

**A Brief Look at the Soldiers  
and Sailors that served in the  
Mexican and Civil War Buried  
at Oak Mound Cemetery in  
Healdsburg, California**

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# **Mexican War**

## **Soldiers**

### **Private Franklin Bedwell**

Franklin Bedwell was born on the 21<sup>st</sup> August 1810 in White, Tennessee to Ira Theophilus Bedwell and Barbara Jane Catron. In 1846, he enlisted in the Mexican War under command of Colonel Fremont. In their first engagement the Americans took several prisoners, whom they sent to Sacramento. Thinking the enemy subdued, they returned to the Alexander home, but within a few days were again called out. Arriving at the old Santa Rosa House, they learned that the Mexicans had captured some of the Americans, who had got lost from the main company.

In a spirited attack they killed six Spaniards and wounded several more. After several skirmishes about Sonoma and San Rafael under Fremont, the company of 75 retired to Sacramento. From there they were ordered to San Diego, where the company was divided, a portion going to Los Angeles. Bedwell was left at San Diego, where with others he was engaged in guarding the bay under command of Captain Hensley. In 1846 Colonel Fremont made a treaty with the Mexicans which ended the strife. Returning home, Bedwell remained on his ranch until 1848, when he followed the lure of the gold mines. When the 1850 Census was taken he was making his home in Sonoma County, California living with Cyrus Alexander and Family. When the 1852 Census was taken he is making his home in Sonoma County, California. On the 7<sup>th</sup> August 1852, he married Salino McMinn in Sonoma County, California. When the 1860 Census was taken he was making his home in Washington, Sonoma County, California.



*Franklin Bedwell*

When the 1870 Census was taken he was making his home in Russian River, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. When the 1880 Census was taken he was making his home in Russian River, Sonoma County, California. On the 10<sup>th</sup> November 1886, he passed away in Alexander Valley, Sonoma County, California.

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17<sup>th</sup> November 1886 page 3

Franklin Bedwell, aged 76 years a pioneer, died in Alexander Valley last Wednesday.

### **Private William Branern**

William Branern was born in October 1828 in Germany. He immigrated to the United States in 1844. In July 1847, he enlisted as a Private in Company A, Mounted Louisiana Battalion Volunteers. He was discharged in July 1848. On the 4<sup>th</sup> November 1879, he married Catherine "Katie" Richie in San Francisco, California. When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home in Russian River, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. In 1890, he is making his home in Russian River, Sonoma County, California. In 1896, he is making his home in Windsor East, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. When the 1900 Census was taken he was making his home in Russian River, Sonoma County, California. When the 1910 Census was taken he was making his home in Russian River, Sonoma County, California. On the 1<sup>st</sup> October 1918, he passed away in Sonoma County, California.

Obituary in Healdsburg Tribune

3<sup>rd</sup> October 1918 page

## DEATH OF WILLIAM BRANERN

William Branern, a resident of Healdsburg for many years, died at the home of his son, William Branern, across the rivers, Tuesday. He had reached the advanced age of nearly ninety-one years, lacking but two weeks of that age. He was a native of Germany. The funeral will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the undertaking chapel of Clarence E. Curtis.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant John Brown**

John Brown was born on the 10<sup>th</sup> November 1803 in Kentucky. In December 1847, he enlisted as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in Company C, 5<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Infantry under the command of Colonel George R. McClellan. Company C was comprised of mostly men from Monroe County, but contained 13 men from Bradley County. In July 1848, he was discharged from service. In 1866, he is making his home in Sanel Township, Mendocino County, California working as a Stock Raiser. On the 8<sup>th</sup> November 1877, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

### **Captain John Cook**

John Cook was born on the 27<sup>th</sup> December 1827 near Louisville, Kentucky. When as a young man he went to Minnesota, which was his home for a few years. During the Mexican War he organized a company of volunteers, of which he was captain, but his company was mustered out without being called to the front. In 1862, he married Maggie. When the 1870 Census was taken he is making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Carpenter. When the 1880 Census was taken he was making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. When the 1900 Census was taken he was making his home on Johnson Street, Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Carpenter. When the 1910 Census was taken he was making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California operating his own general farm. On the 19<sup>th</sup> May 1913, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

Obituary in Healdsburg Enterprise

24<sup>th</sup> May 1913 page

JOHN COOK IS DEAD

Messenger Came as He Slept After a Day's Work in the Field

'Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch about him and lies down to pleasant dreams.'" And that was the way life's close came to John Cook, Monday night after a residence in Healdsburg of forty-eight years, almost to a day.

Mr. Cook had no premonition that the end of life was near. He had been engaged for some days in caring for his hay crop at the little ranch on the river south of town, and it is probable that over-exertion in pitching hay was the primary cause of his death.

He had appeared as well as usual in the evening, and before retiring asked his wife to make a glass of lemonade for him. When Mrs. Cook retired, an hour or so later, Mr. Cook was sleeping quietly. She was awakened soon after by the coughing of her husband. She raised his head, but he passed away without opening his eyes, and apparently in his sleep.

Mr. Cook was born near Louisville, Kentucky, December 23d, 1827. When a young man he went to Minnesota, which was his home for a few years. During the Mexican War he organized a company of volunteers, of which he was captain, but his company was mustered out without being called to the front.

He went to Iowa in 1862, and was there married the same year to the wife who has been his life's companion for more than half a century.

They crossed the plains to Nevada on their wedding trip, and after a brief stay in Nevada located at Lake Tahoe, high up in the Sierras, where Mr. Cook engaged in sawmilling and in conducting a hotel for a number, of years.

They came to Healdsburg, then but a hamlet, in May, 1865 and this city has been their home continuously since that time—forty-eight years ago Four of their five children were born in Healdsburg. Of these children, Dr. William Cook and Frank

Cook are residents of Eureka, and the three daughters, Mrs. Anna Whalen, Mrs. T. Lindsay and Mrs. E. P. Farmer, are residents of Oakland.

Mr. Cook had enjoyed good health all his life, never having been under a doctor's care. Up to the day of his death, for many years, he had taken entire care of his fruit ranch of seven acres. Much of the time he spent alone on the ranch, and at times he would drive daily back and forth.

He was a man of kindly nature — a real gentleman—and his life was an open book. He was a member of the Adventist Church, and his religion entered into and was a part of his daily life.

### **Private Thomas W. Goodwyn**

Thomas W. Goodwyn was born on the 26<sup>th</sup> May 1803 in England. In 1828, he ran with the Fire Department "Crooked Five" on Ann Street in New York. In 1830 he went to Patterson, New Jersey and was then elected a member of No. 1, afterward serving as foreman for about 4 years. In 1838 he was instrumental in establishing the Quincy, Illinois department where he was foreman of a company (until 1849). On the 18<sup>th</sup> April 1840, he was naturalized as a US Citizen in Adams County, Illinois. On the 30<sup>th</sup> May 1846, he enlisted as a Private in Company D, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tennessee Infantry Regiment under Captain Ruth. On the 17<sup>th</sup> April 1847, he was wounded in action in a skirmish near Cerro Gordo.

*“Cerro Gordo was a strategic mountain pass along the national road between Vera Cruz and Mexico City. Facing each other in this battle were the armies of Gen. Winfield Scott and Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna. The battle, in which the First and Second Tennessee Infantry regiments greatly distinguished themselves, was the first in a string of American victories that led to the capture of Mexico City. Santa Anna believed the American victory at Cerro Gordo was the most significant of the war. A town in Hardin County is named for this battle.”<sup>1</sup>*

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<sup>1</sup> <https://sharetn.gov.tnsosfiles.com/tsla/exhibits/veterans/mexicanamerican.htm>

He was left at the hospital at Jalapa on the 6<sup>th</sup> May 1847. He mustered out of service on the 27<sup>th</sup> May 1847 at New Orleans, Louisiana. In 1850 he moved to California, which connected him with the Coast department where he remained for five years, returning to Quincy, Illinois where he assumed the duties of Chief a position he held for about 10 years. When the 1860 Census was taken he is making his home in Quincy Ward 2, Adams County, Illinois working as a Gun Smith. In 1868 and 1869, he was the route agent for the US Mail on the Mississippi and Missouri rivers between Keokuk and St. Louis. In 1879, he is making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Gun Smith. When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home in University Street, Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Gun Smith. The Following is part of an article from the Russian River Flag on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 1888:

*“Dec. 23, 1883. We the undersigned members of Fire Co., No. 1, certify that Thos. Goodwyn was an old and valuable member of Fire Co., No. 1, served many years as foreman of the engine and afterwards as chief engineer of the department, We would refer to the records of the company but unfortunately they were lost in the burning of T. D. Woodruffs music and piano store three years ago. He (Woodruff) being the secretary of the old company at its disbandment. Mr. Goodwyn was a charter member of No. 1 at its organization in 1839 and was elected chief in 38 or 9.*

*Signed R.H. Benneson, Engineer Steamer No. 1.”*

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1888, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

Obituary in Healdsburg Enterprise

10<sup>th</sup> October 1888 page

AN OLD RESIDENT GONE



Death has again visited our city and the spirit of Thomas W. Goodwyn has taken its Right to Him who gave it. He had been stricken with paralysis some weeks since, and although his age and infirmities made it a certainty that he would never again rise from his bed, every possible care and medical attention that competent physicians could give was given. On Wednesday, after a few weeks lingering illness, he passed peacefully away surrounded by sympathetic friends. During his illness his son has been constant and faithful in his devotion, never allowing a moment to pass without being at his bedside to minister to his every wish. Mr. Goodwyn had resided in this community for a number of years and was known as a man of principle and integrity, and was held in high esteem by all who knew him. He was an active fireman at the time of his death, and had been connected with the Fire Department ever since taking up his residence in this city, and although advanced in years would promptly and faithfully respond to the call of the fire bell. He was found foremost in answering the call and prompt and faithful in the discharge of duty, and was ever alive to the interest of the department. His history as a fireman is varied and interesting as will be shown by the following extract from the "Fireman's Herald."

Healdsburg, Cal., boasts of an old fireman, Thomas W. Goodwyn, who ran with the "Crooked Fives," in Ann street, New York 'way back in 1838. In 1830 he went to Paterson, N.J., and was then elected a member of No. 1, afterward serving as foreman for about forty years. In 1838 he was instrumental in establishing the Quincy, Ill., department where he was foreman of a company until 1849. The year 1850 found him in California, when he connected himself with the Coast department where he remained for about five years, returning to Quincy to assume the duties of chief, which position he held for about ten years, afterward relinquishing that position to return to the ranks. Mr. Goodwyn is now 88 years of age, having been born May 28, 1803. He recently ran to a fire and made good time. A fireman, especially an old-timer, never grows old.

He was buried in Oak Mound cemetery on Friday, the funeral being under the auspices of the fire department. The remains were followed to their last resting place by his many friends and associates. He had lived to a ripe old age, having reached his eighty-sixth year, and it may well be said that his life was a life of

usefulness, and a continued endeavor to “do unto others as he would be done by.”

### **1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Lewis Adelbert Norton**

Lewis Adelbert Norton was born on the 13<sup>th</sup> August 1819 in Chautauqua, Franklin County, New York to Lewis Adelbert Norton and Ann Burkart. He grew up in Canada and western New York, but was banished from Canada for taking the Patriot side in the Rebellion of 1837-1838, he then settled in Illinois. In the Fall of 1840, he married Miss Fisk. In June 1846, he enlisted as a 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Illinois Volunteer Regiment. He was discharged in June 1847. In 1855, he was Captain of the Placerville Guards. In 1856 he moves to Healdsburg, where his law practice involves him in the Squatter War on the Russian River.



When the 1860 Census was taken he is making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Lawyer. On the 1<sup>st</sup> September 1865, he married Minnie Molloy in Sonoma County, California. When the 1870 Census was taken he

is making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Lawyer. On the 15<sup>th</sup> January 1871, his wife Minnie passed away. On the 14<sup>th</sup> January 1872, he married Emma Turner in Sacramento County, California. When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home in West Street, Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Lawyer. On the 16<sup>th</sup> August 1891, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

Obituary in

20<sup>th</sup> August 1891 page

#### ANOTHER PIONEER GONE

L. A. Norton, One of California's Most Prominent Citizens, Succumbs to Cancer.

At a few minutes past 1 o'clock, Sunday afternoon, Col. Lewis A. Norton, a pioneer of California, died of cancer of the throat at his home on West North street, this city. He had been suffering long and excruciatingly from that deadly disease, but fought it hard and courageously and would not yield to his summons to bed until a few days before his demise.

In the death of Col. Norton Healdsburg has lost a good citizen. He was always alive to the interests of this place and enjoyed an enviable reputation for honesty in all his dealings.

His life has been full of daring adventures and his biography as is given below will be read with interest.

Lewis Adelbert Norton was born in Chautauqua, Franklin Co., New York, in 1818. Shortly after his birth his parents removed to Canada, remaining there until he was eight years old, when they returned to their old homestead in New York.

Lewis Norton was the fifth child of a family of nine, and his parents unfortunately were not blessed with an abundance of worldly possessions. At the age of eleven years Lewis determined —with genuine American independence —to lighten the burden somewhat, or, in other words, to look out for himself.

Accordingly in May, 1829, he left the home nest, on foot, and with but twenty-five cents in his pocket.

The second day after his arrival at Read's Mill, New York, he went to work receiving \$4, per month. At the end of four months he again struck out, going to Ogdensburg, where he crossed the St. Lawrence River, and took a Canadian steamer for Queenstown, en-route to Upper Canada, now known as Canada West.

In the year 1832 he found himself, a mere youth, after eighteen months rambling over the wilds of Canada seven or eight hundred miles from home. At that time the country was but sparsely settled. Travel was almost entirely local, farmers traversing the country with the ox-carts or wagons from their homes to small market towns. In most instances mails were carried on horse back.

After traveling through various parts of Canada he resolved to visit his old home and relatives at Norton Creek, in New York. He accordingly set out, working his way on water, and going on foot on land. On arriving home he endeavored to persuade his family to remove with him to Upper Canada, and finally succeeded doing so.

In 1837 he enrolled as a minute-man with the Patriot forces in the Canadian rebellion against the British Government, during which he was taken prisoner. While incarcerated he was taken with typhus fever, and was removed from the prison to the hospital. Shortly after his recovery he was released on a sentence of "voluntary banishment," which necessitated his leaving Canada immediately.

Leaving Canada, in company with his family, he settled at Blake River, Michigan, receiving employment on the Michigan canal, then in course of construction from Chicago to La Salle. After working the fall and winter on the canal, the next spring he went to Warrensville, Illinois, settling on 160 acres of government land. He worked at farming for several months, and then set out to visit friends on Fox River.

In the fall of 1840 he was united in marriage with a young lady by the name of Fisk.

When the Mexican War broke out he organized a company and marched to the seat of the conflict, covering himself with distinction.

Returning from the war to Illinois he took up the study of law, being finally admitted to the bar of the Supreme Courts of Illinois, Trumbull, Treat and John Dean then presiding. In 1855 he was appointed District attorney of Western Utah.

Mr. Norton finally resolved to immigrate to California and was one of a party to cross the plains bound for our Golden State. After many interesting events the party arrived at their destination, and Mr. Norton settled in Placerville, El Dorado Co., which, outside of San Francisco, was the most important town of California at that time.

He tried mining a short time and while protecting his claim against a gang of ruffians he sustained injuries which so disabled him that he was forced to give up his claim, and he then commenced the practice of law. On July 5, 1856, Placerville was almost entirely destroyed by fire, Mr. Norton losing \$13,000.

Hearing favorable reports of the county of Sonoma he determined to visit it with a view to locating here. In 1855 he paid a brief visit to the county, but his limited time did not permit of an investigation of its resources. He accordingly visited "Old Sonoma" again, and was most favorably impressed with the then small hamlet of Healdsburg. The broad acres of the rich Dry Creek Valley and the fertile Russian River bottom lands lying on each side of the town site, while the little town itself, with its picturesque scenery, and glorious climate afforded superior inducements, and Mr. Norton determined to avail himself of them and settled here, resolved to win a living in the practice of his profession, in which he was successful.

On January 4, 1872, Mr. Norton (then a widower) was united in marriage with Miss Turner of Sacramento.

Mr. Norton figured prominently in the "Squatter War" in this place, being employed as attorney by Dr. L.C. Frisbie of Vallejo, to look after his interests in the Sotoyome Rancho, and later on being employed by J.B. Frisbie and W.H. Patterson, of San Francisco to take charge of the Tabaco Rancho.

Mr. Norton fulfilled his trust in a manner highly creditable to himself, and satisfactory to his employers.

In 1874 he made an extended trip to the East, visiting his old home, and many other States of the Union. He then returned to his Healdsburg home, residing here constantly since. For several years he had not practiced his profession. Much of his time was spent in writing a volume published a few years back under the title of "Memoirs of the Mexican War," and later on he wrote his own biography which was published in 1878.

### **Private Thomas Alexander Owens**

Thomas Alexander Owens was born on the 4<sup>th</sup> March 1826 in McMinn County, Tennessee to William Isaac Owens and Ruth Ferrell. He enlisted in June 1846 as a Private in Company H, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tennessee Infantry Regiment under command of Colonel William T. Haskell. He was discharged in May 1847. On the 17<sup>th</sup> July 1849, he married Nancy Palestine Rice in McMinn County, Tennessee. When the 1850 Census was taken he is making his home in Subdivision 23, McMinn County, Tennessee. When the 1860 Census was taken he is making his home in Colville, Benton County, Arkansas working as a Farmer. When the 1870 Census was taken he is making his home in Sugar Creek, Benton County, Arkansas working as a Farmer. In 1876, he is making his home in Folsom, Sacramento County, California. In 1880, he is making his home in Suisun, Solano County, California working as a Farmer. In 1888, he is making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. In 1892, he is making his home in Healdsburg No. 1, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. When the 1900 Census was taken he is making his home on Piper Street, Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. When the 1910 Census was taken he is making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California. On the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1911, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

## Obituary in Healdsburg Tribune

18<sup>th</sup> January 1911 page 1

### Mexican War Veteran Makes last Journey

The death of Thos. A. Owen occurred in this city last Wednesday, old age, coupled with neuralgia being the cause of his demise. The deceased was a native of McMinn County, Tennessee, and was aged 85 years, 10 months and 7 days.

Mr. Owen was a Mexican war veteran, serving under both General Scott and General Taylor. In July 1849 he was wedded to Miss Nancy P. Rice of Tennessee, and eleven children blessed their union, seven of which survive to mourn the loss of a loving father. These are Mrs. C.L. Davisson, Mrs. J.B. Brown, Mrs. Fred Haub, Mrs. H.G. Lamb, H.T. Owens, I.L. Owens and G.R. Owens.

In 1873 Mr. Owens and family moved to California, coming to Healdsburg in 1885, and have since resided here. He was a member of the Methodist church. Joining that faith at the age of 14, and was a true Christian man. He possessed many friends whose sympathy goes out to the bereaved widow and family. The funeral services were held Friday, with interment in Oak Mound cemetery.

### **Corporal Henry Packard**

Henry Packard was born on the 6<sup>th</sup> May 1825 in Parkman, Geauga County, Ohio to Noah Packard and Sophia Bundy. On the 16<sup>th</sup> July 1846, he enlisted as a Corporal in Company A, Captain Hunt's Regiment Battery of Iowa Mormon Volunteers at Council Bluff, Iowa. On the 1<sup>st</sup> August 1846, his regiment reached Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. On August 13<sup>th</sup> they started with orders to go to Bent's Fort, Colorado. On October 18<sup>th</sup> they left Santa Fe with 25 government wagons and 60 days rations, 5 company wagons and 12 private family wagons., they ordered that the men to be organized into messes of ten men each. On the 24<sup>th</sup> they arrived at Albuquerque, New Mexico. From here they traveled south down

the western side of the Rio Grande River. On Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> they left the Rio Grande and began blazing a new wagon trail.

Just before they arrived at Tucson, the garrison of Mexican soldiers stationed there had fled to the south on hearing of their coming. After a short stay they marched north to the Gila River and the Pima Indian villages. From here they basically followed the southern edge of the Gila River to the Yuma crossing of the Colorado and from there to Mexicali, then north to Palm Springs, following the San Luis River through the Temecula Valley arriving at San Luis Rey on the 27<sup>th</sup> January 1847. Upon reaching California the battalion learned that it had already been secured from Mexico by Fremont and Kearny, but all was not peaceful. From here the battalion was split with one company going to San Diego and four companies, along with Henry, going to Pueblo de Los Angeles, where they built Fort Moore. Sometime between March and April 1847, Henry was promoted to Corporal. On the 16<sup>th</sup> July 1847, he was discharged at Fort Moore, the government tried to get as many men as possible to re-enlist for another six months. Henry was one of 79 who did. On the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1847, he was promoted to Sergeant.

"Private Henry Packard, of Company A, Mormon Volunteers, is hereby appointed Sergeant of said company, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Sergeant Lafayette Frost. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly." Order issued at San Diego on September 11, 1847 by Capt. Daniel C. Davis.

