

WILLIAMS, John Grant
Canyon Courier
1-1-1985

John Grant Williams Obituary. Mr. Williams, 59, passed away at Feather River Hospital on December 22. Mr. Williams was born Jan. 18, 1925, at Yankee Hill, and lived there until 1962 when he moved to Paradise. During his Navy service in World War II, he worked as a signalman. He received the Purple Heart, Victory Medal, six stars and two bronze stars. After his service in the Navy, he was an equipment operator for PG&E for 22 years. He is survived by his wife, Gladys, and other family members.

SHELTERS, Donald C.
Oroville Mercury Register
1-2-1985

Donald C. Shelters

Services will be held tomorrow at 2 p.m. in Scheer Memorial Chapel for Oroville resident Donald C. Shelters, 64, who died Sunday in Oroville Hospital.

Rev. Harold Pietz and members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Army Guard from the Presidio in San Francisco will officiate.

Mr. Shelters was born April 13,

1920, in Crosby, Penn.

At the age 9 he moved with his family to the Yankee Hill area and lived there until he entered the Army during World War II.

After discharge from the Army, Mr. Shelters made his home in Oroville.

He was a charter member of the Disabled American Veterans, a member of the

Veterans of Foreign Wars 1747, Fraternal Order of Eagles 196, and Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks 1484.

He is survived by his wife, Margarete of the home.

Friends may call at the chapel until 8 p.m. today.

Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery.

UPTON, Harlan Francis
Oroville Mercury Register
1-21-1985

Harlan Francis Upton —

Services for Harlan Francis Upton, 60, will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Scheer Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Bob J. Casey, Paradise Christian and Missionary Alliance, officiating.

Mr. Upton, a native of Redding where he was born May 19, 1924, died Friday in Oroville Hospital.

He was a logger, working in the Paradise-Yankee Hill-Oroville area. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1941 until 1953.

Mr. Upton is survived by three brothers, Pike Upton and Pete Upton, both of Sacramento, and Scotty Upton of Paradise; four sisters, Clara Henry, Amy Poteet and Dorothy Bailey, all of Paradise, and Billie Hampton of Orland, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Friends may call at the chapel today until 8 p.m.

Interment will be in Yankee Hill Cemetery.

GRAMPS, Henry Harrison
Oroville Mercury Register
1-22-1985

Henry Harrison Gramps

Henry Harrison Gramps, 76, lifelong area resident, died Sunday in Oroville Hospital.

Mr. Gramps was born in Pulga on Aug. 28, 1908. Among his survivors is a sister, Evelyn Gorbet of Oroville.

Services are pending at Oroville Funeral Home.

SMITH, Gordon Edgar
Oroville Mercury Register
2-1-1985

Gordon Edgar Smith

Graveside services for Gordon Edgar Smith, 75, will be held Monday at 1 p.m. in Cherokee Cemetery with the Rev. E.E. Smith of Oroville First Assembly of God Church officiating.

Mr. Smith, a native of Cullman, Ala., where he was born July 17, 1909, died Wednesday at Oroville Hospital. An Oroville resident since 1947, he owned and operated Farmer Smith Market.

He is survived by his wife, Daisy Smith of Oroville; four

sons, Lee Roy, Donald, Michael and Stephen Smith, all of Oroville; six daughters, Helen Setzer of Chico, Jody Little and Janice Cline, both of Oroville, Lois Blagg of Bakersfield, Linda Hagerman of Marysville, and Judy Christiansen of Auberry; one sister, Wanda Gregory of Hayward; 32 grandchildren, and 25 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. at Oroville Funeral Home.

VELASQUEZ, Reynoldo Torres
Chico Enterprise Record
2-5-1985

Reynoldo Valasquez

YANKEE HILL (E-R) — Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday in Yankee Hill Cemetery for Reynoldo Torres Valasquez, 84, who died Saturday in a Chico convalescent hospital.

He was born Jan. 1, 1901, in Mexico and lived in the Yankee Hill area for several years.

Valasquez, who served in the Mexican Army during that country's revolution, came to the United States in 1920. He was a shepherd for 30 years, working in the Bridgeport and Mammoth areas in Mono County.

There are no known survivors.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Paradise Chapel of the Pines mortuary.

WILL, Dennis Ray
Oroville Mercury Register
2-7-1985

Dennis Ray Will

Graveside services for Dennis Ray Will, 28, will be held Friday at 1 p.m. in Cherokee Cemetery with the Rev. Richard Uzzel, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating.

Mr. Will, born Aug. 23, 1956, in Sacramento, died Feb. 1 at the Gridley-Biggs Hospital. A 13-year Oroville resident, he had attended local schools.

He is survived by his wife, Deb-

bie of Oroville; his father, Lester K. Will of Vacaville; his mother, Betty Jo Mintz; two sons, Michael Will of Pittsburg and Robert Will of Oroville; a daughter, Andrea Will of Pittsburg; two brothers, Robert Will of Cherokee and John Will of Oroville, and one sister, Diona Sue Stewart of Clayton.

Friends may call today until 8 p.m. at Oroville Funeral Home.

BRONSON, Melonie Hope
Oroville Mercury Register
3-18-1985

Melonie Hope Bronson

Graveside services for Melonie Hope Bronson, age one month, will be Tuesday at 10 a.m., at the Cherokee Cemetery with missionary Dr. Pauline Gilliam of Gilliam Ministries officiating.

Melonie died Friday at Oroville Hospital.

She was born Feb. 15. She is survived by her parents, Michael and Denise Bronson of Oroville.

Contributions in Melonie's name may be made to the Gilliam Ministries, 2734 Montgomery St.

Arrangements are under direction of Oroville Funeral Home.

