

JUCHTZER, Harvey H.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
1-5-1945

## H. H. Juchtzer Dies In Action

Pfc. Harvey H. Juchtzer was killed in action on Dec. 19 in Belgium, according to a telegram received here today from the War Department by his parents, Mr. and Mrs.



Carl C. Juchtzer, of the Spring Valley Mine.

Pfc. Juchtzer was inducted into the army Feb. 8, 1943, from Oroville. He trained at Camp Bowie and Camp Hood, Texas, with the tank destroyer battalion, armored division, U. S. Army.

In June of this year he was sent overseas arriving in Europe shortly after the D-day invasion. He has written letters home from German soil.

Before entering the army he was helping his father at the mine in the Cherokee district. He is a graduate of the Calaveras County schools near Angels Camp.

He leaves besides his parents, three sisters, Dorothy and Elizabeth Juchtzer of this vicinity, Emily Juchtzer, a welder in the shipyards at Portland, Ore., and a brother, Fritz Juchtzer, yard superintendent at the Seabees Base in Pleasanton.

SPENCER (HODAPP), Mrs. Wilhelmina  
Oroville Mercury Register  
1-9-1945

# Yankee Hill Woman Dies

Mrs. Wilhelmina Spencer, 72, died in her sleep about midnight last night at her home in Yankee Hill.

She was born September 25, 1872 in the same house in which she died. She lived in that home until 1915 when she was married to Franklin Eugene Spencer and moved to Butte City. At the death of her mother in November, 1939 she returned to the old home and has remained there.

Besides her husband she is survived by two brothers, Emil Hodapp of Yankee Hill and George Hodapp of De Sable.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 2 p. m. at the Christian Church in Butte City, and will be followed by cremation at Sierra View. Hamilton and Riley's will be in charge of arrangements.

Burial in Yankee Hill in the Hodapp family cemetery

STACEY (STACY), Ed  
Oroville Mercury Register  
1-10-1945

# Ed Stacey Dies At Age Of 72

Ed Stacey, 72, died at 9 a. m. this morning at Good Samaritan hospital. He had been in the hospital about five days.

Mr. Stacey was born in Fulton County, New York, on May 6, 1872. He came to Oroville about five years ago from Los Angeles and lived at the end of Veatch street near the site of the old Swayne Mill. There are no known relatives.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later by Hamilton and Riley's.

STACY, Ed  
Oroville Mercury Register  
1-15-1945

## **Stacy Funeral Set**

Graveside services for Ed Stacy will be held Tuesday at 10:00 a. m. at Cherokee cemetery.

The Rev. Dr. Henry Hills will officiate. Hamilton and Riley's will be in charge of the arrangements.

LEGGETT (SMITH), Mary S.  
Oroville Mercury Register

1-24-1945

**Mary Leggett  
Dies; Member  
Of Old Family**

*Her Life Spans Era  
Of Many Changes Here*

Mrs. Mary S. Leggett, lifelong resident of Butte county, died this morning at Oroville Curran Hospital after an illness of several years.

Mrs. Leggett was born Nov. 23, 1863, at the Banner Mine, one of the oldest mines in the northern part of the county. Her father, the late John M. Smith, was the original owner of the mine. He came to California from New York and began the mine operations in the early 1850s.

Mrs. Leggett remained at the family home until she was 20 years of age, when she married James H. Leggett, who died in 1927.



**LIVED SOUTH OF OROVILLE**

The couple made their home at the Leggett ranch south of Oroville. The land was planted to fruit trees. About 1902 the ranch property was dredged along with much other property in the district. Mr. and Mrs. Leggett remained in the family home. Of five children born to them, three are still living.

After her husband's death Mrs. Leggett spent her time in Los Angeles and in Oroville.

She was a member of the Congregational Church and was prominent in club and civic activities. She had belonged to the Monday Club and the Delphian Club.

Surviving her are the following: a son, Elton J. Leggett of Oroville; two daughters, Mrs. Bessie Swords of Oakland and Mrs. Alice Macpherson; and a sister, Mrs. R. S. Kitrick of Oroville.

Private funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p. m. at Hamilton and Riley's. The Rev. Mr. Maurice de Vries will officiate. The family has requested that no flowers be sent. Burial will be in the Oroville cemetery.

VOGT, Miss Cora  
Oroville Mercury Register  
1-29-1945

## Miss Cora Vogt Of Yankee Hill Dies

Miss Cora Vogt, 74, resident of Yankee Hill for the past 50 years, died Saturday at Good Samaritan Hospital. She had been semi-invalided for several years.

Miss Vogt was a native of Missouri. She came to California 55 years ago and for many years made her home with the late Mr. and Mrs. Anton Hodapp of Yankee Hill. After their death she lived with Mrs. Frank Spencer at the Hodapp family home until Mrs. Spencer's death recently.

She is survived by a brother, Joe Vogt of Oroville, and a sister, Mrs. Lucinda Sefton of Salem, Ore.

Graveside services will be conducted under the direction of Hamilton and Riley's Tuesday at 2 p. m. in the Cherokee cemetery.

PRESLEY (McINTURFF), Mrs. Eutha M.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
2-5-1945

## **Mrs. Eutha Presley Funeral Held Today**

Mrs. Eutha M. Presley, 41, of Berkeley, formerly of Oroville, died at the Richmond Hospital in Richmond Saturday after a short illness.

She was born in Arkansas and came to California about ten years ago. The family moved to Berkeley about two years ago.

She is survived by her husband, Ben Presley, and a son, George Lee, eight years old. She leaves three brothers, Leander McInturff of Oroville, and Ernest and Page McInturff of Arkansas. A sister, Mrs. McClure Daniels of Arkansas also survives.

Funeral services will be private at 2 p. m. today at Cherokee Cemetery. Rev. Vogt will officiate. Thomas Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

BURKE, John C.  
Sacramento Bee  
2-23-1945

## **Funeral Is Held For John C. Burke Of Chico**

CHICO (Butte Co.), Feb. 23.—Burial services for John C. Burke, 77, a native of Butte County, were held at the family plot in the Clear Creek Cemetery on Tuesday. He died Monday in Oroville.

Burke was born six miles from Chico near Centerville. He was a teamster and stage coach driver in Siskiyou County.

He leaves a son, Willis Burke of Chico; his daughters, Mrs. Juanita Cramer and Mrs. Esther Reynolds of Fort Jones, Siskiyou County, and his brothers, George of De Sabla and Stephen and James Burke of Chico. He also leaves eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren.



BOWLES (SMITH), Mrs. Inez Viola  
The Times (San Mateo, California)  
2-23-1945



Inez Viola Smith  
1859 - 1945

**INEZ VIOLA BOWLES**

Mrs. Inez Viola Bowles, 85, widow of the late Bourbon Bowles, died yesterday in a Mountain View rest home after an illness of more than a year. She had been a resident of California for 83 years and made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Veda Hart of 426 Costa Rica avenue. She is also survived by two grandchildren, Audrey Hart Fiedler of San Mateo and Alden L. Hart of the army air corps. Private funeral services today under the direction of the Crosby-N. Gray company were followed by entombment at Cypress Lawn memorial park. The Rev. Sydney Buckham officiated at funeral rites.

HAMILTON, Carl M.

Oakland Tribune

3-21-1945

**HAMILTON**—In Oakland, March 20, 1945, Carl M. Hamilton, beloved son of Ida M. Hamilton of 1235 East 15th Street; brother of Ida M. Holmes, Cora M. Kipp, LaVerne M. Van Hagen and Edna Fishback of Fresno, and Robert M. Hamilton. A native of California, aged 53 years 11 months 1 day.

Friends are invited to attend the services at the Grant D. Miller Mortuaries, Inc., East 14th Street corner 24th Avenue, Oakland, Thursday, March 22, 1945, at 3:30 o'clock p.m. Inurnment, Oakland Crematory.

WILSON, Burney  
The Sacramento Bee  
3-27-1945

## Military Funeral Is Held In Manzanar For Chico Indian Native

MANZANAR (Inyo Co.), March 27.—Funeral services for Burney Wilson, Indian, were held in the Manzanar Relocation Center under the auspices of Mt. Whitney Post No. 265, American Legion. A Methodist minister, Rev. Robert Kersey of Lone Pine, recited the rites. Elmer Uchida, Japanese layman, offered the prayer followed by a eulogy by Ralph P. Merritt, project director.

Wilson, 49, died Wednesday in the Manzanar hospital following a sudden illness. He was born in July, 1895, on the reservation near Chico, Butte County. He had been at Manzanar since July, 1942, as procurement officer. Prior to that time he had served in the Indian service for 27 years in Tacoma, Wash., Navajo Agency, Arizona, and Klamath, Ore.

Surviving are his wife, Cora Wilson of Manzanar; his daughter, Ruth Wilson of Seattle, Wash., his mother, Amanda Wilson of Chico, a brother, Ed of Chico, and a sister in Oakland.

The deceased was a first lieutenant in the infantry in World War I and was accorded full military funeral honors.

MILLER, Frank Joseph  
Oroville Mercury Register  
3-30-1945

## **Inquest Held Into Frank Miller's Death**

An inquest held Thursday night into the death of Frank Miller, 57, of Sacramento, disclosed that the Western Pacific tallyman died from shock and loss of blood following injuries received in a work train wreck Wednesday at the W. P. Bidwell-Bloomer station, according to Coroner W. H. Forward.

Dr. Raymond Kilduff, who made the post mortem examination, said that the injuries were so extensive Mr. Miller's life could not have been saved even by immediate hospitalization. The death occurred while the injured man was being rushed by train to Oroville.

