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JULY MEETING

Tuesday, July 17, 1990 7:30 P.M. AT COMMUNITY MEMORIAL
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The News Bulletin is published quarterly by the Society in Yuba City, California. The annual membership dues includes receiving the News Bulletin and the Museum's Muse News. At the April 1987 April Dinner Meeting it was voted to change the By-laws to combine the memberships of the Society and the Museum.

The 1991 dues are due as of January 1, 1991.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I want to express my appreciation to the Historical Society Board for electing me President, and to you the members, for having the confidence in me, that as a Society we can accomplish the goals we have planned.

My compliments to Bert King for serving as President this past year and for the fine year and goals he accomplished.

We have great Curators, energetic volunteers, a Commission who fulfills the needs of our Museum, but most of all we have you, the members who have the interest to preserve our heritage and to communicate with the public our valuable preservation of history. I need you to attend meetings, to express your views and to bring programs to our meetings that will teach us more of our heritage and how to preserve it.

I look forward to the year and to our first meeting on July 17th at 7:30 at the Museum. This will be our Annual Ice Cream Social and I promise you will be served HOMEMADE ICE CREAM. Please come and enjoy the evening, meet a new friend and share your memories, sing a song and enjoy yourself.

We have a new project started at the Museum that I know you will find most interesting. Our Curators have a new book on the horizon that you will want to know more about. In September we look forward to a Luncheon and Fashion Show.

Looking forward to seeing you

Elaine Tarke

Director's Report

This summer we are celebrating folk art in our community. The impetus for this celebration is the loan of the exhibition, "From Old Timer to New Timer : The Life and Work of Mark M. Walker" from the Mendocino County Museum and the Monterey Peninsula Museum of Art. The subject of the exhibit is 98 year old Mark Walker, a resident of Mendocino County. Walker creates objects using methods and techniques learned as a youth. He views his continuing works as a way to communicate the lifeways of people who lived over 100 years ago to the young generations of today. The exhibition contains such treasures as a life size mule with a fully loaded tan bark pack saddle and "Mama and Papa" two life size figures -- all made by Walker.

Although the exhibit starts with the extraordinary talents of Walker, we feel that there are people in our own community who practice various forms of folk art with equal talent. To help make our point we have invited several of these people to spend some time at the Museum demonstrating their abilities. To kick off the exhibit, on Saturday, July 28 from 2:00 to 4:00 there will be an opening reception. As a special treat, Rufus Bond will be here to entertain visitors with his fiddle music. On Saturday, August 18 from 12:00 to 4:00, Arthur Sessler will be here making handmade furniture, reproductions of early American styles, using the old methods and tools. On August 25 and September 1, from 12:00 to 4:00, nationally known, award winning quilter, Candice Head will be at the Museum to demonstrate her quilting talent.

"From Old Timer to New Timer", combined with the special talents of each of our demonstrating folk artists, should prove to be a fascinating and enjoyable experience for our Museum visitors. We would like to give a special thanks to the Power Center for their sponsorship of this exhibit.

In September, on the 13th, we hope that you will all attend the Fall Fiesta of Fashion featuring a strolling fashion show by Cassie's Casuals and great Mexican-style food and decor. Tickets are \$12.50 and will be available at the Museum or from any member of the Museum Commission starting in mid-August.

Jackie Lowe
Museum Director

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WEST BUTTE

Join the writer, now, in going back through the pages of history to the home of Wm. Martin Van Fleet, Francis Hamlin and W. W. Wilbur, all three of whom settled at West Butte in 1853.

WM. MARTIN VAN FLEET - HISTORY

Wm. Martin Van Fleet migrated to California at the age of 19. He was born in Seneca County, Ohio, in 1833. He made the trek across the plains in 4½ months and went directly to Sacramento. From Sacramento he went to Mormon Island on the American River, where he engaged in mining. Having found his "pot of gold" in the mind fields he came directly to the Sutter Buttes. There he worked for the Parks Brothers for several years and was able to acquire 800 acres of land.

