

Bull Creek Memorial Cemetery

**A Record of Burials in Bull Creek Cemetery Before it was
Destroyed in the Flood of 1955**

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On a hill overlooking Bull Creek, James Arthur Millsap, the twenty-three month old son of William and Heralda Millsap was laid to rest in 1883, becoming the first known burial in Bull Creek cemetery. Over the next seventy plus years, people were buried there; many pioneers of the area: Victims of accidents, illness, old age and even murder.

But, the raging flood waters of 1955 destroyed the grave yard; washing coffins and bodies into the swollen Bull Creek. Some remains were caught in trees, found in the muddy silt or perhaps even lost to the Pacific. Those remains that were found were placed in a mass grave in 1956 on property donated by Abner Bruce Lewis, Sr., far away from potential flood waters.

At that time, Mrs. Grace Baxter began her efforts to place a memorial over the grave, listing those who had been buried in the original cemetery. She and several other women created a committee to raise funds for the Bull Creek Pioneer Memorial monument which was dedicated on Memorial Day in 1957.

This book is an effort to give a brief genealogy of each person buried that was buried in the original cemetery, along with the obituary for each person, where one could be found. Information for some of the names was never located and some names have been added. I apologize in advance for any errors or omissions and welcome any additions or corrections.

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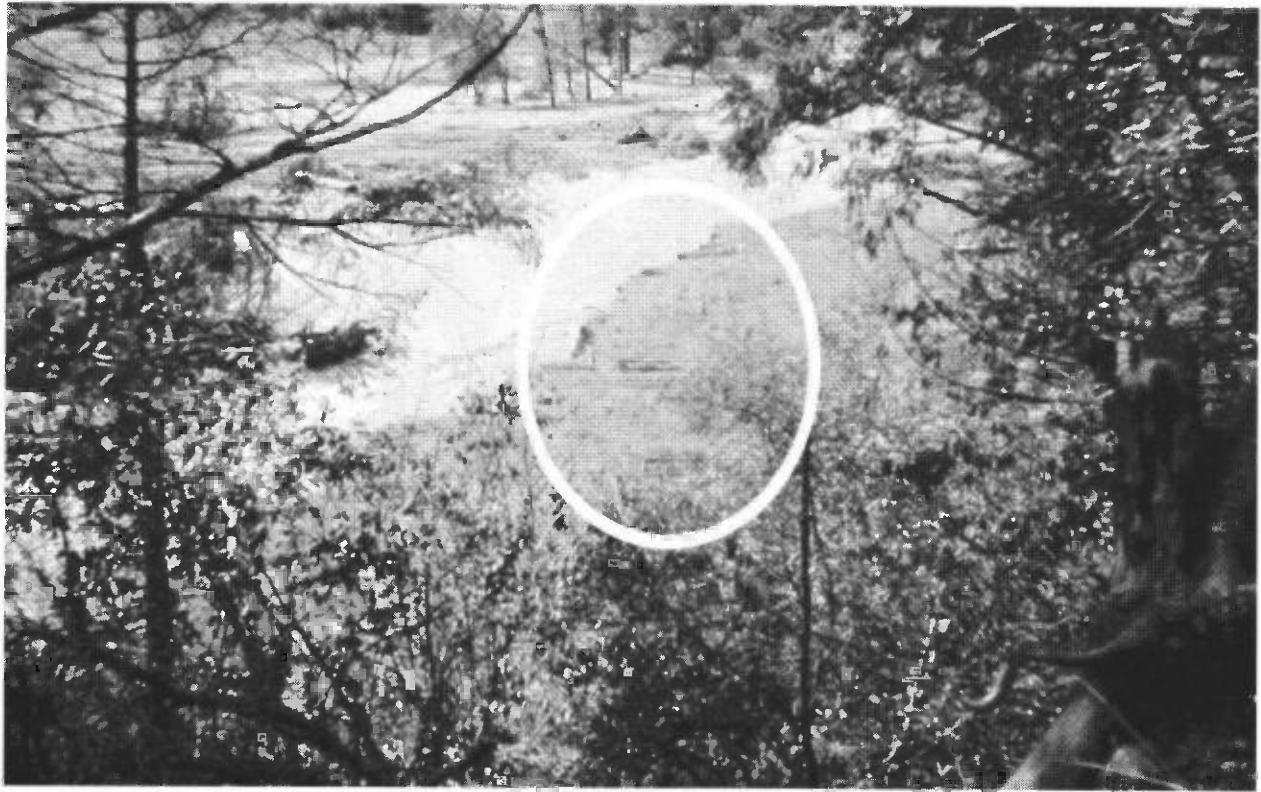
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Bull Creek Cemetery after the 1955
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William Theodore Allum was born 10 October, 1849 to John and Nancy (Cumpston) Allum in Greene County, Pennsylvania (most likely near the town of Jefferson) and died 29 June, 1924 in Manchester, Mendocino County, California. He was single.

Elma or Alma May (Huff) Amen was born 17 September, 1886 in Michigan and died 7 June, 1929 in Scotia, Humboldt County, California of hepatitis. She was married to Henry Alfred Amen on 12 September, 1926 at Eureka. (One record has her father as J. Hill; Huff may actually be a prior married name or Hill may be a misreading of bad hand writing.)

Humboldt Standard, June 8, 1929

"Funeral of Mrs. Amon (sic) to be Held Sunday Afternoon

....Funeral service for Mrs. Elma May Amon [Alma May Amen], wife of Henry A. Amon of Scotia, who passed away there yesterday about noon, will be held at the Bull Creek Cemetery, Sunday, Jun 9th, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Harold A. Morehouse of Shively. Deceased was born in the state of Michigan, Sept. 17th, 1886, and was 42 years of age. She had lived in California 23 years and at Scotia the last three years. The body was brought to the Hunter-Wise Funeral home here, and they will have charge of the funeral and interment."

Clarence James Amen was born 6 April, 1914 to Clarence Leonard and Susannah Annie (Carl) Amen in Fields Landing, Humboldt County, California and died in Colfax, Placer County, California on 11 March, 1947. He married Isabel Delores Anderson on 4 April, 1936 in Fortuna, Humboldt County, California. He was the brother of Hattie R., Dorothy I., Evelyn M., Martha S. and Frances M. (His parents, Clarence L. and Susannah are buried at Ocean View in Eureka.)

Humboldt Standard, 13 March, 1947

"Clarence J. Amen Dies at Colfax

...Clarence James Amen of Scotia and Sacramento died Tuesday at Colfax where he had been receiving medical treatment for two years. He was born 32 years ago at Fields Landing and was an airplane mechanic.

Surviving are his daughter, Mary Suzanne Amen of Fortuna; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence L. Amen of Scotia; his sisters and brothers, Hattie King and Joan Amen of Scotia; Dorothy Wright of Sacramento; Evelyn Lovall and Martha Millsap of Santa Rosa; Agnes Garcelon, Frances Schell, Barbara Hillard of Eureka; his grandmother Mrs. Martha Amen of Pepperwood.

The funeral has been arranged for Saturday at 1:30 in the Hunter-Wise chapel with Rev. John Wilson to officiate. Interment will be at Bull Creek cemetery."

Henry Alfred Amen was born October 26, 1889 at Scotia, Humboldt County, California to James Henry and Martha Frances (Millsap) Amen and died 26 April, 1933 in Eureka, Humboldt County, California of brain cancer. He was first married to Dora Cobb on 6 October, 1923. He was second married to Alma

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May Huff on 12 September, 1926 in Eureka. He was third married to Una Maxine Castro on 20 August, 1932 at Fortuna. He was a range rider for Eel River Mercantile Company in Scotia.

Humboldt Standard, April 26, 1933

"Henry A. Amen Dies in Scotia

...Henry A. Amen, 42, died this morning at Scotia hospital after a brief illness. Deceased was born in Scotia October 26, 1890, and had lived near there all of his life.

He was a veteran of the World War and was employed as a mechanic by the Pacific Lumber company.

Surviving are his widow, whom he married last year; his mother, Mrs. Martha Amen, and the following brothers and sister: Mrs. Claude Samuelson of Loleta, Clarence L. Amen of Holmes, George A. Amen of San Francisco, William T. and James Amen of Scotia.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock from the Hunter-Wise funeral chapel. The Rev. F.W. Zook will officiate at the religious services and interment will be at Bull Creek cemetery."



James Henry Amen was born 10 April, 1849 in Illinois to Mathias and Sara Lucinda (Moody) Amen and died 28 June, 1921 in Pepperwood, Humboldt County California of stomach cancer. He married Martha Frances Millsap on 24 February, 1885 at Bull Creek. His children were: Clarence Leonard, Henry Alfred, Claude E., James Alexander, William Frederick and George Albert Amen.

Humboldt Standard, 2 July, 1921

"Funeral of James Amen; Hydesville

...Mrs. Jess Payton accompanied Dick Smith and wife of Fortuna, Thursday to Pepperwood and thence to Bull Creek where they attended the funeral of James H. Amen, who passed away at the home of Henry Milsap at Pepperwood, Tuesday, after a lingering illness of many months caused by cancer of the stomach. Amen at the time of his death was 72 years of age and a greater part of his life had been spent in Humboldt County; having been a resident of this county for over 50 years.

He leaves a large family of children all of whom are grown. They are Leonard of Willits, Bert of San Francisco, Alfred of Rainbow, Wm. and Alex of Scotia and Mrs. Claudia Summelson (sic) of Fields Landing and the following brothers, Judson, Thomas and Alex Amen of this county and Matteu (sic) Amen of San Bernardino.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Butcher, pastor of the Fortuna Methodist church. Interment was in Bull Creek Cemetery."

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Martha Amen was the infant daughter of James and Martha Amen; born about 9 January, 1886 and died at Upper Mattole on 18 February, 1886. (May or may not be buried at Bull Creek)

Daily Times Telephone, 5 March, 1886

DIED

AMEN—In Upper Mattole, Feb. 18th, infant daughter of Martha Amen, aged 7 weeks and 2 days.

E're sin could blight or sorrow fade,
Death came with friendly care;
The opening bud to Heaven conveyed,
And bid it blossom there.



5 generations of the Amen family, left to right, Dorothy Richardson, C.L. Amen, Randolph Richardson, Martha Amen, Dorothy Wright. Found in Humboldt Beacon, March 1948 edition.

Martha Frances (Millsap) Amen was born 19 March, 1865 to William Richard and Heralda Emmaline (Gibson) Millsap in Shasta County, California and died 4 August, 1949 in Scotia, Humboldt County, California. She married James Henry Amen on 24 February, 1885 at Bull Creek, Humboldt County, California.

Humboldt Beacon, 5 August, 1949

"Mrs. Martha Amen Dies at 84 at Home of Her Son

Mrs. Martha Amen, 84, known to so many in Pepperwood as "Aunt Martha," died in Scotia at the home of her son, Clarence, Thursday afternoon, July 28. She was born in Shasta County and had lived in Humboldt County for the past 80 years.

Besides her son, Clarence, she is survived by three other sons, James of Pepperwood, William of Metropolitan, and George of Fields Landing; two sisters, Mrs. Ella Payton of Hydesville, and Mrs. Ida

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Whetstone of Oakland; a brother, Henry Millsap of Pepperwood: 48 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the Hunter-Wise Funeral Chapel in Fortuna. Rev. Claud Porter conducted the rites. Interment followed at the Bull Creek cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers were her grandsons, Ivan, Shirley, Sherman and Allen Samuelson, Robert Garcelon and Alvin Hilliard.

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Mrs. Martha Amen, known by so many as "Aunt Martha," died in Scotia Thursday afternoon, July 28. She was 84 at the time of her death and had spent 15 years in Pepperwood where she had many friends and relatives.

She lived many years on the Barkdull place up in the redwoods and was happy there not wanting to leave until her failing health made it impossible for her to live there any longer. She had a great love for flowers and there was always a yard full of booms in season, which she found so much pleasure in planting and caring for, and visitors were often invited to "pick some flowers." A member of the Parent-Teachers' Association, she was the first president of the Pepperwood unit when it was organized. Our sincere sympathy is extended to her family."

Thomas Amen was born 22 December, 1855 in California to Mathias and Sarah Lucinda (Moody) Amen and died 29-September, 1931 of hardening of the arteries in Eureka, Humboldt County, California. He was married to Elizabeth Atwell on 27 March, 1892 in Rio Dell, Humboldt County, California. They were later divorced.

Humboldt Standard, September 20, 1931

"Thomas Amen Dies

Thomas Amen, 75, woodsman, died at a local hospital after a short illness. He has lived in southern Humboldt for 44 years and is a native of California. Deceased leaves nieces and nephews, Alfred and James Amen of Scotia, William of Metropolitan, Leonard of Holmes, George of San Francisco, Mack of San Bernardino; Mrs. Nettie Warren of Pepperwood and Mrs. Sadie Ferril. The body is being held at Hunter-Wise Funeral Parlors, Fortuna pending funeral arrangements."

Ora Fay (Cussins) Bardin was born May, 1893 in California to William and Lydia Finette (Carr) Cussins and died at Camp Grant, California on 2 July, 1910 after shooting herself in the breast with a rifle. She was married to William Bardin on 25 December, 1909 at Blocksburg, Humboldt County, California.

Humboldt Beacon, 8 July, 1910

"Dyerville Suicide

Dyerville, July 2—Mrs. Ora Fay Bardin, aged 18 years and a bride of six months, the wife of a rancher living at Camp Grant near here shot herself thru the left breast this afternoon at two o'clock with a 30-30 Winchester rifle. She died at seven o'clock this evening. Dr. Lane of Ferndale was summoned but the

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unfortunate woman was beyond all human aid at the moment the leaden messenger of death plowed thru her frail body.

Mrs. Bardin was alone when she committed her desperate deed and in just what manner she contrived to hold and discharge the rifle is not known.

The woman had been ill and despondent for several months past and it is believed that in a fit of melancholia she nerved herself to take her life.

Deputy Coroner R. J. Sanders of Eureka, who was at Garberville for the remains of Washington Connick, was notified of the suicide and arrived Saturday evening to take charge of the body."

Daily Standard, 5 July, 1910

"...She left a note left a note saying that she was sorry that was to kill herself but just could not help doing it.

A husband and three step children mourn the rash act besides other relatives and a number of friends. A sister of deceased killed herself two years ago."



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Stockton

Charley Budds also known as Charles Bud Shively was born about 1846 in California to Indian Pete and (unknown mother) near Rio Dell and died of pneumonia on 21 March, 1916 in Shively, Humboldt County, California. He was adopted by the Shively family at the age of 13.

Humboldt Beacon, 24 March, 1916

"Budds", the Well Known Indian Dies at Shively

"Budds," one of the best Indians that ever lived in Humboldt county is no more, his death having taken place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Shively, in the town of that name, at 3 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Two months ago "Budds" wrenched his back and when stricken with pneumonia the aged Indian was in no condition physically to withstand the disease, succumbing at the time above stated.

The high esteem in which "Budds" was held by the people of Shively and vicinity was evidenced following his death, flowers being placed by many of the people on the casket of the decedent, who thru all the years of his life was a friend of the white people.

The burial took place Wednesday in the Shively plot on Bull Creek, quite a number of the people of Shively attending the funeral, going by train to South Fork thence to Bull Creek by private conveyance. Elder I. D. Adder (name illegible) pastor of the Eureka Seventh Day Adventist church conducted the service.

Seventy years ago or thereabouts Charley or "Budds" as he was more familiarly known, was born near Rio Dell, then known as Eagle Prairie.

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Following the Indian massacre "Budds," then a boy of about thirteen was taken into the home of W. B. Shively at Rio Dell, the father of Wm. Shively, living in the family until the death of Mr. Shively in 1896.

He then lived for short periods with Chas. Winemiller and J. F. Winemiller, after which he entered the family of Wm. Shively with whom he made his home until he died.

The old adage that "A good Indian is a dead Indian" did not apply in the case of "Budds" for thruout (sic) his life he was a friend of the white man.

Of a jovial nature he was a universal favorite and every man, woman and child who knew "Budds" counted him a friend, and such he was.

The writer while in Shively Tuesday, gleaning particulars about "Budds" was told by more than one of his friends that "Nothing you can write will be too good about him for we all liked "Budds."

Mr. and Mrs. Shively could not have been kinder to "Budds" had he been one of their own kin and in giving him a Christian burial they contributed the last token of respect and love to the Indian who had always known them as his friends."

Mary Geneviva Bulger (*Baby Bulger on slab*) was born about 4 December, 1887 in California to Charles Benjamin and Ellen "Nellie" (Turner) Bulger. She died 26 May, 1888 at Bull Creek at the age of 5 months and 22 days.

Daily Humboldt Times, 3 June 1888

"DIED

BULGER—On Bull Creek, May 26, 1888, Mary Geneviva, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. B. Bulger, aged 5 months and 22 days."

Ellen "Nellie" (Turner) Bulger was born about 1868 possibly in Mendocino Co. California to Noah Hatton and Mary Jane (Ross) Turner. She died of cancer on 6 July, 1899 near Dyerville, Humboldt County, California. She married Charles Benjamin Bulger on 7 August, 1884 at Camp Grant, Humboldt County, California.

Ferndale Enterprise, 14 July, 1899

"The mortal remains of Mrs. C. B. Bulger, of Dyerville, were laid in their final resting place Friday, the 8th, she having passed away on Wednesday preceding at 12 o'clock. The late Mrs. Bulger lived for a while with her family in Ferndale and later at Port Kenyon, during which time she was suffering with that dreadful malady known as cancer. At times her life was despaired of, but she so far recovered as to remove to the home of her father, Mr. Turner, 6 miles above Dyerville. There after many weeks of patient suffering she breathed her last. The deceased was beloved by a large circle of friends and relatives. In her last hours on earth she found great comfort in relying on the promises of her Savior and Lord. Her peace was fully made and she expressed her willingness "to depart and be with the Lord, which is far better."

Deceased was 31 years of age.

