

Timeline of Events Related to The Wonacott Family

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March 30, 1872 - Between 2 and 3 o'clock. ...Largest earthquake centered at Lone Pine. 19 dead. 12 wounded. (Inyo Register)

June 29, 1872 - The Steamer Bessie Brady on her first trip landed 700 bars of bullion at the embryo city of Lakeville at the foot of Owens Lake. The boat is 85' long—16', beam--6' deep ofhold. A 20 H.P. engine drives her; speed 7 M.P.H.- capacity 100-150 tons. (Inyo Register)

March 23, 1873 - Work on the steamboat which was to run on Owens Lake is progressing. (Inyo Register)

May 2, 1874 – George Huckaby, his wife Emily (Smith) Huckaby, his parents Hiram and Louvicey Huckaby, Charles and Rachael Wonacott their son Frank, and the Joseph Smiths (Emily's parents) leave Ft. Scott Kansas on a Wagon Train reaching Bishop, California in 1875.

1874 – Baby Frank becomes ill and Charles and Rachel stay in Laramie, Wyoming while the others go on to California. They stay in Laramie for a year or more. Their daughter Carrie was born and little Frank died.

One of the stories I remember was that Franklin was very ill and Grandmother Rachel didn't have enough milk for the child, so a mare that had a colt was milked and the milk given to Franklin, my uncle. My mother told me this. Later I read that mare's milk was very good for infants, better than cows. But Franklin died there in Laramie, Wyoming. I have never found his grave, but some of the people there said that at that time there were no formal death certifications like we have today. Many people were buried in shallow graves by the roadside. Certainly an infant would not get the attention we would be able to give them today, nevertheless the pain to the mother would be as deeply felt, I am sure. (Papers of Forrest X Backert)

Nov. 13, 1875 - H. Huckaby was a juror. (That would be Hiram, father of Rachel Wonacott). (Inyo Register)

The Huckaby's and the Smiths settled on the north side of Dixon Lane, which was at that time named Wonacott Lane, The silo for the ranch was still there last I knew. The north side of the ranch is where the Riverside School was, Chas donated one acre to the school

"for as long as it shall be used for school purposes" I guess you have heard of that story.
(Papers of Forrest X Backert)

1875 or 1877 – Charles, Rachael and Carrie journey to California by train from Laramie, Wyoming. (unsure of date).

Carrie, the second child was born, Laramie May 9, 1875. Other things have caused me to believe that Nov. 1875 was the date Chas and Rachel arrived in Bishop mainly that Don The second son was born 12/21/1875, In Bishop. So they didn't come in 1877, I guess. (Papers of Forrest X Backert)

Population of Bishop Creek Township in 1880 was 1,200.

May 7, 1885 - INYO COUNTY; REGISTER, (first reference. to Chas. Wonacott)
Oasis Lodge #547 I. O. G. T. International Order of Good Templars. Charles was C.T.(?).(Inyo Register)

June 4, 1885 - July 4 celebration meeting held at Van Eps Hall. Music by Wonacott, H. H. Howel, J. H. Shannon. (Inyo Register)

June 11, 1885 - "A GOOD INVENTION. Last Feb. Chas. Wonacott, of West Bishop took out U. S. Letters Patent on an invention of his own, an improvement on the wearing parts of vehicle spindles and machinery journals of many kinds. He also applied for a Canada patent. Dewy and Co. of S.F. are his attorneys, and he recommends the firm highly for their ability, zeal and accommodating spirit. The improvement the principal one - consists of a sleeve fitting over a spindle, and when in place represents exactly the same appearance as the solid axle of corresponding size. Say it is put on a 2" axle, it still remains a 2" axle, fitting an ordinary inch box, of course. To accomplish this the spindle is turned down the thickness of the sleeve from near the shoulder to the point; but the effect of this is not to weaken the spindle in the least, as in addition to the support received from the tightly fitting sleeve along its whole length, the spindle at the Shoulder, the breaking point, is considerably enlarged, the sleeve being also enlarged threaded to screw on the enlarged shoulder of the axle, all in such a manner to make it rather stronger than the ordinary axle of corresponding size. When a spindle becomes worn the entire axle has to be replaced with a new one; with this device, a new spindle in effect is made in a few minutes by removing a worn sleeve; and screwing on a new one, a cost of no greater number of dimes than new axles would cost in dollars. A very important part of this invention is an other device to take the place of the ordinary sand box, serving that purpose, no doubt far better, and costing not a fourth as much, and being all within the hub band is not unsightly. This must be seen to be appreciated. It is whole a very practical invention, and should prove of very material value. (Inyo Register)

June 4, 1885 – Letters not called for at the Post Office: James Huckaby. (Inyo Register)

July 4, 1885 - Charles Wonacott was on the music committee (Inyo Register)

July 4, 1885 - Celebration. . "Car Of State", six in hand. (Six horses), a two paragraph column, describing a parade float. It had canopy eight feet high, 40 ladies rode on it, it had two drivers... Labor of preparing the car and plan and management of. The entire presentation was Charles Wonacott's. (The ladies on the float represented the states and the Goddess Of Liberty, Carrie Wonacott represented Virginia." (She, Carrie Belle Wonacott-Delucchi, mother I Eva Hartley, grandmother of Patti Hoaganson, would have been ten years old the time). (Inyo Register)

Aug. 4, 1885 - Meeting to arrange memorial services for Gen. U.S. Grant (President of U.S.) The music committee was J.H. Shannon, F. B. Tyron and Chas. Wonacott. (There was a parade and all the business were closed). (Inyo Register)

Aug. 6, 1885 - Oasis Lodge I. O. G. T. Officers installed...Chas. Wonacott as W. C. T. (Inyo Register)

Aug. 13, 1885 - Lodge notices Oasis Lodge # 547 I. O. G. T. meets every Sat. night at Van Epps Hall, Bishop Creek. (In those days Bishop was called Bishop Creek and Laws was Bishop Station). Signed, Chas. Wonacott, W. C. T., W.A. Chalfant. W.S. This notice in each copy of the paper for nearly a year. (Inyo Register)

Aug. 13, 1885 - Oasis Lodge chooses as representative to grand lodge in Angles, Charles Wonacott, W. C. T. (Inyo Register)

Sept. 24, 1885 - Col.. Titled. A FEW PERSONALS. Mr. Wonacott and family accompanied by Reub Swyers started for Calaveras yesterday. (Inyo Register)

Oct. 15, 1885 - A word from Murphy's- Chas. Wonacott writes us in a note dated on the 9th as follows. "We arrived at Murphy's (Calaveras county) Oct. 2. After somewhat dusty and rough journey; but we all enjoyed the trip splendidly. We like the country here about as well as expected; it is, however, very dry, consequently feed is scarce. Most of the people here are old timers, and all are very kind and hospitable, and ever ready to tell the enjoyable stories of "'49 and spring of 50." The timber here is fine and wood and lumber cheap. If Calaveras had the green fields of Inyo, it would be truly a delightful place, but alas I fear that will never be, owing to the great scarcity of water, and, in any case we are not disposed to break with Inyo, so send along the Register." Note. Charles worked for his friend Mercer making steps for the Cavern there and on the water flume out of Murphy's. Part of the old flume is still in existence, and in use. (Inyo Register)

Feb 25, 1886 - Geo. Huckaby played baseball for Bishop against Round Valley. (Bishop won) George made 7 runs and one out. (he did best of all players) (Inyo Register)

March 18, 1886 - Public school at Bishop closed Friday March 13. 14 boys girls were enrolled. Included were the Dehy children, Wm. Huckaby (he got an award for

penmanship) Ellie Huckaby and Franklin Huckaby. (Inyo Register)

Sept. 23, 1886... Republican delegates - a big list included George Huckaby. The delegate chosen from Lincoln (precinct?) was Geo. Huckaby. (Inyo Register)

Jan 13, 1887 - Final Homestead proof. H. A. # 331. Land Office at Bodie dated Jan. 7, 1887. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed final notice of HER intention to make final proof in support claim, and that said proof will be made before Hon. Superior Judge of Inyo or in his absence, before the clerk of his court at Independence on Feb. 22, 1887. VIZ. VICY HUCKABY, wife of Hiram Huckaby, deceased, for the SW ¼ SEC. 30 TP.6S R33E. M.D.M. He (sic) names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, VIS: P.W. Forbes, J.C. Irwin, J.W.P. Laird, O.I. Mairs, all of Inyo County.D. Walker, Register... Dated Jan 13, 1887. (Inyo Register)

Jan. 1887 - Inyo Academy built this year. (Inyo Register)

Jan. 26, 1888 - List of landholders with over 100 acres. Chas Wonacott 160 acres. (Inyo Register)

Jan. 26, 1888 - See Chas. Wonacott business card under New Advertisements. "He can be depended on in all he undertakes." (Inyo Register)

Jan. 26, 1888 - PLEASE NOTICE - The undersigned desires to announce that he has opened a shop adjoining Eldred and Hall's blacksmith shop, where he is prepared to do all kinds of. wagon, carriage and similar work. In a satisfactory manner both in charges and workmanship. Also to furnish... Plans, Estimates & Specifications for building, and contract the same at the most reasonable rate. A share of; patronage most respectfully solicited. Chas. Wonacott. Bishop Creek, Cal. (Inyo Register)

May 31, 1888 - Carrie Wonacott top student with grade overall of 94%.(Inyo Register)

June 14, 1888 – 4th of July parade to be in charge of Chas Wonacott, Ed.Clark, B.F Scott and R.W.Scott. (Inyo Register)

July 26, 1888 - Advertisement in paper. This ran for years. CHAS. WONACOTT CONTRACTOR AND BUILDER Bishop Creek, Cal. (Inyo Register)

July 10, 1890 – Republican nominee for sheriff – Chas Wonacott. (Inyo Register)

Sept. 11, 1890 – Votes for sheriff – J.S. Gorman 25 – Chas Wonacott 21. (Inyo Register)

Jan. 8, 1891 - This ad ran for ten years. It was on the front page of each issue CHAS. WONACOTT CONTRACTOR AND BUILDER. BISHOP, CAL (Inyo Register)

Feb. 2, 1891 - The register published a list of irrigation ditches in the valley. It included 22 separate ditches, eight of them were incorporated and eight of them were east of the Owens River. Those east of the river were: J.H. Bulpitt, McNally, Fish Slough, George Collins, Sanger, Inyo Canal and Pfehl & Lawrence. The others west of the river were O.R. Canal Co., Hillside Co. (two Ditches), Bishop ditch, Hall and Case, Farmers ditch, Ford and Rawson, Andy Dell, Mueller ditch, Big Pine, Miller and Blake, Shely ditch and Stevens ditch. The Inyo Canal cost \$60,000, the Bishop ditch \$30,000, The Stevens ditch \$26,000, the Ford and Rawson \$20,000 others went as low as \$1,000 in value. The total estimated cost at that date was \$243,500, certainly no small sum in 1891. The total length of the canals was 250 miles; Total capacity, 56,000 inches. All the ditches received their water from the Owens River excepting the Fish Slough, which got its water from springs, and the Hillside and the Hall and Case got their water from Bishop creek. (Inyo Register)

Feb. 12, 1891 – Bryan Act passed by the last legislature. Boards of Supervisors may, by ordinance, declare all or any portion of any stream lying within the county which has not been declared by law to be navigable, which is in fact not navigable, for commercial purposes, to be a public highway for the floating and transportation of logs, timber and lumber, and the same shall be thereupon become and be a public highway for such purposes. The act confers powers upon Boards of Supervisors to lease right of way on such streams, such leases to include right for the holder to "collect tolls for the rafting, floating and booming of logs." J.H. Bulpitt last week applied to the supervisors to have so much of Owens River as lies in this county down to a mile below Laws Bridge declared a public highway, and lease it to him for twenty years. If the petition is granted he will improve the river, remove obstructions, and use it for floating logs and timber to a sawmill to be built on the river east of town.

