

BENJAMIN, Miss Henrietta
Weekly Mercury
1-28-1881

DIED.

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In Cherokee, Jan. 22d, 1881, Mrs. Joseph, aged 88 years.

In Cherokee, Jan. 24th, 1881, Miss Henrietta Benjamin, aged 20 years.

She was one of Butte county's brightest and best young women. She was buried at Cherokee on the 25th inst. The large concourse of people that followed her remains to the grave felt sad that one just twenty years of age, so useful, so happy, so much beloved by all who knew her, in three short weeks should be taken away. But she told her friends she wanted to go to her Heavenly home. She was all that is expressed in that beautiful verse, which was sung at the grave:

Sister, thou wast mild and lonely,  
Gentle as a summer's breeze;  
Pleasant as the air of morning,  
When it floats among the trees.

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BUXTON, Capt. Edmund  
San Francisco Chronicle  
5-17-1881

**DEATHS.**

**SCHMIDT**—In Brentwood, Contra Costa county, May 13, Christian S. Schmidt, a native of Germany, aged 58 years, 7 months and 2 days.

Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral this day (Tuesday) at 2 o'clock P. M., from his late residence, San Pablo avenue, near Cassiday's Crossing, Oakland, without further notice. 3

**SNOW**—In this city, May 13, Fannie Conkling, wife of Frank O. Snow, a native of New York, in the 42d year of her age.

Friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral this day (Tuesday) at 3 o'clock P. M. from Trinity Church. Interment private. 1

**CHRISTY**—In this city, May 15, at 3 P. M., of pulmonary apoplexy, Simeon Porter Christy, a native of Kentucky. [Kentucky and Missouri papers please copy.]

Funeral from Trinity Church, corner of Post and Powell streets, this day (Tuesday) at 1 o'clock. \*

**BUXTON**—In this city, May 13, Capt. Edmund Buxton, aged 65 years.

The funeral will take place this day (Tuesday) at 2½ o'clock P. M. from his late residence, 830½ Bush street. \*

BROWN, Mrs. Elizabeth  
Weekly Butte Record  
5-21-1881

Deaths.

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HILL—In Chico, May 17th, John M. Hill, aged 48 years.

BROWN—Near Chico, May 15th., of Consumption, Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, aged 38 years.

The deceased was a resident of Shasta county, and was on her way to Deadwood to be treated by the China doctor, but died when near this place.

# BUXTON, Captain Edmund

## Weekly Mercury

### 7-1-1881

#### **Pioneers Gone.**

We again record the death of two old residents and pioneers of Butte county. One of them, Captain Edmund Buxton, resided at Frenchtown, in this county, for twenty-five years. The Captain brought to this country the brig Excell, of 90 tons burden, which made the passage from New York to San Francisco in six months. The other is James W. Dunbar, a gentleman well-known in this city. In 1856 Mr. Dunbar was the landlord of the Orleans Hotel here. He afterward engaged in merchandising at Magalia for a number of years, and then moved to San Francisco. For a long time he had control of the bars on the ferry-boats between San Francisco and Oakland, but at the time of his death he resided in Sacramento.

#### **DECEASED.**

At San Francisco, May 16th, 1881, Captain Buxton, aged 66 years.

At Sacramento, June 12th, 1881, James Dunbar, aged 54 years.

At the Infirmary, June 24th, 1881, Joseph Chauvancey, aged 61 years.

**DEATH OF A. J. CRUM.**

**HE DIES FROM THE KICKS AND  
CUFFS OF THOS. NOAKS.**

**The Inquest—Testimony of the Wit-  
nesses—The Verdict of the Jury.**

Andrew Jackson Crum died at one o'clock this morning, after lingering in an unconscious condition for about forty hours. From the time the first blow was struck, up to the time of his death, he was not conscious a single moment. Owing to the cut, bruised and swelled condition of his mouth and face, no nourishment could be administered, nor could medical aid be of any assistance to him—the only relief for his untold agony was that of death.

The deceased was an old resident of this county, having come here in '49 from his native State—Illinois—and early in the fifties settled near Hamilton, on Feather river, where he remained until '56 or '57, when he located on Dry creek, on the road to Oroville, at what is known as Crum's Ranch. Here the deceased lived until '74 or '75, when his ranch was overflowed by the debris from the Cherokee mines, and was purchased by the Spring Valley Mining Company.

Mr. Crum then went into the stock business, and took up a sheep range on Brush creek, in the southern part of Tehama county, where he continued in the stock business until about one year ago, when, through reverses of fortune, brought about by becoming security for various parties, he lost all he possessed. For many years the deceased had been afflicted with rheumatism, and fever sores on his limbs. He was a highly respected citizen, and was always known for his integrity and uprightness. He was a man who had little to say concerning anyone, and whatever words could have fallen from his lips concerning the brother of Noaks, it is the opinion of every true and worthy citizen of Butte county that they were words of truth, for every person who knew Crum, and they are many, say that he was not a man who talked behind one's back.

