

**Williams, George**  
**Oroville Mercury 1-15-1915**

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**PIONEER DIES**

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George Williams, for many years a resident of Yankee Hill, died yesterday morning at the county infirmary at the age of 82 years. Mr. Williams who was a '49'er, mined for years in the Yankee Hill district and was widely known. For the past seven months he has been at the county infirmary and his death was not unexpected. The body was taken to Yankee Hill today and the funeral will be held at that place tomorrow.

Mr. Williams is survived by a brother, Solomon Williams, who lives at Yankee Hill.

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# PIONEER'S DEATH RECALLS EARLY HISTORY

The following was contributed to the Mercury by a friend of the late William McCallan:

William McCallan of Oroville, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Susan Totman on Monday last. He was the last of several brothers who settled in Butte county in its primitive days when gold bars were plentiful and Oroville was considered the seat of prosperity in the Golden State.

Coming from St. John's, New Brunswick, by way of the Isthmus, in the early Fifties, McCallan and his brothers launched into the hotel, mining and stock raising ventures, carrying on the business on a large scale.

McCallan's death recalls the early history of mining and of our noted citizens. It was about this time he commenced business that U. S. Senator George C. Perkins, a boy in his teens, was driving a grocery wagon as a member of a pioneer firm of Perkins & Wise, and his brother, William Perkins, cashier for Wells-Fargo & Co., Louis Glass, ex-president of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, also in his teens was starting in his career, hydraulicking one of the foot hills of Cherokee. As he succeeded he employed considerable of his time trying out tin cans and a string, telephoning to his fellow workmen who were all seeking fortunes in the new Eldorado.

McCALLAN, William  
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John Baggett and Senator Stanford were all boarders at the McCallan hotel.

In those days a man who would steal would probably be strung up and it was an unknown event to hear of anyone taking anything that did not belong to him. As a result gold bars and gold dust were piled behind the counters in this hotel like cords of wood, not a receipt was given as all were on the square. McCallan was a quiet and unassuming man, kind and gentle to all. His pioneer comrades will miss him, he having been so closely linked with the upbuilding of our State, as will the present generation in losing one of their old friends.

He leaves a widow and several children, grand children and nephews in Butte, Humboldt, and Alameda counties. His children are: John, James and William McCallan of Oroville, Mrs. Susan Totman and Mrs. J. C. Grubbs of Gridley, his nephew, John McCallan, a notary public and well known newspaper writer of San Francisco, George W. McCallan, cashier of the Atlas Assurance company of London, in San Francisco, and his niece, Mrs. Dr. George W. Walton of Oakland.

SHIPLAY (SHIPLEY), Richard  
Chico Record  
1-31-1915

**STIRLING CITY**

STIRLING CITY, Jan. 30.—G. H. Horton has returned from Oakland, where he had been in attendance at the bedside of his daughter, Gladys, who was seriously ill, but is now convalescent.

Rain has been falling here every day this week and the snow is disappearing rapidly. The total rainfall to date is 29.15 inches. The total snowfall is 90 inches.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Snow and Mrs. Mae Moore are at Magalia today in attendance at the funeral of Richard Shiplay, who died near Doon Friday morning. Shiplay was eighty-seven years old and was an old resident of this county, having come to the Magalia ridge nearly fifty years ago. Up to a few years ago he was engaged in mining. He was a native of Tennessee.

LAFFERTY (STRANG), Mrs. James (Isabel)

Oroville Mercury

2-2-1915

## MRS. LAFFERTY WIDELY KNOWN

Mrs. James Lafferty, wife of City Recorder Lafferty, who died late yesterday afternoon at an Oakland hospital, had a wide circle of friends in Oroville, having made her home here for many years.

Beside her husband and children she is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Mary A. Thomas, of Cresson, Texas; R. J. Strang, George Strang, Mrs. Sarah Brandt, William H. Strang, and J. E. Strang, all of Oroville; Mrs. W. T. Hedge, of Stirling City; Mrs. George F. Pemberton, of Lincoln.

Mrs. Lafferty had been in poor health for several months and it was decided to take her to Oakland for treatment a few weeks ago, in the belief that she might be benefitted. The news of her sudden turn for the worse came as a distinct shock to her family and friends while the telegram received within a few hours of the one which called her husband to the bedside announcing her death, brought sadness to many Oroville homes. While no announcement has been made, it is believed Mrs. Lafferty's body will be brought back to Oroville for interment.



Isabel Strang  
1852 - 1915

LAFFERTY (STRANG), Mrs. James (Isabel)  
Oroville Daily Register  
2-3-1915

# **WELL KNOWN MATRON TO BE LAID AT REST**

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**SERVICES OVER LATE MRS. LAF-  
FERTY AT HOME TODAY.**

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Funeral services over the late Mrs. James Lafferty will be held at 10 o'clock today at the home of the deceased, on Lincoln Street. Following the services at the home, the funeral cortege will form and conduct the body of the well known and respected matron to its final resting place in the Oregon City cemetery.

SYLVER, Anita  
Chico Record  
2-10-1915

**SCANT REMAINS OF  
INDIAN GIRL ARE  
BURIED**

**FIRE NOT CAUSED BY SPONTANE-  
OUS COMBUSTION SAY  
WITNESSES**

All that remained of the body of thirteen-year-old Anita Sylver, who was burned to death in the flames that destroyed the home of her father, Pablo Sylver at the Chico Rancheria Sunday night were buried in the Indian cemetery at the Rancheria yesterday afternoon.

Only the charred skull and the seared torso and arms remained. The services were held in the Rancheria chapel at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, Rev. Orlando E. Hart of the First Presbyterian church officiating.

At a coroner's inquest yesterday morning the verdict of the jury was that the little Indian girl met her death by accident.

Three witnesses told the story of the tragedy to the jurymen. They were Myrtle Nucklls, Anita Sylver's roommate, who escaped when she fell out of the second story window of the girls' room in the house that was destroyed; Pablo Sylver, the father of the victim, and Benito Rios, another occupant of the burned dwelling.

Their stories of the death of the girl were the same as told in the newspapers with the exception that the fire was not caused by spontaneous combustion in a number of greasy rags.

Myrtle Nucklls said yesterday that the rags which once had been under the staircase had been removed and Sylver told the coroner's jury he didn't believe there were any greasy rags around the house.

As far as warm clothing goes, the Sylver family and the others who lost their belongings in the fire were well provided for yesterday. Charitably inclined persons responded to the call of Dr. Hart for clothing for the family and their wants for the immediate future are filled.

WELSH, John  
Oroville Daily Register  
2-16-1915

# **JOHN WELSH PASSED AWAY AT INFIRMARY**

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**RELATIVES HAVE BEEN NOTI-  
FIED OF DEATH.**

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John Welsh, aged about forty years, passed away yesterday at the County Infirmary as the result of a form of Bright's disease. The deceased was a native of Ireland. He leaves to mourn his loss a sister, Mrs. A. Keegan, who resides in St. Louis, and a brother, James Welsh, who lives in San Francisco. The relatives have been notified, and no arrangements for the funeral will be made, awaiting answers.

WELSH, John  
Oroville Daily Register  
2-18-1915

## **JOHN WELSH WILL BE LAID AT REST TODAY**

**FUNERAL TO BE HELD FROM THE  
CATHOLIC CHURCH.**

The funeral of John Welsh, who passed away at the County Infirmary Monday, will be held at 9 o'clock this morning from the Catholic Church. Rev. Father Hynes will officiate. Interment will be in the Oroville Cemetery.

An attempt was made to locate the relatives of the deceased. A message was sent to a brother who was believed to reside in San Francisco, but no word was received.



SALISBURY, Mrs. Elizabeth  
Oroville Daily Register  
2-24-1915

**PIONEER MATRON OF  
BUTTE IS CALLED  
BY DEATH**

MRS. ELIZABETH SALISBURY, A  
MEMBER OF PROMINENT  
FAMILY, IS DEAD.

Mrs. Elizabeth Salisbury, a pioneer resident of Butte County and for eight years a resident of Oroville, passed away at her home, on Bridge Street, yesterday morning. Mrs. Salisbury was the widow of the late John Salisbury and the daughter of Mrs. William Thunen. She is survived also by a son, John, and six brothers—Charles, Fred, John, William, Edward and Frank Thunen.

Mrs. Salisbury had resided in Butte County for fifty-one years, coming here with her parents across the Isthmus of Panama when she was but a little over a year old. The family took up their residence near Cherokee, where the deceased resided until about eight years ago, when she moved to Oroville.

The deceased was 52 years, 6 months and 23 days old, and was a native of Iowa.

The funeral services will be held Thursday morning at 10 o'clock at the home, 220 Bridge Street. Interment will be in the Cherokee cemetery.

SALISBURY, Mrs. Elizabeth  
Oroville Daily Register  
2-26-1915

# MRS. SALISBURY IS TENDERLY LAID AT REST

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CHEROKEE REBEKAHS ATTEND  
SERVICES AT CEMETERY  
IN A BODY.

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The funeral services over the late Mrs. Elizabeth Salisbury were held yesterday morning at 10 o'clock at the home of the deceased, at 220 Bridge Street. Rev. R. W. Rogers, of the Congregational Church, officiated. The choir, composed of Mrs. J. H. Bullard and Mrs. M. E. Phares, sang several songs.

As evidence of the deep regret felt for the departed by those who knew her were many flowers and floral pieces. Following the services at the home, the funeral cortege formed and conducted the remains to Cherokee, where interment was made in the cemetery near where Mrs. Salisbury had lived for many years. The Rebekah lodge of Cherokee attended the services at the cemetery in a body.

The pall-bearers were the six brothers of the deceased—Fred, William, Charles, Edward, Frank and John Thunen.

3-2-1915

# ROBERT A. ANDERSON PROMINENT BUTTE PIONEER PASSES AWAY

**"BOBBY" ANDERSON, WHO LED THE WHITES IN THEIR ATTACKS  
ON THE DEER CREEK AND MILL CREEK INDIANS, IS  
DEAD, FOLLOWING LONG SIEGE OF ILLNESS.**

Robert Allen Anderson, one of Butte County's most prominent pioneers, passed away at his home, about nine miles north of Chico, yesterday morning. During his public and private life Mr. Anderson was former Sheriff of Butte County, Indian fighter, rancher, and one of the most prominent residents of the northern part of the State. Death came as the culmination of a severe attack of pneumonia which kept the deceased hovering near death's portals for over a month. Despite every effort of the attending physicians, death finally came, at 9:30 o'clock yesterday morning.

The deceased was born in Polk County, Missouri, March 27, 1840, a son of William and Mary (Coggins) Anderson, both natives of Tennessee. Of the five sons, Robert Allen Anderson was the youngest. Receiving a limited education in the common schools, he later was apprenticed to learn the trade of stone mason, one of his principal occupations being the building of brick chimneys.

**Crossed Plains in '57.**

In 1857 he crossed the Plains to California, with three others, making the trip by means of ox teams. On the journey they fell in with General J. W. B. Montgomery, of Cana, after which they had considerable trouble with the Mormons and Indians.



# ANDERSON, Robert Allen

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## Mined in North Folk.

Anderson tried mining for a short time on the North Fork of the Feather River, upon his arrival in California, but soon he continued his journey through the Sacramento Valley to Deer Creek. There, Anderson and a Mr. Roundtree bought a claim of 320 acres, and together they began general farming and stock raising.

Soon after Anderson settled on Deer Creek, the Mill Creek Indians went on the warpath, which was the beginning of a siege that lasted until 1865.

Anderson's book, "Fighting the Mill Creek Indians," published by him in 1909, tells an interesting story of the Indian's raids into the valley and on the settlements of the whites during those years.

## Tried Cattle Business.

"Later I sold out [his ranch on Deer Creek] and went into the cattle business," Anderson's story says. "In 1861 snow fell in the valley to the depth of six inches and lay on for two weeks. That snow put me out of the cattle business.

"During those years Indians were numerous. Those who invested the region where I lived were called Mill Creeks, or Deer Creeks, the rough canyons of those streams offering thousands of hiding places to these wild bands.

During the winter of 1857 they caused much uneasiness among the settlers. Many raids were made into the valley, followed always by swift retreats into the hills.

"People were killed, dwellings burned and stock driven off. The depredations occurred usually along the edge of the valley, but extended on some occasions as far as the Sacramento River:

## Whites Strike Back.

"This state of things could not continue. The Indians, with the accustomed stealth of savages, always made their attacks unexpectedly. Since the settler could not guard against surprise, it was decided to retaliate by carrying the war into the Indians' own territory."

Then followed the siege between the whites of the Sacramento Valley and the now famous Mill Creek Indians, the last of which is said to be Ishi, who was found near Oroville in 1911 and who now is at the Affiliated Colleges in San Francisco.

The party of which Anderson was a member, which went out "to get" the Indians marauders, was led by Jack Spaulding, and was composed of fifteen men. Hi Good, whose name in those days was known widely, and Anderson were members of the party.

#### Anderson Was Leader of Whites.

Anderson was the acknowledged leader of the Indian fighters, and directed the last battle against the reds. A large number of the tribe fell before the whites' deadly fire.

Later, some of the squaws appeared at Hi Good's ranch and said that all the remaining Indians wished to come to the valley and live in peace, if they were promised protection.

In this manner the Indians got in touch with a young Indian youth whom Good had raised until then he was sixteen years old. They persuaded the youth to turn traitor, and finally got their revenge against Anderson's Indian fighter pal when the Indian youth shot him. The youth, however, fell also soon after by the shot from the gun of a white.

In 1864 Anderson took up his present property, which consisted then of 160 acres, about eight miles north of Chico.

