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ALONG THE BOZEMAN TRAIL

JANUARY 2007



Beatrice Gallatin Beuf.

BEATRICE GALLATIN BEUF
WILL BE 100 ON FEB 8TH
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

GOELET and EDITH POST GALLATIN
CARLO and BEATRICE BEUF

by Mary Ellen McWilliams

To leave a familiar and well established life, family and friends and a promising career, to move from the city of New York to a ranch in Wyoming, would be difficult today. In 1911, it was extraordinary.

Goelet and Edith Post Gallatin were born and raised in New York City. Goelet was a graduate of the Columbia Law School and was Assistant District Attorney for the City of New York. He had been a member of Squadron A on the famous rough-riding team, a special New York unit of exhibition horsemen.

Goelet's poor health was a factor in the move, but a certain measure of adventuresome spirit and a desire to build something of their own was also a factor.

The Gallatins had been west on hunting trips numerous times, and in 1910, in Santa Barbara, California, they became acquainted with Willie and Edith Moncreiffe, who owned a ranch near Big Horn, and had built the house which later was sold to Bradford Brinton and is now the Bradford Brinton Memorial. Moncreiffe invited them to spend the summer.

The history of the Beuf Family was published in the SHERIDAN COUNTY HERITAGE Book -1983. More of this story can be found on page 2.

BIRTHDAYS FOR
FEBRUARY

- 1 Martha Ann Perry Clarkson
- 2 Vicki Grooms
- 7 David Clarenden
- 8 Beatrice Beuf
- 11 Roberta Sept Deti
- 13 Henry Arnoux
- 14 Lorrene Martini
- 19 Marelyn Blackley
- 21 George Coates
- 22 Harriet Clendenen
- 22 George Harper
- 23 Gayle Miech
- 24 Deck Hunter
- 24 Carolyn Griffith
- 24 Bert Dow
- 24 Dick Bodine
- 27 Leighanne Danko

WALLICK FOUNDATION

Once again we have received a generous \$1,000 donation from the Wallick Family Foundation. The funds are greatly appreciated and will be used to help us continue to preserve our local history. THANK YOU, BOB & JOAN, FROM ALL OF US.

We usually MEET THE
4TH SUNDAY OF
EVERY MONTH:
-NEXT MEETING
DATE-
JAN 28 @ 1p.m.
BIG HORN WOMAN'S
CLUB

Carry In Lunch
Program to follow.

**Sheridan County Historical Society:**

Dinner & Program @ The Holiday Inn

6:00 p.m. On JANUARY 25TH

Reservations appreciated by Tuesday noon, Jan.23. Dinner is \$13 per person which includes tax and tip. Program is free and those wishing to come just for the program should be in attendance by 6:45. Call Linda or Karen @ 674-4436 to make reservations.

Program Presenter: MIKE DAWSON

With "An Evening With Sue"...The life-sized cast skull of T-Rex Sue will be in attendance.

THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS:

Thank you to all who donated cookies for the December hayride-caroling party. The refreshments were most appreciated by all who attended.

And thank you to those who donated funds totaling \$352.50:

Donna Eckerson Angel
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Bob & Nancy Caiola
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Herbert & Ellen Brettell
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Vic Garber

BEA GALLATIN BEUF

The Gallatins, with their four year old daughter, Beatrice, came in by rail in March, and were met by Willie Moncreiffe at the Sheridan depot, with a spring wagon and four-horse team. The day was wet and cold. In 1911, the old wooden sidewalks and hitching racks still lined Sheridan's streets. With wagon axles sinking in mud, it was more than a three-hour journey to the ranch.

The Gallatins camped out that summer along Trabing Creek, and in 1912, bought the old E-4 Ranch, which extended east from the middle of Brinton Lane, and included a large tract of land on Dutch Creek. They built a house and barn on the home ranch and began operation of a 2,000 head commercial Hereford cow and calf herd.

Roy Snyder of Cody, their close friend and Edith's hunting guide, became their first foreman. Roy was tragically frozen to death in the mountains in 1917, and the family hired Floyd Bard as foreman. He stayed until the end of World War I. Johnny Cover became foreman in the 20's, and stayed for 27 years.

In 1914 when World War I broke out, Goelet volunteered for the 1st Officers' Training Camp. Out of the entire class of trainees, only Goelet Gallatin and one other were commissioned Captain. He was sent to France in command of a battery in the 348th Field Artillery. Later, during World War II, Goelet served as head of the Wyoming Officers' Reserve Corps.

Edith ran the E-4 Ranch, as well as the adjoining ranch of Major Ridgley Nicholas', the D Bar D, until the end of World War I. To be continued—

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU
TO DICK SPRINGER &
THE KNIGHTS FOUNDATION** for their donation of \$500 to the Scholarship Fund in honor of Sally Springer. Each year we give a scholarship to a local student.



NOTE: The article featured on the Mt. Hope Cemetery page is about two men LOST IN A BLIZZARD. They were Roy Snyder & Melvin Sutton. Roy Snyder is also referred to in the Gallatin story.

**JANUARY MEETING—THOSE MEMBERS
HELPING THIS MONTH : SET UP AT 11:30:
PAT & JOHN BEST and RENEE ADAMS
CLEAN UP: RENEE ADAMS & MARILYN
BLACKLEY**



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October 28, 1917

LOST IN A BLIZZARD

Roy Snyder & Melvin Sutton Caught in Storm on Mountains & Perish

MANY MEN SCOUR THE COUNTRY

**Snyder's Body Found on Creek Bank, Sutton's Body Still in Piney Creek:
Remains Brought out of the Canyon by Means of Rope**

Roy Snyder and Melvin Sutton, two well known residents of the Big Horn Country lost their lives, probably Sunday, while dozens of intrepid men were scouring the country, anxious to give them succor. The two men were victims of the terrible storm that raged throughout the mountains Saturday and Sunday, and died while trying bravely to fight their way back to shelter.

Snyder's body was found late Monday evening on the ice at the edge of Little Piney. It was cold and stiff. Sutton's body has not yet been recovered but the evidence is such as to preclude any possibility of him being alive. His body is in a deep pool of the Piney and by the time this is written may already have been brought out, but so inaccessible is the region that it may be hours before the searching party returns to report.

The details of the tragedy are strange and almost unbelievable. That two men, though both strong and rugged should succumb to the rigor of the storm is not strange, but that one of them should be Roy Snyder, a man inured to hardship, bred in the Rockies and one of the best hunters and guides in the country, is a fact hard to grasp. Generally it is believed he gave his life in trying to save his companion who had fallen in the river, and unhampered might have won his way to shelter.

Just how the two men met their death will probably never be known, but the circumstances as far as they can be related are:

Saturday: Snyder, Sutton and Floyd Bard, the last named of whom is foreman at the William Moncreiffe ranch, started out on a hunt for deer. After traveling up Little Goose Canyon for some distance they came to a mountain and decided to separate. They drew straws which two would go together while the other went alone. It seems that Bard drew the short straw which sent him off alone while Snyder and Sutton started up the hill together. That was the last that was seen of the two men.

After a time Bard came back to the place where the trio had parted and finding the horses took them back to the permanent camp. Later he returned with fresh horses, built a signal fire and waited all night for the two partners but they did not return.

In the morning Bard returned to Big Horn and gave the alarm. A number of men turned out and a search was instituted which was continued all day Sunday and Sunday night, but without avail. Monday a general alarm was given. Fifty men from the Big Horn country and half as many from the vicinity of Banner turned out and every foot of the country in the mountains above Little Goose Canyon was combed. To be Continued——



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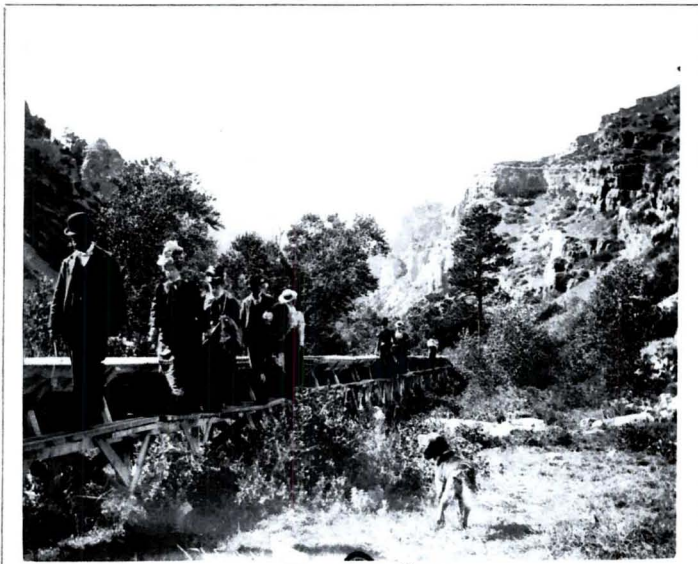
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JANUARY PROGRAM

Jack Russell will be presenting the history of the Tie
Flume. (photo from the Marc Coffeen Collec-
tion.



TONGUE RIVER CANYON

Subject, *WALKING TIE FLUME.*

Herbert Coffeen and friends.
NOTE: Ladies wearing dresses. Duke
the dog at right.

ANNUAL

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Robert Byrd, DDS
Dental Chief VAMC
Forensic Odontologist
CEO, Forensic Medicine Group
Wyoming, USA

FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Dr. Robert C. Byrd, Chief of Dental Service at Sheridan VA Medical Center, will present the program on the many significant contributions made by African Americans in the history of northern Wyoming. Focusing on the original garrison of "Buffalo Soldiers" at Fort McKenzie.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

JOE & PATTY GINGLES - STORY

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Scott Eckerson
- 2 John Currie
- 9 John Slack
- 10 Helen Bard
- 11 Jack Sept
- 12 Bea Hutson
- 16 Jim Currie
- 20 Joyce Billings
- 23 Laura Cole
- 25 Marguerite Beckwith
Mackey
- 27 Bill McIntosh
- 30 Barb Sare
- 31 Norene Baxter

CONDOLENCES TO:

The family of Faye & Edgar Symons for the loss of their daughter Valerie Pohlhammer who passed away Feb. 10.

AND TO THE FAMILY:

OF Anne Martin Williamson. She passed away January 27th after a long battle with cancer. She was the mother of Gary, Hal, Jeri & Lauri. The Martins lived in the log house west of the Womens Club. Memorials may be made to : BH Womens Club or Oncology Center in care of Tara Keep, 1st Federal Bank, Box 6007 Sheridan WY 82801.

MARY BECKWITH MACKEY (1613 NFM 138, NEVADA TX 75173) IS ASKING FOR ANY INFORMATION ON HER PARENTS LENA AND EARL BECKWITH. Thank You.

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SET UP AT 11:30 (clean up same members): Bob & Colleen Rolston, Bernie & Barb Sare



BEUF - CONTINUED FROM JAN.

Edith Post Gallatin was a woman of many talents and interests. When her husband returned from the war, she

relinquished her direct involvement in ranch management, but turned her energies to many other activities.

In 1920, she put in four acres of strawberries, which largely supplied the C B & Q Railroad. She started the Big Horn Mountain Nursery, and raised trees and plants commercially. She was a self-trained landscape architect, and designed the small cemetery adjoining Sheridan's main cemetery.

Edith and Goelet restored the little white community church in Big Horn, and rebuilt and restored the old blacksmith shop, dating from Bozeman Trail days, which stands next to the Big Horn Women's Club.

Edith's efforts, collecting money for the American Cancer Society, once won her a gold medal for the largest per capita collection in the nation.

She enjoyed painting and music, and was an accomplished horsewoman and a "top hand."

But Edith Gallatin was best remembered for an early-established rapport with her adopted land and its peoples. The land became her land . . . not just by virtue of ownership, but by her love of it and her work in the fields, on horseback, and her work making its soil excel in growing things.

