

BLANCHE FISCUS

1870-1942

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Blanche was born in Iowa May 1872 (as per the 1900 Federal census) and she married Walter S Fiscus in 1896. The couple were living in Ten Sleep, Bighorn Co. WY at the time. She and Walter had no children. In that day and age, she did what women mostly did— she kept house. By 1910, they had a spacious residence on 2nd Street which Walter built in close proximity to the Federal Building that once stood there. She was active in the Methodist Church, Ladies Aid of the same, and in the Community Club. When Ten Sleep's first library was founded, it was housed in the Methodist Church. At that time she served as an assistant librarian for the venture. In 1942, her sister Mrs. Nichols from Iowa, was on an extended visit to the Fiscus household. Walter and Blanche and her sister met with a one-car accident just outside Ten Sleep on a cold winter morning when the roads were icy. She died because of the accident at the age of 71.

Memories: Mrs. Fiscus maintained a modicum of elegance for the small Wyoming town of Ten Sleep in her apparel and her activities. One special memory I have of her is that she stopped me as she and other ladies were coming out of the Ten Sleep Drugstore (abt 1941) as I was entering the store, "Young lady, your father was the best looking man in this country when he was young!" I've treasured the memory of it! fb

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Ten Sleep. Veile mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Fiscus was 71 years old and, had she lived, yesterday would have observed her forty-sixth wedding anniversary.

Her death came nearly a month after she underwent an emergency appendectomy in Worland hospital. She rallied after the operation and recovered sufficiently to return to Ten Sleep. Her recovery seemed assured until Friday, when she suffered a relapse. She had been ill most of the winter and had never entirely recovered from injuries incurred in an automobile accident more than a year ago.

Mrs. Fiscus and her husband, Walter S. Fiscus, who survives her, came to the Ten Sleep country in 1899, living first at the Bay State ranch, now the R. W. Spratt ranch. Later they lived at the Frison place. They bought state land embracing what is now Ten Sleep and the land to the north and built their home near the viaduct east of Ten Sleep. A few years later they moved the building to its present site in Ten Sleep. At one time they owned a store and had the post office in Ten Sleep.

Before coming to Wyoming, Mrs. Fiscus was a school teacher in Kansas and Iowa. After coming to Wyoming she taught school at Spring creek.

She was born at Seneca, Kan., Aug. 19, 1870.

Mrs. W. Fiscus Dies Sunday At Ten Sleep Home

Funeral services for Mrs. Blanche Fiscus, prominent Ten Sleep woman who died at her home in Ten Sleep after a long illness Sunday, will be held at 2 p. m., Wednesday in the Methodist church in Ten Sleep. The Rev. D. M. Kitch will officiate. Burial will be in

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