

HARTMAN, Mrs. Elizabeth
Weekly Chronicle Record
1-5-1895



Death of Mrs. Elizabeth Hartman.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hartman, aged sixty nine years, and long a resident of Chico and vicinity, died on last Tuesday of paralysis. She had been a patient sufferer for some time from paralytic prostration, and her death was not unexpected. She was a good, kindhearted old lady, and leaves a family of grown children.

The funeral services were conducted at the house by Rev. Stephenson, of the Baptist Church.

PEACHY, Mrs. Ben (Katherina)

Oroville Register

1-10-1895

Mrs. Ben Peachy died of consumption in Oroville on Saturday night, leaving her husband and three little children to mourn her untimely death. Her remains were interred on Monday from the family residence. Rev. D. M. Birmingham conducted the funeral ceremonies.

DURETT, Mrs. Charles (Cleopatra)

Oroville Register

2-28-1895

Death of Mrs. Chas. Durette.

The death of Mrs. Chas. Durette of Con Cow on Monday morning, caused a deep sadness through that little community for the deceased was loved by everyone who knew her. She was among the early residents of Butte, having come here in 1856 and was married in 1857. Mr. and Mrs. Durette made their home at Con Cow for many years where five children were born to them. The deceased was ill for many months and several physicians exerted their utmost skill in trying to avert the slow lingering death that awaited her but all was in vain. Her husband and children were devoted to her and did all in their power to alleviate her sufferings. The neighbors and friends too, were extremely kind and rendered every assistance possible. When death finally came it was to her a relief for her sufferings had been agonizing. The funeral took place at Cherokee on Wednesday at one o'clock and a wide circle of friends and acquaintances escorted her body to its last resting place. We extend to Mr. Durette and his children our sincere sympathy in the loss of their beloved one.

SCOTT, Mary (Indian) (Nelly*)

Oroville Register

3-7-1895

Drowned in the Feather.

Feather river now and then claims a victim and its last one was an Indian woman named Mary Scott, who with her husband lived near Mrs. Rose Foreman's ranch above Bidwell Bar.

On Monday Mary received word that her aunt who lived at Cherokee was very ill and she desired to go over to see her at once. Her husband tried to persuade her to go via Oroville as she had a riding horse but Mary said it would take too long and that by crossing the North Fork she could reach Cherokee in a few hours.

The two went down to the river where a young Indian named Billy had a small boat. The stream was very swift here but he thought he could take the woman safely across. She was quite large, weighing 260 pounds, although she was only twenty-five years old. When the boat reached the middle of the stream it began to sink, and Billy finding that he could not manage it jumped into the water and swam ashore. Mary could swim well, but her clothing encumbered her and she would not attempt to follow her companion, but sat in the boat which continued to sink until the water was up to her arms. Her husband threw off his boots and clothing and tried to save her, but could not owing to the powerful current and the woman was quickly drowned.

Her body floated down the stream until it landed on the rocks just above the bridge at Oroville. Dick, her husband, followed down the river on Monday as far as Bob Moore's home and back on Tuesday along the edge of the river until he saw the remains on the rocks, when he waded in and brought the body ashore. Coroner Woodman and undertakers Sovereign & Topping brought the remains to town and on Wednesday they were buried.

*Nelly was Caleb Scott's half sister

CURRAN, Michael S.
Oroville Register
3-21-1895

Death of M. S. Curran.

M. S. Curran, brother of P. Curran, died on last Thursday night. The young man had been ill for some days but no fears were entertained that he would not recover, but he contracted a heavy cold which settled on his lungs and brought about his death. The deceased was born at Deadwood in this county 27 years ago and has lived in the county all his life. For three or four years he has been employed at the United States hotel and possessed a large number of friends. The funeral services were held on Saturday from the residence of his brother P. F. Curran, and many mourners followed the remains to Cherokee their last resting place.

MAHUKA, Edward (Indian)

Chico Enterprise

3-22-1895

Edward Mahuka.

On Thursday afternoon at the Indian village occurred the funeral of Edward Mahuka, who came to California in 1839, when but eleven years of age, and engaged in gold mining on the Feather river, and as far north as Shasta, but finally abandoned mining for fishing on the Sacramento and Feather rivers, until seized with sickness which resulted in his death on the cars as they were steaming into Chico. Knowing death was near he asked to be brought to Chico for burial, some of his family living in the Indian village adjacent, and some buried there.

With him were James Kalua and wife, Thos. Lewis and wife, his step-daughter, niece and adopted son, Albert Mahuka. Who was this adopted son? Eighteen years ago while fishing on the Sacramento river Mr. Mahuka saw a white woman about to strangle her infant and throw its body into the river. Hastening to her he begged the babe which his Indian wife took to her heart, and having just lost her infant, nourished it as her own, and most lovingly have they cared for him, sending him to school, and now he inherits by his father's will, nets, boats, business.

Touching was it to see the grief of this youth at the loss of this more than father to him, for without ties of blood or race he was given the place of son in its best sense. Looking into the grave where this man lay by the side of his wife who had shared his Christ-like death, and hearing from his young countryman who had come to his burial, the story of his tender care of him, also, how despicable seemed barriers of race or condition and how royal the humble dead in this humble grave at our feet.

"In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these * * * Ye have done it unto me." A FRIEND.

Buried in the Mechoopda Rancheria Cemetery, Chico, CA

WILSON, Mrs. E. C. (Ida Horn)

Oroville Register

4-25-1895

Excerpted from Cherokee Items:

We are sorry to chronicle the death of Mrs. E. C. Wilson of Pentz. She has lived in Messilla Valley since she was a child and endeared herself to all who knew her. The internment was at Pentz where her father, brother and little daughter are already laid to rest.

GUST.

Cherokee, April 23d, 1895.

MALGAN (DRENON), Sarah Emily
Oroville Weekly Mercury
5-3-1895

Mrs. Thomas Malgan died at Cherokee on Thursday after an illness of some time. The deceased was 48 years of age and a highly respected lady, well known to residents of that locality, where she had resided for many years. She leaves a husband and four daughters to morne her loss. The funeral occurred this morning.