On the 14<sup>th</sup> March 1848, he was discharged at San Diego, California. After he was discharged he moved to Council Bluff, Iowa for a 1 year or 2. When the 1850 Census was taken he was making his home in Salt Lake City, Utah. On the 16<sup>th</sup> January 1851, he married Mary Marie Chase. On the 7<sup>th</sup> February 1854, his wife passed away in Salt Lake City, Utah. He lived in Salt Lake City for about 10 years, then removing to Springville, Utah. On the 24<sup>th</sup> July 1863, he married Almira M. Whiting in Springville, Utah by Lyman S. Wood (Mayor). When the 1870 Census was taken he is making his home in Springville, Utah. When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home in Springville, Utah working in the Mining Business. In about 1882, he moved to Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. In 1888, he is

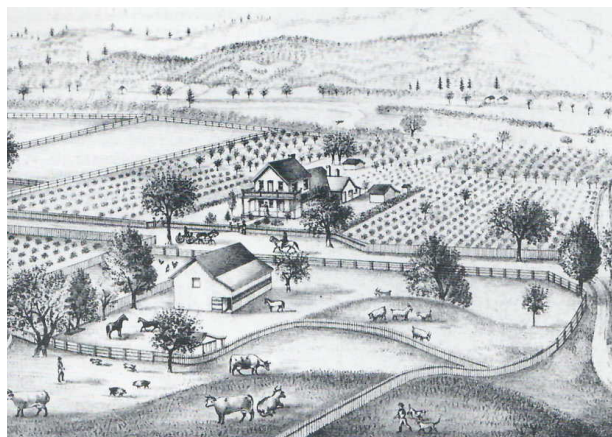


making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Stone Cutter. In 1892, he is making his home in Healdsburg No. 2 working as a Stone Cutter. On the 17<sup>th</sup> November 1896, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

### **Private Duvall Drake Phillips**

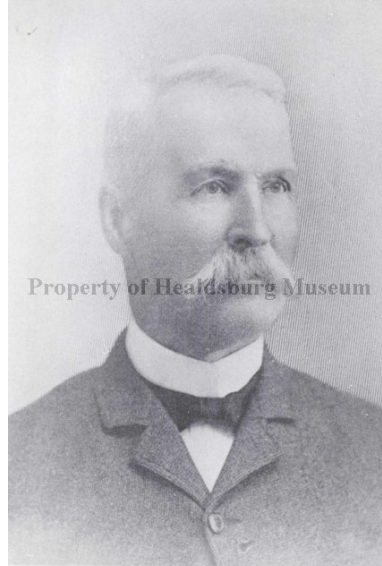
Duvall Drake Phillips was born on the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1822 in Orangeburg, Mason County, Kentucky to Gabriel Phillips and Fanny Cooper. On the 18<sup>th</sup> May 1843, he married Amelia Ann Kennedy in Ralls County, Missouri. On the 10<sup>th</sup> March 1847, his wife passed away. In July 1847, he enlisted as a Private in Company E, 3<sup>rd</sup> Missouri Mounted Volunteer Regiment under the command of Colonel John Ralls. He was discharged in October 1848. When the 1850 Census was taken he is making his home in Placerville and Vicinity, El Dorado County, California working as a Miner.

In 1855, he married Mary Carter Terry. When the 1860 Census was taken he is making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. When the 1870 Census was taken he is making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California.



*Duvall Phillips Ranch about 1877*

In 1878, he was appointed Deputy County Assessors for District 2 comprising of Mendocino, Washington and Cloverdale. When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home on Railroad Street, Mendocino, Sonoma County, California.



*Duvall Phillips*

When the 1900 Census was taken he is making his home on Grant Street, Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Capitalist. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1904, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

Obituary in Press Democrat

3<sup>rd</sup> June 1904 page 2

LIFE'S BATTLE FOR HAS ENDED

FORMER SUPERVISOR DUVALL DRAKE PHILLIPS DIED AT HEALDSBURG THURSDAY

The Deceased and S.T. Coulter of This City Fought Side by Side in the Mexican War  
in 1847

At his home in Healdsburg on Thursday afternoon at one o'clock, Duval Drake Phillips, one of the best known and highly respected pioneers of this county, passed to rest. For several weeks Mr. Phillips had been gradually failing and had been seriously ill for several days.

The deceased had lived in Healdsburg and vicinity for half a century. For many years prior to taking up his residence in the city of Healdsburg his home was on a fine farm in Dry Creek valley. He was a former Supervisor of this county and whenever he chanced to be in Santa Rosa during the sessions of the Board in later years, he always called at Supervisors' hall to pay his respects.

The deceased was a lifelong friend of S.T. Coulter of this city and together they fought in the Mexican war of 1847. They were members of Company E of the Third Missouri Mounted Volunteers. The deceased came to California and went to the mines in 1849 and soon after his arrival in the State he was married. He moved to this county about 1855.

Mr. Phillips is survived by a wife and three sons. He was nearly eighty-two years of age and had a legion of friends in Healdsburg and vicinity, Santa Rosa and all over the county. He was a member of the Masonic order and under Masonic auspices his funeral will occur on Saturday afternoon.

### **Private Ransom Powell**

Ransom Powell was born on the 11<sup>th</sup> January 1824 in Springfield, Robertson County, Tennessee.



*Ransom Powell abt. 1840*

In June 1846, he enlisted as a Private in Company G, 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment of Missouri Mounted Volunteers commanded by Colonel Alexander W. Doniphan. He was discharged in June 1847. On the 25<sup>th</sup> June 1848, he married Elizabeth Huls in New Franklin, Howard County, Missouri. When the 1850 Census was taken he was making his home in Montgomery County, Tennessee. In 1852, his first wife Elizabeth passed away. In 1853, he married a 2<sup>nd</sup> time to Frances M. Ware. On the 13<sup>th</sup> May 1859, his 2<sup>nd</sup> wife passed away in Sonoma County, California. In 1860, he married his 3<sup>rd</sup> wife Mary M. Capp. When the 1860 Census was taken he was making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California.



*George Lory Powell with his father Ransom Powell taken abt. 1861*

In 1866, he is making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Trader. When the 1870 Census was taken he is making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. On the 14<sup>th</sup> November 1871, his 3<sup>rd</sup> wife passed away. In 1872, he married his 4<sup>th</sup> wife Kate Caroline Beeson. When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home on North Street, Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Lumber Miller.



*Ransom Powell*

On the 5<sup>th</sup> May 1885, his 4<sup>th</sup> wife passed away. In 1887, he married his 5<sup>th</sup> wife Louisa E. Madeira. In 1894, he is making his home on Healdsburg Road, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. When the 1900 Census was taken he was making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. On the 8<sup>th</sup> April 1910, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

#### Obituary in Healdsburg Enterprise

9<sup>th</sup> April 1910 page 1

#### RANSOM POWELL PIONEER RESIDENT DIED FRIDAY MORNING

Last Charter Member of Sotoyome Lodge, F. and A. M., Was Prominent Resident of this City for Over Fifty-six Years.

One of Sonoma county's noted pioneers, Ransom Powell, passed away at an early hour on Friday morning. His sickness was of but a few hours duration.

For fifty-four years he had been a familiar figure in and around Healdsburg. He was one of the best known men of Sonoma county and had reached a ripe old

age—86 years. Only a few of his old friends with whom he was associated are now living. Col. L. A. Norton, E. H. Barnes, John Young and Alex Nalley, strong men mentally and physically, spent their active manhood days in Healdsburg. Of these Mr. Barnes alone remains.

Mr. Powell was a veteran of the Mexican War, having marched with Company G, Col. Doniphans' regiment from New Franklin, Howard county, Mo., to the battlefield of Buena Vista. He crossed the plains in 1849 to California, and came to Sonoma county in 1854. He and John McManus opened the first dry goods store in Healdsburg.

Mr. Powell was married five times. His last wife, who survives him, was Miss Louisa E. Madeira, a daughter of George Madeira of this city. Three children survive him —Loring Powell of Oklahoma, Dr. J.D. Powell of Sacramento and Mrs. T.H. Roscoe of Palmero, Butte county, California.

He was one of the founders of the Farmers and Mechanics Bank, being for years associated as a director with E.H. Barnes, Alex Nalley, L. A. Norton and R. H. Warfield.

He was a member of Healdsburg Lodge, No. 123, F. & A. M., and was the last charter member to pass away. He was also a member of Healdsburg Lodge, I.O.O.F. The funeral, under the auspices of the Masonic lodge of which he was so long a member, will take place from his late residence near Healdsburg tomorrow at 2 p.m.

### **Private George Storey**

George Storey was born on the 24<sup>th</sup> December 1824 in Saratoga County, New York. In 1846, he enlisted as a Private in Company C, under the command of Colonel Stevenson, leaving New York on the 26<sup>th</sup> September 1846.

*"This Company was enlisted by John E. Brackett in the City of New York, and conveyed to California in the ship "Loo Choo," arriving at San Francisco on the*

*26th of March, 1847, and took post at Sonoma in the early part of April, at which place it remained until May, 1848, when the Company was ordered to San Jose near Cape San Lucas, Lower California, and had proceeded as far as Monterey, when the order was countermanded, and the command returned to Sonoma. On the 5th of August, 1848, the Company proceeded to the Presidio, San Francisco, exchanging posts with Company "H," stationed at that point. During the summer and Fall of 1847, a detachment of 35 men from this Company was stationed at Fort Sacramento (Sutter's Fort) for five months. An old resident of Sonoma, writing to the "Californian," at San Francisco at that time the only newspaper published in California-under date of August 5th, 1848, among other subjects, pays the following compliment to this command: "The military company under command of Captain J. E. Brackett is today exchanging posts with Company "H," under command of Captain Frisbie, both of the New York Volunteers. Company "C" has been stationed with us more than a year, and much praise is due its members, not only for the military and soldier-like manner in which they have acquitted themselves as a corps, but for their gentlemanly and orderly deportment, individually and collectively. We regret to part with them, and cannot let them go without expressing a hope that, when peace shall have been declared, their regiment disbanded, and their country no longer needs their services, they may have fallen sufficiently in love with our healthy climate and our beautiful valley to come back and settle."<sup>2</sup>*

He was discharged from service sometime between August and October 1848. When the 1852 Census was taken he is making his home in Mendocino County, California working as a Watchmaker. On the 21<sup>st</sup> April 1854, he married Susan Bedelle Plum. When the 1870 Census was taken he is making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home on Railroad Street, Mendocino, Sonoma County, California. In 1892, he is making his home on Healdsburg Road, Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. When the 1900 Census was taken he is making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California. When the 1910 Census was taken he is making his home on Dry Creek

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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.polishclubsf.org/Stevenson.pdf> pages 33-36

Road, Mendocino, Sonoma County, California. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1913, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

Obituary in Healdsburg Tribune

6<sup>th</sup> March 1913 page 1

FOUGHT IN MEXICAN WAR

George Storey, Early Pioneer Passes Beyond

George Storey, one of the earliest, of California's pioneers, died Monday at his home on Russian River, south of Healdsburg. He came to California by way of Cape Horn before the discovery of gold, landing in San Francisco on March 26, 1847—nearly sixty-six years ago.

Taking up the life-history of this pioneer citizen in chronological order, he was born in New York, near Saratoga Springs, the day before Christmas in 1824. At five years of age he went with his parents to North Carolina, later returning to Waterford, New York.

At the age of fourteen he went to New City where he served seven years as an apprentice at watchmaking.

At the breaking out of the Mexican War in 1846 he volunteered as a soldier under Col. Stevenson in Company C, leaving New York September 26, 1846. He came by way of the Horn, being exactly six months on the water. He went to Sonoma, where he remained until June 1, 1848, when he went to the old Eldorado mine, Mormon Island. He finally went back to San Francisco, where he worked six months at watchmaking, after which he went to the mines on Feather River. He later returned to Sonoma where he started the old Union Hotel in partnership with Dow and Higgins.

In 1850 he came to the farm below Healdsburg where he remained until his death.



He was married to Susan Bedelle Plum April 21, 1854, by Justice Godwin. A family of nine children was born to them, of whom five are living, Mrs. Sarah Simmons, Tunis Storey, Elizabeth and Hattie Storey and Mrs. Chas. Proctor.

The deceased was a man of upright character and staunch citizenship, and was held in high esteem by all who knew him.

The funeral of the aged pioneer was held yesterday afternoon under the direction of the Rev. R.L. Macfarlane. It was very largely attended by citizens of Healdsburg and his neighbors up and down the West Side.

#### Article in Healdsburg Tribune

13<sup>th</sup> March 1913 page 1

#### Geo. Storey Took First x Census of Mendocino Co.

A relic of historic interest kept as a souvenir of early days by the late George Storey, who died last week, is a census report of a part of Mendocino county, bearing date of September 20, 1852.

Mendocino county Included at that time the territory that is now Sonoma county, and the entire population of the county is said to have been about 350. Mr. Storey was engaged to take the census.

Nearly all of the names are of men in the early years of manhood—the twenties and thirties, and the occupations of many is that of seaman. As indicating the scarcity of women in the land of gold in those days, not a single name of a female appears in the part of the census report preserved Mr. Storey. It was the first census taken of Mendocino county.

At one time while making his way over the remote districts of the county in search of inhabitants, he was lost for three days. He finally came upon a camp of Indians, who threatened him with harm, but he made clear his peaceful purpose, and was provided with an Indian guide.

As indicating his skill at his craft as a watchmaker, Mr. Storey, when twenty years old, made a watch, with hand tools entirely. He carried this watch, for fifty years, and it kept good time for this half-century. The watch is still in the possession of the family

Although he lived on his farm for more than sixty years, he never gave up his trade, and worked at repairing watches and clocks for neighbors or friends up to within a few years of, his death, when his failing eyesight put an end to work of this delicate nature.

### **Private Richard Swift**

Richard Swift was born on the 13<sup>th</sup> November 1831 in Ohio to John Swift and Sarah Van Arman. He enlisted in October 1846 as a Private in Company B, California Mounted Rifle Battalion during the Mexican War. Company B was under the command of Captain Henry L. Ford (Nephew of Mary Todd Lincoln) and 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Andrew Copeland. He enlisted for a period of 6 months. In April 1847, he was discharged. On the 7<sup>th</sup> May 1853, he married Mary Jane Hargrave in Napa County, California. When the 1860 Census was taken he is making his home in Hot Springs, Napa County, California working as a Farmer. In 1866, he is making his home in Calistoga, Napa County, California working as a Farmer. When the 1870 Census was taken he is making his home in Hot Springs, Napa County, California working as a Laborer. In 1876, he is making his home in Pleasanton, Alameda County, California working as a Farmer. When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Teamster. In 1888, he is making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Laborer. In 1892, he is making his home in Healdsburg No. 1, Sonoma County, California working as a Miner. When the 1900 Census was taken he is making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> October 1905, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

Obituary in Press Democrat (Santa Rosa, California)

27<sup>th</sup> October 1905 page 6

CAME HERE IN 1846

Pioneer Richard Swift Laid to Rest In Oak Mound Cemetery

Richard Swift, one of the earliest pioneers of California and long a resident of Healdsburg and Sonoma county, was laid to rest in Oak Mound cemetery there on Tuesday. The deceased first came to California in 1846 across the plains and en-route his ox-train came up with the famous Donner caravan. At a certain point of the journey the leader of Mr. Swift's party disagreed with the leader of the Donner expedition and one party went one way and the other traversed a different route. The Swift caravans came through safely, while most of the Donner party perished near Donner Lake. The deceased leaves a wife and some children.

**Civil War**

**Soldier and Sailors**

### **Corporal James Adamson**

James Adamson was born in about 1840 in England. He enlisted on the 9<sup>th</sup> September 1861 as a Corporal in Company G, 91<sup>st</sup> Pennsylvania Infantry. He mustered out of service on the 8<sup>th</sup> August 1862. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1863, James was naturalized as a US Citizen. When the 1870 US Census was taken James and his wife Elizabeth was making their home in Philadelphia Ward 8, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, he is listed as a Painter. The earliest record of James in Sonoma County is the 1879 Voter Register; again he is listed as a Painter. He passed away near Healdsburg on the 20<sup>th</sup> May 1888.

#### Obituary in Healdsburg Enterprise

23<sup>rd</sup> May 1888 page 3

#### A Fatal Accident

On Sunday morning as Jas. Adamson who lives about two miles north of town, was leading his cow to pasture, she became frightened in some way, pulling Mr. Adamson to the ground. The rope became fastened about his hand, dragging him for some distance over the rocks and boulders in the enclosure. His children hearing him call, ran to his assistance, but he had expired before they reached him. His neck was broken and he was otherwise badly bruised. He was about 45 years of age and of a very weak constitution, and it is supposed he was unable to regain his footing after the cow had pulled him over. He leaves a wife and three children who are in needy circumstances.

### **Private Henry Harrison Allen**

Henry Harrison Allen was born on the 18<sup>th</sup> February 1846 in Plymouth, Marshall County, Indiana. On the 16<sup>th</sup> August 1862, he enlisted in Company D, 73<sup>rd</sup> Indiana Infantry Regiment as a Private. On the 15<sup>th</sup> August 1866, he married his wife Marietta Johnson in Marshall County, Indiana. The first time we find Henry living

in Sonoma County was in 1871 on the Voter Register he is listed as a farmer. He passed away in Healdsburg on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1874.

Obituary in Russian River Flag

5<sup>th</sup> November 1874 page 2

Died

ALLEN—In Healdsburg, November 3, 1874, of consumption, Henry H. Allen, aged about 28 years. {Plymouth, Indiana, papers please copy.}

### **Private Thomas J. Anderson**

Thomas J. Anderson was born between 1843-1846 in Johnson County, Missouri to John Henry Anderson Jr. and Elizabeth Rogers. When the 1850 Census was taken he is making his home in Warrensburg, Johnson County, Missouri. When the 1860 Census was taken he is making his home in Post Oak, Johnson County, Missouri.

On the 27<sup>th</sup> August 1864, he enlisted as a Private in Company E, 45<sup>th</sup> Missouri Infantry Regiment in Warrensburg, Missouri. He was discharged on the 6<sup>th</sup> March 1865 at St. Louis, Missouri. When the 1910 Census was taken he is making his home on Feliz Creek Road, Sanel, Mendocino County, California working as a Farmer. When the 1920 Census was taken he is making his home in Sanel, Mendocino County, California. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1929, he passed away in Sonoma County, California.

Obituary in Healdsburg Enterprise

4<sup>th</sup> April 1929 page 1

Anderson, Lytton Resident, Dies at Daughter's Home

Thomas J. Anderson, for three years a resident of Lytton, died this morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Helen Beach. He is survived by three other children: Mrs. Lydia Sierck, Mrs. Susie Peterson and George W. Anderson. He was born in Missouri 83 years ago and had been a resident of California for the past 25 years. Funeral services will be held Fri-, day afternoon, with interment in Oak Mound cemetery.

### **Captain Edward Turner Bale**

Edward Turner Bale was born on the 7<sup>th</sup> January 1844 in St. Helena, Napa County, California to Dr. Edward Bale. When the 1860 Census was taken he was making his home in Hot Springs, Napa County, California. On the 1<sup>st</sup> December 1863, he enlisted as a 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant in the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, California Native Calvary, Company B in Sacramento, California. On the 28<sup>th</sup> June 1864 he was promoted to Full Captain of Company D. On the 26<sup>th</sup> February 1865, he left his post en-route for the Mojave River. On the 30<sup>th</sup> April 1865, he resigned his commission due to urgent private affairs requiring his superintendence. On the 20<sup>th</sup> May 1865 he was mustered out of service in San Francisco, California. When the 1870 census was taken he was making his home in Napa, Napa County, California working as a Clerk in a Dry Goods Store. On the 11<sup>th</sup> May 1872, he married Francesca Jaurez in San Francisco, California. When the 1880 census was taken he was making his home in Saint Helena, Napa County, California working as a Farmer. In 1887 moved to Healdsburg. In 1888, he is found listed as a Farmer on the Voter Register living in Mendocino Township, Sonoma County, California. When the 1900 census was taken he was making his home on Fitch street in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Day Laborer. On the 12<sup>th</sup> October 1906, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

Obituary in Healdsburg Tribune

18<sup>th</sup> October 1906 page 1

## DEATH OF E. T. BALE

Born in California Before the Days of the Argonauts.

Edward T. Bale passed peacefully away at his home in this city Friday evening at 9:22 o'clock, after an illness of about a year's duration. During his illness he suffered considerably, but the end came without pain.

Mr. Bale was born at St. Helena, Napa county, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 1844. His father, Dr. E. T. Hale, was born in London, England, in 1811 and was there reared and educated to the medical profession. Dr. Bale located at San Francisco in the early days of California and was soon after granted four leagues of land in Napa county, the tract extending from what is now Rutherford Station to the line of Napa and Sonoma counties.

He located at St. Helena, and being a man of extraordinary push and enterprise, he soon commenced improvements which were the wonder of the natives.

Among these were a grist and saw mill

—the first in California —which were operated by water power, and which are still standing on that portion of the Bale grant known as the Lyman place.

The deceased was reared at the home place in Napa county until he was thirteen years of age when he was sent to Boston to be educated. After spending five years at Cambridge College he returned to the ranch.

He was yet a boy at the breaking out of the Civil War, but he enlisted in the service of the Union and was assigned to the First California Cavalry, and commissioned Second Lieutenant by Governor Lowe. He was promoted to First Lieutenant, and finally received from President Lincoln his commission as Captain of Troop D. He served with credit at Salt Lake and in Arizona until the close of the war, when he received an honorable discharge and returned to the ranch. From 1878 to 1880 he represented the railroad company and Wells, Fargo & Co. at Calistoga, and then removed to Sonoma county.

In May, 1872, he was joined in wedlock to Miss Francesca Jaurez. Thirteen children were the result of this union, three of whom are dead. Those living are:



Mrs. Charles Leard, Anita, Ernest, Charles, Mrs. T. W. Murchia of New Brunswick, Canada, Edward, Doda, Thomas, Maria and Harry. Mrs. Bale also belongs to the historic families of California.

Mr. Bale and family came to Healdsburg in 1887 and have resided here ever since.

The funeral was held at St. John's Catholic Church last Sunday at 2 p. m., the interment being in Oak Mound Cemetery.

Mrs. Jaurez of Napa, Alfred Brook of San Francisco, Mrs. Bismark Brook and Mrs. Brook (Mr. Bale's sister) of St. Helena were in attendance at the funeral.