"Full many a conflict she has known,

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In tears full often she has sown;
The fight is fought, the victory won.
She rests and sweetly sleepeth."

"Oh! Never will she wake again,
Sick, weary, feeble or in pain;
No trace of suffering will remain,
For she in Jesus sleepeth. P.G.

Daisy Burt (spelled Burt on slab) No information to be found. Possibly part of the George and Susie Burt Indian family of the area.

Son of Darrell Butts was born prematurely on 16 April, 1944 to Darrell and Joann (Craig) Butts in Scotia, Humboldt County, California. He died 17 April, 1944.



Martin Luther Cary was born on 27 December, 1835 to Martin and Achsah (Benson) Cary in New York and died 21 January, 1923 in Dyerville, Humboldt County, California of a strangulated hernia. He married Margaret Jane (maiden name unknown) about 1860. He had a son, Ernest E. Cary.

Humboldt Beacon, 26 January, 1923

"Martin L. Cary Passes Away

Martin L. Cary passed away at the home of his son, Edward (sic) of Pepperwood, January 21. Deceased was born in New York December 17, 1825. He has lived 15 years in California and is well known in Pepperwood section.

He was 87 years of age and the cause of his death was strangulated intestinal hernia. The funeral was held Wednesday at Bull Creek. He leaves a son, Edward Carey of Pepperwood, and a granddaughter, Mrs. Stanley [Weltha] Wood, also of Pepperwood."

David Edward Chadbourne was born 22 November, 1925 in Scotia, Humboldt County, California to David B. and Addie Louise (Taylor) Chadbourne. He died 10 May, 1926 in Scotia, Humboldt County, California of meningitis.

Humboldt Standard, 10 May, 1926

"Infant Dies at Fortuna

...David Edwin, six months old son of Mr. and Mrs. D.B. Chadburn (sic) of Bull Creek, died Sunday evening. Simple funeral services will be held at the Bull Creek cemetery, where interment will be made."

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Archibald Hicks Crisman (sometimes spelled Crismon) was born about 1823 in Warren County, Tennessee to Gilbert Oliver and Frances (Grady) Crisman. He died 30 May, 1907 in Rohnerville, Humboldt County, California of old age. He married Eliza Tennessee Miller on 2 October, 1842 in Pulaski County, Missouri. Their children were: Martha Frances, Lavelia M., Moses Huston, Sarah Emily, and Esther Ellen.

Ferndale Enterprise, 7 June, 1907

"A.H. Crismon died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. A.E. Look, at Rohnerville a week ago yesterday, his demise being due to a general breakdown incident to old age. The deceased was born in Tennessee nearly eighty-four years ago. When a young man he moved to Missouri and in 1852 crossed the plains to Oregon. In the fall of 1868 Mr. Crismon came to Humboldt county with his family and resided here until the time of his death. About four years ago the aged pioneer suffered a stroke of paralysis which affected his entire right side. In spite of the paralysis the old gentleman had been able to get around up to a short time ago and enjoyed fairly good health otherwise. Deceased leaves two daughters, Mrs. A.E. Look and Mrs. John Q. Gushaw, to mourn his loss. The funeral took place at Bull Creek Sunday afternoon, the remains be laid to rest in the family plot in that cemetery."

Eliza Tennessee (Miller) Crisman was born August, 1825 in to Stephen D. and Elizabeth (Drake) Miller (another record has her father as John Miller, born 1780 in Virginia) in Tennessee and died 7 June, 1901 in Pepperwood, Humboldt County, California of La Grippe. She married Archibald Hicks Crisman on 2 October, 1842 in Pulaski County, Missouri.

Humboldt Times, 11 June, 1901

"Mrs. Crismon (sic) died last night at her son's home at Pepperwood. She will be buried in the graveyard here tomorrow. Just one more journey on earth then laid to her eternal rest. Everyone who knew "Grandma" Crismon loved her. She was a dear, kind old lady who spoke ill of no one, but always had a kind word for all.

Today (Friday) at half past two all that was mortal of dear "Grandma" Crismon was laid to rest in the little burying ground here. A large number of relatives and friends came up with the funeral train from Pepperwood. And all the neighbors here where she was highly esteemed, were out and Bro. Lewis delivered a prayer at the grave, and a few songs were sung, and the casket was lowered to its last resting place. The sympathy of the entire community is with the sorrowing husband and children of the deceased."

George Crisman (unable to find any information on George Crisman-- could be nickname for Moses Crisman Jr. ?)

Moses Huston Crisman was born 11 June, 1851 in Oregon to Archibald Hicks and Eliza Tennessee (Miller) Crisman. He died 9 February, 1902 at the Grand Hotel in Eureka, Humboldt County, California. He married Nancy Helen McAtee in Rohnerville, Humboldt County, California on 5 August, 1877. He had

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8 children: Moses Huston, Jr., Archibald Sterling, James Harry, Bernice, Frank C., Pearl, Maxwell H., and Ruth.

Daily Standard, 12 February, 1902

"Moses Crismon Dead

Moses Crismon, a pioneer of Pepperwood who had been ill with pneumonia at the Grand Hotel, since last Saturday, died there this morning at 5 o'clock. Deceased was a native of Missouri, aged 51 years and leaves a wife, two sons and one daughter, all residents of Pepperwood. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles who have been caring for him during his illness and who will take charge of the funeral. The remains will be sent to his home at Pepperwood on the train tomorrow morning."

Daily Humboldt Times, 13 February, 1902

"Death of Moses Crismon

Moses Crismon, for many years a resident of Pepperwood on Eel river, about eight miles above Scotia, who had been under the care of a physician since last Saturday died in his room in the Grand Hotel yesterday morning at 5 o'clock. Deceased was born in Missouri fifty one years ago but removed to the county when a young man and had resided in this county ever since. Besides a wife, two sons and one daughter, all residents of Pepperwood, survive him. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles who will conduct the funeral. The body will be taken to Pepperwood this morning over the Eel River and Eureka Railway for interment."

Moses Crisman, Jr. was born 28 October, 1878 at Rouse's Prairie, Humboldt County, California to Moses Huston and Nancy Helen (McAtee) Crisman. He died 27 July, 1900 near Pepperwood, California when he was crushed by a rolling log while working as a woodsman.

Humboldt Standard, 28 July, 1900

"Death In The Woods

Young Mose Crismon Crushed to Death Near Pepperwood Yesterday

A special to the Standard, this morning, says that Moses Crismon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mose Crismon of Pepperwood, was instantly killed in the woods near there yesterday afternoon, having been crushed to death by a huge redwood log. Young Crismon and his father were getting out timber for the Pacific Lumber Co. of Scotia, and were working alone in the woods. Yesterday afternoon while the two were working on a huge redwood log, the dog holding it slipped and allowed the log to roll down upon young Crismon, who was attempting to brace it from the lower side. The big piece of timber passed completely over the young man crushing the life out of him. Deceased was a native of this county, aged 22 years and had passed nearly all of his life in the vicinity of Pepperwood."

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Ruth Crisman was born March, 1899 at Rohnerville, Humboldt County, California to Moses Hauston and Nancy Helen (McAtee) Crisman. She died on 27 July, 1903 when she fell from a bridge on the Eel River near Dyerville and drowned. (Her brother Archibald, later also drowned in the Eel River, when he fell from a bridge.)

Ferndale Enterprise, 31 July, 1903

"Ruth, the six-year old daughter of Mrs. Mose Crismon of Pepperwood was drowned in Eel river last Monday evening at about 7 o'clock. It appears that the little girl with several companions had started across the foot bridge on their way to Dan Shivley's place, when Ruth lost her footing and fell into the river. The water is quite swift at the foot bridge and a short distance below is a rather deep hole. The little girl was unable to save herself and her terrified companions could offer no assistance and the result was the sad fatality."

Charles Venson Dyer was born 15 March, 1827 to James and Sara "Sally" (Wyman) Dyer near Carydon, Harrison County, Indiana and died 18 May, 1906 at the home of his step-daughter, Mrs. P. Carland, in Dyerville, Humboldt County, California of heart disease. Dyerville was named after him. He married Mrs. Florence Forbes on 1 April, 1895 in Eureka, Humboldt County, California. He left his store to Mr. Carland.

Daily Times, 22 May, 1906

"Founder of Dyerville Dead

Early Humboldt Settler is Summoned by Angel of Death

...the remains of Charles V. Dyer were interred at Bull Creek cemetery Saturday, May 19th. Mr. Dyer requested during his last sickness that he should be laid to rest at the Bull Creek cemetery. His friends and neighbors decorated his last resting place with beautiful floral pieces.

The funeral services were conducted by A. H. Lewis and the neighbors from Camp Grant, Dyerville and Bull Creek composed the choir led by Mrs. And Miss Newman of Camp Grant.

Charles Venson Dyer was born March 15, 1827 on his father's farm about six miles north of Carydon, Harrison county, Indiana. He crossed the plains in 1850, leaving Fairfield, Iowa in the spring. It took six months to make the trip. He was accompanied by several of his eastern neighbors on the journey, all of whom have since been called to the great beyond. After his arrival in California he spent several years in successful mining in this state and Washington, then moved to different places try to find a comfortable home and finally purchased what is now known as the Dyerville property, and was then known as North Fork, situated on the bank of Eel river, where the South Fork joins the main river. When the postoffice was established the patrons wished to have it named after the oldest settler and Mr. Dyer received the honor -taking the name of Dyerville.

Mr. Dyer was married to Florence R. Forbes April 1, 1895 at Eureka, but his married life was of short duration, as Mrs. Dyer was summoned by the angel of death February 9, 1900. Since that time Mr. Dyer has made his home with his step-daughter, Mrs. Carland, who came from Chicago after the death of her mother. "

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Lenora (Turner) Farley was born 17 April, 1882 to Noah Hatton and Mary J. (Ross) Turner in Bull Creek, Humboldt County, California and died 5 September, 1920 in Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, California. She and her sister Leona were the first set of twins to be born at Bull Creek. She married Lora P. Farley on 24 February, 1903 in Fortuna, Humboldt County, California. Her children were Daniel Eugene, Charles W., Sythia, Gladys L., James W.

Humboldt Times, 8 September, 1920

"One of Turner Twins, Mrs. Lura Farley, is Dead
Brother Receives Telegram Telling of Death of One of Bull Creek's First Twins

...A telegram was received Monday evening by Jasper N. Turner, telling of the death of his sister, Lenora Turner Farley, wife of Lura (sic) Farley of Santa Rosa.

Mrs. Farley was one of the Turner twins, the first twins born on Bull Creek, 39 years ago, her twin being Mrs. Leona Martin, formerly of Pepperwood, but who had recently gone north with her family and was at Crescent City when word was received of her sister's death. She was unable to attend the funeral, which was held at Bull Creek September 2, because of illness resulting from the shock.

Besides her husband she is survived by five children—Eugene, Charles, Litha (sic), Gladys and Jimmy: the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Leona Martin, Mrs. Ida Lewis, Mrs. Katie Vinsent (sic), Jess Turner, Ezra Turner, Jasper Turner, William Turner and Albert Stevins (sic), in addition to a number of distant relatives and friends.

Her husband and children expect to return to Santa Rosa.

Vernon Martin, who had been staying with them, will leave to join his mother in Crescent City soon."

Lora Paul Farley was born 20 July, 1880 to James William and Lucinda (Webster) Farley in Warren County, Iowa. He died 4 December, 1941 in Los Angeles County, California. He was first married to Maude Turnipseed on 3 June, 1901 in Somerset, Warren County, Iowa. He married second, Lenora Turner on 24 February, 1903 in Fortuna, Humboldt County, California.

John "Fred" James Ferrel was born March 1, 1886 in Seneca, Missouri to Stephen Edward and Sarah Elizabeth (Neece) Ferrel and died in Arcata, Humboldt County, California on 20 April, 1953. He married Mary Lillian Grobe on 6 June, 1909 in Sacramento, Sacramento County, California.

Humboldt Standard, 21 April, 1953

"Fred Ferrel Dead at Arcata

Fred Ferrel, 67, of Arcata, died at his home Monday night after a brief illness. A native of Missouri, Ferrel had resided in Arcata for ten years, formerly having lived in the Rio Dell area.

He is survived by three sons, L.E. Ferrel of Durham, Joseph E. Ferrel of Chico and Carl J. Ferrel of Arlington, Washington. Also surviving are two daughters, nine brothers and sisters residing in the West Coast areas, and 11 grandchildren. Daughters are Dorothy Sapp and Mrs. Helen Stephenson of Arcata.

Funeral services are pending with Hunter and Wise Mortuary, Fortuna."

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Mary Lillian (Grobe) Ferrel was born on 18 July, 1890 to Henry and Abby (Heron) Grobe in Live Oak, Santa Cruz, California. She died on 23 June, 1938 of tuberculosis at the Tuberculosis Hospital in Eureka, California. She married John James "Fred" Ferrel on 6 June, 1909 in Sacramento, Sacramento County, California. Their children were Dorothy Sapp, Helen Stephenson, Laurence Edward, Joseph and Carl J. Ferrel.

Humboldt Times, 24 June, 1938

"Mary L. Ferrel Dies in Eureka

...Mary Lillian Ferrel died at a Eureka hospital this afternoon. She had been in poor health for some months.

She had made her home at Rio Dell for nine years, and was a native of Live Oak, Calif., born on July 18, 1890. She had lived all her life in this state, and has many friends.

She leaves besides her husband, Fred Ferrel, three sons, Ted, Joe and Carl Ferrel and two daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Sapp and Mrs. Helen Stephenson.

Services will be held Monday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the Hunter-Wise chapel, with Rev. F.C. Zimmerman officiating. Burial will be in the Bull Creek cemetery."

Ethel Ruby "Honey" Francis was born 31 December, 1911 in Palo Verde, Maricopa County, Arizona to William E. and Margaret H. (Wortan) Francis. She died 21 February, 1924 at the County Hospital in Eureka, Humboldt County, California of kidney disease..

Humboldt Times, 23 February, 1924

"12 Year Old Girl Passes Away Here

Ethel Francis, 12 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Francis of Bull Creek, passed away here Thursday evening after a short illness. The remains were shipped to Bull Creek yesterday morning for burial, accompanied by the parents who were here when the death occurred."

Richard H. Francis was stillborn 13 September, 1924 in Fortuna to William Edward and Carrie Marguerite (Severtson) Francis.

Warren Stevens Gill was born 20 March, 1894 in Douglas, Michigan to George and Cora (Taylor) Gill and died 3 March, 1933 at the County Hospital in Eureka, California of encephalitis. He was married to Florence Agnes Davis on 11 May, 1913 in Eureka, Humboldt County, California. He was married second to Ruth Stevens. He had two children: Warren L. and Rose Gill.

Humboldt Standard, 6 March, 1933

"Funeral of W. S. Gill Held

Bull Creek Cemetery

...Funeral services of Warren S. Gill of Englewood who died at a Eureka hospital Friday morning were held Monday afternoon at the grave in Bull Creek cemetery, with Rev. F. H. Busher of the Fortuna Methodist church conducting the religious services.

Warren Stephen Gill was born in Douglas, Michigan, 39 years ago and has lived in California the past 32 years. He survived by his widow, Mrs. Ruth Gill and two children by a former marriage, Leonard and Rose Gill.

He also leaves one brother, Leland Gill of Mendocino county and one sister, Mrs. Minnie Davis of Michigan."

John Clifford Goe was born at Howe Creek near Ferndale, Humboldt County, California on 25 December, 1903 to John Clifford and Mabel (Goldsmith) Goe and drowned in the Eel River south of Pepperwood on 21 May, 1937 while trying to save Everett Stapp. He married Vivian Carol Baker on 11 July, 1925 at Scotia, Humboldt County, California.

Humboldt Times, 22 May, 1937

"Young Ranch Hand Dies In River Mishap

Three Small Children Left Fatherless by Tragedy

Three small children lost their father and Mrs. Vivian Goe was left a widow yesterday because daddy was a hero.

Joe Goe, 33-year-old rider for the Pacific Lumber Company didn't think of himself as a hero, but he lost his life by drowning in Eel river when he went to the assistance of a fellow ranch-hand who had been unhorsed in the swirling river.

The tragedy occurred about nine o'clock yesterday morning, about a half-mile south of Pepperwood, as the men were driving a bunch of cattle across a fording place in the river.

AIDS HIS COMPANION

Nearly all the animals had crossed the stream when one bunch turned back. Everett Stapp rode after them and his horse rolled him off when they got into deep water. Goe, who had been working on the herd's flank, rode to his assistance.

His horse in turn began struggling when it got into deep water, and Geo was rolled off. According to Stapp and Superintendent Clarence Lowrey, who witnessed the accident, Goe disappeared as soon as he lost his mount. He was an excellent swimmer and lightly dressed, without chaps, but it is believed that the struggling horse struck him in some way that stunned him.

BODY WAS BRUISED

Goe's body, which was recovered about an hour and a half later had bruises on the head and chest according to Coroner W. Lloyd Wallace and deputy sheriffs who went to the scene. These injuries appeared to be not serious in themselves but might have stunned Goe or knocked him unconscious by interfering with normal breathing, the investigators said.

Stapp and Lowrey immediately organized a rescue party and a barbwire dragline brought up the body. Coroner Wallace and men from the sheriff's office arrived with grappling hooks soon after the body was

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recovered. Resuscitation efforts failed although Dr. C.C. Conrell and Constable Benny Marshall had brought a pulmotor (sic) to the scene as soon as they were notified of the accident.

BORN NEAR DEATH SCENE

Goe was born at Howe Creek, only a few miles from the place where he lost his life on Christmas day, 1903. He resided in southern Humboldt all his life and had been employed on the Pacific Lumber Company land for a number of years.

In addition to his wife and three children, Goe is survived by his mother, Mrs. Mabel Goe of Holmes, a brother, Haynes Goe of Zenia, and four sisters, Mrs. Clarence Etter of Eureka, Mrs. Fred Nolander of Holmes, Mrs. George Hardwick of Pepperwood and Mrs. James Tario of Eureka.

