

FLEENOR, Jacob H.
Oroville Mercury Register
1-15-1951

Lengthy Illness Fatal To Jacob H. Fleenor

Jacob H. Fleenor, 81, died at his Bird street home today after a lengthy illness.

He is survived by a nephew, E. N. Fleenor of Yakima, Wash. Services are pending at the Hamilton and Riley Funeral Chapel.

FLEENOR, Jacob H.
Oroville Mercury Register
1-17-1951

Last Rites Conducted For Jacob H. Fleenor

Services were held at the Hamilton and Riley Funeral Chapel today for Jacob H. Fleenor, 81, who died here Monday.

The Rev. Mr. Ellis E. Peterson officiated. Private burial rites were held at Cherokee cemetery.

DAY, Anna Amelia
Oroville Mercury Register
1-29-1951

Anna Amelia Day, 72, Succumbs In Hospital

Anna Amelia Day, 72, resident of Pentz for the past 20 years, died at 8:45 a.m. Sunday at Good Samaritan Hospital.

She leaves a daughter, Frances V. Morehead of Long Beach, and a nephew, J. E. Allen of Stockton.

Services are pending at Hamilton and Riley funeral home.

EVANS, Albert G.
Oroville Mercury Register
1-31-1951

Albert G. Evans, 80, Succumbs In Hospital

Albert G. Evans, 80, of 2730 Myers street, died late yesterday at Good Samaritan Hospital. Mr. Evans was a surveyor and had lived in Oroville for the past 20 years, coming here from Ohio. He leaves no known relatives.

Funeral services are pending at Hamilton and Riley Funeral Home.

EVANS, Albert G.
Oroville Mercury Register
2-2-1951

Hold Services Monday For Albert G. Evans

Funeral services for Albert G. Evans, 80, who died January 30, will be held Monday morning at 10 o'clock from the Hamilton and Riley Chapel. The Rev. Mr. Byron Esherman will officiate. Burial will be in Cherokee Cemetery.

DAY, Annie Amelia
Oroville Mercury Register
2-2-1951

Funeral Rites Held For Mrs. Annie Day

Funeral services for Annie Amelia Day, 72, who died January 28, were held at 2 p.m. Thursday from the Hamilton and Riley chapel.

Pall bearers were Ray Self, J. E. Allen, Ed Snyder, Ira Eddy, A. C. Baker and Cecil Self.

The Rev. Mr. Byron Eshelman officiated. Burial was in Cherokee cemetery.

Realtor's Career Of Service Ended

William Barton Hengy, 68, realtor, former city councilman and long-time worker for civic betterment in Oroville, died in Oroville-Curran hospital at 7 p.m. Saturday.

Mr. Hengy was taken ill after attending a luncheon meeting of the Oroville Chamber of Commerce, of which he was a past president and an active member.

Because of his long participation in civic affairs and because of his work in charitable and welfare activities, he was one of the city's best known residents.

NEWS OF HIS DEATH today brought expressions of sorrow from his numerous friends in all walks of life.

Mr. Hengy was born Aug. 23, 1882, in Butte county, the son of the late William S. and the late Rachel Hengy. He attended school in Oroville.

He was a member of the freeholders committee in 1931 that drew up the present city charter, and served two full terms and part of another on the city council.

He was first elected to the council in 1937. He didn't run for reelection after expiration of his four-year term but was appointed to the council after the death of Emory Brown. He was re-elected to the council again in 1943, serving four years.

A DIRECTOR of the Oroville mosquito abatement district, he gave many years of his time to mosquito control here.

During 25 years in which he was active in the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Hengy took a leading part in work to obtain construction of a dam on the Feather river, improved highways and other projects that would benefit the Oroville district.

He served as Chamber president the latter part of 1948 and during all of 1949, and was second vice president at the time of his death. He served for many years on the board of directors and was chairman of the chamber's road committee for several years.

ONE OF TEN Oroville men who founded the Fellows Club here in 1922, Mr. Hengy took a leading role in development of Bidwell Bar Park, sponsored by the club.

Friends said today that many of his welfare and charity activities

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W. B. HENGY

... civic worker claimed

were unknown to the general public, because of his retiring nature.

He was a keen student of local conditions, current events and international affairs, and his opinion was sought by many persons.

MR. HENGY is survived by his wife, Alta D. Hengy, a local attorney, a brother, A. M. Hengy of Oroville, and a sister, Mrs. Jessie Coggins of Oakland. Other survivors are two nephews, Captain C. H. Coggins of the Navy, and Captain C. M. Coggins of the Army, both of Washington, D.C., and four nieces, Miss Lucile B. Coggins of Petaluma, Mrs. Lee Cameron of Oakland, Mrs. Bert Poendexter of Portola, and Mrs. Laverna Hill of Eureka.

Captain C. H. Coggins was a visitor in Oroville last week. He was on his way east when notified of his uncle's death and was to return to Oroville for the services.

THE FUNERAL will be held at 10 a.m. tomorrow in Sanford Funeral Home, with the Rev. Mr. Byron Eshelman of the First Congregational church officiating. Cremation will follow in Sierra View mausoleum.

The family requested today that no flowers be sent, but said that those who wish to make memorial gifts may contribute to the Oroville Community Chest.

Born in Cherokee, Butte County

HENGY, William Barton

Sacramento Bee

3-19-1951

W. B. Hengy, Oroville Civic Leader, Dies

OROVILLE, Butte Co., March 19. — William Barton (Bart) Hengy, 68, real estate man and civic leader, died late Saturday in a hospital here.

Hengy served several terms as a city councilman, was a past president of the Oroville Chamber of Commerce and had been a director of the Oroville Mosquito Abatement District more than 20 years. He was a native of Butte County.

Hengy is survived by his wife, Alta, a brother, A. M. of Oroville; a sister, Mrs. Jesse Coggins of Oakland, and a number of nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be held at 10 AM tomorrow in the Sanford Funeral Chapel, followed by cremation in Sierra View near Marysville, Yuba County. It is requested flowers not be sent and any offerings go to the Community Chest in which Hengy long was active.

