

BOVEY (SMITH), Bessie  
San Francisco Chronicle  
1-12-1927

**BOVEY**—In this city, January 11, 1927, Bessie Bovey, beloved wife of John Bovey, loving mother of John Casper Bovey, sister of Mrs. James H. Leggett, and Mrs. R. S. Kittrich of Croville, Cal., a native of California.

Friends are invited to attend the funeral service at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon, January 13, 1927, at Gray's, Divisadero st., at Post. Interment private.

# FUNERAL RITES TOMORROW FOR JACOB MOAK, PIONEER MINER AND INDIAN FIGHTER

Jacob Moak, who would have been 91 years old next March, widely known here as a pioneer Indian fighter, died Saturday afternoon shortly before 4 o'clock from the ravages of pneumonia, with which he was stricken only a few days previously. Death came at the family home at Fourth avenue and the Esplanade.

Few, if any, of the remaining pioneers of Butte county have had a more interesting history than Jacob Moak, who settled in this district in 1863 and had resided here almost continuously since that time.

Born in Albany county, New York, March 16, 1836, Moak came from sturdy Dutch stock. His mother was Unan Van Dyke and her mother was a daughter of Peter Houck, both families being prominent in the early history of his native state. Mrs. Moak, to whom he was married November 17, 1857, was a direct descendant of John Van Derbille, a predecessor of the family of financial fame.

Moak was attracted to California by glowing accounts of gold discoveries, and left his New York farm 64 years ago to try his fortune at mining. He, with his family, sailed by steamer to the Isthmus of Panama, where they were delayed several days, waiting for a boat that would take them to San Francisco. His experiences in the tropics left a vivid impression on the then young pioneer, and he loved to repeat his adventures there to his many friends.

Immediately after landing in San Francisco he went to Oregon Gulch, of which he had heard tales of tremendous nuggets and fabulous wealth to be obtained by merely walking about picking up chunks of gold. His experience there was disappointing and he turned again to agriculture, obtaining employment on a ranch belonging to David Reavis.

The Mill Creek Indians were making frequent murderous raids into this section at the time, and Moak, being of a fighting strain—his grandfather fought in the Revolutionary War under George Washington—soon organized a small posse, which pursued the

savages into the mountains east of here, and after several engagements reduced their numbers until they no longer menaced the peace of the district.

The stories of his adventures among the Indians are related in a small book published in 1923 by a brother, Simeon Moak, who participated in the fighting.

Later Moak disposed of the ranching interests he had acquired soon after his arrival here and invested in a sawmill which cut much of the lumber used in the earlier structures here, many of which are still standing.

In 1870 he sold his sawmill and engaged in the stock business in the Big Meadows country, where he had purchased 160 acres. After several successful years in the cattle business, during which time he became greatly interested in the study of nature, he again sold out and invested in land in the Chico district, from which he derived a substantial income.

Following an extremely active career, he finally bought a home on Fourth avenue near the Esplanade, where he resided up to the time of his death. The house is one of the landmarks of this district.

Aside from the brother Simeon, who makes his home at Oroville, Moak is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Emma Barry and Miss Harriet Moak of Chico.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 tomorrow afternoon at the family home, the Rev. R. C. La Porte officiating. Interment will be made in the Chico cemetery. Bicknell & Moore have charge of the funeral arrangements.

MOAK, Jacob  
The Chico Enterprise  
1-24-1927

# MOAK, Jacob Plumas Independent

1-27-1927

## JACOB MOAK, INDIAN FIGHTER OF BUTTE, DIES AT CHICO

Chico, Jan. 24.—Jacob Moak, pioneer Indian fighter and resident of Butte county for more than sixty years, died at his home in Chico Saturday afternoon. Mr. Moak was 90 years, 10 months and 6 days of age.

The passing of Mr. Moak takes from Chico and Butte county one of the oldest and best known men of the early days. He was born in Albany, New York, March 16, 1836, the son of Jacob Moak, a descendant of a hardy Dutch emigrant who crossed the ocean in 1614, settling on the Hudson River near the place where deceased was born.

Mr. Moak's grandfather fought in the Revolutionary war and was injured in battle and while home recuperating was set upon by Tories and Indians, who robbed his home. He lived to the age of 99 years.

Mr. Moak's father inherited the patriotic spirit and served in the war of 1812.

Mr. Moak left his home in 1863 for California, coming by water to the Isthmus of Panama. He suffered many many disappointments and hardships aboard the old steamer America. The party arrived at the Isthmus where the pioneers were obliged to wait a number of days for a steamer bound for San Francisco.

After passage was at last arranged Mr. Moak and his family arrived on the coast without funds. He immediately went to Oregon Gulch where he hoped to secure employment in the mines or a place where he could engage in gold digging for himself. Conditions were not what he anticipated and he believed he could better himself by moving. Accordingly he left his family with his brothers and came to Chico where he secured employment with Dave Reavis. It was about this time that the Mill Creek

Indians were making raids into this territory. Soon after he started in ranching. Here a man named Sen-decker gave up his place and departed, leaving Mr. Moak and his brother in charge. It was while running this ranch that Mr. Moak took an active part in the campaign, an endeavor which made the name of Jacob Moak known over the entire section of the State as an Indian fighter and a tenacious early settler.

Soon after he started ranching here the Mill Creek Indians swooped down on a family by the name of Lewis and captured all of the children. With the exception of one child, which escaped, all of the boys and girls were slain. Only a short time later the Indians again appeared, this time taking three of the Workman family and stealing a large amount of money. Later they again attempted a murderous attack on the Sylva family, but were thwarted.

Incensed at the ruthless killings, Mr. Moak sought to organize a posse to subdue the uprisings. Ranchers dropped their plows and joined him and a party of thirteen started out, heading northward. The first night they stopped at the ranch of R. A. Anderson, father of ex-sheriff R. N. Anderson. Here the posse was augmented by Mr. Anderson, Mr. Moak's brother, Simeon, and several others.

Leaving early next morning the party headed cautiously toward the dangerous Mill Creek country. For three days and three nights the posse closed in on the savages, enduring hardships and eating food which could be prepared without fires. Because of the danger of being detected by the Indians the men dared not to build a fire at night.

Early the next day the posse came upon a group of Indians, taking them unawares. Many of the Indians were killed in the battle and much of the stolen property was recovered and later returned to the owners.

Returning again to his ranch, Mr. Moak again pursued agriculture for some time. A few years later he disposed of his farm and purchased a sawmill which he operated successfully, supplying lumber for many structures which are now standing.

In 1870 Mr. Moak disposed of his sawmill interests and bought a cattle ranch of 160 acres in the Big Meadows section of Plumas county, a business which he retained for many years.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Emma Berry and Miss Harriet Moak of Chico, and a brother, Simeon Moak, who makes his home in Oroville.

LEWIS, Nancy Jane  
The Sacramento Bee  
1-29-1927

**LEWIS**—In Chico, Butte County, January 28, 1927, Nancy Jane Lewis, sister of Mrs. Fred Johnson and Mrs. Mary Lutz of Chico and Mrs. Carson of Centerville, also of Samuel Lewis of Chico, a native of Butte County, aged 64.

Buried in Clear Creek Cemetery, Butte County

3-21-1927

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# JAMES H. LEGGETT, USEFUL CITIZEN, IS CALLED BY DEATH

## ACTIVE LIFE IS ENDED; DEATH MOST SUDDEN

James H. Leggett, one of the most prominent residents of Butte County, and for over sixty years a resident of Oroville, died suddenly at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Death is believed to be due to cerebral hemorrhage.

News of Mr. Leggett's death quickly spread over Oroville, and was received everywhere with expressions of great sorrow.

### Died In Garden

Mr. Leggett was in his garden engaged in the work that he understood so well, that of planting, when the end came. A workman saw him fall over, and hurriedly summoned Mrs. Leggett, who that afternoon was entertaining her club in the Leggett home. Mrs. Leggett and friends ran to the side of the unconscious man. A hurried call brought Elton Leggett with Dr. Griggs to the home. But when they had reached Mr. Leggett's side, death had already taken place.

### Was Useful Citizen

Mr. Leggett's death ends the life of one of Oroville's busiest and most useful citizens, and one who for many years has been prominently connected with the business and development activities of Southern Butte County.

Mr. Leggett was born in Oroville on March 11, 1865. His father had come to California three years previously. The father purchased land near where the family home has been since that time. The skill of Mr. Leggett, Sr., as an orchardist, won state attention to him and in the understanding of plant life, the ability to grow plants and trees, Mr. Leggett soon became as versed as his father.

### Famous Fruit Growers

The Leggett cherry orchard was for many years one of the outstanding orchards of Northern California. Carload shipments of cherries were made yearly, and the quality of the fruit was such that cherries from the Leggett orchard found an eager market.

### Dredge Miner

With the development of the gold dredging industry here, Mr. Leggett realized that his ground was gold bearing. He organized a gold dredging company, and built two gold boats. The ground was very rich and the dredging operations successful.