Common tradition has long alleged that somewhere between Long Valley and this valley, though the mesa to the northwest, Owens river sank out of sight--ran under the surface of the volcanic, porous formation, and that this fact, with others made it impossible to float even a fence post down. Messrs. Wonacott and Bulpitt have made the trip through. They report that the river does not sink out of sight anywhere, although almost inaccessible in places. At some points the water is no less than two thousand feet below the level of the tableland on either hand. The banks of the river where it can be reached are comparatively easy traveling for a man on foot. At the time of making the trip, the gentlemen named had with them a hunting dog, which they were compelled to send home, the animal not being able to progress as well as they could. The obstructions to the use of the river as a highway were found to consist of boulders-- big ones, and lots of them. They are all composed of soft porous stone, hence can be removed cheaply. Were they chunks of granite of equal size, the removal would cost more than the use of the channel was worth. (Inyo Register)

This improvement, as proposed, would cost the county nothing. Its advantages, and the gain to lumber users by having a mill so nearby are obvious. The slopes of the mountains

up in Long Valley afford the finest known timber supply in this whole region. (Note. see "The Wonacott Family". A history by K. Wonacott. In this file for a latter reference to the sawmill built on the Owens River by Wonacott and Bulpitt. In later years the county collected revenues for logs floated down the river. It is; of course, dry now in the gorge, the water is in the aqueduct.) (Inyo Register)

Feb. 19, 1891 - Public School Reports...Bishop... Grammar Department. . Number of pupils enrolled 30. Average number belonging 27. Average daily attendance 25. Children with perfect attendance included Carrie Wonacott. Intermediate Department. Whole number of boys enrolled, 19; girls, 24; total number 43. Average number belonging, 38.6; average daily attendance 38.5; percentage of attendance 94.5. Roll of honor: Don Wonacott, Forrest Wonacott, 13 others Primary dept included Hattie Wonacottas having perfect attendance. (Inyo Register)

Feb. 26 1891 - George Huckaby at masquerade as Davy Crockett. (Inyo Register)

March 12, 1891 – "Bob Whites" Charles Wonacott is in correspondence with T.I. Baker, now in Kansas, an old school fellow, in regard to planting the eastern quail, or "Bob White" in the valley. Mr. Baker will soon arrive here and will bring a dozen or two pairs of the birds with him. When once well planted and acclimated, they will be a valuable addition to the valley's game. (Inyo Register)

Oct 8, 1891 – DIED – At the residence of Charles Wonacott near Bishop, October 7, 1891. Mrs. Louvicy Huckaby, a native of Tennessee, aged 67 years and 3 months. Deceased had been a resident of this valley for many years, and besides her son and daughter, George Huckaby and Mrs. Charles Wonacott and other near relatives, she leaves a large circle of old friends to mourn her loss. Heart failure was the cause of death. (Inyo Register)

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April 16, 1891 - In the column titled TABOOSE. Note: Taboose is (was?) a bulb dug by the local Indians, a staple of their diet. Willie (not William) Chalfant} of P. A. Chalfant, founder of the Register started the column when he took over from his father P. A. Anyway, the paper said the Laws School was having a picnic on the banks of the river. Also from the same paper is the closing program for the Laws School. (Was school closing on April 16 in those days?). The program had thirty-seven entries, songs recitations, etc. Ella Huckaby recited "In School Days". Alice recited "The Faithful Little Mother"" Ella and Alice Huckaby did a dialogue together with Minnie and Myrtle McGee, and Katy McNally it was "Persevere". Willie Huckaby recited "Sam'l of Liberty" and Alice did 1 With Harry Ehlen titled "An Old Ballad"... Sounds like a good show and probably

took most of the night. Every child in school had a part. Barton McGee, Minnie McGee, Albert McNally, Sanford Plumley, John Dehy, Lottie Schivley, Jas. Dehy, Ed Dehy were the other students. Ella Huckaby recited "Billy Grimes, the Drover." (Inyo Register)

July 9, 1891 – Heading in Paper – AS TO THE BOB WHITES – “Supervisors has called to our attention an Act of the Legislature approved March 16, 1889 providing for the importation of various game birds into the State. Section 4 of this Act provides that "any person who shall, within this state, prior to the first day of January, eighteen hundred and ninety five, shoot, trap, kill or otherwise destroy any bird mentioned in section one of this act (including Bob White quail) is guilty of a misdemeanor, and the shooting, trapping, killing Or otherwise, destroying of each of said birds shall be a separate offense. This being the case it behooves hunters to "look a little out". Any violation of this law should be promptly reported. The birds are making themselves at home, having been seen at points several miles south as well as north of where they were turned loose. (These evidently the birds imported by Chas. Wonacott.) (Inyo Register)

Nov. 19, 1891 - (School reports)... Grammar Department (?) Included in children with perfect attendance was Don Wonacott. He was born 12/1876, so would have been 15 at the time... Hattie was in the primary dept. and she had perfect attendance. She was born 1/21/1884. She was 7. (Inyo Register)

END OF 1891

START OF 1892

Jan. 7, 1892 - NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Estate of Vicy Huckaby, deceased- Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, George W. Huckaby, administrator of the estate of VICY HUCKABY, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers within four months after the first publication of this notice to the said George W. Huckaby at the office of Seth G. Sneden, in the town of Bishop, the same being 'the place for the transaction of this business of the said estate in the said County of Inyo, State Of California.,. Signed. George W. Huckaby, Administrator of the estate of Vicy Huckaby, deceased. Dated at Bishop Jan. 5, 1892. (Inyo Register)

Jan.14, 1892 - INYO CREAMERY, ENTERPRISE TO INCORPORATE. Chas Wonacott, N.J. Cooley and Mark Watterson were appointed a committee to draft bylaws. (Inyo Register)

Jan.14, 1892 - Forrest Wonacott attended Bishop school. Tommy Summers same. (Note: Geo. Hall living in Big Pine). (Inyo Register)

Feb 18, 1892 – School for Indians formed. (They couldn't go to a public school) (Inyo Register)

Feb 18, 1892 – Chas. Wonacott on Creamery committee to find a building site. (Inyo Register)

Mar 24, 1892 - Inyo Creamery building is being pushed along by contractor Wonacott. (Inyo Register)

April 14, 1892 - Bulpitts new building will be finest store south of the larger Nevada towns. The woodwork done by Bert Merithew and Chas. Wonacott, painting by Nelligan. (Inyo Register)

April 28, 1892 - Carrie Wonacott did recitation at Odd Fellows 73rd anniversary celebration. (Inyo Register)

July 3, 1902 - Messers, Wonacott & Hall deserve credit for the skill they have exhibited in rebuilding the Miners Exchange Hall. It has been thoroughly braced and cross braced and the main floor of the hall while having a seating capacity of 890 will hold 2,500 people should the occasion require it. (Tonopah Miner)

June 16, 1892 - Bart McGee killed Reynolds (after Reynolds shot at him) with a club. (It was a fence post). Reynolds stole some of Bart's cattle and penned them in a corral at Frank Huckaby's place in Laws. Frank wasn't implicated and McGee was found innocent by a jury, which included his friend Chas. Wonacott. (Inyo Register)

June 30, 1892 – Contractor Wonacott is rapidly getting the Inyo Creamery machinery into place, and expects it to be ready to start next week. (Inyo Register)

July 4, 1892 - Carrie Wonacott sang soprano in choir- July 4, 1892. Chas; W.sang tenor. Don Wonacott got second in the sack race and in a foot race. (Don would have been 16.) (Inyo Register)

Sept. 22, 1892 - REPUBLICAN PRIMARYS. Delegates elected to the primaries in the various precincts. Lincoln - Chas. Wonacott, Allen Matliclt, Jos. Turner, R.W. Ford. Laws - George Huckaby. (Inyo Register)

Sept. 29, 1892 - Republican Convention. Chas. W. was on credentials committee and he also nominated Wm. McDonald for sheriff. (Inyo Register)

Oct. 6, 1892 - Carrie, Forrest, Don and Hattie had perfect attendance records at Bishop public schools. (Inyo Register)

Oct. 13, 1892 - Chase W. was election Judge. (Inyo Register)

Oct. 13, 1892 - Chas. Wonacott ad for Building contractor ran all year. (Inyo Register)

Jan. 12, 1893 - Charles Wonacott selected for grand jury. George Huckaby listed as trial juror for Bishop Creek. (Not Laws). (Inyo Register)

Feb. 2, 1893 - Forrest Wonacott had perfect attendance at public school. (Inyo Register)

March 9, 1893 - Chas. W. Elected as a director of Inyo Creamery. (Inyo Register)

March 28, 1893 - NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. LAND OFFICE AT INDEPENDENCE, CALIFORNIA - MAR. 2, 1893 - Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filled notice of his intention to make final report in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the register and Receiver at Independence, Calif. on Thursday, April 20, 1893. VIZ George W. Huckaby. H. E. #664 for the SE1/4 of NE1/4 E1/2 of SE1/4 ~ and SW1/4 of SE1/4 of Sec 20. T6s, R 36 (?) E. M. DM. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land. VIZ Chas. Wonacott, Joseph Hart and Bessie Hart of Bishop and John Dehy, of Laws, Inyo County. C.W. Craig, Registrar. (Inyo Register)

