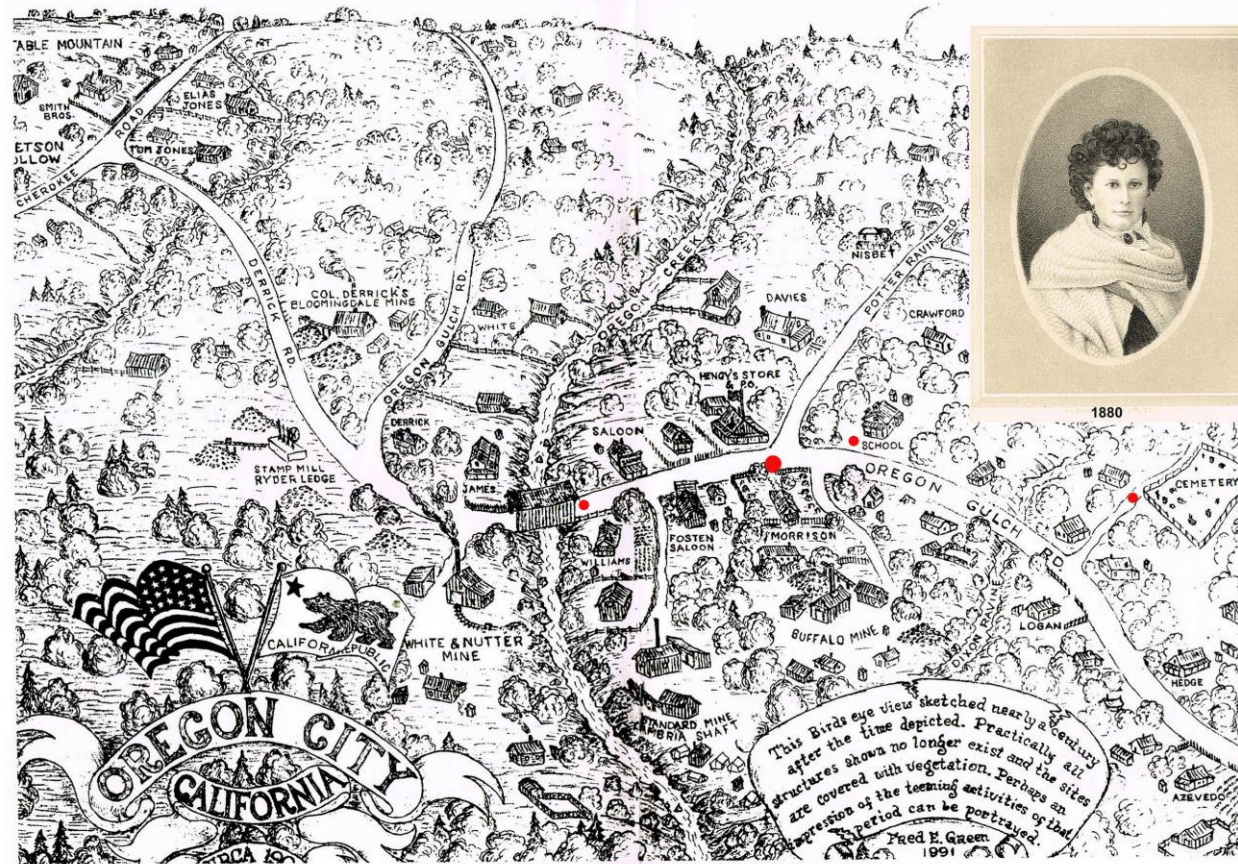


Anna Morrison



Oregon City Circa 1895

Guy Morrison, Anna's father arrived in Oregon City about 1850, Anna (Morrison) Reed, born in 1850 in Iowa came out in 1854 with her mother. The family lived in Oregon City until 1864 when they moved to Wyandotte and lived there for several years.

The family lived here from about 1850 until 1864



Morrison Family Property in Oregon City



**Charles Morrison
(Oregon Charley)
1832 - 1917
Wyami Indian**

Oregon Charley was taken in as a boy by Guy Morrison, Anna's father in the early 1850's after his family was killed by a neighboring tribe of Indians

Anna's Mother and Oregon Charley Built this stone wall around 5 acres of the Morrison property in Oregon City



Mary Elmira Preston Morrison, mother of Anna M. Reed.



Morrison Family Wall
Oregon City 1966

Anna's father Guy Bryan Morrison



Guy Bryan Morrison and his great-grandson Elgin Theodore Hittell (Goonie). [Circa 1900]. The violin was brought to California in 1850. It is now in the Mendocino County Museum at Willits, California.