Buried in Cherokee Cemetery, Butte County

NISBET, John

Oroville Register

5-9-1895

Death of John Nisbet:

John Nisbet of Oregon City, after a two months illness, died on Saturday last. He was of Scotch birth and seventy-three years of age. He left the Atlantic States and after an extensive trip through Central America and Mexico he reached California on board the schooner Constellation on July 4th, 1849, and we think made Butte county his home during all the intervening years. He left a widow and seven children to mourn his loss. Two of the children, John and Miss Belle, are living in Colorado, but the other five are at home. He was a remarkably well read and well informed man and was thoroughly posted on mining, mineralogy and kindred subjects. He was of strong and positive mind and like most of his race loved argument. He was a kind father, a loving husband, a true and upright citizen and died respected and esteemed by all his friends and acquaintances. His remains were interred at Oregon City on Tuesday of this week.



John Nisbet

PETER H. BURNETT DEAD.

California's First State Governor Joins the Great Majority.

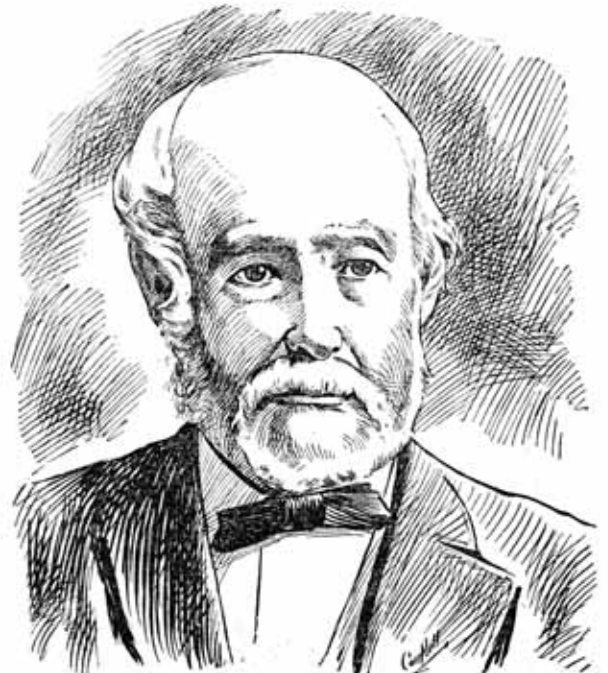
HE PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY.

The Family Were at the Bedside.
The Close of a Long and Busy Life.

Peter H. Burnett, the first Governor of California, died at noon yesterday at the residence of his son, 1713 Larkin street. His passing away was as quiet and painless as though he were simply sinking to sleep. It was unexpected by the family, for during the preceding twenty-four hours the invalid's condition warranted the belief that he would live for several days.

At 12 o'clock Miss M. A. Burnett, his granddaughter, went to the bedside to give

the patient some medicine. As he turned his face toward the young lady she noticed that a change had taken place. She quickly called the family and Dr. Belinge, who was conversing with Rev. Thomas Burnett of San Jose in an adjoining room. A glance told the physician that the ex-Governor's life was rapidly drawing to a close. The family stood around the deathbed and the silence was only broken by sobs. Within five minutes from the time Miss Burnett called the family he was dead.



THE LATE PETER H. BURNETT. HE WAS THE FIRST GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA UNDER AMERICAN RULE.
(Reproduced from a recent photograph.)

He died in the Catholic faith, and only last Monday, realizing that the sands of his life were nearly run, received the last rites of the church, which were administered by the clergy of St. Bridget's parish.

The arrangements for the funeral will be announced later. The body will be interred in a grave beside that of his wife in the Catholic cemetery in Santa Clara. She passed away fifteen years ago, and since then Mr. Burnett often expressed a desire to have his remains consigned to the same clay that holds hers.

Peter Hardman Burnett was born in Nashville, Tenn., November 15, 1807, and was the son of a farmer. Peter H., who was the oldest son, was trained in the life that his father had followed, but it was not to his taste. When 18 years of age, then a resident of Clay County, Mo., he returned to Tennessee, and going to Bolivar, Hardman County, accepted a position as clerk in a hotel. He remained there until the winter of 1827, when he went to Clear Creek, ten miles from Bolivar, and there kept store for Rev. William Blount Peck, who was the owner of a "general store." He continued in the mercantile business, but in the meantime devoted his spare time to reading law, for which he had a decided taste. On the 20th of August, 1828, he married Miss Harriet Rogers, and in 1839 began the practice of law in Liberty, Mo., at the same time editing a weekly paper called the Far West. In the same year he was appointed District Attorney of a new judicial district in Missouri, and remained there until 1843, when, with his wife, he started overland in a wagon for Oregon, which he reached after a long and hard journey. There he settled, engaging in the practice of law.

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He became one of the leading citizens, took a prominent part in the affairs of the country and in the organization of the territorial government. He was a member of the legislative committee of Oregon, consisting of nine members. On the 18th of August, 1848, he was elected Judge of the Supreme Court of the Territory. Shortly after he had assumed the duties of Judge the news of the discovery of gold in California attracted his attention and he left the Territory of Oregon for California, joining a wagon party bound for the gold fields. From the law Judge Burnett turned to rocker and pan in the search for gold, but as mining was not to his taste he left the mines on the 19th of December, 1848, and two days later reached New Helvetia, as Sacramento was then called, and was employed as attorney for General John A. Sutter. The General's affairs were badly mixed and it required time and judgment to straighten them out to the satisfaction of all parties concerned. Mr. Burnett left Sacramento for San Francisco in 1849. He took a very active part in the affairs of the country and was a prime mover in urging the rights and necessities of the people of the Territory as sufficient to warrant the formation of a State government without waiting for Congressional authority. He was a strong opponent of military rule in the Territory, but he cheerfully joined in accepting Military Governor Riley's action in calling for a constitutional convention. On November 13, 1849, Judge Burnett was elected Governor, the vote standing: P. H. Burnett 6783, W. S. Sherwood 3220, John A. Sutter 2201, William M. Stewart

619, John W. Geary 1358, scattering 32. He assumed the duties of the office immediately, although the State was not admitted until September of the following year. He held the office until January 8, 1851, when he tendered his resignation and John McDougal, the Lieutenant-Governor, became Governor. In his letter of resignation, Governor Burnett wrote:

Circumstances entirely unexpected and unforeseen by me and over which I have no control render it indispensable that I should devote all my time and attention to my private affairs. * * * In the humble sphere of a private citizen I still cherish for her (California) that ardent attachment she so justly merits. Within her serene and sunny limits I expect to spend the remainder of my days, many or few; should an unfortunate crisis arise when such a sacrifice might be available and necessary for her safety, my limited fortune and force and my life shall be at her disposal.