March 23, 1893 - Chas. Wonacott seconds some motions at Creamery meeting. (Inyo Register)

May 4, 1893 - Near Bishop, April 25th, 1893, to the wife of Chas. Wonacott, a son... (This would have to be Harold. Harold's birth date has been listed as 4/26/1892.) (Inyo Register)

May 4, 1893 - One Wonacott girl listed as going to the Academy in Bishop. This is the first listing found. (I know Evangeline and Dwight went there). Carrie Wonacott sang vocal solo at Aesthetians program (Inyo Register)

May 25, 1893 - Chas. Wonacott made some motions as member of the board of Inyo Creamery. (Inyo Register)

June 29, 1893 - An entire column on the Inyo Creamery written by Chas. Wonacott - (part) 16,000# cheese and 2,000# butter on hand... Using 6,000# milk per day. Produced 550# cheese and 20-30# butter per day. Using 200# ice per day. Prices were: cheese 7-10 cents per pound, butter 20-22 cents #. 100# of milk makes about 10 # of cheese or 4# of butter average. Milk costs 75cents per 100#. Creamery is going into debt, Chas said. He made propositions to remedy matters. They were accepted unanimously. Now prices are to be: cheese 10 cents per pound in 50# lots or 12 ½ cents retail. (Inyo Register)

September 28, 1893 – Annual fair. Chas. Wonacott won for butter and cheese. Carrie Wonacott won for her pumpkin pie. (Inyo Register)

Oct. 19, 1893 – Hattie Wonacott had perfect attendance at public school. (Inyo Register)

Dec. 14, 1893 – Chas. Wonacott on Grand Jury. (Inyo Register)

Jan. 18, 1894 – Hattie had perfect attendance at school. (Not many did)(Inyo Register)

Feb. 8, 1894 – Forrest Wonacott had perfect attendance at school. (he was 16) (Inyo Register)

Feb. 15, 1894 – MASQUERADE PARTY AF LAWS. Geo. Huckaby went as a Bishop Dude. Miss Ellen Huckaby went as pink of perfection. Don Wonacott as Rip Van Winkle. Miss Alice Huckaby as Jake the Jockey... Forrest Wonacott as the Devil. Wm. Huckaby as a Negro dude. Carrie Wonacott as the Daughter of a Regiment. Frank Huckaby as a tramp. (Inyo Register)

March 8, 1894 – Carrie Wonacott had perfect attendance at public schools. (Inyo Register)

March 20, 1894 – This is from a column titled "Back in the Ninetys" (printed in 1919) Pupils of the Bishop school who took graduation examinations. (Inyo Register)

April 2, 1894 – Riverside School District formed by motion of George Huckaby. (Inyo Register)

May 3, 1894 – ODD FELLOWS CELEBRATION - Carrie Wonacott sang alto, she sang Nearer My God to Thee. (She was always singing at gatherings, before she sang soprano). (Inyo Register)

July 5, 1894 – Wm Huckaby played ball on the "Kids Team". (Inyo Register)

June 26, 1894 – ELECTION NOTICE. SCHOOL TAX. Riverside School District. Election to be held to vote a tax to build a schoolhouse. \$700 needed. Signed W. Hutchings, J Lewis, C. Wonacott District School. Trustee. (Inyo Register)

July 19, 1894 - Riverside school district has called an election on the issuance of \$700. bonds for building aschool house. (Inyo Register)

Aug. 30, 1894 – George Huckaby was delegate in Republican primary, from Laws. (Inyo Register)

Oct. 4, 1894 – Laws School. Perfect Attendance – Alice Claude and Charlie Huckaby. (Inyo

Register)

Oct. 11, 1894 – Lincoln precinct - Chas.Wonacottwas judge. (Inyo Register)

June 11, 1895 - Harold Wonacott graduated from Riverside school. (Inyo Register)

June 11, 1895 – Charles Wonacottreceived a patent on an improved vehicle axle and spindle. (Inyo Register)

July 18,1895 - The Wonacott-Garretson mill is turning out lumber. (Inyo Register)

April 23, 1896 - The Piutes are selling many big fish from the river. (Inyo Register)

Dec. 24, 1896 – Wm. Bircham is finishing a residence, said to be one of the finest in the valley. Chas. Wonacott is the contractor. (Inyo Register)

May 19. 1900 - Jim Butler picked up first ore at Tonopah. Butler located the first mines claims there in August 25, 1900. (Tonopah Bonanza)

July 19, 1900 - A road between Laws and Round Valley, and passing Charles Wonacott's house, has been accepted as a county road. (part of this has to be what is now Dixon Lane, formerly Wonacott Lane.) (Inyo Register)

Rush to Tonopah was going in the spring of 1901.

Population of Tonopah was 650 in the beginning of 1901.

Sawle and Hollis were builders and undertakers all of 1901 according to their ads in the Tonopah Bonanza. (Tonopah Bonanza)

April 17, 1901 - First reference to Wonacott in Tonopah Bonanza was an ad placed in the Tonopah Bonanza

WONACOTT AND HALL

CONTRACTORS AND BUILDERS

Plans And Specifications And Estimates Furnished

Only Class Work Done By Us. We Are In Tonopah To Stay.

This ad ran off and on throughout the year of 1901. (Tonopah Bonanza)

April 17, 1901 - note in one of its columns that... For Screen Doors complete see Wonacott and Hall, Contractors and Builders. Read what Wonacott and Hall have to stay in the New Today. (Couldn't find that) They are first class carpenters and do good work.(Tonopah Bonanza)

August 31, 1901 - Wonacott and Hall are erecting a large carpenter shop for themselves.

(Tonopah Bonanza)

September 1901 - Tonopah population 900. Wonacott and Hall received today 15,000 feet of different kinds of lumber. This is part of 40,000 feet in transit.

Notice in Bonanza Wonacott and Hall have a contract to put up a large store building for Lathrop and Davis on their present site. A force of Carpenters are now at work framing for the new building. (Tonopah Bonanza)

Nov. 16, 1901 - Wonacott and Hall received today 15,000 feet of different kinds of lumber. This is part of 40,000 feet in transit. (Tonopah Bonanza)

November 1901 - population for Tonopah listed at 1500. (Tonopah Bonanza)

In the history of The Wonacott Family it is said that Bob Wonacott (Charles's son Albert but always went by Bob) went to Tonopah when he was 12. But that would have been in 1898 and Tonopah wasn't started until the fall of 1900. Bob must have been 14 or 15 when he first went to Tonopah. That history says that Bob stayed 2 years in Tonopah, then returned to Bishop to stay there for two years and then returned to Tonopah to go to school (He must have been 18 at this time). (Forrest Backert's personal papers)

Tonopah papers thru all of 1901 state there was shortage of lumber. (Forrest Backert's personal papers)

January 1902 - Death certificate from Pat Hoaganson shows Charles Wonacott filed death certificate for one H. Adams as Undertaker in Tonopah in Jan. 1902. There is no mention of him being in the undertaking business in 1901 in the Tonopah Bonanza, however the papers aren't complete in the file. (Forrest Backert's personal papers)

DID YOU HEAR THE ONE ABOUT.....

Tom Wonacott, son of Albert Warren (always known as Bob, never Albert), told a story about the time Bob was a young boy in Tonopah. It seems there was a report that a man had been killed out in the desert. His team had bolted, smashed the wagon and the man was left to die there in the desert. Another prospector on his way to town discovered the accident and the dead man. Being powerless to help he came on into town and reported the matter to the authorities who in turned summoned the appointed county coroner, one Charles Wonacott and instructed him to take care of the matter. Charley Wonacott, being busy with his many activities did delegate the matter to his son Bob.

Bob took a team of horses and a wagon, went into the desert and found the body. However it seems that the coyotes had been there first. Bob later said that they had pretty well scattered the guy about, they had pretty well cleaned up, except for the inside of his boots. Bob picked up everything, loaded it into the wagon and by the light

of the moon began his trip home. Some distance down the road they came to the wrecked wagon, overturned and silhouetted against the skyline. The horses refused to go on. They didn't like the load they were carrying and didn't know that strange thing was ahead. Bob said he wouldn't have gone on either but that was the only way home. He got out of the wagon, led the horses until they were past the wrecked wagon and then the horses could see what it was. I guess the rest of trip was really nothing, just a couple of horses, a wagon, a boy and parts of a dead man out in the desert in the moonlight. (Forrest Backert's personal papers)

May 22, 1902 - Charles Summers and Harry McNamara have bought a butcher shop in Tonopah. (Inyo Register)

May 28, 1902 - Married, near Bishop, Frank V. Huckaby to Miss Lizzie Van Ness. (Inyo Register)

No Note of Date on this story, but is certainly in this era.

DID YOU HEAR THE ONE ABOUT.....

The Wonacott family living in the apartment over the undertaking parlor in Tonopah and the one about the little girl? To start at the beginning, Charlie Wonacott was in several businesses with his good friend George Hall. They were contractors and had built several buildings in town. They had a lumberyard and sold lumber and hardware, they were in the freighting business. Charlie owned a taxi and a couple of dance halls, so it was only natural that when local miners started dying from the "black lung" in great numbers, that he and George Hall saw another opportunity.

Never mind that they didn't know anything about the business, they had the tools and the most of all the one thing that was really in short supply in a boom town in the middle of the desert. Lumber. You had to have it to make the boxes. It was not necessary to have gone to school to learn to be an undertaker; I don't even think they had a license. After all this was a wilderness and the year was 1902. They just started making boxes and putting people in them. Business was good. The tents were being replaced with regular houses and buildings, so they built a two story-undertaking parlor. The upstairs was where the family lived, Mom was there (Evangeline Wonacott Backert), and she was about ten at the time. Downstairs was and still is, the undertaking parlor. But to get to the story

The little girl had died; she was loved and missed by not only her own family but by everyone who one who knew her. The body was brought to the funeral parlor. It was empty except for the one little occupant. It was winter and Tonopah is cold in winter. Mom and grandma and the others just couldn't stand their little Friend being down there in the cold, alone. They brought her up and put her in the front room where it was warm and she could be near friends. She stayed there until the funeral.

Perhaps this isn't much of a story, but I wanted to tell it to give some insight of people they were. They were hardened people. Charles and his wife Rachael (Letitia) had come across the plains in a covered wagon, they built a home and a ranch out of land that had never been settled before, from scratch, as they say today. They started with nothing, just the land and the will to survive. But none of them that I ever knew, and I knew most of them, ever became mean, vicious or bitter. They were even in death, compassionate.

