

OBITUARY FOR ECHO SWEET PICKETT

1898-1985

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Echo J Sweet was born in Nebraska in 1898 to Will and Bertha Della Sweet. (Combined data from Echo's story on *Pioneers and Rural Schools* written for the History of Washakie County and written by its people 1976 and the 1900 Federal Census.) In 1900 Echo was the baby of the family with her sisters listed as Imo J, Hazel A, Esther G (Gladys) and Echo herself, and the family resided in Lincoln Ward #6, Nebraska. By the Federal Census of 1910, the family had been blessed with a son Roy who was nine at the time and a daughter Cleo who was four years old. The census was taken from their residence in Lincoln, Antelope, Nebraska. In 1911 Will Sweet bought 80 acres east of Worland and traveled from Elgin, Nebraska, in an emigrant car furnished by the railroad to help settle the Big Horn Basin. Mrs. Sweet arrived with the family a few days later.

As per Echo's description of herself, she graduated in 1916 from Worland High School and she attended the University of Wyoming. She taught school at the Mann (or Pickett) school in 1916-1917 school term for \$60/month. In 1917 she married Carl Pickett who was a rancher and stockman. They lived on Lower Nowood creek. The couple had five children: Otis, Wayne, Donald, Arlen and Carlene. She reports in her article mentioned above that the children were all successful family people. Echo was active in the community affairs—the Nowood community club for women and the Methodist Church when the family retired to Ten Sleep in 1957. For some time she wrote local news of the Lower Nowood for the *Worland Grit* which preceded the *Northern Wyoming Daily News*. Echo J Sweet Pickett passed away in 1985.

Memories: I recall that the subject herein attended all of the children's school activities. She was a modest matron who always behaved in a comely, ladylike fashion. I agree her children were bright and looking to the future meeting their mother's expectations.

Echo J. Pickett

Echo J. Pickett, 86, formerly of Ten Sleep, died Tuesday at the Shepherd of the Valley Care Center in Casper.

She was born July 4, 1898 at Elgin, Nebraska, the daughter of William Frederick and Della McKee Sweet. She married Carl A. Pickett April 8, 1917 in Worland.

She moved to Worland when she was a small child, was raised in Worland and graduated from Washakie County High School. She taught for several years at Bonanza. She and her husband had ranched on the Lower Nowood for many years before moving to Ten Sleep in 1950. She moved to Casper in 1984 to be near her daughter and to live in the Shepherd of the Valley Care Center. She was a member of the Methodist Church and the V.F.W. Auxillary of Ten Sleep.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Feb. 6, 1985, one son, two brothers, five sisters, one grandson and her parents.

She is survived by four sons, Otis Pickett of Escondido, Calif., Arlen Pickett of White City, Ore., Wayne Pickett of Ogden, Utah and Don Pickett of Laramie; one daughter, Mrs. Lee (Carlene) Weiss, of Casper; 14 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, April 6 at the United Methodist Church in Ten Sleep, with the Rev. Frank Bozart officiating. Burial will be in the Ten Sleep Cemetery. Veile Funeral Home of

