

# MRS. HELEN NISBET NISBET, Helen (Ellen) PASSES AWAY Oroville Daily Register AT HOME 1-4-1909

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WAS ONE OF PIONEER WOMEN  
OF COUNTY, COMING HERE  
IN FIFTIES.

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Mrs. Helen Nisbet, one of the pioneer women of California, and for half a century a resident of Butte County, died early yesterday morning at Cherokee. The immediate cause of death was pneumonia.

The deceased was born in Scotland, and at the time of her death was something over sixty-nine years of age. When a young girl she came to California, making the trip to this State by way of the Isthmus of Panama. On coming here the family settled almost immediately in Butte County. With the exception of two years, Mrs. Nisbet had resided here continuously for the past fifty-four years, her home during this time being at Oregon City and Cherokee.

Her husband, Mr. John Nisbet, a forty-niner and one of the most prominent citizens of the county, died five years ago. Seven children and thirteen grandchildren live to mourn the death of Mrs. Nisbet. The children are: J. G. Nisbet, of Oroville, John Nisbet of Granite, Colorado; G. H. Nisbet, of Condoto, United States of Colombia; W. G. Nisbet, of Oroville, A. H. Nisbet and Andrew Nisbet, of Cherokee, Mrs. W. L. Whelan, of Cherokee, and Mrs. P. C. Hatch, of San Diego.

The funeral will be held on Tuesday. The cortege will leave the family residence at 12 o'clock, noon, and proceed to the Oregon City Hall, where funeral services will be held at 1:30 o'clock. Interment will be in the Oregon City Cemetery.

MORROVICH, Lucy (Indian)  
Oroville Daily Register  
1-8-1909

**BURIED AT YANKEE HILL.**

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The funeral of the late Lucy Morrovich, an aged Indian woman, who for years had been a resident of Yankee Hill, was held yesterday at that place. Mr. H. P. Cornell preached the funeral service. The remains were buried in the Yankee Hill Cemetery.

JOHNSON (DARBY), Marie G.  
Oakland Tribune  
1-8-1909

**JOHNSON**—In Berkeley, Cal., January 7, 1909, Marie G. Johnson, beloved wife of Le Roy C. Johnson, and mother of Le Roy C. Johnson Jr. (aged 2½ years), daughter of Mary E. Darby, and sister of Maud, William and Thomas Darby, a native of California, aged 30 years, 4 months and 4 days.

Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral at J. Gorman & Son's, 2549 Telegraph avenue, corner of Parker street, Saturday, January 9, 1909, at 1 o'clock p. m.

JOHNSON (DARBY), Marie Grace  
Oakland Tribune  
1-8-1909

**JOHNSON**—In Berkeley, Cal., January 7, 1909, Marie G. Johnson, beloved wife of Le Roy C. Johnson, and mother of Le Roy C. Johnson Jr. (aged 2½ years), daughter of Mary E. Darby, and sister of Maud, William and Thomas Darby, a native of California, aged 80 years, 4 months and 4 days.

Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral at J. Gorman & Son's, 2549 Telegraph avenue, corner of Parker street, Saturday, January 9, 1909, at 1 o'clock p. m.

FREDERICKS, Henry  
Oroville Daily Register  
1-9-1909

REMAINS WILL BE

INTERRED SUNDAY

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The remains of Henry Fredericks, the Yankee Hill miner, who died on January 5th, will be buried Sunday afternoon at 2 p. m. from the undertaking parlors of A. V. Reynolds, under the auspices of Oroville lodge of Odd Fellows, the deceased being a member of that order.

KAUFMAN, H.  
Oroville Daily Register  
1-11-1909

# LIVE WIRE CAUSE OF BIG BEND TRAGEDY

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DOUBLE TRAGEDY ON TELE-  
PHONE NARROWLY ESCAPED  
ON FRIDAY.

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More details of the tragic death of Electrical Engineer Kaufman, who was electrocuted at Big Bend, developed at the inquest held on Saturday. It appears that a power line of the Oro Water, Light and Power Company blew down in the storm and the wire, charged with 2300 volts, criss-crossed the telephone wire. Kaufman took down the telephone when the bell rang, and received the full voltage, being killed instantly. William Ballein, who was operating at the other end, was knocked senseless, and would undoubtedly have been electrocuted had not Archie Hengy cut the connection with his headpiece and immediately break the current.

KAUFMAN, H.  
Oroville Daily Register  
1-13-1909

**PARENTS ASK  
FOR REMAINS**

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Will Be Shipped to Old Home in the  
East.

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The remains of H. Kaufman, the young man who was instantly killed while talking over a telephone line a few days ago at a camp above Island Bar, his death being alleged to have been caused from the results of a shock received from a high-power line of the Western Power Company and charged by the Oro Water, Light and Power Company's generators at Pentz, falling across the telephone line, will no doubt be shipped back to Mountjoy, Penn., where, it has been learned, his parents reside. The remains have been embalmed by A. A. Ward and will be shipped back to his relatives. Officials of the Western Power Company claim that death resulted from heart disease.

McGRANAHAN, James  
Oroville Mercury  
1-15-1909

The funeral of the late Jas. Mc-Granahan will be held tomorrow Sunday, from the I. O. O. F. Hall in this city at 2 p. m. The interment will be in the I. O. O. F. cemetery in Thermalito in charge of A. V. Reynolds.



McGRANAHAN, James  
Oroville Mercury  
1-17-1909

**CHARTER MEMBER**

**IS LAID AT REST.**

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**Services Over Late James McGranahan Held Under Auspices of Oroville Lodge, No. 59**

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The funeral service over the late James McGranahan was held in the Odd Fellows' Hall Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The service was conducted by the local lodge, No. 59, of which the deceased was a charter member. After the service was concluded in the hall the funeral cortege formed in line and proceeded to the Odd Fellows' cemetery in Thermaito, where the remains were interred.

The pall bearers were Charles Wyckoff, John Toland, Frank Faulk, Alonzo Dolliver, Charles Thompson and Frank Sancomb.

The funeral arrangements were in charge of A. V. Reynolds.

# SPENCER, Franklin J. (John Franklin)

## Oroville Mercury

### 3-23-1909

#### OBITUARY

Franklin J. Spencer, who died Wednesday, March 24, 1909, in this city was born at Belle Plain, Shawano county, Wisconsin, in the year 1861, so at the time of his death he was nearly 48 years of age. The family removed to California during the boyhood of the deceased. In 1869 he graduated from a business college in Sacramento. He married Miss Molly H. Bayles in 1880. From 1880 to 1884 Mr. Spencer was editor of the Cheney Sentinel. At the death of his wife he returned to California in the latter part of 1884. His work on the Cheney Sentinel was so good that he was detailed as a reporter for an eastern paper in the Sioux war and was present when Sitting Bull, the famous warrior, was captured. Returning to Yankee Hill he was elected Justice of the Peace, an office he held until his death, a period of eighteen years. Judge

Spencer also held the office of Notary Public, Mining Recorder for his district and Postmaster for Pulga for a short time. Frank Spencer was well known as a mining man in Butte and Plumas counties. He was a man of much ability, a close student and a wide reader. He was an entertaining talker and had a great fund of information on many subjects. Personally he was affable and courteous. There was no limit to his generosity and his pocket was ever open to a friend in need or for the sake of charity.

A daughter, Mrs. Fred Davis, of Oroville, his aged father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. John Spencer, and a sister Mrs. Dora E. Wells of Yankee Hill, survive him.

SPENCER, John Franklin  
Oroville Daily Register  
3-25-1909

**JUDGE SPENCER PASSES AWAY**

An old and widely known resident of this county—Judge Frank Spencer, of Yankee Hill—died at the Oroville Hospital yesterday afternoon, after an illness of several weeks. Death was due to a complication of ailments.

Deceased was born in Wisconsin and was 49 years of age at the time of his death. A daughter, the wife of Dr. Davis, of this city, survives him, also his second wife, from whom he was separated for some years past; a sister, Mrs. Wells, Postmistress at Yankee Hill, and several other relatives.

Judge Spencer had resided in Butte County for the past thirty-two years. For eighteen years past he had been Justice of the Peace at Yankee Hill, where he was generally esteemed and looked up to to settle all disputes in the neighborhood, which he successfully accomplished, retaining the friendship of both factions by his diplomacy and general kindness to all. His death will be universally regretted on the Yankee Hill Ridge, and the void he leaves will be hard to fill. With a genial, kindly word for everyone, Mr. Spencer engendered the enmity of no one.

MOAK (HOUCK), Susan Margaret  
Chico Record  
4-20-1909

## **PIONEER RESIDENT CALLED BY DEATH**

Lingering illness of over a year ended yesterday morning in the death of Mrs. Susan Margaret Moak, wife of Jacob Moak, and one of the pioneer residents of Butte county, at the home on the Esplanade, Chico Vecino.

The deceased was a native of Clarksville, Albany county, New York, where she was born August 22, 1836, and was therefore aged 73 at the time of her death. In 1857 she was married and in 1863 came west to California, settling with her husband, an old Indian fighter of Butte, in Chico, where she had resided continuously.

Besides the husband there are two daughters surviving, Mrs. Silas T. Barry and Miss Hattie E. Moak, both residents of Chico. Arrangements for the funeral have not been announced.

# Clark, Mrs. A. B. (Yohema "Kate")

OROVILLE DAILY REGISTER  
PAGE 8, TUESDAY  
APRIL 20, 1909

MRS. A. B. CLARK, OF  
YANKEE HILL, DEAD

Deceased Was An Old Resident of That  
Section.

Monday morning Mrs. A. B. Clark, an old resident of Yankee Hill, passed away, at the advanced age of 64 years, the cause of death being cancer of the liver, from which ailment she had suffered terribly in the past three months.

Mr. Clark, husband of deceased, died about two years ago. She leaves a daughter, Mrs. A. C. Josophson, of Yankee Hill; six sons—Walter, of Covelo, Mendocino County; William, of Reno, Nevada; Frank and John A., of Yankee Hill; George, of Chafey, Nevada, and Ransom, of Los Angeles.

The funeral will take place on Thursday at 2 p. m., interment being in the Yankee Hill Cemetery.



Yohema (Kate) Clark  
Winter 1845 - 19 April 1909

CLARK, Mrs. A. B. (Yohema)  
Oroville Daily Register  
4-23-1909

**FUNERAL OF MRS. CLARK  
HELD AT YANKEE HILL**

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**Largely Attended by Friends and Relatives of Deceased.**

The funeral of the late Mrs. A. B. Clark, a pioneer resident of Yankee Hill, took place there yesterday at 1:30 o'clock, Mr. A. V. Reynolds, of this city, conducting the interment. The funeral was largely attended, the pallbearers being as follows: John Williams, B. L. Cleland, W. H. Cox, F. Duensing, R. Haggard, Rev. Mr. R. D. Douglass, pastor of the Congregational Church of this city, officiated at the funeral.

The choir was composed of Mrs. Cleland, Misses A. and E. Cleland, Mrs. Armbruster, and Miss F. Duensing.

Harris, N.A.

4-28-1909

# Chico Record

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## DEATH LAYS CLAIM TO OLD RESIDENT OF BUTTE

### N. A. Harris Succumbs To an Attack of Pneumonia

N. A. Harris, for many years one of the very prominent men of this county, where he engaged in the management and superintendency of extensive mining interests, died in San Francisco at 11 o'clock Sunday night, after an illness of but a few days, his fatal ailment being pneumonia. About three weeks ago Mr. and Mrs. Harris were in Chico to visit with their friends, Ed Harkness and family, and he was then in comparatively good health. Many of his old acquaintances enjoyed seeing him, for he was a most genial gentleman. He left Butte county about eighteen years ago.