His murder has cast a gloom over this community that will cause itself to be stamped upon the minds of generations to come as one of the most horrifying deeds that blackens the history of Butte county. To the family, who were not present at the time of the calamity, and did not arrive until after the death of the devoted father and loving husband, we unite in extending the heart-felt sympathies of a united community in this their sore affliction.

**VERDICT OF THE JURY.**

The jury in the case of A. J. Crum, find that the deceased was a native of Illinois; age, about fifty years; that he came to his death on the 21st day of July, 1881, from wounds inflicted by the hands of Thos. J. Noaks, and that we consider it a brutal and willful murder.



MORRISON (Preston), Mary E.  
Findagrave.com  
8-28-1881



Mary E. Preston, wife of Guy B. Morrison, born Dec. 11, 1827, died Aug. 28, 1881. She lived and died a good mother, as pure self sacrificing, and unselfish as the world has known, and has found, "Sleep after toyle, port after stormie seas."

Added by: Doug Adams  
2/25/2012

ROBERTS, Mrs. Charles  
Weekly Mercury  
9-2-1881

**Death of Mrs. Roberts.**

About three weeks ago, the wife of Charles Roberts died in Vacaville, Solano county, leaving a family of nine children. Mr. Roberts formerly lived on Dry Creek, and was well known in that section. Mrs. Q. A. Clements, who is a sister-in-law of Mr. Roberts, has gone to pay them a visit.

DUNNIGAN, William  
Weekly Butte Record  
9-24-1881

**Death at Deadwood.**

Wm. Dunnigan died at Deadwood yesterday. He requested to be buried at Chico and his body will arrive this evening, having left Deadwood at noon to-day. Mr. Dunnigan was a resident of this vicinity for some years past. He was a laborer, aged about 50 years; a native of Missouri.



### Sudden Death.

Coroner Mitchell was notified, Thursday, that Charlie Thomas had been found dead in his bed. He at once proceeded to Thompson's Flat, and held an inquest on the body. The testimony was to the effect that Thomas left the cabin occupied by Enoch Light and himself on Wednesday morning, and went over to Jacob Yaub's to spend the day and eat his birthday dinner. About 4 o'clock he returned to the cabin, and sent a boy for a bottle of whisky. When it was brought he took a couple of drinks, sat down and ate his supper, after which he left the house and went down to Duensing's saloon, where, during the course of the evening, he became very much intoxicated. About 8 o'clock one of the men in the saloon took hold of him by the coat and started to lead him toward the door, telling him that he had better go home. Thomas jerked away and fell backward onto the floor. He lay there and refused to go home, until finally Duensing picked him up, carried him across the road to a cabin and threw him on the bed. About 10 o'clock, just before he closed his saloon, Duensing went over to the cabin to see if he had covered himself up, the weather being quite cold. He was still lying on the bed, and Duensing put his hand on him, at the same time telling him to put the blankets over him. Thomas said, "Let me alone; I am all right." These were probably his last words, for Duensing threw the blankets over his feet, walked out and closed the door. In the morn-

# THOMAS, Charlie

## Weekly Mercury

### 10-14-1881

ing, when Duensing opened his saloon, he noticed the door of the cabin open, and went over to see Thomas, and found him dead, lying in the same position that he had left him the night before. There was a rumor circulated that he had met his death from a blow received in a row, but Dr. Dawson made a very careful examination of the body, and failed to find the slightest evidence of violence, and gave it as his opinion that he came to his death from the effects of alcoholism. Charlie Thomas was 23 years old on the day of his death, and was very well known in and around Oroville. Joe Hendley, a miner on the Flat, had sent him to several schools in Oakland and San Francisco, and it is said that he has expended on him at least \$10,000. For a number of years Thomas had very poor health, and was confined to the house. He came up from San Francisco some months ago, and has since resided at Thompson's Flat. He had taken to drinking, and had become so addicted to the habit that he was completely broken down. Joe Hendley intends to have his body taken to Oakland, and buried beside his (Thomas') father and mother.

HUTCHINSON, Bickford P.  
Weekly Mercury  
12-23-1881

**Death of an Old Butte Countian.**

The Red Bluff Cause of December 15th announces the death of Bickford P. Hutchinson, at that place, in the 73d year of his age. Deceased was an old pioneer of Butte county, having lived in Cherokee Flat for over twenty-five years, during which time he was engaged in mining. He was the projector of the first ditch that brought the first water into that mining camp, and was the owner at that time of the Spring Valley mine. In June, 1878, he sold out most of his mining interests and moved to Red Bluff, where he commenced the manufacture of cigars.

