

TEGRUNDE, Herman H.
Oakland Tribune
1-1-1933

Death Halts Age Record

OROVILLE, Dec. 31.—H. H. Tegrunde, who died Thursday in Oroville, came within six months of reaching 100 years of age.

Born in Germany in 1833, Tegrunde came to California in 1862 and settled at Rock Creek, Butte County, in 1865. He engaged in mining and stock raising for many years. He made his home with a nephew, Herman Tegrunde, his only relative in the United States, since 1907.

PHARES, Morris Eldin
Oroville Mercury Register
1-9-1933

MORRIS PHARES, PHOTOGRAPHER, DIES SUDDENLY

Was in Business Here for 44
Years; Photographed Many
Old Scenes

Morris Eldin Phares, 73, pioneer Oroville photographer, died suddenly at 3:40 a. m. Sunday at his home 1560 Oak street of a heart attack.

Although he had been in rather poor health all winter, Phares was in good spirits Saturday night and had played cards with his wife and Mr. and Mrs. Harley Leggett, neighbors.

About 3:30 a. m. Phares awakened and complained of feeling ill. He died before a physician could reach him.



Phares was born in South Onondago, New York, a suburb of Syracuse. In Syracuse he learned professional photography. A year after coming to California he moved to Oroville establishing his own photograph studio. He had been in business here for 44 years at different locations. During this time he had taken pictures of numerous events in the life of the community and had photographed various generations of Oroville citizens.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Alice Phares; a brother, Milton Phares of Syracuse, New York; a grandson, Maurice Gray Phares and two cousins, J. B. Cole of Burlingame and Mrs. Mina Unsworth of Santa Cruz.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 2 p. m. at Hamilton and Rileys with burial in the Cherokee cemetery.

PHARES, Morris Edwin

Sacramento Bee

1-10-1933

EARLY PHOTOGRAPHER OF OROVILLE DIES

OROVILLE (Butte Co.). Jan. 10. Morris Edwin Phares, a pioneer photographer of Oroville, where he had carried on business for forty-four years, died here Sunday in his home.

He was born at South Onondaga, near Syracuse, N. Y., and was 73 years of age. He leaves a wife, Mrs. Alice Phares of Oroville; a brother, Milton Phares of Syracuse, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Phares were parents of one son, M. U. Phares, who died here about a year and a half ago

MRS. CARSON, WHO ESCAPED INDIANS, DEAD

An illness, one of many she suffered during recent years, caused the death of Mrs. A. Thankful Carson at her home on the Centerville Road early yesterday.

Mrs. Carson, known for her capture and escape from a band of Mill Creek Indians when she was a girl of 9, was 79 years of age when she died.

In company with two brothers, Jimmy, 11, and Johnnie, 6, Mrs. Carson, then Arenia Lewis, was returning from school in July, 1863, when she stopped on Little Dry Creek for a drink of water. While the three stood at the creek a shot rang out. Mrs. Carson turned around and saw that Jimmy had been shot in the back.

TAKEN CAPTIVE—

In the story of her life which was published in pamphlet form in 1915, Mrs. Carson wrote "Four Indians appeared and began to throw rocks and boulders at him, 'Jimmy' as he lay in the creek. Johnny and I stood by looking on and trembling with fear.

"Six other Indians joined them. One Indian took me by the arm and another led Johnny close behind. I was barefooted and so was Johnny.—We traveled until late that night over rocks and brush. We crossed Hamlin Canyon and from there trudged on until we reached the Neal Road."

BROTHER STONED TO DEATH—

Mrs. Carson related her escape which was effected in the vicinity of Big Chico Creek "above the old Thomasson home." Mrs. Carson

CARSON, Mrs. Arenia Thankful
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wrote that her brother Johnnie was stoned to death by the Indians. His body was found a few days later in a pile of brush.

Born in Salem, Mo., on December 2, 1853, Mrs. Carson came to Butte County with her parents, before she was one year old. They arrived in Butte County near Oroville after a trip across country in an ox team. Mrs. Carson's entire life has been spent as a resident of Butte County.

FUNERAL TODAY—

Three husbands preceeded Mrs. Carson in death. They were John Bidsworth, Jerome Winders and George H. Carson.

Surviving relatives are a daughter, Mrs. Emma E. Corbett of Chico; two sons, George W. Winders and William Bidsworth of Chico; two sisters, Mrs. Martha Johnson and Mrs. Mary Bean of Chico, one brother, Samuel Lewis of Pentz, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

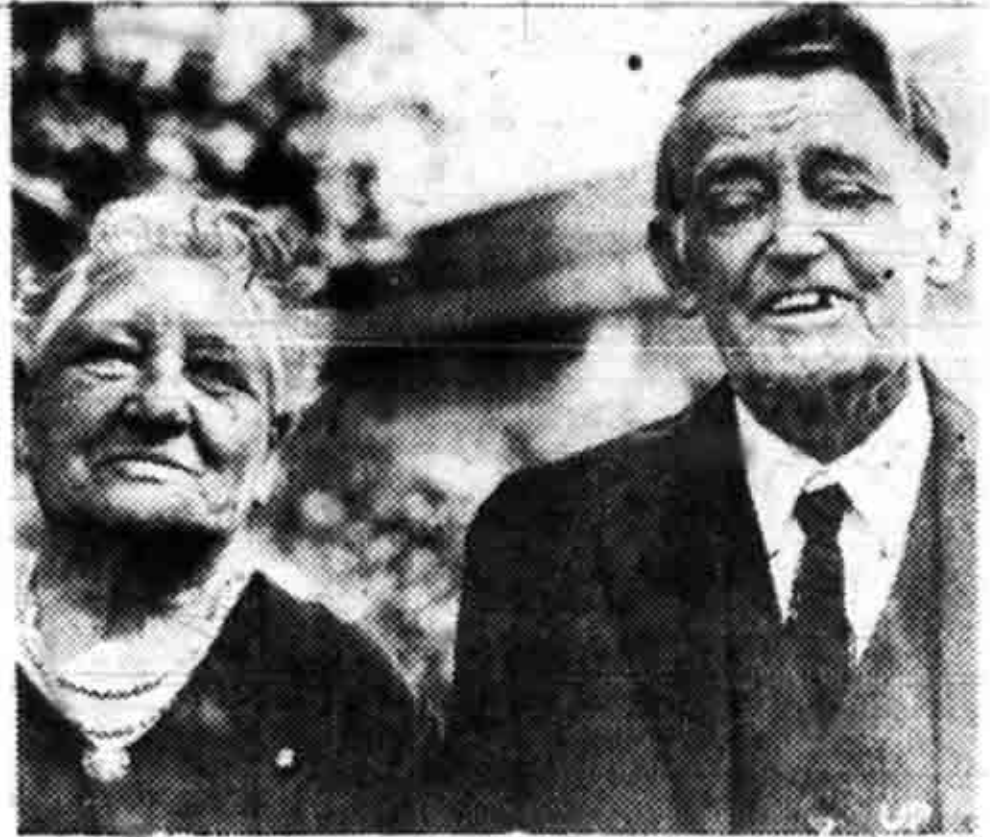
Funeral rites are to be held at 2 p. m. to day in the Westfall Funeral Home with the Rev. R. A. Simonds officiating. Interment will be in the Clear Creek Cemetery, in the family plot, where the two brothers killed by the Indians are buried.

Graveside rites will be conducted by members of the Halleck Relief Corps, of which Mrs. Carson was a member.

CRUM, Albert E.
Oroville Mercury Register
1-31-1933

Tribute Paid to Albert Crum

Here is Albert E. Crum, Butte county pioneer rancher and storekeeper, with Mrs. Crum as they observed their 60th wedding anniversary here last September. Crum died at the age of 86 years after spending 63 years of his life in Butte county.



**Tribute Paid to
Albert E. Crum
By Many Friends**

Friends of Albert E. Crum, 86, a Butte county resident for more than 50 years, who died Sunday, paid tribute at 2 p. m. Tuesday to his memory when funeral services were held at Hamilton and Riley's.

The Rev. W. S. Lemmon of the Chico Christian Church officiated. Solos were sung by a quartet from the church, consisting of Mrs. Agnes Priesing, Miss Nellie Luce, Fred Lemmon and Ofa Luce, with Miss Nellie Luce at the piano.

Casket bearers were Marvin Gary, Roy Lucas, J. O. Bentz, A. A. Jay, A. R. Mann and M. Orendorff.

Interment was in Oroville cemetery.

GRAY, Enoch
Oroville Mercury Register
2-2-1933

**ENOCH GRAY, 85,
PIONEER, DIES**

Enoch Gray, 85, who pioneered in the west and engaged in freighting in the early days, died at his home, 1915 Myers street, at 7:40 p. m. Wednesday.

Of Scotch ancestry. Gray was the son of Joseph and Sarah Scott Gray. He was born August 26, 1847 in New Brunswick, Canada, and came to Utah by ox team in 1854. In his early life he freighted from Montana to Los Angeles.

He moved in 1881 to Nevada, where he took up farm land on which he lived until 1906, when he retired from active farming. At that time he moved to Wells, Nev. In 1918 he moved to Oroville.

In 1879 he married to Mary Jane O'Brien. The following children were born; Robert James Gray, Wells, Nev.; Mrs. Charles M. Butts of Sacramento, Joseph Hamilton Gray, of Wells, Nev., Mrs. C. E. Gundlach of Montello, Nev., and Hazel Gray Phares of Oroville.

Eight grandchildren and a cousin, H. N. Grant of Canterbury Station, New Brunswick, Canada, survive.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Saturday at Hamilton and Riley's with the Rev. David Ralston, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church officiating. Burial will be in Cherokee cemetery.

GRAY, Enoch
Oroville Mercury Register
2-4-1933

Funeral Rites For Enoch Gray

Funeral services for Enoch Gray, who died Wednesday, were held at 2 p. m. Saturday at Hamilton and Riley's. The Rev. David Ralston officiated. Solos were sung by Aaron Burt, accompanied by Mrs. Lula Hogan Wasley.

Casket bearers were J. S. Goldy, A. A. Shaun, H. D. Gregory, C. F. Belding, W. H. McNamee and U. M. Damon.