Anderson's first marriage occurred on Deer Creek in 1861, at which time he married Sarah J. Scott, who died in their home north of Chico. His second marriage was with Carrie Smith, a native of Portland, Oregon.

Anderson was a member of the Knights of Pythias of Chico, and an active member of the Republican party.

He was elected Sheriff of Butte County in 1861, serving two terms, while he was nominated for the office five different times.

Deceased is survived by his wife and five children. The latter are: Mrs. Alice Holmes, wife of Supervisor R. P. Holmes, of Chico; Mrs. Charles Kruger, of Coos Bay, Oregon; R. N. Anderson, of Oroville; C. P. Anderson, of Cana; and Merle Anderson, who has been living with his parents.

ANDERSON, Robert Allen  
Oroville Daily Register  
3-3-1915

**R. A. ANDERSON**  
**FUNERAL TODAY**

**ELKS AND KNIGHTS TEMPLAR  
TO ACT AS PALL-  
BEARERS.**

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CHICO, March 2.—The funeral of Robert Allen Anderson, pioneer Butte County man, who died at his home on the Shasta road at 9 o'clock yesterday morning, will be held from Elks' Hall on Second Street tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The services of the Elks' lodge will be conducted and Rev. E. A. Osborn will officiate. Interment will be made in Chico Cemetery.

The pall-bearers will be selected from the Elks and members of the Knights Templar, of which deceased was a member. The honorary pall-bearers will be P. M. Guynn, W. B. Montgomery, C. L. Stilson, Ed Harkness, Major A. F. Jones and F. W. Miller.

PETER, Mrs. Augusta  
Oroville Mercury  
3-6-1915

**MRS. AUGUSTA PETER  
DIES AFTER LONG  
ILLNESS**

Following an illness, extending over a period of several months, Mrs. Augusta Peter, one of Oroville's pioneer settlers and widely known throughout this section of Butte county, died this morning at 5:30 o'clock. The end came at the family residence, 204 Bridge street. Mrs. Peter had been seriously ill for the last week. All chances for her recovery were given up several days ago.

The deceased was a native of Germany, aged 67 years, 4 months and 10 days. She had been a resident of Oroville for forty-three years, having come here from Cherokee, where she first settled on arriving in California from the East. At the latter place she resided one year.

She was the mother of Mrs. M. T. Crum, Miss Anna Peter and O. A. Peter, all of Oroville, whom survive her. She also leaves three sisters: Mrs. B. Melville of San Francisco, Mrs. Rosa Slissman and Mrs. Mary Heins, both of Ferndale, Humboldt county, and one brother, Frank Manscher.

Funeral arrangements will not be made until the arrival of the relatives, all of whom have been notified.

PETER, Mrs. Augusta  
Oroville Mercury  
3-8-1915

**FUNERAL OF MRS. AUGUSTA  
PETER TUESDAY MORNING**

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Funeral services for Mrs. Augusta Peter, who died Saturday morning, will be held at St. Thomas Catholic church tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock. Interment will be in the Oroville cemetery.



McGREGOR, Mrs. Helen Louise

Daily Mercury

4-9-1915

## MRS. M'GREGOR DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

After an illness, extending over a period of several years, death came shortly after 2 o'clock this morning to Mrs. Helen Louise McKinsey McGregor, wife of Attorney J. A. McGregor at the family residence on Washington avenue.

Mrs. McGregor was born in Susanville, March 23, 1882, educated in the schools of that city and married J. A. McGregor in Alturas, December 25, 1902. Besides her husband she is survived by two daughters, Maxine and Mary McGregor, also her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. McKinsey, and sister, Mrs. S. Damon, all of Susanville. Other near relatives are Attorney John Partridge of San Francisco, Dr. Partridge and family of Berkeley, Albert Merrill of San Francisco, Mrs. Ford and Judge John Chapman and family of Los Angeles, Mrs. Dr. Deacon of Willows.

Deceased was widely known, and her death will be mourned by a host of friends.

Funeral services are to be conducted at the Methodist Episcopal church at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon. Mrs. McGregor was a member of that church and took an active part in its work.

SEPULVEDA, Manuel  
Oroville Daily Register  
4-9-1915

# **MANUEL SEPULVEDA IS CALLED BY DEATH**

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**YANKEE HILL RESIDENT PASSED  
AWAY AT INFIRMARY.**

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Manuel Sepelveda, well-known resident of Yankee Hill for many years, passed away at the County Infirmary yesterday. Sepelveda was a native of Chile, about 80 years of age, and had lived in the Yankee Hill district for some years, being brought to the Infirmary but a short time ago. The body of the deceased will be taken to Yankee Hill for interment, near the body of Sepelveda's wife, who preceded him to the grave several years ago.

SIMMONS, Hiram Thurman  
Marysville Evening Democrat  
4-21-1915



## PIONEER SUTTER COUNTY RESIDENT IS DEAD

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Hiram Thurman Simmons, a pioneer resident of Sutter County, passed away at the family home in Sutter City, at an early hour Wednesday morning. He had complained of being troubled with his heart for the past few days, but did not think it very serious and last night retired in apparently the best of health. Mrs. Simmons awakened at an early hour to find her husband very ill, but before medical attention could be summoned he had breathed his last.

Mr. Simmons was one of the oldest and best known residents of Central Sutter County, having resided there for the past thirty years, and was known by the entire community, being esteemed and respected by all. He was a native of Ohio, and was 67 years, 1 month and 5 days of age.

He leaves to mourn his demise, besides his widow, Mrs. Melvina Simmons, one sister, Mrs. Sara Harper of Illinois, and three brothers, John and James Simmons of Illinois, and Samuel Simmons of Kansas; two sons, Daniel B. and M. P. Simmons, and two daughters, Mrs. Lydia Morris and Mrs. C. L. Richardson.

The funeral services, which are in charge of R. E. Bevan & Son, will be held from the family home some time Friday, the time to be announced later. Interment will take place in the family plot in the Sutter City cemetery.

**Croghan, Benjamin**  
**Oroville Mercury 4-30-1915**

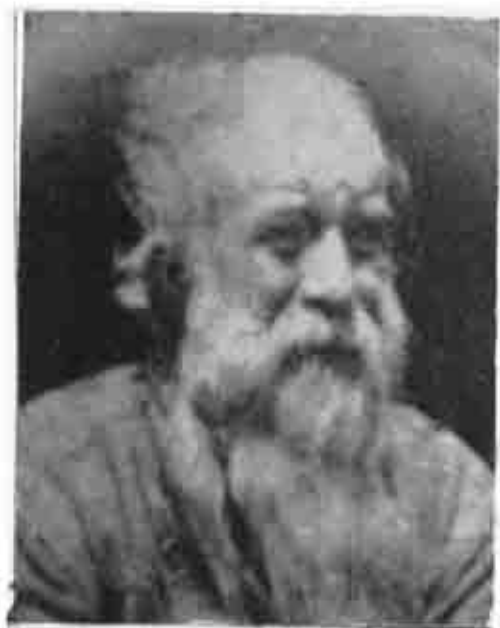
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**AGED RESIDENT OF  
YANKEE HILL DEAD**

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Benjamin Croghan, aged 96 years, and a resident of Yankee Hill for the past thirty years, died at his home Wednesday. He had been in feeble health for some time. Croghan was a native of Iowa. He came to California in the days of '49. He leaves one son, Grant Croghan. The funeral was held today.

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**Benjamin Croghan**

MILLER, Frank  
Oroville Daily Mercury  
5-21-1915

## WOODLAND MAN RUN OVER BY TRACTOR AND BADLY HURT

WOODLAND, May 21.—Hope for the recovery of Frank Miller, Yolo rancher, who was run over at Sulsum Wednesday night by a 70-horsepower caterpillar traction engine, has been practically abandoned. The attending physicians could offer no word of encouragement to the relatives.

Miller is in a San Francisco hospital. His injuries are internal. His abdomen is badly crushed.

Miller was alone on the tractor. He jumped from his seat to remove a five-gallon can of lubricating oil, which was in the path of the machine. His foot slipped on a greasy break and he fell under the edge of the blade. How he escaped being cut to pieces is unexplained.

Note: See obit in Oakland Tribune 5-24-1915

MILLER, Frank  
Oakland Tribune  
5-24-1915

**DIES OF INJURIES.**

WOODLAND, May 24.—Frank Miller, a well-known farmer of this city, who was run over by a traction engine at Suisun, which he was operating on his farm, passed away in San Francisco as the result of his injuries. His wife and immediate relatives left yesterday for San Francisco, where he was taken after the accident, and were present when he died. Miller was aged 46 years and had lived in this community practically all his life. He farmed extensively both in this county and in Solano county.

# AL OATES KILLS SELF ON CLEAR CREEK RANCH

PROMINENT RANCHER AND  
STOCKMAN FOUND HANGING  
IN BARN.

TIES ROPE AROUND NECK AND  
FASTENS IT TO IRON  
BAR.

Albert E. Oats, well known rancher and stockman of Clear Creek, committed suicide yesterday morning by hanging himself, in the loft of his barn. He has been having ill health for a number of weeks and it is thought that this fact might have prompted him to commit the act.

His body, dangling at the end of a small cotton clothes line, was discovered at 1:30 o'clock by Arthur B. Foster, aged 14, and Miss Pearle Carlisle, a young woman who resides on the adjoining ranch, after they had searched the house and the other premises to deliver the mail to him.

He got up yesterday morning, apparently in the best of spirits and after ordering several things done around the ranch, went toward the barn. That was the last time he was seen alive. When the mail arrived, the young man started to find the deceased, and after looking through the house without result, he looked through the yard and went to the barn. Not finding him in the lower part, he climbed into the loft, where the body was discovered.

OATES, Albert E.  
Oroville Register  
6-19-1915

## Strangled to Death.

The rope had been tied securely around the neck and fastened to an iron bar that ran from one side of the building to the other. He had then raised his knees and allowed himself to strangle to death. His knees were barely touching the floor when the body was found.

Deputy Coroner Thomas of this city was notified and he immediately notified Coroner Johnson of Chico, who hurried to the scene. The body was brought to this city. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Deceased was fifty years of age at the time of his death. He was never married. He leaves a brother, Will Oats, of Oroville, who is the only immediate relative. He has lived practically all his life on his beautiful Clear Creek ranch. Besides this property, he was interested in several mining claims in the vicinity of Stirling City, and Philbrook Valley.

At one time he ran a stage line from Oroville through the mountains to Powelton. He was a member of Oroville Lodge, No. 59, I. O. O. F. and was one of the best-known men in Northern California.

TUHEY, John T.  
Oroville Register  
6-19-1915

## JOHN T. TUHEY IS DEAD AT FRESNO

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FORMER WELL KNOWN LOCAL  
MAN SUCCUMBS TO SHORT  
ILLNESS.

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John T. Tuhey, well known in Oroville passed away at his home in Fresno early yesterday morning following a short illness. Deceased was born at Cherokee, Butte County, February 22, 1873, and lived in and about Oroville until manhood. He became an accountant and held the position of County Book Expert for Fresno County for the past eight years.

Deceased leaves a wife and two children besides the following brothers and sisters: Frank Tuhey and Mrs. J. D. Woodall of Oroville; Thomas Tuhey of Gridley; M. R. Tuhey of Los Banos and C. J. Tuhey of Oregon. The funeral will be held at the family home in Fresno on Monday.



OATES, Albert E.  
Oroville Register  
6-21-1915

## **ALBERT OATES FUNERAL TO BE HELD TODAY**

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**CORONERS JURY BRINGS IN VER-  
DICT OF SUICIDE.**

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Albert E. Oats met death by strangulation, self-inflicted with suicidal intent, according to a verdict brought in by the Coroner's Jury after an investigation conducted by Coroner William Johnson Saturday afternoon.

Oats hung himself in the barn on his Clear Creek ranch Friday morning.

The funeral will be held this morning at 10 o'clock from the Odd Fellows' Hall. The services will be conducted by I. O. O. F. Lodge No. 59, of which the deceased was a member. Interment will be in the Oroville Cemetery.

# MRS. HATCH DIED OF EXPOSURE IS VERDICT OF JURY

PART OF HER CLOTHING IS  
FOUND SCATTERED ALONG  
CREEK.

WOMAN WAS PROBABLY SEEN AT  
THOMPSON'S FLAT—FU-  
NERAL TODAY.

That Mrs. Mary Hatch, the Oakland nurse who was found dead at her old home, ten miles north of Oroville Friday, died from exposure to the inclement weather and the elements, together with lack of nourishment, was the verdict returned by the Coroner's Jury Saturday afternoon following a thorough investigation of the case by the Sheriff's office.

No evidence whatever that would substantiate a suicide theory was found. The bottle that was picked up near the body had evidently been thrown there by some one else, as there had been an old hobo camp close by, and a number of other bottles were also lying around. Every circumstance pointed to the fact that after she left Oakland on Friday morning, April 23d, her mind deranged, she took one of the first trains out of that city and came to Oroville, bent upon going to her old home in Spring Valley. As all trains coming into this city were watched after Sunday night, she must have arrived here prior to that time. From here she undoubtedly walked to the ranch. Discovering the prospectors living in the house where she was born, she wandered further down the valley.

HATCH (NISBET), Mrs. Mary  
Oroville Register  
6-21-1915

## Locate Clothing.

Searching parties combed the rugged creek and woody hillsides Saturday and Sunday in an effort to locate her missing clothes, and several articles were located. A hat, an underdress and one kid glove were found along the creek, near where the body was discovered. A small hand satchel and a hair comb were found nearly a quarter of a mile further down the valley and a piece of cloth, which had been torn from her blue serge suit, was also located.

