

MORRISON, Susie  
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4-28-1925

# SUSIE MORRISON, LAST OF FAMOUS INDIAN TRIBE, CALLED BY DEATH

Susie Morrison, age 101, as near as pioneers of Cherokee can estimate, and last of a famous tribe of Digger Indians, has left hardship and grief behind her and has gone to the happy hunting ground to mingle with her people.

Susie, who was known to all the pioneer families of Butte County, had lived during California's romantic past. She had seen the great influx of palefaces to California in the fifties, had witnessed the wars between the Indians and the invading whites, and finally, saw her own tribe murdered by a blood-thirsty band of Cherokees, who swept down upon the Digger settlement over seventy years ago. Only she and a small boy, who later

became her husband, were left to tell of the gruesome tragedy. One hundred and fifty braves were shot down by arrows while the squaws were slashed to death with knives.

Susie had grown to love her pale-face friends and often told of her early life and of how children of her unfortunate tribe were killed by the invaders who crammed rocks down their captives throats.

Susie's funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at the Cherokee cemetery. They were largely attended and many beautiful floral pieces bespoke the love and affection in which the aged Mahala was held.

The deceased is survived by a son, Dave Morrison, of Scotch Flat.

MORRISON, Susan (Indian)  
Chico Record  
4-29-1925

# DEATH CALLS AGED INDIAN

Susan Morrison of Oregon City  
District Dies at Ad-  
vanced Age

Death Sunday ended the long life of Susan Morrison, Indian woman of the Oregon City district, who is declared to have resided in that vicinity for fully ninety years, and possibly longer.

She was the widow of Charles Morrison, and since memory of the oldest inhabitants of the Oregon City and Cherokee districts it has been her custom, and was the custom of her husband, to attend every funeral that was held in either the Oregon City or Cherokee cemetery.

Sacramento Bee

8-7-1925

## CALIFORNIA INDIANS TO DISCUSS PLAN OF STATE ORGANIZATION

CHICO (Butte Co.), Aug. 7.—State-wide organization of California Indians will be the subject of discussion at a meeting of Indians of Chico and vicinity to be held at the church in the Indian village Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, W. J. Conway of the local lodge of Indian Masons announced yesterday.

"Indians of Prehistoric Time" will be discussed by Conway after the meeting. The speaker is a student of Indian customs and is an authority on Indian character lore.

The meeting is preliminary to a second session to be held Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, which is to be held under the auspices of the state-wide Indian Co-operative Association.

Albert G. Gillis of Shasta County and W. C. Clark, Yankee Hill mining engineer, will address Tuesday's meeting.

Oroville Daily Register  
9-10-1925

# *Pulga Deer Abundant Say Indians*

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PULGA, Sept. 9.—Indications for good hunting season are good. Indians say there are plenty of deer in the country.

The fishing is very good, weather calm and cool. It would be better if it warms up a little. Several good catches of fish were made during the last few days.

# Oroville Daily Register

10-25-1925

## **CONCOW MAN IS SECRETARY OF INDIANS**

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 24.—Delegates from nine Indian tribes of Northern California closed a modern council of their race here yesterday after hearing favorable reports on the progress of the "white man's law" to regain for them certain of their original lands and payment for others alleged illegally taken from them.

Twenty thousand Indians financed a fight through legal channels to the supreme court, also seeking an injunction against building of a dam on the Klamath River within territory claimed as theirs.

Benjamin Wilder, Karok, was elected president, and W. C. Clark, Concow mining engineer, was named secretary. Hoopa, Wintoone, Pomo, Mewuk, Klamath, Mono and Maidu tribes also were represented in the council.

Sacramento Bee

12-19-1925

## **BUTTE INDIANS FORM AUXILIARY SOCIETY**

OROVILLE (Butte Co.), Dec. 19.—  
Butte County Indians have organized an auxiliary to the Indian board of co-operation, naming Charles Belden president, Mrs. Andrew Smith secretary and Mrs. T. Walch treasurer.

W. C. Clark of Yankee Hill and member of the board of directors of the Indian board of co-operation assisted in the organizing.



MARTIN, Nancy  
Oroville Daily Register  
1-22-1926

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## **AGED INDIAN WOMAN PASSES AWAY AT ENTERPRISE**

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Nancy Martin, 80-year-old Indian woman of Enterprise is dead.