Many Gallatin ranch hands stayed on for years and years, making the ranch their home. Some lived and died there, and in later years, Beatrice and her husband, Carlo Beuf, visited the Sheridan Cemetery each spring to place flowers on their graves.

Edith cherished the friendship of neighbors. Each Christmas she organized a group of carolers. With sleigh bells ringing, they jingled along, first by hayrack and horse team, and later by trucks with flatbeds, to each house, singing and bearing gifts.

But Edith had a very special affinity for the Indian people, both Crow and Cheyenne. Years before All

America Indian Days was born, she put together a show with much the same purpose - to bring together historically warring tribes and to help spread understanding of Indians and Indian culture among the whites.

She was instrumental in persuading the Crow and Cheyenne peoples to sign a peace treaty, which was memorialized by a bronze plaque mounted on a large boulder. This plaque was later stolen from its place at the Sheridan County Fairgrounds.

In the early 30's, she came into possession of a famed peace pipe whose powers could be invoked through ceremonies, chants, and prayers for benevolent, peaceful purposes only. The pipe was highly revered by the Cheyennes and Crows. Her offer to return it was refused, but because of its mystic powers, the Indians feared the pipe would be dangerous for a white woman to hold unless she were protected by a special knowledge of the myths and ways of their people.

Thus, Edith Gallatin, in an initiation ceremony lasting three days and nights, became the first white woman (perhaps the only white woman?) to officially become a Crow Medicine Woman. As long as she lived, she honored this responsibility.

In 1930, Edith, Goelet, Carlo and Bea Beuf had all been adopted into the Crow Tribe.

In the late teens and early 20's, the Circle V Polo outfit was formed, a partnership between Milton McCoy and Goelet Gallatin, to raise, train and sell polo horses. They had 100 head of brood mares and would breed and train the horses here, then sell them in Aiken, South Carolina. A 5/8 mile race track was set up, with a jumping course and a polo field inside the track. Each year, a two-day race meet and horse show was held. These were well-attended events with many participants, including the top race horsemen from the Crow and Cheyenne tribes.

The ranch went into the purebred Hereford business during the depression, and by 1934, Gallatin's daughter, Beatrice, with her husband, Carlo Beuf, returned to the ranch and Carlo took over active management.

Edith Gallatin died in 1944, and Goelet Gallatin died in 1962.

Edith Beatrice Gallatin Beuf was born in 1907 in a brownstone house at 444 Madison Avenue, New York, where the *Newsweek* building now stands.

Since she was four, Bea was raised mainly on the ranch at Big Horn, and became a proficient rider early in life. "I have ridden horses ever since I can remember," she says, "with cattle on roundups and long drives, to and from our mountain ranges, training polo ponies, playing polo and jumping." She spent as much time as she could outdoors, in the hay fields, on horseback.

The Gallatin family spent a good deal of time, also, in New York. It was their intention to not only keep up their own ties, but to give their children, Beatrice and Thomas Gerry (born in 1914), exposure to their family roots in the east. Thus, Bea attended Miss Chapin's school in New York, the Ethel Walker School in Simsbury, Connecticut, and finally the Fermata School in Aiken, South Carolina, where the family was then marketing the polo ponies which had become an important sideline to the cattle operation.

Her brother, Thomas Gerry Gallatin, being a boy, had more formal and extensive education at Saint Mark's Preparatory School and then Princeton University.

In the winter of 1925-26, Bea made her debut at Pierre's in New York, and became a member of the Colony Club. The entire family took an extended world cruise in 1926-27.

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Finally tracks were found. The storm had filled the foot prints but with infinite care they were hunted out and followed. It was a job that took nerve as well as skill for this is a wild and rugged country and the snow was deep. Y. Z. David of the forestry service and L. N. Larson with skill that rivaled an Apache led in the hunt.

The trail led up Little Goose and over the mountain and it was apparent that on the divide the storm broke loose in all its fury. In place of returning it seems that the men started for Piney intending to seek shelter in Dr. Whedon's cabin. They made the journey safely and Snyder's sense of direction was not much at fault for the trail shows that they missed the corner of the fence at the Whedon Cabin not more that four feet.

The storm at that time must have been terrific or they would have seen the barn, house or other buildings where they would have found food, shelter and comfort. But they missed it and went to their death.

The trail then led down the Piney and two miles below David and Larson came upon the dead body of Snyder. He was lying on the ice near a pool and a broken place in the ice shows where Sutton went in. Snyder apparently tried to save him but becoming exhausted lay down on the ice and was overcome by the cold.

All the way down the creek from the place where the men struck it, were broken places in the ice showing that the men had followed the stream course either in an effort to keep from losing their way, or as some believe, because the water was warmer to their feet than the snow and they therefore walked in the creek. All the old timers agree that the blizzard which cost the two men their

lives must have been one of the worst in the history of the country. Men who were in the valley say that it came on suddenly and that the eddying snow almost immediately made it impossible to see more than a few feet. If this was true in the valleys on the mountain top it must have been something terrific. The men were without even their coats having left them on their saddles. They probably had matches but to start a fire in such a gale would have been an impossibility. It seems probable that they remained out all night Saturday night unprotected and the next morning were so exhausted they could scarcely walk. However they started out probably hoping to reach Whedon's cabin, but missed it only by a few feet. Before they had proceeded far down the creek, however, the storm evidently ceased, for the tracks around the place where the dead body of Snyder was found, were apparently fresh and clear of snow. The tracks of Sutton leading to the hole in the ice, where he is supposed to have disappeared are clear and well defined. Snyder has for the past six or seven years been the foreman of the Goelet Gallatin ranch near Big Horn. Prior to that time he lived in Park County on the South Fork of the Shoshone where he has a large number of relatives. (TO BE CONTINUED....)

Sheridan County Historical Society Dinner and Program @ The Holiday Inn 6:00 p.m. Feb. 28
Please call Karen at 674-4436 for reservations by Tuesday noon. Dinner is \$13 per person which includes tax and tip. Program is free and those wishing to come just for the program should be in attendance by 6:45.

Program: Magdalena Gorska from Istebna, Poland with "Letters home from Polish Immigrants to Sheridan County from 1920-1960"



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FORT MACKENZIE—VETERANS ADMINISTRATION MEDICAL CENTER



SHERIDAN COUNTY HERITAGE BOOK-President William McKinley set aside public lands near Sheridan in 1898 for the erection of a military post. Wooden buildings were first built then in 1902 several brick buildings were constructed. The reservation was named Fort Mackenzie for General Ranald S. Mackenzie. At various times it housed cavalry troops, The Regimental Band and the 18th Infantry "Wyoming's Own". A few months prior to America's entrance into WWI, the 18th Infantry was sent to the Mexican border. During WWI, Fort Mackenzie was dismantled and all equipment and supplies were shipped to other military posts. It remained vacant until 1922 when it was opened as a psychiatric hospital for veterans. The peak patient load came after WWII, when 900 patients were cared for at the hospital.

(courtesy of Marc Coffeen's Collection.)

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MARCH PROGRAM

Three generations of the prominent Escosz Basque family will present a program on the arrival of Basques in Sheridan and Johnson counties and the influence they have had. The program will end with traditional dances in ethnic dress.

LOST IN THE MAIL?

Anyone missing a newsletter? And would like a replacement copy? Please call 307-674-6363 or write to us that you would like back copies. Let us know which ones you are missing. Thank you. Sorry for the inconvenience!

William Wallace Sackett Family

I am happy to announce another page of the Multiplex book is complete-W.W. SACKETT. I have learned to make posters in Adobe Photoshop. This will allow family members to order copies of their family history multiplex page. I have 15 more pages to finish which will go very fast since most of the scanning is done. The Multiplex should be completed by June....just in time for the summer season!

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Rachel Pelissier
- 6 Kathy Hosford
- 8 Walt Legerski
- 9 Shawn Jensen
- 9 Dorothy Enzi
- 12 Donna Hutson
- 13 Katie Gorman
- 17 Helen Yetter
- 19 Makhailia Eckerson
- 20 Ed Symons
- 23 Don Mackey
- 25 Gene Caiola

BIG HORN HIGH SCHOOL GIRL'S BASKETBALL TEAM WON THE 2A REGIONAL TOURNAMENT. THEY PLACED 2ND AT STATE LOSING IN OVERTIME. LOOK OUT NEXT YEAR AS THEY LOSE ONLY ONE SENIOR!

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CLEAN UP— ED & FAYE SYMONS & BYRON ELMGRAN



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Program: Rosebud Battle—Speaker is John Young whose family has lived near the Battlefield for 111 years.

GET WELL WISHES TO:

Dan Berry - who had open heart surgery. He is home now and doing better. Cards may be sent to 835 Yellowstone, Billings, MT 59101.

Helen Bard - had knee surgery in November and has been recuperating. She also recently came down with pneumonia but is feeling better. Cards may be sent to 554 Clarendon, Sheridan WY 82801.

Lorraine Lowe - recently had a stroke. She is regaining her strength daily. She is currently at Westview Nursing home where she is in physical therapy. Cards may be sent to 210 S. Badger, Sheridan, WY 82801.

CONDOLENCES TO:

The family of John Ruzicka. He passed away March 3rd. John (84) was the son of John & Milada. He was raised on the Moncreiffe Ranch and attended school in Big Horn graduating in 1940. He taught science for 33 years at Central Jr. High in Sheridan. Survivors include: Frances, his wife of 59 years, and his 3 children; Father Gary Ruzicka, Kathleen McManus & Franci Hayer. Memorials may be sent to Diocese of Cheyenne Permanent Deaconate Program, Box 1468, Cheyenne, WY 82003.

**AN EXTRA SPECIAL THANK
YOU TO MARVIN MONROE
WHO HAS BEEN PLANNING
OUR WONDERFUL PROGRAMS
AND TOURS.**



Big Horn City Historical Society's officers hard at work. From left to right: Vice President Scott Burgan, President Bob Rolston, Secretary Barb Sare and Treasurer Mona Coates Brown.



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He (Snyder) was married and leaves a widow and a little child 18 months old. Sutton was a man of about 30 years of age and was unmarried. He has been employed at the William Moncreiffe ranch for a number of years. He has no relatives in this section of the country but has a sister at Neligh, Nebraska, who has been notified of the tragedy. No funeral arrangements have yet been made.

Word comes this evening from the party that went out to secure the bodies of the men that they have brought Snyder as far as the foot of the Rocky Grade where there is a sled upon which the remains will be taken to the Gallatin ranch. The party is waiting hoping that the body of Sutton may also be recovered and brought in with that of Snyder.

The point where the accident occurred was almost inaccessible, the canyon walls being so steep that it was necessary to lower men with ropes to secure the body of Snyder. After it was removed from the canyon it had to be taken several miles on a hand sled before a road was reached.

One of the brothers of Snyder has already arrived from Cody and was with the searching party.

