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Rosemary Quinn: Profile of a Teacher
By William R. Dubois

Two sisters, Rosemary and Grace Marie Quinn, moved to Cheyenne to teach school in the middle 1920s. Historian William R. Dubois writes of their careers based on Rosemary's own words. Oral history interviews of her are held in the collections of the American Heritage Center, University of Wyoming.

Bert Lampitt and Big Horn Basin Murders, 1909 and 1921
By Ester Johansson Murray

Lampitt, a sheepherder suspected in the murder of a Cody man in 1909, moved to Grass Creek to work in the oil fields. In 1921, he killed two men at the oil company camp. He was convicted and sent to prison for this crime. Murray tells the true story of two heinous crimes sparked by jealousy.

Traces of George Harper, Laramie Plains Rancher
By Richard Walle

Who was this once prominent former mayor of Laramie? Richard Walle completes a quest to uncover the traces of Harper from clues left at his ranch and from the written record.

Wyoming's Estelle Reel: The First Woman Elected to a Statewide Office in America
By Sarah R. Bohl

When Estelle Reel was elected State Superintendent of Public Instruction in Wyoming in 1894, she made history for becoming the first woman anywhere elected to a statewide office. In mid-term, however, she resigned to accept a high-ranking position in the federal government. She never returned to live in Wyoming. Sarah Bohl writes of Reel's election and service as superintendent—the "Wyoming part" of her life.

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