Whether these articles were carried down the creek by high water or whether she wandered for a considerable distance over the hills before she died, is a question. No trace of a gold watch and a ring that she is supposed to have had with her, or the rest of her clothing, has been found.

## Parties Saw Strange Woman.

After reading in The Register Saturday morning of the discovery of the body, Mrs. Fredricks of Thompson's Flat remembered having seen a woman pass by her residence early the Saturday or Sunday morning following Mrs. Hatch's disappearance. Although she knew the woman before she was married, she did not associate her maiden name when the reports of her disappearance were published.

According to Mrs. Fredricks she passed by early in the morning, carrying a bunch of blue wild flowers and looking neither to left nor right. She is very accurate in her description, stating that the woman wore a long blue suit, a red sweater and had light hair. Her attention was called to the stranger by her son, who remarked that she was not a local resident, and wondered who she was.

A woman that also answered the description was seen passing through Morris Ravine by a girl who was visiting with Mrs. Rhoea, of that place.

## Funeral Tuesday.

The funeral will be held Tuesday morning. The cortege will leave the undertaking parlors of Thomas and Kelley at 9 o'clock and will then proceed to the Oregon City Cemetery,

# MRS. MARY HATCH LAID AT REST YESTERDAY

MANY FRIENDS OF UNFORTUNATE  
WOMAN GATHER AT OREGON  
CITY CEMETERY.

Funeral services over Mrs. Mary Hatch, the Oakland nurse, who was found dead of exposure at Cherokee, were held yesterday at the little cemetery at Oregon City near the girlhood home of the deceased. The funeral cortege left the undertaking parlors of Thomas and Kelley in Oroville at 9 o'clock in the morning. The services at the grave were held at about 11:30 o'clock. Rev. Dr. Wheatley of the Methodist Church of Oroville officiated. Songs were sung by a choir composed of Mrs. Phares and Mrs. Bullard.

Many beautiful floral pieces and flowers had been sent to the cemetery by the friends of the deceased. A large number of people attended the services. The members of the Cherokee Rebekah Lodge were at the services in a body. Mrs. Hatch was a member of the Lodge and a school mate of many of the members.

The pall bearers were the four brothers and two nephews of the unfortunate woman. They were: James, Gordon, Archie, Will, Chester and William Nesbit.

HATCH (NISBET), Mrs. Mary  
Oroville Register  
6-23-1915

Note: Last name should be Nisbet

# DEATH TAKES WELL KNOWN LOCAL MAN

**SAM WOOLEVER SUCCEUMBS TO HEART  
DISEASE AFTER BRIEF ILLNESS;  
AGED 63 YEARS**

Sam Woolever, one of the best known residents of Oroville and this section of Butte county, died at 10:20 o'clock this morning after a brief illness from fever and heart trouble.

Two weeks ago last Tuesday Woolever was up and around and apparently in the best of health. Suddenly he was stricken with an aggravated case of intermittenent fever and was compelled to go to bed.

Heart trouble developed and he gradually grew weaker until the end.

Woolever was born in Freeport, Illinois, March 4, 1852. Eight years later he started out with his family to cross the continent to California. He rode horseback most of the way. With his parents he settled in El Dorado county. About thirty years ago he moved to Cherokee where he married Miss Mata Sturmer of that place. He had resided in Oroville for the past twenty-five years.

WOOLEVER, Sam  
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During the greater portion of that time he was in the livery stable business, conducting the Ohio stable for ten years. He also owned stage lines running out of Oroville. He carried hundreds of passengers on the lines to Prattville and other mountain points.

Before coming to Oroville Woolever was a shotgun messenger in the employ of Wells-Fargo, running between Nevada City, Downville and Sierra City. That was in the days when the express service was often interrupted by a hold-up. Woolever enjoyed telling of his experiences in the service.

He was liked by a large circle of acquaintances and never had much difficulty in making friends. He was outspoken and never hesitated to express his opinion about matters he believed were right.

Beside the widow, one son, Franck Woolever of San Francisco, and one sister, of Los Angeles, survive him. The son and Mrs. Woolever were at his bedside when death came.

Funeral arrangements are to be announced later.

# BELDEN MINER ENDS LIFE IN LONELY RAVINE

SEARCHING PARTY FINDS RE-  
MAINS—SHOT HIMSELF  
IN HEAD.

BELDEN, July 11.—Charles Johnson, a well-known miner of the North Fork section of this county, committed suicide some time last Friday at a lonely spot in a ravine near Belden, by blowing the top of his head off. Mr. Johnson had been threatening for several weeks to do away with himself, and on Friday he left Belden, with his shotgun in his possession, saying that he was going hunting. Becoming alarmed at his failure to return, friends organized a search party, and after a long quest among the canyons and crags of that wild section, they discovered Johnson's dead body lying in a ravine. He had evidently fired one shell to try the gun, as an empty cartridge was found by the body. He had then placed the muzzle of the weapon to his mouth and fired it, by pushing against the trigger with a forked stick. The stick and the gun were tightly clasped in either hand when the body was found.

Deceased was a native of Illinois, and was 61 years of age. He leaves no relatives in this State. He came to Plumas County about 25 years ago, and ever since followed the occupation of mining in the Feather River Canyon.

JOHNSON, Charles  
Oroville Daily Register  
7-12-1915

SMITH, Frank E.  
Oroville Daily Register

7-12-1915

**PIONEER STOCKMAN  
OF COUNTY IS DEAD**

F. E. SMITH, FORMER RESIDENT  
OF PENTZ, DIES IN CHICO.

CHICO, July 11.—Frank E. Smith, a resident of Chico for twenty years, died at a local hospital yesterday afternoon, after a long illness. He had been an invalid for six years, and a number of days ago the amputation of a leg above the knee was found necessary. The operation left him in such a weakened condition that he could not recover.

Smith was 76 years old. He was a pioneer stockman of the Pentz and Lovelock districts, and first settled at Pentz when a boy of 13. He lived there until 20 years ago, when he selected Chico for his home.

He is survived by a widow and four daughters, Mrs. A. J. Campbell and Mrs. C. B. Campbell of Lovelock, Mrs. L. Haslund of Mill Creek, Lassen County, and Mrs. T. W. Hughes of Chico; and four sons, G. H. Smith of Last Chance, Placer County, Frank Smith of Forest Ranch, Placer County, and Isaac Smith and Joseph Smith of Auburn, Placer County.

WOOLEVER, Sam W.

Oroville Mercury

7-13-1915

# WOOLEVER FUNERAL HELD THIS AFTERNOON

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The funeral of S. W. Woolever was held this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock from the family residence. Rev. L. W. Wheatley, pastor of the Methodist church officiated. The pallbearers were C. W. Richardson, Andy Hansen, W. R. Riddle, L. F. Riley, John Haddican and T. W. James. The funeral services were largely attended and there were many beautiful floral tributes.

Immediately after the services the remains were put aboard a special car and taken to Chico for interment.

WHITE, Mrs. Frances Elizabeth  
Oroville Mercury  
7-16-1915

## DEATH TAKES AGED OREGON CITY WOMAN

MRS. FRANCIS ELIZABETH WHITE, MOTHER  
OF SUPERVISOR WHITE, SUCCEUMBS  
TO INFIRMITIES OF OLD AGE

Francis Elizabeth White, mother of Supervisor Henry W. White, died at her home in Oregon City at 1 o'clock this morning, after a lingering illness.

Mrs. White was 81 years, ten months and 28 days old. She had lived in the same house in Oregon City for exactly fifty-six years and two months.

Deceased was born in Prince Edward, Ireland, and came to America when still a young woman. She was widely known throughout the Eastern section of Butte county and highly respected.

Her husband, Henry C. White, died four years ago.

Henry W. White, the supervisor, is the only son.

Funeral services are to be conducted at the family home at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon, with the Rev. L. W. Wheatley of Oroville officiating.

Interment will be in the Oregon City cemetery.



DRINKWATER, Mrs. George  
Chico Record  
7-21-1915

**FORMER CHEROKEE  
MATRON DIES IN EAST.**

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OROVILLE, July 20.—Mrs. George M. Drinkwater, a former resident of Cherokee, who will be remembered by many of the older residents of Oroville and Cherokee, died recently at Yonkers, N. Y., according to word that has been received here from friends.

Mrs. Drinkwater was eighty-seven years old.

The family came to California in 1863. Drinkwater died here and in 1881 the widow and her two daughters returned to New York.

Mrs. Drinkwater is survived by her two daughters, both of whom reside in Yonkers.

GRAMPS, Martin  
Oroville Daily Register  
7-21-1915

**AGED MAN DIED AT BIG BAR.**

Word was received at Thomas and Kelly's undertaking parlors last night that the aged father of D. E. Gramps, of Big Bar, died yesterday afternoon. Coroner Johnson left on the Western Pacific.

WELSH, Mrs. Sarah  
Oroville Daily Mercury  
7-27-1915

**MRS. SARAH WELSH TO  
BE BURIED TOMORROW**

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Funeral services for Mr. Sarah Welsh, who died yesterday afternoon, are to be conducted at the family residence, 610 Veatch street, tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. Interment is to be in the Oroville cemetery.

Mrs. Welsh was born in Foyetteville, Pennsylvania, in 1832. On January, 1849, she married Plummer R. Walsh. The couple came across the plains from Kansas in 1860. They settled first in Sutter county. In 1871 they moved to Humbug valley where Welsh established a beautiful summer home. The husband died two years ago, possessed of a fortune.

# MATRON OF EARLY DAYS IS CALLED BY DEATH

MRS. P. R. WELSH SUCCEUMBS AFTER ILLNESS OF THREE YEARS.

## FUNERAL IS TOMORROW

SURVIVED BY SEVEN CHILDREN, FIFTEEN GRAND AND EIGHT GREAT GRAND CHILDREN.

Mrs. Sarah Welsh, widow of the late Plummer R. Welsh, and pioneer woman of Butte County and California, died at the family home in this city yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the infirmities of old age. Mrs. Welsh was 83 years old at the time of her demise. For the past three years she had been an invalid and has been confined to her bed with two trained nurses in constant attendance. Three days ago, she began to get gradually weaker and it was known that the end was near. All of her sons and daughters were at her bedside when death came.

Mrs. Welsh, who was formerly Sarah Daniels, was born in Fayetteville, Pennsylvania, June , 1832. She was married to P. R. Welsh in Iowa, January 18, 1849. For the next few years they made their home near Bellevue, where Mr. Welsh had taken up 160 acres of land. In 1858 the family moved to Kansas just at the time

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the that state was in the throes of the fight over whether it should be free or slave. They stayed in Kansas two years and in 1860 started for California, making the trip across the plains in by ox team. There were eighty wagons in the train, of which Mr. Welsh was captain.

### Arrived Here in 1860.

Arriving in California in 1860 Mr. and Mrs. Welsh settled in Sutter County, near the spot where Yuba City now stands, and Mr. Welsh engaged in stockraising and farming. In 1878 they moved to Humbug Valley, Plumas County, where Mr. Welsh had a large summer ranch and engaged in the stock and hotel business. The beautiful and spacious Welsh House was erected at that place.

In the meantime the family purchased a ranch three miles below this city and lived there until a few years ago, when the land was sold to the Croggers.

### Survived by Many Relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Welsh had been married sixty-three years at the time of Mr. Welsh's demise, two years ago.

Mrs. Welsh is survived by six children, fifteen grandchildren and eight great-grand children. The children are: J. W. Welsh, Mrs. M. McAlpine, T. C. Welsh, Webb Welsh, Mrs. W. A. Ward and Mrs. Teany Welsh.

The funeral will be held from the family residence, 610 Veatch Street, Wednesday morning, at 10 o'clock. Interment will be in the Oroville cemetery.

NICHOLS, infant son  
Chico Record  
8-1-1915

## **INFANT SON IS DEAD**

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The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Nichols of Los Molinos, who died yesterday, will be buried this morning in the Indian cemetery at the Rancheria. Funeral services will be held in the Rancheria church.

WILLIAMS, John David  
Oroville Mercury  
8-9-1915

**JOHN DAVID WILLIAMS,  
AGED 61, DIES AFTER  
LINGERING ILLNESS**

John David Williams, aged 61 years, an old resident of this section, died at 3:40 o'clock this morning after a lingering illness covering a period of several months.

Deceased was born in Banjar, La Cross county, Wisconsin, April 30, 1854, and came to California with his parents when he was twelve years old. The family settled on a ranch near Nelson. In later years Williams conducted the Butte Creek House and organized the Abatine Medical company. In connection with the latter enterprise Williams operated the abatine distillery.

He married Isabel Wilson in 1885. For the last fifteen years he had been engaged in mining in Plumas county. The family moved from Cherokee to Oroville about seven years ago.

Beside a widow deceased is survived by one daughter, Miss Jessie Williams, and three sisters, Mrs. Harry Lewis, of Prineville, Ore.; Mrs. M. A. Copple of San Francisco and Mrs. E. J. Simmons of Fresno county.

The time of the funeral has not been set.

WILLIAMS, John D.

Oroville Mercury

8-11-1915

# REMAINS OF JOHN D. WILLIAMS LAID TO REST IN CHEROKEE

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Funeral services for John D. Williams were conducted at the family residence, 617 Veatch street, at 10 o'clock this morning by Rev. L. W. Wheatley, pastor of the First Methodist church. There was a large attendance of friends and neighbors and many beautiful floral offerings were in evidence.

Rev. Wheatley paid tribute to the memory of the deceased and spoke of him as a man who had lived a useful life.

