

MOODY, Lois Ann (Indian)  
Oroville Mercury Register  
1-2-1947

## **Aged R. I. Indian Succumbs Here**

Lois Ann Moodey, between 85 and 95, one of the last of the Rhode Island Narragansett Indians, died at the home of her employer here Dec. 30. She came to Oroville in 1932 from Rhode Island with her employer, Mrs. Alice V. Feighner, 4635 Palermo Road.

She was employed by Mrs. Feighner's mother years ago and stayed on with the daughter after the death of Mrs. Feighner's mother.

Graveside services Friday at 2 p. m. will be conducted at Cherokee cemetery by the Rev. Mr. Maurice de Vries. Hamilton and Riley's is in charge of arrangements.

FERGUSON, James  
Oroville Mercury Register  
1-6-1947

## James Ferguson Dies, Aged 56

James Ferguson, a laborer, of 2292 Montgomery street, died yesterday at the Good Samaritan hospital. He was 56 years old.

Mr. Ferguson was born in New York in 1890, and had lived in California 40 years and in Butte county 28 years.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Ferguson; three sons, Walter and Teddy, both of Oroville, and Melvin, who is with the U. S. Army on Luzon in the Philippine Islands; and one grandchild.

Funeral services are pending at Hamilton and Riley's.

LANGLEY, Wade A.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
1-6-1947

## Wade Langley, 86, Taken By Death

Wade A. Langley, 86, a pioneer of the Pacific Northwest, died yesterday at 8:10 a. m. at the Good Samaritan hospital. He had been living at the infirmary there.

Born in Tennessee, Mr. Langley came west in 1889. He lived in Washington and Oregon before coming to California five years ago.

Survivors include his daughter, Mrs. Ann Beeman of Oroville, and two grandsons.

Graveside rites will be conducted tomorrow at 10:30 a. m. at the Cherckee cemetery. The Rev. Dr. Henry Mills will officiate. Sanford's Funeral Home has charge of the arrangements.

FERGUSON, James  
Oroville Mercury Register  
1-10-1947

## **Ferguson Rites At 2 Saturday**

Funeral services for James Ferguson, who died here Sunday, will be held at Hamilton and Riley's tomorrow at 2 p. m. Burial will be in the Cherokee cemetery.



BADER (FRAZIER), Emily Frances  
The Chico Enterprise  
1-18-1947

## Emily Bader Is Taken By Death

Emily F. Bader, a resident of Chico since the death of her husband in 1938, died yesterday morning at her residence at 395 East Seventeenth Street.

She was born near Lynchburg, Virginia, and came to California in 1907. In 1908 she was married to Charles Bader in Magalia and the family lived there until his death. Mrs. Bader was well known in Chico, having nursed here for the past nine years.

Surviving are her father, W. S. Frazier of Virginia, five sisters and two brothers in Virginia and her son, Charles Henry Bader of Sacramento.

Funeral services will be held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Brusle Funeral Home. The interment will follow in the family plot of the Cherokee Cemetery beside her late husband.

YOUNGMAN, George Nellis  
Oroville Mercury Register  
1-20-1947

# Thermalito Man Claimed

George Nelas Youngman, 49, of Thermalito, died yesterday at the Oroville-Curran hospital.

Mr. Youngman was born April 17, 1897, in North Dakota. He had been employed in the electrical department of the Feather River Pine Mills.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Melba Youngman; four sons, George M. Youngman of Susanville, James Youngman, Floyd Youngman and Ed Youngman, all of Oroville; four daughters, Mrs. Neta McCulley and Mrs. Jane Williams, both of Feather Falls, Mrs. Vera Allender and Miss Alice May Youngman, both of Oroville; six grandchildren, five brothers and three sisters.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2 p. m. at Hamilton and Riley's, with the Rev. Dr. Henry Mills officiating. Burial will follow in Cherokee cemetery.

WILSON, Miss Nellie  
Oroville Mercury Register  
1-22-1947

# Death Claims Nellie Wilson, Early Teacher

Miss Nellie Wilson, 78, who taught in Cherokee and Oroville elementary schools most of her life, died this morning at a Sacramento rest home. She had been ill for about two years.

MISS WILSON WAS BORN in Cherokee Feb. 12, 1868, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Wilson, early settlers in Cherokee. She taught school there until about 28 years ago, when she came to Oroville and taught in the Bird Street School.

She retired from her profession several years ago and lived on Lincoln street. She suffered a stroke two years ago and was taken to Sacramento. After having recovered somewhat, she fell and broke her hip, and had since never fully recovered.

MISS WILSON IS SURVIVED by the following nieces and nephews: Mrs. Howard Coombes and J. C. Nisbet, both of Oroville; Mrs. Elmer Johns, Oakland; Alec Wilson, San Francisco; Arthur Wilson, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Russell Hannis, Marin county; Bill Wilson, Grass Valley; Miss Jessie Williams, Don Wilson, Clyde Wilson and Mrs. Vida Lindquist, all of Sacramento.

Funeral services are tentatively set for Friday at 2 p. m. at Hamilton and Riley's. Burial will be in the Cherokee cemetery.

YOUNGMAN, George Nelas

The Sacramento Bee

1-22-1947

**YOUNGMAN—In Oroville, Butte County, January 19, 1947. George Nelas Youngman of Thermalito, husband of Mrs. Melba Youngman, father of George M. Youngman of Susanville, James, Floyd and Edward Youngman, all of Oroville, Mrs. Neta McCulley and Mrs. Jane Williams, both of Feather Falls, Mrs. Vera Allender and Miss Alice May Youngman, both of Oroville; a native of North Dakota, aged 49 years. Funeral services were held today in Hamilton and Riley's, with burial in the Cherokee Cemetery.**

CHESHIRE, Leonard Robert

Sacramento Bee

2-6-1947

## Leonard Cheshire Dies In Veterans Hospital

VETERANS HOME (Napa Co.), Feb. 6.—Leonard Robert Cheshire, 48, a native of Butte County, died in the hospital here Tuesday. Funeral services will be held in the Weaver Chapel in Napa tomorrow and burial will be in Yountville.

Surviving are his wife, Billy Cheshire; his mother, Mrs. Annie Cheshire, and his brothers, Fred and Albert Cheshire.



MARLER, Andrew Jackson  
Oroville Mercury Register  
2-24-1947



## A. J. Marler, 78, Succumbs

Andrew Jackson Marler, 78, a resident of Oroville for the last 24 years, died yesterday at his home on Palermo Road. He had been ill for some time.

Mr. Marler was born in Missouri. He was a member of the Southside Baptist Church.

Survivors include five sons, Otto, Roscoe, Shields, Clayton and Laurel Marler, all of Oroville; three daughters, Mrs. Lucy Lawson, Mrs. Grace Bradish and Mrs. Aida Howell, all of Oroville; 35 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 2 p. m. at Hamilton and Riley's, to be followed by burial in the Cherokee cemetery.

NISBET, Andrew  
Oakland Tribune  
2-24-1947

**NISBET**—At his home in San Leandro, February 24, 1947, Andrew, dearly beloved husband of Pearl Nisbet; loving father of Lieut. Andrew Nisbet Jr., U.S.A.; Mrs. Carolyn N. Howard, Mrs. Helen N. Rohde; loving grandfather of Marian and Richard Howard, Edith, Janice and Alice Rohde. A member of Table Mountain Lodge No. 124, F. and A. M., Trinity Chapter No. 19, R. A. M., Berkeley Commandery Knights Templar of California No. 42 and Aahmes Temple A. A. O. N. M. S. and Placer Chapter No. 49, O. E. S.; a native of Oroville, California; aged 74 years 8 months 24 days.

Friends are invited to attend services from the New Mortuary of C. P. Bannon, 6800 East 14th Street, Oakland, Wednesday, February 26, 1947, at 11 a.m. Interment will be in the Oregon City Cemetery near Oroville, Butte County, at 1:30 p.m. Thursday (For further information call TR inidad 1011.)

NISBET, Andrew  
Sacramento Bee  
2-26-1947

## Mining Figure Of Butte Is Deceased

OROVILLE (Butte Co.), Feb. 26. Andrew Nisbet, 73, retired Butte County placer mining engineer, will be buried in the Oregon City Cemetery. He died Monday in his home in San Leandro after suffering a stroke.

Nisbet had been associated with the Butte Consolidated Placer Mining Company, Thurman Dredging Company, J. J. Raskob Mining Enterprises, British Malaya tin mines and other domestic and foreign mining enterprises. He retired in 1941.