Anna Morrison Reed panning for gold at the site of her father's old claim in Dixon Ravine near Oregon City, Butte County, California.
[Circa 1910]

The family lived in Wyandotte for about 4 years.
About 1869 They moved to Yuba County.



Hotel at Wyandotte, Butte County, California. This hotel was run by Guy Morrison when Anna was a little girl, probably in 1865.

Poem about Wyandotte

Valleyrest

I love the little valley, amid the Wyandotte hills;
When I found the sweet retreat, May was blooming o'er its green,
And no friends so dear to me as those who love me there,
Though the bridal, and the tomb, and the years have come between.

And the stream of crystal water, where the broad, green rushes grow,
How many a summer noontide, beside its restless sheen,
I laughed, beneath the drooping oaks, the summer hours away,
With Emmaline and Sallie, or Cal and Josephine.
But time has made sad changes, as it touched each separate heart,
And many a day of sorrow since then we *all* have seen,
And *one* has proved a traitor to the friendship fond of old,
And as dead to me and mine is poor, faithless Josephine.

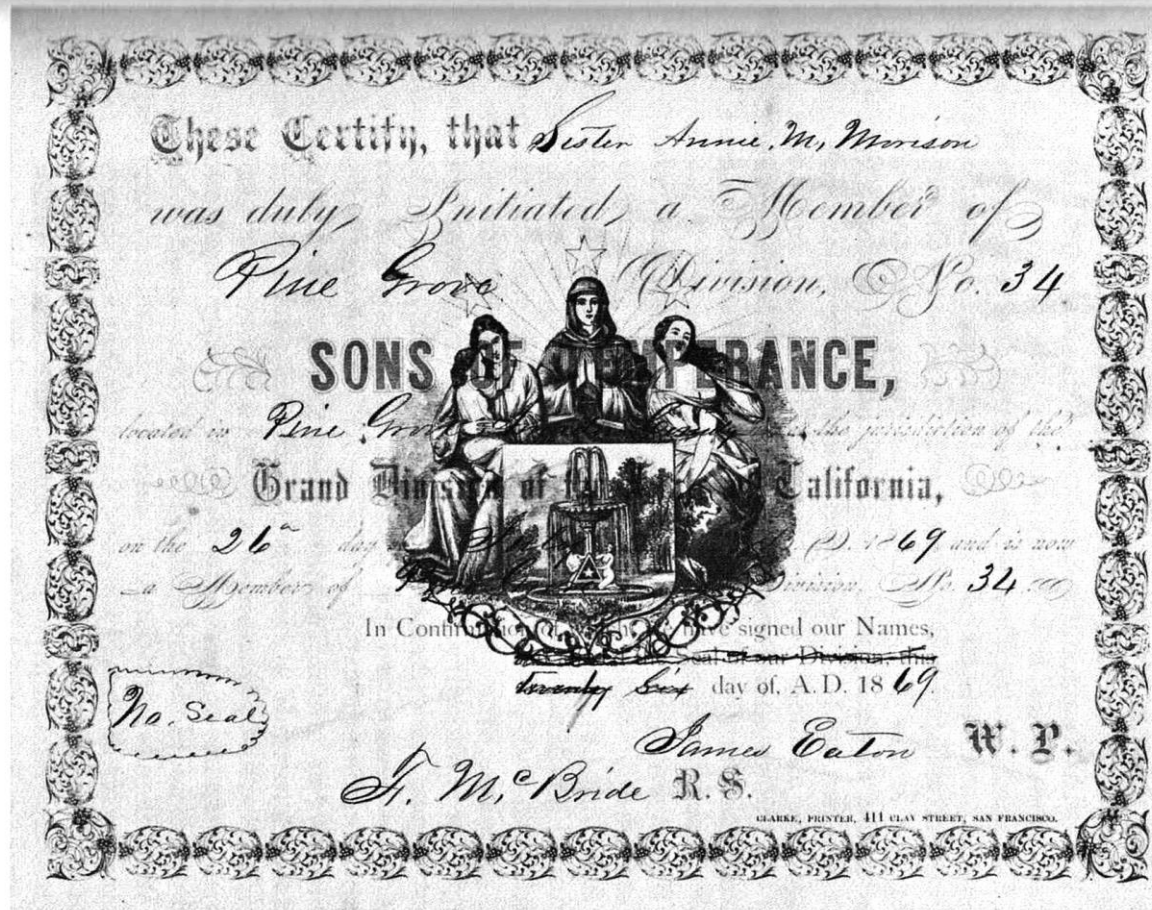
Still looking back to-day, I see a picture fair,
The valley and the streamlet, the flowers, and birds, and bees;
A happy lot we were, within the quiet bounds
Of the hillsides rising upward, from beyond the grand old trees.