The aged Mahala had lived for over fifty years in the Enterprise section and was known to many of the pioneer miners of Northern California. She was a member of the well-known Lumpkin tribe.

She will be buried today in the Oregon Creek cemetery.

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# Plumas National Bulletin

## 7-29-1926

### Search For Jacob E. Brandt, Missing Service Engineer, Is Abandoned By Plumas Officers

Search for Jacob E. Brandt, service engineer for the Nathan Manufacturing Company of New York, who disappeared at Portola July 12, has been abandoned by Plumas County officials as hopeless.

Brandt, who last was seen alive about noon the day of his disappearance, was sought for a number of days by searching parties who combed the woods in the vicinity of Portola and the country between Portola and Calpine.

Several reports of Brandt's appearance at sheep and logging camps were traced down and found to be misleading and valueless.

An Indian trailer, Dixie Johnson, was brought to Portola from Las Plumas. Johnson tried for several days to locate authentic tracks of the missing man, but without success.

A reward of \$1000, posted by Brand's employers for his discovery dead or alive, still holds good.



CLARK, Walter S.  
Oroville Daily Register  
8-24-1926

**DEATH OF WALTER CLARK  
IS SINCERELY MOURNED**

W. C. Clark of this city and B. F. Clark of Yankee Hill returned Sunday from Mendocino County where they were called on account of the sudden death of their brother, Walter S. Clark, of Covelo, Mendocino County, who died Tuesday, August 17th. Death was due to heart trouble.

Mr. Clark was born in Cherokee, Butte County, August 7, 1859. When a young man he moved to Mendocino County where he was engaged for years as stock purchasing agent for the United States Government. Mr. Clark devoted the last part of his life to the raising of thoroughbred stock.

Funeral services were held for Mr. Clark Wednesday, the eighteenth. The spirit in which he was held by his fellowmen was reflected not only in the abundance of flowers banked about the casket, but in the length of the funeral procession. When the funeral cortege reached the final resting place of all that was mortal of Mr. Clark, automobiles were still forming in line at his home, which was one mile and a quarter from the cemetery.

He leaves to mourn him a widow, Mrs. Walter S. Clark, of Covelo, Mendocino County; five brothers and one sister, Ransome Clark of Mendocino County, Will C. Clark of this city, Katie Clark, B. F. Clark, John A. Clark, and George Clark, all of Yankee Hill.

# ROUND VALLEY NEWS

COVELO, Aug. 25.—James Robertson, who has been engaged on the Johnson ranch for some time, met with a rather serious automobile accident Saturday. He met another car on the narrow grade east of the valley. He attempted to back down hill in order to make room to pass, when his car left the grade and turned completely over. Mr. Robertson was badly shaken up and received a cut in the face.

Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Kent, Mrs. Kent Sr., and Miss Mary Palmer have returned from a camping trip at Lake Tahoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Lowry arrived Saturday after a two weeks trip to Humboldt County.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McCarthy came in from the hills Thursday and left Saturday for their home in the bay city.

A bad fire broke out Monday on the Henley range west of Covelo. It burned over about 2000 acres of land during the week. The Henley range, the J. S. Rohrbaugh range and the O. G. Long range were burned over. All buildings and fences on the Long place were destroyed the loss amounting to about \$1000. The house and fences on the Dalley range were also destroyed.

Miss Helen Hoghead left Friday for Petaluma to resume her work in the high school at that place.

Henry Bucknell and son, Joe Montgomery and Gerold Durnford are in attendance this week at the Ferndale rodeo.

Miss Abba C. Bowler, executive secretary of the Indian Defense Association of Central and Northern California, is in Covelo this week in the interest of the dependent old people.

Mrs. Mabert Lovell is again away for medical treatment.

Mrs. Charles Hemenway and Miss Venus left Wednesday for Oakland where the latter is a member of the teaching force. Mrs. Hemenway will stay for a time with her daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Van Dyke, Sr., broke camp the first of last week and returned to their home in Ukiah, after a rest of several weeks in the country.

Miss Eunice Conner and Mrs. Hen-

G. R. Redwine returned Saturday from an extensive campaign trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren McCombs are on a camping trip in the hills. Mr. McCombs is taking a month's vacation from his poisoning work during the hunting season.