BEDDOE, Ronald Henry

Auburn Journal

3-24-1985

Ronald Henry Beddoe

Services will be held
Monday at 1 p.m. at Chapel

of the Hills for Ronald
Henry Beddoe, 76, of
Meadow Vista, who died
Wednesday at his home.

Mr. Beddoe is a native of
Chico and has been a resi-
dent of Meadow Vista for
the past 10 years. He re-
sided in Sparks, Nev. for 13
years prior to moving to
Meadow Vista.

Beddoe was a veteran of
the U.S. Marine Corps and a
machinist for 32 years at St.
Mary's Hospital in Reno. He
was a member of the Placer
County Taxpayers League.



He is survived by his wife,
Patricia V. Beddoe of
Meadow Vista; and four sis-
ters, Bernice Mills, Grace
McDonald and Dorothy
Nelson, all of Sacramento,
and Wilma Nahler of Oak-
land.

The Rev. Rick Plain will
officiate at the services. In-
terment will follow in the
veterans section of the New
Auburn District Cemetery.



HARNEY (CURTIS), Mabel Augusta
Oroville Mercury Register
3-27-1985

Mabel Harney dies at age 93

Mabel Harney, 93, life-long area resident and member of a Butte County pioneer family, died Tuesday in a Chico convalescent hospital.

A native of Pentz where she was born Jan. 17, 1892, Mrs. Harney was well-known in Oroville. She belonged to numerous organizations and remained active until just a few years ago.

She remembered a wealth of history about early Butte County and was always willing to share her knowledge, a friend remembers.

When she was a little girl in Pentz, she once said, it took two days to make a trip to Chico. A

round trip into Oroville took a full day, starting in the early morning.

Mrs. Harney's grandfather came here in 1850 and bought land near Nelson Bar Bridge on the west branch of the Feather River. The area is now buried by the waters of Lake Oroville.

Her father had an acreage on the west bank and planted the third olive orchard in Butte County. "He deserves some recognition for that," she once said.

Though she always said she hated history and "couldn't be bothered" with it, her memories made her one of the best county historians around.

She was a past president of

both Oroville Business and Professional Women's Club and Gold of Ophir Parlor 190, Native Daughters of the Golden West.

Mrs. Harney also held membership in the First Congregational Church, W.T. Sherman Woman's Relief Corps 96 and Butte County Cowbells.

Before retiring, she worked in sales at the City of Paris department store.

She is survived by a daughter, Elonore Weisker, with whom she made her home; one son, Jack Harney of Grass Valley; eight grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are pending at Oroville Funeral Home.

HARNEY (CURTIS), Mabel Augusta
Oroville Mercury Register
3-28-1985

Obituaries

Mabel Augusta Harney

Services for Mabel Augusta Harney, 93, will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in Oroville Funeral Home, with the Rev. Larry Walter, minister of First Congregational Church, officiating.

A life-long area resident and member of a pioneer family, Mrs. Harney died Tuesday in a Chico convalescent hospital. She was born Jan. 17, 1892, in Pentz.

Well known for her activities in local organizations, Mrs. Harney was a member of the First Congregational Church; Oroville Business and Professional Women's Club; Gold of Ophir Parlor 190, Native Daughters of

the Golden West; W.T. Sherman Woman's Relief Corps 96, and Butte County Cowbelles.

She is survived by a daughter, Elonore Weisker of Oroville, with whom she made her home; one son, Jack Harney of Grass Valley; eight grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery.

The family requests donations in Mrs. Harney's name be made to the Eagles Lodge Memorial Fund.

Friends may call at the chapel today from 3 until 8 p.m.

HIGGINS, Ralph K.
The Chico Enterprise Record
5-31-1985

Ralph Higgins

PARADISE (E-R) — No services are planned for Ralph K. Higgins, 74, of Paradise, who died Tuesday of an apparent heart attack while fishing at Concow Lake.

Born on July 2, 1910, in Missouri, Higgins was a veteran of World War II and was associated with the Burbank road maintenance department for 25 years.

An avid fisherman and sportsman, he was active as a Little League umpire in Burbank.

He came to Paradise from Burbank 18 years ago. He was a member of Max Bille Post No. 2039, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Survivors include his wife, Clara of Paradise; a brother, Cecil of North Hollywood; and several nieces and nephews.

Cremation will take place at the Chapel of the Pines mortuary. Inurnment will be in the Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno.

JOSEPHSON (DEVOLL), Effie Irene
The Chico Enterprise Record
6-18-1985

Effie Josephson

PARADISE (E-R) — A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Chapel of the Pines mortuary for Effie Irene Josephson, 78, of Paradise, who died Friday in a ridge hospital.

Born Jan. 28, 1907, in Ennis, Texas, Mrs. Josephson moved to Butte County in 1941 from Los Angeles. A homemaker, she had lived in Paradise since 1953.

Survivors include her husband, Cyril Sr. of Paradise; a son, Phillip Tillotson of Oklahoma; her stepson, Cyril Jr. of Cottonwood; a daughter, Joyce Tillotson of Oklahoma; two brothers, Fred Devoll of Texas and Elroy Devoll of Red Bluff; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A brother, Lee Devoll, and a sister, Mattie, died earlier.

Burial will be in Paradise Cemetery. ■

The Chico Enterprise Record
6-19-1985

Effie Josephson

PARADISE (E-R) — In an obituary for Effie Irene Josephson, 78, of Paradise that ran Tuesday in the Enterprise-Record, a son was incorrectly listed in material provided by the Chapel of the Pines as Phillip Tillotson of Oklahoma. Mrs. Josephson's surviving son should have been identified as Phillip Morris of Paradise.