DOWNING, Samuel Little  
Weekly Mercury  
2-10-1882

**In Memoriam.**

HALL OF TABLE MOUNTAIN LODGE, }  
No. 12, F. & A. M., }  
CHEROKEE, January 3d, 1882. }

Another has gone, and now lies in the cold grave: Samuel Little Downing died in Sacramento December 20th, 1881, and was buried in Oroville cemetery December 23d. He was long a resident of Oroville and vicinity, where he engaged in mining; for many years he has been in the employ of the Spring Valley Hydraulic Mining Company and has resided among us.

In our Lodge he was made a Mason, and we now make this record of his memory.

We mourn his loss, and submit to the laws of the Great Architect of the Universe, under which we all must go the way our brother has.

Our Lodge has lost a worthy member and his relatives an affectionate brother; we sympathise with them in their affliction, and commend them to Him who doeth all things well.

C. F. LOTT,  
THOS. CALLOW, } Committee.  
WM. H. WILLIAMS, }

# McBETH, John

## Weekly Mercury

### 2-24-1882

#### In Memoriam.

HALL OF TABLE MOUNTAIN LODGE, }  
No. 124, F. AND A. M., }  
CHEROKEE, CAL., February 19, 1882. }

Another member of our Lodge, an old resident of Butte county, has crossed the River. John McBeth died February 18th, 1882, at Cherokee—the ending of a severe sickness. A native of Scotland, he, with his brother, emigrated to the United States, arriving in this county in 1854. They secured mining claims on Morris Ravine, and worked together, principally at mining, from that time until the spring of 1870, when both returned to their native land. In 1872 John returned to the home of his adoption, and has been since in the employ of the Spring Valley Hydraulic Gold Company, having had charge, for over eight years, of their lands and levees on Dry Creek—a trust of no light or trifling character, and one difficult to fill in these anti-debris times.

John McBeth was made a Mason in Scotland, affiliated with Oroville Lodge, No. 103, in 1858, and demitted therefrom when he returned to Scotland; November 12th, 1872, he affiliated with our Lodge, from which he has now demitted to join the Celestial Lodge above, where, it is hoped he may meet the Supreme Grand Master's approbation.

We sympathize with his relatives in their affliction, and humbly bow in submission to the decree that has taken him from among us. Requiescat in pace. So mote it be.

To his memory this record is entered, by order of the Lodge.

WM. H. WILLIAMS, }  
LOUIS GLASS, } Committee.  
THOMAS CALLOW. }

HALL OF FRANKLIN CHAPTER, }  
No. 20, R. A. M. }  
OROVILLE, February 20, 1882. }

We have but little to add to the above. John McBeth was exalted in our Chapter. We knew him well, and, with our brethren of Table Mountain Lodge, mourn his loss and sympathize with his relatives in their affliction, and commend them to the Grand High Priest of the Universe.

N. D. PLUM, }  
C. H. WILCOX, } Committee.  
WARREN SEXTON, }



LONG, Willie  
Weekly Mercury  
2-25-1882

**Death of a Pioneer of '46.**

A correspondent of the Examiner, writing from Vacaville, Solano county, February 16th, says: On February 13th Willie Long departed this life, aged 64, at the residence of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Lizzie Long, in Vacaville, of heart disease. Deceased came to California in 1846, in company with two brothers, and was soon afterward joined by four others, and mined on what is known as Long's Bar, on Feather river. Being successful in the mines the brothers came to this vicinity in 1851, and purchased half a league of land in Vaca Valley, and then returned to their old home in Missouri. Willis Long returned to California in 1853, bringing a band of fine horses across the plains. Since that time he has lived on his ranch in Vaca Valley. He was a warm-hearted and generous man, a true friend and loving brother. During his late painful sickness he bore his sufferings with great patience and fortitude, like the true soldier he was. He felt from the first that his sickness was fatal, but he was not afraid to meet death. He was attended in his last sickness by the tender and loving hands of his nieces, daughters of his brother Garrard. He leaves behind him two brothers in California, one in Texas and one in Missouri, and a host of warm friends, who will miss his kind, familiar face.

HARVEY, Hugh  
THOMPSON, A. W.  
Weekly Mercury  
3-17-1882

**Two Pioneers Gone.**

We record this week the deaths of two pioneer residents of this county. A. W. Thompson, better known as "Doc" Thompson, died at Frenchtown, near Yankee Hill, on the 14th instant, at the age of 71 years. He was well known in this county, where he has lived for about twenty-seven years.