Interment was in Cherokee cemetery.

PROSPECTOR IN BUTTE FATALLY HURT BY SLIDE

Injured Man Vainly Sought Help By Shooting Through Roof

CHICO (Butte Co.), Feb. 4.—Edward Austin Thumb, 61, a Chico miner, was found dead in his cabin on the West Branch of the Feather River yesterday after he had fired a volley of shots through the roof of his cabin in a vain attempt to call assistance.

Thumb had been attempting to dislodge a heavy boulder when his crowbar apparently slipped. The huge rock fell upon him in a rock slide, but despite his injuries he was able to crawl about 150 yards to his cabin up a steep hill.

Miners Find Body.

His body was found yesterday by two miners who had not seen him since Thursday, when it is believed the accident happened. The man's empty revolver and the bullet holes in the roof indicated how he had attempted to summon assistance.

For the last thirty-five years Thumb made his home in Chico. He had been prospecting since last Fall about one and a half miles from the bridge on the Yankee Hill Road.

He was formerly an engineer for the water company in Chico and worked with his brother-in-law, E. C. Wilson, at the Chico plant.

Survivors In Capital

The survivors include three sisters, Mrs. E. C. Wilson of Chico, Mrs. Nora Perkins and Mrs. Grace Marquis, both of Sacramento, and a brother, George Thumb, also of Sacramento.

An inquest will be held in Oroville, and his interment will be in the Chico Cemetery.

THUMB, Austin
Sacramento Bee
2-4-1933

BLUM, Edward
Oroville Mercury Register
2-28-1933

INDIAN DAYS RECALLED BY BLUM'S DEATH

Mother Lived Three Months to Give Him Life Then Died

Death from heart trouble and pneumonia Monday afternoon claimed Edward Blum, 69, of the Pentz district, whose mother, wounded by Indians, three months before his birth, died shortly after he was born in 1864.

Blum was found dead by his wife after he had failed to return to lunch after working on a cabin on the Blum ranch. He had complained recently of ill health. An autopsy performed by Dr. F. M. Whiting established the causes of death.

Recalls Indian Fight

Blum's demise recalled the Mill Creek Indian uprisings of 1863 when his mother was wounded by the Indians who went on the warpath on Magalia ridge.

Blum was born in Magalia, January 3, 1864, and had lived in Butte county his entire life. His parents came from Germany in the early 40's. He was the youngest member of a family of five children, four boys and one sister. His mother was Mrs. John Blum.

Married by Hills, Sr.

Blum married Bessie Lyte in Oroville in 1897. The ceremony was performed by the late Justice Harry S. Hills, father of the present justice of the peace here. The couple lived 36 years in Dry Creek canyon, above Pentz.

Blum is survived by his widow, Bessie Blum, two sons, Alfred M. Blum and Robert E. Blum, and one grandson, Edward Arthur Blum.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Wednesday in the Thomas Funeral Home, with the Rev. W. J. Johnson officiating. Interment will be in Cherokee cemetery.

CHAPPELL, Robert E.
Oroville Mercury Register
3-2-1933

DURHAM MAN HANGS SELF IN HIS BARN

Using a halter chain as a noose, Robert E. Chappell, 65, Durham orchardist, committed suicide Wednesday night in his barn by leaping from a partition.

The body was found by a nephew, Walter Chappell, at 7:30 a. m. Thursday. It was estimated Chappell had been dead seven or eight hours.

The nephew blamed family troubles and financial difficulties for the suicide. Chappell went to bed about 9 p. m. Wednesday, the nephew said.

When the nephew found the body the feet were dangling 3 feet from the floor of the barn. No notes were found.

Chappell had been an orchardist in the Durham district for 25 years. He is divorced. A sister, Mrs. Sarah Card, lives in Thermalito, and a son Oscar, lives in Paradise.

The body was taken to the Bicknell and Moore undertaking parlors in Chico.

BLUM, Edward
Oroville Mercury Register
3-3-1933

Funeral Service For Edward Blum

Funeral services for Edward Blum, 69, who died Monday, were held Wednesday afternoon in the Thomas Funeral Home, with the Rev. W. J. Johnson officiating.

Casket bearers were Henry White, Al Grummet, J. G. Nisbet, J. F. McDonald, Frank O'Brien and George Duensing.

Interment was in Cherokee cemetery.

GANSNER, Benjamin
Feather River Bulletin
3-23-1933

Ben Gansner Dies at Niece's Home

Came to American Valley Sixty-Seven Years Ago.

Benjamin Gansner, member of a prominent Quincy family, died Tuesday at the home of a niece in Redlands at the age of 73 years. He had been ill about a year.

Mr. Gansner came to American Valley at the age of six with his mother and another brother in 1865. The father had preceded them from St. Louis, where Benjamin was born, the preceding year.

Three sisters and a brother were born here, and survive him. They are Mrs. H. C. Flournoy, Mrs. Christine Stynan, Mrs. O. P. Payne and F. G. Gansner. Mrs. Stynan left Quincy Tuesday morning. She was to take an airplane at Sacramento, transferring at Oakland, and expected to arrive at Redlands at 7 o'clock last night.

Mr. Gansner had resided with his niece Mrs. V. M. Hodge, for the last 22 years. He was a bachelor.

HECKART, Gertrude
Oroville Mercury Register
4-7-1933

Gertrude Heckart, Pioneer Of Pentz Region, Dies Here

Miss Gertrude E. Heckart, 78, who came to California 68 years ago, died at her home in Paxton Addition Thursday afternoon after an illness of two years.

A native of Freeport, Iowa, Miss Heckart came west with her brother, W. B. Heckart of Oroville, and a sister, now deceased. They settled on the Magalia ridge for a year and then Heckart purchased the land now known as the Heckart ranch near Pentz.

Miss Heckart and her brother lived on the ranch until four years ago when they moved to Oroville.

W. B. Heckart is the only close survivor.

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

FRENCH (EARLY), Harold M.
Oroville Mercury Register
4-8-1933

RADIO IN AUTO LEADS TO DEATH

Ren French, deputy in the sheriff's office, has returned from Oakland, where he attended funeral services for his son, Harold M. French, 20, of San Francisco, who died in a hospital in Upper Lake last Sunday from injuries received in an automobile accident.

The young man, an insurance clerk in San Francisco, received a fractured skull, a broken leg and other injuries when a car in which he was riding with his mother, Mrs. I. G. Early and Lester Wolf of San Francisco, struck a tree on the Ukiah-Tahoe highway near Paradise Valley.

The crash occurred while Wolf attempted to change the dial on the radio in his automobile.

Mrs. Early received a fracture of the pelvis and Wolf also was injured. Harold French also was known as Harold Early.

DOYLE (O'Neill), Mrs. Mary Jane

Chico Record

4-9-1933

DEATH TAKES

MARY J. DOYLE

Death in Sacramento Friday evening summoned Mrs. Mary Jane Doyle, widely known resident of Chico until a few years ago. She died at her home there, after a protracted illness, at the age of about 76 years.

Funeral services will be held at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Sacramento tomorrow morning, after which the body will be brought to the Cherokee Cemetery for burial in the family plot. The Rev. Fr. James B. Dermody, pastor of the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church of Chico, will conduct the graveside services at 1 o'clock.

Born at Cherokee, the daughter of pioneer settlers of that section, Mrs. Doyle had spent practically all of her life in Butte County.

She was married to James B. Doyle, who for years was superintendent of hydraulic operations at the Cherokee gold mining properties. When mining operations were discontinued there, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle came to Chico, where for many years they made their home at First and Hazel Streets.

Doyle's death occurred several years ago, after which Mrs. Doyle disposed of her property and went to Sacramento to make her home.

Mrs. Doyle was a member of the Catholic Ladies Relief Society of Chico and also was a member of the Altar Society, having served for a number of terms as president of the latter organization.

Mrs. Doyle leaves to mourn her passing three daughters, Misses Sarah and Mary Doyle, teachers in the Sacramento schools and formerly engaged in teaching in the Chico schools, and Sister Austan, a member of the Holy Family of Sisters, residing in San Francisco; a son James Doyle of Sacramento, and a host of friends in Chico.

A large number of Chico people plan to attend the services at Cherokee tomorrow.

DOYLE (O'NEILL), Mary Jane
Sacramento Bee
4-10-1933

DEATH TAKES MARY J. DOYLE

Interment of Mrs. Mary Jane Doyle, widely known former Butte County resident who died at her home in Sacramento Friday night, was made in the Doyle family plot at Cherokee, Butte County, to-day

Mrs. Doyle was the mother of James Doyle, a director of the Capital National Bank of Sacramento; Mary and Sarah Doyle, teachers in the Sacramento schools, and of Sister Austan, a member of the Holy Family of Sisters, residing in San Francisco.

Funeral services were held this morning at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Sacramento, following which the body was taken to Cherokee, where graveside services were conducted at 1 o'clock by Father James B. Dermody of Chico.

Aged 76 Years.

Mrs. Doyle, 76, was born of pioneer parents at Cherokee and spent practically her entire life in Butte County. She was married to James Doyle, who for years was superintendent of hydraulic operations at the Cherokee gold mine.

Following discontinuance of hydraulicking operations, the Doyles moved to Chico, where they resided until recent years when the family home was established in Sacramento. Doyle's death occurred several years ago.

REAVIS, David M.
San Francisco Chronicle
4-20-1933

REAVIS—In this city, April 19, 1933. Lieut. David M. Reavis, dearly beloved husband of Mary E. Reavis, devoted brother of the late James J. and William Reavis and Mrs. Nellie Holtz, a native of Chico, Cal., aged 57 years. A member of the S. F. P. D. and the Widows and Orphans' Association of the S. F. P. D.

Friends are invited to attend the funeral services to be held Saturday, April 22, at 10 a. m., at White's Service Chapel, 2200 Sutter st., northwest corner of Pierce. Interment, Holy Cross Cemetery.

Police Lieutenant Taken by Death

Police Lieutenant David M. Reavis, stricken with a heart attack last Monday night at the Hall of Justice, died yesterday at St. Francis Hospital.

