

Reese, William

Weekly Butte Record

1-7-1871

ATROCIOUS MURDER.—Our community was startled on Monday last, by the reported murder of William Reese, a resident of Oregon Gulch, and an old and respected citizen of the county. The report proved too true. The body of Mr. Reese was found near the gate of his residence, with a wound in the back of his head, made by a cartridge pistol ball. There was also evidence of a struggle in the house and at several places in the yard or garden fronting his residence and quartz mill. The object of the murder was supposed to be robbery, as his mill had been running successfully for some time past, and but a day or two previous to his murder he had made a successful clean up, having exhibited the amalgam to Mr. Grummet, and other residents of Oregon Gulch the day preceding his death. This has not been found and various other articles are also missing. The Coroner's inquest brought out but little calculated to fix the charge of his murder upon any one, but found that he came to his death as above stated. Sheriff Miller repaired to the scene of the murder early on Monday, and was present at the Coroner's investigations, which were conducted by Justice Glass. The conflicting testimony of one of the witnesses, Mr. George Nolan, whose cabin was but a short distance from the house and mill of the murdered man, aroused suspicion, and search was accordingly made around the residence of the deceased along the path leading thence to Nolan's, and in around his cabin. Such a chain of strong circumstantial evidence was found, as to induce the Sheriff to arrest Nolan and he was, accordingly, brought to town and lodged in jail on Tuesday afternoon. Further search was continued by Justice Glass and others, but with what results, we have not at present writing ascertained.

Daniels, John

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4-22-1871

DIED.

At Nelson's Bar, Butte County, April 19th, 1871, John Daniels, a native of Bergen, Norway, aged 64.

In Oroville, April 17th, Mrs. Mary B. Folts, aged 61 years.

Lady, when first I looked on thee,
I little thought so soon,
That I, amid a weeping train,
Should follow to thy tomb;
Far from the home that gave thee birth,—
Friends that would bid thee stay —
Surrounded by a weeping band,
Thy spirit passed away.

Though strangers stood around thy bier,
Full many a tear was shed,
That one so true, and good as you,
Must sleep among the dead.

But ah! ye cannot call her back,—
Dear friends! your tears are vain;
Her eyes are closed, nor will they gaze
On earth's vain things again.

But though on earth she lives no more,
In heaven she liveth ever,
And ye, if faithful, soon shall meet,
Where naught fond friends can sever.

McDANIEL, Susan
San Francisco Chronicle
6-4-1871

THE MURDER AT CHEROKEE FLAT.

Funeral of the Victim—Pursuit of the Assassin—Large Reward Offered for his Capture.

The Marysville *Appeal*, June 3d, says: "We have gathered a few additional particulars regarding the late tragedy at Cherokee. The victim's name is Susie McDaniel, and the name of the assassin George Sarsovich, and that he is an Austrian by birth. It appears that he has been employed as a laborer by the gentleman in whose family Miss McDaniel resided. He persistently annoyed her against her earnest protest, and threatened her life in case she refused to become his wife. Her funeral, yesterday, Rev. Mr. McAlistar of Marysville officiating, was largely attended by the citizens of Cherokee and the surrounding country. The bereaved family have the sympathy of all. Parties are still in search for the murderer, and it is reported that they are on his track, and found where he crossed the North Fork of Feather river. It is believed he will be speedily captured. The ferocious manner in which he made the attack shows conclusively that he intended to take her life. It is hoped he may be captured, and meet the just punishment the extreme case demands. The Sheriff of Butte county has offered a reward of \$1,000 for the apprehension of the murderer. The following is a description of the assassin, from T. F. Miller, Sheriff of Butte county: George Sarsovich, an Austrian, aged thirty or thirty-five years; height, five feet nine inches; weight, 180 or 200 pounds. Heavy built; broad face; black hair and mustache; swarthy complexion. Has an impediment in his speech, especially when excited. Had on when he left a dark suit of clothes, and was carrying a short Henry rifle."

