

M. E. Casshire

The following narrative describing M.E. Casshire was extracted from the book, "The First White Woman in the Big Horn Basin", by Paul Frison published by Saddlebag Books in 1969, page 33. The woman describing Mr. Casshire on page 33 is Martha James Bull Waln, who had a brief encounter with the man.

"One day my husband and I were invited by Mr. Jackson, manager of the Bay State Cattle Company, to take dinner with him and Mrs. Jackson at the round-up which was camped at the double crossing about three miles below Big Trails on the No Wood River. Along in the afternoon, a cowboy came riding up to the camp mounted upon a beautiful black horse. He stopped in front of the tent, his horse dancing and prancing.

This cowboy's name was Mollie Cashier. He was a very attractive looking young fellow, I would say almost handsome. This was the first time I had ever seen him. Upon being introduced, he handed me a copy of the first issue of the Bonanza Rustler, saying that he had just come up from Bonanza and had taken the paper from the press. This happened in the summer of 1889 and was the first newspaper to be published in the Big Horn Basin. Mollie shortly afterwards married Emma Buckmaster, now Mrs. Emma Smith living in Ten Sleep.

He drowned in Thermopolis in December of that year, less than three months after he was married."

There is strong evidence that Mr. Mollie Cashier described by Mrs. Bull is M.E. Casshire who is buried in the Ten Sleep Cemetery (lot 15A) very near to Emma Buckmaster Smith (lot 15H). The Smith lots in the cemetery are also adjacent to the Buckmaster Lots. It is assumed that the spelling of Mr. Casshire's name on his headstone is the correct spelling of his name, whereas the spelling of his name in Mr. Frison's book was submitted by Mrs. Bull from memory. The information on the headstone is "M.E. Casshire, died December 31, 1890, aged 31 and 44 days, a loved one from us has gone."

The dates that appear on Mr. Casshire's headstone, the location of his burial plot in the Ten Sleep Cemetery and the information carved on his headstone indicate that he is the person described by Mrs. Bull in Paul Frison's book.

Mallie E. Carshire
Bride's Name: Emma Buckmaster
Bride's Birth Date: 1864
Bride's Age: 25
Marriage Date: 15 Sep 1889
Marriage Place: , Johnson, Wyoming

Big Horn Sentinel no. 3 September 21, 1889, page 3 Buffalo
Marriages

CARSHIRE-BUCKMASTER. By Rev. J. C. Rollings, Sunday Sept. 15, at the residence of John Burkbart, Esq., Miss Emma Buckmaster, to Mollie E Carshire, both of Spring Creek, in the presence of immediate friends.

Boomerang no. 46 January 23, 1890, page 8 Laramie

Mollie Carshire, a well known young basin cattleman, fell over a cliff recently and was drowned in the Big Horn river at the hot springs. He had been to the springs to secure relief from rheumatism and was on his way home to Spring creek. He leaves a young wife to whom he was only recently married.

Cheyenne Daily Sun January 29, 1890, page 5

A popular young cattleman, Mr. Mollie Carshire, was drowned at the hot springs in the Big Horn river on December 31 last. He fell from a steep icy cliff into the water and was so injured by the fall as to be unable to handle himself in the water.

The book compiled by the Hyattville Historical Committee "Paintrock Trails and Bonanza Tales" mention Mollie Carshire 2008. Written by Velma Smith Doyle, p. 23 of the above book says."my grandmother was married to Mollie Carshire. He was a partner with J J Smith bringing a herd of cattle up from Abilene, KS in 1890." After the death of Mollie Carshire, J J Smith married his widow. (V. Faye Bell)