LADARA, David L.
LADARA, Emily
The Sacramento Bee
4-4-1951

Biggs Couple Die In Crash On Way To Ione Funeral

Mr. and Mrs. David L. Ladara of Biggs, Butte County, en route to Amador County to attend a funeral for a relative, were injured fatally late yesterday when their automobile smashed against the rear of a flat bed truck on the Jackson Road two miles east of Sloughhouse.

Deputy Coroner Julius Bascherini reported Ladara, 64, a retired farmer, was killed instantly and his wife, Emily, 66, died a few minutes later.

John Enos of Oroville, Butte County, son of Mrs. Ladara, told Bascherini the couple were on their way to Ione to attend services for Frank Costa of Ione. Mrs. Ladara and Mrs. Costa were sisters.

Their bodies were taken to the N. G. Culjis Funeral Home in Sacramento.

Burial in Cherokee Cemetery, Butte County

Retired Auburn Business Leader Dies In His Home

SMITH, Isaac H.
Sacramento Bee
4-25-1951

AUBURN, Placer Co., April 25. A rosary for Isaac H. Smith, 70, retired Auburn businessman, will be recited at 8 o'clock tonight in West & Hite's Chapel of the Hills. A requiem mass will be said at 10 AM tomorrow in St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Smith died in his home here Monday night. He was the local distributor for The Sacramento Bee, was a native of Paradise, Butte County, and had resided in Auburn 43 years.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret; sons, Herbert of Oakland and Robert E., a student at Santa Clara University; daughters, Mrs. Bernice Nelson of Oakland and Sister Agnes Margaret of the Holy Name Order, Alhambra; brothers, Frank of Auburn, and sisters, Mrs. Josie Hughes and Mrs. Addie Campbell, both of Chico.

He was a past president of the Downtown Civic Betterment Association and was active in the Elks Lodge.

GRAMPS, William Lloyd
Oroville Mercury Register
4-30-1951

Pulga Man Succumbs In County Hospital

Funeral services for William Floyd Gramps, of Pulga, who died at the county hospital Saturday evening, will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Sanford funeral home. Burial will follow at Memorial Park, with the Rev. Mr. E. E. Peterson officiating.

A veteran of World War II, Mr. Gramps leaves his mother, Mollie Gramps of Pulga, and two brothers and five sisters, all of Pulga.

DAVIS, George
Oroville Mercury Register
5-9-1951

Injuries Fatal To Aged Rancher

George Davis, 71-year-old Oregon City rancher, died at the county hospital this morning from exposure and injuries received last Wednesday when his car overturned on Table Mountain, nine miles from Oroville.

Mr. Davis was pinned under the wreckage for two hours until a group of passing high school boys extricated him.

Mr. Davis, a native of West Virginia, had been a resident of Oregon City for the past 24 years. He is survived by his wife, Ida.

Funeral services are pending at Hamilton-Riley. No inquest will be held.

DUNCAN, Mrs. Amanda Jane

Paradise Post

5-18-1951

***Fall Causes
Death of
Amanda Duncan***

Mrs. Amanda Jane Duncan died at Good Samaritan hospital in Oroville Tuesday afternoon as the result of a fall two weeks ago. She had been a resident of Paradise for the past nine years, and was active in the Seventh-Day Adventist church here.

Mrs. Duncan was born in Paskenta on November 9, 1878. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Steven Miller, were pioneers in that community. After her marriage to Orin A. Duncan, they farmed near Paskenta for several years, later moving to Concow and then to Anderson, where they lived for ten years.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Duncan is survived by three brothers, John Miller of Ono, Shasta county, Dave Miller of Redding and Ralph Miller of Yankee Hill.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at the Seventh-Day Adventist church, followed by interment in the Paradise cemetery.

DAVIS, Thomas Henry
Oroville Mercury Register
5-30-1951

Thomas Davis, 89, Claimed By Death

Thomas Henry Davis, 89, of Route 1, Box 318, Oroville, died at the county hospital last night.

Mr. Davis was born in Cherokee and had lived there all his life. He was a rancher.

A nephew, Len Castle, of the same address is the only known survivor.

Funeral services are pending at Hamilton-Riley.

DAVIS, Thomas Henry
Oroville Mercury Register
5-31-1951

Schedule Last Rites For Thomas H. Davis

Funeral services will be held for Thomas Henry Davis, of Route 1, Box 318, Oroville, at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Hamilton-Riley chapel. Burial will follow at the family plot in the Oregon City cemetery.

Mr. Davis, a native of Cherokee, leaves a nephew, Len Castle of Cherokee; three nieces, Mrs. Mae Smouthers, Mrs. Pearl Castle and Mrs. Jennie Warren, all of San Jose; and seven great-grandchildren, all located in Placer county.

Besides being a rancher, Mr. Davis had been a winchman and engineer for various gold mines.

BENNUM, Frank A.
Oroville Mercury Register

6-4-1951

Retired PG&E Worker Dies

Frank A. Bennum of Route 1, Box 191, Cherokee road died last night at his home. He was 75.

Mr. Bennum, a native of California, had worked for PG&E 35 years before retiring to ranching.

He is survived by two brothers, Clarence and Dave of Oroville; two sisters, Mrs. Myrtle Noel of Oroville and Mrs. Eva Duensing of Paradise; two nephews, Frank Lind of the United States Army and Marion Bennum of Oroville; and two nieces, Mrs. Frieda Simmons of Concow and Mrs. Genevieve Coleman of Clear Creek.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Thursday at Hamilton-Riley chapel with the Rev. Mr. E. E. Peterson officiating. Interment will follow at Cherokee cemetery.

NEHER, Harry Ray
Oroville Mercury Register
6-4-1951

Death Takes Infant

Harry Ray Neher, 1-day-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Neher of Feather Falls died at the Oroville-Curran hospital yesterday. Funeral services were held this afternoon at Cherokee cemetery.

BRADISH, Donald R.
Oroville Mercury Register
6-15-1951

Young Oroville Soldier Killed In Korea Battle

Word has been received by Mrs. Grace A. Bradish, of 1029 Safford street, Oroville, that her son, Pfc. Donald R. Bradish, 18, of the U. S. Army, has been killed in action during the Korean fighting.

