

JACK DUNHAM
(1860-1944)

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John J Dunham (Jack) was born February 18, 1864(as per clipping) in Putnam County, Missouri to John and Mary Dunham. He attended Missouri schools and lived with his parents on their farm until he was 19 years of age. He went to Oklahoma Territory and cowboied there. He came to Wyoming first in 1899 with cattle brought into the State, but he went back to Oklahoma and was there until 1908 when he returned to Wyoming. On December 26, 1918, he married Della Warner in Basin, Wyoming and lived out his days as a 'plasterer' in the Big Horn Basin. Della Dunham passed away in 1932. When Jack Dunham died there was only one surviving sibling out of 6 brothers and 6 sisters. The research gives no record of children to this couple. According to the newspaper clipping Jack Dunham died 1 December 1944 at the age of 80[sic 84?] and was found dead in his cabin.

Memories: I recall Jack Dunham but in my youth, he was just another old fellow here and there on the streets of Ten Sleep and there is no specific memory of his mannerisms or the spirit of the man. Fb

Cowboy Of Last Century Dies At Ten Sleep Home

Jack Dunham, 80, who drove cattle into Wyoming before the turn of the century, died last night at Ten Sleep after being in poor health for several years.

Mr. Dunham was born in Putnam County, Missouri, Feb. 18, 1864. He attended Missouri schools and lived with his parents on a farm until he was about 19 years of age. Then he left for the Oklahoma Indian territory. He worked as a cow hand in both Oklahoma and Wyoming, coming to Wyoming for the first time with cattle in 1899. He returned to Oklahoma, but in 1908 came back to Wyoming where he has resided since. In 1918 he and Della Warner were married at Basin, and went to Ten Sleep to make their home. Mr. Dunham then worked as a plasterer for some time. In 1932 Mrs. Dunham died. There were no children.

Of his six brothers and six sisters,

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he is survived by one sister, Mrs. Ellen Berger of Brookfield, Mo. Funeral arrangements are indefinite pending word from relatives.