

MARTIN, Dan  
Oroville Mercury Register  
1-2-1937

## Indian Hit By Train Killed

CHICO— Dan Martin, Indian trapper, was killed early New Year's day when he was struck by a north-bound Southern Pacific train. Martin walked on the track in the path of the engine, investigators reported. The accident occurred just south of the Diamond Match Co. plant on Crouch ditch, near the Indian's camp.

TABER, Floyd  
Oroville Mercury Register  
1-1-1937

# Floyd Taber Funeral Held In Bay City

*Was Born At Crum  
Ranch In 1853; Funer-  
al Services Tomorrow*

Funeral services were held in San Francisco today for Floyd Taber, former Oroville resident who, about fifty years ago, was a member of the firm of "Brock and Taber, proprietors of one of the largest hardware and mercantile stores in northern California.

The business occupied a large space on the south side of Montgomery street between Myers and Huntoon, and included the present location of Scruggs and Meader."

The Taber family home was on Bird street in what is known as the old Ostroski place, adjoining the McClelland home, now the property

of Mrs. E. B. Ward, the former Georgianna McClelland.

Oroville residents recall the large hardware store in which were trained the several young boys who later became the hardware and implement dealers of this city.

Mr. Taber was a member of Oroville Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar; Table Mountain Lodge No. 124, now of Paradise and formerly of Cherokee, and Franklin Chapter No. 20, Royal Arch.

The following daughters and sons survive: Mrs. Lamar M. McKinley, Dorothy J., Margaret C., Dr. Clarence M., Donald J., and Dr. Loren B. Taber.

Mr. Taber was the husband of the late Margaret N. Taber.

# Glaring Lights Get Blame For 1st Auto Death

*George Martin Of Enterprise Killed,  
Law Absolves Driver*

Glaring headlights of a car coming from the other direction which blinded Glen McMillen as he was driving out on the Quincy road Saturday night

were blamed for the death of a pedestrian, George Martin, 58, in Butte county's first traffic fatality of 1937.

Captain Grover Mitchell, of the highway patrol, who with Sheriff Alvin Kister investigated the accident, said McMillen had been absolved of blame.

Martin, the father of seven children, was apparently walking eastward along the

side of the road when at a narrow stretch he met the car driven by McMillen. Another car, driven by Ted Kellogg, approached behind him.

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**Auto  
Death  
in  
Butte  
to date in  
1937  
1936  
total  
20  
1935  
total  
12**

MARTIN, George  
Oroville Mercury Register  
1-4-1937

## Swerved Out, Hit Man

Instinctively swerving out to avoid the Kellogg car because of the blinding lights, McMillen said he failed to see the man until it was too late to miss him.

Martin's death was caused by a skull fracture. Examination of the body showed his skull was fractured, both arms broken, left leg fractured and several ribs broken.

There will be no inquest into Martin's death, according to the sheriff's office.

Leonard Beebe was a passenger in McMillen's car. Both are employed at the Midas mine at Forbestown.

## Born At Enterprise

Martin was born at Enterprise and had lived in that district all his life. For the last 20 years he had been a wood contractor for mines and mills.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Sadie Martin and the following sons and daughters, all of Enterprise: Albert Martin, Mrs. Ray Angle, Henry, Josephine, Stanley, Vera and Ralph Martin.

Services will take place at 2 p. m. tomorrow in Oregon Creek cemetery, with Hamilton and Riley in charge.

MARTIN, George  
The Sacramento Bee  
1-4-1937

## **BUTTE INDIAN IS KILLED BY AUTO**

### **Enterprise Resident Steps Into Path Of Car Driven By Forbestown Man**

OROVILLE (Butte Co.), Jan. 4. George Martin, 57, an Indian resident of Enterprise, twenty-three miles east of Oroville, was killed almost instantly here Saturday night when he stepped in front of an automobile driven by Glen McMillen of Forbestown.

No arrest was made after McMillen reported the accident. The accident was witnessed by Theodore Kellog of Vallejo. McMillen's car came from the opposite direction on the Quincy road beyond the town. He was unable to avoid Martin when suddenly he turned from the gravel on the roadside into the path of the car.

Sheriff Alvin Kister investigated and termed the death as unavoidable. McMillen is employed at the Midas Mine.

Martin was well known in Oroville. He had lived in Enterprise all his life. He leaves his wife, Mrs. Sadie Martin; four sons, Albert, Henry, Stanley and Ralph, and three daughters, Josephine, Vera and Mrs. Ray Angle, all of Enterprise.

Funeral services will be tomorrow afternoon at Enterprise under the direction of Hamilton & Riley's of Oroville. Burial will be in the Oregon Creek Cemetery.

MARTIN, George  
Oroville Mercury Register  
1-6-1937

# 100 Attend Martin Rites

## *Services At Oregon Creek Cemetery*

More than 100 persons attended graveside services Tuesday afternoon for George Martin of Enterprise, killed when he was struck by an automobile on Oroville-Quincy Road Saturday night in the first 1937 traffic fatality in Butte county.

Rites were held at Oregon Creek cemetery at 2 p. m. Reading of the scripture by Mrs. L. F. Sweet was followed by the Indian burial service, conducted by Fred Johnson.

Casket bearers were Norman Whittier, Hood Smith, Ray Angle, Jim Terry, John Williams and Elmer Smith.

Arrangements were in charge of Hamilton and Riley's.

KROEPELIN, Frank Henry  
Oroville Mercury Register  
1-9-1937

# F. H. Kroepelin Passes Away

Frank Henry Kroepelin, 71, former Oroville resident, died suddenly of a heart attack Friday in Sacramento, where he was employed as a cook for the forestry service.

Born in Germany in 1865, Kroepelin came to Oroville in 1894. A cook, he worked at that trade at the Odd Fellows Hall for a number of years. Later he took charge of the kitchen at the county infirmary. Afterward he was a time-keeper for the Cherokee mine.

He left Oroville in 1917 to move to Sacramento.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lavina T. Kroepelin; six daughters, Treasure Kroepelin, Mabel Kroepelin, Mrs. Anna Jackson and Mrs. Katherine Shuman, all of San Francisco, Mrs. G. Karsh of Sacramento and Mrs. Gretchen Wilson of Oakland, and by four sons, Fred, Robert and Charles Kroepelin of Sacramento and Frank Kroepelin of Oroville.

Thomas Funeral Home will have charge of funeral arrangements, to be announced later.



# IRVIN LEWIS DIES SUDDENLY AT SAN PEDRO

LEWIS, Irvin  
Reno Gazette Journal  
1-11-1937

Irvin Lewis, former Nevada newspaperman and for many years the publisher of the Carson City Daily Appeal, died suddenly in San Pedro, yesterday, according to word received by his sister-in-law, Mrs. Lucy Crowell of Carson. He was about sixty-seven years of age.

Mr. Lewis was a native of Wadsworth, Nev., and attended the university here. Following his graduation he worked on several Nevada newspapers and for a time was employed by The Nevada State Journal. Following his marriage to Miss Bessie Mighels of Carson, he was the editor and publisher of the Carson City Daily Appeal and later moved to San Pedro where he was engaged in newspaper work. His wife died several years ago at San Pedro and he later married again.

He was prominently identified with the Democratic party in this state, and during several elections, served as a member of the Democratic state central committee. He was a member of the publicity committee of the San Diego exposition.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mary Lewis of San Pedro, and a daughter, Mrs. Verrill Mills of Grass Valley. His first wife was a daughter of Mrs. Sam Davis and a sister of Mrs. Lucy Crowell of Carson and Roy Mighels of Reno.

Funeral services will be held at San Pedro.

# PUBLICIST SUDDENLY EXPIRES

LEWIS, Irvin Graham  
Wilmington Daily Press Journal  
1-11-1937

Unexpectedly stricken while seated at a table in his home at 3533 Dennison avenue, San Pedro, Irvin Graham Lewis, 67, prominent publicist, died yesterday.

Lewis was in the advertising and publicity bureau of the 1915-16 San Diego Exposition, and from 1919 to 1922 served as executive secretary of the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce. He was active in Masonic circles and was a mem-

ber of Al Bahr Temple, San Diego, under whose auspices funeral services are to be held at 4 p.m. Tuesday at the Cleveland mortuary, San Pedro.

A native of Clarendon, Iowa, Lewis is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mary Boyd Lewis; his daughter, Berrill Lewis Mills; a sister, Mrs. Claire Penbitoko, and a brother, Ray Lewis.

The deceased was well-known in Wilmington and the harbor district and took an active interest in civic and political affairs.

During the last national election he was the campaign manager for John T. Rawls, candidate for the State Assembly in the 68th district.



I G. LEWIS



LEWIS, Irvin G.  
The Los Angeles Times  
1-12-1937

# Last Honor Awaits Irvin G. Lewis, Editor, Tomorrow

Services for Irvin Graham Lewis, 67 years of age, veteran newspaperman and civic worker who died Sunday at his home, 3533 South Dennison avenue, San Pedro, of a heart attack, will be conducted from Cleveland parlors in the port city at 4 p.m. tomorrow. He had worked half a century as reporter or editor in California and Arizona and directed publicity for the San Diego exposition in 1915.

He once was secretary of the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce and was a Mason and a member of Al Bahr Temple of the Shrine at San Diego. He leaves his widow and a daughter, Mrs. Verrill Mills of Grass Valley.

KROEPELIN, Frank Henry  
Oroville Mercury Register  
1-13-1937

## **F. H. Kroepelin Rites Are Held**

Funeral services for Frank H. Kroepelin, 71, a former resident of Oroville, were held yesterday afternoon from the Thomas Funeral Home with the Rev. John R. Wilkins officiating.

More than 25 old residents of Oroville who knew Kroepelin before he moved away from here in 1917 were at the funeral.

Kroepelin died in Sacramento Saturday from a heart attack.

Selections on the organ, "Nearer My God To Thee" and "The Old Rugged Cross" were given by Mrs. E. F. Brinkerhoff.

Casket bearers were Fred Thunen, C. E. Hughes, George Karsh, Frank, Fred and Robert Kroepelin. Burial was in the family plot at Cherokee cemetery.

HIPES, Harry R.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
1-23-1937

## Last Rites Held For Harry Hipes

Funeral services were held today at 2 p. m. for Harry R. Hipes, who died at his home 2529 A street, El Medio, last Wednesday night, from the Thomas Funeral Home with the Rev. R. Doherty officiating.

Mr. Hipes had been a resident of that district for the past 15 years coming to California from Indiana. He was formerly employed by the Feather River Pine Mills.

He is survived by his wife Lida A. Hipes, two daughters, Mrs. Marshia Hall and Mrs. Fannie Ward, and by two sons, John E. and Martin Hipes all of Oroville.

Violet Helmick and Geraldine Duffy sang two songs at the services, "Jesus Lover of My Soul," and "It is well with My Soul," accompanied by Mrs. E. F. Brinkerhoff at the organ.

Casket bearers were E. Overstreet, P. Howell, W. P. Kentner, H. Hall, J. C. Helmick and H. Gerard.

Burial was at Oregon City Cemetery.

Heyer, Charles W.

Oroville Mercury Register

Jan 27, 1937

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## **C. W. Heyer, 69, Yankee Hill, Dies**

Charles W. Heyer, 69, a resident of Yankee Hill for ten years, died at his home there at 7 a. m. today. He was a native of Germany.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. R. E. Miller and Mrs. Charles Odneal, both of Yankee Hill; a son, Irwin Heyer of Milwaukee and four grandchildren.

Graveside services have been set tentatively for 2 p. m. Saturday at Yankee Hill.

H. C. Bicknell Funeral Home of Chico will have charge.

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## Mrs. Skaggs, Resident Of Cherokee, Dies

Harriett Maude Skaggs, a former resident of Cherokee and Oroville, passed away at St. Francis Hospital, San Francisco, Tuesday morning following an operation.

The body will be brought to Oroville tonight and will be at the parlors of Hamilton and Riley on Thursday.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. tomorrow at Hamilton and Riley's. Burial will be in Cherokee cemetery, a request made by Mrs. Skaggs shortly before her death.

Mrs. Skaggs was a cousin of Mrs. Mary Thomas of Oroville and T. M. James of Cherokee. Also, surviving are a daughter, Dorothy Kramer of San Francisco; a son, Fred Skaggs of San Francisco and a granddaughter, Bettyjean, daughter of Mrs. Kramer.

Mrs. Skaggs was the daughter of the late Jenkin Morgan, widely known businessman of Cherokee, who was the founder of what is now known as Thermalito. Mr. Morgan was a power both financially and politically in Butte county and at one time was the owner of the Cherokee Mine.

Mrs. Skaggs, after being graduated from the local schools attended Mills Seminary, of Oakland, now Mills College.

Mrs. Thomas had gone from Oroville to San Francisco to be at the bedside of Mrs. Skaggs during her last illness.

CRUM (WICK), Roxey Ella  
Oroville Mercury Register  
2-1-1937



# Mrs. R. E. Crum, Butte Pioneer, Passes Away

Funeral services for Mrs. Roxey Ella Crum, 83, who died at 1448 Bridge street, at 5 p. m. Saturday, will be held at 2 p. m. Tuesday at Hamilton and Riley's with burial in the family plot in Oroville cemetery. Mrs. Crum had been ill for approximately a year.

Born on the Crum Ranch at Wicks Corner, Sept. 7, 1853, she spent her early life there, later moving to Chico.

After death of her husband, Albert E. Crum, June 29, 1933, she made her home with a son, C. L. Crum of Crum's ranch.

For many years she had been a member of the Christian Church in Chico.

She is survived by three sons, Morris T. Crum and C. L. Crum, both of Oroville, and Arthur F. Crum of Chico; a brother, Charles F. Wick of Oroville, eleven grandchildren and twenty great grandchildren.