The body was taken to the Hunter-Wise mortuary in Fortuna. Coroner Wallace announced last night that he will conduct an inquest there at 7:30 o'clock Monday evening. "

Humboldt Standard, 22 May, 1937

"Funeral of John C. Goe Will be Held On Monday

Funeral services for John Clifford Goe, who was drowned in Eel river near Pepperwood Friday, will be held Monday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the Hunter and Wise chapel in Fortuna, Rev. F.C. Zimmerman will officiate and interment will be in Bull Creek cemetery.

Goe was born December 25, 1903 at Howe Creek and had lived in Humboldt county all his life. Besides his wife he is survived by three children, Clarence, 12 years old, Roderick, 7, and Jackie, 2. He also leaves his mother, Mrs. Mabel Goe of Holmes, a brother, Haynes Goe of Zenia and four sisters, Mrs. Clarence Etter of Eureka, Mrs. Fred Nolander of Holmes, Mrs. George Hardwick of Pepperwood, and Mrs. James Tario of Eureka."

Gragg Babies (possibly children of Karl "Charles" Frederick and Anna Elise (Ribacka) Gragg.)

Goldie (Whetstone) Gushaw was born in 1901 at Scotia, Humboldt County, California to Clark E. and Idella A. (Millsap) Whetstone and died 3 December, 1920 after committing suicide by shooting herself in the breast at Requa, Del Norte County, California. She married Harry Gushaw on 23 June, 1916 in Eureka, Humboldt County, California. They had a daughter, Helen. She was the sister of Mrs. H.S. Brice, Reuben and Gilbert Whetstone.

Humboldt Beacon, 10 December, 1920

"Mrs. Gushaw Found Dead

Mrs. Goldie Gushaw, wife of Harry Gushaw of Requa, was found dead in her bed last Friday night in their home. The body was taken to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Whetstone, at Holmes from which the funeral was held Tuesday afternoon. Interment was at Bull Creek cemetery.

Mrs. Gushaw leaves besides her husband a three-year-old daughter, Helena and two brothers and a sister, Reuben and Gilbert Whetstone of Holmes and Mrs. H.S. Brice of Ferndale."

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Harry Archibald Gushaw, Sr. was born 16 Jul, 1885 in Mattole, Humboldt County, California to John Quincy and Hester Ellen (Crisman) Gushaw and died 21 March, 1945 at his home in Englewood, Humboldt County, California of heart failure. He married first, Goldie Whetstone on 23 June, 1916 in Eureka, California. They had a daughter, Helen. He married second Zaroni Evelyn Hower on 6 January, 1923 in Eureka, California. They had three children, Harry, Jr., June and Pauline Evelyn. He married third Genevieve Bethke on 24 May, 1929 in Eureka, Humboldt County, California.

Humboldt Standard, 21 March, 1945

"Harry A. Gushaw Dies In South

...Harry A. Gushaw died at his home in Englewood early this morning. A native of Southern Humboldt, Gushaw had lived in the county most of his life.

He leaves his wife, Genevieve Gushaw of Englewood daughter, Pauline, June, Constance and Catherine Gushaw of Englewood; son, Harry Gushaw of the Army; and his sisters Aneta Thornton and Clara Bell of Seattle, Washington.

Hunter-Wise mortuary is directing the funeral arrangements."

Harry Archibald Gushaw, Jr. was born 5 October, 1923 in Pepperwood, Humboldt County, California to Harry Archibald, Sr. and Zaroni Evelyn (Hower) Gushaw and died 10 July, 1952 near South Fork due to a logging accident.

Humboldt Standard, 10 July, 1952

"Dies Following Log Accident

Crushed when a log rolled off a truck, shortly after 6 o'clock this morning, Harry A. Gushaw, 25 of Pepperwood was dead on arrival at the Scotia hospital, Coroner W. Lloyd Wallace reported.

An employee of the Bear River Lumber company, Gushaw was reportedly working near South Fork when the accident occurred.

Funeral services are pending at the Hunter-Wise Fortuna mortuary."

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Humboldt Standard, 15 July, 1952

"Gushaw Funeral Services Were Held

Services for Harry A. Gushaw, 25 of Pepperwood who died following a woods accident that occurred near Hall Creek on July 10, were held Monday at 1 p.m. in the Hunter-Wise chapel with the Rev. John Wilson officiating. Burial was at the Bull Creek Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Robert Pedroth, Charles Nelson, Clarence Goe, John Short, Charles Howe and Robert Rubira."

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Harvey Franklin Gushaw was born 14 August, 1888 to John Quincy and Hester Ellen (Crisman) Gushaw in Rio Dell, Humboldt County, California. He died 20 September, 1935 after committing suicide by shooting himself through the heart with a 25-35 caliber rifle near the Butts' store in Bull Creek. He married Coral Norma Corning about 1927.

Humboldt Standard, 23 September, 1935

"County Man Found Dead

Mystery Anent Wife's Death Recalled

A bullet wound through his heart, a hunting rifle beside the body, the body of Harvey Gushaw, 47, was discovered a few yards off the Bull Creek road, one mile west of the Butts store, Sunday afternoon. Gushaw had been dead two days, Coroner Lloyd Wallace declared.

While the case appeared to Wallace and Sheriff's deputies to be a suicide, the coroner will hold an inquest at the Hunter-Wise funeral parlors in Fortuna at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday.

Gushaw's death comes just a year after the unsolved shooting of his wife, Mrs. Coral Gushaw, 40 in a Pepperwood home. Both Gushaw and his first cousin, Arch C. Crisman, 54, were questioned during the investigation at the time. Crisman, who was also Mrs. Gushaw's first husband and father of her 18 year-old son, lived with the couple at Pepperwood.

Recalls Mystery

The mystery of the death was heightened by the fact that the woman died from three bullet wounds, two within an inch of the heart and the third through the heart. Dr. B. G. Kramer, autopsy surgeon in the case testified at the coroner's inquest he did not believe it possible for the woman to have shot herself three times.

The case was turned over to the grand jury by the district attorney's office. An outside investigator was hired by the grand jury and nothing further was ever heard of the case.

Since Mrs. Gushaw's death, Gushaw and Crisman had lived together near the Bull Creek Flat store, owned by Mrs. And Mrs. Darrell Butts.

Mrs. Butts and her daughter were hunting Friday afternoon when they heard a shot. Inasmuch as there are many hunters in their neighborhood they thought nothing of it, but noticed the time as being 3:15 p.m.

When Mrs. Harold Cleveland found the body yesterday afternoon while hunting for redwood burl, Mrs. Butts identified the location of the body almost identical with that where she heard the shot Friday.

Gushaw has a brother, Harry, at Bull Creek and a sister who lives in southern California.

The brother declared to Coroner Wallace the dead man had threatened suicide several times. He had been in ill health and despondent for several months. He was a world war veteran and received a pension for disability, it was said.

He borrowed a 25-35 caliber rifle from Dan Bethke. On the suicide theory it is believed by authorities he placed the stock of the rifle on the ground, leaned over after placing the end of the gun at his heart and pulled the trigger.

Funeral services are expected to be held Thursday, pending the arrival of the deceased's sister."

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As an interesting note—Archibald Sterling Crisman, the first husband of Coral, drowned in the Eel River when he fell of the bridge span near Larabee Creek on 29 May, 1938. He is buried at Hydesville.

Humboldt Standard, 24 September, 1935

"Gushaw Funeral Rites Scheduled

...The funeral of Harvey Gushaw, who was found dead Sunday afternoon a few yards off the Bull Creek road one mile east to the Butts store, will be held Thursday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. from the Hunter-Wise chapel with the Rev. H.J. Kirchstein officiating. Interment will be in the Bull Creek cemetery.

Gushaw is survived by a brother, Harry Gushaw of South Fork, and two sisters, Mrs. Clara McClure and Mrs. Anita Thornton, both of San Diego."

Humboldt Standard, 26 September, 1935

"Suicide Verdict in Gushaw Death

...Harvey Gushaw, 47, died as a result of a self-inflicted bullet wound from a 25-35 hunting rifle, a coroner's jury agreed here last night. The body of Gushaw was found near Bull Creek Sunday by Harold Cleveland. The inquest was conducted at the Hunter-Wise parlors by Coroner Lloyd Wallace.

Harry Gushaw, a brother of the deceased, testified his brother had talked of committing suicide due to ill health. Dan Bethkey (sic) of Bull Creek identified the gun as one he had loaned Gushaw to use while deer hunting. Cleveland testified that he found the body while with his wife and family were burhl (sic) hunting last Sunday afternoon.

Members of the jury were H.A. Hansen, H.T. Natwick, Betty Thornton, C.E. Parkman, Mrs. Laura Roberts, James Walsh and Joe McDonald."

Hester Ellen (Crisman) Gushaw was born 8 November, 1859 to Archibald Hicks and Eliza Tennessee (Miller) Crisman in Oregon and died 16 November, 1931 in Eureka, Humboldt County, California. She was married to John Quincy Gushaw on 26 January, 1883 at Mattole, Humboldt County, California. Her children were: Nora Fairbanks, Anita Thornton, Clara Kennedy and Harry Archibald and Harvey Franklin Gushaw. (Legal records and several censuses spell her name as Hester rather than Esther.)

Humboldt Standard, 17 November, 1931

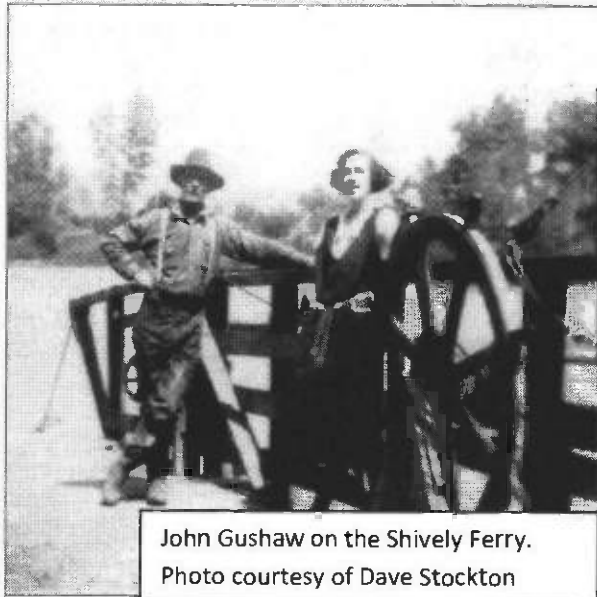
"Mrs. Esther Gushaw Dies In This City

Fortuna, Nov. 17- Mrs. Esther Ellen Gushaw, resident of Pepperwood for many years died today at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clara Kennedy in Eureka after a long illness. Deceased had suffered a paralytic stroke more than a year ago.

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Mrs. Gushaw was a native of Oregon, aged 72 years. She had lived in Humboldt county for more than 50 years. In addition to her husband, John Gushaw of Pepperwood, she is survived by two sons and three daughters; Harry Gushaw of Mattole; Harvey Gushaw of Pepperwood; Mrs. Nora Fairbanks, Rio Dell; Mrs. Anita Thornton, Seattle; Mrs. Clara Kennedy, Eureka.

Pending the arrival of Mrs. Thornton from Seattle, the body is at the Hunter-Wise funeral chapel."



John Gushaw on the Shively Ferry.
Photo courtesy of Dave Stockton

John Quincy Gushaw was born 12 January, 1860 in Sacramento, California to George Francis and Rachel Tolbert (Watkins) Gushaw. He died at the St. Joseph Hospital in Eureka, California on 21 April, 1933. He married Hester Ellen Crisman 25 January, 1883 at Mattole, Humboldt County, California. His children were Anita Thornton, Clara Kennedy, and Harry and Harvey Gushaw. His sister was Sarah Look.

Humboldt Standard, 22 April, 1933

"John Q. Gushaw Succumbs Here

Fortuna, April 22- John Quincy Gushaw, pioneer resident of Humboldt county, died yesterday at St. Joseph hospital in Eureka after a long illness.

Deceased was a native of Sacramento, aged 73 years. He had resided in Humboldt county nearly all of his life.

Gushaw operated the ferry between Pepperwood and Shively for many years. His wife died two years ago.

The following children survive: Harry Gushaw and Harvey Gushaw, both of Dyerville; Mrs. Anita Thornton of Seattle; Mrs. Clara Kennedy of Long Beach; and one sister Mrs. Sarah Look, of Fortuna. He also leaves two nieces. Pending funeral arrangements, the body is at the Hunter-Wise chapel."

Zanina/Zanoni Evelyn (Hower) Gushaw was born about 1906 to Valdi Emerson and Grace (Charley) Hower in Hoopa Humboldt County, California. She died 17 April, 1928 at the Scotia hospital of appendicitis. She had three children, Harry, Jr., June and Pauline Gushaw and one brother, John Hower. She married Harry Archibald Gushaw, Sr. on 6 January, 1923 in Eureka, Humboldt County, California.

Humboldt Standard, 18 April, 1928

"Mrs. Zanone Gushaw Succumbs in Scotia

Mrs. Zanone Gushaw, wife of Harry A. Gushaw of Pepperwood, died last evening at the Scotia hospital after an illness of several days. Besides her husband Mrs. Gushaw leaves three small children. The remains were taken to the Hunter-Wise parlors in Fortuna, pending funeral arrangements."

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Humboldt Standard, 20 April, 1928

"Funeral of Mrs. H. Gushaw Held

...After a short illness at the Scotia hospital, Mrs. Harry Gushaw of Pepperwood died this week from an attack of appendicitis.

The young woman, whose maiden name of Zanoma (sic) Hower, was 21 years of age, a native of the county and beside her three small children, leaves her mother and a brother John Hower of Pepperwood.

The funeral was held Friday at the Hunter-Wise chapel at 1:30 o'clock. Rev. A.W. Young of the Fortuna Christian Church officiated and interment and short service was at the Bull Creek cemetery at 4 o'clock."

Grant Wilmot Haley was born 9 August, 1896 in Fort Seward, Humboldt County, California to William Isaac and Emma (Barkley) Haley and died 4 February, 1932 near Fox Camp, Humboldt County, California of pneumonia. He married Florence Wilson on 28 December, 1926 in Eureka, California. He was a veteran of WWI. He had one daughter, Grace Jean and was the brother of Mrs. R. Nordquist, Mrs. C.C. Hyner, Mrs. W.C. Gibbs, Mrs. Wesley Warren and William and Stanley Haley.

Humboldt Beacon, 12 February, 1932

"Grant W. Haley Suddenly Dies at Honeydew

Grant Wilmot Haley of Honey Dew passed away suddenly Thursday evening while being brought from his home to the Scotia hospital. He had been ill with pneumonia.

Deceased was born in California and was 35 years of age. He had seen active service during the World War but outside of that had spent practically all of his life at Honey Dew, where he had a large circle of friends. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Florence Haley, a daughter, Grace, 2 years of age, his parents, Mrs. And Mrs. W. Haley, two brothers, Stanley and William Haley, all of Honey Dew, and four sisters, Mrs. Wesley Warner of Pepperwood, Mrs. Chester Gibbs of Scotia, Mrs. C.C. Hyner of Oakland and Mrs. Charles Norquist, also of Oakland.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Hunter-Wise chapel, with Rev. H. Busher officiating. The services were conducted under the auspices of Walker Bailey Post of the American Legion. Interment was at the Newburg cemetery." (Death certificate says interment was at Bull Creek)

Hugh Hamilton was born 11 September, 1879 at Bull Creek, California to James Alexander and Mary Emily (Powell) Hamilton. He died of heart failure on 17 January, 1943 at 1417 M Street, Eureka, California. He was married to Ruby Electa Butler on 10 June, 1909 in Dyerville, Humboldt County, California. His children were Mrs. [Maxine] Van Branstetter and Hugh A. Hamilton. He had two sisters: Martha M. Blow and Livicy Hamilton.

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JOHN and HUGH HAMILTON.—Among the rising young farmers of the Bull creek country and natives of Humboldt county, descended from one of the oldest and most honored pioneer families of the county, are John and Hugh Hamilton, who are residing on the old Hamilton homestead, which they operate together, the ranch being the property of their widowed mother. The Hamiltons trace their ancestry back directly to one of the most illustrious families of England, and the grandfather, James B. Hamilton, was a first cousin of Alexander Hamilton, the great statesman of Revolutionary times. The grandfather was a minister of the gospel, a member of the United Brethren church, and was one of the pioneer preachers of Humboldt county. He lived to be over ninety years of age, and died just two weeks before the death of his son, James A. Hamilton, which occurred November 15, 1904. His wife was Levicy McWhorter, a native of Illinois, where they were married and where their only son, James A., was born, March 19, 1839, this son becoming the head of a family of nine children. James A. Hamilton was married to Miss Emily Powell in Iowa, she being a native of Platte county, Missouri. Three children were born to them in Iowa before they came to California in 1855. The father and mother of Mr. Hamilton came with them, the long journey across the plains being with ox teams, in 1855. The entire family resided for a time in Yolo county, and about 1862 they came into Humboldt county, where they have since resided. For two years they lived at Ferndale, and then moved into the Hydesville and Rohnerville vicinity, where they resided on various places for a number of years, buying and selling several pieces of property. In 1878 they moved into the Bull creek country, buying a relinquishment of one hundred sixty acres from Mr. Whitlow and proving up on the same. Later an additional one hundred sixty acres adjoining was secured by his oldest son and became a part of his ranch, the property now numbering three hundred twenty acres. Since the death of their father in 1904 the two sons, Hugh and John, have been running the place, and are meeting with much merited success. They raise principally fruit and stock, and also do general farming. They have five acres of apples which are among the finest in the valley. Mrs. Hamilton, their mother, owns the property and keeps in close touch with all that concerns her interests. She is now almost eighty years of age, but is still vigorous in mind and body. She became the mother of nine children, all of whom are living at the present time, save one, Uriah, the fourth born, who died at the age of eighteen months. Of the others, William, the eldest, is a farmer at Independence, Ore.; Baker resides at Requa, Del Norte county, Cal., where he is engaged in dairy farming; Martha resides in Merced county, where her husband, James Blow, is a dairy farmer; John is engaged in the management of the home farm; Levicy also resides at home; Mary is the wife of Simon Albee, and resides at Myrtle Point, Ore., where her husband is engaged in the confectionery business; Augustus also resides at Myrtle Point, Ore., where he is a well-known stockman; and Hugh is engaged in the management of the home farm with his brother John.

