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LOLA CASE

Mrs. Lola L. Case, treasurer of the Sutter County Historical Society since 1964, resigned effective May 1, due to her retirement from a long-held position with the Pacific Gas and Electric Co. and her July removal from Yuba City to Pacific Grove.

Mrs. Case, a native of Sutter County, is a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Bert Ullery, who lived in the West Butte area. Her father was sheriff for 12 years. She attended West Butte Elementary and Sutter Union High schools and went on to the University of California.

She has been active in various Sutter County organizations. She has given the Historical Society sincere, dedicated service for the past eight years.

Mrs. Case followed Earl Ramey as treasurer of the Society and in turn is succeeded by Mrs. Wanda Rankin of Yuba City.

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THE AUTUMN MEETING

The fourth quarterly membership meeting for 1972 will be held at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 17, in the assembly room at the Sutter County Library in Yuba City.

Speaker will be Mrs. Gertrude Cable of Marysville. All who are interested in the Society are invited to attend.

William D. Pierce

William D. Pierce of Live Oak is the latest addition to the non-agenarian honorary membership list of the Sutter County Historical Society, having attained the age of 90 on July 26, 1972.

Mr. Pierce was born a half-mile from Pleasant Grove, the son of W.T. and Mary A. Pierce. His parents moved to Live Oak in 1895, to acreage west of the town. He has a sister, Mrs. Annie V. Follett, now of Yuba City, who was born in Georgetown in 1887.

He married Amy Davis in 1910 and in 1912 they had a son, Elmer. Amy Pierce died in 1929, after the family had moved back to Live Oak from Dunsmuir and built a home between Fir and Gum Streets.

In 1937 Mr. Pierce married Mrs. Alice Drew, a widow with two daughters. They reside now in a mobile home in Live Oak. Between them, Mr. and Mrs. Pierce have eight grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Any man or woman born in Sutter County who attains the age of 90 years is eligible to become an honorary member of the Society, without payment of dues.

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MEMOIRS OF SUTTER -- ITS PEOPLE AND PLACES

by

VERNA MCLEAN SEXTON

The following is mostly the writer's remembrances of people, places and things that happened in Sutter from 1896. She hopes it will present some of the lighter side of the times, as well as some of the contentions and griefs.

Duncan James McLean's ancestors left Scotland, crossed the waters and settled near the town of Melville, not many miles from Charlotte-town, the capitol of Prince Edward Island.

"D.J." as he was always called, did not care for farm life. At the age of 16 he left, by foot, headed for Boston, Massachusetts. He rustled a job as an errand boy in a drugstore, and said he about starved, trying to save enough money to get to San Francisco, California.

Landing in California, age 20 years, he obtained a position as clerk in the Samuel's Lace House. It was here he learned to judge good laces, embroideries and cloth. He was with the lace house for a number of years, but uppermost in his mind was the idea of getting to a smaller town and finally, having a general merchandise store of his own.

The opportunity came through an ad in a San Francisco newspaper; so with a fine recommendation from Samuel's Lace House, he set out for a survey of small towns near Stockton.

From the Stockton City Directories from years 1887 through 1893, he is listed as "McLean, Duncan James - Clerk for W.B. Ambrose-Lockeford."

About this time he met and became interested in a young widow, Mrs. Louisa Ralphs Howell, who had a seven-year-old boy, Thomas Roy Howell.

On November 11, 1884, Mrs. Howell became Mrs. Duncan James McLean. On January 24, 1886, their son, Stanley Ralphs McLean was born, and on July 19, 1893, their daughter, Verna Donna arrived (named after Donna *Winning*, the minister's daughter).

THE SUTTER HOTEL

D.J. and family lived in Lockeford until 1896, when the family moved to Sutter and settled in the Sutter Hotel, on the northeast corner of California and Nelson streets in Sutter.

Much planning went into the remodeling of the hotel. It had a very spacious lobby; partitions had to be removed; the entire west half of the building, facing California street was divided into two parts warehouses on the north end and the rest into the store proper, and post office. Eventually the McLean Store was ready for business.

There is a very good picture of the big hotel following Pg. 7 of the April, 1966 issue of the Sutter County Historical Society News Bulletin. Just above the sign in the picture are D.J. McLean and wife. This volume also contains pictures of some other buildings the writer will describe later in this article. After Pg. 3 of this same issue is a view of California street looking north. Going clockwise, the first steeple is the west steeple of the big hotel. The next steeple belongs to the bank building on the southeast corner of California and Nelson streets. The building with the awning in front is the Dannenberg Grocery Store. Mr. Dannenberg was the "Village Blacksmith" for a number of years. His shop was on Lyons street between California and Maple streets, facing north. When he retired from the shop, he started the grocery store. He had quite a large family. The boys were "Dr. Alec, Dr. Bert, Samuel, and Otto."

The girls were Alma, Elsie, Leslie and Leona. Leona married Charles Kellogg. Their first home was with Miss Ella Moody, where they lived until the house burned down in 1942, and then rebuilt near that site. Their one son, Vesper, and his wife Phyllis, are now living near their mother on the ranch. Leona and Leslie are the only living members of the family.