This letter was written from San Jose. In the early days of the State Governor Burnett foresaw what the Chinese immigration would lead to and he declared himself opposed to allowing the little brown man to become a resident of the State.

After the Governor had resigned he continued in the practice of the law, and associated himself with W. T. Wallace and C. T. Ryland. In January, 1857, he was, by Governor J. Neely Johnson, appointed a judge of the Supreme Court, and at the November election was chosen for the short term.

That was the last public office he filled. In June, 1863, he was chosen president of the Pacific Accumulation Society, which

afterward became the Pacific Bank. He held the presidency until 1880, when his wife died, then he retired to private life and went to live with his son at 1713 Larkin street. During the time that he was president of the Pacific Bank that institution was one of the most successful banks in the City.

His surviving children are John M. Burnett, Mrs. Judge W. T. Wallace and Mrs. C. T. Ryland of San Jose.

HIS CAREER REVIEWED.

Governor Budd's Estimate of the Dead Pioneer's Services.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., May 17.—*To the Editor of the Call:* You ask me for my estimate of the official career of ex-Governor Peter Burnett. While not personally acquainted with the gentleman in his lifetime, I always considered him a man among men, a pioneer of pioneers, a brilliant lawyer, a fine Governor and an able Judge. When Peter Burnett arrived in California, in 1848, he found the country in a chaotic state—it was shortly after the conclusion of the Mexican War, and there was no form of civil government in existence. At this time, instead, military rule reigned supreme and caused intense dissatisfaction. Meetings were held in various portions of the State, the most important being those which convened in San Francisco, and eventually active steps were taken to organize a civil form of government.

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On the 3d of June, 1849, Brigadier-General Bennet Riley, who was acting as military Governor of California, issued a call for a constitutional convention to meet at Monterey, and the constitution as then drafted was submitted to the people at an election held November 13, 1849, and it was at this election that Burnett was elected Governor. Such was the formation of the first form of civil government in California. Burnett was inaugurated in December, 1849, and his message to the Legislature, then extant, is one of the ablest documents on record in our State annals.

It devolved upon him to shape the policy of the new State, and, being a lawyer of more than ordinary ability and a man of undoubted integrity, he ably filled the responsibility. In his message he recommended that extra care be taken in formulating the code of laws that were to govern what had become one of the leading States of the Union, stating at the time that subsequent legislative bodies would scarcely be likely to materially change such laws as would conform to the constitution. He also gave explicit instructions as to the method of levying the revenues of the State, and directed particular attention to the forwarding of the agricultural interests.

At this time the introduction of slavery into the State was a mooted question and one which Burnett strongly opposed. On January 8, 1851, he tendered his letter of resignation, as he desired to devote his time to his private interests, which were far more important than the existing salary of \$10,000 per annum, and he probably felt assured that he had fully performed those duties which had devolved upon him, and after successfully launching the ship of state upon the current of prosperity could safely trust the helm to other hands. Peter Burnett amply proved himself to be the right man in the right place, and it was largely his personal efforts and addresses to the people at large, through the medium of the daily press, that helped formulate the civil government of the State of California.

James S. Bull

rites of the church.

Funeral Services Over the Remains of Governor Burnett.

A Requiem Mass at St. Ignatius and Interment at Santa Clara.

There were quite a large number of callers yesterday at the Burnett residence at 1713 Larkin street, to view the remains of the first elected Governor of California. The body had been laid out in the drawing-room and the features were life-like and natural, showing a calm and peaceful end. There were many and beautiful floral tributes from the relatives and friends of the departed pioneer and executive.

The funeral will take place from the family residence this morning. A solemn requiem mass will be celebrated at St. Ignatius Church at 10 o'clock, and the mortal remains of Peter H. Burnett will then be conveyed by a special funeral train to Santa Clara, where the interment will take place in the Catholic cemetery.

Rev. Father Coltelli will be the celebrant of the mass and Rev. Father Larkin will act as deacon. Rev. Father Cottle will preach the sermon. A male choir will sing the mass and the solos will be by an especially selected quartet.

The following gentlemen will act as pallbearers: Judge McKinstry, Senator George C. Perkins, Captain James M. McDonald, Dr. C. D. Cleveland, Christian Reis, Alexander Boyd, W. A. Piper and James R. Kelly.

The gentlemen's sodality of St. Ignatius Church will be present in a body and Governor Budd and staff are also expected to be present. The Pioneers will also be represented.

Among the mourners who will accompany the remains to Santa Clara are the following:

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Burnett of Visitation Valley, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Burnett, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Ryland of San Jose, Judge and Mrs. William T. Wallace, Miss M. Burnett, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Ryland of Los Gatos, Miss Harriet Burnett, Mr. and Mrs. George Burnett, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Sheehan, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burnett, C. T. Ryland Jr., David M. Burnett, Miss Romie Wallace, A. Burnett, Peter Burnett, Mr. and Mrs. Sprague, John W. Ryland, Miss Sarah Burnett, Miss Margaret A. Burnett and Miss Mary Burnett.

BURNETT, Peter H.
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5-20-1895

Thunen, William

Oroville Register

5-30-1895

Killed by Apoplexy.

Wm. Thunen, one of the oldest and most respected citizens of Cherokee, was yesterday morning stricken down by apoplexy. He got up from bed, walked a few feet and fell insensible to the floor. He did not regain consciousness at any time but lived until half past four in the afternoon when he passed away. He was a blacksmith by occupation and had worked at his trade many years in Cherokee. He leaves a widow, seven sons and a daughter to mourn his sudden and untimely death.

JAMES, William D.

Oroville Register

6-6-1895

A Sad Accident.

Friday afternoon Wm. D. James was caved on and killed in the Derbec gravel mine above North Bloomfield. The ground in which Mr. James and his partner were working was considered treacherous but the men had ample confidence in themselves and went to work after lunch hour when the fatal cave occurred which resulted in the death of James. The young man was well known throughout the county and was most highly respected. He leaves a widow and one child. He was a member of Nevada Commandery, No. 6, Knights Templar, of Nevada City. He also was a member of Quitman lodge, F. & A. M., of North Bloomfield, Manzanita Chapter, R. A. M., and Court Hydraulic, No. 8539, A. O. F., of North Bloomfield. He also carried a life insurance policy of \$2000 in the New England Mutual Company. A delegation of the K. T. will attend his funeral at Nevada City.—*Grass Valley Telegraph.*

Wm. James returned Monday night from Nevada City and tells us that his nephew was buried on Sunday by the Masonic fraternity. The blue lodge performing the burial service and the Commandery acting as an escort. The Foresters also performed their burial service at the grave. Wm. D. James was highly esteemed and had been very successful. For seven years he had the boarding house at the Derbec mine and was also foreman having about fifty men under him.