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The Van Fleet property and home site was in a valley off to the right of the "Pass Road" going toward West Butte. The house and several other buildings were cuddled between some low hills and hugged the very foot of the Buttes at that location. It was a mile or more from the county road to the home site and unless one looked carefully it could hardly be seen from the roadway.

The house was a fine, 2-story house with large porches.

Martin Van Fleet married Miss Eliza Barrows in 1864. There were no children born of this union.

The remains of Mr. Van Fleet lie in the Noyes Cemetery close to the west boundry line. He died in 1871 at the age of 38 years.

FRANCIS HAMLIN - HISTORY

Francis Hamlin was born in Cumberland County, Maine, in the year 1817. His father was a farmer and a school teacher and provided his son with an excellent education. Francis also became a teacher. He moved to Ohio in 1841 where he taught in the schools in that state until 1849 when he joined a company by the name of the Cincinatti Mining and Trading Company. With other members of this company he came to California and mined in the Yuba River diggings. He returned to Maine in 1852 but came back to California the next year driving a herd of cattle

The waters from rising rivers were so high at the time of his arrival in Sutter County with his herd that he was obliged to take to high places which was the Sutter Buttes. It was at the Sutter Buttes he chose to make his home.

The Francis Hamlin residence and ranch was located on the right-hand side of the "Pass Road" going toward West Butte from Sutter City. The house was a nice-looking 1-story house with a smaller cottage on the west side of the fenced in yard. He owned 1,660 acres of farm and hill land.

Mrs. Hamlin was the former Miss Eliza Thrasher of Covington, Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Hamlin were the parents of two children, one of whom died in 1874.

Francis Hamlin was the nephew of Senator Hannibal Hamlin of Maine. He was nominated by the Republicans in 1860 to be Lincoln's running mate for vice president. Francis Hamlin was not a politician and did not take an active part in party affairs until 1860. The Republican party of Sutter County valued his name on the ticket. He was nominated for the Assembly and ran a most interesting campaign.

36 Mr. Hamlin passed away in 1902 at the age of 85 years and is buried at Noyes Cemetery with other members of the Hamlin family.

W. W. WILBUR - HISTORY

W. W. Wilbur was born in the State of New York in the year 1830. When he was seven years old he moved with his parents to Michigan. He came to California in 1852 and lived in El Dorado County until the spring of 1853, at which time he came to Sutter County and settled on the west side of the Buttes, about 2½ miles north of West Butte. He was married to Miss Katie Swift of Michigan in 1857, by whom he had six (6) children. His ranch at West Butte consisted of 410 acres, some farming land, some hill land.

W. W. Wilbur also owned property about 1/4 mile west and 1/4 miles outh of the West Butte store, going toward Meridian and just shortly before the covered bridge over Butte Slough. That property was later sold to a man by the name of Wilson.

One of the six children born to Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wilbur was Willard J. Wilbur. "Will", as he was nicknamed, fell heir to the Wilbur holdings and lived on the ranch at West Butte until his death in 1929.

Descendants of the Wilbur family were Ross, Myrle and Lester, children of Willard J. Wilbur. Ross had a daughter, Margaret.

LESTER VERNE WILBUR - HISTORY

Lester Verne Wilbur, youngest child of the Willard J. Wilburs!, taught one term at the Noyes Grammar School.

During the winter of 1922 the Sacramento River rose during a hard, rainy season and caused the backwaters from Butte Slough to overflow. When this happened after a wet winter or spring, roads were cut off from Noyesburg north to Live Oak and from Noyesburg south to West Butte. The Wilbur ranch was about half way between the West Butte store and Noyesburg.

Rural mail delivery was not yet established to the remote area of Noyesburg. Mail had to be picked up at the West Butte Post Office.

Lester Wilbur, on the evening of January 25th, 1922, decided to walk over the hill from the Wilbur home to West Butte to get the family mail. It was a stormy day with high winds and hard rain. Lester did not return from the post office all night.

Next morning his father and neighbors made a search for him. They found him dead at the crest of the hill. He had suffered a fatal heart attack.

Another one of the community's young whose life ended before it had a really good beginning.