The remains were taken to Cherokee for interment in the cemetery at that place.

WILLIAMS, John D.  
Oroville Daily Register  
8-11-1915

**JOHN D. WILLIAMS  
FUNERAL FROM  
HOME TODAY**

**MANY FRIENDS MOURN DEATH  
OF AGED BUTTE  
PIONEER.**

Funeral services for the late John D. Williams, who died early Monday morning after a lingering illness lasting more than six months, will be held from the family residence, 617 Lincoln street at 10 o'clock this morning. Interment will be in the Cherokee cemetery.

Deceased was born near Bangor, LaCrosse County, Wisconsin, on April 30, 1854, thus making him 61 years of age at the time of his demise.

When but twelve years of age his parents moved from Wisconsin and settled on a ranch in Butte County. All of his early life was spent on ranches in the Pentz and Nelson districts.

Later he became interested in mining and was associated with others in the Golden Drift and Black Channel properties near Magalia. For many years he owned and managed the Butte Creek House; and it was there that the first distillery of the Abietine Medical Company was located. Mr. Williams was interested in that company and had charge of the making of the abietine.

For the past fifteen years most of his time was spent in Plumas County where he had mining interests.

In 1885 he was married to Isabel Wilson of Cherokee. A son and daughter were born to them. The family home was in Cherokee until about seven years ago, when they moved to Oroville.

Besides his widow, he leaves a daughter, Miss Jessie Williams of Oroville; and three sisters, Mrs. M. A. Copple of San Francisco, Mrs. E. J. Simmons of Academy, Fresno County, and Mrs. Emily Eans of Primeville, Oregon.



REAVIS, James J.  
Chico Record  
8-13-1915

## J. J. REAVIS DEAD IN SAN FRANCISCO

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J. J. Reavis, formerly of Chico, died in San Francisco Monday and his funeral was held there Wednesday. Reavis lived in Chico until twenty-two or twenty-three years ago.

His father, D. M. Reavis, at one time owned what is now the Phelan ranch. The elder Reavis was one of the largest ranchers in this section of the State.

J. J. Reavis was born in Butte county. He was fifty-five years, eleven months and seven days old. He had been connected with the San Francisco police department since he left Chico. At the time of his death he was a corporal.

Reavis had been ill more than a year. He was suffering from kidney and stomach troubles.

Twenty-five years ago he served in the State Legislature from Lassen and Plumas counties.

He is survived by a widow, two children and a brother, David Reavis, who also is a member of the San Francisco police department.

Justice J. L. Barnes of Chico was related to Reavis by marriage.

REAVIS, James J.  
Oroville Daily Register  
8-14-1915

# NATIVE OF BUTTE PASSES AWAY IN SAN FRANCISCO

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JAMES J. REAVIS, WELL KNOWN  
IN CHICO, IS DEAD.

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CHICO, August 13.—Word has been received in this city of the death of James J. Reavis, a pioneer of Chico, which occurred in San Francisco last Monday. Reavis died from kidney trouble from which he had been suffering for the past year.

Deceased was the son of D. M. Reavis, well known rancher of this city and former owner of the Phelan ranch. He left this city nearly twenty years ago and since then has been sargent in the San Francisco police force and at one time assemblyman from Modoc county.

Reavis was a native of Butte county and was 55 years of age. He is survived by the widow and two children, a son and a daughter.

SLACK, Jesse  
Chico Record  
8-24-1915

**RANCHERIA INDIAN, NATIVE  
OF CHICO, IS BURIED**

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The funeral of Jesse Slack, an Indian of the Chico Rancheria, was held at the Rancheria church yesterday afternoon. Rev. Orlando E. Hart of the First Presbyterian church conducted the services. The body was interred in the Rancheria cemetery. Slack died in a hospital Sunday. He was a native of Chico, twenty-seven years old.

# MRS. C. H. LEGGETT WAS ONE OF OUR MOST BELOVED WOMEN

## SHE WAS NOTED FOR HER KINDNESS AND STRONG CHRISTIAN CHARACTER

In the death of Mrs. Abigail Burt Leggett, Oroville loses one of its oldest and most dearly beloved citizens. Deceased had been a resident of this city fifty-three years and was well known and loved by all.

She had been a lifelong Christian woman and was noted for her kind and charitable deeds. At the time of her death she was the oldest member of the Congregational church of this city. She was one of the charter members.

She had been an invalid since 1902, when she sustained a fall by slipping on a rug. While it prevented her taking active part in church work, it did not prevent her attending services almost regularly.

Mrs. Leggett was 87 years, six months and seventeen days old. She was born in Belvale, New York, February 13, 1828.

She was the mother of eight children, three of whom are living. They are: James H. Leggett, Mrs. John Keifer and Miss Cordella Leggett, all of this city. Eight grandchildren: Kenneth, Howard and Elton Leggett, Mrs. Allen Swords, Mrs. William McPherson, Donald MacFarlane and Hartford Keifer also mourn her departure. She also leaves five great grandchildren. Mrs. Louise P. Burt of

Palermo is a sister-in-law of the deceased.

She was married to Charles Leggett when she was twenty-five years old, on the 28th day of June, 1853. After residing in Iowa until March, 1862, they came to California by way of the Isthmus of Panama. They first settled in the San Joaquin valley, but later moved to Oroville, where Mrs. Leggett's uncle, Mr. Burt, owned what is now known as the Leggett ranch, south of Oroville. Mr. Leggett followed the occupation of a farmer up to the time of his death in 1896.

Mrs. Leggett was noted for her sweetness of character and the many charitable deeds she performed. She was a wise and comforting councilor to those in distress and a true friend to all in need and in sorrow. Many is the charitable deed credited to her in the good book.

The sorrowing relatives have the deepest sympathy in their hour of grief.

Funeral services are to be held at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning at the family residence, 1303 High street. The services will be conducted by Rev. W. C. Pond, pastor of the Congregational church of San Francisco, and an old friend of the family. Interment will be in the Oroville cemetery.

# DESPONDENCY CAUSES A SUICIDE

**SILAS B. COLVER, FORMER BRIDGE CARPENTER, SHOOTS SELF TWICE IN ROOF OF MOUTH WITH RIFLE**

Mentally unbalanced by a blow on the head six years ago, Silas B. Colver, 50 years old, formerly, a bridge carpenter, committed suicide sometime yesterday morning by shooting himself twice in the roof of the mouth with a small calibre rifle.

Colver's body, seated in an upright position in an outhouse, in the rear of his home in the El Medio addition to Oroville, was found at 5:30 p. m. by Robert Eyns, who made the discovery when on his way to work at the Western Pacific shops.

While in a kneeling position Colver placed the muzzle of the rifle against the roof of his mouth. Two shots were fired, both of which entered the brain. How he reloaded the gun and fired a second time is a mystery. An empty shell was found at his side.

That Colver had long been a sufferer from mental trouble was indicated by a letter, which was found last night in the house. It was addressed to "My Friends" and apparently the writer sought to excuse his indiscreet act by explaining the circumstances leading up to it.

The letter reads as follows:

"Friends---I feel it my duty to explain why I am doing this. Both to myself and to others. In 1909 I took a fall at Stanwood and nearly broke my neck. I wish to God now that it had. But no. It simply left me without a head. I have tried so hard to get it back but cannot. I have been traveling around for six years like one in a trance. When these fevers got me I am as crazy as the craziest in the asylums. You may lay it to drink, but it is not. But I get so despondent that I simply have to have some relief. But drink or no drink my head won't work. I can't grasp what is going on around me. I cannot remember anything. I forget names. I even forget old friends. I cannot calculate at all. I am just like a simple-minded fool and I had such a quick brain before that, but ever since everything has been blank. I used to be company that anybody liked, but I am no company for anybody now. Drinking is the biggest sin I ever committed. God forgive me for that. I

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don't fear the hereafter. I have suffered the tortures of hell a thousand times over for six years. I can't stand it any longer. I don't see anything but torture ahead of me.

They don't want old folks any more. I can't get anything to do. Even if I should I can't get my head back. I used to hold any of your clerical jobs, but I can't get back. It's no use. Boys, don't live for a good time through life. See where it has brought me. Settle some place and make a home, and be happy,

"Creed, boy, forgive me, but I can't stand it. I am so sick, so sick. Believe me boy, I appreciate your kindness. I do hope you have a good time. Goodbye.

(Signed)

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The Creek referred to above is probably Creek Childress, who had long been a friend to Colver.

A second letter found later reads as follows:

"I was to go down to the bank this morning and make arrangements with Boyle for a trip in the mountains, but I can't get out of bed to save me. I don't want to disappoint him, so will wind it up. I felt quite good yesterday but different this morning."

The above letter was not addressed but was apparently meant for J. C. Boyle. In it the writer explains why he did not keep an appointment with Boyle, as arrangements had been made for Colver to go to Boyle's ranch in Yuba County to work.

**Leaves Brother and Sister**

The deceased was well known in and around Oroville where he had made his home for the last six years.

He leaves a brother, Will Colver of Palo Alto and a sister, Miss E. H. Colver, who resides at 333-A 49th street, Oakland.

The remains are at the Thomas & Kelley undertaking parlors. An inquest probably will not be held until tomorrow. Coroner Johnson, who is in San Francisco, has been notified and is expected in Oroville either late tonight or early tomorrow.

O'NEIL, Mrs. Rose  
Chico Record  
10-7-1915

**MRS. R. O'NEILL,  
LONG RESIDENT  
OF BUTTE, DIES**

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Following an illness which extended over a period of five years, during which she was confined to her bed, Mrs. Rose O'Neill, one of the first residents of Butte county, died at her home, 114 Hazel street, at 1:30 yesterday afternoon.

Deceased was eighty-four years old and was a native of Ireland. She came to this country in 1850 and married Peter O'Neill, a mining man of the Oroville and Cherokee districts. During the past ten years she had been a resident of Chico, making her home with her daughter, Mrs. J. B. Doyle.

Mrs. O'Neill was a member of the St. John the Baptist Catholic church. Funeral services will be held from the church Friday morning. Rev. Patrick Guerin will officiate. Interment will be made in the Cherokee cemetery and will be private.

Deceased was a pioneer woman of Butte county and was well and favorably known in this city.

Surviving are her daughter, Mrs. J. B. Doyle of Chico; one son, M. J. O'Neill of Oroville; and four grandchildren, all residing in Chico.

CHAMBERS, Robert  
Oroville Daily Register  
10-23-1915

**DIES FROM TYPHOID.**

CHICO, October 22.—Robert Chambers, twenty-one years of age, died in a local hospital early last evening following an illness of nearly two weeks from typhoid fever. Deceased was removed to the hospital about a week ago in an unconscious condition. Since then he had never regained consciousness.

Deceased was a cousin of Arthur Benjamin of Oroville.



# Grant, Richard

## Oroville Daily Register

11-23-1915

### **RICHARD GRANT, OF SWAYNE, CALLED BY DEATH**

Richard Grant, of a well known Indian family, of the Big Bar district, passed away yesterday morning at about 6 o'clock at Swayne as the result of pneumonia. Deceased was aged 24 years and five months. He was born near Swayne and lived in that vicinity all of his life. He leaves a mother and a father, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Grant and one brother, George Grant.

Deceased had been ill for about two years as the result of an injury sustained while working in a mine. During this time he has been working a donkey engine for the Swayne Lumber Company until his illness finally forced him to his bed.

The body was taken to Big Bar yesterday where funeral services over the remains will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

PATTERSON, Smiley H.

Chico Record

11-24-1915

**S. H. PATTERSON,  
CHICO CAPITALIST,  
DIES SUDDENLY**

While assisting J. Bradshaw, a neighbor, in repairing his home yesterday afternoon, Smiley H. Patterson, seventy-five years old, died suddenly from heart failure. Patterson was turning a jackscrew shortly after 1 o'clock when he collapsed and was dead before medical aid could be summoned.

Patterson was a capitalist and well known business man.

Deceased was a native of Ohio, where he was born April 15, 1840. He had been a resident of California for fifty-three years and of Chico for eight years. He was founder of the Polar Ice Company, located at Eighth & Salem streets, and was owner of the brewing property at Eighth and Broadway.

An autopsy over the remains will be held in the parlors of the Bicknell and Moore undertaking establishment at 9 o'clock this morning.

The funeral probably will be held Friday, complete arrangements for which have not been made.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Mary

A. Patterson; two daughters, Mrs. Daisy McCullough of Centerville and Mrs. L. H. Brown of Portland, Ore., and one son, Albert Patterson of Napa.

PARKER, James

Chico Record

11-27-1915

**PIONEER STAGE DRIVER  
OF OROVILLE IS DEAD**

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OROVILLE, Nov. 26.—James Parker, sixty-seven years old, one of Oroville's best known citizens, died at 8 o'clock this morning in a San Francisco hospital.

For thirty years he drove a stage coach on the line between Oroville and Quincy and he figured in many exciting adventures during the early period of his service in that capacity.

KNECHT (COLLINS), Mrs. Bridget  
Oroville Mercury

12-11-1915

# MRS. BRIDGET KNECHT DIES IN OAKLAND

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Mrs. Bridget Knecht, aged 76 years, mother of Mrs. C. G. Thunen, of this city, and a pioneer resident of Cherokee, died this morning at her home in Oakland, where she moved some sixteen years ago. Mrs. Knecht had been in feeble health for some time. Her condition became grave a few days ago and Mrs. Thunen was called to Oakland to remain with her mother during her last hours.

The deceased was well known in Cherokee, where she lived for many years. Beside the daughter here, Mrs. Knecht is survived by a daughter, Mrs. William Walsh of Oakland.