REESE, David  
Chico Record  
2-20-1937

## Graveside Funeral

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Graveside services for David Reese, veteran forest service lookout, who died at his home at Stirling City Wednesday, will be held at Oregon City Cemetery at 2 p. m. today, under the direction of the H. C. Bicknell Funeral Home.

VINOGRADOFF, Victor  
Oroville Mercury Register  
2-24-1937

# "Funny Guy" Ends Life By Dynamite

*Isaiah Suicide Carries Identity With  
Him Into Eternity And Apologizes*

## BULLETIN

Through a money order he sent from the Isaiah post office more than a year ago, the "Funny Guy" who committed suicide there yesterday was identified as Victor Vinogradoff, Sheriff Alvin Kister said late this afternoon.

He was a "funny guy."

No one seemed to understand him.

So Tuesday the funny guy took a canvas from his cabin near Isaiah, in the Feather river canyon, and a blanket and placed them carefully on the ground. He obtained an entire box of matches, because he didn't want to have the wind blow out his last one and have to return to his cabin again. He carried with him, too, a stick of dynamite and an eight-inch fuse.

Someone found the funny guy's headless body Tuesday afternoon and the sheriff's office was notified by telephone from Intake. There were no personal papers.

Written in a detective story mag-

azine was this puzzling note, in pencil:

"To whom it may concern: I am very sorry what I said. I did not mean it. I beg your pardon. I haven't got a country but America. I am no good anymore. And I am not a traitor. Of course the army is good. They done me a lot of good, gentlemen. I wish I could stand under the American flag. All my life nobody could understand me. I was a failure. Please forgive. I haven't got a papers but still even in death I am with you.

"Funny Guy."

Sheriff Alvin S. Kister and Frank Corea, with the assistance of residents in the vicinity carried the man's body 2½ miles over a trail to bring it to Oroville.

It is held at the Thomas Funeral Home, while efforts are being made to learn the identity of the "funny guy", his age, and why he placed his head on a stick of dynamite, lighted the fuse and then waited for death.



DAUSEY, George  
Oroville Mercury Register  
3-4-1937

## Brother Of Local Resident Expires

CHICO— George Dausey, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Dausey of Chico, died of pneumonia at his home, 3737 Irwin Street, last night.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by the following brothers and sisters: William Dausey, Durham; John E. Dausey, Chico; Leroy Dausey, Paradise; Mrs. William Keys, Thermalito, and Mrs. Jessie Darnell, Redding.

DAUSEY, George Edgar

The Sacramento Bee

3-5-1937

**DAUSEY**—In Chico, Butte County, March 3, 1937, George Edgar Dausey, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Dausey of Chico, brother of William Dausey of Durham, Leroy Dausey of Paradise, John E. Dausey of Chico, Mrs. Williams Keys of Thermalito and Mrs. Jesse Darnell of Redding; a native of California, aged 15 years. Funeral services will be conducted tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 o'clock in the chapel of the Westfall Funeral Home with Rev. J. P. Moran officiating. Interment will follow in the Clear Creek Cemetery.

MULLEN (Oliver), Harriet "Hattie"  
Arizona Republic  
3-11-1937

# Death Claims State Pioneer

Mrs. Hattie Mullen, Arizona resident for 47 years, died at the home of her son, A. J. Mullen, 76 East Hoover street, yesterday afternoon. She was 68 years old.

Funeral services will be held in Memory chapel of A. L. Moore and Sons, at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Burial will be in Double Butte cemetery, Tempe.

Born in Wisconsin in 1864, Mrs. Mullen came to Arizona, February 21, 1890, and the same year married Charles M. Mullen. After living in Mesa for a few years they moved to Tempe, where she had since resided. Her husband, a cattle man and rancher, died five years ago. Mrs. Mullen was active socially, and had held local and state offices in the Pythian Sisters and Order of Rebekah. In the Tempe district she was known by friends as "Aunt Hattie."

In addition to the son, she is survived by a brother, Grant Oliver, Dinuba, Calif.

# Jones, Emma Augusta

Oroville Mercury Register

Mar 13, 1937

## Emma Jones, Old Settler, Passes Away

Mrs. Emma Augusta Jones, 75, died at her home at 2251 Montgomery street at 9:15 p. m. yesterday following an illness of nine days. She was the victim of a heart attack.

Mrs. Jones was born at Oregon Gulch, near Yankee Hill, March 31, 1862. Her father George A. Grummett, had come to Oregon Gulch in 1849 from Germany. Her mother came from Germany in 1851 and the pair were married in San Francisco on her arrival. They lived at Oregon Gulch the rest of their lives.

Mrs. Jones is survived by two daughters, Mrs. W. H. Turner of Oroville and Mrs. R. R. Brooks of Durham; three sons, Archie L. Jones, Earl R. Jones and Stanley A. Jones, all of Oroville; a sister, Mrs. Lawrence Lassater of Oroville; a brother, G. A. Grummett of Oregon City; 12 grandchildren and two great-grand-children.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 1:30 from Hamilton and Rileys with Rev. John R. Wilkins officiating. Burial will be in the family plot at Cherokee cemetery.

HAWN, Howard Frederick  
Oroville Mercury Register  
3-16-1937

# Howard Hawn, Engineer, Dies

*A Resident Of  
Cherokee 5 Years*

Howard Frederick Hawn, 54, a mining engineer, died at his home in Cherokee Monday afternoon after a heart attack. He had lived at Cherokee for the past five years.

Hawn, a native of California, saw service in the Spanish American war.

Surviving is the widow, Mrs. May Hawn of Cherokee, the mother, Mrs. Peter Hawn of Beverly Hills, and a sister, Mrs. Rose Pedelty of San Francisco.

Funeral services will be announced by Hamilton and Riley.

HAWN, Howard F.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
3-22-1937

## **Last Rites Held . . For Howard Hawn**

Funeral services for Howard F. Hawn, who died March 15 at Cherokee, were held Saturday at Hamilton and Rileys, with the Rev. E. J. Brinkmeyer officiating.

Hawn was a veteran of both the Spanish American war and the world war. Casketbearers, members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, were G. H. Ford, Neil C. Hansen, J. W. Forbes, and E. W. Dallas.

Burial was in Cherokee cemetery.

MARTIN, George  
Oroville Mercury Register  
4-5-1937

## George Martin Of Brush Creek Dies

George Martin, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Martin of Brush Creek, died yesterday at the Oroville Curran hospital after a lingering illness.

Besides his parents, the boy is survived by three brothers, Gus, Dick and Ebenezer; and four sisters, Relia, Vivian, Lorraine and Theda.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. tomorrow at Bald Rock cemetery under direction of Hamilton and Riley.

# Dan Morgan, Cherokee Pioneer, Dies

*Stock Raiser, Born  
And Reared In  
Mining Community*

Daniel C. Morgan, 79, pioneer Cherokee stockman, died yesterday in Thermalito following a cerebral hemorrhage suffered nearly a week ago.

Morgan was born in Cherokee May 27, 1858, and has lived there all his life. Until two years ago he was an active stock grower in the region. His parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Morgan, came here from Wales in 1850.

Morgan was a member of Table Mountain Lodge No. 124, F. & A. M.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Retta Morgan, and a son, Stanley Morgan, both of Oregon City; a nephew, Dan B. Richard of San Francisco, grand lecturer of Royal Arch Masons of California and also of Royal and Select Masons of California; and by five nieces, Mrs. Hattie Solmon of San Francisco, Mrs. Jennette Gumow of Lafayette, Miss Jennie Davies of Chico, Mrs. Mary Nevills of Utah and Mrs. Gladys Smith of Oakland.

Funeral services will be held Sunday at 2 p. m. at Hamilton and Rileys, with Table Mountain lodge officiating. Burial will be in Cherokee cemetery.

MORGAN, Daniel C.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
4-9-1937



# Auto Crashes Endangering Other Lives

*Chico Party Was  
Coming To Attend  
Frank Holub Rites*

CHICO —(Special)—An autopsy performed this afternoon disclosed that Jacob M. Sturmer, 67, had died of a heart attack at the wheel of his car which caused it to swerve and crash into a fence on Chico road this morning.

On his way to Oroville to attend funeral services for Frank Holub, his brother-in-law, Jake Sturmer, of Chico, died at the wheel of his automobile as it crashed into a stone fence on Oroville-Chico Road about 9 a. m. today.

His wife and Mrs. Susie Miller, also of Chico, escaped serious injury as the car swung across the road out of control, struck the fence and turned over.

Sturmer was pinned in the automobile, and it was necessary to raise the machine from his body.

#### Body Taken To Chico

Belief was expressed that death may have been caused by heart disease, which struck as he sat at the wheel of the car. He was stricken as the car reached a point near the junction of the Neal Road to Paradise and the Oroville-Chico Road.

C. L. Meline, county welfare agent, on his way to Oroville, removed Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Sturmer to Chico. Sturmer's body was taken to the H. C. Bicknell Funeral Home in Chico, where it is anticipated an inquest will be held to determine the cause of the accident and whether Sturmer died from a heart ailment or merely fainted or dozed at the wheel of his car, dying from injuries received in the crash.

STURMER, Jacob M.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
6-2-1937

## Jacob Sturmer Dies At Wheel Enroute Funeral

#### Saw Auto Swerve

Meline said he believed that Sturmer may have been dead when the car struck the fence. The welfare agent said he did not believe a blow on the head received in the accident would have been sufficient to cause death.

"I was driving about a quarter mile behind the car when I saw it swerve suddenly, strike the fence and tip over on its left side," he said. "Up to that time the machine had been going straight along the highway."

Meline said he hurried up, and with the assistance of two men who were operating a tractor in a nearby field removed the two women who had been riding on the rear seat of the sedan.

#### Pinned By Wheel

Uninjured, they were taken through the left rear door.

Sturmer, however, was pinned between the steering wheel of the car and right front door and it was necessary to attach a cable to the machine and to move it with a tractor before he could be reached. This required about 15 minutes. He was dead when taken from the automobile.

Meline said that the women thought that Sturmer may have fainted at the wheel of the car, causing him to lose control of the machine.

#### Shock to Family

The accident came as a shock to

members of the Holub family and to friends of the elderly shoe store proprietor and of Sturmer, a former Oroville resident.

Private services were held for Holub, however, as planned, and the body was sent to Sacramento for cremation.

Sturmer at one time was a resident of Cherokee. He was a clean-up man on Oroville dredges and also followed the same occupation in Hammon, friends recalled. He was a stage driver at another time in his career, driving between Oroville and Susanville. In Chico he operated the elevator in the First National Bank Building.

Sturmer was a brother of Mrs. Mata Woolever, Mrs. Tillie Slissman, and Mrs. Frank Holub, all of Oroville, and of Mrs. Miller.

JELMYER, George  
Oroville Mercury Register  
8-10-1937

## Rites For Former Oroville Resident

Funeral services for George Jelmyer, 23, who was electrocuted when he fell against electric wires in a Yolo county rice mill, were held at 9 a. m. today in St. Thomas Catholic church. Mass for repose of the soul was celebrated by Father P. J. McCarthy.

Casket bearers were Ben Meyer, Jerry Balsley, Albert Lusk, Archie Bredney, George Rousilman and Joe Sidney.

Burial was in Oroville Catholic cemetery.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin O. Chadwich of Yankee Hill, a sister, Mrs. Roselizia Owens of Oroville; three brothers, Thomas, Philip and Jimmy Jelmyer and a sister, Alma Jelmyer of Yankee Hill; two stepbrothers, Perrine Chadwick of Sacramento, and Geo. Chadwick of Chico, and a stepsister, Mrs. Gertrude Davey of Ponca, Nebr.

He was a member of Local 38-118 of the International Longshoremen's Assn. of Sacramento.

WHELAN, William L. Sr.

Sacramento Bee

8-20-1937

# Folsom Prison Clerk Dies In Highway Crash

William L. Whelan, Sr., 68,  
Is Killed When Auto  
Strikes Truck

William L. Whelan, Sr., 68, record clerk at Folsom Prison, was killed instantly early today when his automobile crashed against the rear of a parked truck and trailer on Folsom Boulevard, a mile east of Mills, Sacramento County.

Carl Johanson of 4100 U Street, driver of the truck, which is owned by the Sacramento Box and Lumber Company, said he had pulled the heavy vehicle partly off the highway a minute before the accident. He explained that a piece of rope had caught fire in the cab and he had halted to extinguish the blaze.

He was released after questioning by District Attorney Otis D. Babcock.

Deputy Sheriff Charles J. Ogle and Constable William Clarkson investigated and declared that Whelan apparently failed to see the truck and crashed against it without slowing down.

Whelan joined the prison staff in 1921 as a guard. A year later he was made sergeant of the first watch. Five years ago he was promoted to record clerk.

A son, J. E. Whelan, is secretary to Warden Clarence Larkin. Three other sons also survive. They are W. L. Whalen, Jr., of Reno, Nev.; David Whalen of Sacramento and Lloyd Whalen of Folsom. Whelan also is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Helen Yerby of Sacramento.

The body was taken to the Garlick Funeral Home, where funeral arrangements are pending.

**WHELAN**—Entered into rest near this city, William L. Whelan, husband of the late Isabell Whelan, beloved father of William, Jr., Lloyd, Jack and David Whelan and Mrs. Fred Yerby, loving brother of David Whelan, Eleanor Whelan of San Francisco, Mrs. Katherine Lynch of Chico and Mrs. Elizabeth Mellon of Yuba County; a native of California, aged 68 years. Mr. Whelan is at the palm chapel of James R. Garlick, corner Twentieth and P Streets. Friends are invited to attend the funeral Monday at 9:30 A. M. from the Palm Chapel of James R. Garlick, corner of Twentieth and P Streets, thence to the Immaculate Conception Church, Oak Park, where Mass will be said for the repose of his soul commencing at 10 A. M. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery.