## WALTER CLARKE DIES

Round Valley folks were shocked and grieved this past week to hear of the sudden death of Walter Clark, one of the older residents of the reservation and a man possessed of many friends in all classes.

In preparation for hop picking, Walter had gone to the hop ranch on Tuesday and made camp not far from Frank Whipple. When he failed to come to breakfast on Wednesday the Whipples though he was sleeping late making the discovery that he had died in his sleep.

Hardening of the arteries was probably the immediate cause of his death but he passed away as most of us would prefer to go, quietly, with no prolonged suffering to agonize his friends.

Mrs. Clark had gone to Lake county to pick beans. She immediately returned to Covelo and made arrangements for the funeral which was held on Thursday, August 19th at Pine Ridge cemetery. Rev. Schilling, officiating.

Walter E. Clark was born in Sacramento valley 54 years ago but had dwelt in Round Valley township most of his life.

here for the funeral and his widow, Ing near Chico, both of whom were here for the funeral and his widow, Flora, who has the sympathy of every one.

They had no family and the tie between them was singularly close.

Walter was a great hunter and the remotest trails of these mountains were well known to him. His services were greatly in demand as a guide and Flora frequently accompanied him even on bear hunts.

One of the old-style Indians, Walter possessed the good traits for which they are noted.

Generous and kindly, faithful friend and helpful neighbor, keen tracker and good sportsman, we shall miss you sorely! Peace to your ashes.

Sacramento Bee  
12-14-1926

## **BUTTE MAN WILL REPRESENT INDIANS**

OROVILLE (Butte Co.), Dec. 14. Acting as a representative of the Indian board of co-operation, W. C. Clark of Yankee Hill leaves here January 1st for Washington, D. C., where he will lay before congress the claims of the California Indians. He has been selected to serve as delegate by popular consent of the Indians.

Accompanying him will be Peter Williams of Requa and Clyde Thompson of Round Mountain.

# The Chico Enterprise

7-23-1927

## WIDOW OF INDIAN CHIEF NEAR DEATH

WILLOWS, Cal.—Ann Brown, widow of Jim Brown, the deceased chief of the Grindstone Indians, is nearing the end of her career of remarkable longevity, according to a report today. She is 110 years old and is oldest survivor of a tribe of Indians that

General Bidwell in 1844 estimated numbered 10,000.

Ann Brown is the great-grandmother of the remaining Grindstone Indians and is beloved by her tribe. Up to within two months ago she attended to her domestic duties and even last year worked in the harvesting of prunes for what "she called her winter stake."

The veteran squaw, up to the time of her present illness, possessed a wonderful memory. She remembered Willows when antelopes roamed at large here. It is also on record that Ann Brown

was the first housekeeper for a white man in the Sacramento valley. She was employed in this capacity by Granville Swift, an early settler in the valley. When a girl she was kidnaped by Mexicans but eluded their watch and made her escape, rejoining her tribe at Stony creek.

Ann was asked to go to the county hospital, but she refused, expressing her desire to die in her present time, and among her own people.

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CLARK, George Parker  
The Chico Enterprise  
7-26-1927

## **Grandson Of Chief Answers Last Call**

George Clark, 57, a grandson of a chief of the Concow tribe of Indians, died Sunday night at the home of his brother, J. A. Clark in Yankee Hill.

Born in Yankee Hill April 9, 1870 George Clark received his schooling there and then took up the study of mining. He followed that work all his life and for many years was connected with mining in Nevada. He returned to Yankee Hill about three years ago and for some time was employed by the Great Western Power company, at Intake.

His grandfather was chief of the Concow Indians in northern Butte county and his father, A. B. Clark, helped pioneers blaze the trail into California. His mother was Kate Bush, daughter of the Concow chief. Clark was a man with extraordinary gifts in music and oratory and was of striking appearance. He was a delegate to the old conventions in Butte county and for his oratory was selected to make nominations at the meetings. Friendly with everyone, he was well liked and was widely known.

The number of Indians in the United States has increased from 294,574 in 1865 to 349,964 in 1926.

# Clark, George

Oroville Daily Register

7-26-1927

## George Clark, Kin Of Indian Chief, Dies At Age 57

George Clark, age 57, grandson of a Concow Indian chief, died Sunday night at the home of his brother, J. A. Clark, of Yankee Hill.