It was a task in those days to get all the merchandise necessary to supply the demand. D.J. had a large wagon, something like a covered wagon, for protecting the merchandise from sun and rain. There was a span of beautiful sleek sorrel animals to pull the load. The supply of groceries was purchased from the J.R. Garrett Wholesale House in Marysville.

In winter, on the way home with a heavy load, the driver had to keep the wheels in the deep ruts to keep from getting stuck in the mud. Three trips a week were necessary.

The writer vividly remembers one Saturday on the way home from a piano lesson with "Miss Alice" Swain. The team of horses were jogging along, crossing the Feather River on the covered bridge. Just as we left the bridge the animals became frightened and ran away. As they made the turn under the railroad trestle, the quick turn shifted the load, threw the wagon to one side, and threw the driver and the writer out. The double-tree hit the abutment, throwing the little mare against the wall and she was killed instantly. The writer was really frightened but all she could think about was the pretty sorrel mare lying so still. It took a long time to erase the scene from her memory.

It is almost too intricate to describe in writing, the outdoor stairs on the back of the hotel building. There was a platform about

five feet square leading down eight or ten steps toward the north, against the building, to another larger landing. From this landing at right angles there was a wide boardwalk with railings leading away from the building about 20 feet to the east to still another larger platform to the two-story "Chic Sales His'n and Her'n." A few years back the writer had a very good picture of the Chic Sales. It would have been a real conversation piece for the News Bulletin. Someone else liked the picture also, as the writer is now unable to find it.

In 1898 my maternal grandfather, Joseph Ralphs, a native of Wales, came for a visit. One day in conversation with D.J., he spoke of an Englishman who had a "very pleasing personality and was an excellent cook." The Englishman had wanted to come to America with Joseph Ralphs, his wife Sara Jane (Fletcher), with their three girls, Annie, Louisa Fanny (my mother), and Mary Jane, and the latter's husband Edward Hart, and their two small boys, John and William. It was Edward Hart who later was interested in breeding turkeys, which became the famous large bronze turkeys.

The travelers crossed the waters from Coalbrookdale, Shropshire, England. They had a rough time crossing the Atlantic and rougher still in crossing the Isthmus to the Pacific ocean. Indians helped carry the two little boys and guided the way. When they had crossed the Isthmus and were ready to go up the coast to San Francisco, one of the Indians would not give little Willie back. There was a great deal of excitement and the Ralphs family pooled alot of their trinkets, dishes and knives before little Willie was returned to them. The travelers landed in San Francisco then went on farther north to their uncle John Steele's place

at Clay Station, Sacramento County on September 16, 1871. The writer's mother told her daughter that her grandmother Ralphs had several peculiar expressions. When she wanted to know if her husband had locked the door, she said, "Has't thou put the latch, Joe?"

At the time the Ralphs left England, the Englishman had not saved enough money to make the trip with them. However, the words "pleasing personality" and "good cook" lodged in D.J.'s mind and before long the Englishman was settled in the cook's room of the big hotel. Indeed, the writer can vouch for his cooking ability. Around mealtime Verna was always close to the kitchen and was given generous, delicious samples of the food.

The writer will end this Hotel Section with a real true thriller. The family called it --

The Thump-Thump Story

After a few months with us, the cook would take a day or two off and disappear. He would come back each time without any explanation and he seemed o.k. The family had several theories about his disappearance, but did not question him. The trips gradually lengthened in time and were closer together. Finally, the Englishman was gone for a week or more and D.J. said, "This is the end! He is too unpredictable! When he returns I'm going to give him his walking papers!" About this time Verna began hearing a "thump-thump" in the night. When she told her mother, she said "Oh, it's probably an owl which has worked its way into the cupola and is trying to get out." This 'explanation satisfied Verna for a few nights. Then, once again the thump-thump sounds, and she was certain, also, that she heard footsteps go past her door and on down the hall. Her mother had heard the steps also, but decided to wait

until morning before telling her husband. The happening puzzled him, but he also thought it must be birds. That morning while the rest of the family were in conversation Stanley came running into the kitchen saying, "I just killed a big owl flying around the east cupola." D.J. had a big laugh and said, "Well, there goes your thump-thump story." However, the next morning he asked his son to climb into the attic and see if there was a nest of birds.

All of us went upstairs to the big ladder leading up to the attic. We were suddenly shocked when we heard Stanley scream and he came down that ladder like lightening, almost two rungs at a time. His face was without color. He had found the body of our cook hanging from the rafters!

My parents did not allow me to see or hear anything else. They found that the cook had made very comfortable living quarters with new blankets from the store. In the cupola he had made a cupboard with a goodly supply of food. During his mysterious disappearances he evidently slept during the day and spent nights getting his supplies. In one corner they found a broom handle, padded at one end to make a sort of ball. This, the folks decided, the cook used as a balance in walking and was the cause of the thump-thump we heard.

Before long, D.J.'s business had increased to the point that he had to go into larger quarters. He finally was able to rent Felt Hall (which had been used for dancing), and as soon as more counters and shelves could be made and painting done, we moved from the big hotel. Once again the old hotel was empty.