His brother, B. D. Harris, was for many years a resident of Chico.

Mr. Harris came to this county in 1850 with J. MacKenzie Smith, and was afterward employed by Mr. Smith in the Banner mine. Mr. Harris was much alive and succeeded in his ventures along the line of mining in a marked degree. At the time he was superintendent of the Big Bend tunnel work under Major McLaughlin. Later he managed the Golden Gate mine, after which he went to Cherokee Flat and was there interested in the old Spring Valley mine, where he took out much gold. Mr. Harris was confident that a week or two more would put him in possession of a rich deposit of auriferous gravel in a tunnel he was running just below Nimsheew.

Mr. Harris leaves a wife, his companion for many years, to mourn his departure. They have no children.

The Harris family recently returned from a visit to Florida and were soon to visit Europe.

# MRS. JULIA KITRICK IS CALLED BY DEATH

KITRICK, Mrs. Julia  
Oroville Daily Register  
5-21-1909

PIONEER WOMAN PASSED AWAY  
AFTER LONG AND USEFUL  
LIFE.

CAME TO CALIFORNIA ACROSS  
THE ISTHMUS IN THE YEAR  
1859.

Mrs. Julia Kitrick, the mother of County Treasurer R. S. Kitrick, Lawrence Kitrick, and J. J. Kitrick, died about 2:30 o'clock yesterday morning at her home near Lumpkin. Mrs. Kitrick had been ill for the past two months, and it had been known that the end was not far off. It was not thought, however, that she would pass away so soon, as on Sunday last, when all three of her sons were with her, she appeared much stronger, and Dr. Reardan, who was attending her, stated that while she might pass away in a short time, yet again she might last through the summer months.

Mrs. Kitrick came to California in 1859, settling in Yuba County. She was born in Ireland in October, 1820, and came to America when a young woman. She was married in New York in 1854 to Lawrence Kitrick. Mr. Kitrick preceded her to California, coming around the Horn. In 1858 she followed him to this State, making the trip across the Isthmus. They settled in Yuba County, where the husband and father died in 1873. Since 1892 Mrs. Kitrick had been living at Lumpkin.

A woman of sterling character, kindly, and unselfish, Mrs. Kitrick found the chief duties of her life within her home, rearing her children and instilling in them the ability to bear their full share of the responsibilities of life. She was repaid by seeing her three sons grow to manhood, obtain success in their vocations, and attain the respect and confidence of whole communities. The tender and loving ministrations of these sons in her later life repaid her for the years of sacrifice and devotion that she had devoted to them.

Mrs. Kitrick leaves three sons, R. S. Kitrick and Lawrence Kitrick, of Oroville, and J. J. Kitrick, of Lumpkin; a sister, Mrs. Hannah Hyde, of Vallejo, and a brother, William Butler, of New York.

The funeral services will be held on Saturday. Mr. A. V. Reynolds, who has charge of the funeral, states that the cortege will leave the residence of Mr. R. S. Kitrick at 8 o'clock in the morning, will proceed to the Catholic Church, where Mass will be said, and the interment will be in the Strawberry Valley Cemetery, where the husband and father lies.



KITRICK, Mrs. Julia  
Oroville Daily Register  
5-22-1909

**FUNERAL OF THE LATE  
MRS. KITRICK TO-DAY**

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Undertaker Reynolds returned from Lumpkin yesterday with the remains of Mrs. Julia Kitrick. The funeral cortege will leave the residence of Mr. R. S. Kitrick this morning at 8 o'clock and proceed to the Catholic Church, where Mass will be said. The interment will take place in Strawberry Valley.

PARK, Martin V.  
Oroville Mercury  
5-31-1909

FORMER RESIDENT DIES  
IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Martin V. Park, brother of W. A. Park, the well known rancher of Clear creek, about twelve miles from this city, died at Beaumont, San Bernardino county on Sunday, May 23, 1909, at the age of 66 years 9 months 25 days. The cause of death was cancer of the tongue.

The deceased was born in Vermont and came to California in 1864. He resided a few years in San Francisco and came to Butte county. He spent about two years in this county and then went to the Bay again. In 1884 he went to Southern California where he passed the remainder of his days. He was highly respected in the community in which he passed the last years of his life. Two sisters, Mrs. Isabel French of Connecticut and Mrs. Sarah J. Swan of Vermont and

two brothers, Rev. Andrew J. Park of Vermont, and Walter A. Park of Butte county survive him.

W. A. Park was with his brother for three weeks before death called him which had been a great comfort to the departed.

SHARPE (SHARP), William Leonard  
Oroville Mercury  
5-31-1909

William Leonard Sharpe, age 59 years, 9 months, 29 days, died in Oregon City yesterday. The deceased had followed mining in California for over forty years.

# RECEIVE THE NEWS OF DEATH OF WILL BOWE

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TELEGRAM BRINGS SAD MESSAGE TO RELATIVES IN THIS CITY.

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NO DETAIL OF PASSING AWAY OF WELL-KNOWN OROVILLE BOY GIVEN.

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The sad news of the death of William Bowe was received in this city yesterday afternoon. The message came in the form of telegram to the family here. No particulars were given, and it is not known whether death was the result of an accident or whether Mr. Bowe was taken with a sudden and fatal illness.

Mr. Bowe was employed as a miner at Vivtor, Colorado, and it was there that his death occurred. He was born in Cherokee thirty-three years ago. A great part of his life was spent in Oroville. About seven years ago he left this city for Colorado; where he had since been engaged in mining. Three years ago he was married.

The news of his death came as a great shock to his family here, and will be read with the most sincere sorrow by his many friends in Oroville. He leaves to mourn his loss a widow, an infant daughter, and three sisters—Mrs. Pat Curran, Miss Julia Bowe, and Miss Kate Bowe; also one brother James Bowe. The latter left last evening for Colorado.

BOWE, William  
Oroville Daily Register  
6-1-1909

SHARP, William L.  
Oroville Daily Register  
6-1-1909

### SHARP FUNERAL TO-DAY.

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The funeral of the late W. L. Sharp, aged 59 years, 9 months and 29 days, dearly beloved husband of Mrs. W. L. Sharp, father of Leonard, Grace and Dorace Sharp and Wallace and Ralph Sharp by his first wife, brother to John, James, Thomas and Samuel Sharp and Mrs. Sarah Hinkson and Mrs. Mary Dotson, will be held from Reynolds' undertaking parlor at 2 p. m. Tuesday, June 1st.

Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

(Sacramento papers please copy.)



STONE, Manford  
Oroville Daily Register  
6-14-1909

**EATEN BY BEASTS**

The remains of the man found dead some days ago, supposedly near Rock Creek, have been identified as those of Manford Stone, the son of Philander Stone, of Durham, and a nephew of F. Stone, of Concow.

From the details received yesterday it appears that the body was found on Long Creek, instead of Rock Creek, as was at first reported. It had been almost devoured by animals, but a portion of the skeleton remaining. Identification was established by means of a book found near the remains.

It was impossible to ascertain what was the cause of death. It is thought that the deceased may have become lost and starved to death, he may have frozen to death, or it is possible that he was attacked by wild beasts and killed. Death occurred several months ago.

The remains were interred near the place where they were found.

CLARENBACH, William K.  
Gridley Herald  
6-16-1909

## **WM. CLARENBACH DEAD**

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William K. Clarenbach, a resident of Roseville, and well known in this place, died at the Sister's hospital in Chico last Saturday morning. Mr. Clarenbach was born at Powelton, Butte county, and was 38 years old at the time of his death. The order of Eagles, of which Mr. Clarenbach was a member, held their services at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon at Chico. The body was then shipped to Gridley and the funeral took place from the residence of Ed. Clarenbach, in this place, Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, interment being made in Live Oak cemetery, one mile north of town.

Mr. Clarenbach leaves two sisters, Mrs. V. L. Coffman, of Biggs, and Mrs. R. M. Johnson, of Durham; and three brothers, Ed. Clarenbach, of Gridley, Ouno B. Clarench, of Stirling City and Frank Clarenbach of North Yakima, Wash.

SLACK, Polly  
Oroville Daily Register  
6-30-1909

## **INDIAN WOMAN DEAD.**

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[Special to the Register.]

**CHICO, June 29.—Polly Slack, a well-known Indian woman, died in Red Bluff to-day. The remains will be brought to the Indian cemetery here for interment.**



COLVER, Minerva  
The San Francisco Call

7-4-1909

**DEATHS**

Adams, Jacob .....	72	Keohene, Thomas ...	54
Burmeister, Mrs. F.	80	Lawton, Fannie .....	56
Burness, Mary A..	78	Lezynsky, Matilda...	89
Collins, Thomas E..	—	Masterson, Mary A.	76
Colver, Minerva ...	89	McCabe, P. J. ....	89
David, Henry .....	53	Nichols, Wm. T.....	41
De la Montanya, Lo-		Nummelln, Albert ..	34
rena M. ....	—	Patton, William ....	79
Devine, Michael ..	61	Petersen, Albert F..	51
Donnelly, M. A. ...	71	Phillip, Edward .....	37
Gage, Edward T..	26	Rogers, Amanda H..	59
Goldstein, Gladys.	12	Stratis, Katharine ...	6
Harrison, Wm. H..	62	Thomas, John .....	77
Hauser, Katherine..	66	Updike, Katie .....	—
Hogan, Ellen .....	—	Winch, Fred C. ....	—
Hubbell, Clark ...	42		
Husar, Hannah J..	15	Guehring .....	(Card)
Irvine, Mary.....	73	Mayrhofer .....	(Card)
James, Octavia ..	66		

**COLVER**—In this city, July 3, 1909, Minerva Colver, a native of New York, aged 89 years. Remains at the parlors of H. F. Subr & Co., 2919 Mission street between Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth.

# LEE TERRELL IDENTIFIES REMAINS

AS THOSE OF HIS NEPHEW,  
GEORGE TERRELL, WHO  
LEFT OROVILLE  
LAST MONTH.

The remains of the Oroville man found near Jackson, Amador county Thursday of which an account was first given in the Oroville Mercury have been identified as those of Geo. Terrell, nephew of H. C., George and Lee Terrell of this city. The authorities of Amador county stated that the remains were those of a man about fifty years of age and were thought to be those of a man named Kopp. As life had been extinct about a month the mistake about the age could easily have been made. Lee Terrell of this city at the request of his niece Hazel Terrell of Sacramento as sister of George Terrell went to Amador county and identified the remains.

The deceased lost his parents and about two years ago came to Oroville to reside with his uncles. He made his home with George Terrell and ended the cigar store on Montgomery street. He was a good salesman

TERRELL, George  
Oroville Mercury  
7-12-1909

and liked by all the patrons of the stand. On the evening of June 3rd, he asked his uncle George if he could leave the stand shortly after 8 o'clock. His uncle said "yes." George took \$10 a part of the money due him and left a tag in the cash register. He is supposed to have gone to Sacramento on the 8:45 train that evening. While in Sacramento he sent his sister a ring she had given him. He did not write a word to her. When Miss Terrell saw the description of the dead man found near Jackson, she phoned to the Coroner of Amador county and learned that the remains were those of a man between 20 and 30 years of age. She then notified her uncles in this city of her fears and Lee Terrell went to Jackson where he is at present. The young man before shooting himself burned his collar and necktie but forgot the mark "Oroville" on his hat which showed the name of the place from which he came. George Terrell was about twenty years of age. He was a quiet gentlemanly young man without a single bad habit. No signs of insanity were noticed in him. His disposition was a happy and cheerful one. No reason can be assigned why he committed suicide. His uncles scout the idea that he was ever insane. When he left Oroville they thought he had gone to Rhyolite, Nevada, where his brother publishes a newspaper.