Since the retirement of Captain Stephen Bunner, Reavis has been acting captain of Western Addition Station. He was appointed to the force in November, 1900, and advanced through the ranks until June, 1919, when he was appointed lieutenant.

He is survived by his widow. Funeral services will be held Saturday morning at the parlors of S. A. White, 2200 Sutter street.

McGREGOR, William Newton

The Hanford Sentinel

5-8-1933

VETERAN STOCKMAN DIES

Merced, May 8.—William Newton McGregor, 64, veteran stock rancher and constable at Hornitos, famed "ghost town" of Mariposa county's Mother Lode district, died at his home after a short illness. The body was brought to Merced. McGregor was a native of Butte county.

LUND, Ole Bordson
Oroville Mercury Register
5-9-1933

O. B. Lund Dies Suddenly; Life Was Busy One

Former Oroville Business Man
Passes Away at Age
of 82

Ole Bordson Lund, 82, retired Oroville business man, died suddenly at his home, 1333 Pomona avenue, at 9:20 p. m. Monday.

He had lived in Oroville 39 years and for 32 years had lived at his home on Pomona avenue. He retired more than fifteen years ago.

Born in Norway

He was born in Trondhjem, Norway, the son of Bord Lund and Maret Lund, and made several journeys between Norway and America. He went to Minnesota as a young man of 20 years, returning to Norway three or four years later. He returned again to America after a half year in his native land, coming this time to California. He worked in lumbering at Lake Tahoe and followed mining and farming in Plumas county.

Married in Truckee

The third time he came to this country he made his home here permanently. He was married in Truckee, April 21, 1889, to Bertha O. Hammer, also of Trondhjem, Norway.

They moved to Lower Lake, Lake county, where they engaged in farming. Six years later they moved to Knoxville, Napa county, where Lund worked in a quicksilver mine before moving to Oroville. He became a United States citizen here October 6, 1894.

Worked at Banner Mine

After coming here he worked for seven years at the Banner mine. Afterward he worked in dredge building for various companies, including the Indiana Dredging company and the Guggenheims.

He then entered the furniture business on Bird street, between Huntoon and Lincoln streets, as the partner of P. K. Hatlen. When Hatlen returned to Norway more than 15 years ago, Lund retired.

Survived by Widow

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Bertha O. Hammer Lund; four daughters, Mattie R. Lund, of Oroville, county treasurer of Butte county; Irene Ethel Lund of Oroville; Gertrude Lund Gilbert, wife of Captain Fred I. Gilbert of the Presidio, San Francisco; Helen Lund Higgins of Sacramento, wife of E. R. Higgins, controller of the state department of public works; and one son, Bert Lund, a district engineer for the state division of highways, now stationed near Stockton. The following grandchildren also survive: Fred Ivan Gilbert, Jr., and Robert and Richard Gilbert of San Francisco and Donald and Shirley Jean Higgins of Sacramento.

Funeral arrangements are in charge of Hamilton and Riley's and will be announced later.

BARTON, Alan Charles
Oroville Mercury Register
5-25-1933

Barton's Death Laid to Skull Fracture In Mining Accident

Yankee Hill Resident Killed When Rock Falls and Crushes Head

Alan Charles Barton, 33, who was killed in a mining shaft accident near Yankee Hill Wednesday afternoon, died of a fractured skull, a coroner's jury determined at an inquest held at Hamilton and Riley's Wednesday night.

Barton was working down in a 14-foot shaft near the Surcease Mine. He had tested a large boulder hanging six feet above him on the side of the shaft with a crow bar to determine whether it would fall. Apparently satisfied with the safety of the situation, Barton started to work.

But the boulder became dislodged and fell on Barton crushing his head, shoulders and chest. The rock was a foot wide and two feet long and was edged with a sharp point.

Barton was killed almost outright, authorities here said.

Runs for Help

A. E. Pinkston of Yankee Hill, who was working with Barton, ran to the Surcease Mine for help. He brought back with him a stretcher. By the time Barton was lifted from the shaft he was dead. The body was brought to Oroville by Pinkston and a companion.

Barton is survived by a widow, Mrs. Rita A. Barton and a daughter, Betty, of Yankee Hill; his father, Frank Barton of Yankee Hill; a brother, Frank T. Barton of Oakland; three sisters, Mrs. G. E. Rensch of San Mateo, Mrs. E. J. Richards of Ventura and Mrs. D. M. Moir of Santa Rosa.

Born in Oakland, Barton had lived in Yankee Hill for 20 years where the family was well known.

Funeral services will be held at Hamilton and Rileys Friday at 10 a. m. The body will be sent to Sacramento for cremation.

WILLIAMS, Edgar
Oroville Mercury Register
5-26-1933

**Edgar Williams
Identified As
Oroville Man**

Edgar Williams, who died after he had been rescued from the Oakland estuary Tuesday, was identified Friday as a former Oroville resident.

The body was identified by Mrs. Sam Harris of Oakland, a sister, according to word received by relatives here. The body was cremated. The ashes are to be interred in Oregon City cemetery.

Mrs. Lucy Mengler, Mrs. H. TeGrunde and Miss Maggie James of Oroville are aunts, and Frank and Ed James of Oroville are uncles of the dead man.

Williams, 47, a veteran of the world war, was suffering from a nervous trouble.

WILLIAMS, Edgar B.
Woodland Daily Democrat
5-26-1933

Man Who Died in Oakland Identified

(By Valley News Alliance)

OROVILLE—A man who died after he had been rescued from the estuary in Oakland has been identified today as Edgar Williams, 47, of Oroville, a World War veteran.

BAYLES, Robert Aaron
Woodland Daily Democrat
6-20-1933

Lifelong Resident Of Biggs Succumbs

(By Valley News Alliance)

OROVILLE—Robert A. Bayles, 55, lifelong resident of the Biggs farming district, died suddenly in Sacramento yesterday following an operation. He became ill last Friday.

G. H. NISBET, DESPONDENT, SHOOTS SELF

Shot Fired While Riding in Truck in Eastside Section

Borrowing a revolver from Police Chief J. O. McAtee with the explanation that he wished to kill a dog, Gordon H. Nisbet, about 70, Oroville transfer man, shot himself through the head Tuesday forenoon. He died several hours afterward in Oroville Curran hospital.

After shooting himself, Nisbet is believed to have driven for 10 or 15 minutes before he was discovered attempting to back his truck from the driveway of the Raymond Leonard home in Highland Park. He was removed to the hospital at noon, and died about 2 p. m.

Goodbye to Friends

A note found in Nisbet's possession said that he was sick and discouraged and that he had fired the shot that later ended his life. In the note, Nisbet said goodbye to his friends.

Police had been unable to learn Tuesday afternoon where Nisbet had stopped his truck when he fired the fatal shot, but believed that he had stopped his car somewhere in or near the eastern part of the city. There was blood in the car, indicating that the shot had been fired as Nisbet sat in the machine.

Seen By Passerby

A lieutenant attached to one of the reforestation camps, whose name was not learned, said that he had seen Nisbet drive up Orange avenue off Bridge street shortly before 11:45 p. m. and that he thought Nisbet had been hurt in an accident and was hurrying to obtain medical aid. There was blood on Nisbet's face at the time.

NISBET, Gordon Harris
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Nisbet drove into the driveway of the Leonard home at New Montgomery and Floral avenue about 11:45 p. m. Mrs. Leonard saw him drive up to the garage and then attempt to turn around.

Appeared Injured

Nisbet appeared to have been injured. Mrs. Leonard telephoned her husband and he went out and endeavored to aid Nisbet in turning the truck around, with the object of getting the man to the hospital as soon as possible. Nisbet paid no heed to Leonard's request that he be permitted to drive. Instead the wounded man kept maneuvering his car in the narrow driveway in his attempt to turn the truck around.

"Now you get over and let me drive," Leonard insisted, after Nisbet had refused to move over and give the attorney the wheel.

Shot Out of Driveway

"When I said that he shot out of the driveway and kept going," Leonard said. "I got my own car then and followed him. I found him in his truck at the end of Linden avenue, near the Jolly place.

"Young Harry Suender had come by and was talking to him and I heard him order Suender to open a gate leading into a field off Linden avenue. He said 'open that gate.'"

Suenders, seeing that Nisbet was in a serious condition, refused, Leonard said. When Suender would not open the gate Nisbet alighted from the truck and attempted to open the gate himself.

Suender Takes Wheel

As Nisbet left the car, Suender took the wheel and inducing Nisbet to get back into the truck, he started to drive toward the hospital.

Leonard followed in his own automobile.

NISBET, Gordon Harris

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Police Meet Truck

As the two cars reached a point near the high school, police, who had been notified from the Leonard home, met the truck. Chief of Police McAtee and Traffic Officer Carl Rabe who accompanied him, transferred Nisbet to the police car and rushed him to the hospital, where he was attended by Dr. E. A. Kusel. City Judge J. G. Nisbet, a brother was notified and hurried to the hospital, but the dying man by that time was unable to speak.

Was Able to Talk

Police said that Nisbet was able to talk when they first met the truck, but that he did not speak of the shooting except to tell them where the gun was.

When they asked him, he motioned backward.

"It's back there," he said.

They found it in the truck.

At the hospital, examination revealed that the bullet, fired from a .38 calibre revolver, had entered under Nisbet's chin, passing through the brain and emerging through the top of the man's head.

On Cherokee Road

John Logue said that he saw Nisbet driving along Cherokee road Tuesday morning, near the Lehmann place. Logue said that Nisbet had waved at him.

Had Been Ailing

"I have a hard trip to make and I don't think I'll be equal to it,"

Nisbet is reported to have told Alex Wilson Sr., when the two met Monday morning. Whether Nisbet was planning suicide at that time, or whether he merely meant that he had to do some trucking, is not known.

Judge Nisbet said that his brother had been ill recently, complaining after a trip to Yankee Hill last week that he was sick.

Born Near Oroville

Nisbet was born in Oregon City. He had worked at the old Cherokee mine, and had mined in Oregon City, in Colorado, Siberia and South America. He had been in the trucking business in Oroville about ten years. He was unmarried.