LAWSON, Clifford  
Oroville Mercury Register

8-21-1937

**Oroville Boy  
Fatally Burned  
In Marysville**

*Dazed By Sleep And  
Confusion He Returns  
To Cabin Twice*

MARYSVILLE —(VNA)— Apparently dazed by sleep and outbreak of fire in the auto camp where he was staying, Clifford Lawson, 14, of Oroville, was fatally burned late last night after he returned twice to the blazing structure.

He was burned from head to foot when finally brought out and died within a few hours.

The boy and his cousin, Melba Wallace, were in the cabin with another young girl when the flames started at 10:30 from an undetermined source.

D. V. Wallace, proprietor of camp a mile south of Marysville and uncle of the boy twice carried him to safety, but returning for final inspection found him prone on the floor.

Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lawson of Oroville.

WHELAN, William L.

Sacramento Bee

8-21-1937

# Rites Are Slated For Prison Clerk

A requiem mass will be said at 10 A. M. Monday in the Immaculate Conception Church in Oak Park for William L. Whelan, 68, record clerk of Folsom State Prison, who was killed yesterday when his automobile crashed into a parked truck near Mills Station, Sacramento County.

The burial will be in St. Joseph's Cemetery. James R. Garlick is in charge of the funeral.

Whelan is survived by four sons, J. E. Whelan, secretary to Warden Clarence Larkin of Folsom Prison; William, Jr., of Reno; David Whelan of Sacramento, and Lloyd Whelan of Folsom; a daughter, Mrs. Fred Yerby of Sacramento; a brother, David Whelan of Sacramento, and the following sisters: Eleanor Whelan of San Francisco, Mrs. Katherine Lynch of Chico, Butte County, and Mrs. Elizabeth Mellon of Yuba County.

He was a native of Butte County.

ALVES, Antone  
The Chico Enterprise  
8-23-1937

## Antone Alves Dies Suddenly

Antone Alves, 52, employe of the Lombardi dump on Humboldt road, was found dead near the old Alves ranch near Forest Ranch Saturday afternoon.

Alves told his employer last Thursday that he was going back to his old home. He packed his belongings and started for Forest Ranch. He was found by the caretaker of the Alves ranch, now owned by residents of Santa Barbara.

An autopsy conducted by Dr. Henry Mello and Dr. N. T. Enloe revealed that Alves died of chronic nephritis, uremia and hardening of the arteries.

The deceased was born near Butte Creek and had been a resident of Chico all his life. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Anna Avilla, Oroville, and the following brothers and sisters; Mamie Livingstone, Pacific Grove; Mary Ann Enos, Chico; Rosie C. Haines of Wheatland and Manuel Avilla of Oroville.

Rosary will be held in the Westfall funeral home at 8:30 this evening and high mass will be celebrated in the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, the Rev. P. J. Moran celebrant.

Burial will be in the family plot in the Cherokee cemetery.

AVILLA, Antone  
The Sacramento Bee  
8-23-1937

## Butte Man Collapses, Dies On Trip To See Old Home

CHICO (Butte Co.), Aug. 23.— High mass will be celebrated at 10 A. M. tomorrow for Antone Avilla, 52, also known as Antone Alves, who collapsed and lay for several hours unaided on the roadside while walking to his old ranch home in Little Chico Canyon.

Avilla crawled and dragged him-

self nearly a quarter of a mile and was but a short distance from the Crown Point Ranch when he was found Saturday. He was removed to the Enloe Hospital and died there Saturday afternoon.

Avilla, a former rancher in the Forest Ranch section, left Chico Thursday after telling friends he wanted to visit his old home.

An autopsy disclosed he had died of inflammation of the kidneys.

He leaves his mother, Mrs. Anna Avilla of Oroville; three sisters, Mamie Livingston of Pacific Grove, Mary Ann Enos of Chico and Rosie C. Haines of Wheatland; and one brother, Manuel Avilla of Oroville.

Buried in Cherokee Cemetery, Butte County

NISBET, Jack  
Oroville Mercury Register  
8-25-1937

## **Judge Nisbet Goes To Attend Funeral**

**J. G. Nisbet left Monday night for Granite, Colo., to attend the funeral today of his brother, Jack Nisbet, who died in Salida, Colo., August 22.**

**Nisbet was born at Oregon City June 20, 1859. In 1881 he went to Colorado, where he engaged in mining. Later he went into the cattle business, and retired last December.**

**Besides his brother in Oroville, he leaves another brother, Andrew, of Trinity county, a wife, son, and step-son.**



WHELAN, William L.  
The Folsom Telegraph  
8-27-1937

**Wm. L. Whelan Meets  
Death In Accident**

Friends here and at Represa of William L. Whelan, Folsom prison record clerk, were saddened by his tragic death, which occurred early Friday morning when his automobile crashed into a trailer on a truck parked near Citrus, on the Sacramento-Placerville highway. He was killed instantly.

Investigation by the authorities indicate that he failed to see the truck and struck it without slowing down.

Mr. Whelan had been connected with the prison for sixteen years, going there first in 1921 as a guard. Previous to that he had been employed for some years by the Natomas Company.

He was a man of fine character. He was much liked and esteemed by prison officials and other employes of the institution, and was equally as highly regarded by his many other friends.

He leaves four sons and a daughter, who have the sympathy of all who know them in their loss of a devoted father. The sons are John E. Whelan of Represa, W. L. Whelan Jr. of Reno, David Whelan of Sacramento, and Lloyd Whelan of Folsom. The daughter is Mrs. Helen Yerby of Sacramento. He also leaves a brother and three sisters.

The funeral took place from the Garlick palm chapel in Sacramento Monday morning, thence to the Immaculate Conception Church in Oak Park, where a requiem mass was celebrated. Interment was in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Sacramento.

Many sorrowing friends attended the last rites, and there were numerous and beautiful floral expressions.

PHELPS (RICHARDS), Mrs. Mary

The Chico Enterprise

8-31-1937

# Mrs. Mary Phelps Of Concow Dies

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Mrs. Mary Phelps, 53, a native of Concow, died yesterday at Oroville, it was learned here today.

Deceased had lived in Butte county all her life.

Survivors include the widower: John Phelps; two daughters, Mrs. Myrtle Hensley of Sacramento and Mrs. Lorraine Bake of Richvale; two sons, Earl Simmons of Westwood and Buddy Phelps of Thermalito; one sister, Mrs. Artie Stolt of Chico, and one brother, Eugene Richards of Colfax.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon in the Paradise cemetery. Mrs. Leta Rosebrook of the Christian Science Church at Oroville officiating at the graveside.

PHELPS, Mary Josephine  
Oroville Mercury Register  
9-1-1937

## **Graveside Service For. Mrs. Phelps**

Graveside services for Mrs. Mary Josephine Phelps, who died Aug. 30, will be held at Paradise cemetery at 2 p. m. Thursday.

Surviving Mrs. Phelps are her husband, J. L. Phelps; two daughters, Mrs. Myrtle Hensley of Sacramento, and Mrs. Lorraine Baker of Richvale; two sons, Earl Simmons of Westwood, and Roy E. Phelps of Thermalito; a sister, Mrs. Artie Scott of Chico, and a brother, Gene Richard of Grass Valley. There are four grandchildren.

Hamilton and Riley are in charge of services.

BOTTJER, Carl  
Sacramento Bee

9-1-1937

## DEATHS

**BOTTJER**—In Oroville, Butte County, August 30, 1937. Carl Bottjer, husband of Mrs. Carl Bottjer, brother of Louis Bottjer and Mrs. George Strang, all of Oroville; a native of Butte County, aged 62 years. Funeral services are being arranged at the Thomas Funeral Home.

HOTTMAN, William  
Oroville Mercury Register  
9-3-1937

## **Calls Doctor, Dies Before Help Arrives**

A few minutes after telephoning his physician that he had a "bad pain in his stomach" William Hottman, 62, dropped dead in the yard at his home, 1844 Third avenue, at noon today.

When Dr. F. M. Whiting, who answered the call, arrived, he found the body lying in the yard at the home.

Hottman had apparently walked outside the house after calling Dr. Whiting. A neighbor reported she had seen Hottman leave the building unaided.

Dr. Whiting said an autopsy would be held late this afternoon to determine cause of death. Under-sheriff Wm. Nisbet said he had been informed by the doctor that death had been caused either by ptomaine poisoning or heart trouble.

Hottman came to the Oroville district many years ago. In those days he was employed as a stage driver between Oroville and Yankee Hill. In later years he operated the Bridge Street Store, opposite the high school, and recently he worked as a clerk in a Montgomery street cigar store.

He had been married to Annie Reagan, a member of a pioneer Oroville family. His wife died 12 years ago. They had no children. Other relatives reside in Kansas.

Funeral services will be announced by Thomas Funeral Home.

CRAMER, James  
Oroville Mercury Register  
9-7-1937

### **AGED MAN DIES**

James Cramer, 75, a native of Oroville, died at the county infirmary Sunday at 1:40 p. m. of heart trouble. Cramer had lived in California for 30 years.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Buried in Cherokee Cemetery, Butte County

AMBROSE, Leloyd Ross  
Oroville Mercury Register  
9-7-1937

# Typhoid Fever Cause of Death

Leloyd Ross Ambrose, 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Ambrose of Wyandotte avenue, died of typhoid fever Monday at 7 p. m. He had been ill for two weeks.

The boy was born at Reed's Springs, Mo., and had been living here with his family for the past seven years.

Surviving besides the parents are a brother Troy, two sisters, Awanda and Bernice; and a grandmother, Mrs. Iva Ambrose and the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Warren of Reed's Springs.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday at 2:30 p. m. at the Pentacostal Church in the Southside. Burial will be in Cherokee cemetery. Hamilton and Riley has charge of arrangements.

SALISBURY, Roy  
Oroville Mercury Register  
9-15-1937

# Roy Salisbury Dies At Home On Greenville Street

Roy Salisbury, 27, of 2165 Greenville street, died at his home at 10 p. m. Monday following a prolonged illness due to heart trouble.

Salisbury, son of Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt Salisbury, was born in Chico. His parents moved to Oroville when he was two years old, and he spent the remainder of his life here.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Salisbury, three sisters, Mrs. Ruth Hanna of Alameda, Mrs. Rhoda LaRue of Oroville, and Mrs. Rheta Ryan of Alberta, Canada, and one brother, Ronald Salisbury of Oroville.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a. m. Thursday at Hamilton and Riley funeral parlors, with Rev. Eric Swadell officiating. Interment will be in Cherokee cemetery.



SALISBURY, Roy  
Oroville Mercury Register  
9-16-1937

## Funeral Held For Roy Salisbury

Funeral services for Roy Salisbury, 27, who died in Oroville Monday night, were held at 10 a. m. today at Hamilton and Riley funeral parlors, with Rev. Eric Swadell officiating, assisted by Rev. David Weitzel of Gerber, and W. E. Rees.

"The Old Rugged Cross" was sung by Miss Margaret Wangelin, Walter Rees, and Charles Warnock. Walter Rees and Charles Warnock also sang "The Lord Is My Shepherd." Mrs. Eric Swadell sang a solo, "Sometime We'll Understand." Mrs. Verne Tannehill was the accompanist.

Active pallbearers were Walter Rees, Melvin Metsker, Glenn Metsker, and Melvin Hartley. Honorary pallbearers were Ernest White, Charles Warnock, Verne Tannehill, and Roscoe McCloud.

Interment was in Cherokee cemetery.

KIMBREL, Clyde  
The Chico Enterprise  
10-2-1937

# Rites Held for Clyde Kimbrel

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Graveside funeral services were held at 3 o'clock this afternoon in the Cherokee cemetery for Clyde Kimbrel, 51, who died Wednesday at Susanville following a brief illness.

The Rev. Harris Pillsbury of the Presbyterian church officiated and burial was made under the direction of the Westfall funeral home.

McNEAL (WILSON), Mrs. Alison Marie  
Sacramento Bee  
10-5-1937

# Rites Are Set For Mrs. McNeal

A funeral service for Mrs. Alison Marie McNeal, 47, a native of Butte County, will be held tomorrow at 11 A. M. in the Harry A. Nauman & Son Chapel. The burial will be in the Masonic Lawn.

Mrs. McNeal lived at 2021 Twenty Eighth Street. She died yesterday in the Sutter Hospital. Sacramento had been her home for seven years.

She is survived by two daughters, Vida R. and Patricia Marie McNeal of Sacramento, and two sisters and two brothers, Mrs. Vida Fisher of Sacramento, Mrs. Jessie B. Hannis of San Rafael, Marin County; D. Donald Wilson of Sacramento and Clyde C. Wilson of Loomis, Placer County.

WILLIAMS, John Thomas

The Sacramento Bee

10-6-1937

# John Williams, Butte Stock Raiser, Dies

CHICO (Butte Co.), Oct. 6.—Funeral arrangements are pending at the H. C. Bicknell Funeral Home here for John Thomas Williams of Chaparral, 77, stock raiser, and a resident of Butte County for seventy years, who died yesterday in Chico.

Williams was born near Stockton and came to Butte County when 7 years old.

At the age of 17 he joined his brother, the late William W. Williams, in the cattle business on Little Dry Creek, fifteen miles from Chico.

Williams owned a large section of land along Little Dry Creek. He leaves two nephews, James A. Williams of Mountain View and Claude M. Williams of Chico, and a niece, Mrs. Alla Kurry of Oakland.

THUNEN, Frank  
Oroville Mercury Register  
10-7-1937

# Frank Thunen, Lawyer, Dies

Death of Frank Thunen in Berkeley this morning was learned today by M. W. Wells of Oroville, a brother-in-law.

Thunen, a Southern Pacific lawyer, practiced law in San Francisco. He was born in Cherokee but left here in 1904. He had also practiced law in Oroville.

Thunen was a brother of William Thunen of Weed and John Thunen of Westwood. He also has relatives in Oroville. Surviving are three children, Tom W., Margaret and Frances Thunen, all of Berkeley.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 11 a. m. at Chapel of the Flowers in Berkeley. The body will be cremated.