Another two adventurous young men who settled at West Butte in the mid-1800's are none other than FREDERICK HOKE and PETER FREDERICK TARKE. Frederick Hoke and Peter Frederick Tarke were close friends in Iowa before making their way across the plains to California in 1850.

FREDERICK HOKE - HISTORY

Born in Germany in the year 1815, Frederick Hoke migrated to the United States in 1844 at the age of 29. He first went to Iowa where he made his home for several years. Upon arriving in California he went to the gold mines where he engaged himself in the venture until 1855. In that year he returned to Iowa and was married to Miss Louisa Mary Erke, also a native of Germany (Germany was known as Prussia in those days). Mr. Hoke and his bride, together with Peter Frederick Tarke and his bride, returned to California and to Sutter County via Cape Horn.

Mr. Hoke bought 1860 acres of land, 800 of which was under cultivation by 1879. This property was located south-west of the Buttes, near Butte Slough.

Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hoke: William (Bill); H. August; Minnie and Alice (Mrs. Will Straub of West Butte).

William Hoke, oldest son of Frederick and his wife, lived on the home place after the death of his parents. Bill Hoke farmed the land and maintained the home and property in the same manner as his father. The name of Mr. Hoke's first wife is not known but to his first marriage was born a daughter Hazel. Hazel also taught school at Noyes Grammar School.

It is not known, either, how long Mr. Hoke was widowed before he married Mrs. Ella Carroll Jones, a young, local widow whose husband, Thomas Jones, died June 14, 1886... accidentally. Mrs. Jones, by her previous marriage, had a young son, Claire W.

To the Ella Jones-Bill Hoke union was born a daughter, Carroll (Mrs. Keith Kenyon of Yuba City).

THOMAS W. JONES - HISTORY

In order to keep the Jones-Hoke relationships together, the writer will bring Tom Jones' brief life's history to mind. As mentioned above, he was married to Miss Ella Carroll and to them was born a son, Claire W.

Tom Jones was born in Wales in 1857. His parents migrated to the United States when he was two (2) years old and went to live in Wisconsin. Tom came to California in 1872, settling in Tehama County where he attended school and engaged in farming. In 1874 he moved to Sutter County and in 1877 went into partnership with George Betty and bought the West Butte General Store.

Tom Jones was a well liked, congenial, successful young businessman. His congeniality and obliging nature brought his life to an abrupt end at the age of 29 years. He and a friend were engaged in delivering a tombstone they had picked up at Marysville destined for Noyes Cemetery. The tombstone was of heavy, granite material. For some unexplainable reason it toppled over, pinning Mr. Jones beneath it. He was so severely crushed as a result of the accident he did not survive.

His wife of those many, long years ago, Ella Jones Hoke, lies by his side in death in the Jones plot at Noyes Cemetery.

PETER FREDERICK TARKE - HISTORY

PETER FREDERICK TARKE, born in Westphalia, Germany, in 1824, migrated to the United States at the threshold of a vigorous and promising manhood in his Fatherland. He left Germany in 1844 at the age of 20 years. Like the German emigrants described by the poet Freiligrath, a friend of Longfellow, he made his way to Missouri. There he worked as a deck-hand on boats that travelled the Mississippi River. Mr. Tarke was in a race up the Mississippi River from New Orleans to St. Louis when the firemen on the boat so forced their fires the boiler blew up, killing most of the men on board. Peter Frederick himself was badly hurt but survived.

Following that experience that almost cost him his life, he joined his friend, Frederick Tarke, and came across the plains. Upon their arrival in Sacramento they sold their teams and outfitted for the mine fields. Mr. Tarke went to Rough and Ready in Nevada County, and mined all one winter. He then returned to Sacramento, bought more animals and provisions and started out on a prospecting tour.

On the way he encountered a sever snowstorm. This delayed him for sometime at Box Ranch, 12 miles from Bidwell's place. In some places the snow as 20 feet deep, making it impossible to travel with animals. He then tried to make his way on foot, carrying 50 lbs. of flour upon his back but found this, too, impossible. After a wait and a long journey he arrived back at Rich Bar to find that the miners were giving gold for flour, pound for pound.