Mrs. Bradish received a telegram from the Department of Defense informing her that her son was killed May 22. He had joined the Army in March, 1950.

The youth, a member of a cavalry unit, went overseas last December, leaving from Seattle, Wash., after taking special training in Georgia. He was to have celebrated his nineteenth birthday November 28.

MRS. BRADISH talked with her son on the phone just prior to his leaving for overseas duty. She received her last letter from him May 16.

The former Oroville high school student leaves, besides his mother, his father, Frank Bradish of Poplar Bluff, Mo.; five brothers, Leon and Jack Bradish of Oroville, Franklin Bradish of Forest Ranch, Bernell Bradish of Missouri, and Lenly Bradish of Tennessee; and two sisters, Mrs. Agnes Williams of Missouri and Lonetta Bradish of Oroville.



PFC. DONALD R. BRADISH
... killed in Korea

MIX, Margaret
The Sacramento Bee
7-20-1951



MIX—In Oroville, Butte County, July 16, 1951. Mrs. Margaret Mix of Feather Falls, Butte County, mother of Alta Fitch of Feather Falls and Samuel Mix of Enterprise, Butte County; sister of Mrs. Elizabeth Spencer and Mrs. Pauline Williams, both of Oroville; aged 67 years. Graveside rites in the Enterprise Cemetery today at 2 PM under the direction of the Sanford funeral home.

Burial in Oregon Creek Indian Cemetery, Butte County

GATES, Harrieta "Hattie"

The Sacramento Bee

8-9-1951

GATES—In Oroville, Butte County, August 7, 1951. Mrs. Hattie Gates of Cherokee, Butte County, mother of William, Frank and Henry Gates, all of Cherokee, Harry Gates of Marysville, Yuba County, Mrs. Ciricy Murray and Mrs. Louise Neighbors, both of Everett, Wash., and Mrs. Viola Barth of Courtney, Vancouver Island, British Columbia, a native of New York City, aged 96 years. Funeral arrangements are being made by the Sanford funeral home.

Buried in Cherokee Cemetery, Butte County

LYNCH, Frank E.
Oroville Mercury Register
8-13-1951

Life-Long Pentz Resident Taken

Frank E. Lynch, 82, of Pentz died yesterday at the Oroville Curran hospital.

A native of Pentz, Mr. Lynch leaves his wife Lydia; two sons Lester of DeSabra and Alvin of Petaluma, two daughters, Mrs. J. P. Moore and Mrs. Charles Walker, both of Sacramento; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Mr. Lynch retired in 1936 after working for the PG&E. Prior to that he worked as a hydraulic man at the old Cherokee mine and helped build the McLaughlin Wall north of Oroville.

He married the former Miss Lydia Esman of Chico 56 years ago.

He is a member of the Odd Fellows lodge number 92 of Cherokee, Rebekah lodge number 18 and Oro Encampment number 22 of Oroville.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Tuesday at Hamilton-Riley with the Rev. Mr. S. H. Pope and the Oroville Odd Fellows officiating. Burial will be in Cherokee cemetery.

LYNCH, Frank E.

Paradise Post

8-17-1951

***Frank E. Lynch,
Native of Pentz,
Taken by Death***

Frank E. Lynch, 82, of Pentz died Sunday at the Oroville Curran hospital.

A native of Pentz, Lynch is survived by his wife, Lydia; two sons, Lester of DeSabra and Alvin of Petaluma; two daughters, Mrs. J. P. Moore and Mrs. Charles Walker, both of Sacramento; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Lynch worked for the PG&E until he retired in 1936. Prior to that he worked as a hydraulic man at the old Cherokee mine and helped build the McLaughlin wall north of Oroville.

He married the former Miss Lydia Esman of Chico 56 years ago.

He is a member of the Cherokee Odd Fellows lodge and the Rebekah lodge.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday. Burial was in the Cherokee cemetery.

KING, Mrs. Olive
The Press Democrat
8-30-1951

FUNERAL services were held Saturday at Cypress Lawn Cemetery for Mrs. Olive King, 68, who died Thursday evening in a San Francisco hospital.

Mrs. King is survived by 4 daughters—Mrs. Charles Zastro and Mrs. Vera Prevette of Penn-grove, Mrs. Pearl Prevette of San Francisco, Mrs. Leone Han-sen of Aberdeen, Wash., and 9 grandchildren.

HANNIS, Bert Guy
Chico Enterprise Record
10-15-1951

Bert Hannis Dies Here on Saturday

Bert Guy Hannis, husband of Mrs. Rilla Hannis of West Sixth Avenue, died at Enloe Hospital Saturday morning following a short illness.

Mr. Hannis was born in Maryland, Wisc., on September 30, 1878, the son of James Polk and Emma Hannis. The Hannis family moved to California when he was a child and lived for a time in Nelson. They later moved to Cherokee, where they were pioneers of that community and where Bert attended the local school.

In 1915, Mr. Hannis and Rilla Sherman were married in Oroville. He became a surveyor and was employed in that capacity for a number of years. He later worked for the PG&E Company.

When he became unable to do heavy work, Mr. Hannis was employed as an elevator operator at the Anglo Bank building and had been there for many years.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Rilla Hannis; two sons, Donald and Delbert Hannis, both of Chico; one sister, Mrs. Olive Pearl, of Chico; a brother, Russel Hannis, of San Rafael, and two grandchildren are Karen and Gerald Hannis.

Funeral services will be conducted in the chapel of the Brusie Funeral Home Tuesday at 11 a. m. Interment will follow in the Chico Cemetery.

ODNEAL, John J.
Oroville Mercury Register
10-15-1951

John J. Odneal, 46, Of Chico, Succumbs

John J. Odneal, 46, of 1152 Humboldt avenue, Chico, died Sunday at the Butte county hospital.

Mr. Odneal was a truck driver and native of California. He was a member of the FVW of Chico. He leaves two brothers, Walter Odneal of Oroville, and Charles Odneal of Woodland; a sister, Mrs. Ella McClure of Sacramento; and his father, Jesse A. Odneal of Chico.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Sanford Funeral Home here. Burial will be in the Yankee Hill cemetery, with the Chico VFW post conducting the services.