Clark was well known in Northern California where he often attended political gatherings in the early days as a delegate. He had outstanding ability as an orator and a musician. Most of his life in Butte County was spent as a miner.

He is survived by four brothers and one sister: J. A. Clark and Frank Clark of Yankee Hill, W. C. Clark of Oroville and Ransom Clark of Ukiah, and Mrs. Katie Josephson of Yankee Hill.

Funeral services will be in charge of the Thomas Funeral Home and will be held this morning at 10 o'clock from the Clark residence at Yankee Hill. Interment will be in the family plot.



BEAVERS, Deedie Bernice  
Plumas Independent  
8-25-1927

**MRS. DEDIE BEAVERS  
PASSED AWAY FRIDAY**

Grass Valley, Aug. 20.—Following an emergency operation performed yesterday morning at the County Hospital by Dr. C. P. Jones, Mrs. Beavers, a resident of Grass Valley for the past six years passed away. Mrs. Beavers was taken ill suddenly Thursday afternoon, and was taken to the Hospital. She was suffering from stoppage of the bowels, and though a valiant effort was made to save her life, she succumbed.

Mrs. Beavers was a native of Quincy Plumas County. She came to Grass Valley with her family six years ago, and has lived here since, making her home on North Church street. Mrs. Beavers was a great favorite with the children, and always had a happy group of youngsters playing in her yard. Little folks as well as a great many friends among the elders will mourn her passing.

Deceased is survived by three sons, Alfred of Grass Valley, Bryan of Standard, California, and Harold of Sterling City, California.

The above taken from the Grass Valley Union refers to the sister of our towns folk S. P. and J. G. Maxwell and Mesdames R. M. McKeowen and M. J. Hogan.

Mrs. Deedie Bernice Beavers was born at Butterfly Valley, some eight miles from Quincy, on March 20, 1874 and at the time of her death which occurred at Grass Valley Friday, was 53 years, 4 months, and 29 days. She was the daughter of the late James G. and Mrs. Maxwell, pioneers of Plumas.



A few years ago Mrs. Beavers mourned the death of a beloved son, Henry Gore, better known to his friends as Eddie Gore and also had a daughter, Dorris Beavers Weaver precede her to the grave. For the past six years she has made her home in Grass Valley and the large number of friends who had come to know and love her during her residence there, were in attendance at the funeral. These friends were numbered from little children to elderly gray haired men and women.

The funeral was held from the Harris Mortuary Parlors, Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The Reverend David Ralston conducting the services. Interment was made in Greenwood cemetery. The floral offerings were beautiful and with the many set pieces made a perfect bank of flowers.

The following brothers and sisters from Quincy attended the funeral: Mrs. Rosa McKeowen, Mrs. Janie Hogan, Perry and Jim Maxwell and nephew, Alfred Rowe.

Beside the above mentioned two sisters, Mrs. L. C. Harris of Sawtell, Mrs. Carrie Arganbright of Santa Monica and two brothers, Will J. Maxwell of North Sacramento and John Maxwell are left to mourn her loss.

# Feather River Bulletin

## 1-5-1928

Fur catches of good quality are reported from trappers at Pulga this season. Shipments of lynx, mink, raccoon, skunk and coyote have been made by Alec and Roy Johnson, Corbet Gramps, William Wright and Dan Johnson.

MARTIN, Hattie  
Oroville Mercury Register  
1-16-1928

# FUNERAL HELD FOR GIRL, 11, DEATH VICTIM

ENTERPRISE, Jan. 16—(Special)  
—Funeral rites were conducted at 2 p. m., today at the graveside in the Oregon Creek Cemetery for Hattie Martin, 7, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Martin, who died Saturday night. Death terminated an illness of pneumonia.

The deceased, who was born here, had spent her entire life in this district. Surviving, other than the parents, are the following brothers and sisters: Albert, Nettie, Hazel, Rena, Henry, Josie, Stanley, Mervine and Vera, all of Enterprise.

Hamilton and Riley's of Oroville had charge of the arrangements.

MARTIN, Mervyn Spencer  
Oroville Mercury Register  
2-15-1928

## **Services Held For Mervyn Spencer Of Enterprise Sunday**

ENTERPRISE, Feb. 15—(Special)  
—Mervyn, three year old son of Mr.  
and Mrs. George Martin of Enter-  
prise, passed away in Oroville last  
Friday morning, where he was tak-  
en a week previous for medical  
treatment.

