

MARY N MCCLELLAN
1865-1947

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Mary Nuce McClellan was born in 1865 in Canada to Thomas and Elizabeth Foley. She met and married George Bear McClellan on 21 Mar 1888 while they both lived in Canada. The 1891 Canadian census shows the couple with two youngsters: Wilfred and Thomas (ages 2 and 1). But on the U.S. 1900 Census at Red Bank where they had come to reside, there are no children listed. Mary, known for her wonderful hats and generous heart, took in Fanny Washburn, a daughter of a former friend, and Catherine MacBean whose mother had emigrated from Scotland with the young girl. She was a proper woman that stood by George Bear through his 'hunter' years and his 'legislature' years. She lived in Worland, Washakie County for a number of years before she passed away in 1947.

Memories: I was in the company of William Doyle Wood, son of Catherine MacBean who married Bill Wood, McClellan's ranch foreman, when Mrs. Mac (an endearing term) was in ill health at the Worland Hospital. It was about a month before her passing. She received us graciously in November of 1947. Fb

Death Claims Mrs. McClellan Following Lingered Illness

Mrs. Mary Ellen Lutes McClellan, 86, died here yesterday following a lingering illness following a stroke suffered a year ago.

Born Jan. 9, 1861 in Pennsylvania, she was 86 years, 10 months and 28 days old.

Mary Ellen Lutes went to Center Point, Ia., as a little girl and lived with an uncle. There she first met George B. McClellan who, before his death in 1934, had become one of Wyoming's most colorful figures. In 1892, Mary Ellen went to Douglas, where she was met by McClellan and they were married.

They left at once for Red Bank, Wyo., where they made their home. McClellan, at that time was in

partnership with the late Gov. W. A. Richards operating the Red Bank Cattle company, one of the large cattle and horse outfits in central Wyoming.

In 1916 the McClellans came to Worland to make their home.

"Auntie Mac," as she was known, had no children of her own, however, she and the (Bear) Bear George, her husband virtually adopted Mrs. Henry Tully, then, Miss Fannie Washburn, only child of Mary Ellen Lutes' childhood chum. Later they repeated this kindly deed and took under their virtual care, Miss Catherine Mc-

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Bean. Both girls were considered as members of the family, along with Henry Tully, a young man who had already assumed a large share of the responsibility of the operations of the outfit.

She joined Methodist church at Center Point, Ia., in 1881.

In addition to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tully of Ten Sleep, and Mrs. Catherine Wood of Riverton, Mary Ellen McClellan is survived by one nephew, Howard McClellan, one niece, Mrs. Margaret Chastain, and Mrs. Baird McClellan and family, all of Worland.

During her pioneer days in the Red Bank country, she was untiring in her efforts in her community which stretched for many miles around. In sickness in birth and in death, she kept a devoted vigil. It may be truly said of Auntie Mac, she was a Sister Kinney of her pioneer days. She had a wide circle of friends and admirers who watched at her bedside untiringly during her lingering illness.

She lived through the Civil war, the Spanish-American war, World War I and World War II.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later.