### **Private William Henry Barnes**

William Henry Barnes was born on the 8<sup>th</sup> March 1839 in Scott County, Missouri. On the 25<sup>th</sup> June 1861, he married his wife Sarah Frances Grinsted in Missouri. On the 9<sup>th</sup> September 1861, he enrolled at Warsaw, Illinois. On the 31<sup>st</sup> December 1861, he was mustered into service at Hudson City being a Private in Captain Brawner's Company, Black Hawk Calvary (Later Company A, 7<sup>th</sup> Missouri Calvary) Missouri Volunteers. On the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1862, he deserted at Lexington, Missouri. In 1879, his name is found on the Voter Register living in Mendocino Township, Sonoma County, California working as a Shoemaker. When the 1880 Census was taken he is making their home in Mendocino Township, Sonoma County, California working as a Shoemaker. When the 1900 Census was taken he was living on Front Street, Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. When the 1910 Census was taken he is living at 416 Fitch Street, Mendocino Township, Sonoma County, California, according to the census he owns his own shoemaking shop.

When the 1920 Census was taken he is making his home on Fitch Street, Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. On the 26<sup>th</sup> May 1920 he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

Obituary in Healdsburg Tribune

28<sup>th</sup> May 1920 page

DIED—At his home in Healdsburg, Wednesday, May 26, 1920, William H. Barnes, a native of Missouri, aged 81 years, 2 months and 18 days; beloved husband of Sarah Frances Barnes, and father of Mrs. J.R. Miller of Seattle, Wash., Miss Annie Barnes, Healdsburg, John T. Barnes and Ben H. Barnes of Santa Rosa, Mrs. Edward Quinn of Healdsburg, Mrs. U.C. Chisholm of Windsor, W.G. Barnes of San Francisco, Mrs. R.A. Schieffer of Healdsburg, F.C. Barnes of San Francisco.

Funeral services will be held Saturday from his late residence on Fitch street, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m., interment in Oak Mound cemetery. Remains at the Young Undertaking Parlors.

Obituary in Healdsburg Enterprise

29<sup>th</sup> May 1920 page 1

William H. Barnes Funeral Is Today

William H. Barnes passed away his home on Fitch street Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock at the age of 81 years.

Mr. Barnes was born in Scott county, Missouri, and at the age of 31 came to California to make his home. His first residence was at Ukiah, Mendocino county, but in 1879 come to Healdsburg and established the town's first shoe store. He was always interested in the thrift and enterprise of the young town and threw his energies into movements for its progress in every way. He was elected president of the board of trustees of the town and held this position for nine years. It was during this time that his efforts and influence were directed toward the organization of the municipal water and light plant of Healdsburg, universally recognized as one of the finest plants of its size in the country.

On June 25, 1861 he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Frances Grinsted, who like himself was born in Missouri. Nine children were born of this marriage as follows; Mrs. J. R. Miller of Seattle,, Mrs. W. C. Chisholm of Windsor, Mrs. Edward

Quinn Miss Annie Barnes and Mrs. R. A. Sihleffer of Healdsburg; John T. Barnes W. G. and Ben Barnes of Santa Rosa and C. F. Barnes of San Francisco.

Mr. Barnes was a man of excellent morals and habits and his life was a worthy example to all. He never was a man to make enemies and had implicit confidence in his neighbors. Mr. Raabe is the only merchant left who was in Healdsburg at Mr. Barnes' coming to town. A lover of music and history and an inveterate reader, his life was a constant inspiration to his family. The funeral services will be held this afternoon at two o'clock from the late home on Fitch Street and will doubtless be under the auspices of the Masonic Order of which he was a long and valued member.

### **Private Major Amasa Barton (Amasa M. Baker)**

Major Amasa Barton was born on the 3<sup>rd</sup> August 1832 in Ontario, Canada to George Barton and Harriet Grace. When the 1860 Census was taken he is making his home in Redford, Wayne County, Michigan. On the 13<sup>th</sup> March 1862, he enlisted as a Private in Company G, 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry. On the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> May 1862, he was wounded at the Battle of Seven Pines/Fair Oaks. On the 30<sup>th</sup> June 1862, he was captured at Malvern Station and sent to Richmond POW Prison. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1862, he was paroled and sent back to his Company. Around the 16 or 17<sup>th</sup> September 1862, he deserted at Antietam, Maryland. In 1868, he is making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California under the name of Amasa Marcus Baker working as a Farmer. When the 1870 Census was taken he was making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Laborer. On the 9<sup>th</sup> November 1873, he married Julia Rebecca Derrick in Sonoma County, California. When the 1880 Census was taken he was making his home on Railroad Street, Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. In the Sonoma Democrat on the 15<sup>th</sup> November 1884, he got 388 votes to become Justice of the Peace for Mendocino Township. In 1888, he is making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California. When the 1900 Census was taken he is

making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California. On the 9<sup>th</sup> February 1901, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.



*Julia and Amasa Baker*

Obituary in Healdsburg Tribune

14<sup>th</sup> February 1901 page 1 and 7

MR. A.M. BAKER.

Mr. A.M. Baker, aged 66 years, who departed this life last Saturday evening was long an esteemed resident of Dry Creek valley and his death is regretted by many. His health had been poor the past four or five years in consequence of a violent

attack of paralysis which he suffered. He had nearly recovered from this shock when he was seized with another and more violent attack which ended in his death. Mr. Baker leaves a large family to whom our kindly sympathy is extended, and may hope and comfort be with them. The earthly remains of Mr. Baker were, after services at his late home, assigned to their long rest in Oak Mound cemetery.

Mr. A. M. Baker, one of Dry Creek's pioneers, died Saturday evening after a brief illness. He had been in poor health for some time and was stricken with paralysis a few days ago from which he never recovered. The funeral took place Monday, services being held at the house and the funeral was the largest seen in the valley for sometime. Mr. Baker was a highly esteemed gentleman and his bereaved family have the sympathy of the community.

### **Private George Allen Billings**

George Allen Billings was born on the 5<sup>th</sup> September 1843 to Lorenzo Billings and Harriett (Maiden Name Unknown) in Worcester, Worcester County, Massachusetts. When the 1850 Census was taken he was making his home in Worcester Ward 5, Worcester County, Massachusetts. When the 1860 Census was taken he was making his home in Newton, Middlesex County, Massachusetts working as a machinist. On the 29<sup>th</sup> August 1862, he enlisted in Company H, 44<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Infantry as a Private. He mustered out of service on the 18<sup>th</sup> June 1863 in Readville, Massachusetts. On the 24<sup>th</sup> January 1873, he married Angeline O'Ball in Boston, Massachusetts. When the 1880 Census was taken he was making his home in San Francisco, San Francisco County, California working as a Railroad Receiver. When the 1900 Census was taken he was making his home in Hunters Valley, Mariposa County, California working as a Miner. When the 1910 Census was taken he was making his home in Township 1, Mariposa County, California working as a Gold Miner. He moved to Healdsburg about 1917 and engaged himself in the Farming Business. When the 1920 Census was taken he was making

his home on Mill Street, Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. On the 26<sup>th</sup> January 1926, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

Obituary in Healdsburg Tribune

27<sup>th</sup> January 1926 page 1

George Billings, Local Rancher Dies

George Billings, rancher of the West Side district, where he has had a small place for the last nine years, died at his home Tuesday night at the age of 83 years. Mr.

Billings was of retiring disposition and made few friends here. It is known, however, that he was a native of Massachusetts, a G.A.R. veteran of the civil war. He leaves a wife, Angeline Billings. The funeral will be held Friday afternoon.

Obituary in Healdsburg Tribune

27<sup>th</sup> January 1926 page 4

DIED—In Healdsburg, January 26, 1926, George Billings, beloved husband of Angeline Billings. A native of Massachusetts, aged 83 years, 4 months, 23 days.

Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral Friday afternoon, January 29, at 2 o'clock, from the chapel of Fred Young & Co., Rev. Beaver officiating. Interment Oak Mound cemetery.

**Private Nestor Washington Boone**

Nestor Washington Boone was born in about 1840 in Kentucky to Nestor W. Boone and Matilda Tribble. When the 1850 Census was taken he is making his home in District 8, Boone County, Missouri. When the 1860 Census was taken he was making his home in Stephenville, Erath County, Texas working as a Farmer.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> February 1862, he enlisted as a Private in Captain S.M. Holmes'

Company, Texas Rifles (36<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry Company K). On the 1<sup>st</sup> April 1862, he was transferred to Captain Woods Regiment Texas Cavalry. Last record is March 1865, he is Company A, 32<sup>nd</sup> Texas Cavalry Regiment. When the 1870 Census was taken he was making his home in Richmond, Howard County, Missouri working as a Farm Laborer. In 1872, he is making his home in Kelseyville, Lake County, California working as a Farmer. When the 1910 Census was taken he is making his home on Fitch Street, Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Laborer doing Odd Jobs. On the 8<sup>th</sup> November 1918, he passed away in Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, California.

#### Obituary in Healdsburg Enterprise

16<sup>th</sup> November 1918 page

#### CIVIL WAR VETERAN DIES IN SANTA ROSA SUNDAY

Nestor W. Boone, the brother of Mrs. J.S. Williams of this city, died in Santa Rosa Sunday, having reached the advanced age of eighty years. Mr. Boone was well known in Healdsburg, having resided with his sister for nearly twenty years, and up to his last illness was much interested in the events of the day. A veteran of the Civil War, he having been a member of the Confederate army for the whole time, he took deep interest in the big war across the waters. He leaves besides his sister, a brother who is county treasurer of Lake county. The funeral was held in Healdsburg Wednesday with interment in Oak Mound cemetery.

#### **Musician/Private William Grant Bower/Bowers**

William Grant Bower was born in January 1842 in New York to Rensaler Bower and Christiana (No Maiden Name Known). When the 1850 Census was taken he was living in Dane, Dane County, Wisconsin. When the 1860 Census was taken he was living in Dane, Dane County, Wisconsin. On the 12<sup>th</sup> June 1861, he enlisted as a Musician in Company A, 7<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Infantry. He mustered out of service on

the 1<sup>st</sup> September 1864. In about 1867, he married Julia M. When the 1870 Census was taken he was living in Subdivision 2, Clay County, Dakota Territory. When the 1880 Census was taken he was living in Vermillion, Clay County, Dakota Territory working as a Butcher. When the 1900 Census was taken he was living in Vermillion, Clay County, South Dakota working as a Brick Manufacturer. When the 1910 Census was taken he was living in Pierre Ward 1, Hughes County, South Dakota working as a Brick Manufacturer. In about 1912, he moved to Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. When the 1920 Census was taken he was making his home in Russian River, Sonoma County, California. On the 15<sup>th</sup> January 1926, he passed away in San Francisco, California.

#### Obituary in Sotoyome Scimitar (Healdsburg, California)

19<sup>th</sup> January 1926 page 1

The funeral of W.G. Bowers, father of Mrs. C.W. Grinstad of San Francisco, was held yesterday afternoon from the Young parlors and interment was in Oak Mound cemetery. Mr. Bowers passed away Friday night following an attack of pneumonia.

#### Obituary in Healdsburg Enterprise

21<sup>st</sup> January 1926 page 6

Former Resident, W.G. Bowers, Dies in S.F.

W.G. Bowers, a highly respected former resident of this section, died in San Francisco, Friday night, of pneumonia. The funeral was held in this city Monday afternoon from the Fred Young & Co. parlors, with interment in Oak Mound cemetery.

Mr. Bowers was the father of Mrs. C.W. Brinstead, and had made his home here with his daughter for several years. Recently the family moved to San Francisco.



## 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Martin Van Buren Bronson

Martin Van Buren Bronson was born in April 1836 in Elizabethtown, Essex County, New York to Jehial C. Bronson and Phoebe M. Calkins. When the 1850 Census was taken he was making his home in Lewis, Essex County, New York. When the 1860 Census was taken he was making his home in Pittsford, Rutland County, Vermont. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1861, he enlisted as a Private in Company K, Vermont 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Regiment. He mustered out of service on the 15<sup>th</sup> August 1861 at Brattleboro, Vermont. On the 15<sup>th</sup> August 1861, he enlisted as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in Company F, U.S. Volunteers 1<sup>st</sup> Sharp Shooter Regiment. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1862 he was promoted to 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant. He mustered out of service on the 21<sup>st</sup> February 1863.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> December 1863, he enlisted in Company F, 1<sup>st</sup> Vermont Sharp Shooters on the 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1864, he was transferred to Company E, 2<sup>nd</sup> U.S. Sharp Shooters. On the 25<sup>th</sup> February 1865, he was transferred to Company G, 4<sup>th</sup> Vermont Volunteers. He mustered out on the 13<sup>th</sup> July 1865.



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<sup>3</sup> <http://vermonthistory.org/virtual-vhs/photographs/civil-war-officers/category/4-civilwarb>

*Martin V.B. Bronson*

When the 1870 Census was taken he was making his home in Castleton, Rutland County, Vermont working as a Stone Cutter. When the 1880 Census was taken he was making his home in Middlebury, Addison County, Vermont working as an Overseer in a Quarry. He moved to Healdsburg about 1898. When the 1900 Census was taken he was making his home on Johnson Street, Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Day Laborer. On the 17<sup>th</sup> May 1903, he passed away at 1108 Clay Street, San Francisco, California.

Obituary in Sotoyome Scimitar (Healdsburg, Calif.)

20<sup>th</sup> May 1903 page 1

M.V.B. Bronson

Captain M.V.B. Bronson died last Sunday in San Francisco. His death was sudden and unexpected. Deceased was a native of New York and 67 years of age. He was a veteran of the civil war having served in the First U.S. Sharpshooters.

He leaves a widow, one son, Eugene Bronson of Santa Rosa, and three step daughters, Mrs. Temple Bailhache, and Celia and Ida Waterman of this city.

The funeral took place yesterday from his late residence on West St. Sotoyome Lodge, No. 123, F & A.M. conducting the services. Roanoke circle, No. 4, Ladies of the G.A.R. also escorted the remains to their last resting place in Oak Mound Cemetery.

Obituary in Healdsburg Enterprise

23<sup>rd</sup> May 1903 page 1

Well Known Citizen Dies in San Francisco

The Funeral of Captain M.V.B. Bronson was held Tuesday under the auspices of Sotoyome Lodge, F. & A. M.

Captain Bronson died suddenly at the home of his daughter in San Francisco last Sunday. He was a well known resident of Healdsburg, and his death was a great surprise. He leaves a widow, two daughters and two sons and three step children.

He was born in New York and was 67 years of age. When eleven years old his parents moved to Vermont, in which State he grew to manhood and acquired the trade of a marble worker. At the outbreak of the war he enlisted in the Second Vermont Infantry for three months. In 1862 he was appointed First Lieutenant of Company F of Sharpshooters. Later he was appointed a Captain of cavalry on the staff of General Hancock, and he subsequently served in a similar capacity under General Grant.

In 1898 he was married to Mrs. Watterman at Santa Rosa, and shortly afterwards moved to Healdsburg.

### **Drummer Boy Henry Eugene Carver**

Henry Eugene Carver was born on the 7<sup>th</sup> September 1849 in Milo, Piscataquis County, Maine to Niles G. Carver and Almira Freeman. When the 1850 Census was taken he was making his home in Milo, Piscataquis County, Maine. When the 1860 Census was taken he was making his home in Nora, Jo Daviess County, Illinois. On the 9<sup>th</sup> August 1862, he enlisted as a Drummer Boy in Company G, 92<sup>nd</sup> Illinois Infantry Regiment. He was transferred on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1863 to Company H, 96<sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry Regiment. He mustered out of service on the 7<sup>th</sup> March 1863. When the 1870 Census was taken he was making his home in Lincoln, Nodaway County, Missouri. In 1879, he is found living in Washington Township, Sonoma County, California on the Voter Register working as a Teacher. When the 1880 Census was taken he is living in Washington, Sonoma County, California working as a School Teacher. On the 5<sup>th</sup> June 1888, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

## Obituary in Healdsburg Enterprise

6<sup>th</sup> June 1888 page 3

### IN MEMORIAM

Deputy County Clerk Henry Eugene Carver died at the residence of Hurt E. Hailey in Alexander valley Tuesday night at 11 o'clock. For several years he had been suffering more or less with cancer of the stomach. Several weeks ago he felt so unwell that he took a vacation, hoping that a change from his office work might be relieving. But hope was vain and he gradually grew worse. The last two days of his earthly existence was the great struggle of a departing life held to its tenement of clay by a strong will and manly endeavor. But the bravo heart beat slow and slower and the spell of death clouded the brain. A few hours before the end his mind suddenly became clear—a portentous sign—and the watchers knew that all would soon be over. All through his illness he had not considered his life in danger, but had borne tranquilly his sufferings, believing that the weakness was only temporary. On his recovering consciousness the physicians begged his old-time friend, John P. Mulgrew, to notify the dying man of the dread visitant then drawing so near. Mr. Mulgrew shrank from the sad duty, but the surges of the dark river fell near and nearer and in a few brief moments the unmistakable sound of waves would break in upon the ears, ere they became forever deaf to mortal tones.

“John,” said he, when the announcement was made, “it can’t be! I am too young to die! Old fellow life only begins to brighten for me now! Won’t this pass? Why are all the folks here and why do they look so?” But there was no alternative. The strong manly spirit was going away. Life was indeed brightening, but it was a reflex from the glorious life beyond the tomb. Earthly love, however strong, cannot bar back the dread specter. When convinced by his friend's sad and earnest face, he said no more but prepared for departure. He had the watchers at the bedside a tender “good bye” and called his little motherless children to him. No pen may write that parting. The deep pathos of those last words, the tender

sweetness of that dying man's sentences cannot be reproduced on these pages.

How feelingly he bode them go forward in a pure and noble life, looking to a meeting again beyond the marge of time, and how earnestly he commended them to the guidance of a Heavenly Father, cannot be told. Then he peacefully passed away. A closing of the eyes, a folding of the hands, a stilling of the heart-throb and life's journey was done.

Henry Eugene Carver was a native of Maine, born September 7, 1849. He removed to Illinois and at the breaking out of the war he enlisted at an early age as a drummer boy, Ninety-six Illinois Regiment serving two years. He came to this State in 1875. He was engaged in school teaching till 1885, when he was appointed Deputy County Clerk by Mr. Mulgrew. His wife died when his two children were quite young, but Dora and Rolla Carver found in their father's loving heart the tender care and love of the mother they had lost. Mrs. Burt H. Bailey, his sister is the only other relative which he has in this State. He was affianced to a young lady residing in Seattle, who, seeing from the tenor of his last letters that he was ill, journeyed to his bedside, arriving there a few days before his death, and was thus permitted to soothe with gentle ministrations the passing.

Henry E. Carver's pure, manly life is ended. His polished manners, his gentle ways, never awoke aught but friendship in those whom he met. His nature, tender as a woman's never gave pain, and his life-acts were marked with principle high and noble. Today the manly form will be hidden away in the breast of mother earth, but the gentle spirit of the dead man rests somewhere in the bright beyond, and his imperishable memory lives within each sorrowing heart. Requiem eternam.

"So fades a summer cloud away,  
So breakes the gale when storms are o'er  
So gently abuts the eye of day,  
So dies the wave along the shore."

The above from the Santa Rosa "Democrat" is but a fitting tribute to the man whose home has been among us for many years. No one knew him but to honor and love him. His funeral cortege, from the home of Mr. Bailey, in Alexander valley, on Thursday last, was one of the largest ever witnessed in this section, his many friends attending from the surrounding country and from Santa Rosa where he had so faithfully filled the office of Deputy County Clerk. Rev. Geo. Clifford, of

Santa Rosa, conducted the funeral services. The choir, consisting of Miss Luella Wolcott. Mrs. Josie Shipley, W. N. Gladden and J. C. Shipley, sang at the grave. George Trimble, J. T. Coffman, Chas. Runyan, George Young, F. B. Mulgrew and Joseph Alexander acted as pall-bearers. He was laid to rest in the Beeson Cemetery<sup>4</sup> in Alexander Valley. Floral decorations were numerous, and the ornamental pieces made by loving hands were beautiful and appropriate. His two orphan children, Dora and Rolla Carver will be amply provided for and the estate which is valued at about \$10,000, will furnish sufficient means for their education and training. There was an insurance of \$5,000 upon his life, which will inure to his children's benefit.

### **Private Rufus Allen Castle**

Rufus Allen Castle was born on the 12<sup>th</sup> April 1842 in Knox City, Knox County, Illinois to Reuben P. Castle and Mary Ann Long. When the 1860 Census was taken he is making his home in Cedar, Knox County, Illinois. On the 28<sup>th</sup> December 1863, he enlisted in Company E, 83<sup>rd</sup> Illinois Infantry as a Private. On the 27<sup>th</sup> June 1865, he transferred to Company A, 61<sup>st</sup> Illinois Infantry. He mustered out of service on the 8<sup>th</sup> September 1865. On the 30<sup>th</sup> March 1869, he married Alice Virginia Boylan in Illinois. When the 1880 Census was taken he was making his home in Morris, Arkansas County, Arkansas working as a Farmer. In about 1889, he moved to Sonoma County, California. When the 1900 Census was taken he was making his home in Russian River, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. On the 12<sup>th</sup> August 1901, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

Obituary in Healdsburg Tribune

15<sup>th</sup> August 1901 page 1

SUICIDE OF R. A. CASTLE

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<sup>4</sup> As a Headstone at Oak Mound Cemetery

### Found Hanging to a Fruit Tree In W. J. Hunter's Orchard.

Sunday afternoon an Indian discovered the body of Rufus Allen Castle, a well-known resident of this section, suspended in a half-sitting position from a limb of a fruit tree in W. J. Hunter's orchard, about a mile and a-half below low town. The deceased had simply hooked a handkerchief which he had around his neck over a small limb of the tree and strangled himself. His hands and knees were resting on the ground when found. At the inquest Monday, the deceased's son, Raymond Castle, testified that his father left the house about two o'clock, and that he was in his usual good spirits. He had planned the work for the coming week on their place, which is a short distance beyond Mr. Hunter's orchard. At the time of the discovery the preceding week that W. P. Poulson had committed suicide Mr. Castle had discussed the act, and remarked that it was a bungling job. Deceased left a wife and two grown sons, Raymond, who is in Healdsburg, and Carroll, a dentist in Merced. He was a native of Illinois, aged 59 years, and came to California in 1889. The Coroner's jury was composed of Julius Scott, William Vaughn, Jesse Seeman, George Michaels, Rev. Eby, C. W. Seeley, and F. A. Madeira. They returned a verdict in accordance with the facts.