He was a member of the Cherokee Lodge of Masons, the Berkeley Commandery of Knights Templar, Placer Chapter No. 49, Order of Eastern Star, and Aahmes Temple of the Shrine.

Services were to be held at the Bannan Funeral Home today in Oakland followed by a Masonic ritual tomorrow at 1:30 P. M. in Hamilton & Riley's funeral chapel here.

Nisbet leaves his wife, Pearl; a son, Lieutenant Andrew Nisbet, and his daughters, Mrs. Carolyn Howard and Mrs. Helen Rhode, and five grandchildren.

LEWIS, David N.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
3-10-1947

## David N. Lewis, Aged Miner, Dies

David N. Lewis, 88-year-old miner, died this morning at the Good Samaritan hospital.

Mr. Lewis' home was at 2680 Myers street. Born in Pennsylvania May 16, 1858, he had lived in California 33 years and in Butte county two years. He has no known survivors.

Funeral services are pending at Hamilton and Riley's.



DAWSON (HAILSTONE), Mrs. Hetty

Sacramento Bee

3-10-1947

## DEATHS

**DAWSON**—In Weaverville, Trinity County, March 5, 1947. Mrs. Hetty Dawson of Junction City, mother of Mrs. Olive Gross of San Jose, Mrs. Nancy Gilzean of San Francisco, Mrs. Gladys Zaretska of Stockton, Mrs. Beulah Huber of Riverside, Mrs. Hilda Dawson of Junction City, and Earl Dawson of San Jose, sister of Piner Hallstone of Hayfork, Mrs. Merissa Platz of Redding, Mrs. Ophelia Miller of Oakland and Mrs. Amy Upton of Paradise. A native of Trinity County; aged 73 years.





CLARK, John Adams  
Oroville Mercury Register  
3-11-1947

# John Clark, Mining Man, Dies At 79

John Adams Clark, 79, of Yankee Hill, one of the best known mining authorities in northern California, died Monday night at the Good Samaritan hospital.

There is hardly a quartz ledge or placer mining prospect in Butte county that Mr. Clark had not prospected at one time or another. It was only last April that he filed a quartz claim in Shasta county after considerable prospecting that contained gold and several other minerals.

IN 1911 MR. CLARK discovered the quartz ledge at the Surcease Mine that has been operated successfully for the past few years by Hoefling Brothers. In 1893 he located the Morning Star Zinc mine at Big Bend that was operated during the war by Hoefling Brothers also.

He discovered the Washington Placer mine in 1895 and made \$42,000 from it before his work was interrupted so he could join the U. S. Army to go to the Spanish American war. This mine is located on the North Fork of the Feather River.

John and Arilee Clark ca 1940



INNUMERABLE MINERS IN this area often sought Mr. Clark's advice on a mining venture before undertaking to invest money in it.

He was a member of the Spanish-American War Veterans and was past commander of the camp. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Redmen in Chico.

Mrs. Clark died several months ago.

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. A. H. Leslie of Redding and two brothers, Frank and Ransom Clark, both of Yankee Hill.

He is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Kate Josephson of Yankee Hill.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p. m. at Hamilton and Riley's under the auspices of the United Spanish War Veterans. Cremation will follow at Sierra View in Marysville.

LEWIS, David N.

**O r o v i l l e - M e r c u r y**  
**Oroville, California**



Thursday, March 13, 1947

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# **Lewis Rites Will Be On Saturday**

Funeral services for David N. Lewis, who died Monday, will be held Saturday morning at 10 o'clock at Hamilton and Riley's. The Rev. Mr. Maurice de Vries will officiate. Burial will follow at the Cherokee cemetery.

LEWIS, David N.  
The Sacramento Bee  
3-13-1947

**LEWIS**—In Oroville, Butte County, March 10, 1947, David N. Lewis of Oroville, with no known survivors; a native of Pennsylvania, aged 88 years. Funeral arrangements are being made by Hamilton & Riley's Chapel here.

Burial in Cherokee Cemetery, Butte County

DARBY, Thomas Samuel  
Oroville Mercury Register  
3-17-1947

## Thomas Darby Dies; Native Of Cherokee

Thomas Samuel Darby, 75, of Cherokee, died Saturday at Oroville-Curran hospital following a short illness.

He was born November 20, 1871, in Cherokee when that community had more than 1500 inhabitants and when the Cherokee Mine, the largest hydraulic diggings in the world, was in full operation.

His father, Richard Thomas Darby, was born in London during the eighteen thirties and came to Mexico and then California when he was 18. Mr. Darby's mother was born at Spanish Ranch near Quincy.

Although he always maintained his home at Cherokee he was away much of the time during the period from 1906 to 1913 when he operated a dredge in the Salmon river near Nome, Alaska.

Mr. Darby never married. He has maintained his home with his sister, Miss Maude Darby at Cherokee, since the death of his brother, William Darby, two years ago.

Prior to his mining years in Alaska he worked on the Cherokee Dredger south of Oroville from 1902 to 1904. At another time he operated a mine in Colorado, but always returned to Cherokee.

AS A YOUNG MAN he worked in the Cherokee mine itself when it was owned and operated by T. L. Vinton, father of the late Lou Vinton. The mine was closed down after the restraining dam in the valley below Cherokee washed out.

One he was engaged in mining on the Feather River at a spot known as the "McLaughlin Wall." This wall still may be seen from the road leading to Cherokee by way of Table Mountain.

During the past 20 years Mr. Darby has been retired from mining and has been in the cattle raising business.

HE IS SURVIVED BY his sister Miss Maude Darby and a nephew Roy Johnson of Berkeley. Following the funeral, Miss Darby will move to Berkeley to make her home with him.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p. m. at Hamilton and Riley's with the Rev. Mr. Maurice de Vries officiating. Graveside services will be conducted at Cherokee cemetery by the Cherokee Oddfellows, to which Mr. Darby has belonged for many years.

BURGO, John B.

Oroville Mercury Register

3-24-1947

**BURGO SERVICES  
WILL BE WEDNESDAY**

Funeral services for John B. Burgo, 71, who died Saturday morning following a heart attack, will be held Wednesday at 10 a. m. at the Sanford Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Cherokee cemetery.

Mr. Burgo, a carpenter, had lived in Oroville since 1937. He was born in Percy, Ill., Feb. 8, 1876. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. T. E. Parker of Dearborn, Mich. and Mrs. William Campbell of Wayne, Mich.; two step-sons, Earl Fain of Twain, Plumas county, and George Fain of Garberville, Humboldt county; and several grandchildren.



# Crain, James Simeon II

## Oroville Mercury Register 3-31-1947

### James Crain, Well Known Resident, Dies

James Simeon Crain II, 75, widely known Butte County land owner and retired Oroville real estate broker, died at 4:05 a.m. Monday at the Oroville Curran Hospital. He had been ill less than a week.

Mr. Crain, whose home was on Robinson Street, had lived in Oroville since 1936 when he retired from active farming to enter the real estate business. He continued his business up until a few years ago. His land holdings extended throughout Butte County.

A resident of Butte County all his life, Mr. Crain was very much interested in the progress of the county. He was noted for his generosity in contributing to worthwhile local organizations.

For many years he operated a large farm near Nelson. He had at various times been engaged in cattle and sheep raising as well as having been a grain grower and orchardist. Born May 27, 1871 near Gridley, Mr. Crain spent his childhood in Gridley. His father, James Simeon Crain Sr. was a native of Kentucky and a veteran of the Mexican War. Julia Lord Crain, mother of James Crain II, taught in Butte county schools for several years before her marriage. She came across the plains from Illinois in an immigrant train.

James Crain II attended Butte County schools and San Jose Normal School. In 1894 he married Winifred Cameron Bacon and they established their home on a ranch near Biggs. Mr. Crain was a member of the draft board during World War II along with Senator Charles H. Deuel and the late B. B. Powers. He is survived by his wife Mrs. Winifred Crain, a daughter Mrs. Harold Cross of Santa Cruz, a son James Donald Crain of Piedmont, two granddaughters Mrs. Richard Pillmore of Boulder, Colo and Mrs. Paul Heffernan of Piedmont, two sisters Miss Della Crain of Santa Cruz and Mrs. Victor Callen of San Jose. The late Charles Crain of Biggs was a brother.

Funeral services are pending under direction of Hamilton and Riley. The time and place will be announced later.