The remains are to be shipped to Oroville, arriving here Sunday or Monday and funeral services will be held at 10 o'clock next Thursday morning at St. Thomas' Catholic church, according to present arrangements.

KNECHT (COLLINS), Mrs. Bridget  
Oroville Mercury  
12-16-1915

**FUNERAL OF MRS. KNECHT  
IS LARGELY ATTENDED**

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Funeral services for Mrs. Bridget Knecht were conducted by Rev. Father J. J. Hynes in St. Thomas' Catholic church this morning. There was a large attendance of friends and many beautiful floral offerings were in evidence. Hymns were sung by Mrs. M. E. Phares and Mrs. J. H. Bullard. The pallbearers were R. S. Powers, J. Duffy, J. T. Evans, James Lafferty, William Jones and James J. Murphy. Burial was in the Oroville cemetery.

GRAMPS, Lizzie Belle  
Oroville Daily Register  
12-24-1915

## **LIZZIE BELLE GRAMPS IS CALLED BY DEATH**

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**YOUNG WOMAN OF PULGA SUC-  
CUMBS TO TUBERCULOSIS.**

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Lizzie Belle Gramps, aged 23 years and 14 days, passed away at the home of her father, H. C. Gramps at Pulga yesterday. The deceased had been suffering for sometime with pulmonary tuberculosis.

Deceased was a native of Pulga, Butte county, and had resided at the home where she died, since birth. Funeral services will be held tomorrow at Big Bar over the remains.

**Williams, Solomon**  
**Oroville Mercury 1-1-1916**

**OLDEST MAN IN  
BUTTE DEAD AT  
YANKEE HILL**

Solomon Williams, aged 95 years, and said to have been the oldest man in Butte county, died at the home of his son, John Williams, at Yankee Hill this morning. His demise was due to the infirmities attendant on his advanced age, although until a few months ago he enjoyed fairly good health.

Solomon Williams was born in Rome, New York. Twenty-nine years ago, in the fall of 1886, he came West and settled in Butte county, having resided in the vicinity of Yankee Hill almost continuously since. His son, John, with whom he lived, and another son, Sam, are engaged in stock raising. The wife died several years ago and is buried in the Yankee Hill cemetery, beside whose body the remains of the husband are to be laid tomorrow afternoon following funeral services to be conducted at the residence at 2 o'clock.

Besides the two sons in Yankee Hill, deceased leaves two daughters in the East, and several grandchildren.



**Solomon Williams**

# AGED RESIDENT OF PENTZ CALLED BY DEATH

MRS. ROSINA CHRISTINA VAHLE,  
WELL KNOWN CALIFORNIA  
PIONEER, IS DEAD.

Mrs. Rosina Christina Vahle passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. W. Lee, at Pentz, December 31, 1915, at the age of 83 years, three months and three days. She was born in Bavaria, Germany, September 28, 1832. Came to New Orleans with her parents at the age of eight years. Was married to Fredrick W. Vahle, in New Orleans, July 28, 1848, and with her husband came to California January 1, 1852, settling at Nicolaus, Sutter county, where they made their home until 1888, when they moved to Pentz, Butte county, to the home of her daughter. She survived her husband by 19 years. During her early life she was a great friend of the sick and was always ready at any time to give assistance. She was beloved by all who knew her. In later years she lived a quiet life, enjoying the company of her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

VAHLE, Mrs. Rosina Christina  
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She is survived by her daughter Mrs. L. W. Lee and four grand children, Mrs. Jas. H. Wood, of Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. A. F. Rapp, of Eugene, Ore.; Mrs. W. S. Williams, of Oroville; G. F. Lee, of Pentz, and seven great grand children; Earl McLain, of Sacramento, Erwin McLain, of Pentz, Gwennyth Lee, of Pentz; Harold Bader, of Pentz; Lee Rapp, of Eugene, Ore.; Flora Lee, of Pentz; Robert Williams, of Oroville. Funeral arrangements will be made later. Interment at Cherokee.



VAHLE, Mrs. Rosaline (Rosina) Christina  
Oroville Daily Register  
1-3-1916

**FUNERAL OF MRS. VAHLE.**

*Funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Rosaline Christina Vahle will be held Tuesday afternoon at 11 o'clock from the family residence at Pentz. Rev. Father J. J. Hynes will officiate.*

*Interment will be in the Cherokee cemetery.*

# Williams, Solomon Oroville Daily Register 1-4-1916

## **SOLOMON WILLIAMS IS DEAD; AGED 95 YEARS**

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**BUTTE'S OLDEST MAN IS CALLED  
BY DEATH; RESIDED AT  
YANKEE HILL.**

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Solomon Williams, for twenty-nine year a resident of the Yankee Hill district, of Butte county, passed away at his home yesterday morning. He was aged 95 years and is said to have been the oldest man in Butte county. Death was due to the infirmities of old age.

Williams was born in Rome, New York. Since coming west in 1886 he has resided at Yankee Hill, where his two sons, John and Sam, now reside. His wife passed away several years ago. Deceased also leaves two daughters, who reside in the East, and several grand children.

Funeral services will be conducted at the home this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment will be in a grave at the side of the one occupied by the remains of the deceased's wife.

## PIONEER MATRON IS CALLED BY DEATH AT BERKELEY HOME

MRS. MARY BROCK SUCCEUMBS TO  
ATTACK OF APOPLEXY  
AT BAY HOME.

News was received in Oroville yesterday morning of the death in Berkeley of Mrs. Mary B. Brock, for years a resident of Oroville and one of its most prominent citizens. Mrs. Brock suffered a stroke of apoplexy on Saturday afternoon, and died early Sunday morning. Letters received by friends here state that she did not recover consciousness after the stroke upon her. The end came very peacefully. For the past few years Mrs. Brock has only been in fair health.

The funeral was held yesterday from the parlors of the First Congregational church of Oakland, the services being private. The interment was in the Mountain View cemetery.

Mrs. Brock was the widow of the late Joseph M. Brock, for years one of Oroville's most prominent merchants.

The firm of Brock and Taber was one of the most prominent hardware establishments in Northern California. The family was one of the most prominent in Butte county. The family still owns business property on Montgomery and Huntoon streets and a large farm acreage in Butte county.

Mrs. Brock is survived by five children, Joseph, Lawrence, Alfred and Eugene Brock, and Mrs. Milton J. Green and Mrs. Josiah E. Green. She is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Lavinia W. Brown.



Mary Brock  
1840 - 1916

# NICHOL, Kelso J.

## Oroville Daily Register

1-17-1916

### KELSO J. NICHOL.

Another of the pioneers of Butte County passed away Saturday night when Kelso J. Nichol, for 52 years a resident of California, and for many years a resident of Frenchtown, near Yankee Hill, was called by death. Deceased was born in Pennsylvania and was aged 75 years, 8 months and 4 days when death came.

While only a young man, Mr. Nichol crossed the plains in 1863 and settled in El Dorado. A plague of cholera swept that county while he resided there and Mr. Nichol attended the sick and gained the distinction of Dr. Nichol. Later he moved to Butte County and in 1884 he married Miss May Smith and settled at Frenchtown, where they resided until 1898, when they moved to Oroville. Mrs. Nichol passed away in 1905, at which time Mr. Nichol returned to Frenchtown, where he made his home until about three months ago, when because of ill health he returned to Oroville to reside at the home of his daughters.

Deceased leaves two daughters and one son: Mrs. Olive Suender and Miss Carrie Nichol, of 105 Linden avenue, Oroville; and Harry Nichol, of Las Plumas. Also one sister, Mrs. Anna Rhodes, of Pittsburg, Penn.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the old family home at Frenchtown. Rev. Upton E. Partridge, of the Methodist church, will officiate. The body will be taken to Frenchtown Tuesday morning, leaving Oroville at about 7:30 o'clock.

Friends may view the remains at the home of the daughters, 105 Linden avenue, between 2 and 4 o'clock this afternoon.

NICHOL, Kelso J.

Oroville Mercury

1-19-1916

**FUNERAL OF K. J. NICHOL**

**LARGELY ATTENDED**

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J. G. Curtis, Andrew Armbuster, P. W. Phayer, Emil Hodapp, F. H. Park and H. T. Riddle, were the pallbearers at the funeral of Kelso J. Nichol, which was held yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Lunt in Frenchtown. The services were conducted by Rev. U. E. Partridge, pastor of the Methodist church. There was a large attendance and many beautiful floral offerings were in evidence. Hymns were sung by a choir composed of Mrs. John Williams, Mrs. William Cox, Mrs. H. T. Riddle, Miss Lona Odoneal and H. T. Riddle. Interment was in the Frenchtown cemetery.

HAMILTON, Ralph  
The Fresno Morning Republican  
1-28-1916

# FRESNO BOY KILLED BY SISTER IN L. A.

## Return Body of Ralph Hamilton Shot in Play

The body of 12-year-old Ralph Hamilton, who was accidentally killed by his sister, La Verne, when a 22-rifle with which she was playing was discharged, at the home of relatives in Los Angeles, January 26, arrived in Fresno yesterday. He is the son of Mrs. I. M. Hamilton of this city. Funeral services will be held from the Stephens & Bean chapel at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Besides the mother, the boy is survived by two brothers and two sisters, Paul M. Hamilton of Fresno, Robert M. Hamilton of San Francisco, and Mrs. A. Bollinger of Fresno, and Mrs. J. P. Phillips of San Francisco.

The two children, Ralph and La Verne were feeding rabbits and playing with the gun when the accident occurred. They were visiting relatives in Los Angeles. The boy died in a Los Angeles hospital, January 28.

Note: Buried in Concow  
Cemetery

# Brock, Joseph Herbert

Oroville Daily Register

2-1-1916

## THIRD DEATH IN MONTH IN FORMER OROVILLE FAMILY

JOSEPH HERBERT BROCK DIES  
AT HIS HOME IN  
BERKELEY.

OAKLAND, January 31.—The strange fatality of circumstances that has already caused the death of two members of the pioneer Berkeley family within a month, yesterday claimed a third member of the same family, when Joseph Herbert Brock, for twenty years an inspector in the United States custom house in San Francisco, passed away at his home, 5675 College avenue, from heart failure, aged 57 years.

Brock's death was preceded on January 10th by that of his mother, Mrs. Mary Brock, a pioneer settler of Berkeley, and a week later by the death of his sister, Mrs. Milton J. Green, of San Mateo. His own death, coming close upon the heels of the other two, has prostrated the family.

Brock is survived by a widow, Mrs. Mabel Brock, and two minor children, Joseph N. and Mary L. Brock; a sister, Mrs. Elton Green of Berkeley, and three brothers, Eugene L. and C. Lawrence Brock, real estate men of Berkeley, and Alfred T. Brock, a San Francisco broker. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon from the California Crematorium, Rev. Alexander Allen of St. Paul's Episcopal Church officiating.

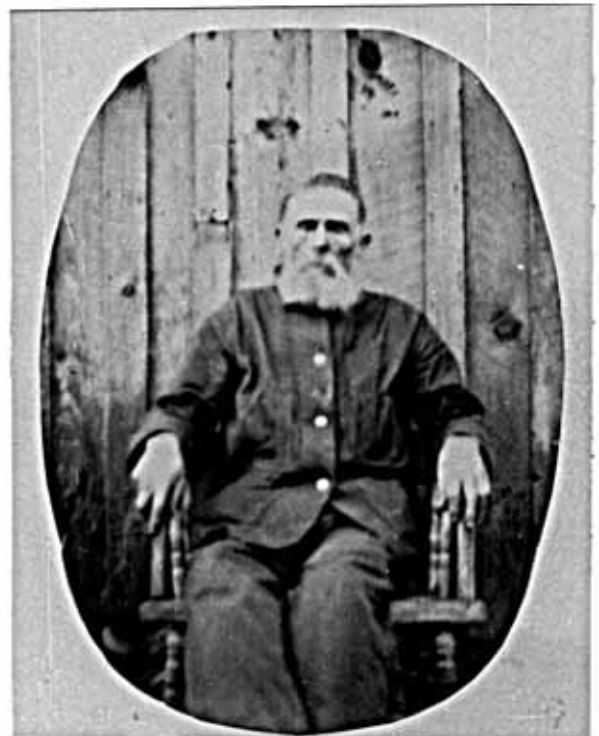
# JARBOE, Benjamin J. Oroville Daily Mercury 2-15-1916

## BENJAMIN J. JARBOE A RESPECTED PIONEER

Grant Croghan of Yankee Hill, furnishes the Mercury the following obituary notice of his old friend, Benjamin J. Jarboe, who died at the county infirmary February 5 and was buried at Yankee Hill February 6:

Deceased was one of the early settlers, having crossed the plains on a mule in the early fifties. He helped drive a band of cattle to Hangtown. From there he went to Marysville, where he worked for a butchering concern for several years. He finally took up his residence on Paradise ridge, where he bought a ranch and engaged in the raising of Angora goats. Later he took up his residence at Yankee Hill, where he lived for several years. He resided in Gridley for a short time, returning to Yankee Hill from there, finally taking up his residence with Grant Croghan. His health failed him and being badly in need of medical assistance, was compelled to go to the county infirmary for relief.

Deceased was born in Kentucky in February, 1830, and was of French descent. He was married in Marysville, two children being the result of the union, a son, Henry, and a daughter, Mrs. Durett. The son met with a fatal accident in a mine near Placerville and the daughter died at Yankee Hill. Mrs. Jarboe died a few years ago at the old home at Yankee Hill, where she was buried. Deceased requested that he be buried by the side of his wife, which request was granted.