MILLER, Frank Joseph  
Oroville Mercury Register  
4-5-1945

## Miller Rites Held

Graveside services for Frank Joseph Miller, Western Pacific employee killed in a work train wreck March 29, were held today in the Cherokee Cemetery. The Rev. Mr. H. F. Vogt officiated and arrangements were in charge of Thomas Funeral Home.

THOMAS, Thomas  
Oroville Mercury Register  
4-16-1945

## Thomas Thomas Dies At County Hospital

Thomas Thomas, 84, died this morning of heart trouble at the Good Samaritan hospital where he has been under treatment since January 13.

Mr. Thomas was born March 4, 1860 in Ohio and came to California about 50 years ago. He has been in Butte county for the past 44 years and before his illness was caretaker for G. W. Wallace of Oroville. He never married and leaves no survivors.

Date for the funeral has not been set, but the services will be held at the Thomas Funeral Home.

LONG, Preston R.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
4-17-1945

## **Preston R. Long Dies At Hospital**

Preston R. Long, 54, died Monday at Good Samaritan Hospital. He was employed at Hib's Cafe on Montgomery Street and had been making his home at the DeLuxe Rooms.

Born Sept. 14, 1890 in Iowa, he came to California about twelve years ago. He had been a resident of Oroville for the past two years.

He is survived by a brother, Elmer Long, of Gold Bar, Wash.

Thomas Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

THOMAS, Thomas  
Oroville Mercury Register  
4-18-1945

# Thomas Thomas Rites

Funeral services for Thomas Thomas who died Monday were held at 2:30 p. m. today at Thomas Funeral Home.

The Rev. Dr. Henry Mills officiated and burial was in Cherokee Cemetery.



STAFFORD, Calvin  
Oroville Mercury Register  
4-19-1945

## **Stafford Funeral**

Funeral services for the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Stafford, who died Tuesday, will be held at 2 p. m. tomorrow at Thomas Funeral Home. Burial will be in Cherokee cemetery.

LEGGETT, Cordelia B.  
Sacramento Bee  
4-19-1945



## Woman Doctor Of '90s Is Dead In Oroville

OROVILLE (Butte Co.), April 19. Miss Cordelia B. Leggett, who was one of the few women medical doctors in the early 1890's, died yesterday in a local hospital. She was 85.

Miss Leggett was born in Iowa and came to Oroville when a child. She was one of the Leggett family, prominent in Oroville and Butte County history. She was graduated from the Cooper Medical School in San Francisco, returned to Oroville and practiced for a few years.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 2 P. M. in the Sierra View Cemetery in Marysville.

LONG, Preston  
Oroville Mercury Register  
4-26-1945

## **Preston Long Rites**

Funeral services for Preston Long were held at 2:30 p. m. today at the W. M. Thomas Funeral Home under the auspices of the local Culinary Union, No. 654. -

Burial was in the Cherokee cemetery.

SPENCER, Frank E.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
5-23-1945

# Frank Spencer Dies Suddenly

Frank E. Spencer, 69, died suddenly late Tuesday afternoon at the Hodapp ranch in Yankee Hill.

He is survived by a sister, Mrs. Izilla Wadsworth of Butte City.

Mr. Spencer was a native of Illinois. As a child he came with his family to California.

He was a member of the Christian Church and of Biggs Lodge F & A M, and Golden State Grange.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p. m. at Hamilton and Riley's.

Burial will be in the Yankee Hill Cemetery.

DARBY, William R.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
5-23-1945

# William Darby Is Dead Here

William R. Darby, 71, of Cherokee, mining man for half a century, died Tuesday at Oroville Curran Hospital.

He is survived by a brother, Thomas S. Darby of Cherokee, and a sister, Miss Maude Darby of Berkeley.

Mr. Darby was a member of Cherokee Lodge, IOOF, and Rebekahs.

Funeral services will be announced by Hamilton and Riley.

DARBY, William D.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
5-24-1945

## **William Darby Rites Saturday**

Funeral services for William D. Darby, who died Tuesday, will be held Saturday at 2 p. m. at Hamilton and Riley's under the auspices of Cherokee Lodge IOOF, No. 92.

Burial will be in the Cherokee cemetery.

SPENCER, Frank E.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
5-26-1945

## Spencer Funeral

Funeral services for Frank E. Spencer, who died May 22, were held at Hamilton & Riley's yesterday at 2 p. m. Services were conducted by the Rev. Mr. B. B. Nichols, pastor of Butte City Church, and burial was in the Hodapp Cemetery at Yankee Hill.

Casket bearers were Robert McKee, Charles Ludy, Lyman Morse, William Kneen, Jack Price and James Rutland.

STRANG, Harold  
Sacramento Bee  
5-29-1945

# Butte Sergeant Is Killed In Plane Crash On Leyte

OROVILLE (Butte Co.), May 29. Mr. and Mrs. William H. Strang of the Pleasant Valley district have been advised by the war department their son, Staff Sergeant Harold Strang, 36, was killed in a plane crash on Leyte in the South Pacific May 9th.

Strang, formerly a mail carrier at the Oroville Post Office, had been in the service for the last two years as a mail clerk. He was a graduate of the Oroville schools and was a member of the Oroville Masonic Lodge.

Surviving him besides his parents are a sister, Mrs. Nell C. Hansen, and his brothers, Robert, Wesley, Louis, Roscoe and Ulysses Strang, all of the Oroville district.



BLOOD (LAFFERTY), Janet  
Santa Cruz Sentinel  
5-30-1945

# **Janet Blood Died Sunday**

Mrs. Janet E. Blood, widow of Earl Blood, died in this city May 27. Mrs. Blood was a native of this state, aged 68 years. Miles E. Lafferty of Hilo, T. H., survives.

Remains will be forwarded by the Wessendorf mortuary Tuesday to Oroville where services will be held Thursday, May 31st. Interment will be in the Oroville cemetery.

PHELPS, William D.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
6-15-1945

# War Injuries Prove Fatal

William D. Phelps, 49, former Oroville resident, died in a veterans facility hospital in Palo Alto Thursday as a result of disabilities suffered in France during the first world war.

Phelps, who suffered from shell shock and was gassed, has been in veterans hospitals for the last seven years. He served in five major battles in World War 1 as a member of the 65th coast artillery.

He was born in Thornton, Ia. After the last war he lived in Oroville, where he was employed for two years in construction work, and was a fireman for the Swayne Lumber company for one season. Later he moved to Sacramento. He was a construction worker there ten years.

His wife, the former Beryl French, died in Sacramento ten years ago.

Survivors are his brother, A. W. Phelps of Oroville, and a sister, Mrs. George L. Wiess of Los Angeles.

Private funeral services will be held at Hamilton and Riley's at 2 p. m. Sunday, with Dr. Henry Mills officiating. Burial will be in Cherokee cemetery.

DAVIS (MIGHELIS), Nellie V.  
Reno Gazette Journal  
6-25-1945

## MRS. NELLIE DAVIS DIES IN 101st YEAR

CARSON, June 25. — Funeral services for Mrs. Nellie Verrill Mighels Davis, pioneer Nevada newspaper and club woman, who died Saturday, will be held here Wednesday. The Rev. A. S. Kean will officiate at the last service in the Episcopal church at 2 p. m. Burial will follow in the family plot in Carson. The Capital City mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

Born Sept. 19, 1844, in Maine, Mrs. Davis celebrated her 100th birthday last year at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lucy Crowell, with whom she made her home in Carson.

She came west in 1866 to marry Henry R. Mighels, publisher of the Carson City Daily Appeal, traveling by steamer to Panama, by railroad across the isthmus, and by ship to San Francisco. Hank Monk, the famous Wells Fargo stage coach driver who became one of her lifelong friends, drove her to Carson from Sacramento.

She and Mr. Mighels published the Carson City Daily Appeal, together until his death in 1879, when she continued to operate the Appeal. In 1880 she was married to Sam P. Davis, newspaperman and author. Davis became famous as the author of the short story "The First Piano in Camp," a biography of Gov. John Sparks, and western poems. He was active in Democratic party circles and was state controller at one time. He died in 1917.

Mrs. Davis was herself a pioneer woman journalist. She was one of the first women to cover a prize fight, reporting the Corbett-Fitzsimmons championship fight at Carson in 1897 for the Chicago Tribune. She also reported the Nevada state legislative sessions of 1877 and 1879 for the Carson Appeal and the Virginia City Chronicle.

A prominent club woman until a short time ago, Mrs. Davis helped organize the Federation of Women's clubs in Nevada in 1908, and served as first president of the organization. She led in organizing Nevada's Red Cross service during the Spanish-American war, and served as second state president. For many years she was a member of the Women's Relief corps and the Pythian Sisters of Carson. She was a longtime member and leader of the Carson Leisure Hour club.

Survivors are a sister, Mrs. George McLoughlin of Piedmont, Calif.; a son, Roy R. Mighels of



MRS. DAVIS

Reno; two daughters, Mrs. Lucy B. Crowell of Carson and Mrs. Ethel D. Waite of Las Vegas; two grandsons, Henry R. Mighels, jr., of Carson and Royal D. Crowell of Gardnerville; three granddaughters, Mrs. Bernice McDonald of Sacramento, Capt. Sylvia C. Blackburn of the WAC, and Mrs. Ethel Peralto of San Francisco.

She is also survived by the following great grandchildren, George McDonald of the US army; Donal McDonald of the navy; Miss Mylie Mighels of Sacramento; Miss Mary Carol Mills of Los Angeles and Royal D. Crowell, jr., of Gardnerville; and two great-great grandsons and two great-great grand-nephews.

BARRY (MOAK), Mrs. Emma Frances

Chico Record

7-8-1945

## Mrs. Emma Parry, Chico Pioneer, Passes On Here

Mrs. Emma Frances Barry, a member of an earlier pioneer family, passed away last night at Enloe Hospital after an illness of three weeks.

