



Benjamin L Bader
Feb 2, 1831 - Oct 3, 1886

Benjamin L Bader (1831 - 1886) is buried in O'Neal, Neb. Years after the burial, the cemetery was sold and the new owner piled up the headstones and offered them to the living family members of the interred. Benjamin L Bader's stone was miraculously taken from the pile and delivered to Benjamin L Bader (1925 - 2008) a grandson who lived his entire life in Ten Sleep, Wy. and a longtime custodian of the Ten Sleep Cemetery. The Nebraska Headstone of Benjamin L Bader (1831 - 1886) has been repaired and will soon be installed on the grave next to his beloved Ann.

The minor discrepancy between the stone and the history: The Bader Family History indicates the middle initial of Benjamin (1831 - 1886) is "L" whereas his headstone has the middle initial a "J".

THE BADER FAMILY HISTORY

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Ann Williams Bader was born at Avonshire, Wales in 1841. She married Benjamin L. Bader in 1859. Benjamin was a member of the Wisconsin Volunteer Army and fought in the Civil War. He was discharged from the army on Dec. 27, 1863 in rather poor health, having been captured and spent time in a southern prison. Ann and Ben had a family of 10 children; 7 boys and 3 girls, one who died at birth and one who was accidentally shot and killed.

Ben Bader Sr. took his family except for the 2 girls, who stayed with relatives, from Wisconsin to Nebraska. Ben died in 1886 and is buried at O'Neal, Nebr.

In 1895, Ann and 3 of her boys left Nebraska in a covered wagon headed for Lost Cabin, Wy. where a cousin, Charlie Bader lived. Ben, Fred and Arch had already made their way to Lost Cabin.

In 1896, Ann and her boys made their way over north over Cottonwood Pass and the Upper No Wood Country to the Lower No Wood where Ann took up a homestead. Ann's son Fred Bader married a young school teacher, Ethel Daugherty, who had recently come to Wyoming with her family by train. They were married March 28, 1905 and to this union were born 7 children, Vivian, Bert, Fred L. Jr., Faye, who drown in the No Wood River at 2 years of age, Paris, Beatrice and Maurine.

Fred and Ann's lives were spent on the Lower and Upper No Wood except for a few years when they lived in Ten Sleep. Fred died in 1950 at the age 80 and Ethel in 1969 at the age of 89.

Vivian married Jack Whaley and they raised 7 children, Jackie Phillip, being the only one to live in Wyoming.

Bert married Mildred Misomelius Caines of Hyattville and spent his life in Hyattville, ranching.

Fred L. also known as "Chief", lived in Worland most of his life, married once for a few years. He was a brand inspector, honored for 25 years of service by the State Stockgrowers Association.

Faye drown in the No Wood River at about 2 yrs. of age.

Paris stayed at home taking care of his parents; he owned a small ranch on the No Wood and lived to be 91 years of age.

Beatrice married Albert Kirkpatrick, a government trapper, and they raised 7 children, none of whom live in Wyoming.

Maurine, is the only living family member. She is 84 years old and married to Delbert Hollcroft. They raised 2 children. They were active in several businesses, the first being a store in Ten Sleep, then a farm in the Powell, Wy. area, in Gillette, Wy., they ran an A & W Drive In, ranched in the Powder River area, owned and operated a motel in Buffalo, Wy. They are now retired and reside in Buffalo, Wy.