But as I dream of Valleyrest, one winsome face I see,
With a white brow framed in beauty, by a wealth of rippling hair,
The rose of youth and health aglow, upon the rounded cheek,
And lips that seemed to have always, but tender smiles to wear.

And of all the things I loved, among the Wyandotte hills,
The truest was *your heart*, through a hyacinthine shine,
It looked from out your eyes, unchanged—unchanging still,
As mine will ever beat for you, my darling Emmaline.

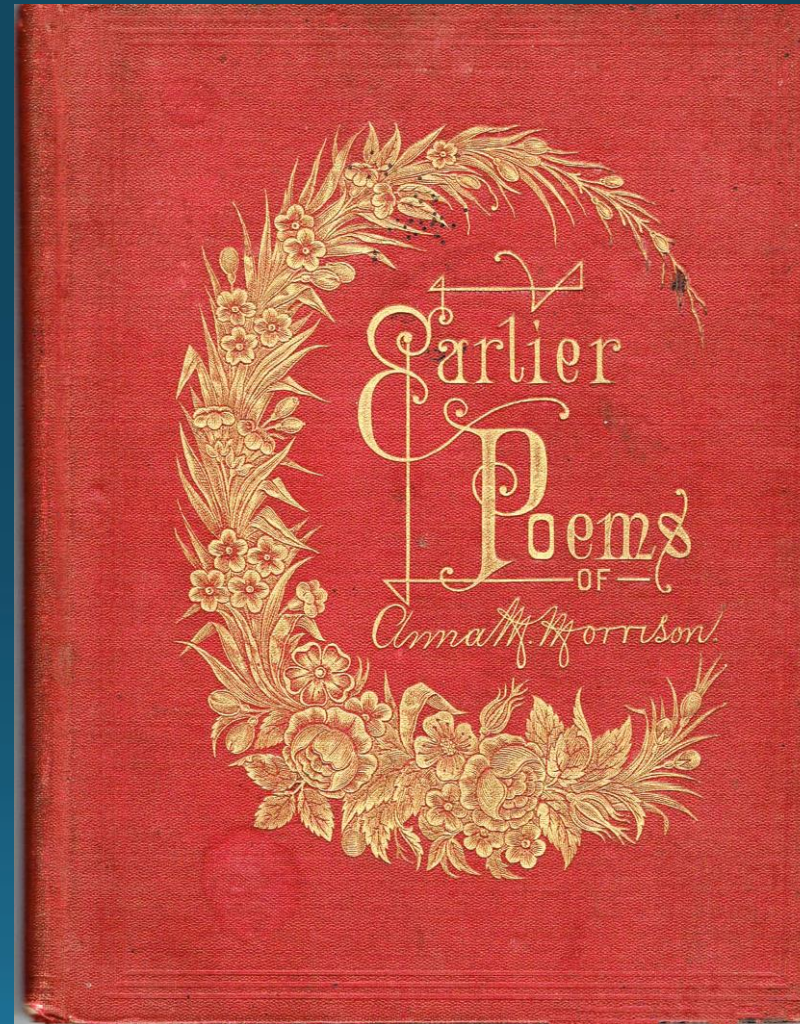
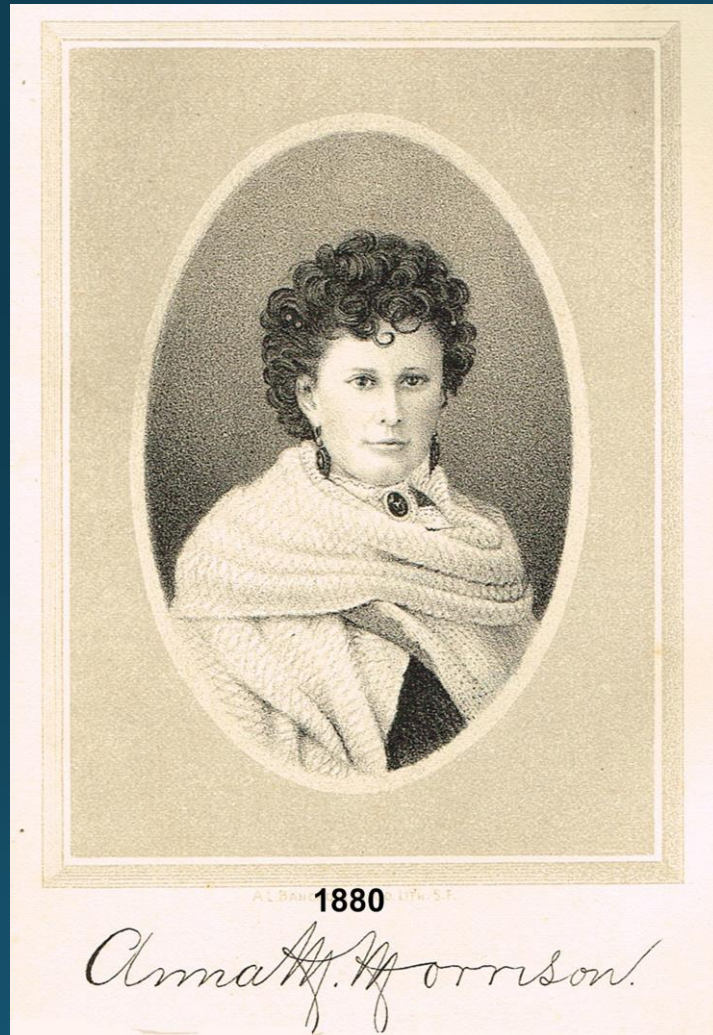
So I love the little valley that nestles in the hills;
'Twas a place of rest to me, and its spell will not depart,
Nor the memory of that summer I lived there long ago,
When I learned the first sweet lessons that woke my girlish heart.