John Hamilton was born at Ferndale, but was raised on the ranch in Bull creek and educated in the public schools there. Although some time has been spent in other parts of the county, his interests and work have centered around the old homestead, and since his father died he and Hugh have run the farm together.

Hugh Hamilton is a native of Humboldt county, being born on the farm on Bull creek, and reared and educated in this district, where he has passed his lifetime. The brothers are well known throughout the county as young men of ability and worth, industrious, energetic and capable, possessed of judgment and business acumen. Hugh Hamilton was married to Miss Ruby Butler, a native of Nevada, and the daughter of William and Minnie (Bessmer) Butler. She came to Humboldt county with her parents when a girl, and is well known at South Bay, this county, where her parents now reside. She has borne her husband two children, Hugh Augustus and Ruby Maxine. Both John and Hugh Hamilton are members of

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the farm center at Dyerville and are taking an active interest in the agricultural and horticultural development of their vicinity.

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Humboldt Standard, 25 January, 1943

"Bull Creek Rancher Succumbs Here

Fortuna, Jan. 25 - Hugh Hamilton, Bull Creek rancher died Sunday in Eureka at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Van Branstetter.

Hamilton was born 63 years ago and had lived all his life in the Bull Creek region.

Surviving are his wife, Ruby, of Bull Creek; a son, Sgt. Hugh A. Hamilton of Mather Field, the daughter in Eureka; sisters, Livacey Hamilton of South Fork and Martha M. Blow of Merced.

Funeral rites have been arranged for Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in the Hunter-Wise chapel with Rev. Hoffman Hurley to officiate. Burial will be at the Bull Creek cemetery."

James Alexander Hamilton was born 19 March, 1839 in Illinois to James Baker and Levicy (McWhorter) Hamilton and died at Bull Creek, California on 15 November, 1904 of prostate disease. He was married to Mary Emily Powell possibly by his father who was a minister in Iowa where his first children were born. His children were: William, James Baker, Martha A., John A., Levicy, Mary E., Augustus and Hugh.

Humboldt Times, 17 November, 1904

"Death at Bull Creek

James A. Hamilton died at his home on Bull Creek at six o'clock yesterday morning. The news came in a message to Undertaker Hansen, and while Mr. Hamilton was known to be far from well, it was a shock to his many friends in this town. Deceased had been suffering for some time with kidney trouble and at the time of his death was under the care of Dr. Pryor of Scotia. His father died about ten days ago at a ripe old age and the son followed in a very short time.

James Alexander Hamilton was born in Illinois about sixty-five years ago, but had been a resident of California for more than forty years. For a time he lived in the valley, but of late years has been one of the prosperous farmers of the Bull Creek section, his place being located about eight miles above Dyerville. He leaves quite a large family of grown children. The funeral will be held from the late family residence this afternoon.—Advance."

James Baker Hamilton was born July 26, 1814 in Tennessee to James and Margaret (Caldwell) Hamilton and died 20 October, 1904 at Bull Creek, Humboldt County, California of old age. He married Levicy McWhorter about 1832 in Illinois. His children were Elizabeth H., Lucinda A., James A. and Susannah L.

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James Baker Hamilton was born 8 July, 1860 in Iowa to James Alexander and Mary Emily (Powell) Hamilton. He died 30 July, 1930 of stomach cancer on E.H. Chapman's ranch near Klamath. He married Isabella M. Knight on 30 September, 1887 in Springville, Humboldt County, California. Their children were: Dorothy and Frank Hamilton. He was the brother of Mrs. H. Blow, John, Hugh, Gus and William Hamilton.

Humboldt Standard, 31 July, 1930

"James B. Hamilton Dies at Klamath

James Baker Hamilton, 70, died at his ranch in the Klamath section yesterday after a long illness.

Deceased was a native of Iowa. Since 1901 he had operated his ranch near Klamath and was widely known throughout the county.

He is survived by a daughter, Dorothy Hamilton of Hawaii, a son Frank Hamilton of Fortuna, four brothers; John and Hugh Hamilton of Bull Creek, Gus and William Hamilton of Oregon, and a sister, Mrs. M. Blow of Merced."

John A. or H. Hamilton was born 3 September, 1869 in Ferndale to James Alexander and Mary Emily (Powell) Hamilton. He died 3 August, 1941 in the Eureka Sanitarium. He was single. He was the brother, of Mrs. M.A. Blow, Hugh and Levicy Hamilton and the uncle of Mrs. Van Branstetter, Hugh A. and Frank A. Hamilton.

Humboldt Standard, 4 August, 1941

"John Hamilton, 72, Dies Sunday

...John Hamilton, 71 year-old rancher of South Fork and Bull Creek, died Sunday in a Eureka sanitorium (sic). He was born in Ferndale, was unmarried.

Surviving are his brother and sisters, Hugh Hamilton and Levicy Hamilton of South Fork, Mrs. M.A. Blow of Merced, niece, Mrs. Van Branstetter of Eureka; and nephews, Hugh A. Hamilton of San Francisco, Frank A. Hamilton of Klamath.

Funeral rites have been arranged for 1:30 Wednesday afternoon at the Hunter-Wise chapel with Rev. W.S. Linn to officiate. Burial will be in the Bull Creek cemetery."

Levicy M. Hamilton was born March 3, 1871 at Ferndale, Humboldt County, California to James Alexander and Mary Emily (Powell) Hamilton. She died February 8, 1948 in a Eureka hospital. She was the Aunt of Maxine Branstetter, James Albee, Lloyd and Frank Meyers, Hugh A. and Frank A. Hamilton.

Humboldt Standard, 9 February, 1948

"Illness Fatal to Aged Woman

...Miss Levicy Hamilton, 76, of Bull Creek, died Sunday in a Eureka hospital where she had been a patient for five months. She was born in Ferndale.

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Surviving are her niece and nephews, Maxine Branstetter of Eureka, Hugh A. Hamilton of Bull Creek, Frank A. Hamilton of Klamath, Lloyd and Frank Myers in Lake county, James Albee of Myrtle Point, Oregon.

The funeral will be held in the Hunter-Wise Mortuary chapel Thursday at 1 p.m. with Rev. J. Eldon Anderson of Eureka to officiate. Burial will be at the Bull Creek cemetery."

Mary Emily (Powell) Hamilton was born 17 February, 1838 in Platte County, Missouri. She died on January 4, 1920 at Dyerville, Humboldt Co., California of fluid on the lungs. She was married to James Alexander Hamilton about 1858 in Iowa where three of their children were born.

Martha Ellen "Mattie" (Harper) Hardin was born 22 February, 1857 in Lawrence, Missouri to John Whitmore, and Lucinda (Starret) Harper and died at her home in Berkeley, Alameda County, California on 13 July, 1930. She was first married to Charles W. Rann on 16 May, 1874 in Grant County, Oregon and married second, Adolph "Dolph" Hardin on 28 October, 1883 in Weiser, Washington County, Idaho. She left children: Mrs. W.J. Turner, Mrs. Frank Greenlaw, Mabel McHenry, Ruth Hill, Clifford and Frank Rann and John and Harry Hardin.

Humboldt Standard, 16 July, 1930

"Former Holmes Flat Resident Dies in South

...Mrs. Mattie Hardin of Berkeley, formerly of Holmes Flat, died Sunday at her home in Berkeley, according to word received here today.

Deceased was 72 years of age and leaves the following sons and daughter. Clifford Rann of Oregon, Frank Rann of Eureka, Harry and John Hardin of Dyerville, Mrs. W.J. Turner of Dyerville, Mrs. Frank Greenlaw of Pepperwood, Mrs. Mabel McHenry of Holmes and Mrs. Ruth Hill of Dyerville.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon a 2:30 o'clock at the grave in Bull Creek cemetery. The Rev. F.H. Busher of Fortuna will officiate at the religious service.

The funeral cortege will leave the Hunter-Wise funeral chapel here at one o'clock."

Richard Hardin was born 17 December, 1890 to Adolph and Martha Ellen (Harper) Hardin in Myrtle Creek, Oregon. He died at Holmes, Humboldt County, California on 22 November, 1918 of influenza. He married Mary Aline Bradbury on 21 August, 1915 in Arcata, Humboldt County, California. He had a son, Richard Dayton Hardin and was the brother of Otis, Harry and Ralph Hardin, Mabel McHenry, Ruth Whetstone and half-brother to Agnes Turner, Margaret Turner and Clifford and Frank Rann.

Humboldt Times, 29 November, 1918

"Richard Hardin of Holmes is Buried

Richard Hardin, beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Hardin of Holmes, Cal., husband of Aline Hardin, father of Richard Dayton Hardin, and brother of Otis Hardin, Mrs. Mabel McHenry, Harry and Ralph Hardin, and Mrs. Ruth Whetstone and half-brother of Clifford Rann, Frank Rann, Mrs. Agnes Turner and Mrs. Maggie Turner, was laid to rest Sunday, November 24, in Bull Creek cemetery.

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The funeral services were held at the home of the deceased. Rev. Walmsley of Shively officiating.

A large number of friends and neighbors were present, all of whom felt deeply the loss of a good neighbor and a kind friend. All of the family were present except Clifford Rann of Canyon City, Oregon and Harry and Otis Hardin, who are with the colors.

Richard Hardin was born December 17, 1890 at Myrtle Creek, Oregon and had lived in Holmes for the last ten years, where he died November 22, 1918 after an illness of a little more than a month, caused by an attack of Spanish influenza. "

Rudolphus /Adolph "Dolph" Hardin was born 11 November, 1842 in Lee County, Iowa to John Henry and Lydia (Gruell) Hardin. He died 29 March, 1921 in Holmes, Humboldt County, California. He married Mrs. Martha Ellen (Harper) Rann on 28 October, 1883 in Weiser, Washington Co., Idaho. He was listed as a farmer in Milpitas, in the 1870 census. He later lived in Grant County, Oregon and the Hydesville and Scotia area of Humboldt County, California.

Francis Marion Howe was born 14 December, 1831 in Fayette, Lexington County, Kentucky to William Maricy and Nancy (Simpson) Howe. He died 24 March, 1916 in Bull Creek, California. He married Frances Anne Perkins on 22 December, 1867 in Humboldt County, California.

Humboldt Standard, 5 April, 1916

"Francis M. How
Humboldt Pioneer

Bull Creek, April 4—When Francis Marion How (sic) died at his home here, March 24, there passed away a man who was known to nearly all the pioneers of Humboldt County and beloved by most all who knew him. He was born in Lexington, KY, December 14, 1831, thus having passed his 85th milestone of time. He was wheelwright by trade, having learned it in Missouri. He came across the plains as an emigrant, while a young man.

He enlisted in Company A, First Battalion of Mountaineers, and served three years. He was married to Frances Anne Perkins and of the four children born, three are living—Mrs. William W. Taylor, of Upper Mattole; James William How of Red Bluff; and Francis Marion How of Bull Creek. "

James W. Howe was born 14 June 1870 in Rohnerville, Humboldt County, California to Francis Marion and Frances Ann (Perkins) Howe. He died 31 August, 1944 at the St. Joseph's Hospital in Eureka, Humboldt County, California. He left a brother, Frank Howe and nieces, Rosie Bushnell and Addie Chadbourne.

Humboldt Standard, 1 September, 1944

"James W. of Rohnerville Dies

...James W. Howe died yesterday at a Eureka hospital, after a brief illness. He was born at Rohnerville, 76 years ago and had lived in southern Humboldt most of his life.

Howe leaves a brother, Frank; nieces, Rosie Bushnell and Addie Chadbourne, all of Bull Creek.

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The funeral will be held in the Fortuna Mortuary chapel at 1 p.m. tomorrow, with Rev. Andrew Juvinal officiating and interment at the Bull Creek cemetery at 3 o'clock."

Louisa Jane "Lou" Howe was born about 1875 in Rohnerville to Francis Marion and Frances Ann (Perkins) Howe. She died 27 March 1897 at Bull Creek, Humboldt County, California of inflammation of the bowels. She had one sister, Mrs. Will [Rose A.] Taylor.

Ferndale Enterprise, 6 April, 1897

"Death of Miss Lou Howe—The Rohnerville Herald reports the sad news of the death of Miss Lou Howe, which occurred at the home of her sister, Mrs. Wm. Taylor, on Bull Creek, March 27th. The young lady has been ill for several weeks past with inflammation of the bowels, and notwithstanding all possible aid and assistance was rendered her disease proved fatal. She was 22 years of age, and well known in this valley. Besides her sorrowing relatives—a father, sister and brother—she leaves many friends who will read of her death with feelings of deepest regret. To the bereaved ones we extend our most heartfelt sympathy."

Jess Barran Hunter, Jr. was born 30 July, 1923 in Humboldt County to Jess Barran, and Florence (Sutherland) Hunter. He died 8 August, 1924 at Pepperwood, Humboldt County, California of indigestion.

Humboldt Times, 10 August, 1924

"Infant Dies at Bull Creek Home

Bull Creek, Aug. 9—The infant son of Jesse B. and Florence Hunter passed away last night about 2 o'clock at Pepperwood.

The infant had been ailing for a day or so and his aunt, Mrs. Dora Thurman, with Mr. and Mrs. Miller started to take the babe to a doctor but the little one passed on before aid could be reached.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunter have the sympathy of the community. They are new residents here having come from Mendocino county early this spring."

Addie (Stewart) Johnson was born about 23 May, 1848 in Iowa to James and Catherine Stewart and died 23 March, 1878 at Bull Creek, Humboldt County, California. She was 29 years and 10 months. She was married to Tosaldo Johnson in Texas about 1872. *She is actually buried at Johnson Prairie, but I have chosen to include her in this book. There are numerous stories available about her burial place.*

Roxanna Jane (Hanlon) Matlock Johnson was born about 12 February, 1862 in Polk County, Iowa to James and Margaret (Van Cleve) Hanlon. She died 17 July, 1935 at her home in Rio Dell, Humboldt County, California. She left children, Grace Baxter, and Cora McCalley and sisters, Margaret McCrea and Lucy Schell. She was first married to Herman Claud Matlock; she was the second wife of Tosaldo Johnson. They were married 3 December, 1879 in Arcata, Humboldt County, California.

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Humboldt Standard, 18 July, 1935

"Fortuna Woman Dies Suddenly"

...Mrs. Rosanna (sic) Jane Johnson died suddenly early this morning at her home at Rio Dell.

Deceased was a native of Iowa and was 73 years of age. She had resided in California nearly all of her life, making her home in Rio Dell for the past 12 or 14 years. Her husband died about 11 years ago.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Grace Baxter of Rio Dell and Mrs. Cora McCalley of Yreka, a son Harold Matlock of Eureka, a granddaughter, Mrs. Dorothy Norman of Scotia, eight great grandchildren, and one great great grandchild. She also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Lucy Schell and Mrs. Margaret McRea, both of British Columbia.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 1:30 p.m. from the Hunter-Wise chapel with the Rev. Burch of Rohnerville officiating. Interment will be at the Bull Creek cemetery under the auspices of the Hydesville Rebekah Lodge of which deceased was a member."

Thomas Tosaldo Johnson was born 24 August, 1840 in Newton County, Missouri and died 5 September, 1926 in Rio Dell, California. He left daughters: Grace Baxter, Birdie Smith, and Mrs. J. Lane. He was first married to Addie Stewart in Texas, by whom he had two children and married second to Roxanna Jane/Jenny Hanlon in Arcata, on 3 December, 1879 by whom he had two children. Tosaldo and Roxanna separated in 1897 and on 14 August, 1897, separated their properties as recorded in Deed Book 62, page 52. However, one year later they resumed "marital relations" and had their previous separation annulled on 21 September, 1903.

In 1875, Tosaldo Johnson was the first homesteader in the area. He worked 160 acres near the present-day Albee Creek Campground. During the late 1870s, his nearest neighbors were the Myers family, who had 160 acres where the town of Myers Flat now stands.

Humboldt County Biographies:

TOSALDO JOHNSON—Undoubtedly the foremost citizen of the Bull creek country is Tosaldo Johnson, pioneer of that locality, and the one who has done more than any other to demonstrate the adaptability of the Bull creek country to the production of apples and other fruits, for which it is now justly famous. He has been prominent in Humboldt county politics for many years and is still looked upon as a leader. He is looked up to as an authority and is highly respected, as is also his estimable wife. They are very hospitable and have many warm friends in their part of the county.

Mr. Johnson is a native of Missouri, born in Newton county, 1843. His father, James Johnson, was a Kentuckian, and died when Tosaldo was a babe of eighteen months. His mother was Martha Hamilton, a relative of Alexander Hamilton, and died in California, having lived in Butte county, Colusa and Sierra counties. Tosaldo was the youngest of a family of three children, there being one sister, Eliza, who became Mrs. French and returned to Missouri to reside; and a brother, James. In 1850, when Mr. Johnson was a lad of some seven years, his mother crossed the plains with her family, and after a journey of six months, located in Butte county in the fall of that year. There were one hundred eighteen wagons in the train as far as Fort Bridges, where they separated, some going on to Oregon, while others continued to California. The brother, James, was then a man grown, and Tosaldo went with him to El

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Dorado county, where they remained for two years, after which he was with various other families until he was thirteen years of age, when he began to work out for himself. Previous to that time he had acted as chore boy with the families where he had lived and had never been allowed to go to school. Later he entered school, although many years behind his fellows, and within four months he was at the head of his classes. He showed a great desire for learning and was a splendid student. When he was seventeen he enlisted in the Kibby Rangers under Gen. Kibby, and served five months and was honorably discharged. He then went to Nevada and Idaho, where he engaged in prospecting, and later went to Texas after cattle. While in Texas he met and married Miss Addie Stewart, remaining in that state for several months. He then went to Idaho, Montana and Eastern Oregon, where he followed the cattle business, and also prospected for gold and silver, his wife accompanying him from place to place.