Hugh Harvey, a resident of this county for about twenty-five years, died in Cherokee, Wednesday morning, after a short illness. He was one of the original locators of the once famous Irish mine.

# Thompson, Dr. Abel Walker



Butte Record 3-18-1882

## Deaths.

THOMSON—At Frenchtown, Butte county,  
March 14th, 1882. A. W. Thompson, aged 71  
years.

Buried in Cherokee Cemetery

BEAUREGARD, Martin  
Weekly Mercury  
3-31-1882

**Found Dead.**

Coroner Mitchell was notified on the 28th that a dead Chinaman was lying in a small tent situated at the lower end of town, near the river. Upon going there, he found the body of a young celestial, apparently about 19 years old, which he ordered to be buried at public expense. The Coroner states that it is his opinion the man died from want of proper medical attention, and that, being friendless, when his heathen brethren supposed him to be beyond recovery, placed him where he was found to avoid the expense of burial by themselves. This is one of the advantages we reap by contact with the barbarian race.

Martin Beuregard, a native of France, aged about 70 years, was found dead in his cabin at Clear Creek, in this county, about sixteen miles from Oroville, on the 29th instant. Coroner Mitchell, upon being notified, did not consider it necessary to incur an indebtedness against the county for holding an inquest—the facts developing plainly the cause of the man's death to have been intemperance and exposure—and therefore ordered his body buried without that formality. Empty bottles, bare cupboard, destitute larder, rags and filth, told too plainly the story of the old man's taking off.



JOHNSON, William  
Weekly Mercury  
3-31-1882

**A Fatal Fall.**

A fatal accident occurred in the Spring Valley mine at Cherokee one day last week, the victim being Wm. Johnson, a native of Norway aged about 40 years. He was engaged in fixing a water pipe that crosses the mouth of the incline, when the scaffolding on which he was standing gave way, and the unfortunate man fell headlong down the incline a distance of about twenty feet. When taken out he was unconscious, and the only wound discernable was over the left eye. On Saturday he was removed to the county hospital, where he died at about 2 o'clock Sunday morning. A post-mortem examination held by Dr. Miller, showed no fracture of the skull, but that death was caused by traumatic cerebral extravasation, resultant from the fall.

# BEARD, J. C.

## Weekly Mercury

### 4-28-1882

#### SEDUCTION AND SUICIDE.

#### An Aged Man Ruins a Young Girl—A Father's Vain Attempt to Kill the Seducer, who Dies by his Own Hand.

The town of Cherokee was a scene of great excitement Monday evening, caused by the attempt of a father to kill the seducer of his young daughter. From reliable sources we glean the following facts concerning the affair: For a number of years past, a family by the name of Carroll, have resided on Glover's flat near Cherokee, and working near by them was a man named J. C. Beard, who was very intimate with the Carrolls and a frequent visitor at their house. In Carroll's family is a daughter about 14 years of age named Agnes, and with whom like all the rest of the family Beard was on friendly terms. While on her way to and from school young Agnes would be met by Beard, and accompanied by him on her way. Some time since rumors reached Mr. Carroll that all was not right and proper between his daughter and Beard. These rumors were also heard by Beard, who immediately went to Carroll and denied their authenticity in a most emphatic manner. Not satisfied with Beard's statement, Carroll, last Monday, questioned his daughter as to their truth or

Note: In the May 5, 1882 edition of the Mercury, the name of the girl was corrected to Maria Carroll and not Agnes.

alsity, and to his surprise and horror she told him that the rumors were true; that criminal intimacy had existed between Beard and herself for several months—during their walks to and from the school house. On learning the story, the father armed himself with a revolver and went in search of the seducer of his child. Arriving in Cherokee about 8 o'clock that night, he learned that Beard was in the Spring Valley Mining Company's store, and thither he went. On entering the store he saw Beard sitting on a box, and without saying a word approached him and leveling the pistol at his head, pulled the trigger, but his hand being pressed so closely against the hammer, the pistol would not go off. Dropping the revolver, Carroll picked up a piece of board lying on the scales and commenced beating Beard over the head with it. Beard made his way out of the store, closely followed by the infuriated father, who continued striking him over the head. On the outside parties interfered and separated the men. Beard then ran down to the Spring Valley House where Carroll overtook him and again beat him. Here they were separated by the crowd, who, upon learning the facts of the difficulty, ordered Beard to leave the place and never show himself in Cherokee again. Beard then went to his cabin and later in the evening a crowd of men followed after him, but he had gone taking everything of value with him. Wednesday Deputy Sheriff's Patten and Greenland visited Cherokee for the purpose of arresting Beard, but not finding him Patten left Greenland there and returned home. Thursday morning about 9 o'clock Greenland found his man in a cabin on Sinclair Flat, two miles from Cherokee, and placed him under arrest. He took the prisoner outside of the house, and started to write a telegram. While thus engaged Beard asked to be allowed to go back into the cabin and get a bottle of medicine. This the officer allowed him to do, but sent a man by the name of Williams in with him. While inside the cabin Beard, who was handcuffed, managed to obtain possession of a case knife, and before he could be prevented, cut his throat. Greenland ran into the cabin and took the knife away from Beard, but it was too late, as he died in about half an hour after cutting himself. Coroner Mitchell was sent for, but telegraphed Justice Willoughby to hold the inquest, which was done in the afternoon, the jury bringing in a verdict in accordance with the above facts. The body was buried near the cabin shortly after the inquest. Beard was a native of Virginia aged about 57 years.