Nisbet was active in the Native Sons, was formerly president of the Oregon City School Mates Club, had been a member of the Cherokee lodge of Odd Fellows for more than 40 years, and had served as noble grand, was a past chief patriarch of Oro Encampment No. 22 of the Odd Fellows and was a member of the Rebekah lodge. He lived at the end of Oak street. He is survived by three brothers, Judge Nisbet, John Nisbet of Granite, Colo., and Andrew Nisbet of San Leandro.

Funeral arrangements will be in charge of Hamilton and Riley's.

HECKART, William Boyd
Oroville Mercury Register
8-14-1933

G.A.R. Veteran Passes Away On South Side

William Boyd Heckart died at his home, 4653 Virginia Street, Paxton Addition, Sunday afternoon. Death was from the infirmities of old age. He was a native of Pennsylvania, aged 94, and was a veteran of the Civil war. He served four years in the third Iowa regiment of infantry.

After the war in 1866 he came to California and settled out in the Clear Creek country where he and his brother, the late Frank Heckart, bought what has been known as the Heckart ranch. He followed stock raising until 7 years ago when he came into Oroville and made his home with his sister, Miss Gertrude Heckart, who died last April.

He is survived by these nieces and nephews: W. H. Snyder, Arizona; Mrs. F. M. Hefner and Mrs. Jessie Godfrey, both of Oakland; Mrs. Pearl Damon and Frank Leonard, both of Oroville.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 10 a. m. under auspices of Women's Relief Corp. Interment will be in the Clear Creek cemetery with Hamilton and Riley in charge.

SIMMONS, Ellen Margaret

The Sacramento Bee

9-25-1933

Ellen M. Simmons Funeral Is Held

CHICO (Butte Co.), Sept. 25.—Funeral services for Miss Ellen Margaret Simmons, 80, who died Saturday, were held here to-day. Interment was in the Chico Cemetery.

Miss Simmons was a resident of Chico for 47 years. She was born March 28, 1853, in Paris, Tenn., and died at her home, 4835 Seventh Street.

Surviving relatives include a sister, Alice Simmons of Chico; a brother, Charles L. Simmons of Chico; a niece, Mrs. W. J. Sellick of Norden, Placer County; and a nephew, Robert Simmons, of Magalia, Butte County.

Croghan, Grant

Oroville Mercury

11-13-1933

Grant Croghan Of Yankee Hill Dies; Last Rites Held

Grant Croghan, 69, died in Thermalito Saturday. He had been a resident of Yankee Hill for 42 years. He had followed farming and mining.

Besides his wife, Mrs. Hazel E. Croghan, he leaves the following children: C. L. Croghan of Fremont, Nebr., Charles, O. B., and Fred Croghan of Yankee Hill; two daughters, Mrs. W. T. Robblee of Palermo, and Mrs. B. P. Williams of Yankee Hill, and Gladys Croghan of Yankee Hill, a stepdaughter, two brothers Clark Croghan of Logan, Iowa, Captain Croghan of Mondamin, Iowa, and one sister, Mrs. W. W. Warren, Fremont, Nebr., besides seventeen grandchildren and a great grandchild also survive.

Funeral services were held Monday at 2 p. m. at the Yankee Hill cemetery under direction of the Thomas Funeral home.



Grant Croghan

LASHELLS (BAYLES), Mrs. Mary Helen
Woodland Daily Democrat
11-27-1933

Biggs Woman Succumbs In Capital Hospital

(By Valley News Alliance)

BIGGS—Mrs. Mary Helen LaShells, 56, wife of L. H. LaShells, former Biggs mayor, died in Sacramento last night following an operation. Funeral services will be held at the LaShells home in Biggs at 2 o'clock Tuesday.

SHAY, Charles C.
Sacramento Bee
1-9-1934

SHAY -- in Yankee Hill, Butte County, January 7, 1934, Charles C. Shay, husband of Mrs. Grace Shay; father of Mrs. Thelma Fitzpatrick, Yankee Hill; Robert Shay, San Francisco; brother of Mrs. Lou Payne, Fairfax, Calif.; Richard Shay, Hayward; brother-in-law of Ole M. Lund, Oroville; retired fireman of Engine Company No. 12 of San Francisco, resident of Yankee Hill one year. Funeral services January 10th. Interment Oroville Cemetery.

SPENCER (PARKER), Mrs. John (Abigail)

Oroville Mercury Register

1-12-1934

Mrs. Spencer, Yankee Hill, Dies, Age 97

A resident of Butte county since the 1870's, Mrs. John Spencer, 97, of Yankee Hill, died at her home there Friday at 10 a. m.

Born in Maine in 1837, Mrs. Spencer spent her early life in that state and after she married John Spencer went to Wisconsin to live where Spencer engaged in lumbering. In the early seventies the family moved to Butte county and spent a year at Flea Valley where lumbering was undertaken.

They went back east and then returned to Butte county in 1877 and settled at Yankee Hill. Spencer died in Oroville in 1904 and Mrs. Spencer continued to live in Yankee Hill and Westwood until her death. She spent her summers in Westwood.

Had Clear Memory

Despite her great age, Mrs. Spencer retained a clear memory and called to mind many interesting events of years gone by. She had also accepted modern ways and ideas quickly.

She was the mother of Mrs. D. E. Wells of Yankee Hill, the grandmother of M. W. Wells and Mrs. R. W. Campbell, both of Oroville, and of Mrs. Fred J. Davis of Westwood.

She was the great grandmother of Dr. Stanley Davis of Oakland, Dr. Fred Davis Jr., of Westwood, Helen Campbell of Oroville, Mrs. Bert King of San Francisco, William Campbell of Oakland and Walt Wells of Oroville.

A great-great grandchild surviving is Stanley Davis Jr., of Oakland.

Funeral services are being arranged at Hamilton and Rileys.

SPENCER (PARKER), Mrs. John W. (Abigail A.)

Sacramento Bee

1-13-1934

Passes On



MRS. JOHN SPENCER, 97.

NONAGENARIAN DIES IN BUTTE

**Mrs. John Spencer, 97, Of
Yankee Hill, Will Be
Buried Monday**

OROVILLE (Butte Co.), Jan. 13. Funeral services for Mrs. John Spencer, 97, pioneer resident of Butte County, who died in her home in Yankee Hill yesterday, will be held Monday in the Hamilton & Riley Funeral Parlors here. Interment will be in the family plot in the Oroville Cemetery.

The deceased, a native of Maine, came to Butte County about sixty years ago. Mrs. Spencer, with her husband, settled in Yankee Hill in 1877. Her husband died in Oroville in 1904.

Surviving relatives include one daughter, Mrs. D. E. Wells of Yankee Hill; three grandchildren, M. W. Wells and Mrs. R. W. Campbell of Oroville and Mrs. Fred J. Davis of Westwood, Lassen County, and the following great-grandchildren: Dr. Stanley Davis and William Campbell of Oakland, Walter Wells and Helen Campbell of Oroville; Dr. Fred Davis, Jr., of Westwood, and Mrs. Bert King of San Francisco.

BENNUM (ESMAN), Josephine
Oroville Mercury Register
2-3-1934



MRS. BENNUM, OF PENTZ, DIES

Mrs. Josephine Bennum, 53, died at 5 a. m. today in Pentz, where she had lived her entire lifetime. She was the wife of David Bennum. In poor health for a long period, Mrs. Bennum became seriously ill a week ago.

She was a member of Cherokee Rebekah Lodge No. 18, of which she was a past noble grand.

Besides her husband she is survived by a son, Marion Bennum; by three sisters, Mrs. Etta Copeland of Marysville, Mrs. Frank Lynch of Pentz, and Mrs. Charles Wheeler of Chico; by two brothers, William Esman of Chico and Henry Esman of Gridley, and by a half brother, Charles Hiett of Chico.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Monday at Hamilton and Riley's, with the Rev. David Ralston officiating. Graveside services will be held at Cherokee cemetery and will be in charge of Cherokee Rebekah Lodge.

JAMES, Thomas
Sacramento Bee
2-6-1934

T. JAMES FUNERAL WILL BE HELD IN OROVILLE

OROVILLE (Butte Co.), Feb. 5.—Funeral services for Thomas James, 71, a resident of Oroville for the last twenty-seven years, will be held in the Hamilton & Riley Chapel here to-day at 2 P. M. James died Sunday. He was a car repairer in the railroad shops here. He leaves his widow, Mrs. Rosetta James.

STRALEY, Jacob Allen

Oakland Tribune

2-22-1934

STRALEY--In Oakland, Feb. 21, 1934, Jacob A., beloved husband of Emily J. Straley and father of Clay and George Straley, Mrs. Frances Flinner and Mrs. Emma Clark. A native of Red Bluff, Calif. Aged 69 years, 10 months, 12 days. A member of Chico Lodge, I. O. O. F.

Friends are invited to attend the funeral at the Cathedral Chapel of the Grant D. Miller Mortuary, 2850 Telegraph Ave., Oakland, Friday, Feb. 23, 1934, at 2:30 o'clock p. m. Inurnment California Crematorium.

CARR, George J.
Montana Butte Standard

3-1-1934

MINING MAN OF AVON SUCCUMBS

George J. Carr, Superintendent of Ophir Company Dredge, Dies.

DEER LODGE, Feb. 28.—(Special)—George J. Carr, superintendent of the Ophir Mining company dredge at Avon, died at 11 o'clock this morning at Avon, following an illness of many months' duration. Mr. Carr was 82 years of age and a resident of Oroville, Cal., until last September, when he took up his residence in Powell county, representing his company.

He is survived by his widow, who has made her home in Avon also. During Mr. Carr's residence in this vicinity he has made a large circle of friends.

The body will be forwarded Thursday to his home in California, where the burial will be held.

WILLIAMS, Isabel
Oroville Mercury Register
3-10-1934

Isabel Williams Old Settler Of Cherokee Passes

Mrs. Isabel Williams, wife of the late John D. Williams, died yesterday in Sacramento after a few days' illness. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William M. Wilson of Cherokee, who settled in that community in 1860. She had lived in Cherokee for many years. Surviving is a daughter, Miss Jessie Williams of Sacramento, three sisters Mrs. James G. Nisbet and the Misses Jeannette Wilson and Nellie Wilson and a brother Alex M. Wilson, all of Oroville.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a. m. Monday at Hamilton and Riley's. Interment will be in the family plot at Cherokee cemetery.