It was in 1872 or 1873 that Mr. Johnson came from Idaho to California and located in Humboldt county, renting property at Eagle prairie for a year. Following this he homesteaded a claim of one hundred sixty acres on Bull creek, known to this day as the Johnson homestead. Two children were born to them there: Birdie, now the wife of William A. Smith, a farmer and dairyman at Vancouver, B. C., Canada ; and Georgine, the wife of F. C. Lane, contractor and railroad builder, also residing at Vancouver, B. C. Mrs. Johnson lived here for six or seven years before her death, which occurred on the homestead. At the time that Mr. Johnson located in this district there was an abundance of wild game, and he holds a record for the number of bears, panthers, deer, and other such game that he killed. There were also a few Mad River Indians, but they were not troublesome. Mr. Johnson was one of the first men to engage in the sheep business on Bull creek. He had about two thousand head, and the bears, panthers, and other such beasts of prey killed off a thousand head in one season. This led him to engage in hunting, and many and interesting are the tales that he can tell of his experiences while in pursuit of big game.

The second marriage of Mr. Johnson occurred some three years after the death of his first wife, uniting him with Miss Roxanna Jane Hanlon, a native of Iowa. She bore her husband two children: Martha M., who became the wife of Herman Matlock, both being now deceased, leaving two children, Harold and Cora, whom Mr. and Mrs. Johnson reared from childhood and have recently adopted; and Grace, the wife of Arle Baxter, a rancher on Bull creek.

Mr. Johnson was one of the first men to demonstrate the adaptability of the Bull creek country to the raising of apples, and has prospered exceedingly in his ranching enterprises, and especially in his interests as an orchardist. He now owns three fine ranches, comprising in all some three hundred twenty acres, one hundred eighty-four being in the homestead, one hundred thirteen in the property known as the Look place, where he makes his home, and twenty-three up on the creek bottom, where he has a fine orchard of apples, peaches, pears and prunes, with a splendid variety of small fruits, such as berries, etc. He is enthusiastic over the possibilities offered to the orchardist in this vicinity, and is certain that there is no other locality that can compare with it. Besides his orchard interests Mr. Johnson is engaged in diversified farming, and has about forty head of cattle, a hundred hogs, and several horses.

The political affairs of the district have always interested Mr. Johnson and he has taken a prominent part in all the concerns of his party. He is a Jeffersonian Democrat, of the old school, but is well informed and an independent thinker, and in all local matters gives his support and cooperation to the best man for the place. He served as deputy sheriff and constable for fourteen years and has a splendid record for efficient service. He was very conscientious in the discharge of his duty, and never allowed a law-breaker to escape him. He made many arrests and was especially keen on all measures that acted as a prevention of crime. He has also served as a member of the Democratic Committee for the county. He is

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a member of the Odd Fellows, at Hydesville, and of the Encampment and Veteran Odd Fellows, and is also an influential member of the Farm Center at Dyerville.

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Humboldt Standard, 6 September, 1926

"Tosaldo Johnson Dies in Rio Dell

Tosaldo Johnson, a pioneer rancher of the Rio Dell section, died at his home in Rio Dell yesterday afternoon, from ailments incident to extreme old age. Deceased was a native of Missouri, aged 86 years and had been a resident of Humboldt county more than half a century. His is survived by his wife, three daughters and two grandchildren. The daughters are Mrs. Grace Baxter of Rio Dell, Mrs. Birdie Smith of Canada and Mrs. J. Lane of British Columbia. Harold Matlock of Arcata and Cora Baxter of Rio Dell are the grandchildren.

The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at the Bull Creek cemetery."

Son of Alvah W. and Mildred I. (Griffith) Johnston was born prematurely and died on 26 October, 1931 at Fortuna, Humboldt County, California.



Left to Right, Mrs. Lizzie Lewis/Betts, Abner Lewis, Viola Curless, Robert Curless and Marie Curless. Found in the Humboldt Standard, August 1941 edition,

Abner Lewis was born 10 December, 1849 near Rockville, Parke Co., Indiana to George Ashford and Mary (Hamilton) Lewis. He died 20 February, 1944 at the County hospital in Eureka, Humboldt County, California. He was single and a retired barber.

Humboldt Standard, 21 February, 1944

"Abner Lewis of Eureka Dies

Abner Lewis, 94, died yesterday morning in a local hospital. He was born in Indiana and had lived in California for 40 years.

He leaves a niece, Mrs. David Viale of Eureka; nephews, Theo Lewis of Eureka, Bruce Lewis of Fortuna; sister, Mrs. Lillian Read of Gladstone, Oregon. Graveside services will be held tomorrow at 1:30 o'clock at the Bull Creek Cemetery."

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Artemus Howard Lewis was born 11 December, 1845 in Parke County, Indiana to George Ashford and Mary (Hamilton) Lewis. He died 21 April, 1919 in Dyerville, Humboldt County, California. He married Sarah Elizabeth Reed in North Lawrence, Douglas County, Kansas on 19 March 1871. They were divorced. He then married Susan Dukes Porter on 24 June, 1908 in Eureka, California. On 25 July, 1910, he and Susan filed an agreement to have the properties owned by them before their marriage declared separate.

This excerpt is from Humboldt County Biographies:

"ARTEMUS HOWARD LEWIS.—Having traveled extensively over the west and south, being in all the Pacific coast states, Colorado, Arizona, Arkansas, Texas and New Mexico, and having lived many years in Missouri and Indiana, his native state, and also in Kentucky, A. H. Lewis returned at last to California and located on his present ranch in the Bull creek district, Humboldt county, in 1891, and is convinced that he selected for his home the garden spot of the United States, if not of the world, although he is loath to admit even the remote possibility of any place that excels his home community. Mr. Lewis is a native of Park county, Ind., born December 11, 1845. His father, George Ashford Lewis, was a native of Ohio, as was also his mother, who was Mary Hamilton in the days of her maidenhood. The father was a stone-mason and brick-layer, learning his trade at Pittsburg, Pa., and later becoming a contractor and builder well known in Indiana and Ohio. One of his most notable buildings was the court house at Crawfordsville, Ind. In the fall of 1865 the family removed to Lawrence, Kansas, where the father died in the fall of 1866, at the age of fifty-four years. The mother returned to Paris, Monroe county, Missouri, where the son, A. H. Lewis, purchased a farm for her to reside upon, and there she lived until the time of her death, which occurred when she was sixty-seven years of age. She was the mother of eleven children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the second born.

A. H. Lewis was reared and educated in Indiana, spending most of his time at Rockville, Park county. He suffered from a peculiar affliction in childhood, being deaf from the time he was three years of age until he was fourteen, when the deafness left him as miraculously as it had come upon him. This affliction prevented him from indulging in the sports of other children, or the occupations of the farm, and he was obliged to spend his time at home with his mother. From her he learned to be an excellent cook, an accomplishment which he later used to good advantage. At a later date the family migrated to Lawrence, Kansas, making the journey with horses and wagons. Mr. Lewis soon came on westward, locating in Colorado, where he took a contract for the getting out of railroad ties for the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad, near Buena Vista and Salida. He made a great success of this undertaking, getting out many thousands of ties, and at the same time being engaged in cooking at a camp for about eight men, the double revenue netting him a handsome profit. Later he was employed as cook at the coke ovens, in Tincup or Virginia City, Colo., where he cooked for from thirty to forty men. Finally he returned to Missouri, but found the climate too cold to suit him, and so he came west again, this time through the Southwest. He was variously employed at the various places in Arkansas, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California for a number of years, including Sonoma county, Cal., where he worked for a year; Seattle, Tacoma, Anacortes, and Kirkland, Wash., and Portland, Ore. He also spent a year in Humboldt county at this time, being engaged as cook for John French, in the lumber camps. From Washington he went through Idaho and Montana, back to Missouri, where he worked at contracting for four months, and eventually returned to Humboldt county, in April, 1890, where he has since made his home. He purchased his present place of one hundred fifty-four acres of James Hart for \$1200 in 1890, and has improved it and greatly enhanced its value since that time, having orchards of apples, pears, peaches, prunes and plums.

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The marriage of Mr. Lewis and Miss Sarah Reed took place at Lawrence, Kansas, in 1873 [1871], and of their union were born four children, only one of whom, Abner Bruce, is now living. He is an orchardist and stockman on Bull creek, and is married to Ida May Turner, a daughter of the late Noah H. Turner, a pioneer of Humboldt county. Mrs. Lewis is also the sister of Jasper Turner, a prominent young farmer and orchardist of the Bull Creek district, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this edition.

Mr. and Mrs. Abner Bruce Lewis have become the parents of seven children, namely, Ernest, Viola, Noah, Emma, Leona, Blanche and Bruce. Of the four children born to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Lewis but one other lived to grow to maturity, this being a daughter, Effie Grace, who married Mr. Thompson, a conductor on a train running out of Leadville, Colo., where they made their home for many years. She died in 1912, leaving two children, Bruce and Albert.

Mr. Lewis was a sufferer from cancer for many years, and spent many months in various hospitals, and was pronounced incurable by many physicians. He was, however, entirely cured at the Bohanon Cancer Institute at Berkeley, and is a man of more than ordinary vitality, strong and capable of enduring great fatigue and hardship. He owned one hundred fifty-four acres of land here, but deeded ninety acres to his son Bruce. He resides in the oldest house on Bull creek, is still active and always busy in improving the place and in caring for his growing crops and orchards. He is one of the most enthusiastic boosters that Humboldt county possesses and his praises of the Bull creek country are quite unqualified. He is of a kindly, generous disposition and enjoys the friendship of a wide circle throughout this portion of the county."

Humboldt Standard, 30 April, 1919

"A.H. Lewis, Old Resident, Dies at Age of 74

...Word comes from Bull Creek of the death there on Monday, April 21 of A.H. Lewis, an old time resident of that section. Mr. Lewis was 74 years of age and had been ill for the past year or so.

He leaves one son, Bruce Lewis, besides several grandchildren, nieces, nephews and other relatives in that section.

He had many friends and was highly respected by all who knew him.

The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon, Rev. E. P. Shier of Scotia officiating.

Interment was in the Bull Creek cemetery which is near his home."

Effie Lewis—possibly Effie Grace(Lewis) Thompson born November, 1881 to Artemus Howard and Sarah Elizabeth (Reed) Lewis in Kansas. She died 24 December, 1910 in San Diego County, California. She married Jack W. Thompson about 1900 possibly in Colorado where her sons were born and her mother and step-father, Hiram Betts lived. She had two sons, Bruce Walter Thompson and Elmer Edward Thompson.

George Bruce Lewis was born about 3 November, 1849 in Rockville, Parke County, Indiana to George Ashford and Mary (Hamilton) Lewis and died 20 December, 1914 in Marin County, California. He married Mary Melvina Kent about 1890.

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"Humboldt Resident Dies At Hilarita

George B. Lewis, a rancher of Dyerville, Humboldt county, passed away last Sunday at the home of his son-in-law, David Viale, at Hilarita, this county. He was a native of Indiana and 66 years old. He leaves a widow, Mrs. Mary M. Lewis. Mr. Lewis had been in ill health for several years and had traveled extensively in search of a climate which might be beneficial to his condition. The remains were shipped Monday to his home in Dyerville by Dr. F. E. Sawyer."

Ida May (Turner) Lewis was born 3 March, 1877 in Monterey, California to Noah Hatten and Mary (Ross) Turner and died 14 March, 1950 in Humboldt County, California. She married Abner Bruce Lewis on 30 March, 1898 in Bull Creek, Humboldt County, California. Abner Bruce Lewis died on August 8, 1956 which was after the 1955 flood and he would be buried in the new Bull Creek Cemetery.

Humboldt Standard, 15 March, 1950

"Death Claims Mrs. Abner Lewis

Mrs. Abner B. (Ida May) Lewis died Tuesday afternoon at Brown's Camp at the age of 73, following a lengthy illness. Born in Monterey, California, Mrs. Lewis first came to Humboldt county at the age of two, making Bull Creek her home for more than 50 years.

Surviving her, besides her husband, are four sons, Noah of Fortuna; Bruce and Ed of Holmes, Al of Bull Creek; four daughters, Mrs. Viola Curless of Holmes, Mrs. Leona Mitchell of Brown's Camp, Mrs. Emma Rutledge and Mrs. Blanche Thompkins, of Holmes; two sisters, Mrs. Kate Armstrong of Eureka and Mrs. Leona Eppings of Holmes; and several grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements have been set for Friday at 1:30 p.m. at Gobles Fortuna mortuary chapel with the Rev. Carl J. Allen to officiate. Interment will be in the family plot of the Bull Creek cemetery."



Abner Bruce Lewis, Ida May Lewis and
Arthur Howe. Photo courtesy of Dave
Stockton

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Mary Melvina (Kent) Lewis was born 21 September, 1854 in Indiana to John Mark and Elizabeth (Pollard) Kent and died 5 January, 1926 at Sequoia Hospital in Scotia, Humboldt County, California. She married George Bruce Lewis about 1890. She had a son, Theodore Ralph Lewis, and daughter, Bessie M., (Mrs. David Viale).

Humboldt Standard, 6 January, 1926

"Mrs. Mary Lewis Dies in Sequoia

Mrs. Mary Lewis, a native of Indiana, aged 71 years, died yesterday at the home of her son, Theodore Lewis of Sequoia, where she had resided for some time. She was taken ill the night before, death ensuing in the morning. As no physician had been in attendance an inquest was held this morning by Coroner Swanson at Fortuna whither the body was brought, the verdict being death from natural causes. It was in evidence that Mrs. Lewis had been a sufferer from heart and kidney troubles for years.

Deceased was a widow and leaves as her nearest relatives a son and two daughters, Theodore Lewis and Mrs. David Viale of Sequoia and Mrs. Prusser of Missouri.

The funeral will be held tomorrow morning. Interment to be at Bull Creek cemetery."

Son of W.E. Lewis and Nellie (Leventon) Lewis was born prematurely on 5 July, 1936 in Scotia, Humboldt County, California and died 6 July, 1936 at the Scotia Hospital.

Humboldt Standard, 6 July, 1936

"Illness is Fatal to Scotia Child

Fortuna, July 6.—The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. E.W. Lewis of Scotia died this morning at the Scotia hospital. Private funeral services will be held at the grave at Bull Creek Tuesday afternoon. Arrangements are in charge of the Hunter and Wise funeral home. "

Claude Allen Look was born 15 August, 1881 to Allen Ensign and Sarah Emily (Crisman) Look in Seattle, Washington and died 21 May, 1945 in San Diego, California. He married Margaret Agnes Daugherty on 25 November, 1909 in Eureka, Humboldt County, California. He owned the Look Café in Garberville which was built about 1917 and was sold by him in 1937. His children were: Mary Van Meter and Anthony Look. His brothers were: Vernon, Robert and William Look.

Humboldt Standard, 23 May, 1945

"Claude Allen Look Succumbs in San Diego

...Claude Allen Look, former restaurant proprietor in Garberville, died Monday in San Diego.

Look, born in Seattle 64 years ago had lived in San Diego for the past five years. Prior to that he had operated his café at Garberville for many years. He had resided in southern Humboldt since his childhood days.

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He is survived by his wife Margaret A. Look, a daughter, Mrs. Mary Van Meter, both of San Diego; a son, Lt. Anthony Look, U.S. Navy; three brothers, Vernon Look of Eureka, Robert Look of Escondido, William Look of Seattle and three grandchildren.

The body is being shipped to Fortuna with Hunter & Wise mortuary handling funeral arrangements."

Sarah Emily (Crisman) Look was born 27 May, 1855 in Jacksonville, Jackson County, Oregon to Archibald Hicks and Eliza Tennessee (Miller) Crisman. She died 10 July, 1937 at her home in Fortuna, California of a cerebral hemorrhage. She married Allen Ensign Look on 6 December, 1874 in Arcata, California. Her children were: Harry E., William, Archie, Claude, Vernon A. and Robert Look.

Humboldt Standard, 12 July, 1937

"Find Aged Fortuna Woman Dead in Home

...Mrs. Sarah E. Look, 82 years old, was found dead in her home here Saturday afternoon by neighbors who became alarmed when they failed to see the aged woman around the house. Mrs. Look had recently returned from a visit with her sons in Washington and Oregon and her son from Eureka had found her in good health when he called at her home Friday evening.

Mrs. Look was born in Jackson, Oregon, in 1855 and had lived 70 years in this region, spending the last 27 years in Fortuna. Her husband, E. Allen Look, died several years ago.

Surviving are the following sons; Harry E. Look of Fortuna; William of Seattle; Archie of Portland; Claude of Oakland; Verne of Eureka; Robert of Escondido. Funeral services have not been arranged but the body is at the Hunter-Wise chapel."

Infant girl of Stephen Orville and Evelyn Mae (Amen) Loveall was stillborn on 2 July, 1930 at the Scotia Hospital.

George Allen Martin was born 28 September, 1870 in Trinidad, (then Klamath County) California to Christopher Columbus and Caroline (Cooksey) Martin and died 1 December, 1931 of heart failure while working on the highway. He married Leona Turner on 5 March, 1905 in Eureka, California. His children were: Virginia, Georgia, Melford and Vernon Martin. He was the brother of Mrs. George (Amanda) Walker, John and Joseph Martin.

Humboldt Standard, 2 July, 1931

"Funeral of George A. Martin will be Held on Friday

...Funeral services for George Allen Martin, who dropped dead Monday afternoon while at work on the state highway near Inglewood, will be held Friday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock from the Hunter-Wise Funeral Chapel.

The Rev. Harold Morehouse of Garberville will officiate at the religious services and interment will be at Bull Creek cemetery.

Deceased was a resident of Holmes and widely known through southern Humboldt county. He was a native of California, aged 61 years, but had lived in Humboldt county for 50 years.