FREEMAN, Diana Lynn
Oroville Mercury Register
7-1-1985

Diana Lynn Freeman

Graveside services for Diana Lynn Freeman, 37, of Chico, will be Tuesday at 3 p.m. in Cherokee Cemetery with Bishop Louis Rotar Jr., of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints of Oroville officiating.

Mrs. Freeman died Saturday at Oroville Hospital.

She was born Dec. 20, 1947, in Jersey City, N.J. She worked several years at Oroville Hospital. She was a member of Oroville's Church of Jesus

Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Mrs. Freeman is survived by her husband, Arthur F. Freeman of the home; son, Jason Jude Freeman of Chico; a daughter, Gariel Diana Jude Freeman of Chico; a brother, Harvey Brinn Campbell Jr. of Cumberland, Va.; and a sister, Robin Lynn Stilito of Connecticut.

Services are under the direction of Oroville Funeral Home.

WEAVER, Linda Lea
Oroville Mercury Register
7-1-1985

Obituaries

Linda Lea Weaver

Memorial services for Linda Lea Weaver, 42, will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Scheer Memorial Chapel.

Mrs. Weaver of Concow, died Saturday at Enloe Hospital in Chico.

She was born Feb. 8, 1944, in Los Angeles. She moved to Concow 15 years ago, coming from Culver City.

Mrs. Weaver worked as a bookkeeper, employed by the county auditor's office, and for

the last four years, by the Feather River Recreation and Park Department.

She is survived by her husband, Don Weaver of the home; two daughters, Julia Weaver and Jeanette Weaver both of Oroville; a son, Charles Weaver of Oroville; and parents, Gordon and Nancy Weatherly of Culver City.

Arrangements are under the direction of Scheer Memorial Chapel.

WARD, William M.
Oroville Mercury Register
7-23-1985

Obituaries

William M. Ward

Graveside services for William M. Ward, 78, will be held Thursday at 1 p.m., in Memorial Park Cemetery with the Rev. John Crowley of St. Thomas Catholic Church officiating.

Mr. Ward, of Oroville, died Sunday at Oroville Hospital.

He was born Sept. 15, 1906, in Indianapolis, Ind., where he grew up and worked in hospitals before joining military service.

A veteran of World War II and Korea, Mr. Ward joined the National Guard in 1937, the U.S. Army in 1940, and transferred to

the U.S. Air Force retiring as a master sergeant in 1962. He moved to Oroville in 1981 from San Jose and was a member of the Knights of Columbus.

A brother, Carl Ward, preceded him in death.

Mr. Ward is survived by five brothers, John Ward of San Diego, Thomas Ward of Boston, Mass., and Fred Ward, Leonard Ward and Joseph Ward, all of Concow; and one sister, Patricia Forgate of El Centro.

Arrangements are under the direction of Scheer Memorial Chapel.

Obituaries

ROSE, Ernest Morton
Oroville Mercury Register
7-25-1985

E. Morton Rose

Memorial services for E. Morton Rose, 84, will be held Saturday at 3 p.m. at Scheer Memorial Chapel, with family members officiating.

Mr. Rose died Tuesday at his Yankee Hill residence.

He was born July 20, 1901, in Michigan, where he lived until moving to Canada during his high school years.

At age 20, Mr. Rose moved to Los Angeles and worked in the bottled water business before becoming a real estate agent. He moved to Grass Valley where he opened his own real estate business, then moved to Oroville in 1972 and opened a second office here. He retired in 1982.

Mr. Rose was a member of Concow Grange, Masonic Lodge 617 F and A.M. of Big Bear Lake, and the Oroville Board of Realtors.

He is survived by his wife, Elsie Rose of the home; one son, David Morton Rose of Grass Valley; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Donations in Mr. Rose's name may be made to the Cedar Lake Project, First Congregational Church, 540 E. Commonwealth, Los Angeles.

Arrangements are under the direction of Scheer Memorial Chapel.

FERGUSON, Wayne Elsworth
Oroville Mercury Register
8-1-1985

Wayne Elsworth Ferguson

Graveside services for Wayne Elsworth Ferguson, 60, will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in Cherokee Cemetery with the Rev. Richard A. Uzzel of the First Baptist Church officiating.

Mr. Ferguson of Oroville, died Tuesday at Oroville Hospital.

He was born Oct. 2, 1924, in Butterfield, Mo. He worked for 30 years as a farm laborer, moving to Oroville in 1972 from French Camp.

Mr. Ferguson is survived by

his wife, Lendel Ferguson of the home; six sons, Merle Ferguson of Ukiah, Johnny Vernon of Manteca, Lee Ferguson of Denver, Colo., Duane Ferguson of Lathrop, Gerald Vernon and Robert Ferguson both of Oroville; five daughters, Edith Vernon of San Jose, Mary Feblhaber of Manteca, Leiona Frickson of Redwood Valley, Dianna Thompson of Oroville and Juanita Chambers of Ukiah; one brother, Boyd Ferguson of Redwood Valley; 20 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Oroville Funeral Home.

NORTON, Clara May
Oroville Mercury Register
10-10-1985

Clara May Norton

Clara May Norton, 74, enjoyed hunting and fishing with her husband, Clyde Norton Sr.

Funeral services for her will be held Friday at 2 p.m., at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, with Rev. James Taylor co-officiating with the Rev. Richard Uzzel of the First Baptist Church. Burial will follow in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Norton, long-time Yankee Hill area resident, died Tuesday at Feather River Hospital in Paradise following a long illness.

She was born Jan. 27, 1911, in Fairfax, Vt. Raised in Winooski, Vt., she worked in woolen mills before moving to California in 1948 with her husband.

Living in San Diego, she

worked as a cafeteria cook for Grossmont High School, until she retired in 1969 and moved to Yankee Hill.