Benjamin Jarbo



LOTHROP (COX), Mrs. Mary Effie

Chico Record

2-17-1916

## FORMER MARY COX OF CHICO IS DEAD

Word was received in Chico yesterday of the death in Roseville of Mrs. Mary Effie Lothrop, a former well known resident of this city, which occurred Friday, February 11, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. A. Booth.

Deceased was sixty-three years old and a native of Mokelumne Hill, Calaveras county, where she was born November 27, 1852. She spent her girlhood days in Chico, where she is well known by the older residents here. Her maiden name was Mary Effie Cox.

In 1870 she was married to Andrew Jackson Christy, to which union four children were born, three of whom preceded her to the grave. Her husband died in 1897 and after a number of years she was married to Mr. Lothrop.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. M. A. Booth of Roseville; a sister, Mrs. A. A. Tobias of Vallejo; a brother, W. H. Cox of Yankee Hill, and several grandchildren.

# Hobart, William White

Chico Review 2-25-1916

## REAL ARGONAUT OF BUTTE COUNTY DEAD

OROVILLE, Feb. 24.—A brief note received by A. M. Smith this morning told of the death in San Francisco yesterday of William Hobart, argonaut, pioneer and former Oroville resident. Hobart had been in a San Francisco hospital for the past three years and was quite old.

In the days of '49 Hobart, a native of Michigan, started west. En route he met Judge C. F. Lott of Illinois, later Superior Court judge of Butte county, and the two became inseparable on their tedious journey westward.

Hobart's father came with him and for many years occupied the pulpit of the church at Bidwell Bar, then the county seat. The son became an undersheriff and arrested the first man ever hung in Butte county for murder.

The home, now occupied by J. S. Bendle at Bidwell Bar was built by Hobart and in it he was married. Later Hobart moved to Nevada where for many years he was State controller.

Judge Lott knew Hobart well and often talked of him. Hobart once wrote a narrative describing his Journey across the plains.

The deceased was one of the oldest members of the Society of Californian Pioneers and was widely known among the older residents of Northern California.

William White Hobart



William White Hobart  
1832 - 1916

While in Butte County Hobart purchased the Union Hotel in Spanishtown in 1859 for \$25 at auction. Several years later he sold it to M.H. Wells for \$1,000. Wells renamed it the Yankee Hill Hotel. The hotel burned down in 1949.

Yankee Hill Historical Society Archives

STEMPEL, William  
Daily Mercury  
3-20-1916

## WM. STEMPEL, AGED PIONEER, IS DEAD

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William G. Stempel, aged 85 years, 3 months and 18 days, died Saturday night at the home of his stepson, J. M. Williams, near Sundale. Stempel was a native of Germany. He came to California about sixty-three years ago, settling in Butte county soon after coming west. He engaged in mining for many years and later became a stock raiser. He retired from active business about five years ago and since has been making his home with his step-son.

The deceased leaves a daughter, Mrs. Robert Lee, of Pentz, and the step-son, J. M. Williams.

He was a member of the Oroville Lodge, No. 59, I. O. O. F. Funeral services are to be conducted at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon in Odd Fellows' hall and will be under the auspices of the local lodge of Odd Fellows. Interment is to be in Oroville cemetery.

# ISHI IS DEAD; CIVILIZATION KILLS LAST OF DEER CREEKS

ABORIGINE, FIRST FOUND IN  
OROVILLE, SUCCUMBS TO  
WHITE PLAGUE.

## END CAME SATURDAY

REMAINS WILL BE CREMATED,  
BUT WITHOUT TRIBAL RITES  
OR HONORS.

Ishi is dead.

The news of the demise of the "last of the Deer Creeks" was sent to Oroville Saturday afternoon. Death came at noon Saturday in the hospital of the University of California.

Death was due to the white plague. Four years of the civilization of the white man undermined a constitution that when Ishi was captured in August, 1911, at the Ward slaughter house, upon the Quincy Road, was as hardy as that of the oak itself.

For several months the aborigine had been in ill health. A year ago he developed acute lung trouble and at times he suffered greatly, bearing his pain with the stoicism of his kind.

Just a few minutes before he passed away, at noon Saturday, Ishi joked with Curator E. W. Gifford of the Affiliated Colleges. At that time he was in agony. Final relief came with a hemorrhage.

Leaves Estate of \$350.

Ishi, who never had seen any money of the white man until he was brought into civilization, left what he considered a fortune in worldly goods—about \$350 and personal effects. With the common desire of all California Indians, Ishi labored to accumulate wealth. Unlike the members of most tribes, whose standing is rated by what they give away, Ishi, with the characteristics of California and British Columbia Indians, hoarded his pennies, which he carried in various ways. His estate was taken in charge by the Public Administrator. Will be Cremated.

Today Ishi, whose age is placed between 55 and 60 years, will—in the manner of his forefathers—be cremated. He will not carry with him to the grave, as was the custom of his tribe the crude primitive creations of his nimble fingers. These will remain as monuments to his memory in the California room of the Museum to which Ishi in his lifetime drew great, curious throngs.

Thin, hungry, and clad only in a cast-off undershirt, Ishi was discovered in August, 1911, at the Ward slaughter house on the Quincy Road. His appearance caused a furor of excitement, and the Sheriff of Butte County came out, took the "wild man" in charge and gave him, as the most available lodging, the insane cell of the jail. The news of the capture traveled through the newspapers to the University of California, whose savants immediately tagged him as a possible survivor of the Yana tribe.

Questioned by Many.

Sitting upon the side of his cot in the insane cell, Ishi, uncertain of his fate, answered "nisi" (I don't understand) in Yana, the language of his tribe, to a broadside of questions in Spanish, English and half a dozen Indian languages. A few weeks later he was taken in charge by the department of anthropology and became a "scientific specimen" at the museum and later assistant janitor.

ISHI  
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3-27-1916  
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With two twigs to assist him, Ishi produced fire out of thin air; with nimble fingers he produced monstrous fish nets; fashioned with a flaker of elk antler the finest of arrowheads; led scientists to the ancient haunts of his vanished tribe and initiated them into the inmost details of primitive life and ancient lore; explained his religious and mythical ideas, but threw a well of reserve around his parents and his movements in the years preceding his capture.

**Almost Exterminated.**

According to a history of the Yana tribe compiled by Professor T. T. Waterman of the University, who has been a close friend and observer of Ishi, the Indian was one of a small party of survivors of Yanas who fled to the hills of the Sacramento in 1865 after suffering almost complete extermination at the hands of an armed band of whites.

In 1908 evidences of the survival of four of the tribe, which shunned both Indians and whites as enemies, was discovered, when they still used the bow and arrow and other aboriginal appliances, and were according to Professor Waterman, absolutely unfamiliar with the usages of civilization.

Ishi has told the museum scientists that one of the survivors of which evidence was found in 1908 was his sister; another, his mother; and the fourth, an old man. All were dead when Ishi unwittingly passed the borders of civilization and became a "scientific specimen."

CLEMENTS, Mrs. Emma

The Sacramento Bee

4-1-1916

## **CHICO WOMAN DIES FROM TUBERCULOSIS**

CHICO (Butte Co.), April 1.—Mrs. Emma Clements, 37 years old, a native of California, died last night at her home, Twelfth and Ivy Streets, following a year's illness from tuberculosis. She had been a resident of Chico for thirty years.

Besides her widower, J. F. Clements, she leaves four children. Interment will be in Clear Creek cemetery Monday morning.

DODDS (TILDEN), Mrs. A. C. (Isabel)  
Gridley Herald  
4-8-1916

### CHICO PIONEER DEAD

CHICO, April 7.—Mrs. A. C. Dodds, aunt of Louis Faulkner, of Chico, and a former resident of this city, died in Pasadena Thursday. Deceased was about 70 years old, and was formerly the wife of George Crosette, pioneer newspaper man of Chico and Butte county.

McDERMOTT, Dr. William Patrick  
San Francisco Chronicle  
4-18-1916

## **Dr. McDermott Dies Suddenly at Palo Alto**

### **Former Physician Stricken While in His Garden**

Special Dispatch to The Chronicle.

PALO ALTO, April 17.—Dr. W. P. McDermott, aged 35, a widely-known physician, died at his home yesterday in Los Altos. The doctor was in the garden with his daughter, Irene. A fatal attack of heart failure caused the victim to expire in the arms of his daughter. Dr. McDermott is well known in San Francisco and along the peninsula. He retired from active practice some years ago.

Besides a widow, Dr. McDermott leaves four daughters and a son. The daughters are Irene, teacher in the Los Altos grammar schools; Elizabeth, teacher in the San Jose State Normal School; Mary, superintendent of music in the Alameda county public schools, and Mrs. J. A. Badt, of Berkeley. The son is Louis McDermott, a junior student at Stanford University, where he is a member of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity.



# RIDDLE (BROWN), Maude Frances

## Chico Record

### 4-20-1916

#### OPERATION FAILS TO SAVE MRS. H. T. RIDDLE

Maude Francis Riddle, wife of Homer T. Riddle, died yesterday morning after an illness of about five weeks. Monday evening she was operated on at the Landis Sanitarium as a last effort to save her life.

Deceased was born in Stanislaus county and was 87 years old. The major part of her life was spent in this county, she being a member of the large and respected family of Mr. and Mrs. P. Brown of Diamondville on Butte creek.

It was in 1902 in Nevada that Mr. and Mrs. Riddle were married. Eleven years ago they moved to Chico and the former entered the employ of The Diamond Macth company, for which concern he worked continuously for ten years, until about five months ago when he went to Yankee Hill to engage in the stock business.

Besides the widower, father and mother, and two small children, Frank H. eleven, and Hattie, nine, relatives surviving are the following brothers and sisters: Y. Brown of Walker, Siskiyou county; P. R. Brown, J. A. Brown, G. W. Brown, Clifford Brown, William Brown and Mrs F. W. Horning of Diamondville, Mrs. G. J. Moak of Big Bend and Mrs F. L. Lewis of Chico.

The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock, the services to be held at the Seventh Day Adventist church.

WALSH, Miss Violet  
Oroville Daily Register  
4-20-1916

# **MISS VIOLET WALSH IS CALLED BY DEATH**

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**NATIVE OF STANWOOD DIED  
YESTERDAY AT COUNTY  
INFIRMARY.**

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Miss Violet Walsh, aged 17 years, and a native of Stanwood, this county, passed away late yesterday afternoon at the County Infirmary. The girl had been ill for some time. She leaves to mourn her untimely death, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Walsh, a sister, Miss Lillie Walsh and three younger brothers. No arrangements for the funeral have been made as yet.

WALSH, Violet  
Oroville Daily Register  
4-21-1916

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**VIOLET WALSH FUNERAL  
TO BE HELD TODAY**

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Funeral services over the remains of Violet Walsh will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the undertaking parlors of Reynolds and Hamilton. Rev. Father J. J. Hynes, of the St. Thomas Catholic Church will officiate. Interment will be in the Catholic cemetery.

# SPARKS, Dalbert (Indian)

Oroville Daily Register

4-24-1916

## **INDIAN IS FOUND DEAD ON RAILROAD TRACK NEAR CHICO**

**BADLY MUTILATED REMAINS  
TELL OF EARLY MORNING  
TRAGEDY.**

CHICO, April 23.—Mangled, and with the head and limbs severed from the body, the remains of Dalbert Sparks, an Indian, were found on the Southern Pacific right-of-way by a train crew this morning. The man it is believed met death from falling beneath the wheels of a train some time between 3 o'clock in the morning and daylight. Other trains had passed over the body as it lay in the track.

Sparks had been in town and it is said was drinking heavily and had been told to get out of town by one of the police officers. It was believed he went south. It is possible that he boarded the rods of some train going north and fell off and was killed. No other reason for his being in that neighborhood has been advanced as he worked to the east of Chico on a ranch.

An inquest will be held tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

# PIONEER OROVILLE WOMAN CALLED BY DEATH

McCLELLAN, Sarah Louise  
Oroville Mercury  
6-21-1916

Mrs. Sarah Louise McClellan, a pioneer resident of Oroville, and widow of Samuel McClellan, for several terms sheriff and assessor of Butte county died here last night at the family home at 816 Bird street. Mrs. McClellan passed away while sleeping. She had retired to rest the night before feeling well and never awoke. Old age is believed to have been the cause of her death.

Mrs. McClellan was one of the best known pioneer residents of Butte county, coming to Oroville in 1860. She came here from Ohio and was married to Samuel McClellan October 21, 1862. She was 75 years, 21 days old. She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. George Carr and Mrs. E. B. Ward, of this city, and Mrs. Mary Jane Troxel of Durham; a grand daughter, Gladys Troxel, of Durham; three grandsons, Harry Troxel, of this city, Guy Troxel, of Durham, and Sam Troxel of Chico, and Earl Ward of Chico; a sister, Mrs. E. J. Trowinger, of Santa Cruz, and another sister in the East.

#### Of Pioneer Stock.

She was Miss Sarah Louise Hupp before her marriage, her people moving here in early days and establishing the pioneer mills of this county, known as Hupp's Mills. Both her own family and the McClellan family were famous here in early days and both were among the first American settlers of Butte county.

Mrs. McClellan passed a most pleasant evening with her daughter, Mrs. Troxel, who was visiting her. It was not until this morning when she was called that the family realized that she was dead. The funeral arrangements will be announced later.

# JACOB STURMER, ONE OF COUNTY'S OLDEST RESIDENTS IS DEAD

STURMER, Jacob  
Oroville Daily Register  
7-7-1916

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END CAME TO PROMINENT  
PIONEER SHORTLY AFTER  
MIDNIGHT THIS MORNING.