At this time, a lady from Maxwell, named Mrs. Clarence Huffmaster,

heard of the big hotel in Sutter that could be easily restored to its original use. She became so intrigued with the hotel idea she traveled over to Sutter and found the owner, Rev. P.P. Hamilton. After a thorough looking over, inside and out, she purchased the Sutter Hotel in 1910. It took almost two years to put the building in order for use as a hotel. She did a complete remodeling and all fourteen rooms upstairs were refinished. The old upstairs and downstairs verandas were torn down. A well was drilled with a powerful pump installed. A large two-story tankhouse with windmill was built.

In 1912, Mrs. Huffmaster, son Earl and daughter Edith, came to Sutter to be ready to start the new school term.

It was a big undertaking to get her family moved, as there was no direct route from Maxwell to Colusa. She planned to go on the Southern Pacific. However, there was one drawback, the railroad line was equipped with only baggage and freight trains and no place for passengers. The officials were just in the process of getting passenger service started.

Being a very persuasive business woman, Mrs. Huffmaster finally boarded the baggage car, bag and baggage, dog on leash, cat in box, and after their furniture was loaded into the car, they were on their way to Sacramento. Here they stayed overnight. The next day they boarded the Sacramento Northern Electric train for Marysville, staying overnight in the Western Hotel. The following day they made the trip to Sutter on the Northern Electric.

Mrs. Huffmaster was a very successful hotel owner and manager for many years. She managed the hotel until a fire in 1929 destroyed it.

An explosion of the water heater in the tankhouse was the cause of the fire and all the buildings went up in smoke.

Mrs. Huffmaster passed away in 1930 at the age of 61 years. Her son Earl was one of the leading automobile dealers in the Sutter-Yuba vicinity during his lifetime. Edith Huffmaster (Pease) Jackson lives in Yuba City with her husband.

THE FELT HALL

The Felt Hall is across California street and faces the big hotel. When the McLean family came to Sutter, the hall was a dance hall. The dances lasted until 4 or 5 o'clock in the morning. The street would be lined with horses and buggies. Some of the "be kind to animals" men even brought small sacks of hay to feed the horses during a recess in the dancing.

The hall is an all-brick building, 50 by 90 feet. The outside walls and the center wall are two feet thick. The outside walls extend two feet straight up above the roof, making a flat roof which had to be kept tightly sealed with tar paper. These walls, along with the center wall, extended down to the earth floor of the cellar, over six feet down from the main floor level. The center wall made the building into two 25 by 90 feet rooms for separate stores. "D.J." had an archway cut through the center wall. The south half was used as the warehouse. At the west end, on both sides, a partition was erected to be made into comfortable living quarters.

D.J. was always making innovations. Before long, we had the first "Bell System" long distance telephone. The writer remembers at the time of the San Francisco earthquake her older brother, Thomas Roy Howell, was

with the National Guard and was sent with the rest of the Guardsmen to San Francisco to guard the buildings that were left and to hunt for survivors. Many of the Sutter folks gathered around the phone booth to hear news about the quake -- how the big fire was spreading--people camping all over Telegraph Hill.

At the time of the quake, which was also felt in Sutter, D.J. had just installed a new type of lighting for the store. A small brass pipe extended down from the very high ceiling to within reach. We stood and watched the pipes wave back and forth and expected them to break all the mantles.

As the farmers needed new tools, machinery and other farm necessities, D.J. transformed the front part of the warehouse into a small showroom where he displayed "field" rakes that were drawn by horses to rake up the cut hay. Even a small harvester was on the floor. Back of the showroom were piled sacks of different grains and beans stored by the farmers. This led to D.J.'s becoming a Hartford Fire Insurance salesman which lasted beyond his retirement. After 20 years of this insurance, he was given a beautiful large tray with a picture of the head of the Hartford deer. In time he erected the first outdoor weighing station just north of the store under the beautiful locust trees.

On the Fourth of July, D.J. always displayed fireworks, wonderful for those times. The writer remembers one Fourth when he spent \$75 for fireworks. That was quite a sum in those days, and quite a deed for the Scotchman! Another example of his generosity was at the church's ice cream socials. The writer remembers one such social. The Ladies Aid Society would get the ice cream made in the morning. It was the good

old cooked ice cream, with a generous amount of thick cream direct from the farmers' dairies. When ready for freezing (they used two and five gallon freezers) it was no small job. When the handle of the freezers became too difficult to turn, the strong-armed men did the rest. They put several folded sacks on top of the freezers and had some of the chubby boys (waiting to "lick" the dashers) sit on top of the sacks. The socials were in the evenings and the men made big frames with 1" x 12' planks around the freezers, like the stands in a carnival for playing bingo. The ladies were in the center serving ice cream and cakes and the customers stood around the sides of the booth to partake of the dessert. Several times during the evening D.J. would call "come one come all it's free." He would put down the money and walk away.

The church men always had the writer's father's name at the head of the list of subscribers who signed a certain amount each year which was to "complement" the preacher's yearly salary. Many a time his salary did not pay his expenses for the year, but my father always let the Rev. charge for the rest of the year. Many a time it was just cancelled. Maybe recalling these memories is just telling things "as they were" and maybe it is the writer's way to prove that all Scotchmen are not stingy.