She worked locally as a pantry chef for area restaurants, and was a member of Concow Grange.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Norton is survived by four sons, Clyde Jr. of Oroville, Robert of Yankee Hill, Richard of Federal Way, Wash., and Roy of Pocatello, Idaho; one daughter, Doris McIlroy of Oroville; one brother, Raymond Allen of Clarcona, Fla.; 16 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Friends may call today until 8 p.m., and Friday before the service, at Scheer Memorial Chapel.

SHUMAN (KROEPELIN), Katherine Muriel
Oroville Mercury Register
10-11-1985

Katherine Shuman

Graveside services for Katherine Shuman, 72, of Salem, Ore., will be held Saturday at 1 p.m., in Cherokee Cemetery with the Rev. Dave Wilkinson of the Trinity Presbyterian Church officiating.

Mrs. Shuman died Oct. 3, in Salem, Ore., of natural causes.

She was born June 17, 1913, in Oroville. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Shuman is survived by four sons, Frank of Oroville, Raymond of San Leandro, Milton of Indiana, and Nelson of California; one daughter, Katherine Shuman of Salem, Ore.; three brothers, Charlie Kroepelin of Stockton, Fred Kroepelin of Sacramento and Robert Kroepelin of Santa Cruz; and three sisters, Mae Bishop, Toni Threkeld and Ann Jackson, all from Stockton.

Arrangments are under the direction of Oroville Funeral Home.

RONSEE (CROGHAN), Gladys L.
Oroville Mercury Register
11-18-1985

Gladys L. Ronsee _____

Funeral services for Gladys L. Ronsee, 74, will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m., at Scheer Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Richard Uzzel of the First Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Yankee Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Ronsee, long-time Oroville resident, died Friday at Oroville Hospital after an illness.

She was born Feb. 4, 1911, in Percival, Iowa. She came to Oroville when she was 4 years old and attended local schools. She was a homemaker, but also

worked as a cook occasionally, last employed by the Radio Tower Restaurant.

Mrs. Ronsee is survived by her daughter, Lois Dean Jones of Oroville; two sons, Jerry Croghan of Susanville and Frank Croghan of Benton City, Wash.; one sister, Bessie Thurston of Yankee Hill; 18 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Friends may call today until 8 p.m., at Scheer Memorial Chapel.

STRANG, Arthur Wilbur
San Francisco Chronicle
12-25-1985

Arthur W. Strang

Arthur W. Strang of Piedmont, a General Motors executive for 45 years, died December 12 in Merritt Hospital in Oakland after a brief illness. He was 85.

Mr. Strang was sales manager of the Pacific Coast region for the Chevrolet Motor Division of General Motors, retiring in 1968. Earlier, he was Midwest region manager, based in Kansas City. In 1954 he won Chevrolet's national "Best Sellers" contest.

A native of Oroville and a third-generation Californian, Mr. Strang graduated from the University of California at Berkeley in 1924. He was a member of the Automotive Hall of Fame.

He is survived by two daughters, Shirley Strang of Piedmont and Barbara Morris of Menlo Park, and a sister, Gladys McNaughton of South Laguna.

No services were held, at Mr. Strang's request. Memorial contributions in his name are suggested to a donor's favorite charity.

CAMPBELL, William D. Oroville Mercury Register 1-18-1986

William D. Campbell

William D. Campbell died Jan. 14, 1986, in Yuma, Ariz., at the Yuma Regional Medical Center, of natural causes.

He was 87 years old.

Campbell was born on Feb. 13, 1898, in Oregon City, to Charles and Alice Campbell, who homesteaded the Table Mountain Ranch near Oregon City. Campbell was raised on the family ranch and attended school in Oregon City.

Campbell worked for Pacific Gas & Electric for 43 years as a troubleshooter and foreman on the line patrol. He also continued to operate the family cattle ranch until the age of 79.

He was a member Oroville

Masonic Lodge #103 F & AM; member of the Knights Templar-Oroville Cammandery #5; member of the Cryptic Masons-Butte Council #50; member of the Royal Arch Masons-Franklin chapter #20; member of the Order of the Eastern Star-Amapola chapter #119; member of the High 12 Club; member of the Oroville Shrine Club; member of the Ben. Ali Temple of Sacramento and a member of the PG & E Retirees.

He is survived by his wife, Alice Townshend of Oroville; daughters, Dorothy Berlinger of Modesto and Charlotte Dennis of Reno, Nev.; sister, Alice Austin of Oroville; four grandchildren,

Arlin Berlinger of Turlock, Sandy Tune of Ceres, Maxine Berlinger of Modesto and Jill Gaynor of Las Vegas, Nev., and seven great grandchildren.

Funeral services are slated Tuesday, Jan. 21, at 2 p.m. in the Scheer Memorial Chapel with the officers and members of the Oroville Masonic Lodge #103 F & AM officiating. Burial will be at Memorial Park Cemetery. Friends may call at the chapel Sunday and Monday from 1 to 6 p.m.

Contributions made be made to the Shriners Crippled Children's Hospital, 1701 19th Ave., San Francisco, CA 94122.

DOUGLAS, Wilma
Oroville Mercury Register
2-19-1986

Wilma Douglas _____

Private family services have been held for Wilma Douglas, 72, who died Monday at her home.

She was born Nov. 23, 1913, in Caslela and had been an Oroville resident for 16 years.

She is survived by a sister, Lucille Moore, and a brother, Jack Douglas both of Northern California.

Inurnment will take place at Cherokee Cemetery under the direction of Oroville Funeral Home.

FRIES, Albert Peter
Oroville Mercury Register
2-28-1986

Albert Peter Fries _____

Albert Peter Fries died Feb. 25, 1986, at Oroville Hospital. He was born Dec. 7, 1902, in Iowa.