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Jacob Sturmer, one of the pioneer residents of Butte County, died shortly after midnight this morning. Mr. Sturmer has been very ill for some time, and it was known that the end was very near.

Mr. Sturmer came to Butte County in the early days, and was for many years prominently identified with mining activities at Cherokee. Of late years he has made his home in Oroville. He would have been 85 years old had he lived until next Wednesday.

He leaves five children to mourn his loss. They are Mrs. Frank Holub, Mrs. M. Woolever, and Mrs. L. L. Slissman, all of Oroville; Mrs. Wendel Miller, and Jacob Sturmer, both of Chico. The funeral arrangements will be announced later.

STURMER, Jacob  
Oroville Daily Register  
7-11-1916

## OLD FRIENDS LAY PIONEER IN GRAVE

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FUNERAL SERVICES WERE HELD  
YESTERDAY OVER JACOB  
STURMER.

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Friends of many years past gathered yesterday afternoon at the funeral services held over the remains of the late pioneer, Jacob Sturmer. The services were conducted by Rev. Father James A. Sullivan, vice president of St. Mary's College, who is in charge of the local diocese during the absence of Father Hynes. There were many beautiful floral pieces.

Following the services a special car was taken for Chico, where the interment took place. The pallbearers were all old friends of the deceased pioneer. They were J. Wickham, Jacob Patterson, J. M. Ward, J. G. Nisbet, Gordon Nisbet, David Williams, William Byrne, and W. P. Lynch.

WELSH, Webster  
Oroville Daily Register  
7-21-1916

## WEBSTER WELSH IS CALLED BY DEATH

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WELL KNOWN RESIDENT PASSED  
AWAY AT OROVILLE HOSPITAL  
LAST EVENING.

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Webster Welsh, who has made his home in and around Oroville for many years, died at the Oroville Hospital early last evening. He has been ill for the past three months.

Welsh was a son of the late P. R. Welsh. He was born in Iowa, but has spent most of his life here. He leaves three sisters, Mrs. Teany Walsh, Mrs. M. McAlpine, and Mrs. A. W. Ward, all of Oroville, and two brothers, C. W. Walsh and Jack Walsh, both of this city.

The funeral services will be held on Saturday morning.



LOCKERMAN (TURNER), Mrs. Lawrence (Grace)  
Oroville Daily Register  
7-24-1916

**DIED IN ROSEVILLE.**

Mrs. Lawrence Lockerman, formerly Miss Grace Turner of Chico, died early yesterday morning at her home in Roseville, following a stroke of apoplexy. She was thirty-nine years old, a native of Chico.

FALEGER, Clarence  
Oroville Daily Register

9-6-1916

# CLARENCE FALAGER IS REPORTED KILLED AT WESTWOOD

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ELECTRICIAN GRASPED LIVE  
WIRE WHEN CLIMBERS  
GAVE WAY.

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Clarence Flager, aged 25, of Chico, and a nephew of Carl Bottjer, of this city, was reported to have been electrocuted in Westwood yesterday. Falager was working upon a pole. It is stated that his climbers slipped, and he reached up to save himself, grasping a live wire.

Clarence Falager was born at Clear Creek. His father lives at Chico.

# HERBERT RUGH IS DROWNED IN RIVER

While half a dozen bathers were on a raft a short distance from him yesterday, Herbert D. Rugh, the eighteen-year-old son of Constable and Mrs. Edgar B. Rugh, was drowned without any of the swimmers knowing of the accident until some time later. There were probably fifty people in swimming at the pool but none of them missed the boy, who was not a very good swimmer.

It is believed that he was suddenly taken with cramps while beyond his depth and that he sank before he had a chance to cry out for help.

#### START FOR ISLAND.

Young Rugh with his cousin, Walter Rugh, Howard Allen, Herbert Lee, Howard Brown, Gus Gerson and Homer Gibbs, went to the pool about 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. After swimming awhile in shallow water, the party started for the island. Young Rugh refused to go, saying he could not swim well enough to make the attempt. He then decided to swim to the raft, which is anchored in about ten feet of water.

#### NO STRUGGLE.

Apparently when only a few feet from the raft the boy was attacked by cramps and sank. It is strange, but, although there were half a dozen people on the raft, none of them saw Rugh sink. Dr. F. M. Whiting made an examination of the body last night and said that there was no water in the lungs, so the boy must have been suddenly stricken with cramps.

RUGH, Herbert  
Oroville Mercury

9-7-1916

#### CLOTHING FOUND.

After disporting themselves on the island for some time, young Rugh's companions returned to the shallow water. They looked around for Rugh, and, not seeing him in the water, thought he was laying on the sand. When they entered the tent to dress, they found his clothing. Then they became anxious and feared an accident. Then a systematic search was commenced.

#### BODY IS FOUND.

The river was dragged without result and it was not until 7 o'clock that Bishop Dowden, diving off the spring board, and pulling himself along the river bottom, located the body.

#### WAS POPULAR.

Herbert Rugh was one of the most popular boys in Oroville. Until a week ago he worked for the City of Paris, but resigned to go to high school, being a senior. He had worked hard to put himself through high school and all his friends predicted a bright future for him. He was a member of the high school Mandolin Club and took a prominent part in school activities.

#### ONLY SON.

He was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Rugh, both of whom were prostrated by the sad death of their son. He is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Harry Gilbert. He was a native of Butte county, being born at Magalia Ridge.

#### CORONER'S JURY VERDICT.

The coroner's jury sat on the case at 10 o'clock this morning and returned a verdict of accidental drowning, caused by cramps.

#### FUNERAL TOMORROW.

The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 o'clock from the Methodist church. The Rev. Mr. Weiss will officiate. The body will remain at the undertaking parlors of Thomas and Kelly until time for removal to the church. Accommodations will be provided at the church for the high school, and grammar school pupils and the general public. Immediately after the funeral the interment will be made at Nimshew cemetery.

# HERBERT RUGH IS LAID AT REST

RUGH, Herbert  
Oroville Mercury  
9-8-1916

The funeral of Herbert Rugh, the son of Constable and Mrs. Edgar Rugh,, whose death by drowning threw all of Oroville in mourning, was held from the Methodist church at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon.

The body was at the undertaking parlors of Thomas and Kelly and removed from there to the church, which was crowded with high school students, prominent citizens and others who came to pay their last respects to the dead boy, who was so popular in this city.

#### Schoolmates Act as Pallbearers.

Six of the dead boys high school chums acted as pallbearers. They were Howard Allen, Irving McClintock, Harry Bills, William Bennett, Marion Brown and Homer Gibbs.

#### Floral Offerings.

The church was fairly filled with floral offerings from the friends of the dead boy and the family. Many of them were large set pieces, two of them being from the high school, one a gift from the entire school and the other from the Senior class.

#### Pays Tribute.

The services were conducted by the Rev. George Weiss of the Congregational church. He paid a glowing tribute to the memory of the dead boy, told how hard he had worked to put himself through school and of the love his friends and schoolmates bore for him. It was a splendid funeral sermon and when it was finished there was not a dry eye in the church.

#### High School Closed.

The high school was closed out of respect to the memory of the dead boy, and the entire school was present at the church, under the charge of Principal J. B. Hughes.

#### Interment at Nimsheew..

After the funeral the body was taken to Nimsheew cemetery and there interred. The sheriff's office was closed this afternoon out of respect to the dead boy.

FALEGER, Clarence J.  
Oroville Daily Register  
9-8-1916

## **CLARENCE FALAGER TO BE BURIED IN CHICO**

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**CAME IN CONTACT WITH LIVE  
WIRE CARRYING 2300 VOLTS**

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CHICO, Sept. 7.—Funeral services for Clarence Falager, who was electrocuted while working on a power line at Westwood, will be held in the Fetters & Williams undertaking parlors Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

It became known here yesterday that Falager came in contact with a line carrying 2300 volts and immediately collapsed, supported in the air by his safety belt.

He was taken down and rushed to the Red River Lumber Company's hospital, where for two hours the milmotor was used in an effort to revive him. His brother Carlton was with him when he died.

McELDOWNEY, Helen Mar  
Polk County Observer (Oregon)

9-12-1916

## PIONEER WOMAN DEAD

**POLK COUNTY RESIDENT PASSES AWAY IN FOREST GROVE**

**Settled Near Monmouth in 1894. Sons Prominent in Agricultural Work.**



Mrs. Helen Mar McEldowney, a pioneer resident of Polk county died at the home of her son, Wm. H. in Forest Grove last Friday afternoon at the advanced age of 81 years and 3 months. She was well known in Polk county having made her home with a son, Thomas, on the old family farm near Monmouth, until a month ago when she went to Forest Grove.

Helen Henderson was born in Mercer county Pennsylvania on May 20, 1835. She was married to Thos. Law McEldowney on April 6, 1855. They moved to Washington county, Iowa the same year. In 1864 they crossed the plains by ox team and located at Virginia City, Nevada, and from there went to Chico, Calif, in 1868. The family first came to Oregon in 1871 and in 1894 they settled on a farm just south of Monmouth, on the Luckiamute, a part of the old J. S. Holman donation land claim. It was on this farm that Mr. McEldowney started a pioneer movement in Oregon to put the ranch on a business basis and take up systematic farming. He kept account of each animal's food, credited each cow with the milk she produced and each horse with the work it did, had each of his fields numbered, charged them with the work put on them and gave them credit for what crops they produced. Many farmers in Polk county and the Willamette valley afterward took up this method of farm management.

The six sons which survive Mrs. McEldowney have all had a prominent place in the agricultural development of both Oregon and Washington. Will, the oldest son, for a number of years had charge of the Broadmead farm of Ladd & Reed at Broadmead station, his father, who died 20 years ago, having also had charge of this farm at one time; Frank had charge of the Ladd & Reed dairy farm, that part of Portland which is now known as Laurelhurst; Ed. had charge of the Ladd & Reed Sauvie island farm in the Columbia, just below the mouth of the Willamette, for a number of years; Tom has charge of the old home place near Monmouth; Jim, who was on the farm for many years, is now postmaster at Wenatchee, and Sam has charge of a big stock ranch in the Big Bend country above Wenatchee. It was on Sam's place, some ten years ago, that the outlaw Tracy stopped for dinner one day. Sam was away from the house on Tracy's arrival and on his return at noon the outlaw was introduced to him by his father-in-law, Mm. Sanders, as Mr. Tracy. The introduction was made in a joking way because of the notoriety Tracy had gained at that time, but the newcomer in a most serious mood informed them that he was the real Tracy and he ate his dinner with his Winchester across his knees. When he left he took Sam's saddle horse and Mr. Sander's saddle. At present these sons reside at the following places: Will H. at Forest Grove, Ed. L. at Amity, Thos. A. at Monmouth, Fred E. at Oakland, Calif., Sam J. and James H. at Wenatchee, Wash.

The old timers of the county sincerely regret the passing of Mrs. McEldowney as she was held in highest esteem by every one of her acquaintances, which she numbered by hundreds, in Polk county and throughout the Willamette valley.

The funeral services were held on Monday from the First Congregational church in Forest Grove and interment was made in the Riverview cemetery, Portland.

PORTER, John S.

Chico Record

9-16-1916

## PENTZ MAN DROPS DEAD ON MOUNTAIN TRIP

John S. Porter, about sixty years old, a well known resident of the Pentz district, dropped dead at Lake Almanor, Plumas county.

Porter was returning to Pentz after a trip into Lassen county and was preparing his noonday meal when he toppled over dead.

The coroner's jury returned a verdict that death came from an unknown cause.

Deceased is survived by a wife and daughter in Missouri and a daughter, Mrs. Maude Patterson, near Los Angeles.

The body was taken to Quincy, thence to Oroville. Interment will be in the Oroville cemetery this morning.

BOWDEN, Mrs. Mary  
Chico Record  
9-17-1916

## MRS. MARY BOWDEN, PIONEER, IS DEAD

Mrs. Mary Bowden, a resident of Chico for thirty years, died at her home, 1415 Sixth street, early yesterday morning, following an extended illness from cancer. She was widely known and leaves a host of friends.

Funeral services will be held at the home of the deceased Monday morning at 10 o'clock, Rev. W. N. Nelson, pastor of the Broadway Methodist Church, of which she was a member, officiating. Interment will be made in Chico cemetery.

Mrs. Bowden was eighty years old, having been born in Pennsylvania in 1836. In 1852 she crossed the plains with her parents and settled in Oregon, later coming to California, where she took up her residence on Dry creek, in Butte county.

Thirty-six years ago she came to Chico, where she had resided since.

Surviving are three children, Mrs. Linda Klepper, Sayer Kan.; Mrs. Mary Holt of Sacramento, and J. H. Bowden. Other surviving relatives are twelve grandchildren and thirteen great grand children.





CADO, Thomas  
Gridley Herald  
9-23-1916

**BLIND INDIAN, AGED 77,  
WALKS INTO FIRE;  
DYING OF BURNS**

CHICO, Sept. 22—While walking through the Bidwell Rancheria last night, Thomas Cado, aged and blind Indian, stumbled into a bon-fire, and was so badly burned that he is not expected to live.

Cado says he is 77 years old. He had lived on the Rancheria for several years, and became so accustomed to the surroundings that he could readily find his way without assistance. He was taking a walk last night when he stumbled into the small fire. His clothing was ignited, and before assistance reached him he was badly burned.

At a local hospital where he is being treated it is said there is little hope for his recovery.