Grandmother didn't like Tonopah. It was wild wooly and she was living up stairs on top of the mortuary. Colder than all get out in the winter and hotter than Hades in the summer, the wind blew fiercely and it was dusty, still is. Water was in short supply and her home was a cool green ranch in Bishop, her friends were in Bishop I sure don't blame her. (Papers of Forrest Backert)

March 12, 1903 – Married in Tonopah March 5, Walter Bell to Mrs Hattie Wonacott. (Inyo Register)

Sept. 3, 1903 – DIED - GEORGE HALL - a native of England, aged 68 years, died here Monday.
(Note Geo. Hall was a partner with Charles Wonacott in several businesses in Tonopah, including the funeral parlor still existing and in service today 1985. (Inyo Register)

Aug. 18, 1904 – Boyd and Wonacott's Thresher put through 26 tons of wheat in 8 hours this week. (Inyo Register)

September 29, 1909 - CHARLIE SUMMERS AND CO.

CITY MARKET

Beef, Veal, Pork, Cured and Salt Meats

Bishop, Minna and Keeler.

Laws Hotel – Mrs. Fletcher, Prop.

W.O.W. Bishop Camp #570 Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday evening of each month. Don Wonacott, C.C. (Inyo Register)

September 30, 1909 – Nevada and California engines converted to oil at Laws. (Inyo Register)

October 7, 1909 – Charles Wonacott donates to food for planting golden trout in the Kings River. (Inyo Register)

December 16, 1909 - Lots of Quail are dead from cold and. exposure. Some are being fed at C. Wonacott's. (Inyo Register)

January 13, 1910 - Forrest Wonacott was taken home yesterday, helpless from a stroke of paralysis affecting his right side. He was at work on the hay stack at Charlie's stables when Allie McNally drove in with the stage Tuesday afternoon; a little late. McNally found him on the ground near the stack, making ineffective attempts to get to his feet. He was taken to Mr. Clarke's house, and Dr. Shute was called. At last account little change in his condition. (Inyo Register)

January 13, 1910 - Bills to Supervisors: A. Wonacott, Dist.#1 Fund. \$22.50, D. Wonacott Dist. #1 Fund \$110.00. (Inyo Register)

May 19, 1910 - 28 children in Riverside school.(Inyo Register)

June 16, 1910 - Harold Wonacott graduated from Riverside school. (Inyo Register)

October 13, 1910 - Charles Wonacott and his family returned from San Francisco last week. Their trip was for the benefit of their son Forrest. The change of climate helped his condition paralysis, and he is considerably better than before he went. They will go to southern California seeking further improvement. (Inyo Register)

January 5, 1911 - At the Gun Club Costume Ball, H Wonacott was a clown. (Inyo Register)

April 13, 1911 - Charles Wonacott is back from his trip to Tonopah. (Inyo Register)

November 2, 1911 - Chas. Huckaby has a letter at the P.O. not called for. (Inyo Register)

November 2, 1911 - CONCRETE CEMETERY WORK

A.O.Adams, an experienced concrete handler, is doing special work in the cemetery east of town. Those wishing concrete curbing fence bases or any artificial stone work done on their lots in the cemetery should see him at once. He will keep up the work so long as the volume justifies. He may be found at the Hotel Iatalia, when not at work. (Inyo Register)

November 6, 1911 - H Huckaby is a juror. (Inyo Register)

November 23, 1911 - Born near Bishop, Nov 18, 1911, to the wife of Don Wonacott, adaughter. (Inyo Register)

May 9, 1912 - George Huckaby, election official at Laws. (Inyo Register)

May 23, 1912 - A.O. Adams is prepared to do concrete work and artificial stone work of all kinds. He put in a number of crosswalks last year, and did curbing work at the Masonic Cemetery, and refers to those jobs as proof that such work will be done right. Headquarters, Hotel Istalia. (Inyo Register)

June 13, 1912 - YOUR CELLAR DAMP?

A. O. Adams absolutely guaranties to make it perfectly dry. Phone 62. P.O. Box 466. You have heard of "Willie On The Saw" but have you heard of Adams on the sidewalk? He is it. The work he has done in -the past is his reference. Phone 62.

Damp cellars, like damp feet, are unpleasant. A. O. Adams can fix them (Inyo Register)

June 20, 1912 - CONCRETE WORK OF ALL KINDS

SIDEWALKS CEMETERY WORK CURBING ETC.

A.O. ADAMS.

BISHOP. Phone 62... Box 466...

(There were several other small ads run this year by A.O. (Inyo Register)

January 2, 1913 -CEMENT WORK OF ALL KINDS,

Sidewalks Curbings Houses Cellars

Phone Red 411

P.O. Box 066

Fence posts that can't be beat.

A.O. ADAMS. (Inyo Register)

January 2, 1913 -C. Wonacott, judge at Riverside school. (Inyo Register)

January 9, 1913 - Mrs. Huckaby, of Laws, has been visiting her daughter Mrs. Gracey, of Zurich, and her brother, Vernon G. Smith, the past few days. (Inyo Register)

January 23, 1913 – MAKING A RECORD

Frank Huckaby, formerly of Laws, is making good as an officer in Tuolumne. He was a candidate for constable and was told that enforcing the laws regarding liquor and gambling impossible. Being elected, he proved this was a mistake, for he cleaned up the town of Tuolumne most effectively. He is mentioned among the possible candidates for sheriff of that county at the next election. (Inyo Register)

October 16, 1913 - In Round Valley, Ca. Oct. 13, 1913, to the wife of A. Wonacott, a son. (Inyo Register)

October 23, 1913 - Chas. Wonacott and G.C. Clements returned from a trip made to purchase material for the West Bishop school building. Only the best grades area to be used in the building and the district will have a structure in which its people and those of the valley generally will take a justifiable pride. (Inyo Register)

October 23, 1913 - Died, near Bishop, Oct. 18, 1913, Miss Jennie Thompson, a native of Bishop, 27 years, 5 months 11 days. (This was several paragraphs long) A few years ago, almost on her wedding eve plans were shattered by the misfortune, which overtook her affianced husband. Etc. She is the daughter of Thomas Thompson, the sister of Mrs. Don Wonacott and Mrs. Albert Wonacott, Thomas Thompson and Robert Thompson. (Inyo

Register)

November 6, 1913 - Born, in Round Valley, November 3, 1913, to the wife of Don Wonacott, a daughter. (Inyo Register)

December 18, 1913 - WEST BISHOP'S NEW SCHOOL (This was a full column. Start third paragraph.) The general contractor is Charles Wonacott, who has a habit of building West Bishop's schoolhouses. He fixed up the original 16 x 20 board and batten structure which moved for the districts first term, about 1875. When a better building was wanted, several years later, he put up what was for the time, the best schoolhouse in the valley. Outgrowing that, he erected an addition and now is constructing a place which should serve for many years to come, regardless of what additions may be made by reason of growth (several more paragraphs about the school) The whole work will cost close to \$15, 000. Contract for Bishop Public School - Mann & Knox. L.A. -\$21,310.00 - C Wonacott \$23,400.00. (Inyo Register)

April 23, 1914 - FOR SUPERVISOR - FIRST DISTRICT

CHARLES WONACOTT

Subject to the decision of the August Primaries

(Inyo Register)

April 23, 1914 – A reunion of the family of Mr. And Mrs. Charles Wonacott occurred lately when Mrs. G.P. Wolpert and Harold Wonacott arrived from Sacramento and Mrs. Hattie Bell got here from Bandon, Oregon. (Inyo Register)

October 8, 1914 – WONACOTT DEFINES VIEWS – Editor of the Register. Will you kindly permit me a word concerning my candidacy for Supervisor of the first District of Inyo County. It is commonly known that name will be on the ticket at the coming election and while I have no visible opponent it seems fair to make known my views to the voters of District #1. This was followed by seven paragraphs. Charles promised to make good roads in Dist.1.(Inyo Register)

November 12, 1914 - Adams has finished laying a broad sidewalk on the high school grounds from the main entrance to the street line. (Inyo Register)

November 12, 1914 - Charles Wonacott, 189 for supervisor. Cooley 142. (Inyo Register)

December 10, 1914 – Married at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Dehy, Laws, Calif. Dec. 6,1914 – by Rev. S.S. Patterson, Chas. L. Huckaby to Miss Elsie Byer. (Inyo Register)

January 14,1915 - Supervisor 1st District Charles Wonacott. Area includes Round Valley, Laws, Hillside and West Bishop. Contract for new bridge across river east of Warm Springs district was awarded to A.O.Adams. (This across Owens River near Black Canyon. Adams bid \$2,169.34 – near the Bigelow Ranch). (Inyo Register)

June 3, 1915 -Supervisor Charles Wonacott and family returned Thursday from an auto trip to southern California. (Sounds like fun in 1915). (Inyo Register)

June 10, 1915 – Grammar school graduated, Riverside School District – Dwight Wonacott. Station School District -Ray Huckaby. (Inyo Register)

July 15, 1915 – A.O. Adams was assessed \$30.00 or its alternative, in Recorder Partchers Court Thursday on a disorderly conduct. (Inyo Register)

September 11, 1915 - Several entries about Chas Wonacott as Supervisor. He wanted to make repairs to the heating system for the jail. (Inyo Register)

September 16, 1915 – DIED GEORGE W. HUCKABY, at Laws, California– September 10, 1915 –a native of Tennessee, aged 66 years, 2 months, 14 days. GEO. W. HUCKABY ANSWERS LAST CALL – George W. Huckaby, resident of the valley for many years, died suddenly last Friday. He worked as usual at the family home at Laws in the afternoon and while at work he fell unconscious. He never recovered and passed away about three o'clock in the afternoon. The funeral occurred Sunday afternoon, internment in the Pioneer cemetery where the graves of his mother and father are. Deceased was born in Tennessee in 1849. In his early youth the family moves to Illinois where he grew to manhood. Before coming to Inyo he lived for a short time in southwestern Missouri, and there was married to Miss Emma Smith, a sister of V.G. Smith and Mrs. Louise A. Middleton of Big Pine and Mrs. Clarence Johnson of Independence. The young couple came to Inyo in 1873 and have lived in this vicinity ever since. Eleven children were born to them including a son Will, who died some years ago and these who with their mother share the loss that has come to them: Mrs. E.L. Dehy of Laws, Mrs. Thomas Gracy of Reno, Mrs. Jos. Smith of Bishop, Mrs. Mattley of Tonopah, Frank Huckaby who is one of the prominent peace officers of Tuolumne County, Claude Huckaby now in Modoc County, Charles Huckaby present living in Mono, Ray and Raymond (Compilers Note: This must be a misprint) twins, Mrs. Chas Wonacott is a sister of the deceased. The non-resident members of the family except Claude arrived in time to attend the funeral. (Inyo Register)