THUNEN, Frank  
Oroville Mercury Register  
10-9-1937

## Funeral Services For Frank Thunen

Funeral services for Frank Thunen, San Francisco lawyer, who died at his home in Berkeley Thursday, were held at 11 a m. today at Berkeley.

Thunen died from an illness that started last March as an aftermath of influenza.

He was born in Cherokee May 12, 1878. Following his admission to the bar he practiced in Oroville and Gridley, and later in Reno. About 1910 he entered the service of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, and continued as an attorney for that firm until his death.

Surviving him are his widow, Mrs. Stella Walton Thunen, a son, Thomas W. Thunen of New York, two daughters, Margaret and Frances of Berkeley, two brothers, William Thunen of Weed, and John Thunen of Westwood.

HANNIS, Harry Eugene

The Sacramento Bee

10-19-1937

## Funeral Is Arranged For Butte Countyan

CHICO (Butte Co.), Oct. 19. — Funeral services were scheduled to be conducted this afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Westfall Funeral Home here for Harry Eugene Hannis, 62, who died Saturday in his home on Humboldt Avenue.

Hannis, a native of Maryland, Wis., came to Chico with his parents when a small boy. He worked in the Cherokee mines, joined a construction crew for the Diamond Match Company railroad at Stirling City and later was employed by the Long-Bell Lumber Company at Weed.

He leaves two sisters, Mrs. Jess Pearl and Mrs. James Bollinger of Chico, and three brothers, Ira and Bert Hannis of Chico and Russell Hannis of San Rafael.

PERRY, John A.  
Feather River Bulletin  
10-14-1937

## John A. Perry of Greenville Dies

GREENVILLE, Oct. 14—Funeral services for John Agar Perry, whose untimely death at the age of 48 years five months and 26 days occurred at Chico Tuesday, will be conducted here this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Mr Perry succumbed to an illness caused by toxic poisoning. He had been in a Chico hospital 21 days.

Mr Perry was born in Indian Valley, the son of the late Mr and Mrs G. W. Perry. He is survived by his widow, Ivy Mae Perry, and a brother, Will Perry.

He was a stockman and a director of the Indian Valley Bank.

The service will be conducted at the Greenville Community church under the direction of K. B. Murray. Interment will be at the Greenville Cemetery.

Pallbearers are Leo Hannan, S. F. Brown, Leo Kaiser, Wendall McEnespy, H. D. Wardlow and A. J. Schieser.



ABSHIER (ABSHIRE), Mrs. Christie  
Oroville Mercury Register  
10-25-1937

# Mrs. Abshier Dies Suddenly

WOODLAND — (VNA) — As she prepared to drink a glass of milk, Mrs. Christie Abshier, 63, Saturday afternoon dropped dead of a heart attack at her home in Woodland. She is survived by a son, Lawrence Abshier of Paradise and a daughter, D. H. Lunt of Yankee Hill, both in Butte county.

# J. G. Nisbet Dies From Gun Wound

*Former City Clerk  
Passes Suddenly  
This Afternoon*

James Goldie Nisbet, 81, former city clerk and city judge and one time dredge superintendent, died in Oroville Curran hospital at 2:30 p. m. today from shock and hemorrhage caused by a wound received yesterday while he was cleaning an automatic pistol at his home.

Because of the seriousness of the wound, only slight hope had been held for Mr. Nisbet's recovery. The bullet, from a .380 calibre weapon, struck below the heart and emerged near the border of the lung, on the left side.

Mr. Nisbet, a pioneer Butte county resident, was widely known. Always interested in the county's history, he was active in preserving relics of the early days of its development. He frequently was consulted because of his knowledge of dredging activities and of historical facts.

#### Worked at Cherokee

He was born in Oregon City, March 12, 1857. His father had come to California in the gold rush days and had operated a pack train from Sacramento to Coloma before engaging in placer mining.

For a time young Nisbet worked at a mine in Browns Valley, where his father was superintendent.

Later he operated a monitor at the Cherokee mine. For two years he operated a hoist at the Kennedy mine in Amador county.

Afterward, for 15 years he was connected with the dredging industry, then at its height in Oroville. He worked on the old Oroville dredge before becoming superintendent of the Pennsylvania boat.

With W. H. James Mr. Nisbet purchased the Pennsylvania and operated it three years before taking up his residence on his ranch in Spring Valley, near Cherokee.

## NISBET, James Goldie Oroville Mercury Register 11-2-1937



#### City Clerk 1 Year

He was appointed city clerk and city judge in 1930, holding office until January, 1937.

Mr. Nisbet was a member of the Oregon City School Mates Club, comprised of students who attended the school in the early days of its history.

He was treasurer of Argonaut Parlor of the Native Sons, and was a past chancellor of the Knights of Pythias.

Mrs. Nisbet died several years ago.

Mr. Nisbet is survived by three sons and two daughters, William W. Nisbet, undersheriff of Butte county; Mrs. Nellie Johns of Oakland; Roy W. Nisbet of Oroville, J. C. Nisbet, principal of Oroville Union High school, and Mrs. Hazel Coombes of Las Plumas. Andrew Nisbet, a brother, lives in Minersville, Trinity county.

The brother, who came here at 10:30 a. m. today, had left only an hour when Mr. Nisbet died.

An effort was made to communicate with the Minersville man through the state highway patrol.

Sheriff Herbert Taylor said this afternoon no inquest will be held into Mr. Nisbet's death.

Funeral arrangements had not been made this afternoon. They will be in charge of Hamilton and Riley.

NISBET, James Goldie  
Oroville Mercury Register  
11-3-1937

# J. G. Nisbet

## Inquest Set

An inquest into the shooting of J. G. Nisbet, 81, who died in an Oroville hospital Tuesday from a gunshot wound, will be held at the same time as that to be conducted into the death of Janet Irene Sousa, 3.

This announcement was made today by Sheriff Herbert Taylor.

Taylor expressed belief that the Nisbet shooting was accidental, but said an inquest would be held to establish official cause of death.

Funeral services for Mr. Nisbet will be held Thursday at 2 p. m. at Hamilton and Rileys. The Rev. H. Brooke will officiate. Burial will be in the family plot in Cherokee cemetery.

# Wreckers To Lift Engine From River

## *Charboneau's Body Still Missing; Potee Rites Saturday; Westbound Train Escapes*

Wrecking crews worked today on the difficult engineering problem of raising a 327,000-pound Mikado engine from the Feather River 300 feet below the Western Pacific roadbed near Pulga as the sequel to an early morning wreck that plunged two Oroville trainmen to their deaths Thursday.

A storm which sent a rock "as large as a roll top desk" into the path of the Scenic Limited, eastbound through the canyon, was blamed for the accident, which cost the lives of Halsey Sager (Harry) Potee, 53, veteran engineer, and L. C. Charboneau, 27, fireman.

### **Body Still Missing**

Search was still being made today for Charboneau's body, believed to be buried in gravel and rock.

The search recalled the unsuccessful hunt made for the body of Stanley Andrews, lost when an engine plunged off the tracks near the Feather River highway bridge about eight years ago.

An engine and mail car were toppled toward the river, but one hundred fifty passengers aboard the train, en route from Oakland to Salt Lake City, escaped when a coupling parted and the cars remained on the rails. The cars were stopped automatically by air brakes when the engine and mail car separated. Many, asleep, were unaware of the accident.

The engine was emerging from the east portal of Tunnel No. 9 at 2:30 a. m. when it struck the boulder, which had become loosened from the mountainside by the night's downpour and had fallen on the track. For a few seconds the engine, pushing the rock before it, shot ahead, tearing up 200 feet of ties and rail.

### **Plunges Into River**

An instant later it began its awful plunge into the river.

It rolled over and over, stopped, with a mighty roar of steam, in the river. The lighter mail car slid down on one side down the mountain, stopping a few feet from the stream.

Surviving train crew members made their way with difficulty down the steep, rocky slope, using lanterns to search for possible survivors.

### **Mail Clerk Escapes**

In the mail car, Earl P. Roberts, Sacramento, clerk, regained his feet and battered out a window on the upper side of the overturned car. Trainmen helped him through the opening. Almost miraculously, he had suffered only bruises. He remained with the mail until the track was cleared and the cargo and passengers continued eastward.

Potee's body, partly covered with rock, was picked up 30 feet from the river. His legs, arms and head had been crushed. Death was thought to have occurred instantly. He is believed to have been thrown from the engine as it rolled over.

The accident occurred about 2 1-2 miles this side of Pulga.

### **Potee Careful Engineer**

Potee, regarded as one of the most careful engineers on the system, was reported to have been making 25 miles an hour at the time of the crash. He is thought to have applied the emergency brake as soon as the engine struck the rock.

Engineers said today that the rock was only 125 feet from the portal of the tunnel. The engineer and firemen, their vision temporarily obscured by smoke and steam as they rolled out of the bore, struck the rock before they were aware it was there, it is believed.

**Forty-five minutes before this, westbound Passenger Train No. 1, had passed the same spot. But in those 45 minutes, somewhere on the mountain, the storm had started the slide.**

Emory Brown, conductor of the train, walked two miles to Poe to telephone word of the accident to Oroville, and medical assistance was sent to the scene.

The ten cars of the train re-

CHARBONEAU, Louis C.

POTEE, Harry S.

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mained in the tunnel after the crash until an engine arrived from Oroville and transferred the cars to Poe siding. Making up the train were two baggage cars, three Pullmans, one tourist sleeper, two chair cars, a day coach and an observation car. Train service was resumed about 3 p. m.

All available section hands from Oroville to Keddie were brought to the wreck scene. Sixty worked to re-lay the track, and two wreckers were summoned. On one of these, capable of lifting 200 tons, the railroad will depend largely in raising the engine from the river. This wrecker, dispatched from Portola, is the largest on the system. A 100-ton wrecker also was sent from Oroville.

#### **Father Seeks Son's Body**

An inquest into the accident will be held, according to Sheriff Herbert Taylor, who visited the scene Thursday morning. However, date had not been fixed early this afternoon.

Charboneau had come to Oroville only three months ago. He lived at 1132 Bird street.

His father, roundhouse superintendent at Sparks, Nev., came here today to help search for his son's body.

Potee had been an engineer for the Western Pacific railroad since 1911. In these 26 years he had worked the entire time in the Feather river canyon. He was one of the best known engineers on the system, and was active in the Masonic lodge.

He was a native of East Liberty, Ohio, but had lived in California since 1911.

#### **Funeral Rites Saturday**

He was a member of East Liberty Lodge No. 247, Free and Accepted Masons, Portola chapter No. 321, Order of the Eastern Star, and Fountainhead Lodge No. 625 of the Knights of Pythias of East Liberty, Ohio.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Docey H. Potee; a sister, Mrs. G. I. Morse of Bellefontaine, Ohio; a brother, Joseph M. Potee of East Cleveland two nieces, Virginia and Margaret Morse of Bellefontaine.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p. m. Saturday at Hamilton and Riley's, with the Rev. H. C. Bever officiating. The body will be sent to Bellefontaine, Ohio, Sunday morning. It will be accompanied by Mrs. Potee and by O. H. Bryan of Oakland, general chairman of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers on the Western Pacific system.

In Bellefontaine, graveside services will be conducted by the Masonic lodge.

CHARBONEAU, Louis C.

POTEE, Harry S.

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**WHERE WESTERN PACIFIC ENGINE LEAPED INTO RIVER**



—Mercury Photo and Engraving

These two photographs, taken by a Mercury reporter on the spot, show the big Western Pacific engine on its side in the Feather River near Pulga and the mail car where it stopped in loose gravel after the engine early yesterday hit a rock and plunged 300 feet from the tracks to the stream killing two men. Note the turbulent waters of the river in the top picture. It is believed that Fireman Charboneau's body is in the water under the engine cab. In the lower picture the white dots mark the descent of the engine and mail car. The white cross is approximately where the body of Engineer Potee was found partly covered with rock. The minute size of the people seen standing on the tracks above the white dots give an idea of the extent of the drop to the river. The car at the tunnel is the baggage car which was derailed and left behind when the engine and mail car plunged down the steep bank. Considerable difficulty was experienced by the photographer in reaching the bottom of the canyon. He was forced to walk down the section of the old Hog Wallow road that led to this scene. Later it was discovered that cars could drive to the spot by another road.



FEESE, Charles  
Oroville Mercury Register  
11-26-1937

## Chas. Feese Passes Here

Charles Feese, 71, of Hemstalk Court, died at the county infirmary at 4 p. m. Thursday.

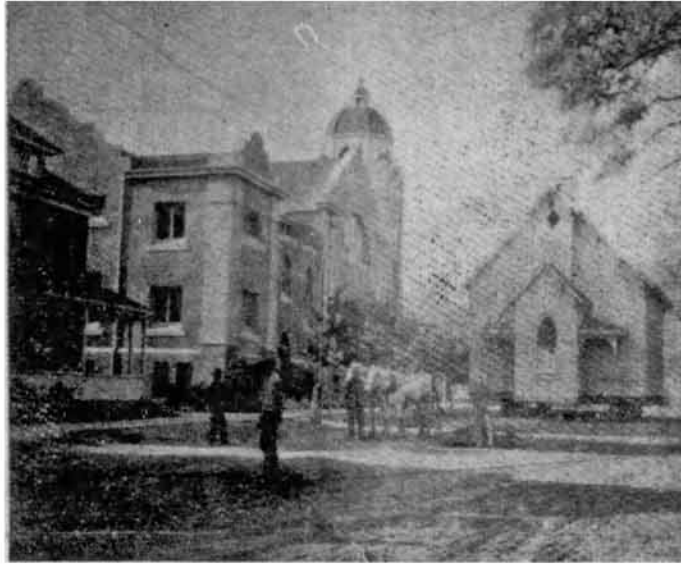
He was found at his cabin early yesterday morning by two neighbors, who investigated when they had not seen Feese for several days. They broke into the cabin, and found him in bed. They called Dr. L. A. Jacoby, and Feese was taken to the county infirmary by the Oroville ambulance at 9:45 a. m.