#### **Rock Pile Orchard**

An interesting phase of the dredging operations was Mr. Leggett's contention that dredging did not destroy the ground for use for orchard purposes. To demonstrate this he leveled and planted some of the dredged land. This "rockpile orchard" attracted a great deal of attention, and was written up in newspapers and magazines all over the United States. Mr. Leggett's success on growing fruit trees on dredged land was one of the big factors in checkmating legislative attacks upon the gold dredging industry.

#### **Counsellor To Many**

Versed both in knowledge of how to grow fruit and methods of marketing it Mr. Leggett was constantly called upon for advice as to planting and suggestions as to what should be planted. Frequently at the request of the Register, he contributed articles dealing with horticultural practices in the Oroville District. His expert knowledge of the subjects which he discussed gave a

great measure of respect to the opinion that he voiced.

#### **Expert Weather Observer**

Mr. Leggett was probably the most successful weather predictor in Northern California. His predictions published monthly in the Register, were filed away for reference by many readers of the paper. Scores of people, desiring to know the probable weather on certain designated days, in the future, would telephone for his opinion.

Mr. Leggett took a very active interest in the development of Oroville, and no man contributed to the public welfare more cheerfully than did he. The wealth of his wisdom so freely shared, will be greatly missed by the people of this community.

Mr. Leggett was the son of Charles H. Leggett. His mother's maiden name was Abigail Burt. He graduated from the public schools of Oroville. He was also a graduate of the San Jose Normal and later attended a business college in San Francisco.

#### **Surviving Family**

Immediate members of Mr. Leggett's family left to mourn his loss are his wife, Mrs. Mary Leggett; two daughters, Mrs. Bessie Swords of Berkeley, and Mrs. Alice McPherson, of Glendale; two sons, Kenneth Leggett of San Francisco, and Elton Leggett of Oroville; a sister, Miss Cordelia Leggett, and several grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements had not been made last night, but announcement will be made today as to when the services will take place.

BRERETON, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth  
Sacramento Bee  
3-26-1927

## **WIFE OF OROVILLE MINISTER IS DEAD**

OROVILLE (Butte Co.), March 26.—Death at 4 o'clock yesterday morning summoned Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Brereton, 72, wife of Rev. John Brereton. She was a native of Toronto, Canada.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Brereton is survived by the following children: Mrs. Morley Henderson of Chico, Mrs. Walter Edwards of Oroville, Mrs. Ruth B. Fowler of Oakland, Mrs. R. H. Allard of Willows, Emerson D. Brereton and John Brereton, Jr., of Oroville. Nine grandchildren also survive.

WORRELL (SMITH), Viola Eveline

The Nebraska State Journal

4-6-1927

**OBITUARY.**

**Mrs. William Worrell.**

Viola Eveline Smith was born December 6, 1874, at Elliott, Ill., and removed with her parents to Nebraska at the age of six. In 1892 she was married to William Worrell at Belleville, Kas. To them were born five sons: Ray, Oscar, John and Eldon now living in the

vicinity of Stamford, and Charles of University Place. In early womanhood Mrs. Worrell joined the United Brethren church at Chester, and retained that faith all her life. For the past two years she had been in poor health and had made her home with her son in University Place. She died March 15 after an operation at the age of fifty-two. Besides her immediate family she leaves her mother, Mrs. Cynthia Smith; two sisters, and two brothers: Mrs. George Worrell of Cleveland, Minn., Mrs. William Stone of Beaver City, L. L. Smith of Holbrook, and Charles O. Smith of Portland, Ore. Funeral services were held on March 16 at Castle, Roper & Matthews' and the remains taken to Oxford where further services were held the following day at the home of the eldest son. Final services were held in the Presbyterian church in Beaver City at 2:30 p. m., Rev. Mr. Dysart officiating and the five sons being pallbearers. Burial was at Beaver City.



THOMAS, Charles Frederick  
The Coos Bay Times (Oregon)

4-14-1927

# CHAS. F. THOMAS DIED YESTERDAY

(Special to Coos Bay Times)

COQUILLE, April 14.—Charles Frederick Thomas died yesterday at the Richmond hospital. He had been in the hospital for some time suffering from gangrene following amputation of his leg some time ago and since then little hope has been held for his recovery. He was almost 75 years of age, a native of New Brunswick. Mr. George Stewart of Coquille is his only relative here.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at the Ellingsen chapel, Rev. Walters officiating. Interment was at the Odd Fellows cemetery.

SLISSMAN, Louis (Lewis)

Oroville Daily Register

4-17-1927

# LOUIS SLISSMAN, OROVILLE THEATER OWNER, PASSES

Louis Slissman, Oroville Theater owner, and one of the best known citizens of this city, died last evening at six o'clock at the local hospital following an operation. Mr. Slissman rallied for a day after the operation and his friends had hoped that he would be home this week. His condition, however, took a turn to the worse yesterday and death came suddenly.

Mr. Slissman was a man of exceptional character. He was the son of one of Northern California's oldest families. Before coming to Oroville where he became agent for the Southern Pacific Company here, Mr. Slissman lived in Cherokee.

After over 25 years of service with the Southern Pacific Company, Mr.

Slissman retired. He was eligible for the pension role of the railroad, but had never applied for his pension.

For many years the deceased conducted the Rex Theater here, and later purchased the Gardella Theater, both of which he was conducting at the time of his death.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by W. M. Thomas.

Mr. Slissman was a constant booster for Oroville and Butte County. The public always found him ready to give not only of his personal aid, but the use of his theaters for civic purposes.

Besides his widow, Mr. Slissman is survived by two daughters, Mrs. R. M. French and Miss Mae Slissman, both of Oroville, and a son, Sturmer Slissman, of this city.

# SLISSMAN, Louis (Lewis)

## Oroville Daily Register

4-21-1927

### Last Rites Are Held Here For Louis Slissman

Business in Oroville came to a pause yesterday afternoon, while friends of L. Slissman, many of them acquaintances for almost a life-time, gathered at the Odd Fellows Hall to pay a tribute of respect and affection to him.

The funeral was marked by the large number and the beauty of the floral offerings, all silently bespeaking the esteem and love in which Mr. Slissman was held.

The impressive ritualistic ceremony of the Elks was pronounced by C. O. Hamilton, Exalted Ruler of the Oroville Lodge, of which Mr. Slissman was an honored and active member. The songs in the ritual were sympathetically sung by Miss Alice Land, who was accompanied by Mrs. Clinton Johnson.

Rev. W. J. Johnson delivered a beautiful tribute to Mr. Slissman, eulogizing his kindness, his public spirit, the love which his friends had for him and the honored regard in which the whole community held him.

The pallbearers were R. S. Kitrick, R. S. Powers, Harry Beal, A. C. Briggs, George Westwod, R. J. Little, A. R. Hoke and Wade Porter.

The sorrow of the Rotary Club, of which Mr. Slissman was a charter member, and the sympathy of the members of the club, for those Mr. Slissman left to mourn his loss was expressed by the appointment of a delegation of members to represent the club at the services. The list comprised R. C. Ramsey, past president of the organization, A. A. Davis, Earl Ward, George C. Mansfield, Robert Campbell and Ray Hunter.

The remains were tenderly laid at rest under the direction of the Thomas Funeral Home in the family mausoleum in Chico.

BAINBRIDGE, Levi

Sacramento Bee

4-25-1927

**BAINBRIDGE**—In Oroville, Butte County, April 23, 1927, Levi Bainbridge, father of Oliver, Buck and A. P. Bainbridge, all of Rackerby, and Worth Bainbridge of Bangor, and brother of Mrs. Cynthia Hoagland of Sacramento, a native of Iowa, aged 73 years.

CLEMENTS, Albert  
Oroville Daily Register  
5-3-1927

## Butte Foreman Is Killed By Horse

CHICO, May 2.—Albert Clements, 60, unmarried, was trampled to death by his horse yesterday morning on the Fletcher and Menes Ranch, one mile south of Dayton. He was returning to the ranch house when the animal which was supposed to be gentle, bucked and threw his rider to the ground and then turned and stamped him to death.

Clements was seen riding the horse by a neighboring rancher, Isaac Edge, who later saw the horse savagely stamping his hoofs on the man on the ground. Clements has worked on ranches in the Dayton and Chico district for many years. He has two brothers in Chico and a sister in San Francisco.

Clements was born in Oroville.

WHELAN (NISBET), Mrs. Bell (Isabel)

Oroville Daily Register

5-11-1927

## **Mrs. Bell Whalen, Age 51, Is Called**

Mrs. Bell Whalen, 51, former resident of Cherokee, died yesterday as Sacramento following a brief illness. Mrs. Whalen is survived by her husband, William Whalen, three sons, William, Lloyd, and Jack, all of Folsom, and a daughter, Helen.

Mrs. Whalen had a number of nieces and nephews in Oroville. Prior to her marriage she was Miss Bell Nesbit of Oregon City.

Besides her immediate family, the deceased is survived by the following brothers: Jim Nesbit and Gordon Nesbit of Oroville; Jack Nesbit of Colorado, and Andrew Nesbit of Oakland.

Funeral services will be held in Sacramento at ten o'clock Thursday. Interment will be made in the Sacramento cemetery.