Born in Albany County, New York, Feb. 11, 1859, Mrs. Barry was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Moak. Three years later the Moak family came west across the Isthmus of Panama and up the coast to San Francisco.

Mrs. Barry's father was a prominent cattleman in the North Sacramento Valley, and she was educated in Chico schools. She married the late Silas Tanner Barry, who was a painting contractor for many years in Chico. The deceased is survived by one son, Howard Barry. Barry preceded his wife in death in 1927.

Mrs. Barry was a member of the Halleck Relief Corps, the American Legion Auxiliary and the Bidwell Memorial Presbyterian Church. She lived for many years at 1430 Esplanade.

Friends are invited to attend the funeral services for the deceased Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. at the Nugent Funeral Home. The Rev. Harris Pillsbury will officiate and interment will be in the Chico Cemetery at the side of Mrs. Barry's late husband.

CAMPBELL, James A.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
7-11-1945

**J. A. Campbell,  
81, Pioneer,  
Passes Away**

James A. Campbell, 81-year-old pioneer of Cherokee, died this morning at Good Samaritan Hospital. He had been in failing health for the past five years.

Mr. Campbell was born in Cherokee on January 7, 1864 and had lived in Butte County all his life. His grandparents came from Scotland and settled in that mining country in the days of the gold rush. He saw the town boom to a population of around 4000, principally miners and their families. Hydraulic mining for gold was the big operation at that time.

The young man worked in the Cherokee mines in his younger days and then came to Oroville where he worked as a dredgemaster and later was superintendant of a dredging company.

**SAW PRESIDENT HAYES**

He was driving team at Cherokee at the time President Hayes and General Sherman and their party visited the mines there. Diamonds, the first to be found outside of Africa, had been discovered. Mr. Campbell liked to talk of meeting the president personally and having a long conversation with him.

He married Miss Carrie Jones, daughter of John D. Jones of Cherokee, and three sons were born to the couple. John Campbell is living in San Francisco but the other two, Delbert and James Jr., passed away several years ago.

**LAST OF HIS FAMILY**

Mr. Campbell was the only surviving member of a family of three boys and three girls. He was a brother of Ed and Charles Campbell, Mrs. Alice Pharis and the Misses Ida and Maggie Campbell.

He was a member of Table Mountain Lodge No. 124, F&AM. This lodge was established in Cherokee but was moved to Paradise a number of years ago. He was presented with his fifty year membership pin about two years ago.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Hamilton & Riley's until the arrival of his son.

CAMPBELL, James A.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
7-16-1945

## Campbell Rites Held

Funeral services for James A. Campbell, 81-year-old pioneer of Cherokee who died Wednesday, were held Saturday at 10 a. m. at Hamilton & Riley's. The services were conducted by Table Mountain Lodge, No. 124, F&AM, and burial was in Cherokee Cemetery.

Casket bearers were M. W. Wells, Walter Odneal, A. M. Norton, K. E. Moyes, M. C. McClintock and Tom Brown.

WALLIS, Thomas Lee  
The Sacramento Bee  
7-16-1945

## Thomas Wallis, 68, Of Oroville Is Dead

OROVILLE (Butte Co.), July 16. Thomas Lee Wallis, 68, a resident of this city since 1923, died last week in a local hospital after an extended illness.

Wallis, a native of Missouri, came to Oroville to work for the Hutchinson Lumber Company and for a short time operated a grocery business in Sacramento and Yuba City before returning here to retire five years ago.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Janie Ann Wallis, and the following children: Vern B. Wallis of Marysville, Willie E. Wallis of Oroville, Rebern Lee Wallis of Yuba City, Mrs. Lattie Cunha of Oroville, Mrs. Eula Turk of Marysville, Mrs. Jane Lawrence of Biggs and Mrs. Maxine Rott of Oroville. He also leaves the following brothers and sisters: Leonard Wallis of Oroville, John Wallis, Mrs. Margaret Clifford and Mrs. Altie Blackwell, all of Blodgett, Mo.

Funeral services will be held in the Thomas Funeral Home here tomorrow at 10 A. M. Interment will be in the family plot in the Cherokee Cemetery.



POTTER, William "Billy"

Oakland Tribune

9-13-1945

## **Boy, 2, Dies After Being Hit by Auto**

**SAN PABLO, Sept. 13—**William Potter, 2, of 1919 Church Lane, died early yesterday in Richmond Hospital as a result of injuries suffered late Tuesday when he was struck by an automobile at San Pablo Avenue and Church Lane.

Highway Patrolman Willard Ball said witnesses related that the child darted in front of the car, which was driven by Obert A. Sonstong, 36, a shipyard worker of 2834 19th Street, Richmond.

The officer said Sonstong was cited for having faulty brakes and for not having an operator's license. Ball said witnesses reported the car was proceeding slowly, but that Sonstong didn't get it stopped for 20 feet after the boy was struck.

Buried in Cherokee Cemetery, Butte County



CROGHAN, Mrs. Minnie Maude  
Council Bluffs Nonpareil  
9-18-1945

## **Obituary**

### **Mrs. Minnie Maude Croghan.**

Funeral services for Mrs. Minnie Maude Croghan, 63, former Crescent and Council Bluffs resident who died at Fremont, Neb., Sunday will be held at the Crescent cemetery Thursday at 3:30 p. m. to be followed by the interment.

Mrs. Croghan was the wife of W. O. Croghan, 1208 Ninth avenue, but had made her home in Fremont for over 10 years caring for a relative. She was born in Dunlap.

Other survivors include her brother, Mrs. W. W. Warren of Fremont; eight children, G. D. Croghan of Vancouver, Wash., J. G. Groghan and Mrs. William Wood, both of Port Orchard, Wash., Benjamin F. Croghan of Wahoo, Neb., LeRoy Croghan, Mrs. John Smith and Mrs. Maxine Dillavou, all of Council Bluffs, and Lewis F. Croghan of Fremont and 26 grandchildren.

She was a member of the Fremont Evangelical church, where services will also be held Thursday.

HAUGE, Lars  
Oroville Mercury Register  
10-6-1945

## **Lars Hauge, 85, Found Dead**

Lars Hauge, 85, of Yankee Hill, was found dead in bed, by his son Louis Hauge, about 7 o'clock this morning.

The cause of his death has not been determined.

A resident of California for ten years, he came to Yankee Hill from Marin county two years ago. He had spent 32 years operating a greenhouse in Alaska. He formerly lived in Fairbanks.

Funeral service arrangements will be announced later by Hamilton and Riley.

HAUGE, Lars  
Oroville Mercury Register  
10-8-1945

## **Hauge Rites Will Be Held Wednesday**

Funeral services for Lars Hauge, who died Oct. 6 at his home in Yankee Hill, will be held at 2 p. m. Wednesday, at Hamilton and Riley's.

Hauge is survived by one son, Louis.

Burial will be in Memorial Park.

LaMERE, Lillie Dale  
Oroville Mercury Register  
10-12-1945

# Lillie LaMere Is Dead Here

Mrs. Lillie Dale LaMere died at 7:15 this morning, at the Good Samaritan hospital, following a lingering illness.

Mrs. LaMere was born in Myrtle Point, Oregon, March 20, 1881, and lived in Oroville for the past seventeen years. She is survived by her husband, Louis LaMere, a son, Sgt. Earl R. LaMere, who has been overseas, and is now stationed at Palm Springs ; two daughters, Sophia Lucille LaMere, and Mrs. Dolly Fitch, both of Oroville, and two grandchildren.

The body is at the Thomas Funeral Home, pending funeral arrangements, which depends on word from distant survivors.

LaMERE, Mrs. Lillie Dale  
Oroville Mercury Register  
10-13-1945

## **LaMere Rites**

Funeral services for Mrs. Lillie Dale LaMere, will be held at 2 p. m. Monday, at the Thomas Funeral Home, with the Rev. Dr. Mills officiating.

Burial will be in the Cherokee cemetery.

BEARDSLEY (LAFFERTY), Mrs. Agnes L.  
Oakland Tribune  
10-21-1945

# Last Rites Held For Mrs. Beardsley

Funeral services were held yesterday for Mrs. Agnes L. Beardsley, wife of Charles A. Beardsley, Oakland attorney and former president of the American Bar Association.

She died at a local hospital on October 17 after a two weeks' illness. A native of Oregon City, Calif., Mrs. Beardsley was a charter member of the Women's Athletic Club and was active in Red Cross salvage activities. She made her home at the Claremont Country Club.

Services were held from the Albert Brown Parlors, 3476 Piedmont Avenue, with interment at Mountain View Cemetery.

BEARDSLEY (LAFFERTY), Agnes I.

Oakland Tribune

10-21-1945

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Services were held from the Albert Brown Parlors, 3476 Piedmont Avenue, with interment at Mountain View Cemetery.

ALDRICH, Mrs. Ida May  
Oroville Mercury Register  
10-24-1945

# Many Survive Mrs. Aldrich

Funeral services for Ida May Aldrich, 69, who died Tuesday at the Good Samaritan hospital, will be held Thursday morning at 10 o'clock at Hamilton and Rileys.

Mrs. Aldrich, who was born in California, is survived by her husband William Aldrich of Oroville, a son W. C. Bray, two grandchildren Betty and Bill Bray of Santa Rosa, four sisters Mesdames Ellen Peters, Gridley; H. A. Marcel, Greenville; Edna Stickney, Sacramento, and Geo. Welsh of Oroville; two brothers, W. H. Butterfield of Yuba City and George L. Stone, Greenville.

Burial will be in Woodland cemetery.