Dr. Jacoby said death was caused by heart and lung trouble.

Feese was well-known in Oroville, where he had worked for a number of years as a hod-carrier and cement worker. He had spoken several times of a sister, friends said, but when questioned shortly before his death, he said there was "no one to notify."

Funeral arrangements will be announced later by Hamilton and Riley.

# FEESE, Charles "Shorty" Oroville Mercury Register 11-29-1937



## Shorty's Last Wish Fulfilled

Friends Raise Fund To Keep His Body From  
Potter's Field; Funeral Yesterday

**B**ECAUSE his friends and fellow workers wanted to fulfill the last wish of Charles Feese, to keep his body from being buried in "potter's field," they all donated enough money to make up a burial fund. Feese died Thanksgiving Day at the county infirmary.

Feese, called Charlie or Shorty by all who knew him, was a familiar figure around Oroville, and could often be seen leaning on a lamp-post at the corner of Bird and Myers streets. He was well-known for his generosity, especially to children.

Friends said they never saw him give less than twenty-five cents to a child, and more often it was fifty cents or a dollar. One local girl received a five dollar bill on her birthday each year from the old man. He gave a five dollar bill to a bartender to start a bank account for a new arrival in the man's family. It was said that he spent \$15 in one night at a carnival treating the "kids."

### Laborer All His Life

Feese had been a cement worker, hod carrier, and common laborer all his life. Because of poor health, he stopped working shortly after his seventy-first birthday, July 30. He was taken to the infirmary Thursday morning. He had been found in his cabin, unconscious, early that morning. He died at 4 p. m.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Sunday at Hamilton and Riley's, with Rev. Herbert Brooke officiating. Milo Stram, accompanied by Mrs. Lula Hogan Wasley, sang one number. Casket bearers were Milo Stram, A. W. Phelps, A. C. Lineker, and C. C. Scott. Feese had worked for Stram for several years, and the other three were fellow employees.

Interment was in Cherokee cemetery. A small headstone will be placed by the friends who made possible his burial there, rather than in the "potters' field."



WHITE, Henry W.

Sacramento Bee

12-20-1937

# Henry White, Supervisor, Stockman, Dies In Oroville

OROVILLE (Butte Co.), Dec. 20. Henry W. White, 68, the dean of the Butte County Board of Supervisors and a picturesque stockman, died yesterday after a long illness.

The funeral will be held at 2 P. M. tomorrow at the Thomas Funeral Home and will be followed by interment in the family plot at Oregon City.

White served on the board for twenty three years. A close friend reported he made a recommendation recently to Governor Frank F. Merriam regarding his successor.

## Born In Oregon City

He was regarded as the guiding light of the board of supervisors, due to his intimate knowledge of county government and financial matters, gained through his long service and continual study. He had little schooling during his



H. W. WHITE

early life and prepared himself for the position which he held by close observation of human affairs.

White was born at Oregon City on August 10, 1869. He was the son of Henry C White, who came to California in 1852 and after unsuccessful mining attempts became one of Butte County's earliest stockmen.

Henry W. White, who never married and is the last of the immediate family, worked on his father's stock ranch and later for himself until he reached the age of 21, when he took office as deputy county assessor.

## Served As Chairman

He held this office until 1914, resigning to run for supervisor. He was elected and took office in January, 1915. He was named chairman of the board in 1917, a post which he held at various times during his career.

His personal life was that of a stockman. He was tall and slender and wore high boots, a wide brimmed hat and flowing mustache.

His expert marksmanship with either rifle or pistol earned him the nickname of "Two Gun" White.

He often would amuse his friends by shooting pennies as they were flipped into the air.

VINTIN (VINTON), George  
Oroville Mercury Register  
12-21-1937

# George Vintin Of Old Butte Family, Dies

George Vintin Jr., 75, son of pioneer Cherokee parents, died last week in Moro, Ore., according to information received today by Alex M. Wilson.

Mr. Vintin was county clerk of Sherman county, Ore., for a number of years previous to his illness. He moved to Oregon half a century ago, engaging in mining and farming.

The Vintin home was near Pentz, where the Chico Meat Co. now is.

Mr. Vintin was the son of George Vintin. His father was a brother of the late T. L. Vintin.

The deceased was a cousin of Louis D., Marcus and Miss Ruth Vintin of Cherokee.

VINTON, George C.  
The Bend Bulletin (Oregon)  
12-22-1937

George C. Vinton of Moro died at his home on December 16. He was born at Cherokee, California, on February 10, 1862. In 1882 the Vinton family came to Oregon and homesteaded east of Grass Valley. On February 10, 1907 he married Miss Echo Buker of Grass Valley. Mr. Vinton was a prominent stockman and was for over 30 years manager of the four warehouses of the Wasco Milling company at Grass Valley. In June, 1931 the family moved to Moro on his appointment as county clerk. He served until his retiring two years ago. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Vinton, two daughters, Mrs. Geraldine Douglas of Wenatchee, and Betty Jeanne of Moro; a son, Clayton G. of Moro; two sisters, Mrs. W. H. Snook of Madras, and Mrs. A. M. Williams of Portland; and two brothers, Roy T. of Portland, and Edward L. of Coquille. Funeral services were held at Grass Valley Sunday under the auspices of I.O.O.F. lodge.

TEBBE, George  
Oroville Mercury Register  
12-22-1937

## George Tebbe Of Yreka Succumbs

News of the death of George Tebbe of Yreka was received here today by Mrs. Nettie I. Thunen.

Tebbe, a cousin of the late Fred W. and Charles G. Thunen, spent his early life in Butte county. His father owned the Chinese doctor's health resort at Deadwood for some time.

Tebbe was a prominent attorney in Yreka, and his son, Albert, was associated with him.

Surviving are his wife, a son, two daughters, and a brother, Dr. Fred Tebbe of Oakland. Funeral services will be held in Yreka Thursday.



# FROST, Benjamin S.

## Feather River Bulletin

12-23-1937



Benjamin S Frost 1863 - 1937  
Buried near Rock Creek at his cabin site

## 'Mailman' Finds Man Dead Month

Benjamin J. Frost, dead in his lonely cabin five miles south of Storrie on the headwaters of Rock Creek for a month, was found there Saturday.

John Pinkston, power company dam tender, delivered mail to the 75-year old recluse once a month. It was Pinkston who found him when he went to the cabin on his periodical trip Saturday.

A calendar had been checked off daily and the last mark was Nov. 20. Mr Frost was lying on the floor, a handful of kindling nearby as if he had dropped dead as he was in the act of starting a fire.

Mr Frost had lived in Plumas county since 1928. He formerly worked as a carpenter for the railroad company.

A son resides at Cambridge, Ohio, and Mr Frost was buried near his cabin on the son's orders.

Herbert Hard, Chester Hard, Clyde Furlong and Mr Pinkston accompanied J. F. Moody, county coroner, on the difficult climb from Storrie Sunday to make the burial.

FROST, Benjamin S.  
Plumas Independent  
12-23-1937

**AGED MINER BURIED IN  
HILLS ABOVE PULGA**

Services were held Sunday for the late Benjamin F. Frost near his home above Pulga, where he had resided since 1928. Coroner J. F. Moody taking charge of the interment.

Accompanied by Chester and Herbert Hard of Meadow Valley and Clyde Furlong of Quincy, Coroner Moody undertook the long hill climb Sunday when word had been received here the previous day advising him of Frost's death. The men drove as far as Belden, then walked to Storrie and negotiated the steep five mile climb to the isolated cabin. The first plan was to bring Frost's remains to Quincy for burial, but conditions circumvented this.

Frost was found dead by a neighbor, John Princeton, who made a trip to the cabin to take him mail and a few supplies. Princeton advised the coroner of having discovered the body in the cabin.

A close examination led Coroner Moody to believe that the man had been dead since Nov. 20th or 21st, as the days on the calendar had been marked off, the markings having ceased with Nov. 20th.

Little is known of the man, who had told Princeton that he was 75 years of age. One daughter, Flora, and a son, Carl Foster, the latter a resident of Ohio, survive, but to date it has been impossible to contact them.

Note: John Princeton is incorrect; should be John Pinkston. See obit from Feather River Bulletin 12-23-1937

TEBBE, George A.  
The Petaluma Argus Courier  
12-29-1937

# Local Matron's Father Is Called

George A. Tebbe, prominent attorney of Yreka, died at his home in that city Tuesday of last week following an illness of more than a year. He was the father of Mrs. Clement A. Stimson, wife of Dr. Stimson, well known physician and surgeon.

The late Mr. Tebbe was a native of California, having been born in Deadwood. He was 71 years old when death ended his career as one of the most prominent attorneys of northern California. He established the law firm of Tebbe, Tebbe & Jos. Corria of Yreka. Educated in this state, he was graduated from the State Teachers' college, San Francisco, and taught school in Siskiyou county before engaging in the practice of law.

Surviving with his widow, Mrs. Carrie I. Tebbe, are his children, Mrs. Stimson of this city; his son, G. Albert Tebbe, with whom he was associated in the law business in Yreka; and Mrs. Elsie Park of Oakland. There are five grandchildren. Mr. Tebbe is survived by a brother, Dr. Fred Tebbe of Oakland, the last living member of the well-known family.

He was a member of the Masonic lodge of Yreka. The funeral took place Thursday under the auspices of the Masons. The pastor of the Methodist church, of which he was a member, paid a tribute to the memory of the pioneer. Interment was in the Masonic cemetery where beautiful floral tributes covered the grave.

Dr. and Mrs. Stimson who attended the funeral, returned home on Tuesday.

## Dean Of Butte Supervisors Passes

### Final Rites Today For Henry White, Of Oregon City

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 o'clock this afternoon (Tuesday) from the Thomas Funeral Home at Oroville for Henry W. White, 68, Butte county supervisor from the fifth district for the past 23 years. Interment will take place in the Oregon City cemetery where his people are buried.

His death occurred Sunday morning and followed a long illness. Last March he moved to the hospital, where he could obtain care. Until the last month or two he attended board meetings.

Mr. White, who took pride in pioneer ancestry and in the fact that he had endured the hardships of an outdoor life on the range, was able only by his grim determination to attend board meetings in recent months, intimates said. Several times he had to be assisted to and from the supervisors' room.

#### Was Warm Friend, Bitter Enemy

He had the reputation of staunchly upholding those he considered his friends, but with being just as vigorous in openly fighting those he felt were his enemies.

Characteristic of him was his vehement denial from a hospital sick bed a few weeks ago of a report that he was to resign.

The supervisor was rational to within 20 minutes of his death. Then he lapsed into a sleep during which he died. His condition was fairly good until Saturday afternoon.

#### Pallbearers Named

Frank W. Boyle, former county purchasing agent, and long a close friend of the supervisor, said arrangements are in accordance with Mr. White's wishes, who even designated his pallbearers.

The supervisor said he didn't want a "lot of fuss" made over him, and would be satisfied to have a few of the men with whom he had ridden the range, and his friends from the court house and other intimates attend.

As a result of his wishes, casket bearers will be Martin Polk, county assessor and former clerk of the board of supervisors; Harry Hume, city manager of Chico, formerly county engineer; Charles Stearns, formerly assistant county engineer; and Charles Johnson, George Duensing and Elias Jones, cattlemen.

#### Survived By Cousins

Mr. White was a bachelor. His nearest relatives are cousins. They include Walter Williams and Miss Elizabeth Tyler of San Francisco, and other cousins in Michigan.

Space for courthouse employes and officials and for members of the Elks lodge will be reserved at the funeral home today.

Mr. White had been in public life since 1903 when he became a field deputy under A. E. Morton, county assessor.

He worked four or five months each year, as a deputy. The remainder of the time he was principally engaged in the cattle business, in which he had "grown up," as he frequently expressed it.

Accustomed to the saddle, he covered his large territory as a deputy assessor by horseback. He had a pair of saddle bags in which he kept his books and records, his shaving outfit and a towel. He always wore a white shirt. He tried to arrange his schedule so that he could reach a boarding house, logging camp or a mine camp by nightfall. Sometimes, however, this was impossible, and on these occasions Mr. White and his horse were "put up" at a ranch house. Ranchers were always hospitable, he used to recall.

#### Always Remembered Faces

The future supervisor had an excellent memory for names and faces and could remember those he had met in his travels over his district.

One of the duties of field deputies in those days was to collect the poll tax. He also collected the personal property taxes and assessed real estate. The poll tax amounted to \$5 a year on all able bodied men except former soldiers, who paid only \$2.

There was a \$2 school tax, which even former service men and firemen had to pay, a \$2 county road tax and a \$1 hospital tax. The taxes had to be paid in cash, although in earlier years residents had been permitted to work out their road taxes on roads near their homes.

#### Elected to Board in 1914

In 1914 he became a candidate for the board of supervisors, and was elected at the primaries over three opponents.

Other members of the board at the time the Oregon City cattle man took office at the beginning of 1915 were C. E. Porter, Dave Evans, of Gridley, Bob Holmes of Chico and Tom Whipple of Wyandotte.

#### Worked For Highway

One project to which Mr. White dedicated his efforts, and in which he was greatly interested during his entire term of office was completion of what then was known as the North Fork highway.

At the time Mr. White came on the board each man appointed his own road foreman and had charge of the road equipment in his own district. Mr. White had two or three Fresno scrapers, a broken-down rock crusher and an old International high wheel harvester that supplied power for the rock crusher or for pumping water.



WHITE, Henry  
The Gridley Herald  
12-21-1937, page 2 of 2

There was no county engineer, and the various supervisors handled road matters personally with such help as they obtained from Martin C. Polk, who was county surveyor from 1915 to 1919. Afterward under the charter, a county engineer was appointed by the board and the road system underwent a marked change.

