

the mountains and I did too. In later years we did not go to the mountains as often.

Our daughter Gail was born December 23, 1902 and married Thomas C. Taylor.

ROBINSON FAMILY

by Frances M. Fletcher

Reverend Edward J. Robinson - born September 13, 1835 in Schnectady, New York. Died July 3, 1911 in Sheridan, Wyoming. Married Mary Franks October 23, 1861 in Dixon, Illinois.

Reverend E. J. Robinson moved to Buffalo with his family in late November, 1895. He was a letter-writing preacher and through his letters published in the *Buffalo Bulletin*, a revealing glimpse of the man and his ministry are given. He was described as "having won the interest of the town of Buffalo and advancing the cause in such a manner nearly four hundred dollars were subscribed for the new church."

Reverend Robinson traveled a great deal about the country. During February of 1898 he journeyed to Powder River to perform a wedding ceremony for Edwin J. Latham and Emma E. Sutton. In one of his letters he wrote "Wednesday morning and in the beautiful sunlight I started for Buffalo, only to be caught in a snow-storm and lost; but finding Mr. Mitchell's the only house between here and Mr. Sutton's I stopped overnight and arrived home on Thursday all o.k." In 1898 Superintendent E. E. Tarbill reported "Buffalo has made substantial advancement; the pastor, E. J. Robinson, by his careful business methods has increased the confidence of the community in the ministry. The long-expected church building has begun to appear. The people, led by the pastor who is an experienced church builder, have accomplished a difficult task in building a church at that place."

Reverend Robinson was greatly interested in soil conservation and proper irrigation. He and his wife, Mary, moved their family to a ranch in Sheridan County near Little Goose Creek and US 87, which he sold in 1911 to the McPhillameys.

Children born to Reverend Robinson and his wife were - Jesse Robinson, married to Reverend Clinton D. Day; Clara Robinson, married to a Mr. Russell; Minnie Robinson, married to Van Valin; Emma Robinson, married to C.E. Smith; William Robinson, married to Ollie Nealey; Charles Robinson, married to Christine Olson; Anna Robinson, married to Lee Dickinson.

William Robinson, born January 18, 1866 and died 1929, lived with his family in the Sheridan area and in the Clearmont area. While in Sheridan Will operated a livery stable at 148 W. Brundage. He boarded horses, rented horses for packtrips to the mountains and had horse-drawn "cabs" for rent. Will and his youngest son, Percy, freighted from Buffalo to Sussex and to the oil fields near Midwest. They walked beside their teams in the winter to keep from freezing.

Children of William and Ollie - Ralph Robinson (May 9, 1890-April 11, 1960) married Willie Bethurem; Frank Robinson (December 1892-July 4, 1976) married Mabel Atchinson; Grace Robinson (1894-December

1975) married Byron Garretson; Glenn Robinson (1896-August 1976) married M. Baker; Lawrence Robinson (August 1899) married Josephine Westbrook; Percy Robinson (December 29, 1901-May 19, 1964) married Ethel Wade.

Will's brother Charlie lived in or near Sheridan. He and his wife Christine had two daughters, Lillian and Mary. For a time they operated a dairy on the ranch owned by Lee Dickinson which was sold to Ed Rhodes and later to Ralph Knode.

Percy Robinson and his wife, Ethel Wade Robinson, homesteaded near Clearmont, Wyoming after their marriage. They moved to Sheridan in 1923. Percy worked for his brother, Frank, for many years at the Northern Ice and Produce. Percy and Ethel moved to Buffalo in 1952, where he was co-owner and manager of the Buffalo Meat Processing Company.

Children of Percy and Ethel Robinson - Frances Robinson, born June 17, 1920, married Marshall Fletcher; Elton Robinson, born July 11, 1927, married Velda Jean Pointer; Arlene Robinson, born September 5, 1933, married Bartlett Olson.

Children of Frances and Marshall Fletcher - Michael Fletcher, born July 18, 1941, married Sylvia Lockwood; Sandra Fletcher, April 17, 1946-April 27, 1967, married Robert Hammond; Gary Fletcher, born December 1, 1948, married Alaine Lessing. Children of Michael and Sylvia Fletcher - Lisa Fletcher, born November 14, 1964; Kristina Fletcher, born November 3, 1966; Wendy Fletcher, born October 19, 1969. Children of Gary and Alaine Fletcher - Jessica Fletcher, born April 4, 1978; Brian Fletcher, born June 9, 1980.

Children of Elton and Jean Robinson - Judy Robinson, born May 10, 1952, married Warren John Armstrong. Jody Robinson, born April 17, 1955, married William Clouthier III. Children of Judy and John Armstrong - Joshua Armstrong, born March 3, 1972; Gabriel Armstrong, born March 11, 1974; Betsey Armstrong, born February 11, 1977.

Children of Arlene and Bartlett Olson - Gayle Olson, born April 25, 1958; Karen Olson, born August 4, 1959, died January 13, 1961; Mark Olson, born May 27, 1962; Shelley Olson, born October 28, 1963; Guy Olson, born August 17, 1968.

CHESTER and ELIZABETH ROBINSON

by Velma Drake

George Chester Robinson, better known as Chester or Chet, was born June 30, 1898 to George and Emma Robinson, at Terry, South Dakota.

Chester grew up on the ranch and in 1922 he bought a relinquishment of a homestead on a branch of Wild Horse Creek, east of the Odegard Homestead. If a homestead had not been lived on and the required work done on the place or for some reason the party who filed the claim didn't want it, it was possible to buy the relinquishment and finish out the time and work requirements necessary.

In 1924, he went to Sheridan and worked at Fort McKenzie for a year or more, then returned home and helped his father while he did some building and other work on his homestead.