# CRAIN, James Simeon II

## The Gridley Herald

4-4-1947

### Rites Wednesday For James Crain Gridley Native

Funeral services for James Simeon Crain II, 75, widely known in Butte county and real estate owner who died early Monday, were held Wednesday at Oroville. Interment was in the Gridley-Biggs cemetery. The Rev. Maurice de Vries of Oroville officiated.

Death came to Mr. Crain at Oroville-Curran hospital after an illness of less than one week.

Mr. Crain had lived in Oroville since 1920, when he retired from active farming to enter the real estate business. He continued his business up until a few years ago. His land holding extended throughout Butte county.

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RUGH, Edgar  
Sacramento Bee  
4-4-1947

# Edgar Rugh, 80, Of Oroville Is Suicide Victim

OROVILLE (Butte Co.), April 4 — Edgar B. Rugh, 80, was found dead yesterday afternoon by his daughter, Mrs. Harry Gilbert of Oroville.

Police Chief A. F. Kessler said the death undoubtedly was a suicide. Rugh had shot himself with a pistol, Kessler said, and death was instantaneous. Apparently the shot killed him around 10 A. M., but the body was not found until Mrs. Gilbert sought her father in his cabin near the Gilbert home.

He had been despondent for some time and had threatened to end his life only the evening before in talking with members of the family.

Rugh lived here for many years and at one time was a member of the Oroville Police Department. He also was a special investigator for the district attorney's office and guard at Folsom Prison at one time.

Besides his daughter, he leaves a grandson, Jack Gilbert of Oroville, two great grandsons and several nieces and nephews in Chico.

The body was taken to the Sanford Funeral Home.

MILLER, Sarah "Sadie" Alvira  
Paradise, California  
4-9-1947

**Sarah Alvira Miller  
Dies In Paradise**

Sarah Alvira Miller, 85, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George W. Brown, in Paradise Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Miller was born in Sacramento but moved to Elder Creek, Tehama County, when she was 3 months old. She was the first white baby ever seen in that community.

In 1878 she was married to John C. Miller. In 1893 she moved to Shasta County and later to Butte County.

For the past 6 years Mrs. Miller has lived in Paradise. She has been in failing health for several years.

She was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church of Paradise.

Surviving are eight children, Mrs. Nellie Gordon and Mrs. Geo. W. Brown of Paradise, Mrs. Cassie Merrithew of Durham, Mrs. Dora Levis, Mrs. Minerva Hathaway, Mrs. Edna McCrosky and A. A. Miller of Chico and John H. Miller of Modesto; 29 grandchildren and 35 great grandchildren.

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

**Sarah Miller**

Funeral services for Sarah Miller, who died at Paradise Wednesday afternoon, will be held Monday at 11 a. m. at the Nugent-Huddleston Funeral Chapel, with Elders S. S. Rulan and Don Duncan of the Seventh Day Adventist Church officiating. Interment will be in the family plot of the Dayton Cemetery.

**Sarah Miller**

Funeral services for Sarah Miller, Paradise native who died last Wednesday, were held yesterday from the Nugent-Huddleston Funeral Chapel.

Elder S. S. Rulan, of the Paradise Seventh Day Adventist Church, officiated at the services. Interment was in the family plot at Dayton cemetery.



MILLER, Sarah "Sadie" Alvira

Sacramento Bee

4-12-1947

## Chico Woman Will Be Buried Monday

CHICO (Butte Co.), April 12.—Funeral services will be held Monday at 11 A. M. in the Nugent-Huddleston Funeral Chapel for Mrs. Sarah Alvira Miller, 85, a resident of Superior California all her life.

She died Wednesday in the home of her daughter in Paradise, where she has lived the last six years.

She was born in Sacramento but three months later moved to Elder Creek, Tehama County, where she was the first white baby in that area. She has resided in Tehama, Shasta and Butte Counties. She was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Paradise.

Surviving are her children, Mrs. George W. Brown and Mrs. Nellie Gordon of Paradise, Mrs. Cassie Merrithew of Durham, Mrs. Dora Lewis, Mrs. Minerva Hathaway, Mrs. Edna McCrosky and A. A. Miller of Chico, and John H. Miller of Modesto, and 29 grandchildren and 35 great grandchildren.



OLESON (OLESEN), Fritz  
Oroville Mercury Register  
4-14-1947

## **Oleson Services To Be Held Wednesday**

Services for Fritz Oleson, 74, will be held Wednesday at Hamilton and Riley's at 2 p. m. with burial following in Cherokee Cemetery. A native of Denmark, Mr. Oleson has no known relatives. Death came on Sunday.

STEPHENSON (ODNEAL), Mrs. Lona

Sacramento Bee

4-16-1947

**STEPHENSON**—In Chico, Butte County, April 13, 1947. Mrs. Lona Stephenson, wife of Lee Stephenson, mother of Lee, Myron J. Ernest and Alvin Stephenson. Mrs. Robert Setzfant and Mrs. George Leeds of Chico, Mrs. Don Snyder of Westwood, Lassen County, and May Stephenson of San Francisco, daughter of J. A. Odneal of Chico, sister of John Odneal of Chico, Walter Odneal of Oroville, Butte County; Charles Odneal of Woodland, Yolo County, and Mrs. Ella McClure of Sacramento; a native of Oklahoma, aged 52 years. Funeral services will be held April 16, 1947, at 2 P. M. in the Nugent-Huddleston Funeral Chapel.

WILSON, Rodney  
The Sacramento Bee  
5-10-1947

## Man Is Found Dead In Local Apartment

Rodney Wilson, about 50 years old, was found dead in his apartment at 1828 Seventh Street yesterday, apparently a suicide victim.

Deputies of the coroners office say he had locked his door, closed the windows and turned on the gas jets of his stove. They found a note saying he was despondent over ill health.

He was a cook.

A niece, Enid Robertson of Oroville, Butte County, is his only known relative.

Funeral arrangements are being made by the N. J. Culjis Funeral Home.

Interment in Cherokee Cemetery, Butte County

MOORE, John A.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
6-4-1947

## **John A. Moore Rites Are Held**

Final rites for John A. Moore, who died May 30, were conducted Tuesday afternoon at Hamilton and Riley's by Oroville Aerie of Eagles.

James Patton was acting worthy president, and George Lyons, acting chaplain. Casket bearers were Ed Lindholm, C. C. Scott, R. E. Marler, Vern Tannehill, Glenn Comer and Milo Nelson. Burial took place in Cherokee cemetery.

JOSEPHSON (HEDGE), Dorothy Ann

The Chico Enterprise

6-17-1947

## **Native of Butte Taken by Death**

Dorothy Ann Josephson, a native of Butte County, died early Monday evening at her home in Stirling City terminating an illness of eight months. She was born in Nimshew July 26, 1904 in the same house in which her mother, Mrs. Hazel Hubbard, was born. She lived in Stirling City all her life and was educated in Stirling City. In April of 1924 she was married to Cyril Leroy Josephson.

Surviving besides her husband are her mother, Mrs. Hazel Hubbard of Stirling City; a son, Cyril Leroy Jr., of Stirling City, a sister Mrs. T. J. Hollinger of Chico and a cousin, Mrs. George Taylor of Bangor, California.

Rosary will be said Wednesday evening at the Brusle Funeral Home at 8 o'clock. Mass will be said Thursday morning at 10 o'clock at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. Interment will follow in the Chico Catholic Cemetery.

FRENCH (SARVER), Mrs. Susan  
Oroville Mercury Register  
7-2-1947

## **Susan French, 71, Is Claimed**

Mrs. Susan French, 71, of 1879 Elgin street, died Tuesday night at the Good Samaritan hospital.

Mrs. French had lived in Oroville since 1942. She and her family came to California in 1941, and lived at Feather Falls one year. She was born Dec. 9, 1875, in Virginia.

Surviving are her husband, Luther French; three sisters, Mrs. Ida Conner and Mrs. Jennie Purrow, both of Baltimore, Md., and Mrs. Sarah Pettite, Lakeland, Fla.; two brothers, James and Doc Sarver, both of Eccles, W. Va.; and four grandchildren in Virginia.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 10 a. m. at the Sanford both of Baltimore, Md., and Mrs. Sarah Pettite, Lakeland, Fla.; two brothers, James and Doc Sarver, both of Eccles, W. Va.; and four grandchildren in Virginia.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 10 a. m. at the Sanford Funeral Home. Burial will be in Cherokee cemetery.



JOHNSON, Mrs. Mary Ann  
Oroville Mercury Register  
8-6-1947

## Mary Johnson Claimed At 86

Mrs. Mary Ann Johnson, 86, a resident of Oroville and vicinity all her life, died Wednesday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. L. Vaughan of Brown street.