WILLIAMS (WILSON), Mrs. Isabel

Sacramento Bee

3-10-1934

Funeral Is Arranged For Mrs. Isobel Williams, 72

Funeral services for Mrs. Isabel Williams, 72, a Sacramentan for nine years and who died yesterday in her home at 1322 Twenty-seventh Street will be conducted Monday morning in Oroville at the Hamilton & Riley Parlors.

Friends are welcome to-day at the Harry A. Nauman & Son Chapel and the body will be forwarded at 7:40 o'clock to-night to Oroville.

Mrs. Williams, a native of Butte County, was the mother of Miss Jessie Williams of this city and the sister of Mrs. James G. Nisbet, A. M., Jeanette and Nellie Wilson of Oroville.

ALLEN (HOEFLING), Gertrude
The Salt Lake Tribune
3-18-1934

Gertrude Allen

Mrs. Gertrude Allen, 24, wife of David A. Allen of 475 D street, died in a local hospital Saturday at 9:40 a. m. of peritonitis.

Mrs. Allen was born in Minnesota, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hoelling, but had lived in California for the major part of her life. She came to Salt Lake about a year ago.

Surviving are her husband, two daughters, Rosemarie and Jacqueline Allen of Salt Lake; her parents, of Sacramento, Cal., and a sister, Mrs. Margaret Leopold of Sacramento, who was in Salt Lake at the time of Mrs. Allen's death.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday noon in the Larkin funeral parlors, 260 East South Temple street. Burial will take place in the City cemetery.

LUTZ, Ernest
Oroville Mercury Register
3-24-1934

ERNEST LUTZ, VETERAN, DIES

Stricken with a heart attack, Ernest Lutz, 43, world war veteran and a resident of Butte county all his life, died Friday afternoon at Merrimac, 30 miles above Oroville.

Lutz, a lumberman, had left his home near Pentz earlier in the afternoon for Merrimac, where he was to go to work in a lumber camp. He was stricken with the attack while walking up a hill after he had arrived there.

Survivors are the mother, Mrs. Joe Lutz of Chico, and the following brothers; David A., Homer, Harvey, Henry and Willis Lutz, all of Paradise. A sister, Bertha Lutz, also survives.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by the Westfall Funeral Home in Chico.

Interment in Clear Creek Cemetery

MARTIN, Irene
Oroville Mercury Register
3-28-1934

FORMER PENTZ GIRL IS DEAD

Funeral services for Irene Martin, 27, wife of Ted Martin of Stockton, who died there Sunday, will be held at 2 p. m. tomorrow at Hamilton and Riley's, with the Rev. David Ralston officiating. Interment will be in Cherokee cemetery.

Mrs. Martin was born in Pentz. She had lived in Stockton 12 years.

Besides her husband, she is survived by her father, S. J. VanGooden of Pentz; her mother, Mrs. Charles Richmond of Sacramento; a sister, Mrs. Myrtle Wild of Paradise and a brother, Victor Van Gooden of Pentz.

WILSON, Santa
Oroville Mercury Register
4-24-1934

Coach Driver For Gen. John Bidwell Expires At Chico

CHICO— Santa Wilson, one time coach driver for the late General and Mrs. Bidwell and a leader in the Chico Indian village for years, died at his home there yesterday after a week's illness.

Born in Covelo, Wilson came to Chico half a century ago and for years was employed by the Bidwells, who considered him one of the most trustworthy inhabitants of the Rancheria. He was looked upon as the leader in Village affairs and for many years conducted services and directed the Sunday school in the Rancheria church. He was about 74 years of age and was the oldest member in the Village.

WILSON, Santa
Chico Record
4-26-1934

Rancheria Leader Buried at Village

Funeral services for Santa Wilson, Chico Indian Village leader, were held at 2 p. m. yesterday in the Rancheria Church, the Rev. Harris Pillsbury officiating.

Elmer LaFonse sang "Nearer My God to Thee" and "Abide With Me."

Burial was in the Rancheria Cemetery, the pallbearers being Jeff Jones, Sandy Baker, and Mitchell, Irving Long, Woody Thatcher, Leland Scott and Henry Azbill.

Mrs. Phares, Well Known Woman, Dies

Was Born in Cherokee 65
Years Ago; Aided Hus-
band in His Studio

Mrs. Alice Ophelia Phares, 65, widow of the late M. E. Phares, Oroville photographer, died at her home, 1560 Oak street at 7:45 o'clock last night. She had been ill for more than a year.

Mrs. Phares, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell, was born in the old Campbell home near Cherokee. She attended Cherokee school, living at Cherokee until her marriage to Mr. Phares. The marriage took place June 1, 1889, at the family home.

Moved to Oroville

After their marriage the couple moved to Oroville, making their home on upper Montgomery street. Later they built the family home on Oak street.

Mr. Phares was well known as a photographer, taking pictures of numerous events in the history of Oroville and had made portrait studies of many of the city's prominent citizens. Mrs. Phares assisted him in his studio.

Loved Her Flowers

A woman who found little time for club work and other activities because of her interest in her home and of her work at the studio, she spent many hours in her flower garden. The garden, in which she raised many old fashioned flowers, was a source of recreation and pleasure to her.

Mr. and Mrs. Phares for many years sang in the Congregational church choir.

Mr. Phares had been in business 44 years when he died suddenly at the Phares home, January 8, 1933, at the age of 73. Although he had been in rather poor health no immediate alarm had been felt for him.

Mrs. Phares died three years to the day, and almost at the same hour her son, M. U. Phares was killed when his car overturned on Oroville-Marysville Road.

Services Monday

Mrs. Phares is survived by a brother, James Campbell of Thermanito and a grandson, Gray Phares of Oroville.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Monday at Hamilton and Riley's with the Rev. Elmer Brinkmeyer of the First Congregational church officiating. Interment will be in Cherokee cemetery.

CORY, Francis "Frank" M.
Oroville Mercury Register
4-30-1934

Francis Cory, Old Resident Of Pentz Section Is Found Dead

Left Note to Friend Robert Blum Who Finds Body in Man's Home

The body of Francis M. Cory, 78, who had lived at the old Cory home near Pentz for 57 years, was found Saturday night on the floor of the home by a neighbor, Robert E. Blum.

Cory had been last seen by Blum on Wednesday. At that time, Cory had asked Blum to call for him Saturday so that he might accompany him to Oroville.

Heart Causes Death

It is not known on what day Cory died but that he died one night is indicated by the fact that he had turned down the covers on his bed but had not slept in it. The man had pitched forward suddenly apparently on his way to retire for the night.

Death is attributed to heart trouble, Cory having treated with a physician for some time.

A note left to Blum gives evidence that Cory had suffered a heart attack a short time before his death. The note found in the house read:

"Dear Bobbie: I am having a terrible spell tonight." It was signed Frank.

Cory was a native of Trinity county but had lived most of his life in Butte county, near Pentz. He had worked as a laborer and a miner.

Brother, Two Sisters

Surviving is one brother, Dan A. Cory of Pentz and two sisters, Mrs. Martha Hallan and Mrs. Allen, both of Oakland. Funeral arrangements are awaiting the arrival of the sisters here tonight or tomorrow, it was said at Hamilton and Rileys.

Cory was a member of Table Mountain Lodge No. 124, F. and A. M. of Cherokee.

Last winter, Cory had been honored by the lodge with a 50 year button.

Satisfied that death occurred from heart trouble, county officials will not conduct an inquest into Cory's death, according to C. O. Hamilton, deputy county coroner.

Early Days at Pentz

Mr. Cory came to Pentz when he was 21 years of age. He lived there when Pentz was one of the thriving communities of the county. At that time it was the central distributing point for a lumber company that cut its timber at Flea Valley. A V-type flume was used to float timber all the way down to Pentz. There it was stacked and made ready for hauling to various parts of the district.

Mr. Cory also prospected at Inskip and at Dry Creek Canyon. At his Inskip claim he once picked up a \$32 nugget and his partner there found a nugget worth \$100. He opened and developed the Frank Cory mine on Dry Creek and several years ago he sold it. Since then he had acted as caretaker at the mine.

CORY, Francis "Frank"
Oroville Mercury Register
5-3-1934

Many Friends At F. M. Cory Rites

Friends paid their last respects to Francis M. Cory of Pentz today at funeral services held at Cherokee Masonic Hall. Table Mountain Lodge No. 128, F. and A. M., of Cherokee conducted the service. Arrangements were in charge of Hamilton and Rileys.

Solos were sung by Mrs. Blanche Miles.

Casket bearers were: Fred Lee, Will Graves, Frank Lynch, Leslie Stone, Robert Blum and George Welch.

Burial was in Cherokee cemetery.

UPTON, Charles Allen
Oakland Tribune
6-10-1934



Miner Struck by Boulder Succumbs

OROVILLE, June 9.—Charles A. Upton, 48, Yankee Hill miner, died yesterday from head injuries received May 30 when a large boulder in the Surcease mine fell on him. He received concussion of the brain.

Upton had failed to recover full consciousness since the accident happened. C. V. Morton, who was also injured by the rock, has recovered.

Upton leaves a widow and 12 children.

UPTON, Charles A.
Oroville Mercury Register
6-11-1934

Upton Death Accident Is Jury Verdict

Graveside Services Held for Surcease Mine Employee At Yankee Hill

Funeral services for Charles A. Upton, Yankee Hill miner, were held at Yankee Hill cemetery Sunday afternoon following an inquest at Hamilton and Rileys Saturday night at which a coroner's jury decided that he had come to his death from an accidental blow on his head in a mine.

Upton had been injured May 30 when a large boulder in the Surcease mine fell on him. Witnesses at the inquest testified that Upton had tested the rock prior to drilling for a powder blast. Shortly afterwards the rock fell injuring him fatally and injuring C. V. Morton, a fellow worker, the only eye witness to the accident. Morton gave his version at the inquest.