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Besides his widow he is survived by two sons and two daughters, Virginia, Georgia, Melford and Vernon Martin of Holmes.

He also leaves a sister, Mrs. George Walker of Walker's Point and two brothers, John Martin of Fortuna and Joe Martin of Chico."

Martha Margaret "Mattie" (Johnson) Matlock was born 5 May, 1883 at Bull Creek to Roxanna Jane (Hanlon) and Tosaldo Johnson. She died 2 April, 1905 at Fruitland, Humboldt County, California when she was shot by her husband Herman Claude Matlock who then shot himself. They were married 15 September, 1898 in Seattle, Washington. They had a daughter, Cora May and a son, Harold Tosaldo Matlock. Her husband, Herman, was buried in Fortuna.

Daily Humboldt Standard, 3 November, 1905

"Domestic Tragedy Near Fruitland

H.C. Matlock Shoots and Kills Young Wife and Then Commits Suicide—Bodies Found in Road This Morning

County Coroner Greig left Fortuna this morning for Fruitland where he was summoned to inquire into what appears to be a fearful domestic tragedy, the murder of a wife by a husband and the suicide of the husband. As the telephone wire beyond Scotia is down the news was brought to Scotia by a messenger from Fruitland this morning and thence telephoned to Fortuna to the Coroner. The details of the tragedy are very meager, the messenger to Scotia knowing little beyond the facts that the tragedy is supposed to have occurred sometime last night, and was enacted in the public road at Fruitland, where the bodies of the couple were discovered this morning. The weapon of death was a pistol with which, from the appearance of the corpses, the husband had first shot the wife and had then blown out his brains.

The dead are H.C. Matlock and wife, residents of Fruitland, who have been living on a ranch near there with their two children. Little can be learned here of the parties. According to the last Great Register, Herman Claude Matlock is registered from Dyerville and is 31 years of age, consequently the wife is probably also a young person. All efforts to raise Dyerville, the nearest telephone station, this forenoon, proved futile as the wire is down between there and Scotia and therefore no particulars of the tragedy could be obtained."

Daily Humboldt Standard, 4 April, 1905

"Particulars of Sunday's Tragedy

Further particulars received last night concerning the Fruitland tragedy in which H.C. Matlock shot and killed his wife and then committed suicide, confirmed the then known facts as told exclusively last evening in the Standard, but throw little light upon the motive or the incidents leading up to the awful act. There were no witnesses and none knew of the tragedy until several hours after its culmination, when the dead bodies of the wife and her slayer were found weltering in their blood on the public road.

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This was about 5:45 o'clock Sunday evening, the discoverer being an Indian known as George Burke, who happened along that way. The woman with a bullet hole in her breast was lying on her back in the road, which across her chest lay a rifle just as it had fallen from the nerveless hands of her slayer, the husband, whose body lay beside her with the top of his head blown off and his brains scattered for some distance about. The surroundings suggested that the husband had laid in wait for his victim and had shot her from ambush, and that she had survived the fatal shot long enough to run a distance of twenty feet or so along the road before death overtook her. The murderer had then gone to the spot where his victim lay and had completed his purpose by blowing out his brains with the same weapon and falling dead beside her.

This theory is borne out by finding a man's foot prints leading to and from a clump of bushes to the same spot of death. Furthermore it is known that Sunday afternoon Matlock left the place where his wife was employed taking his rifle and saying that he was going for a hunt and that soon after his departure the wife left to visit a neighbor's sick child. That was the last seen of either until their dead bodies were found several hours later.

As to the motive of the crime none can be found and the more charitable are inclined to the belief that Matlock was insane. They cite that he was of morbid temperament and that of late he had manifested great interest in the tale of Adolph Weber's awful crime and seemed fascinated by the account of it and the trial proceedings in the daily press. From this it is figured that Matlock's mind in its peculiar condition became affected. Others however, say that the couple did not get along together well owing principally to Matlock's shiftless habits, which compelled his wife to make a living for herself and children by doing housework. At the time of the tragedy she was in the employ of the family of William Turner at Fruitland near whose place the tragedy was enacted.

The couple were married at Seattle five or six years ago, at which time the wife was only 16 years of age, while the husband was about 25. Mrs. Matlock was a native of this county, and was the daughter of Tosaldo Johnson, a pioneer settler of Bull Creek near Strong's station where deceased was born. Little is known of Matlock except that he was at time employed in the woods, but never any length of time.

Soon after the marriage in the north the couple returned to Humboldt and took up their abode on a ranch belonging the wife's father on Bull Creek, but since then have resided in Scotia and other places in that vicinity, the wife being compelled to live where she could obtain employment at housework in order to support herself and the two young children that are left orphans, a girl of three years and a boy of two years of age. These children have been taken in charge by the father of the murdered woman, who has also claimed the body of his child. With the body of Matlock, however, he refused to have anything to do, and the authorities are therefore awaiting word from a sister of Matlock, Mrs. L. H. Bull of Seattle, as to what disposition to make of it."

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Daily Humboldt Standard, 5 April, 1905

"The Tragedy at Fruitland

...One of the worst tragedies occurred at Fruitland about 6 o'clock last evening (Sunday) that has ever been our lot to report.

One of our own neighbors, Mrs. Mattie Matlock who went to Fruitland a few weeks ago to work for William Turner was shot and instantly killed by her husband Herman Matlock.

Mattie had been to Fred Wilson's to see his little girl, who had hurt herself a few days ago. Returning home in passing through a little thicket, a death dealing slug of lead pierced her head. She was evidently walking quite rapidly and the momentum carried her about fifteen steps, when she fell on her face. The husband had stepped from ambush, bracing his rifle against the body of his slaughtered wife and blowed (sic) the top of his own head off.

Indian George passing by discovered the dead bodies and told Mr. Cooper who at once went to Mr. Turner and told him, but George did not recognize the bodies as those of our neighbors. Will Turner at once got assistance and went to the scene of the tragedy.

The bodies were not moved but ready friends watched beside them, and W. Turner came to Dyerville to telephone the Coroner and came on up to Bull Creek to notify the home people, Mr. and Mrs. Tosaldo Johnson, the awful death of their daughter.

The couple had two children aged 6 and 3 years, who also would have been slain had they accompanied their mother on the walk to Wilson's, it is thought. The father, mother and younger sister, Gracie, left early this morning for Fruitland.

The dead woman was a general favorite with all her friends. She will be brought up and laid to rest here in Maplewood (sic) Cemetery, but what disposition will be made with the body of the murderer is not known at present. His relatives in Seattle, will of course be notified and can attend to that.

Not one knows any reason for Matlock's mad act. He had recently got hurt and was unable to work, and the wife, always industrious, got a place to work, with a will to make up for his not being able to work.

He had been lying around Fruitland for several days it is thought to kill her. He was insanely jealous of her always, yet she gave him no cause to be so. The sentiment here is very strong against the suicide and murderer and is all for Mattie, who was born and raised on Bull Creek, and but for a short time when she lived in Seattle, has always lived here."

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Daily Humboldt Standard, 7 April, 1905

"Another Tale of Tragedy

Garberville, April 5—A telephone message from Dyerville this morning informed us of the murder and suicide near Fruitland of Herman Matlock, who shot and killed his wife, then blew out his own brains with the same weapon, a revolver. Mrs. Matlock was returned from a neighbor's whose little girl had broken her arm yesterday afternoon, when she was met by Matlock in the road where he shot her

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through the heart killing her instantly, for all appearances as there were not eye witnesses to the tragedy. He was shot through the head dropping by her side in the road. The bodies were found last evening by the mail carrier on the overland stage as he was coming from Fruitland to Dyerville. He had to move the bodies to one side of the road in order to pass. He reported the finding of the bodies when he arrived at Dyerville and as the telephone line was down between there and Pepperwood a man was sent out from Dyerville to telephone for Coroner Greig from the nearest point. Family troubles are supposed to have been the cause of the awful tragedy. Mrs. Matlock's maiden name was Johnson, her parents living not far from Fruitland. Two children, a boy and a girl, are left. The report came here this afternoon that Mrs. Matlock's people refuse to bury Matlock. The family came from Oregon to Humboldt County. Mrs. Matlock was about 26 years of age and was working at Mr. Turner's. From the appearance of the place where the bodies were found Matlock had hidden behind a clump of bushes near the road waiting for his wife and shot her, then walked out to where she lay and killed himself. It was an Indian who found the bodies first."

Daily Humboldt Standard, 10 April, 1905

"More Details of Tragedy

Dyerville, April 6—Martha Margaret Matlock, a daughter of Tosaldo Johnson and his wife Roxana J. Johnson, first saw the light on the 5th of May, 1883 at her father's home on Bull Creek where she was reared and attended school until at the age of 15. She went with her parents to Seattle, reaching there in May 1898, where she became acquainted with Herman Claude Matlock to who she was married on the 15th day of September, 1898, living in that city until after the birth of one child, a little girl, born to them of the 4th of July, 1899. In October, 1900, the family, Mr. and Mrs. Matlock and baby Cora, took passage for Humboldt County and came out to her parent's home on Bull Creek. Mr. Matlock getting work at Scotia, they moved to that place and also lived at Rio Dell.

About three years ago a little boy came to gladden their hearts, of whom the father seemed very fond—also showing a fondness for his little girl, now nearly six.

About a month ago Mrs. Matlock took the two children and went to Fruitland to work for Mrs. William Turner and it was there that she met her death. Just what passed will never be known but that the husband intended murder is quite evident to all.

Coming up on the stage he got off and going into the house waited for a day and just as day was breaking he was seen trying to enter his wife's room but stopped and said:—"Oh say, Will, I've lost my razor." Mr. Turner, to whom he was speaking, asked where and he replied "where I got off the stage, I guess," and went to look for it. Later on he took Turner's gun, a 32-40 Winchester rifle, smokeless, and went out to hunt, yet was seen all forenoon slipping around and it is thought that he was then looking for a chance to kill the girl who was then toiling to feed his two little ones and keep their little bodies clothed.

All unsuspecting she attended to her household duties and after dinner when her work was done went out to see Mrs. Wilson and her little girl who had hurt her arm and lived a short distance away. After she had left the house her husband came in and searching all through the house and not finding her

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went out into the yard and asked little Cora where her mamma was. She told him and he started in the opposite direction saying that he was going to kill a deer.

He made a circle, coming back to a point where he could see when she left Wilson's house and hiding behind a stump he watched for her return. As he saw her leave the house he ran along ahead in the brush to a place where he could get a good shot at her as she passed and as she approached the ambush, all unconscious of danger, this man held a deadly "bead" on her and just as she got in close range, he fired, the bullet breaking her arm and ranging upward and breaking her neck. She went thirty steps before she dropped. He jumped down over the bank, throwing the empty shell as he ran. On reaching her side he placed the gun against her and placed the muzzle against his temple and fired killing himself instantly.

Indian George heard the shots and discovered the bodies lying in the road. Help was quickly forthcoming all was done that was left for hands to do. There were two more cartridges in the gun and it is thought now that had the two little ones been with their mother they would have shared her fate.

After the inquest the body of the murdered girl was taken care of by friends and brought back to her childhood home and Wednesday at 3 o'clock was tenderly laid to rest. The pallbearers school mates and friends, who had grown up by her side, were Tress Taylor, Hugh Hamilton, Jap Turner, John Albee, Will Look and Claud Look. A few songs were sung, a prayer was read, touching remarks and kind words were spoken and she was laid to rest. There were a great many beautiful flowers, nearly all white, in fact, the casket was covered with the floral offerings of her friends and schoolmates.

The two little ones are with their grandparents Tosaldo Johnson and wife, who are both growing old, but will care for the dead daughter's children from now on.

Herman Matlock never acted like a man who could do such a deed. He seemed to love his children and his wife too. It was said he was never heard to speak an unkind word to her. He had just built a house not far from here."

Truman Harold Merrifield was born 13 March, 1864 to Daniel and Elsie (Jack) Merrifield at Upper Mattole, Humboldt County, California and died 4 September, 1923 at the Tubercular School in Eureka, California. He was married to Maggie May Burns/Byrnes on 13 July, 1903 in Rio Dell, Humboldt County, California.

Bessie Annona (Davis) Millsap was born 18 March, 1913 Harrisburg, Linn County, Oregon to John Lewis and Nellie Grey (Foley) Davis and died 11 March, 1931 at the St. Joseph's Hospital in Eureka, California of peritonitis. She married William Henry Millsap on 24 January, 1930 at Eureka, California. She was the sister of Daisy Sapan, John L., Floyd, and Bert Davis. Her uncle was Charles Davis.

Humboldt Standard, 12 March, 1931

"Mrs. B. Milsap Dies in Hospital

Mrs. Bessie Milsap, Metropolitan woman, died at St. Joseph's hospital late yesterday following a short illness. Deceased was born in Oregon in 1913. Surviving relatives include the husband, W.H. Millsap; the father, J.L. Davis, of Red Bluff and several sisters living at Red Bluff.

Pending funeral arrangements the body is being held at the Hunter-Wise funeral parlors at Fortuna."

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Humboldt Standard, 22 March, 1931

"Funeral of Mrs. B. Milsap Held

Hydesville, Cal. March 21—Several relatives and friends of Hydesville attended the funeral Sunday of Mrs. Bessie Millsap. The funeral was held from the Pepperwood church, the Rev. E.P. Peterson of Eureka, officiating in the religious ceremony, assisted by Floyd Prior of Fortuna who sang several selections. The pall bearers were: Alvin Morteson of Hydesville, James Morteson and Harry Gushaw of Pepperwood, William and Donald Turner and Ed. Waldron of Englewood. The burial was in the Bull Creek cemetery where a number of relatives of the family have been laid away.

Mrs. Millsap was a native of Oregon and had been a resident of this county about two years, coming here with her sister, Mrs. Daisy Sapan, with whom deceased made her home. About a year ago she became the wife of William Milsap and the young couple took up their residence near Metropolitan where they resided up to the time of the death of Mrs. Milsap.

Although having resided in this part of the county but a short time deceased had made many friends as was manifest by the large number of people who crowded the church, many of whom could not gain entrance, and also the long funeral cortege that wended its way to Bull creek. A wealth of flowers banked the casket there being many large set pieces.

Mrs. Milsap leaves to mourn her passing a number of relatives, beside the husband William H. Milsap of Pepperwood, her father, one sister and three brothers, John L. Davis, Mrs. Daisy Sapan, Floyd, William and Bert Davis respectively, all of Red Bluff and an uncle, Charles Davis also a resident of Red Bluff.

Among those from Hydesville who attended the funeral of Mrs. Bessie Milsap at Pepperwood Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Payton, Mrs. R. Mortesen and children, Jean Alvin and DeEtte.

John L. Davis, Floyd, Bert and William Davis and Mrs. Daisy Sapan all of Red Bluff, who were called to Pepperwood this last week by the death of Mrs. Milsap, returned to their homes at Red Bluff, Monday."

Delia Marie (Bienvenu) Millsap was born 14 October, 1868 to Jean Bte. and Esther Bienvenu in Quebec, Canada. She died 8 February, 1948 in Scotia, Humboldt County, California. She left sons, Sidney W. and Arlyn Millsap. She married William Robert Millsap 19 December, 1909 in Eureka, Humboldt County, California.

Humboldt Standard, 9 February, 1948

"Mrs. Delia Milsap Pepperwood, Dead

...Mrs. Delia Maria Milsap (sic), 79 of Pepperwood died Sunday in Scotia. She was born in Canada and had lived 70 years in California, 40 at Pepperwood.

Surviving are her sons, Sidney W. Milsap of Pepperwood and Arlyn Milsap of Shively; four grandchildren; brothers and sister, Alfonse Bienbenu (sic) of Pepperwood, One Bienbenu and Ann Langley of Jacksonville, Oregon.

The funeral has been arranged for Wednesday at 1 p.m., with Rev. J. Eldon Anderson to officiate. Burial will be at Bull Creek cemetery."

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Dorothy Mae Millsap was born 28 August, 1937 in Fortuna, Humboldt County, California to Arlyn and Cora (Warner) Millsap. She died 19 May, 1938 at the County Hospital in Eureka from an intestinal obstruction.

Humboldt Standard, 20 May, 1938

"Rites for Infant Set for Saturday

Obsequies for Dorothy Mae Millsap, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arlyn Millsap who died in a Eureka hospital, will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday in Fortuna with the Rev. Lockwood officiating.

Interment will be in the Bull Creek cemetery.

Other survivors include her grandmother, Delia Millsap and an uncle, Sidney Millsap, Pepperwood. Funeral arrangements are in charge of Hunter-Wise."

James Arthur Millsap was born 25 August, 1881 in Bull Creek to William Richard and Heralda E. (Gibson) Millsap. He died 4 August, 1883 in Bull Creek. (*Supposedly the first burial at Bull Creek.*)

Lawrence Chester Millsap was born 15 September, 1912 at Pepperwood, Humboldt County, California to Henry Jackson and Florence (Clark) Millsap. He died of diphtheria on 13 November, 1924 at Pepperwood, California.

William Richard Millsap was born about 24 February, 1841 in Missouri to Isaac and Jane (Montgomery) Millsap. He died of heart disease on 27 May, 1895 in Pepperwood, Humboldt County, California. He married Heralda Emaline Gibson in 1859 in Missouri City, Fort Bend County, Texas.

William Robert Millsap was born 18 March, 1878 at Fox Camp, Humboldt County, California to William Richard and Heralda E. (Gibson) Millsap. He died 22 November, 1937 at his home near Pepperwood of heart failure. He married Delia Marie Bienvenu on 19 December, 1909 in Eureka, California. He left sons Arlyn and Sidney Millsap and sisters; Martha Amen, Jesse Payton, Ida Whetstone and Mamie Sandsmake.

Humboldt Times, 23 November, 1937

"William Millsap Called by Death

...William R. Millsap, well known Humboldt resident was called by death today at Pepperwood. He was a member of the pioneer Millsap family and was born at Fox Camp. Calif., on March 18, 1878.