ALDRICH, Mrs. Ida  
Oroville Mercury Register  
10-25-1945

## **Aldrich Funeral**

Funeral services for Mrs. Ida Aldrich who died October 23, were held at Hamilton and Riley's this morning at 10 o'clock, with Elder F. A. Stahl officiating, assisted by S. S. Rutan.

Casket bearers were: Messrs. G. E. Hartman, George Baker, C. E. Knight, W. H. Frizzle, S. S. Rutan and O. A. Duncan.

Burial was in Woodland cemetery.

JOHNSON, Roy  
Oroville Mercury Register  
10-31-1945

## Lifetime Resident Of Butte Is Dead

Roy Johnson, 38, of Pulga, lifetime resident of Butte county, died Tuesday morning at Good Samaritan Hospital where he had been a patient since Oct. 3.

Mr. Johnson is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Johnson of Pulga.

Prior to his illness, the Pulga man was a railroad track layer.

Funeral arrangements will be made by Hamilton and Riley.

**HEDGE, David Mitchell**  
**Oroville Mercury**  
**11-19-1945**

**OROVILLE MERCURY, Oroville, CA, Monday, November 19, 1945:**  
**"Cyclist Dies From Injuries. David M. Hedges, 64, life long resident of Oroville, died at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Good Samaritan hospital from injuries received in a traffic accident early Saturday morning.**

**"He was hurt in a collision near the approach to the upper Thermalito bridge between a bicycle he was riding and a truck.**

**"Mr. Hedges was born in 1881 in Oroville. He is survived by his wife, Vivian, and two brothers, James Hedges of Oroville and Thomas Hedges of Chico. Mr. Hedges was employed as a janitor at Oroville Inn.**

**"He was member of Oroville Aerie No. 196, Fraternal Order of Eagles.**

**"The truck involved in the accident belongs to the Gilboy Trucking Co. and was driven by Ernest Mack, both of Redding, authorities reported. Sheriff Forward said an inquest would be held. The date had not been set today.**

**"Funeral arrangements will be made by Hamilton and Riley."**

CAMPBELL, Donald

Sacramento Bee

11-24-1945

## Oroville Man Dies Of Mishap Injuries

OROVILLE (Butte Co.), Nov. 24. Graveside rites, following funeral services in Richmond Saturday afternoon will be held Tuesday at the Bangor Cemetery for Donald Campbell, 37, who died in a shipyard in Richmond as the result of a fall.

Campbell was the son of Mrs. Inez Thatcher of Oroville and the husband of the former Louise Smullin of Honcut. Other survivors here include a brother, Robert Campbell, of the Wyandotte district; two sisters, Mrs. William Messner of the Surcease Mine and Mrs. Dan Myers of Oroville; a grandmother, Mrs. Edna Sweetman of Oroville, and an uncle, Leon Sweetman of Las Plumas.

HEDGE, Thomas William

Chico Record

12-9-1945

## **William Thomas Hedge, Butte County Native, Dies In Local Hospital**

William Thomas Hedge, 80, a native of Forbestown and lifelong resident of Butte County, died last night in the Enloe Hospital after a lengthy illness.

As a young man he operated a gold dredger in Oroville for many years, and then for 26 years was employed by the Diamond Match Company in its mill and store in Stirling City.

He was married in 1895 to Miss Anna Strange of Oroville, who survives him. He also leaves two sons, Stanley Hedge of Weed and Melbourne Hedge of Stirling City; a daughter, Mrs. Violet Jamison of Sacramento; and a brother, James Hedge of Oroville. Three grandchildren also survive.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by the Brusie Funeral Home.

WILLIAMS (JOHNSON), Mrs. Kitty  
Chico Record  
1-1-1946

## **Yankee Hill Indian Woman Reaches Age Of 114 At Death**

Mrs. Kitty Williams Johnson, an Indian woman of Yankee Hill, who had lived to witness 113 New Year's Days, died yesterday afternoon at her home.

Deputy Coroner William Gaylord said Mrs. Johnson was 114 years of age at the time of her death. Little is known of her early life, but she was 17 years old when gold was discovered in California.

Her only survivor is a sister, Miss Dixie Williams of Concow.

WILLIAMS, Kittie  
Oroville Mercury Register  
1-2-1946

# Oldest Woman Dies; Yankee Hill Indian Passes; Age 115, Guess

**M**R. KITTIE WILLIAMS, rated at 115 years, is dead.

Probably one of the oldest people in the west, Kittie a full-blooded Concow Indian, died Monday afternoon at Yankee Hill.

No one knows exactly how old Kittie is. She might be 120 or she might be 110. Her age was arrived at by questioning other aged Indians, who agreed that Kittie was about the age of their deceased parents, whose ages were known.

Charles T. Crawford of the county welfare department, knew Kittie well and called on her many times over a period of years. He said that she had a fine sense of humor and a good memory, even when he saw her within the last year.

She spent much of her time

making flour from acorns. She preferred acorn bread. Her spare time was spent weaving baskets.

She never knew her own age and always would reply "Don't know," when asked.

Kittie was married twice, both times to men named Williams. Her first husband Charles, she married in 1859. Her second, Billy, she married in 1920. She had no children. Most of her life was spent around Isaiah and Pulga, with a few years at Yankee Hill.

Kittie is survived by a brother, Dixon (Dixey) Williams, of Concow. The welfare department figures Dixon's age at 80, going by a poll tax receipt in 1938, when Dixon gave his age. Whether he was guessing is not known.

Hamilton and Riley's announced that the funeral will be at the graveside at Yankee Hill cemetery at 10 a. m. Friday.

WILLIAMS, Kittie  
The Chico Enterprise

1-3-1946

## Yankee Hill Lady Dies at Age of About 115 Years

YANKEE HILL, Jan. 3 — Mrs. Kattie Williams, rated at 115 years, is dead.

Probably one of the oldest people in the west Kittie, a full-blooded Concow Indian, died here Monday afternoon.

No one knows exactly how old Kittie is. She might be 120 or she might be 110. Her age was arrived at by questioning other aged Indians, who agreed that Kittie was about the age of their deceased parents, whose ages were known.

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WILLIAMS (JOHNSON), Mrs. Kitty  
Sacramento Bee  
1-3-1946

## Butte Indian, Believed To Have Been 114, Is Deceased

OROVILLE (Butte Co.), Jan. 3. Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 10 A. M. for Mrs. Kitty Johnson Williams, who as a girl is said to have been a witness of many of the scenes of California's Gold Rush.

Mrs. Williams claimed to be 114 years old at the time of her death in Yankee Hill Monday and what records there are set her age at between 101 and 120. She was a full blooded Concow Indian and had lived in Butte County all her life.

Charles Crawford, who took care of her pension money payments, said that until four years ago she lived alone in a cabin above Pulga on the Feather River. She moved

to Yankee Hill after agreeing that cooking and housework at her age was a little difficult.

Mrs. Williams was married twice, both times to men named Williams. Charles Williams, whom she married in 1869, died near the turn of the century and she later married Billy Williams, also a full blooded Concow, in 1920. She had no children, and is survived only by a brother, Dixon Johnson, known here as Dixie, a trapper and guide.

Concow rites at the Indian burial grounds near Isaiah, in Butte County, had been suggested, but close friends decided on graveside services at the Yankee Hill Cemetery under the direction of Hamilton & Riley's.

Note: In 1920, Kitty was the servant for the King family who owned Pulga.

BEALS, Kelley  
Oroville Mercury Register  
1-7-1946

## **Kelley Beals, 57, Succumbs**

Kelley Beals, 57, of Quincy Road, died Sunday at the Good Samaritan Hospital, following a brief illness.

Mr. Kelley was born in Indiana, and has lived in Butte County for 21 years. He was employed at the Campbell Ranch on Quincy Road.

A brother, J. K. Beals of Sacramento, is the only survivor.

Funeral arrangements will be made by the Thomas Funeral Home.

BEALS, Kelley  
Oroville Mercury Register  
1-8-1946

## **Kelley Beals Rites**

Funeral services for Kelley Beals, who died Sunday will be held Wednesday at 2 p. m. at the Thomas Funeral Home, with the Rev. Dr. Henry Mills officiating.

Burial will be in Cherokee cemetery.

ANDERSON, August E.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
1-10-1946

## **WP Employe Taken By Death**

August E. Anderson, a Western Pacific railway employe, died this morning at Oroville Curran Hospital where he had been taken late last night. Police Officers Vance and Swearingen were called to Matthews Garage at 1 a. m. and found Anderson lying near the garage. He was taken to the hospital but died at 6 a. m. today.

Anderson lived in a cabin at West Virginia Inn.

W. H. Gaylord, chief deputy coroner, investigated the death.

Thomas Funeral Home is in charge of funeral arrangements.

ALDRICH, William  
Oroville Mercury Register  
1-10-1946

# Fire Fighting Causes Death

William Aldrich dropped dead this morning at Yankee Hill after helping fight a fire at a neighbor's cabin.

It is reported that Aldrich had been under a doctor's care.

W. H. Gaylord, chief deputy coroner, investigated the death. Thomas Funeral Home is in charge of funeral arrangements.

DENNEY, Louis  
Oroville Mercury Register  
1-12-1946

## Louis Denney Dies At Good Samaritan

Louis Denney died this morning at the Good Samaritan Hospital following a lingering illness.

Mr. Denney was born in Missouri, June 14, 1870, lived in California for ten years, and in this community for two years.

He is survived by three sons, Ben of the United States Marine Corps; and James and Howard of the United States Army.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Hamilton and Riley.

ANDERSON, August E.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
1-15-1946

### **ANDERSON FUNERAL**

Funeral services for August E. Anderson, who died January 10, will be held Wednesday at 2 p. m., at the Thomas Funeral Home. The Rev. Mr. G. H. Braun will officiate, and burial will be in the Cherokee Cemetery.