A SUDDEN DEATH. LASATER (LASITER), Jasper

Oroville Register

6-27-1895

On Saturday last at eight o'clock Jasper Laster who was working for W. S. Higgins six miles from Cascade Valley took a drink of water and went to bed. For several days he had complained of sharp pains through his breast and at Mr. Higgins's suggestion he laid off from work until he felt well again. Just before going to bed on Saturday night he said he felt in good trim once more and would be ready for work on Monday morning.

Ten minutes after he lay down Mr. Higgins and the other men heard him groaning as if in severe pain. They went to his bunk and found him in a fainting condition. By chaffing his hands and wrists and by putting cold water on the back of his neck he revived but suddenly fainted a second time. They by resorting to the means stated revived him a second time but after fairly coming to himself for a few moments he sank back as if in great agony and within a few moments was dead.

We saw Mr. Higgins last evening at eight o'clock just after he reached here with the body of the unfortunate young man. He said they thought he had died from heart disease as the pains complained of were apparently through the heart.

The deceased was either born or came here when very young as he lived near Oroville all his life. He was a twin brother of Lawrence Lasator at Oregon City, and another at San Francisco.

Jasper or Jesse as he was often called was thirty-seven years old and for years had been engaged in mining. He was a single man and left no relatives we think except the two brothers named. He was an industrious, honest hardworking young man and well known through this part of Butte. The body lies at the rooms of Undertaker Nunn from which it will be buried.

An inquest was held by Coroner Woodman Monday on the remains of Jasper Lasater and the physicians made an examination. In accordance with their testimony the jury brought in the verdict that death resulted from the congestion of the left lung.

SCOTT, Richard B.

Oroville Register

6-27-1895

Suicide at Chico.

CHICO, June 22.—A sensational suicide occurred here yesterday at the cemetery.

R. B. Scott a man about 65 years of age came to Chico a few days ago and put up at the Hallam house. He had no baggage except a short rifle which he carried during most of his rambles into the surrounding country. It was his daily habit to visit the cemetery where his mother, Mrs. Lydia Wells, had been buried for 25 years. He frequently wandered about among the graves and asked Sexton Buckhout many questions concerning those who lie buried in the different graves.

During Thursday night someone heard a report of a gun in or near the cemetery but thought nothing of it. Yesterday morning, however, at nine o'clock Mrs. Spatt on entering the silent city was horrified to see the body of Mr. Scott stretched lifeless on the little mound of earth that covered his mother's remains. Mr. Scott had sat down on the ground and placed the rifle to his forehead. He then reached down and pulled the trigger with his hand and death was instantaneous as a hole an inch in diameter was made by the bullet. His hand still clenched the trigger when the body was found.

At the Coroner's inquest it was learned that Mr. Scott was a brother of Caleb Scott of Con Cow.

He had nearly \$40 in his pocket. His son who lives at Paradise Slip, Nev., was notified of the sad news and will be in Chico today to attend the funeral.

POMPEY,

Chief of Mooretown and Cascade Indians

Oroville Register

7-4-1895

Died From the Fall.

Pompey, the Chief of the Mooretown and Cascade Indians has passed to the happy hunting grounds of his tribe. A day or two ago he was in a pine tree cutting off a limb when his ax slipped and accidentally cut the limb on which he was standing causing it to break and like McGinty down went Pompey, breaking his neck and killing him instantly, thus causing deep sorrow among the red men.

LOGUE, Henry M.
Oroville Register
9-5-1895

HIS DAYS ENDED.

**Henry Logue of Oregon City Crosses
the Dark Threshold.**

Yesterday morning at eight o'clock Henry Logue, after a brief illness, crossed over the dark river and entered the unknown world beyond.

He was the son of Wm. Logue and was reared in the home where death overtook him. His remains will be buried tomorrow at two o'clock from the Catholic church in Oroville. We had no personal acquaintance with the deceased but those who did speak of him in the kindest manner as an industrious and upright young man.

Stone, Mrs. E.
Oroville Register 9-5-1895

Mrs. E. Stone of Concow, died at her home on the 22d. at 12 p. m. and was buried on the 24th. Deceased left a husband and family to mourn her demise and their many friends deplore the departure of their esteemed neighbor and extend a sincere sympathy to the bereaved in their affliction.

Note: Maiden name Sarah Ann Miller
Married Edward Stone about 1890

Halala (Rancheria Indian)

Weekly Chronicle Record

9-7-1895

AN INDIAN KILLED.

Halala Struck by a Train Early Yesterday Morning.

Halala, a well known Rancheria Indian has gone to his happy hunting ground. He was killed by the California express yesterday morning about 125 yards above the Rancheria crossing.

Some of the Indians found his remains lying by the side of the track early yesterday morning and Deputy Coroner Burroughs was notified. The body was removed to the undertaking parlors and an inquest was held.

Halala was evidently drunk when the accident happened, for two quart bottles containing gin was found near by. He had drunk about a pint of the stuff. When the fender of the engine struck him, he must have been using the rail for a pillow. The fender struck him in the back of the head breaking the neck and exposing the brains. It is not known whether it was the north or south bound train that killed him.

Several months ago Halala filled up on China gin and went to sleep on the track. He was struck by the train and his scalp was horribly cut.

Two months ago he and another Indian were arrested by Constable Chubbuck for being drunk. They had bought gin from a Chinaman in the new town.

The Coroner's jury returned a verdict of accidental death. The remains were removed to the Rancheria where the interment will take place.

The engineer of the Oregon express saw the body lying by the side of the track. He stopped the train and the body was removed a few feet from the track. The conductor of the train whose division ends at Red Bluff came down on yesterday morning's local and reported the matter to agent Williamson, but this evidence was not introduced at the Coroner's inquest.