The Marysville *Standard* of June 3d says: "We learn the following facts in relation to the fiend who assassinated Miss McDaniels of Cherokee. At the time deceased was a child he was in the employ of Mr. McDaniels as a gardener. Subsequently to the death of Mr. McDaniels he has been engaged as a day laborer about Cherokee. When the murdered girl was quite young this man became very strongly attached to her, and used to promise himself that she should marry him when she arrived at the age of maturity. This romantic matrimonial illusion or fancy did not find any response in the heart of Miss McDaniels when she arrived at the age of womanhood, and the villain's affection appeared to turn into a most murderous hate. He had been a spectator at the party all the evening of the murder, but nothing had transpired to indicate the occurrence of any unusual demonstration until the moment of the tragedy. Miss McDaniels was about seventeen years of age, and very highly respected and beloved by all who knew her. Her widowed mother left Cherokee for a visit to the Atlantic States about a month ago via Panama, and the news of her daughter's death will be her first greeting on her arrival there. Miss Susie was residing with one of her relatives at Mepilla valley during her mother's absence, and only went to Cherokee the day before to attend the wedding party."

A dispatch from Oroville, June 2d, has the following: "Miss McDaniel, the young lady murdered at Cherokee Flat yesterday, was buried today. Her funeral was largely attended. Every exertion is being made to capture the murderer. A reward of \$5,000 has been offered. A large party accompanied by Indians has started in pursuit, and it is thought he cannot escape. He lately bought a Henry rifle and 500 cartridges, which, with two revolvers, blankets and food, he had in readiness, and seized and fled after committing the deed."

Miss Daniels was engaged to be married to a young man residing in this city.

McDANEL, Susan
Weekly Butte Record
6-10-1871

LAST SCENE OF THE CHEROKEE FEAT TRAGEDY.—“Austrian George, as he was popularly called the murderer of Miss Susan McDanel, at Cherokee Flat, has paid the death penalty for his crime. The last scene of this tragedy, as recorded in our Oroville dispatch is, however, scarcely less horrid in its details than the first. After killing his victim on Thursday morning, the murderer managed to elude his numerous pursuers till Sunday night, when he was captured as he attempted to cross Feather river. Contrary to expectations, he gave himself up without resistance. After attempting his own life, he again managed to escape, but was soon afterwards shot dead. It is then that a scene is enacted which reads more like the climax of the revengful spirit of barbarians than the conduct of Christian people. True, the man had been guilty of one of the foulest murders on record, in taking the life of an innocent young lady because he chose to imagine she ought to become his wife; but the spirit of revenge which, when it could not wreak itself out by burning the murderer alive, took his lifeless body and consumed it to ashes, is a barbarism and a disgrace to our State. Such savagery can only be accounted for by the supposition that the excitement of the murder, the capture of the criminal, the desire of all to show their horror of the deed, and sympathy with the bereaved family, with all the attendant exciting scenes of the drama, had temporarily bereft those taking part in it of their sober reason, and led them to commit excess which in their sober moments they will heartily regret.”



Samuel Squire Glass
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Glass, Samuel Squire

BUTTE RECORD.

Local News.

SATURDAY.....SEPTEMBER 2, 1871.

DEATH OF JUSTICE SAMUEL GLASS.—
The death of Mr. Justice Samuel Glass of Cherokee, occurred at his residence, on Tuesday last from Dropsy. He had passed the allotted score of man, being at the time of his death, 71 years and 3 months old. He emigrated from Maryland to this State 1849, and has been an honored and respected citizen of Cherokee Flat since that period. His general acquaintance throughout the county, and the favorable esteem in which he was held, will cause our citizens generally, to sympathise with his family, in their bereavement, and mourn the loss of an upright and estimable citizen. It may be truly said of Samuel Glass, a good man has fallen. His funeral services will take place at Cherokee Flat at 10 o'clock A. M., to-day.

CONRAD, Frankie W.
Weekly Butte Record
11-25-1871
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In Sacramento, November 24th, E. S. Fogg, aged 34.