BUCK, Louis  
Cook, John  
San Francisco Call  
7-15-1909

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## **TWO MEN FALL TO DEATH FROM A CAGE**

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### **Fatal Accident at Feather River Cable Crossing**

*[Special Dispatch to The Call]*

OROVILLE, July 14.—John Cook, aged 40, and Louis Buck, aged 35, employes of the Great Western power company, fell to their death yesterday from a cage at the cable crossing over Feather river near the site of the company's power house. The walls of the canyon at this point are steep and the two men fell a distance of about 150 feet straight to the river bed.

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FROST, Blain  
Chico Record  
7-23-1909

## DEATH CLAIMS

### BLAIN FROST

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The funeral of the late Blain Frost, who died Wednesday night at 9:30 o'clock, at the home of his mother, Mrs. M. A. Frost, corner of Tenth and Ivy streets, will be held Saturday morning at 10 o'clock from the Free Methodist church, Rev. W. E. Cummins officiating.

Deceased was a native of Chico, having been born in this city twenty-six years ago. For over a year he had been a sufferer from tuberculosis, to which disease he succumbed. Besides a mother, deceased leaves two brothers and one sister. They are Albert Frost of Point Richmond, George F. Frost and Miss Belle Frost of Sacramento. For six years the family lived at Pentz, Butte county.

## HAILSTONE, Nancy Ann

Ancestry.com  
died 7-28-1909

### **Death of Mrs. N. A. Hallstone.**

Mrs. Nancy A. Hallstone of Hay Fork died at Harrison Gulch, Shasta county, where she was visiting her daughters, on the 28th ult. from Brights disease from which she had been a sufferer for some years past. During her last moments every care was lavished upon her but without avail.

The deceased was born at Canadian Bar in this county June 10, 1857, and was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Russell. On Jan. 1, 1871, she was married to John T. Hallstone. About 27 years ago she moved to Hay Fork with her husband and lived with him at the Hallstone ranch until 1903, when Mr. Hallstone disposed of his ranch and soon after opened a hotel in Hay Fork where she has since resided.

As a result of this union there are now living two sons, P. F. and Z. Hallstone and seven daughters, Mrs. Hattie Dawson of Junction City, Mrs. Nancy A. Farmer and Misses Dina, Mary, Ophelia and Anna Maud Hallstone of Hay Fork, and Mrs. M. Platz and Miss Emma Hallstone of Harrison Gulch.

Mrs. Hallstone was a woman of high character, kindly and hospitable in her nature, and was a true and loving wife, a devoted mother and a good neighbor and friend. Her amiable qualities attracted to her many friends who regret to learn of her death.

Her remains were brought to Hay and there interred on Thursday of last week. The funeral was largely attended.



# DAN DILLON DIED THIS AF- TERNOON

Daniel Dillon of Berry Creek an old, well known and highly respected resident of Butte county, died today, Wednesday, at 12:30 p. m. at the Oroville Hospital at the age of 74 years.

A few weeks ago Mr. Dillon's left shoulder was dislocated. He was treated by a physician and went to his home at Berry Creek as it was thought he would soon recover. A few days after he was brought to the Oroville Hospital in this city as the arm and shoulder had swollen greatly. This condition was serious but there was reason to expect that he would soon recover. About Sunday a change for the worse took place and his physicians deemed an operation necessary. The operation was performed this forenoon, but Mr. Dillon passed away before he regained consciousness from the anesthetic.

Daniel Dillon was born in Ireland in 1835. In early life he came to America and soon after removed to California locating at Benicia. A few

DILLON, Daniel  
Oroville Mercury  
8-4-1909

years later he settled at Cherokee in this county. Nearly thirty years ago he went to Long Valley, Lassen county and from there to Indian Valley Plumas county. In both valleys he engaged in dairying and sold butter in Oroville every year. Fifteen years ago he returned to Butte county and made his home at Berry Creek. He leaves a wife, a son, John Dillon and three daughters, Mrs. Mary Croghan, Benicia; Mrs. Jennie Rogers and Mrs. Maggie Kofford of Berry Creek. The deceased was an industrious, energetic, honest man highly esteemed by a large number of acquaintances and liked by every one who knew him. He was a good citizen, progressive and did his share in building-up Butte county. He had a fine ranch at Berry Creek. The news of his death will be received with deep regret by his numerous friends.

The funeral will take place Friday forenoon. Services will be held in the Catholic Church in this city at 8 p. m. The interment will be in Berry Creek cemetery.

# PIONEER CITIZEN PASSES AWAY IN CANADA

DAVID GAGE, ONE OF FORMER  
OWNERS OF CHEROKEE MINE,  
DIES FAR FROM HOME.

MADE IMMENSE FORTUNE BY IN-  
VESTING IN TELEPHONE  
STOCK WHEN FIRST PLACED.

In a telegram received here by Mr. L. Slissman, the news of the death of David Gage was brought to this city yesterday. Mr. Gage was one of the pioneer citizens of Butte County, and the news of his demise will be read with great regret by all the old residents of the county among whom he was known intimately. Death came to him in Alberta, Canada, while he was on his way East to visit his old home in New Hampshire. Although his exact age is not known, it is stated by those who were best acquainted with him, that he was about 78 years of age. He leaves a widow and two sons.

Mr. Gage was one of the original locators of the Cherokee Mine. A consolidation of interests was effected and afterward the consolidated interests were sold to a group of New York capitalists for \$800,000. While Mr. Gage was materially benefited by this sale, his fortune at that time was still a very small one.

GAGE, David  
Oroville Daily Register  
8-12-1909

Influenced by Mr. Louis Glass, with whom he came in contact at the Cherokee Mine, Mr. Gage purchased Bell telephone stock when it was being peddled around at a very low figure. It is stated that he invested \$10,000 in the stock of the company. This investment was the basis of his immense fortune. The stock soon increased in value, and has since increased beyond the wildest imaginings of its promoters. It is stated that Mr. Gage still retains his interest in the Telephone Company. He also has large holdings of land in Butte County and around the Bay. A large summer home for the family was recently built on Dry Creek between Chico and Oroville, on the line of the Northern Electric.

Those who knew Mr. Gage here speak of him in the highest terms. His honesty and probity was unquestioned. For years he was "gold" man at the Cherokee, having charge of the precious metal taken from the mine. In business dealings his word was as good as his bond. While for years he made his home away from Butte County, he still retained many interests, and a most kindly feeling for the place where he made his first stake.

# LUTZ, William Henry

## Oroville Mercury

### 8-14-1909

#### PARADISE RESIDENT DIES IN CHICO.

#### W. H. Lutz Succumbs Following an operation for Bladder Troubles

W. H. Lutz of Paradise who was brought to Chico from Stirling City Wednesday, and operated upon for bladder troubles, died Friday evening at the Sisters' Hospital, without regaining consciousness, he having been unconscious for several days previous to the operation.

The Deceased had been afflicted for some time, and several weeks ago gave up his occupation as a saw filer for The Diamond Match Company at Stirling City, and sought medical aid. The first part of the week his condition became more serious and he sank into a stupor. The patient was rushed to Chico and, in a last effort to save his life, an operation was performed.

A wife and family living at Paradise survives.

He was a member of the Odd Fellows lodge and was 38 years of age.



WOOD, Mrs. Jesse  
Chico Record  
8-21-1909

**MRS. JESSE WOOD DEAD**

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OROVILLE, Aug. 20.—Word has been received in this city of the death Thursday in Los Angeles of Mrs. Jesse Wood. She was a former county superintendent of schools in Butte county and was well known in Chico and Oroville.

# SPENCER, John W.

Oroville Mercury

9-10-1909

## DEATH OF A PIONEER

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John W. Spencer a pioneer of California and long a resident of Yankee Hill died Thursday morning at the residence of his granddaughter, Mrs. F. J. Davis, in this city at the age of 85 years.

The deceased was born in Benton, Maine, March 24, 1824. He came to California by way of the Isthmus of Panama in 1849 and mined on Bear river until 1852 when he returned to Maine. In 1854 he married Abbie A. Parker who survives him. They celebrated their golden wedding at Yankee Hill in 1904. Mr. and Mrs. Spencer went to Wisconsin in 1856 where he followed lumbering. They came to California in 1877 and settled at Yankee Hill and followed mining as an occupation. Mr. Spencer was respected and esteemed by a large number of acquaintances in Butte county. He was a generous man with a kindly feeling for all. A wife and one daughter, Mrs. Dora W. Wolls survive him. There are also four grandchildren, John Wolls, M. H. Wolls, Mrs. R. W. Campbell and Mrs. F. J. Davis, and four great grandchildren.

The funeral took place this afternoon from the residence of Dr. Davis 1318 Montgomery street.

SPENCER, John W.  
Oroville Daily Register  
9-10-1909

**PIONEER OF 1849  
SUCCUMBS TO  
APOPLEXY**

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JOHN W. SPENCER, ONE OF PIONEERS OF STATE DIED YESTERDAY.

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John W. Spencer, one of the pioneer residents of this county, died suddenly yesterday morning as the result of a stroke of apoplexy. The death occurred at the home of his granddaughter, Mrs. F. J. Davis.

The deceased was born March 24, 1824, and the deceased was hence over 85 years of age. He was born in Berton, Maine, and came to California, by way of the Isthmus, in the first gold excitement of 1849. He mined around Bear River until 1852, when he returned to Maine.

In 1854 Mr. Spencer married Miss Abbie A. Parker, of Burnham, Maine, and in 1856 he removed to Wisconsin, where he engaged in the lumber business until 1877. He then came back to California, and settled at Yankee Hill, Butte County, again engaging in mining.

The deceased is survived by his wife, by a daughter, Mrs. D. E. Wells, of Yankee Hill; by four children—John and Michael Wells, Mrs. R. W. Campbell, and Mrs. F. J. Davis, and by four great grandchildren. The deceased was the father of the late Frank J. Spencer.

The funeral will be held from the residence of Dr. Davis, 1318 Montgomery Street, at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

SEXTON, Judge Warren T.  
Plumas National Bulletin  
9-13-1909

**JUDGE W. T. SEXTON  
DROPPED DEAD  
TODAY**

**HEART FAILURE ENDED HIS LIFE  
SOON AFTER HE REACHED  
HOME ABOUT 2 P. M.**

At fifteen minutes past two o'clock this afternoon, the astonishing news reached us from Oroville that Judge Warren T. Sexton had dropped dead of heart failure at his home twenty minutes previously. The brief information was to the effect that but a few minutes previous to his death, the Judge reached his home and complained of not feeling very well.

Truly it may be said that this sudden taking away of Judge Sexton, who has been prominent for many years in the affairs of Butte county and is known in political circles throughout the northern part of the state, is both a great surprise and a source of deep regret to his many friends, in Butte and adjoining counties particularly.

Judge Sexton came from one of the Pioneer families of this state, being an only son of the late W. T. Sexton, at one time Judge of the Judicial District including the County of Plumas.