DURETT (JARBOE), Mrs. Ellen
Oroville Register 10-3-1895

One of the saddest of funerals that ever occurred in this community was that of Mrs. Ellen Durett, who died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Jarboe, on the 23d ult., at 10 o'clock A. M., and was buried in the Cherokee cemetery on the 25th. Deceased was 26 years of age and had framed a beautiful character, resolute and kind, a firm friend, dutiful daughter and loving wife. She was one of those persons who could forget her own cares to shed rays of sunlight about others and to know her best was to love her most. Friends of the family rendered every assistance in caring for the remains, and loving hands tenderly strewed the casket with flowers ere its interment. The services were performed by Rev. Parsons.

Sweet peace be thine, thy mission done,
In sleep divine, rest faithful one;

And though He called thy spirit away,
With memory's treasures thou'st stored for
aye.

WITCH HAZEL.

Yankee Hill, Oct. 1, 1895.

Thunen, Henry

Oroville Register

10-3-1895

Henry Thunen Puts a Bullet Through His Brain

On last Friday afternoon Henry Thunen of Cherokee, by his own hand took his life in his mother's home. The only reason for the rash act was despondency.

On the 26th of last November Henry left home in the morning with the intention of going duck hunting. When the shadows of night approached and the young man had not returned his parents became alarmed and a searching party started to find him. About midnight he was discovered under a tree from which he had fallen. He had climbed for a squirrel but the limb proved treacherous and he was precipitated a distance of thirty-five feet.

The local doctors made an examination and found the spine injured and so in December Henry was taken below to be treated. After a few weeks there no relief being given him he was brought back to his home.

In May of this year the young man read of an operation being performed successfully and he went below again. It was to no avail however and some weeks ago he returned to Cherokee.

He became despondent and rather than be a burden looked about for some way to end life's struggle. It came to him yesterday and he did not let the opportunity pass. His brother Will saw a bird near the house and getting his pistol killed it to make some broth for the invalid. As he re-entered the room he placed the pistol down. Henry asked for something in the next room and Will turned to go for it. Hardly had he reached the door when he was startled by the report of a pistol. The poor sufferer had picked up the weapon and placing it to his forehead pulled the trigger. Death was instantaneous.

It is a sad blow to the bereaved family for Henry was the pride of them all. He was a young man only about 25 years of age and at the time of the accident was a strong physical man.

He was industrious and had no bad habits. To the bereaved family we extend the sympathy of a grieved and consoling public.

His soul has passed to that radiant home above where he shall know neither pain nor suffering more.

Coroner Woodman and Charles S. Topping went to Cherokee last night where an inquest was to be held. The funeral will take place this afternoon at two o'clock from the family residence in Cherokee.



Mullen, Mrs. William

Oroville Register

10-3-1895

Over the River.

Mrs. Wm. Mullen wife of Wm. Mullen of Big Bend, died in Chicago on the 24th of this month. Mrs. Mullen had been in ill health for some months past and was on her way East, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Blake of Boston. Mrs. Mullen was a sister of Mrs. James C. Gray of Oroville.

Bill Tom (Indian)

Oroville Register

11-7-1895

ANOTHER MURDER.

Bill Tom The Indian, Killed by Harry Lorraine.

Friday's Democrat says that Harry Lorraine a Swede shot and killed Bill Tom the leading witness in the Waller trial. Lorraine's story is that he went with a man named Hughes to help the Indian build a cabin and that he and Hughes after drinking freely got into a fight. Then Hughes made a rush for a rifle but that he got it first and knowing there was but one cartridge in it tried to fire this into the air but the lock caught in some and the bullet went through the body of Tom who was stadding some distance away and who had no part in the fight.

Constable Irwin who arrested him says the murderer told him a different story and it is evident there will be another expensive murder trial in Yuba.

PRESLEY, Allen
Oroville Register
11-14-1895

Will be Buried at Smartsville.

Allen Presley's remains were buried at Smartsville where he resided for many years. He was a blacksmith by occupation and had a position at San Quentin when he died there. In this county he is well known as he worked for four or five years at Big Bend. He was a member of Smartsville Lodge Franklin Chapter R. A. M., Oroville Commandery Knights Templar. He was a native of Ireland and 47 years of age. He was a bright and intellectual man and at one time Master of the Smartsville lodge. He leaves a wife and three children to mourn his death.

Campbell, Charles
Oroville Register 11-14-1895

FOUND DEAD.

**A Man Who Laid Down in the Field
and Died.**

Charles Campbell of Cherokee who had been working at the Rock River mine wandered away from that place and was not seen for two days. Monday afternoon his body was found in a field owned by Smith Brothers where it is supposed he had laid down and died from exposure. He was a native of Michigan and aged 61 years. He was an uncle of James Campbell of Cherokee and had resided in that place for many years.

Niles, William J.

Oroville Register

11-14-1895

Found Dead in the Woods.

On Saturday afternoon Wm J. Niles left the Christie mine at Jordan Hill, to hunt for game. He carried a double barreled shotgun and went alone. As he did not return at night much alarm was felt for him, and as soon as the men could see on Sunday morning a party set out in search of him. About three miles from the mine, and in the forest, they came upon his dead body, but there were no marks of any kind to tell how he came by his death. He had not fallen from any height, as there were no bruises, nor had he shot himself, but to all appearances had died a natural death.

He had not felt well for some days and complained of severe stomach trouble, but his friends think his death resulted from heart disease. Undertaker O. T. Topping and Herman Downer went up Sunday afternoon to bring the body here. The deceased was brought up in Grass Valley, where his parents reside, and it is probable that his remains will be sent there for burial. He was a single man, English by birth, and for years had been engaged in mining.

GUFFREY, Vincent
Oroville Register
12-23-1895

Dead in Bed.

Vincent Guffrey a native of France and a resident of Oregon City in this county for more than thirty years, has been at the County Infirmary for a year or more. He was troubled with heart disease and occasionally would have spells as if he was smothering to death.

On Friday he was as well as ever and helped about the work as usual. He went to bed at night feeling well but when his companions found him sleeping late on Saturday morning and tried to arouse him it was seen that he was a lifeless corpse. He had passed into dreamland during his sleep.

BUNNELL, Mrs. Charles (Carrie)
Oroville Register
1-9-1896

Mrs. Bunnell Buried.