As the business grew, D. J. kept adding new departments. There was a drugstore section and a section for shoes for all. In winter there were rubber overshoes for all and rubber boots for the men who hunted ducks in the tules. A large yardage section with threads, all kinds of laces and embroideries; a kitchen corner with all kinds of pots and pans (tin in these days); boilers for washing clothes, and tin scrubboards.

Finally, there was a real cash register for the grocery counter. The other counters just had "tills." There was a round stand with a large sharp blade attached (like the modern paper cutter) for the cheese. It was surprising how many customers asked for a sample of the cheese before buying.

My father had his own recipe for mixing coffee. He kept several sacks of different kinds of coffee beans. He mixed these, then put the beans into a large coffee mill and ground them. My mother and I then packaged the ground coffee.

By this time D.J. was ready to turn the business over to his son who had helped him all these years, and in 1912 he was ready to leave the business. Although he thought he had retired, Mrs. Lytle, a real estate lady in Marysville, persuaded him to start a little store in Tierra Buena. He could not resist, and was in business again, also starting another post office in this store. He kept this business a number of years before he retired. He passed away in 1930.

THE BANK BUILDING

(Now N.D.G.. Hall)

The Bank building is still standing on the southeast corner of California and Nelson streets. The upper floor was used as a meeting place. The way to the upper floor was on the outside of the building at the back. It really took courage to climb the stairs. You could see spaces where the steps had become loosened from the wall. Rev. P.P. Hamilton used to conduct prayer meetings upstairs. The writer recalls going with her mother and a friend, Lizzie. During the service, the Rev. looked down at us and said, "Lizzie will you please lead us in prayer?"

Our friend, who had never prayed in public before, replied with confusion, "Oh, Rev. Hamilton, I beg to be excused." He very politely said, "I was speaking to my wife Lizzie sitting just behind you."

The Rev. Hamilton had five daughters. They were: Clara, who became Mrs. Munson; Flora, who became Mrs. Norman Haynes; Mary, who graduated from College of the Pacific and was a talented pianist, and became Mrs. Stephen Hust; Nellie, who became Mrs. Frank Lemenager; and Margaret, who became Mrs. Northcutt.

The main floor of the Bank building was used for various occasions. Antone (Tony) Vagades had a butcher shop there for several years. Tommy Mason was his helper. During Tony's stay in the butcher business, D.J. helped finance an ice plant so the meats would have a cold room. Tony also made ice for the public. It was a treat for all the little folks coming home from school. They stopped to watch the blocks of ice come down the chute. As pieces chipped off, the children took turns getting a chunk of ice.

At one time the Branch County Library was in the building with Authelena (Mrs. W.H.) McPherrin as Librarian.

In 1923, the Bank building was sold to the Native Daughters of the Golden West (N.D.G.W.). They bought it for ,..750.00 from the J.R. Garrett Co. of Marysville. The chairman of the buying committee was Edith Huffmaster (now Mrs. J. Jackson), with committee members, Mrs. Margaret (Albert) Graves, mother of Hope Lane; Mrs. Anna Lytken (Stanley) McLean; and Mrs. Odessa Todd.

With the help of the Native Sons of the Golden West, the Bank building was restored. South Butte Parlor #226, Native Daughters of the

Golden West, was the first group in the State of California, to own their own building. It is still the meeting place for the organization. The members are very proud of their building and will make every effort to preserve it.

SUTTER UNION HIGH SCHOOL (S.U.H.S.)

Its Sports and other Activities

The town of Sutter was divided in its thoughts and beliefs in religion, politics, where the Sacramento Northern Electric Railway should be located, etc. When it came to competitive sports of any kind, baseball, basketball, track, field meets, the people were as one as far back as the writer can remember. During her school life there were Latin and German clubs. She remembers her second year German class put on a play in two acts, all in German.

It will be impossible to name all of the outstanding students during her life in Sutter. She will attempt to tell about a few of them.

From 1900 through 1903, there were five doctors, two of them women, Doctors Alec (1900) and Bert (1901) Dannenberg, of Utah; Ernest Yates (1900) of Berkeley; Alverda Reische (1901); and Bertha DeVore (1902), a prominent doctor of Drain, Oregon.

Elizabeth Vagades Krehe (1904) taught for 17 years in Sutter County, and was Sutter County Superintendent of Schools from 1915 to 1923.

Stanley McLean (1905) was a very good athlete. He went into training at the baseball camp in Santa Cruz, and played in the Trolley League for a year. Back in Sutter he helped his father in the general merchandise business until 1913 when his father moved to Tierra Buena, and from then on, Stanley took over the business and post office for many years. His great interest was in Sutter and he had a part in organizing a

volunteer fire department, was in the Sutter Band, and always interested in all youth activities. During radio years, he was given the "Golden Rule Award" from the radio program "Tell Your Neighbor."

