

# Williams, Mrs. Elizabeth

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## Rites Set For Mrs. Williams

Funeral services for Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, 78, of Yankee Hill, who died in Oroville Curran hospital at 9:30 p. m. Sunday of a heart ailment, will be held at 10:30 a. m. tomorrow at Hamilton and Riley's, with burial in Yankee Hill cemetery. She had been in ill health several months, but had been in the hospital only 12 days.

A native of Scotland, she had been a resident of Butte county fifty years, living most of that time at Yankee Hill.

She was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars auxiliary, and for five years was a trustee of that organization. She was active also in Thermalito Home Department.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Margaret Haggerty of Sacramento, Mrs. Martha Wright of Thermalito, and four sons, Butte Williams of Yankee Hill, W. S. Williams of San Francisco, and N. S. and Clinton Williams, both of Thermalito. She was the mother of Robert Williams of Oroville, who died last Dec. 13.

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# Clark, Benjamin F.

## Boy, 15, Held For Murder In Oroville Mountain Shooting

1-13-1941

### Murdered Man Is Brother Of Chico Resident

Benjamin F. Clark Slain  
After Once Disarming  
Clyde Beatty

OROVILLE, Jan. 13—(VNA)—Clyde Beatty, who was 15 year old Sunday was charged in justice court at noon today with the murder of Benjamin F. Clark 31, after a shooting blamed on ill feeling engendered during a charivari near Mooretown Saturday night.

The youth who fled after the shooting surrendered to Sheriff Herbert Taylor Sunday after the sheriff and deputies were preparing for a man hunt. Clark was shot through the chest.

Witnesses said Clark had taken a .22 caliber pistol and a knife from Clark in the early evening. Beatty had been drinking, Taylor said. The sheriff reported he was seeking to determine if the youth had killed Clark because of this incident or because of previous ill feeling.

#### OBTAIN RIFLE —

When Clark took the gun and knife from Beatty the youth left the charivari, which was being given to Mr. and Mrs. George McCauley, and walked a mile and a half to get his grandfather's rifle.

Clark and Jack Gilbert, 20, were walking from the McCauley home to Clark's automobile when Beatty approached and Clark started toward him to disarm him. Beatty shot twice from about 15 feet, the first bullet missing and the second striking Clark in the chest. Gilbert hurried to Clark's side and Beatty fled, threatening to shoot it out with officers.

Beatty's mother induced him to give up the rifle and await arrival of officers who found him unarmed.

#### JUVENILE CASE—

His case has been turned over to juvenile court.

Clark was born in Yankee Hill, Jan. 1, 1940. He is married and has a wife, Alta, and a son, Benjamin F. Clark Jr., 2, of Feather Falls.

He is survived also by his father, B. F. Clark of Pulga; two brothers, Adrian of Sacramento and George of Oakland, and by six sisters, Vera Keltner, Alice Sperry and Madeline Mendoza, all of Oakland, and Katie Fields of Seattle, Bernice Grampe of Pulga and Helen Walker of Chico. Funeral arrangements are pending.

← Clark was born 2 Jan 1910  
Father Benjamin F. Clark  
1865-1949

### Walter Fields Enters Plea Of Not Guilty

Walter Fields 40 of Feather Falls charged with furnishing liquor to Clyde Beatty, 15, accused of the murder of Benjamin F. Clark, 31 during a charivari near Feather Falls Saturday night, pleaded not guilty late Tuesday. Fields entered the plea in justice court here. No date was set for the trial.

The complaint was signed by the boy's mother who gave her name as Mrs. Alta Clark, and said she was the wife of the murder victim.

Beatty told members of the sheriff's office, however, that his mother and Clark were not married. The youth's father and his mother were said to be separated.

Funeral services for Clark, who died early last Sunday morning, will be held at 2 p. m. Thursday at the graveside in Yankee Hill cemetery under auspices of Hamilton and Riley's.