Mrs. Chas. Bunnell was buried Monday at 10 o'clock. She was born and reared in the vicinity of Pentz and was well and widely known in that portion of the county. Her death is particularly sad as six quite young children are left without a mother's care or guidance.

McCLOUD, Hiram Almy

Oroville Register

2-6-1896

H. A. McCloud of Butte, Montana Killed in a Mine.

We lately published the statement that H. A. McCloud, formerly of Cherokee, had been killed at Butte, Montana. From the accounts in the Montana papers we condense the following: H. A. McCloud and Andy Higgins were working in the Mountain Con mine and were engaged in carrying away timbers as they came down the chutes. Chas. Chatham and Richard Burns were lowering the timbers from seven floors above. For the purpose of letting down the timbers a rope with a chain four feet long on the end is used. A ring is on one end of the chain and the chain is passed back through this forming a loop. This loop is put around the timber and when all is ready the signal is given and the timber is lowered down the chute.

At the time of the accident Burns or Chatham up above asked if all was ready. McCloud answered, "yes, all ready." This was asked and answered three times as is the custom. Then Burns raised a piece of timber ten inches square and four and a half feet long and put it over the collar and into the chute. Instead of the chain drawing tightly and holding the timber, the stick passed through the loop and went to the bottom, 50 feet below, striking McCloud on the shoulder, back of the head and killing him instantly. Burns had hold of the timber last and probably saw it strike McCloud for he fainted dead away at the time the timber struck. The body was carried from under the chute and the Coroner notified.

Andy Higgins, who was working with McCloud testified that he did not hear any one call down but Burns and Chatham testified that they both called out and were answered in the usual manner.

Jas. Keegan, foreman of the mine, said both Burns and Chatham were experienced men and were very careful.

The evidence of Frank Cassidy the shift boss, and of T. Harrington the level boss, was substantially the same.

John H. Miles deputy State Inspector of mines, examined the chute and found everything in a perfectly safe condition.

The Coroner's jury decided that the timber must have slipped out of the chain loop ere the weight of the timber had tightened it.

McCloud left a wife and child. He was about 32 years of age and had lived some months in Butte. He leaves a father, mother, two sisters and four brothers in California. The funeral took place under the auspices of the Odd Fellows of Butte.

WATKINS, Mrs. J. H.
Oroville Register
2-6-1896

Mrs. J. H. Watkins Dead,

Mrs. J. H. Watkins died at Burnett, Wash., on the 22d of January. Mrs. Watkins will be well remembered as Miss Belle Wilson of Cherokee and a wide circle of friends will be deeply pained to hear of her early death. She was but twenty-five years of age and was a native of this county. She leaves a husband and a baby daughter, only ten days old.

STEPHENS, Elmer M.

Chico Enterprise

2-14-1896

Death of a Child.

The sympathy of the citizens of Chico is extended to Lyman Stephens and family in the loss of his little son, Elmer M. Stephens, aged 3 years and 3 months, which occurred yesterday morning at the residence of James Stephens, a few miles east of Chico. Only a short time ago, Elmer's mother passed away, and the son's death is a great blow to the already afflicted father. Little Elmer was a bright and loving child, and will be missed by those who knew him.

The funeral services will be held at the residence of James Stephens tomorrow morning at 8:30 o'clock, Rev. C. K. Jenness officiating. At the conclusion of the services, the remains will be conveyed to the Clear Creek cometary to be interred beside those of his darling mother.

DUENSING, Mrs. Ernest
(Louise A. Rawlings)
Oroville Register
3-12-1896

**Pneumonia Carries Away a Good
Woman and Mother.**

At Lovelock on Saturday afternoon the Father called to the home above the soul of Mrs. Duensing. Her death was sudden, as she had been sick but a few days of pneumonia and her friends hardly realized her condition.

The body was interred on Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Duensing was a good woman and kind mother to her children, of whom six the youngest being but two years old, mourn her loss.

Mr. Duensing is also very ill of pneumonia.

YANKEE HILL ITEMS.

CURTIS (SMITH), Ella Elizabeth
Daily Oroville Register
3-14-1896

An Interesting Letter From our Regular Correspondent.

ED REGISTER—The scene has changed from winter to spring. The late snow has melted, the sun is shining free and unlimited, grass is springing up fast, the grasshopper of the winged variety, has put in its appearance, everybody is busy and everything is thrifty.

The mines are looking up and every business moves through an easy channel, and the man who says Yankee Hill is dead better mind his I.

Mrs. D. E. Wells has just received an assignment of dry goods and is ready to suit the demands of customers.

We met Frank Clark today and he showed us a specimen of quartz from his ledge about the size of our hand which fairly bristles with gold and is estimated to be worth about \$30.

As the snow has gone off the Bend they have resumed operations on their mine and will be ready to run their arrastra in two weeks.

The Lyceum is becoming livelier every meeting. Five new members were elected last meeting. The next question for debate is "Resolved that the Central Pacific railroad debt should not be refunded."

The Cherokee debating club sent the Y. H. L. a friendly challenge to debate and gave us the choice of the question. Undoubtedly we will accept the challenge, and though we do not hope to cope successfully against Cherokee talent we will endeavor to prove worthy of their steel.

The death of Mrs. E. Curtis of Paradise was a sad stroke to many of her relatives on this side of the river. By her demise a husband and four children one an infant, were bereft of a kind mother and wife and they have the earnest sympathy of a large circle of friends.

WITCH HAZEL.

Yankee Hill, March 10th.



WORKMAN, Robert
Plumas National Bulletin
4-23-1896

DIED.

WORKMAN—At the County Hospital, April 18, 1896, Robert Workman, a native of England, aged 76 years.

Death at the Indian Village.

On April 14, Nopanny, wife of Billy Preacher and daughter of Chief Luckyan, passed to her heavenly home.

She was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and once a delegate from the Indian Missionary Society to the Ladies Presbyterial Society, on which occasion the dignity and propriety of her deportment were unsurpassed by any.

Her father was chief when General Bidwell came to Rancho Chico, and is described by him as of superior intellect, dignity and amiability, which traits his daughter inherited.