ODNEAL, John J.
The Sacramento Bee
10-17-1951

ODNEAL—In Oroville, Butte County, October 14, 1951. John J. Odneal of Chico, Butte County, son of Jesse A. Odneal of Chico brother of Walter Odneal of Oroville, Charles Odneal of Woodland, Yolo County, and Mrs. Ella McClure of Sacramento; a native of California, aged 46 years. Funeral services were held yesterday in the Sanford Funeral Home with burial in the Yankee Hill Cemetery.

BRADISH, Pfc. Donald R.
Oroville Mercury Register
October 23, 1951

Soldier Slain In Korea Buried

Pfc. Donald R. Bradish, 18, Oroville's first fallen soldier to be returned here from Korea for burial, was given a final resting place yesterday afternoon.

The son of Mrs. Grace Bradish, of the Oak Park district on Oroville-Marysville road, was buried in Cherokee cemetery after rites at the Hamilton-Riley Chapel.

The Rev. Mr. Charles Adams, of Chico, conducted the services.

PALLBEARERS were Frank Walburn, Dane A. Vasco, Leon Blacksten, Edward Blum, Don Nicols and Aage V. Fram.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars conducted graveside services under the direction of Donald Holbrook, commander of the post. Paul West, Bill Bacon, E. V. McAtee and Guy Hunt formed the firing squad and Elmer Hoch and Lish Pool were color bearers. Ted Eckart was the bugler.

Private Bradish, who went overseas last December, was killed May 22 while fighting with a cavalry unit. In addition to his mother, he leaves his father, Frank of Poplar Bluff, Mo.; four brothers, Leon, Andrew J., Chelcy and Lenly, all of Oroville; and two sisters, Mrs. Agnes Williams of Parmee, Mo., and Lonetta of Oroville.

Other officers of the Oroville post who participated in the military ceremonies were Dick Stenburg, officer of the day; Fred Irwin, junior vice commander; Walter Nelson, senior vice commander, and Bill Connor, chaplain.

SHREEVE, Mrs. Alice V.

The Sacramento Bee

11-5-1951

SHREEVE—In Quincy, Plumas County, October 29, 1951. Mrs. Alice V. Shreeve of Belden, Plumas County, wife of Ira M. Shreeve of Belden, aged 66 years. Funeral services were held Thursday in the Sanford Funeral Home with burial in the Cherokee Cemetery.

LUTZ, Homer

Paradise Post

11-9-1951

Body of Homer Lutz Found in PGE Canal

The body of Homer Lutz, 58, was found in a PG and E ditch at DeSabra early Wednesday morning. An autopsy showed that he had died of a heart attack and had not drowned.

The sheriff's office, however, was holding a 17-year-old youth on suspicion of robbery. He was being questioned in an attempt to clear up some of the circumstances surrounding the death. The investigation was still continuing yesterday afternoon.

The youth, Capt. O. I. Hand of the sheriff's office said, admitted giving Lutz a ride to a point on the highway near where the body was found. Lutz was reported to have been carrying about \$100 in cash, which was not found on his body. The youth, Hand said, denied taking the money.

Lutz' body was found by Dwight Porter, P. G. and E. employe, at 7:15 a.m. Wednesday at the weir above the reservoir at Camp No. 1. His glasses were found in his pocket but no identification, and he was not identified until later in the day. Tire marks were found on the highway near the scene, showing that a car had turned around there.

Investigation showed that Lutz and the youth, whose name was withheld by the sheriff's office, were together in a bar on the Stirling City highway that night. Lutz offered the boy \$2 to drive him to Paradise.

The youth told officers that Lutz objected to his driving and asked to be let out at the point where he was later found. The youth said that he turned around and drove back up the highway after Lutz got out of the car.

The autopsy showed the time of death to be 2:35. Mr. and Mrs. Porter and Miss Melissa Hupp, who live near the intake, told officers they heard a car "burning rubber" on the highway about 2:30 a.m.

Hand said that a burned match and an unlighted match were found at the spot. There was no evidence of a struggle. Deputies deduced that Lutz may have become sick and lighted a match to find the stream and then collapsed as he bent over to drink. There was no water in his lungs, showing that he was already dead when he fell into the water.

After finding the body, Porter called Constable R. L. Easley. Easley, Hand, and Deputy Sheriff Robert Easley Jr. went to DeSabra, and the body was taken to the Grooms and Rose Funeral Parlor. Dr. Kenneth Rheingans and Dr. Garth Rustin performed the autopsy.

Lutz was born in Paradise and was a member of a family which has lived here for a long time. He had been working away from here for several years but came back a few days ago.

A sister, Miss Bertha Lutz, and two brothers, Henry and Willis, live in Paradise. Another sister, Mrs. Nettie Lusk, lives in Chicago, and a brother, Harvey, is in San Francisco.

Funeral services will be tomorrow at 3 p.m. in the Grooms and Rose chapel. The Rev. W. S. Woodhull will officiate. Burial will be in the Clear Creek cemetery.

BUNNELL, Laura Helen

Paradise Post

11-9-1951

Helen Bunnell, Resident Here 22 Years, Dies

Laura Helen Bunnell died suddenly Thursday night, November 1, in a local hospital.

She was born March 2, 1895, in Bloomington, Ill., the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bronaugh. Mrs. Bunnell had lived in Paradise for 22 years. She was interested in music and was an accomplished pianist. She was a member of the VFW Auxiliary and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Survivors include her husband, Arthur Ray Bunnell of Paradise; three daughters, Mrs. Elmer Kelly of San Francisco, Mrs. William Rouse and Mrs. J. McDaniels, both of Chico; two brothers, Paul Bronaugh of Oakland and John Bronaugh of Lodi; a sister, Mrs. Alice Watts of Oxnard, and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Monday morning in the Chapel of the Pines. Dr. John Dunstan officiated. Louise Miller sang, accompanied by Ruth Crittenden Brookes. Graveside services in the Paradise cemetery were in charge of the veterans auxiliaries. Pallbearers, who were members of the American Legion, were Fritz Flick, Jess Whitlock, Roy Blakeslee, Charles Mellerio, Edward Hecox, and John Nelmar.