Fred Havens (1909) graduated from the University of California, and later became instructor of Manual Training in Sutter Union High School for 18 years. He was also county appraiser for the Federal Land Bank of Berkeley for many years before he retired. His wife, Leila Moore Havens, now lives in Yuba City.

Alvin Weis had many successes, also. Just out of Sutter Union High School in 1910, he took the teacher's examination and was accepted as a teacher at Slough school near Meridian, at 18 years of age. The next year he was appointed principal of Brittan District (Sutter), but after starting his second year there, he was pressured by his many friends to resign and campaign for County Clerk. This he did and was elected by a large popular vote. Amele Lemenager (1910) was appointed to serve out Alvin's contract at the school. In a short time, after being in banking, Alvin took the State Bar examination and became one of the Bi-County's outstanding lawyers, in partnership with State Senator W.P. (Bill) Rich, in Marysville. In later years he moved his practice to Yuba City, erecting the Weis building at the northeast corner of Plumas and Center streets, where he remained until his untimely death on March 11, 1964.

Leo A. Wadsworth (1912) was graduated from University of California in 1916, taught in Lompoc for a short time and was called into the Service for a year and a half. He came home from World War I and farmed with his father, Schuyler Wadsworth, for awhile. From 1924 to 1938 he was principal of Sutter Union High School, then on to Ontario, California, as director

of educational functions in Chaffey Junior College from 1938 to 1958 when he retired and returned to Sutter to live. He and his sister, Olive Lemenager (Mrs. Amele), manage the family ranch. He is again working for the improvement of youth, and he and his wife Virginia (Beecroft) Wadsworth are ardent workers in the Sutter Community Church.

The Sutter Youth building, with a community swimming pool, is an example of a town trying to keep all youth interested in worthwhile projects, and is to be congratulated for its splendid efforts.

Another student, Cecil (Whick) Straub (1912) went to University of California with Leo Wadsworth and the two made sport history for Sutter Union High School by taking several points in the Pacific Coast Interscholastic Track Meet which included the States of Oregon, Washington, Arizona, and California.

There were three Hauck brothers at Sutter Union High School between 1907 and 1913. Ernest Hauck and Arthur Hauck were the two younger boys.

Ernest quit Sutter Union High School when his father became ill and went to help him in Live Oak. In 1939 he became Sutter County Assessor and held this office for 24 years. He was elected president of the State Association of Assessors and was the State Chairman of the National Assessors' Association for three years. He has two beautiful awards for his service in the association. He retired in 1963.

Arthur Hauck, after graduating from Gridley High School, went to Hawaii and was president of the Panahou school for six years, 1922-28. Returning to the United States, he was president of Vassar College, taking the place of a professor on leave. Arthur received his Ph.D from Columbia University in 1932. He also had many LLD's from different colleges.

In 1934 he became president of the University of Maine in Orono, Maine and held this position for 24 years, from 1934 to 1958, when he retired. Five years later, in 1963 he returned to the University of Maine to attend the dedication in his honor of the beautiful new Arthur A. Hauck auditorium.

The third Hauck member and older brother, Edward W. Hauck, will be mentioned at the end of this section.

Hanlon Brown (1923) has made a record of service to the County and State. He worked first for the Union Oil Company. On July 26, 1930, he started serving as a State Patrol Officer in Sutter County, for 17 years. This October, 1972, will be his twenty-fifth year as County Treasurer and Tax Collector, making 42 years of service in Sutter County.

A very popular Sutter graduate was Clyde (Tub) Perry (1924) (Theresa Putman's brother). Tub always had a smile for everyone. Being a good baseball player, he was accepted by the San Francisco Seals for three seasons. He then married Alice McFarland of Sutter. He was with the Pacific Gas & Electric Co. for 35 years. He played baseball for many years with the Marysville Giants and was a great favorite with all Sacramento Valley baseball fans.

Geraldine (McLean) Hall (1924) worked for Shell Oil Co. in Yuba City for five years. She became legal secretary for Attorney Ray Manwell for five years, leaving there after her marriage to James E. Hall, for the birth of their daughter, Melissa Geraldine on July 30, 1938. In 1941 she worked for eight months as a deputy County Clerk for Albert B. Brown, leaving there to work as a legal secretary in the law offices of Rich and Weis until 1943. After her brief retirement of two years, she worked for

Albert B. Brown as deputy County Clerk and upon his retirement, was elected County Clerk in 1954. In 1962 the office of Recorder was combined with County Clerk. Mrs. Hall, on September 30, 1972, retired as County Clerk and Recorder, ending 28 years of service with the County of Sutter.

Winton Vagedes (1931) is sales manager of the Norton Grinding Tools Co. and works out of Cleveland, Ohio. The family lives in the suburbs, Bay Village.

Clarence Pease (1933) went to Sacramento Junior College from Sutter Union High School. He worked for the State Division of Water Resources in Sutter, took the civil service examination, and was a postal clerk in Yuba City. He belonged to the National Guard, and in World War II was sent to San Luis Obispo. From then on, the Army was his life. He went on to retire as a brigadier general. After retiring he entered legal practice in Sacramento.