Died of Concussion

Others to testify were H. W. Hoefling of Chico, president of the mining company and E. A. Nicolai, underground foreman at the mine. Dr. E. A. Kusel, who had treated Upton sent a statement saying that Upton died of concussion of the brain and loss of blood.

Twelve men sat on the jury. They were T. L. McGinnis, foreman; Norman Conway, Marion L. Davis, Harvey Sealey, Ed Sherman, Lawrence Good, Arthur Campbell, Carl Smith, Bert King, Marion Silvers, C. R. Davenport, Bentley Brownell.

Graveside Services

Graveside rites at the ceremony were conducted by Hamilton and Rileys. The Rev. M. P. Simmons of Yankee Hill officiated. Songs were sung by Mrs. Gladys McClure, Mrs. Thomas Melvin, Miss Bertice Shelters and Miss Dorothy Campbell.

Casket bearers were all fellow employees: Dave Lindsay, A. H. Leslie, Wm. T. Osborne, J. D. McQuarrie, R. D. Newman, J. T. Leming.

NISBET (JONES), Mrs. Jennie
Oroville Mercury Register
6-14-1934

Former Oroville Resident Passes

Mrs. Jennie Nisbet, native of Cherokee and a former Oroville resident, died in Sacramento last night, according to information received here today. She was the widow of William G. Nisbet, brother of City Judge J. G. Nisbet and a former Folsom dredge master.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Jones of Cherokee, Mrs. Nisbet attended school in Cherokee, where she was married. Later she and her husband moved to Oroville.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. L. B. Battelle of Sacramento and a son Leland Nisbet of Idaho, and by two sisters, Mrs. James Rowe of Sacramento and Mrs. Carrie Brown of the bay district.

CHAS. THUNEN DIES; HERE 45 YEARS OF LIFE

Death Comes as Result Of Stroke Suffered Week Ago

Charles G. Thunen, 69, a resident of Oroville for 45 years. 12 years of which he was a member of the Oroville grammar school district board of trustees, died early today.

He suffered from a stroke a week ago and failed to rally.

Mr. Thunen was born at Flea Valley, north of here and came to this city as a young man. He had been a mechanic all his life and during the dredging boom had been connected with work on the gold boats.

He had also been a member of an Oroville community band.

Saw Many Graduate

As a member of the school board of trustees, Mr. Thunen saw hundreds of the younger generation graduate from grammar school, finish their high school careers and enter into the industrial and business life of the community. As chairman of the board he passed out many diplomas of graduation.

Mr. Thunen always took an interest in public affairs and was well liked by his fellow citizens. He was a man of integrity and always willingly set to do his tasks.

THUNEN, Charles G.
Oroville Mercury Register

7-2-1934



Operated Cyclery Here

For many years he operated a cyclery and automobile repair shop in Oroville on Montgomery street and there are many residents of the city who can look back to the time when they bought a new or second hand bicycle from Charlie Thunen.

Survivors are the widow, Mrs. Katherine E. Thunen of Oroville; three sons, George W. Thunen of Sacramento, Howard M. Thunen of San Jose and Lewis C. Thunen of Piedmont; one daughter, Mrs. Katherine E. Vaughan; four brothers, Fred W. Thunen of Oroville, William Thunen of Weed, John Thunen of Westwood and Frank Thunen of Berkeley. Five grandchildren also survive.

Member of Lodges

Mr. Thunen was a member of Cherokee Lodge No. 92, IOOF and a member of Oroville Lodge No. 103 F. and A. M.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 2:30 p. m. at Hamilton and Rileys under auspices of the Cherokee Odd Fellows. Burial will be in Cherokee cemetery.

THUNEN, Charles Gerhard

Sacramento Bee

7-3-1934

THUNEN—In Oroville, Butte County, July 2, 1934, Charles G. Thunen, husband of Katherine E. Thunen, father of George W. Thunen of Sacramento, Howard M. Thunen of San Jose, Lewis C. Thunen of Piedmont and Mrs. Katherine E. Vaughan of Oroville; brother of Fred W. Thunen of Oroville, William Thunen of Weed, John Thunen of Westwood and Frank Thunen of Berkeley; a native of Butte County, aged 69 years. The funeral services were held in Oroville today under the direction of Hamilton & Rileys. Interment was in the Cherokee Cemetery.

REECE (REESE), William "Doxy"
Oroville Mercury Register
7-14-1934

Oldest Resident Of County Dies At 104 Years

WILLIAM REESE, Isaiah Indian and said to be the oldest resident of Butte county, died at the county hospital yesterday afternoon.

Reese was said by friends to have been 104 years of age. Death was due to advanced age. He had lived all his life in the canyon country.

Two sons survive, both residents of Isaiah. Indian burial ceremonies will be held for Reese by Feather river canyon tribes.

REECE, William "Doxy"

The Sacramento Bee

7-14-1934



Butte Indian, 104, Dies In Oroville; Denied Last Wish

OROVILLE (Butte Co.) July 14. William Reece, 104-year-old Indian, died yesterday in a hospital here. His last wish to be taken to the mountains above Oroville so he could die in the land of his people, was unfulfilled.

The aged Indian knew he had not long to live. He begged the hospital officials to let his son, Tony Reece, carry him into the mountains two days before he died. Due to the seriousness of his illness, the wish was not granted.

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Reece was a native of Butte County. His relatives claim he was 104 years of age. They say he was a chief when the Indians roamed this section of California before settlement by the whites.

The body will be buried in the Indian Cemetery at Dogwood by his tribespeople. Hamilton & Riley had charge of the body in Oroville.

ADIS, Mrs. Maude Becraft
Feather River Bulletin
7-19-1934



Crescent Mills Native Dies at Portola

BURIAL services were held in the Quincy cemetery Saturday for Mrs. Maud Becraft Adis of Browns Valley, a native of Crescent Mills.

Mrs. Adis died suddenly at Portola Thursday while visiting relatives. She was 43 years old, the daughter of Will Becraft, a former Crescent Mills and Greenville resident.

The services here were conducted by Rev. A. H. Clark.

BROWN, Aubrey

Sacramento Bee

8-11-1934

Paradise Youth Is Hurt Fatally In Plumas County

PORTOLA (Plumas Co.), Aug. 11. Aubrey Brown, 19, of Paradise, an enrollee at the Mohawk Camp of the Civilian Conservation Corps, was fatally injured last night when an army truck in which he was riding with five other CCC youths, collided with a car driven by John Bellegante.

He died in Portola this morning.

The accident took place seven miles from Mohawk on the Quincy-Portola Highway.

An investigation was scheduled to be made this afternoon by the military authorities at the CCC camp.

BROWN, Aubrey
Marysville Appeal Democrat
8-13-1934

Auto Victim Once Lived In Live Oak

LIVE OAK, Aug. 13—Aubrey Brown, who was killed in an automobile accident while returning to Paradise from a CCC camp in Plumas county Friday night was a former resident of this place and received his education in the Live Oak schools.

He was 19 years of age and leaves beside his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. John Brown, one sister Lena and four brothers, Claude, Enos, Earl and Ernest. Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday at 2 p. m. under the direction of Jones Funeral home, in the Paradise church. Rev. W. R. Brubaker of Live Oak, will conduct the service.

TUHEY, Thomas

Sacramento Bee

8-17-1934

TUHEY—In Oroville, Butte County, August 16, 1934, Thomas Tuhey, father of Thomas and Martin Tuhey, brother of Mrs. J. D. Woodall, M. R., C. J. and Frank P. Tuhey, all of Oroville; a native of Cherokee, aged 66 years. Funeral services will be held to-morrow at 9:30 A. M. in the St. Thomas Catholic Church. Interment in the Oroville Catholic Cemetery.

TUHEY, Thomas

Sacramento Bee

8-18-1934

OROVILLE POLICEMAN'S FUNERAL TAKES PLACE

OROVILLE (Butte Co.), Aug. 18. Funeral services were conducted in St. Thomas' Catholic Church here to-day for Thomas Tuhey, 66, who died Thursday in a local hospital following a long illness.

Tuhey, who was employed by the Oroville Police Department since 1927, was a native of Cherokee, and the son of pioneer residents of that district, Mr. and Mrs. John Tuhey. He engaged in mining near Cherokee for a number of years. He moved to Oroville in 1890.

The deceased leaves two sons, Thomas and Martin Tuhey; a sister, Mrs. J. D. Woodall, and three brothers, M. R., C. J., and Frank P. Tuhey, all of Oroville.

MILLER (COMER), Mrs. Bridget
Woodland Democrat
8-21-1934

Pioneer of County Dies At Monterey

Mrs. Bridget Miller, 93, a pioneer resident of Yolo county, died early Tuesday morning at the Pacific Grove home of her daughter, Mrs. Carey Montgomery.

A native of Ireland, she came to this country when 15 years of age, and a short time later came to California where she lived for more than 75 years. She left here two years ago to make her home with her daughter.

Funeral services will be held Thursday morning at 10 o'clock from the Holy Rosary Catholic church with burial in St. Joseph's cemetery. The body will arrive tonight from Monterey and will be taken in charge by Kraft Brothers.

GANSNER, Will
Feather River Bulletin
8-30-1934

WILL GANSNER DIES

Will Gansner, 69, former resident of Junction Bar and cousin of F. G. Gansner of Quincy and foster brother of Mrs. Lena Eyraud of Rich Bar, was buried Aug. 20 at Oroville. These relatives attended the funeral.

MILLER (LUCE), Mrs. Mary E.

Chico Record

9-1-1934

DEATH BECKONS

MARY E. MILLER

Mrs. Mary E. Miller, 48, a resident of Butte County all her life, died yesterday afternoon at her home, 3715 Eighteenth Street, after a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Miller was born in Pentz, December 31, 1885. Her girlhood days were spent at her birthplace. She had been a resident of Chico for many years.

Survivors are the widower, S. W. Miller of Chico; a son, John V. Henry of Los Angeles; a daughter, Mrs. Nita Stanley of Chico; a brother, Charles Swift of Klamath Falls, and a sister, Mrs. Georgia Barnes of Ramada.

The Westfall Funeral Home will announce funeral arrangements.

MILLER (LUCE), Mrs. Mary E.

