

Wm. H. King, Pulga Resort Owner, Passes

William Henry King, 61, a resident of Butte county since 1903, died at his home at Pulga Sunday at 2:15 p. m. after four years of illness. He had retired from his many duties several years ago due to failing health. Death resulted from a heart attack.

Born at Mechanicsville, N. J., Mr. King came to Oroville from the east in 1903. Here, he built the first telephone line between Oroville and Quincy. In 1904 he went to Pulga where he had charge of 365,000 acres of mining land owned by the North California Mining Co. Part of his job was to attend to the annual assessment work on the claims.

He was a mining agent there until 1912 when he took over the store operated by the company at Pulga. On Jan. 1, 1914, he filed a homestead at Pulga where he resided until the time of his death.

The homestead embraced 61 acres mostly with slopes of 6 to 10 per cent. Originally it was covered with brush and timber but King went to work diligently and cleared it. Then he installed his own irrigation system, electric light plant, sawmill, operated by water power, and in addition to running cattle in the forest, had his own ice plant and killed and butchered cattle.

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He had ten acres under cultivation to berries and garden produce for which he developed a market throughout the canyon. He milked 15 cows and with the cream made his own ice cream of which he sold as high as 50 quarts a day to passengers on Western Pacific trains.

As he continued to develop his land, he planted out walnut trees on a portion of the homestead. He made his own box shook which he used in shipping his produce.

Adding so the duties of running his ranch and rearing a large family, Mr. King operated a hotel and resort and store and post office at Pulga.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mary J. King and the following children: Raymond of Pulga, Mrs. Lillian La Fleur of Pulga, Mary Edna King of Oakland, Wm. H. King Jr. of Termo, Calif., Mrs. Phillip Duffy of Corning, Mrs. Frances Eckart of Oroville, and one granddaughter, Phyllis Marie Duffy.

He was a member of Table Mt. Lodge No. 124 F. and A. M. of Cherokee, Junior Order United American Mechanics of Belmar, N. J., and also Knights of Golden Eagles of Spring Lake, N. J.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 10:30 a. m. at Hamilton and Rileys under direction of Cherokee lodge. The body will be taken to Sacramento for cremation.

Heyer, Charles W.

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C. W. Heyer, 69, Yankee Hill, Dies

Charles W. Heyer, 69, a resident of Yankee Hill for ten years, died at his home there at 7 a. m. today. He was a native of Germany.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. R. E. Miller and Mrs. Charles Odneal, both of Yankee Hill; a son, Irwin Heyer of Milwaukee and four grandchildren.

Graveside services have been set tentatively for 2 p. m. Saturday at Yankee Hill.

H. C. Bicknell Funeral Home of Chico will have charge.

Mrs. Skaggs, Resident Of Cherokee, Dies

Harriett Maude Skaggs, a former resident of Cherokee and Oroville, passed away at St. Francis Hospital, San Francisco, Tuesday morning following an operation.

The body will be brought to Oroville tonight and will be at the parlors of Hamilton and Riley on Thursday.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. tomorrow at Hamilton and Riley's. Burial will be in Cherokee cemetery, a request made by Mrs. Skaggs shortly before her death.

Mrs. Skaggs was a cousin of Mrs. Mary Thomas of Oroville and T. M. James of Cherokee. Also, surviving are a daughter, Dorothy Kramer of San Francisco; a son, Fred Skaggs of San Francisco and a granddaughter, Bettyjean, daughter of Mrs. Kramer.

Mrs. Skaggs was the daughter of the late Jenkin Morgan, widely known businessman of Cherokee, who was the founder of what is now known as Thermalito. Mr. Morgan was a power both financially and politically in Butte county and at one time was the owner of the Cherokee Mine.

Mrs. Skaggs, after being graduated from the local schools attended Mills Seminary, of Oakland, now Mills College.

Mrs. Thomas had gone from Oroville to San Francisco to be at the bedside of Mrs. Skaggs during her last illness.

Mrs. R. E. Crum, Butte Pioneer, Passes Away

Funeral services for Mrs. Roxey Ella Crum, 83, who died at 1448 Bridge street, at 5 p. m. Saturday, will be held at 2 p. m. Tuesday at Hamilton and Riley's with burial in the family plot in Oroville cemetery. Mrs. Crum had been ill for approximately a year.

Born on the Crum Ranch at Wicks Corner, Sept. 7, 1853, she spent her early life there, later moving to Chico.

After death of her husband, Albert E. Crum, June 29, 1933, she made her home with a son, C. L. Crum of Crum's ranch.

For many years she had been a member of the Christian Church in Chico.

She is survived by three sons, Morris T. Crum and C. L. Crum, both of Oroville, and Arthur F. Crum of Chico; a brother, Charles F. Wick of Oroville, eleven grandchildren and twenty great grandchildren.

Jones, Emma Augusta

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Emma Jones, Old Settler, Passes Away

Mrs. Emma Augusta Jones, 75, died at her home at 2251 Montgomery street at 9:15 p. m. yesterday following an illness of nine days. She was the victim of a heart attack.

Mrs. Jones was born at Oregon Gulch, near Yankee Hill, March 31, 1862. Her father George A. Grummett, had come to Oregon Gulch in 1849 from Germany. Her mother came from Germany in 1851 and the pair were married in San Francisco on her arrival. They lived at Oregon Gulch the rest of their lives.

Mrs. Jones is survived by two daughters, Mrs. W. H. Turner of Oroville and Mrs. R. R. Brooks of Durham; three sons, Archie L. Jones, Earl R. Jones and Stanley A. Jones, all of Oroville; a sister, Mrs. Lawrence Lassater of Oroville; a brother, G. A. Grummett of Oregon City; 12 grandchildren and two great-grand-children.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 1:30 from Hamilton and Rileys with Rev. John R. Wilkins officiating. Burial will be in the family plot at Cherokee cemetery.

SWEETMAN, Thomas J.
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Sweetman, Old Resident, Dies

Butte county resident since the crossed the plains by wagon train in the 1850s, Thomas J. Sweetman, 79, died at his home, 1872 Grant Avenue, at 3 p. m. Friday. He had been in failing health for several months.

Born in Centerville, Iowa, he started for California with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Sweetman, when he was six months old. They followed the Humboldt trail, reaching northern California in April, 1860. Shortly after they moved to Butte county, and settled in the Concow country.

Mr. Sweetman started mining when a young man, and followed this work until his retirement several years ago.

He told of many narrow escapes his family and friends had from Indians when they lived at Concow. On one occasion the white people left their camp on one trail as warring Indians entered it by another trail. Many of the whites, leaving hastily, were barefooted.

Survivors include the pioneer's wife, Mrs. Edna Sweetman; a daughter, Mrs. Oscar Thatcher; a son, Leon L. Sweetman; a sister, Mrs. Alice Hively of Loyalton, and a brother, Frank Sweetman of Enterprise.

Graveside services will be held at Yankee Hill cemetery at 2:30 p. m. Monday, with Cherokee lodge No. 92, Odd Fellows, of which he was a member from 1901 until his death, in charge. Arrangements are being made by Hamilton and Riley.