Mr. Tarke engaged in mining until 1855, in which year he returned to the mid-west. In Iowa that same year he married Miss Anne Marie Laise Stohlmann, sister of Johan Heinrich (Henry) Stohlmann, and aunt of Charles H. Stohlmann of Noyesburg. These two gentlemen had not yet come to America, however. Both Peter Frederick and Louise were born in Westphalia, Germany, and grew up there. Miss Louise had come to America to the home of her sister, Anna Marie Islabein and husband, William Pohle, at Bloomington, Wis., where they were married, and where they lived all of their lives. Members of the Pohle family still own and live on the old Pohle ranch. The writer visited the old Pohle home in August 1972.

Peter Frederick Tarke and his bride in company with Frederick Hoke and his bride began their journey back to California by way of Cape Horn, arriving in 1856.

Mr. and Mrs. Tarke located on the ranch at the foot of the Sutter Buttes, within walking distance of the home of his good friend Frederick Hoke. Mr. Tarke lived there until his death in 1888 and to which the Tarke name is so honorably associated. Upon Peter Frederick's death his only son, Louis, took over the property and he, his wife and family lived in the old Tarke "mansion", which Mr. Tarke had built and which still stands. The Tarke holdings are still owned and operated by Peter Frederick's great-grandsons' and Mrs. Anna Pederson Tarke, widow of Louis' son, Eldon, occupies the old home.

Under a pre-emption act of Congress of the U. S. of A. Mr. Tarke was able to take up several thousands of acres of tule, hill and farmland. As the years went by he acquired other acreages from other landowners'. Mr. Tarke is reported to have had, at one time, 100 head of horses, 500 head of cattle and 3,000 head of sheep. He was also a successful farmer.

To Mr. and Mrs. Peter Frederick Tarke were born three children, a son Louis and two (2) daughters: Anna Tarke (Mrs. William Hawn, a former resident of Noyesburg) and Emma Tarke (Mrs. Emma Graves).

Mr. Tarke died as the result of a horse having kicked him in the head. He was 58 years old.

LOUIS TARKE - HISTORY

Among the native sons' of Sutter County the name of LOUIS TARKE is prominent; a man who rendered inestimable services toward the advancement of the community in which he made his home. Louis Tarke was a man of good business principles, broad-minded, liberal, well read and well educated. He enjoyed to an exceptional degree the good will and appreciation of his friends, neighbors and associates.

Following his father's death in 1888, Louis fell heir to the property but a provision of his father's will stipulated that Louis pay each of his two sisters' \$20,000.00 as their portion of the estate.

Louis Tarke was one of the most successful farmers and businessmen in Sutter County. In his boyhood he was reared in the Luthern Faith by his religious, German-born mother. Throughout his life he took great interest in all demonimations. He was a prominent factor in the building of the Union Church at West Butte. He was a charter member of the Odd Fellows' Lodge at Meridian, a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of Marysville and a Mason.

Mr. Tarke spent his boyhood on the farm and received his early education in the public schools. He attended Heald's Business College in San Francisco, and the Golden Gate Military Academy at Oakland, Calif.

Until 1900 Mr. Tarke raised sheep. He disposed of the sheep to devote his time to the raising of livestock which he sold for stock purposes. He also raised stock horses and owned an interest in a Percheron Draft Horse.

Louis Tarke married Miss Nancy Santee, a native of West Butte, Sutter County, in the year 1891. To Mr. and Mrs. Tarke were born five (5) children:

Anna (Mrs. Marshall Shields)	
Frieda (Mrs. G. M. Sanstrom)	
Frederick	(All deceased)
Eldon	
George	

Politically Mr. Tarke adhered to the principles advocated in the platform of the Republican Party and was active in all its affairs. He took a public-spirited interest in all local affairs; served as Trustee for the West Butte School District and the Sutter Union High School District. He participated influentially in public life, actively serving as a member of the Assembly in the notable legislature of 1917.