### **Private Frederick Lewellyn Clark**

Frederick Lewellyn Clark was born in about 1843 in Levant, Penobscot County, Maine to Jephthah Clark and Tammy Goss. When the 1850 Census was taken he was making his home in Levant, Penobscot County, Maine. When the 1860 Census was taken he was making his home in Levant, Penobscot County, Maine. On the 21<sup>st</sup> August 1862, he enlisted as a Private in Company F, 18<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment. He transferred on the 19<sup>th</sup> December 1862 to Company F, Maine 1<sup>st</sup> Heavy Artillery Regiment. On the 19<sup>th</sup> May 1864, while engaged in the Battle of Spotsylvania Couthouse he received a gunshot wound in his left hand and left groin. He was transferred to the Veteran Reserve Corps and was mustered out of service on the 7<sup>th</sup> January 1865. When the 1870 Census was taken he was making his home in Levant, Penobscot County, Maine. In 1876, he was found on California

Voter Register living in Humboldt County, California. When the 1880 Census was taken he was making his home in Cloverdale, Sonoma County, California working as a Cook. When the 1900 Census was taken he was making his home in Belleville, San Bernardino County, California working as a Miner of Ores. On the 21<sup>st</sup> January 1901 he passed away in Daggett, San Bernardino County, California.

#### Obituary in Healdsburg Tribune

24<sup>th</sup> January 1901 page 1

#### Death of a Civil War Veteran

F. L. Clark of Daggett, Cal., who spent the holidays in Healdsburg visiting his brothers, N.S. and S.F. Clark, died of pneumonia on Monday last. The deceased was a member of the First Maine Heavy Artillery in the Civil War, and was wounded in the Battle of the Wilderness. He was taken sick with the grip soon after returning home, which developed into pneumonia.

### **Lieutenant Nathan Small Clark**

Nathan Small Clark was born on the 6<sup>th</sup> April 1838 in Levant, Penobscot County, Maine to Jephthah Clark and Tammy Goss. When the 1850 Census was taken he was making his home in Levant, Penobscot County, Maine. When the 1860 Census was taken he was making his home in Levant, Penobscot County, Maine. In 1862, he married Frances Sarah Cowperthwaite in Masardis, Aroostook County, Maine.

On the 29<sup>th</sup> August 1862, he enlisted as a Private in Company H, Maine 20<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment. He was promoted to Full Corporal. He was promoted to Full 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant. He mustered out of service on the 15<sup>th</sup> June 1865.<sup>5</sup> When the 1870 Census was taken he was making his home in Masardis, Aroostook County, Maine working as a Farmer. When the 1880 Census was taken he was making his home

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<sup>5</sup> For a more detailed account, his Civil War Diary is in the Maine State Archives [http://digitalmaine.com/hist\\_docs/2/](http://digitalmaine.com/hist_docs/2/)



in Masardis, Aroostook County, Maine working as a Farmer. In 1892, he is making his home in Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer, his home is located on Healdsburg Road. When the 1900 Census was taken he was making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California. On the 30<sup>th</sup> May 1903 he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.



*Nathan Small Clark*

Obituary in Sotoyome Scimitar

3<sup>rd</sup> June 1903 page 1

The Last Roll Call

Nathan S. Clark died last Saturday at his home on the corner of Piper street and cemetery avenue, after an illness of several months. Mr. Clark's death occurred just two years to the very hour and almost minute, from the death of his wife. Deceased was born in Levant, Penobscot county, Maine, on April 6<sup>th</sup> 1838. In April 1862 he married Miss Francis Cowperthwaite and a few weeks later he answered

the call for volunteers and served three years in Co. H 20<sup>th</sup> Maine Infantry. He came to California and to Healdsburg in 1889 and resided in this vicinity the time of his death. He was a member of the G.A.R. and one of its most active comrades.

Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Clark, five daughters and three sons. One daughter Mrs. Addie Bailhache, and one son, Herbert Clark preceded their parents beyond the veil. The surviving children are: Mrs. O.I. McNally, Mrs. G.W. Godding, Martha, Clara and Bernard Clark of this city and Frank Clark of Guerneville.

The funeral took place Monday under the auspices of Roanoke Circle, Ladies of the G.A.R., Rev. Eby conducting the funeral services. Mr. Clark was an industrious gentleman who had the respect of all who knew him and the sympathy of the community goes out to the sons and daughters in their sad bereavement.

### **Private William Anderson Coalson**

William Anderson Coalson was born in 1832 in Bloomington, Indiana to Isaac Coalson and Nancy Mallicoat. When the 1850 Census was taken he was making his home in District 71, Polk County, Missouri. He enlisted on the 9<sup>th</sup> November 1861 in Company E, California 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Regiment as a Private, at the time he was making his home in Mokelumne Hill, California. On the 21<sup>st</sup> August 1862, he was at Camp No. 21 in Sand Springs, Utah Territory as an attendant of Private Myers of Company I. From May to July 1863, he was acting as a guard on O.M. Route. In September 1864, he was put on extra duty making hay. On the 6<sup>th</sup> October 1864 he is detached to Company B, 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry at Fort Ruby, Utah Territory. He mustered out of service on the 10<sup>th</sup> November 1864. On the 9<sup>th</sup> March 1865, he married Mary E. Taylor in Polk County, Missouri. In 1873, he is making his home in San Joaquin County, California. When the 1880 Census was taken he was making his home in Anderson, Mendocino County, California as a Farmer. By 1894, he is making his home in Soda Rock, Sonoma County, California. By 1898, he is making his home in Alexander Valley, Sonoma County, California.

On the 26<sup>th</sup> February 1904, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

Obituary in Healdsburg Enterprise

5<sup>th</sup> March 1904 page 1

Veteran Passes Away

William Anderson Coalson died last Saturday at his home on West street. Deceased was a native of Indiana and 72 years of age. He was a former member of Co. E Third Cal. Inf. He lived for some years in Alexander Valley, and moved to Healdsburg some months ago. He left a wife. The funeral took place Sunday from his late residence and was under the auspices of the G.A.R. and the Ladies of Roanoke Circle.

**Private Charles Crane**

Charles H. Crane was born in June 1843 in Albany, New York. On the 15<sup>th</sup> August 1864 he enlisted as a Private in Company B, 4<sup>th</sup> Minnesota Infantry. He mustered out of service on the 12<sup>th</sup> June 1865. When the 1870 Census he is making his home in High Forest, Olmsted County, Minnesota working as a Farmer. When the 1880 Census was taken he was making his home in High Forest, Olmsted County, Minnesota. In 1888, he is making his home in Russian River, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. When the 1900 Census was taken he was making his home on University Street, Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Day Laborer. On the 26<sup>th</sup> November 1909, he passed away in Saint Helena, Napa County, California.

Obituary in Healdsburg Tribune

26<sup>th</sup> November 1909 page 1

## Death of Charles Crane

In St. Helena, Tuesday, November 23, occurred the death of Mr. Charles Crane, a man who for twenty-three years was a well-known resident of Healdsburg, and who had been in St. Helena barely a week, where he had been working about one of his cottages.

The deceased was a member of Co. B, 4th Minnesota Infantry, and was well liked by the local G. A. R. Post of which he was a member.

Death was the result of heart failure, for up to the time of his death sudden demise he was in usually good health. He leaves two sons, Myrl Crane, a resident of Healdsburg, and Dr. Homer Crane, who is a practicing physician of San Francisco, and another son, Eugene Crane, who is a resident of Wisconsin. Besides these sons he leaves a step-daughter, Lulu Crane, of Grants Pass, Oregon. Myrl, Homer and Lulu will be here to attend the funeral services which are to take place Friday afternoon at one-thirty from Tom Young's Undertaking Parlors, the ladies of Roanoke Circle G.A.R. officiating. Interment will take place in Oak Mound cemetery.

### **Private Benjamin Franklin Crystal**

Benjamin Franklin Crystal was born on the 29<sup>th</sup> October 1833 in Otter Creek, Parke County, Indiana to John H. Crystal and Hannah Baldwin. When the 1850 Census was taken he was making his home in Otter Creek, Vigo County, Indiana. When the 1860 Census was taken he was making his home in Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa. On the 1<sup>st</sup> December 1861 he enlisted as a Private in Company D, 2<sup>nd</sup> Iowa Infantry. On the 14<sup>th</sup> January 1864, he married Elissia Marie McCulley in Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa.

### **Letter from Benjamin Crystal to Brother Richard Sharp Crystal**

*Pulaski, Tenn.*

*March 5<sup>th</sup> 1864*

*Mr. R.S. Crystal*

*Esteemed brother*

*This morning I seate myself for the purpose of writing a few more lines to you. But it is not because I owe them for I do not I have wrote too letters to you since we returned and have received none from you yet. But as I am out of luck or that is a military freeze we have for it. I am on what we call the Ded List, and consequently canot content my self on employ my time in a more pleasant way than this. James received a letter from you yesterday and had wrote to you in the morning before he received yours and he sayes that he dose not think it necessary to write too. Letters to one person in one day he thinks if he was to write to letters in one day to you that you might get them both at once and you would answer them both with one letter. And he sayes he must have as many letters as he writes himself. James is having a good time he has no duty to do as they have not gave him a teem and they cant make him stand guard. His health is good. There is a number of the boyes quite unwell. Three or four are in the hospital and I believe some of them have the small pox. We have had 8 or 9 death in the Regiment since we returned but none in Company D. yet. I am afraid that we are going to have gradual of sickness among the men that have been at home. For it seems to hurt us just as bad now as it dose the Recruits that we have here but I am confident of this one fact we will have enough well men to whipe all the Rebes that are in existence and that is all that necessary or could be wished for. Well from what I can learn we are to leave this place the tenth of this month and that is close at hand we will cross the Tennessee river and I think it is proble that we will go to Huntsville Alabama and remain there until we get this rail road opened to that place. But I cannot tell any thing for certain we may take the field as soon as we leave this place. Time can only tell and of course must and will tell all things. And I for one want time to bring something about for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the*

*dy besides war and that soon we want peace and peace we must have if we have to fight for it. And I am thinking we will have some fighting with in too months now at most. Well my sheet is large and I am unable to fill it. Since I began to write this letter one of our boyes has been taken to the small pox hospital. And I must tell you that James has had the carrie alloyd since we came back. But it did not hurt him a bit. The small pox is getting plenter here every day. We have had a few pretty days. The Citizens have planted their gardens at least a number of them. The Citizens had a union meeting here since we came back. And I woulder think there was over a regiment of butternuts present on that day. But as too their proceedings I have not heard. But a little and that was this after the meeting had ended and the most of them had gone home that way. At all events that night our general's had the most of their Ordlyes horses stolen. So I think those men had to walk to town and if they are like any other sensible men would prefer riding when they could get a good 1 rig and they helft them selng to a number of the horses. And just as I presume that some rebel officer is riding those same horses to day. General Dog [General Dodge] has gone to attack the Rebels at Decater. There is about 2 thousand rebs at that place and a fight is expected now at any time, and if they will stand and fight, Little G. M. Dog will show them a trick with a hool in, he is my man every time and had we plenty of men like Dog in his positions we would not get men slaughtered. I presume you have saw the account of that Florida expectation such a man deserves hanging. Well as I am played out for something to write I will give you the prices of some articles heare Tobacco is worth 200 per pound, butter 75 eggs 100 per dozen molasses 400 per gallon and one point of conelent milk one dollar onions 15 cents per pound cheese 50 per pound and every thing else in preeaportioon. So you see if a man is unwell and cant eate the soldiers rations and he has to go to the sutlerz to get something that he can eate a very sick man can soon distroy a month pay at those figers but it all right we will all be at home again in one year from this time. Well I commenced writing this letter this morning and I concluded not to finish it until the mail came this evening thinking that I would get a letter from you and the mail came but no letter for me So I will close this and await an answer. I have written to all of you and have got but one letter and that was from Brother George. Give my love and best wishes to all the Crystal family, Excuse poor writing and all mistakes of which doubtless you*

*will find many I hope this may find you in the best of health So I bid one and all good By. From your unworthy Brother*

*Benjamin F Crystal*

*P.S. it has just commenced raining again. Please write soon<sup>6</sup>*

**Letter from Benjamin Crystal to Brother Richard Sharp Crystal**

*Pulaski, Tenn*

*March 14<sup>th</sup> 1864*

*Mr. R.S. Crystal,*

*Dear Brother,*

*Yours of Feb 27 has been received and glad was I to heare from you and the rest of the family. My health is good. James A. is well and I am truly thankful that we are blest with this blessing and I think this is the greatest of blessings that is conferred upon us for a man sees enough hard ships a soldering with good health and with out his health he had better be at home if he has one. We have a good many sick heare now. We have had one day since we came back and there is one or too more of Co. D that must day soon. The Small Pox is getting very plenty heare but it dose not seme to be fatal. Our Doctors deserve hanging up by the heels. Some of our boyes has the Small Pox and they would let them stay heare with us boyes until they would brake out. I sleep with one my self until he was covered with soars and then they would send them to the hospital. This is one way that those fine haired chap so called Doctors dose their duty. If you see W.A. Hunt you can tell him that his brother is very sick with the fever. I received a letter from Mayan Bogs and she said that she was glad to heare from me and*

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<sup>6</sup> [http://iagenweb.org/civilwar/other/crystal\\_letters.htm](http://iagenweb.org/civilwar/other/crystal_letters.htm)

*ownes they was all well. W.B. Wilson opened his hart and wrote to me since I came back and one from Greeks and one from Mrs. Wm. Cartright and it seems as all are well so far as I have heard. I receive one or two letters a week from Elecia. This is my first one from you and I have wrote this is the forth to you and I have to John and to George and George again but have had nothing from any but Brother George. I have had one from him and that all I have nothing. Important to write this Evening to you the weather is beautiful the Peach trees are in bloom and the Rebels gardens are covered with beautiful flowers. I will send some of them to Isabelah and Trissy. We are depraved of news all together for some cose and I know not what we get no papers but a little Rebel Sheet that printed in Nashville and once in a month we get the Cincinnati commercial and you know what that is your self. Well I close for this time hoping to heare from you soon I hope this may find you as it leaves me in the best of health.<sup>7</sup>*

*Good Bye to all*

*Benjamin F. Crystal*

**Letter to George Washington Crystal from Benjamin F. Crystal**

*Camp 2, Iowa Infty*

*Pulaski, Tennessee*

*April 3<sup>rd</sup> 1864*

*Mr. G.W. Crystal*

*Esteemed Nephew in James A letter you said that you would love to here from me and I have wrote you but have not had any from you as yet and I*

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<sup>7</sup> [http://iagenweb.org/civilwar/other/crystal\\_letters.htm](http://iagenweb.org/civilwar/other/crystal_letters.htm)



*take this way to let you here from me. My health is good. This is the first letter that either James or I have had since we came back and I would be very glad to here from you before you take your leave for the fare west with this Great night George I hope this may find you as it leaves me in the best of health yours till death.*<sup>8</sup>

*Benjamin F. Crystal*

On the 12<sup>th</sup> July 1865 he mustered out of service at Louisville, Kentucky. In 1874, he is making his home in Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, California working as a Blacksmith. When the 1880 Census was taken he was making his home on Benton Street, Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, California working as a Blacksmith. In 1888, he is making his home in Cloverdale, Sonoma County, California working as a Blacksmith. In 1892, he is making his home in Skaggs Springs, Sonoma County, California working as a Blacksmith. When the 1900 Census was taken he was making his home in Mendocino Township, Sonoma County, California. When the 1910 Census was taken he was making his home on Healdsburg Road, Mendocino Township, Sonoma County, California. When the 1920 Census was taken he was making his home on University Street, Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> November 1926 he passed away in Sebastopol, Sonoma County, California.

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3<sup>rd</sup> November 1926 page 4

Funeral Notice DIED—In Sebastopol Nov. 2, 1926, Benjamin F. Crystal, husband of the late Elecia Crystal, loving father of Mrs. Iowa Springston of Fresno, Mrs. Bertha Springston of Middletown, and Mrs. Livinia Badger of Sebastopol; a native of Indiana, aged 93 years, 3 days. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral Thursday morning, Nov. 4, at 11:30 o'clock from the chapel of Fred Young & Co., Ladies of the G. A. R. and the G. A. R. officiating;

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<sup>8</sup> [http://iagenweb.org/civilwar/other/crystal\\_letters.htm](http://iagenweb.org/civilwar/other/crystal_letters.htm)

Sotoyome Post, No. 11| American Legion officiating at cemetery. Interment Oak Mound cemetery.



*Benjamin and Elissa (McCulley) Crystal with children*

### **Private Joseph Fautleroy Daingerfield**

Joseph Fautleroy Daingerfield was born on the 20<sup>th</sup> July 1837 in Virginia to Joseph Fautleroy Daingerfield and Sarah Morris Edgar Withrow. When the 1860 Census was taken he was making his home in Christian County, Kentucky working as a Clerk in a Store. On the 1<sup>st</sup> November 1861, he enlisted as a Private in Company C, 54<sup>th</sup> Virginia Infantry. Only one muster roll shows his name and it ends 1<sup>st</sup> January 1862. In July 1863, he signed up for the Civil War Draft in Christian County, Kentucky. On the 1<sup>st</sup> February 1869, he married America Edmunds in Hopkinsville, Christian County, Kentucky. When the 1870 Census was taken he was making his home in District 4, Christian County, Kentucky working as

a Physician. In 1871, he was making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Physician. On the 21<sup>st</sup> January 1873, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.<sup>9</sup>

#### Obituary in Russian River Flag

23<sup>rd</sup> January 1873 page 3

Masonic Funeral--The funeral of Dr. J.F. Daingerfield will take place from his residence on East street today at 11 o'clock a.m. under the auspices of Sotoyome Lodge No. 123, F. & A.M. Dr. Daingerfield died at 11 o'clock' on Tuesday night, of congestion of the brain. He was taken sick last Saturday, but had not been feeling well for two weeks. The Doctor came to this place in September, 1870, from Christian county, Kentucky. He had identified himself with the interests of the community, had made himself known as a skillful physician and surgeon and an estimable citizen and his loss is severely felt.

#### **Private George Michael Day**

George Michael Day was born in 1820 in Norwich, England. He came to the United States in 1850, settling in Iowa. On the 27<sup>th</sup> June 1863, he enlisted in Company G, 8<sup>th</sup> Iowa Calvary Regiment. On the 13<sup>th</sup> August 1865, he was mustered out of service at Macon, Georgia. At that time he came to California and in 1868, he is found on the Voter Register living in Mendocino Township, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. When the 1870 Census was taken he was making his home in Mendocino Township, Sonoma County, California working as a Stock Raiser. In 1888, he is living in Russian River, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. On the 8<sup>th</sup> May 1891, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

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<sup>9</sup> According to article in Russian River Flag on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1881, he served in the Confederate Side of the Civil War.

## Obituary in Sonoma County Tribune

14<sup>th</sup> May 1891 page 3

George Michael Day, an old and estimable resident of Healdsburg, died at his home on Bailhache avenue last Friday, aged seventy-one years. He was born in Norwich, England, in 1820 and in 1850 migrated to America and settled in Iowa. He remained in that State until the late rebellion broke out when he enlisted in the 8<sup>th</sup> Iowa Cavalry Regiment in which he served two years. In 1865 he came to California and engaged in farming in Russian River valley and followed that occupation up to the time of his death. He was an ardently zealous member of the G.A.R. under whose auspices all that was mortal of that good citizen was laid to rest in Oak Mound cemetery last Sunday.

### **Private Michael Elwood/Ellwood**

Michael Elwood/Ellwood was born on the 29<sup>th</sup> August 1842 in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois to Thomas Elwood and Susanna Elizabeth Kerns. When the 1850 Census was taken he was living in Liberty, Adams County, Illinois. When the 1860 Census was taken he was living in Liberty, Adams County, Illinois. On the 24<sup>th</sup> February 1865, he joined Company C, 14<sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry as a Private. On the date of mustered he was sick and in the hospital at David Island, New York Harbor since 25<sup>th</sup> March 1865, according to his service information No Discharge was Given. In about 1883, he moved to California. In 1887, he married Martha Bostwick. When the 1900 Census was taken he was making his home in San Lorenzo, Santa Cruz County, California working as a House Carpenter. In about 1905, he moved to Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. On the 17<sup>th</sup> August 1908, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. According to his death certificate he was working as a Plumber at the time of his death.

Obituary in Healdsburg Tribune

20<sup>th</sup> August 1908 page 1

### DEATH OF WAR VETERAN

#### Michael Ellwood Panes Away After a Long and Painful Illness

On Tuesday of this week, between the hours of eleven and twelve in the morning, occurred the death of Michael Ellwood, a resident of North Healdsburg. Mr. Ellwood had been a patient sufferer from valvular heart disease for a long time, and for the past six weeks had been confined to his bed, during which time he suffered extremely.

Deceased was born in Adams county, Illinois, August 29th, 1842, and died August 17th, 1908, lacking just 12 days of being 66 years of age. He came to California some twenty-five years ago and was married twenty-one years ago to Miss Martha Bostwick of Indiana. No children were born to them.

Deceased was a member of Company C, 14th Illinois Infantry, and served during the latter part of the Civil War, being honorably discharged.

The funeral services were held from the home on University street, being conducted by Elder McLure, assisted by Rev. Laird. The services were under the auspices of the Ladies of the G.A.R., and most of the veterans in Healdsburg and vicinity attended to pay their last respects to their dead comrade. The burial took place in Oak Mound Cemetery.

On behalf of the widow, Mrs. Martha Ellwood, thanks are extended to all who so kindly gave their sympathy and assistance during her time of affliction.