Orlin Putman (1941) was the valedictorian of his class. At this writing he is a captain in the United States Navy, stationed at Washington, D.C. During part of 1970 and 1971 he was on the U.S.S. Leahy, taking an international goodwill tour around South America.

Jacque M. Sexton (1942) enlisted in Navy V5 program, started to Yuba College, but in a short time was called for training to Alturas-Susanville St. Mary's College (pre-flight school during the War.) He was then sent to Pasco, Washington to the Naval Air Station and Corpus Christi, Texas to the U.S.N.A.S. where he received his commission as ensign and was presented his wings. From Texas he went to Daytona Beach on the East coast to the

U.S.S. Randolph Carrier as fighter pilot when it was christened. Finally, he went to the U.S.S. Ticonderoga (Big T) CV 14 Carrier, and flew a fighter plane over Japan. He was stationed there at the close of the war. Jacques remained on active duty for three years. He was advanced to Lieutenant JG, then Lieutenant and remained in Naval Reserve for 15 years. He began with United Air Lines as co-pilot in 1951 and in 1960 was made captain. He is now pilot on the United Air Line 747 jet passenger plane between San Francisco and the Hawaiian Islands. At present he has been with United Air Lines for 22 years and has flown 20,000 hours for them.

Stanley Putman (1945) is son of the James Putmans. He joined the Navy for two years. St. Mary's College for one year was next. He was manager in the J.C. Penney's store in Marysville, then to Sacramento as assistant manager, then to Richmond, then to Concord where he was made district manager, then five years in New York as district manager. There were only five district managers at this time. The last move for Stanley was to Atlanta, Georgia as regional manager in the new Penney office with 500 employees. At the same time, at the dedication ceremonies he was made a vice president of the Penney Co. in the United States. At this writing there are only seven vice presidents in the Company.

Sutter County, being an agricultural county, has many Sutter Union High School graduates who became very successful and prominent farmers, ranchers and orchardists.

Professor E.W. Hauck was the writer's principal from 1907 through 1912. There was an attendance of 40 pupils in 1909, with three teachers, our principal, E.W. Hauck, Gordon Charles Davidson, and Miss Lucille Turner.

The present Sutter Union High School has an attendance of 351 and has a faculty of 23 in addition to the principal.

During Professor Hauck's service he enlarged the course of study, and added a new department, the commercial course with Miss Elsie Kimball as instructor.

The writer will end this section writing about Professor Hauck's remark to a student who wished to "drop" geometry, "In life it's best to conquer that which we dislike the most." As the student left the room, she said, "Thank you, Mr. Hauck," and he replied, "You know, we teachers are supposed to do everything we can for the student and we're glad to do it, but it's nice to hear the words, thank you."

THE SUTTER POST OFFICE

Up to August 7, 1971, there seem to be no real complete records, but at that time records show that the name of the post office was established as "South Butte Post Office", then show that the name was changed to "Sutter City" on January 20, 1888, and to "Sutter" on January 26, 1895.

The records the writer obtained came from the National Archives and Records in Washington, D.C. through the courtesy of Congressman Robert L. Leggett of the 4th Congressional District and are placed at the end of this section.

The first post office was in "Butte House" near the old horse trough on Butte House Road, and after several postmasters it was moved to the Northeast corner of California and Nelson Streets.

Duncan James McLean was appointed postmaster in 1898 and served until 1912, except during the Democratic Administration. This was a

bitter pill for D.J. to swallow. When a Republican president was again in office, the post office was returned to D.J. at his store, where it

remained until moved to its present location.

In 1943, during the postmastership of Stanley McLean the post office was elevated to the next class and the United States Postal Department sent a United States flag from Washington, D.C. to fly above the building. The flag pole was donated by Wayne Catlett and Tom and Ole Peterson, and was made in their own shop.

Stanley McLean passed away in 1956, while still postmaster, and On March 29, 1958, the Post Office Building was dedicated in his honor. Quote from the local newspaper, "The dedication ceremonies will be sparked with a parade led by the Sutter Union High School Band, assisted by the drill team of the South Butte Parlor #226, Native Daughters of the Golden West, Explorers and Cubs, Camp Fire Girls, Blue Birds and members of the 4-H Club."

Guest speaker of the day was Robert Fahs, assistant to the regional director of the post office department in San Francisco. The eulogy for the occasion was presented by Seth Millington of Gridley, past grand president of the Native Sons of the Golden West. Dedication ceremonies were directed by Larry Le Fuler, grand president of Native Sons of the Golden West and his staff. Presentation of the bronze plaque honoring Stanley McLean was by the Native Daughters of the Golden West.

To the writer this final section brings a feeling of pride to know that there is a record in the National Archives and Records in Washington, D.C. showing that Duncan James McLean and Stanley Ralphs McLean, father and son, had a combined record of 50 years as postmasters in the United States Postal Service in Sutter.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

National Archives and Records Service
Washington, D.C.

March 22, 1972

REFERENCE SERVICE REPORT

INQUIRY: Information about the post office at Sutter, California.

