

THIS ARTICLE DESCRIBES MARTHA'S ILLNESSES AND DEATH. I HAVE A COPY OF THE ORIGINAL NEWSPAPER FROM WILLIAMS THAT THIS WAS IN. IF I AM ABLE TO FIND SOMEONE WHO CAN COPY IT, I WILL SEND YOU ONE. (PRETTY FRAGILE)

HERBERT & HASKELL WERE EDITOR AND ASSOCIATE EDITOR.

I'M SORRY TO SAY I NEVER KNEW BERNICE OR HER CHILDREN. ALL I KNOW IS THROUGH MY MOTHER WHO IS STILL ALIVE (SOON TO BE 92). MOM CORRESPONDED WITH BERNICE UNTIL SHE DIED.

MARTHA WAS BORN 9-1-1870 AND DIED 1922.

I'M TRYING TO FIND PICTURES

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Robert R. Sebastian
Aug.1, 2004

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From the: WILLIAMS-MANSON NEWS

Williams, Ponderosa county, Montana
April, May, June-1922

MRS. H.L. BARBER PASSES AWAY

On April 24, 1922 the spirit of Martha Elizabeth Barber took it's flight into the great beyond.

Mrs. Barber, who was held in the highest esteem by all those who had the good fortune to know her, had been suffering for some time from ailments difficult to trace to their real source, but which it was discovered when too late, came from a poisonous Goitre invisible from the surface, and which for several years had steadily weakened the heart.

She had been in the Conrad Hospital for one month when being somewhat improved, she was advised that a climatic change would be beneficial and the coast country was recommended. She therefore went to Portland, Oregon, to a sister who she had planned for sometime to visit. She reached there March 4. Instead of her condition improving as she had expected, she steadily grew worse. Her sister then called into consultation reknowned medical men of Portland. After a rigid examination they pronounced the Goitre the cause of all her ailments. They then placed her March 1, in the Portland Medical Hospital to build her up before the operation which was concluded was her only chance. Before she was ready to undergo the operation, she contracted influenza from which she rallied and was rapidly recovering therefrom when she was attacked by erysipelas. From this she rallied and was gradually gaining when she suffered an acute attack of inflammation of the kidneys, caused by the poison from the Goitre, which was unduly excited by the erysipelas. Even from this she rallied and was very slowly recovering when her powers of further resistance were spent and she finally slowly declined until Friday, April 21, she fell into a stupor, from which she did not rally and in two days the spirit passed peacefully away.

While Mr. and Mrs. Barber retained their home in Wheaton, Ill., on account of Mr. Barber's Chicago business, Mrs. Barber had lived full time for several years in Williams. She was devoted to the interests of the people of the community and it will be many a day before the void her passing leaves in the hearts of her friends both in Williams and in Wheaton will cease to be a constant and conscious reminder of a great loss.

Her remains were taken to Chicago, Ill., where they were layed away in the Oakwoods cemetery, Tuesday, May 2.

Besides the many who will miss her as a friend, she leaves to mourn her loss her husband Herbert L. Barber, her daughter, Bernice Barber, a son by her first marriage, William Walker, and her stepson, Haskell L. Barber.

She was one of the founders and members of the Ladies' Aid, of the Willims library and athletic associations, later merged into the community club of the project, and for many years was

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a member of the Wheaton camp of the Royal Neighbors.
She was a devoted wife, a kind and affectionate mother and
a good neighbor.

Followed by: SET FREE

A gentle soul has been set free
From bonds of pain and sorrow
No more she lives in our today
But in the great tomorrow.
No longer anguish she shall bear
With patient resignation,
Upon the altar of her love
She laid her great oblation.
Sweet spirited and gentle soul,
May smiles of joy and pleasure
With which you meet your spirit friends
Be yours in fullest measure.
And all the friends you left on earth,
From whom no pain should sever,
Unite to wish you peace and joy,
Forever and forever.

-T.R.Hawks.