Deceased was 52 years old last December. He had twice been District Attorney of Butte county, and with such ability did he perform the duties of that office and such became his popularity, that the Republicans of Butte county nominated him in 1908, to be the successor of Hon. John C. Gray in the office of Superior Judge, and he was elected to that position by a safe majority. He was making a good record in the office to which he was elected and had a bright judicial career before him.

A few months ago Judge Sexton was called to Quincy to preside in certain cases in which Judge Moncur was disqualified. It was a matter of satisfaction with him to preside in the same old courtroom in which his father as District Judge, had presided so many years ago.

ANDERSON, Charles  
Oroville Daily Register  
9-19-1908

The remains of Charles Anderson, who died of pneumonia on September 15th at the Big Bar hospital, were interred yesterday. Mr. Fred Gray officiated at the funeral ceremonies, and Mrs. Bullard and Mrs. Hickok composed the choir. There were several handsome floral tributes. The remains were interred in the Oroville Cemetery .

LEE, Walter  
Oroville Daily Register  
9-22-1909

**CRUSHED TO DEATH**

[Special to the Register.]

CHICO, September 21.—Walter Lee, for the past three years employed by the Diamond Match Company, was crushed to death at Loggers' Camp Number 1 yesterday morning. The accident occurred in a flume that Lee was watching. The logs were being hauled by a donkey engine to the cars. Two of the logs buckled, and Lee reached for the whistle cord to stop the engine. In some manner he became overbalanced and fell into the flume beneath the logs. The logs unbuckled and fell on Lee's body, instantly crushing him to death.

Lee has not reached the whistle cord, and the engine accordingly had not stopped. Two logs again buckled and fell on him, and another huge log rolled over his body before his remains were recovered.

The deceased was a young man of exemplary habits and about twenty-five years of age. He was the nephew of Levi Lee, of Pentz, and the son of Mrs. Lee, of Blue Lake Meadows, Mendocino County. The deceased was a member of Stirling Aerie of Eagles.

KRAUL, William  
Oroville Mercury  
10-2-1909

**DEATH OF WILLIAM**

**KRAUL OF CHEROKEE**

Wm. Kraul of Cherokee who was injured several weeks ago in a runaway accident died Friday night at 11 o'clock at the family residence in the old mining town. The deceased after watering his horses forgot to put the bridle on one. In going down a hill the team ran away and Mr. Kraul was thrown out sustaining severe injuries and rendered unconscious. He was brought to the Oroville Hospital but never recovered consciousness. As his death was only a matter of time he was removed to Cherokee.

Wm. Kraul was born in Germany about 68 years 9 months ago and came to Butte county in 1888. He was an industrious man, honest in every way. A widow survives him.

The funeral will take place Sunday from the family residence in Cherokee at 2 p. m. Services will be held in the M. E. Church. The interment will be in the Cherokee cemetery in charge of Funeral Director Reynolds.

HELMAN, John Jacob  
Oroville Daily Register  
10-4-1909

**PASSED AWAY AT  
ADVANCED AGE**

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John Jacob Helman Died Yesterday at  
Home of Son in This City.

Mr. John Jacob Helman died yesterday morning at the home of his son, Mr. Charles Helman, in this city, at the advanced age of eighty-eight years. The cause of death was pneumonia.

Services will be held at 10 o'clock this morning at the undertaking parlors of Mr. A. A. Ward. The remains will be shipped to Oakland, where they will be cremated, and where the remains of his wife were cremated two years ago this month.



KRAUL, William  
Oroville Daily Register  
10-4-1909

**WILLIAM KRAUL  
LAI D IN GRAVE**

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Funeral Services Were Held Yesterday In Cherokee.

The funeral of William Kraul took place yesterday afternoon at Cherokee from the Methodist Church. Rev. George M. Richmond, of Oroville, officiated at the service, assisted by a choir made up of Misses Emma and Leona Jory and Miss Wilson.

The interment was in the Cherokee Cemetery. The pall-bearers were Messrs. E. Wilson, George Medanich, W. J. Lockerman, E. C. Wilson, Joseph E. Mayfield, and Evan Morgan.

Despite the inclement weather the funeral was well attended. There were a number of beautiful floral offerings. Mr. A. V. Reynolds was in charge of the funeral.

Mr. Kraul died late Friday evening as the result of injuries received some weeks ago in a runaway accident at Cherokee.

FEREIRA (FERREAS\*), Manuel  
Oroville Mercury  
10-5-1909

Manuel Ferreira, the man that was burned at Cherokee several weeks ago died at the County Infirmary this morning at the age of 66 years. He leaves relatives who reside at Cherokee that will see to his burial.

\*See article 9-22-1909

McLAIN, Mrs. B. G. (Queen Victoria)  
Oroville Mercury  
10-14-1909

**DEATH TAKES MRS. B. G.**

**McLAIN OF MAGALLA**

Mrs. G. B. McLain, one of the very well known women of this county, died Wednesday at 2 o'clock at Magalia, after an illness from dropsy of eight or nine months' duration.

Mrs. McLain was a native of Adrian, Michigan, aged 65 years. With her parents she came to California when she was fourteen years of age and resided first at Nevada City. When sixteen years of age she became the wife of a miner, and with her husband came to Magalia in 1880. Mr. McLain died about six years ago, and Mrs. McLean continued to reside at the old home, where she kept house for her boys. Six sons survive her, they being Harry, Samuel, Elijah, George, Louis and Chester, and all of them reside at or near Magalia. Three children are dead. One sister, Mrs. C. Austin, resides at Nevada City.

Deceased was a member of the W. C. T. U. of Magalia and had for years taken a prominent part in the church and social life of that locality.

The funeral will take place Friday at 10 a. m. at the home in Magalia.

REPPERT, Daniel David

The Siskiyou News

10-14-1909

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## DIED

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REPPERT—In Quartz valley, September 24, Daniel Reppert, a native of Ohio, aged 70 years, 2 months and 5 days. Interment in Fort Jones.

MORRIS—In Yreka, at the county hospital, October 7, of heart disease, Alfred Munroe Morris, native of Tennessee, aged 60 years and 10 days.

The deceased came to the hospital from Montague over three months ago. The remains were interred in the city cemetery Saturday.

Note: Daniel lived in Pentz, Butte County in the 1880s.  
His wife Marcia died 1-19-1886 at Pentz, Butte County, CA

# Brannagan, Mrs. Julia (Nancy)

Oroville Daily Register

10-18-1909

## DEATH OF AGED

## RESIDENT OF CONCOW

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The death of Mrs. Nancy Brannagan, wife of Kennis Brannagan, of Concow, occurred Friday night. Mrs. Brannagan had been ailing for about a week, and her husband sat up with her most of Thursday night. Friday morning she was found dead in her bed. A post-mortem examination last night established the fact that pneumonia was the cause of death. The remains were brought down from Concow yesterday and are at the funeral parlors of A. A. Ward, from where the funeral will probably take place this afternoon at 4 o'clock, with interment in the Oroville Catholic Cemetery.

Mrs. Brannagan was seventy years of age, and she and her husband have resided in Concow for the past thirty-five years.

Note: Name of "Nancy" is incorrect. Name should be Julia.

# Branagan, Mrs. Julia

Chico Record 10-19-1909

## CONCOW HUSBAND FOUND WIFE DEAD IN BED

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OROVILLE, Oct. 17.—Mrs. Julia Brannagan, the aged wife of Kennis Brannagan, an old settler of the Concow Valley, was found dead in her bed Saturday morning by her husband.

Mrs. Brannagan complained of illness Friday evening but she did not think it necessary to summon a physician. The old couple retired and on awakening in the morning Mr. Brannagan found that his partner of nearly half a century had gone from him forever.

Mrs. Brannagan was a kind-hearted woman whose hospitality to her friends was unbounded. She had resided in Concow thirty-five years. She was born in Ireland about seventy-five years ago.

Brannigan (Brannagan), Mrs. Julia  
Oroville Daily Register  
10-19-1909

**MRS. JULIA BRANNIGAN**  
**BURIED YESTERDAY**

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At the inquest yesterday morning over the remains of Mrs. Julia Brannigan the jury brought in a verdict of death caused by fatty degeneration of the heart, an autopsy having been held. Mrs. Brannigan had been ill only a few days, and died Friday night. The deceased was about seventy years of age, and was born in Ireland. The aged couple have been residents of Concow Valley for a number of years. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon from the undertaking parlors of A. A. Ward.

MITCHELL (LaFONSO), Maggie (So-will-len-no)  
findagrave.com  
date of death 11-6-1909

\*\*Maggie's Indian name is So-will-len-no. A street was named for her by Annie Bidwell, in the area north/northwest of Bidwell Mansion.

So-Wil-Len-No Ave. runs between Bidwell Mansion State Historic Park and Big Chico Creek, from The Esplanade to Arcadian Ave. There it turns into a campus road, and ends at Tehama Hall. Once upon a time it went further, at least as far as Warner Ave.-Source: Chico historian and author, Nancy Leek, in posting to the "Life and History of Northern California" web page, which continues:

Maggie Lafonso was the daughter of Amanda and Holai Lafonso, the Mechoopda rancheria chief. Annie seems to have known that Amanda was the daughter of John Bidwell, a fact considered common knowledge among tribal members today. Maggie was therefore John Bidwell's grand-daughter and someone whom Annie would have given particular attention and care.

Maggie is frequently mentioned in Annie Bidwell's diary. She had a lovely singing voice and often sang in the Mechoopda church. She worked together with Annie in establishing the church, teaching and leading worship services. Annie relied on her as a liaison with the Indians on the rancheria and as a co-worker in Christian good works.



# FORMER BELLE OF INDIAN VILLAGE

## Chief's Daughter is Dead

(Communicated.)

Mrs. Maggie Lafonso Mitchell, daughter of Chief Lafansa and Amanda, of the Machoopda Indian village on the Rancho Chico, died Saturday at 11:30 p. m., after a long and serious illness which resulted in fatal liver trouble. She was 25 years of age.

The funeral services will be held in the Indian village chapel at 10 a. m. Tuesday morning.

She united with the Presbyterian church at the age of 12 years and has ever since led a most devout and Christian life. Her beautiful character, and her efficient work for her people have made her beloved not only by the organizations of the church and the Young Woman's Christian association in this state where she has often been called to speak and to sing for them, but naturally through those who have visited the village, and have become personally acquainted with her.

MITCHELL (Lafonso), Mrs. Maggie  
Chico Daily Enterprise  
11-8-1909



She graduated from the Chico State Normal training department and entered the State Normal school, but was prevented from graduating by illness in her family, where her services were needed.

Those in Chico who have known her personally have never failed to love her most tenderly, and admire her most remarkable character.

During Mrs. Bidwell's absences from the time Maggie was sixteen years of age, she conducted the Sabbath services at the village church and gave most interesting sermons which would have done credit to a graduate of a theological seminary.

She has also faithfully fulfilled the trust imposed on her of doing the relief work of the village, keeping a strict record of all she dispensed.

Her loss to this village and to the causes of temperance, Indian evangelization and education is irreparable.

WILLIS G. WHITE.

MELINE, Samuel Sampson  
Chico Daily Enterprise  
11-24-1909

**DEATH SUMMONS**

**SAMPSON MELINE.**

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Sampson Meline died at his home on Flume street after a few days suffering from pneumonia. He was born in Illinois Dec. 12, 1853, and started with his parents across the plains in 1854 when three months old, and came to California and has lived here ever since. He has been a resident of Chico for 42 years.