Mrs. Johnson was born in Oroville. She attended schools in Oregon City, and made her home in Oregon City and Cherokee until 1925, when she came to Oroville. In 1941 she went to live with her daughter, Mrs. G. C. Aaronson of Yuba City, and remained there until coming back to Oroville six weeks ago.

She married Robert J. Wisert in 1879. After his death, she married Richard Johnson in 1886.

**SURVIVORS INCLUDE THREE** daughters, Mrs. Vaughan, Mrs. Aaronson and Mrs. W. G. Krueger of Myrtle Point, Ore.; three sons, C. L. Johnson, Las Plumas, T. R. Johnson, Chico, and E. F. Johnson, Martinez; 10 grandchildren, and 8 great grandchildren.

Rosary will be Thursday at 8 p. m. at the Sanford Funeral Home. Mass will be said Friday at 10 a. m. at St. Thomas Catholic Church, to be followed by burial in the Cherokee cemetery.

JOHNSON, Mrs. Mary Ann  
Independent Herald (Yuba City)  
8-8-1947

## **Mrs. Johnson Dies At Oroville Home**

Death came in Oroville Wednesday to Mrs. N. Johnson, 86, who has made her home for a number of years with her daughter, Mrs. G. C. Aaronson, in Yuba City. The summons came to the Oroville home of another daughter, Mrs. J. L. Vaughn.

In addition to the two daughters, Mrs. Johnson is survived by another daughter, Mrs. W. G. Kreuger, Myrtle Point, Ore., and by three sons, C. W. Johnson, Las Plumas; T. R. Johnson, Chico, and E. F. Johnson, Martinez.

Funeral services were to be held at 10 a. m. today in St. Thomas Catholic church, Oroville, where Mrs. Johnson was born, with interment in Cherokee cemetery. Rosary was said at 8 o'clock last night.

AMACHER, John  
Oroville Mercury Register  
8-15-1947

# John Amacher Is Claimed

John Amacher, 62, of Oroville, died early Friday morning at the Good Samaritan hospital.

Mr. Amacher was born in Portland, Ore. He was retired. His only known survivor is a brother, F. Amacher, of Santa Cruz.

Funeral services are pending at the Sanford Funeral Home.

AMACHER, John  
Oroville Mercury Register  
8-18-1947

## Services For John Amacher Tuesday

Funeral services for John Amacher, who died Friday, will be held Tuesday at 2 p. m. at Sanford's Funeral Home. Interment will be in the Cherokee cemetery.

The Rev. Mr. Maurice deVries will officiate.

Mr. Amacher is survived by four brothers, Fred Amacher of Santa Cruz, Joe Amacher, Sacramento, Carl Amacher, Idaho, and Jacob Amacher, Switzerland, and a sister, Mrs. Emma Fricker, Switzerland.

WEBB, Willard Lee  
The Sacramento Bee  
9-10-1947

# Butte Boy Is Killed By Shotgun Charge

OROVILLE (Butte Co.), Sept. 10. Willard Lee Webb, 15, was killed late yesterday when a blast of a 12 gage shotgun fired by his companion, George T. Hayhurst, 14, struck him below the ear. Death was instantaneous.

The two boys, neighbors living on Virginia Street, were hunting doves near the Memorial Park Cemetery south of the city.

Deputy Coroner Warren Bain said they had been sitting on an old car body near the road when a flight of birds passed overhead. Both boys stood up to take a shot and the Hayhurst boy's weapon discharged.

The dead boy was the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Webb and a grandson of G. M. Robertson. Hayhurst is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hayhurst.

Bain said an inquest will be held. The body was taken to Hamilton and Riley's, where funeral arrangements will be made.

Interment in Cherokee Cemetery, Butte County



CRATT (BAKER), Mrs. Addie (Adeline)

Sacramento Bee

9-13-1947

## DEATHS

**CRATT**—In Oroville, Butte County, September 10, 1947, Mrs. Addie Cratt of Oroville, mother of Mrs. Alice F. Hill of Sacramento, Mrs. Ann Ryan of Folsom, and Raymond H. Whitters of Fairbanks, Alaska, sister of Otis Baker of Pentz, John and Everett Baker of Oroville; Mrs. Alice McFarlane of Lodi and Mrs. Ethel Douglas of Oroville; a native of Butte County, aged 75 years. Funeral services were held yesterday.



BANCROFT, Edwin Lowery

Modesto Bee

9-15-1947

## Edwin L. Bancroft, 64, Succumbs In Hospital

A resident of California for 43 years and of Modesto for three years, Edwin Lowery Bancroft, 64, a retired dredger, died in a hospital here yesterday afternoon. He was a native of Illinois.

Bancroft was the husband of Mrs. Jessie I. Bancroft of Modesto, father of John R. Bancroft of Quincy, Darrell E. Bancroft of Stockton, Burton C. Bancroft of Oroville and Mervyn F. Bancroft of Keddie, and brother of Bertha Ritchie of Livermore, Earl Bancroft of Iowa, John S. Bancroft of Minnesota and Dr. Burton R. Bancroft of Nebraska.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 1:30 P. M. in the Shannon Chapel. Rev. Donald Weston will officiate. Interment will be in the Odd Fellows Cemetery.

Note: He was married to Winona Adeline Nix

CONNOLLY, Lewis

Sacramento Bee

10-24-1947

# Yankee Hill Man Dies After Accident

OROVILLE (Butte Co.), Oct. 24. Lewis Connolly, 63, of Yankee Hill died here late yesterday of injuries suffered when a load of lumber fell on him while he was working at the Surcease Lumber Mill 23 miles north of Oroville.

Connolly died en route to the Oroville-Curran Hospital in an ambulance. He had been a resident of this area for three and one half years and formerly lived in Oakland.

He is survived by his wife, Hester; his brothers, Ples of Proberta and Chris Connolly of Jamestown, and a sister, Mrs. Bessie Bell of Oakland.

Funeral services will be held Sunday at 2:30 P. M. in Hamilton & Riley's.

SALISBURY (WILLIAMS), Mrs. Laura Belle  
Oakland Tribune  
10-27-1947

## **Funeral Tomorrow For Mrs. Salisbury**

**BERKELEY, Oct. 27.**—Funeral services will be held tomorrow for Mrs. Laura Belle Salisbury, 73, member of one of the first families to cross the plains to California.

An expert horsewoman and marksman—accomplishments she learned on the family ranch near Chico—Mrs. Salisbury in later years won additional renown for her gardens. She made her home at 2215 Prince Street and had lived in Berkeley 24 years.

Survivors include a son, Ralph Thomas Salisbury, consulting engineer; a daughter, Mrs. Blanche Milsson of the Prince Street address, and a grandson, Stephen Salisbury.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. at Little Chapel of the Flowers, with committal at Sunset View Cemetery.

STARKEY, Mrs. Minnie  
The Sacramento Bee  
11-19-1947

**STARKEY**—In Chico, Butte County, November 15, 1947, Mrs. Minnie Starkey, a resident of Chico for 20 years, wife of Arthur Starkey, mother of Arthur, Lloyd, Robert and George Starkey and Mrs. Helen Reynolds of Chico, sister of Mattie Wheelock of Chico, Mrs. Elizabeth Clay of Ellensburg, Wash. and Mrs. Sarah Card of Thermalito, Butte County; a native of Butte County, aged 55 years. Funeral services were held yesterday in Chico.

Burial in Clear Creek Cemetery, Butte County



PATTERSON, Albert E.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
11-21-1947

# Death Takes Mining Man

Word was received in Oroville Friday of the death Thursday at Fort Jones, Siskiyou county, of Albert E. Patterson, 74, mining man and 35-year resident of Butte county.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Patterson of 1455 Robinson street, announced Friday that funeral services for Mr. Paterson, who was a cousin of Mr. Patterson, would be held at Hamilton and Riley's Monday at 10 a. m. Burial will follow at Cherokee cemetery.

Mr. Patterson had been in Siskiyou county for the past several months in connection with mining property there in which he had an interest. Prior to moving there he was a resident at Yankee Hill.

He is survived by several brothers living in eastern states, a cousin, Albert Patterson, in Chico and Ray Patterson here.

DUENSING (NOTLEY), Carrie  
Santa Cruz Sentinel  
11-30-1947

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## FUNERALS

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### CARRIE NOTLEY DUENSING

Graveside services for Carrie Notley Duensing who died in Oroville November 23, were conducted by Rev. Raymond Squire Friday at 1 p. m. Interment was in the family plot in the I. O. O. F. cemetery. The Wessendorf mortuary was in charge.