Sunday he was buried in the Ore-  
gon Creek burying ground.

Besides the parents, there are  
surviving three brothers, Albert,  
Henry and Stanley, and five sisters,  
Mrs. L. Wagner of Wyandotte, Ha-  
zel, Reinie, Josie and Vera Martin  
of Enterprise.

MIX, George Maxson  
Oroville Mercury Register  
2-17-1928

# G. M. Mix, Native Of Bidwell Dies

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George Maxson Mix, 59, a native of Bidwell Bar, died in Oroville yesterday afternoon after an illness extending over several years time.

Mix had lived in the Enterprise district all his life and leaves the following relatives there:

The widow, Mrs. Margaret Mix; two daughters, Mrs. Alta Fitch, Miss Agnes Mix; a son, Sandy Mix; a sister, Mrs. Ellen Clemmon of Berry Creek, and three brothers, Frank, Joe and Johnny Mix all of Enterprise.

Funeral services were held at Oregon Creek cemetery, Enterprise, at 3 p. m. today. Burial was made at the cemetery, in charge of Hamilton and Riley.

# M. J. BERDAN, PIONEER OF CALIFORNIA, DIES AT DAUGHTER'S HOME

OCTOGENARIAN AND OLD INDIAN  
FIGHTER WILL BE BURIED  
TOMORROW AT 2:30 P. M.

M. J. Berdan, octogenarian and California pioneer, died yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Reese, in the Grant district, five miles west of Redding, where he had made his home for nearly two years. Death followed an illness of four weeks.

The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, with services in the chapel of the Home Undertaking Company. Interment will be in the Redding cemetery.

Myron George Berdan was born in the state of New York, January 31, 1845, and crossed the plains by ox team in the summer of 1859. He first located at Red Bluff, Tehama county. He was first employed driving freight team from Red Bluff to Yreka, over what was known as the Sacramento river road, via the American Ranch, now Anderson, and Redding. He was one of the last few pioneers identified with the early history and progress of California.

## Conducted Hotel Near Chico

Several years later he moved to Butte county, establishing his home at a point 20 miles southeast of Chico, on the Humboldt road, where he conducted a hotel for 40 years. The place was known as Berdan's Postoffice, and to this day is still known as Berdan's.

Prior to coming to Shasta county he resided for several years in Chico. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. John F. Reese of Grant district; a granddaughter, Mrs. Charles B. Foster, and a great granddaughter, Miss Belle Foster, both of Redding.

Berdan was a member of many parties of white settlers who had skirmishes with the Indians in early days.



Chico Jim  
Plumas Independent  
10-11-1928

**Coroner J. F. Moody was called to Indian Valley Sunday on business in connection with the death of Chico Jim, an old Indian whose age is said to be near the century mark. He was found dead in his cabin Sunday morning.**

NUCKOLLS, James Calvin

The Sacramento Bee

12-7-1928

**JAMES CALVIN NUCKOLLS,  
CHICO INDIAN, IS DEAD**

CHICO (Butte Co.), Dec. 6.—Funeral services were held in the old Indian Church founded by the late Mrs. Annie K. Bidwell for James Calvin Nuckolls, 55 years of age, who died Tuesday at Castle in Shasta County.

Interment was in the Rancheria Cemetery, at which Rev. N. A. Christensen officiated.

The deceased lived in Chico on the Bidwell ranch during the life of General John Bidwell. He is survived by his widow and three sons, Eli Nuckolls of Chico; Earl Nuckolls of Livermore, and Roy Nuckolls of Kennett; also by a daughter, Mrs. Frank E. Wilson of Castle, and a step-son, Arthur Clements of Chico; a brother, Harry Nuckolls of Anderson, and two sisters, Mrs. Thomas Alley of Tehama County, and Mrs. Annie Kirk of Artols.

MOAK, Simeon  
The Chico Enterprise  
12-10-1928

**STROKE FATAL  
TO SIM MOAK**

One of the historical pioneers of Butte county was claimed by death yesterday when Sim Moak, 83, succumbed to a paralytic stroke with which he was afflicted Friday at his ranch near Susanville.

Moak was a native of New York where he was born near Albany, October 6, 1845.

He came to California via the Isthmus of Panama in 1863 and soon afterward settled in Butte county where he mined and ranched for many years.

