainsworth, 87, said to be the third white woman to come into the Big Horn basin, died yesterday at 10:30 a. m. at Big Trails, where she had resided for nearly half a century.

Lucyann A. Bishop was born Jan. 8, 1857, at Dover, Iowa, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Boen S. Bishop. Her mother died when she was five and she made her home with an aunt. At 16 she joined the Methodist church.

On Jan. 18, 1885, she was married to Frank S. Ainsworth. She came as a bride with her husband to Wyoming in May of the same year. To them four sons were born of which the oldest, Frank E. Ainsworth, died in 1926. Her husband died Feb. 25, 1936.

Mrs. Ainsworth knew the privations of early pioneer life in the Big Horn basin, in which region she had a wide acquaintanceship. For a number of years she conducted a Sunday school at the school house on Big Trails. The Ainsworth home always was a

—MRS. AINSWORTH

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Ancestors of Lucy Ann "Lula" Bishop Ainsworth

Generation No. 1

1. Lucy Ann "Lula" Bishop¹, born 1857 in Iowa^{1,2}; died 1944 in Big Trails, Washakie, Wyoming³. She was the daughter of **2. Frank Albee**. She married **(1) Frank Spicer Ainsworth, Pioneer^{3,4,5}** 04 Jan 1885 in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. He was born 26 Apr 1857 in Dover, Lee Co., Iowa^{6,7}, and died 24 Feb 1936 in Big Trails, Washakie, Wyoming^{8,9}. He was the son of Danforth Ainsworth and Betsey L. Albee.

More About Lucy Ann "Lula" Bishop:

Burial: 1944, Ten Sleep Cemetery, Ten Sleep, Washakie, Wyoming, Lot 78C owned by Bert Ainsworth¹⁰

Notes for Frank Spicer Ainsworth, Pioneer:

1860 United States Federal Census about B L Allbee

Name: B L Allbee Age in 1860: 34 Birth Year: abt 1826 Birthplace: Vermont

Home in 1860: Franklin, Lee, Iowa

Gender: Male

Post Office: Dover

Name Age

B L Allbee 34

Johanah R Allbee 28

John Bonnel 46

Wm Bonnel 40

F S Ainsworth 3

Samuel Townsley 14

American Genealogical-Biographical Index (AGBI) about Frank Spicer Ainsworth

Name: Frank Spicer Ainsworth

Birth Date: 1857

Birthplace: Iowa,

Volume: 02

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Biographical Info: stock raiser

Reference: Genealogy of the Ainsworth fams. By Francis Jewett Parker. Boston, 1894. (212p.):92, 133-4

1900 United States Federal Census about Thomas Ainsworth

Name: Thomas Ainsworth [Frank S Ainsworth] [John Ainsworth] Age: 43 Birth Date: Apr 1857

Birthplace: Iowa

Home in 1900: Redbank, Big Horn, Wyoming

Race: White Gender: Male

Relation to Head of House: Head

Marital Status: Married Spouse's Name: Lula Ainsworth Marriage Year: 1885 Years Married: 15

Name Age

Thomas Ainsworth 43 Apr. 1857 Iowa Vermont Vermont Farmer

Lula Ainsworth 43 Jan. 1856 Iowa Vermont Massachusetts

Frank E Ainsworth 14 Dec. 1885 Wyoming Iowa Iowa

Ray W D Ainsworth 11 Sept. 1888 Iowa Iowa Iowa

Harmon H Ainsworth 8 Jan. 1892 Wyoming Iowa Iowa

Marion L Ainsworth 3 Sept. 1896 Wyoming Iowa Iowa

1910 United States Federal Census about Frank S Ainsworth

Name: Frank S Ainsworth Age in 1910: 53 Birth Year: 1857 Birthplace: Iowa

Home in 1910: Red Bank, Big Horn, Wyoming

Race: White Gender: Male

Marital Status: Married Spouse's Name: Lulu B Ainsworth

Father's Birthplace: Vermont

Mother's Birthplace: Vermont

Household Members:

Name Age

Frank S Ainsworth 53

Lulu B Ainsworth 53

Frank E Ainsworth 24

Ray W D Ainsworth 21

Bert H Ainsworth 18

Marion L Ainsworth 13

Newspapers Used As Wallpaper Big Trails' First School Books, by MRS. BERT AINSWORTH, (printed in Northern Wyoming Daily News, no date on the clipping in the collection of Mrs. Frank Greet.

Magazines and newspapers used in papering the walls of the Frank S. Ainsworth home were the first school books used in the Big Trails community. From these, the children learned to read and spell, so they were ready for the fourth grade work when the first school was established.

It was in 1896 that Miss Vida Weeburg came out to visit her sister, Mrs. James Lord [homesteaded at mouth of Crooked Creek where it empties into the No Wood], on what is now part of the Greet ranch, and was prevailed upon to teach school in the community. While here, she built herself a teacherage of logs. It was later moved to its present site, and additions have been built to it. It is the spacious living room of the Frank Greet home, where many good times have been enjoyed by the people of the community.

The school house has been moved to its present site to accommodate the younger children.

"Still sits the schoolhouse by the road"

Tho you would not recognize it,

So rejuvenated has it later grown,

No jack knives jeopardize it.

The logs, long since, have hid behind

A coat of modern siding;

And the gyp that chinks irregular cracks

Together are all hiding.

Some of the early teachers were Vida Weeburg, Gus Coleman, Oscar McClellan, Iva Speas, Millie Harbinson, two eyars, Miss Anthony, Lulu Shephard, Essie Cameron, Robert Rose, Lila Pinkerton and Mrs. Chatman. Notice the names of several familiar and otherwise prominent residents of the community.

Here is a list of the early pupils of the Big Trails school. Notice how many of these boys and girls are still prominent and good citizens of the basin:

Frank, Ray, Bert, Marion Ainsworth; Willie Ayers; Jim Blakesley; George, Annis, Hulda, Manda, Florence, Stella, Ray, Edna, Fern, Frances Brown; Mary Bremmer; Gertrude, Bessie, Frank Bull; George Coleman; Grace, Nora Cronk; Charlie, Mattie, Stella Crowley; Clyde Cobb; Tola Cowlthorp; John Early (Sr.); Len, Hazel, Everett; Bob, Mabel Goodrich; Charlie, Ben, Joe Helmer; ?Elsie, Margaret, Bessie Hopkins; Ester, Mary Lord; Ethel Lewis; Harry Mills; Grace, Bryson, Lee Nicholson; Beulah, Otto, Albert, Cora Pendergraft; James Pyle; Bertha, Frank Painter, Mary Rebedeaux; Sinda, Ada Smith; Del, Francis Shelden; Clarence Waln; Florence Wyatt.

More About Frank Spicer Ainsworth, Pioneer:

Burial: Ten Sleep Cemetery, Ten Sleep, Washakie, Wyoming, Lot 78 D owned by Bert Ainsworth¹⁰

Individual Note: Came to the Big Horn Mountaiins of Wyoming August 25, 1879.

Generation No. 2

2. Frank Albee, born Abt. 1820 in Vermont.

Child of Frank Albee is:

1 i. Lucy Ann "Lula" Bishop, born 1857 in Iowa; died 1944 in Big Trails, Washakie, Wyoming; married Frank Spicer Ainsworth, Pioneer 04 Jan 1885 in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

Endnotes

1. Ten Sleep Cemetery Records.
2. United States Census, 1930, Election District 1, Washakie Co., Wyoming, April 21.
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