He leaves to mourn his loss two brothers, James and William Meline, and two sisters, Mrs. A. Roth and Mrs. Charles Bertscky. The funeral will be held Friday at 2 p. m. from the Engel undertaking parlors.

MELINE, Samuel  
Chico Daily Enterprise  
11-26-1909

**FUNERAL OF LATE  
SAMUEL MELINE.**

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The funeral of the late Samuel Meline, who died Tuesday at the home Chapmantown, was held this afternoon at two o'clock from the mortuary parlors of Mrs. Engle on Broadway.

The pall bearers were L. L. Hubbell, W. T. Moore, Charles Stilson, George Timmey, Henry Cox and William St. John.

The services were conducted by Rev. Mr. White of the First Presbyterian church.

THARRALDSON, John Knute  
Oroville Daily Register  
12-7-1909

### **Oregon City Death.**

John K. Tharralbson died yesterday in Oregon City. He was about fifty years of age, and had lived for four years in this section. He leaves a wife and son to mourn his loss.

Funeral services will be held at Oregon City on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The funeral will be under the direction of A. V. Reynolds, and the interment will be in the Oregon City Cemetery.

PARKER, Mrs. Hannah  
Oroville Daily Register  
12-8-1909

**PARADISE WOMAN DEAD.**

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[Special to the Register.

CHICO, December 7.—Mrs. Hannah Ware, a well-known resident of Paradise, died to-day. Mrs. Ware was eighty-three years of age.

THARRALBSON, John K.  
Oroville Daily Register  
12-9-1909  
**BURIED AT OREGON CITY.**

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The funeral of John K. Tharralb-son was held yesterday afternoon from the hall in Oregon City under the di-rection of Undertaker A. V. Reynolds. Rev. Mr. Richmond, of this city, offi-ciated, and music was rendered by the Oregon City Choir. The pall-bearers were Elias H. Jones, Richard Johnson, Charles Campbell, D. Cenergan, G. A. Grummet and H. C. White. Interment was made in the Oregon City Ceme-tery.

GREGORY, Mrs. William  
Oroville Mercury  
1-3-1910

**PIONEER LADY OF BUTTE  
DIES IN OKLAND.**

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James Lafferty of this city has received news of the death of Mrs. Wm. Gregory which took place Sunday, January 2, 1910, at the family home in Oakland. Mrs. Gregory was 79 years old.

The deceased was the wife of the late Wm. Gregory and a pioneer of Cherokee in this county. The family removed to Oakland nearly thirty years ago. She leaves two daughters and two sons whom Andrew Beatson former superintendent of the Big Bend Tunnel and Mining Co. and now a wealthy mining man of Alaska is one.

LEWIS, Edward J.  
Chico Record  
1-12-1910  
**AGED MINER DIES.**

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OROVILLE, January 11.—Edward J. Lewis, a miner, died at the county infirmary Monday at the advanced age of 73 years. The deceased was a native of Wales, and had lived in this country for fifty-seven years, a greater part of which time he had been a resident of Cherokee.

The funeral will be held tomorrow at 2 o'clock from the Methodist Church in Cherokee.



LEWIS, Edward J.  
Oroville Daily Register  
1-13-1910

## LATE E. J. LEWIS INTERRED IN CHEROKEE

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LAST SAD RITES WERE HELD AT  
CHEROKEE METHODIST  
CHURCH YESTERDAY  
AFTERNOON.

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The funeral services over the late Edward J. Lewis were held at the Methodist Church in Cherokee yesterday afternoon. Rev. Mr. Richmond, of this city, conducted the services, and a choir composed of Cherokee ladies rendered appropriate hymns both in the church and at the cemetery. There was a profusion of floral offerings, they being the contribution of friends of the deceased.

Mr. Lewis had lived upon the Morgan ranch for many years, and Evan Morgan, who was a boy when Mr. Lewis first came to Cherokee, bore the expenses of the funeral.

The pall-bearers were Daniel Williams, William Whelan, Alex Wilson, Daniel James, Louis Jones, William Johnson. The funeral was largely attended.

The interment was under the direction of A. V. Reynolds, of this city.

# FORMER PARTNER OF PERKINS IS NOW DEAD

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OLD RESIDENT OF STATE PASSED  
AWAY YESTERDAY AT ODD  
FELLOWS' HOME.  
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James McGranahan, one of the oldest and most respected residents of this vicinity, passed away after a lingering illness, at the Odd Fellows' Home yesterday. The deceased was one of the charter members of Oroville Lodge, Number 59, I. O. O. F.

Mr. McGranahan was a native of Pennsylvania, where he was born eighty-four years ago. He came to this State about fifty years ago, during the days when placer mining was at its height in the vicinity of Oroville. He was interested in mining in this vicinity, and was in affluent circumstances. At one time, it is said, Mr. McGranahan was associated with Senator George C. Perkins as a partner in several Butte County mines.

The deceased was one of the charter members of the local lodge of Odd Fellows, and the funeral services will probably be held under the auspices of that lodge, although no definite arrangements have been made as yet.

The remains are at the residence of A. V. Reynolds, at 406 Montgomery Street, where friends and acquaintances may view them.

McGRANAHAN, James  
Oroville Daily Register  
1-14-1910

PRATT, Mrs. Josephine  
Oakland Tribune  
1-31-1910

## 50-YEAR RESIDENT OF ALAMEDA DEAD

Mrs. Josephine Pratt, Pioneer  
Woman of State, Dies After  
Long Illness

ALAMEDA, Jan. 31. — Death has summoned Mrs. Josephine Pratt, for fifty years a resident of this city. In the passing of Mrs. Pratt the demise of a well known and esteemed woman has been recorded, as she has seen this city grow from almost its infancy.

Mrs. Pratt, whose death occurred Saturday, was the widow of F. H. Pratt, a pioneer who walked across the plains, with ox team and camp wagon, in 1849. Together Mr. and Mrs. Pratt shared the vicissitudes of mining camps throughout the State. Mrs. Pratt often related tales of the big gold strikes and the excitement of the early days in California.

Deceased had been an invalid for many years and death came to relieve a life of suffering. Mrs. Pratt had been a beauty of the pure Castillian type and she was proud of her lineage.

Mrs. Pratt was born on March 19, 1838, and was a descendent of the Ponce de Leon family, notable during the reign of Queen Isabella of Spain, the same family which produced the discoverer of Florida.

Deceased is survived by two daughters, Frances J. Pratt and Mrs. Carrie Pratt Elwell, and four sons who are non-residents.

The funeral was held this afternoon.

# DEATH ON MOUNTAIN TRAIL CAUSED BY EXPOSURE

INDIAN WOMAN'S BODY LAY ON  
TRAIL FOR TWO DAYS AND  
TWO NIGHTS.

The inquest held Saturday at Berry Creek resulted in the Coroner's jury returning a verdict which stated that Mrs. Alice John came to her death from the combined effects of exposure and alcoholism. The jury also censured J. M. McClung, the Berry Creek saloon-keeper, for selling liquor to Indians, which, by the way, are full-blooded members of that race.

The death of the woman occurred probably on last Monday night. Notwithstanding the fact that the death had occurred that early in the week, the Coroner was not aware of the fact till last Friday morning. At that time Deputy Coroner A. A. Ward was in receipt of a letter from a resident of the Bald Rock country, in which the death occurred. The letter stated that a squaw had died under suspicious circumstances. Also that the Indians at "Bill's Camp," a rancheria in the wilds of the Bald Rock country, were going to bury the departed member of their tribe with tribal rites.

Coroner Wallace, of Chico, and his deputy, A. A. Ward, of this city, left Friday about noon for the scene, and took charge of the body. Saturday morning a Coroner's jury was empaneled and the inquest held.

JOHN, Mrs. Alice  
Oroville Daily Register  
2-14-1910

The husband, Louis John, told his story. It was as follows, and covered the happenings of a period of several days. One week ago he returned to his camp and found it deserted. He immediately set out over the mountain trails for Berry Creek, where he discovered his recreant wife. According to his story, she was not under the influence of liquor when he found her. However, he purchased a jug of whisky in McClung's saloon, and together they started back toward their camp over the lonely mountain trail. Numerous drinks were taken by them, and as a result they became inebriated. In this condition they spent the night upon the mountain side, without protection from the elements. The next morning he was still under the influence of the liquor, but got up and staggered on over the mountain trail to his camp. Tuesday night he slept in the camp, and awoke Wednesday morning sobered up. Upon finding his wife missing he went back over the trail, and at the spot where they had slept during Monday night he found her, a corpse. The remains were taken to "Bill's Camp," and the body was dressed, without notifying the Coroner of the death.

The story which the husband told was apparently substantiated by the fact that there were no marks of violence upon the dead woman's body and nothing to indicate that a struggle had taken place.

# CRANLEY, Timothy Ryan

## Oroville Daily Register

2-25-1910

### PIONEER OF FIFTIES IS CALLED BY DEATH

**TIMOTHY R. CRANLEY, OF MORRIS RAVINE, BREATHED HIS LAST AT FAMILY HOME.**

Timothy R. Cranley, a well-known resident of this vicinity, passed away at the family home in Morris Ravine yesterday forenoon. The immediate cause of death was la grippe, which the deceased contracted a short time ago. Mr. Cranley had been in feeble health for several months prior to his death. The deceased was a native of Tipperary, Ireland, where he was born June 24, 1832. At the time of his death he had reached the ripe old age of nearly 78 years.

About fifty-five years ago Mr. Cranley came to the United States, and had resided the greater part of the time in Butte County. The family home has been in various mining sections of this county—at Yankee Hill, Cherokee, and Morris Ravine—where the deceased followed mining.

In the days when placer mining was at its height, Mr. Cranley was in affluent circumstances, and had always been a man of importance in the community. Those with whom the genial old gentleman had come into contact never failed to recognize his sterling worth. Mr. Cranley was a man of pleasing disposition and was highly esteemed by his acquaintances, who were many.

To mourn his demise are the widow, two sons—Robert and John, and two daughters—Mary and Theresa.

The remains will be removed from the residence in Morris Ravine Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock to the Catholic Church in this city, where requiem mass will be pronounced for the repose of his soul. Interment will be in the family plot in the Catholic Cemetery. Reynolds and McGinnis have charge of the funeral arrangements.

SIMMONS, Charles  
Oroville Daily Register  
3-2-1910

## NONOGENARIAN PASSED AWAY YESTERDAY AT HOSPITAL

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**Charles Simmons, an Old Resident of  
This County, Died From  
Old Age.**

Tuesday morning at the County Infirmary, Charles Simmons, a venerable old gentleman of ninety-six, passed away. Death was due to a general breaking down of the system from old age.

The deceased had been a resident of this county for many years, and had spent the greater part of his life in Concow. Little of the history of the deceased was obtainable last evening, but relatives who reside in the vicinity of Magalia were communicated with, informing them of the demise. The burial will probably be in Concow Cemetery.

SIMMONS, Charles  
Oroville Daily Register  
3-3-1910

## **SIMMONS FUNERAL.**

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**The funeral of the late Charles Simmons, who passed away at the Infirmary Tuesday morning, will be held this morning in Concow. Yesterday Undertaker Roe, of Magalia, removed the remains to that place from the hospital.**

# PIONEER WOMAN OF OROVILLE IS CALLED BY DEATH

MRS. J. McDERMOTT PASSED  
AWAY YESTERDAY AT HOME  
OF HER SON IN  
BERKELEY.