LEE, Anna M.
The Chico Enterprise
11-20-1951

Lifetime Resident Of Butte County Taken by Death

Anna M. Lee, a lifetime resident of Butte County, died this morning of a heart condition at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Thora Pagendarm, on East Sacramento Avenue.

She was born at Biggs, May 12, 1882. She received her early schooling at Central House, near Oroville, where her father conducted a peach ranch. When she was 16 years old, she moved to Pentz.

In 1902 she was married to Fred Lee in Oroville. She made her home at Pentz, where her husband was engaged in ranching until 1930 when she moved to Chico.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Gwenyth Poorman, of Walnut Creek, and Mrs. Thora Pagendarm, of Chico; three grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later by the Huddleston Funeral Chapel.

SEAMAN, Catherine
Oroville Mercury Register
11-23-1951

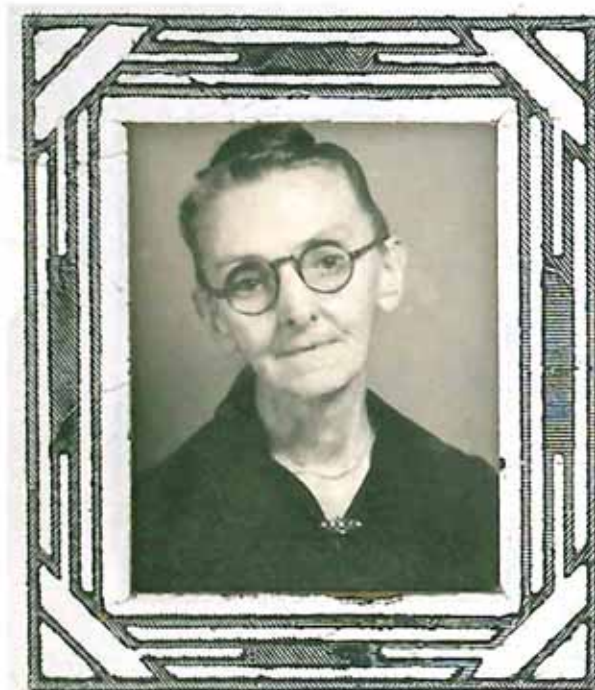
Infant Daughter Of John Seamans Dies

Catherine Seaman, three months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Seaman, of Route 2, Box 670, died Tuesday at her home.

The girl also leaves four brothers, Harry, David, Herman and Howard Gramps, all of Pulga.

Chapel services will be held at 2 p. m. Saturday at Hamilton-Riley Funeral Home. Burial will be in Clark cemetery at Yankee Hill.

SWEENEY (SWEETMAN,DURETT), Mrs. Nellie (Ellen)
Oroville Mercury Register
1-12-1952



Mrs. Nellie Sweeney Claimed by Death

Mrs. Nellie Sweetman Sweeney 83, 1217 Bird street, died at the Butte County Hospital yesterday afternoon. Funeral arrangements are pending at the Sanford Funeral Home.

A life-long resident of Oroville, Mrs. Sweeney leaves a daughter, Mrs. Jessie Eddy, Robinson Mills; a son, Lewis W. Thomas, Quincy; a sister, Miss Catherine Durett, Oroville; a brother, Lewis Durett, Chico; four grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

SWEENEY, Mrs. Ellen
Oroville Mercury Register
1-21-1952

Last Rites Offered For Mrs. Sweeney

Funeral services were held at Sanford Funeral Home for Mrs. Ellen Sweeney, 83, of 1217 Bird street, who died at Good Samaritan Hospital Jan. 11.

The Rev. Mr. George F. Albertson of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Chico officiated.

Burial was in Cherokee Cemetery.

Casketbearers were Edwin Snyder, Charles Chrogans, Charles Eaton, Roland B. Strang, Sam Stover and Homer S. Mullin.

THOMAS, Louis
Oroville Mercury Register
2-12-1952

Hold Funeral Services For Lumberman Here

Funeral services for Louis Thomas, 62-year-old lumberman, of Chico, who died there yesterday morning, will be held in the chapel of the Sanford Funeral Home Thursday at 10 a.m. Interment will be in Cherokee Cemetery.

Born at Yankee Hill and a resident of Quincy prior to moving to Chico Jan. 1, Mr. Thomas was a veteran of World War I.

He leaves two sons, Louis, of Quincy, and Harold, of Lon Angeles; a daughter, Mrs. Juanita Stevenson, of Quincy and one sister, Mrs. Ira Eddy, of Forbestown.

Louis W. Thomas Dies Suddenly, Chico

Funeral services were held in Oroville at the Stanford Funeral Home for Louis Woody Thomas who passed away suddenly in Chico Monday morning. Though Mr. Thomas had been in poor health for some time his death was unexpected and came as a severe shock to family and friends.

He was born Dec. 7, 1889 at Yankee Hill, Butte County, and on Dec. 4, 1917, in Detroit he was married to Oliva May Albertson. The family came to Plumas County about 20 years ago and he was employed in logging operations until forced to retire due to poor health. In December Mr. and Mrs. Thomas went to Oregon, in the hope of finding relief for some of his troubles; later they moved to Chico where he was undergoing medical treatment prior to his death.

He leaves a widow, Oliva, sons Louis H. Thomas of Quincy, Harold L. of Los Angeles, daughter Mrs. Juanita Stevenson and nine grandchildren. He also leaves a sister Mrs. Jessie Eddy of Forbestown.

He was preceded in death by exactly three weeks by his mother Mrs. Nellie Sweeny of Oroville. Funeral services were conducted by the Pastor of the Re-organized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Burial was in the family plot at Yankee Hill.

THOMAS, Louis Woody
Feather River Bulletin
2-21-1952



Note: He is buried in Cherokee Cemetery
Butte County, CA

CAMPBELL (SMITH), Mrs. Addie Mae
Sacramento Bee
2-25-1952

CAMPBELL—In Paradise, Butte County, February 20, 1952, Mrs. Addie Mae Campbell of Chico, Butte County; wife of Carroll B. of Chico; mother of James Edward of Oakley; grandmother of Gregory and Jamie Campbell and sister of Mrs. Josie Hughes of Chico and Frank O. Smith of Auburn, Placer County; a native of Pentz, Butte County; aged 76 years. Funeral services were held Saturday in the Huddleston Funeral Chapel. Interment was in the Chico Cemetery.