Chico Record

9-2-1934

Services Tuesday For Mrs. Miller

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary E. Miller, who died Friday at her Eighteenth Street home after a long illness, will be held at 10 a. m. Tuesday at the Westfall Funeral Home, Elder George Sims of the Seventh Day Adventist Church officiating.

Interment will be in the family plot of the Chico Cemetery.

KUNKLEMAN, Joseph A.
Marysville Appeal Democrat
9-7-1934

**BURNS TWO WEEKS OLD ARE
FATAL TO OROVILLE MAN**
OROVILLE, Sept. 7, (VNA)—
Burns received in an explosion of
a gasoline stove two weeks ago
proved fatal last night for J. A.
Kunkleman, 64, Oroville.

Buried in Cherokee Cemetery, Butte County

JONES (GRUMMETT), Hettie
Oroville Mercury Register
10-11-1934

Hettie Jones Dies Of Heart Ailment

Mrs. Hettie Jones, wife of Elias H. Jones of the Oregon City district, died in a local hospital at midnight last night from heart disease. She had been ill for several days.

Mrs. Jones had lived in the Oregon City section all her life. She was a member of Amapola chapter No. 119, Order of the Eastern Star.

Besides her husband she is survived by the following: three daughters, Mrs. J. W. Painter of Oakland, Mrs. F. R. Kratt of San Jose, Mrs. T. E. Cole of Oroville; a son, Ivan, a mechanic at State Highway Camp No. 24; two sisters, Mrs. Emma Jones of Oregon City and Mrs. Lawrence Lasater of Oroville, and a brother, G. A. Grummett of Oregon City. Four grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Saturday at Hamilton and Riley's under auspices of the Eastern Star. Interment will be in Oregon City cemetery.

Busch, Albert F.

Oroville Mercury Register Oct 19, 1934

Albert Busch Dies Suddenly; Mail Carrier

Stock Raiser and Caretaker
Of Concow Camp Passes
Away

Albert F. Busch, 62, Yankee Hill rancher, died last night at Enloe Hospital after a brief illness. He had been a patient at the hospital for two days with a throat ailment.

Busch was born July 25, 1872 at Yankee Hill. Survivors are his mother, Mrs. Frances Lunt, 84, a brother, Oberter Lunt, both of Yankee Hill, and a sister, Mrs. Edwina Harding of Marysville.

Until recently Mr. Busch was a mail carrier from Pentz to Yankee Hill for a long period of years. The route finally was consolidated. Since then he has been giving attention to his stock, cattle and goats, and has been caretaker of the Concow CCC camp during its idleness.

His mother, Mrs. Lunt, is well known in this section of the county, and has been postmaster at Yankee Hill for many years.



Albert Lunt Busch,
carpenter

FRANK P. TUHEY DIES; FUNERAL TO BE MONDAY

Well Known Account- ant, Passes While Asleep

Frank P. Tuhey, 54, well known Oroville accountant and book expert, died in his sleep last night at his home, 958 Bird Street.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 2 p. m. under auspices of the Oroville Elks Lodge. Burial will be in the Oroville Catholic Cemetery. Funeral direction will be in charge of Hamilton and Riley.

Born at Cherokee, Mr. Tuhey had lived in Oroville practically all of his life. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. John Tuhey, early settlers of Cherokee. The elder Tuhey was prominently connected with the Cherokee mining company when that place was a boom gold town.

Schooled at Cherokee

Frank Tuhey attended the Cherokee schools and when he was about ten years of age the family moved to Oroville. He entered the local grammar schools from which he graduated and then attended and graduated from the Oroville high school. Then he went to San Francisco where he graduated from a business college.

Returning to Oroville, Mr. Tuhey became an accountant and office manager for the Hammon Dredging Co. for which he worked seven years. He left this work and took up public accounting and followed that work up to the time of his death. Only a few days ago an audit of Oroville city books had been completed under his supervision.

Audited County Books

For years he had audited city and county books in Oroville and also in Sutter county. He had offices in the State Building.

Mr. Tuhey was well known in this district and was well liked and respected for his integrity and for his ability.

He was a member of the Oroville Elks Lodge and was one of the first to join when the lodge was organized here several years ago. Prior to that time, he with other local Elks, had been a member of the Chico lodge. He had also been a trustee of the organization from the time it was formed here.

Surviving Mr. Tuhey are the widow, Mrs. Georgia Tuhey, a sister Mrs. J. D. Woodall and two brothers, M. R. Tuhey and C. J. Tuhey. There are also nieces and nephews.

VINTON, Maggie

Oroville Mercury Register

10-25-1934

Maggie Vintin Old Resident Cherokee Dies

Miss Maggie Vintin, native of Cherokee and lifelong resident of that place, died at the Oroville hospital yesterday at 7 p. m. She had been taken to the hospital at 5 p. m. from her home suffering from a stroke.

It is believed death occurred from cerebral hemorrhage. Miss Vintin had been an invalid for over 20 years.

Survivors are two brothers, D. L. and Marquis Vintin and one sister Miss Ruth G. Vintin, all of Cherokee. The Vintin family settled in Cherokee in the gold mining days and the family still operates a general store started many years ago.

She was a member of Cherokee Rebekah Lodge No. 18. Graveside rites will be held at Cherokee cemetery Saturday at 2 p. m. under auspices of the lodge and assisted by the Rev. E. Brinkmeyer. Hamilton and Riley has charge of arrangements.

T. L. Vinton, father of Miss Vintin, came to Cherokee in the fifties and older residents of Oroville remember when he taught them in the Cherokee school in the early sixties. He later gave up school teaching and opened a store in "Lower Town" below Cherokee towards Pentz. Then he went into mining at what is known as Sinclair Flat near that place.

In the nineties Vintin again opened a store at Cherokee and the same store still stands and is the one now operated by his children.

MULLINS, Mrs. Zena G.
Oroville Mercury Register
10-31-1934

Mrs. Dan Mullins Of Yankee Hill Dies; Rites Fixed

Mrs. Zena G. Mullins, 34, wife of Dan J. Mullins, died at Yankee Hill today after an illness of several years.

She is survived by her husband and six sons, Clarkie, Buddie, Tracey and Elwood Stoney, and Charles Ray and Dan Q. Mullins; by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clark of Yankee Hill and three brothers and five sisters.

Graveside services will be conducted at Yankee Hill cemetery at 2 p. m. Friday under direction of Hamilton and Riley's.

FAIRBANKS, William Henry

Sacramento Bee

11-1-1934

FAIRBANKS — Near Redding, Shasta County, October 30, 1934, William Henry Fairbanks of Anderson, brother of Emory Fairbanks of Fallon, Nev., L. J. Fairbanks of Merrill, Ore., Fred Fairbanks of Springfield, Ore., Mrs. Thomas Rilderback of Wendling, Ore., and Mrs. Mary E. Dayo of Pomona; a native of Butte County, aged 61 years.

MULLINS (CLARK), Zena Geraldine

Sacramento Bee

11-1-1934

MULLINS—In Oroville, Butte County, October 31, 1934. Zena G. Mullins of Yankee Hill, wife of Dan J. Mullins, mother of Clarkie, Buddie, Tracey and Elwood Stoney and Charles Ray and Dan Q. Mullins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clark of Yankee Hill; aged 34 years. Graveside services will be held in the Yankee Hill Cemetery at 2 P. M. to-morrow under the direction of Hamilton & Riley of Oroville.

MULLINS, Mrs. Zena G.
Oroville Mercury Register
11-3-1934

Funeral Rites Held at Yankee

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Zena G. Mullins at Yankee Hill yesterday at 2 p. m. under direction of the Thomas Funeral Home.

Rev. J. S. Farrar of the Oroville Church of God, officiated.

Solos were sung by Mrs. M. A. Karns, Mrs. C. N. Owens, Mrs. Jennie Parker, and Mrs. A. M. Clark.

Casket bearers were Tom Jelmyer, H. E. Gramps, Lyman Moak, George Jelmyer, and John Gramps.

Interment was in the Clark family cemetery.

Mrs. Nisbet Of Pioneer Fame Passes Away

Well Known Woman Was
Wife of City Judge; Mo-
ther of Principal

Mrs. Marion Murray Nisbet, 77, wife of City Judge J. G. Nisbet, died in a local hospital at 5:10 p. m. yesterday of pneumonia contracted after a fall ten days ago in which she received a hip fracture.

A resident of Butte county nearly all her life, Mrs. Nisbet recalled development of this section. She lived in Cherokee when it was a thriving mining community.

Remembered Atlantic Storm

One of her most interesting recollections was coming to California from the east by ship and the Isthmus of Panama, as a child of 4 years. She made the journey with her mother. On the Atlantic coast the ship was caught in a storm so severe that passengers feared the vessel would go down. Her mother, not wanting members of her family to be separated if the worst happened, tied Marion and a brother together in an apron which she fastened to her so that if the worst happened that all would go down together.

NISBET, Mrs. Marion M.
Oroville Mercury Register
11-7-1934

Went Early to Cherokee

The family came to San Francisco, where they joined Mrs. Nisbet's father, William M. Wilson, and went immediately to Cherokee, where he was mining. As a girl Mrs. Nisbet attended the Cherokee schools and Mills Seminary, now Mills College.

She and Judge Nisbet were married May 10, 1882, at the home of the bride's father in Cherokee. With the exception of a few years spent in Oakland, the Nisbets have always lived in this district.

The Nisbets celebrated their golden wedding anniversary two years ago at their home on Lincoln street, when their children and grandchildren were hosts for the occasion.

The couple moved to Oroville 12 years ago.

Mrs. Nisbet is survived by her husband and the following sons and daughters: William W. Nisbet of Oroville, Mrs. Elmer Johns of Oakland, Roy W. Nisbet of Oroville, James C. Nisbet of Oroville and Mrs. Howard Coombes of Las Plumas. Two sisters, Miss Nellie Wilson and Miss Janet Wilson of Oroville and a brother, Alex M. Wilson of Oroville also survive.

Mrs. Nisbet was a member of the American Legion auxiliary and of Pythian Sisters.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Friday at the Congregational church, with burial in Cherokee cemetery.