Mrs. J. McDermott, one of the pioneer women of Butte County and known to all the older residents of Oroville, died yesterday afternoon as the result of a stroke of paralysis which occurred on Thursday afternoon. News of the illness reached Oroville yesterday morning, and later in the day a message telling of her death arrived. The remains will be brought to Oroville on Monday evening, and on Tuesday morning the funeral will take place from the residence of Mrs. S. S. Boynton. The interment will be in the Oroville Cemetery.

McDERMOTT, Mrs. Joanna  
Oroville Daily Register  
4-16-1910

The news of Mrs. McDermott's death will be read with great sorrow by her many friends here. For years her husband was a prominent druggist in this city. About ten years ago the family left Oroville, and for the past few years Mrs. McDermott had made her home with her son in Berkeley.

The deceased leaves to mourn her loss two sons and one daughter, Mrs. Hartley, of San Francisco. The elder son, Stark McDermott, is a well-known farmer of San Joaquin County. The younger son, Arthur McDermott, makes his home in Berkeley, and it was there that the death of his mother occurred. In addition to the three children Mrs. McDermott leaves fourteen grandchildren to mourn her loss.



Soconna (Molly)

Gridley Herald

4-29-1910

## **Deaths of the Week**

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Mrs. Harriet Nolen of Chico died Sunday morning at the age of 80 years.

The oldest Indian woman in this section of the state died Tuesday at the Rancheria near Chico. Her name was Soconna but was called Molly by the white people, She was more than 100 years old.

Durett, Charles M.  
Oroville Daily Register  
4-30-1910

## C. M. DURETT PASSED AWAY YESTERDAY AT INFIRMARY

**Deceased Was Mexican-war Veteran.  
Pioneer Resident of Yankee Hill.**

After an extended illness, Charles M. Durrett passed away yesterday at the County Hospital, where he was taken several days ago. The cause of death was cancer.

Mr. Durrett was a pioneer resident of Yankee Hill, where he was one of the most respected of the residents. The deceased was a native of New York, where he was born eighty-four years ago. As a young man he enlisted in the army, and rendered effective service for his country in the war with Mexico. After the war he came West, and had lived in this State for many years, the greater part of which time he had been a well and favorably known resident of Yankee Hill.

He leaves to mourn his demise several sons and a daughter, all residents of Yankee Hill.

The remains are at the parlors of Reynolds and McGinnis. The funeral will be held from the Methodist Church in Cherokee on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment will be in the family plot in the Cherokee Cemetery.



Charles Durett

LYTE, Fred  
Oroville Daily Register  
6-2-1910

## LAST SERVICES OVER FRED LYTE HELD IN CHEROKEE

FRIENDS GATHER TO TESTIFY TO  
RESPECT FOR YOUNG MAN  
WHO PASSED AWAY.

CHEROKEE, June 1.—The funeral of Fred Lyte, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lyte, who died on Monday last, was held to-day from the Odd Fellows' Hall in Cherokee. The funeral was largely attended. Thirteen years ago the deceased received an injury to his spine, which resulted in paralysis. During the long years in which he was an invalid his unflinching patience won for him the respect and affection of all with whom he came in contact. He was thirty-one years of age when death came. In addition to his parents he leaves a sister, Mrs. Bessie Blum, to mourn his loss.

Rev. G. M. Richmond, of Oroville, officiated at the service, assisted by a choir made up Mrs. E. C. Wilson, Miss Nelle Wilson and Miss Mabel Thomas.

The pall-bearers were Thomas Muggford, James Johnson, Fred Lee, George Taylor, John V. Williams, and Frank M. Cory. M. V. Roe, of Paradise, had charge of the funeral.

Curtis, Henry S.  
Oroville Daily Register  
6-7-1910

# PIONEER OF PENTZ IS CALLED BY DEATH

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H. S. CURTIS PASSED AWAY AT  
HOME THERE YES-  
TERDAY.

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PENTZ, June 6.—H. S. Curtis, of Pentz, one of the pioneers of California, died here to-day at the age of 73 years. Mr. Curtis came to California in 1856. His birthplace was in Maine.

Since reaching this State Mr. Curtis spent the greater part of his life in Butte County. A few years ago he suffered a stroke of paralysis, and since that time has been an invalid. He leaves to mourn his loss three daughters—Eva, Mabel and Ruth Curtis, and a son—Frank Curtis.

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Brown, Nathan  
Oroville Mercury  
6-9-1910

**CHEROKEE MAN DIES OF  
INJURIES IN RUNAWAY**

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CHEROKEE, June 9. - Nathan Brown, a pioneer resident of this section, died at the county infirmary last evening of injuries recently received in a runaway accident near here.

Curtis, H. S. (Henry Sewell)  
Oroville Mercury  
6-9-1910

## INDIAN FIGHTER IS LAID TO REST

YANKEE HILL, June 8.—The funeral of the late W. S. Curtis was held yesterday from the residence of Mrs. Francis Lunt near here with Rev. G. M. Richmond of Oroville officiating. The music was furnished by a choir composed of Mrs. W. E. Elder, Mrs. W. R. Pugh, Miss E. Graves, Miss E. Lunt and Mr. Oliver Lunt. The pall bearers were Messrs Robert Lytle, J. E. Merrifield, L. B. Methven, E. Blum, W. J. Lockerman and A. L. Bennum. Reynolds and McGinnis of Oroville had charge of the arrangements.

DERHOLDT, Mrs. Mary  
Oroville Mercury  
7-18-1910

# PIONEER OF PENCE IS DEAD

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Mrs. Mary Derholdt, a pioneer ma-  
ron of Pence, died at her home in  
that township last evening at the age  
of 65 years. Mrs. Derholdt is a  
native of Kentucky aged 65 years but  
had been a resident of Butte county  
for the past 31 years. She leaves to  
mourn her passing a son, J. W. Hurst  
of Chico.

Ward and Merrill of this city  
have charge of the funeral and will  
make the announcement of its date  
later.

# McCLELLAN, Samuel

Oroville Register

7-20-1910

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## PIONEER SHERIFF PASSES AWAY AFTER LONG AND USEFUL LIFE

### SAMUEL McCLELLAN, ARGONAUT OF 1850, BREATHED LAST YESTERDAY

Samuel McClellan, one of the most widely known pioneers of Butte County and a man who has occupied an important place in the history of the county, passed away yesterday at his home in this city at the advanced age of 80 years and 4 months. Death was due to a general breaking down, consequent upon the infirmities of old age. The members of the family realizing that the end was close at hand, had gathered at his bedside and were with him when the end came.

#### Came From Fighting Stock.

Mr. McClellan was born in Ohio on February 16, 1830. His father was a brother of General George McClellan, of Civil War fame, while his mother was a direct descendant of Captain Cook.

#### Reached Chico When It Had Only One House.

When 20 years of age, Mr. McClellan accompanied his father to California, the trip being made by the Overland route. While en route it became necessary to leave the wagons and resort to packing the goods on mules. When the Pitt River was reached, the Indians stole twenty of the mules and the members of the party were obliged to take turns in walking the remaining distance. Lassen Ranch was reached, and after that the next stopping place was Chico, which at that time consisted of one log-house.

#### Mined In Early Days.

On reaching Butte County, Mr. McClellan at once became a miner, and employment was secured on Butte Creek. While there he and his companions learned of the death of a man not far away who was supposed to have been murdered by Hector McPherson, a rough character of the county. Going to the cabin they found the dead body of the murderer's victim, but the murderer had escaped. Afterwards the party made their home at this place and mined for about three months, taking out some \$2,000. Later on they worked at Butte two months, then at Forbestown three months, and in 1851 they came to Ophir, now Oroville, where Mr. McClellan mined for Captain Bird.



McCLELLAN, Samuel  
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Mr. McClellan worked in various camps of Butte County. At Rich Bar, on Butte Creek, he bought an interest in a claim from which he took as high as \$170 in a day. This claim was subsequently sold and Mr. McClellan became interested in the meat business.

#### Adventurous Career.

In 1859 Mr. McClellan removed to Trinity County, where he again engaged in mining. Butte County, however, drew him back. After mining here for some time he removed to Tulare County. Later on Mr. McClellan joined Lieutenants Mowery and Ives on an expedition to locate the initial point between New Mexico and California, and exploration being made up the Colorado River 300 miles and back. After this expedition Mr. McClellan returned to Butte County and again engaged in mining.

#### Enters Political Life.

In 1875 Mr. McClellan was elected Assessor of Butte County and this office he filled for two terms. His reputation for fearlessness and bravery led the Democratic party to make him their candidate for Sheriff in 1882, and after a bitterly contested campaign he was elected to this office. At the expiration of his term, then two

years, he was re-elected to the same position.

#### Exciting Time as Sheriff.

His term as Sheriff was one replete with adventure, and a number of captures testified to the fact that his fearlessness and bravery were very real. At Woodleaf, single-handed, he captured a notorious bad man and gun-fighter who was wanted in Nevada County. He also broke up a gang of thieves in Oroville. During his term in office two men were hung for murder, in the Court-house Square. After his term a change in the law was made whereby all executions were performed in the State penitentiaries.

At the conclusion of his term as Sheriff, Mr. McClellan was made a Deputy Assessor. Later he again engaged in mining. For the past few years he had retired from all active business life.

In 1862 Mr. McClellan was married to Miss Sarah L. Hupp, also of Ohio. He is survived by the widow and by three daughters—Mrs. George J. Carr, of Oroville; Mrs. K. B. Troxel, of Chico, and Mrs. E. B. Ward, of Oroville. The funeral will be held Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the family home here. Reynolds and McGinnis are in charge of the funeral arrangements.

McCLELLAN, Samuel  
Oroville Register  
7-22-1910

LAST RESPECTS ARE  
PAID TO MEMORY  
OF PIONEER

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SAMUEL McCLELLAN LAID IN  
GRAVE YESTERDAY  
AFTERNOON.

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Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at the family home over the remains of Samuel McClellan. The services were largely attended, and many beautiful floral offerings testified to the esteem in which Mr. McClellan had been held and the sympathy felt for the family.

Rev. G. M. Richmond officiated at the service held at the house. At the cemetery the burial service of the Knights of Pythias was read, concluding with a prayer by the Rev. Mr. Richmond. A number of songs were sung by a choir made up of Mrs. Richmond, Mrs. Frank Higgins, and Mrs. John Bullard.

The pall-bearers were Messrs. G. W. Braden, A. M. Smith, H. D. Lausen, Eben Boalt, W. A. Westwood, and G. M. Sparks.

# MET SUDDEN DEATH AS A RESULT OF HEART ATTACK

E. L. MORRISON DIED LAST NIGHT  
A FEW MOMENTS AFTER HE  
HAD BEEN STRICKEN.

After striving unsuccessfully for two days to raffle off a revolver in order that he might secure money to return to the home of his son in San Francisco, and knowing that he was liable to die at a moment's notice, E. L. Morrison was carried from the Grand Saloon last night after a heart attack and passed away in a few moments. Although it was noticed by F. D. Burt, who carried him to the open air in the rear of the saloon, that the condition of the man was serious, no one was with him at the time of his demise.

When the body was found, the case was reported to the police, who in turn notified Deputy Coroner G. B. Merrill. Mr. Merrill took charge of the remains. The inquest over the body will be held at 10 o'clock this morning in the Merrill undertaking establishment.

MORRISON, William Edgar Louis  
Oroville Daily Register  
8-25-1910

That the dead man has a wife and two sons residing in San Francisco was the statement last night of an acquaintance of long standing of the deceased. He also leaves a sister, Mrs. Anna Morrison Reed, of Ukiah, who is well known in Oroville, having formerly resided here and being a woman of marked literary attainments. Morrison had been in this city on several occasions, and was known here as a waiter. He was a man about 57 years of age.