FINAL FACTS IN TRAGEDY

NOVEMBER 2, 1917

There was a double funeral at the Goelet Gallatin ranch Wednesday afternoon and the last sad rites were performed over the bodies of Roy Snyder and Melvin Sutton, the two men who lost their lives in the terrible storm that raged throughout the Big Horn mountains Saturday and Sunday. Rev. F. Glover of the Big Horn Methodist church and

Rev. Thomas Gordon of the Congregational church of the same place were in charge of the obsequies and an immense assembly of sorrowing friends were present to pay their respects to the memory of the dead and to offer their sympathy to the living relatives. After the funeral the body of Sutton was interred in the Big Horn cemetery while that of Snyder was shipped to the old home at Cody. As was mentioned in the last issue of The Post, the two men lost their lives while hunting deer in the rugged country near the headwaters of the Little Goose and Piney. It now seems evident that they died sometime Saturday night. Snyder's body was found on the North Fork of the Piney some two miles below Dr. Whedon's cabin, on Monday. At the time The Post went to press the body of Sutton had not been recovered and it was supposed to be in the creek. This supposition however, proved to be incorrect. It was found Tuesday evening some distance above the Whedon cabin. Every evidence connected with the finding of the bodies and the tracing of the footsteps points to the fact that they had not lost their bearings but simply died from exhaustion and exposure after superhuman efforts to reach shelter through one of the worst storms that ever prevailed in the Big Horn mountains. Sutton was found face downward with his gun still in this arms. The snow had covered his body. Snyder had apparently staggered on believing perhaps that he could win through to Whedon's cabin and maybe return with succor missed the fence by less than four feet. Missing the cabin he started down stream—the only sensible course that a man of experience lost in the storm would pursue. Apparently both men died of exposure and exhaustion. Sutton's body was covered with snow but from all appearances the worst of the storm had passed before Snyder died, for while his body was stiff and cold there was little snow on it and his most recent tracks were very plain. It was at first believed that Sutton had fallen into the creek near where Snyder's body was found but after the pool had been drained and searched this idea was abandoned. An effort was then made to back track Snyder. This was accomplished with much difficulty but the single

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BEUF - CONTINUED FROM FEB (original story written 1983)

Carlo Beuf was born in 1893 in Genoa, Italy of a distinguished Italian family. His father was head of the Underwood Typewriter and Corbin Lock Companies for Italy. Count Beuf expected his son to go into business with him. So Carlo, who later became a respected art critic, writer and historian, was sent to New York to John Underwood to receive training in the typewriter business. Carlo eventually took over the business and managed it with considerable success.

Meanwhile, Carlo gave himself a classical education through his own reading and studying, and became a member of the Leonardo da Vinci Academy in Milan. He was a lifelong member of Rotary International, starting as a founding member of Rotary in Rome. The club's first President was G.M. Marconi, the Italian physicist who developed wireless telegraphy. Carlo was a member of the noted Century Association in New York.

Bea Gallatin and Count Carlo Beuf met in New York in the early 20's, and were married in 1931 in the log house on the ranch in Big Horn.

They settled in California, where Carlo became head of the Foreign Department of Metro Goldwyn Mayer. Here, Carlo developed the technique of dubbing in voices, which he did with great success in four languages. He worked under Charles Eddington (Greta Garbo's manager). During those years, he and Bea became acquainted with Ethel Barrymore, Clark Gable and many other celebrated actors and performers of the time.

In 1934, Carlo and Bea returned to Wyoming, where Carlo assumed management of the Gallatin Ranch, and wrote two outstanding books: "*Cesara Borgia, the Machiavellian Prince*" (still considered to be the definitive work on its subject), and "*The Innocence of Pastor Muller*" (which he also illustrated). Carlo wrote numerous book reviews for the *New York Times*, *The Saturday Review*, as well as articles in various other notable American periodicals. "*The Innocence of Pastor Muller*" was produced for TV by CBS's Studio L and starred Walter Slezak as the Pastor, and Marlene Dietrich's daughter as the heroine. Carlo described the show's producer, Worthington Minor, as "the most brilliant of television producers."

"*Cesara Borgia, the Machiavellian Prince*" was a seven-year project, and Bea assisted him in an editorial capacity, as well as in all of the activities of the ranch.

Carlo, having seen the Brown Swiss breed of dairy cattle perform so well in Switzerland, felt they would do well here also, the climate being similar, and started a dairy herd on the ranch. He later became President of the Wyoming Dairy Association and the Sheridan and Johnson Counties Dairy Herd Improvement Association. He raised a number of cows, with notable production records, plus many show honors.

Carlo was a director of the Farm Bureau, and long time President of the Community Concert Association.

In 1941 when World War II exploded, despite a distinguished record fighting for the Allied cause in World War I (he was awarded several decorations for gallantry in action), and despite his dedication and loyalty to the United States, Count Carlo Beuf still was an Italian citizen, and Italy was this time on the other side. With feel-

ings running high, the war years were very difficult for the family. Bea served in several capacities with the Sheridan County Red Cross, and worked for the can-teen feeding troops coming through Sheridan. After the war, as soon as it became possible to do so, Carlo renounced his title (a hereditary title carried by his family for over 400 years) and became an American citizen.

Bea served as a member of the Big Horn School Board for 12 years, much of the time as President of the Board. In the 60's, Bea became Vice President of Specialized Packaging and Engineering Company in Scottsdale, Arizona. She is an Associate Life Member of the Society of Women Engineers, and an ex-professional member of the Society of Packaging and Handling Engineers.

One of her proudest moments was when she was invited to christen the USS Nicholson DD-982 at ceremonies at the Ingalls Shipyard in Pascagoula, Mississippi at the request of the Secretary of the Navy, W. Graham Clayton, Jr. (Bea is the oldest female descendant of Hanna Nicholson and Albert Gallatin, Secretary of the Treasury under President Jefferson and Madison. Hanna was the daughter of James Nicholson, Sr., Captain in the Continental Navy). Bea accepted, and the christening took place on January 28, 1978.

Carlo and Bea Beuf had two sons. Dr. Francesco Gallatin Beuf, M.D., lives in Sheridan with his wife, Barbara, and her son, Hunter Holiday, and is a Pediatrician with the Northeast Wyoming Pediatric Associates PC. He has three children: Helen, Carlo and Peter.

Alessandro became a commercial pilot and lost his life in a plane crash in an Arizona canyon while flying for the Forest Service in 1972. Besides his wife, Mary Elizabeth Reid, he left three children: Goelet, Beatrice and Edith.

Carlo died in Sheridan in 1981. Bea still lives in the home she and Carlo built some years after the death of her parents, near the original log house built by her father. Bea's brother, Thomas Gerry Gallatin, is retired and lives in Stuart, Florida.

Most of the original ranch property was sold to Allen Fordyce. Wendell Loomis has leased and operated the remainder of the ranch since 1958, but Bea is still much involved.

She serves on the Sheridan Council for the Arts and as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library. She travels a good deal, keeping up ties in New York, in Italy with Carlo's family, and elsewhere, as well as working to sort and catalog Carlo's vast collection of books.

"As you can see," she says, "during the course of a long and varied life, I have indeed known many worlds."

Bea still rides most days, and like her mother, she has made this country and its people hers.

(Bea is not able to ride any more. She is now 100 and very frail.)



Saturday—May 5th
FIELD TRIP TO THE HISTORIC
TA RANCH
One of the significant sites of the
JOHNSON COUNTY CATTLE WAR

The trip will begin at the Big Horn Women's Club building. The Big Horn School District bus will arrive at 9:45 a.m. and depart at 10:00 a.m. The road trip will be about an hour and fifteen minutes, with a stop at Gatchell Museum in Buffalo to pick up tour guide, Bob Edwards. We will proceed south to the site of the Tisdale murder, where there will be a short narrative and then on to the TA Ranch.

On arriving at the TA, we will go to the Conference Center/Dining Room/Museum for a lunch of Bar-B-Q Brisket, baked beans, salad, drink and desert. There a program will be presented by the owners of the Ranch and Bob Edwards on the culmination of the Johnson County Cattle War. Following the program, we will tour the historic grounds and structures where the events occurred with narrative by the guides.

At approximately 1:30 p.m., we will reboard the bus for the return trip to Big Horn.

The cost for this excursion is \$16.00 per person, payable to Big Horn City Historical Society. We need 40 participants to make this program work financially. Reservations can be made at the March 25th meeting, the April 22nd meeting or any time by contacting or mailing to:

Mona Brown, Treasurer - Phone 672-6447
830 E. Timberline Drive
Sheridan, WY 82801

OR Marvin Monroe Phone 683-2764
PO Box 638
Story, WY 82842



TRAGEDY—CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

tracks were finally followed back until the tracks of the other man were found and shortly Sutton's body was discovered. After the bodies were found it was a Herculean task to bring them out both bodies having to be carried for miles. The closest point to the scene of the tragedy that could be reached with a team was the foot of Rocky grade. To this point a sled to which was attached four horses, was taken. Coroner Stevenson & Sheriff Mossberg going with the party. To break a road even to that place some dozen of horsemen went ahead to open the way. It is said that the snow in that section of the country is three feet deep on the level. And not light but packed hard and that the storm in which the men died was one no living man could have faced.



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LEROY SACKETT standing at the foot of school house hill with the
Wyoming Collegiate Institute in background. Photo taken about
1903. Reproduced from a glass negative. For those of us who
knew Leroy, isn't this just adorable? He is wearing a derby hat
and his shirt has large ruffles. (Courtesy: Sackett Collection)



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APRIL 2007

APRIL PROGRAM

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!! Kid Witness News (KWN) is a hands-on video education program created to encourage students to develop valuable cognitive, communication and organizational skills through the use of video. Under student supervision, students research, write, act in, produce, direct and edit a 10 minute video which is used in a nationwide competition. The SHERIDAN Junior High School students and their teacher, Dana Wyatt, will be our featured program this month. They will be showing Heart Mountain "The Forgotten Years" documentary that won BEST VIDEO IN AMERICA (first place in 2006). Since 1992, Sheridan Jr. High has won nine national awards and have traveled to several states and foreign countries. Last year the team won a trip to Japan, which further taught the students about the effects of war. Larry Engel of Larry Engel Productions Inc. from New York City selected the video for his honor award. His comments about the documentary, "reflects strongly on the youth of Sheridan, Wyoming and their commitment to preserving our collective heritage, good and bad, in order to make sure that we do not repeat terrible mistakes."

WE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS : R.L. CULLIGAN, NOREEN NAYLER AND POLLY HILL

MAY BIRTHDAYS

5 Shirley Dailey
6 Ron Dailey
9 Kathleen Bishop
13 Barbara Johnson
14 Susan Dow
20 Judy Slack
22 Andy Long
25 Dolly Sept
28 Dwaine Gleason
30 Meshelle Powell

CONDOLENCES to: The family of Dorothy Enzi who passed away April 2. She was preceded in death by her husband Elmer. She is survived by a son, US Senator Mike Enzi and his wife Diana and their children; a daughter, Marilyn Koester and her husband, Bob.

**We usually MEET THE 4TH SUNDAY OF EVERY
MONTH: NEXT MEETING DATE APRIL 22 @ 1p.m.**

BIG HORN WOMAN'S CLUB—

Carry In Lunch with Program to follow.

THOSE MEMBERS HELPING THIS MONTH :

SET UP AT 11:30 - MARILYNN & MARVIN MONROE, ROY SCOTT

CLEAN UP— MARILYNN & MARVIN MONROE, ROY SCOTT



Sheridan County Historical Society Dinner and Program @ The Holiday Inn 6:00 p.m. April 26 Please call Karen at 674-4436 for reservations by Tuesday noon. Dinner is \$13 per person which includes tax and tip. Program is free and those wishing to come just for the program should be in attendance by 6:45.

Program: HELEN GRAHAM speaking on her new book "Pass Creek Country: Stories of the Early Settlers". Includes stories of the Yonkee, Dana, Reynolds, Powers, Kerns & Tschirgi families.

501 (c) (3) —Barb Sare, Mona Brown & Judy Slack have been working on the IRS tax-exempt application. It has been assumed we always had this designation but we are not on file with the IRS as a charitable organization. This will allow members to deduct donations on their own personal tax forms. It will also allow us to apply for grants. We will be presenting a revised constitution to the membership at the April meeting. Then in May at the annual meeting we will vote to accept the revised changes. They are mostly boiler-plate requirements for the IRS. The application will be sent in June. Wish us luck!!!