Mrs. Tarke was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Santee. As the wife of a well-known, well-liked member of the legislature, she presided most graciously over her home. Both Mr. and Mrs. Tarke were highly regarded and respected throughout the State of California as well as in the county and community in which they resided.

(Geneology on the Peter Frederick Tarke
descendants my be found on Pages 288/298
of the Stohlmann Familie Chronicle).

GEORGE W. SANTEE - HISTORY

George W. Santee was born in Missouri in 1831. He came to California in 1850, settled in El Dorado County and engaged in mining for eight (8) years.

Mr. Santee returned to Missouri and married Miss Elizabeth Compton in 1859. He returned to California in 1862, his wife accompanying him in the trek across the plains. Upon his arrival in California the second time he again engaged in mining near Oroville which occupation he followed for two (2) years. In 1864 he and his family then came to Sutter County to make their home at West Butte where he purchased 185 acres of farm land.

Three daughters were born to the Santees':

Carrie
Nancy (Mrs. Louis Tarke)
Geneva (Mrs. George Straub)

HENRY ZELLE - HISTORY

Buried in the Tarke plot at Noyes cemetery is Henry Zelle. Mr. Zelle came to California from Germany the end of 1892 to visit his aunt, Anne Marie Louise (Stohlmann) Tarke and his uncle, Johann Heinrich (Henry) Stohlmann, both of whom resided near West Butte.

Henry was the son of Anna Marie Louise (Stohlmann) and Frederick Lunte-Zelle of Germany.

After having spent some time visiting his relatives, he, in company with his cousin Henry Stohlman (son of Johann Heinrich) went to St. Louis, Mo. to the Exposition during the summer of 1893. After leaving St. Louis both young men travelled on to Iowa and Wisconsin where they visited another Aunt, Mrs. William Pohle. The two Henrys' parted at the home of their aunt, Henry Stohlman returning to his home at West Butte and Henry Zelle making his way back to Deutchland by train from Chicago. Somewhere near Philadelphia, Penn. there was a train wreck and Mr. Zelle was killed. He died September 22, 1893, at the age of 25 years. His body was shipped back to Sutter County and interred in the Tarke plot at Noyes Cemetery.

J. M. COPE - HISTORY

J. M. Cope was born in Ohio in 1832. At age 20 he moved to Illinois, remained there a few years and then moved to Iowa. He was a blacksmith and worked his trade everywhere he went. In 1857 he came to California, settled in Eureka (South), Nevada County, and opened a blacksmith's shop. A year later he came to Sutter County and settled at West Butte where he also operated a blacksmith shop. Mr. Cope also farmed his 160 acre farm located on the Pass Road.

Mr. Cope took Miss Mary Jane Johnston of Iowa as his bride in 1855. Five (5) children bleassed the Cope home at West Butte.

In 1875 Mr. Cope owned and operated the West Butte General Store.

E. F. GRAY - HISTORY

This gentleman was born in Ripley County, Indiana, in 1830. He came to California across the plains in 1853 and immediately went into mining, which occupation he followed until 1858. In that year he came to Sutter County and located at West Butte. There he was able to acquire 420 acres of land which he cultivated.

He was married to a Mrs. Mayse in 1864. The Gray's had two children. A daughter, Malinda, died September 18, 1888, and is buried at Noyes Cemetery.

Another Gray - Beverley - is also buried at Noyes Cemetery but it is unlikely that Beverley is the daughter of E. F. Gray.

A B. C. Gray also lived at West Butte. Since Malinda's grave and Beverley's grave are at two different locations in the cemetery, the writer assumes Beverley may be the daughter of B. C. Gray.

Beverley Gray is a brother of E.F. Gray. They crossed the plains the same year.
Malinda Gray was daughter of E.F. Gray. Other daughter was Mary Frances Gray.

HENRY (JOHANN HEINRICH) STOHLMANN - HISTORY

Henry Stohlmann, baptised Johann Heinrich, was born in Prussia in the year 1839 and lived there until 1858. In that year Mr. Stohlmann migrated to the United States. He went directly to Iowa to the home of his sister, Anna Marie Islabein (Mrs. William Pohle), with whom he lived for over a year. He then came to Sutter County and homesteaded property not too distant from his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Frederick Tarke, who were in the process of establishing themselves in their new home and surroundings.