The deceased had been suffering for the past several days from heart trouble and had been under the care of Dr. T. B. Reardan. Last night, several hours before his death, he had been seized with a similar attack in the Capitol Saloon and had nearly died then before his heart began to act normally.

ALEXION, Nicholas A.  
Oroville Daily Register  
8-27-1910

**DEATH OF GREEK DUE  
TO SPINAL MENINGITIS.**

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**Funeral of Big Bend Laborer Will be  
Held This Afternoon.**

The funeral of Nicholas A. Alexion, the Greek laborer who died at the Big Bend hospital of the Great Western Power Company, will be held this afternoon from the funeral parlors of G. B. Merrill. A Greek priest from San Francisco will be present to conduct the services in accordance with the rites of the Greek church.

Death was the result of spinal meningitis. The deceased has one son here and leaves a family in Greece.

MORRISON, E. L.  
Oroville Mercury  
8-29-1910

**E. L. MORRISON IS  
LAID TO LAST  
REST**

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**FUNERAL WAS HELD YESTER-  
DAY AFTERNOON FROM GIL-  
MAN MERRILL PARLORS.**

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Last honors were paid yesterday to the memory of the late E. L. Morrison who died suddenly on last Wednesday evening. The services were held at the undertaking parlor of Gilman Merrill at Bird and Lincoln streets with Rev. G. M. Richmond, pastor of the Methodist church, officiating.

Mrs. Annie Morrison Reed, publisher of the Petaluma Independent, a sister of the deceased, and his wife and son, Ray Morrison, were present. The pall bearers were Constable Tobin, Marshal W. H. Toland, Judge Anderson, Andrew Johnson, R. Johnson and A. L. Hamilton.

MORRISON, William Edgar Louis  
Oroville Daily Register  
8-30-1910

LATE E. L. MORRISON LAID  
AT LAST REST ON SUNDAY

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Last Services Were Attended By Relatives of the Deceased—Interment in Local Cemetery

With the simple quiet service of the Methodist Church, the remains of the late E. L. Morrison were consigned to their last rest, Sunday. The services were conducted by the Rev. Geo. M. Richmond and were held from the Merrill Undertaking parlors. Interment was in the family plot in the local cemetery.

The following gentlemen acted as pall bearers:

J. H. Anderson, Frank Tobin, Andrew Johnson, Robert Johnson, W. H. Toland, J. E. Hamilton.

The service was attended by his sister, Mrs. Anna M. Reed, who was formerly a resident of this county and who has since become noted in literary circles, as the editor of several magazines and who is now editor of the Petaluma Independent. A son, Ray F. Morrison and his wife of San Francisco also attended the services.

The deceased was born near Oregon City, May 8th, 1857 and has lived in various points about the state and was quite well known. He followed the hotel business. At the time of his death he was not in destitute circumstances as was reported.



# CHEROKEE PIONEER PASSED AWAY ON WEDNESDAY

THOMAS L. VINTIN SUCCUMBS  
AFTER RESIDENCE OF HALF  
CENTURY IN CALI-  
FORNIA.

After a short illness, Thomas Louis Vintin, the pioneer Cherokee merchant and mining man, passed peacefully away yesterday forenoon. Death was caused by pneumonia. At the time of his death he had reached the advanced age of 73 years.

Mr. Vintin had reached this State fifty years ago, and had since resided here, the greater part of the time in Butte County and Cherokee. At the time of his death he was the owner of valuable mining interests and of the Cherokee General Merchandise Store. After coming to this State he was for some time the owner and operator of the famous Cherokee hydraulic mine, which has added millions of dollars to the world's treasure heap.

VINTON, Thomas L.  
Oroville Daily Register  
9-15-1910

Mr. Vintin had been a man of standing in the community, and he leaves behind him a host of friends, who respected the old gentleman. He was a member of Cherokee Lodge, Number 92, I. O. O. F.

To mourn his loss he leaves besides his aged wife, who was also seriously ill at the time of his death, two sons—Louis and Marquis Vintin, and three daughters—Margaret, Carrie, and Ruth Vintin.

The remains are in charge of Reynolds and McGinnis. The funeral will be held from Cherokee Hall on Friday at 2:30 o'clock.

WILLIAMS, Miss Elma May  
Oroville Daily Register  
9-16-1910

MISS ELMA MAY WILLIAMS  
PASSES TO LAST REST

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Leaves Many Well-known Relatives in  
Oroville and Vicinity.

Sad news of the death of Miss Elma May Williams, of Oakland, was conveyed yesterday to relatives in this city and vicinity. Last evening the remains were brought here. The interment will be held in Oregon City to-morrow afternoon at 1 o'clock.

Miss Williams was at the time of her death 21 years, 4 months and 17 days of age. The cause of death was hemorrhage. She was well known in this vicinity, having resided here for many years.

Relatives surviving her in Oroville and vicinity are a grandmother—Mrs. William James, of Oregon City; aunts—Mrs. H. A. Mengler of Thermalito, Mrs. H. W. TeGrunde of Oroville, and Miss Maggie James of Oregon City; five uncles—George, Edward, Daniel, Frank, and Dr. R. F. James. She also leaves two brothers—Edgar and Roy Williams, and a sister, Ivy Williams.



# T. L. VINTIN SERVICE WAS LARGELY ATTENDED

DECEASED PIONEER MERCHANT  
WAS LAID AWAY YESTERDAY  
AT IMPRESSIVE  
SERVICE.

The funeral of the late T. L. Vintin, the pioneer merchant and miner of Cherokee, held in that place from the Odd Fellows' Hall yesterday afternoon, was the largest that has ever been held in that portion of Butte County. With impressive ceremonies the last sad rites were held.

The church ceremony was conducted by the Rev. R. D. Douglass, of this city. A choir composed of Mrs. John Bullard and Mrs. M. E. Phares, sang. The Odd Fellows' service, which was held at the graveside, was conducted by Noble Grand William Johnson, assisted by C. A. Hiatt and E. C. Wilson.

The services were attended by those who had known the deceased, from all parts of the county. Many Odd Fellows were present from this city.

Many beautiful floral pieces were heaped beside the bier, giving evidence of the honor in which the old merchant had been held.

The pall-bearers were Evan Morgan, C. F. Campbell, H. F. Bader, T. K. Williams, Thomas James, and Daniel Williams. Interment was in the Cherokee Cemetery, with Reynolds and McGinnis in charge.

VINTON, Thomas Louis  
Oroville Daily Register  
9-17-1910

# IMPRESSIVE SERVICE MARKED WILLIAMS' FUNERAL

SERVICES HELD IN OREGON CITY  
YESTERDAY AFTERNOON  
WERE LARGELY AT-  
TENDED.

With simple, yet impressive services, the funeral of the late Elma May Williams was held yesterday afternoon from the Oregon City school-house. The friends of the family for miles surrounding Oregon City and from Oroville were in attendance at the sad services. Edward A. Bennett, the young San Franciscan, who so heroically gave of his own blood in an effort to save the life of his sweetheart, was present at the ceremony, in company with his mother.

Rev. George H. Richmond conducted the services. Mrs. M. E. Phares and Mrs. John Bullard sang several beautiful selections in the school-house and at the grave.

The following gentlemen acted as pall-bearers: H. W. White, A. L. Grummet, Theodore Fisher, A. Jones, Lester Campbell, and Claud Campbell. Interment was in the Oregon City Cemetery. Gilman B. Merrill was in charge of the funeral.

A profusion of beautiful floral offerings were heaped around the bier and the grave as testimony of the feeling entertained for the deceased young lady and the sympathy felt for her relatives.

WILLIAMS, Elma May  
Oroville Daily Register  
9-18-1910

BELDEN (CHRISTY), Mrs. Lydia  
Oroville Daily Register  
9-21-1910

**COMMUNITY GRIEVES  
AT DEATH OF  
RESIDENT**

**SUDDEN DEMISE OF MRS. LYDIA  
BELDEN CAUSES GREAT  
GRIEF.**

COUTOLENC, September 20.—That was a sweet spirit that passed away last Wednesday. Her name, Mrs. Lydia Belden; aged 35 years; mother of five interesting children—idolized by her husband and beloved by her friends. Mrs. Belden was a mother in the true sense of the word,—like Martha of old, looking after her home and its cares. The community was greatly shocked upon hearing of her sudden death, and hastened to their home. At such times the hearts and hands of the mountain people are ever ready with help and sympathy. Mr. Belden is a man of strict integrity, unflagging industry, and ambitious to win treasure for his dear ones. Their little

home was their paradise. A heart-broken mother and an only sister arrived only too late to see their dear one, save in her last hours. Other relatives came also. A long funeral cortege moved slowly over a beautiful, winding mountain road to the cemetery at old Lovelock, a mile of more distant. There, over a carpet of ferns and goldenrod "heavy with sunshine," under the branches of the sweet-smelling spruce and hemlock, the mournful procession wound its way to the open grave. Rev. Henry Nohl, of Stirling City, offered in tender, loving accents words of consolation to the bereaved husband, mother, friends and relatives. A mountain funeral seems doubly sad in its picturesqueness at any season of the year. Strong and willing hands tenderly lifted the casket and lowered it into the grave. Sweet voices joined in singing tender selections. A beautiful floral pillow, composed of pink geraniums and rare pansies, also many beautiful chrysanthemums, were placed upon the grave, a last tribute to a lovely and noble character.

CANTRELL, Harry L.  
Oroville Daily Register  
10-4-1910

## BANGOR YOUTH DIES FROM INJURIES RECEIVED

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HARRY L. CANTRELL PASSED  
AWAY YESTERDAY IN  
THIS CITY.

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Harry L. Cantrell, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cantrell, of Bangor, passed away last evening at the Oroville Hospital. Some time ago at Camp 7 of the Great Western Power Company Mr. Cantrell was injured by a log rolling upon him. His condition steadily grew worse, and a few days ago he was removed to the Oroville Hospital, where last night he passed away.

The deceased lacked three months of being nineteen years old. He leaves to mourn his loss his parents, a sister, Sarah Cantrell, and a brother, Walter Cantrell.

The remains are now at the undertaking parlors of Reynolds and McGinnis. The announcement of the time of the funeral will be made later.

KERR, Sewatha  
Chico Record  
10-25-1910

**INDIAN WOMAN IS  
VICTIM OF CONSUMPTION**

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Mrs. Sewatha Kerr, an Indian, aged forty years, died Saturday in the Indian village. Consumption was the cause of death. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon from the Indian chapel. Rev. W. G. White officiated.

MORRISON, Guy B.  
San Francisco Call  
11-1-1910

**GUY B. MORRISON, 96,  
DIES IN PETALUMA**

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**Crossed the Plains to California  
in 1850**

*[Special Dispatch to The Call]*

PETALUMA, Oct. 31.—At the age of 96 years, Guy B. Morrison died today in Petaluma. He was the father of Mrs. Anna Morrison Reed, editor of the Sonoma county Independent, published here. Morrison was born in St. Charles, Mo., November 14, 1814. He crossed the plains to California in 1850. His early life was spent in mining. He took a prominent part in the early events of California and his family is widely known. He left several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

MORRISON, Guy B.  
Press Democrat, Santa Rosa  
11-2-1910

## AGED PIONEER HAS PASSED TO BEYOND

Death Sunday of Guy B. Morrison at  
Home of His Daughter, Mrs. Anna  
Morrison Reed, in Petaluma

After having almost reached the ripe old age of 96 years and still retaining his sight and mental faculties in a most remarkable manner, Guy B. Morrison passed away Sunday afternoon at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Anna Morrison Reed of Petaluma. His life was a most eventful one, being identified with the early history of Missouri, Iowa and California as a pioneer.