He arrived in the district during the time of the Indian troubles and took part in many of the fights which finally resulted in the practical extermination of the Mill Creek tribe.

In 1923 Moak published a book the material for which came largely from his personal experiences in this section of the state in early days. Mrs. Moak died last April.

Five daughters and three sons survive. They are as follows:

Mrs. Mamie Overton of Westwood, Mrs. Belle Sample of Paradise, Mrs. Charles Forcum of Oakland, Mrs. Charles Carroll of Chester, Mrs. Mabel Brown, Oakland and Paradise, Henry of Jones Lake, Louis of Susanville and Charles Moak, of Oroville.

Funeral arrangements are being completed by Bicknell and Moore who drove to Susanville yesterday for the body.



MOAK, Simeon

Chico Record

12-11-1928

## All Chico Mourns Death Of Simeon Moak, Old Resident

With the death on Sunday of Simeon Moak, pioneer resident of Chico, at his son's ranch in the Honey Lake Valley near Susanville, Chico lost another of her early day residents who was closely associated with the development of this county in the latter half of the nineteenth century. Death followed a paralytic strike last week.

Funeral services have been arranged to take place Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Bicknell & Moore chapel, with the Rev. W. J. Johnson of the Congregational Church of Oroville officiating. Burial will be in the Chico Cemetery, by the side of his late wife.

Mr. Moak was born near Albany, New York, October 6, 1845, and at the time of his death was 83 years old. He came to California by way of the Isthmus of Panama in 1863, when 18 years old, and settled in this county.

Practically all his life Mr. Moak was engaged in ranching and mining, and for a time was engineer for the Sierra Lumber Company. Two of his brothers came to California in 1853, and he made the trip to California the same year as another brother, Jakob Moak.

One of the outstanding events of the man's life was the war with the Mill Creek Indians, which ended in the slaying of almost every one of them. The redmen

killed all but one of the children of the Lewis family, and shortly afterward killed three of the Workman family. Jacob Moak then organized a band of 17 settlers, who started to run down the Indians.

The party stopepd the first night at the Bob Anderson place, where it was joined by Sim Moak, Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Bolivar, a man named Sylva and three others. The next morning they took up the hunt, and after three days and nights, during which they did not dare to build a fire, came upon the Indians unexpectedly and killed all but a few of them. Much stolen property was recovered.

After a life full of exciting events, hardships and a livelihood gained from a country he aided in developing, Mr. Moak wrote a book in 1923 which was published. The material was gained largely from his personal experiences.

Mrs. Moak, wife of the aged pioneer, died last April, while one of their daughters, Mrs. Edna Woods of Westwood, died last June. Five daughters and four sons survive. They are:

Mrs. S. D. Overton of Westwood, Mrs. Belle Sample of Paradise, Mrs. C. N. Forcum of Oakland, Mrs. Charles Carroll of Chester and Mrs. Ed Brown of Paradise, and Albert Moak, Henry Moak and Louis Moak, of Susanville and Charles Moak, of Oroville.

Burial in family plot Chico Cemetery

# Oroville Mercury Register

## 3-5-1929

### **Pulga Feud Brings Large Gathering to County Courts**

Residents of Pulga crowded the superior court room here today for trial of H. H. Hunter, charged with disturbing the peace, as a result of a feud of several years' standing between Hunter and members of the Gramps family.

Hunter is alleged to have engaged in a fist fight with Martin Gramps near the Western Pacific pump house in Pulga February 12, while more than a half dozen persons looked on.

The case is being tried before a jury with Justice of the Peace Harry S. Hills conducting the trial.

"How many of the Gramps has Hunter licked?" District Attorney James A. McGregor asked Henry Gramps, uncle of Martin Gramps.

"Practically all of them," Gramps replied.

"No. I don't remember how many of them he has whipped more than once."



# Marysville Appeal Democrat

5-18-1929

## JURY FREES TWO ON CHARGE OF KILLING DOE; COURTROOM FILLED AS GRAMPS BROS. ARE TRIED

GRIDLEY, May 18 John and Walter Gramps, Pulga Indians, were found not guilty on the three counts of possession of deer meat and tracking of four deer in closed season and the killing of a doe, in a jury trial in the justice court yesterday.