ALDRICH, William  
Oroville Mercury Register  
1-15-1946

## Graveside Services

Graveside services for William Aldrich who died January 10, were held at 2 p. m. Monday at Yankee Hill Cemetery.

The Rev. Mr. Morse E. Hammond officiated and arrangements were under the direction of the Thomas Funeral Home.

Casket bearers were: Elmer Thomas, Henry Reinhart, John Risberg, A. Bosart, John Lockridge and Charles Brown.



DENNEY, Louis  
Oroville Mercury Register  
1-16-1946

## **Louis Denny Funeral**

Funeral services for Louis Denny who died on Jan. 12, were held at 2 p. m. Tuesday at Hamilton and Riley, with the Rev. Mr. G. H. Braun officiating.

Casket bearers were: Fred Angelin, Mike Garcia, Loy L. Atkins, Luell Stafford, John Kilgore and I. M. Coggashell.

Burial was in Cherokee Cemetery.

DOYLE, Sarah A.

Sacramento Bee

1-28-1946

**DOYLE**—In this city, January 26, 1946. Sara A. Doyle, beloved sister of James T. and Mary E. Doyle of Sacramento and Sister Mary Austin of San Francisco; a native of California. Friends may call at W. F. Gormley & Sons Chapel, 2015 Capitol Avenue, and are respectfully invited to attend requiem mass to be offered for the repose of her soul Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock at Immaculate Conception Church, First Avenue and Sacramento Boulevard. Interment private St. Mary's Lawn. Please omit flowers. The rosary will be recited tomorrow (Tuesday) evening at 8 o'clock at Gormley's Chapel.

**CATHOLIC Ladies Relief Society** meet tomorrow (Tuesday) afternoon at 2:30 in Gormley's Chapel to recite prayers for our late member, Sarah A. Doyle; attend funeral services Wednesday morning at Immaculate Conception Church.  
MRS. E. L. FRENCH, President

WHITE, Leon E.

Chico Record

2-2-1946

## **Yankee Hill Vet Suicide By Poison**

OROVILLE. —Leon E. White of Yankee Hill is dead as a result of what Chief Deputy Coroner William H. Gaylord said was strychnine poisoning, self administered.

White was 39 years old and a veteran of World War II. He was discharged about three years ago and two months ago married Fay White, also 39, who survives.

Gaylord said White had threatened several times to commit suicide with the poison and had shown the bottle, labeled strychnine, to several friends at the Pine store near his home. He died within an hour in spite of Mrs. White's first aid measures.

Gaylord reported White wrote a note to his wife in which he said: "Thanks for making me very happy for two months. Hope you are always very happy and you find someone to love you again."

Gaylord said there is little evidence of domestic trouble and that White's despondency apparently arose from his failure to receive what he believed was adequate compensation from the government.

The body was removed to the Thomas Funeral Home here. No inquest is planned.

# WILSON, Mrs. Amanda

The Sacramento Bee

2-4-1946

## Chico Mechoopda, Protege Of Mrs. Bidwell, Is Buried

CHICO (Butte Co.), Feb. 4.—Mrs. Amanda Wilson, whose age probably was near 100 years and who was the last surviving person who spoke the Mechoopda language, was buried today in the cemetery in the Indian rancheria.

Mrs. Wilson was a grown woman, wife of Chief Lafonso, tribal head of the Mechoopdas, when Mrs. Annie E. K. Bidwell arrived at Rancho Chico in 1868. Even before Amanda forsook her pagan gods for Christianity under the tutelage of Mrs. Bidwell she became the personal maid of her benefactress and remained in that capacity until Mrs. Bidwell's death in 1918. She did not know her true age but in 1944 estimated it probably was 100 years.

### Lived In Wickiups

When General John Bidwell took possession of his Mexican grant in 1847, Chief Lafonso and his 250 tribesmen lived in mud and sapling wickiups. They moved to a mile from where Bidwell erected the present mansion for his bride in 1868 but still lived in primitive huts.

Mrs. Bidwell made the Mechoopdas her personal responsibility and the rancheria her personal reservation. In time she was responsible for educating the tribe, moving them to houses and weaning them from pagan ways. Chief Lafonso died in 1906 and his imperial crown of feathers passed to his widow.

### Married Santa Wilson

Amanda later married Santa Wilson, Bidwell's coachman, who became an ordained elder in the Presbyterian Church in the Indian village.

He died nine years ago.



*Mrs. Amanda Wilson*

Mrs. Wilson long was a leader in the affairs pertaining to the advancement of her people. She was well known in Chico as a singer of Indian songs.

Rev. Harris Pillsbury, pastor of the Bidwell Memorial Presbyterian Church, officiated at the funeral services.

Surviving are her sons, Elmer Lafonso, Sherman Wilson and Edward Wilson, all of Chico, and a daughter, Mrs. Eva Pierce of Oakland.

WHITE, Leon E.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
2-8-1946

## **Leon White Service**

Graveside services for Leon E. White, who died Jan. 31, were conducted at 2 p. m. Thursday at Yankee Hill cemetery by Paradise American Legion Post No. 259, with Henry Stevens, commander, and Charles Mellerio, chaplain.

Casket bearers were: Henry Stevens, Charles Mellerio, Ed. H. Stevens, Leo Hurshey, Clifford Garrett, and Tom Johnson.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Thomas Funeral Home.

WALLACE, Mrs. Rosa  
The Chico Enterprise  
2-19-1946

# Mrs. Wallace Succumbs at 93

Following a long illness in a Chico rest home, Mrs. Rosa Wallace, 93, a resident of Butte County for more than ten years, died late yesterday.

Mrs. Wallace was born in New York, and married William R. Wallace in 1880. He died in 1938. The couple made their home in Oroville for several years, where Wallace was in the lumber business.

Funeral arrangements are pending at the Nugent Funeral Home.

TAYLOR (SCOTT), Mrs. Mary

The Chico Enterprise

2-25-1946

## **Mrs. Mary Taylor Succumbs Here At Age of 80**

Mrs. Mary S. Taylor, 80, a beloved resident of Chico since 1916, died at a local rest home yesterday morning after an extended illness.

Mrs. Taylor, wife of the late W. F. Taylor, who was road superintendent in the Concow district for many years, was born at Cohasset. Her parents, the late Galeb and Almira Scott, came to California in the early days in a covered wagon train from Illinois and settled north of Chico, and later moved to Cohasset.

For many years Mrs. Taylor had been a member of the Christian Church of Chico.

Surviving are the following children: R. S. Simmons of Paradise, Mrs. Bessie Overton of Stirling City, Mrs. Mabel Fisher of Sacramento, and Mrs. Alice Brown of Chico. The following brothers and sisters also survive: Sherman Scott and Mrs. Lucy Jones of Paradise, Mrs. Eva Kirby of Oroville, and Mrs. Estelle Peacher of Los Angeles. There are seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Friends are invited to attend the final services Tuesday at 2 p. m. at the Nugent Funeral Chapel with Rev. Henry Searle of the First Christian Church officiating. Interment will follow in the Paradise Cemetery.

WALLACE, Mrs. Rosa  
Oroville Mercury Register  
2-25-1946

## **Rosa Wallace Dies in Chico**

CHICO — Friends yesterday paid final tribute to Mrs. Rosa Wallace, 83, who died at a rest home here Monday.

The Rev. Mr. C. Allen Taft of the Grace Baptist church officiated at the services held in the Nugent Funeral chapel. Burial was in the Cherokee cemetery.



TAYLOR (SCOTT), Mrs. Mary S.

Oroville Mercury Register

2-27-1946

## Mary Taylor Rites Are Held

Funeral services were held in Chico Tuesday for Mrs. Mary S. Taylor, 80, a native of Butte county, who died Sunday at a rest home in Chico.

Her husband, the late W. F. Taylor, was foreman of road crews in the Concow district for many years.

Born in Cohasset, Mrs. Taylor, is survived by her children, R. S. Simmons of Paradise, Mrs. Bessie Overton of Stirling City, Mrs. Mabel Fisher of Sacramento and Mrs. Alice Brown of Chico; and her brothers and sisters, Sherman Scott and Mrs. Lucy Jones of Paradise, Mrs. Eva Kirby of Oroville, and Mrs. Estelle Peacher of Los Angeles.

BURGO, Maude Mary  
Oroville Mercury Register  
3-14-1946

## **Maude Burgo, 69, Dies at Hospital**

Mrs. Maude Mary Burgo, 69, died at Oroville-Curran Hospital Wednesday following a lingering illness.

Born in London, England, in 1877, Mrs. Burgo came to the United States and settled in Sacramento with her parents when three years of age. She had lived in this community for nine years.

Surviving are her husband John Burgo, 2880 Wyandotte avenue; three sons, George A. Fain of Arcadia; Earl J. Fain of Twain, and Whitt Fain of the state of Washington; two sisters, Mrs. Mable Bray and Mrs. Edith Northern of Sacramento; and two brothers, Ted Coppin and Harry Coppin, also of Sacramento.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a. m. Saturday at the Thomas Funeral Home, with the Rev. Mr. John F. Woods officiating. Burial will be in Cherokee cemetery.

STRANG, Louis M.

Sacramento Bee

3-14-1946

## Louis M. Strang, Former Oroville Councilman, Is Taken By Death

OROVILLE (Butte Co.), March 14—Louis M. Strang, Oroville businessman and one time city councilman, died yesterday after a lengthy illness. He was the proprietor of a restaurant here.