# BUTTE PIONEER IS CALLED BY DEATH

Another of the pioneer residents of Butte passed away yesterday afternoon when Jay P. Blaisdell, of Cherokee, succumbed to an attack of heart trouble. The deceased was 84 years of age, being born in Vermont in 1832. He came to California in 1858, coming directly to Oroville where he mined for some time in the Morris Ravine near this city. Later when the surface mining became less productive he went to San Francisco, where he worked at his trade of shoemaker.

About thirty-five years ago he returned to Butte County, settling at Cherokee, where aside from a short time spent in San Francisco, he made his home until his death. He had a host of friends among the older residents of the place. He engaged in the business of shoemaking. His friends remember him as a man who would never receive a favor without returning it two-fold.

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Funeral arrangements are being made by Judge J. H. Lafferty, who several years ago, after Blaisdell had suffered a severe illness, promised his aged friends that he would make these arrangements in case of his death. The two had been friends for years and the savings of the aged man were placed at the disposal of Judge Lafferty to defray the expenses of the funeral.

Funeral services will be held at the undertaking parlors of Thomas and Kelly Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock promptly. After the services the body will be taken to Cherokee for interment near the old home of the deceased.

WILLIAMS, Samuel F.  
Oroville Daily Register  
10-6-1916

## AGED RESIDENT PASSES AWAY

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Samuel F. Williams, for many years a resident of Butte County, passed away yesterday afternoon at about 4 o'clock at the home of his brother, John W. Williams in Yankee Hill. Death was due to Bright's disease, from which the deceased had suffered for several years. He was sixty-eight years, five months and seven days old, and was a native of Lowellville, Ohio. For thirty-one years he worked as painter about Gridley, returning to the family home at Yankee Hill only recently.

Deceased was never married and is survived, besides his brother, by three sisters: Mrs. J. Van Sise and Mrs. Walter Van Sise, of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Charles Carver, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 p. m. from the home of John W. Williams at Yankee Hill. Interment will be in the Yankee Hill cemetery.

BEARSE, Jim

Oct 16, 1916

# Oroville Daily Register

OROVILLE, BUTTE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1916

## INDIAN CHIEFTIAN PASSES AWAY; AGED ONE HUNDRED YEARS

### Dwelt Here Long Before the White Man Came to Valley.

Jim Bearse, an Indian whose age is said to be over 100 years, died on Saturday at Swayne. With the death of Bearse, a character unusual interest passes away.

Bearse was one of the older race of Indians, and was one of the chieftians of his tribe. His memory dated back beyond the times when the first white man came to this country. His appearance was impressive and stately, and he cherished the traditions of the tribe to which he belonged.

Death was due to old age. Coroner Johnson was summoned in the case as there was no attending physician. The necessary burial permit was given by the coroner.

The question of the place of burial precipitated a great discussion. The ancestors of the dead man lie buried in a remote Indian burying ground in the Concow Valley. His burial there would necessitate carrying the remains for miles over the mountains. It is probable that the interment will be in an Indian burying ground near Big Bar.

SPARKS, Caido  
Chico Record  
10-27-1916

**DIED.**

October 26, 1916, about 9 o'clock a. m., Caido Sparks, one of the Me-choop-da Indians of Rancho Chico. He was about seventy years of age and a member of the Presbyterian church.

He is well known by those for whom he worked as a most industrious and efficient workman, receiving in his early days higher wages as a sack sewer in the harvest field of those days than any other man, white or Indian. Even when really too crippled to work he would do so, ever retaining his sunny disposition during his great suffering of later years, even until death claimed him.

Funeral services at Indian Village at 1 p. m. today.

KEYES, Mrs. Alice

Chico Record

11-19-1916

## MRS. ALICE KEYES IS DEAD IN OROVILLE

OROVILLE, Nov. 28.—Mrs. Alice Keyes, wife of the late William Keyes, passed away last evening at 8 o'clock at the family home in Howe Addition, as the result of an attack of pneumonia. Mrs. Keyes was a native of Frenchtown, this county, and was forty-six years old at the time of her death.

Deceased is survived by the following five children: Mrs. Mabel Narvico of Stockton; Loretta, Frances, Wilhelmina and Ernest Keyes of Oroville.

Other relatives are two brothers, James Franco of Tehama and John Franco of Tehama, and one sister, Mrs. Annie Felzie of Covelo, Mendocino county.

BAIN, Margaret

Chico Record

11-22-1916

## YOUNG INDIAN GIRL IS TUBERCULOSIS VICTIM

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Miss Margaret Bain, fourteen-year-old Indian girl, who was employed on the Fraser hop ranch, died in Nord yesterday, following a short illness from tuberculosis. Deceased was a former resident of the Rancheria. Funeral services will be held this afternoon at the Fatters & Williams undertaking parlors.

CLINE, Charles Stephenson

Oroville Daily Mercury

11-27-1916

# C. S. CLINE IS FOUND DEAD IN HIS BED; HEART DISEASE CAUSE

◆ Probation Officer C. S. Cline was found dead in his bed this ◆  
◆ afternoon by his daughter, Mrs. Ray Patterson. Heart failure was ◆  
◆ the probable cause of his death, according to Dr. Charles Griggs, ◆  
◆ who was summoned when the body was discovered. He is believ- ◆  
◆ ed to have passed away while asleep as when discovered his face ◆  
◆ was calm and peaceful and showed no signs of pain. ◆

## DAUGHTER WAS WORRIED.

Mrs. Cline left Saturday with Gertrude Lamson for San Francisco and her new home. This afternoon there were two cases in court awaiting Mr. Cline's report. Mrs. Patterson had repeatedly called up J. L. Brady, his neighbor, who naturally supposed Mr. Cline to be out on business.

Shortly before 4 o'clock this afternoon, Mrs. Patterson went to her father's home. She entered his bedroom and found him dead. It is believed that he passed away some time last night. Mrs. Cline is still in San Francisco.



# CLINE FUNERAL TO BE HELD FRIDAY

The funeral of Probation Officer C. S. Cline, who was found dead in bed shortly before 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, will be held Friday. Reynolds and Hamilton, who have charge of the funeral, will announce the exact time later. A coroner's jury sitting on the case today returned a verdict of death by heart failure, all the testimony going to prove that Mr. Cline passed away while asleep.

Mrs. Cline returned home last night, not knowing of her husband's death. She was met by her daughter, Mrs. Patterson and her neighbor, Mrs. Brady, who broke the sad news to her.

## Most Efficient Official.

The late Mr. Cline was a most efficient official and was by far the best probation officer the county ever had. He had been a resident of this city for the past eighteen years and had been Probation Officer since 1913. He was born in Ohio, and was 64 years of age. In 1874 he married Martha Harrod and had three children, Mrs. William Ray Patterson of this city, Clarence Cline, now in Siam, connected with a mining company, and Dr. Hattie Bigham, of Anaheim, California.

## Wife Aided Him.

His first wife died some years ago. Eight years ago he married the present Mrs. Cline. She was a great help to him in his probation work and frequently took charge of the girl cases. It was due to her splendid and conscientious work in a great measure that the probation office has been such a success in the past three years.

CLINE, Charles S.  
Oroville Daily Mercury  
11-28-1916

**MRS. THOMAS DORITHY  
ANSWERS FINAL  
SUMMONS**

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**Respected Portola Matron and Former Resident of American Valley Died Tuesday.**

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Mrs. Rose Dorothy, wife of Thomas Dorothy, passed away Tuesday of this week at her home in Portola.

Deceased was a daughter of W. P. Becraft of Johnsville and the late Mrs. Becraft, former residents of Quincy. She was a native of this county and was 38 years of age at the time of her death. About twenty years ago, she was united in marriage to Thomas Dorothy of American Valley, and to this union four children were born, all of whom survive her. Besides her husband and her father, deceased leaves four sisters, Mrs. Ida Drury, Mrs. Mabel Quelling, Mrs. Anna Segur and Mrs. Maude Addis and numerous more distant relatives. She was a loyal and devoted wife and a true mother, and the many friends of the family in this county will learn with deep regret of her untimely death, and join in offering words of sympathy to the relatives in their hour of deep bereavement.

The funeral took place this afternoon in Quincy, services being held at the Quincy M. E. Church, Rev. Harry Sheldon officiating. The mortal remains of deceased were laid at rest in the local cemetery.

DORITHY, Mrs. Thomas  
(Rose Becraft)  
Feather River Bulletin  
12-7-1916

JONES, David R.  
Oroville Mercury  
12-15-1916

## ANOTHER PIONEER ANSWERS LAST CALL

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David R. Jones of Clear Creek died at his home yesterday afternoon after a short illness. Pneumonia was the cause of his death. He was 71 years, 8 months and 3 days old. He was a native of Wales, but had been a resident of Cherokee and Clear Creek for the past fifty years.

He is survived by a widow, and the following children: Mrs. A. M. Richards, Martinez; Mrs. Jesse Fish, Chico; Earl Jones, Martinez; Martha E., Willie and Alvina Jones of Clear Creek.

The funeral will be held tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock from his late home. Interment at the Cherokee cemetery.

JONES, David R.  
Oroville Mercury  
12-18-1916

MANY IN ATTENDANCE

AT PIONEER'S FUNERAL

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The funeral of the late David R. Jones was held Saturday morning at his former home at Clear Creek. The Rev. H. E. Partridge officiated. Appropriate songs were sung by a choir composed of Mrs. E. C. Williams, Miss Irene Johnson, and Miss Myrtle Bennum. The pallbearers were J. W. Johnson, Charles O'Neil, T. M. James, Dan Williams, J. T. Williams, and W. W. Williams. Interment was made in Cherokee cemetery.

MAXWELL, James Grandley

Plumas Independent

12-27-1916

## PIONEER RESIDENT OF PLUMAS PASSES

James Grandley Maxwell, a pioneer resident of this section of Plumas county, died on the 24th inst., at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. F. Luman in American Valley, at the age of 84 years, 11 months and 25 days. Mr. Maxwell was born in Wheeling, West Virginia in 1831, at the age of four years he was moved to Delaware, Ohio, where he resided with his parents until he grew to manhood. In 1851 he started for California via the Isthmus of Panama and arrived at Rich Bar, this county, in the summer months of that year. There he engaged in mining; later he disposed of his mine, known to this day as Indian Hill, which was also worked by the new owners, who reaped a golden harvest from their investment. In 1856 he was united in marriage to Mary Jane Underwood at New Boston, then a flourishing mining camp on Spanish Creek, a few miles west of Quincy. His wife had crossed the plains earlier

in that year. Shortly after their marriage they moved to what is now known as the Maxwell ranch, near Keddie, where he engaged in farming. Fourteen children were born to this union. Those surviving are Mrs. Rosanah McKeown, Mrs. Lillie C. Harris, Mrs. Carrie Argenbright, Mrs. Deedee Beavers, Mrs. Birdie Luman, Mrs. Janie Hogan, S. P., Wm. J., John T. and James G. Jr. Deceased was one of a family of thirteen children, five of whom survive. They are Mrs. Conway of Oakland, Cal., Mrs. Mary Hayward, Mrs. Esther Simpson and Robt. Maxwell of Illinois, and Wm. Maxwell of Tennessee. He also leaves thirty-nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

James Grandley Maxwell, the old Plumas pioneer is dead. He is only one more of the old California frontiers men that has crossed the "Great Divide." We can only quote: "They are known where he was known. They cannot be disguised or hidden from sight, but like the stars in a cloudless night they will continue to shine while time shall last. If we would praise or eulogize him, if we would make for him robes of pearl, we could not better than recount his daily walk."

The funeral took place this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the M. E. Church, Rev. Sheldon officiating, and was conducted by Undertaker J. F. Moody.

# MAXWELL, James Grandley

Plumas National Bulletin

12-28-1916

## OLD PIONEER DIED LAST SUNDAY MORNING NEAR QUINCY

**James Grandley Maxwell Died at the Home of His Daughter, Mrs. Birdie Luman, at Ripe Age of 85 Years.**

James Grandley Maxwell, a well known pioneer of Plumas county, and for many years a resident of Butterfly valley, north of Quincy, passed away Sunday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Birdie Luman, near this town. Mr. Maxwell had been failing in health for some time past, due to his advanced age.

Deceased was a native of Wheeling, West Virginia, where he was born December 31, 1831. He moved with his parents to De'aware county, Illinois, at the age of four years, and he made his home there until 1872, when, attracted by the discovery of gold in California, he came to this State and settled at Junction Bar, Plumas county, where he engaged in mining. He was united in marriage to Miss Jane Underwood at New Boston, November 19, 1856, and later he and his wife settled on a ranch in Butterfly valley, where they resided until a few years ago. Mrs. Maxwell preceded her husband to the grave.



To the union, fourteen children were born, of whom ten survive, as follows: Mrs. Rosanna McKeowen, Mrs. Lily C. Harris, S. P. Maxwell, Mrs. Carrie Arginbright, William J. Maxwell, Mrs. Bee B. Beaver, John T. Maxwell, Mrs. Birdie L. Luman, Mrs. Mary Jane Hogan and James G. Maxwell, Jr. Deceased also leaves three sisters, Mrs. Esther Sampson and Mrs. Mary Howard of Illinois, and Mrs. Virginia Conway of Oakland, Cal., and two brothers, Robert Maxwell of Illinois, and William Maxwell of Tennessee; also thirty-nine grandchildren and six great grandchildren. The surviving relatives have the sympathy of numerous friends in this county.

The funeral took place Wednesday afternoon of this week, the services being held at the M. E. Church in Quincy, Rev. Harry Shelton officiating, and under the direction of Undertaker J. F. Moody. The remains of the old pioneer were laid at rest beside those of his wife in the local cemetery.