September 16, 1915 - Card of thanks by G.W. Huckaby family. (Inyo Register)

October 7, 1915 - Work on the West Line Street sidewalks proceeding under the management of contractor A.O. Adams. (Inyo Register)

October 14, 1915 – Mrs. Charles Wonacott and her daughter, Miss Evangeline, left Saturday for Sacramento, where Mrs. Wonacott's eldest daughter Mrs. Carrie McDonald is ill.(Inyo Register)

December 23,1915 - Supervisor Wonacott authorized to take steps to protect toilets in

the courthouse at Independence f from freezing. (Inyo Register)

January 26, 1916 - lowest temperature ever in the valley: -11 degrees. (Inyo Register)

May 25, 1916 - Supervisor Wonacott, after attending Supervisors meeting at Independence, Saturday, went on a State Convention of Supervisors at Redding, California. (Inyo Register)

June 8, 1916 - A.O. Adams – Charles Wonacott both members of Chamber of Commerce. (Inyo Register)

June 8, 1916 – STORY – Negro beat a Cholo over the head with a gun – The Negro was arrested. (Inyo Register)

July 27, 1916 – (Front Page) OUTFITTING TO BUILD NEW HIGHWAY -Supervisor Wonacott Invests in Road Construction Machinery – Road District Number One supervised by Chas Wonacott, will soon be well equipped for road building purposes, with a roller and a rock crusher. The proposition for buying the outfit for the County at large was not viewed favorably by the Board, so Supervisor Wonacott has made the investment for his district alone. He returned Monday from Los Angeles where he made such terms with the agents that the \$4000 expense can be met from the road apportionments during his term. The outfit includes an Austin Western Roller, run by distillate, and weighing eight tons, and a rock crusher. The roller is the same one displayed in the Panama Pacific Expedition, where some of the residents have seen it. Delivery will be made next month. The crusher is run by power transmitted from the roller. First to be undertaken will be the rebuilding of Laws Road, from the District line a mile north of Line Street to the Depot. It will be well surfaced with shale brought from the White Mountains. This work will be underway, if not done by September first. (Inyo Register)

August 24, 1916 - New car prices- Ford Touring Car \$455.00 – Runabout \$420.00. (Inyo Register)

October 29, 1891 - Bulpitt, Wonacott, Huckaby, and Smith got back alive from their attempted trip through the Owens River canyon. The river was too low. After a number of close calls, and baths enough to do until Christmas, they got the boat to comparatively smooth water at the head of the valley. (Inyo Register)

November 9, 1916 - James Huckaby, a brother of Mrs. Charles Wonacott and of George Huckaby now deceased. Returned to Laws lately, after an absence of 23 years from the valley. (Inyo Register)

December 14, 1916 - City of Bishop paid A.O. Adams \$101.25 for crosswalks. (Inyo Register)

January 11, 1917 – Leland Varney and Elsie Boyd were married Sunday December 31, 1916 at the home of the brides
Parents Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Boyd. (Inyo Register)

March 1, 1917 – Board of Supervisors resolution sent to State Legislature making all streams accessible for fishing even through private property. Aye votes - Wonacott and Naylor. (Inyo Register)

May 17, 1917 - Supervisors Naylor and Wonacott propose fireproof hall of records for Inyo County. Voted No 3 to 2. After some adjournment Wonacott that it be a fire proof courthouse not just a hall of records. 3 Aye votes 2 Nay. (Inyo Register)

July 19, 1917 - A.O. Adams awarded a contract to build a bridge across the Owens River at Stewards Lane near Big Pine for \$3695.00. Also awarded contract by supervisors to construct diversion dam, reservoir, and pipeline for county farm for \$ 4,886.00. There is also a long letter, signed by Wonacott and Naylor. They had visited court in Reno, Sacramento, Woodland and other places. They reported on the different styles of concrete courthouses. (Inyo Register)

February 24, 1918 – Evangeline Wonacott of Bishop California marries Frank Peter Backert a resident of Reno, Nevada by W. P. Yancy, Justice of the Peace, Inyo County, California. (Marriage certificate)

January 16, 1919 - Charles Wonacott started Tuesday for Coos Bay, Oregon on receipt that his son-in-law Edward Bell had died that morning of influenza in that city. Mrs. Bell, who was Miss Hattie Wonacott, is also ill with the same disease. Mr. Bell was formerly a hoist engineer in Tonopah and was married there in 1903. He and Mrs. Bell lived there for a year or more, but have made their home in Coos some years. His business there was electrical engineering. Two children survive him. (Charles and Forrest Bell). (Inyo Register)

January 23, 1919 - There was a 1/4 page ad with a picture of four silos in a row, one of them under construction, using a gin pole in the center and steel forms that were about 2 ½ foot in height. The forms were raised up after each pour, much the same as slip forms today. The concrete was hoisted with the gin pole and a mule.

The ad below the picture went so: (Inyo Register)

“Hello Joe! Going camping this summer?”

“Sure, Ain’t you?”

“Yes, but ten days is my limit”

“Why”

“Well, Silo Hoops to tighten or down she goes”.

Enough said.....

Why not plant your corn, put up a concrete silo and then go camping. When you come back your concrete silo will be right side up and ready for your corn stalks and all... A.O. Adams makes the right kind...CONTACT NOW FOR THIS YEARS SILO.

Mr. A.O. Adams

Concrete Worker

Bishop, Cal. (Inyo Register)

January 18, 1919 -

Dear Sir:

In answer to your letter of recent date about the concrete silos you built for me, I will say I am very well pleased with them. The silage is A#1. The top only spoiled down about ten inches in the middle, and 18 inches on the edges. The doors are o.k. I have lost no silage around the doors to speak of. You asked about the effect of acid on the walls. As far as I can see the acid in the silage has no effect whatsoever on the concrete walls. The silage is just as good near the walls as it is the middle of the silo.

I am sorry to hear of the advance in the price of materials, but regardless of the price, if I needed more silos, I would surely build nothing but reinforced concrete.

Yours truly,

A well-satisfied owner of four 150-ton silos. W.R. Ford (Inyo Register)

January 30, 1919 -Elsie Huckaby on list of trial jurors. (Inyo Register)

January 30, 1919 – Once more flu masks are not required in all public places. T.G. Watterson fined \$5.00 for not wearing influenza mask.(Inyo Register)

February 20, 1919 - Board Of Supervisors... Bids for constructing a bridge over the Owens River on the Lone Pine Keeler Road were filed. By A.O.Adams \$ 5,374.00 and Alex Murray of Los Angles \$4,750.00. Contract awarded to Murray. We were informed the work of Adams included specifications and necessary work not covered by Murray's bid. (Inyo Register)

March 13, 1919 - IN THE EAGLES NEST. Address by L. Well and Charles Wonacott. This was a banquet and social gathering. The railroad sprinkled Owens lake water on the right-of-way to kill the weeds. Each person who income exceeds \$1,000.00 during the year 1918 must make returns, though exemptions may leave him not liable to pay tax. (Inyo Register)

March 20, 1919 - Woodcraft Masquerade (a play in the Bishop theater) The discovery of Tonopah. The two desert rats were Frank and Clyde Huckaby and Ed.L. Dehy, who escorted Charles Huckaby, talking the burro ride.(Inyo Register)

1919 – This is from a col. titled "Back in the Nintys" March 20, 1894 (printed in 1919) Pupils of the Bishop school who took graduation examinations included Carrie Wonacott. (Inyo Register)

April 8, 1919 - A.O. Adams informs us that he has contracted to build 16 new silos. He has already put up 8 others. (Inyo Register)

May 1, 1919 - Don Wonacott elected to Board of Creamy Directors. (Inyo Register)

May 22, 1919 – Carrie Wonacott was the clerk for the Rand Valley bond election. (Inyo Register)

June 19, 1919 - A. O. Adams, the contractor, and Mrs. Hattie Bell, daughter of Charles Wonacott were married in Independence Sunday afternoon at the county clerks office by Judge Dehy. Mrs. Williams was bride's lady and Dan Williams assisted the groom. (Inyo Register)

June 19, 1919 - Mrs. Carrie Wolpert, formerly, Miss Carrie Wonacott, is here visiting her relatives. Her oldest son was killed in the Army service in France. (Inyo Register)

July 24, 1919 - Full payment was made to A.O.Adams for completion of the Lone-Pine Keeler Bridge. (Inyo Register)

July 24, 1919 –Electric lights from its own plant now illuminate the Summers Hotel in Mammoth. (Inyo Register)

December 4, 1919 - Mr. and Mrs. A.O.Adams have moved back from Independence. (Inyo Register)

February 19, 1920 - A.O. Adams ran his same 1/4 page ad with the pictures of the silos same as before but with this added:

SAFETY FIRST CONCRETE SILOS

Will Stand In Wind And Fire! Many Satisfied Owners! Ask Them!

W.R. Ford 4 silos.	Geo. Watterson 1 silo
Wm. Symonds 3' silos.	E.B. Riche Big Pine 2 silos
J.A. Farrington 2 silos	D. C. Cormonde 1 silo
Geo, Shuey 2 silos	Barlow Bros. 2 silos
Ahrens Bros. 2 silos	

The list for this season is not quite filled.
New steel forms this year.

Lets get together early.