Flaws and contradictions in the testimony of two of the star witnesses for the prosecution, H Hunter and Alec Johnson, another Pulga Indian, had resulted in the case against Corbert Gramps, the third of the first group of defendants standing trial yesterday, being dropped.

Hunter had testified to seeing all three of the defendants shoot at the doe while Alec Johnson named only John and Walter Gramps as the ones he had seen raise their rifles near the scene of the killing of the doe found by three deputy game wardens, A. D. Miner, Cliff Barnes of Quincy, and Taylor London of Oroville.

It was on information given the game wardens by Johnson and Hunter that the remains of the doe, a fresh hide and two unborn fawns, was found by the wardens, it was brought out in the trial.

A piece of pickled deer meat, alleged to have been found in a shed on the Gramps property, and the two unborn fawns in a glass jar, were used as evidence by the prosecution.

The jury verdict, brought in shortly after 5 p. m. climaxed a full day of court battle between the prosecution and the defense with some comedy touches being brought in both sides of the entertainment of spectators. A large portion of the town of Pulga was present at the proceedings.

Justice C. M. Gilleece frequently used his gavel for quiet and finally warned the court room that the trial was not an entertainment for their benefit.

Testimony by prosecution witnesses occupied the full morning session and part of the afternoon.

Deputy Game Wardens A. D. Miner and Taylor London were called to the stand and testified.

Following their search of the house they said that they searched the shed in which the piece of pickled meat was found. In the cross examination, it was brought out that the game wardens had been led to the spot where the doe was found by Hunter and Johnson

after they had searched Hunter's place.

V. V. Ricketts, deputy constable of Pulga, defense witness, testified that the reputation of both Hunter and Johnson was bad. He said they had been warring on the Gramps family for years and recalled the trial of Hunter in Oroville some time ago on a charge of assault of one of the Gramps boys.

Walter and John Gramps, on the stand, declared they were kept home on the day of the alleged doe killing by heavy rainfall.

E. Phelps, business man, and Mrs. Anna McGregory, Pulga school teacher, both told of the bad reputation of Hunter and Johnson in the Pulga community.

Attorney W. E. Duncan charged in rebuttal, that Johnson himself had killed the doe, instigated by Hunter, and planted it for a "frame-up" on the Gramps brothers.

The date of the trial of the remaining five Gramps brothers, Martin, George, Dave, Albert and Harry Gramps on the blanket charge has not yet been set.

Jurymen in Friday's trial were: Mrs. Florence F. Criddle, Mrs. Don B. Robb, D. C. Cone, Hugh Borrowman, Walter L. Harkey, Mrs. Frances Walden, J. H. Matlock, Ribert L. Fenton, L. Christensen, F. L. Bratton, James C. David, and Geo. W. Beale.



Oroville Mercury

6-6-1929

# **PULGANS LAND THREE AND SIX POUND TROUT**

**PLUGA, June 6 (Special)**—Fishing at Pluga and Mayaro has been reported as good during the past week.

Several limits of trout were caught at Mayaro from Dogwood and Camp Creeks which are in that vicinity.

**CORBETT GRAMPS** continues to be the best fisherman in Pulga having caught the limit twice last week. One fish weighed approximately six pounds.

**L. G. Dedmon**, another fishermen, caught the limit during the past week. His largest fish weighed about three pounds.

# Oroville Mercury Register

6-7-1929

## INDIAN WOMAN ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH NEPHEW'S DEATH SAYS HE KILLED SELF

Elements of mystery in the death of Dempsey Roy, 31, an Indian, were cleared today when Mrs. Emma Roy, his aunt, admitted that the man had committed suicide by hanging himself.

The woman, who has been held in the county jail by Sheriff C. W. Toland in order that circumstances concerning the man's death might be explained satisfactorily, will be released, the sheriff said this afternoon.

Although Sheriff Toland and other investigators have expressed the belief repeatedly that Roy took his own life, Mrs. Roy insisted stoically until today that she did not know how he died.

Then following a talk with Roy's

brother, Sandy Roy, she told Sheriff Toland and District Attorney J. A. McGregor that Roy had killed himself. She said that she found his body hanging in an outbuilding near the place of M. J. Kelly, for whom she keeps house. She removed the body and the rope, and then, becoming alarmed, had someone call the sheriff's office, she said.