### **Corporal Benjamin F. Emery**

Benjamin F. Emery was born in about 1837 in New York. On the 1<sup>st</sup> October 1861, he enlisted as a Corporal in Company L, 6<sup>th</sup> New York Cavalry. He mustered out of service on the 31<sup>st</sup> October 1864 in Middletown, Virginia. When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home in Norton, Norton County, Kansas working as a

Lawyer. When the Veteran Census was taken in 1890 he is making his home in Sheridan, Sheridan County, Wyoming. According to this census his disability incurred was a shot to the face. He moved to California in about 1901. When the 1910 Census was taken he was making his home on Brush Ave, Analy, Sonoma County, California working as a Lawyer. On the 8<sup>th</sup> August 1912 he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

Obituary in Healdsburg Tribune

8<sup>th</sup> August 1912 page 1

#### DEATH OF BENJAMIN EMERY

Benjamin Emery, a veteran of the Civil War, died at his home on Brown street Sunday morning. The funeral was held yesterday under the auspices of Roanoke Circle, Ladies of the G.A.R.

The deceased was born in New York and was 76 years old. He came to California in 1901 from Wyoming, living several years near Santa Rosa. Later he moved to Graton, and about two years ago he came to Healdsburg. He served three years in the war, enlisting from his native state.

He had not been in robust health 'for some time, owing to heart trouble, and from this disease he died.

"Father simply fell asleep in death," said his son yesterday. "I walked home from town with him. Saturday night and he seemed as well as usual, Sunday morning he did not wake up."

The deceased was twice married, and left his wife and one son, Francis M. Emery.

#### **Private John Favour**

John Favour was born in November 1838 in New York to Peter Favour and Genieve (Maiden name unknown). When the 1850 Census was taken he was making his home in Rubicon, Dodge County, Wisconsin. In about 1858, he

travelled across the plains by Ox and Wagon. When the 1860 Census was taken he was living in Downieville, Sierra County, California working as a Blacksmith. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1861, he enlisted as a Private in Company G, 2<sup>nd</sup> California Cavalry. On the 5<sup>th</sup> April 1862, he was detached on extra duty as a teamster for the Quartermaster Department at New San Pedro. In June and July 1862, he was detached service driving government team for the Quartermaster Department on the Fort Yuma Route to Tucson he arrived back to his Company on the 4<sup>th</sup> August. September-November he was detached on extra duty using his carpenter skills building quarters for the Quartermaster Department. On the 11<sup>th</sup> July 1863, he was detached service escorting Indians to the Tejou Reservation. On the 9<sup>th</sup> October 1863, he was detached to Camp Leonard, Kern River, California helping Garrison. He mustered out of service on the 27<sup>th</sup> September 1864 at San Francisco, California. Sometime about 1877, he married Jane. In 1879, he is making his home in Mendocino Township, Sonoma County, California working as a Carpenter. When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home on Mason Street, Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Carpenter. When the 1910 Census was taken he is living at 525 Mason Street, Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a House Carpenter. On the 24<sup>th</sup> June 1915, his wife Jane passed away. On the 11<sup>th</sup> January 1916, He married a 2<sup>nd</sup> time to Alberta Clark. On the 12<sup>th</sup> January 1926, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

Obituary in Healdsburg Tribune

13<sup>th</sup> January 1926 page 1 and 4

#### CIVIC LEADER OF EARLY DAYS CITY GOVERNMENT DIES

John Favour, Former City Trustee of Healdsburg

With the death in this city on Tuesday afternoon of Colonel John Favour, 87, passes a real pioneer of the city of Healdsburg, for he was inducted into office prior to the incorporation of the city under the California laws, although a form of government had been in operation here since 1867. His election and seating on

the board occurred in May, 1882, and on June 5<sup>th</sup> of that year he began his official duties. On May 14, 1883, the city was reorganized under the laws of California at a special election and on June 4, 1883, incorporation of the city was accomplished in fact, with Mr. Favour, John Young, John Marshall, and Wm. Ruffner as trustees, the latter being president of the board.

John Favour was born in New York in November, 1838, and as a boy moved with his parents to Wisconsin. When he was 20 years old he came across the plains by ox-team to California, settling in Downieville in 1859, working in the mines. He enlisted in Company C, Second California Volunteer Cavalry, during the Civil War, and served during that terrible struggle. He was discharged from the army in 1865 and returned to his old Wisconsin home, again coming to California in 1876, going to San Jose, but moving to Healdsburg in November, 1876.

On June 5, 1882, he took office as city trustee, having been elected to the office with John Young and John Marshall. The city was reorganized and incorporated a year later. On March 30, 1885, a special election voted \$10,000 to build the present city hall. It was erected during 1886, the year Colonel Favour's term expired. He was a candidate for reelection, but failed by only a few votes of receiving a majority.

However, in 1896 he again ran for office and was overwhelmingly elected and inducted into office April 13, 1896. With Trustees Pyne and Wolcott he was on a committee to investigate the Jacobs ranch water supply, which later became the source of hydro-electric energy for the city. In August, 1892, the committee surveyed the grounds, with O.C. Heubner, city engineer. Later the system, belonging to Mr. Koenig was purchased and subsequently the electric plant built in the hills. Favour went out of office finally in April, 1904. During both of his terms he acted a portion of the time as chairman of the board, and was known for his progressive attitude and desire for civic ownership of utilities.

John Favour was brevetted a colonel by President McKinley. He was a prominent G.A.R. man, past president of Roderick Mathewson Post of Healdsburg and when it disbanded joined Ellsworth Post of Santa Rosa, being an active member at his death. It was while dressing a week ago today, preparatory to attending the



installation of officers for the local ladies of the G.A.R. held that afternoon, that he was stricken with paralysis which caused his death.

He married Alberta Clark Favour on January 11, 1916, and died one day after the couple's tenth wedding anniversary. Deceased is survived by his widow, three nieces: Mrs. J. B. Maynard, Palo Alto; Mrs. J. A. Moody, of Ellsworth, Wis.; and Mrs. Babe Roberts, of West Olive, Wis., and two nephews, James Favour of Hartford, Wis., and Frank Favour, of Oskosh, Wis.

The funeral will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the parlors of Fred Young & Co.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Charles H. Fitch**

Charles H. Fitch was born in September 1842 in San Diego, California to Henry Delano Fitch and Josefa Maria Antonia Carrillo. When the 1850 Census was taken he is making his home in San Diego County, California. When the 1860 Census was taken he is making his home in Russian River, Sonoma County, California. On the 10<sup>th</sup> September 1861, he enlisted as a Private in Company D, 1<sup>st</sup> California Cavalry Regiment. On the 12<sup>th</sup> October 1862, he married Helen Foss in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. He mustered out of service on the 12<sup>th</sup> May 1863, on the same day was Commissioned an officer and promoted to 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant of Company K, 1<sup>st</sup> New Mexico Cavalry Regiment. On the 25<sup>th</sup> July 1863, his wife Helen passed away. On the 25<sup>th</sup> November 1863, he resigned his commission. On the 12<sup>th</sup> November 1877, he married Carrie Brown in Sonoma County, California.

When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home on Piper Street, Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Laborer. In 1892, he is making his home in Healdsburg No. 1, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. When the 1910 Census was taken he is making his home on Fitch Street, Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Carpenter. When the 1920 Census was taken he is making his home in Brown Street, Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. On the 7<sup>th</sup> January 1925, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

Obituary in

15<sup>th</sup> January 1925 page 3

CHAS. FITCH DIES WEDNESDAY JAN. 7

END COMES VERY SUDDENLY TO LAST SON OF CAPTAIN FITCH

Wednesday, Jan. 7, about 6 o'clock, Charles Fitch, one of the members of the pioneer Fitch family of this section, died suddenly at his home on Brown street, at the age of 82 years. He had been in usual health up to the time of his death, which came with a stroke of heart trouble and took him within a few minutes.

Charles Fitch was born in San Diego September 1, 1842, the son of Henry D. and Josephia Carillo Fitch, and at the age of 7, came to the Sotoyome Rancho, a grant of 11 leagues of land given his parents as a present by the Mexican government embracing much of the territory about the city of Healdsburg. Young Fitch received his education mainly in the schools of Alameda county and became a rancher in this section. In 1867 he became identified with railroad work which he followed some time again returning to the farm. He spent most of his life in this vicinity.

Charles Fitch is survived by a widow Caroline Brown Fitch granddaughter of Captain Brown of Ogden, Utah, at one time second in command to Brigham Young, leader of the Mormons of the United States. Her father, Daniel Brown, came to California in 1849. Two sons, Charles of San Francisco, and Woodley of Willits, survive Mr. Fitch.

Much of the early history of the Healdsburg section surrounds the activities of the Fitch family. Fitch Mountain was named for them in the early days. Charles Fitch's mother was the daughter of a Castilian family that had come to California from Spain in the earliest days of the Spanish colonization of the state. Captain Fitch met Dona Josefa, born in San Gabriel, California, while he was acting as commander of his ship in a California port. A romantic union resulted. Captain Fitch was baptized a Mexican citizen in order to win the girl of his choice over

parental objections. The protests of an uncle resulted in the elopement of the couple and their wedding at Valparaiso, followed by their separation and arrest by ecclesiastical authority. Subsequently they were released, the wedding approved and the couple given the family blessing.

Deceased is survived by one sister, Mrs. Anita de Fitch Grant, living on the highway near Grant station, the mother of John of this city.

The funeral was held Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Episcopal church, and interment made in Oak Mound cemetery.

### **Sergeant Charles Josiah Goodspeed**

Charles Josiah Goodspeed was born on the 17<sup>th</sup> August 1839 in Wells, Rutland County, Vermont to Anson Goodspeed and Ursula Fitch Cleveland. When the 1860 Census was taken he was making his home in Wheeling, Cook County, Illinois working as a Carpenter. On the 7<sup>th</sup> September 1861, he enlisted in Company H, 8<sup>th</sup> Illinois Cavalry as a Corporal. On the 1<sup>st</sup> July 1863, he was wounded in battle at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

*“Early the next morning, July 1<sup>st</sup>, our pickets brought word that the enemy was advancing in force. Captain {Amasa E.} Dana was in command of the picket line on the Chambersburg road where they first made their appearance; and here, as in many other of the great battles, the Eighth Illinois received the first fire and shed the first blood..... The long line of the enemy came in full view, and their batteries rained upon our men showers of shot and shell, but our brave boys stood firm and fell back only when ordered. The Eighth New York, on our left, was wavering some, but the Third Indiana, on our right never flinched.... It began to be warm work. Sergeant {Charles} Goodspeed, of Company H, was wounded and taken to the depot where a temporary hospital had been established, and soon after {Private*

*John} Williams, of Company M, had his arm shattered by a ball, which required amputation.”<sup>10</sup>*

*“On July 1, Henry’s eighteen-year-old daughter, Anna Garlach, and fourteen others occupied the J.H. Garlach house. She helped to bandage wounds during the retreat and later, on July 4, went to the Presbyterian Church to assist an injured soldier named Goodspeed, who was possibly a sergeant in the 8<sup>th</sup> Illinois Cavalry.”<sup>11</sup>*

He mustered out of service on the 13<sup>th</sup> May 1864. In 1865, he married Harriet S. Bogue in Kane, Illinois. When the 1870 Census was taken he was making his home in Elgin, Kane County, Illinois working as a Carpenter. On the 21<sup>st</sup> March 1877, he married a 2<sup>nd</sup> time to Georgia A. Jones (Maiden Name Giles) in Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, California. In 1879, he is making his home in Mendocino Township, Sonoma County, California. On the 10<sup>th</sup> February 1880, he passed away near Guerneville, Sonoma County, California.

Obituary in Sonoma Democrat

14<sup>th</sup> February 1880 page 5

Fatal Accident Near Guerneville— John Taggart writes us, that on Tuesday last, C.J. Goodspeed, carpenter at the Great Eastern Mine, white at work on top of the furnace. His feet slipped from under him, and he was precipitated to the ground, a distance of thirty feet, and alighting on his head, was killed instantly. He was a native of Vermont, aged forty-one years, and loaves a wife and three children, who reside In Healdsburg.

### **Private George Randall Green/Greene**

<sup>10</sup> A Field Guide to Gettysburg: Experiencing the Battlefield through its History, Places and People by Carol Reardon pages 46-47

<sup>11</sup> A Vast Sea of Misery: A History and Guide to the Union and Confederate Field Hospitals at Gettysburg July 1-November 20, 1863 by Gregory Coco page 49

George Randall Green/Greene was born in about 1833 in Wilton, Sarasota County, New York. On the 1<sup>st</sup> December 1861, he enlisted as a Private in Company F, 22<sup>nd</sup> New York Infantry. He mustered out of service on the 20<sup>th</sup> June 1862 from Clifbourne Hospital, Washington D.C. due to a disability. In 1884, he is living in Mendocino County, California. In 1892, he is making his home in Christine, Mendocino County, California working as a Farmer. On the 4<sup>th</sup> June 1907, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

### Obituary in Healdsburg Tribune

6<sup>th</sup> June 1907 page 1

FOUND DROWNED. —Grand Army Man Loses His Life in the River.

The body of George R. Green, a resident of Healdsburg, was found under the Russian River Bridge below town, on Tuesday last by some boys who were fishing.

Coroner Blackburn came up and an inquest was held, the verdict of the jury being the deceased came to his death by drowning, whether intentional or accidental was unknown to the jury.

The deceased was a veteran of the Civil War, he having been a member of Company F, 22d Regiment, N.Y. Volunteers.

The funeral will take place to-day at 2 o'clock.

### **Private Smith Moses Griggs**

Smith Moses Griggs was born on the 19<sup>th</sup> December 1836 in Tyre, Seneca County, New York to Peter B. Griggs and Elizabeth Pierson. On the 30<sup>th</sup> June 1861, he enlisted as a Private in Company G, 8<sup>th</sup> Missouri Infantry Regiment. Starting the 2<sup>nd</sup> July he was detailed as a Nurse at Jefferson Barracks on the Mississippi River at Lemay, Missouri. On the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1861, he was transferred to the General Hospital New House of Refuge. On the 1<sup>st</sup> November 1861, he was

discharged out of service by excess of organization. On the 9<sup>th</sup> April 1863, he married Ellen M. Brown in Peoria, Illinois.



*Smith Moses Griggs*

When the 1870 Census was taken he was making his home in Orion, Fulton County, Illinois working as a Farmer. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1874, his wife Eliza passed away. On the 18<sup>th</sup> November 1875, he married Eliza Tucker in Warren County, Iowa. When the 1880 Census was taken he was making his home in Jackson, Warren County, Iowa working as a Farmer. In about 1891, he moved to Southern California. In 1892, he is living in Lordsburg, Los Angeles County, California working as a Merchant. In 1894, he is making his home in Soda Rock, Sonoma County, California as a Farmer. In 1895, his wife would pass away in Geyserville, Sonoma County, California. On the 12<sup>th</sup> April 1900, he married Emily G. Smith in Sonoma County, California. When the 1900 Census was taken he is making his home in Knights Valley, Sonoma County, California. When the 1910 Census was taken he was making his home on Healdsburg Road, Mendocino Township, Sonoma County, California. On the 11<sup>th</sup> June 1914, his wife would pass away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. On the 1<sup>st</sup> November 1915, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

Obituary in The Healdsburg Enterprise

6<sup>th</sup> November 1915 page 2

SMITH M. GRIGGS

Aged Man Dies After Weeks of Suffering.

Smith M. Griggs died at his home on Powell avenue Monday morning, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 5 o'clock. Mr. Griggs had been in failing health for more than a year, and his last illness extended over a period of six weeks. Deceased was a native of New York, and had he lived until December he would have been seventy-nine years old. He, with his family, came to Southern California in 1891 Twenty-one years ago they came to Sonoma county and located in Alexander valley, where they lived for eighteen years. The last few years of his life have been spent in Healdsburg. Mrs. Griggs died about a year ago, and his daughter, Miss Zenora Griggs, has had the care of her father since that time.

Surviving the deceased are five sons and one daughter. They are Clarence Griggs of Lordsburg, Cal.; Miss Zenora Griggs and Reno Griggs, of Healdsburg; Justin Griggs of Arizona, Ellis Griggs of San Jacinto and Seneca Griggs of Colton. Two brothers survive, Ellas Griggs of Cobert, Mich., and Peter Griggs, a Methodist minister of Bellingham, Wash. Miss Griggs is, a graduate from the Los Angeles Medical College, and has spent fourteen years as medical missionary at Sierra Leone, Africa. Her health has compelled her to take a rest from her strenuous work for a time.

The funeral was held from the late residence on Powell avenue, Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, the Rev. William Frysinger officiating. The interment was in Oak Mound cemetery.

**Lieutenant Herman H. Griswold**

Herman H. Griswold was born on the 29<sup>th</sup> January 1840 in Westmoreland, Oneida County, New York to Moses Griswold and Eunice S. Miner. When the 1850 Census was taken he was making his home in Westmoreland, Oneida County, New York.

When the 1850 Census was taken he was making his home in Westmoreland, Oneida County, New York working as a Gent for Griswold & Hall. On the 29<sup>th</sup> December 1863, he married Anna Colburn in Lowell, New York. On the 9<sup>th</sup> January 1864, he enlisted as a Private and was mustered into service on the 24<sup>th</sup> February 1864 in Company M, 15<sup>th</sup> New York Cavalry. "While on duty in Western Virginia he was captured and his general health is very much improved in consequence of his injuries received in the service".<sup>12</sup> On the 26<sup>th</sup> August 1864, he was promoted to 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant. On the 17<sup>th</sup> June 1865, he was transferred to Company M, 2<sup>nd</sup> Provisional New York Cavalry. He mustered out of service on the 9<sup>th</sup> August 1865 in Louisville, Kentucky. When the 1870 Census was taken he was making his home in Westmoreland, Oneida County, New York working as a Wagon Maker. When the 1880 Census was taken he was making his home in Westmoreland, Oneida County, New York working in Iron Foundry. In 1898, he is making his home in Sonoma County, California working as a Laborer. When the 1900 Census was taken he was making his home on Fitch Street, Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Day Laborer. When the 1910 Census was taken he was making his home at 464 Fitch Street, Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

### Obituary in Healdsburg Tribune

14<sup>th</sup> June 1917 page 6

#### DEATH OF G.A.R. VETERAN

#### H. E. Griswold Took Part In Many Battles of the Civil War

Herman E. Griswold, a resident of Healdsburg since 1891, died at his home at the corner of Fitch and Piper streets, Friday of last week after a long illness.

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<sup>12</sup> Information from New York, Town Clerks Register of Men who served in the Civil War- Oneida- Vienna- Whitestown



The deceased was born in Westmoreland, Oneida county, New York, on January 29, 1840. On December 29, 1863, he was married to Anna Colburn, at Lowell, New York. Three children were born to them, two of whom are residents of Healdsburg—Fred J. Griswold and Mrs. Harriet E. Stanley. Dean Griswold, a son, died in Healdsburg in 1902.

Mr. Griswold enlisted in the army early in the Civil War, and he participated in the battles of Winchester, Dinwiddle Court House, Five Forks, Appomattox Court House, and other engagements in the cavalry service. He was present at the surrender of General Hubert E. Lee, and he participated in the grand review in Washington at the close of the war, on May 23, 1865.

His home was at Westmoreland, New York, until December, 1890, when he came to California, settling first at Uniah, from which place he came to Healdsburg.

He was a man of a quiet disposition, but he made many friends in this city during the years of his life here, all of whom learned of his death with sorrow.

In addition to the son and daughter named, the deceased is survived by his wife, Mrs. Anna Griswold.

The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the home, and were attended by many friends and by the representatives of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Ladies of the G.A.R. The Rev. Francis Hope officiated, assisted by a choir composed of Mrs. Sam Horton, Mr. Robert Schlefler and Miss Annie Dimes.

The pall-bearers were Luke Hall, J.W. Rose, Benjamin Crystal, Frank Frame, Mr. Saunders and Dr. J.S. Stone.

### **Corporal John Hamilton Hall**

John Hamilton Hall was born on the 19<sup>th</sup> March 1842 in Epsom, Merrimack County, New Hampshire to John C. Hall and Martha Rand. When the 1850 Census was taken he was living in Epsom, Merrimack County, New Hampshire. When the 1860 Census was taken he was living in Epsom, Merrimack County, New

Hampshire. On the 19<sup>th</sup> August 1862, he enlisted as a Corporal in Company C, 137<sup>th</sup> New York Infantry. On the 29<sup>th</sup> October 1862, he was discharged due to a disability at Pleasant Valley, Maryland. On the 27<sup>th</sup> November 1867, he married Nellie C. Farnham in Somersworth, Strafford County, New Hampshire. When the 1870 Census was taken he was making his home in Epsom, Merrimack County, New Hampshire working as at a Shoe Factory. When the 1880 Census was taken he was making his home in Lynn, Essex County, Massachusetts working in a Shoe Factory. In 1892, he is making his home in San Francisco, California working as a Foreman. On the 19<sup>th</sup> November 1903, he passed away in Occidental, Sonoma County, California.

Obituary in Press Democrat (Santa Rosa, California)

26<sup>th</sup> November 1903 page 3

J. H. Hall Passes Away

The funeral occurred at Healdsburg on Tuesday of John Hamilton Hall. He arrived in Healdsburg on Tuesday of last week to visit relatives on Dry Creek, but was stricken down with typhoid-pneumonia and passed away on Sunday. The deceased is survived by a wife and three sons, H.A. Hall, J.H. Hall and George Hall and one daughter, Mrs. Alice Truitt. The deceased was a native of New Hampshire and was sixty-one years of age. He was a veteran of the civil war.