A self-employed farmer for 20 years, Fries lived in Oroville the last 24 years of his life after coming here from Oregon.

He is survived by his daughter, Paula Hall of Paradise.

Private family services are scheduled Monday at Cherokee Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Oroville Funeral Home.

BARTLEY, Delmar A.

Oroville Mercury Register

3-1-1986

Delmar A. Bartley

Delmar A. Bartley, 59, died Feb. 28, 1986, at the Oroville Hospital. He was born Oct. 6, 1926, in Oroville.

Bartley was raised in Oroville. He entered the U.S. Navy and served for 32 years. He was in the civil engineering corps, associated with the Pacific Division Naval Facilities Engineering Command. He retired in 1976 from the U.S. Navy as a captain.

He was member of St. Thomas

Catholic Church.

He is survived by his father, William Bartley of Oroville; two brothers, Donald John Bartley of Walnut Creek and Robert William Bartley of Alameda; his wife, Gertrude of Oroville; a son, Devin of Davis; two daughters, Susan Purcell of Davis, and Derrith Bartley of Davis.

His father, William Bartley, lives in Oroville as well as two brothers, Donald John Bartley of Walnut Creek and Robert William Bartley of Alameda;

one grandson.

Graveside services will be Monday, March 3, at 1 p.m. at the Cherokee Cemetery with Dermot Dwyer of St. Thomas officiating.

There will be a recitation of the rosary Sunday at 8 p.m. at St. Thomas Catholic Church.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or to the Oregon City School Fund in care of the Butte County Historical Society.

WILSON, Clifford L.
Oroville Mercury Register
4-9-1986

Clifford L. Wilson

Funeral services for Clifford L. Wilson, 64, Oroville, will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. at Scheer Memorial Chapel and burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Wilson died Monday at Fremont Hospital in Yuba City of natural causes.

He was born Aug. 14, 1921, in Fresno. A veteran of World War II, he served in the U.S. Army. A resident of the Oroville area since 1960, Wilson was a heavy-equipment operator last employed by the Charter

Brothers Construction Company in Arbuckle.

He is survived by his wife, Florence Wilson of Forbestown; two daughters, Darlene Wilson of Portland, Ore. and Cindy Wilson of Oroville; one step-son, Skeeter Smith of Rackerby; one step-daughter, Rosella Tyce of Clipper Mills; one sister, Dorothy Rocha of Madera; two brothers, James Wilson of Tranquillity and Wesley Wilson of North Fork.

Arrangements are under the direction of Scheer Memorial Chapel.

O'NEAL, Herbert David

Oroville Mercury Register

4-14-1986

Herbert David O'Neal

Funeral services for former Oroville resident, Herbert David O'Neal, 51, will be held Tuesday at 1:30 p.m., at Scheer Memorial Chapel, with officers and members of Oroville Masonic Lodge No. 103 F. & A.M. officiating. Burial will be in Yankee Hill Cemetery.

O'Neal of Denver, Colo., died Friday at Porter Memorial Hospital in Englewood, Colo., of natural causes.

He was born July 24, 1934, in San Antonio, Texas. He was raised in the Yankee Hill area and was a graduate of Oroville High School. He was a veteran

of the Korean War, serving in the U.S. Navy.

After the war, he moved to Los Angeles and worked as a stuntman in Hollywood. Next he moved to Bakersfield and worked in the food service business for Denny's Restaurants.

O'Neal became a vice-president of operations for La Fonda De Ce Ba in Denver, Colo. He owned the Pastry Pantry in Littleton, Colo., the past eight years.

His hobbies included sky diving, playing guitar and singing and working as a baker.

O'Neal was a member of Ed-

monds Masonic Lodge No. 165 of Edmonds, Wash.; Colorado Consistory; and El Javel Shrine, Denver, Colo.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia of the Denver home; two daughters, Shalin O'Neal of Nevada and Peggy Cauldclough of Texas; his mother, Faustine Upton of California; one sister, Dorothy Heil of California; and one granddaughter.

Donations in O'Neal's name may be made to the American Cancer Society, 3255 So. Acoma St., Englewood, Colo. 80110.

Arrangements are under the direction of Scheer Memorial Chapel.

GRAMPS, Hiney (Heine) Steven
Oroville Mercury Register
4-23-1986

Hiney Steven Gramps

Funeral services for Hiney Steven Gramps, 27, Pulga, will be held Thursday at 2 p.m., at Oroville Funeral Home, with Smokey Jones officiating.

Gramps died Saturday when a horse he was riding in the Red Bluff Round-Up slipped and fell on top of him.

He was born Jan. 9, 1959, in Oroville. A rodeo rider for 11 years, he was a graduate of Oroville High School.

Gramps is survived by his wife, Diane Gramps of San Diego; a daughter, Amie of Chico, and son Steven of San Diego; his parents, Harry and Alcie Gramps of Pulga; two brothers, Harry Jr. of Brownsville and Bucky of Pulga; four sisters, Debbie Ford of Gridley, Tarrena Bell of Bakersfield, Lorretta Boon of Manteca and Dorothy Gramps of Pulga; and grandparents Dorothy Van of Pulga and Mr. and Mrs. John Seaman of Oroville.

Friends may call today until 5 p.m., at Oroville Funeral Home.



MARTIN, Lawrence E.
Oroville Mercury Register
6-3-1986

Lawrence E. Martin _____

Family services for Lawrence E. Martin, 83, Oroville, have been held.

Martin died Monday at Oroville Hospital of natural causes. Burial was in Clark Cemetery near Yankee Hill.

He was born Aug. 14, 1902, in Bowling Green, Ky. A retired machinist, he worked 44 years, last employed by Al Hagey of Michigan. He was an Oroville resident since 1974.