Strang was a native of Oroville and had been associated with its civic and business affairs all his adult life. He was 47.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Alice H. Strang; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Strang of Oroville; his brothers, Roscoe, Wesley and Robert, all of Oroville, and Ulysses S. Strang of Chico; and a sister, Mrs. Stella A. Hansen of Oroville. Another brother, Harold Strang, was killed at Leyte in 1945.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 2 P. M. in Hamilton & Riley's.

BIERCE, Frank  
Oroville Mercury Register  
3-22-1946

## Frank Bierce, 60, Dies at Samaritan

Frank Bierce, 60, died this morning at Good Samaritan Hospital.

Born in Kansas City, Kans., Mr. Bierce had lived in this community for 3½ months. He leaves no known relatives.

Graveside services will be held at 3 p. m. Saturday at Cherokee cemetery, under the direction of Hamilton and Riley.

HAMILTON, Robert M.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
4-6-1946

## Concow Man Hit By Tree Dies Here

Robert Hamilton, 53, of Concow Valley, died today at Oroville Curran Hospital from injuries received Friday while felling trees on his land near Concow Lake.

According to his son-in-law, Chester Henshaw, who was with him at the time of the accident, Mr. Hamilton was hit by an oak tree that whiplashed and broke off, falling on him. The tree was 60 or 70 feet tall, according to Henshaw. A fractured skull resulted in his death. Henshaw brought Mr. Hamilton to the hospital.

Mr. Hamilton had been a resident of California for 45 years. For the past year he had been engaged in ranching at Concow Valley.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Ida Hamilton of Oakland; four daughters, Mrs. Chester Henshaw of Yankee Hill, Mrs. John Suppose of Sacramento, Mrs. Jean Davis of Yankee Hill and Mrs. James George of South Carolina; one son, Vernon Hamilton of the United States Navy; and four sisters, Mrs. Edna Fishback of Fresno, Mrs. Cora Kipp and Mrs. Ida Holmes of Oakland, and Mrs. Lee Vanhagan of Tracy.

Thomas Funeral home are in charge of arrangements.

HAMILTON, Robert

Sacramento Bee

4-8-1946

## Oroville Man, Crushed By Falling Tree, Dies

OROVILLE (Butte Co.), April 8. Robert Hamilton, 53, of Concow died Saturday of injuries suffered when a large oak tree crushed his skull as it fell to the ground Friday. He had been cutting trees on his property near Concow Lake northeast of here.

Chester Henshaw, son in law of Hamilton, who was working near the same spot, said the tree twisted as it fell and pinned its victim beneath its heavy branches.

Hamilton had purchased the Concow property about a year ago.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Ida Hamilton of Oakland; his daughters, Mrs. Henshaw, who lives at Yankee Hill, Mrs. John Suppose of Sacramento, Mrs. Jean Davis of Yankee Hill and Mrs. James George of South Carolina; a son, Vernon Hamilton, now serving in the navy, and his sisters, Mrs. Ida Holmes of Oakland, Mrs. Lee Vanhagen of Tracy, Mrs. Cora Kipp of Oakland and Mrs. Edna Fishback of Fresno.

Funeral arrangements are being made by Hamilton and Riley's.

MEISSNER (HENGY), Mrs. Edgar Duane (Eva May)  
The Petaluma Argus Courier  
4-9-1946

# Death Claims Mrs. Edgar Meissner

Mrs. Edgar Duane Meissner, well known in Petaluma and aunt of Miss Barton Coggins of the Petaluma junior high school faculty, died last week in Oakland where the funeral services were held Thursday. Her friend here will recall that she often visited here with her late sister-in-law, Kittie Meissner.

She was the mother of Georgette Stevenson of Oakland, Barton Hengy and Arch Hengy of Oroville, and the sister of Jessie Coggins, formerly of Petaluma, now of Chico. She was the former Eva Hengy. Her husband died several years ago.

Born in Oroville, Mrs. Meissner had spent practically all of her life in California.

WAYNE, Lydia Ann  
Oroville Mercury Register  
4-12-1946

# Lydia Wayne Passes Away

Lydia Ann Wayne, 73, died Thursday afternoon at Good Samaritan hospital.

Born in Missouri, Mrs. Wayne had lived in this community for 21 years.

She is survived by two daughters: Mrs. Marsha Hall and Mrs. Fannie Ward, both of Oroville; two sons, John Hipes of Oroville, and Pfc. Martin Hipes of the United States Army; and one brother, John Pitt of Missouri.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by the Thomas Funeral Home.



WAYNE, Mrs. Lydia Ann  
Oroville Mercury Register  
4-13-1946

## **Rites for Mrs. Wayne**

Funeral services for Mrs. Lydia Ann Wayne who died Thursday afternoon at Good Samaritan Hospital will be held at 2 p. m. Monday at Thomas Funeral Home.

Burial will be in Oregon City Cemetery.

JEHLMMEYER (JELMYER or JELMIRE), Philip F.

Sacramento Bee

4-17-1946

## Funeral Is Held For Oroville War Veteran

OROVILLE (Butte Co.), April 17. Catholic funeral rites were held yesterday in St. Thomas Church for Philip F. Jehlmeyer, 28, who died Friday at the veterans hospital in Livermore. He was a veteran of the recent war.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Grace Jehlmeyer; a son, Phillip, and a daughter, Donna Lee; his mother, Mrs. Alma Chadwick; a sister, Mrs. Roselia Clark, all of whom live in Oroville a brother, Thomas Jehlmeyer of San Francisco, and a half brother, James Chadwick of Oroville.

WALWORTH, Arthur  
Oroville Mercury Register  
5-11-1946

## Man Found Dead In Montg. St. Cabin

Arthur Walworth, about 67 years old, was found dead Friday about 6 p. m. in his cabin at 2309 Montgomery street. Jess Bishop, owner of the cabin, discovered the body.

Mr. Walworth had worked for the Highway Club for three or four years.

Death was apparently due to a heart condition, William H. Gaylord, chief deputy coroner said. An autopsy has been performed by Dr. Charles Benninger.

Funeral services will be under direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

WALWORTH, Arthur John  
Oroville Mercury Register  
5-13-1946

## **Walworth Services To Be Held Tuesday**

Funeral services for Arthur John Walworth, '74, will be held at the Thomas Funeral Home at 10 a. m. Tuesday. The bartenders Union will be in charge of the services.

Burial will take place in Cherokee cemetery.

ZIRKLE, Mrs. Iona Viola

The Sacramento Bee

5-22-1946

**ZIRKLE**—In Oroville Butte County, May 19, 1946, Mrs. Iona Viola Zirkle of Feather Falls, wife of Roy Zirkle of Feather Falls, daughter of Mrs. Margaret La Fever, Mrs. Verta Lawson, and Roy Zirkle, all of Oroville, and Carl of Feather Falls and William Zirkle of Davis, sister of Carl of Ukiah and Felix Justus of San Luis Obispo; a native of Illinois, aged 51 years. Funeral services were held today in Oroville. Interment was in the Cherokee Cemetery.

# FITCH, William

## Oroville Mercury Register

6-22-1946

### William Fitch Dies; Was Long A Constable

*Known As The Officer  
Who Didn't Carry Gun*

Constable William Fitch, 78, died at his home in Oroville Friday night after 42 years service as a peace officer in Butte county. He was first appointed deputy sheriff in 1903 under the late Sheriff Jim Chubbuck and was elected Constable of Oroville Township 28 years ago. (See picture page 3).

Fitch was born in Lafayette, Knox county, Ill., Oct. 1, 1868. He came naturally by his aptitude for the work of guardian of the peace. His father, Martin V. Fitch, was the first sheriff of Harlan county, Nebr.

When Mr. Fitch was a boy of seven or eight his parents came from Nebraska to Lake County, Calif. Following the death of his mother, he was brought to Oroville, at 12, where he worked on ranches owned by Jack Welch and Sandy Onyett at Palermo.

BY 19 HE HAD been employed by several blacksmiths in and around Oroville, including the late Jim Walsh. He widened his horizon as a young man by entering business for himself as the Red Front blacksmith shop on Huntoon street. He operated his shop for three years during which time he was first appointed deputy sheriff under Chubbuck.

In 1908 Mr. Fitch was employed by the Great Western Power company during construction of the Big Bend plant. He had two duties during this period, one as team foreman for the company and the other as deputy sheriff.

HIS FIRST ELECTION to public office occurred in 1912 when he was selected by the voters to serve as constable of Concow township. In 1918 he left the employ of the power company, came back to Oroville and became a full-time deputy sheriff under Sheriff John Webber. In 1922 he was elected constable of Oroville township and has been re-elected every four years since then.

MR. FITCH HAS SERVED as deputy sheriff as well as ex-officio deputy under eight sheriffs. Starting with Chubbuck, he served under John Webber, Bill Riddle, Bob Anderson, Bill Toland, Alvin Kister, Herbert Taylor and W. H. Forward.

Old-timers in law enforcement service active when Mr. Fitch first started included: John McAtee, Pat Curran and Ed Rugh of Oroville and Bill White, who now lives in Sacramento.

Most famous case in which Mr. Fitch had an active part was the Madison Slaughter rape case in 1916. In the second trial he had charge of the jury that was held in session for 27 days, locked in the apartment above the offices now occupied by Justice of the Peace Harry Hills.

ONE OF THE characteristics of Mr. Fitch that endeared him to the residents of this area was the fact that he never carried a gun except in extreme emergencies. He was instrumental in solving many mysterious crimes during his long period of duty.

Once under Sheriff Chubbuck, Mr. Fitch trailed a triple slayer from Oroville to Merrimac and thence to Letter Box riding in a horse and buggy. In 1915 he and Dixie Johnson of Pulga, trailed two hold-up men more than 40 miles up the Western Pacific tracks using a hand-car as the means of pursuit. Johnson, an Indian, is noted for his

### Oldest Officer



Thought to be the oldest peace officer in California in length of service, Constable William Fitch, 78, died at his home in Oroville after 42 years as a deputy sheriff and constable.

ability to trail hunters lost in the mountains.

