

Emma J Smith
1865 - 1943

Daily News Dec 1, 1943

**Pioneer Of
Big Horn
Basin Dies**

TEN SLEEP — (Special) —
Death yesterday claimed another
Big Horn basin pioneer — Mrs.
Emma J. Smith, 78, who settled at
Hyattville in 1886.

Although she had spent most of
her life at Hyattville, she had been
living at Ten Sleep and died at
the home of her son, Joe Smith.

The Veile mortuary is in charge
of funeral arrangements, but
plans are indefinite pending word
from her sons and daughters who
live in other states.

Mrs. Smith was born Aug. 7,
1865, and moved with her husband
to Hyattville in 1886. There they
homesteaded what is the present
Kenner ranch. Her husband died
12 years ago.

She is survived by four sons, Joe
Smith of Ten Sleep, John J. Smith
of Idaho Falls, James Smith of
Denver and Jess Smith of Ukiah,
Cal., and two daughters, Mrs. El-
mer Durfee of Great Falls, Mont.,
and Mrs. George Brown of Ten
Sleep.

--FUNERAL SERVICES

(Continued from First Page)

Parker and Bruce Durfey of Hyatt-
ville.

Emma Jane Buckmaster was
born Aug. 7, 1864, in Buchanan
county, Iowa. In the year 1886
she came to Wyoming from Kan-
sas and lived with her brother,
John Buckmaster, near Ten Sleep,
where she met and married Mollie
Carshire. Carshire met with acci-
dental death at the Thermopolis
Hot Springs shortly after their
marriage, and Mrs. Carshire then
moved to the vicinity of Buffalo,
where she lived temporarily with
her sister, Ida Burkhart. It was
while living there that her first
child was born and named after
her father, Molly Carshire. Molly
died Mar. 30, 1919.

On Oct. 27, 1891, she married
John J. Smith. They moved to
their ranch near Hyattville where

they lived for almost half a cen-
tury.

Mr. Smith died in 1931 and Mrs.
Smith moved to Ten Sleep, where
she resided in her home until her
death. Mrs. Smith, like her hus-
band, was well and favorably
known throughout the Big Horn
basin.

Mrs. Smith is survived by six
children: Mrs. Lottie Brown, Ten
Sleep; Joe Smith, Ten Sleep; Mrs.
Ruth Durfee, Great Falls, Mont.;
John Smith, Idaho Falls, Ida.;
James Smith, Denver, Colo.; Jessie
Smith, Ukiah, Cal.; and 10 grand-
children and seven great grand-
children.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Swimley of
Williston, N. D., arrived yesterday
to visit their daughter, Mrs. William
Woodhams, and family.

William Searler of Denver is in
Worland on business.