# Mary J. King, Pioneer Of Pulga, Dies

*Founded Canyon Community With Husband  
Early In Century*

Mrs. Mary J. King, 66, postmaster of Pulga and with her husband, the late William H. King, founder of that community, died at 2800 Center street, Oroville, at 5:30 p. m. yesterday of a heart ailment. She had been ill more than a year.

Mrs. King was born in County Cork, Ireland, Dec. 3, 1874. She came to New York 45 years ago. She and Mr. King, who died Oct. 4, 1936, were married in Trenton, N. J., in 1898.

They came to Oroville in 1903, living here a year and then going to Big Bar, now Pulga, in 1904.

**USED PACK TRAIN**

There were no roads into the Big Bar country and the Kings carried their supplies and effects by pack train through Cherokee, Yankee Hill and Big Bar. King also engaged in mining. They owned all property in the community except that held by the Western Pacific railroad.

The community flourished during construction days on the Western Pacific and afterward, and later was named Pulga.

For many years King was postmaster. He was succeeded in 1922 by Mrs. King.

## **BIRTHDAY PARTY**

Both Mr. and Mrs. King were well known in Butte county. For several years the King hotel was the scene of a dinner party observing the birthdays of the late Supervisor Henry White, former Supervisor Frank Roohr of Chico and Mrs. King. Mrs. King acted as hostess.

She is survived by six sons and daughters, Raymond H. King and Mrs. Lillian Graham, both of Pulga; Mrs. Edna McClain of Oakland; William H. King Jr. of Berkeley, Mrs. Elsie Duffy of Redding and Mrs. Frances Eckart of Oroville; two grandchildren, Phyllis Marie and William James Duffy, three sisters and three brothers in New York and a brother in Ireland.

Mrs. Eckart is in the east, where efforts are being made to communicate with her before funeral arrangements are made. She was expected to arrive in Pontiac, Mich., yesterday, to pick up a new automobile.

Hamilton and Riley will have charge of the funeral.



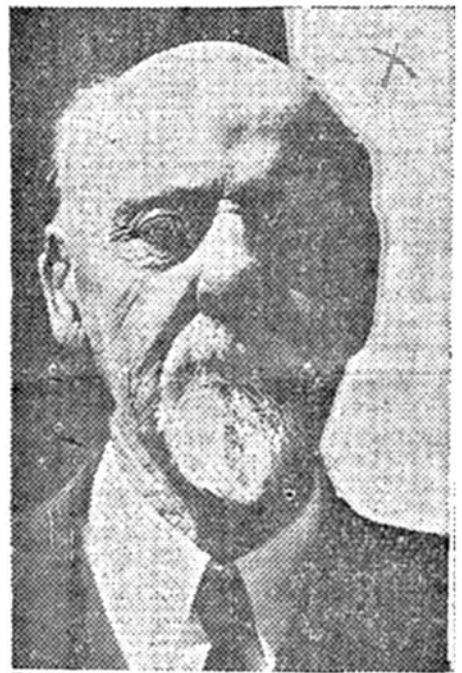
Mullen, John M.  
Chico ER 11-9-1944  
Born 12-31-1844

## John Mullen, Last GAR Vet, Services Held

Rev. Henry Searle officiated at the services this afternoon for John M. Mullen, the last of northern California's G.A.R. Veterans, who died on Tuesday. Graveside services were under the auspices of the V.F.W. Post No. 1555 of Chico with W. A. Wiell, chaplain, and Ray Dunning, commander. Many of the Halleck Relief Corps and the Veterans of Chico attended the services in honor of his memory.

The pallbearers were members of the V.F.W.: Jack Burnette, William Bollerud, George Peck, Jack Cabanis, Ray Dunning and N. O. Johanson.

Interment was held in the G.A.R. plot of the Chico cemetery with Black, Johnson and Brusie in charge of arrangements.



John Merritt Mullen  
1844 - 1944