Mrs. Duensing is survived by her husband, George E. Duensing of Oroville, and her son, Alvah F. Notley of Washington, D. C. Mrs. Duensing lived in Santa Cruz many years ago, and was the daughter of Rev. Finney, an Advent Christian minister. The family home stood at Lincoln and Center streets.

Funeral services were held in Oroville before removal to Santa Cruz.

STONE, Oscar Ivan  
The Gridley Herald  
12-2-1947

## **Former Gridleyan Called By Death At St. Helena**

Oscar Ivan Stone, 47, a native of Concow, Butte county, died in St. Helena, Napa county, Wednesday, November 26th. Stone, who resided in Gridley as a youth, had resided in St. Helena for two years. He was a cook by occupation.

Stone was the son of Mrs. Ellen Peter of Gridley, brother of Marguerite Downing of Paradise, Phyllis Pulcifer of Sacramento, Wm. Stone of Auburn; half-brother of Leonard Peter of Gridley and Clare Peter of Oakland.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon in the Block Funeral Home with interment in the Gridley-Biggs cemetery.

Rev. L. E. Tupper, pastor of the Seventh-day Adventist church at Yuba City, officiated in the Block chapel and two selections, "Some Time We'll Understand" and "Asleep in Jesus" were sung by Mrs. Erma Carlson and Mrs. Frances Smith, accompanied by Mrs. W. H. Block. The 12 casketbearers were John Kuhl, Victor Hong, Max Cardo, A. H. Sharp, Leonard Peter, Clare Peter, W. W. Price, A. G. O'Mara, W. W. Johnson, O. V. Coe, A. E. Reeves and W. H. Block.

BRADISH, Lloyd L.  
Oroville Mercury Register

12-22-1947

## 2 Killed When Car Rolls Down Canyon

Two Oroville district men were killed and five persons injured early Sunday morning when their car dived off the Feather River Highway and fell end-over-end for 500 feet into a canyon.

The accident occurred at the drinking fountain approximately 15 miles north east of Oroville when the car, which was west bound, left the slippery highway and plunged over the bank.

Richard McGill, 28, of Palermo and Lloyd L. Bradish, 24, of Oroville were dead when Oliver P. Ledford, state highway patrolman, arrived at the scene. He had been called after George Coleman of Oroville had reported the accident to Oroville police.

The injured were taken to the county hospital. At a late hour Sunday the injured and their condition were reported by the hospital to be as follows:

Alex Mingus, 29 of Oroville, fractured vertebra, condition good; Mrs. Marion Mingus, 20, Oroville, cut knee and finger, condition good; James Mingus, 27, Oroville, owner of the car, is to be X-rayed. His condition is good; Miss Moon Yeen Chrismon, 15, fractured left leg, condition good and Mrs. Hazel Tatum, 23, Palermo, shock, possible internal injuries, condition serious. It was explained that Mrs. Tatum was being treated for shock and that X-ray examination will follow as soon as her condition improved sufficiently to permit the examination.

The hospital said late Monday that Mrs. Tatum's condition had improved slightly.

The highway patrol said that Mr. Bradish had been the driver of the car. It was explained that the car had apparently been traveling at a speed too great for the wet condition of the highway.

Mr. Bradish was an employe of the PGE while Mr. McGill was an employe of the Butte Planing Mill.

According to the position of the dead and injured the car had over-ended into the canyon, spilling the occupants out on the way down, the highway patrol said.

The two deaths in this accident bring to 27 the total in Butte county for 1947. This is the same num-

ber killed in the county during the entire year of 1946.

Two of the injured were brought to the hospital in the Knight ambulance while the three others were assisted by passing motorists, the highway patrol said.

Funeral services for Mr. McGill will be held at Hamilton and Riley's Tuesday at 10 a. m. with the Rev. Father Patrick Donnelly officiating. Burial will follow at the Cessmore lot in Oroville cemetery.

A rosary service for Mr. McGill will be held at Hamilton and Riley's at 8 o'clock tonight. The Rev. Father Patrick Donnelly will conduct the services.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Sadie White of Palermo; his step-father, C. H. White, Palermo; a brother, Robert W. McGill; a step-brother, Henry White; two sisters, Mrs. Mildred Herman and Mrs. Evelyn Mahaffey.

Funeral services for Mr. Bradish will be held Tuesday at 2 p. m. at Hamilton and Riley's with the Rev. Dr. Henry Mills officiating.

Burial will follow in Cherokee cemetery.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Grace Bradish of Oroville; his father, Frank Bradish of Poplar Bluff, Mo.; brothers, Andrew J. Bradish, Lenley L. Bradish, Franklin Bradish, Donald Bradish, C. B. Bradish, St. Louis. Sisters, Mrs. Agnes Williams and Miss Leota Bradish.

REYNOLDS, Earl R.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
1-2-1948

# Death Takes Earl Reynolds

Earl R. Reynolds, 60, died in Oroville on December 31, 1947. Mr. Reynolds had been a resident of Oroville for the past six years.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ida Reynolds.

Funeral services will be held today at 3 p. m. at Hamilton and Riley's with the Oroville chapter of Elks officiating. Burial will be in the Cherokee cemetery.



REYNOLDS, Earl R.

The Sacramento Bee

1-5-1948

**REYNOLDS**—In Oroville, Butte County, December 31, 1947, Earl R. Reynolds of Oroville, husband of Ida, of Oroville, aged 60 years. Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at Hamilton & Riley's under the auspices of the Oroville Lodge of Elks, with burial in the Cherokee Cemetery.

BOMAN, Leslie W.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
1-12-1948

## Body Of Leslie Boman Found Near Highway

A family search for Leslie W. Boman, 29, ended Saturday when his mud-covered body was found by two brothers and a brother-in-law.

The body was discovered approximately 550 feet downhill off the Feather River Highway, two-tenths of a mile east of Grand View service station. Boman's car, a 1937 Ford coupe, was about 200 feet above the body on the hillside.

Capt. C. E. Flick and Patrolman Roy Barton of the Highway Patrol who were traveling west in the Feather River canyon when they were flagged down by the searchers, theorized that Boman was killed when he was thrown clear as his car left the road.

HE HAS BEEN MISSING since the night of Dec. 20, when he was last seen by Spence and Wayne Bennie at Rock House. He had been to the opening of Jarboe Gap hotel earlier in the evening.

Boman had been employed by Earl Simmons hauling logs.

He was born Oct. 10, 1918 in Oklahoma and came to Oroville after he was discharged from the service about a year ago.

SURVIVORS ARE his wife Joyce Boman, a daughter Jennefre Joyce, his mother Mrs. Arthur O. Griggs of Oroville, two brothers Wesley Boman of Wasco and Claude Boman of Bakersfield, five sisters Mrs. Bessie Hill of Shafter, Mrs. Billy Hardison of Bakersfield, Mrs. Anna Thompson of Wasco, Mrs. Esther Southard of Wasco and Mrs. Ruby Davis of Los Angeles, three half-brothers Levi Odell Griggs of Sacramento, Delbert Griggs of Imola and Arthur O. Griggs Jr. of Sacramento, a half-sister Mrs. Armilda Criggs.

The body will be shipped by Sanford Funeral Home to Wasco for burial.

Note: Burial at North Kern Cemetery  
Delano, Kern County, California

FLEENOR, Mrs. Sada E.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
1-12-1948

# Death Claims

## Mrs. Fleenor

Mrs. Sada E. Fleenor, 70, died at her home, 1017 Bird Street, Saturday evening. She is survived by her husband Jacob H. Fleenor.

Mrs. Fleenor was born Aug. 5, 1878 and has been a resident of California for the past 20 years.

Graveside services will be held in Cherokee Cemetery, Tuesday.

WATERMAN (WOOD), Mrs. (Emma) Hazel  
San Diego Union  
1-24-1948

**Mrs. Hazel Waterman**

The death Thursday in Berkeley of Mrs. Hazel Waterman, 82, noted architect who directed the restoration of the Ramona Home, San Diego, was reported here yesterday. Funeral arrangements are being made in the northern city.

Mrs. Waterman, socially prominent in San Diego for 40 years, was a charter member and past president of the Wednesday Club. She designed a number of San Diego buildings, including the Wednesday Club and the San Diego Children's Home. She was the daughter of the late Rev. Jesse Wood and the widow of Waldo Waterman, son of a former California governor. At one time, Mr. Waterman operated a gold mine for his father in San Diego County.