# LEGGETT, Charles Howard

Weekly Mercury

5-19-1882

## DIED.

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Near this city, May 12th, 1882, Charles Howard Leggett, aged 13 years, 3 months and 2 days.

From Heaven an angel was missioned,
By the Ruler enthroned above,
To gather the choicest of flowers
All fragrant with beauty and love;

To place with His fairest of treasures
God's seraphs, so pure and so bright;
O'er all in its halo of glory
To shine in celestial light.

The heavenly messenger hastened
To earth's blooming beautiful breast,
To cull this rarest exotic
In immortal bowr's to be blessed,

Weary and long did she wander,
Her's seemed a cruel task;
But she knew the love of the Master,
And felt that He would not ask

A pang from His earth-born creatures,
A feeling of grief or pain,
That He would not crown in the future
The loss with a Heavenly gain.

At last a winged shadow
Falls over a happy home,
Then begins its upward journey,
But, alas! not alone, to Heaven's dome.

For fond parents in tears and sorrow
Gave the flower we all did prize;
But we know they again will find him
In bright mansions beyond the skies.

Oh! the loss in that home now lonely!
Oh! the gain in that home above!
Oh! the joy of that angel of glory,
As he bends o'er the lives of his love!

—A FRIEND.

Beatson, Andrew Ulysses

Weekly Mercury

5-26-1882

DIED.

In Cherokee, May 21st, 1882, Andrew Ulysses, infant son of Mr. and Mrs J. R. Beatson.

Our infant babe, our darling boy,
Our favorite flowret now has fled;
The pride of life, his mother's joy,
Now lies forever with the dead.

His spirit soars to higher spheres,
Where sin and sorrow reign no more;
May this fond hope allay our tears
Until we meet on that bright shore.
Fare thee well!

In this city, May 24th, 1882, Ethel Estella,
daughter of John P. Leonard, aged 4 years, 6
months and 12 days.

Near Biggs Station, May 23d, Ida Frances,
wife of John C. Eicher, aged 19 years.

Kennedy, John

Weekly Mercury 5-26-1882

Sudden Death at Cherokee.

Wednesday, at about 2 o'clock in the afternoon, a man by the name of John Kennedy, who for the past year has been working for the Spring Valley Company at Cherokee, stepped into the store of Fred. Nix, at that place, when he suddenly placed his hands upon his chest and fell down dead. Justice Willoughby held an inquest, at which the following facts were elicited. Mr. Kennedy had not been feeling well for the past two weeks, during which time he had not worked, but apoplexy was the immediate cause of death. Deceased was a man of splendid physique, aged about forty years, and leaves a wife and four children at Clinton, Iowa. He formerly worked upon the seawall at San Francisco, where he had one of his legs broken, and has a suit now pending for \$25,000 damages against the contractors for alleged carelessness which occasioned the accident. From a letter written by his wife, found upon his person, it was learned that he had regularly sent home his earnings and that he intended to return to his family next Christmas. But the fond wife and little ones who were looking forward with such hopeful expectations of a joyful meeting, are by this interposition of the Divine will, doomed to cruel disappointment; for the next tidings that reaches them from the far-off western shore of the Pacific will be the sudden taking off of their husband and father among strangers in a strange land. But they can console themselves with the thought that though such was the fact, his remains were tenderly borne to their last resting place by sympathetic hearts that feel deeply for the widow and fatherless in their hour of unmeasurable affliction.

Pence, Manoah

Chico Enterprise

6-9-1882

Death of Manoah Pence.