At first it was thought Roy, who was in ill health, died a natural death, but examination showed marks of strangulation about his neck. An investigation was immediately started by Sheriff Toland and W. M. Thomas, deputy coroner, and Mrs. Roy was lodged in the county jail.

SMITH, Gilbert  
Oroville Mercury Register  
6-15-1929

## **Bald Rock Burial For Gilbert Smith Killed at Yosemite**

The body of Gilbert Smith, 22, who was killed by a falling log at camp sixteen, of the Yosemite Lumber company, near Merced Falls, Thursday, was sent to Bald Rock cemetery by Hamilton and Riley's today for funeral services and burial.

Smith was born in the Mountain House district. He is survived by his father, Hood Smith; a sister, Mrs. Ruth Brown; and four brothers, Elmer, Andy, Harlan and Alfred Smith, all living in the Mountain House region.

NUCKOLLS, Earl N.  
Oroville Mercury Register  
7-11-1929

## **Small Estate Left**

### **By Earl N. Nuckolls**

An estate consisting of not more than \$2,000, represented principally by a government insurance policy, was left by Earl N. Nuckolls, who died February 9, 1929, according to a petition for letters of administration filed in the county clerk's office today by his widow, Margaret G. Nuckolls. Clyde Thomas of Chico is attorney for the petitioner.

## Evidence Found of Old Civilization In Canyon Section

Additional proof of an ancient population and civilization in California has been discovered recently in the Feather River country, east of Oroville.

Carvings of the people of this early civilization have been found in the vicinity of Pulga, near where Rock Creek enters the North Fork of the Feather River, and on the granite slopes of Rock Creek, near where one of its branches has its source in Campbell Lakes.

Deposits of jade have been found in the vicinity of the carvings, and it is hoped that by deciphering the carvings the origin of the jade may be disclosed.

The carvings, while not deep, are extremely plain. They indicate great age, are in various shapes and designs, some like a checkerboard, others in long, snake-like design, but most frequently as circles, some of which appear to represent the sun with the light radiating from it.

Some express the belief that the hieroglyphics may have been made by an ancient race who discovered gold in ages long before the arrival of white men drawn here by the finding of gold in 1849.

Woodland Daily Democrat

11-9-1929

# Butte Holds Indian Fos Setting Fires

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(By Valley News Alliance)

OROVILLE—Dan Johnson, Indian, was held in the county jail here Saturday as suspected of having set the Flea Valley forest fire. He was arrested by Federal rangers and turned over to the sheriff here, at Puiga Friday night. The fire was reported Saturday to be under control after burning more than 15,000 acres of timber and brush land.



Woodland Daily Democrat

11-14-1929

# Lack of Evidence Frees Fire Suspect

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(By Valley News Alliance)

OROVILLE—Dan Johnson, Indian, son of Dixie Johnson, famous Indian scout, arrested as a suspect in the setting of the Flea Valley fire, which burned 20,000 acres of timber land last week, was released from the county jail here Thursday because of insufficient evidence against him.

EDWARDS, Peter  
Feather River Bulletin  
12-5-1929

## **BUCKS RANCH INDIAN DIES**

Peter Edwards, 71, an Indian woodchopper, died last night at Oregon City, where he had been working, of pneumonia. Edwards was born in Plumas County and had lived all his life near Bucks Ranch. He has several children surviving him. Burial was today at Bucks Ranch, with Indian burial rites.

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## **Indian Enrollment To Take Place At Oroville Dec. 16-17**

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Fred A. Parker, examiner, department of the interior, Washington, D. C., will be at the Indian reservation, at Chico, December 11, 12, 13 and 14, and at the county courthouse, at Oroville, December 16 and 17, for the purpose of receiving applications from persons of California Indian blood for enrollment under the Act of Congress of May 18, 1928, providing for the enrollment of California Indians.

The object of this enrollment is to ascertain what persons are entitled to share in a judgment against the United States which the California Indians are now endeavoring to obtain by a suit in the United States Court of Claims, at Washington, D. C. The Attorney General of the State of California, in his official capacity is acting as counsel for the California Indians. Suit has already been instituted. A judgment for \$12,800,000.00 has been asked for in the petition on file.

All persons who claim descent from California Indians, and all other Indians not of California Indian descent, are urged to take advantage of the opportunity afforded them to be enrolled. There will be no cost of expense to any applicant.

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