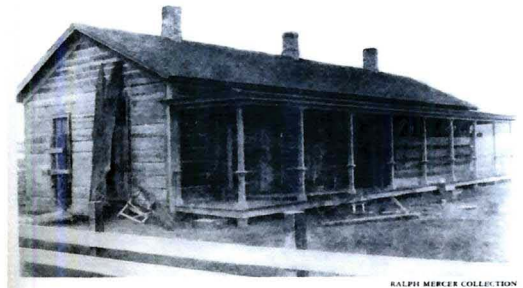
TA RANCH TRIP

Saturday—May 5 th

At the time of writing this for the newsletter, there were 4 seats on the bus still available. If you have not already signed up and want to go on the trip, call Marvin or Mona. You can take a chance and sign up at the April 22nd meeting if space is still available. We will also establish a "stand-by" list to fill any last minute cancellations. If you have already signed up but not paid, please plan to do so at the April meeting or mail a check made out to Big Horn City Historical Society.

On the day of the trip, please be at the Woman's Club parking lot and ready to board the bus at 9:45 a.m. The bus will depart promptly at 10:00 a.m. We will arrive back in Big Horn at approximately 2:30 p.m. There will be some time after the meeting on April 22nd to discuss details or you can call: Mona Brown, Treasurer - Phone 672-6447 OR Marvin Monroe Phone 683-2764

The TA Ranch house as the cattlemen left it after their rescue by federal troops...THE WAR ON POWDER RIVER by Helena Huntington Smith



RALPH MERCER COLLECTION



EXCELLENT PROGRAM BY THE ESCOZ FAMILY— Jean Escos, a Basque emigrant from Spain, gave an informative talk followed by several traditional dances performed by family and friends from Buffalo.



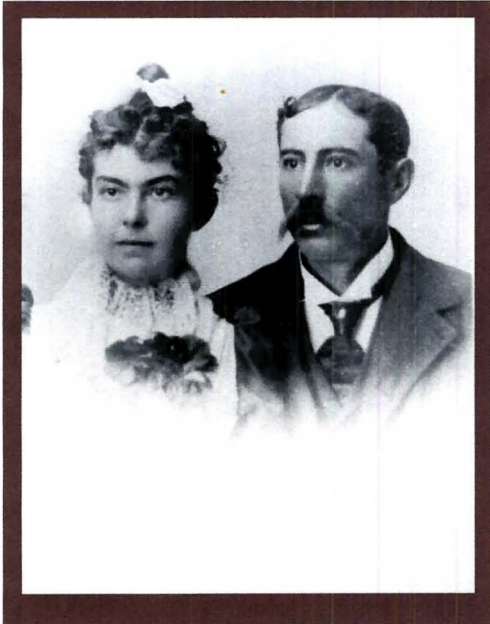


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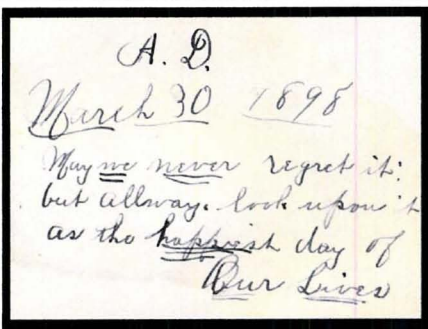
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WILLIAM W. & EMMA SACKETT



EMMA WATKINS & WILLIAM WALLACE SACKETT ON THEIR WEDDING DAY
MARCH 30, 1898



Written by Wm. W. Sackett to
Emma on their wedding day:

A. D.

March 30, 1898

**May we never regret it; but
allways look upon it as the hap-
piest day of Our Lives**



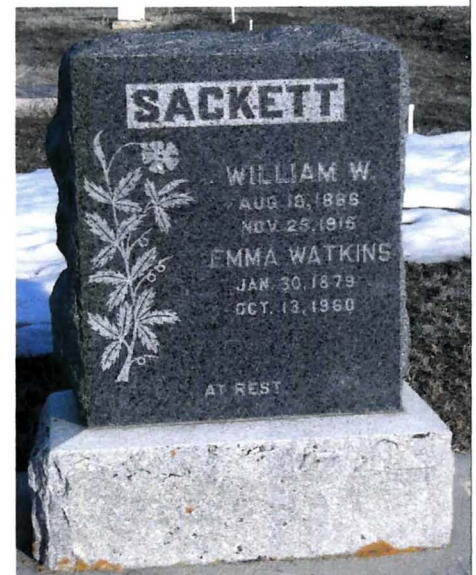
LEFT TO RIGHT: William Wallace Sackett, Emma, LeRoy, Sula, Mabel and Dorothy
DATE of Photo: approximately 1909

W. W. SACKETT

Nov. 25, 1915

W. W. Sackett, one of the best known and most respected citizens of the Big Horn district, died at his ranch home near that town at 9:30 yesterday forenoon, aged 49 years. Funeral services were held at two o'clock this afternoon at the Big Horn church, interment being in the Big Horn Cemetery.

Deceased was born in Forrest, Illinois, on August 18, 1866, and moved to Sheridan County in 1891, soon afterwards settling near Big Horn. He had been engaged in the ranch business all during his life in Wyoming. Death was due to cancer of the liver from which he had suffered for some time.



Other family members buried
at Mt. Hope Cemetery::

Bertha	Bessie
Clyde	Emma
Gladys	Harold
John	LeRoy
Richard	Ross
Jack is buried in France	



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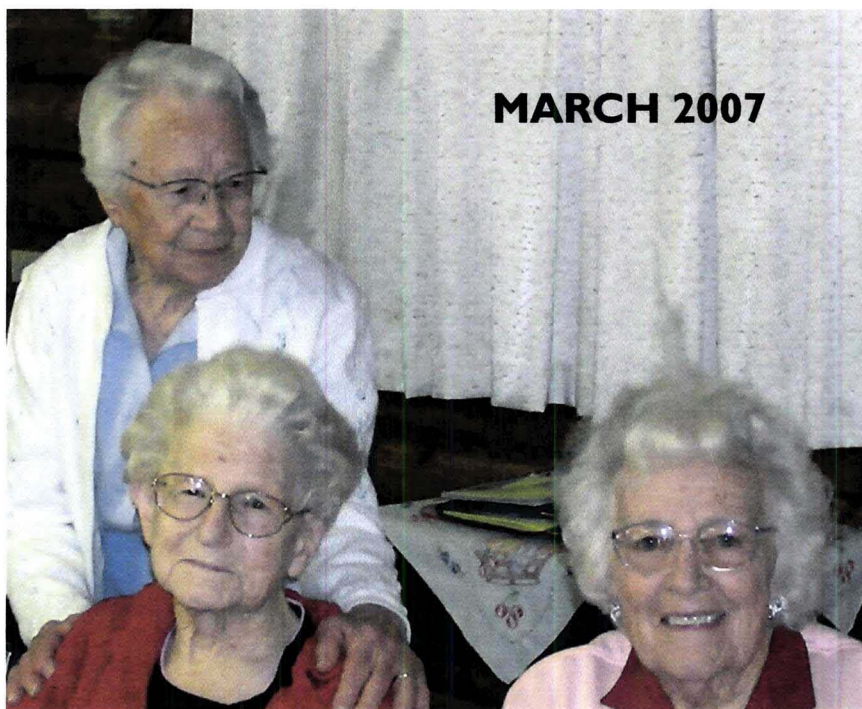
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MAY 2007

MAY—Election of officers will be held at the May 20th meeting. We will also be voting on the updated Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws. If anyone wants to review these before the meeting please call Judy at 307-674-6363. We have had an attorney, Darlene Reiter, help us with this task. The board has worked hard to review and pre-approve the necessary documents to move forward with the State of Wyoming registration as a non-profit corporation then to file with the IRS for charitable organization status 501c3. WHEW! Thank you.

MORE THANK YOUS TO:

-Robert Brent, Scott Burgan, Pat Ward and Joe & Betty Marshall for their extra cash donations this spring!

-James & Sandy Belus for the maroon International Harvester milk and cream separator. She has written a darling story to go with the separator sharing the life story of Susie, the milk cow. Come visit the museum & read her biography.

-Thank you to everyone who volunteers to help with our carry in lunch.

June BIRTHDAYS

1 Lloyd Vandenberg
5 Wilson Moreland
12 Les Coates
17 Elizabeth (Dow) Hager
18 Terri Meeker
20 Jack Dewey
21 Alice Carnes
25 Melvine Rolston (1908)

FYI: It costs about \$6.00 per year per address to send newsletters. We send 255 newsletters per month to 381 members. Over 161 live outside of Sheridan County.

July BIRTHDAYS

4 Pete Genereaux, Opal Arnoux
5 George Klepinger, Jerry Dewey
6 Bette Berry
8 Sandy Belus
9 Elaine Hilman
14 Shirley Dupree
15 Charlotte Smith, Phil Moore
16 Rene Adams
20 Dick Springer
23 Lee Helvey
25 Diane Caiola
27 Donna Angel
29 Nancy Caiola
30 Mildred Carroll

August BIRTHDAYS

2 Jim Clifton
5 Ann Gorzalka
6 Virginia Brown
8 Marvin Nottingham
11 Charlie Popovich
14 Toby Thobobe
16 Janet Holcomb
20 Jean Roelfsema
21 Diana Gorman
26 Sandra Gorman
27 David Clendenen

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May 5: FIELD TRIP TO THE HISTORIC TA RANCH JOHNSON COUNTY CATTLE WAR

Despite inclement weather conditions, the participants all indicated they enjoyed the experience. We picked up tour guide, Bob Edwards, in Buffalo. From there he gave a rolling commentary of the events leading up to the siege at the TA Ranch, where we were greeted by owners Earl and Barbara Madsen. They presented a short program before hosting a wonderful bar-be-cued brisket lunch. After lunch, Bob Edwards continued the program and told about the happenings of the four-day events before the "Invaders" surrendered and were taken to Fort McKinney. After Bob's presentation, we toured the original ranch house, barn and granary. This was enhanced with a lot of pictures and marked bullet holes in the walls of the structures.

(Written by Marvin Monroe—Photos by Scott Burgan)



Bob Edwards (left) and Earl Madsen in the original barn. Barbara Madsen at right giving a tour of the granary where they have a collection of wonderful photographs of the main players and sites of the war.

THANK YOUS TO:

- Zane & Elaine Hilman for their generous donation of stamps for our May newsletter (note: We had to send them with the new 41 cent stamps).
- Bob Edwards, Earl & Barbara Madsen for a wonderful day at the TA Ranch. Barbara cooked lunch, gave tours and we are sure she was the chief bottle washer too. They served a hot lunch for 50 of us history folks. It was a blustery, rainy day so they had to mop up after us as well in the main house, granary guest house and conference center. Thanks also to Marvin for organizing a great tour.
- Thank you to all our officers and board members who have served the past year.
- Ann Gorzolkka for donating \$100 towards our multiplex.

**MAY 2007 BOOK ORDER FORM****(MAJOR NOTE: **ALL AUTHORS ARE BHCHS MEMBERS**)**

Price per book + Wyoming residents add tax + postage (profit to be used for updating museum displays)

TITLE	AUTHOR	Price/book+Tax+Postage	#ordered	TOTAL
Where the Rivers Run North—Morton		\$24.95+1.50+2.07=\$28.52	x _____ = _____	
HF Bar Ranch—Ringley		\$27.95+1.68+1.59=\$31.22	x _____ = _____	
HF Bar Ranch—Ringley		\$38.95+2.34+2.07=\$43.66	x _____ = _____	
80 Years in Kitchen—Rolston		\$16.00+ 0.96+1.59=\$18.55	x _____ = _____	
Pass Creek—Graham		\$30.00+1.80+2.07=\$33.87	x _____ = _____	
Bernard Thomas—Musgrave/Doerr		\$24.95+1.50+1.59=\$28.04	x _____ = _____	
Big Horn Pioneer set—Garber/students		\$10.00+0.60+1.59=\$12.19	x _____ = _____	
Rodeo Time—Ringley		\$23.95+1.44+1.59=\$26.98	x _____ = _____	
Wyo Sheriffs—Gorzolka		\$14.95+0.90+2.07=\$17.92	x _____ = _____	
Tidbits—Springer		\$10.00+0.60+2.07=\$12.67	x _____ = _____	
Make checks payable to Big Horn City Historical Society			GRAND TOTAL	_____

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Any questions, please call Judy @ 307-674-6363 or 307-751-4908 Thank You.