A.O. ADAMS - BISHOP, CAL. (Inyo Register)

March 4, 1920 - Mr. and Mrs. Frank Backert arrived Saturday from Montpelier, Idaho where Mr. Backert is in the Oregon Short Line employ. They are spending a 30-day vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wonacott, Mrs. Backert's parents. (Inyo Register)

April 22, 1920 - Carrie Wonacott (not Wolpert?) was election clerk for Round Valley May 2, 1898. Carrie Wonacott graduated from Riverside school. Note. Riverside was the school built on one acre of land Charles Wonacott gave to the school district "for as long as it shall be used for school purposes." The land was part of his ranch that was Hiram Huckaby's originally. It was on Dixon Lane, the old silo is still standing. (Inyo Register)

May 13, 1920 - Mrs. A. Wonacott attended a shower for Mrs. M.H. Nordzke. (Inyo Register)

June 3, 1920 - Party was given by Keough to celebrate opening of a new Pool at Keough's Hot Springs. Elma and Doris Wonacott were among the children attending. (Inyo Register)

July 29, 1920 - Mr. and Mrs. A.O. Adams have gone to Lone Pine to remain while Mr. Adams is constructing the new school building there. (Eva Hartley was with them. She said they and the construction crew all camped in a dry wash with a cook shack and all. Later in the year a flash flood came and washed them out. They finished the stay in rented rooms. (Inyo Register)

July 29, 1920 - Estate of E.C. Varney, father of Leland Varney. \$75,000. (Inyo Register)

October 7, 1920 - DEATH - RAY D. HUCKABY - After an illness of four weeks with "typhoid, which developed into pneumonia Ray D. Huckaby passed away Oct 5 and laid away in the family plot in the Pioneer Cemetery on the eve of his 21st birthday. On the eve of his death he requested to be sung "My Isle Of Golden Dreams". He was the twin brother of Raymond D Huckaby and the youngest of the family of Mrs. E.I. Huckaby and the late George Huckaby. He also leaves three older brothers and four sisters. (Inyo Register)

October 7, 1920 - Card of thanks - Mrs.. E. I. Huckaby. (Inyo Register)

Oct. 21, 1920- DEATH -CHARLES FORREST WONACOTT - passed away in the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Wonacott at about 10:00 last night. He was born in West Bishop 42 years, 25 days ago. (Inyo Register)

His case has the deepest sympathy of the community, during eleven year of invalidism, fourteen years ago he sustained a severe attack of rheumatism, which left an after effect a valvular - ___?lerion of the heart. Three years later he was taken with a paralytic stroke

of the right side. He never recovered from it, though frequently up and around. His last attack confined him to his bed about three months. His transition from life to death was so easy that those with him knew it only by his changed appearance. The funeral will occur Saturday afternoon at 2:00 from the family residence. We extend for many friends, condolences to the bereaved relatives, not only for their loss I but for the distressing affliction that for so long cut off the career of a well-liked and upright Young man. (Inyo Register)

November 19, 1920 – Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wonacott, their son Dwight and daughter Mrs. Carrie Wolpert, with her daughter Eva are here as the guests of Mr. Frank J. Cavanaugh. (Reno Evening Gazette, Reno, Nevada)

Nov. 26, 1920 – Mr. And Mrs. Charles Wonacott, their son Dwight and daughter Mrs. Carrie Wolpert, with her daughter Eva returned to Bishop by motor Wednesday after spending a week here as the guest of Frank J. Cavanaugh. Mrs. Wonacott was affected by the altitude, which is 200 feet higher than at Bishop and therefore has to shorten her stay. (Reno Evening Gazette, Reno, Nevada)

December 31, 1920 – Forrest Xavier Backert is born to Frank Peter and Evangeline (Wonacott) Backert in Bakersfield, California. (Birth Certificate)

January 20, 1921 – Trial Juror. A.O. Adams. (Inyo Register)

January 20, 1921 -Big Pine School. Bids were opened Saturday for the new combined school building to be erected there. A.O. Adams was the winner of the general contract, on which his bid was \$.58,239.00; He also got the contract for supplying blackboards for \$1,105.00, plumbing \$ 5,447.00 and heating \$6,667.00. There were eight bidders for the contract, showing a wide range of figures. One offer for the general contract set \$78,000.00 as the figure. (Inyo Register)

February 24, 1921 - A.O.Adams ¼ page ad with pictures is run again. He now counts 24 silos built. (Inyo Register)

March 3,1921 - Indians not living in a tribal relationship and for whom no Indian school is provided must be permitted to attend public school. (Inyo Register)

March 10, 1921 - A.O. Adams awarded a contract for a bridge over Big Pine Canal for \$1897.00. (Inyo Register)

March 31, 1921 - L.A.Hazard and Charles Wonacott were chosen high school trustees at the election Friday, by pronounced majorities. Both being experienced builders, their candidacy appealed to the public at this stage of the proceedings. Had they announced earlier, possibly no other names would have been up for the retiring trustees both expressed a preference not to serve again. Practically all the campaigning was for the

winners. (Inyo Register)

March 31, 1921 - Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wonacott and family returns last week from a winters stay at Bakersfield and Stockton. (Inyo Register)

April 2, 1921 - A pleasant party at the home of Mrs. C.E. Johnson in West Bishop. Three paragraphs follow about the party. Those present included Mrs. Wonacott. (Inyo Register)

April 14, 1921 - Directors of Inyo Creamery include Don Wonacott. (Inyo Register)

May 15, 1921 - There was one full half page of letters from A.O. Smith to Lone Pine school district, to the State of California and from the engineers that he had hired. Adams was claiming that the trustees for the Lone Pine school that he was contractor on were unsafe and should not be used as designed on the contract plans. He finally proved his point, even though he had to pay engineers to do it. The State of Calif. finally said he was right. So did the school board. There was a total of eight letters back and forth. Adams emerged a hero, as well as he should. (Inyo Register)

May 26, 1921 - A.W. Wonacott witnessed a homestead for Alban A. Hack. (Inyo Register)

May 26, 1921 - 3,000 jackrabbits slain in big drive of 300 people. The drive was from Perry's ranch to a pen constructed to catch the rabbits at Dehy's ranch. (Inyo Register)

June 16, 1921 - A.O. Adams is completing a warehouse of considerable size on his place in the southern part of town. (Inyo Register)

June 16, 1921 - L.A. Hazard displayed at his garage a #10 rainbow trout he caught in Convict Creek with a spinner. (Inyo Register)

June 30, 1921 - Mrs. Carrie Wonacott, among twenty others was appointed to assist aliens to register. (Inyo Register)

October 27, 1921 - CORN CLUB CONTEST... (This was a contest growing corn, much like 4-H today. Each grammar School boy was to keep detailed records of, and grow one acre of corn, each boy of high school age was to grow two acres.) Committee - Don Wonacott. (Inyo Register)

February 2, 1922 - DIED - MRS. CHARLES WONACOTT died at the family home north west of Bishop last evening, after a very brief illness. It is learned that she had a very severe cold, and with it heart trouble. She was confined to her bed yesterday, and passed away about 6 o'clock last evening. Mrs. Wonacott, with her husband and family had resided since about 1880. None knew her but to hold her in high respect, and she

will be missed by many friends, as well as the husband and children to whom she was devoted. She was one of the early members of the Rebekah lodge here. She is survived by her husband, formerly supervisor; three daughters, Mrs. Carrie Wolpert, Mrs. Hattie Adams and Mrs. Vangie Bracket (Backert): and four sons Don, Robert (Bob-Albert) Harold and Dwight. Another son Forrest died not long ago. We regret the absence of further biographical data, for Mrs. Wonacott has been so long a member of the community, and held in such universal respect, as to make her loss one of deep and general regret. The bereaved family has the sincere sympathy of all. (Inyo Register)

March 9, 1922 - Trustees call election for Bishop schools. Board of trustees. signed, C. Wonacott. (Inyo Register)

March 9, 1922 - Contractor Adams has taken the forms off the new bridge at the south end of Main street, but the structure will not be opened for public use for ten days. (Inyo Register)

March 9, 1922 - Born-at Laws, Cal., March 7, 1922 to the wife of Raymond D. Huckaby a son, Dennis Lowell Huckaby. (Inyo Register)

March 9, 1922 - Fishing contests were held regularly, but for fly fishing. One man asked about entering a fish caught with bait. He was refused, but the committee found they really had no law against such, so set out to make the necessary law. (too bad they haven't been kept). (Inyo Register)

March 16, 1922 - Adams ¼ page ad of silos is in the paper again, it ran for some time. (Inyo Register)

March 23, 1922 - Forrest Bell was in a play. (This is the son of Hattie Bell, nee Hattie Wonacott). (Always called Buss). (Inyo Register)

March 30, 1922 - P.B. Wonacott, a brother of our fellow citizen Chas. Wonacott arrived from Willits, Cal a few days ago. The meeting was the first between the brothers in many years. Austen Wonacott, the son of P.B.(Peyton Bell) is in the highway employ, and Sunday quite a family reunion occurred. (Inyo Register)

April 13, 1922 - New Bishop High School, New Court House and New Big Pine School dedicated. Gov. Stevens spoke at all three. A.O. Adams, contractor for Big Pine School. (Inyo Register)

April 13, 1922 - Charles Wonacott, formerly supervisor of district one has consented to be a candidate for the same position coming election. (Inyo Register)

April 20, 1922 - PIG CONTEST CLOSES Committee consisted of Don Wonacott and several others. (Inyo Register)

April 27, 1922 – Ad in paper - CHARLES WONACOTT - respectfully announces he will be a candidate for supervisor subject to the primary election. (Inyo Register)

May 11, 1922 - Cow testing records Milk percow 643.5 % - fat 3.7 pounds - butterfat 23.61. Number of cows 10 .Don Wonacott came in with these at about 10th. (Inyo Register)

June 1, 1922 – Schock's Bakery. Built by A.O. Adams.(Inyo Register)

June 15, 1922 – Petition to establish Owens Valley Irrigation District, signed by about 100 people, including Chas. Wonacott and Alpers of Laws. (Inyo Register)

July 6, 1922 – Don Wonacott's cow named Midget, listed as Jersey. 786# milk, 5.1% butterfat, 40.1#. For the month. (Inyo Register)

July 27, 1922 – Girls Glee Club - Carrie Wonacott and others. Charles Wonacott ad for supervisor's race still running in paper. (Inyo Register)

August 3, 1922 – Ad in paper - CEMETERY WORK -
I am going to do some concrete work in the Masonic and Odd Fellows cemeteries work in the near future, and am prepared. to contract for any other work there at the same time. Those wishing such work done may find it totheir advantage to communicate with me promptly. A.O. ADAMS.(Inyo Register)

August 3, 1922 – Claude Huckaby had part of a finger taken off in a cog wheel. (Inyo Register)

Aug 3, 1922 – Officers for Primary Election, Carrie Wonacott, Clerk, Round Valley. (Inyo Register)

August 5, 1922 – Wilfred Watterson caught 165 fish in three hours, all on flies. Don Wonacott is listed again with top cow. (Inyo Register)

September 21,1922 - A.O. Adams was awarded the contract to build the new school at Independence, and he and Mrs. Adams left for there Friday. (Inyo Register)

September 21,1922 - Eight million pounds of apples grown in the valley this year. (Inyo Register)

September 21,1922 - Chas. Wonacott donated a \$5.00 prize for the best agricultural display. Won J.L Gish. (Inyo Register)

Compilers Note: Unsure when Charles Wonacott sold the ranch, but know it was after

Rachael died. Likely it is sometime in this era.