Obituary in Healdsburg Enterprise

28<sup>th</sup> November 1903 page 1

WELL KNOWN RESIDENT PASSES AWAY

John Hamilton Hall died last Sunday at about 2 p.m. at the Union Hotel of typhoid pneumonia. Mr. Hall came up from San Francisco to visit his home on Dry Creek but was stricken down with the dread disease before he could reach his home. Deceased was born at Epsom, New Hampshire, and was aged 61 years and 8

months. He was a veteran of the Civil War having served in Company C, 137th New York Volunteers. He came to California twelve years ago and has ever since been a department superintendent in the United Workmen Shoe Factory at San Francisco. Deceased leaves beside a widow three sons, H.A. Hall, J.H. Hall Jr., and George Hall, and one daughter, Mrs. Alice Truitt, all of this vicinity. The funeral took place Tuesday at 11 a. m., from Young's undertaking parlors.

### **Private Robert Harmeson**

Robert Harmeson was born on the 8<sup>th</sup> March 1831 in Allen County, Ohio to William Harmeson and Elizabeth Fransworth. When the 1850 Census was taken he was living in Anderson, Madison County, Indiana. On the 1<sup>st</sup> June 1861, he enlisted as a Private in Company C, 25<sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry Regiment. On the 5<sup>th</sup> September 1864 he mustered out of service at Camp Butler, Springfield, Illinois. On the 25<sup>th</sup> October 1868, he married Annie Roy in Homer, Champaign County, Illinois. When the 1870 Census was taken he was making his home in Homer, Champaign County, Illinois. In 1879, he is making his home in Mendocino Township, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. In 1888, he is making his home in Mendocino Township, Sonoma County, California as a Laborer. In 1892, he is making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. When the 1900 Census was taken he is making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. On the 17<sup>th</sup> October 1909, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

Obituary in Press Democrat (Santa Rosa, California)

14<sup>th</sup> October 1909 page 2

#### **ROBERT HARMESON IS LAID TO REST**

The funeral of the late Robert Harmeson of Healdsburg, who passed away at his home in that city on Monday, was held there Wednesday. The deceased was a

native of Champaign county, Ill. He served throughout the Civil War in Company C, Twenty-fifth Illinois Regiment, and participated In many of the battles of the war.

Mr. Harmeson settled In the Sotoyome Valley when he came to the state in 1878, and made his home on the ranch until recently, when he moved into town to spend his declining years in comfort. He was a member of the Baptist Church and lived a Christian life. He was related to W. H. and Frank Bailey of this city and Mrs. Nina E. Jacobs, all of whom with E.H. Jacobs, went up and attended the funeral Wednesday at Healdsburg. He was 78 years, 7 months and 3 days old.

### Obituary in Healdsburg Enterprise

16<sup>th</sup> October 1909 page 1

#### Civil War Veteran Answers Bugle Call

Robert Harmeson, a civil war veteran, and a resident of ibis city for close to thirty years, well known and respected, died at his home on North street Monday evening. While In poor health, it was only the past six weeks that be was bedfast.

The funeral took place Wednesday Rev. M.S. Eby officiating. At the house the Ladles of the G.A.R. held services conducted by Mrs. Seeley. The funeral was largely attended and the floral offerings beautiful.

Robert Harmeson was born in Allen County, Ohio, March 8<sup>th</sup> 1831 and with his parents moved to Anderson County, Indiana and later to Illinois. He answered his country's call for soldiers and was among the first to the front, enlisting in 1861 in Company C, 25<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Illinois Volunteers. He was in the battle of Memphis and Chattanooga and campaigned through Tennessee and Georgia and was discharged with honors after three and a half years of service.

In 1868 he was married to Miss Annie Ray at Homer. Champagne County Illinois With his family they came to California in 1878 and after a few years settled on the ranch north of Healdsburg where they resided until failing health drove him

from his farm labors and about three years ago they moved to this city, residing on North street. His wife and three children, Mrs. C.E. Penny of Sebastopol, Mrs. G.R. French and True Harmeson of this city, are left to mourn his loss.

### **Private George Washington Harmon**

George Washington Harmon was born in September 1842 in Indiana to Mathias Harmon and Nancy Eddleman. When the 1850 Census was taken he was making his home in Jefferson, Tippecanoe County, Indiana. When the 1860 Census was taken he was making his home in Georgetown, Floyd County, Indiana. On the 27<sup>th</sup> July 1861 he enlisted as a Private in Company C, 23<sup>rd</sup> Indiana Infantry Regiment. The regiment proceeded to Indianapolis, Indiana, where they went into camp and a few months later went to St. Louis, where they were in barracks over a month, and then were sent to Paducah, Kentucky, where they were first engaged, and next at Bolivar, Tennessee. He served all through the Shiloh campaign, and was engaged at Pittsburg Landing, second day's fight, under Wallace. Then went to Corinth, and was in the Vicksburg campaign. In the movements about the beleaguered city he took an active part and participated in the battles of Champion Hills, Chickasaw, Raymond, etc. At Champion Hills he served under McPherson, and was one of those who cut the breastworks to let the artillery in, and drove in the skirmishers. During the assault on the works at Vicksburg he was in the charge on Fort Hill immediately after the explosion. After the capture of the city, the regiment camped for a time in Vicksburg, and there veteranized, the members returning to Indiana on a thirty days' furlough. Rendezvousing at Corinth, the regiment started on a march to Atlanta, and took part in all that campaign with its many skirmishes and battles. He proceeded with his command beyond the Chattahoochee River, and on the 27<sup>th</sup> of July went to Marietta, where he took cars for Chattanooga, turned over his equipment, and was there mustered out July 28<sup>th</sup> 1864. On the 25<sup>th</sup> October 1864, he married Sarah Teaford in Indiana. When the 1870 Census was taken he was living in Buchanan, Atchison County, Missouri working as a Farmer. In 1879, he is living in Kernville, Kern County, California working as a Laborer. When the 1880 Census was taken he was making his home in Kernville, Kern County, California working as a Amalgamator.

In 1888, he is making his home in Mendocino Township, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. In 1892, he is making his home on Healdsburg Road, Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Nurseryman. In 1896, he is making his home on Healdsburg Road, Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Fruit Grower. When the 1900 Census was taken he was making his home on Tucker Street, Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. On the 29<sup>th</sup> February 1904, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

Obituary in Press Democrat (Santa Rosa, California)

3<sup>rd</sup> March 1904 page 8

Death of G. W. Harmon

George W. Harmon, an old and respected resident of Healdsburg, is dead. He passed away on Monday and was laid to rest on Wednesday afternoon. The deceased was a native of Indiana and was aged 62 years. He came here from the state of Washington about 22 years ago and was engaged in the nursery business. He was known as a sterling man and was a respected member of Healdsburg Lodge of Odd Fellows. He was a veteran of the civil war, having served in Co. C, 23d Indiana Infantry. Besides a widow he leaves one son, Oliver Harmon, and two daughters, Mrs. E. S. Gray and Mrs. George Curtis, to mourn his loss.

### **Private James Knox Polk Harmon**

James Knox Polk Harmon was born in March 1844 in Springfield, Sarigarmon County, Illinois to Absalom S. Harmon and Elizabeth Donner. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1863, he enlisted as a Private in Company F, 3<sup>rd</sup> Iowa Cavalry. He was mustered out of service on the 30<sup>th</sup> May 1864 in Louisville, Kentucky. On the 31<sup>st</sup> August 1875, he married Francis L. Brogden in Independence County, Arkansas. When the 1880 Census was taken he was making his home in Black River, Independence

County, Arkansas working as a Farmer. In 1898, he is living in Penngrove, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. When the 1900 Census was taken he was making his home on Piper Street, Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as Farm Laborer for past 3 months. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1902, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

#### Obituary in Healdsburg Tribune

27<sup>th</sup> February 1902 page 1

#### JAMES P. HARMON

James Harmon was born in Springfield, Sarigarmon county, Illinois, in the year of 1844. When yet a small boy he left Illinois with his parents and went to Iowa. At the age of seventeen, in response to his Country's call, he enlisted in the army, and for three years endured the hardships of a soldier's life. In 1875, in the State of Arkansas, he was united in marriage to Fannie L. Brogdon. Later he moved to Oregon and from there to California about six or seven years ago. For many years Mr. Harmon was a member of the Baptist Church, but in 1897 he united with the Seventh Day Adventist Church at Sebastopol. From that place he moved with his family to Healdsburg, and had resided here continuously for over four years. Mr.

Harmon served several years as Plaza gardener, and rendered very efficient service. He was a kind, loving husband and affectionate father. He leaves a wife, three sons, and two daughters to mourn his loss. During his sickness of five weeks he was always very patient. The funeral services took place Sunday, the interment being in Oak Mound Cemetery.

#### **Full Private William Alvin Howard**

William Alvin Howard was born on the 12<sup>th</sup> June 1830 in Carter County, Kentucky to Thomas Gibson Howard and Nancy Jane Gardner. On the 8<sup>th</sup> April 1852, he married Ashley Jane Larison in Buchanan County, Missouri. When the 1860

Census was taken he is making his home in Bloomington, Buchanan County, Missouri working as a Day Laborer. On the 16<sup>th</sup> July 1864, he enlisted as a Sergeant in Company B, 17<sup>th</sup> Kansas Infantry. On the 28<sup>th</sup> September 1864, he was reduced in ranks to Full Private on same company. He was mustered out of service on the 16<sup>th</sup> November 1864. Sometime between 1865-1866, his wife Ashley passes away, in that same period he gets remarried to Margaret Jane Hamner. When the 1870 Census is taken he is making his home in Sarcoxie, Jefferson County, Kansas working as a Farmer. In 1871, he is living in Buckeye, Yolo County, California working as a Farmer. In 1876, he is living in Silveyville, Solano County, California working as a Trader. When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home in San Joaquin, Stanislaus County, California is occupation at the time in Running a Dairy. In 1888, he is making his home in Sonoma County, California as a Farmer. On the 18<sup>th</sup> September 1894, his son William Franklin passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. In 1896, he is making his home Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. On the 24<sup>th</sup> February 1898, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

#### Obituary in Healdsburg Tribune

3<sup>rd</sup> March 1898 page 6

HOWARD—In Healdsburg, February 24<sup>th</sup>, Wm. A. Howard, a native of Kentucky, aged 67 years, 8 months and 12 days.

#### **Private Edward Whitton Humes**

Edward Whitton Humes was born on the 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1847 in Janesville, Rock County, Wisconsin to Amos Humes and Susan Ann Vreeland. When the 1860 Census was taken he was making his home in Brooklyn, Green County, Wisconsin.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> May 1864, he enlisted as a Private in Company A, 40<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Infantry. On the 16<sup>th</sup> September 1864, he mustered out of service in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In 1886, he is making his home in San Francisco, California working as



a Engineer. In 1890, he is making his home in San Francisco, California working as a Engineer. In 1892, he is making his home in Healdsburg No. 1, Sonoma County, California working as a Marine Engineer. When the 1910 Census was taken he is making his home in San Francisco Assembly District 29, San Francisco County, California as a Marine Engineer. On the 18<sup>th</sup> April 1913, he passed away in San Francisco, California.

#### Obituary in Healdsburg Enterprise

26<sup>th</sup> April 1913 page 4

#### EDWARD W. HUMES

Edward W. Humes, an uncle of Mrs. J. B. Prince and of Guy Wolcott of Healdsburg and Frank R. Wolcott of Redding.

Mr. Humes was born in Wisconsin January 3, 1847, being 66 years, 3 months and 15 days old. Deceased came to California in 1880, and had made his home most of the time in San Francisco. He was a bachelor, a civil engineer and an old soldier. He held his certificate of honorable discharge from the army, signed by Abraham Lincoln.

Deceased was laid away under the Stars and Stripes by the old veterans of the G.A.R. of Healdsburg, in Oak Mound Cemetery.

The funeral service took place Sunday afternoon from the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Prince on Piper street. E. B. Ware was the officiating minister. A special choir rendered appropriate music.

#### **Captain Daniel Gale Jewett**

Daniel Gale Jewett was born on the 5<sup>th</sup> October 1830 in Palmyra, Somerset County, Maine to David Hale Jewett and Hannah Yale. When the 1850 Census was taken he was making his home in Madison, Dane County, Wisconsin. In 1853, he

graduated from the University of Wisconsin. On the 20<sup>th</sup> April 1861, he enlisted as a 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant in Company I, 4<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Cavalry Regiment.

**Letter from Daniel G. Jewett to Friend Dana**

*Camp Randall in Maryland*

*September 6<sup>th</sup> 1861*

*Friend Dana,*

*I send you in this letter a draft of twenty dollars on the Bank of the Republic N. Y. & a three dollar bill on a bank in Wisconsin. I do not know whether the bill is good or not.*

*I am just about sick today — hardly feel able to sit up. But I shall get well by tomorrow. I do not know how long we shall stay here. The Wisconsin Brigade has crossed [the] Potomac & Col. [Halbert E.] Paine expects marching orders every day.*

*We were paid day before yesterday & money is plenty now but I should judge that one half at least will be sent back to their friends in Wisconsin. The boys in our company paid me \$336.00 to get draft for them to send back, which I have just received.*

*I don't know as I have any news today. There has been two deaths in our company — one of disease of the brain, the other accidentally shot, & one was discharged three days ago & gone home. If we should stop there this winter, I may possibly get a furlough to go to Wisconsin but you need not expect me until I get there.*

*You can pay Pete out of this money & the balance keep yourself & sell the cow & pay up my little debts. Get that three dollars off Barker if you have not got it. Write as soon as you get this.*

*Your friend, — D. G. Jewett*

He was promoted to Full 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant on the 17<sup>th</sup> December 1861. He was promoted to Full 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant on the 11<sup>th</sup> August 1862. He was wounded on the 14<sup>th</sup> June 1863, his regiment was utilized as an infantry unit until just prior to the Battle of Port Hudson where he was wounded in the second assault and was taken prisoner inside the fort. He was promoted to Full Captain on the 24<sup>th</sup> June 1863. In September 1863, he married Mary Merrill. He mustered out of service on the 24<sup>th</sup> June 1864. When the 1870 Census was taken he was making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Carpenter. When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California. On the 29<sup>th</sup> October 1906, he passed away in Melrose, Alameda County, California.

#### Obituary in The San Francisco Call

1<sup>st</sup> November 1906

JEWETT—In Melrose, Alameda County, Cal., October 29, 1906, Captain Daniel G. Jewett, late Caleb Jewett, brother-in-law of Viola Jewett, and beloved uncle of Mrs. Nellie Tweedle, Willie D. and Ervin D. Jewett, a native of Maine, aged 76 years. A veteran of the Civil War, Fourth Wisconsin Infantry, Company I.

Friends, acquaintances and comrades of the G.A.R. are respectfully invited to attend the funeral Friday, November 2, at 10 a.m., from the mortuary chapel of the Goden Gate Undertaking Company, 2483 Mission street, near Twenty-first. Remains will be shipped to Healdsburg, where G.A.R. services will be held on Saturday, November 3, 1906.

#### Obituary in Healdsburg Tribune

8<sup>th</sup> November 1906 page 2

DEATH OF CAPT. JEWETT

A Resident of Healdsburg for Thirty-six years.

Daniel G. Jewett, a resident of Healdsburg for thirty-six years, died in Alameda county last week. He left Healdsburg two or three years ago, after the death of his first wife, and took up his residence in San Francisco, where he later remarried, afterward moving to Alameda county.

Captain Jewett's health was very poor about a year ago, and it was thought he would not live long. He improved, however, and on a recent visit here, but a few weeks ago, he seemed to be in the best of health. The news of his death came as a sad surprise to his many friends in Healdsburg.

Mrs. Jewett, his first wife, died about six years ago.

Captain Jewett served in the Civil War in Company I, Fourth Wisconsin Infantry, and he bore a large scar on his face acquired in the service of his country.

He was a member of Progressive Grange for a number of years, also of the Grand Army, and the funeral was held Saturday in Healdsburg under the direction of the latter organization.

Deceased was a native of Maine, and was 76 years of age.

### **Private George Washington Johnson**

George Washington Johnson was born on the 30<sup>th</sup> March 1828 in Warren County, Virginia to David Johnson Jr. and Frances Huff. On the 15<sup>th</sup> March 1856, he married Mary Ellen (Maiden Name Unknown) in Rappahannock County, Virginia.

He was conscripted by the Confederate Army as a Private on the 13<sup>th</sup> October 1864 at his home into Cooper's Company. On the 11<sup>th</sup> November 1864, he gave up at Fort Smith, Arkansas. The reason for this is as follows: *"I was conscripted at home about 13<sup>th</sup> October by 4 armed men, they took me with them at once, would not let me go home for clothes. Deserted them 8 November 64 and went to Fort Smith, Ark. Did not think Police would hold the State. Never been arrested before."* On the 5<sup>th</sup> April 1865, he sent a letter to Colonel Baker the Provo Marshall General

from Gratiot Street Prison, St. Louis, Missouri in regards to his loyalty being questioned, he says the following: *“Dear Sir I have just understood that I am on the exchange list as a prisoner of war. I don’t know how that happens when I was conscripted and deserted as soon as I could and gave myself up at Fort Smith. I would rather be shot than to go on exchange for I am a union man and all was have been.”* On the 21<sup>st</sup> May 1865, he signed the Oath of Allegiance to the United States. When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home in Union, Daviess County, Missouri working as a Farmer. In 1888, he is making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. In 1892, he is making his home in North Sebastopol, Sonoma County, California working as a Railroad Conductor. When the 1900 Census was taken he is making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. When the 1910 Census was taken he was making his home on Matheson Street, Mendocino, Sonoma County, California. On the 13<sup>th</sup> December 1916, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

#### Obituary in Healdsburg Tribune

14<sup>th</sup> December 1916 page 1

#### DEATH FROM PARALYSIS

George W. Johnson Lived But Few Days After Stroke Came

A familiar face in Alexander Valley was lost to sight forever yesterday morning, when George W. Johnson died.

Mr. Johnson went to Sebastopol a short time ago to visit with his daughter, Mrs. Monroe Combs, and sustained a stroke of paralysis on Friday of last week, from which he died yesterday morning.

He was born in Virginia in 1828, and was aged 88 years 3 months and 13 days. He came to California and to Alexander Valley in 1888, and that place had been his home ever since. Mrs. Johnson died about sixteen years ago. He was a man of sterling character, with many warm friends in Healdsburg and Alexander Valley.

Six children survive, Andrew Johnson. Mrs. Monroe Combs. Mrs. J. W. Matthews, Mrs. L. A. Hicklin, Ambrose Johnson, and Mrs. M. T. Hughes, all of whom reside in this vicinity.

He also left a number of grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from Masonic Hall, under the direction of C. E. Curtis, and interment will be in Oak Mound Cemetery.

### **Private Michael Dennis Kelly**

Michael Dennis Kelly was born in about 1823 in Ireland. On the 14<sup>th</sup> May 1861, he enlisted as a Private in Company B, 37<sup>th</sup> New York Infantry Regiment. He mustered out of service on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1863 in New York City, New York. In 1867, he is making his home in Analy, Sonoma County, California working as a Gardner. In September 1884, he was naturalized as a US Citizen. In 1892, he is making his home in West Windsor working as a Farmer. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1896, he passed away near Windsor, Sonoma County, California.

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8<sup>th</sup> October 1896 page 4

Last Thursday at the farm of his son-in-law, Francis Wright, near West Windsor, Mr. D. Kelly, a pioneer of California and the superintendent of construction when the Donahue road was being built, dropped dead in a gulch in the vineyard. There was no one about at the time and it was only until a search for him was made that the body was discovered. Deceased was the father of Mrs. G. W. Burch of Santa Rosa and Mrs. Francis Wright of Windsor. He was born in Ireland and aged 80 years. The funeral was held Friday.

Obituary in Sonoma Democrat

10<sup>th</sup> October 1896 page 1

FOUND DEAD IN A FIELD

M.D. Kelly a Pioneer of this County Passes Away

M. D. Kelly, a pioneer of this county and a highly respected citizen of Sonoma was found dead in a field on the farm of his son-in-law, Frank Wright of Russian River township Saturday.

The deceased was 21 years of age and was in good health at the time of his death. It is supposed he was overcome by the heat.

He came to California in 1849. He was a native of Ireland and a soldier in the civil war. His funeral took place Friday.

**Private Samuel Robinson Kemp**

Samuel Robinson Kemp was born in about 1833 in New Hampshire. On the 10<sup>th</sup> May 1861, he enlisted as a Private in Company A, 17<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts. In July and August 1862, he was sick at the hospital at Newbern. On the 28<sup>th</sup> December 1863, he started working in the Quartermasters Department under Lt. Col. Fellows. He mustered out of service on the 3<sup>rd</sup> August 1864. In 1896, he is making his home on Healdsburg Road, Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Carpenter. In 1898, he is making his home on Healdsburg Road, Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Carpenter. On the 12<sup>th</sup> July 1903, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

Obituary in Healdsburg Enterprise

18<sup>th</sup> July 1903 page 1

Veteran Passed Away.

Samuel R. Kemp aged 72 years died at his home on Dry Creek Monday. Deceased was a Civil War veteran and a member of the 17th Massachusetts Infantry. The funeral was held Wednesday from the undertaking parlors of E. Jeffreys & Sons.

### **Private Levi Ketchum**

Levi Ketchum was born on the 19<sup>th</sup> June 1841 in Manchester, Dearborn County, Indiana to William Headley Ketchum and Fannie Shoemake. When the 1850 Census was taken he was making his home in Manchester, Dearborn County, Indiana. When the 1860 Census was taken he was making his home in Township 5 Range 6, Madison County, Illinois. On the 1<sup>st</sup> October 1861, he enlisted as a Private in Company F, 10<sup>th</sup> Illinois Calvary. He mustered out of service on the 30<sup>th</sup> December 1864. On the 29<sup>th</sup> June 1869, he married Lucinda Meek in Kansas City, Wyandotte County, Kansas. When the 1870 Census was taken he was making his home in Olathe, Johnson County, Kansas working as a Farmer. When the 1880 Census was taken he was making his home in Buena Vista, Stanislaus County, California working as a Farmer. In 1884, he is making his home in Manchester, Mendocino County, California. On the 11<sup>th</sup> November 1886, he married a 2<sup>nd</sup> time to Alice E. Bartlett in Mendocino County, California. In 1892, he is making his home in Manchester, Mendocino County, California working as a Farmer. In 1896, he is making his home in Healdsburg No. 1, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. When the 1900 Census was taken he is making his home on Johnson Street, Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. When the 1910 Census was taken he is making his home on Johnson Street, Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1919, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

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27<sup>th</sup> February 1919 page 1

LEVI KETCHUM PASSES AT AGE OF 77 YEARS



Levi Ketchum died Sunday evening at his home on Johnson street, altar an illness of several weeks. Deceased was born in Indiana and was seventy-seven years, eight months, and two days old at the time of his death. He was a Civil War veteran and had lived many years in California.