In 1870 word reached him from his brother, Caspar, at Klosterbauerschaft #14, Germany, to return to his homeland and receive compensation in accordance with his Mother's last will and testament. During his stay in the village in which he was born he met Miss Minna Stratmeier. Henry and Minna were married January 31st, 1871 and together they began their married life coming back to California to make their home. Enroute to Sutter County they visited Mr. Stohlmann's sister in Bloomington, Wisconsin, and other relatives in Iowa.

Mr. Stohlmann owned quite a large spread between Sutter City and the Butte Slough, some of which was then referred to as District 70. Henry Stohlmann and family was referred to by other members of the Stohlmann/Stohlman families as "the Long Bridge Stohlmanns'" to distinguish them from other Stohlmans' in the county. For many years there was quite a long bridge over Butte Slough.

Henry and his wife, Minna, had eight (8) children.

Henry Stohlmann suffered a fatal heart attack as he was walking behind a plow and team of horses in a field near his home. He was 47 years old at the time of his death. The youngest of the Stohlmann brood was not yet a year old when her Father died.

He died December 29th, 1887 and was buried at Noyes Cemetery. His remains were exhumed from Noyes Cemetery and buried at Sutter Cemetery in 1921, shortly after the death of his wife, Minna. It was Mrs. Stohlmann's request that her husband's remains be removed from Noyes Cemetery and placed in the Stohlmann family plot at Sutter following her death. That request was fulfilled by her family.

(For the genealogy on the Henry Stohlmann family see the Stohlmann Familie Chronicle - Pages 413 to 431, inclusive).

JAMES R. CARROLL

JAMES R. CARROLL was the son of John Carroll and his wife, the former Ella Shehan. John Carroll was born in Ireland and migrated to New York. He came to California in 1855, engaged in mining in the gold fields for a time before settling at West Butte where he made his home. Four children blessed the Carroll household: son James who is the subject of this item; son John and two daughters', Ella and Alice.

James R., known as "Jim", was born at West Butte on his Father's ranch, as were the other three children. He attended the West Butte School and farmed the land and raised sheep with his Father on the home place. He took as his bride, Miss Louisa Minnie Hoke, sister of William Hoke, also a native of West Butte. Jim and Louisa had a son Verne M. and a daughter, Vera. Verne passed away in 1934. Vera was a school teacher but following the death of her Mother in 1947 she took on the entire responsibility of operating the farmland and raising sheep. Vera lived on the old Carroll place until her death in 1974. She had never married.

Upon settlement of Vera Carroll's estate the Carroll properties were sold to Kermit Tarke, Great -Grand-son of Peter Frederick Tarke, one of the early pioneers of the West Butte area.

John Carroll, Jr., "Johnnie" as he was known to his friends and neighbors, also owned property at West Butte. He was a widower with a small daughter, June. Johnnie's aunt, Nellie Shehan lived with him and took care of June.

Daughter Alice became Mrs. Will Straub of West Butte. To them was born a son, Cecil, who was educated in the Sutter County public Schools (West Butte Grammar and Sutter High School) and went on to graduate from the University of California, Berkeley. He is a well-liked, highly regarded resident of Sutter County.

Cecil and his wife, Florence, who taught at the Noyes Grammar School, live out of Yuba City on the Colusa Highway. During the early years of their marriage they lived on the Hawn Ranch at Noyesburg.

Ella Carroll, named after her Mother, married the West Butte General Storekeeper, Thomas W. Jones. Mr. Jones was accidentally killed at the age of 29 years, leaving his widow with a small son, Claire W. Jones. Mrs. Jones was still a very young woman when she married William Hoke, a local farmer and property owner, a widower with a small daughter, June. Together Mr. and Mrs. William Hoke had a daughter, Carroll (Mrs. Keith Kenyon of Yuba City). Mrs. Kenyon has a daughter, Phyllis who, with her family, lives in the Salinas Valley.