Survivors are two sons, Robert W. Waterman, of Los Angeles, a mining engineer, and Waldo D. Waterman, of Santa Monica, an aeronautical engineer; and a daughter, Mrs. Helen G. Kincaid, of Berkeley and a sister, Willa W. Lydon, of San Diego.

BROCK (LOTT), Eva Phyllis

Oakland Tribune

1-25-1948

**BROCK**—In Oakland, January 22, 1948. Eva P. Brock, beloved wife of Joseph Brock; mother of Mrs. Leroy E. Davis of Portland, Oregon, and Harry L. Brock; grandmother of Gary and Gaylord Davis and Harry L. Brock II; a native of California.

Friends are invited to attend services Monday morning, January 26, 1948, at 11 o'clock, in the chapel of the Albert Brown Co., 3476 Piedmont Avenue, Oakland.



SEXTON, Miss Caroline M.

Sacramento Bee

2-16-1948

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## MISS CAROLINE SEXTON

OROVILLE (Butte Co.), Feb. 16. Miss Caroline Sexton died here Saturday at the age of 89.

Miss Sexton was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren T. Sexton, who lived in the mining camp of Rough And Ready at the time of her birth in 1858. The family later moved to Bidwell Bar and came to Oroville when this place grew large enough to wrest the county seat from Bidwell Bar.

She was a teacher in the Oroville schools for about 40 years and was the first matron of Amapola Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

Both her father and her late brother, Warren T. Sexton, Jr., occupied the superior court bench here. She is survived by a cousin, Mrs. Maude Bigelow of Palo Alto.

Funeral arrangements are being made by the Sanford Funeral Home.

COPELAND (ESMAN), Mrs. Martha

Sacramento Bee

2-16-1948

## **MRS. MARTHA COPELAND**

**CHICO (Butte Co.), Feb. 16.—**Funeral services were held here today for Mrs. Martha Copeland, 76, a resident of Butte County for most of her life. She died Friday in the Rebekah Rest Home in Saratoga.

She was born in Pentz and lived in Oroville, Cherokee and Paradise. She was a member of the Eastern Star in Oroville and the Rebekahs in Cherokee.

She leaves her children, T. B. Copeland of Red Bluff, Tehama County, and Mrs. William Vandenburg of Grass Valley, Nevada County, and her brothers and sisters, W. J. Esmann and Mrs. Calle Wheeler of Chico, Henry Esmann of Redding, Shasta County, and Mrs. Frank Lynch of Oroville.

BEAVERS, Mrs. Frances  
Oroville Mercury Register  
2-21-1948

# Mrs. Frances Beavers Dies

Mrs. Frances Beavers, 77, died early Saturday morning at the Good Samaritan Hospital. She was born in California, March, 25, 1870, and had lived all her life in Butte county.

Mrs. Helen White, a daughter, and James Willis Lewis, a nephew survive her.

Funeral services will be under direction of Sanford Funeral Home.

BEAVERS, Mrs. Frances  
Oroville Mercury Register  
2-24-1948

## Rites Today For Mrs. Beavers

Graveside services for Mrs. Frances Beavers, 77, will be held today at the Cherokee Cemetery at 4 p. m.

Mrs. Beavers died Saturday at the Good Samaritan hospital.

Sanford Funeral Home is in charge of the services.

SILVA, Fillmore  
Sacramento Bee  
3-13-1948

**SILVA**—In Meridian, Sutter County, March 10, 1948, Fillmore Silva, husband of Madlyn Silva of Meridian, father of Mrs. Ira Rowe of Yankee Hill, brother of Mrs. Dorothy Parks, Alice Silva and Howard Silva, all of Chico, and Eddy Silva of Oakland, son of Mrs. Mary Silva of Chico, grandfather of Dianna Louise Rowe of Chico; a native of Chico, aged 38 years. Requiem mass at 9:30 A. M. today in St. John the Baptist Catholic Church with burial in Chico Cemetery.



WILSON, Douglas  
The Sacramento Bee  
3-17-1948

## Suicide Of Veteran Is Called Delayed World War Casualty

MODESTO, March 17.—(INS)—A 29 year old American Indian, a navy veteran, was put down today as a "delayed casualty" of World War II.

Two days ago Douglas Wilson left his home in San Diego to visit his father in Chico, Butte County.

Stanislaus County deputy sheriffs took him into custody and placed him in the security ward of the county hospital after residents told authorities Wilson had sought refuge from "people who were trying to kill him."

Wilson's body was found yesterday hanging from a cell door. He had fashioned a noose from a bed sheet.

Wilson, recently a professional boxer, leaves a wife, Belva, and sons, Sherman and Douglas, all of San Diego, and his father, Douglas Wilson, Route 4, Box 24, Chico.

WIGHT (BRANDENBURG), Elizabeth Edna  
The News Review (Roseburg, OR)

3-18-1948

## **Mrs. E. E. Wight Of Tenmile Dies**

Elizabeth Edna Wight, 57, resident of Tenmile for 6 years, died yesterday, March 17, after a short illness. She was born August 8, 1890, in Campbell, Calif., and had lived most of her life in that state.

Surviving are her husband, William, Tenmile; a daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth A. Walker, Oakland, Calif.; two sons, William K. Wight, Tenmile, and Donald E. Wight, Myrtle Creek; a brother, Charles E. Brandenburg, Capitola, Calif.; two sisters, Mrs. Anabel Sweet, Capitola, and Avenel Withrow, Modesto, and a granddaughter.

The body will be shipped by the Roseburg Funeral Home to San Jose, Calif., for funeral services and interment.

ESMAN, William James

Sacramento Bee

3-20-1948

## Son Of Pioneers In Butte County Succumbs In Chico

CHICO (Butte Co.), March 20.—William James Esmen, 80, a native of Pentz and son of Butte County pioneers of that district, died yesterday morning in his Chico home.

Esmen married Emma L. Brown of Coutolenc in 1895. He followed mining for several years, working at the old Maglla Mine, for the Midas Mining Company in Shasta and the Treadwell Mining Company in Alaska. He was at the Treadwell when a tidal wave flooded the mine, causing a great loss of life and forcing the mine to close.

Later in Chico he was employed by the Diamond Match Company at Stirling City and then the Pacific Gas and Electric Company, with whom he remained until his retirement several years ago.

Survivors are his wife, Emma, his sisters, Mrs. Callie Wheeler of Chico, and Mrs. Frank Lynch of Oroville, and a brother, H. T. Esmen of Redding, Shasta County, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 2 P. M. Monday in the Huddleston Funeral Chapel with Rev. C. Allen Taff of the Grace Baptist Church officiating.

Cherokee Lodge of the IOOF, of which he was a member, will form a guard of honor at the graveside in Chico Cemetery.

MILLER (JOHNSON), Mrs. Betty Jean

The Sacramento Bee

4-2-1948

## Butte Woman Dies In Hospital After Fall

OROVILLE (Butte Co.), April 2.—Injuries suffered in a fall from a cliff near her home in Intake proved fatal in a hospital here yesterday for Mrs. Betty Jean Miller, 42.

Intake is on the Feather River at the northeast end of Big Bend. Mrs. Miller lived there with her husband, Andrew Miller, who survives. She also is survived by her father, Dixie Johnson.

MILLER, Mrs. Lillian Betty Jean  
Oroville Mercury Register  
4-5-1948

## Miller Rites

Funeral services for Mrs. Lillian Betty Jean Miller were held Sunday afternoon at Hamilton and Riley's. Mrs. Miller died last Wednesday from injuries received in a fall near her home.

Elder R. F. Thompson conducted the services. Casket bearers were A. R. Beeman, Ernest A. Clifton, N. F. Taylor, George H. Williams, P. E. Iverson and C. L. Nelson.

Burial was in the Yankee Hill cemetery.



MULLEN-CARR, Mrs. Maude Rowena  
Arizona Republic  
4-14-1948



Maude Rowena Mullen  
1875 - 1948

## ***Tempe Pioneer Succumbs Here***

TEMPE, Apr. 13—Mrs. Maud Mullen Carr, 72-year-old Tempe pioneer, died tonight in a Phoenix hospital.

Born December 1, 1875, in Con Cow, Butte county, California, Mrs. Carr came to Tempe with her family February 20, 1886. She married the late Byron Carr January 1, 1896. They farmed south of here until 1926, when they moved to Tempe to live.