The deceased was a son of T. Fogg, Esq., of Oroville, and the body will be brought here for interment. The funeral services will be held at the Brick Church on Sunday, at an hour to be hereafter announced.

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Williams, Antoine

Butte Record 2-17-1872

SUPPOSED MURDER, ROBBERY AND ARSON.—The cabin of a Portuguese, situated in Nelson Bar ravine, a short distance from the "Reservoir House," and to the right of the Dogtown road, above Pence's, was found burned to the ground on Wednesday morning of last week, and amid the smouldering ruins was found the body of Antoine Williams, the occupant of the cabin, burned so as to be unrecognizable. His arms and legs were burned off, and his body considerably burned at the back. An examination of the charred remains showed that he had been stabbed in the right side, and it is supposed that he was murdered and robbed, and his cabin set on fire. We have not learned that suspicion attaches to anyone. It was not generally supposed that he had money, and it is thought by some that he was killed in a quarrel, and his cabin burned with a view of destroying the evidence of the manner of his death. There is said to be no doubt but that he was killed by the knife wound in his right side.

GUILIAMO (GULLIAM), Antoneo (Antone)

Chico Northern Enterprise

2-24-1872

ANOTHER MURDER.—Antoneo Guilliamo, a miner living at Kunkle Ravine, a few miles from Cherokee, Butte county, was murdered by some party or parties unknown on Wednesday of last week. The murdered man was stabbed in the abdomen, wounding the stomach and large bowels, after which his cabin was set on fire with his body in it, burning the cabin to the ground and so far consuming the body as to be scarcely recognizeable. He was an old and highly respected citizen. No clue has yet been discovered to the perpetrators of the fiendish deed.

Note: Per Tales of Paradise Ridge, Vol. 9, No. 2, p. 17, Coroner's Jury found Antone died by knife wound by unknown person. His cabin was burned after his death with the body inside. It was discovered by John Blum. He was buried in back of cabin on his ranch (Kunkle Ravine near Nelson Bar)

MORGAN (Williams), Hannah
Chico Record Semi-Weekly
4-5-1872

DEATHS.

In Cherokee, on the 31st inst., Hannah, wife of Jenkins Morgan, aged 23 years and five months.

Deceased was daughter of our friend D. J. Williams of Butte Creek. She was a loving and affectionate wife and daughter, and we sincerely sympathize with the disconsolate husband in his sad bereavement. May the motherless babe be blessed unto him as an angel of light and consolation in his now lonely journey through life.

Clark, William E.

Sacramento Daily Union May 6, 1872

FOUND DEAD.—A note received in Oroville from Judge M. H. Weils of Yankee Hill, states that on Tuesday, April 30th, D. W. Hall, of Big Bend, North Fork Feather river, while out hunting found the dead body of William E. Clark, who was last seen alive on the previous Sunday. It is not stated how his death occurred. Clark was a native of Vermont and aged about fifty-one years.

HUTCHINGS, Josiah

Weekly Butte Record

8-24-1872

MAN DROWNED.—Josiah Hitchings, who had a contract for getting timber down the river, for J. McKinstry Smith, whose quartz mill is near Long's Bar, was drowned on Saturday last while engaged in floating logs down the river. It is stated that a jam occurred, and that Mr. Hitchings lost his life in the endeavor to start them afloat. He was assisted by Indians, and it is said took the chances of going in where the Indians declined to go. His body was not recovered. He was a man about 45 years of age.

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8-31-1872

BODY FOUND.—The dead body of Josiah Hitchings, the person mentioned last week as having been drowned while floating timber in Feather river, was found on Saturday last and buried on Sunday.

FITZGERALD, Ignatius
Weekly Butte Record
9-28-1872

BUTTE RECORD.