Yesterday afternoon Dr. C. C. Mason received a dispatch to come immediately to Mr. Pence. The Doctor started from Chico about four o'clock, and arrived there about seven, but the moment he made an examination he found his patient to be suffering from a congestive chill, and so far gone, that the case was hopeless. Mr. Pence had been suffering for the two days previous with a complaint in the stomach and bowels, but yesterday morning was so far recovered as to dispense with the nurse who had been waiting on him. Later in the day, however, he was taken down with the chill, and lingered until about ten o'clock last evening, when death relieved him of his sufferings. The deceased was one of the pioneers of Butte County, a native of Ohio, aged about sixty-two years. He came from his native state with the early gold seekers in 1849, and has been in Butte County ever since, and in his present residence over thirty years. Pence's is one of the few landmarks of early days which has not gone to decay, and been deserted. Around this place has grown up a thrifty population, with industrious, business

habits, and all through the instrumentality, perseverance, energy and enterprise of Mr. Pence. The deceased took a lively interest in county affairs, and served one term as Supervisor, the only office he ever held. Holding office had no relish for him, his time being devoted to his own interests and of those around him. Mr. Pence leaves a wife and one son a young man twenty-two years of age, to mourn the loss of a kind husband and father. As a citizen there was none stood higher among his fellows than Manoah Pence. His character for honesty and fair dealing was scrupulously pure; and as a friend and neighbor he possessed all the good qualities which go to make up the good and true man. He was one of the early members of Chico Lodge F. & A. M., but two or three years ago withdrew to join Cherokee Lodge for convenience. His funeral will take place to-morrow, at Cherokee under the auspices of the Masonic Order at that place.

DeBeck (DeBuck), John

Weekly Mercury

6-9-1882

Accidents at Cherokee.

A boy named DeBuck, some twelve or thirteen years of age, shot himself last Thursday at Cherokee with a parlor pistol, the ball entering his side and producing a wound from which he died the following day.

On the same day a horse belonging to Louis Glass attached to a buggy ran away and demolished the vehicle, throwing out the occupant, Mrs. Glass, and hurting her considerably.

DIED.

Near Orville, June 4th, 1882 Mrs. Leaman, aged about 50 years.

At Cherokee, June 2d, 1882, John De Beck, aged 13 years.

At Flea Valley, June 6th, 1882, Robert McGregor, aged 68 years, a native of Scotland.

At Peavine, June 7th, 1882, John Wagner.

At Pencers' Ranch, June 7th, 1882, Manoah Pence, aged 63 years, a native of Ohio.

[Funeral will take place this (Friday) morning at 10 o'clock A. M., at Cherokee, under the auspices of Table Mountain Lodge, No. 124, F. and A. M.]

Pence, Manoah

Weekly Mercury 6-9-1882

Manoah Pence.

One by one our old settlers are passing away. We this week are called upon to chronicle the death of Manoah Pence, of Pence's Ranch, Mesa Valley, about twelve miles from Oroville, where he died suddenly on Wednesday. Mr. Pence arrived in California in October, 1849, settled in the territory now embraced in Butte county and has resided here ever since. He has always been an enterprising citizen and a kind neighbor, and those among whom he has moved in life will feel his loss greatly and deplore the fate that carried him off at a time when apparently he had a half-score years of useful life before him.

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McGregor, Robert

Weekly Mercury

6-9-1882

Fatal Accident.

Robert McGregor, an old and respected resident of Cherokee Flat, was caved on and instantly killed, last Monday evening, in a tunnel he was running for the Rock Creek Flume and Lumber Company at Flea Valley. He leaves a wife and seven children.

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Pence, Manoah Weekly Butte Record 6-10-1882

DEATH OF MANOAH PENCE.

A Highly Respected Pioneer Lays
Down the Burden of Life.

The announcement comes to us this morning of the death of M. Pence, of Pence's Ranch, in Oregon Township. His fatal disease was a congestive chill. Dr. Mason, of Chico, was called on Wednesday evening, but the soul of M. Pence took its flight at 12 M. Manoah Pence was a pioneer of Butte county, having crossed the plains in 1849, and arrived on the Lassen ranch, now the vineyard of ex-Governor Stanford, on the 2d of October of that year. For some time he engaged in mining, but settled on his ranch in Messilla valley, in 1850, where he has since continued to reside. Mr. Pence was born in Perry county, Ohio, in April, 1819; and was slightly past the age of 63 at the time of his death. His long residence on his beautiful ranch in Messilla valley, and his hospitable and genial character rendered his name familiar to every resident of the county. Of retiring habits, he never pushed himself forward for public preferment, although the people of his township had twice chosen him to represent them on the Board of