A lady who knew her in 1855 describes her as then a young mother. "A perfect bronze, clad only in a skirt of tule;" yet this woman learned to speak and read English; to sew beautifully, and to be an expert housekeeper. Her home has been one of those always exhibited to visitors. Nor has any white wife ever admired or honored her husband more

Nopanny had many warm friends in California and the East who have personally known her, and whose messages of love (and gifts) have been tributes to themselves as well as to her; and that one who was an earlier resident here than any white person and so brave and good should pass away "unhonored and unsung" seems too unjust to be allowed. For 21 years she has been my friend and counsellor, hence this tribute from one who loved and revered her

Rancho Chico

NOPANNY

(daughter of Chief Luckyan)

Chico Enterprise

4-24-1896

Note:

AKB is Annie K. Bidwell

Jacinto, John
Oroville Register
5-7-1896

Perished in the Mine.

Some blasts in a tunnel at Cherokee were set off Thursday morning. A boy named John Jacinto aged about seventeen entered the tunnel too soon after the blast was set off and before the powder had had time to escape. In consequence he was overcome by the smoke and perished before he could reach fresh air. He was found by Emanuel Rose about 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

WHELAN, Mrs. Dennis
(Johann Pennefeather
Oroville Daily Register
5-9-1896

Death of Mrs. Dennis Whelen.

Mrs. Whelan was one of the oldest and best known women of Cherokee and many will be pained to hear of her death. She was taken ill about two weeks ago with pneumonia and in spite of the most untiring care on the part of her physician and her family she was unable to shake off the disease and died yesterday morning. She leaves a husband and the following sons and daughters: Malachi, Lizzie, Will, David Kate and Nora. Lizzie is married to Wm. Mellon and they live near Challenge Mills while Malachi is driving on the stage line from Marysville to LaPorte, Will left about four weeks ago for South America and almost the first news he receives will be the news of his mother's death. We are not advised as to the time of the funeral.

CHAMBERS, Robert
Oroville Daily Register
5-11-1896

Robert Chambers Dead.

For months Robt. Chambers of Oregon City had been failing from consumption and yesterday the dread summons reached him that comes to all soon or late. He was born and reared in Cherokee and was well and favorably known in that part of the county. He leaves one brother, John, living at Oregon City and one sister living, we think, in the vicinity of San Francisco.

WHELAN, Mrs. Dennis Oroville Daily Register 5-12-1896

A CARD OF THANKS.

The Husband and Children of Mrs.
Dennis Whalen Thank Their Friends.

The light of our home has vanished, the lamp that guided us onward has burned out, the kind and gentle spirit who made our home life so dear to us all has been taken from us. To those who aided and assisted us in the last illness of our wife and mother. To those who helped watch night and day; to those who did all that was possible for willing hands and loving hearts to do for the sick and suffering one; to those who were with us in that last bitter hour when the form of our beloved one was laid from our sight forever; we desire in this public manner to return our sincere thanks.

While many helped and assisted, yet to Miss Anna McGregor we feel particularly grateful. We would like to thank each one by name who remembered our beloved one and did everything in their power to make her last sickness as little painful as possible. We realize how empty words are, how little of our true feelings we can express, yet we do most sincerely and truly return our thanks to the many kind and loving friends in Cherokee for all that they did for us in our hour of sorrow and bereavement.

DENNIS WHALEN,

MALACHI "

DAVID "

NORA "

KATE "

Cherokee, May 11, 1896.

REAVIS, David M.
Sacramento Daily Union
5-14-1896

DAVID M. REAVIS DEAD.

**One of the Most Prominent Stock-
Raisers in the State.**

SAN FRANCISCO, May 13.—David M. Reavis, one of the most prominent ranchers and stockraisers in the State, died to-night at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Holt, in this city.

Mr. Reavis owned the famous Reavis ranch in Butte County, acknowledged to be one of the finest in the State. At one time he farmed 15,000 acres of land, and owned the well-known Dixie Valley stock ranch.

He was a native of Missouri, and was born on October 24, 1830. When 20 years of age he came to this State and settled in Placer County. After mining there for a few years he opened a store, and in 1858 he moved to Butte County, where he bought a ranch and went in for stock-raising.

He leaves a widow and four grown-up children. He will probably be buried with Masonic honors at Chico.

REAVIS, David Morton
Weekly Oroville Register
5-21-1896

D. M. Reavis Dead.

G. H. Taylor, secretary of Chico Lodge, No. 111 F. & A. M., received a dispatch last evening from J. J. Reavis, notifying him of the death of David Morton Reavis, which took place yesterday in San Francisco. The funeral will not be held in Chico.

D. M. Reavis was one of the best known of old residents of Butte county. For several years he lived on the large estate west of Chico. He had been ill for some time prior to his death in San Francisco.—
Chronicle-Record.

MILLER, Leland J.
Oroville Daily Register
5-21-1896

The little boy of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Miller who has been so ill of late died yesterday morning. Mr. Miller is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Rapp and the family have many friends and acquaintances here who sympathize with them in the loss of their little child.

KITRICK, Mrs. Annie

Oroville Daily Register

5-22-1896

A SUDDEN DEATH.

Mrs. Annie Kitrick Passes Away Yesterday Morning.

A Sad End of a Once Happy and Beautiful Woman---Stricken Down on Sunday Last.

Mrs. Annie Kitrick was one of the most perfect specimens of health to be found in our community and the report that she had been stricken by paralysis last Saturday was a shock to all. She was out doors at the time but was able to walk in the house and lie down. Two hours later another shock prostrated her and after two o'clock on Sunday morning she was unable to speak. Her last words were to ask the time of night.

She was tenderly cared for by her sister Mrs. C. Anderson and by Mrs. M. Frishholz. Dr. Reardan was the attending physician and Dr. Karsner was called in consultation but medical help was unavailing. On Wednesday her pulses rapidly increased and it was evident that death was fast approaching. She lingered until six o'clock on Thursday morning when death came to her relief.

She was born at Mooretown on August 31st, 1861, and was the daughter of Richardson Dickenson of that place. Three brothers J. W., Thos. W. and Charles H. Dickenson and her sister Mrs. O. Anderson are left to mourn her early and untimely death. She was married to Wm. Kitrick on Dec. 17, 1882 and her remains will be taken to Strawberry Valley to be laid beside those of her deceased husband. The funeral ceremonies will take place this morning at 10 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. Anderson.

Mrs. Kitrick was an amiable, happy-hearted and popular lady and her loss will be a severe one to her friends and relatives.

'There is no death; an angel form
Walks o'er the earth with silent tread;
He bears our best loved things away,
And then we call them dead.'

STRANG, Fred Elmer
Oroville Register
6-4-1896

Little Freddie Strang Dead.