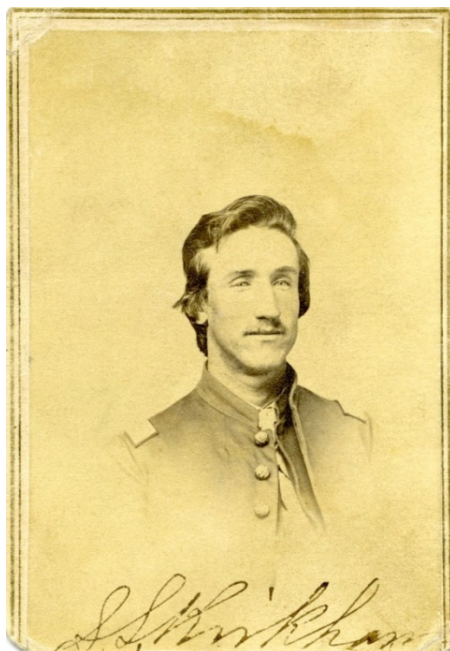
Mr. Ketchum was married 32 years ago in Manchester. Mendocino county, to Mrs. Alice Bartlett, who survives him. Twenty-four years ago they came to Healdsburg and built the home on Johnson street where they have since lived. Beside the widow, four children and two step-children survive him. They are: Alfred, Oliver, and Burns Ketchum of Modesto, Mrs. Charles Palmer of Stockton, George Bartlett of San Rafael, and Mrs. William Brown of Marysville.

Mr. Ketchum was a man of kind disposition and had many friends who will learn with regret of his demise.

The funeral was held Tuesday at two o'clock at the Church of Christ, the Rev. Francis Hope, pastor of the church, officiating. The remains rest in Oak Mound cemetery beneath a bed of beautiful flowers.

### **Lieutenant Samuel Silvanus Kirkham**

Samuel Silvanus Kirkham was born on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1843 in Van Buren County, Iowa to Thomas Kirkham and Paulina (Maiden Name Unknown). When the 1850 Census was taken he is making his home in Soap Creek, Davis County, Iowa. When the 1860 Census was taken he is making his home in Paola, Lykins County, Kansas Territory. On the 19<sup>th</sup> August 1862, he enlisted as a Private in Company D, 12<sup>th</sup> Kansas Infantry. On the 15<sup>th</sup> April 1863, he was promoted to Corporal. On the 30<sup>th</sup> October 1864, he was commissioned as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in Company C, 12<sup>th</sup> Kansas Infantry Regiment. In June 1865, he was knocked over board by the Capston lever on board the Steamer Lotus in the Arkansas River. On the 30<sup>th</sup> June 1865, he was mustered out of service.



On the 1<sup>st</sup> June 1870, he married Lizzie Miller in Miami County, Kansas. When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home in Hepler, Crawford County, Kansas working as a Carpenter.



*A photograph showing a reunion of the Twelfth Kansas Infantry, Company D in Ottawa, Kansas. People in the photograph are: #4 S.S. Kirkham taken between 1890-1900<sup>13</sup>*

<sup>13</sup> <http://www.kansasmemory.org/item/219347>

When the 1900 Census was taken he was making his home in Benton, Douglas County, Missouri working as a House Carpenter. In 1901, he moved to Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. On the 6<sup>th</sup> January 1908, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

### Obituary in Healdsburg Tribune

9<sup>th</sup> January 1908 page 1

#### ANSWERS DEATH'S CALL

#### S. S. Kirkham Passes Away After Much Suffering

Another pioneer has gone to rest. After a long struggle with a disease that no effort and medical skill could arrest or allay, Mr. Samuel S. Kirkham has gone to meet his Maker. Mr. Kirkham was born in Iowa on February 2, 1843. Thrilled by the wave of patriotic fever that swept the north in '61, he enlisted under Lincoln's first call for volunteers, and during all that bloody warfare fought in the 12<sup>th</sup> Kansas Infantry. At the close of the war he came to California by way of the Isthmus of Panama, and located in Nevada City, where he resided until 1869, when he returned to Paula, Kansas. Here he met and entered into marriage vows with Miss Lizzie Kirkham, who proved to be a faithful and devoted companion to the end of his life's journey.

The family came to California in 1870, but after a three year's stay, returned to Kansas, there to reside until they came to Healdsburg in 1901.

As a contractor and builder, Mr. Kirkham was well known in Healdsburg and also in Berkeley, where he was engaged in filling extensive building contracts when compelled to return home on account of poor health. Four girls were the fruit of this happy union, but three have gone before, leaving but one, Mrs. John Miller, to comfort her bereaved mother.

Mr. Kirkham united with the Christian Church in Rushville, Ill., and was a member of that faith at the time of his death. During his last illness he repeatedly

proclaimed his utter and complete trust in Christ, and his desire to be at rest in the Lord. He passed away on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 1908. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. George W. Brewster at the home of the mourning family, Wednesday, at 2 o'clock.

### **Private James Henry Lahee/Leahy**

James Henry Lahee/Leahy was born in July 1837 in New Foundland, Canada. He immigrated to the United States in 1839 and became a Naturalized Citizen (By his Father's Naturalization). On the 21<sup>st</sup> August 1862, he enlisted as a Private in Company G, 28<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Infantry. He mustered out of service on the 16<sup>th</sup> June 1865. In 1890, he is making his home on Healdsburg Road, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. In 1896, he is making his home on Healdsburg Road, Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. When the 1900 Census was taken he was making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California. In 1908, he is living on Mill Creek Rd, Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. On the 6<sup>th</sup> June 1908, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

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11<sup>th</sup> June 1908 page 7

DIED SUDDENLY

Veteran J. H. Leahy Answers the Last Roll-Call

J. H. Leahy, a veteran of the Civil War, died quite suddenly on Saturday last. He had come in town to make out his pension papers, when he was taken ill, and died in Dr. Seawall's office. He was a member of Roanoke Circle, Ladies of the G.A.R., who took charge of the remains and buried them in the Ladies of G.A.R. plot, Oak Mound cemetery. Mr. Leahy was born in New York and was sixty-nine years of age at the time of his death. He served during the war in Co. G, 28th

Wisconsin Regiment. Mr. Leahy was unmarried and had lived on his place at the mouth of Wallace creek, on Mill creek road, for the past twenty five or thirty years. He was an honest and industrious man. He had been in | poor health for the past two years and was losing his eyesight. A short time ago he went to the Soldiers' Home at Yountville, but not liking it there, returned home on Friday, the day before his death.

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13<sup>th</sup> June 1908 page

BUGLE SOUNDS FOR CIVIL WAR VETERAN

The death summons came suddenly to veteran J.H. Leahy last Thursday afternoon. He had called on Dr. Seawell for treatment, and while waiting in an adjoining room, the doctor being busy, ho fell off his chair and expired almost immediately.

The deceased had been a resident in the vicinity of Mill creek for the past twenty-five years or more. He was a bachelor and his place consisted of some seven or eight acres in fruits. He was a native of New York and served during the Civil War in Company G, 28th Wisconsin regiment.

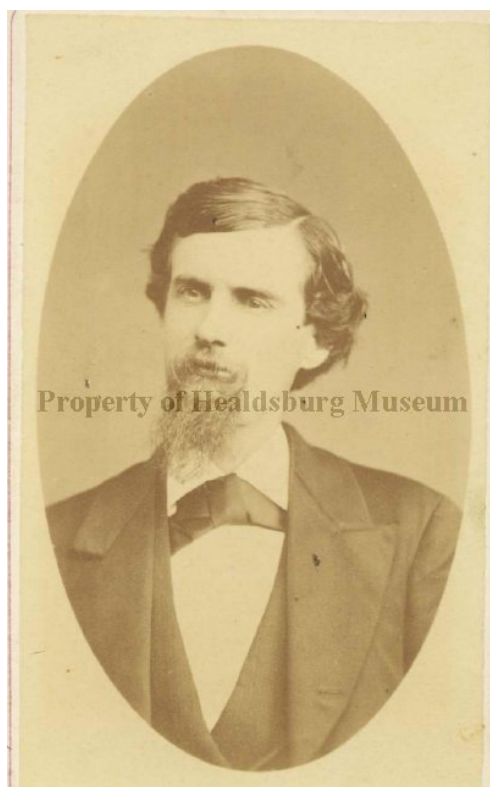
Mr. Leahy had just returned from the Soldiers' Home at Yountville. He was a man of excellent character, kind hearted, and very much beloved by those who know him. The funeral was held last Saturday, the Ladles of the G.A.R. and veterans having charge of the funeral. He was 65 years of age, and it is learned that some relatives survive him.

**James Benson Leard**<sup>14</sup>

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<sup>14</sup> Still need to find proof of service. He was mentioned in a Decoration Day article

James Benson Leard was born in about 1842 in St. Clair County, Illinois to Robert Anderson Leard and Phoebe Carr. When the 1850 Census was taken he was making his home in District 27, Daviess County, Missouri. In 1852, he crossed the plains with his parents and came to Sonoma County, California in 1854. In January 1864, he registered for the Civil War Daft in Geyserville, Sonoma County, California. In 1866, he is making his home in Washington Township, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. In 1871, he is making his home in Analy, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. In 1874, he is making his home in Hollister, San Benito County, California working as a Farmer. On the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1878, he married Arminta A. Newland in Sonoma County, California. When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home on East Street, Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Butcher. In 1888, he is making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Policeman. In 1892, he is making his home in Healdsburg No. 2, Sonoma County, California working as a City Marshall.



*James Benson Leard*

In 1896, he is making his home in Healdsburg No. 1, Sonoma County, California working as a City Sheriff. When the 1900 Census was taken he is making his home on Center Street, Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Day Laborer. On the 16<sup>th</sup> November 1901, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. Unknown where buried I believe Oak Mound.

### Obituary in Healdsburg Tribune

21<sup>st</sup> November 1901 page 1

#### DEATH OF J. B. LEARD

The Well-Known Pioneer Passed Away Last Saturday Unexpectedly.

Another old, respected and well-known pioneer of Healdsburg has passed over the great ridge that divides the visible from the invisible. On Saturday morning last this community was surprised and pained to learn that James Benson Leard, so long identified with the city government of Healdsburg had suddenly died of heart failure. Mr. Leard was City Librarian at the time of his death. For ten years he had held the office of City Marshal, having been succeeded by John Ingalls several years ago. During the terms of Sheriff's Colgan and Allen he was a deputy, and also had held the office of Constable for many years. He would have been sixty years of age in March next had he lived.

J. B. Leard was born in St. Clair county, Illinois, and with his parents crossed the plains to California in 1852, coming to Sonoma county in 1854, where he has since resided, with the exception of six years, when he resided with his parents in San Benito county. His father was a Methodist minister, and died many years ago. His mother lived and died in Healdsburg. The deceased attended school at the Alexander Academy with many friends of this place who survive him. He was an active fireman and served as foreman of the fire company for years. He was married twice and was the father of fifteen children, ten of whom are living: He left a wife and three children: Lee, Bernice and Olie. The children by his first wife, who was Miss Mary Jane Van, are Mrs. Dora Metzger of San Jose; R. B. Leard, who

resides in San Francisco; Charles, who lives in the town of Taylor, Shasta county; Alfred, who was last heard of in Calcutta, India; Harris, last heard from in Nome; William, residing in Chico; Mrs. Nettie Martin of Healdsburg. All of the children residing in California attended the funeral. To his second wife he had been married twenty-three years. His funeral took place on Monday under the auspices of the Workmen and Foresters, of which orders he was a member, Rev. Fellers, assisted by Rev. Butler, officiating. The deceased had been a member of the M. E. Church. The sisters who survive him are; Mrs. J. H. Reed of Santa Rosa, Mrs. Bell Pierce of Hollister, Mrs. J. Ellis of Geyserville, Mrs. C. Johnson of Rorerville, and Mrs. B. Frazier of Umatilla, Oregon.

Mrs. Leard desires to tender her sincerest thanks to the many sympathetic friends on the occasion of her sad bereavement.

### **Full Captain Robert Sterling Logan**

Robert Sterling Logan was born in April 1835 in Scotland. When the 1850 Census was taken he was making his home in Cincinnati Ward 13, Hamilton County, Ohio working as a Shoe Maker. On the 19<sup>th</sup> November 1860, he married Barbara M. Smith in Hamilton County, Ohio. On the 20<sup>th</sup> April 1861, he enlisted as a 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant in Company D, 5<sup>th</sup> Ohio Infantry. On the 4<sup>th</sup> June 1861, he was Discharged by reason of Reenlistment in Virginia. On the 4<sup>th</sup> June 1861, he reenlisted as a 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant of Company D, 5<sup>th</sup> Ohio Infantry. On the 10<sup>th</sup> March 1862, he resigned. On the 5<sup>th</sup> September 1864, he enlisted as a Private to serve the State of Ohio. On the 6<sup>th</sup> October 1864, he was promoted to Full 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant of Company E, 181<sup>st</sup> Ohio Infantry Regiment. On the 21<sup>st</sup> October 1864, he was promoted to Full 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant. On the 10<sup>th</sup> July 1865, he was promoted to Full Captain. On the 14<sup>th</sup> July 1865, he mustered out of service at Salisbury, North Carolina. When the 1870 Census was taken he is making his home in Cincinnati Ward 14, Hamilton County, Ohio working as a Shoe Maker. In 1876, he is living in San Francisco, California working as a Shoe Maker. In 1888, he is living in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Shoe Maker. When the



1900 Census was taken he is making his home on Piper Street, Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Merchant. On the 14<sup>th</sup> October 1908, he was emitted to the U.S. National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers in Sawtelle, California he was suffering from Epilepsy. When the 1910 Census was taken he was living on Johnson Street, Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. On the 11<sup>th</sup> February 1917, he passed away in Yountville, Napa County, California.

### Obituary in Healdsburg Enterprise

17<sup>th</sup> February 1917 page 1

#### HEALDSBURG VETERAN DIES AT YOUNTVILLE

#### CAPTAIN ROBERT S. LOGAN ANSWERS CALL OF DEATH

Captain Robert S. Logan, an old resident of this city, and a person whose integrity and just dealings won for him the friendship of all with whom he came in contact, passed away last Sunday at the Old Soldiers' Home at Yountville. Letters that had been received here from Prof. D. C. Smith and other old veterans at Yountville told of the serious illness of Captain Logan and because of those letters there were a few here who knew that the end was not far off for the Captain.

His passing has caused a deep feeling of regret by his many friends. Deceased was a native of Scotland, but had resided in the United States ever since he was a little boy. As a young man he followed his vocation of shoemaker in Ohio until the civil War broke out, when he shouldered a musket and became captain of Company E, Ohio Volunteers. He also served as a lieutenant in Company D, Fifth Ohio Regiment.

After the Civil War Captain Logan came to California and this has been his home practically ever since. He conducted a cobbler's shop in Healdsburg many years. Enfeebled by old age he entered the Veteran's home near Los Angeles. He returned to Healdsburg recently and a few months ago went to Yountville.

Deceased died at the age of 81 years, 9 months and 22 days.

The funeral services were held Wednesday at the chapel of T. G. Young's undertaking parlor and the interment was in Oak Mound Cemetery. Rev. Robert L. Macfarlane was the officiating clergyman. Ladies of the G. A. R. conducted the services at the grave. The pall bearers were G. W. Wolcott, F. J. Schwab, Charles F. Raymond, J. W. Rose, William Tucker and John Favour.

### **Full Sergeant Josiah Bond Martin**

Josiah Bond Martin was born on the 12<sup>th</sup> February 1823 in Athens, Athens County, Ohio to Abner Catlin Martin and Elizabeth McGee. On the 24<sup>th</sup> April 1845, he married Mary Robbinett in Athens County, Ohio.

When the 1860 Census was taken he was making his home in Alexander, Athens County, Ohio working as a Carpenter. On the 15<sup>th</sup> February 1864, he enlisted as a Private in Company K, 11<sup>th</sup> Ohio Calvary Regiment. On the 30<sup>th</sup> June 1864, he was promoted to Full Corporal. On the 1<sup>st</sup> July 1865, he was promoted to Full Sergeant. On the 14<sup>th</sup> July 1866 he was mustered out of service at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. In 1879, he is making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Carpenter. In 1888, he is making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Carpenter. In 1892, he is living on Healdsburg Road, Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Carpenter. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1892, his wife Mary passed away in Healdsburg, California. On the 13<sup>th</sup> February 1900, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

Obituary in Healdsburg Tribune

22<sup>nd</sup> February 1900 page 2

## MUSTERED OUT

### Resolutions of Respect to the Memory of an Honored Soldier

Another veteran soldier falls before the onward march of our common foe. Another soldier has answered to the roll call across the dark river. He is tenting to-night on the eternal camping ground with those who have fought their last battle.

Josiah B. Martin died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John McClish, four miles south of Healdsburg, February 13th. In the late Civil War he was a member of Company K, Eleventh Ohio Cavalry, serving two years and five months. The result of his faithful service for his country to maintain the honor of Old Glory caused the last years of his life to be filled with pain and suffering. And Whereas, This Post is again called upon to close up its ranks made vacant by the death of our comrade. And

Whereas, It seems fitting to record in a public manner our high esteem for his many patriotic traits of character. Be it

Resolved, That we cherish the virtues exemplified in our comrade's life, and ever remember him as a patriot soldier and friend. And be it further

Resolved, That our Post be draped with the usual emblems of bereavement for thirty days, and the Adjutant be requested to furnish our city papers with a copy of these resolutions for publication. C.L.

Kimball, J.W. Rose, Phil Stoffal. Committee.

## Colonel Roderick Nicol Matheson

Roderick Nicol Matheson was born on the 28<sup>th</sup> May 1824 in Inverness, Scotland to Thomas Matheson and Jane Nicol. On the 31<sup>st</sup> May 1861, he was commissioned as a Colonel of the 32<sup>nd</sup> New York Infantry. On the 14<sup>th</sup> September 1862, he was wounded in action at the Battle of Crampton's Gap, Maryland. On the 21<sup>st</sup> October 1862, he passed away at Burkettsville, Maryland from his wounds.<sup>15</sup>

Obituary in Sacramento Daily Union

10<sup>th</sup> November 1862 page

THE LATE COLONEL R. MATHSON

It will be recollected that the remains of this gallant officer, who died of wounds received in the battle of South Mountain, arrived in San Francisco in the Sonora. On the occasion of the body being conveyed with a funeral escort to the Petaluma boat, November 8th, and previous to the march Rev. T. Starr King made, at Music Hall, a few appropriate remarks from a desk in the center of the platform. After which he read from the burial service the following:

I am the resurrection and the Life. He that believeth In Me, though he be dead, yet shall he live. I know that my Redeemer liveth. We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain that we shall take nothing out. The Lord gave, and the Lord taketh away; blessed be the name of the Lord. He then read the Lord's Prayer and other prayers, and pronounced the Benediction. The coffin bore upon its lid the inscription:

RODERICK MATHESON,

Colonel of the 1st Cal. or 82d N.Y.S V., Died Oct. 2, 1862, from wounds received in the Battle of Crampton Gap on the 14th of September, 1862, Aged 36 years.

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<sup>15</sup> For a more in depth look into his life visit <http://www.ourhealdsburg.com/history/matheson.htm>



*Roderick Matheson*

The pall-bearers were: Leland Stanford, T. G. Phelps, 11. F. Tescli9mactier, Colonel R. C. Drumm, C. A. Crane, D. W. C. Thompson, S. C. Ellis, J. B. Thomas, W. C. Ralston, B. F. Freeman, F. W. Leonard, William M. Lent, Ogden Hoffman, F. M. Pixley, Ira P. Rankin, Lieutenant Colonel Ringgold, A. P. Stanford, A. W. Yon Schmidt, John Hill, K.E. Raimond, E.F. Batturs, Eugene B. Sullivan, H. A. Cobb, Jose Marcus Margarrita.

Flags were at half-mast on several prominent positions in the city. A detachment of the National Guard, the military band from the Presidio and the Committees and delegations were to escort the same to Healdsburg, where they will be committed to the grave with military honors.

The following is a sketch of Colonel Matheson's career, and an appeal to the citizens of California in behalf of the family of the deceased, signed by several prominent citizens of the State being at San Francisco:

Colonel Roderick Matheson, a citizen of Healdsburg, in the county of Sonoma, at the time of the breaking out of the civil war tendered his services to the Government of the United States to aid in suppressing the insurrection.

Cooperating with Colonel Baker, the honorable Senator of the United States from Oregon, he raised what was called the "California Regiment," of which he was elected Colonel, commissioned by the Governor of the State of New York, mustered into service as the New York Thirty-second, which regiment he commanded at the time of his death.

From the commencement of hostilities he served in the division of General Franklin, having been engaged in all the battles under that distinguished commander, winning his approbation as a brave and gallant soldier, and for his regiment acquiring the name of "One of the best." At the battle of Bull Run it stood firm in the midst of rout, and allied to cover the unfortunate retreat of our panic stricken army. In the battle before Richmond, in the three days fight in Maryland, and in every action where the regiment saw duty, it rendered efficient service. At the battle and victory of South Mountain, Colonel Matheson and the California Regiment were of the forlorn hope, to charge the summit of an eminence crowned with artillery and infantry; this most desperate charge was successfully accomplished, and the standard sent from California, the colors of the regiment, bearing our own State Arms, was planted in victory upon the crest of that mountain which gives name to a Federal conquest, one of the most emphatic of the war. In that charge Colonel Matheson was mortally wounded, and after lingering a few days died in the hospital.