**Efficient Budget Man**

During his long term on the board, Mr. White served many times as chairman. He was familiar with all county affairs, and was regarded as being particularly efficient in budget and financial matters. He was also much interested in road matters and often was made a member of road committees.

Mr. White was born in Oregon City, August 10, 1869.

**Enters Cattle Business**

At the age of 21, Mr. White entered in the cattle raising business. He added to his father's original ranch, of which he had become owner, and also obtained property on Table Mountain. He used the same brand—the figures 52—used by his father in 1852.

During the world war Mr. White was a member of the Council of National Defense with H. D. Gregory, then superior judge, the late Raymond A. Leonard, then district attorney, the late W. P. Lynch of Oregon City and the late Chas. Brown of Gridley.

The council selected the draft board and listened to numerous complaints and other matters.

# Tom James Dies At Home In Cherokee

*Native Of Butte  
County; Local Bank-  
er And Cattleman*

Tom James, 71, one of Butte county's best known citizens, died at his home in Cherokee early today following a week's illness. Death was caused by pneumonia. Mrs. May Thomas of Oroville, his only immediate relative, was at his bedside.

He was born in Cherokee, Feb. 28, 1866. He was the son of William James, for many years a member of the Butte county board of supervisors.

After graduation from the Cherokee school, Mr. James attended business college in San Francisco.

#### Joined Gold Rush

He worked for many years in the Rideout Smith National Bank, now the Bank of America.

He went to Alaska during the gold rush there. He made two trips to Alaska, and was employed by the Wild Goose Mining Co..

He became one of the largest land owners in Butte county and was in the cattle business virtually his entire lifetime.

His close friends knew him as a talented musician.

He had been a trustee of Cherokee school for 25 years.

He was one of the first members of the Masonic lodge in Oroville. His membership embraced Oroville Lodge No. 103, Franklin Chapter No. 22 and Oroville Commandery No. 5 of Knights Templar, and Islam Temple of the Mystic Shrine of San Francisco.

He is survived by his sister.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by Thomas Funeral Home.

# JAMES, Thomas Morgan Oroville Mercury Register 1-11-1938

## Native Of Cherokee Passes



—Mercury Engravings

T. M. James, 71, cattle man, died at his home today. He was one of the county's best known citizens. His life was a varied career of mining, banking and ranching. One of the original members of the Masonic lodge here, he is shown in Knights Templar uniform in this photograph.

JAMES, Thomas Morgan  
Oroville Mercury Register  
1-15-1938

## Many Friends At Tom James Rites

Approximately 175 friends attended final rites held at 2 p. m. Friday for Thomas Morgan James of Cherokee, at Thomas Funeral Home.

Services were conducted by Harold Mason and Elton Leggett of Oroville Lodge No. 103, F. and A. M.

The Rev. Herbert Brooke read the obituary. Aaron Burt sang two solos, "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," with Mrs. T. R. Brinkerhoff accompanying on the console organ.

Casket bearers were J. I. Murphy of Nelson, Alex Wilson, Floyd Humphrey, Frank Boyle, A. H. Skelling of Durham, Mike Wells, S. DeLong of Magilia, and Howard L. Sohnry.

Interment was in the family plot in Cherokee cemetery.

SOWARDS, Archie  
Oroville Mercury Register  
1-21-1938

## Archie Sowards Dies Suddenly

Archie Sowards, 26, died Thursday night in a local hospital after an illness of three months.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Freda Y. Sowards; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Sowards of Missouri; five sisters, Mrs. Ovan Jennings, Mrs. Edna McInturf, Mrs. J. W. Simmons, all of Oroville, Mrs. Frankie Aldridge and Miss Alenn Sowards of Missouri; and a brother, George Sowards, also of Missouri.

Graveside services will be held at Cherokee cemetery Sunday, at 2 p. m. Thomas Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

BADER, Charles William  
Oroville Mercury Register  
1-26-1938

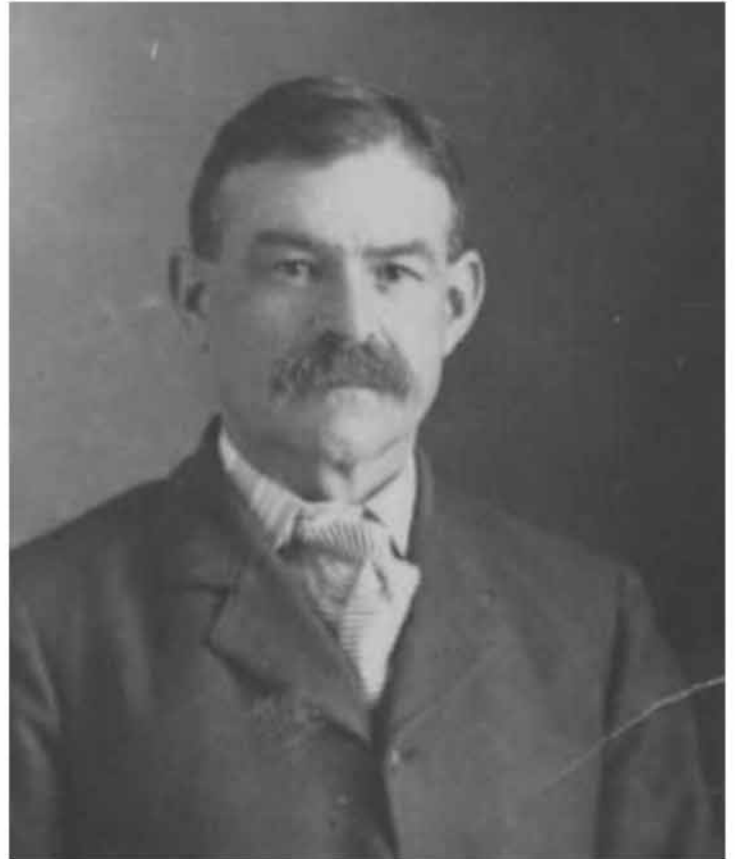
**Charles Bader,  
Butte Pioneer,  
Dies, Magalia**

Charles William Bader, 85. of Magalia, died there this morning, according to a report received here by relatives.

Mr. Bader came to Butte county with his family when he was six months old, and had lived in the county all his life. He was a member of Table Mountain Lodge, Number 124, F. and A. M., for 51 years, and a member of Table Mountain lodge, IOOF, for 62 years.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Emily Bader; three daughters, Mrs. Eva Storey of Fairfield, Mrs. Hilda Fults of Oakland; Mrs. Mable Kroeger of Oroville; two sons, Charles Bader and William Bader, both of Magalia; and three sisters, Ida Heinrich, Josephine Weaver, and Emma Mowry, all of Sacramento. Also surviving are eleven grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later.



BADER, Charles William  
Oroville Mercury Register  
1-27-1938

**Charles Bader  
Rites In Chico**

**Funeral services for Charles Bader, who died yesterday at his home in Magalia, will be held Saturday at 11 a. m. at Westfall Funeral Home in Chico. Burial will be in the Cherokee cemetery.**

Excerpted from Ancestry.com

Charles William Bader, Jr. (C. W.), the eldest son of Christoph and Elizabeth Bader, was like his father, a blacksmith, miner and brewer. He owned the Magalia Hotel and Saloon until it burned to the ground in about 1894. Along with Frank Tate and others, he rebuilt the hotel in 1896. He served as Magalia's Postmaster from 1886 to 1890. On March 31, 1874, he married Mary Ellen Herbert in Cherokee, California. She was born in May 1855 in Swansea, Glamorgan, Wales and died October 18, 1902 in Magalia. They had eight children. After the passing of his first wife, C. W. Bader married again on August 8, 1910 in Chico, California to Emily Francis (Frasier) Robinson. She was born December 26, 1878 in Lynchburg, Virginia and died January 17, 1947 in Chico. They had one child. C. W. Bader's interest in gold mining never diminished. According to his grandson, Raymond Reeves/Fults, the Bader gold mines yielded some of the largest nuggets in the west. A 1990 article in Tales of the Paradise Ridge stated "Remnants of Charles Bader's Mine can be found near Little Butte Creek near the end of Bader Mine Road," and "In 1911 (the) Bader Gold Mining Co. had 160 acres." When he died in 1938 at the age of 86, his funeral was said to be the largest ever held in Butte County. The procession from Chico to the Cherokee Cemetery was estimated to be more than a mile long. On his tombstone is the simple inscription: "Asleep."

BRADBURY, John M.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
1-28-1938

# Insurance Man Expires Here

John M. Bradbury, 79, retired life insurance salesman, died at 9:15 a. m. today at the county infirmary from a cerebral hemorrhage. He had been ill four days.

Mr. Bradbury came here last June from Grass Valley. He made his home with a son, H. W. Bradbury of this city.

He was a member of Modern Masonic Lodge No. 144 of Humansville, Mo.

The following sons and daughters survive: Mrs. Helen E. King, Mrs. Etha Rice and T. H. Bradbury, all of Los Angeles; Mrs. A. Boyd of Denver and H. W. Bradbury.

Funeral arrangements are in charge of Hamilton and Riley.

BRADBURY, John M.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
1-31-1938

## **John Bradbury Services Held**

Funeral services for John M. Bradbury were held at Hamilton and Riley's yesterday at 2:30 p. m., with the Rev. Eric Swadell officiating. Graveside services were held at Cherokee cemetery.

Casket bearers, all Masons, were A. W. Irwin, Carleton Grubbs, W. H. Gaylord, and C. O. Hamilton.



STEWART, Henrietta  
Oroville Mercury Register  
2-12-1938

## **Native Of Pentz Dies At Saratoga**

Miss Henrietta Stewart, a native of Pentz, died at the Odd Fellows Home at Saratoga Thursday night, it was learned here today.

Miss Stewart had lived in Butte county all her life until about three years ago, when she moved to Saratoga. She was a member of Orange Grove Rebekah lodge here.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Sunday at Hamilton and Riley's, under auspices of Orange Grove Rebekah lodge of Oroville. Interment will be in Cherokee cemetery.

Members of Rebekah and Odd Fellows lodges are requested to meet at the funeral home at 2 p. m. to attend the services.

WELSH, (Tobe) Columbus  
Oroville Mercury Register

2-12-1938

## **Tobe Welsh Dies At Pentz**

Columbus (Tobe) Welsh died at 5 a. m. today at the home of his son, George Welsh, at Pentz, after an illness of four years.

A native of Dubuque, Iowa, Mr. Welsh was 83 years old. He came to California with his family at the age of five. The family settled first in Sutter county, moved to Plumas and in about 1872 came to Butte county. He lived the rest of his life in Humbug Valley, Concow, and Pentz.

Surviving are the son, a grandson and grand-daughter, Harry E. Welsh of Stirling City, and Mrs. Jessamine Andrews of Auburn; two great grandchildren, Eddie Welsh and Elton Andrews; three sisters, Mrs. Melissa McAlpine, Mrs. W. A. Ward, and Mrs. Teany Walsh, and a brother, Jack Welsh, all of Oroville.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 2 p. m. at Hamilton and Riley Funeral home. Interment will be in Oroville cemetery.

STEWART, Henrietta  
Oroville Mercury Register  
2-14-1938

# Henrietta Stewart Services Sunday

Funeral services for Miss Henrietta Stewart were held at 2 p. m. Sunday at Hamilton and Riley funeral parlors under auspices of Orange Grove Rebekah lodge, No. 84, of Oroville. Rev. Henry Stauffer officiated.

Dallas B. Huggins sang solos, accompanied by Mrs. Oscar Thatcher at the piano.

Casket bearers were H. H. Decker, J. W. Vaughan, R. A. Williams, Henry Wisel, C. A. McCloud, and H. I. Lathrop. Interment was in Cherokee cemetery.

CANNON, Lucius B.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
2-15-1938

## **L. B. Cannon, Oregon City Pioneer, Dies**

*Belonged To School  
Mates Club; Was  
Arizona Cattleman*

Lucius B. Cannon, 81, who lived in Oregon City as a boy, died at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Mary Goodman, in Huntington Beach this morning.

He was a member of the Oregon City School Mates Club, composed of former students who attended the first Oregon City school. As a young man he and his wife went to Arizona, where he entered the cattle business. At one time he operated a large ranch near Congress Junction.

In recent years he came to Oroville on several occasions for reunions of those who had attended the school. Last spring he was unable to make the trip because of failing health. His wife also visited here frequently.

Mr. and Mrs. Cannon had been at the home of their daughter since the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Cannon is survived by his wife, Mary, his daughter, a son, Dr. Frank Cannon of San Rafael and two sisters, one in Auburn and one in Sacramento. He was an uncle of Mrs. Winifred Fowler and Mrs. Clyde Masteller, both of Oroville.

Funeral services will be held at Huntington Beach Thursday, followed by cremation.

WELSH (WELCH), Columbus (Tobe)  
Plumas Independent  
2-17-1938

**TOBE WELCH, OLD TIMER,  
DIED AT PENTZ ON 12TH**

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Columbus (Tobe) Welch, died at the home of his son, Geo. Welch, at Pentz on Saturday after a prolonged illness.

A native of Dubuque, Iowa., Mr. Welch was 83 years of age. He came to California with his parents at the age of five. The family settled first in Sutter county, moved to Plumas and in about 1872 moved to Butte county. He lived the rest of his life in Humbug Valley, Concow and Pentz.

Surviving are the son, a grandson and grand daughter, Harry E. Welch of Stirling City, and Mrs. Jassamine Andrews of Auburn; two great grand children, Eddie Welch and Elton Andrews; three sisters, Mrs. Melissa McAlpine, Mrs W. A. Ward, and Mrs. T.. Walsh, and a brother, Jack Welsh, all of Oroville.

Funeral services were held Monday at Oroville.

CANNON, Lucius B.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
2-18-1938

## L. B. Cannon Rites Held

Funeral services for Lucius B. Cannon, 81, early day resident of Oregon City, north of Oroville, were held Thursday in Huntington Beach. He died in that city Tuesday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Mary Goodman.