DURING THE PAST months Mr. Fitch's health started to fail following an illness last winter. It was then he decided not to run for reelection this year but to retire from active service. His term as constable expires in January, 1947.

Survivors in Oroville include his wife Dolly Fitch and a daughter Mrs. Willo Pennington. Two brothers, Linford R. Fitch of Nebraska and Clarence Riehl of New York also survive. Riehl was raised by Mr. Mitch's aunt and took her name. His grandson, William Pennington Jr. is a state forest ranger stationed at Visalia.

Funeral services will be held at the Sanford Funeral Home on Tuesday at 2 p. m. with Rev. Dr. Henry Hills officiating. Burial will be held in the Cherokee Cemetery. All peace officers in Butte county will be honorary casket bearers.

# FITCH, Ulysses William

## The Sacramento Bee

6-24-1946

### William Fitch, Veteran Officer In Butte, Is Dead

OROVILLE (Butte Co.), June 24. Peace officers from throughout Butte County will be honorary pallbearers at the funeral of William Fitch, 78, veteran of 42 years of law enforcement work in the Oroville district. Fitch died Friday night in his home here after an extended illness. The services will be held tomorrow at 2 P. M. in the Sanford Funeral Home, with burial in the Cherokee Cemetery.

Fitch was born in Knox County, Ill., and came to California from Nebraska as a boy in the '70's. He first was named a deputy sheriff under the late James Chubbuck.

He was elected constable of Concow Township in 1912 and in 1922 was elected constable of Oroville Township. He had been returned to office at every election since. He did not seek another term this year.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Dolly Fitch of Oroville; a sister, Mrs. Willo Pennington, also of this city, and his brothers, Linford R. Fitch of Nebraska and Clarence Riehl of New York.



*William Fitch*

LaMERE, Louis  
Oroville Mercury Register  
8-28-1946

## Louis La Mere Dies At Good Samaritan

Louis La Mere, 62, Danielson avenue, died this morning at Good Samaritan Hospital.

Born in Michigan, Mr. La Mere had lived in Butte county for the past 17 years.

Surviving are a son, Earl La Mere; and two daughters, Mrs. Dolly Fitch and Miss Sophia Lucille La Mere, all of Oroville.

Sanford Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



LaMERE, Louis  
Oroville Mercury Register  
8-29-1946

## La Mere Funeral Set For Saturday

Funeral services for Louis La Mere who died Wednesday at Good Samaritan Hospital will be held at 2 p. m. Saturday at Sanford Funeral Home, with the Rev. Dr. Henry Mills officiating.

Burial will be in Cherokee cemetery.

VOGT, Joseph  
Oroville Mercury Register  
8-30-1946

## **Joe Vogt Dies; Was Native of Cherokee**

Joe Vogt, 74, old timer in this community, died this morning in Stockton.

Born in Cherokee, March 21, 1872, Mr. Vogt lived his entire life in Butte county.

He is survived by a sister, Mrs. Fred C. Sefton of Yoncalla, Ore.

Hamilton and Wiley's are in charge of arrangements.

VOGT, Joseph  
Oroville Mercury Register  
8-31-1946

## **Vogt Funeral Set**

Funeral services for Joe Vogt who died Friday in Stockton will be held at 2 p. m. Monday at Hamilton and Riley's, with the Rev. Mr. Maurice deVries officiating.

Burial will be in Cherokee cemetery.

BURT, Edward Spencer

Paradise Post

9-20-1946

***Edward S. Burt  
Funeral To Be  
This Afternoon***

Edward Spencer Burt, 68 year old miner and lifelong resident of Butte County whose home was in Magalia, was found dead by neighbors Tuesday morning. The coroner's inquest, conducted by Deputy Coroner Paul Gaukel revealed that he died from natural causes. Neighbors reported that they had seen him early Monday morning.

Funeral services are to be at the Paradise Chapel of the Pines under the direction of Paul D. Gaukel. Interment will be in the Paradise Cemetery in the family plot, next to his deceased wife, Mrs. Sarah Burt. Services will be at 2 p. m. today, with Rev. John E. Hadley officiating. Burt was a member of the Paradise Benefit Association.

The deceased was born in Butte County February 15, 1876, and had lived in this area most of his life. He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Jack Bishop of Paradise and Mrs. Abbie Van Ness of Hayward.

BURT, Edward Spencer  
The Chico Enterprise  
9-25-1946

## **Edward Burt Funeral At Paradise Church**

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Funeral services were held last Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock for Edward Burt, an old resident of Paradise and Magalia, at the Chapel of The Pines in Paradise. The Rev. J. E. Hadley, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiated. Organ selections were "The Lord's Prayer" and "The Old Rugged Cross." Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Collett sang, "Take Up Thy Cross and Follow Me," at the cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Albert Glover, Grover Glover, Garton Smith, Dick Salzman, French Duncan and Harry Ballew. Burial was in the Paradise Cemetery.

VanGOODEN, Victor Earl

Sacramento Bee

9-25-1946

## Stockman In Butte Is Taken By Death

CHICO (Butte Co.), Sept. 25. — Victor Earl Van Gooden, 49, a leading stock raiser in Butte County, died yesterday in his ranch home in the Pentz area. His ranch has won wide attention for its fine stock horses and white faced cattle

Van Gooden was born in Cherokee, Butte County, and spent his life within the county. He formerly was chairman of the Pentz Farm Bureau and a member of the Butte County Conservation Committee.

He leaves his wife, Elva Cudd Van Gooden; a son, Edwin, and a daughter, Mrs. Dolores Nelson, all of Pentz; his mother, Mrs. Maggie Richmond of Sacramento, and a sister, Mrs. Myrtle Wild of Shasta County.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 P. M. Saturday in the Nugent-Huddleston Funeral Home here and burial will be in the Chico Cemetery.

VanGOODEN, Victor Earl

Chico Record

9-26-1946

## **Victor Van Gooden, Stockman, Rancher, Dies In Pentz**

Victor Earl van Guden, 49, widely known and respected stockman and sportsman, died early yesterday at his ranch home at Pentz.

Van Gooden, who was a native of nearby Cherokee, had been ill for several months.

He not only had been active in ranching and in several sportsmen's groups, but was Pentz Farm Bureau chairman, a 4-H leader and a member of the Butte County Federation Committee.

A lover of fine horses, he had exhibited his mounts in many northern California fairs and rodeos. Besides excellent stock horses, his ranch boasted one of the most outstanding herds of whiteface cattle in the area.

Van Gooden had lived in the house in which he died for the past 16 years. He leaves a widow, the former Elva Cudd; a son, Edwin, and a daughter, Mrs. Dolores Nelson; his mother, Mrs. Maggie Richmond of Sacramento, and a sister, Mrs. Myrtle Wild of Callahan, Cal.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday at 2:30 p. m. in the Nugent-Huddleston Funeral Chapel, with Rev. A. M. Grant of Durham Community Church officiating.

Interment will be made in Cherokee Cemetery.

CLARK, Mrs. Arilee May  
Oroville Mercury Register  
9-27-1946

## John Clark's Wife Passes

Mrs. Arilee May Clark, 82, of Yankee Hill, wife of John Adams Clark, died Thursday at the home of her daughter in Redding.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark were married 46 years ago while Mrs. Clark was a school teacher in the little log school house at Yankee Hill. She taught prior to that in Texas and South Dakota. She was born Oct. 10, 1863, at Lancaster, Ill.

Mrs. Clark is survived by Mr. Clark, three sons and two daughters. Sons are F. G. Pettys, Fresno; Eldridge Pettys, Woodland, and Wayne D. Pettys, Oakland. Daughters are Mrs. B. A. Hansen, Oakland, Mrs. Hatetna R. Leslie of Redding. It was at Mrs. Leslie's home that Mrs. Clark died.

Graveside services will be held Sunday at 2 p. m. at the Clark Yankee Hill Cemetery. Hamilton and Riley's are in charge of arrangements.



## **FROM MY CORNER**

VAN NESS (BURT), Abbie  
Paradise Post  
9-27-1946

By FRANCES J. BREESE

Abbie Burt—oldest child of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Burt, pioneers, was born near Cherokee—and until a few years ago spent her life in Butte Co. The Burts moved to Magalia in the 80s—Abbie married to E. R. Van Ness. I think in 1887—moved to Paradise—near the 4 Cor—where their five children were born—Leon—Lola—Vera (deceased) Vern and Gene—She was a loyal friend a good neighbor—has been sick for a good many years—but mostly able to care for herself—She was in Oakland with her three sons—near her daughter, Mrs. Clarence Charlton.

Entire services will be at Graveside at 2 p. m. in the Paradise Cemetery this afternoon. Rev. Clarence Charlton, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Oren Collett, will officiate.

CLARK (RASHE), Mrs. Arilee May  
Sacramento Bee  
9-27-1946

## Yankee Hill Woman Succumbs In Redding

REDDING (Shasta Co.), Sept. 27. Funeral services are pending for Mrs. Arilee May Clark, 82, who died Wednesday in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Hatetna R. Leslie. Her home was in Yankee Hill, Butte County, but she and her husband, John F. Clark, had been living with her daughter here for the last year.

The deceased was born October 10, 1863, in Lancaster, Ill., and came to California 48 years ago. She taught school in Texas and South Dakota and in Butte County.

Besides her husband and daughter, she leaves her sons, F. G. Petteys of Fresno, Eldridge Petteys of Woodland and Wayne D. Petteys of Oakland, and another daughter, Mrs. Banona A. Hansen of Oakland.