He is survived by three

daughters, Kathryn Drake, Patricia and Marion Hall all of Michigan; two sons, Alan of Virginia and Gerald of Michigan; two brothers, Donald McKeen of Oroville and Russell McKeen of Michigan; three sisters, Margie of Los Angeles, Pearl of California and Dorothy of Michigan.

Arrangements were under the direction of Scheer Memorial Chapel.

LYNCH, William Lester
Oroville Mercury Register
6-4-1986

Lester W. Lynch _____

Graveside services for Lester W. Lynch, 90, will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at Cherokee Cemetery with stepdaughter-in-law Virginia Hart officiating.

A Concow resident, Lynch died Monday at his home after an extended illness.

He was born Jan. 25, 1896, at the site of what is now Spring Valley School on Pentz Road in the Cherokee area. His parents and maternal grandparents came to the Cherokee area in the mid-1800s.

He was hired in 1915 by Pacific Gas and Electric and retired in 1961 after 46 years with the company. He was foreman of the earthen flume through the Desabla area.

He was a member of the Clark Road Assembly of God Church, where he was treasurer for many years.

Among his survivors are his wife, Marjorie of Concow; one son, Glen Lynch of Sacramento; one daughter, Daryls Bray of Chico; one stepson, Robert Hart of Nevada; three stepdaughters, Vivian Lundy of Concow, Marie Hart of Seattle, Wash., and Phyllis Garrett of New Mexico; three grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren; and 14 step-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held today from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Rose Chapel Mortuary in Paradise.

JOSEPHSON, Cyril L.

Paradise Post

7-18-1986

Cyril Josephson

Cyril L. Josephson died Sunday at Crestwood Convalescent Hospital in Chico. He was 90.

He was born March 11, 1896, in the Yankee Hill area outside Oroville. He worked for mills of Diamond National for 38 years.

Mr. Josephson moved to Stirling City in 1919 and then lived in Paradise.

He joined the U.S. Army in 1917 during World War I, and was discharged in 1919.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday at Chapel of the Pines Mortuary.

Visitation will be noon to 8 p.m. Sunday at Chapel of the Pines.

Burial will follow in Paradise Cemetery next to his wife, Effie Irene Josephson, who preceded him in death in 1985.

Survivors are Cyril Josephson Jr. of Cottonwood, brother Frank Josephson of Medford, Ore., sister Velma Van Cleave of Chico, four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

GRAVES, Juanita Augusta
Oroville Mercury Register
7-30-1986

Juanita Augusta Graves

Juanita Augusta Graves, 71, of Oroville, died Monday at her residence.

She was born May 18, 1915 in Westwood. She was a member of the Cannery Workers Union, and the Eagles Lodge, and worked for 10 years for Pacific Coast Cannery.

She is survived by five daughters, Opal Hess of Brookings Ore., Mary Roulette and Marlene Wright both of Oroville, Cookie Clark of Pleasanton and

Judy Cook of Fortuna; a step-daughter Joan Wicklander of Los Gatos; three step-sons, Larry Graves of Sacramento, Richard Graves of Oroville, and Charles Graves of Palermo; 28 grandchildren; and 23 great grandchildren.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at Scheer Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Doug Taylor of Calvary Baptist Church officiating. Internment will follow at Cherokee Cemetery.

JOSEPHSON (HOWARD), Juanita P.
Oroville Mercury Register
7-30-1986

Juanita P. Josephson _____

Juanita P. Josephson, 64, of Oroville, died Monday at Oroville Hospital.

She was born Dec. 17, 1921, in Preston, Mo., and moved to Oroville in 1959 from Oregon. In earlier years she worked at various retail stores in Oroville and at the cannery during canning season, retiring in 1965. She was a housewife most of her life.

She is survived by her husband E. C. (Joe) Josephson; her

mother, Ruby Howard of Oroville; two sisters, Maxine Bronner of Oroville, and Wilma Casey of Gridley; three brothers, L.H. Howard of Oroville, Glenn Howard of Reno, and Eddie Howard of Scottsdale Ariz.

Graveside services will be Friday at 1 p.m. at Memorial Park Cemetery. Friends may call until 8 p.m. today and Thursday, and until noon Friday at Scheer Memorial Chapel.

John Pinkston

A funeral for Butte County native John Pinkston, 84, will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday in the Brusie Funeral Home.

He died Sunday in his Chico home.

Pinkston worked for the Great Western Power Co. for more than 40 years, including some time at the old Bucks Creek Power House.

He was born Dec. 23, 1901, in Big Bend to William and Elizabeth Pinkston.

He started working for the Great Western Power Co. on June 25, 1925, in Las Plumas, then moved to Bucks Creek Power House and lived at Storie for 17 years.

In 1945, he moved to Centerville so his daughters could enter school and he worked as a roving operator. In 1960, he moved to Chico and married Hannah Mulkey Sept. 23, 1960.

Pinkston retired in 1966.

He loved gardening and went hunting and camping in the mountains for years.

He was a life member of the National Rifle Association and PSEA and attended Grace Brethren Church.

He is survived by his wife, Hannah; two daughters, Pamela Burnette of Concord and Gweneth Kelley of Chico; his stepdaughter, Betty Mulkey Tayloe of Sacramento; a brother, Jim of Paradise; and two grandchildren.

The Rev. Louie Ricci of the Grace Brethren Church will officiate at the services. Burial will be in Chico Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the Enloe Hospice, the American Cancer Society or the John Pinkston Memorial Fund in care of Brusie Funeral Home.

PINKSTON, John S.

Chico Enterprise Record

8-5-1986



John Pinkston

PRESLEY, Betty D.