The Cannon family came to Butte county in the early days of its history. Frank E. Cannon, father of Lucius Cannon, was a member of the state's tenth assembly. He served two terms in the assembly and one in the senate from Butte county.

The elder Cannon conducted a business in Oroville and was owner of the old Cannon ranch midway between Oregon City and Cherokee.

Lucius Cannon left Oroville somewhat over fifty years ago for Arizona where he went into cattle ranching.

JAMES, Margaret Louise  
Oroville Mercury Register  
2-25-1938

## Butte Native Dies At Home In Thermalito

Miss Margaret Louise James, 81, who was born at Frenchtown near what is now Yankee Hill community, died at her home in Thermalito early this morning. She died while in her sleep.

Born May 4, 1857, Miss James was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William James, early settlers in Butte county. For many years, she had lived at the old James ranch at Oregon City. The last eleven years she spent at her home in Thermalito.

Miss James was a member of the Oregon City Pioneers Club.

Surviving are two sisters and three brothers, Mrs. Herman Tegrunde, Mrs. Lucy A. Mengler, Ed. T. James and Francis E. James, all of Oroville, and Dr. Richard Forest James of Dorchester, Mass. There are also four nephews and one niece.

Funeral services will be held Sunday at 2:30 p. m. at Hamilton and Rileys with the Rev. R. H. Dennis officiating. Burial will be at Oregon City cemetery.

NISBET, William Wilson  
Oroville Mercury Register  
3-2-1938

## UNDERSHERIFF DIES OF SUDDEN HEART ATTACK

William Wilson Nisbet, 53, acting undersheriff of Butte county, died at his home, 1675 Lincoln street, at 5 a. m. today of a heart ailment. He had worked Monday and had been ill only since Monday night.

He had lived in the Oroville district most of his life.

### Lived At Cherokee

Born in Tuttle town, Tuolumne county, he was brought to Cherokee by his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. James G. Nisbet, when he was a year old. A few years later the family moved to the Banner Mine, where his father had charge of the hoists. William Nisbet attended school at Morris Ravine, and later completed his studies at Oregon City, nearby.

As a young man he worked on gold dredges. Most of this time he was employed on the old Pennsylvania dredge, operated by the Pennsylvania Gold Dredging Co., of which his father was a part owner.

The boat was operated along Marysville Road.

### Funeral Services Friday

After completing his dredging activity he was employed for seven years with an ice cream company. Then he went to work at Hoke's ice plant. He was appointed day jailer by the late Alvin S. Kister, when the latter took office in January, 1935. After the death of Bert Lafever, undersheriff, Nov. 8, 1936, Mr. Nisbet was made acting undersheriff.

### Official Dies Suddenly



—Mercury Photo and Engraving

### WM. W. NISBET

acting undersheriff of Butte County. This picture, best of several taken of the official, shows him in jolly mood. He was standing talking to Bert Lafever, former undersheriff, whom he succeeded, and who died in office, by a singular coincidence, of the same ailment. The picture of Lafever was the only one ever taken of him and was given to the widow.

Mr. Nisbet is survived by his wife, Mrs. Nannie Nisbet; two children, Eleanor and Harold Nisbet; two sisters, Mrs. Nell Johns of Oakland and Mrs. Hazel Coombes of Oroville, and two brothers, Roy W. and James C. Nisbet, both of Oroville.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Friday at Hamilton and Riley, with the Rev. Herbert Brooke, pastor of First Methodist church, in charge. Burial will be in Memorial Park.



NORTON, Dorothy  
Oroville Mercury Register  
3-12-1938

## Nortons Return To Quincy Home

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Norton and family returned to their home in Quincy today following funeral services held for Dorothy, a twin daughter aged 18 months, at the graveside in Clear Creek cemetery near Pentz on Thursday afternoon. The child died Tuesday.

Graveside rites were conducted by the Rev. Hess of Quincy. Pall bearers were four uncles: Roy Card, Alvin Cannon, F. W. Norton and Charles Waugh.

The Nortons arrived here Wednesday and remained with relatives in Oroville, Vina and Chico.

Formerly residents of Oroville, the Nortons have been living at Quincy for several years. "Andy" Norton was Southside fire chief when he lived at Oroville.

ROBBLEE, Walter Thomas  
Oroville Mercury Register  
3-24-1938

# **W. T. Robblee, Father Of 9 Children, Dies**

Walter T. Robblee, 53, Palermo farmer, died at the county infirmary at 5:20 p. m. yesterday following a stroke suffered at his home at 10 a. m. Wednesday.

He was a native of La Porte, but had lived in the Oroville district virtually all his life.

He is survived by his wife, Bertha, nine children, William, Birdie, Annie, Edwin, June, Claudie, Walter Jr., Otho and Nova, and by two brothers, Charles Robblee of Oakland and Arthur Robblee of San Francisco.

Graveside services will be held at 3 p. m. Saturday at Yankee Hill cemetery, with M. P. Simmons of Yankee Hill officiating. Hamilton and Riley will have charge.

# Word Comes Of Patrick Curran Death, Oakland

Word of the death of Patrick Curran, 72, native of Deadwood, near Yankee Hill, in Oakland April 25, was received here this week by friends of the well-known former Oroville carpenter. He was ill for two days before his death, caused by pneumonia.

Curran was born at Deadwood, and later lived at Cherokee before coming to Oroville. He married Miss Mary Bowe, sister of Kate L. Bowe, members of a pioneer Oroville family.

He lived in a house just above the present Monday Club building on Montgomery street for a number of years, friends recalled today. A brother, Mike Curran, who was employed as a night clerk at the Union Hotel, died several years ago.

Since moving to Oakland, Curran had been employed by a culvert company at Berkeley for 23 years.

Besides his widow, he leaves a son, Thomas Curran, and a sister-in-law, Miss Kate Bowe.

Funeral services were held April 28 at the Chapel of The Oaks, Oakland, with a requiem high mass following. Interment was in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

CURRAN, Patrick  
Oroville Mercury Register  
5-19-1938

CARNAHAN, Wallace  
Oroville Mercury Register

6-3-1938

## Wallace Carnahan Of Hurleton, Dies

Wallace Carnahan, 54, a native of Industry, Ill., died at 1:15 a. m. today at the Walter Post place, near Lake Wyandotte, where he has been living with his family for the past one and one-half years.

He had been an invalid for several months.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Annie Caranhan; the following children: Mrs. Marlan Dobbs of Twin Falls, Idaho, Harry Carnahan, Mrs. Jake Parkinson, Jimmy Carnahan, Wallace Carnahan Jr., Pauline Carnahan, all of this district.

Other survivors include three grandchildren; his mother, Mrs. Matilda Carnahan, who lives somewhere in the east; two brothers, Frank Carnahan of Redlands, Calif., and Arthur Carnahan of Dayton, Ohio, and several sisters living in the east.

Funeral arrangements will be announced tomorrow by Hamilton and Riley.

CARNAHAN, Wallace  
Oroville Mercury Register  
6-6-1938

**LAST RITES FOR CARNAHAN**

Last rites for Wallace Carnahan were held at Hamilton and Riley's Sunday with Rev. H. C. Bever of First Christian Church officiating.

Vocal duets were sung by Violet Helmick and Geraldine Duffey, accompanied by Mrs. Paul Taylor at the piano. Casket bearers were: Alex. Stafford, Charles Akmes, Alfred Jones, Harold Jones, Fred Anglin and Oscar Russell. Interment was in Butte county cemetery.

Buried in Cherokee Cemetery, Butte County

WALLACE, William R.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
6-24-1938

# W. R. Wallace, Lumber Man, Passes Here

William R. Wallace, 87, a native of Indianapolis and a resident of California, for the past 60 years, died in a local hospital at 7:15 p. m. yesterday.

Born in Indianapolis March 30, 1851, he moved with his family to Missouri in 1859, and in 1861 his father purchased a place in Indiana, on the Missouri border.

Mr. Wallace recalled many incidents of the civil war days and also later history of the Sacramen-

to valley. He came to Sacramento Feb. 11, 1875, when that city was still comparatively small.

Moving to Woodland, he was employed there for 18 years in lumber yards, and was a yard salesman and agent for the West Valley Lumber Co. for seven years. He married Miss Rose L. Mull on August 17, 1879.

They moved to Oroville in 1917, and Mr. Wallace worked as a carpenter here for one year. For 16 years he was employed at Swayne Lumber Co., working as a grader for five or six years and for four years operating a machine in the planing mill.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace observed their 58th wedding anniversary last August 17.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Rose Wallace, of 1540 Robinson street; two sisters, Mrs. Sophronia Dinsdale, of Woodland, and Mrs. Sophia Lewis of Sheridan, Wyoming; a grandson, Allison Wallace, of Oakland, and several nephews and nieces. He was the father of the late Azel Wallace, who died here in 1928.

Funeral services will be held at 4 p. m. Saturday at Hamilton and Riley's, and interment will be in Cherokee Cemetery.



WILLIAM WALLACE

WALLACE, William  
Oroville Mercury Register  
6-27-1938

# William Wallace Funeral Services

With Rev. Eric E. Swadell officiating, funeral services for William R. Wallace, retired lumber man, were held at Hamilton and Riley's at 4 p. m. Saturday.

Mrs. Ellen Walker sang solos, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. L. H. Wasley.

Casket bearers were Todd L. McGinnis, Walter Douglas, Lee Roderick, and three nephews, Ralph, Bush and Lawrence Dinsdale. Interment was in Cherokee cemetery.

JENKINS, William

Sacramento Bee

7-2-1938

**JENKINS**—In Oroville, Butte County, July 1, 1938, William Jenkins, husband of Mrs Louise F. Jenkins of Yankee Hill and father of Mrs. Gertrude Masengil of Oakland, Mrs. Ruth C. Cotter of Berkeley, Mrs. Helen Burton of San Anselmo, Harry R. Jenkins of Red Bluff and William and George Jenkins of Oakland, a native of England, aged 74 years.. The funeral services will be conducted next Tuesday in Oakland.



WATERS, Mrs. Rotha M.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
7-6-1938

# Rotha Waters Passes Away

Mrs. Rotha M. Waters, 68, died this morning at the family home, 2558 Danielson street, after a short illness.

Surviving are her husband, G. A. (Alix) Waters and one sister, Francis Stone of Oroville. She had lived in this city since 1910 and was well known.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p. m. at the Chapel of the Palms, under the direction of the Thomas Funeral Home.

Interment will be in Cherokee cemetery.

OVERTON, Harris Leroy

Sacramento Bee

7-9-1938

## Funeral Will Be On Monday For Butte Man

CHICO (Butte Co.), July 9.—Funeral services will be held Monday at 2:30 P. M. in the H. C. Bicknell Funeral Home for Harris Leroy Overton, 73, of Chico, who died in Paradise Thursday.

Overton's parents crossed the plains by ox team and settled near Rock Creek, north of Chico, where H. L. Overton was born on September 4, 1864.

The deceased is survived by his wife, Mrs. Maggie Overton of Chico, three brothers; Jessie Overton of Chico, Samuel Overton of Westwood, Warren Overton of Sacramento; two sisters, Mrs. Lydia Hannah of Chico, and Mrs. Anna Toomey of Culver City.

FLYNN, Henry  
Oroville Mercury Register  
7-11-1938

## **Henry Flynn, Bald Rock Chief, Dies**

Henry Flynn, 85, chief of the Bald Rock Indians, who received his authority by ancient rites more than 30 years ago, died in his cabin southwest of Bald Rock Saturday night, it was learned here today.

The man who was the head of 200 Indians, part of the Concow tribe, had been ill much of the time since last winter. Death was attributed to infirmities of old age.

Flynn's wife, Emma, died several years ago.

Elmer Smith, a nephew, said the Indians may appoint someone to take Flynn's place, but he doubted whether the ceremonies once followed would be used.

Flynn will be given a simple burial at the cemetery in Bald Rock, probably tomorrow.

PARKER, Harry L.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
7-13-1938

# **H. L. Parker, War Veteran, Miner Dies**

*Resident Of Yankee  
Hill For 23 Years;  
Leaves Widow*

Harry L. Parker, 82, veteran of the Indian war, died at his home in Yankee Hill at 1:35 a. m. today.

A native of Oxford, Ind., he had lived in Yankee Hill for 23 years, following mining most of his life. He was a member of the Eagles lodge 512 of Centralia, Wash.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Jennie Parker; two brothers, Will Parker of Washington, Schuyler Parker of Colorado; three sisters, Mrs. L. E. Bates of Oregon, Mrs. Martha Parton, of Indiana, and Mrs. Margaret McJanby of Indiana; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted at the graveside at Yankee Hill at 2 p. m. Thursday, under direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

PARKER, Harry L.

Sacramento Bee

7-14-1938

## Butte Man Who Fought In Indian Wars Dies

OROVILLE (Butte Co.), July 14  
Graveside rites were conducted to-  
day in the Yankee Hill Cemetery  
for Harry L. Parker, 82, a veteran  
of the Indian wars, who died yester-  
day in his home at Yankee Hill.

Parker, a native of Oxford, Ind.,  
had followed mining most of his  
life and had resided in Yankee Hill  
for the last twenty three years.

BLODGETT, Mrs. Lida M.

Sacramento Bee

7-14-1938

## Placerville Woman Dies In Yankee Hill

OROVILLE (Butte Co.), Dec. 23. Funeral services have been set tentatively for tomorrow in Placerville for Mrs. Lida M. Blodgett, 57, who died in Yankee Hill Saturday. She came here from Placerville a month ago.

Mrs. Blodgett was born in Wisconsin and had lived in Placerville, where her husband was killed in an automobile accident about eight years ago. She will be buried beside him.

She is survived by her sons, Gerald of Seattle and Dudley Stevenson of Alaska; a brother, Will Peterson of Seattle, and her sisters, Mrs. Ella Bloom and Mrs. Ida Sherlock, both of Seattle, and Mrs. Elma Linquist of Wisconsin.

