

Margaret S. Frison

1865 - 1954



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Using the currently available census and public records, the following are pertinent to this pioneer lady of Ten Sleep area.

She was born in Missouri as Margaret (Maggie) Shields on October 10, 1865. She married Jacob Charles Frison in De Soto, Jefferson, Missouri on March 31, 1891. They moved to Leadville, Colorado and thence to Basalt County and 1901 they came overland by covered wagon to Ten Sleep. They were 69 days on the road according to Jacob C Frison account. In 1910 the couple had five sons and one daughter: George S., Paul P., Theodore (Ted), Robert S., James Alfred and Annella. They lived on their homesteaded ranch until her passing in 1954. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jake and James Alfred Frison and George S Frison, two sons; and her daughter Annella. She home taught her children in an era where schools were few and far between. A picture of her in her youth with her husband makes a statement of her status and beauty.

FUNERAL RITES FOR MRS. FRISON TODAY

Rosary was recited Monday evening in the Veile chapel for Mrs. Margaret Shields Frison, 88, who died Saturday in Worland after a long illness.

General mass for Mrs. Frison will be sung at 9:30 a.m. today from St. Mary Magdalene Catholic church, with the Rev. Cyril Hmelovsky officiating. Burial will be at 11 a.m. in Ten Sleep cemetery. Veile mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Frison, a pioneer resident of Ten Sleep, was born Oct. 10, 1865, in DeSoto, Mo. She was married to Jake Frison there in 1891. They moved to Ten Sleep from Glenwood Springs, Colo., in 1901.

Mrs. Frison filed homestead claims to the Frison ranch near Ten Sleep under the Desert act in 1901. The property, as it was originally filed, is still in her name, and has been part of three counties. The ranch was part of Johnson county first, then Big Horn county, and finally Washakie county.

Mrs. Frison had been confined to bed since she suffered a stroke