ANDRADO, Jerome  
Oroville Daily Register  
5-11-1927

# Jerome Andrado Called By Death

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Jerome Andrado, 88, a native of Portugal, and a resident of California for 32 years, died last night at the county infirmary. He spent most of his life in California mining near Cherokee.

Surviving are two brothers, John Andrado, of Boston, and Joe Silva, of Oroville, and a sister, Mary Julia Diez of Boston.

Funeral services will be held at ten o'clock Thursday from Hamilton and Riley's.

LYTE, Mrs. Amanda  
Oroville Daily Register  
5-20-1927

# **Mrs. Lyte Dies At Pentz; Lived There 49 Years**

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Mrs. Amanda S. Lyte, for forty-nine years a resident of Pentz, died at that place yesterday. Death followed an illness of some months, and was not unexpected.

Mrs. Lyte was born in England in 1850. She came to America in 1873, and was married here. Her home has been in Pentz for almost half a century, where she was universally respected and esteemed.

Mrs. Lyte is survived by her husband; a daughter, Mrs. Bessie Blum, and two grandsons, Alfred and Robert Blum.



LYTE, Mrs. Amanda  
Oroville Daily Register  
5-21-1927

***LIFE LONG FRIENDS  
PAY LAST TRIBUTE TO  
MRS. LYTE OF PENTZ***

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Friends of many years standing gathered yesterday to pay a tribute of respect to Mrs. Amanda Lyte, who died at Pentz on Thursday last after a residence of 49 years in that community.

The services were held at the Thomas funeral home. Rev. F. H. Petersime of the Methodist Church spoke in tender words of the deceased and comforting songs were sung. The cortege was then formed, and proceeded to the Cherokee Cemetery where the interment took place. The pallbearers were A. D. Crawford, Frank Lynch, George Walsh, Fred Lee, A. L. Chaffin, and A. L. Jones.

There were many beautiful flowers.

## **JAMES H. LEGGETT, OROVILLE PROPHET, DIED SUDDENLY**

James H. Leggett, one of the most prominent residents of Butte county, and well known thru various sections of Plumas, died suddenly at his home in Oroville last Friday afternoon, and is believed due to cerebral hemorrhage. In his death Butte county loses one of her most useful citizens, and one who for many years has been prominently connected with the business development of the county. He was born in Oroville March 11, 1865. Like his father, he followed fruit growing, and an outstanding feature of his ambitions was the Leggett orchards, particularly the cherry industry, from which carload shipments were made yearly finding a ready sale in all of the big markets. With the inauguration of the dredging industry in the vicinity of Oroville he realized that his valuable orchard ground contained vast wealth in gold bearing gravels, and he organized a company and two boats were built to mine the ground. The ground proved rich and the dredging operations were successful. As an aftermath of the mining operations, which left huge piles of barren rock and gravel in its wake, he turned his attention to rehabilitating the ground, leveling it off and planted more trees on the "rock pile." Today the trees stand in mute evidence of his success in growing fruit of excellent quality upon land that was thought worthless because it had been upturned to recover the gold values from the gravels.

LEGGETT, James H.  
Plumas National Bulletin  
5-26-1927

LOCKERMAN, Mrs. Nellie Capitola  
Sacramento Bee  
6-15-1927

## **WIFE OF ROSEVILLE HOTEL OWNER DIES**

ROSEVILLE (Placer Co.), June 15.—Mrs. Nellie Capitola Lockerman, wife of L. L. Lockerman, local hotel proprietor, died here last night from a stroke of apoplexy.

Mrs. Lockerman is survived by three sons by a former marriage. A. F. Smith of Oakland, Leslie Smith of San Francisco, Ensign Russell Smith of the United States Navy, and her mother, Mrs. Louise Schofield of Roseville.

LOCKERMAN, N. Capitola

Sacramento Bee

6-16-1927

**LOCKERMAN—N.** Capitola Lockerman, loving daughter of Mrs. Louise Scofield, dearly beloved wife of Lawrence L. Lockerman, loving mother of Oliver F., Leslie L. and Russell S. Smith. Funeral services Friday, 2 P. M. from chapel of Broyer & Magner, Roseville. Interment Sylvan Cemetery.

MORRISON, Fred H.  
Oroville Daily Register  
6-22-1927

## **FORMER OROVILLE MAN DEAD**

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Word of the death of Fred H. Morrison, aged 59 years, a native of Oregon City, Butte County, in San Francisco on June 16, was received here yesterday.

MENGLER, Henry A.  
Oroville Daily Register  
6-29-1927

## ***HENRY A. MANGLER CALLED BY DEATH***

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Henry A. Mangler, 67, of Thermalito, died yesterday of an attack of pneumonia. He was a native of Germany and had resided near Oroville for the past 20 years.

Surviving is the widow, Mrs. Lucy A. Mangler, of Thermalito.

Mangler was a member of the Oroville Lodge No. 59, I. O. O. F., and the Oroville Lodge No. 103, F. and A. M.

Hamilton and Riley have charge of funeral arrangements.

Funeral services will be held Friday morning at ten o'clock from Hamilton and Riley's under the auspices of Oroville Lodge No. 103, F. and A. M.

Interment will be made in the Oregon City cemetery.

# Clark, George

Oroville Daily Register

7-26-1927

## George Clark, Kin Of Indian Chief, Dies At Age 57

George Clark, age 57, grandson of a Concow Indian chief, died Sunday night at the home of his brother, J. A. Clark, of Yankee Hill.

Clark was well known in Northern California where he often attended political gatherings in the early days as a delegate. He had outstanding ability as an orator and a musician. Most of his life in Butte County was spent as a miner.

He is survived by four brothers and one sister: J. A. Clark and Frank Clark of Yankee Hill, W. C. Clark of Oroville and Ransom Clark of Ukiah, and Mrs. Katie Josephson of Yankee Hill.

Funeral services will be in charge of the Thomas Funeral Home and will be held this morning at 10 o'clock from the Clark residence at Yankee Hill. Interment will be in the family plot.

SWEETMAN, John Martin  
Oroville Mercury  
7-29-1927

# J. Sweetman Dies at Palermo Home

Death at 4:30 p. m. yesterday claimed John Martin Sweetman, blacksmith, at his Palermo home. He was born at Yankee Hill. He had made his home in this county most of his life.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Nellie Sweetman of Palermo; two brothers, Thomas Sweetman of Oroville and L. F. Sweetman of Enterprise; two step-children, Mrs. I. L. Eddy of Oroville and L. W. Thomas of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Funeral arrangements are being completed by Hamilton and Riley.



SWEETMAN, John Martin

Oroville Mercury

7-30-1927

# **Funeral Monday for John M. Sweetman**

Funeral rites for John M. Sweetman, 66, who died Thursday night, will be held at 1 p. m. Monday at the Hamilton and Riley chapel. Burial will be at the Yankee Hill Cemetery.

CREBASSA (WILLIAMS), Mrs. Edith  
Oroville Daily Register  
8-5-1927

## ***MRS. EDITH CREBASSA IS CALLED BY DEATH***

Friends of Mrs. Edith Crebassa, formerly Miss Edith Williams, of this city, will be grieved to hear of her death which occurred in San Francisco Tuesday. Funeral services were held yesterday in San Francisco, under the auspices of Parnassus Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. Mrs. Crebassa was a member of Amapola Chapter Number 119, of Oroville.

NORTON, Walter  
Oroville Daily Register  
8-12-1927

## ***FUNERAL SERVICES FOR NORTON CHILD***

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Funeral services for four-year-old Walter Norton were held yesterday from the W. M. Thomas funeral home. Rev. F. H. Petersime officiated and appropriate songs were sung by Mrs. Roy Dryden and Mrs. P. Huggins, to the accompaniment of Mrs. Walter Kinney.

Pallbearers were Jake Bump, Alfred Vaughan, Frank Orrer and Alvin Washburn. Burial was in the Clear Creek cemetery.

BEAVERS, Deedie Bernice  
Plumas Independent  
8-25-1927

**MRS. DEDIE BEAVERS  
PASSED AWAY FRIDAY**

Grass Valley, Aug. 20.—Following an emergency operation performed yesterday morning at the County Hospital by Dr. C. P. Jones, Mrs. Beavers, a resident of Grass Valley for the past six years passed away. Mrs. Beavers was taken ill suddenly Thursday afternoon, and was taken to the Hospital. She was suffering from stoppage of the bowels, and though a valiant effort was made to save her life, she succumbed.

Mrs. Beavers was a native of Quincy Plumas County. She came to Grass Valley with her family six years ago, and has lived here since, making her home on North Church street. Mrs. Beavers was a great favorite with the children, and always had a happy group of youngsters playing in her yard. Little folks as well as a great many friends among the elders will mourn her passing.

Deceased is survived by three sons, Alfred of Grass Valley, Bryan of Standard, California, and Harold of Sterling City, California.

The above taken from the Grass Valley Union refers to the sister of our towns folk S. P. and J. G. Maxwell and Mesdames R. M. McKeowen and M. J. Hogan.