Fred Elmer Strang, the six year old son of George and Katie Strang, died at Oregon City on June 1st. The funeral took place yesterday. Little Fred was a quick, bright, intelligent child, far beyond his age in some things and particularly in mathematics so much so that his parents had to watch him very closely that he did not give too much attention to figures. He could work quite difficult examples mentally even before he could read. We ate supper and breakfast with Freddie for a companion lately and marked with pleasure his bright, happy and pleasant face, his manly ways and courteous manner. The bereaved father and mother have our sincere sympathy in their sorrow and affliction.

BADER (NUSBAUM), Elizabeth
Oroville Register
7-2-1896

**A Good Woman and a Kind Neighbor
Gone.**

Mrs. Elizabeth Bader, aged 63 years, a native of Prussia and a long resident of Cherokee died as stated in the REGISTER, on Thursday evening. She leaves a family of four daughters and two sons. She had been so long in Cherokee and was so well and favorably known that her death is a loss to every person there.

She was a woman of good business training, of kindly heart and generous impulses and her loss is a loss to Cherokee that cannot be replaced.

HOLT (REAVIS), Nellie B.

The San Francisco Call

7-15-1896

HOLT—In this city, July 13, 1896, Nellie B., beloved wife of F. S. Holt, and daughter of Ann E. and the late David M. Reavis, a native of Chico, Butte County, Cal., aged 29 years 4 months and 4 days.

Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral **THIS DAY** (Wednesday), at 1:30 o'clock P. M., from the family residence, 744 Castro street. Interment Cypress Lawn Cemetery.

SAFFORD, Mrs. Anna
Oroville Register
7-16-1896

Mrs. Anna Safford Dies of Heart Failure in Oakland.

Mrs. Anna Safford, wife of Judge W. S. Safford, died at the residence of Mrs. J. M. Brock, in Oakland, Tuesday morning, of heart failure.

The hearts of our older residents will beat with sorrow at this intelligence, for she was one of the most highly respected ladies that Oroville has ever known.

She was the elder daughter of Jabez Swain and lived with her parents where the residence of Amos Howard now stands. Her parents removed from Oroville and she accompanied them, but about 1865 was married in San Francisco to Judge Safford, who occupied the bench as County Judge of Butte county from 1865 until 1880.

We think three children were born to them but the life of all was cut short and they are sleeping in the Oroville Cemetery.

In 1880 they moved to Sacramento and the Judge acted as private secretary to Governor Perkins. When Mr. Perkins retired from office Judge Safford was offered a position by the Central Pacific Railroad Company and ever since has resided with his wife at Sacramento.

Mrs. Safford visited Oroville some months since but this spring her health has been poor hence she went to Oakland about June 1st to seek relief. She appeared to grow better but the Angel of Death suddenly called her home. Mrs. Safford was a good and noble woman and loved by all who knew her. Her loss will fall heavily on her husband and hosts of friends.

The body arrived on the late train last night accompanied by her heart broken husband and friends. The funeral will take place at four o'clock this afternoon and the services will be held at the Congregational church.

Buried in Cherokee Cemetery, Butte County

HOLT (REAVIS), Mrs. Nellie
Oroville Register
7-16-1896

Death of Mrs. Holt.

Tuesday morning Mrs. W. A. Reavis, who is here on a visit to her mother, Mrs. L. A. Barnes, received a telegram from San Francisco stating stating that Mrs. Nellie Holt, nee Reavis, was dying. A later telegram bore the sad intelligence of her death. Mrs. Holt has been sick for some time but her death is a shock to her many friends here, where she formerly lived.—Chronicle-Record.

VanGOODEN, Peter
Oroville Register
7-16-1896

Died.

Monday Peter Van Goodwin of Cherokee, died in Chico. He was born and reared in Cherokee and was about 24 years of age. He had been sick with consumption for the past three months. The interment will take place in Cherokee,

Van GOODEN, Peter
Chico Enterprise
7-17-1896

Death of Peter Van Gooden.

This morning, at 7 o'clock, Peter Van Gooden died at the Connelley Institute in this city.

Deceased was a native of California, aged 23 years. He was afflicted with that dread disease, consumption, and realized that there was no hope for his recovery.

The relatives of deceased reside at Cherokee, and undertaker Fetters has telephoned to them for instructions.

VAHLE, Fred W.
The Sutter County Farmer
8-14-1896

An Old Resident Dead.

On July 28th, Fred W. Vahle, an old and highly respected resident of Nicolaus, died at Pentz, Butte county. He was the brother of Jacob Vahle and Mrs. P. E. Drescher, of Nicolaus. The interment was made at Pentz.

WILLIAMS, William H.
Oroville Register
9-3-1896

**One of the Old Pioneers of Butte Dies
in Oregon.**

On Sunday at Morrow, Or., William H. Williams, at one time Supervisor from the Fifth district of this county, died. "Squire" Williams as he was familiarly called, was one of the old pioneers and a resident of this county for nearly forty years.

He was Justice of the Peace in Cherokee for a considerable period, but left Butte six or seven years ago for Oregon and was postmaster at Morrow at the time of his death.

Mr. Williams leaves a family and was a member of the A. O. U. W.

CHESHIRE, Robert
Oroville Register
10-8-1896

**Robert Cheshire Expires at His Home
in Cherokee.**

All who knew Robert Cheshire of Cherokee will be pained to learn of his death which occurred at his home early yesterday morning. He had been ill for quite a number of days past but it was generally supposed he was improving and that all immediate danger was passed. He suddenly grew worse however, and yesterday morning breathed his last.

He and his family were residents of Cherokee for nearly ten years and the deceased was looked up to a man of worth and integrity by the whole community.

His wife and five children are left to mourn his death. Two of his daughters reside here, Mrs. Thunen and Miss Vina Cheshire.

ISAAC, Richard
Daily Oroville Register
12-29-1896

Richard Isaac Passed Away.

The Death Angel called suddenly and unexpectedly when he summonsed the soul of Richard Isaac on Sunday morning. Only the day before he had been well and hearty, then came a swift and sudden stroke that cut him down and within a few hours death followed. He was a pioneer of the State, and had spent the last ten years of his life in Butte. He leaves a wife and three children to mourn his loss. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the residence of his daughter Mrs. Henry Decker. The deceased was a native of Ohio and aged 66 years.