In 1869, she joined a Temperance club. Anna believed in temperance but not prohibition because she felt it would lead to more crime.



Anna Morrison's membership certificate issued by the Pine Grove Sons of Temperance Lodge, July 26, 1869.

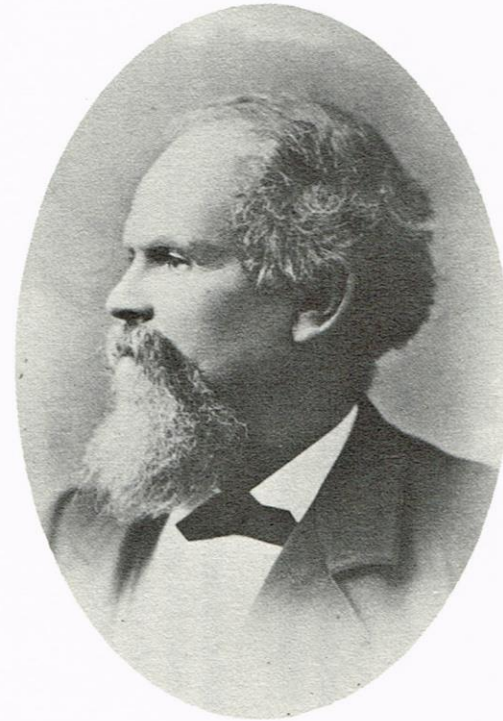
Anna Morrison showed a gift for writing at an early age. The picture below is at age 30 when her first book of poetry was published in 1880. It covered poems written between 1860 to about 1875



In 1872 she married John Reed in Marysville



Anna Morrison Reed became a Charter Life Member of the Pacific Coast Women's Press Association when it was formed in 1890.