Mrs. Deedie Bernice Beavers was born at Butterfly Valley, some eight miles from Quincy, on March 20, 1874 and at the time of her death which occurred at Grass Valley Friday, was 53 years, 4 months, and 29 days. She was the daughter of the late James G. and Mrs. Maxwell, pioneers of Plumas.



A few years ago Mrs. Beavers mourned the death of a beloved son, Henry Gore, better known to his friends as Eddie Gore and also had a daughter, Dorris Beavers Weaver precede her to the grave. For the past six years she has made her home in Grass Valley and the large number of friends who had come to know and love her during her residence there, were in attendance at the funeral. These friends were numbered from little children to elderly gray haired men and women.

The funeral was held from the Harris Mortuary Parlors, Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The Reverend David Ralston conducting the services. Interment was made in Greenwood cemetery. The floral offerings were beautiful and with the many set pieces made a perfect bank of flowers.

The following brothers and sisters from Quincy attended the funeral: Mrs. Rosa McKeowen, Mrs. Janie Hogan, Perry and Jim Maxwell and nephew, Alfred Rowe.

Beside the above mentioned two sisters, Mrs. L. C. Harris of Sawtell, Mrs. Carrie Arganbright of Santa Monica and two brothers, Will J. Maxwell of North Sacramento and John Maxwell are left to mourn her loss.

MILLER, Joseph G. Jr.  
Oroville Daily Register  
9-18-1927

## Joseph Miller Of Cherokee Passes Away

Joseph Miller, Jr., one of the best known citizens of Butte County, died yesterday morning at 7 o'clock at a local hospital following an operation. Death came unexpectedly. Mr. Miller had been ill for some time, but it was not expected by his relatives and many friends that his condition was critical.

Mr. Miller, known and respected by hundreds, was born at Frenchtown, Butte County, in 1877. When but a young boy he went East with his parents, but returned soon to make his home at Cherokee, where he lived until the end.

During the early days of Cherokee, then a bustling mining town, Mr. Miller was one of the leading citizens of that community. For years he was engaged in the butcher business there.

The deceased was a home loving man. His honesty in business won for him a legion of staunch friends.

The deceased came from one of the oldest Butte County families.

Besides being in the butcher business, Mr. Miller owned up until several years ago, a large land interest in the Nelson district. Fifteen years ago the deceased retired from business.

Mr. Miller is survived by his widow, Mrs. Miena Miller, of Cherokee, a daughter, Mrs. A. W. Ellis of San Jose, a son, Lester Miller, of Moccasin, Calif., and a sister, Mrs. Theresa Schuller of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Funeral services will be announced by W. M. Thomas. The date has not yet been set. It will, however, be held from the family home at Cherokee. Interment will be made in the Cherokee cemetery.

# PHILCHER

Plumas Independent

9-29-1927

Brakeman Philcher was instantly killed Saturday afternoon near Pulga when the crane of a steam shovel struck him. His wife and two stepsons reside here, while a daughter by a former marriage is teaching school in some other locality. The body, accompanied by his wife, was taken to Texas for burial where he formerly resided.

WISBY, Walker  
Oroville Mercury Register  
11-16-1927

## **Former Resident of Oroville Dies in Southern City**

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W. I. Wisby, 57, formerly of this city, died suddenly at San Diego, according to word received here by friends. He was found dead in his apartment.

Wisby resided here until 10 years ago, and was identified with a real estate business. His widow, formerly Miss Carrie Nichol of Oroville, was visiting here with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Suender, 105 Linden street, when word of his death was learned here. She left immediately for San Diego, and will accompany the body to Oroville for burial.

WISBY, Walker  
Oroville Mercury Register  
11-17-1927

### **WISBY FUNERAL**

**Funeral services for Walker E. Wisby, who died this week in San Diego, will be held tomorrow at 10 a. m. from the Thomas Funeral home. Interment will be in the Frenchtown cemetery, near Yankee Hill.**



LYNCH, Mary A.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
11-19-1927

## **Mary A. Lynch of Chico Passes Away**

CHICO, Nov. 19.—(LP)—Miss Mary A. Lynch, member of a well-known Butte county pioneer family, died last night in the home of her sister, Miss Maggie Lynch, in Chico. Miss Lynch was born in Oregon City, Butte county, 69 years ago. She taught school until 1916.

WISBY, Walker  
Oroville Mercury Register  
11-19-1927

## **Funeral Services Held For W. Wisby**

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon for W. E. Wisby at the Thomas Funeral Home with the Rev. W. J. Johnson officiating. Many friends were at the services to pay their last respects to the departed.

Services were also held at the graveside at Yankee Hill where the Rev. Simmons made appropriate remarks. Pallbearers were S. Wellington, M. W. Wells, H. Turner, J. O. McAtee, William Fitch and Charles Hibbard.

JAMES, William H.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
11-22-1927

## **Services Arranged For William James**

Funeral arrangements are being completed today for William H. James, 77, for many years a resident of this city, who died yesterday at the county infirmary. He was a native of England.

James lived for many years in the Oro Vista district. He has no known relatives. Hamilton and Riley have charge of the arrangements.

JAMES, William H.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
11-23-1927

## **JAMES FUNERAL**

Funeral services for William H. James of Oro Vista will be held Friday at 2 p. m. at the Yankee Hill cemetery where burial will be made. The Rev. F. H. Petersime will officiate at the services.

JAMES, William H.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
11-26-1927

## **Funeral Rites for William H. James**

Funeral rites for William H. James were conducted yesterday afternoon at the graveside in the Yankee Hill cemetery. Rev. F. H. Petersime of the Oroville Methodist church read the ceremony. A large gathering of friends attended the services to pay their last respects.

Pallbearers were B. F. Clark, D. B. Thomas, T. W. Thayer, J. A. Odneal, J. J. Odneal and Charles Odneal.

GANSNER BUYINGHAUSEN, Mrs. Emma  
Plumas Independent  
12-1-1927

## DEATH OF FORMER PLUMAS MATRON OCCURS IN NORTH

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We have just been advised of the death of Mrs. Emma Gansner Buvinghausen, which occurred in Seattle, Washington, October 13, 1927.

The deceased was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gansner, pioneer residents of North Fork; sister of Mrs. Lena Gansner Eyraud of Rich and Will Gansner of Oro Vista.

Besides the brother and sister she leaves a husband Alex Buvinghausen and one daughter to mourn her loss.

It was only a few months ago that Mr. Buvinghausen and daughter visited in Oroville.

# Gramps, David E.

Oroville Mercury Dec 8, 1927

## **Last Rites Held For Late David Grumps of Pulga**

YANKEE HILL, Dec. 8.—(Special) David E. Gramps, a resident of Pulga, who died at his home last Sunday after a long illness, was buried yesterday in the family plot on the old homestead. Funeral services, conducted by Eugene Phelps, were held at the residence.

Many friends and acquaintances of the family were present, and the floral offerings bespoke of the esteem in which the deceased was held.

The pallbearers were B. F. Clark, J. A. Clark, Ben Schmidt, O. C. Johnson, F. Johnson and George Grant.

The deceased leaves to mourn his loss his wife, Mrs. Margaret Gramps, a large family of children and a brother, Henry Gramps, and a number of neices and nephews.

# Reno, Mrs. Charles A. Oroville Mercury Register

12-13-1927

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THE MERCURY-REGISTER

Tuesday, December 13, 1927

## Woman Crushed in Machinery Dies Enroute to Local Hospital

### DRESS SWEPT BY WIND INTO SHAFT'S GEARS

Accident Occurs at Surcease  
Mine Near Yankee Hill;  
Body Here

Crushed when her dress caught on a shafting and dragged her into machinery at the Surcease Gold Mine three miles from Yankee Hill, Mrs. Charles A. Reno, 36, died late yesterday while enroute to the Oroville hospital in an ambulance. The body is at the Thomas Funeral Home.

While watching the machinery work, a gust of wind blew a part of Mrs. Reno's dress into the nearby shafting, with the result that she was dragged into gears before she could free her dress from the rapidly revolving iron.

#### Remained Conscious

Hearing the woman's cries for help an employe at the mine rushed to her aid, forced the belt from the  
(Now Turn to Page Three)

### Dress Swept by Wind Into Shaft's Gears

(Continued From Page Two)

pulley and stopped the machinery. Mrs. Reno was conscious when removed to the house and was able to converse with her husband, who was asleep at the time of the accident. He operates the machinery at night.

J. W. Phillips is associated with Reno in operating the mine. Phillips left Mrs. Reno to watch the machinery while he went to look at the stamp mill.

Dr. C. B. Griggs of Oroville was called following the accident and administered medical treatment. An ambulance was called to bring her to Oroville, Mrs. Reno died near Pentz, while enroute to this city. Thomas, Deputy Coroner, said.

#### Survived by Son

Mrs. Reno is survived by the widower and a son, aged three years, and her parents, who reside in Boone, Iowa. The body will be sent there for burial.

Mrs. Reno and her husband arrived at the mine this spring from Los Angeles.

No inquest will be held, as authorities are satisfied that death was accidental, it was announced today.