WALSH, Adelbert J.
The Los Angeles Times
4-20-1952

Adelbert J. Walsh

The Rosary will be recited for Adelbert J. Walsh, 86, tonight at Pierce Bros. Lincoln Heights Chapel and Requiem Mass will be celebrated tomorrow at 9:30 at All Saints Catholic Church, following which the body will be sent to Oroville, Cal., for interment. Walsh, a retired mining engineer, resided at 3621 Copeland Place. He died Thursday night in a local sanitarium. He leaves his widow, Mrs. Mary Walsh; a daughter, Mrs. Lee Booher, and a son, Adelbert J. Walsh Jr.

BILDERBACK (FAIRBANKS), Cora Ella
The Eugene Guard (Oregon)

4-22-1952

Elderly Springfield Woman Takes Life

Cora Ella Bilderback, 71, of 1220 C St., Springfield, took her own life late Monday afternoon, according to Coroner Fred Buell.

Mrs. Bilderback, who had suffered from a prolonged illness, was found on the floor of her living room at 6:30 p.m. Buell explained that she had shot herself with a .32 calibre revolver.

Services will be in Bartholomew-Buell Chapel Thursday at 10:30 a.m. The Rev. Ellsworth Tilton will officiate, with burial in West-Lawn Cemetery.

BILDERBACK (FAIRBANKS), Cora Ella
The Eugene Guard (Oregon)
4-22-1952

BILDERBACK—Cora Ella Bilderback, of 1220 C St., Springfield, passed away at her home on Monday, April 21, 1952, at the age of 70. She was born at Pentz, Calif., June 27, 1881. She was married to Thomas G. Bilderback in Redding Calif., May 5, 1902. Mr. Bilderback preceded her in death on Dec. 21, 1947. She was a member of Juanita Rebekah Lodge, Springfield, and the W.R.C., Eugene. She is survived by 2 sons, Milton F. of Springfield, and Mervin E. of Portland; 2 grandchildren, George, Springfield, Deana of Portland; 1 brother, Fred Fairbanks of Junction City. Funeral services will be held at Bartholomew-Buell Chapel Thursday, April 24, 1952, at 10:30 a.m. Rev. Ellsworth Tilton officiating, with interment at West Lawn Cemetery.

MILLER (STURMER), Mrs. Susie
The Chico Enterprise Record
5-5-1952

Mrs. Susie Miller Dies Here Today

Mrs. Susie Sturmer Miller, widow of the late Wendel J. Miller, president of the former First National Bank, died at the Enloe Hospital early this morning following an extended illness.

Mrs. Miller was born in Cherokee, February 14, 1872, the daughter of Jacob and Mary Sturmer, pioneers of this community, and had spent almost her entire life in and near Chico.

Survivors include the following nieces and nephews: Mrs. Myra French, of Oroville, Mrs. Fred Shinn, of San Jose; Sturmer Blissman, of San Francisco, Harold Holub, of Portland, Ore and Joe and June Holub, both of Chico. A sister-in-law, Mrs. Eliza Sturmer, of Chico, is also a survivor. Funeral arrangements are being completed at the Brusie Funeral Home and will be announced later.

MILLER (STURMER), Mrs. Susie
The Chico Enterprise Record
5-6-1952

Susie Sturmer Miller Services Wednesday

Funeral services are to be conducted in the chapel of the Brusie Funeral Home Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock for Mrs. Susie Sturmer Miller, prominent Chico woman, who died early Monday morning.

Mrs. Blanche Smith, reader of the Christian Science Church, will present the services and interment will be in the Chico Cemetery.

JONES, Josiah Lewellyn (Lew)

Oroville Mercury Register

5-10-1952

Josiah Jones, 86, Of Cherokee, Dies

Josiah (Lew) Jones, 86, Cherokee cattle rancher, died at his home late yesterday following a short illness.

Mr. Jones was a native and life-long resident of the Cherokee district.

He leaves a brother, Dave Jones of Sacramento, and several nephews and nieces in this area.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday from the chapel of Sanford Funeral Home. Interment will be in Cherokee Cemetery.

JOSEPHSON, Harland True

Paradise Post

5-30-1952

Magalia Boy Taken by Death

Graveside rites will be held at 11 a.m. tomorrow in the Magalia cemetery for Harland True Josephson, 8, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carel Josephson. He died early yesterday morning at the family home.

Survivors, in addition to his parents, include two sisters, Carol Ann and Rose Eilene, and three brothers, Eugene, Wayne, and Dareyl. Burial will be in the Magalia cemetery.

The boy was born February 5, 1944, in Chico. He was a pupil in the primary grade at the Canyon View school. He had been seriously ill for a long time and had recently been brought home from the hospital.

Services were arranged by the Paradise Chapel of the Pines and will be conducted by the Rev. Matthias Oberaigner of St. Thomas More Catholic church.

LaFONSO, Elmer Neil
The Chico Enterprise Record
6-3-1952

Elmer LaFonso, Former Concert Singer, Dies

Elmer Neil LaFonso, lifelong resident of Chico died Monday afternoon following a short illness.

Mr. LaFonso was born in Chico on May 16, 1888. Following his schooling he became a protege of Annie K. Bidwell who directed his musical education, and until 1915 he traveled throughout the western states giving vocal concerts. Mr. LaFonso then gave up his musical career and became a painter and interior decorator. At the time of his death he was employed by Lowell Magoon.

His wife, Mrs. Genevieve LaFonso survives as do the following daughters, Mrs. Donna Mae Richard of Nespalem, Wash., Mrs. Sybil Tagliabue of San Francisco and Mrs. Genevieve Aranda of Chico. There are ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren as well as a brother, Sherman E. Wilson of Chico, and a sister, Mrs. Eva Pierce of Oakland.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Indian Village Chapel and interment will follow in the Indian Village cemetery. The Brusie Funeral Home is completing arrangements.

