

Mabel Smith

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Mable Smith was born July 4, 1875 at Hays City, Kansas. She was the oldest daughter of P H Smith, pioneer building contractor and sawmill owner of Grand County. She came to Breckenridge as a small girl with her parents moving there and back to Hot Sulphur Springs in 1885 and made this her home for the remainder of her life. She was a member of the Christian Church. She is very quiet and unassuming in public. She is such a lady as one would expect to make a good housewife and convert a bachelor's hall into a model home.

Mabel married William J. "Ute Bill" Thompson on December 25, 1893 at Hot Sulphur Springs, Colorado. They were married in the schoolhouse in public on the evening of Christmas. A large audience congregated early to witness the ceremony. The building was extremely crowded. On the rostrum stood a table well loaded with useful and ornamental present given by friends. Promptly at eight o'clock the contracting parties arrived attended by M. B. Harper and Miss Ella Riley as best man and maid. Judge Perry officiated. After congratulations were extended the audience adjourned to the hall for a social dance until a seasonable hour. (Grand County Marriage License #5).

To their union five sons were born; Fredrick Charles born in January 1895, William P, Otto W, Marion L and John H and daughter Mary Ellen. One of the children was born in May 1900 and unnamed at the time of the census.

Mabel Thompson died at the home of her son Otto in Hot Sulphur Springs, Colorado at 1:30 Monday, March 3, 1941 at the age of 65 years. All her children were at her beside at the time of her death. Funeral services were held at the Hot Sulphur Springs Community Church at 2:00 p.m. with Mr. Leslie Deal officiating. Vocal selections were offered by Mr. and Mrs. A W Wilson, Mrs. Denzel McClung and N. C. Huffaker with Mrs. W. D. Clark at the piano. Mrs. Thompson was a pioneer of the old stock and was greatly esteemed and loved by many friends all over the county. Interment was in the Hot Sulphur Springs Cemetery.