MARTIN, Hattie  
Oroville Mercury Register  
1-16-1928

# FUNERAL HELD FOR GIRL, 11, DEATH VICTIM

ENTERPRISE, Jan. 16—(Special)  
—Funeral rites were conducted at  
2 p. m., today at the graveside in  
the Oregon Creek Cemetery for  
Hattie Martin, 7, daughter of Mr.  
and Mrs. George Martin, who died  
Saturday night. Death terminated  
an illness of pneumonia.

The deceased, who was born here,  
had spent her entire life in this dis-  
trict. Surviving, other than the  
parents, are the following brothers  
and sisters: Albert, Nettie, Hazel,  
Rena, Henry, Josie, Stanley, Mer-  
vine and Vera, all of Enterprise.

Hamilton and Riley's of Oroville  
had charge of the arrangements.

WALSH (SIMMONS), Mrs. Leyla Mae  
Chico Record  
1-24-1928

**Funeral Is Held For  
Mrs. Leyla Mae Walsh**

Funeral services were held at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the Blecknell & Moore funeral home for the late Mrs. Leyla Mae Walsh, who died Friday at Sacramento. The Rev. W. L. Mellinger officiated.

Mrs. Walsh, who was a former resident of Chico, is survived by a son, Jack Walsh, and a daughter, Betty Walsh, both of Oroville, and her mother, Mrs. M. S. Taylor of Chico; four sisters, Mrs. Bessie Heaton of Orland, Mrs. Eva Humble of Las Plumas, and Mrs. F. E. Fisher and Miss Alice Taylor of Chico, and two brothers, Robert Simmons and Frank Taylor, also of Chico.

Following the services, burial was in the Chico cemetery. Pallbearers were Eben C. Brown, Robert S. Simmons, Frank L. Humble, T. E. Fisher, Frank W. Taylor Jr. and Ray Burgess.

WILLIAMS, Robert Clinton  
Oroville Mercury  
1-24-1928

# Boy of Ten Dies At Yankee Hill

YANKEE HILL, Jan. 24.—(Special)—Robert Clinton Williams, 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. Butte Williams, died at 3 a. m. today at the home of his parents.

Butte Williams. He was born here.

Surviving, other than the parents, are a sister, Zelma; four brothers—Clifford, Donald, Johnnie and Norland Williams; the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Williams, and a grandfather, Grant Croghan.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p. m. Thursday at the family home. Burial will follow in the Yankee Hill cemetery. Hamilton and Riley's of Oroville, have charge of the arrangements.

WILLIAMS, Robert Clinton  
Oroville Mercury  
1-27-1928

## **Children Serve As Pallbearers When Child Is Buried**

YANKEE HILL, Jan. 27.—(Special)—Funeral services were held here yesterday for Robert Clinton Williams, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Butte Williams. The rites were at the home of the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Williams.

M. P. Simmons conducted the services, after which burial was in the Yankee Hill cemetery. The pallbearers, all friends of the deceased, were Ralph Miller, Johnnie Miller, Johnnie Odneal and Johnnie Wright. Hamilton and Riley's of Oroville had charge of the arrangements.

WISERT, Robert  
Oroville Mercury Register  
2-9-1928

## Robert Wisert Is Taken by Death; Body Sent Here

Word was received here today of the death of Robert Wisert, native of Cherokee, aged 45. He died at Cottage Grove, Oregon.

The body will arrive in Oroville this afternoon. Funeral arrangements have not yet been made. Services will be from the sister's home at 1330 Brown street, with interment in the Oroville cemetery.

He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Ethel Wisert, and a daughter, Edna, 6.

Other survivors are the mother, Mrs. Mary A. Johnson of Oroville, and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. George Aaronson of Hammonton; Mrs. J. L. Vaughan of Oroville; Miss Mary Johnson of Marshfield, Ore.; Everett Johnson of Sacramento; Harold Johnson of Oroville; C. W. Johnson and T. R. Johnson of Las Plumas.

Wisert left Butte county in 1910. He was engaged in dredging work. He went to Siskiyou county and engaged in dredging there until 1918. He then went to Oregon where he was an engineer for a lumber company.

MARTIN, Mervyn Spencer  
Oroville Mercury Register  
2-15-1928

## **Services Held For Mervyn Spencer Of Enterprise Sunday**

ENTERPRISE, Feb. 15—(Special)  
—Mervyn, three year old son of Mr.  
and Mrs. George Martin of Enter-  
prise, passed away in Oroville last  
Friday morning, where he was tak-  
en a week previous for medical  
treatment.

Sunday he was buried in the Ore-  
gon Creek burying ground.

Besides the parents, there are  
surviving three brothers, Albert,  
Henry and Stanley, and five sisters,  
Mrs. L. Wagner of Wyandotte, Ha-  
zel, Reinie, Josie and Vera Martin  
of Enterprise.

MIX, George Maxson  
Oroville Mercury Register  
2-17-1928

# G. M. Mix, Native Of Bidwell Dies

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George Maxson Mix, 59, a native of Bidwell Bar, died in Oroville yesterday afternoon after an illness extending over several years time.

Mix had lived in the Enterprise district all his life and leaves the following relatives there:

The widow, Mrs. Margaret Mix; two daughters, Mrs. Alta Fitch, Miss Agnes Mix; a son, Sandy Mix; a sister, Mrs. Ellen Clemmon of Berry Creek, and three brothers, Frank, Joe and Johnny Mix all of Enterprise.

Funeral services were held at Oregon Creek cemetery, Enterprise, at 3 p. m. today. Burial was made at the cemetery, in charge of Hamilton and Riley.

HECKART, Francis Augustus

Sacramento Bee

2-18-1928

**HECKART**—In Pentz Butte County.  
February 15, 1928, Francis Augustus  
Heckart, husband of Annie Heckart,  
brother of Miss Gertrude Heckart and  
father of Ernest Heckart, all of Pentz,  
a native of Iowa, aged 75. The fun-  
eral will be held Saturday, and burial  
will be in the Clear Creek Cemetery.



# Summers, Mrs. Elizabeth

(AKA Betty Duensing/Hottman of Flea Valley

Mercury Register

3-6-1928

## **Mrs. Summers Dies Here; Resident of Butte Many Years**

Death in Oroville today noon summoned Mrs. Elizabeth Summers, 69, a resident of Butte county for 53 years. Her death terminated a protracted illness.

A native of Sweden, Mrs. Summers came to the United States when a girl and settled in Butte county. Until several years ago she made her home in the Oregon City district. She and her husband moved from there to Humboldt county. Returning here in January for a visit, she was taken suddenly ill.

Mrs. Summers was the mother of George, August and Adolph Duensing and Mrs. Retta Margan, all of the Oregon City district; the grandmother of Mrs. Catherine Campbell, Mrs. Alta Foster, Donald Duensing and Stanley Morgan, and great-grandmother of Clinton and Darrel Foster and Dorothy Campbell.

Funeral arrangements, which are incomplete, are under the direction of Hamilton and Riley's. Burial, however, will be in the Thompson Flat cemetery.

BARTON, Thomas D.

Feather River Bulletin

3-15-1928

**Yankee Hill Veteran Dies;  
Just Passed 97 Birthday**

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OROVILLE, March 15. — Death early Monday summoned Thomas D. Barton, Civil War veteran, who Saturday observed his 97 birthday. He had been ill but a short time, and notwithstanding his advanced age had been active in conducting a small ranch near Yankee Hill, where he resided with a niece, Mrs. Kate B. Harrison.

Barton was a member of the Grand Army post of Payette, Idaho. He was born at Knoxville, Tenn., on March 10, 1831, and enlisted in the Union forces shortly after the outbreak of the war. He had resided at Yankee Hill since last June.

Barton came to Yankee Hill from Oregon. Surviving, other than the niece, are a brother, Isaac Barton, of Greenfield, Ill., and a sister, Mrs. M. J. Short, of Sciota, Ill.

MOAK (LEMM), Mrs. Mary  
Chico Record  
4-20-1928

**Mrs. Mary Moak  
Dies At Age Of  
69 In Oroville**

OROVILLE, April 19.—Mrs. Mary Moak, 69, wife of Simeon Moak, early day Indian fighter, died at 9:30 a. m. yesterday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. F. Carroll of Howe Addition. She came here recently from Westwood, where she was taken ill.

Mrs. Moak and her surviving husband observed their golden wedding anniversary here in January with a family reunion.

A native of New York, Mrs. Moak came to California when 5 years of age, and spent many years of her life in this county.

**LAST INDIAN FIGHTER—**

Her widower is the last of the pioneers who took part in the campaign against the Mill Creek Indians, who at one time raided the early settlers' homes of this part of the state.

Mrs. Moak was well known throughout the county and had resided both here and in Chico. Recently she had been living at Westwood.

Surviving, other than the widower, are the following sons and daughters:

**THE SURVIVORS—**

J. H. Moak, L. H. Moak, A. H. Moak, C. L. Moak, of Susanville; Mrs. S. D. Overton and Mrs. H. Woods of Westwood; Mrs. Bell Sample of Paradise; Mrs. C. N. Foreum of Oakland; Mrs. F. C. Carroll of Oroville, and Mrs. E. J. Brown of San Francisco. Other survivors are two sisters, Mrs. S. H. Fry of Idaho and Mrs. Robert Thompson of Ferndale, and a number of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Plans for the funeral, under the direction of Hamilton & Riley, have not been completed.