He had lived in southern Humboldt most of his life and had been a chopper for various lumber companies.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Delia Millsap, two sons, Alvin and Sidney, brother, Henry, mother, Mrs. Martha Amen, all of Pepperwood. He also leaves three sisters, Mrs. Jess Payton of Hydesville, and Mrs. Ida Whitstone(sic) and Mamie Sandsmake of San Francisco.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 1:30 o'clock at the Hunter-Wise chapel with Rev. Gary Roush officiating. Burial will be in Newburg [Bull Creek] cemetery."

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"William Millsap Services Today

Fortuna, Nov. 23—William R. Millsap funeral services will be held tomorrow at 1:30 o'clock with Rev. Gary Rousch officiating.

Burial will be in the family plot at Bull Creek with the rites under the direction of Hunter-Wise."

Raymond Nelson --possibly the Raymond Nelson who died on 28 July, 1932 on the County Hospital of meningitis. He was born 15 April 1921 in Weott to Rosie (Merrifield) and Carl Nelson. However, the death records have his burial at Briceland Cemetery.

Rhoda Nelson --possibly a child of Rosie and Carl Nelson or another name for Rosie (Merrifield) Nelson. No death record for this name was found.

Frances Elizabeth (Miles) Ogle was born 3 December, 1887 to Bernard and Mary (Morrey) Miles in San Francisco, California and died 10 May, 1930 of syphilis in Eureka, Humboldt County, California. Her husband was Frederick Rollin Ogle who she married sometime between 1900 and 1920. She was the sister of Katy Thompson, Thomas E., Mary and Anna Miles. She had a step-son Winfred Homer Ogle.

Humboldt Standard, 12 May, 1930

"Mrs. Frances Ogle Succumbs

Mrs. Frances Elizabeth Ogle, 50, died Saturday evening at a local hospital after an illness of several months. Deceased was a native of San Francisco, but had resided at Bull Creek for the past eight years.

In addition to her husband, F.R. Ogle of Bull Creek, she leaves a sister, Mrs. Katy Thompson of Fortuna. Also she was the sister of the late Thomas E. Miles and Mary and Anna Miles of the Mission district in San Francisco where she was widely known.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow morning at nine o'clock for the Fortuna Catholic church where a requiem high mass will be said for the repose of her soul. Interment will be made at Bull Creek.

The services will be under the direction of the Hunter-Wise funeral parlors."

Chester Prichet was born September, 1884 at Upper Mattole, Humboldt County, California to James Oskar and Mary Elizabeth (Perkins) Prichet. He died 26 February, 1901 at the Hazelton Ranch near Bull Creek when he drowned.

Ferndale Enterprise, 5 March, 1901

"Chester, youngest son of Jas. Prichet of Bull Creek, was drowned on the Hazelton ranch Tuesday, by falling from a raft on which he was crossing a pond near the head of Bull Creek. He was not missed for some time after the accident and at one o'clock in the afternoon a search for him resulted in finding his body in nine feet of water."

James Oskar Prichet was born May, 1847 in Illinois and died 26 May, 1908 at Dyerville, Humboldt County, California of a stroke. He married Mary Elizabeth Perkins on 24 May, 1874 at Eel River, Humboldt County, California. His sister was Mrs. Marshall P. (Harriett) Endicott.

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Humboldt Daily Standard, 27 May, 1908

"Sudden Death of Jas. A. Pritchett

James A. Pritchett (sic), an aged resident of the Dyerville section, passed away very suddenly yesterday afternoon. In company with his sister, Mrs. Endicott, he had gone to the store and together they partook of a light lunch. Soon after Mr. Pritchett complained of being unable to get his breath, and attributed it to asthma, he having been afflicted with that disease for some time. All efforts to relieve him proved futile and he was placed in a chair on the porch, where he expired a few minutes later. Deceased was a native of Illinois aged 64 years. Acting Coroner Sanders was notified, and after ascertaining the fact that deceased had been under a physician's care, and being assured that death was due to natural causes, waived an inquest.

The funeral will be held from the home, near Dyerville."

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"Dyerville

Dyerville, May 26—Our small burg was startled yesterday afternoon by the news of Mr. Pritchett's death here in Carland's store. Mr. Pritchett had just come from Englewood with Ellery Hazelton and was sitting in the store talking, when suddenly someone noticed that he was sitting very quiet and on examination he was found to be dead. It is supposed a stroke or paralysis caused his death, for a month ago he suffered quite a shock.

Mr. Pritchett will be buried on Bull Creek tomorrow. His only relatives here are Mrs. Endicott and her children. Jim Pritchett has been a stage driver between here and Garberville for many years and resigned last winter. He was well along in years and found the winter too severe to drive. He has a son buried on Bull Creek, beside whom he will be buried."

Heralda Emaline (Gibson) Millsap Rissman was born in Bloomington, Macon County, Missouri on 28 October, 1842 to Robert Gibson and (unknown mother). She died 14 August, 1932 in Pepperwood California. She first married William Richard Millsap in 1859 in Missouri City, Fort Bend County, Texas. She married second; Charles F. Rissman on 23 December, 1896 in Fortuna, Humboldt County, California.

Humboldt Standard, 16 August, 1932

"Pioneer Resident of County Dies at Pepperwood Home

Mrs. Heralda Rissman, a real Humboldt pioneer, who numbered her friends by the score, died Sunday afternoon, August 14, at her home at Pepperwood, where she has resided for the past 45 years.

Grandma Rissman as she was lovingly called by all who knew her, was born in Bloomington, Macon county, Missouri, on October 28, 1842, and had she lived until October she would have reached the advance age of 90 years.

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Together with her husband, William Millsap, she started across the plains in 1859 and the journey took them seven months and fourteen days. There were 105 wagons in the train composed of about 500 people.

Twice the wagons were attacked by Indians, Once at Snake river and again three days later. An escort of 50 soldiers accompanied them from Fort Laramie for over a week, as protection from the Indians.

Upon their arrival in California they settled in Sacramento valley. Later Mr. and Mrs. Milsap came to Humboldt county, settling for a time in the Yager section, later going to Fox camp, then to Bull Creek and then to Pepperwood, where she spent the latter years of her life.

During her long residence in Humboldt county, "Grandma" Rissman has made a host of friends, who mourn her passing. A long and useful life closed serenely surrounded by relatives and dear friends who have left to them pleasant memories of one who was so near and dear to them for so many years.

She is survived by the following children: Mrs. Bell Sunter of Eureka; Mrs. Martha Amen, Scotia; Nancy Sandsmake, Rohnerville; Mrs. Ella Payton, Hydesville; Mrs. Ida Whetstone, Oakland; William Milsap, Princeton, Colusa county; Henry Milsap, Pepperwood; besides 22 grandchildren, 64 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral service will be held Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock from the Adventist church at Pepperwood. Interment will be at Bull Creek cemetery in the family plot.

The body is now resting at the family home."

Charles Bud Shively (*See Charley Budds*)

Dorothy Florence Shively was born 16 May, 1916 to Ernest Waugh and Evelyn Ada (Sherborn) Shively. She died 11 August, 1917 at Shively.

Dorothea Nina Shively was born 15 June, 1908 at Shively to Adelia Dora (Greenlaw) and William Beasor Shively. She died 2 November, 1911 in Fortuna due to inflammation of the intestines.

Humboldt Beacon, 3 November, 1911

"Little Dorothy Dies

Little Dorothy, the three year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Shively passed away in Fortuna yesterday morning at 5 o'clock after an illness of two weeks with bowel complaint.

The child was brought to Fortuna by her parents that thereby she may have constant medical attention, but it availed not the end coming yesterday morning.

The body was taken to Shively on yesterday's afternoon train by the bereaved parents."

Marjorie C. Shively was born 24 January, 1911 in to Adelia Dora (Greenlaw) and William Beasor at Shively. She died in Shively on June 22, 1911 due to malnutrition from premature birth.

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Above-William Shively and right William Shively helping build Bull Creek road. Photo courtesy of Dave Stockton.



William Beasor Shively was born 22 November, 1872 to William Beasor and Caroline (Gould) Shively at Shively, California. He died 27 September, 1940 in Eureka, Humboldt County, California of heart failure. He married Adelia Dora Greenlaw on 15 January, 1902 in Eureka, California. His children were: Beatrice Ellen Hoeft and Glenn and William B. Shively. He was the brother of Abbie Edwards and Daniel P. Shively.

Humboldt Standard, 27 September, 1940

"William Shively, Pioneer, Dead

William Shively, son of the pioneer who first settled the village of Shively in southern Humboldt county, died this morning in a local nursing home after a lengthy illness.

Shively, 68 years old, was born at Bluff Prairie, which was later named Shively for his father. He left Shively 22 years ago to live in various California places and had lived for three years in Eureka. During the first World War he worked in local shipyards.

Surviving are his sons, Glenn and William B. Shively, a daughter, Mrs. John (Beatrice E.) Hoeft of Eureka; a grandson, Darrell Glenda Shively; a sister, Mrs. Abbie Edwards of Holmes; brother, Daniel P. Shively of Sparks, Nevada.

Funeral arrangements, not completed are in charge of the Ocean View mortuary."

Edward Bion Smith was born 14 July, 1873 in Colorado to Charles Curtis and Matina May (Steele) Smith and died 18 May 1942 at his home in Weott, Humboldt County, California of a cerebral hemorrhage. He married Anna "Annie" G. Baker on 18 May, 1898 in Boulder, Colorado. He left children; Ethel Rugg, Violet Curry, Gladys Mesing and Rodney Smith.

Humboldt Times, 19 May, 1942

"Edward B. Smith of Weott Taken

...Edward B. Smith, 68, passed away at his home in Weott Monday morning.

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Smith was born in Kansas [actually Colorado]. He moved to California in 1901 and since 1937 had operated the mail route from Weott to Pepperwood and Piercy.

Surviving are his wife, Anna, of Weott; four daughters, Ethel Rugg, Violet Curry and Gladys Mesing of Weott and Frances Willett of Eureka; and one son Rodney Smith of Weott.

Hunter & Wise mortuary is in charge of arrangements."

Neva Carol Smith was born 12 December, 1916 to Edward Bion and Anna G. (Baker) Smith at Pepperwood. She died 27 September, 1929 at Dyerville, Humboldt County, California of pneumonia.

Humboldt Beacon, 4 October, 1929

"Neva Carol Smith, 13 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Smith of Redcrest died at her home Friday morning. She was just recovering from a siege of smallpox when pneumonia was contracted and the disease claimed the supreme toll.

She was born in Pepperwood and had spent all of her life in that vicinity. Beside her parents she is survived by several brothers and sisters. She was a student at South Fork union high school. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon from the home under the direction of the Hunter & Wise funeral parlors. Interment was at the Bull Creek cemetery."



Francis Marion Stansberry was born 8 October, 1844 in Wheeling, Ohio County, Virginia to Thomas Madison and Elizabeth (Randolph) Stansberry. He died 19 October, 1899 at Bull Creek. He was first married to Virginia Ann Stone on 1 October, 1865 in Wetzel County, Virginia. He was second married to Martha Elizabeth Gray on 8 October, 1883 in Crawford County, Arkansas. He married third, Annie A. Genazzi on 3 November, 1898 in Ferndale. He was a Civil War Veteran and left children Sarah R., Thomas, Nathan, Robert, Mary, Francis, Jonathan, Justus, and Laura Stansberry.

Ferndale Enterprise, 3 November, 1899

"F. M. Stansbury (sic) died Sunday at his home on Bull Creek, with an affection of the bowels. The best medical aid that could be obtained seemed to do him no good. Mr. Stansbury was about fifty-five years old, and a veteran of the civil war.

He leaves six children to mourn his loss; the oldest son, Thomas resides in Eureka and the youngest is living with John Hunter of Mattole. The other four, three boys and one girl, ranging in age from about six to fourteen years, were living with their father at the time of his death. Mr. Stansbury was buried in the Bull Creek burying grounds by the side of his wife."

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Francis Marion Stansberry died September 23, 1888 at the age of four months. His parents were Francis Marion and Martha (Gray) Stansberry.

Jonathan John Stansberry was born 22 January, 1891 in to Francis Marion and Martha (Gray) Stansberry in Humboldt County, California. He died 3 September, 1952 in Pasadena, Los Angeles County, California. He married Clarice Nellie Smith on 10 December, 1914 in Eureka, Humboldt County, California.

Humboldt Standard, 5 September, 1952

"Stansberry Rites Set Saturday

Funeral services for John Stansberry, 61, who died in Pasadena Wednesday, will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at Goble's Fortuna Mortuary. The Rev. Dale J. Nicholson will officiate and burial will be in the family plot at Bull Creek Cemetery.

Six nephews will serve as pallbearers.

Stansberry had lived in the Mattole Valley and Garberville all his life. He was a rancher and stockman and was active in the California Woolgrower's Association as well as the state farm bureau and other farm groups.

Survivors are his wife, Clarice N. Stansberry of Honeydew; three sons, John A. Stansberry of Sierra Madre, Arthur L. Stansberry of Harris, and Robert D. Stansberry of Honeydew; two brothers, Nathan of Briceland and Justus of Briceland.

Also surviving are two sisters; Mrs. Mabel Beerbower of Garberville and Laura Smith of Harris; four grandchildren and several nieces and nephews".



Martha (Gray/Grey) Russell Stansberry was born 9 January, 1858 in Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia to Thomas Davis and Mary Ann (Barber) Gray and died about December, 1894 in Humboldt County, California. She was thrown from her horse and dragged while she was pregnant. Her unborn child died, resulting in her death. She and the infant were buried in the same grave. She first married Wallace R. Russell on 9 March, 1879 in Crawford Co., Arkansas. As Mrs. Mattie Russell, she was married to Francis Marion Stansberry on 8 October, 1883 in Crawford County, Arkansas. She left children: John "Wallace" Russell, Nathan, Robert, Mary, Francis, Jonathan, Justus "Jess" and Laura Stansberry.

David Benton Sutherland was born about 1870 (actual date of birth unknown) in Briceland, Humboldt County, California to Andrew and Ellen Sutherland. He died 14 August, 1944 at the County Hospital in Eureka, Humboldt County, California of a respiratory infection. He was the brother of Florence Hunter, Enoch, Henry and Oliver Sutherland.

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Humboldt Times, 16 August, 1944

"D.B. Sutherland Dies in Eureka

... David B. Sutherland, 74, born in Briceland and resident of Bull Creek practically all his life, died Monday night in a Eureka hospital. He is survived by three brothers, Enoch, Henry and Oliver Sutherland, all of Briceland, a sister, Mrs. Florence Hunter of Briceland, and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held at 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the Bull Creek cemetery. Rev. Andrew Juvinall officiating. Arrangements for the services are being made by Fortuna Mortuary."

Rose Anna (Howe) Taylor was born 22 September, 1869 to Francis Marion and Frances Ann (Perkins) Howe in Rio Dell, Humboldt County, California and died 26 December, 1933 of tuberculosis in the County Hospital in Eureka, California. She married William Wallace Taylor on August 5, 1885 in Ferndale, Humboldt County, California. She left children Rose Bushnell, Addie L. Chadbourne and E.W. Taylor. She was the sister of James and Frank Howe.

Humboldt Standard, 26 December, 1933

"Mrs. Rose A. Taylor Dies

...Mrs. Rose A. Taylor of Bull Creek died this morning in a Eureka hospital after a short illness.

Deceased was born in Rio Dell, September 22, 1870 and lived all of her life in this section of the county.

She is survived by the following children: Mrs. Rose Bushnell and Mrs. Addie I. Chadbourne of Burlingame and E.T. Taylor of Fortuna. She also leaves nine grandchildren, three great grandchildren and two brothers: James and Frank Howe of Bull Creek.

Pending funeral arrangements the body is at the Hunter-Wise funeral parlors."

William Vernon Taylor was born 2 June, 1890 at Bull Creek, Humboldt County, California to William Wallace and Rose Anna (Howe) Taylor. He died 10 December, 1890 at Bull Creek of La Grippe.

Ferndale Enterprise, 19 December, 1890

"The little child of Wm. Taylor, Jr. and wife, of Bull Creek, died a few days ago. We believe its illness was la grippe. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have our sympathies."

William Wallace Taylor was born 16 April, 1863 near Ferndale, Humboldt County, California to William and Susanna (Daniels) Taylor. He died 9 June, 1924 at his home in Bull Creek of a stroke. He married Rose Anna Howe on 5 August, 1885 in Ferndale, California. His children were Rose Bushnell, Addie and William Trescott Taylor. He was the sister of Addie Friend.

Humboldt Standard, 11 June, 1924

"William W. Taylor Dies at Bull Creek

William Wallace Taylor, a native of Eureka, aged 61 years, died at his house on Bull Creek, Monday after a long illness. He had lived all of his life in Humboldt county, his boyhood days having been passed

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in Ferndale. In 1888 he went to Dyerville, where he married Rose Anna Howe, who with one son and two daughters survive.

The children are Edward T. Taylor of Fortuna and Mrs. Rose Bushnell and Miss Addie Taylor of Dyerville. The funeral was held this afternoon from the home at Bull Creek, with services by Mrs. Jessie Swortzel of Fortuna. Interment was at the Bull Creek cemetery."

Willis Eugene Thompkins was born 13 December, 1863 at Half Moon Bay to Daniel D. and Alvira Mercy (Starr) (later Mrs. Joseph Wilburn Peery) and died 16 March, 1939 at the County Hospital in Eureka, California. He married Edna Huntley 29 October, 1892 at Gold Beach, Curry County, Oregon.. They were later divorced. His children were Dora Hamann, Fay, Clyde W., Lloyd J., and Cyril D. Thompkins.

Humboldt Standard, 16 March, 1939

"Illness is Fatal to Humboldt Logger

Willis Eugene Tompkins, 75, veteran Humboldt logger, died in a Eureka hospital today after a two weeks illness.

He was a native of Half Moon Bay and had lived in California or southern Oregon all his life. His recent residence was at Red Crest.

