



MABEL ALTHA ARNOLD
1887-1961

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Mabel Altha Jacobs was born in Nebraska in December 1887 (1889?) to Lewis and Stella Jacobs. She moved with her parents to Wyoming when she was still a child. The Jacobs family homesteaded on Spring Creek at that time. Lew Jacobs was a freighter and Bert Arnold was a young jerkline teamster when she met him. She married Bert in Buffalo in 1903 and the two became a well-known addition to the community. Mabel was a very diligent woman and according to Hugh Knoefel (Northern Wyoming Daily News 1971) she was also very attractive. The couple had five children: Zula, Effa, William T, Glen and Alta. After Bert's death, she moved to Montana to be with her son and was helping him load sheep (at the age of 74) when a sheep bounded from the truck and struck and fatally injured her. She passed away in 1961 in Montana.

Memories: I recall that she had a garden between the Millard Moses residence on main street and the Sweeney house. It was very large and required endless hours of weeding, irrigating, harvesting, but Mabel was equal to it and was always there in her dress and apron tending her garden. Her curly, dark hair never seemed to gray like other people's. She seemed to stay unchanged. Fb

Thursday, November 16, 1961

Last Rites Set for Mrs. Altha M. Arnold

Funeral services for Mrs. Altha Mabel Arnold will be held Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Ten Sleep Methodist church, with burial to be in the Ten Sleep cemetery.

Mrs. Arnold died Nov. 14 in Joliet, Mont., at the age of 73.

She was born Dec. 11, 1877, in Burnard, Neb. She came to the Big Horn basin in 1893 by covered wagon with her parents, Lewis and Stella Jacobs, and the family homesteaded in the Ten Sleep area. On June 9, 1904, she was married to Bert Arnold in Buffalo, Wyo. He died in 1945.

She is survived by two sons, William Arnold of Basin and Glenn Arnold of Joliet, Mont.; two daughters, Mrs. Alta Calton and Mrs. Zula Anderson, both of Worland; a sister, Mrs. Edna Moses of Ten Sleep; three brothers, Earl Jacobs of South Gate, Calif., William Jacobs of Calexico, Calif., and Archie Jacobs of Ten Sleep; 13 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. Besides her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a daughter Mrs. Effie Alexander of Basin.