11-7-1934

Pneumonia Causes Death Of Oroville City Judge's Wife

OROVILLE (Butte Co.), Nov. 7. Mrs. Marian Wilson Nisbet, 77, wife of City Judge J. G. Nisbet and mother of J. C. Nisbet, principal of the Oroville Union High School,



MRS. M. W.
NISBET.

died in the Oroville Curran Hospital here last night.

Mrs. Nisbet and Judge Nisbet had been married fifty-four years. Their marriage united two of the oldest pioneer families of Oroville.

The death of Mrs. Nisbet occurred following a short illness from pneumonia. She had been in failing health since she fell and fractured a hip recently.

Although Mrs. Nisbet was a native of Pennsylvania, she came to this state by way of the Isthmus of Panama at the age of 3 years.

She leaves, besides her husband, four children, Mrs. Hazel Coons of Las Plumas, J. C. Roy and William Nisbet, all of Oroville; two sisters, Nellie and Jeanette Wilson of Oroville, and a brother, Alex M. Wilson of Oroville. The funeral arrangements are being made by the Hamilton & Riley funeral parlors.

NISBET—In Oroville, Butte County, November 6, 1934, Mrs. Marian Nisbet, wife of J. G. Nisbet, mother of Mrs. Hattie Coons of Las Plumas, J. C., Roy and William Nisbet, all of Oroville, sister of Alex M., Nellie and Jeanette Wilson, all of Oroville, a native of Pennsylvania, aged 77 years. The funeral services are being completed by the Hamilton & Riley's funeral parlors.

One of the original pioneers of the great Southwest, a member of that hardy company which braved an Indian infested territory to build the foundations of an empire. Joseph Burr Mullen, 93 years old, died last night.

Much of the colorful history of the Old West, when wagon trains crawled across the scarcely explored plains, and Apaches skulked and schemed to waylay them, lived in Mr. Mullen's memory.

Born in Muscatine, Ia., August 31, 1842, he came to the West in 1860, a member of a wagon train to California, when he was 17 years old.

In the same manner as the robust contingent which broke the first trails into the western empire that was to develop their dreams, he drove an ox team and walked all the way from Iowa to California. The journey took four months.

Untames West

In 1896, when Arizona still was a territory, partly untamed, he settled on a ranch near Tempe, and lived in or near Tempe or at Oak Creek ever since.

Mr. Mullen was married to Nancy E. Langford at Santa Clara, Calif., October 5, 1868. Mrs. Mullen died in 1906.

He lived on his ranch southeast of Tempe from 1896 to 1906, and then moved to Tempe to make his home. For many years he ranged cattle in the Gila river country. In his younger days he was a carpenter by trade, and that was the vocation which gave him his start in the West.

Seven Children

Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Mullen. All now are living, and all were at the bedside when death arrived.

They are William E. Mullen of Ray, Robert L. Mullen of Tempe, Charles P. Mullen of Tempe, Mrs. G. Byron Carr of Tempe, J. Oscar Mullen of Jerome, Mrs. Garfield A. Goodwin of Tempe, and Mrs. Lynn S. Palmer of Douglas.

There are 23 grandchildren and 28 great grandchildren.

Surviving also are a sister, Mrs. Belle Wells, 95 years old, of San

MULLEN, Joseph Burr
Arizona Republic
11-14-1934

Joseph Burr Mullen, State Pioneer, Dies



JOSEPH BURR MULLEN

Jose, Calif., and a brother, John M. Mullen, 90 years old, of Chico, Calif.

Funeral services will be held at the home of Robert L. Mullen, 214 East Sixth street, Tempe, where he made his home in the winter—his summer home was at Oak Creek—Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Interment will be in Double Butte cemetery, with short services at the grave in charge of the Knights of Pythias.

For many years, since he had retired from active ranch and business life, Mr. Mullen's hobby had been chopping wood.

MULLEN, Joseph Burr
Arizona Republic
11-15-1934

Mullen Funeral Set For Today

TEMPE.—Services for Joseph Burr Mullen will be held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the home of Robert L. Mullen. Knights of Pythias lodge members will have charge of services at the graveside, members to meet at the Odd Fellow hall at 2:15 o'clock and proceed to the Mullen home in a body.

VanGOODEN, Saul (Suel) J.
Oroville Mercury Register
12-8-1934

Graveside Rites For S. Van Gooden Set For Cherokee

Graveside services will be held at Cherokee cemetery Monday afternoon for S. J. Van Gooden, 60, Butte county resident for 58 years, who died of a heart attack yesterday at Stirling City. The Odd Fellows Lodge will be in charge of services.

Rites will also be held Monday at 2 p. m. at the H. C. Bicknell funeral parlors in Chico.

A fellow worker, Vernon Cobeen, was en route to Stirling City with the stricken man when he died. Seemingly in good health, Van Gooden worked part of the morning at his job as powder man for the Diamond Match Company.

Shortly before 10 o'clock Cobeen discovered him lying over a log.

Van Gooden was born in Michigan March 28, 1874.

Survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Myrtle Wild of Paradise; a son, Victor Van Gooden of Pentz; his mother, Mrs. Steffa Van Gooden of Hornitas, Calif., and a sister, Mrs. Ena McGregor, also of Hornitas. Four grandchildren also survive.

VanGOODEN, Suel
The Sacramento Bee
12-8-1934

VAN GOODEN—In Stirling City, Butte County, December 8, 1934, S. Van Gooden, father of Mrs. W. Wilde of Paradise and V. Van Gooden of Magalia; son of Mrs. Steffa Van Gooden of Mariposa County; a native of Belgium; resident of Butte County for the last fifty-eight years; aged 61 years. Funeral arrangements are being made by the H. C. Bicknell Funeral Home in Chico.

STIRLING CITY: Powder Man Dies—S. Van Gooden, 61, employed as a powder man by the Diamond Match Company, complained of a heart affliction to a fellow employe yesterday and died before medical attention could be obtained. He leaves a son and daughter and his mother, Mrs. Steffa Van Gooden, who resides in Mariposa County.

MIGHELS RITES WILL BE HELD IN S. F. CHAPEL

Historian and Novelist Will
Be Buried in Oakland; Had
Known State Notables

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11.—Mrs. Ella Sterling Mighels, 81, who, as Aurora Esmeralda, historian and novelist, was one of the few remaining links between early California and the present day, died at her home, 1605 Baker Street yesterday. Funeral services will be held at 1 p. m. tomorrow at the N. Gray Company chapel at 1545 Divisadero Street. Interment will be in Mountain View Cemetery, Oakland.

Born in Sacramento County, not far from where gold was discovered and only four years after the '49 rush, Mrs. Mighels was cradled in a gold rocker. Her father, Sterling P. Clark, died before she was born.

She lived for a time in mining town of Aurora, Esmeralda County, Nevada, and took her pen name from the combination of the town and county name.

MIGHELS (CUMMINS, HASKELL),
Ella Sterling
Oakland Tribune
12-11-1934

FRIEND OF NOTABLES.

After her first youthful writings were published, Mrs. Mighels became a friend of Joaquin Miller, Jack London, Ina Coolbrith, Bret Harte and Edwin Markham. The California Legislature, in 1919, conferred on her the title of "First Literary Historian of California."

She wrote her "Story of the Files," one of the best known of her historical works, soon after the death of her first husband, Adley H. Cummins, in 1889. Their daughter, Vida, died at the age of 31. In 1896 she married Philip Verrill Mighels. They spent four years in England but were separated later.

WROTE MANY STORIES.

Mrs. Mighels' works included "Full Glory of Diantha," "Streets of Old San Francisco," poems and magazine articles. Recently she wrote "The Life and Letters of a Forty-niner Daughter."

Years ago, soon after she moved into her home on Baker Street, Mrs. Mighels became known as "Aunt Ella" to the neighborhood children. They frequently gathered at her home to hear her stories.

Mrs. Mighels was a sister of Mrs. Adolph Uhl, wife of the San Francisco supervisor, and of Dudley Haskell.

MIGHELS (CUMMINS, HASKELL), Ella Sterling

Reno Gazette Journal

12-11-1934

ELLA MIGHELS DIES ON COAST

Mrs. Ella Sterling Mighels, member of a pioneer Nevada family, and noted California historian, died last night in San Francisco. She was eighty-one years old, and her health had been failing for several years.

She was born at Folsom, Cal., in 1853, when the American river gold camps nearby were still active. When a child she came to Nevada with her father, Sterling P. Clark, and settled at the mining camp of Aurora, which was then the county seat of Esmeralda county. It was in memory of her childhood home that she later adopted the pen name of "Aurora Esmeralda."

She was married to Adley Cummings, and after his death, she was married to Philip Verrill Mighels. In 1913, Mighels, an artist and writer, was killed in a hunting accident.

Mrs. Mighels wrote many historical accounts of the early California and Nevada days, and in 1919 the California legislature named her "first literary historian of California."

VanGOODEN, Mrs. Steffa
Oroville Mercury Register
12-17-1934

Mrs. Van Gooden, Cherokee Pioneer, Dies In Stockton

Mrs. Steffa Van Gooden, 83, a resident of Cherokee for 58 years, died Saturday night in Stockton, it was learned today. Mrs. Van Gooden had lived in Cherokee up to a year ago.

A son, Suel Van Gooden, died of a heart attack at Stirling City, only a week ago.

Surviving Mrs. Van Gooden is a daughter, Mrs. Ena McGregor of Hornitos, six grand children and five great grandchildren.

The body will be brought to Oroville tomorrow and funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2 p. m. at Hamilton and Rileys. Burial will be in Cherokee cemetery.

VanGOODEN, Mrs. Steffa
Oroville Mercury Register
12-20-1934

Rites Held For Mrs. Van Gooden

Funeral services for Mrs. Steffa Van Gooden, who died Saturday, were held at Hamilton and Riley's at 2 p. m. yesterday, with the Rev. John R. Wilkins officiating. A solo was sung by Mrs. Lula Hogan Wasley.

Casket bearers were Frank E. Lynch, Dave Jones, Elias Jones, Lew Jones, George Taylor and Roscoe McCloud.

Interment was in Cherokee cemetery.