JONES, Lester F.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
4-21-1928

## Death Strikes At Cherokee Miner On Porch of Home

Sitting in a chair on the porch of his Cherokee home, Lester F. Jones, known as Charles Jones, was found dead at 6 p. m. yesterday by John Hufford, a friend.

Death is believed to have occurred Thursday. Jones was last seen at 11 a. m. Thursday, when he was at the Vintin store. Hufford was walking by the cabin where Jones, a former prospector, made his home, when he found his friend dead.

### Was Old Resident

The deceased was about 65 years of age and is believed to have been a native of Wisconsin. For the past twenty years he had made his home at Cherokee.

Surviving are a brother, W. E. Jones of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and three sisters, Misses Mary, Jennie and Electa Jones, all of Oak Park, Illinois.

Jones suffered a stroke of apoplexy four years ago and had never recovered fully. Death is believed to have been the result of his illness. No inquest will be held, according to Deputy Coroner C. O. Hamilton.

Plans for the funeral have not been completed by Hamilton & Riley's.

JONES, Lester F.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
4-24-1928

## **Funeral Rites For L. F. Jones**

Funeral rites were conducted at 3:30 p. m. yesterday at the graveside in the Cherokee Cemetery for Lester F. Jones, who was found dead at his Cherokee home last week. The Rev. W. J. Johnson read the services. The pallbearers were Lew Jones, Will Darby, Tom Darby, Tom James, Lou Vintin and Fred Hodges. Hamilton and Riley's had charge of the arrangements.

# BERDAN, Myron G.

4-31-1928

4-31-28

## M. J. BERDAN, PIONEER OF CALIFORNIA, DIES AT DAUGHTER'S HOME

OCTOGENARIAN AND OLD INDIAN  
FIGHTER WILL BE BURIED  
TOMORROW AT 2:30 P. M.

M. J. Berdan, octogenarian and California pioneer, died yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Reese, in the Grant district, five miles west of Redding, where he had made his home for nearly two years. Death followed an illness of four weeks.

The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, with services in the chapel of the Home Undertaking Company. Interment will be in the Redding cemetery.

Myron George Berdan was born in the state of New York, January 31, 1845, and crossed the plains by ox team in the summer of 1859. He first located at Red Bluff, Tehama county. He was first employed driving freight team from Red Bluff to Yreka, over what was known as the Sacramento river road, via the American Ranch, now Anderson, and Redding. He was one of the last few pioneers identified with the early history and progress of California.

### Conducted Hotel Near Chico

Several years later he moved to Butte county, establishing his home at a point 20 miles southeast of Chico, on the Humboldt road, where he conducted a hotel for 40 years. The place was known as Berdan's Postoffice, and to this day is still known as Berdan's.

Prior to coming to Shasta county he resided for several years in Chico. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. John F. Reese of Grant district; a granddaughter, Mrs. Charles B. Foster, and a great granddaughter, Miss Belle Foster, both of Redding.

Berdan was a member of many parties of white settlers who had skirmishes with the Indians in early days.

O'NEILL, Charles  
Oroville Mercury Register  
6-4-1928

## Charles O'Neill, Old Resident of County, Is Called

Charles O'Neill, a pioneer of California of 1863, died this morning at 2 o'clock after an illness extending over two years time. His home was on Clear Creek, north of Crum's Ranch where he had lived for the past twenty years.

Born in Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1844, Charles O'Neill came west with the Jim Fisk expedition in 1860 when 15 years of age. He settled in Montana and three years later came to Honcut, Butte county, where he was employed by George Gould and where he learned the stockraising business.

O'Neill became skilled at taming and breaking wild horses and is famed as the conqueror of Old Coniac, one of the wildest horses of his time.

Charles O'Neill was married in Marysville in 1901 to Miss Alice Westrope of Paradise Valley, Nev. Her parents brought her to Butte county in 1865. The O'Neills own and operate a large cattle and grain ranch in the Clear Creek district.

During his residence at Clear Creek, O'Neill was road overseer of this district. He was well known to every one in southern Butte county.

He is survived by his widow.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2 p. m. at Hamilton and Rileys with the Rev. W. J. Johnson officiating. Burial will be in the Chico cemetery.

WOODS (MOAK), Mrs. Edna  
Oroville Mercury Register  
6-12-1928

# Moak's Daughter Called By Death

Mrs. Edna Wood, 39, daughter of Sim Moak of Chico and Oroville and daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. June of Chico, died at her home in Westwood Sunday morning following an extended illness. She is survived by two sons, Lewis June and Jimmie June, by a former marriage.

Mrs. Wood lost her second husband three months ago. She will be buried beside him in the Susanville cemetery following services this afternoon.



WOODS (MOAK), Mrs. Edna Carrie  
The Sacramento Bee  
6-12-1928

**WOODS**—In Westwood, June 10, 1928.  
Mrs. Edna Carrie Woods, wife of the  
late Herbert Woods, mother of Loula  
and Jimmie June, daughter of Elm  
Moak, formerly of Chico, now living  
in Susanville, sister of Mrs. S. D.  
Overton of Westwood, Henry, Loula,  
Albert and Charles Moak all of Su-  
sanville. Mrs. Lilly Carroll of Chea-  
ter, Calif., Mrs. Forcum of Oakland,  
Mrs. Sample of Paradise, Calif., and  
Mrs. E. J. Brown of San Francisco.  
The funeral will be held at the Com-  
munity Methodist Church Susanville,  
Tuesday, June 12th. Allen & Eden-  
holm in charge.

LYTE, Robert  
Oroville Mercury Register  
6-13-1928

## **PENTZ MINER IS SUMMONED**

Death at 4 p. m. yesterday in Oroville summoned Robert Lyte, 85, for fifty-one years a resident of the Pentz section.

The funeral will be held at 2 p. m. Thursday at the Thomas Funeral Home.

Lyte, a native of England, came to New York in April, 1871. He came to California in 1871, later coming to the Pentz district where he engaged in mining.

Survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Bessie Blum and two grandsons, Alfred M. Blum and Robert E. Blum.

Following the funeral, burial will take place in the Cherokee Cemetery, beside graves of his wife, who died in May of last year, and his two deceased children.

CABRAL, Joseph Enos  
Oroville Mercury Register  
6-16-1928

# **J. E. CABRAL, 92, SUMMONED**

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Aged 92 years, Joseph Enos Cabral, a native of Portugal, died this morning at an Oroville hospital.

Cabral had resided in the Oregon Gulch section since 1852 and was well known in that district. For many years he had followed mining.

Surviving relatives are a daughter, Mrs. A. Autran and a son, M. E. Cabral, both of Oroville.

Funeral rites will be conducted at 9:30 a. m. Monday at the St. Thomas Catholic Church, with high mass. Interment will take place in the Oroville Catholic Cemetery.

The Thomas Funeral home has charge of the arrangements.

BRANDT, Chris  
Oroville Mercury Register  
8-9-1928

## **Chris Brandt Of Oroville, Passes; Services, Friday**

Chris Brandt, a resident of Oroville since 1884, died at his home, 718 Grace street, last evening at the age of 72 years. He is well known to residents of this part of the county and was well liked.

Surviving are a widow, Mrs. Sarah Brandt, a son, Robert Brandt, and a daughter, Mary L. Brandt, all of Oroville.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 3 p. m. from Hamilton and Rileys. Burial will be in Oroville cemetery.

THOMAS, Herman Mead

Sacramento Bee

9-3-1928

## **CHEROKEE RESIDENT 64 YEARS DIES AT 81**

**OROVILLE** (Butte Co.), Sept. 3.—Herman Mead Thomas, who for the past sixty-four years has been a resident of the Cherokee district, died Friday at the Pentz home of O. A. Baker. He was aged 81 years. Thomas was well known throughout this part of the county as a stockman. Funeral services were held at 2 P. M. Sunday at the graveside in the Cherokee Cemetery.

McCUEN, Mrs. Leona  
Oroville Mercury Register  
9-4-1928

## **Death Summons** **Mrs. L. McCuen, 58,** **Near This City**

Mrs. Leona McCuen, 58, died here Saturday evening. She came here only a few days ago for treatment from the highway camp near Oregon City where she had been residing with her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Moen.

Mrs. McCuen was a native of Minnesota. She is survived by the widower, William P. McCune of Los Angeles and the following sons and daughters.

Mrs. Carl Mansfield, Cottonwood; Jack McCuen of Eureka; Mrs. Floyd Thornton of Spokane, Wash.; Walter McCuen of The Dalles, Oregon; Ernest McCuen of Red Bluff and eight grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are being completed by Hamilton and Riley's

MOAK, Harriet  
Oakland Tribune  
9-14-1928

## ***Daughter of Pioneer Dies at Westwood***

CHICO, Sept. 14.—Miss Harriet Moak, 61, a native of California and a resident of this city for many years died at Westwood. She was a daughter of the late Jake Moak, widely known Indian fighter and pioneer of this section. A sister, Mrs. S. T. Barry of Chico, survives.

