

LENORE SHEPARD

1892-1959 or 1864 – 1939 or ??

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On the 1900 census for Spring Creek, Wyoming public to all through Ancestry-com, John F (Fletcher) Buckmaster is listed with his wife Mary J (Jennings) Buckmaster and the following children: Fred, Edith, Lennie, William, and Clara. In the book *Vanguards of the Valley*¹ the 1900 Spring Creek census as taken from the film was: John F and Mary Buckmaster and their children Lenore, William, Clara and Mike. Several times in obits published by the Worland Grit and likely put together in haste and by persons other than the Buckmaster family, there is a definite error in calling the sons of the above couple as William , Lennie and Mike. Lenore (Lennie) was born in **13 December 1891** to the couple according to the California Death Index and her death date as **17 September 1959** in San Diego: Mother's maiden name, Jennings, Father's surname Buckmaster and Linnie as Linnie Brown Buckmaster. She had married Earl Brown. In the 1920 U.S. census she was living in San Diego and md to Earl Brown with children Mary Gladys Brown age 6; Leslie Earl Brown age 5 and Perle Virginia Brown under 1 year. These census reports make it likely that Lenore (Lennie, Linnie) was married to Earl Brown by ca 1913.

She has been buried under the name of Shepard, but the time frame makes it difficult to determine if she married a Shepard after Earl Brown died? But Clara (Topsy) Buckmaster Bull had a daughter Goldie who md a Shepard and some confusion might have reined in this instance for Topsy is also John Fletcher and Mary Buckmaster's daughter Clara.

More puzzle pieces/questions:

1. Lenore Shepard (1864- 1939) is not mentioned in Bernice Lyman's notes. We can't find an obituary for her.
2. Glen's 1st wife Lenore (1906 – 1941) is buried in 84A. The newspaper clearly says that Glen's 1st wife was Lenore. Note – the spelling of Lenore's name on our cemetery records. Does not agree with the newspaper. Should we to change Leona to Lenore to agree with the newspaper article? My guess is yes we should make the change.
3. Glen (1910 – 1979) is Buried in 84B. He is the son of Hulda (Brown) Shepard (1888 – 1912).
4. Alice Shepard (1919 – 1966), Glen's 2nd wife , is buried next to him in 84C
5. Lenore's obituary (1906 – 1941) suggests there may be a 2nd person buried in 84A. It reads, "...Interment will be in the Ten Sleep Cemetery beside her husband's mother and sister. Does husband's mother and sister mean Glen's Mother and Glen's Sister? Or Glen's

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Mother's sister? Lenore's (1906 - 1941) husband's (Glen's) mother is Huldah Rachel Brown Shepard who is buried in 85A - 2 graves west of 85a.

6. It is possible that Lenore (1864 - 1939) could be Huldah's sister who was married to a man with surname of Shepard.
7. Also, Huldah's mother (Eliza Brown 1864 - 1927) is buried in 85E just west (or next to) of Lenore's grave..

Bottom line is we don't have definitive information for the Lenore Shepard buried in 84A. Is her birth/date (1892 - 1959) or is it (1864 - 1939)? It also could be neither. The black headstones in the Ten Sleep Cemetery are a result of a cemetery project (circa 2000) to provide a stone for those buried in the cemetery but had either no marker or a marker that was unreadable. The dates on the stone may be incorrect. Since the existing stone marks the spot for Lenore Shepard (1864 - 1939), the cemetery will continue to use the stone dates for the Lenore Shepard buried in 84a. When the black headstone was created, the cemetery board authorized the 1864 - 1939 but there are no notes in the cemetery minutes as to why these dates were given to the stone cutter. If more accurate data turn up or are found in other research, changes can be made to identify this woman more properly at that time.