January 11, 1923 - Chas. Wonacott on grand jury. (Inyo Register)

January 11, 1923 - Mr. and Mrs. A.O. Adams were here from Independence a few days ago. Mr. Adams has practically completed the new school building there. (Inyo Register)

January 11, 1923 - NOTE Willie Chalfant wrote "Outposts Of Civilization" and ran it as a serial in the Inyo Register. He also wrote, while editor and owner of the paper, "Story Of Inyo" and "Death Valley, The Facts".(Inyo Register)

March 8, 1923 - Charles Wonacott on High School Board Of Trustees.(Inyo Register)

April 12, 1923 - A.O. Adams to build a house for Alphonse Seinturier. (Inyo Register)

May 10, 1923 - Watterson Bros. let, contract to A.O.Adams to construct their new building on Main Street. Plans have been enlarged so that the building will fill the entire frontage from the Express office to F.H. Bulpitt's lot, 167'. Adams is both the designer and builder. Wrecking the old buildings of the Clark Hotel has begun. (Inyo Register)

May 10, 1923 - Enrollment of Riverside School. 31 pupils. (Inyo Register)

May 10, 1923 - New trout limit, 25. (was 50). (Inyo Register)

May 10, 1923 - Note in paper. If you have a license plate on your car with a star, it indicates a number over one million. (Inyo Register)

August 16, 1923 - A.O. Adams has bought from R. Hess, the property adjoining the Golden Rule Store and proposes to put up business buildings on it. (Inyo Register)

October 25, 1923 - Charles Wonacott returned Tuesday, after visiting his daughter Mrs. Carrie De Luchi in Oakland, and his son Dwight in Vallejo for some time. (This seems wrong, Harold lived in Vallejo at that time). (Inyo Register)

November 22, 1923 - Chase Wonacott on grand jury.(Inyo Register)

January 31, 1924 -ADAMS BLOCK - A.O. Adams is completing his new block on main street north of the Golden Rule Store. (Inyo Register)

March 27, 1924 -Charles Wonacott's term as member of school board to expire. (Inyo Register)

July 24, 1924 - Mrs. F.P.Backert, formerly Miss. Evangeline Wonacott and her two children, are here from Mojave visiting relatives. (Inyo Register)

August 7, 1924 - Calla May Wood and Dwight Wonacott were married by Judge Yaney at the Adams residence. (Inyo Register)

November 18, 1924 - Writing contest at Riverside school won by Elma and Irene Wonacott. (Inyo Register)

February 1925 - DEATH - JOHN BULPITT Feb. 1925. Obit. "One of his earlier adventures was a plan to Raft wood and timber thru the Owens River Gorge, from Long Valley. A boat trip thru the canyon, shared by himself and another resident, ended that idea as an impossibility (the other resident was Charles Wonacott). (Inyo Register)

February 19, 1925 - Bishop cleanup day- Allpitched in - A.O. Adams lent his truck and worked the day(Inyo Register)

March 12, 1925 - ELECTION- Station District Judge was Mrs. Emily Huckaby- Riverside District, Inspector Mrs. Don Wonacott. (Inyo Register)

March 19,1925 - NEIGHBORS OF WOODCRAFT MASQUERADE. Paid admissions over 200 couples two of the groups dealt with the water question. One group portrayed Bill Mullholand leading his "aqueduck" from a water pail. Another group of three portrayed "What Los Angeles did to me. The group prize Went to these jointly, Albert Wonacott, Thelma Wonacott and Thomas Wonacott, as the Inyo County farmers. (Inyo Register)

March 26, 1925 - A.O. Adams and about 50 other property owners have contributed to the Bishop Reparations Committee. (Inyo Register)

May 7, 1925 - Senior play- Characters - Brighton Early, about to be married - Played by Wilfred Huckaby. (Inyo Register)

May 14, 1925 - 23 High School grads included Wilford Huckaby. Inyo County grammar school graduates Elmer Huckaby, (the only. graduate) from Station School District. (Laws) (Inyo Register)

June18, 1925 - Leland Varney arrived last week from Oakland for a short stay. (Inyo Register)

August 6, 1925 - Fire destroyed Hotel ISTALIA. (Inyo Register)

August 20, 1925 - Mr. and Mrs. A.O. Adams of Bishop arrived in Bridgeport on Wednesday, While in this vicinity, Mr. Adams, who is a cement contractor of many years

experience, will do considerable work at Twin Lakes in the construction of a new dam on the lower lake and the installation of head gates. (Inyo Register)

September 17, 1925 - A.O. Adams has several jobs of concrete work to be done in the Masonic Cemetery, .etc (Inyo Register)

November 19, 1925 - Schools' attendance. Laws. 13. Round Valley 29. Riverside 14, Bishop 130. West Bishop 48. Bishop High 136. (Inyo Register)

December 24, 1925 - LARGE REUNION. Mr. and Mrs. L.J. De Luchi, Miss Eva De Luchi, J. Garibaldi, from Oakland, Harold Wonacott from Vallejo, Mrs. F.P. Backert, son and daughter, from San Jose (should be San Luis Obispo), are here for the holiday. Mrs. De Luchi was formerly Miss. Carrie Wonacott, and Mrs. Backert was Miss. Evangeline Wonacott, and all are here for a family reunion with their father Charles Wonacott. and resident members of the family. Their Christmas dinner group of 27 will doubtless be one of the largest family gatherings to assemble in the valley on this holiday. It will be the 50th Christmas since Mr. Wonacott, as an incoming settler camped on the ground now occupied by Weil's Inc. opposite from Inyo County Bank. (Inyo Register)

July 15, 1926 – Thelma Wonacott and Walter Parsons are graduates from the Round Valley School. (Inyo Register)

NOTE: THRU MOST OF THE YEAR THE PAPER PUBLISHED LISTS OF DEEDS OF LAND THAT HAD BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. (Inyo Register)

November 4, 1926 – Mrs. Eliza Watterson struck and killed by car on Main Street, in front of the Adams block. (Inyo Register)

December 9, 1926 - Knights Of Pythias Elects...Forrest Huckaby, Mat A (Inyo Register)

December 9, 1926 - Trial jurors Laws, Lizzie Huckaby Big Pine, Charles Summers Jr. (Inyo Register)

January 27, 1927 - Inyo Temple #117 Pythian Sisters...Florence Smith, M.E C. (Inyo Register)

March 3, 1927 – DEATH - FRANK BACKERT -Frank P.Backert died yesterday in San Luis Obispo aged about 45 years. He was a former resident here; his wife, who with their son Forrest and daughter Kathleen survives him, was formerly Evangeline Wonacott. Her father, Charles Wonacott, is now in San Luis Obispo. Mr. and Mrs. A.O. Adams left today to attend the funeral. (Inyo Register)

March 24, 1927 - Mrs. Margis Huckaby and Miss. Lois Schoenmaker left this morning for Los Angeles. (Inyo Register)

March 24, 1927 - Notice of election establishing precincts. The West Bishop precinct shall include West Bishop, Pleasant Valley, Riverside and Power Plant school districts. Polling place West Bishop schoolhouse. (This indicates the end of Pleasant Valley Riverside and Power Plant schools). (Inyo Register)

April 14, 1927 - Summers Hotel at Mammoth burned yesterday... (Inyo Register)

NOTE: MOST OF THE FIGHTING WITH LOS ANGELES, "THE CITY" AND SALES OF RANCHES SEEM TO BEGIN IN 1924. IN 1925 THERE WERE BIG LISTS OF LAND SOLD OR CONDEMNED BY OR TO, LOS ANGELES. IN 1927 THE AQUEDUCT WAS BOMBED AT LEAST THREE TIMES BEFORE JUNE. (Inyo Register)

June 10, 1927 - Graduates from school. Riverside District, Elma Wonacott, Irene Wonacott! (Same year?) (Inyo Register)

June 30, 1927 - A shot that made Keeler tremble exploded on a hill above the Los Angeles Aqueduct. (Inyo Register)

July 21, 1927 - Two more blasts break the Aqueduct. (Inyo Register)

August 4, 1927 - Headline. ALL THE WATKINSON BANKS TO CLOSE DOORS. (Inyo Register)

September 8, 1927 - Jurors in the Watterson trial, Lizzie Huckaby, Charles Summers Jr (Inyo Register)

September 29, 1927 - Charles Wonacott his daughter Mrs. Carrie De Luchi and her daughter Miss. Eva are revisiting Bishop, for reasons of interest in the financial situation as well as others. (Inyo Register)

December 22, 1927 - A plan to pay 10% per dollar on savings and 5% on commercial accounts of Watterson Bank bankruptcy is blocked. (Inyo Register)

February 2, 1928 – DIED - JAMES HUCKABY - James N. Huckaby, a native of Illinois, died at Big Pine last Friday, at the age of 67 years, 10 months, 14 days. He, with others of the family, came to this valley in 1874, and except for absences spent in Nevada has lived in the county, principally in or near Laws, ever since. Other members of the family were George Huckaby and Mrs. Charles Wonacott, both now deceased. Quite an extensive circle of relatives are residents of the valley. (Note. Charles Wonacott, his wife Rachel and daughter Carrie Belle arrived in Bishop in 1875. They came a year after the main Huckaby party. They stayed in Laramie, Wyoming nursing their first child Franklin, who died there and the second child Carrie was born there. There were also many more people in the main Huckaby party that came to Bishop in 1874, among them were: Hiram Huckaby, Louvicey Hicky Huckaby wife of Hiram, Moses Smith and wife Saphronah,

Merril Smith, their daughter Emily Smith, George Washington Huckaby. There was a total of 75 in the original party that left Independence, Mo. on April 10, 1874, according to a paper by Dennis Huckaby See under the date line Dec. 24, 1925. This bears out the fact that Charles and Rachel arrived in Bishop in 1875, not 1874.) (Inyo Register)

February 23, 1928 - Card Of Thanks We thank the friends who in our bereavement have given us their sympathy and kind helpfulness. Mrs.George Huckaby - Charles Wonacott and familys. (Inyo Register)

March 12, 1903 - Married in Tonopah March 5, Walter Bell to Mrs. Hattie Wonacott. (Inyo Register)

April 12, 1928 - Baseball... W. Huckaby played RF. Played Independence. Bishop won 10-7(Inyo Register)

April 12, 1928 - DEATH OF MRS. ETHEL SUMMERS, wife of Elmer Summers. Mrs. Summers was the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Huckaby. She was born here August 21, 1892. She was married twice- the second time to Elmer S. Summers about 7 years ago. A daughter of her first marriage Emily Gracey aged about 15 years has been living with an aunt, Mrs. George Geyer in Reno. She arrived from Reno yesterday with Horace Grier (Geyer,sic). Funeral services held at Masonic Temple and conducted by the Eastern Star, followed by those at the cemetery conducted by the Pythian Sisters. (Inyo Register)

April 19,1928 - Front page.. Full 2" col.

