



Lewis M Jacobs

1857 – 1931

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Lewis M Jacobs was born 16 Dec 1857 (Ancestry.com) in Monroe, Greene Co, WIS, the son of Alden Benjamin Wilson Jacobs and Sarah Emily Abernathy, but came to Nebraska and was in Creighton, Knox Co, NE in 1880. Lewis Jacobs was the second child of Alden & Sarah Jacobs and had 5 brothers and 5 sisters. He married Mary Stella Gaskill before 1887 in Nebraska. In the following decade the couple had 5 children: Archie Lewis, Altha Mabel, Earl Elwood, William Lester, and Edna Rose. The couple immigrated to Wyoming where Jesse Alden Jacobs and Floella Marie were born. The Jacobs farmed on Spring Creek and Lewis M was noted for his abilities as a horticulturist (experimenting with different crops, etc.). Some local sources pointed out Lew Jacobs as a freighter from Rome Hill and in the surrounding area. Lewis Jacobs, according to his Granddaughter Zula Arnold Anderson (daughter of Altha Mabel and Bert Arnold) built several good houses in the area and instigated the first indoor plumbing that she was aware of in the area. He had strong work ethics and lived a productive life. His wife, Stella, passed away in 1921. Lewis Jacobs died in Ten Sleep, Washakie Co, WY July 19, 1931.

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“On the Spring Creek, Lew Jacobs built a new house with a spacious living room—not for living, but for dancing. Dan Peterson, the sixty-year old carpenter from Illinois, would tuck the violin under his chin, while Oscar Atwood would pluck the guitar with Mrs Jess (Alice) van Buskirk at the organ. The Jacob’s house would rock with the stomp of “Marching through Georgia” or swing with the lilting “Over the Waves.”

Worland Grit, Thursday, July 23, 1931

Washakie County Pioneer Takes Own Life Sunday

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Lewis M. Jacobs, Pioneer of the west and an old timer of this section took his own life at his home in Ten Sleep Sunday morning, July 19th by shooting himself with a pistol.

Mr. Jacobs returned from a dance which had been held in the vicinity, arriving home between one and two o'clock in the morning. He entered the kitchen where it is believed that he took a gun from a drawer in that room and after placing it near the rear right side of his head and discharged it resulting in instant death.

Mrs. Jacobs who was in the adjoining room heard the report and immediately went to the fatal room where she found the body of her husband upon the floor.

Dr. W. O. Gray, County Coroner, was called and an inquest was later held in Ten Sleep Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock under the direction of Dr. W. O. Gray before a jury composed of Chas. Alexander, J. U. Hankins and Emerson Parks. After hearing the evidence they returned a verdict to the effect that the deceased came to his death by his own hand.

Funeral services were held from the Ten Sleep Church Wednesday afternoon, Rev. Jno. Frank Smith, officiating.

Mrs. C. H. Harkins and Mrs. Donald Harkins accompanied by Mrs. R. C. Shultz at the piano sang "Come Ye Disconsolate Where 'ere Ye Wonder" and "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder," Mrs. Donald Harkins also sang "One Sweet Solemn Thought". The services at the graveside were conducted by

the members of the Worland and Ten Sleep Masonic Lodges and interment made at the Ten Sleep Cemetery. The Pall Bearers were R. C. Shultz, F. S. Coulter, J. R. Snyder, Ralph Wood, O. E. Nowels and Fred Conner.

Lewis Murray Jacobs was born on the sixteenth day of December, 1857 near Monroo City, Wisconsin and died at his home in Ten Sleep, Wyoming on the fourteenth day of July, 1931.

Mr. Jacobs moved to Nebraska in 1878. On May the seventh 1885 he was married to Stella Gaskill. To this union were born seven children, six of whom still remain; Mrs. A. B. Arnold, Archie Jacobs and Mrs. Arthur Moses of Ten Sleep, Wyoming; Earl Edward Jacobs and William Lester Jacobs of California and Mrs. Oscar Noreen of Oregon and Jessie Jacobs who died in 1919. Mrs. Stella Jacobs died in 1921.

Mr. Jacobs was married a second time in August 1922 to Mary Page.

Mr. Jacobs is one of the last among the early pioneers of the West. For forty years he has been active in Masonic circles, having helped to organize Cloud Peak Lodge No. 27 of Worland, Wyoming and Ten Sleep Lodge No. 46 of Ten Sleep, Wyoming. He served as Master of Ten Sleep Lodge No. 46 during 1930. A short time ago he became a member of the order of Eastern Star.

He leaves besides his wife and children; fourteen grand children and five great grand children; a host of friends who mourn his passing.