He is survived by three sons, C.W. of Los Angeles, L.J. of Portland and C. D. of Holmes; two daughters, Fay Tompkins of Portland and Mrs. Dora Hamann of Independence, Oregon.

Funeral services and interment will be held Saturday at 10:30 a.m. with Hunter-Wise funeral chapel of Fortuna officiating."

Catherine A. (Roberts) Thompson was born 5 April, 1866 in California to Daniel and Sofie (maiden name unknown) Roberts. She died of heart failure about 9 January, 1942 (her body was found 12 January, 1942) at her home on G Street in Eureka. She married Robert H. Thompson.

Humboldt Standard, 13 January, 1942

"Funeral Rites Held for Eureka Woman

...Requiem mass was said this morning in the Fortuna catholic church for Mrs. Catherine Thompson, 75, who was found dead Monday at her home in Eureka at 3405 G street. Rev. J.J. Gaffney officiated and burial was at Bull Creek cemetery. The Fortuna Mortuary directed arrangements

Mrs. Thompson was born in Illinois, had lived at Bull Creek and Fortuna, moving to Eureka several years ago. Her husband died in 1940. A son, John Miles, and other relatives survive.

Her death, attributed to a heart attack had evidently occurred several days before the body was found by neighbors who investigated when they failed to see her about the house according to Coroner Lloyd Wallace."

Effie Grace (Lewis) Thompson – See Effie Lewis

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Robert H. Thompson was born 5 July, 1863 in Indiana to E. and Maria (maiden name unknown) Thompson. He died 24 March, 1940 at his home on G Street in Eureka, Humboldt County, California of heart and kidney failure. He married Catherine Roberts.

Infant Girl Thornton- was stillborn 30 March, 1930 in Dyerville, Humboldt County, California. No parental information.

Bessie Helen Thurman was born 24 March, 1912 to Thomas P. and Dora (Sutherland) Thurman in Bull Creek, California. She died on 18 June, 1923 at the Union Labor Hospital in Eureka of a ruptured appendix. She was the sister of Ida and Leona Thurman and Edward and David Chadbourne and her uncle was David Sutherland.

Humboldt Times, 24 January, 1923

"Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Buried

...Bessie, 11-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Thurman, who died June 18th at a Eureka hospital, following an operation for appendicitis, was laid to rest in the Bull Creek cemetery Thursday. Many beautiful flowers were offered from the sorrowing friends and school mates.

Prayers were spoken by Rev. Ely of Fortuna and the choir sang beside the casket.

Little Bessie was loved by all who knew her. She is survived by her mother, Dora Thurman, father Tom Thurman, two sisters, Ida and Leona, two brothers, Edward Chadbourne and Dave Chadbourne and an uncle, Dave Southerlin (sic).

The following relatives arrived Wednesday from West Port to attend the funeral: Henry Sutherland, and two sons, Daniel and John; Oliver Sutherland and son, Alonzo, Andrew Sutherland and Enoch Sutherland, David Sutherland and Oliver and Henry Mason."

Dora Anita (Sutherland) Chadbourne Thurman was born 5 January, 1882 in Briceland, Humboldt County, California to Daniel and Ellen (maiden name unknown) Sutherland. She died 14 December, 1924 of pneumonia due to tuberculosis at her home in Bull Creek. She married first Henry Edward Chadbourne on 30 March, 1899 in Phillipsville, Humboldt County, California. She married second Thomas P. Thurman.

Humboldt Standard, 18 December, 1924

"Mrs. Dora Thurman Dies at Bull Creek

...Robert Wise of the local undertaking parlors was called to Upper Bull Creek yesterday by the death of Mrs. Dora Thurman. She died Sunday.

Mrs. Thurman was born in this state on January 5, 1882 and had resided here nearly all her life. To mourn her passing she leaves two sons, a small daughter and her husband, who for several months has been ill in the Humboldt County Tuberculosis School in Eureka.

The body was removed from the home in Upper Bull Creek to the home of Mrs. Rose Taylor, from where the funeral will be held Wednesday afternoon. Interment will be at the Bull Creek cemetery."

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Thomas P. Thurman was born 18 January, 1868 in Garberville, Humboldt County, California to Thomas and Jemima (maiden name unknown) Thurman. He died 7 January, 1935 at the County Hospital in Eureka of heart failure. He married Mrs. Dora Anita (Sutherland) Chadbourne.

Humboldt Standard, 8 January, 1935

"Woodsman Dies Following Illness

Thomas Thurman of Weott, a woodsman, died last night at a local hospital after an illness of about a year.

Deceased was a native of Missouri and was 66 years of age. He had resided in California for the past six years.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Ida Miller and Miss Lora Thurman, both of Fortuna, and two sons, David Chadbourne of Burlington and Edward Chadbourne of Bull Creek.

The funeral will be held Wednesday at 2 o'clock at the Bull Creek cemetery under the auspices of the Pierce funeral parlors. Rev. Irvin Askin will conduct the services."

Darold/Donald Turner was born 21 April, 1923 at Santa Rosa, California to Donald and Eva (Murphy) Turner. He died 2 October, 1927 in Eureka, Humboldt County, California of acute gastroenteritis.

Humboldt Standard, 3 October, 1937

"Donald Turner, 4, Dies in this City

Donald [Darold] Turner, 4 ½ year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Turner of Bull Creek, died yesterday at the temporary home of the parents at 1435 A street. The remains will be prepared for shipment by the Pierce parlors and tomorrow will be taken to Bull creek for interment in the family plot. "

Jasper Newton Turner was born 28 October, 1879 to Noah Hatten and Mary Jane (Ross) Turner at Bull Creek, Humboldt County, California. He died 22 December, 1925 at St. Joseph Hospital in Eureka of an abscess of the pancreas. He married Agnes Rann on 22 June, 1899 at Dyerville, Humboldt County California.

JASPER N. TURNER.—The Bull creek district of Humboldt county is one of the best known fruit raising sections of the state, the apples from that section being the finest of all that California produces, having taken the prize at the San Francisco Apple Show in the fall of 1914. Among the successful orchardists of this part of the county may be mentioned Jasper Turner, who owns a handsome place of two hundred thirty-two acres on Bull creek, which was the old Turner homestead, and belonged to his father since an early day. He has some ten acres in orchard, having both apples and prunes, but favoring the former, and his apples are among the finest raised in this locality. Mr. Turner is personally very highly regarded in his home community, where he has spent most of his thirty-five years, and where he now takes a prominent part in the affairs of the community. He is a Progressive Republican and takes an active interest in the political affairs of his section as well as of the county. He is broadminded and his grasp of a situation is fair and comprehensive. He has rendered valuable service to the party in various capacities, and is also serving the public at this time as a member of the local board of school trustees. In this interest in educational matters Mr. Turner is following in the footsteps of his father, who gave the land, an acre and a half, on which the local district school stands, and in many ways aided in the cause of establishing the

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local district on a firm foundation, until today it ranks as one of the best district schools in the entire county.

Mr. Turner was born in Humboldt County, Cal., in 1879, and was reared and educated within its confines. He attended the local schools and later assisted with the care of the farm, he being the youngest son in the family, and so remained to care for his father in his declining years. His father was Noah Hatton Turner, commonly known as N. H. Turner, a native of Missouri, born in Marion county, in 1835. He came to California in 1852, crossing the plains in the famous prairie schooners, and located first in Sonoma county, where he met and married Miss Mary Ross, who died when Jasper was ten years of age. The parents came up to Bull creek in 1875, and purchased the present place when it was public school land, the original tract containing two hundred forty acres. Of this an acre and a half were given for school purposes and several acres were sold, leaving the present amount two hundred thirty-two acres. Several years before his death the father became paralyzed, and he willed this property to the present owner in consideration of the care which was given him during his illness, the payment of doctor bills, and other expenses, and the raising of a mortgaged indebtedness which it carried. Mr. Turner is now engaged in diversified farming, orcharding and stock raising, and is meeting with the greatest of success. He has forty head of stock, eight or ten horses and colts, and about a hundred hogs, on an average.

Mr. Turner is the youngest son in a family of ten children, there being two sisters younger than himself. The members of the family are all well and favorably known in Humboldt County, where they spent their youth, although they are scattered at this time. They are : Kate, the widow of John Myers, residing at Dyerville, and the mother of eight children; Jesse, residing at Gold Beach, Curry county, Ore., where he is engaged in stock raising; Nellie, who became the wife of Charles Bulger, of Fortuna, and died leaving one child ; Ezra, a stockman of Gold Beach, Curry county, Ore.; Annie, now the wife of Robert Kelly, a dairy farmer of Rio Dell, there being four children in their family ; William, a dairy rancher at Shivley, Humboldt county ; Ida, now the wife of A. B. Lewis, a rancher of the Bull creek district, with a family of six children ; Jasper N., the subject of this sketch ; Lenora, now the wife of Louis Farley, of Santa Clara, and the mother of four children ; and Leona, the wife of George Martin, an employee of the Newburg Mills at Fortuna, and the mother of three children. The last two mentioned are twins.

At Scotia, in 1898, Jasper Turner was married to Miss Agnes Rann, a native of Oregon. They have three children, Ila, Donald and Leonora.

Humboldt Times, 2 September, 1922

"Flames Destroy Dyerville Home Family is Loser

Jasper Turner Home Burns With Contents, Owner is Severely Burned

Dyerville, August 31—The house belonging to Jasper Turner and family burned to the ground Thursday morning at 6 o'clock. The fire being unmanageable when first discovered, the family was unable to save anything, so suffered a total loss, and Turner, in his last efforts before calling for help, was burned severely trying to escape from the upstairs, where he had been almost surrounded by fire. One whole side of his face was badly burned. One of his valuable dogs was killed when something struck him during the fire.

The neighborhood turned out to help the unfortunates but nothing could be done to save the house."

Mary Jane (Ross) Stephens Turner was born 13 March, 1836 in Harrison, Indiana to William and Sarah (Kay) Ross. She died 1 March, 1888 in Dyerville, Humboldt County, California. She married first Thomas Stephens on 7 October, 1856 in El Dorado County, California. They had one son, Albert Stephens. She married second Noah Hatten Turner on 1 June, 1865 in Sonoma County, California.

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Noah Hatten Turner was born 30 March, 1837 at St. Joseph, Buchanan County, Missouri to Jonas and Lewhettie (Gilliam) Turner. He died 20 May, 1907 at Dyerville, Humboldt County, California of paralysis. He married Mrs. Mary J. (Ross) Stephens on 1 June, 1865 in Forestville, Sonoma County, California.

William J. Turner was born 21 May, 1875 at Monterey, California to Noah Hatten and Mary Jane (Ross) Turner. He died 23 January, 1946 at the Scotia hospital of prostate cancer. He married Margaret Rann on 28 December, 1898 in Ferndale, Humboldt County, California. *(Not to be confused with William James Turner, a blacksmith of Garberville.)*

Humboldt Standard, 25 January, 1946

"William J. Turner of Red Crest Succumbs

...Ill for several months, William J. Turner, 70 years old and a retired rancher died Wednesday in the Scotia hospital. He was born at Monterey and came to Humboldt 67 years ago with his parents the late Mrs. and Mrs. N.H. Turner. He operated at ranch at Red Crest for 26 years, was past master and a charter member of the Redwood grange.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret, of Red Crest; sisters, Leona Epping of Holmes, Kate Armstrong of Eureka; Ida Lewis of Bull Creek.

The funeral has been arranged for Monday at 1 o'clock in the Hunter-Wise chapel, with Rev. Ernest Wilson officiating. Burial will be at the Bull Creek cemetery."



Henry Alfred Wheeler was born 19 October, 1869 at Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California to Henry Alfred and Mary Ann (Doan) Wheeler. He died 17 October, 1934 at the California Conservation Corp. Camp in Dyerville, Humboldt County, California from a fractured skull due to an auto accident. He married Ellen M. McCappin on 15 January, 1894 in Sonoma County. His children were: Mrs. Earl Patton, Mrs. Les Johnson, Mrs. Henry Harms, Mrs. Raymond Hart, Mrs. Mike Zarr, James and George Wheeler. He had 1 brother and 3 sisters.

Humboldt Standard, 18 October, 1934

"Three Killed in Highway Accident

Awaiting the outcome of an investigation by authorities from officers, Jack Hubbard, 20, today occupied a cell at the county jail as of the aftermath of a highway tragedy last night which took a toll of three and resulted in serious injuries to a fourth victim and slightly hurt two others.

The dead were Ivan Anderson, ...Mandfred Burnell, Miranda, all of who were instantly killed in the head-on collision near Dyerville; and George [Henry Alfred] Wheeler, South Fork, who died about three hours later.

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Clint Moore, Eureka, was in Scotia hospital with serious injuries, but is expected to recover. He is suffering from several broken ribs, a scalp wound and possible internal injuries.

Anderson and Burnell, both of whom were riding with Hubbard, as was Roy Anderson. Officers said that all four were riding in the driving compartment of the roadster. The two victims were trapped underneath the car as it turned over after the collision. Wheeler was riding with Moore.

District Attorney, J. T. Fraser, said this afternoon that a manslaughter charge will be filed against Hubbard as soon as the investigation is completed. Officials from the district attorney's office, the sheriff's office, the coroner's office and the State Highway Patrol were studying the accident today.

Inquest Friday

Meanwhile inquest in the tragedy was set by Deputy Coroner Guy Sears for 7:30 o'clock tomorrow night at Fortuna.

In a statement given to sheriff and highway patrol officers this morning at the county jail, Hubbard said that he borrowed a car from a man named Gilbert at Miranda yesterday afternoon. He went to Weott to make some purchases for himself and Gilbert. While at Weott, he said, he took a few drinks of wine and beer officers stated. Later in the afternoon he returned to Miranda, where he picked up the two Anderson boys and Burnell. The four returned to Weott in the evening. Officers quoted Hubbard as stating that they had more beer and wine at Weott during the evening.

Crash Head-On

According to investigating officers the two cars, one driven by Hubbard and the other by Moore, collided head-on with terrific impact on a straight stretch about one mile south of Dyerville on the highway. The accident occurred about nine o'clock last night.

Versions of the cause of the crash varied, the two drivers each telling a different story. Moore told officers that he was driving on the right side of the highway, hugging the bank, when he saw the other car approaching in the middle of the road. The other machine, he said, swerved directly in front of him as the cars were about to pass.

In his statement to officers this morning Hubbard said that he was blinded by the lights of the other car as he rounded a curve into the stretch. He was trying to avoid a collision, he said, when the cars crashed together.

The first man to discover the accident was Dick Richards, Weott, who took Moore to the Scotia hospital. Richards believed that Wheeler was dead at the time, according to hospital attendants.

A short time later a CCC ambulance arrived on the scene, in charge of Lieutenant Wade, district CCC surgeon. Determining that Wheeler was still alive, the victim was taken to the infirmary at the Burlington camp, where he was given emergency treatment. He died about three hours later.

Investigate

Preliminary investigation of the accident was conducted by Officer Harold Dowd, of the State Highway Patrol. Later, further investigation was made by Acting Captain Thad Douarin and Deputy Coroner Guy Sears, who rushed to the scene from Eureka.

Hubbard was taken into custody following the investigation and booked at the county jail."

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Humboldt Standard, 22 October, 1934

"Funeral of Highway Crash Victim Held

...The funeral of Henry Wheeler, who was killed in an automobile accident recently near Dyerville, was held Sunday at 3 o'clock at Bull Creek with the Rev. Harold Morehouse officiating. Interment was under the direction of the Hunter-Wise funeral parlors.

Wheeler is survived by his widow, Mary E. Wheeler of South Fork, two sons, James Wheeler of Oregon and George Wheeler of South Fork and five daughters, Mrs. Earl Patton of Los Angeles, Mrs. Les Johnson of South Fork, Mrs. Henry Harms of Willits, Mrs. Raymond Hart of Eureka and Mrs. Mike Zarr of Klamath Falls. He also leaves a brother and three sisters residing in California."

Clark Whetstone was born June, 1872 in Indiana to William and Susan (McCarty) Whetstone. He died 12 June, 1935 in Oakland, Alameda County, California. He married Idella A. Millsap on 13 December, 1892 in Humboldt County, California. His children were Mrs. Herbert Brice and Gilbert Whetstone. His granddaughter was Helen Gushaw.

Humboldt Standard, 14 June, 1935

"Funeral of Clark Whetstone to be Held on Saturday

The body of Clark Whetstone, 63, former Humboldt shingle mill operator who died in Oakland Wednesday, arrived at the Hunter-Wise funeral parlor in Fortuna today.

Services will be conducted from the Pepperwood church at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning with burial in the Bull Creek cemetery.

Surviving are the wife, Mrs. Ida Whetstone of Oakland; one daughter, Mrs. Herb Brice, San Francisco; a son Gilbert Whetstone, a granddaughter, Miss Helene Gushaw, and five other grandchildren."

Reuben Whetstone was born 9 November, 1898 in Scotia, Humboldt County, California to Clark and Idella A. (Millsap) Whetstone. He died 9 October, 1929 at the Scotia Hospital of pneumonia. He married Violet Smith on 23 December, 1916 in Eureka, Humboldt County, California.

Humboldt Standard, 10 October, 1929

"Reuben Whetstone Dies at Fortuna

...Reuben Whetstone, aged 71 years, died last night at the Scotia hospital following an illness of two weeks. Deceased is survived by his widow and several children.

Funeral services will be held Sunday morning at eleven o'clock from the Hunter-Wise chapel. The Rev. Frederick Busher will officiate at the services and interment will be at Bull Creek cemetery."

Mary Alice (Millsap) Yeaman (*spelled Yoeman on slab*) was born about 1868 to William and Heralda (Gibson) Millsap at Upper Mattole. She died 17 March, 1888 near Garberville, Humboldt County, California. She married Frederick Robert Yeaman on 8 May, 1887 in Garberville, California.

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Daily Humboldt Times, 31 March, 1888

"DIED

YEAMAN—Near Garberville, March 17, 1888, Alice, wife of Frederick Yeaman, aged 20 years."