SATURDAY.....SEPT. 28, 1872

SUDDEN DEATH. — A young man named Ignatius Fitzgerald, a native of Illinois, aged 21 years, met with sudden death between the hours of 12 and 2 o'clock on Saturday morning last, while repairing the pipes leading to the claims of Hendricks & Co., at the head of Oregon Gulch. The water had been drawn off, and Fitzgerald had entered the pipes and was proceeding to the point where repairs are required, while Mr. Barber and J. T. Hendricks were proceeding along the pipe to the same point. The latter were some 200 or 300 yards in advance of Fitzgerald, whose progress inside the pipe was necessarily slow, and were conversing with him all the way, the pipe conducting the sound of the voice so that each could be heard distinctly. Deceased called to Barber that he had got into water, and said:

Buried in Clear Creek Cemetery,
Butte County

"Here is water enough to swim." Mr. Barber told him "if the water bothered him he would tap the pipe and draw it off. Deceased replied, "No, I will dive through it." Barber and Hendricks then heard a noise like the bubbling of water, after which all was quiet. They called to him, but heard no response. They then gathered their tools and ran down the pipe to the depression where they supposed him to be, and set to work to cut through the pipe. They could not tell exactly where he was, and made the opening within 15 or 20 feet of where he lay, and Mr. Barber entered the pipe and found Fitzgerald lying on his face, dead, in about 10 inches of water. It required some four hours to get him out. Justice Baker, of Oroville, was informed of the occurrence, and proceeded to the locality and held an inquest on the body of the deceased. The jury found the facts substantially as stated above, adding that deceased must have had a fit or cramping spell, as there was some 12 inches of air in the pipe above the water. Deceased was an industrious and steady young man, in the employ of Messrs. Barber & Ragan, pipe-makers and tinsmiths, of Cherokee, was accustomed to going inside the pipe to work, and was familiar with the duties and dangers of the task. So accustomed had he become to the work that, it is related, he at one time went to sleep in the pipe, remaining there some three or four hours after the other hands had ceased work for the day. It is the first fatal accident that has happened on the ditch, and has cast a shadow of gloom over those interested in the work.

JONES, David Allen

Butte Record

Oct 19, 1872

SUDDEN DEATH OF D. A. JONES.--D. A. Jones, of Cherokee, Justice of the Peace for Oregon Township, died suddenly, on Sunday evening last. He was sitting in H. Morrison's Saloon, in company with Mr. Morrison, remarked that he did not feel well, that he had a suit to try the next day, and would go and do some writing and have it ready. He made a step or two and fell. Morrison picked him up, but as he appeared to be dead, laid him down, and ran for assistance. On his return, there was an effort at breathing, and all was over. Justice Baker, of Oroville, held an inquest, on the 14th, and the jury returned a verdict to the effect that he died of heart disease. Mr. Jones was a native of Wales, aged about 50 years, had long been a resident of Cherokee, and was generally esteemed by the community in which he resided.

Chapman, James
REYNOLDS, Louis
Butte Record
11-16-1872

DIED.

At Cherokee Flat, Butte County, on the 7th instant, Louis Reynolds, aged 64 years.

Deceased was Past Master of Mountain Shade Lodge, No. 18, of Downieville. His remains were followed to the grave by his Masonic brethren of Table Mountain Lodge, No. 124, of Cherokee.

In Oroville on Sunday the 10th instant, James Chapman, aged 59 years and 3 months. A native of Pennsylvania. Indiana and Pennsylvania papers please copy.

Mr. Chapman was a pioneer of this county, having accompanied the early emigration here and pitched his tent where Oroville now stands in the fall of '49. He witnessed the rise of Long's Bar to a population of five or six thousand souls, and its subsequent decay. He witnessed Oroville's sudden rise to a precinct casting nearly 2000 votes, and its gradual decay to its present status. His experience of the past 23 years has been that of the mines of California. He was a good and useful citizen, quiet and unobtrusive in his manner, and was universally esteemed by the community in which he so long resided. Joined by his family at an early day, he has left an aged companion, children and grand children to mourn his death. His remains were consigned to the grave by Oroville Lodge, No. 103, F. & A. M., of which he was an old and valued member.