PARKER, Harry L.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
7-18-1938

## Final Rites For Harry L. Parker

Graveside funeral services for Harry L. Parker, war veteran and miner, were held at Yankee Hill cemetery at 2 p. m. Friday with Mark Simmons officiating.

A quartet of Yankee Hill people presented vocal numbers.

Casket bearers were Frank Clark, Charles Peterson, Earl Lightel, Bob Newman, Bird Thomas, and George Hammons. Thomas Funeral Home was in charge of the rites.

HYNEN, Mrs. Ronda  
Oroville Mercury Register  
7-20-1938

## Mrs. Hynen Of Oroville Dies At Age Of 79

Mrs. Ronda Hynen, native of Brussels, Belgium, died at her home at 2426 Bird street at 1:30 p. m. Tuesday.

Born June 19, 1859, she came to California in 1884, going first to San Francisco and later to Petaluma. From Petaluma she moved to Cherokee, where she lived for six years. Later she lived at Thompsons Flat for 32 years, and has since then resided in Oroville.

Her husband, August Hynen, died in 1900. They had eight children, five of whom are still living. The living children are Mrs. Fred Cheshire of Sacramento, John Hynen of Portugal, Mrs. Rose O'Rourke, Mrs. Sam Cramer, and Mrs. Edward Hahn, all of San Francisco. Mrs. Hynen was also the mother of the late Mrs. Mary Westwood and Frank Hynen.

A niece, Mrs. Ed Campbell, lives in Cherokee. She is also survived by a nephew, Ed Clessen.

Funeral services will be held at Hamilton and Riley's at 2 p. m. Thursday, with interment at Thompsons Flat.



RAPP, William H.  
The Sacramento Bee  
8-9-1938

**RAPP**—Entered into rest in Loyalton, August 7, 1938. William H. Rapp, husband of the late Georgia A. Rapp, loving father of Mrs. Billy Harms of Sacramento, Mrs. S. M. Taylor of Vallejo and Hyle Rapp of Loyalton; a native of California, aged 67 years. Friends are invited to attend the funeral Wednesday at 2 P. M. from the Palm Chapel of James R. Garlick, corner of Twentieth and P Streets. Entombment East Lawn Mausoleum.

RAPP, William Hubert  
Oroville Mercury Register  
8-10-1938

## **Mrs. Crutcher Learns Of Brother's Death**

News of the death of W. H. Rapp in Sacramento Monday has been received here by his sister, Mrs. Kathryn Crutcher.

He was a native of Cherokee. Funeral services were to be held today in Sacramento.

RAPP, William H.  
The Sacramento Bee  
8-10-1938

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### **ENTOMBMENT TODAY**

Funeral services for William H. Rapp, 67, former postmaster of Loyalton, Sierra County, were to be held today in the Palm Chapel of James R. Garlick. The entombment was to be in the East Lawn Mausoleum.

Rapp died in Loyalton Sunday. He was the father of Mrs. Bill Harms of Sacramento, Mrs. S. M. Taylor of Vallejo and Hule Rapp of Loyalton.

LESKE, Ernest Herman  
Oroville Mercury Register  
8-16-1938

***Ernest Leske Dies Here; Well Known In S. F.***

Ernest Herman Leske, 75, died today at his home here.

A native of Germany, he had lived in California 45 years, 30 years in Butte county. He was well known in San Francisco.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Clara Leske; three daughters, Winifred Starr, Dorothy Berntzer, and Juanita Weisner; a brother, Frederick E. Leske; and two grandchildren, Diane and David Berntzer.

Funeral services will be announced later by Thomas Funeral Home.

LESKE, Ernest H.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
8-19-1938

## Funeral Held For Ernest H. Leske

Funeral services for Ernest H. Leske were held at the Chapel of the Palms Thursday, with Thomas Funeral Home in charge.

Rev. O. W. Mieger of the Lutheran church, of which Mr. Leske was a member, conducted the rites. Casket bearers were William Fitch, David Dry, Wayne Jones, L. E. Starr and Fred Weisner. Burial was at Cherokee cemetery.

WRIGHT, Hulbert  
Oroville Mercury Register  
8-23-1938

## Man Dies At Car Wheel

GRIDLEY — Holbert Wright, 66, a carpenter, died of a heart attack yesterday as he was driving his automobile en route to his home here from a ranch near Pennington.

Wright had gone to work at the Edward Hubbs ranch. Shortly after beginning work he complained of feeling ill, and Hubbs advised him to go home.

After Wright started home, Hubbs became worried and followed him. South of here Hubbs found Wright's car, wrecked against a telephone pole and Wright apparently dead inside.

Dr. Leslie Freudenthal pronounced Wright dead, and, after performing an autopsy, said that the cause was a heart attack.

Wright was a native of Iowa and had lived here 15 years. Survivors include his wife, Mabel; a son Holbert, of Gridley; a step-daughter, Mrs. Mabel Buthero, of Los Angeles, and a brother, Claude Wright, of De Sabla, near Oroville. Funeral services will be held here at 10 a. m. Thursday.



Burial at Gridley-Biggs Cemetery

# Oroville Man Killed Under S. P. Engine

## *F. R. Knapp Was Driving Road Roller Across Tracks*

F. R. Knapp, 44, Oroville, was mangled to death late Tuesday afternoon north of Chico when he drove a road roller into the path of a Southern Pacific freight engine.

The accident happened at the Bennett Road crossing where a county crew was working on the road. Pearl Kesterson of Chico, foreman of Knapp's crew, saw the crash.

Knapp had crossed the tracks with his roller and was returning, keeping his eyes on the road, when the engineer whistled for the crossing. Because of the noise of his roller, Knapp failed to hear the engine and kept on moving toward the tracks.

The big mallet engine, speeding at 40 miles an hour, hit the machine on the right rear wheel and carried it 100 feet down the track. Knapp's mangled body was picked up 250 feet from the crossing between the tracks.

Kesterson said that immediately after the crash, the gasoline tank of the roller exploded, and set the machine ablaze.

Fear that the oil tank car in the rear of the engine might explode was felt, as the blazing wreckage sent flames curling around it and high into the air. The train was moved to prevent the tanker catching fire, but the heat scorched the side of a refrigerator car.

KNAPP, Fay Robert  
Oroville Mercury Register  
8-24-1938

Finally trainmen were forced to move the 60 car train out of reach of the blaze. Dry grass on the right of way was burned off by the fire.

The train was No. 497, southbound, and was immediately followed by the passenger which was routed on a siding and was delayed only a few minutes.

E. G. Beyers, Chico agent for the Southern Pacific could not give the names of the engineer and fireman on the train.

Knapp, who had been with the road department for five years, lives on the Chico road out of Oroville.

The body was taken to Chico and transferred to the Hamilton and Riley funeral parlors in Oroville.

Deputy Coroner H. C. Bicknell said an inquest will be held.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Ethel Knapp; a daughter, Ramana Jane, 6; three sons, Robert, 1, Lawrence B. Knapp, 19, and Donald H. Knapp, 16; a stepson, Clifford Leo Lentz, 16, all living on Chico road. He is also survived by his mother, Mrs. Rose B. Knapp and a brother, Roy Knapp, both of Webber, Kans.

Funeral services will be held at 4 p. m. Saturday at Hamilton and Riley's, with Rev. Herbert Brooke officiating. Interment will be in Cherokee cemetery.

BEST, William David  
Oroville Mercury Register  
8-24-1938

# William Best Dies At Home

William David Best, 50, died at his home about two and one-half miles from Oroville on the Feather river highway at 10:45 p. m. Tuesday night.

A resident of California for 25 years, he had lived here for the past seven. He retired from active work last May. He was a native of Missouri.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Bertha Best; several sisters and brothers in the middle west; and a niece, Mrs. E. M. Shreve of Oroville.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later by Hamilton and Riley.



WRIGHT, Hulbert R.

Appeal Democrat

8-25-1938

## *Wright Funeral Services Held*

GRIDLEY, Aug. 25.—Funeral services for Hulbert R. Wright, whom death claimed at the wheel of his automobile Monday morning as he was returning home from work, was held Wednesday in the Block chapel with the Rev. T. L. Tuenler of Yuba City officiating. Mrs. Madge Block sang sacred selections.

Interment was made in the Gridley-Biggs cemetery. Casket bearers were E. Schrack, Ellis Killingsworth, E. Billings, Fred Stull, L. Roe and Ben Schrack.

BEST, William David  
Oroville Mercury Register  
8-26-1938

# Funeral Services For William Best

Funeral services for William David Best, who died at his home on the Feather River Highway Tuesday, were held at 10 a. m. at Hamilton and Riley's today.

The Rev. Herbert Brooke officiated. Mrs. Ellen Walker sang, accompanied by Mrs. Lula Hogan Wasley.

Casketbearers were E. M. Shreve, O. A. Peter, Alex Waters, N. C. Carlton, Leonard Hamm and Leonard Terrell.

Burial was in Cherokee cemetery.

# Ernest Hesbol, Clear Creek Rancher, Dies

Ernest Hesbol, 75, Clear Creek cattle man and orange grower, died in a Chico hospital at 1:20 p. m. Sunday following an operation. His health began failing in recent months, and he became seriously ill about a week ago.

Mr. Hesbol came to the Oroville district about 54 years ago. He was one of the best known older residents of the area.

He was born Sept. 8, 1863, in Norway, but left there at the age of 20 to come to California.

## WORKED AT BIG BEND

He first worked on the ranch of Bob Moore and later on the Hefner Ranch. Later he was one of the men who helped construct the Big Bend tunnel. After working two years on the tunnel, he was employed in building the rock wall on the Feather river several miles above Oroville, erected to turn the river from its normal channel so the stream bed could be mined.

Major McLaughlin, manager of the Banner mine, was in charge of the undertaking. After two years' work on the wall, Mr. Hesbol became an employe of the Banner mine. During an employment of approximately ten years he worked underground and also operated the hoist.

## RAISED PRIZE CROPS

He had sold 30 acres of land on the Feather river, below Pacific Heights, which he had purchased while working on the McLaughlin dam, and had moved to Banner mine.

About 34 years ago the family moved to Clear Creek.

Mr. Hesbol became well known for the watermelons and high quality garden truck grown on his ranch. In 1909 he won first prize at the state fair for yellow corn grown in upper California.

He used to drive to Oroville with loads of melons, some as large as 60 pounds. Westwood and Ward, grocers, handled much of his fruit. First melons, Mr. Hesbol recalled, used to bring \$3 a dozen. Later in the fall the price often dropped to \$1 a dozen.

On his ranch are two of the oldest orange trees in northern California.

He planted an orange grove, selling the fruit locally.

## Old Timer Dies



—Mercury Engraving

Ernest Hesbol, Clear Creek cattle man, who died Sunday at the age of 75 years. He had lived in Oroville district more than half century.

## SERVICES TOMORROW

He ran cattle between Tulelock and Powellton.

Mr. Hesbol was naturalized Oct. 2, 1890. Nov. 10 of the following year he married Maria Christina Anderson in Marysville.

He is survived by his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Mattie Corbett of Colusa and Miss Alma Hesbol of Clear Creek. Other survivors include Albert Johnson of Clear Creek, a cousin, and Ernest Zachary of Vallejo, and Arthur and Clarence Sallier of Auburn, nephews.

Funeral services will be held at Hamilton and Riley's at 2 p. m. Tuesday with the Rev. O. W. Mieser of the Oroville Lutheran church officiating. Burial will be in Oroville cemetery.

BELL, Arthur T.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
12-10-1938

# Art Bell Of Oroville Dies

Arthur Thomas Bell, 52, died at his home at Pacific Heights at 5 a. m. today, following a long illness.

He had been proprietor of the Knothole and Pink Elephant on Marysville road for the past five years. Earlier he had been in the cattle business here and had worked as a meat cutter. He was a native of California, and had lived for about 25 years in Butte county.

There are no known survivors, according to W. M. Thomas of Thomas funeral home, who is making burial arrangements. Announcement of services will be made later.

SWEETMAN, Thomas J.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
12-10-1938

## Sweetman, Old Resident, Dies

Butte county resident since the crossed the plains by wagon train in the 1850s, Thomas J. Sweetman, 79, died at his home, 1872 Grant Avenue, at 3 p. m. Friday. He had been in failing health for several months.

Born in Centerville, Iowa, he started for California with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Sweetman, when he was six months old. They followed the Humboldt trail, reaching northern California in April, 1860. Shortly after they moved to Butte county, and settled in the Concow country.

Mr. Sweetman started mining when a young man, and followed this work until his retirement several years ago.

He told of many narrow escapes his family and friends had from Indians when they lived at Concow. On one occasion the white people left their camp on one trail as warring Indians entered it by another trail. Many of the whites, leaving hastily, were barefooted.

Survivors include the pioneer's wife, Mrs. Edna Sweetman; a daughter, Mrs. Oscar Thatcher; a son, Leon L. Sweetman; a sister, Mrs. Alice Hively of Loyalton, and a brother, Frank Sweetman of Enterprise.

Graveside services will be held at Yankee Hill cemetery at 2:30 p. m. Monday, with Cherokee lodge No. 92, Odd Fellows, of which he was a member from 1901 until his death, in charge. Arrangements are being made by Hamilton and Riley.

BELL, Arthur T.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
12-14-1938

# Last Rites For Arthur T. Bell

Funeral services for Arthur T. Bell were held yesterday at 2 p. m. from the Chapel of the Palms under direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

The Rev. Herbert Brooke officiated. Mrs. Bess Phillips played a solo by special request "Girl of My Dreams" on the console organ. A large gathering of friends was present and there were many beautiful flowers.

Casket bearers were Clarence Pfister, Herman Grimes, Maurice Black, Art Wilson, Fred Kennedy and William Fitch.

Burial was in the family plot in Cherokee cemetery.