

HENRY A. CARSTENSEN
1859 - 1945

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By his own admission, Henry Carstensen was born in Wisconsin of German parentage and in fact, both parents were born in Germany (one of the U.S. census questions of 1920 – 1940). In those three censuses, Henry lived with his wife, Agnes, in Election District #3, Washakie County, Wyoming. He and Agnes were married in 1915. Her name then was Agnes Stewart Lyons and he claimed prior to their marriage he was a widower; therefore, his first wife must have died and there seems to be no trace of Henry before 1915 on U.S. census records. It is believed that he had lived on the Lower Nowood for a time before buying a place in Ten Sleep where he and Agnes lived out their days. Henry passed away in 1945.

Notes: There was a couple by the name of Nicholas and Margaret Carstensen buried in the Basin Cemetery and they may be the parents of Henry or otherwise related to him. This search may turn up more facts as often the case in the search for the "dead". fb

Henry Carstensen, Wyoming Rancher For 67 Years, Dies at Ten Sleep

Henry A. Carstensen, 86, Ten Sleep rancher who came to Wyoming 67 years ago and settled in the Big Horn basin before any towns were founded, died yesterday morning at his home in Ten Sleep.

Ill for the past several years, the pioneer rancher apparently died in his sleep.

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in June 1860, Carstensen came to Wyoming in 1878 and rode the range in various parts of the state until his brother joined him in 1882 and they settled in the No-wood country.

At that time there were no towns in the Big Horn basin, but one or two settlers along the Paintrock, where they cut wild hay, and only a few cattlemen camped along the Big Horn river, among them Milo Burke of Ten Sleep, the WP outfit, and the Lovell outfit near the present town of Lovell.

Carstensen helped to dig the first bathtub at the hot springs where Thermopolis was later founded, digging it out of rock formation and erecting a cabin over it.

At one time doctors tried to get the rancher to give up smoking,

and he told them he shouldn't have much trouble overcoming the habit as he had smoked only 74 years. At the age of six he began to light his father's pipe at the fireplace and take it to him, and soon started smoking himself.

Carstensen married in 1910, and is survived by his wife and an older brother, who now lives in California and is not expected to be able to attend funeral services. Plans for the funeral were indefinite last night.

For the past few years he had rented his ranch.

Carstensen Rites To Be Saturday

Funeral services for Henry Carstensen, Ten Sleep rancher who died Tuesday, will be held Saturday at Ten Sleep at 2 p. m. The Rev. R. F. Goff will officiate.

Pallbearers will be Merton Bader, William Lewis, Berch Warner, Ben Leithead, Carl Pickett and Darwin Leithead. Veile mortuary is in charge of arrangements.