**SHARP (HEDGE), Mrs. Clara Belle Amelia**  
**Oroville Mercury Register**  
**10-6-1928**

**"Mrs. Sharp, 59, Answers Call.**

**"Death claimed Mrs. Clara Belle Amelia Sharp, 59, last night at her home, 508 Bridge street. Mrs. Sharp had been ill for several years.**

**"A native of Palermo, Butte county, Mrs. Sharp lived practically all her life at Oregon Gulch and for the past ten years has been living in Oroville.**

**"Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m., it was announced today by Hamilton and Rileys. Burial will be in Oroville cemetery.**

**"Survivors are two daughters, Mrs. L. R. Roberts of Fairbanks, Alaska, and Miss Doris Sharp of Eldridge, Sonoma county; a son, Leonard Sharp of Redding; three brothers, W. T. Hedge of Stirling City, James and David Hedge, both of Oroville; and two granddaughters, Frances Irene and Grace of Oroville."**



Clara Belle Hedge and William Leonard Sharp



GAGE, Mrs. Sybil  
Oroville Morning Press

10-11-1928

**Mrs. Sybil Gage,  
Former Cherokee  
Resident, Dies**

Mrs. Sybil Gage, one of the early residents of Cherokee, and widow of David Gage, one of the first owners of the Cherokee Mine, died at her Oakland home early yesterday morning. She was 88 years of age. She is survived by her two sons, Edward Gage of Oakland and Henry Gage of Oakland and Ramada; by a brother, George H. Currier of New Hampshire, and two sisters.

Funeral services will be held Friday. Burial will be in an Oakland cemetery.

Mrs. Gage came to Cherokee as a bride with her husband, David Gage, about 1865, and lived there until about 1885, when the family moved to Oakland.

Chico Jim  
Plumas Independent  
10-11-1928

**Coroner J. F. Moody was called to Indian Valley Sunday on business in connection with the death of Chico Jim, an old Indian whose age is said to be near the century mark. He was found dead in his cabin Sunday morning.**

Moak, Hattie  
Plumas National Bulletin  
10-11-1928

**PLUMAS WOMAN'S WILL  
CUTS OFF RELATIVES**

OROVILLE, Oct. 11.—Fulfilling a promise made to her father, Jacob Moak, Miss Hattie Moak, who died on September 12, in Plumas County, left an estate of \$7500 to J. C. Morris, 71, of Chico, cutting off relatives from sharing in the estate.

The will was filed in the Superior Court of Butte County last Friday by Morris. The will was written in pencil on a piece of stationery. Miss Moak had promised her father that "These things would be left to J. C. Morris in this way," was the closing clause of the will, in commenting on the disposition of the three trust deeds and a house and lot at Chester, Plumas County.

BARRY, Silas T.  
Oakland Tribune  
10-28-1928

## ***Settler Succumbs At Chico Residence***

CHICO, Oct. 27.—Silas T. Barry, 80, a native of Wisconsin, who crossed the plains with his parents when three years old and settled first where Santa Rosa now stands, died here at 1450 Esplanade where he and Miss Emma Moak were married, the first white couple to be married in Chico Vecino. Surviving is the widow and one son, Howard, of Chico. Two brothers, Frank of San Jose and Emmett of San Diego, and a sister, Mrs. Clarissa Norris of Corte Madera. Burial was held yesterday.

JOHNSON, Thomas  
Oroville Mercury Register  
11-16-1928

## **TOM JOHNSON DIES SUDDENLY**

Funeral arrangements were being completed today by Hamilton and Riley's for Tom Johnson, 53, widely known Oroville man, who died suddenly yesterday at the Mt. Ida Packing Company plant where he was employed.

Johnson complained to fellow workers that he was not feeling well and sat down. Within a few seconds he was dead.

A native of Cherokee, Johnson spent his life in this county. For years he worked in the mines at Cherokee and at other points in the county. He was the son of pioneer residents of Cherokee. For the past seven years he resided in Oroville.

Johnson is survived by the widow, Mrs. Nora Johnson, and son, Thomas, Jr.; two sisters, Mrs. J. F. Campbell of Los Angeles and Miss Belle Johnson of San Francisco; four brothers, William of Oroville; Andrew and Robert of San Francisco and Charles Johnson of South America.

The deceased was a member of Ute Tribe No. 180, O. R. M., of Euhala Council No. 89, degree of Pocahontas and of Oroville Lodge No. 232, K. of P.

JOHNSON, Thomas  
Oroville Mercury Register  
11-19-1928

## **Thomas Johnson** **Services Held**

Funeral rites were conducted at 2 p. m. yesterday at Hamilton and Riley's for Thomas Johnson. The services at the chapel were under the direction of Oroville Lodge No. 232, Knights of Pythias, with the Rev. F. H. Peterjime officiating. Graveside services in the Cherokee Cemetery were under the auspices of Ute Tribe No. 155, I. O. R. M. Sacred solos were sung at the parlors by Mrs. H. A. Baldwin.

The pallbearers were James Joseph, E. B. Shreve and George Onyett, representing the I. O. R. M., and J. G. Nisbet, Luther Hadley and J. D. Daggett, representing the Knights of Pythias.

FISCHER, Theodore William  
Oroville Mercury Register  
11-21-1928

## **Theodore Fischer Is Death Victim; Attack Is Sudden**

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Death suddenly claimed Theodore W. Fischer, 56, a lifelong resident of the Morris Ravine district, this morning at his home on Quincy road near the city.

Fischer visited with friends last night and was apparently well. This morning he failed to make his usual appearance and friends found his body in his cabin.

He was born at Monte De Oro, near Morris Ravine, north of here. He leaves two brothers, H. C. Fischer of Chico, Charles Fischer of Oroville, and a sister, Mrs. Minna Stroever of Oakland.

FISCHER, Theodore William  
Oroville Mercury Register  
11-22-1928

### **FISCHER FUNERAL**

Funeral rites for Theodore Fischer, who died suddenly yesterday, will be held at 10 a. m. Saturday at Hamilton and Riley's. The body will be taken to Oregon City for burial.



THARRALDSON, Mrs. Lizzie  
Oroville Mercury Register  
11-26-1928

## **Funeral Held At Grave Side For Mrs. Tharraldson**

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Graveside funeral services will be held at 10:30 a. m. Wednesday in the Oregon City cemetery for Mrs. Lizzie Tharraldson, 72, who died yesterday morning at her home. The Rev. W. J. Johnson will officiate.

Mrs. Tharraldson was a native of Norway and was a resident of Butte county for the past twenty-one years. She is survived by a son, Carl E. Tharraldson of Oregon City, and a brother, Martin Gabhol of Elk Point, South Dakota.

Hamilton and Rileys have charge of the funeral arrangements.

BADER, Henry Franklin

The Sacramento Bee

11-29-1928

## EARLY BUTTE NATIVE DIES

**H. F. Bader, One Of First  
White Children Born In  
County, Succumbs Here**

A life associated with the early history of California in Butte County came to an end yesterday with the death of Henry Franklin Bader. He passed away at the home of his brother-in-law, Herman B. Weaver, 2110 X Street, after a six months' residence in this city.

**Printer By Trade.**

Bader was born seventy-three years ago in Butte County and was said to be one of the first white children born in that county. A printer by trade, he worked in his earlier life in the state printing office and in the composing room of the San Francisco Chronicle. For many years he conducted a mercantile business at Cherokee, and for the last fifteen years, before coming to Sacramento, he lived at Magalia.

Bader was a member of Table Mountain Lodge, No. 124, Free and Accepted Masons, and served as the master of that lodge for ten years.

### **Butte Supervisor.**

The deceased was a member of the Butte County Board of Supervisors for several terms. Some forty years ago in his official capacity, he was a member of a California party which went to Oregon to drive the last spike in the California-Oregon Railroad.

Bader leaves three sister, Mrs. George B. Mowry, of Oakland, Mrs. Ida Heinrich and Mrs. Herman B. Weaver of Sacramento and a brother, Charles W. Bader of Magalia.

Members of the Masonic fraternity will have charge of the funeral services at 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon from the Clark, Booth and Yardley parlors. Cremation will follow at the East Lawn Cemetery.

# Once Supervisor Of Butte County Dead At Capital

BADER, Henry Franklin  
Oroville Mercury Register  
11-30-1928

Death in Sacramento Wednesday summoned Henry Franklin Bader, 75, a native of Magalia and a former employe of The Oroville Mercury. He died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Josephine Weaver.

Bader was born in 1853 and for many years followed newspaper work. In 1884 he went to Cherokee to assume charge of a mercantile business upon his father's death. He had charge of the men's clothing store at Stirling City from 1912 to 1915 and later returned to Magalia to take charge of his ranch. A few months ago he went to Sacramento.

While residing in Cherokee, Bader was supervisor of the fifth district. He was a member of Table Mountain Lodge, F. and A. M. Surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Nellie Emory and Mrs. Ida Heinrich of Oakland and Mrs. Josephine Weaver of Sacramento, and one brother, C. W. Bader of Magalia.