The Press Democrat

9-20-1986

Betty D. Presley

GEYSERVILLE — Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Olive Hill Cemetery for Betty D. Presley, 58. She died Friday at her Geyserville home after a long illness.

Born in Oklahoma, she resided in California many years and in Sonoma County for 20 years.

She was a clerk at Andy's Produce in Healdsburg for 15 years.

Survivors include her husband, Howard Presley, Geyserville; sons, Ron Presley, Santa Rosa and Bob and Ken Presley, both of Geyserville; a sister, Amy Durr, Oklahoma; brother, Jack Taylor, West Virginia, and five grandchildren.

The family prefers donations to the American Cancer Society, 826 St. Helena Ave., Santa Rosa, 95404, or the Easter Seal Society, PO Box 848, Santa Rosa, 95401.

Arrangements are by Fred Young & Co., Healdsburg.

LAWSON, Mary Lucinda
Oroville Mercury Register
10-7-1986

Mary Lucinda (Lucy) Lawson

Funeral Services for Mary Lucinda (Lucy) Lawson, 94, of Marysville, will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Scheer Memorial Chapel.

She died Sunday at her daughter's home in Marysville.

She was born August 7, 1892 in Mill Springs, Mo. and lived in Oroville from 1923 until 1982.

After growing up in Missouri, she moved to California in 1923 with her husband and family.

Her and her late husband, Henry, operated Lawson Grocery on Palermo Road for 40 years, starting in 1933.

She was a member of the Golden Age Club in Oroville.

She is survived by five sons — Raymond, of Lake Almanor; Raydow, of Los Molinos; Emmett, of Gridley; Everett, of Vallejo and Don, of Oroville, two daughters, Eula Wallis of Marysville and Loretta Johnson

of Coos Bay, Ore., two brothers, Clayton Marlow and Laurel Marlow, both of Oroville and 20 grandchildren, 53 great grandchildren and 31 great-great grandchildren.

Services will be officiated by Rev. Don North of the Trinity Bible Church and burial will be at Cherokee Cemetery.

Friends may call Scheer Memorial Chapel tonight until 8 p.m.

PINKSTON, James Monroe

Chico Enterprise Record

10-21-1986

James Pinkston

A service for James Pinkston, 77, of Sacramento, will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday in the Brusie Funeral Home.

He died Saturday in a Sacramento hospital.

Pinkston was born June 7, 1909, to William and Elizabeth Pinkston in Big Bend, where he was reared and educated. In 1930, he married Louise Upton in Marysville.

He worked for Pacific Gas and Electric Co. from age 18 until his retirement in 1971.

A national fiddle champion, he was a member of the California Fiddlers Association. He was also an avid hunter and fisherman.

His wife died previously.

Survivors include three sons, James Jr. of Sacramento, Gene of Willows and Wayne of North Highlands; two daughters, Barbara Fairlee of Redding and Donna Rogers of Paradise; and 13 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The Rev. Louie Ricci of Grace Brethren Church of Chico will officiate at the service. Burial will be in Yankee Hill Cemetery

in Oroville.

Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Casketbearers will be Lester, Hugh and Stanley Upton, Walter Johnson, and Norman and Don Williams. Honorary casketbearers will be Bill Pinkston and John and Lyman Moak.

Memorial contributions may be made to a favorite charity in care of Brusie Funeral Home, which is handling arrangements.

YARD, Carl A., Sr.
Asbury Park Press
11-12-1986

YARD — Carl A. SR., 86, on Oct. 19, 1986 in Oroville, Calif. He was owner of American Timber Co. & owned considerable property in Manasquan on the beach & Fisherman's Cove. Survived by his wife Dorothy & seven children: Richard T. Yard, Steven A. Yard, Carl A. Yard Jr, William C. Yard, Catherine A. Yard (Saito), Veronica V. Steiner, & Elizabeth C. Rasmussen & 24 grandchildren & 5 great-grandchildren. On Nov 15 at 5 pm, friends, relatives, & others are invited to attend evening prayer services at St. Muriel's Episcopal Church in Sea Girt during which special prayers will be offered.

YARD, Carl A., Sr.
Asbury Park Press
11-15-1986

CARL A. YARD SR., 86, of **Sea Girt**, died on Oct. 19 in Oroville, Calif.

Mr. Yard was the owner of American Timber Co., Sea Girt, and a machine shop in Belmar, as well as property in Kern and Butte counties in California.

Born in Belmar, he lived in Sea Girt for 67 years and maintained homes in Oroville and Sea Girt.

Surviving are his wife, the former Dorothy Louise Thomas; four sons, Richard T., Howell Township, Stephen A., Oroville, Carl Jr., Wall Township, and William C., Modesto, Calif.; three daughters, Catherine A. Saito Yard, Sea Girt, Veronica V. Steiner, Seattle, and Elizabeth C. Rasmussen, Chico, Calif.; 25 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

LYKES, Robert Naylor

Oroville Mercury Register

11-15-1986

Robert Naylor Lykes

Graveside services for Robert Naylor Lykes, 62, Oroville, will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Cherokee Cemetery with the Rev. Phillip Lykes officiating.

Lykes died Wednesday in Rideout Hospital, Marysville.

He was born June 12, 1924, in Rosco, Texas. He was a tugboat

captain for 30 years working in the delta and San Francisco Bay, living between residences in Oroville and Vacaville.

He is survived by two sons, Ronald L. Lykes of Orange County and Robert N. Lykes of Oroville; two brothers, Phillip Lykes of Florida and David Lykes of Texas; three sisters,

Helen Lingerfelt of Oklahoma, and Fredna Adams and Beatrice Porter, both of Texas; a niece, Fredna Barg of Vacaville, and numerous other nephews and neices.

Funeral arrangements were made by Hutchison and Carnes of Marysville.