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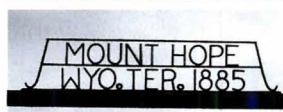
>>>> Big Horn Community Reunion will be held July 14—noon to 4 PM @ the Woman's Club—Pot luck picnic. Spread the word. (I have rented a tent for \$170 for the day. Donations will be accepted at the reunion. Do I have any volunteers to help put up the tent that morning???) REMINDER that we need donations for the air conditioning system: Big Horn Woman's Club, PO Box 141, Big Horn WY 82833 Thank You!!!

>>>> *We are planning to open the museum for the summer weekend hours—Saturday and Sundays 11 to 4. Your help is greatly appreciated to make this a success.*

GET WELL WISHES TO:

Barbara Oedekoven— she is currently staying at Westview Nursing Home. Cards may be sent to: 93 Landon Lane, Sheridan WY 82801

Tuck Schrater— His daughter Ginger has reported, "My Dad has been real sick." He is seeing doctors in Billings. Cards may be sent to: 200 Smith St. #403, Sheridan WY 82801

**Community Clean-up Day**

May 19 10:00 to noon

We need help trimming trees due to the damage caused by the deer and heavy snow. We are also asking families to clear their family plots of old decorations so we can mow prior to Memorial Day.

Donations welcomed to help cover landscaping costs such as pump repair, pipe replacement, lawn mower maintenance and gopher poison. THANK YOU.

Mt. Hope Cemetery—PO Box 233—Big Horn WY 82833



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A LIVE AND SILENT AUCTION
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THEATER or SHS MUSEUM**



Photo by David Chilcott

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MAY 2007
 BOOKS FOR SALE

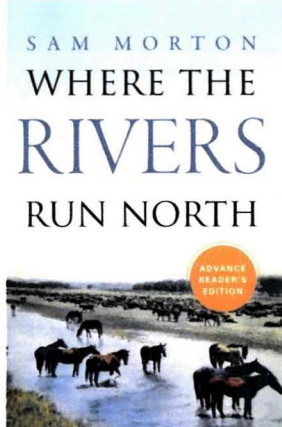
Sam has brought out the personalities of these pioneers. The 500 page book also focuses on men and women of the "Absaraka"- from the Black Hills to the Big Horns, from the Yellowstone to the Platte. Sheridan Historical Society



Oliver Henry "Noll" Wallop
 Courtesy of Wyoming Room & BHCHS

Sam Morton's long awaited book on local families titled WHERE THE RIVERS RUN NORTH is scheduled to be available this summer (maybe as early as June). The editor defines this historic novel as "a mixture of fact, fiction and anecdote" . You'll meet such folks as Oliver Henry Wallop, the Moncreiffes & Gallatins. It features the folks of the region who raised, rode and sold horses.

Hardcover \$24.95.



"Enjoy cooking with me"

**BIG HORN CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
 PRESENTS
 80 YEARS IN THE KITCHEN
 BY
 MELVINE ROLSTON**



WITH ADDITIONAL RECIPES BY
 B.H.C.H.S. MEMBERS

**Melvine Rolston's
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Melvine's cookbook is still available . **\$ 16.00**

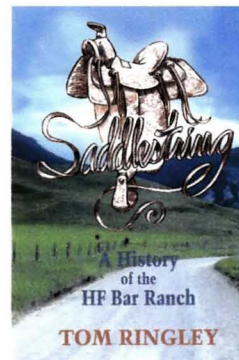
The best cookbook from one of the best cooks in Big Horn.

Additional recipes by BHCHS members.

**A HISTORY OF THE
 HF BAR RANCH
 BY TOM RINGLEY**

This book is full of historic and contemporary photos and illustrations by E. W. " Bill" Gollings. Tom writes the history of this dude ranch which some folks call Saddlestring.

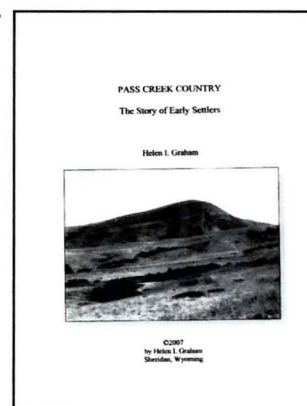
Softcover \$27.95 Hardback \$ 38.95



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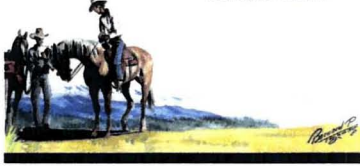




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**The Life and Art of
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PAINT, PASSION & PRESERVATION



The Life and Art of Bernard P. Thomas
Paint, Passion & Preservation
By Judy Musgrave & Nathan Doerr

\$24.95

Full color, 108 page paperback contains over 200 photographs and images of Thomas's artwork while telling the life story of the Sheridan native. All proceeds from the sale of the book will benefit the Sheridan County Museum.

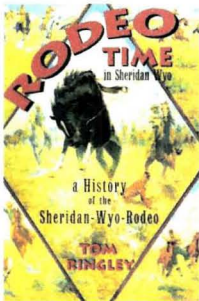
Big Horn Pioneers

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BIG HORN PIONEERS
(AND THE PICTORIAL BOOKLET OF HOMES)
1878- 1900

"Please do not rub off the dust nor shovel the sod from the human faults and weaknesses that we have left covered unless there are no skeletons in your family closet." This was written by Vic Willits Garber and she continues with "we trust you will encourage youth to continue the record since 1900, where we have tried to stop, and to write stories of our pristine valley as our grandparents idealized it." Mrs. Garber's English students helped write this book in 1957-58.



RODEO TIME
In Sheridan Wyo.

A History of the Sheridan -Wyo-Rodeo

By Tom Ringley

\$23.95

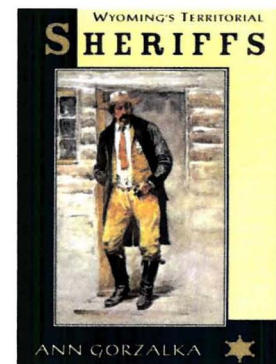
With complete details of its conception, birth and its growth into a nationally respected professional event....that began in 1931 and continues today.

**WYOMING'S TERRITORIAL
SHERIFFS**

By Ann Gorzalka

\$14.95

Quotes from the book: "Frank Canton lived on both sides of the law. Joseph Young was called a coward. Bill Jaycox left town without an explanation. But most of the 55 men who pinned on stars were simply good citizens who carried out the routine duties of Office —"



**BIG HORN CITY
TIDBITS OF
HISTORY**



by
Sally Springer

BIG HORN CITY TIDBITS OF HISTORY
BY SALLY SPRINGER

\$10.00

These interesting bits of history were originally printed in the newsletters of the BHCHS. The newsletters she referenced were from 1991 through 2001.



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Our new officers are:

President: Marvin Monroe
Vice President: Scott Burgan
Treasurer: Mona Brown
Secretary: Colleen Rolston
Recording Secretary: Bette Berry
Board Members: Elaine Hilman
Roy Scott
Meshelle Powell
Judy Slack

Thank you to our volunteers who help with our carry in lunch.



Above photo taken about 4:00 PM August 12 by Anita Nichols

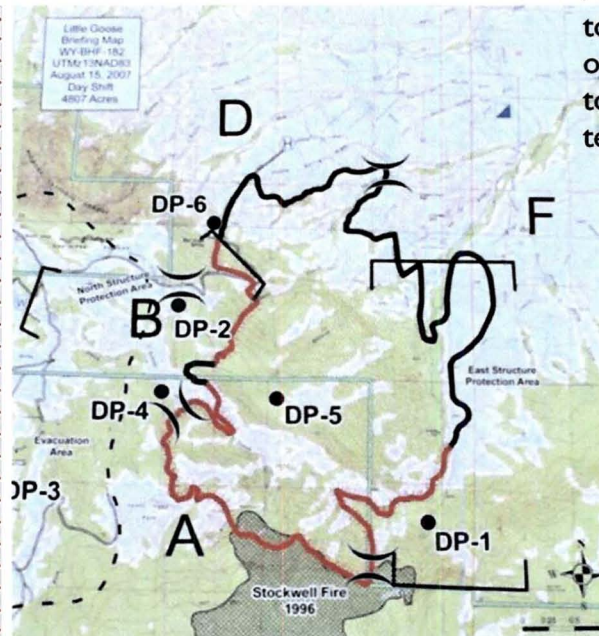
LITTLE GOOSE FIRE—AUG 12

The whole county watched with awe the rapidly approaching fire that had been ignited August 9th in Black Canyon by a lightening storm. Due to the dry conditions and rough terrain the fire quickly burned across Little Goose Canyon, Stumpy Ridge and the face. It stopped near the Springs. Some of our members were directly affected by the fire. Gene and Carolyn Griffith lost their mountain cabin. Zane and Elaine Hilman had to be evacuated fearing their home would be completely gone but were so lucky to find the fire had gone around their buildings.

Anita Nichols and Judy Slack took still photos and videos of the fire and were allowed to visit the fire camp to interview staff.

We usually MEET THE 4TH SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH: NEXT MEETING DATE SEPT 23 @ 1p.m. BH Woman's CLUB—Carry In Lunch with Program to follow.

At the time this went to the printers we did not have the program confirmed. Watch for it in The Sheridan Press.
Thank you.



A = in the mountains at base of LG Peak

B = on top near Stumpy Ridge

D = north boundry of fire near the Springs.

F = eastern 'thumb' on the Wallop's ranch



SUMMER HELP: Our museum had two young interns this summer, each working every other weekend. Following is a short resume from each of them and their comments.

Ashley Ahlstrom: Ashley graduated from the University of Colorado with a major in history in May 2007. She has worked with a curator in the Hiwan Homestead Museum and plans to travel to Auckland, New Zealand in November. She is hoping to find employment in a museum there. She enjoyed her hours at our museum, reading local history when it was quiet. Also, she helped Scott Burgan with the inventory and would enjoy doing more inventory work this fall. Her suggestion: We need more advertisement and/or flyers to attract more people to the museum.

Greg Nickerson: Greg was the Assistant Curator of the Sheridan County Historical Society Museum for one and a half years, helping them set up the new museum. He felt his weekends were very worthwhile. He read local history and was especially interested in the history of the Big Horn Schools. Also, Greg helped Scott on the inventory, entering data into our computer. This fall he is working on a local history project with Harry Olson. His suggestion: Scan all of the Big Horn School yearbooks to be placed in the new high school in hopes to get students more interested in local history and our museum.

A special thank you to both of them and also the following for sitting at the museum prior to Ashley and Greg: **George and Mary Harper, Scott Burgan, Sandy Belus, Virginia Turner, Mildred Carroll, Marvin & Marilynn Monroe, Ann Gorzalka, Barb & Bernie Sare.**

TOTAL MUSEUM SALES FOR THE SUMMER = \$970.64 THANK YOU!!

SHERIDAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The first dinner & program this fall will be held Thursday-Sept. 27. It will be Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks personnel presenting their draft document for the master plan for the Rosebud Battlefield. They will invite us to make suggestions in writing on the plan and will also take questions. It is at Holiday Inn, dinner at 6 p.m., \$13/person, free program begins at 6:45. Reservations can be made to Linda or Karen at Prill Brothers, 674-4436 by noon Tues - Sept. 25.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Ruth Miller
- 2 Ray Hutson & Roy Scott
- 3 Gina Luedke
- 5 Agnes Songer
- 11 Jim Pelissier
- 15 Virginia Dillon & Ron Gorman
- 19 Helen Currie (1910)
- 21 Barbara Oedekoven
- 22 Jim O'Connor & Bill Lowe
- 23 Charlene Bodine
- 26 Ted Logan & Sheila Garber
- 30 Don Oedekoven



THANK YOUS TO:

Robert Brent, Scott Burgan, Pat Ward and Joe & Betty Marshall, Marc & Trish Coffeen, Kathy Hosford and Alma Legerski Kilman for their extra cash donations made last spring! We also had about \$60 in cash donations at the museum this summer.

A special recognition to Mr. & Mrs. Forrest E. Mars, Jr. for their \$5,000 donation to be used for maintenance and improvements of our museum building. We are so grateful for their interest to help preserve our local history.

Another big thank you to Zane & Elaine Hilman for the stamps for mailing the newsletters. We also received a \$200 donation from Rick & Janice (White) Stephens, \$100 from Bob & Deck Hunter and \$225 from the Casper Antique Auto Collectors Club. We so appreciate all your thoughtfulness.

James & Sandy Belus for the maroon International Harvester milk and cream separator they are loaning to us for our museum display. She has written a darling story to go with the separator sharing the darling story of Susie, the milk cow. Here is an excerpt from Suzie's biography.

I can still picture the green 1952 Chevy truck approaching with a trail of dust bellowing behind. My father-in law Joe sat at the steering wheel, and caged in the back was a huge dotted black and white cow. Whirling around and leisurely backing up, the green machine came to rest against the cattle chute. The door to the Chevy opened, and out jumped a stocky middle aged man wearing a large straw hat and worn, patched bib coveralls showing hours of hard labor. Joe had known hard times and shared willingly his thriftiness from surviving the Depression.

He flung open the entrance to the cage and began shouting and poking at his cargo. Slowly but reluctantly, the cow walked down the chute and into the corral. With his task completed, Joe spoke: "You need a milk cow for your growing boys." As he smiled proudly, my twice daily career as a milkmaid was about to begin.

SUZIE THE MILK COW at right.

Upper right: Joe Belus, the generous father-in-law

Right: The Separator



Gay Hutsonpiller

Nov. 17, 1896

SPACE 130-7

A BRUTAL MURDER.

GEO. ELLIOTT TAKES THE LIFE OF GAY HUTSONPILLER FOR A FEW PALTRY DOLLARS.

THE MURDERER UNDER ARREST.

Omaha the Scene of the Dastardly Crime.

Elliott Confesses to Killing the Man who had Befriended Him.

On Tuesday of last week Gay Hutsonpiller, son of Mrs. Hutsonpiller, of Upper Prairie Dog, this country, was brutally murdered by a companion named Geo. Elliott, at the Windsor hotel in Omaha. Both men had been in the employ of Col. Cody's Wild West Show, and the murder was committed by Elliott for about \$95.00 which he knew Hutsonpiller possessed. They were rooming at the Windsor, and on the afternoon mentioned Elliott left the room, went to the head of the stairs and called to Hutsonpiller to come up. It is supposed that he went back to the room, stepped behind the door, and as his companion entered struck him on the head with a car-coupling pin. After robbing the dead man Elliott went down stairs, paid his bill and took the train for Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The murder was discovered by the Chambermaid about 5 o'clock, and the alarm was duly given. Officers telegraphed to all outgoing trains, and Elliott was arrested upon the arrival of the Northwestern train at Cedar Rapids, brought back and placed in the county jail in Omaha to await preliminary examination.

In the mean time Hutsonpiller's mother and other relatives living here were notified, and telegraphed the authorities to send the remains here for burial. Mr. Burd P. Johnson, an Omaha funeral director and embalmer, arrived here on Sunday last with the remains, and on Tuesday they were conveyed to Big Horn, where funeral services were conducted by the Rev. H. A. Toland, and interment was made in Mount Hope cemetery at that place.

The murdered man was a brother of Mrs. Dell Ray, of Piney, and Mrs. David Watt, at the mouth of Clear creek. He also has a brother and sister living in the Big Horn basin, where he owned a ranch.

Elliott is a cousin to our townsman, G. W. McElvain, who says he has always been a worthless character.

LATER.—Monday's Omaha papers, received here Tuesday afternoon, contain Elliott's confession, made to Sheriff McDonald and H. B. Boyles, reporter in Judge Baker's court, which we herewith reproduce.

In response to the question, "Why did you kill Hutsonpiller?" Elliott said:

To be continued.....

William Wallace Sackett Family correction:

Thank you so much for the work you did on the page honoring my Grandparents, William and Emma Sackett. Four of their children and one grandchild are also buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery; Harold (an infant), Ursula Sackett Dellit, Leroy O. Sackett, Dorothy Sackett Kay (my Mother) and Arlene Sackett Kay (my sister).

Again, Thank you for all you do for the Historical Society. Pat K. Smith

CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF:

Lloyd Long and Marjorie Long who both passed away on the same day, April 8, of natural causes. She was the daughter of John & Catherine (Norse) Mills. Lloyd and Marjorie were married Sept. 24, 1962. Memorials may be sent to VOA, PO Box 6291, Sheridan WY 82801.

Patty Ware who passed away at her residence April 16. She is survived by her husband Keith, daughter Pam, son John and wife Pam and several grand children and great-grandchildren. Memorials may be sent to Linda Slack Memorial Scholarship Fund, PO Box 6328, Sheridan WY 82801.

Lloyd Vandenburg We received information that Lloyd passed away last April.

Doug Potts , son of Garland (Oop) & JoElaine, passed away May 20 at the age of 45 due to complications of a Grand Mal seizure and heart failure. He lived in Butte, MT.

Linda Harris Luedtke Passed away May 22 at the age of 65. She is the daughter of Bette Berry. Memorials may be sent to Mt. Hope Cemetery, PO Box 233 BH, WY 82833. She will be deeply missed by her family.

Tuck Schrater Passed away on June 17 at the age of 83. He is survived by his children and their families: Ginger Dillon, Frank, Dan and Melodee White. Memorials may benefit the BH Woman's Club air conditioning fund, American Cancer Society or a charity of the donor's choice. We will miss your jokes, Tuck!

Marc Coffeen , husband of Trish Genereaux, passed away Aug. 29 at the age of 60. He is survived by his wife Trish, sons Christopher, Nathan and Quinn & other Coffeen family members. Memorials may benefit SC Fulmer Public Library, SC Historical Society or the BH Historical Society. We are so thankful for Marc's generosity in sharing his family photo collection.

Our sincere sympathies go out to each and every member of these families.

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR DONATIONS TO OUR MUSEUM:

Jack Webb: Great old family photos and newspaper clippings.

Marilyn Bilyeu: Glass negatives of Virginia Belle Benton Spear & more great photos by Elsa Spear Byron. I am having such fun helping Marilyn with her collection. Thanks M !!

Gary McCoy: More Hepp family photos which include Benson, White & Olson families. Thank you Gary for all your time and sharing.

Roy & Nancy Garber: JO Willits' letters describing his first trip to Big Horn and more great photos of the Willits and Garber families. Fascinating information .

Molly Clark: for letting Vic Garber, Patty Warner and I visit her house to research the logs from the OP Hanna cabin & to discover more questions/answers to the history of her home (most of us remember it as the John Mills home).

Vic Garber : for always letting me record his stories whenever I remember to take my camera. He also shared more photos and Garber family history.



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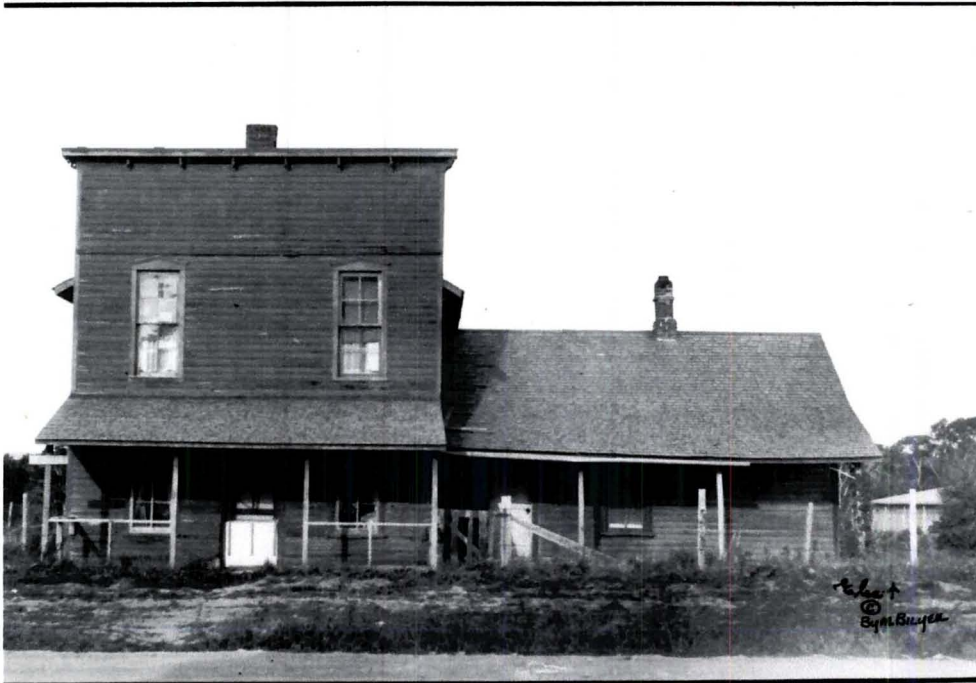
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OP Hanna's Oriental Hotel built in 1882—located across from the Big Horn Merc



One of Elsa Spear Byron's photographs given to the BHCHS by Elsa's
daughter Marilyn Bilyeu. Thank you! (date of photo not known)

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES:

- SINGLE YOUTH.....\$ 3
- SINGLE ADULTS.....\$ 8
- COUPLE/
FAMILY.....\$16
- BUSINESS.....\$20
- ORGANIZATION.....\$20

DUES ARE ALWAYS DUE
THE 1ST OF SEPTEMBER.

Please send stories, photos,
comments, suggestions and

corrections to:

BHCHS

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Big Horn, WY 82833

(Attn: Judy Slack)



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ALONG THE BOZEMAN TRAIL

OCTOBER 2007



**NEW DONATION TO
OUR MUSEUM**

This 170 year old wax stamp and charm was given to Mary Jane Smith Wood, June 23, 1850. It was originally owned by her mother, Mirrah Taylor (1838 wedding gift). It was then handed down through three generations: Ray Wood, Ethel Wood Nelson and Marcelee Nelson. Thank you Marcelee for your generosity in gifting this family heirloom to our museum. It is one of the oldest items in our collection. We also want to thank McKinley Wood of Gillette for reading Ray's informative history at our September meeting.



Mary Jane Smith Wood
Married Makinley Wood
in 1870 (Kinnie Wood
Park in the Big Horn
Mtns. is named after him)
They had 9 children: 8
sons & 1 daughter.

SIDE ONE:
MIRRAH TAYLOR
BORN AUG. 14, 1817
MARRIED TO
EPHRAIM G. SMITH
JULY 6, 1838

SIDE TWO:
GAVE TO MARY JANE WOOD
JUNE 23, 1850

OTHER NEWS: The Big Horn City Historical Society field trip to the historic TA Ranch in May was nominated for the best Trip-Activities Award at the Wyoming Historical Society Conference. We were nominated by Judy Musgrave of the Sheridan County Historical Society. Judy is also 2nd Vice President of the State Historical Society. She said the judges were impressed but we were beaten out by the Jackson Hole Historical Society. Close, but no cigar. Thanks Judy.