The body will be cremated in Sacramento.

The funeral will be held at 2:30 p. m. tomorrow in Sacramento at the Clark, Booth and Yardley funeral parlors, under the auspices of the Masonic lodge. The body will be cremated.



BADER, Henry Franklin

The Sacramento Bee

11-30-1928

**BADER**—In this city, November 28, 1928, Henry F. Bader, loving brother of Mrs. George B. Mowry of Oakland, Mrs. Ida Heinrich and Mrs. Herman B. Weaver of Sacramento, and Charles W. Bader of Magalia, Butte County; a native of California. Friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral to-morrow (Saturday) at 2:30 P. M. from the home of Clark, Booth & Yardley, 917 H Street, under the auspices of the Masonic Fraternity. Cremation East Lawn. (Butte County papers please copy.)

Interment at Cherokee Cemetery, Butte County

CABLE, Charles  
Oroville Mercury Register  
12-7-1928

## **Charles Cable, 71, Clear Creek, Dies Suddenly at Ranch**

Sudden death yesterday claimed Charles Cable, 71, a resident of the Clear Creek district.

Cable ate a hearty dinner and went to the barn to resume his ranch duties when he dropped dead apparently a victim of a heart attack.

For the past twenty-seven years he had resided in the Clear Creek section. He was a native of Illinois.

Efforts are being made to locate relatives. Hamilton and Riley's have charge of the body.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p. m. at Hamilton and Riley's with burial in Clear Creek cemetery.

NUCKOLLS, James Calvin

The Sacramento Bee

12-7-1928

**JAMES CALVIN NUCKOLLS,  
CHICO INDIAN, IS DEAD**

CHICO (Butte Co.), Dec. 6.—Funeral services were held in the old Indian Church founded by the late Mrs. Annie K. Bidwell for James Calvin Nuckolls, 55 years of age, who died Tuesday at Castle in Shasta County.

Interment was in the Rancheria Cemetery, at which Rev. N. A. Christensen officiated.

The deceased lived in Chico on the Bidwell ranch during the life of General John Bidwell. He is survived by his widow and three sons, Eli Nuckolls of Chico; Earl Nuckolls of Livermore, and Roy Nuckolls of Kennett; also by a daughter, Mrs. Frank E. Wilson of Castle, and a step-son, Arthur Clements of Chico; a brother, Harry Nuckolls of Anderson, and two sisters, Mrs. Thomas Alley of Tehama County, and Mrs. Annie Kirk of Artols.

MOAK, Simeon  
The Chico Enterprise  
12-10-1928

**STROKE FATAL  
TO SIM MOAK**

One of the historical pioneers of Butte county was claimed by death yesterday when Sim Moak, 83, succumbed to a paralytic stroke with which he was afflicted Friday at his ranch near Susanville.

Moak was a native of New York where he was born near Albany, October 6, 1845.

He came to California via the Isthmus of Panama in 1863 and soon afterward settled in Butte county where he mined and ranched for many years.

He arrived in the district during the time of the Indian troubles and took part in many of the fights which finally resulted in the practical extermination of the Mill Creek tribe.

In 1923 Moak published a book the material for which came largely from his personal experiences in this section of the state in early days. Mrs. Moak died last April.

Five daughters and three sons survive. They are as follows:

Mrs. Mamie Overton of Westwood, Mrs. Belle Sample of Paradise, Mrs. Charles Forcum of Oakland, Mrs. Charles Carroll of Chester, Mrs. Mabel Brown, Oakland and Paradise, Henry of Jones Lake, Louis of Susanville and Charles Moak, of Oroville.

Funeral arrangements are being completed by Bicknell and Moore who drove to Susanville yesterday for the body.



MOAK, Simeon

Chico Record

12-11-1928

## All Chico Mourns Death Of Simeon Moak, Old Resident

With the death on Sunday of Simeon Moak, pioneer resident of Chico, at his son's ranch in the Honey Lake Valley near Susanville, Chico lost another of her early day residents who was closely associated with the development of this county in the latter half of the nineteenth century. Death followed a paralytic strike last week.

Funeral services have been arranged to take place Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Bicknell & Moore chapel, with the Rev. W. J. Johnson of the Congregational Church of Oroville officiating. Burial will be in the Chico Cemetery, by the side of his late wife.

Mr. Moak was born near Albany, New York, October 6, 1845, and at the time of his death was 83 years old. He came to California by way of the Isthmus of Panama in 1863, when 18 years old, and settled in this county.

Practically all his life Mr. Moak was engaged in ranching and mining, and for a time was engineer for the Sierra Lumber Company. Two of his brothers came to California in 1853, and he made the trip to California the same year as another brother, Jakob Moak.

One of the outstanding events of the man's life was the war with the Mill Creek Indians, which ended in the slaying of almost every one of them. The redmen

killed all but one of the children of the Lewis family, and shortly afterward killed three of the Workman family. Jacob Moak then organized a band of 17 settlers, who started to run down the Indians.

The party stopepd the first night at the Bob Anderson place, where it was joined by Sim Moak, Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Bolivar, a man named Sylva and three others. The next morning they took up the hunt, and after three days and nights, during which they did not dare to build a fire, came upon the Indians unexpectedly and killed all but a few of them. Much stolen property was recovered.

After a life full of exciting events, hardships and a livelihood gained from a country he aided in developing, Mr. Moak wrote a book in 1923 which was published. The material was gained largely from his personal experiences.

Mrs. Moak, wife of the aged pioneer, died last April, while one of their daughters, Mrs. Edna Woods of Westwood, died last June. Five daughters and four sons survive. They are:

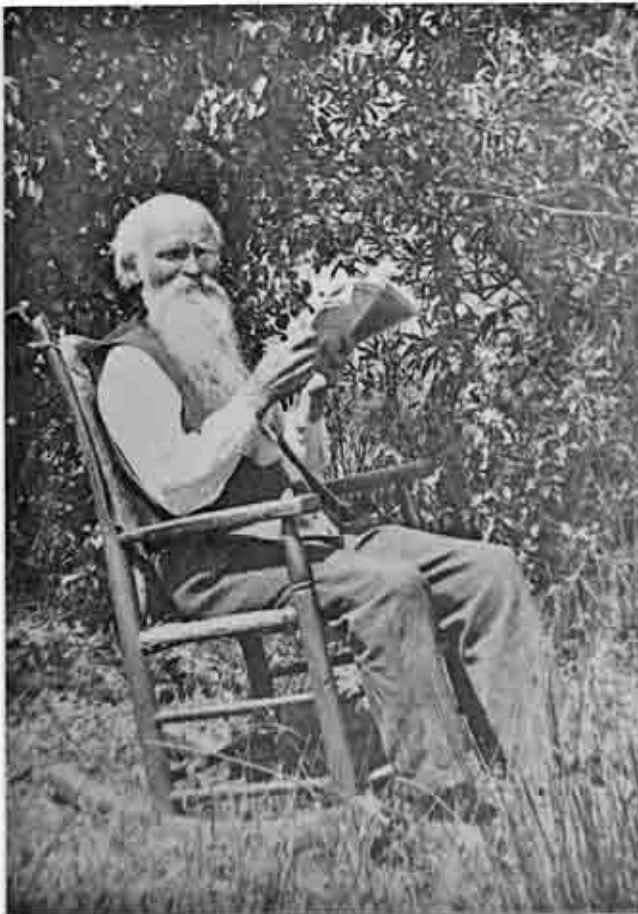
Mrs. S. D. Overton of Westwood, Mrs. Belle Sample of Paradise, Mrs. C. N. Forcum of Oakland, Mrs. Charles Carroll of Chester and Mrs. Ed Brown of Paradise, and Albert Moak, Henry Moak and Louis Moak, of Susanville and Charles Moak of Oroville.

Burial in family plot Chico Cemetery



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Oroville Mercury Register

**Curtis, Joseph Gould**



**Joseph Gould Curtis**

Yankee Hill Historical Society Archives

## **AUTO WRECK IS FATAL TO MAN AGED 90**

Internal bruises and pneumonia resulting from an automobile accident on December 1 near Cherokee proved fatal at 3:30 p. m. yesterday to J. G. Curtis, 90, a resident of southern Butte county for 58 years.

Curtis was injured when the machine in which he was riding struck a bank on the mountain road near Cherokee.

A native of Maine, Curtis came to Oroville in 1870 from Boston, to make his home here. For many years he resided at Pentz and was engaged in olive growing there at the time of his death.

Curtis was a brother of Mrs. Albertina Moore of Malden, Mass., and an uncle of Mrs. Frank Park and Mrs. L. C. Terrell, both of Nelson, and Mrs. Joe Harney of Stockton.

The funeral will be Friday at 4 p. m. at Hamilton and Riley's. Burial will be in Paradise cemetery.

DAVIS, George  
Oroville Mercury Register  
12-31-1928

## **George Davis of Thermalito, Dead**

George Davis, 69, died in Thermalito this morning. He was a miner by profession, following that occupation all his life. Davis was born at Cherokee, Butte county. He was a member of the Moose lodge.

Funeral services will be announced Wednesday by Hamilton and Riley.