Report: The records of the Post Office Department (Record Group 28) show that the Sutter Post Office was established as South Butte on August 7, 1871, that it was discontinued on December 17, 1878, and reestablished on February 18, 1879. The records also show that its name was changed to Sutter City on January 20, 1888, and to Sutter on January 26, 1895. The names of the postmasters who served at this office through September 30, 1971, and their dates of appointment are:

John F. Buchanan	August 7, 1871
Marcus R. Buchanan	February 18, 1882
Henry H. Brittan	November 13, 1882
William C. Smith	January 20, 1888
Aaron M. Hardman	November 5, 1891
Albert F. Britten	January 26, 1895
Duncan J. McLean	April 8, 1898
John H. Lamme	April 30, 1912
Harry Thomas	June 12, 1915
Stanley R. McLean	August 5, 1920
Jewell R. McLean	January 31, 1956 (assumed charge)
	July 12, 1956 (acting)
Silas A. Schellenger	April 2, 1958
	May 8, 1958 (assumed charge)

The postal records show postmasters' appointment dates but not the actual periods of their tenure.

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SUTTERANA

"Grape Vines -- General Sutter advertises a lot of choice grape vines for sale at Hock Farm.

The Marysville Express says that an excellent plough was stolen from the ground of General Sutter by some graceless villian a few nights since for which a suitable reward has been offered."

The Sacramento Union, December 17, 1853

S. U. H. S. PICTURE, MAY 17, 1909

(Read from left to right)

BACK ROW - 8 BOYS (L TO R)

DAVID ADDINGTON
FRED ADDINGTON
HERMAN LEMENAGER
PARKER REISCHE

EDWARD ADDINGTON
LEE MOREHEAD
ALVIN WEIS
ROSS WILBUR

ALL GIRLS ROW (L TO R)

MYRTLE DOTY DECOTY
CLARA NEWMAN PICKLE
MAMIE LOOZE
LOU HOFF KNIGHT
BARBARA KIRK HOOPER
INEZ MEHL CLOSE
WINNIE SUMMY WEIS
VIRGINIA BEECROFT WADSWORTH
MARJORIE ROSE
VERNA MACLEAN SEXTON
VELMA ROBINSON LEMENAGER

RUBY LOOZE LASKEY
MYRL WILBUR
FRIEDA TARKE SANSTRUM
ANNA TARKE SHIELDS
ALICE NELSON LOWE
NYDIA MOORE O'NEILL
MAYBELLE SCHELLENGER BLACKSTONE
GRACE WALKER
BESSIE SCHELLENGER DALE
LEILE MOORE HOVENS
MISS LUCILLE TURNER, (LATIN TEACHER)

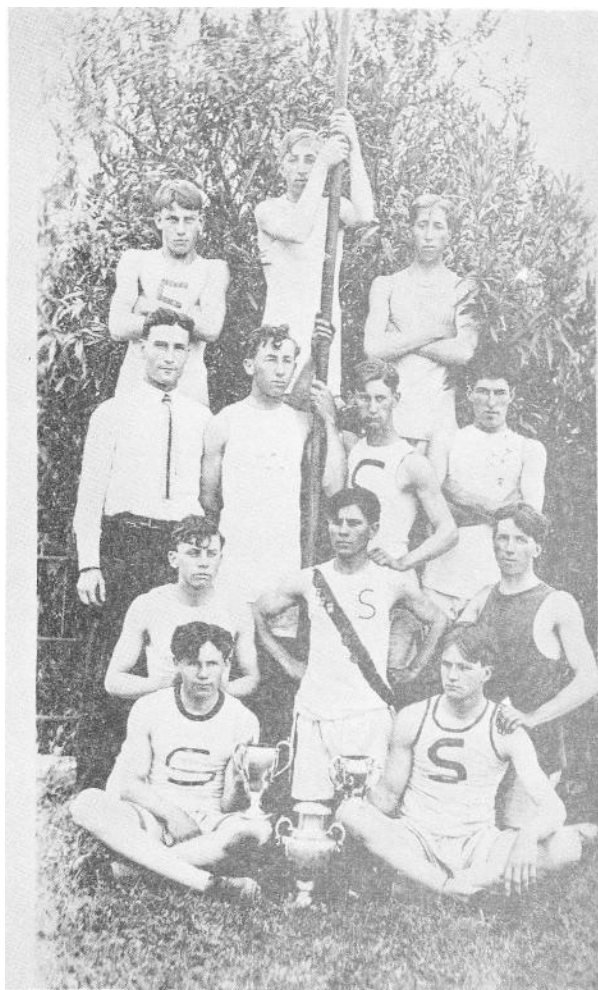
3 BOYS KNEELING (L TO R)

CHRIS JACOBS
ERNEST HAUCK
CHARLES ADDINGTON

BOYS WITH LEGS CROSSED (L TO R)

PROFESSOR GORDON CHARLES DAVIDSON
(HISTORY & ENGLISH TEACHER)
ELWIN PAXTON
AMELE LEMENAGER
CECIL (WHICK) STRAUB
LESTER (BOO) WILBUR

RAY GAULT
LEONARD (SAM) BETTY
FRED HAVENS
LEO WADSWORTH
PROFESSOR E.W. HAUCK (PRINCIPAL)