We usually MEET THE 4TH SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH: NEXT MEETING DATE OCT 28 @ 1p.m. BH Woman's CLUB—Carry In Lunch with Program to follow.

Ray O'Leary, from Dayton, will be the program presenter at the October 28th meeting. Ray has been a long-time student of the military decisions and tactics employed leading to the results on the fateful day. From the "Crows Nest" to "Custers Last Stand" - find out what went wrong at what should be a very interesting and thought-provoking study of one of the U. S. Army's greatest defeats.

THOSE MEMBERS HELPING THIS MONTH :

SET UP AT 11:30 (clean up same members): Lenora Scott, Polly Hill & Mona Brown

**CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF:**

Hurshel Baxter who passed away June 6, 2007. He is survived by his wife Norene and daughters Karen and Kathy & their families.

Louis Edward Kilmarx passed away in Springfield, TN on August 23, 2007. He is survived by his wife Alma (Legerski) and family.

George Nay who passed away Sept 20. He is survived by his second wife, Ruth Schreibeis Blaney and their families.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: COMING DECEMBER 6: @ 6 PM from the Sheridan County and Big Horn Historical Societies: A joint venture dinner & program at the Holiday Inn featuring Victor and Roy Garber. They will share stories, old photos and letters that J.O. Willits wrote to his wife Hattie during his adventurous trip to scout Colorado, Wyoming and Montana searching for their new homestead. Many photos of their daughter, Vie Willits and her husband Alvin LaRoy Garber & other family members will also be shown. Mark your calendars now!!!

**SHERIDAN COUNTY
HISTORICAL SOCIETY****Thursday Oct. 25****DON KING: One Cowboy's Story**

This will include a 17 minute DVD with copy and editing by Dana Wyatt; Music by Dave Munsick PLUS Danny Morales, rope maker at King's will demonstrate rope making and Jean King will exhibit items and photos from the King's Saddlery Museum.

Sheridan County Historical Society Dinner and Program @ The Holiday Inn 6:00 p.m. Oct.25th. Please call Linda or Karen at 674-4436 for reservations by Tuesday noon. Dinner is \$15 per person which includes tax and tip. NO SHOWS will be charged the full price. So please be sure and come if making reservations. Program is free and those wishing to come just for the program should be in attendance by 6:40

**OCTOBER
BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 **MONNA MONK**
- 3 **BENDER CAIOLA**
- 7 **SHANE CAIOLA**
- 8 **RICHARD BROWN**
- 13 **FLOYD SONGER &
KARLEY GLEASON**
- 15 **JOHN CLENDENEN**
- 16 **LILY BUMBACA**
- 19 **ROBERT BRENT**
- 22 **WYLA LOOMIS**
- 23 **DEE CLIFTON**
- 30 **JOHN ZULLIG**

Big Horn City, Wyoming Territory was organized January 8, 1881. When the BHC Historical Society formed in the 1990's we could not use Big Horn Historical Society because Big Horn County, Wy had already taken the name. So since our original name was Big Horn City, the board accepted Big Horn City Historical Society.

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Boy Scout Halloween Party - we think this was taken in 1958

BACK ROW— L to R: Patty Warner, Bud Warner, Everett Berry, Victor Slack, Warren Bard, Marion Brayton, Jim Berry and Mrs. Henry (????)

MIDDLE ROW: Donna Johnson, Judy Moore, Betty Eckerson, Jackie Slack, Helen Bard, Helen Currie, Frances Berry

FRONT ROW: Mrs. Johnson, Bette Berry and Jo Moore

HISTORIC BELLS MAY RETURN TO BIG HORN SCHOOL CAMPUS

A letter was received in July from member, Anne Nickerson, who is also a Trustee for School District I, inquiring if Big Horn City Historical Society would consider allowing the two large bells in our possession to be incorporated into the construction of the two new Big Horn schools. After preliminary discussion was held with Anne, the BHCHS Board was polled with a strong majority in favor of returning the bells to a place of community pride and prominence. There was a condition imposed that the bells would be on permanent loan with ownership retained by BHCHS.

Another meeting with Anne and Sue Belish, Superintendent of School District I, resulted in the agreement that this was an appropriate procedure and the attorney for the School District has drafted an agreement for our evaluation. This proposal will be on the agenda at the October 28th members meeting for ratification or rejection.

HELP! We still need additional help for setup and cleanup. We need at least one more person for each in the months of February and May. At this point, only 11 different people have signed up to do this important chore to make our meetings successful.



Continued from Sept newsletter...

Gay Hutsonpiller

Nov. 17, 1896

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A FEW PALTRY DOLLARS.

THE MURDERER UNDER ARREST.

Omaha the Scene of the Dastardly
Crime.

Elliott Confesses to Killing the Man who
had Befriended Him.

In response to the question "Why
did you kill Hutsonpiller?" Elliott said:

"I owed him \$15 and wanted him to
sign a receipt for it, and he wouldn't,"
was the reply. "I told him I wouldn't
pay it unless he did sign it. He then
called me a vile name and said he would
take it out of my side. At that time I
was sitting down. He started to rise
up. My valise was lying on the bed.
This coupling pin was lying by the side
of it. I reached around and picked up
the coupling pin and struck him with it."

The sheriff asked: "He was sitting
on the bed?"

(The newspaper clipping is hard to read so I will
type the rest of the story.)

"No," said Elliott. "He was sitting on a chair. He
picked up the receipt and read it and threw it down
and said he wouldn't sign it." Then followed the
story of the epithet and the blow.

"After I struck him," continued Elliott, "I really
don't know what did happen until I went down
stairs. I didn't know I had killed him. I didn't be-
lieve it, even when I was arrested. I thought they
were trying to get out of me what they could.
They would not tell me when I was arrested what it
was for.

The reporter told me I was arrested for striking
Hutsonpiller with a coupling pin. They didn't tell me
he was dead. I didn't think he was dead. "

"What did you do after you had struck Hutsonpiller?"
was next asked.

"I went down stairs and went out," replied the pris-
oner. "I got some chloroform and put it on a towel,
and put it over his face. That was about half an hour
after I had struck him. The drug store where I got the
chloroform was at Twelfth and Dodge streets, and I
bought 15 cents worth and put it in an empty whisky
bottle."

"Why did you use the chloroform?" asked Mr.
Boyles.

"He was breathing kind of hard, and I was afraid they
would hear him. Anyone passing through the hall, I
mean. After that I walked around town till the train
left. I went on the Northwestern at 4:45. I bought
my ticket up town of a broker on Farnam Street."

"What did you do with the shirt you had on when
you killed the man?"

"In going up the viaduct on the right hand side, when I
went to the depot, I threw it over on the ground. It
was wrapped up in a piece of paper."

"Did you hit him more than once?" inquired Mr.
Boyles.

"I do not know," was the reply.

"After I struck the first time, I don't know what hap-
pened." "Where did you get the coupling pin?"

"In the yards near the depot down under the via-
duct," said the accused.

"This coupling pin I had in the valise. I had it there to
make the hotel people believe that there was some-
thing of value in the grip from its weight. I had it in
my grip a week or so. Maybe it was four or five days."

"Whereabouts did you hit him?"

"I don't know," Elliott said, but later in answer to an-
other question said that he hit Hutsonpiller on the
head. After that, it was all a blank. "Did you choke
him?"

"I don't know." "After you killed him, how long did
he make a noise?" queried the sheriff.

"I didn't know I killed him. I stayed in the room about ten minutes after I hit him. Then I went and got the chloroform just as soon as I could walk to the drug store and back. He was still alive when I put the towel on his face. I changed my shirt then."

"Where did you get the money?"

"Out of his pockets, his pants pockets but not until I came back from the drug store. I got from his pockets \$21.35. I paid my bills with the money that I had received from home Monday morning. It was from my uncle at Alton, O.. (Ohio?) And came by mail. It was a \$100 bill."

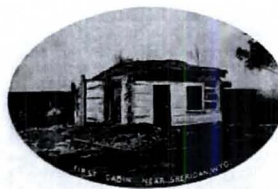
"Where did you say the man was sitting when you struck him?"

"On the chair by the window. I do not remember if I locked the door when I went to get the chloroform. When I left the last time, I locked the door, and threw the key off the viaduct on a flat roof. Hutsonpiller didn't fall when I first struck him. After that it seemed as if everything left me. He started to throw his hand up and started to raise up. I do not know what happened after that until after I went out and got the chloroform over his face to keep him from making any noise. I didn't put the towel over his face to strangle him. But to keep him quiet. I then put him on the bed. He was still alive when I left the room for the chloroform. I paid the bill at the Metropolitan Hotel with my own money after I struck Hutsonpiller. I tried to wipe the blood off the floor with a towel."

After Elliott had stated, in response to a question if he had read any newspaper accounts of the crime, that he had not, he was asked. "Have you anything further to say now?"

"No, not now," he replied. "I make this statement and ask the leniency of the court. That is all I can do." (Gay Hutsonpiller is buried at Mt. Hope Cemetery.)

...SIXTH ANNUAL BANQUET...



The Old Settlers' Club

Of Sheridan and Johnson Counties

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, '07

Odd Fellows Hall, Sheridan, Wyoming

Officers

President.....O.P. Hanna
Vice Pres...Mrs. John McRae
Second Vice Pres.....W. C. Dinwiddie
Treasurer.....J. D. Adams
Sec.....Mrs. V. Belle Spear
Executive Board:
Mrs. J. D. Adams,
W.E. Jackson, John C. Early
George P. Webster

The Old Settlers' Club of Sheridan and Johnson Counties program for their banquet 100 years ago, October 10, 1907. It was held at the Odd Fellows Hall in Sheridan.

The menu was celery, pickles, chicken pie, cold boiled ham, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, baked beans, brown bread, salad, jelly, pumpkin pie, apple pie, cheese, cake, ice cream, mixed fruits, tea, coffee and water.

PROGRAM:

AddressO.P. Hanna
Response S. H. Hardin
Piano soloMiss Hanna
Reminiscences.....L. H. Brooks
"An Old Time Song".....Quartette
Reminiscences.....Judge Hunter
Vocal Solo.....Mrs. Hanna
Reminiscences.....Robert Foote
Old Time Music.....Ed Jackson
Recitation.....Mrs. J. D. Adams
Song "Wyoming".....by the Club

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING WHO GAVE DONATIONS THIS MONTH TOTALING \$353:

- Don & Barb Oedekoven, Gerald & Karen Gardner, Michelle Powell, Norene Baxter, Gene & Diane Caiola, John & Shirley Genereaux, Wm & Jeanne McIntosh, Jay Dewey, Barbara Nottingham Johnson, Tom & Ky Dixon, Shirley Holmes Dupree, Gary & Marsha McCoy, Clarence & Kathleen Bishop, Last Chance Bar, Janet Holcomb, Donna Rae Hutson, Raymond & Bea Hutson, Karen Kilmarx, John & Harriet Clendenen.



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From the Jack Webb photo collection. This is probably Jack and his sister on Halloween. Circa 1920's. They appear to be wearing masks and carrying small black cat buckets. The little girl on the left has a mask with a beard and a pointed hat, holding a cane. The boy is dressed as an old man.

ANNUAL

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

- SINGLE YOUTH.....\$ 3
- SINGLE ADULTS.....\$ 8
- COUPLE/
FAMILY.....\$16
- BUSINESS.....\$20
- ORGANIZATION.....\$20

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THE 1ST OF SEPTEMBER.

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ALONG THE BOZEMAN TRAIL

NOVEMBER 2007

HELEN GRAHAM

Retired Director of the Wyoming Room of the Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library will give the program this month, Sunday, November 18 @ 1:00 PM, on her book titled "Early Churches of Sheridan County, Wyoming".