Supervisors of Butte county. He was a member of the first Board of Supervisors of Butte county, in 1855, with the late Gen. Moore, of Hamilton, as Chairman. Previous to that period the business of the county was transacted by the Court of Sessions. He was again chosen a member of the Board in 1872. Mr. Pence was married in 1857, and leaves a wife and son to mourn his sudden and unexpected decease. He was a member of Table Mountain Lodge, No. 121, F and A. M., and his funeral services will take place tomorrow at Cherokee, or at his late residence. Thus are passing away the pioneers of the county. One by one they fall by the wayside, leaving behind them the rich legacy of an empire on the Pacific, the result of their energy, enterprise and well directed labor. Those who have known Mr. Pence for the past third of a century, will bear testimony to the fact that they have lost a friend and brother, and the county an honest, reliable and trustworthy citizen. He nobly, and without ostentation, did his duty as a pioneer citizen, with an open hand and generous heart to the wayward and struggling emigrant, and many will pause to drop a tear to his memory, and offer up the sincere and heartfelt prayer—"May he rest in peace."

Pence, Manoah

Chico Enterprise

6-16-1882

Funeral of the Late M. Pence

The funeral of the late Manoah Pence was largely attended from his late residence, yesterday, the funeral procession moving about eleven o'clock. The remains were escorted by a delegation of about twelve Masons from Oroville, twenty from Chico, the Table Mountain Lodge, of Cherokee, all in carriages, until they reached Cherokee, where they dismounted and marched to the cemetery. The following Masons acted as pall-bearers: Judge P. O. Hundley, and David K. Perkins, of Oroville, H. T. Batchelder and C. G. Warren, of Chico, and Aaron Burt and Jack Roe, of Cherokee. The large concourse of citizens from the surrounding country, testified strongly to the worth in which he was held by those who have known him the longest. The procession was nearly a mile in length. The ceremonies were conducted by the Masons, at the grave, Chas. F. Lott acting as Master. Mr. Pence left no will, and has but two heirs, his wife, and son, Watt.

Pence, Manoah

Gridley Herald

6-16-1882

Another Pioneer Gone.

Manoah Pence died at the place that bears his name, Wednesday evening of last week, aged 63. He was a pioneer, having come to California in 1849 and resided at the scene of his death since 1850. He was a native of Ohio. Though averse to public notoriety, and never seeking political preferment, yet his integrity and abilities were so highly valued by his neighbors that he was twice chosen to represent them in the Board of Supervisors. As a member of that body he made an honorable record and gave general satisfaction to his constituency, regardless of political views. His death was unexpected, the cause being a congestive chill of several hours' duration. He leaves a family to whom the pangs of grief will be particularly severe, but his loss will be mourned by all who knew him. His funeral occurred Friday, under the auspices of the Masonic fraternity, of which he was an honored member, the body being laid away to rest in the graveyard at Cherokee. D. K. Perkins, P. O. Hundley, H. T. Bachelder, C. G. Warren, A. Burt and A. Thompson acted as pall-bearers; G. H. Crosette being marshal, Hon. C. F. Lott conducting the exercises at the grave. The county has lost a good citizen, one whose influence and nobility of character will ever keep his memory green in the hearts of those who knew him best.

Pence, Manoah

Weekly Mercury
6-16-1882

Funeral of Manoah Pence.

The funeral of the late Manoah Pence last Friday was largely attended—there being about seventy-five members of the Masonic fraternity alone, many going from Chico and Oroville. The remains were escorted from the late residence of deceased to Cherokee by a large cortege in carriages, the procession moving about 11 o'clock. Arriving at Cherokee, all dismounted and marched on foot to the cemetery. The following Masons acted as pall-bearers: Judge P. O. Hundley and David K. Perkins, of Oroville, H. T. Batchelder and C. G. Warren, of Chico, and Aaron Burt and Jack Roe, of Cherokee. The procession was nearly a mile in length, and was probably the largest funeral ever seen in any country town in the State. The ceremonies at the grave were conducted by Hon. Charles F. Lott, of this place, in Masonic form.

DRESSLER, Mrs. Sarah J. (DeMott)
Weekly Mercury
6-16-1882

The Last of a Pioneer Family.

The death of Mrs. Sarah J. Dressler, whose funeral services took place on Monday, deserves more than a passing notice. She was the last but one of a family of pioneers who removed from Rochester, New York, to Michigan in early days. The pioneer parents have long since passed away in the State of their adoption. Five of the six children of this pioneer family of Michigan became pioneers of California, and now sleep in the Oroville cemetery. The elder brother, John De Mott, who was the first to lay down the burden of his life on the sunny slope of the Pacific, died in January, '61. For several years he was connected with the publication of the Daily and Weekly Record in the flush times of Oroville, and will be remembered by many of our old residents. He was followed by his sister, Mrs. Josephine Callow, in 1865. In 1871 Mrs. Mary Crosette, whose residence had been in Butte county since 1852, was laid by the side of her brother and sister who had gone before. Two years ago the present month, Wm. De Mott, another brother, and editor and proprietor, of the Oroville MERCURY, joined the innumerable throng who take their places in the silent chambers of death. And now another, the last remaining sister of the three who with their brothers had sought the golden shores of the Pacific with bright anticipations and hopes, has fallen, and sleeps with the loved