In the Carroll family plot at Noyes Cemetery lie James and his wife, Louisa M., daughter Vera, son Verne M. and Verne's wife, Rose Carroll.

CLARIE W. JONES - HISTORY

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Claire W. Jones, son of Ella (Carroll) and Thomas W. Jones, grew up in the home of his step-father, William Hoke. Claire was born at West Butte and attended the West Butte Grammar School and Sutter High School. During all of Claire Jones' years he was well-liked and well thought of by both the West Butte and Noyesburg communities. He spent alot of years on the ranch of his Mother at Noyesburg so could easily be considered one of it's own. Claire was like a dear brother to most of the area's young folk of his age.

When his Mother, Ella, bought the Stevenson property at Noyesburg in 1904, Claire worked on the ranch and looked after the raising of the herds of sheep that roamed the low hills on the property. He was a constant over-seer of the breeding of the sheep, lambing and looking after the herders' who lived in a "cook-house", on wheels, on the property.

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Claire Jones married Bernice Deering whose parents, for a time, leased the Anna (Tarke) and William Hawn property adjoining. Bernice and Claire lived on the Noyesburg ranch property for several years before buying a home on the Colusa Highway out of Yuba City. Some years later he bought a home on the Live Oak Highway, north of Yuba City. He also owned property at Pennington and East Butte.

Much of Claire's time was spent at the ranch. He, as Mrs. Hoke's only son, fell heir to that property, both hill and farmland. He was a successful farmer, orchadist and sheepman.

The Jones' had one daughter, Elladee. She is married to George Kyling, of Yuba City. Mr. and Mrs. Kyling are the owners of the Noyesburg property which they farm. They make their home at East Butte.

Both Bernice and Claire W. Jones passed away in 1958, Claire preceding his wife in death by only a few months'. They, too, are buried close to the John Carroll family plot in the Noyes Cemetery.

BURWELL B. ADAMS - HISTORY

The subject of this history resided at West Butte then later moved to Noyesburg. He had the distinction of being an active participant of both communities.

Burwell B. Adams was born in Montgomery County, Missouri, August 17, 1859, the son of Ann M. and Carter C. Adams. Mrs. Adams was the former Ann M. Boone, a grand niece of Daniel Boone, the famous frontiersman of Kentucky. Mrs. Adams was also a native of Missouri.

Burwell received his education in the public schools of Montgomery County. At age 21 (1880) he came to California and settled in Sutter County. He worked as a farm laborer. At one time he rented property in Colusa County which he farmed on shares.

While engaged in farming in Colusa County he met Miss Katherine Coats, a native of Antelope Valley, the daughter of Isabelle (Boone) and William A. Coats. Mr. and Mrs. Coats were natives of Boone and Montgomery Counties, Missouri. Isabelle Boone Coats was also a grand niece of Daniel Boone.

On December 27th, 1882, Burwell Adams and Miss Katherine Coats were married at the home of her parents near O'Banion Corners, Sutter County. The newlyweds' made their home at West Butte in which vicinity Mr. Adams continued with his farming interests.

The Adams' were the parents of nine (9) children: Annabel (Mrs. Bert Ullrey); Orva (Mrs. George Foderhase; Mattie Hixon Fox and Catherine (Mrs. Claude Barkley) were their daughters'. A daughter, Gertrude Edna passed away in 1899 and is buried at Noyes Cemetery. Their sons' were William (Bill) Adams, Pennington; Warren, who operated the Adams' property at O'Banion Corners and Howard Adams of Gridley, Butte County.

Isabelle and William A. Coats' children were: Katherine B. (Mrs. Burwell Adams); Mattie, (Mrs. Frank Gilpatric, Mother of Frank Gilpatric, a well-known local resident and businessman); Ova (Mrs. Leonard Trowbridge) and William K. Coats.

When the Adams family moved to Noyesburg they settled about two (2) miles north of the Noyes place, just over the crest of the hill on West Butte Road, on the Kersey place. Mr. Adams leased land from Allen S. Noyes and farmed in that district for some years. The home the Adams' occupied later became the Sacramento Gun Club.