Mrs. Carr was a member of the Tempe Woman's Club and Butte Circle.

She is survived by two sons, Leonard of San Jose, Calif., and Robert of San Bruno, Calif., two daughters, Mrs. Herbert Johnson of Cummings, Calif., and Mrs. J. R. Thoman of Phoenix; one sister, Mrs. G. A. Goodwin, Tempe; three brothers, Charles and Robert Mullen of Tempe and J. O. Mullen of Jerome; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

CASSADY, Ralph  
Oroville Mercury Register  
4-29-1948

## **Ralph Cassady, 84, Claimed Here**

Ralph Cassady, 84, who has made his home at 1675 Oak street, died Thursday morning at the Good Samaritan Hospital. He was born in Wisconsin, had lived in California for 64 years, the past 18 years in Butte county.

He is survived by a niece, Zola Baker of Eagle Rock.

Sanford's Funeral Home will make the funeral arrangements.

CASSADY, Ralph  
Oroville Mercury Register  
5-5-1948

## Cassady Rites

Graveside funeral services for Ralph Cassady, 84, who died last Thursday, were held Tuesday at 2 p. m. under the direction of Sanford Funeral Home.

The Rev. Mr. Maurice de Vries officiated. Casket bearers were Manny Toland, W. L. Curran, Casey Jones and D. Harry.

Burial was in Cherokee cemetery.

WELSH, George Elton

The Chico Enterprise

5-10-1948

## **Butte Sector Native Dies at Sacramento**

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PARADISE — George Elton Welsh, 66, resident here since last year and a native of Butte County, died Sunday in Sutter Hospital at Sacramento.

Welsh was the son of the late Columbus (Tobe) and Mary Virginia Welsh, pioneer settlers in this county.

He spent his early days at Central House, later moving with his parents to a ranch near Concow. In 1916, he became the owner of the Durbin ranch at Pentz.

He retired in 1947, after spending all of his active life as a rancher and farmer, and settled in Paradise.

Besides his wife, Jessie, Welsh is survived by a daughter, Jessamine Andrews, and a son, Harry Welsh. All live in Paradise. There are also three surviving grandchildren.

Hamilton and Riley's Funeral Home in Oroville has charge of burial arrangements which will be announced later.

WELSH, George  
Oroville Mercury Register  
5-13-1948

## Welsh Services

Funeral services were held early Wednesday afternoon for George Welsh who died in a Sacramento Hospital on May 9. The Rev. Mr. Maurice de Vries conducted the rites.

The casket bearers were Ralph Jones, Dave Bennum, Dave Webb, Bob Blum, Harold Lambert and Dwight Porter.

Burial was in Oroville cemetery.



SLISSMAN, Walter A.

The Press Democrat (Santa Rosa, Ca)

5-19-1948

## W. A. Slissman Is Dead at 69

Walter A. Slissman, 69, of 622 King street, retired dairyman, died last night after a brief illness. Funeral arrangements are pending at Lafferty and Smith.

A native of Ferndale, Mr. Slissman lived there 60 years, coming to Santa Rosa 9 years ago. He belonged to the Santa Rosa Knights of Columbus and to the Ferndale Native Sons. He was a member of the Humboldt County Dairymen's Association.

He leaves a wife, Ann Slissman, and a daughter, Mrs. John Evart, both of Santa Rosa, and a cousin, Elmer Slissman, and other relatives, in Ferndale.

**SLISSMAN**—In Santa Rosa, May 17, 1948, Walter A. Slissman; dearly beloved husband of Anne L. Slissman; loving father of Mrs. John Evart; fond cousin of Mr. Elmer Slissman of San Francisco, Mrs. William Flynn of Ferndale, and Mrs. Martha Burns of Miranda; also survived by a niece and two nephews, Mary, John, and Neil McLafferty of New York city. A native of Ferndale.

Friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral services from the memorial chapel of Lafferty & Smith Thursday, May 20, at 9:15 a. m., thence to St. Rose's Church where a requiem High Mass will be celebrated for the repose of his soul. Interment, family plot, Calvary Cemetery. The Rosary will be recited Wednesday evening at 8:15 o'clock at the Lafferty & Smith chapel.

HODAPP, Emil F.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
6-4-1948

# Emil Hodapp, Rancher, Dies

Death claimed Emil F. Hodapp, native of Yankee Hill Thursday at a Sacramento hospital. He was 77.

Mr. Hodapp was born at Yankee Hill June 21, 1871, and lived in that community his entire life. He was a rancher.

He is survived by a brother, George A. Hodapp of De Sabla and three nieces, Dorothy Hodapp of Sacramento; Mrs. Jean Toulouse of Sacramento and Mrs. Grace McDonald of Honolulu.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 2 p. m. at Hamilton and Riley's with the Rev. Mr. Maurice de Vries officiating. Burial will take place in the Hodapp family cemetery at Yankee Hill.

KNECHT (MARKERT), Mrs. Anna Louise

Sacramento Bee

9-2-1948

## Obituaries

### ANNA L. KNECHT

Mrs. Anna Louise Knecht, 83, who died yesterday in her home at 1804 First Avenue, will be buried in the Woodland, Yolo County Cemetery following funeral services at 2 P. M. Saturday in the chapel of the Harry A. Nauman & Son Funeral Home.

Rev. Carl F. Oehlers of St. John's Lutheran Church will officiate at the services. Mrs. Knecht, a native of Sacramento, was the daughter of early day settlers of the Sacramento area.

Her parents owned a ranch in Yolo County near Woodland for many years. She came to Sacramento to attend school at the old German Lutheran Church at Twelfth and K Streets.

After marrying, she moved to Washington while it was a territory and resided there for several years. Upon returning she resided in Stockton, San Joaquin County and Chico, Butte County, before returning to Sacramento.

She was a member of the Rebe-kah Lodge in Sacramento for many years and was active in church work.

Surviving her is a son, Carl F. Knecht of Sacramento and a brother, John Markert.

STEWARD, Charles

The San Bernardino County Sun

9-5-1948

## **Elderly Resident of Redlands Summoned**

Charles Steward, 86, a resident of Redlands 15 years, and a native of Butte county, California, died Friday, Sept. 3. He leaves a sister, Mrs. William T. Ferguson of Redlands, and several nephews and nieces. A former employe of the Railway Express, he was for many years a railway agent at Santa Ana.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by F. Arthur Cortner.

WALSH (WELSH), Mrs. Teany

Sacramento Bee

9-7-1948

**MRS. TEANY WALSH**

OROVILLE (Butte Co.), Sept. 7. Funeral rites for Mrs. Teany Walsh of Oroville will be held at 10 A. M. tomorrow in the Sanford Funeral Chapel. She died here Saturday afternoon at the age of 76 after an extended illness.

Mrs. Walsh was born in Humbug Valley, Butte County, and had lived in this area all her life. She was the mother of seven children, four of whom survive. They are Plummer Walsh, Oroville postmaster; Albert J. Walsh, Oroville city councilman; Mrs. Zelma Porter, also of Oroville, and Mrs. Nita Williams of Vallejo, Solano County.

Burial will be in the family plot of the Oroville Cemetery.



DUENSING, Ralph  
Oakland Tribune  
9-14-1948

## **ACCIDENT**

**A pickup truck plunged into a canyon near De Sabla and carried Ralph Duensing, 60, 150 feet to death. Robert Monath of Inskip, the driver and his wife, were taken to Rheingan's Hospital at Paradise. Monath's injuries were minor, but his wife was seriously hurt. Butte County Deputy Sheriff Leslie Thomas quoted Monath as saying the truck's steering gear became disabled.**

STRANG, Harold A.

Sacramento Bee

9-17-1948

## **HAROLD A. STRANG**

**OROVILLE (Butte Co.), Sept. 17.** Funeral services will be conducted Thursday for Staff Sergeant Harold A. Strang of Oroville, killed in the 1945 invasion of Leyte.

The services will be conducted by the Oroville Masonic Lodge and the American Legion post here will take part in the burial services in Memorial Park. Sergeant Strang is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Strang; a sister, Mrs. Neil C. Hansen, and brothers, Robert, Wesley and Roscoe Strang, all of Oroville, and Ulysses Strang of Chico.

REARDON, Frederick  
Oroville Mercury Register  
11-10-1948

## **Frederick Reardon Passes Suddenly**

Funeral services will be held Thursday, 2 p. m., at Hamilton and Riley's for Frederick Reardon who died suddenly Monday afternoon, from an apparent heart attack.