LaFONSO, Elmer Neil
The Sacramento Bee
6-5-1952



LA FONSO—In Oroville, Butte County, June 2, 1952. Elmer Neil LaFonso of Chico, Butte County; husband of Genevieve, father of Mrs. Donna Mae Richard of Nespelem, Wash.; Mrs. Sybil Tagliabue of San Francisco and Mrs. Genevieve Aranda of Chico; half brother of Sherman E. Wilson of Chico and Mrs. Eva Pierce of Oakland; a native of Chico, aged 64. Funeral services were conducted yesterday in the Indian Village Chapel in Chico and interment was in the Indian Village Cemetery.

WILD (WALKER), Mrs. Olive A

Paradise Post

7-11-1952

Olive Wild Succumbs

Mrs. Olive A. Wild, 58, a resident of this area for the past 55 years, died Saturday in a local hospital. She was a native of Illinois, born December 16, 1893.

Her husband, James Barton Wild, preceded her in death in 1950. She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Howard J. Walker and Mrs. Hazel Duensing, both of Chico, and several nephews and nieces.

Mrs. Wild's father, William Walker, came to Coutolenc from Illinois when he was 18. Later he went back on a visit and married her mother, who was a Wisconsin girl. They came to Coutolenc again when Olive was 2 years old and she grew up in that area with the exception of four years in Oroville.

Walker used to mine for Coutolenc, and was himself one of the owners of the Golden Summit mine. He owned property west of Inskip.

Mrs. Wild lived with her parents and cared for them until their death. The family moved to Chico 28 years ago. She married James Wild eight years ago. He was a PG&E ditch tender and they lived near Lovelock.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday in the Paradise Chapel of the Pines at 11 a.m., with the Rev. W. S. Woodhull, retired Congregational minister, officiating. Burial was in the Paradise cemetery.

Pallbearers were Dwight Porter, Harold Lambert, Tom Neville, Lewis Yockey, Clarence Musselman, and Eugene Coutolenc.

DAVIS, Winfield J.
Arizona Republic
7-15-1952

Winfield J. Davis

AJO—Winfield J. Davis, 70, died Saturday in New Cornelia Hospital. Mr. Davis had lived in Arizona since 1916, residing in Clarkston until 1947, when he moved to Ajo.

Survivors include a sister, Mrs. Sam Clark, Ajo; a nephew, William I. Davis, and a niece, Mrs. Juanita Ticehurst, both of Topeka, Kan.

Services were held at the Federated Church in Ajo at 5:30 p.m. Monday. Burial will be at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday in Greenwood Memorial Park, Phoenix.

Descendant Of Pioneer Family Dies

Vern Edward VanNess, 57, a member of a local pioneer family, died Sunday afternoon at Rheingans hospital after several weeks' illness.

His paternal grandfather, Rufus VanNess, came to California from Wisconsin by way of the Horn in 1852 and settled in the area which later became known as Pentz. His wife, the former Maria Chase, joined a wagon train and crossed the plains a short time later to make her home in the wilderness. Maria's pioneer sisters, Sophia and Catherine, also lived in Pentz. Sophia married Manoah Pence (the town was named for him, although now spelled Pentz) and Catherine married Tom Knox.

His maternal grandmother, Jane Elston Burt, came across the plains in 1852, as a child, from Illinois. Her husband, Aaron Burt, was a pioneer blacksmith of Magalia. Their daughter, Abbie Burt, married Eugene VanNess in Pence and they came to Paradise in 1880. Vern was born in 1895. When he was a child his parents built the large frame home still standing on Clark near the corner of Pearson.

VanNess was employed at the PG&E power houses at Centerville and Coleman, near Cottonwood, for eight years. He and his wife lived in Yreka for ten years, during which time he was with the Forest Service. They also lived for a while in Oakland and 16 months ago they came again to Paradise to retire.

The senior VanNess was road superintendent here for 15 years.

Throughout his lifetime, Vern was an ardent sportsman, excelling in hunting and fishing, and he also made guns. Coming from a family of carpenters, he too, followed this trade, belonging to the Carpenters' Union Oakland local.

Surviving are his wife, Ethel, of Paradise, and a daughter, Mrs. Shirley Boyes, Oakland. A brother, Gene B. VanNess, lives in Castro Valley, and a sister, Mrs. Lola M. Charlton, resides in Los Angeles. He leaves one grandson. A brother, Leon, preceded him in death two years ago. He is a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bishop and an uncle of Mrs. David Weitzel, all of Paradise.

Graveside services were held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Paradise cemetery, with the Rev. Clarence Charlton of Los Angeles officiating. VanNess belonged to the Paradise Benefit Association. Funeral arrangements were by Paradise Chapel of the Pines.

JOHN, Alex
Oroville Mercury Register
7-31-1952

John Alec, 81, Of Berry Creek, Dead

Funeral arrangements are pending at Sanford's funeral home for John Alec, 81, who died yesterday in the County Hospital. He lived at Berry Creek.

JOHN, Alex
Oroville Mercury Register
8-2-1952

Hold Services Sunday For Berry Creek Man

Graveside services will be held Sunday at 10:30 a. m. in the Ceto Cemetery at Bald Rock for Alec John, 91, who died Wednesday in the County Hospital. Mr. John was a resident of Berry Creek. Arrangements are being handled by Sanford Funeral Home.

Burial at Bald Rock Indian Cemetery
(also known as Sitoo Indian Cemetery)
(18 May 1871-30 Jul 1952)

JONES, David Daniel

History of Butte County, Cal 1918

5-22-1869 to 9-17-1952

DAVID DANIEL JONES.--A comparatively young man, who has the same strong inclinations to seek for the elusive gold as once urged on the old Argonauts of '49, is David Daniel Jones, most of whose life has been spent in Butte County, so that he is naturally very much interested both in its history and its development. He was born near Pentz, on May 22, 1869, and his father was Thomas R. Jones, a farmer, who came to the United States, in 1852, from Swansea, Wales, where he was born, and crossed the wide prairies from St. Louis, at that time a great place for fitting out. (A more complete mention of Thomas R. Jones is given in the sketch of Josiah L.)