In memoriam hundreds of people assembled at the Masonic Temple last Friday afternoon to pay their respects to the memory of Mrs. Ethel Summers .etc. Buried Pioneer Cemetery. Seldom does one see such a tribute paid. All the schools and business houses in Bishop closed during the services...etc. She was one of the mainstays of the musical circles here", etc. (Inyo Register)

April 19, 1928 - A.O. Adams replaces all drains on Main Street. (Inyo Register)

April 19, 1928 - Card of thanks signed by Elmer S. Summers, Emily Gracey, Mrs. Emily Huckaby, Mr. and Mrs. J.N. Summers. (Inyo Register)

May 31, 1928 - Checks for 5% commercial dividend from Watterson Bank ready. (Inyo Register)

May 31, 1928 - Mrs. Watterson, president of Women's Club. (This indicating that feeling in the valley are in favor of the Wattersons even though the Bank went bankrupt. Other Wattersons get favorable mention in the paper also.) (Inyo Register)

June 14, 1928 - A.O. Adams was awarded contracts to lay concrete sidewalks at Mono County Courthouse. (Inyo Register)

June 21, 1928 - Grammar school graduate Thomas Wonacott. (Inyo Register)

July 5, 1928 - To date two 10% dividends have been declared by Watterson (.Inyo Co) Bank on savings accounts. (Inyo Register)

June 21, 1928 -A.O. Adams bid \$11,765.40 on new library, court and jail at Lone Pine (he was not low bidder). (Inyo Register)

July 5, 1928 - Charles Wonacott of San Luis Obispo, and former Supervisor of Inyo County, with his daughter Mrs. Carrie De Luchi and her daughter Eva, from Oakland arrived at Silver Lake Monday, coming via Tioga Pass. (Forrest Backert was on that trip too, remembers camping at Silver Lake). (Inyo Register)

August 2, 1928 - A.O. Adams is putting up two concrete buildings for the power co. at Silver Lake. (Inyo Register)

September 20, 1928 - High School. Notes" Thomas Wonacott Freshman vice president. (Inyo Register)

November 22, 1928 - There was an article in the high school news by Elmer Huckaby (Inyo Register)

November 29, 1928 - Mr. and Mrs. Tom Summers Jr. returned from honeymoon trip. (Thelma). (Inyo Register)

December 20. 1928 - High School Sophomore Class article written by Irene Wonacott also Tom Wonacott sang in the boy's sextets. (Inyo Register)

January 17, 1929 - Trial jurors for West Bishop - D.L. Wonacott (Inyo Register)

January 24, 1929 - SWEENEY-MCDONALD The home of Mr. and Mrs. L.J. De Luchi, 384-61 St., Oakland, was the scene of a beautiful wedding at eight o'clock on the evening of January 18th. A host of admiring friends was present to witness the ceremony. The groom Wilford Bernard Sweeny, was a resident of Berkeley and the bride was Miss. Eva McDonald De Luchi, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L.J. De Luchi, Mrs. De Luchi was Miss Carrie Wonacott, the daughter of Chas Wonacott, and was formerly a resident of Bishop. The flower girl was Valerie Hourtlanc the bridesmaids the Misses Antoinette Panela and Jeanette Larkin; the groomsmen were Charles and Chan Sweeny, brothers of the groom. The home, as decorated, was a scene of beauty, and the spirit of the guests seemed to

be in harmony with the appearance of the altar chamber. Quite a number of Bishop friends and relatives were present to witness the nuptial ceremony, which was administered by Rev. Samuel S. Patterson, an old acquaintance and friend of the bride's mother. Two couples, formerly residents of Bishop and for whom Mr. Patterson had performed the marriage ceremony, were present, enjoying the occasion as a brief reunion of friends. These were Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Waight, Mrs. Waight formerly Lorraine Sterling, and Mr. and Mrs. Leland Varney, Mrs. Varney formerly Elsie Boyd. Harold Wonacott, uncle of the bride, was present, also Mr. and Mrs. A.D. Adams, and son, still residents of Bishop. Other former residents who were guests were Mrs. Sterling, Mrs. Pattersun and Mrs. Anita Patterson. (Inyo Register)

January 24, 1929 - High School news. Football article in paper by Elmer Huckaby. Also an article by Irene Wonacott. (She was a sophomore). (Inyo Register)

January 31, 1929 - Mr. and Mrs. Don Wonacott and many others motored to Big Pine to a surprise party for Mrs. Mable Drake. There was dancing until 2 A.M. to music supplied by D.H. Jones and Mannie Olds There was a potluck supper. (Inyo Register)

March 2, 1929 - High school article by Irene Wonacott... Also article by Tom Wonacott. (Inyo Register)

March 21, 1929 - Neighbors of Woodcraft Masked Ball... Albert Wonacott as Dr. Sham won \$3.00 prize and Barbara Wonacott won \$1.00 as a fairy. Also article in high school section by Elma Wonacott (biology class visited the fish hatchery). (Inyo Register)

April 18, 1929 - Senior who won Junior Olympic Tests included Charles (?) Wonacott, Vivian Huckaby, Junior- Doris Wonacott. There was an article in the paper almost every week by Irene Wonacott about the Biology Club. Some articles by Elma. (Inyo Register)

October 24, 1929 -Harold A. Wonacott, formerly of Bishop, is the chief party in interest in the Premex Asphalt Paving Co. of Vallejo, Cal, producing a material for paving and patching highways. This product is given very favorable report in press notices. (Inyo Register)

November 21, 1929- Front page of paper.

PASSED FROM SLEEP INTO ETERNITY (headline).

CHARLES WONACOTT, pioneer resident of Bishop, passed into rest Sunday night at the home of his daughter Mrs. Vangie Robinson, in San Luis Obispo, where he had been most of the time during the last two years. He had been visiting his relatives there, and left Sunday morning in company with Chase Bell for the coast city. They reached San Luis about 5 o'clock. Mr. Wonacott was in good spirits and apparent good health, and stayed up until about 10 o'clock talking to the family. A small grandson (Forrest) who slept with

him was undisturbed during the night: When Mrs. Robinson went to call the boy to get ready for school she found that her father had passed from sleep into death, without a sign of struggle or suffering. The coroner's decision was that old age was the cause of death. Charles William Wonacott was born in Virginia Nov. 8, 1849. And was therefore "aged 80 years and 9 days at the time of his death. Few would have thought him so far advanced in years, for he retained an unusual appearance of body vigor and health He was married to Miss Rachel Huckaby June 16, 1872, in St. Clair County, Missouri. They traveled to Wyoming with relatives, leaving Ft. Scott, Kansas May 2, 1874. After a year's stay in that territory they came to Bishop, reaching here in November. Mr. Wonacott was a carpenter by trade. His first work was in building the one time well known Spencer Store in West Bishop. He built the West Bishop schoolhouse, burned some years ago, and also the one now standing. He also built the town frame schoolhouse now used for city and library purposes, the second schoolhouse at Big Pine, and a number of other structures in the valley. One of his enterprises was a sawmill on the Owens River, and he experimented with the plan of rafting material down the river but with unsatisfactory results. With the growth of Tonopah he went to that camp, and after carrying on his trade for a short time, he went into the undertaking business with Frank J. Cavanaugh, to whom he sold out a few years since. (Note. he opened the undertaking business with George Hall. He became a partner with Frank Cavanaugh after 1912. He sold his interest in the business to Mary Cavanaugh in 1920). With the sale of his farm property here he retired from active work. Mrs. Wonacott passed on Feb. 1, 1922, when her golden wedding was but a few months away. Nine children were born to them, two of whom, Frankie E. and Forrest C., died Those surviving are three daughters and four sons: Mrs. L.J. De Luchi, of Oakland, Mrs. T.R. Robinson, of San Luis Obispo, Mrs. A.O. Adams of Bishop, Don L. Wonacott and Albert W. Wonacott, of Bishop, Harold Wonacott of Vallejo, and Dwight Wonacott, of grand children and two great grandchildren (? don't understand). Mrs. Emily Huckaby, a sister-in-law resides at Laws. All of his returns from sales of property in Bishop and in Tonopah was deposited in the Inyo County Bank or invested in the Wattersons corporations, and all was swept away in the bank crash. ; During his average lifetime of residence among us, Charles Wonacott's reputation was unstained, and his uprightness was unquestioned. Those that knew him feel. That while he lived beyond man's allotted time a fine citizen has been taken away. His former business associate, Frank J. Cavanaugh, came from Tonopah to conduct his funeral this afternoon. The Elks had charge of the service. (Inyo Register)

November 28, 1929 - (front page)

WONACOTT FUNERAL (headline).

A very large attendance witnessed the last rites for the late Charles Wonacott last Thursday. Services at the home of his daughter Mrs. A.O. Adams were conducted by the Rev. C.H. Powell. The antlers club gave the service at the grave, C.W. French, E.T. Alright and W.B. Young officiating. Pallbearers were Supervisor George W. Naylor, C.A. Partridge, Walter B. Young, Charles Dugan, John Barlow and Algie Barlow. Our obituary review last week inadvertently omitted mention of Mr. Wonacott's service as a county Supervisor, in

which he made a creditable record. (Inyo Register)

November 28, 1929 - Card of thanks.

To all the friends who in one way or another extended their sympathetic assistance on the occasion of the loss of our father our most grateful thanks are extended. The Wonacott Family. (Inyo Register)

January 2, 1930 - Thos. Summers, Thos. Summers Jr. and Robert Wonacott returned a few

days ago from a trip to Milford, Utah, having a look at that country as a possibility As a future residence. (Inyo Register)

January 9, 1930 - (a legal notice) Notice To Creditors - Probate #1294

In Superior Court, State of Cal. Co. of Inyo - In the matter of the estate of Chas. W. Wonacott deceased.

Notice is given by the undersigned, Hattie E. Wonacott Adams and Donald Wonacott, executrix and executor respectfully of the last will and testament of Charles Wonacott.

(Follows a standard notice to creditors).

Signed Hattie E. Wonacott. Donald Wonacott. (Inyo Register)