The deceased was a native of St. Charles, Mo., where he was born Nov. 4, 1814. His father was proprietor of the Boone Salt Lick works at the time. Most of his early life was spent in Dubuque, Iowa, then the Territory of Wisconsin. After reaching maturity he engaged in business there for a number of years and was county treasurer several times. He went through the Black Hawk Indian war, being a trader at the time and well acquainted with Black Hawk.

In 1854 he joined the gold rush to California across the plains. This was the year of the cholera scourge which wiped out so many immigrants, but he escaped. He spent some time river mining after his arrival in this state, as did most of those who came at that time. More than 30 years ago he went to Mendocino county where his wife was soon after killed by being thrown from a horse. Since then he has lived with his daughter, Mrs. Anna Morrison Reid, and when she came to Petaluma last fall he accompanied her.

Mr. Morrison was an own cousin and a cousin by marriage to the late Chief Justice Robert Morrison of the California Supreme Court. He was a life-long Democrat, having voted for Andrew Jackson for President with his first vote and for every Democratic Presidential nominee since, with the single exception of voting for William McKinley for his second term. He was a Jeffersonian Democrat of the old school type.

Despite his age Mr. Morrison retained a clear mind to the last. His sight was also good although at the age of 87 he underwent a successful operation for the removal of a senile cataract. His sight was restored and he was able to see as well as ever. It is said that he was the oldest man ever operated upon successfully.

The deceased was the father of Mrs. Anna Morrison Reed, editor for many years of the "Northern Crown," at Ukiah and now editor of the "Sonoma County Independent," the morning daily at Petaluma; of Mrs. Fred C. Handy, wife of the business manager of the State Asylum at Ukiah; and of the late Edward L. Morrison. There are 11 grandchildren and one great grandchild surviving. Jesse H. Morrison, his brother, who represented Butte county in the legislature for several terms, died in 1858.

HUNTER, Oliver  
Oroville Daily Register  
11-14-1910

## BUTTE COUNTY PRISONER DIES IN SAN QUENTIN

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**Oliver Hunter, Sent to State Prison for  
Harness-stealing, Succumbs to  
Pneumonia.**

Sheriff Chubbuck received information yesterday afternoon that Oliver Hunter died in San Quentin Penitentiary Friday night and was buried there Sunday.

Hunter was sent from this county August 28th to serve a two year sentence for grand larceny, having plead guilty to stealing a set of harness belonging to Al Oates, of Clear Creek. Hunter was about 25 years of age and a native of the Yankee Hill section. He is survived by his wife, who resides in the city. Death was due to pneumonia.



# TWO EMPLOYEES KILLED IN WRECK OF DIAMOND MATCH CO. LOGGING TRAIN

Ralph Crum and A. B. Strong  
Crushed When Seven  
Cars Are Ditched

Real Cause of Terrible Accident  
Not Ascertained  
Last Night

✦ Conductor Ralph Crum and ✦  
✦ brakeman A. B. Strong of a nar- ✦  
✦ row gauge switch-train crew op- ✦  
✦ erating on a spur near Camp 1, ✦  
✦ lost their lives in a tragic manner ✦  
✦ yesterday morning between 3 and ✦  
✦ 4 o'clock, both being crushed un- ✦  
✦ der logs or wreckage. ✦

The crew was composed of the conductor and three brakemen, who were engaged in dropping down to the main line a string of ten cars laden with logs. The locomotive was behind but was not coupled to the cars, control of the cars being by means of the brakes. Conductor Crum was on the head-end of the first car, and brakeman Strong one car back when the accident occurred. It is thought that one of the axles of the forward or second car broke and that this was responsible for the ditching of seven cars. It has also been suggested that the brakes gave way, but the exact cause cannot be determined without a most careful inspection of the cars.

It is thought that Crum jumped from the car and that he was endeavoring to get up the bank when the logs left

the cars, but that the earth was not solid and he slipped back. One of the logs struck him on the back and crushed him so severely that he lived but a few minutes.

Brakeman Strong was most shockingly mangled and death must have been instantaneous. His body was found beneath a mass of logs and shattered timbers of a car and nearly an hour of strenuous effort on the part of a large crew of men was required to extricate his remains. His head was crushed by the flange of one of the car wheels and nearly every bone in his body was broken in the course of the cruel grinding of the logs.

The bodies were taken to Stirling City, a distance of about eighteen miles, and there an inquest was held last evening by Deputy Coroner Richardson.

Conductor Crum had resided in Stirling City for some time where he had a wife and three children, and enjoyed the respect and friendship of the people generally. He was a prominent Odd Fellow, and occupied the office of Noble Grand.

Brakeman Strong made his first trip on the logging train yesterday morning. He had been in the employ of The Diamond Match Company for two or three years and was given a place as brakeman because in that territory where he had been running a donkey engine there was no further use for his services. He was also a member of the Stirling Lodge of Odd Fellows and was elected chaplain, but resigned because of inability to attend.

He was reared at Paradise, where was his home excepting when at work for The Diamond Match Company. He leaves a wife and one child.

Both of the victims of the wreck were about thirty-five years of age.

Mrs. Crum, who is a daughter of Col. H. C. Veatch of Oroville, was in that city visiting her father yesterday when the news of the tragic death of her husband reached her. She left Oroville at once in an automobile and reached Stirling shortly after noon.

This is the worst accident to have occurred at The Diamond Match Company's mountain plant this season.

The funeral will be held Wednesday under the auspices of the Stirling Lodge of Odd Fellows.

SMITH, Steven (Stephen) Thomas  
The San Francisco Call  
11-22-1910

**SMITH**—In this city, November 21, 1910, Steven Thomas, beloved father of Floyd Ira Smith of San Francisco and Mrs. Annie B. Scalf of Oroville, Cal., and brother of G. L. and James I. Smith and Mrs. Fannie Lunt, a native of Butte county, Cal., aged 54 years 7 months and 3 days.

Remains at the parlors of H. F. Suhr & Co., 2919 Mission street between Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth.

SMITH, Stephen Thomas  
Oroville Mercury  
11-23-1910

# TOM SMITH OF YANKEE HILL DEAD

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PIONEER PASSES IN SAN FRAN-  
CISCO AND BODY REACHES  
HERE TOMORROW.

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News has reached here of the death in San Francisco yesterday of Thomas Smith, a Yankee Hill pioneer. The body will reach here tomorrow afternoon in charge of Reynolds & McGinnis.

Two children, Mrs. Annie Scales and Thomas Smith and two sisters, Mrs. Francis Lunt of Yankee Hill and Mrs. Mattie Wells of Spokane are left to mourn his passing.

STRONG, Alfred Digney  
Oroville Daily Register  
11-23-1910

**CORONERS INQUEST  
IS HELD ON THE  
TRAGEDY AT  
STIRLING**

**INVESTIGATION FAILS TO DEVELOP THE REAL CAUSE OF ACCIDENT.**

STIRLING CITY, November 22. Deputy Coroner Richardson, of Chico, held an inquest last evening in the case of the killing of R. E. Crum and A. D. Strong, on the Diamond Match Company's logging road near Ramsey Bar yesterday.

There was a divergence of opinion among the witnesses at the inquest as to the real cause for the accident. A number testified that the cars were derailed as the result of the breaking of an axle on one of the cars. The axle on the first car was broken, but whether the breakage occurred before or was the result of the wreck is a matter the witnesses failed to decide.

Other witnesses testified that in their opinion the wreck was caused by the great speed of the train as it struck the curve where the wreck occurred. The train was beyond control, and plunging down a four per cent grade. The verdict of the jury was that the train was wrecked by the breaking of the axle.

Brakeman McDare, brakeman on the train, testified that just before reaching the curve he decided that the train was traveling at too high a rate of speed for safety, and he jumped from the rear car, on which he was riding, and escaped uninjured, with the exception of a few minor bruises.

Conductor R. E. Crum, who was riding on the first of the ten cars, no engine being attached to the train, evidently saw McDare jump and decided that in such action was the only chance for escape, for he jumped a moment later. His decision was too late. He sprang from the car just as it was passing through a cut, seizing a protruding rock he endeavored to draw himself to the top of the bank, but his hold gave way and he fell back just as the cars left the track. A flying log struck him, breaking his spine and killing him almost instantly.

Strong was riding on the rear car with McDare and stayed with the cars. He was buried beneath a mass of logs and wreckage of the car. His body was not recovered for several hours.

A. D. Strong was a resident of Paradise, and is survived by a widow and one child. He was about 30 years old. At the inquest it developed that Strong had quit work for the Diamond Match Company Sunday and was killed on his trip down to Stirling on his way home. He was a friend of Crum, and chose to ride down on the train with him. His funeral will occur at Paradise at 2 p. m. to-morrow, the Stirling City lodge of Odd Fellows having charge.

FRANKS, Joseph  
Oroville Mercury

11-25-1910

**MAN HERE HALF OF  
A CENTURY IS  
NO MORE**

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**JOSEPH FRANKS WHO LIVED AT  
OREGON GULCH SINCE GOLD  
DAYS DIED TODAY.**

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Word came from Oregon Gulch this morning of the death of Joseph Franks, a native of the Isle of St. George, who had lived in Butte county practically since the time that he set foot in this state.

French leaves an aged wife and two children Miss Emily Franks and Joseph Franks. The funeral arrangements will soon be announced by Reynolds & McGinnis.

FRANKS, Joseph  
Oroville Mercury  
11-26-1910

**Joe Franks' Funeral.**—The funeral of the late Joseph Franks of Oregon Gulch, of whose death Mercury readers were told yesterday, will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from his late home.

SMITH, Stephen Thomas  
Oroville Mercury  
11-26-1910

**Smith Funeral Held.**—The funeral of the late Thomas Smith was held yesterday afternoon from the residence of Mrs. Fannie Lunt at Yankee Hill. The pall-bearers were: W. J. Lockerman, D. B. Thomas, Sidney Wellington, A. Ambuster, J. N. Sweetman and George Hodapp.

ALPAUGH, Mrs. Nettie (nee Salisbury)

Chico Record

12-6-1910

## BUTTE PIONEER

# CALLED BY DEATH

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Mrs. Nettie Alpaugh, a former resident of this city, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. L. Dillon, in San Francisco, Saturday. The funeral will be held in Chico Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Fetters & Williams mortuary chapel.

The deceased was a pioneer of California, having crossed the plains in 1851 with her parents and brother, Jay Salisbury. The decedent made her home in Butte county for many years and was well and favorably known here. She is survived by her daughter and several grandchildren.



ALPAUGH, Mrs. Nettie (nee Salisbury)  
Chico Record  
12-7-1910

**MRS. ALPAUGH LAID TO REST**

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The funeral of Mrs. Nettie Alpaugh, a pioneer resident of Butte county, was held yesterday afternoon from the Fetters & Williams mortuary chapel, Rev. W. E. Story of the Baptist Church officiating. Interment was in the Chico cemetery. The funeral was largely attended and there were many beautiful floral offerings. The pallbearers were: J. A. Aitken, John Wallace, James Peters, W. E. Goe, A. C. Heimbach and J. Messenger.