Daughter Mattie was born November 30, 1901, while her parents were still making their home on the Kersey place. Daughter Annabel attended Noyes Grammar School and graduated from there June 26th, 1900. Gwendolen Roesner Carroll was the teacher in that year. Warren and Howard also attended Noyes Grammar School while their parents were residents of the district.

From Noyesburg Mr. Adams moved his family to North Butte (Pennington) where he farmed and raised livestock on the Boyd Ranch. He purchased 45 acres of land at Pennington where he and his family made their home until Mrs. Adams inherited an 80 acre tract from her parents estate at O'Banion Corners. Son Bill Adams planted the acreage at Pennington to almonds and lived there until his death.

Living descendants of the Burwell B. Adams family at the time of this writing (1976) are the Adams' two daughters, Mattie Hixon Fox and Orva (Mrs. George Foderhase). Mattie's son William and daughter Shirley Emery and Orva's daughter Katherine. Burwell Adams II, son of Howard Adams; Mrs. Wilma Adams Holliday and Arthur Adams, children of Bill Adams. Dorothea Barkley Ricketts and Kathleen Barkley Waters, daughters of Catherine (Mrs. Claude Barkley) and their brother, Claude Barkley, Jr.

Additional grandchildren of Katherine (Coats) and Burwell B. Adams are Lola Ullrey Case of Pacific Grove, and Burwell and Walter Ullrey, well-known and successful morticians of Yuba City.

ROBERT ULLREY - HISTORY

Robert Ullrey and his wife, the former Lillie Allen, came to the West Butte area from Stoneyford. Mr. Ullrey farmed. Their home was near Butte Slough. The Ullreys' were blessed with seven (7) children, four sons and three (3) daughters. Clyde, Bert, Charles and Willis Ullrey were their sons. Daughters were Mae Ullrey O'Neil, Annie and Theresa.

Grandchildren include Clyde's son, James Ullrey of Meridian; Willis' son, Willis, Jr. Annabel (Coats) and Bert Ullrey's three children, Lola Ullrey Case and Burwell and Walter Ullrey.

Mae Ullrey O'Neil's children are Janet O'Neil Walsh and Faye O'Neil Schellenger.

The names of Annie and Theresa's children are not available to the writer.

Bert Ullrey was, at one time, Sheriff of Sutter County. He was the founder of Ullrey Mortuary in Yuba City.

Lillie Allen Ullrey was one of the survivors of an Indian massacre at Millville, Shasta County.

(See Lola Ullrey Case's history on the Boone, Adams, Coats and Ullrey families which covers, in detail, those whose names have been mentioned only briefly in the above).

The writer of the foregoing pages has gone back over a century in an effort to make this contribution to the Sutter County Community Museum as accurate as possible, by checking deed books at the Hall of Records and taking data from Sutter County history books at the county library. The writer also scratched the minds and opened memory niches of former Noyesburg residents, relatives and friends, including her own.

In Noyes Cemetery and in all old cemeteries across our nation lie the remains of men and women who had great strength and determination, who were of strong will, mind and body. Men and women who had courage to come across the plains in covered wagons with few provisions and medical supplies. Through mountains fraught with storms. their lives in danger ever inch of the way.

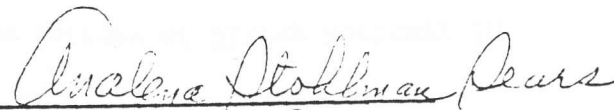
These are the kinds of folks who helped to make our nation best - the first-comers to the Colonies, the first-settlers all across our nation, the pioneers who fought against every odd to get to California where they put their life's blood into the land and into the communities in which they lived. Our ancestors!

Alot of thought and respect should be given to these pioneers', and others, who lie at rest under the quiet shadows of the century-old trees at Noyes Cemetery. Reading the verses on the headstones - so many wom with time - some massive in construction - a feeling of restfulness is evident.

Reaching the gate to pause for a moment while looking back over the unbeautified grounds, a breeze caresses one's cheek as soft as the touch of an angel's wing.

All is at peace there!

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