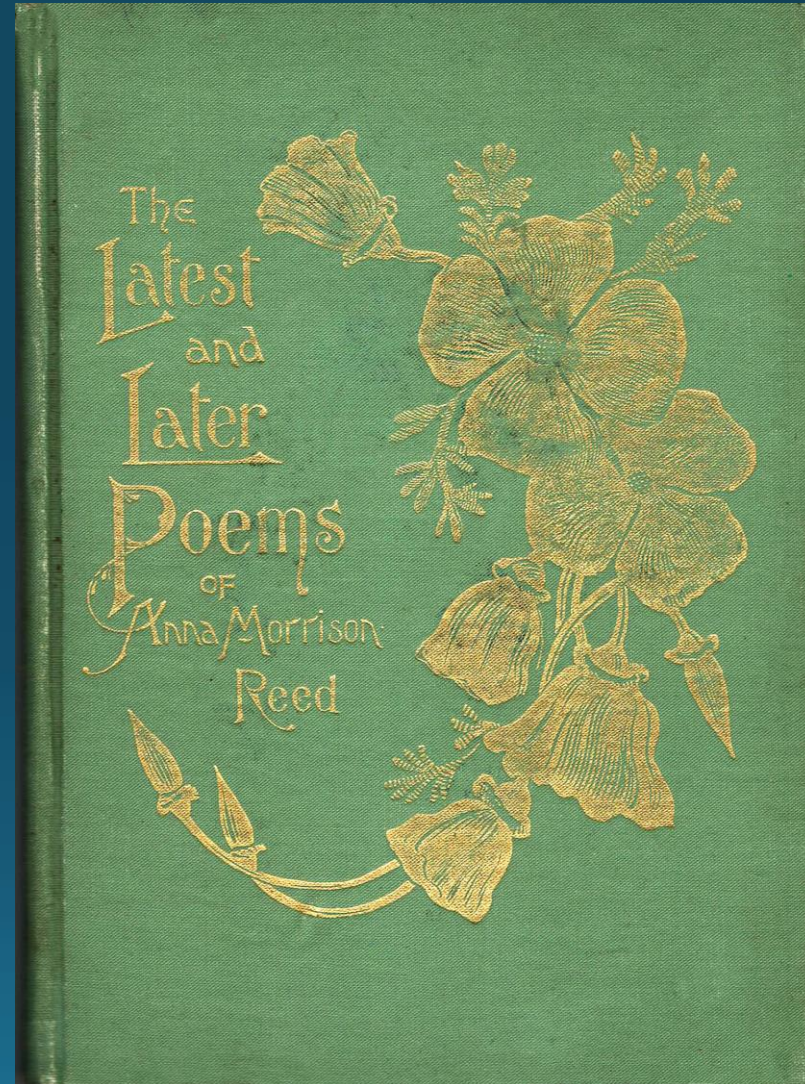
John Smith Reed. [Circa 1875]

The Reed Family 1887



John Smith Reed family. Standing: Susan Mary (Susie), Anna Medora (Nannie), seated: Eleanor (Nellie), John S. Reed Sr., John Smith Reed Jr. (Johnnie), Anna Morrison Reed, Rosaliene (Rose). [Circa 1887]

In 1896 her third book of poetry was published



In 1918 she ran for State Assembly, but lost

Oroville Mercury

5-7-1918

ANNA MORRISON REED HAS STARTED FOR THE ASSEMBLY

The announcement of Mrs. Anna Morrison Reed as a candidate for the Assembly, made through the Ukiah Times, will be of interest to local people as Mrs. Reed is well known here, having been raised at Cherokee and having a host of friends in this section. The announcement follows:

Mrs. Anna M. Reed announces her candidacy for member of the Assembly before the August primaries.

Mrs. Reed is the third lady candidate in this county. She is one of the most brilliant and active women in all California. Her career has been one continued series of successes. She entered public life very early, and was a writer and speaker before she left her teens. Mrs. Reed descended from the Scotch and French Huguenots. She possesses in a fine degree the best traits of these two illustrious races.

Her immediate relatives are a race of Democrats of national prominence. The late Chief Justice Robert F. Morrison of California, was her cousin; also Col. Wm. R. Morrison, who, during the Civil War formed his own regiment in Illinois and led it to battle, where at Balls Bluff he was left for dead on the field, but was rescued and lived to serve several terms in Congress, and was nominated for the Presidency in the convention which nominated Grover Cleveland the first

time. Col. Morrison withdrew to cast the vote for Cleveland. Mrs. Reed's uncle, Jesse Morrison, represented Butte county in the Assembly in 1853, and Col. Dan Morrison of Illinois, was one of the most brilliant orators of the west.