The services will be read by H. G. Beck of the Assembly of God Church. Burial will be in the Cherokee Cemetery.

SIMMONS, Mark  
The Chico Enterprise  
11-20-1948

# Heart Ailment Is Fatal for Chico Hunter

Mark Simmons, 73, 1027 Esplanade, died this morning while hunting pheasants in a field just south of Chico on the Dayton Road, apparently the victim of a heart attack.

Simmons had been having an early morning cup of coffee at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beck two and a half miles south of Chico when he saw a flock of pheasants in a field across the road. Grabbing his gun, he hurried to the field in an effort to bag his limit.

When he didn't return, Beck searched and found him dead in the field apparently the victim of a heart attack. He was brought to the Brusle Funeral Home by the Chico Ambulance Service, where Deputy Coroner Warren Brusle said he probably died of a heart attack.

Dr. E. L. Meyers, city health officer, will perform an autopsy on the body, Brusle said.

Simmons, is survived by his widow. He is a retired rancher from the area surrounding Chico and has lived in Chico for the past four years. Friends said he was apparently in good health, and that he has not suffered any known heart attacks previously.

He was born in Kansas and moved to California as a baby. He attended schools at Challenge and Arbuckle. Later he worked in the lumber industry of Butte County. In 1896 he married Christina England of Arbuckle.

He is also survived by four children, a brother, seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren. The brother is Dan Simmons, Yankee Hill. The children are: Mrs. Claire McNutt, Berkeley, Cynthia Louise Edwards, Berkeley, Mrs. Anne E. Lummey, Lathroy, Calif., and George I. Simmons, Oroville.

Funeral services will be Tuesday afternoon at 2 p. m. from the Huddleston Funeral Chapel.

SIMMONS, Mark P.  
The Sacramento Bee  
11-23-1948



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BETHARD, August  
The Sacramento Bee  
11-29-1948

**AUGUST BETHARD**

CHICO (Butte Co.), Nov. 29.—Funeral services for August Bethard, 69, Clear Creek rancher, who died Friday night in Oroville, will be held in the Huddleston Funeral Chapel at 2 PM tomorrow and burial will be in the Clear Creek Cemetery.

Bethard was born in Butte County and had lived in the county all his life. Besides ranching he had been a well driller for 13 years. In 1908 he married Evelyn Cole of Durham.

Survivors besides his wife, are his children, Mrs. Myra Sciligo, Wesley, Otis, Wallace and Mildred Bethard of Clear Lake, Melvin of Durham, and Myron of Oklahoma; a brother, Arthur of Woodland, Yolo County; and sisters, Mesdames Rebecca Wyatt of Thermalito, Isabelle Edmiston of Oroville, Frances Brown of Folsom, Sacramento County, Rose Bagley of Grass Valley, Nevada County, and Ruth Brown of Rackerby, Yuba County.

WALLIS (COOK), Mrs. Jennie A.  
Oroville Mercury Record  
11-30-1948



## Jennie Wallis, 69, Claimed

Mrs. Jennie A. Wallis, 69, died yesterday in Stockton after an extended illness. She was born in Missouri and came to Oroville in 1923. She divided her time between here and Marysville, living with her children.

Survivors include three sons, William E. Wallis of Oroville, Vern W. Wallis and R. L. Wallis, of Marysville; four daughters, Mrs. Lottie Cunha, Oroville; Mrs. Eula Turk and Mrs. Maxine Root, Marysville; Mrs. Norma Jane Lawrence, Biggs; one brother, Willie Cook, Flat River, Mo.; ;two sisters, Mrs. Lydia Hunneycutt, Salt Lake City, and Mrs. Ellen Rhoades, St. Louis, Mo.

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

BETHARD, August  
The Sacramento Bee  
11-30-1948

**DEATHS**

**BETHARD**—In Oroville, Butte County, November 26, 1948, Augustus Bethard of Clear Creek, Butte County, husband of Evelyn, father of Mrs. Myra Sciligio, Wesley, Otis, Wallace and Mildred of Clear Creek, Melvin of Durham, Butte County, Myron of Oklahoma, brother of Arthur of Woodland, Yolo County, Mrs. Rebecca Wyatt of Thermalito, Butte County, Mrs. Frances Brown of Folsom, Sacramento County, Mrs. Rose Bagley of Grass Valley, Nevada County, Mrs. Ruth Brown of Rackerby, Yuba County, and Mrs. Isabelle Edmiston of Oroville, Butte County; a native of Butte County, aged 69 years. Funeral services today in the Huddleston Funeral Chapel in Chico. Burial in the Clear Creek Cemetery.

HEDGE, James Wetsel  
Oroville Mercury Register  
12-6-1948

# J. W. Hedge, 87, Claimed

James Wetsel Hedge, 87, died Sunday afternoon at his home, 2518 Brown avenue. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Nellie Hedge, one son, James H. Hedge of Oroville, one daughter, Mrs. Hazel Gibel of Oregon, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. Hedge was born in Galena and had lived most of his life in Oroville. He and Mrs. Hedge recently celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary at their home.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2 p. m. at Hamilton and Riley's with the Rev. Mr. Maurice de Vries officiating.

Burial will be in the family plot at the Oroville Cemetery.



DAUSEY, John W.  
Sacramento Bee  
12-23-1948

## **JOHN W. DAUSEY**

**CHICO**, (Butte Co.), Dec. 23. — John W. Dausey, 69; who in the early days carried supplies by mule-back to mines in isolated Butte County mountain areas, died Monday night in the Good Samaritan Hospital near Oroville.

Dausey, born in Tehama County, farmed for 45 years in the Clear Creek area in Butte County.

The survivors are his children, C. L. of Paradise, Will of Durham, John of Chico, Mrs. Marcle Keyes of Oroville and Mrs. Jesse Darnielle of Redding, Shasta County; a brother, Louis and a sister, Mrs. Joseph Turner of Richmond.

Funeral services were held today in the Huddleston Funeral Chapel with burial in the Clear Creek Cemetery.

MULLEN, Charles P.  
Arizona Republic  
12-27-1948



Charles Pleasant Mullen  
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## ***Pioneer Tempean Dies In Hospital***

TEMPE, Dec. 26—Charles P. Mullen, pioneer resident of Tempe, died Saturday morning in a Mesa hospital.

Born September 8, 1873 in Butte County, Calif., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Mullen, he came to Phoenix with his family in 1886, moving a few months later to a ranch four miles southeast of Tempe. He graduated from the Tempe Normal School in 1895 and then engaged in farming and the cattle business.

Mullen was president of the Arizona Cattle Growers Association from 1912 to 1918 and was state land commissioner under Gov. B. B. Moeur. He was a member of the Methodist Church and a charter member of Lodge No. 26 Knights of Pythias.

He is survived by his wife, Flora, and six children: three sons, Thad, Scottsdale; Ted, Prescott, and Kenneth, Tempe; three daughters, Mrs. Josephine Randall, Tempe, Mrs. Frances Gray, Phoenix, and Mrs. Una Belle Weiland, Prescott. Also surviving are two brothers, Robert Mullen, Tempe, and J. Oscar Mullen, Jerome, and a sister, Mrs. G. A. Goodwin, Tempe; ten grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at 3 p. m. Monday from the Carr Mortuary Chapel in Tempe. The Rev. Hugh Lormor of the Methodist Church will officiate and interment will be in Double Butte Cemetery.

# WILLIAMS, William Sylvester

Sacramento Bee

12-27-1948

## WILLIAM S. WILLIAMS

Final rites for William Sylvester Williams, 64, will be held at 1:30 PM Wednesday in the George L. Klumpp Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Sacramento Memorial Lawn Cemetery.

Williams, a Sacramento resident for 11 years, died yesterday in a local hospital after a brief illness. He resided at 3172 U Street.

Born in Oroville, Butte County, he was educated in the public schools there. He retained his Oroville home for much of his life, although his position as operator of a prospecting drill for the Gold Hill Dredging Company kept him traveling constantly throughout California and Nevada. While employed by the dredging company he also was in Colorado, Alaska and the Philippine Islands.

For 13 years he was foreman of the Cherokee Ranch near Pentz, Butte County.

After retiring from the dredging company about a year and a half ago, he became the owner and operator of a barber shop at 2104 Alhambra Avenue.

His survivors include his wife, Mrs. Ada Williams; his son, Robert Williams of Sacramento; his brothers, Charles Williams of Medford, Ore., and Marlon Williams of Oroville; his sister, Mrs. Frank Leonard of Oroville, and two grandchildren.