The body is in McDonald's Chapel.



VanGOODEN, Victor Earl  
Chico Record  
9-29-1946

## Victor Van Gooden

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Many sorrowing friends gathered Saturday afternoon at 2:30 in the flower-banked Nugent-Huddleston Funeral Chapel where services were held for the late Victor Earl Van Gooden, popular stockman and leader in Farm Bureau work in the Pentz district where he had spent most of his life, and where he died at his home early Wednesday morning.

The Rev. M. A. Grant of the Durham Community Church was the officiating clergyman, and during the service Mrs. Barbara Leatham sang "Good Night and Good Morning" and "Sometime We'll Understand," accompanied on the chapel organ by Mrs. D. D. Erwin.

Interment followed in the Cherokee Cemetery, with Tom Evers, Lynn Welch, Ivan Jones, Jim De-Rego, Herb Compton and Sheldon Foster serving as pallbearers.

# HERBERT, William "Bill" Oroville Mercury Register

10-11-1946

## Wm. Herbert, 62, Taken

William "Bill" Herbert, 62, native of Cherokee and former Oroville resident, died Thursday morning in the Highland Hospital in Oakland. He had been ill for some time.

MR. HERBERT WAS born in Cherokee in 1884, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Herbert. His mother was the former Margaret Campbell. His father came from Wales as did his grandfather, who was also named William Herbert.

Mr. Herbert worked in Oroville in the county tax collector's office when Sam Simon was county treasurer and later as a deputy from 1915 to 1918 under Miss Mattie Lund. He accepted a position with the Oroville First National Bank as a clerk and worked there for about two years.

FOR THE PAST 25 years he had lived in Oakland where he had been employed as an accountant.

Four children survive. They are William Herbert of Oakland; Mrs. Millicent Dawson of Oakland; Mrs. Alma Mitchell of Richmond; and Norman E. Herbert, U. S. Army. Mrs. Grace Kucera of Oakland, a daughter, died recently.

Funeral services will be held in Oakland.

CHADWICK (COTILLIER), Mrs. Alma  
Oroville Mercury Register  
10-12-1946

# Mrs. Chadwick Succumbs

Mrs. Alma Chadwick, 54, of Yankee Hill died Friday afternoon at her residence.

Mrs. Chadwick had been a resident of Yankee Hill since 1934. At one time she operated the Rock House on the Feather River Highway. She was born in Jackson, Mich.

Survivors are her husband, E. O. Chadwick; two sons, Jim Chadwick of Oroville and Tom Jelmyer of San Francisco; and a daughter, Mrs. Rosselia Clark of Greenville. Thirteen grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services are pending under the direction of Hamilton-Riley's.

PHILLIPS, Ruth Elizabeth  
Oroville Mercury Register  
10-29-1946

# Ruth Phillips Dies In Reno

Mrs. Ruth Elizabeth Phillips, 28, wife of Ray Phillips of Oroville, died this morning in Reno.

Mrs. Phillips was born Nov. 25, 1917 in Idaho. She came to Oroville at an early age and has been a resident here since, except for the last six months when she was in Reno.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by four children, Jerry, Raymond, Bernice, and Helen; her mother, Mrs. Lottie Nall of Oroville; three sisters, Mrs. Eva Hendricks, Thermalito, Mrs. Gertrude Hurlburt, and Mrs. Katie Rabedew, both of Oroville, and two brothers, George Nall of Oroville, and Harley Nall.

Funeral services will be held at the Sanford Funeral Home Friday at 2 p. m. Burial will be in the Cherokee Cemetery.

SCOTT, Samuel C.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
11-12-1946

## **Sam Scott, Shoe Repairer, Dies**

Samuel C. Scott, 67, of Oroville, died Sunday at the Good Samaritan hospital.

He had been a resident of Oroville for three years and was employed as a shoe repairman.

He is survived by a brother, Milton Edward Scott of Hartell, Alberta, Canada.

Hamilton and Riley's have charge of funeral arrangements.

MARWICK, Hugh S.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
11-14-1946

## Covered-Wagon Pioneer Claimed

Hugh S. Marwick, 91, died yesterday afternoon at his home at 2276 Montgomery street.

Mr. Marwick was born in Chester, England, in 1855. He came across the plains in a covered wagon in 1862 to Salt Lake City, where he lived until he came to Oroville 10 years ago.

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Clair Manty, Salt Lake City, and a son, Fred Marwick, Richvale.

Funeral services will be Sunday at 2 p. m. at the Sanford Funeral Home. Burial will be in Cherokee cemetery.



BROWN, Lyman Logan  
Chico Enterprise  
11-15-1946

## Butte Pioneer Is Victim of Heart Attack Yesterday

Lyman Brown, an employee of the Thermalito Irrigation Company, for the past 25 years, passed away at his home in Yankee Hill Thursday from a heart attack. He was a native of California, born in Twolumne County on the 29th of August, 1881.

In 198, the family moved to Chico and established residence on Butte Creek but in 1914 he moved to Yankee Hill where he lived until his death.

He is survived by his wife, Clark Brown of Yankee Hill; a son, Edward J. Brown of Chico; a daughter, Mrs. Robert Boelens of Chico; and the following brothers and sisters, Mrs. Jessie Horning of Chico; Mrs. Nettie Moals of Yankee Hill; Mrs. Goldie Creighton of Richmond; P. R. Brown of Chico; Jim Brown of Chico; George and Clifford Brown of Paradise; and Bill Brown of Oroville. Many nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from the Chapel of Brusie Funeral Home with Rev. Henry Searle of First Christian Church officiating. Interment will follow in Chico Cemetery.



BROWN, Lyman Logan  
Chico Enterprise  
11-16-1946

## **Brown Funeral Rites Held at Chapel Here**

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Final rites were held for Lyman Brown today in the chapel of the Brusle Funeral Home. Mr. Brown, an employe of the Thermalito Irrigation District, for the past 25 years, passed away suddenly from a heart attack in Yankee Hill.

Rev. Henry Searle officiated at the service and Mrs. L. A. Kloor played favorite hymns of the deceased. Interment followed in the family plot of Chico Cemetery and the following served as pallbearers, Frank Horning, Fulton Horning,

SCOTT, Samuel C.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
11-20-1946

## Scott Rites

Funeral services for Samuel Scott, who died Nov. 10, were held yesterday afternoon at Hamilton and Riley's.

Casket bearers were Eddie Twinning, Russell Magnuson, Bob Schleigh, Bob Caborn, Merlin Davis Jr., and Willie Howard.

Burial was in Cherokee Cemetery.

MELINE, James Louis  
The Chico Enterprise  
11-23-1946

## James L. Meline, Eminent Pioneer, Dies Here Today

James Louis Meline, 91, a resident of Butte County and Chico for his entire life died suddenly early this morning at his home at 398 East Seventh Street.

Meline was born at Pentz on April 6, 1855 and had what schooling was available at that early date. He followed the carpenter trade since early manhood and was a jockey of note. He rode many times in the local country and state fairs. He was one of the early-day call-firemen of the Chico Fire Department.

He was the oldest member of the Chico Chapter of the Native Sons of the Golden West, and was a member of the Neighbors of Woodcraft.

He is survived by one son, James E. Meline of Sacramento; 2 sisters, Mrs. Alice Roth and Mrs. Mary Bertchy of Chico; by several nieces and nephews, 4 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later by the Nugent-Huddleston Funeral Service.

GRAVES, Ernest  
The Press Democrat  
12-17-1946

## ***Ernest Graves***

Ernest Graves, husband of Mrs. Orma Graves, died Sunday in a hospital here following a long illness. He was the father of Mrs. Ernestine Rivet of Germany; grandfather of Jacqueline Boyd of Marysville; and Robert Rivet of Germany. He was the brother of Mrs. Agnes Dedman and Mrs. Bertha McCartney of Santa Rosa; Mrs. Effie Schmidt of Marysville, and W. H. Graves of Oroville. He was born in California and had been in Santa Rosa about four months, staying with his sisters. Funeral services will be held later in the week at the Hamilton & Riley Funeral Home at Oroville. The services will be under direction of the Welti Funeral Parlors.

GRAVES, Ernest

Sacramento Bee

12-18-1946

## Durham Man Will Be Buried Tomorrow

OROVILLE (Butte Co.), Dec. 18.

Funeral services will be held in Hamilton and Riley's tomorrow for Ernest Graves, 60, who died in Santa Rosa Sunday. The services will be conducted by the Oroville Elks Lodge.

Graves was born in Durham and had been associated with various phases of the gold mining business for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Orma Graves of Oroville; his daughter, Mrs. Ernestine Rivet, now living in Germany with her husband; his brother, William Graves of Pentz; his sisters, Mrs. Effie Schmidt of Yuba City, Mrs. Agnes Redmand and Mrs. Bertha McCartney, both of Santa Rosa; his stepchildren, Mrs. Erma McFarland of Paradise and Mrs. Thelma Jones of Oakland; and two grandchildren.

STEPHENS, Merton N.

Sacramento Bee

12-21-1946

## Chico Rites Are Held For Almond Rancher

CHICO (Butte Co.), Dec. 21.—Funeral services were held today in the Nugent-Huddleston Funeral Chapel here for Merton N. Stephens, 65, local almond rancher.

He died Wednesday of a heart attack.

Born in Paradise, Butte County, he moved to Canada at an early age. He lived in Redding, Shasta County, and in Stirling City, Butte County, before moving to Chico 28 years ago.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ida Stephens, and his children, Mrs. Ethel Wells and Hugh Stephens of Chico, Mrs. Betty Kerr of Vallejo, Solano County, William Stephens of Stirling City, Harry Stephens of Herlong, Lassen County, and Roy Stephens of Redding.