David D. was educated in the Oregon City schools, and later, or until he was twenty-one, assisted his father on the farm and at stock-raising. He then followed mining in Butte County for fourteen years, operating principally, and for his own account, in the Golden Summit district, where he still owns, and operates at times, a placer-mine called the Goodenough Mine. In addition he was employed at the Banner mine for two years, and after that at Harrison Gulch in a quartz mine for a couple of years.

Mr. Jones next located at Stirling City, and there, from the starting of improvements in that place, he helped put in a water system . This was in 1903; the land was covered with brush and timber, but hard, steady work wrought the miracle, and when the water-system had been installed he was given charge as superintendent for the Diamond Match Company, and continued actively in charge until 1916. After that he engaged in mining on Oregon Gulch for William T. Baldwin, in whose service he remained for eighteen months, when he again operated the Goodenough mine. Since 1916, Mr. Jones has also been interested with his brother, J. Lew Jones, in cattle-raising, and their combined enterprise has accomplished great results.

In 1892, Mr. Jones was married, at Concow, to Miss Lucy Dell Scott, a native of Chico, and the daughter of Caleb Scott, who was born in Illinois. On his marriage to Elmira Williams, also a native of Illinois, they crossed the plains to California in early pioneer days, and here he became a farmer, afterward specializing in horticulture at Paradise. Here, too, he died survived by his wife who makes her home on the old place. Of their ten children, Mrs. Jones is the sixth in the order of birth.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones themselves have two children: Ralph is doing his patriotic duty in Company F of the First United States Infantry; and Ruth E. is a graduate of Atkins Business College at Sacramento, in which city she is now in the employ of the Standard Oil Company. Hospitality has been a watchword at the Jones home, and beyond its domain Mr. Jones and his estimable wife have participated in social life to the betterment of the community. He was a member of Stirling City Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and his wife is a member of the Rebekahs.

Source: "History of Butte County, Cal.," by George C. Mansfield, Page 1207, Historic Record Co, Los Angeles, CA, 1918. Information added by: idahonetto

JONES, David Daniel
Oroville Mercury Register
9-18-1952

D. D. Jones Succumbs At Sacramento

David Daniel Jones, 83, former resident of the Cherokee district, died in Sacramento on Wednesday, it was learned here today.

Mr. Jones was born May 22, 1869, and was a member of a pioneer Butte county family. He was a retired PG&E employe, and had been in Sacramento for about one year.

He leaves his wife, Lucy, a daughter, Mrs. Ruth Herrick, of Sacramento; a son, Ralph Jones, of Cold Canyon, and nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held from the Huddleston Funeral Home in Chico Saturday at 10:30 a.m. Burial will be in a Paradise cemetery.

HORNING (Brown), Jessie Mae

Feather River Bulletin

10-2-1952

Jessie May Horning Dies Thursday in Hospital in Paradise

Mrs. Jessie May Horning of Chico passed away Thursday in a Paradise hospital at the age of 66 years. Mrs. Horning was well known in Quincy where she used to visit her son Fulton Horning and family when they lived here. She was born in Jackson, Amador County, and moved to Chico at the age of 15.

She was the widow of Frank Horning and she leaves her children Mrs. Ivy Mae Rathbun of Greenville, and her sons Dr. Merritt Horning of Paradise, Frank W., A. Fulton, Melvin H. and Wendell Horning; also four brothers and two sisters and eleven grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted from the Brusie Funeral Home in Chico and interment was in the family plot in Centerville. She and her husband lived at Centerville most of their married life, moving back to Chico shortly before his death several years ago.

COMBEE, George Walter
Paradise Post
10-31-1952

Logger Is Killed by Falling Tree

George Walter Combee, 35, Magalia, was killed in a logging accident in Flea Valley Wednesday morning. He was employed by the Diamond Match Company as a choker setter.

Combee was hit by a falling tree, according to Capt. Durwood Prather of the sheriff's office, who investigated the accident. He died shortly after, at about 8:55 a.m.

A bulldozer operated by Loren Barnes was pushing brush out of the way to make a skid road. The brush hit a log and started it rolling. It snapped a 60-foot tree, which fell across the creek.

Combee, Dean Morgan, and Wiley Barker were standing on the other side of the creek. When they saw the tree fall toward them, Morgan and Barker started running in one direction and Combee in the other, according to the story told Prather.

Combee had run up the creek, then apparently thinking the tree was falling in that direction he ran back. When he reached the spot where the three had been standing originally, he saw that the tree was going to strike him and bent over. The eight-inch trunk hit him in the back.

An ambulance was summoned from the Chapel of the Pines, but Combee was dead before a doctor could get there. A coroner's inquest will be held tonight at 8 in the chapel.

A native of Oklahoma, Combee was born July 2, 1917. He is survived by his wife, Katie; two children, Eller Mae and George Walter; a brother, Robert Isom, Stirling City; his father, Walter Combee, Magalia, and his mother, Mrs. Dura Isom, San Diego.

The funeral will be tomorrow at 11 a.m. in the Chapel of the Pines. Burial will be in the Paradise cemetery.

DUENSING, Frank L.

Sacramento Bee

11-6-1952

DUENSING—In Oroville, Butte County, November 3, 1952, Frank L. Duensing of Biggs and Magalla in Butte County, brother of Mrs. Mattie Armbruster of Oroville, Mrs. Gussie King of Los Angeles, Fred Duensing of Paradise, Butte County; John Duensing of Citrus Heights and Ed Duensing of Sacramento; a native of Butte County, 80 years. Funeral services were held today in the Cherokee Cemetery under the direction of Hamilton & Riley's.

ABSHIER (ABSHIRE), Calvin
Sacramento Bee
11-11-1952

DEATHS

ABSHIER—In Woodland, Yolo County, November 7, 1952, Calvin Abshier, husband of Dortha, father of Calvin Eugene and Verna May Abshier, both of Woodland; brother of Mrs. Eleta Harrison of Woodland, Lawrence Abshier of Paradise, Butte County; Mrs. Leola Hunt of Yankee Hill, Butte County, and Georgia Abshier of Woodland; a native of Knights Landing, Yolo County, aged 53 years. The funeral has been held.