Helen, a BHCHS member, has done extensive research into the many faiths and churches that have served the various settlements in the Sheridan area before 1930. Her program will be a chronology of some of those that have survived to modern times and the many that fell by the wayside as times have changed.



OTHER NEWS: Big Horn Girls Volleyball team sweeps Mountain View for the state Class 2A championship. The boys football team will play later this month for the state title. They won the game against Saratoga on November 3 to advance them to the state competition.

SALES & PUBLIC RELATIONS: Meshelle Powell and Lenora Scott had a table display of books, placemats, pictures, etc at the Big Horn Women's Club Craft and Bake Sale on Saturday, November 3rd. These two ladies made some good sales, but, just as importantly, they acted as ambassadors telling people about BHCHS. Thank you, ladies!

BHCHS usually MEETS THE 4TH SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH: NEXT MEETING DATE NOV 18

@ 1p.m. BH Woman's CLUB—Carry In Lunch with Program to follow.

THOSE MEMBERS HELPING THIS MONTH :

SET UP AT 11:30 : Bob & Colleen Rolston & Lenora Scott

CLEAN UP : Judy Slack & Lenora Scott





CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF: Mary Harper

Who passed away Oct 18th. She is survived by her husband George, their two sons and family. Memorials may be sent to the BHCHS. We will all miss you, Mary!!



Mary L. Harper

Dec. 30, 1893—Pastor's Report
...Deceased = 3.... I have taught once each Sabbath in Sunday School. Held 5 prayer meetings, preached 19 sermons & made 30 pastoral visits. Collected for Evangelist, Rev. Robert Laing the sum of \$18.50 ; for Pulpit Bible, \$1.00 which unfortunately was stolen from the letter. Yours, C.D. Day

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 8 Sarah Danko & Sandra Johnson
- 10 Robert Caiola & Bernie Sare
- 16 Carol Orr
- 17 Dorothy McIntyre
- 26 Marilyn Bilyeu

FROM THE MINUTES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH: (white frame church)

OCTOBER 15, 1893—Report of Preacher in Charge: Dear Brethren and Sisters,

So few have been the days of my tarrying with you that I am not able to report any facts with which you are not now acquainted. My report of the people themselves is, that if they are as well pleased with the preacher as the preacher is with them, then we may look forward hopefully to a year of spiritual victory and development.

Since coming here, I have made 16 visits, preached 4 times, and taught in Sunday School thrice.

I have procured Membership and Quarterly Conference Records and written to the American Bible Society for the donation of a Pulpit Bible.

Fraternally Yours, Clinton D. Day
(see below the next entry dated Dec. 30, 1893)

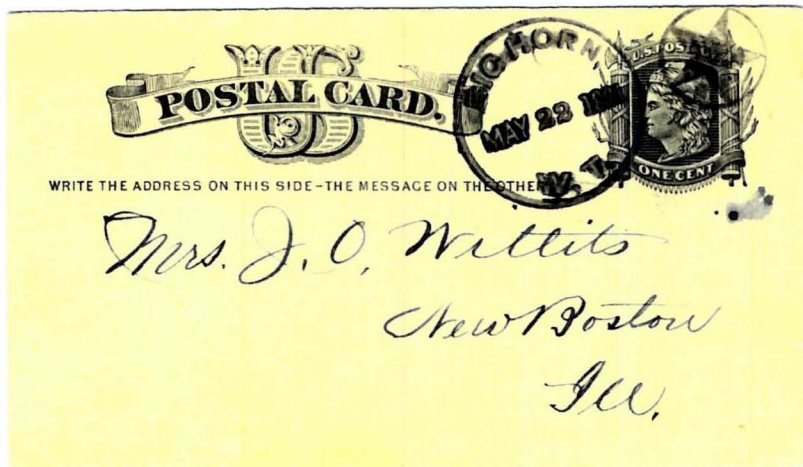
SHERIDAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY Thursday Dec. 6

The Willits & Garber Family History

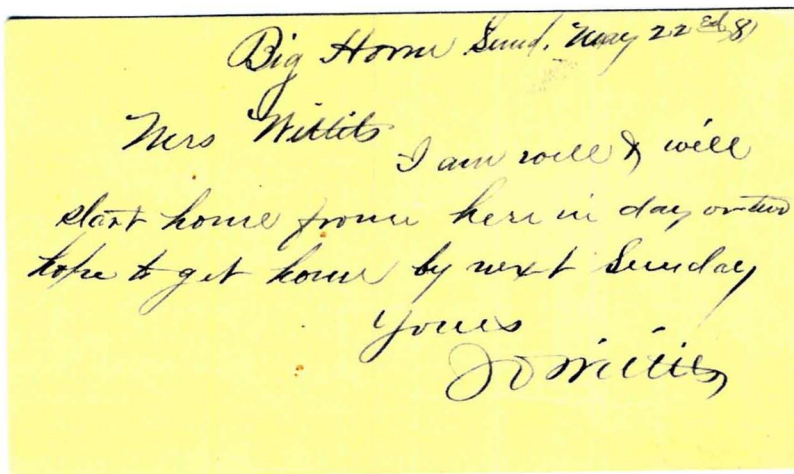
By Victor & Roy Garber

(see page 3 for more details)

Sheridan County Historical Society Dinner and Program @ The Holiday Inn 6:00 p.m. Please call Linda or Karen at 674-4436 for reservations by Tuesday noon. Dinner is \$15 per person which includes tax and tip. NO SHOWS will be charged the full price. So please be sure and come if making reservations. Program is free and those wishing to come just for the program should be in attendance by 6:40



Postcard marked: BIG HORN W. T. = BIG HORN, WYOMING TERRITORY



was searching for the site of their new home. He started in Colorado, rode across Wyoming and into Montana. On his way back home to ~~Iowa~~ he stopped in Big Horn and sent this postcard dated May 22, 1881 (he rode a horse most of the way.)

"Mrs. Willits, I am well & will start home from here in day or two. Hope to get home by next Sunday. Yours, JO Willits"

They will also share early family photos including several of Vie Willits and A.L. Garber. Please join us....see page 2 to make reservations.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS
FOR OUR DECEMBER
DINNER MEETING**
**The Big Horn City &
Sheridan Historical Societies
Will have a joint Holiday
dinner program December 6
@ 6:00 PM**

@ the Holiday Inn

Featuring

**Victor and Roy Garber
on the histories of the
Willits and Garber
Families**

**They will share letters
that JO Willits wrote to
Hattie in 1881 when he**



**VIE WILLITS GARBER—GRADUATE OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING**

George W. Benton

Feb. 4, 1895 134-5

Died.

BENTON—at Big Horn, Wyo., on Monday, Feb. 4, 1895, Geo. W. Benton, aged 70 years, 11 months and 22 days.

Deceased was born at Heath, Mass., Feb. 13, 1824. United with the Baptist church at Shelburne Fall, Mass., when 11 years of age and began to preach the gospel as a lay preacher when about 13 years old. He was educated in Boston and Uxbridge, Mass., studying theology and medicine. When about 22 years of age he came to Illinois and labored many years in Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and Wisconsin, preaching the gospel and practicing medicine.

In 1872 he removed with his family to Smith county, Kansas. He was among the grasshopper sufferers. He will be remembered by many a poor man and his family in Kansas. He went back to Illinois, Iowa and Missouri for aid for the sufferers and succeeded in getting several carloads of provisions and clothing which saved many from

starvation and made many homes happy. To those people his charity was limited only by his ability. He doctored their sick, preached the gospel and fed the hungry. In September 1881 he arrived with his family in Wyoming. —He was not only the first physician in this part of the country, but was the first preacher also. Many times he preached to the cowboys in their saddles. As a preacher he was plain and practical; as a christian man irreproachable in character and as a physician unusually successful. He believed in prayer as much as he did in physics, and always prayed for the recovery of his patient. He was a man greatly misunderstood by some people because of his plain, out-spoken style. At heart he was truly sympathetic, and kind in disposition. He was an angel of mercy to many a poor frontier family in this part of the country; doctoring the sick and helping the poor. He passed peacefully to his reward about

8 o'clock Monday evening. He leaves two sons, Frank and John, two daughters, Mrs. Albert Stevenson and Mrs. Willis Spear and his devoted wife to mourn their loss. The funeral services took place Wednesday morning, Feb. 6, at the house of his daughter, Mrs. Willis Spear, and his remains laid to rest in the Big Horn cemetery.



February 4, 1895 Mr. Benton died of pneumonia that he contracted returning home in a blizzard after spending three days and nights nursing Mr. Charles Bard during a serious attack of pneumonia. (Big Horn Pioneer page 74)

NOTICE

TO PASSENGERS OF THIS STAGE LINE

Adherence to the following Rules will insure a pleasant trip for all,

1. **Abstinence from liquor is requested, but if you must drink, share the bottle. To do otherwise makes you appear selfish and un-neighborly.**
2. **If Ladies are present, Gentlemen are urged to forego smoking cigars and pipes as the odor of same is repugnant to the Gentle Sex. Chewing tobacco is permitted, but spit WITH the wind, not against it.**
3. **Gentlemen must refrain from the use of rough language in the presence of Ladies and Children.**
4. **Buffalo robes are provided for your comfort during cold weather. Hogging robes will not be tolerated and the offender will be made to ride with the Driver.**
5. **Don't snore loudly while sleeping or use your fellow passenger's shoulder for a pillow: he (or she) may not understand and friction may result.**
6. **Firearms may be kept on your person for use in emergencies. Do not fire them for pleasure or shoot at wild animals as the sound riles the horses.**
7. **In the event of runaway horses, remain calm. Leaping from the coach in panic will leave you injured, at the mercy of the elements, hostile Indians and hungry Coyotes.**
8. **Forbidden topics of discussion are stagecoach robberies and Indian uprisings.**
9. **Gents guilty of unchivalrous behavior toward Lady Passengers will be put off the Stage. It's a long walk back. A word to the wise is sufficient.**

I found this in some old papers of Mom's. I am sure Sally printed this in a newsletter but I thought you would enjoy reading it again. JS

(Note: Our members have requested larger print.) O.P. Hanna @ right>>

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 ■ **THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING WHO GAVE DONATIONS**
 ■ **THIS MONTH TOTALING \$69 :** Noreen Baxter, Joyce Billings, Martha Clarkson, Bob Caiola, Ladd Cochrane, DR. Brettell.
 ■ We have also received \$633.93 for Mary Harper's memorial.
 ■ \$128 in sales from the Nov. 3 bazaar.





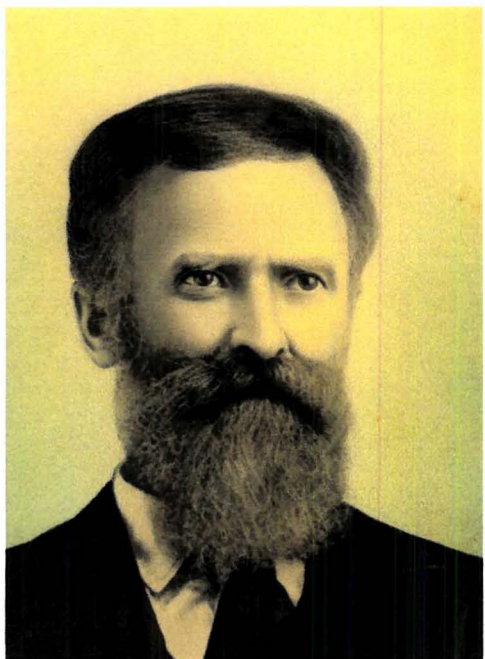
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JACK & HELEN DOW: *In 1880 they came to what was then Johnson County, Wyoming, Territory and settled on a tract of government land near Big Horn, where the family descendents, Bert and Susan Dow, continue to live and ranch. Jack (1839—1904) Helen (1847-1933)*

ANNUAL

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