ones who have gone before. Side by side with the family of five brothers and sisters, sleep four of their children, blessed, weary little pilgrims, whose footsteps tottered only to the rest of the grave. As the dust closed over the coffined remains of the last to leave, those who had reverently lain this family in their final resting place in the little cemetery, might well and appropriately ask if, indeed, these accumulating mounds and feeble attempts at monuments, was the end of all the hopes and aspirations of this bright world of ours, and of a life that seems real? Are the tears that well up from the surcharged heart and bedew the resting place of the loved ones whose spirits have passed over the river, the only answer and comfort? No! The mourners on earth may raise their tear-bedewed eyes to the starry-decked heavens after the storm of the night has passed, and feel the grateful assurance that the beloved of earth have passed to the protecting care of an all-wise Creator, and that the longing for the infinite implanted in the human breast is, indeed, the reality of the pilgrimage of this brief and transitory sphere.—Chico Record.

PENCE, Manoah
Weekly Butte Record
6-17-1882

Funeral of M. Pence.

Quite a numerous delegation of the Masonic fraternity of Chico attended the funeral services of the late M. Pence at Cherokee yesterday. A goodly number were also present from Oroville. The large assemblage of friends and neighbors who gathered at the residence of the family and escorted the remains of the fallen pioneer to their final resting place in the Cherokee Cemetery, attested the universal esteem in which he was held by those among whom he had dwelt for over a third of a century. The procession of carriages, over a half mile in length, slowly and mournfully moved its way up the grade to the cemetery at the head of Table Mountain where the beautiful and impressive funeral services of the Masonic order closed the mournful scene, and left the mortal remains of the brave pioneer, the good and useful citizen, to the peaceful sleep that the giant tread of the earthquake cannot awake.

THOMAS, Mrs. Catharena (Catherine) Bonne
Oroville Weekly Mercury
9-8-1882

DIED.

At Belmont, Ohio, of scarletina, Sept 6th, 1882, Anna Laura, daughter of R. M. and Laura H. Green, aged 12 years.

Near Berry Creek, Sept. 4th, 1882, James Kennedy, aged 38 years.

Near Oroville, Sept. 5th, 1882, William Hilgers, aged 47 years.

In Oroville, Sept, 4th, 1882, Ida, daughter of Theodora and Sadie Mauck, aged 21 days.

In Cherokee Aug. 31st, Mrs. Catharena Bonne Thomas, aged 34 years—native of Belgium.

OPPERMANN, (George) Henry
Chico Enterprise
11-24-1882

Death of an Old Citizen of Shasta.

Henry Opperman died at Deadwood, in this county, this week, and his remains were taken to Shasta to be buried. He was an old citizen of Shasta and took a great interest in its affairs. Two days before election a carriage was sent from Chico to Deadwood to bring Mr. Opperman home if he was able to travel. He did make the attempt and voted for old Shastr to remain the county seat, and returned immediately to Deadwood, but the fatigues of the journey proved too much for him, as he was taken with a relapse, and died very suddenly. His remains were taken to Shasta and buried under the auspices of the Odd Fellows, A. O. U. W. and Legion of Honor.

OLIVER, Palmer Young
Daily Mercury
12-8-1882

DIED.

At Cherokee, Butte county, Cal., Dec. 2, 1882, suddenly, of heart disease, Palmer Young Oliver, aged 63 years.

[Marysville Appeal please copy.]

The funeral of the deceased was attended by a large number of persons at Cherokee on Sunday, Dec. 3d, the funeral services being conducted by Rev. J. Appleton, of Oroville. The suddenness of Mr. Oliver's death, a pioneer of Butte county, being kind, pure, upright, and manly as a citizen, created an unusual interest in the sad solemnities. He was born Decemaber 31st, 1819, in Georgetown, State of Maine. He came to California in 1850, and remained until 1854 when he went East for his wife and one child. In 1855 he returned to California and located at Cherokee where he lived happily and prospered until the day of his death. He was one of the original locators of the great Cherokee mine. He leaves a wife who had journeyed with him for more than 40 years, and three children to mourn his loss. He was a healthful citizen, reliable on all questions of public interest, a good neighbor and faithful friend. The good citizen, kind neighbor, tender father and loving husband has gone. The pioneers are going. The old land marks are disappearing—one by one—across the river. *