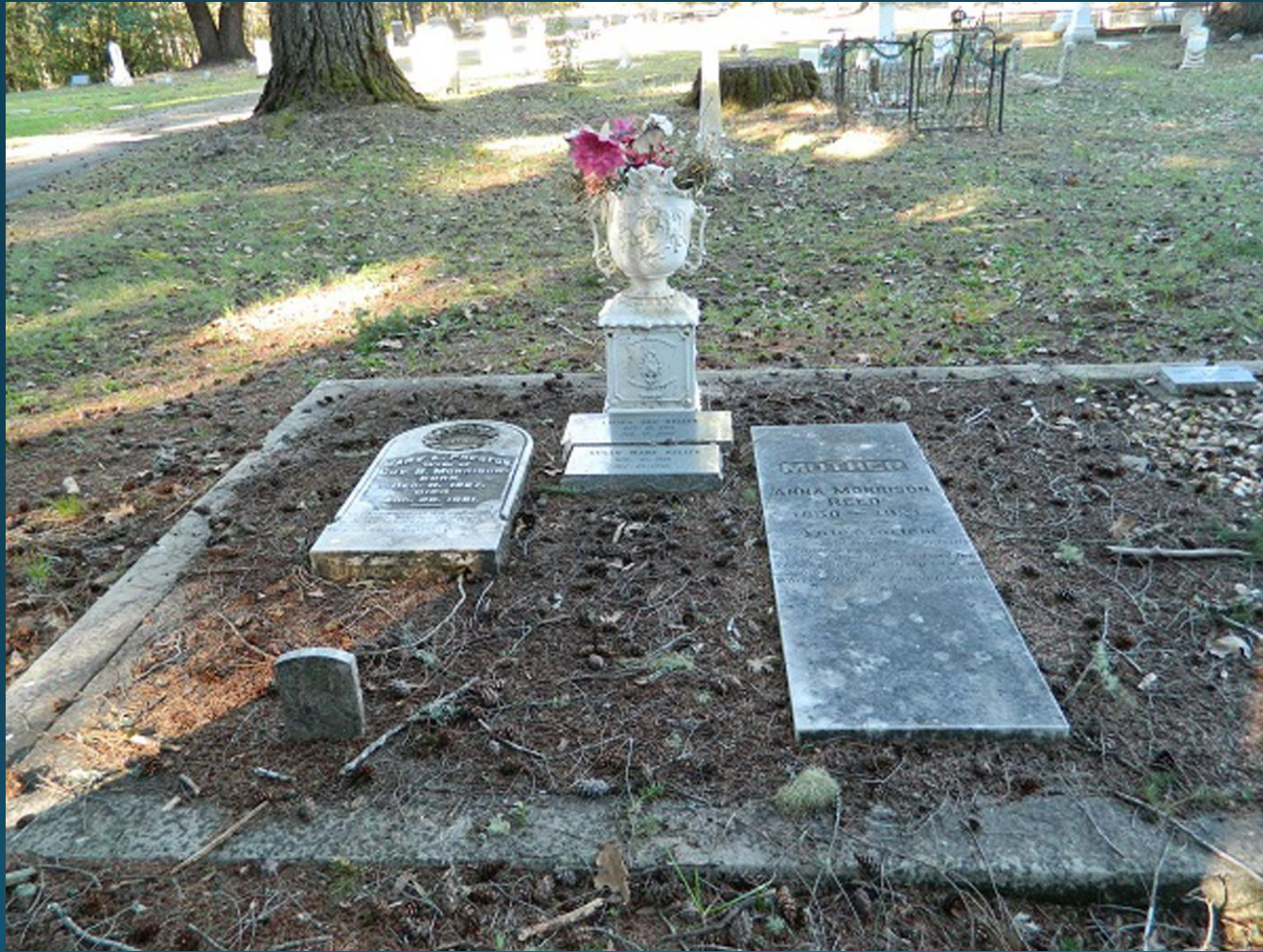
Mrs. Reed, in her political views, has maintained the traditions of her family. Her Huguenot and Scotch elements make it impossible for her to be anything but a progressive, "forward looking" Democrat.

Mrs. Reed had an experience of eight years on their stock ranch in Mendocino county. She at one time was the owner of several thousand sheep. Her life work has been literary and devoted to promoting literary and benevolent organizations. She has been an active worker and booster for good roads, state and national fairs, and has helped along all the varied movements for the extension of the public weal.

She has always been identified with the interests of Northern California. Was appointed during the administration of Gov. Markham as Lady Manager from the First Congressional District to the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago, and served in that capacity with widely acknowledged ability.

She was vice-president of the first permanent "Good Roads" organization in California.

Anna Morrison Reed 1850 - 1921



Laytonville Cemetery, Mendocino County, Ca.

ANNA MORRISON REED

- In 1865 first lecture in Tehama County when she was 15 years old
- In 1880 published her first book of poetry at 30 years old
- In 1893 hired by the California Governor as Chairman of the Womens Board to assist with the California Exhibition
- In 1896 published her third book of poetry
- In 1903 hired by the Ukiah Dispatch Democrat as a lecturer/speaker
- In 1904 founded the Northern Crown publishing house
- In 1909 was co-founder in Petaluma of the Sonoma County Independent
- In 1918 ran for State Assembly

In 1978 a collection of her work was published
by her Grandson, John E. Keller