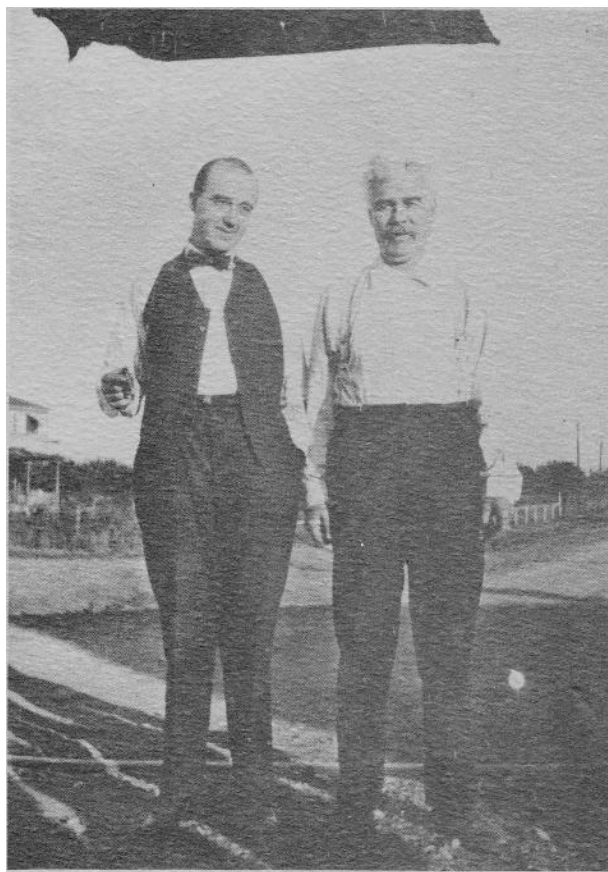
**SUTTER UNION HIGH SCHOOL
BOYS' TRACK TEAM 1909**

AT TOP - ROY ADDINGTON SECOND ROW DOWN -
PAUL MOREHEAD, FRED ADDINGTON THIRD ROW
DOWN - GORDON CHARLES DAVIDSON (COACH),
ALVIN WEIS, CHRIS JACOBS, IRWIN FARRINGTON
FOURTH ROW DOWN - CECIL STRAUB, HERMAN
LEMENAGER, DAVID ADDINGTON BOTTOM ROW -
ELWIN PAXTON, LEO WADSWORTH.



GIRL'S BASKETBALL TEAM (1907)

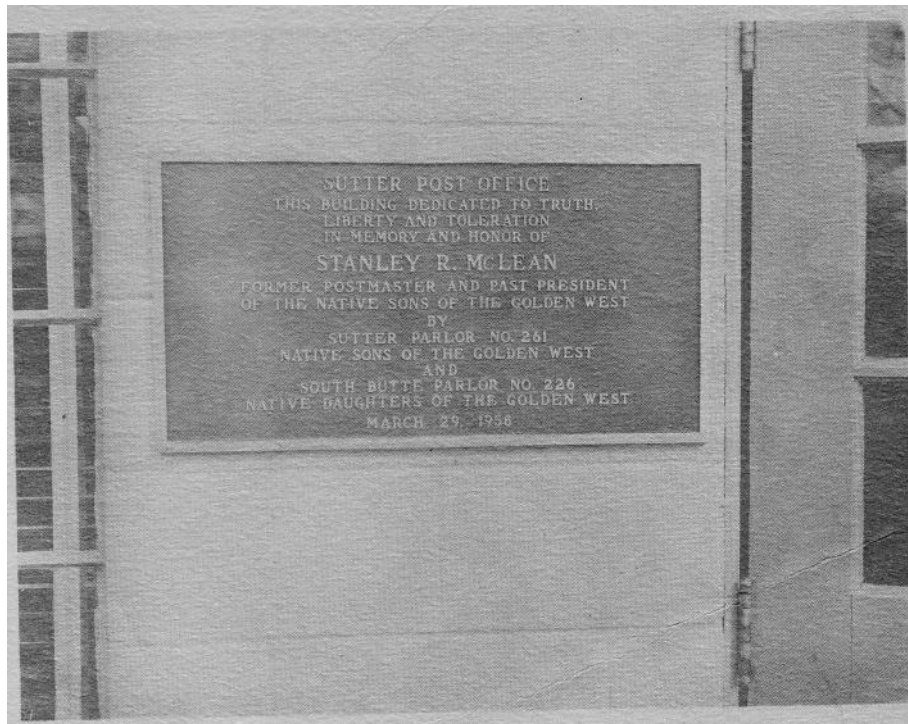
(L TO R) BARBARA KIRK HOOPER, FRANCES OSTROM WENDALL, RUBY LOOZE LASKY, CLARA
NEWMAN PICKLE, MAMIE LOOZE, RUTH SMITH GRANT.



STANLEY RALPHS MCLEAN (SON)

AND

DUNCAN JAMES MCLEAN (FATHER)



PLAQUE PLACED ON THE WALL OF THE SUTTER POST OFFICE
BUILDING BY THE NATIVE DAUGHTERS OF THE GOLDEN WEST.