BROWN, William M.
Oroville Mercury Register
11-15-1986

William 'Bill' M. Brown

Funeral services for William "Bill" M. Brown, 84, Oroville, will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. at Scheer Memorial Chapel.

Burial will be Clear Creek Cemetery in near Oroville.

Brown died Friday at Oroville Hospital of natural causes.

He was born July 13, 1902, in the Butte-Creek area. He lived most of his life in the Oroville area, working on the Oroville Dam and highway construction.

Brown retired in 1965 as superintendent of the Ball and Simpson Construction Co.

He was a member of the Operating Engineers Local No. 3 in Marysville.

Brown is survived by four daughters, Bernice V. Clemens and Rae Conroy, both of Oroville, Betty Godfrey and

Dorothy McVay, both of Sacramento; one son, William Brown of Sacramento; 14 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call at Scheer Memorial Chapel Sunday from 1 until 6 p.m.

McClain, Mary Edna (King)

OBITUARIES Oroville Mercury Nov 20, 1986

Mary Edna McClain

Mary Edna McClain, the first child born in Pulga and last surviving child of pioneer William King, died last Thursday at Oroville Hospital.

The 78-year-old Pulga resident was born April 27, 1908, four years after her father came to Pulga to homestead. King was superintendent of Northern California Mining Co. and obtained the right of way for Western Pacific Railroad through the Feather River Canyon.

Mrs. McClain also holds the honor of being the youngest graduate from Oroville High School, her family said. She graduated when she was 12 and had to wait until she turned 14 to attend the University of Califor-

nia. After college graduation she returned to Pulga to teach at Big Bar School for one year.

Following her short teaching stint, she moved to San Francisco to work for Shell Oil Co., working her way up to the position of secretary to the San Francisco district manager.

Mrs. McClain raised her family in the Bay Area and returned to Pulga in 1981.

She is survived by her husband, William Guthrie McClain of Pulga; one daughter, Mary Schooner of Pulga, and three grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday in the family home in Pulga. Services are under the direction of Oroville Funeral Home.

Mary Edna King circa 1940
1908-1986



Yankee Hill Historical Society Archives

WHELAN, David Andrew Sr.
The Sacramento Bee
12-7-1986

David A. Whelan Sr.

A private service has been held for retired Sacramento businessman David A. Whelan Sr., who died Wednesday in Walnut Creek at age 75.

Mr. Whelan was a Sacramento resident since 1916 and owner of the Whelan Mechanical Co. for about 25 years, retiring in 1976. He moved to Walnut Creek earlier this year.

He was a member of the Sacramento Capital City Lodge No. 499, F&AM, and Scottish Rite Bodies.

Mr. Whelan is survived by his daughter, Judy Whitney of Walnut Creek; a son, David Whelan Jr. of Sacramento; brother, William Whelan, and a sister, Helen Yerby, both of Sacramento; and three grandchildren.

The family requests that any remembrances be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Note: Born in Cherokee, Butte County

LUNDY, Charles A.
Chico Enterprise Record
12-12-1986

Charles Lundy

CONCOW (E-R) A graveside service for Charles A. Lundy, 63, of Concow was scheduled for 1 p.m. today in Yankee Hill Cemetery in Concow.

He died Monday in a San Francisco hospital.

Born Sept. 1, 1923, in Barry, Ill., he moved to Concow in 1980 from Watsonville.

Before his retirement, Lundy was a mechanic foreman at Delmar Foods in Watsonville.

He was a veteran of World War II, and a member of Concow Gleaners.

Survivors include his wife, Vivian of Concow; a son, Daniel of Concow; daughter, Charlene Caudle of Sacramento; three brothers, James Havens of Susanville, Robert Havens of Santa Cruz and Bill Havens of Prineville, Ore.; and five sisters, Dorothy Jackson of Missouri, Ruth Frost and Ethel Parker, both of Texas, Zulah Danford of Winton in Merced County and Mary Baker of Soquel.

Arrangements are being handled by Rose Chapel in Paradise.

NALLEY, Kenneth P.
Oroville Mercury Register
12-26-1986

Kenneth P. Nalley

Funeral services for Kenneth P. Nalley, 36, Concow, will be held Monday at 2 p.m., at Scheer Memorial Chapel. Burial will follow at Memorial Park Cemetery.

Friends may call on Sunday from 1-6 p.m., at Scheer Memorial Chapel.

Nalley died Monday at Oroville Hospital of natural causes.

He was born July 7, 1950, in

Paradise. He grew up in Concow, living all his life in the Concow area.

Nalley was a member of the Concow Grange.

His father Paul Nalley predeceased him in 1977.

Nalley is survived by his mother, Hazel Nalley of Oroville; two brothers, Delbert and Tommy of Oroville; and a sister, Joanna Nalley of Auburn.

ROW, Bernard L.
Oroville Mercury Register
12-29-1986

OBITUARIES

Bernard L. Row

Funeral services for Bernard L. Row, 79, Oroville, who died Wednesday in Chico Community Hospital, will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Oroville Funeral Home Chapel with the Concow Grange members officiating. Internment will follow at Memorial Park Cemetery.

Friends may visit from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday at Oroville Funeral Home.

He was born June 4, 1917, in Saulk Center, Minn. He was an operating engineer for 30 years and was last employed by the

City of Santa Barbara. He retired in 1979 and moved to Oroville. He was a member of the Concow Grange and the Oroville Gleaners.

He is survived by his wife Blanche of Oroville; his mother, Pearl Row of Chico; two sons, Daniel Row of Santa Inez and Gary Row of Solvang.

The family requests donations in memory of Bernard L. Row be made to the Concow Grange, 1454 Montgomery St., Oroville CA 95965.