Thus gloriously fell a pioneer citizen of California on the battle field, where duty called him, leaving to a mourning wife only the memory of his love and gallant deeds; to his children only the heritage of his fame. In the name of the widow and these orphans, we now appeal in the charitable and loyal people of New York State, and remind you that this family is bequeathed to your protection; that their support shall become your care, and their welfare your responsibility.

Colonel Matheson left a homestead farm in the county of Some 300 acres, where his family now reside, and upon which there is a mortgage of nearly \$6,000, now in process of foreclosure. It is our desire to remove this incumbrance and raise a fund sufficient for the education of the children— a boy of 12 years, for whom his father had made an arrangement to enter West Point, when of proper age. The

second child is a girl of seven years; and the youngest a baby boy. The Committee earnestly call the attention of the people of the State to this dependent and destitute family, and desire to remind you that this is our first charge rowing out of this unfortunate war. That our exemption from the horrors of this conflict should incite us to continual exertion to relieve the unfortunate within our own borders. This is a charity which we have no right to confine to the liberality of San Francisco. We therefore ask the contribution of the entire State We desire and expect something from every precinct, town, village, city and county. These contributions will be promptly acknowledged through the Press. They need not be large, but they ought to be universal, so that every one who believes that Colonel Matheson has sacrificed his life in a holy cause may have the privilege of aiding to give independence and comfort to his family. We therefore ask that some persons in every community will interest themselves in making collections, and remitting them to this city. Wells, Fargo & Co.'s agents throughout the State will remit, as for the Sanitary Fund, without charge. Funds may be sent directly to Frank M. Pixley, Chairman of this Committee; to any member of the same, to any one of the daily journals of our city, or through any of our business houses; or Treasury notes can be sent through the Post Office. We believe this appeal to the public is just, as well as proper, and in confidence rely upon receiving sufficient funds to enable the Committee to secure the Healdsburg Farm In trust for the benefit of the family.

### **Ordinary Seaman Charles Thorecins Mathisen**

Charles Thorecins Mathisen was born on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1841 in Norway. He arrived in America in 1858. He enlisted in the US Navy on the 30<sup>th</sup> April 1861 as an Ordinary Seaman under the Alias Charles Houlder. He served on board the USS Minnesota. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1863, he was transferred to the Naval Hospital in Norfolk, Virginia. He was discharged on the 25<sup>th</sup> April 1864. On the 21<sup>st</sup> March 1875, he married Cynthia Faught in Sonoma County, California. On the 6<sup>th</sup> November 1876, he was naturalized as a US Citizen in Sonoma County, California. In 1879, he was living in Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, California working as a

Farmer. When the 1880 Census was taken he is living in Russian River, Sonoma County, California working as a Carpenter. In 1892, he is living in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. When the 1900 Census was taken he is making his home in Russian River, Sonoma County, California. When the 1910 Census was taken he is living in Russian River, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. When the 1920 Census was taken he is making his home in Russian River, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer and Army Man. On the 7<sup>th</sup> May 1927, he passed away in Windsor, Sonoma County, California.

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10<sup>th</sup> May 1923 page 8

#### CHARLES MATHISEN PASSES AWAY AT WINDSOR HOME

Charles T. Mathisen, a resident of the Windsor section for the past twenty-five years, passed away at the late home Monday. The funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon from the Young parlors and interment was in Oak Mound cemetery. Deceased had been a resident of the state since 1867. Surviving are the sorrowing widow and four sons J. H., C. A. and Jesse of Windsor and W. D. of Santa Rosa.

#### **Private Louis Mozota/Mazota/Martzotte**

Louis Mazota was born in March 1838 in Genoa, Italy. In 1851, he served in the Italian Merchant Services for 3 years and then 3 years in the French Navy to 1857 and then the American Merchant Services until he enlisted in 1863. On the 18<sup>th</sup> July 1863, he enlisted as a Private in Company H, 20<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Infantry Regiment. He was a substitute for Orrin Littlefield. On the 18<sup>th</sup> July 1864, he was transferred to the 20<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Battery. On the 7<sup>th</sup> April 1864, he was put in to be transferred to the US Navy, it must not of happened. On the 25<sup>th</sup> August 1864, he was captured at Reams Station, Virginia and made a prisoner at Rebel



Prison, Richmond, Virginia. He was paroled on the 8<sup>th</sup> October 1864 and sent to Camp Parole, Annapolis, Maryland. He received a furlough from October 31-November 16 1864 and returned to his company in December 1864. He mustered out of service on the 16<sup>th</sup> July 1865 at Washington D.C. On the 9<sup>th</sup> June 1868, he was naturalized in Sonoma County, California as a US Citizen. On the 29<sup>th</sup> October 1870, he married Ellen Adamson in Sonoma County, California. In 1879, he is making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Cook. In 1888, his wife Ellen passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. In 1898, he is making his home in Healdsburg No. 1, Sonoma County, California working as a Cook. When the 1900 Census was taken he is making his home on Grant Street, Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. On the 16<sup>th</sup> March 1906, his daughter Lillie May Ewing passed away in Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, California. On the 8<sup>th</sup> November 1909, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

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13<sup>th</sup> November 1909 page 4

#### An Old War Veteran Passes to His Last Sleep

Louis Mazota, aged 75 years, a native of Italy and a well known resident of this city for over forty years, died at his home on Sherman street last Monday. He was a Civil War veteran, being a member of Company H, Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry. At the close of the war he came to Healdsburg and was for some years head cook at the Union Hotel, then conducted by John F. Grater. Later he moved to Sulphur Flat and resided there until his house and barn were destroyed by fire. His wife died some twenty years ago and an only child, Mrs. Lillian May Ewing, wife of J.E. Ewing, a former druggist of this city, also passed away in 1896. The funeral was held Wednesday from T.G. Young's Undertaking Parlors, Rev. Father Barry officiating and the closing services being conducted by the Ladies of the G.A.R.

### **Private John Aaron Metzger**

John Aaron Metzger was born on the 29<sup>th</sup> December 1840 in Indiana to Joseph E. Metzger and Eliza (No Maiden Name). When the 1850 Census was taken he was making his home in Clay, St. Joseph County, Missouri. On the 5<sup>th</sup> September 1861, he enlisted as a Private in Company I, 9<sup>th</sup> Indiana Infantry Regiment. On the 14<sup>th</sup> August 1865 he mustered out of service. On the 10<sup>th</sup> June 1866, he married Mary Peck in St. Joseph County, Indiana. When the 1870 Census was taken he is making his home in Brecksville, Cuyahoga County, Ohio working as a Farm Laborer. When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home in Brecksville, Cuyahoga County, Ohio working as a Butcher. In 1890, he is making his home in Washington, Sonoma County, California working as a Butcher. In 1896, he is living in Geyserville, Sonoma County, California working as a Butcher. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1896, he passed away in Geyserville, Sonoma County, California.

Obituary in The Tribune

1<sup>st</sup> October 1896 page 1

Death of John A. Metzger

A week ago yesterday, at the home of his brother, Joseph E., in Geyserville, John A. Metzger came to his death. He had been ill some time and his demise did not come unexpectedly. Deceased was an esteemed citizen, respected for his uprightness and kind, sympathetic traits and his death has caused sorrow to many. He came to California only a few years ago in the hope that his health might be restored and indeed it was, for he had been complaining scarcely at all until just prior to his dissolution. Mr. Metzger had no family, but made his home with his brother at Geyserville from the time of his arrival in this State. He was a member of the G. A. R., having given service to the Union with the patriotic "boys in blue" from the beginning to the end of the Civil War. The funeral was held here on last Friday morning under escort of Rod Matheson Post and the remains were

buried in Oak Mound Cemetery where Rev. Joe Waldrop impressively and ably presided in the performance of the last sad rites. Deceased was aged 55 years.

### **Private George Miller**

George Miller was born about 1835 in Germany. On the 26<sup>th</sup> September 1860, he was naturalized as a US Citizen in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. On the 28<sup>th</sup> May 1861, he enlisted as a Private in Company E, 71<sup>st</sup> Pennsylvania Infantry Regiment.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> November 1862, he was mustered out of service on a Surgeon Certificate. In 1888, he is making his home in Mendocino, California working as a Miner. In 1892, he is making his home in Healdsburg No. 2 working as a Shoe Maker. In 1896, he is making his home in Healdsburg No. 2 working as a Shoe Maker. On the 30<sup>th</sup> September 1896, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

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8<sup>th</sup> October 1896 page

George Miller, a resident familiar to everybody in Healdsburg and a veteran of the late war, has joined the army of eternity. Yesterday week he was seized with a fatal spell of epilepsy while cooking lunch in his room at the corner of Matheson and Center streets and was discovered a few minutes later in an unconscious condition. He was given the best aid possible, but he never rallied and at 8 o'clock in the evening he expired. George had on several occasions fallen into such spasms and it was expected that he could not survive many more. About an hour before the attack he was on the street and apparently in the best of health and spirits. He was much respected in G.A.R. circles, having given as much service in the Union ranks as any veteran in the county and figured in various of the fiercest battles in the great conspiracy. He was a native of Germany and aged 61 years. The funeral was held last Thursday under the auspices of the G.A.R., whose members turned out in large force to pay the deceased their last tribute of

respect. At the grave a wail was feelingly sounded by Cornetist Prof. Smith and it brought moistness to the eyes of all. George had lived alone and left no relatives here.

### **Captain George W. Miller**

On the 18<sup>th</sup> August 1862, he enlisted as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in Company H, 20<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Infantry Regiment. On the 8th February 1863, he was promoted to 1st Lieutenant. On the 15<sup>th</sup> May 1863, he was promoted to Full Captain. On the 14<sup>th</sup> July 1865, he mustered out of service at Galveston, Texas.

### **Chaplain Joseph Smith Millsaps**

Joseph Smith Millsaps was born on the 29<sup>th</sup> December 1828 in Greencastle, Putnam County, Indiana to William Lacy Millsaps and Elizabeth Smith. When the 1850 Census was taken he is making his home in McDonough County, Illinois. On the 27<sup>th</sup> November 1856, he married Martha Jane Beeson in Canton, Fulton County, Illinois. When the 1860 Census was taken he is making his home in Princeville, Peoria County, Illinois. On the 1<sup>st</sup> October 1863, he enlisted as a Chaplain in Company S, 86<sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry Regiment. He mustered out of service on the 6<sup>th</sup> June 1865 at Washington D.C.



*Joseph Smith Millsaps*

When the 1870 Census was taken he is making his home in Lexington, McLean County, Illinois working as a Clergyman. When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home in Streator, La Salle County, Illinois working as a Minister N.E. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1886, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

### **Sergeant William Milne**

William Milne was born on the 14<sup>th</sup> August 1833 in Martusville, Ohio to John Milne and Elizabeth (Maiden Name Unknown). When the 1850 Census was taken he was making his home in Jefferson, Osage County, Missouri. On the 15<sup>th</sup> August 1861, he enlisted as a Private in Company A, 9<sup>th</sup> Missouri Calvary attached to the 13<sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry. On the 31<sup>st</sup> August 1861, he was promoted to Corporal. In 1864, he married Virginia Baker. He was promoted to Sergeant and transferred to

Company A, 10<sup>th</sup> Missouri Calvary. He was discharged in 1865. When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home in Black Oak, Caldwell County, Missouri working as a Blacksmith. In 1888, he is making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Restaurant Keeper. In 1892, he is making his home in Healdsburg No. 1, Sonoma County, California working as a Blacksmith. On the 12<sup>th</sup> September 1894, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

### Obituary in Sonoma County Tribune

20<sup>th</sup> September 1894 Page 3

Heart failure caused Wm. Milne's sudden death at his home in this city Wednesday morning last week. His family were at work in the cannery when the shocking news reached them that he had been found dead. He was only a few hours before in apparently good health and went about as he usually did. Mr. Milne lived in Healdsburg for several years and leaves many warm friends who deeply sympathize with the family in their sad affliction. He was a native of Martusville, Ohio, born August 14th, 1833, and there he passed his boyhood with his parents. In later years he resided in the State of Missouri and there he remained for a long while. He was married to Miss Virginia Baker in '64 and to them were born three children, viz.: W.W., now an express messenger in the employ of Wells, Fargo & Co.; R.J. and Daisy May, all of whom are living. In 1885 Mr. Milne, wife and 1 children migrated to California, settling in Santa Rosa where they resided for a few months when they removed to Healdsburg, making this their home up to the present time. The deceased was a veteran of the war and was engaged in one of the fiercest battles of the rebellion, that of the Pea Ridge. Before the disbandment of the army he did such commendable service as to be promoted to the office of second lieutenant of his company. The burial took place in Oak Mound cemetery Saturday in the presence of many friends of the unfortunate family.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Charles Albert Morrill**

Charles Albert Morrill was born on the 9<sup>th</sup> November 1839 in Stanstead, Canada.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> August 1862, he enlisted as a Corporal in Company H, 35<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Infantry. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1862, he was left behind due to being sick at Lynnfield, Massachusetts. From November 1862 to January 1863, he was Regimental Clerk. On the 17<sup>th</sup> August 1863, he was sent to Hospital at Cincinnati, Ohio. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1864, he was in the field to be discharged to be promoted. On the 12<sup>th</sup> September 1864, he enlisted as 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant of 4<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Heavy Artillery. He mustered out of service on the 17<sup>th</sup> June 1865 at Washington DC.



*Charles A. Morrill*

In about 1870, he married Fannie Augusta Porter. In 1872, he is making his home in San Francisco, California working as a Clerk. In 1876, he is making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. On the 21<sup>st</sup> February 1888, he passed away in Geyserville, Sonoma County, California.

Obituary in Petaluma Weekly Argus

25<sup>th</sup> February 1888 page 3

A Fatal Accident

We regret to hear of an accident at Healdsburg on Tuesday, resulting of the death of Captain C.A. Morrill. While attempting to shoot a cat his gun was prematurely discharged, the shot taking effect in the groin, severing the femoral artery. He only live a few minutes. Captain Morrill was a gentleman of culture, and at the time of death was superintendent of must condensing of Geyserville. He was an able writer, and was once an agent of the Government Treasury Department.

**6<sup>th</sup> Corporal Hiram O'Keen**

Hiram O'Keen was born on the 8<sup>th</sup> September 1831 in Kentucky to George O Keen.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> August 1862, he enlisted as a 8<sup>th</sup> Corporal in Company G, 22<sup>nd</sup> Iowa Infantry Regiment. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1862, he was promoted to 7<sup>th</sup> Corporal. On the 11<sup>th</sup> November 1862, he was promoted to 6<sup>th</sup> Corporal. On the 25<sup>th</sup> July 1865, he mustered out of service at Savannah, Georgia. In 1888, he is making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Blacksmith. In 1892, he is making his home on Healdsburg Road, Sonoma County, California working as a Blacksmith. In 1896, making his home on Healdsburg Road, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. On the 13<sup>th</sup> April 1900, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

Obituary in Healdsburg Tribune

19<sup>th</sup> April 1900 page 3

Hiram O'Keen, a member of Co. G, Twenty-second Iowa Infantry, died at his home on Mill creek Monday. He was a Mason, and the funeral was held under the auspices of Sotoyome Lodge of Healdsburg Wednesday.



O'KEEN—On Mill Creek, April 16, 1900, Hiram O'Keen, aged 69 years.

### **Private Charles J. Pierce**

Charles J. Pierce was born in 1842 in Delaware County, New York to Martin Pierce and Mary Carpenter. When the 1850 Census was taken he is making his home in Davenport, Delaware County, New York. When the 1860 Census was taken he is making his home in Genoa, DeKalb County, Illinois working as a Farm Laborer. He enlisted on the 15<sup>th</sup> September 1861 as a Private in Company C, 52<sup>nd</sup> Illinois Infantry Regiment. He mustered out of service on the 9<sup>th</sup> November 1864. When the 1900 Census was taken he is making his home in Valley, King County, Washington working as a Laborer for the Railroad. On the 28<sup>th</sup> January 1915, he passed away in Benton, Washington.

### **Private/Seaman Josiah Harden Pomeroy**

Josiah Harden Pomeroy was born in 1843 to Thomas J. Pomeroy and Caroline (No Maiden Name) in Hampden, Penobscot County, Maine. On the 29<sup>th</sup> May 1861, he enlisted as a Private in Company B, 4<sup>th</sup> Maine Infantry Regiment in Rockland, Maine. On the 26<sup>th</sup> July 1861, he deserted at Alexandria, Virginia. On the 5<sup>th</sup> March 1863, he enlisted as a Seaman on board the USS Ohio. He stayed on board the USS Ohio until the 10<sup>th</sup> April 1863, when he was transferred to the USS North Carolina. He stayed on board the USS North Carolina until the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1863, when he was transferred to the USS Seminole. He stayed on board the USS Seminole until the 4<sup>th</sup> April 1864, when he was transferred to the USS Pensacola. He was discharged on the 11<sup>th</sup> May 1864 at Brooklyn, New York. Following information from his Pension File:

*“From 1864 until 1868, I was driving teams in Boston, Mass., then moved from there in the Spring of 1868 and went to Bangor, Maine and lived there until the fall of 1869. Then moved to Lebec, Maine and was in the Lumber Business there until the fall of 1872 when I moved back to Boston, Mass., and worked in a marble*

*mill until 1875. I then came to California and lived in Monterey County, until the fall of 1879, when I moved to San Luis Obispo County, town of Moro where I was engaged in farming and teaming there my health failed me and I was doctored by Dr. Smyler for neurology and Heart Disease.”* When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home in Hollister, San Benito County, California working as a Laborer. *“In 1881 moved to Hollister, San Benito County where Dr. Rankin attended me for two years.”* In the Summer of 1881, his wife Elizabeth (Wentworth) passed away in Hollister, San Benito County, California. In 1882, he is living in San Francisco, California working as a Horse Trainer. On the 1<sup>st</sup> October 1883, he married Jessica Elgene Grotton in Clack Congan, Monterey County, California. *“In 1883, I moved to Lake County where I was attended by Dr. Mitchell in 1887, I moved to Sonoma County where I was attended by Dr. Miller of Kansas City, in 1888 moved to Bloomfield where I have been attended by Dr. Cookrill who is still living in Bloomfield and Dr. Miller in Kansas City or was the last I know.”* When the 1900 Census was taken he is making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California. While he was living in California he went by the name Charles Josiah Pomeroy. On the 26<sup>th</sup> September 1900, he passed away in Sonoma County, California.

#### Obituary in Healdsburg Tribune

4<sup>th</sup> October 1900 page 1

#### Death of C. J. Pomeroy

Charles J. Pomeroy who had been a resident of Healdsburg and vicinity for about twelve years, died at his home on North street on Wednesday of last week from dropsy. The deceased served in the War of the Rebellion on the Union side. He was a native of Maine, aged 66 years, and left a widow and two sons.

### Corporal Andrew J. Price

Andrew J. Price was born in May 1843 in Castle Bar, Sligo County, Ireland to Patrick Price and Unknown Mother. When the 1850 Census was taken he is making his home in Canton, Stark County, Ohio. On the 20<sup>th</sup> April 1861, he enlisted as a Private in Company F, 4<sup>th</sup> Ohio Infantry Regiment. On the 18<sup>th</sup> August 1861 he mustered out of service. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1864, he enlisted as a Corporal in Company C, 162<sup>nd</sup> Ohio Infantry (National Guard) Regiment. On the 4<sup>th</sup> September 1864, he mustered out of service at Camp Chase, Ohio. In 1875, he is making his home in San Francisco, California working as a Photographer. On the 30<sup>th</sup> November 1876, he married Laura M. Mullagan in Sonoma County, California.

When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home on East Street, Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Photographer. When the 1900 Census was taken he is making his home on West Street, Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Photographer. When the 1910 Census was taken he is making his home on East Street in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Real Estate Agent. On the 27<sup>th</sup> December 1919, he passed away in Oakland, Alameda County, California.

Obituary in Press Democrat

28<sup>th</sup> December 1919 page 1

Andrew Price is Dead in Oakland

OAKLAND. Dec. 7. Andrew Price, a veteran of the Civil War, and an old resident of Healdsburg. Sonoma county, died here early yesterday morning at ids home, 1504 E 14 street.

Price was a native of Castle Bar, Sligo county, Ireland, but had lived in America since childhood and had resided in California since 1873. He was 76 years of age.

He is survived by his widow and three sons, E.A. Price of Atlanta, Georgia, A.L. Price, a San Francisco newspaperman, and L.A. Price of Los Angeles.

As a youth he served two terms of enlistment in the Civil War in Ohio regiments. He was for many years Justice of the peace of Healdsburg and was former supervisor in Inyo county during President McKinley's administration.

The funeral will be held from the Catholic church in Healdsburg Monday morning at 10:30.

### **Private John Reardon**

John Reardon was born in 1836 in Ireland. On the 21<sup>st</sup> February 1865, he enlisted as a Private in Company E, 5<sup>th</sup> Ohio Calvary. He mustered out of service with his company on the 30<sup>th</sup> October 1865 at Charlotte, North Carolina. On the 5<sup>th</sup> December 1898, he passed away in Dry Creek Valley, Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

Obituary in Healdsburg Tribune

8<sup>th</sup> December 1898 page 1

DIED FROM EXPOSURE

John Reardon, a Grand Army Veteran, Joins the Great Commander's Ranks.

John Reardon, a veteran of the Civil War, was found dead on J.J. Bryant's ranch, in Dry Creek Valley, about 20 miles from Healdsburg, on Monday last. The deceased had been working for Mr. Bryant cutting wood, for several months. Mr. Bryant went over to his ranch from his home in Geyserville on Monday, the 28<sup>th</sup> of November. He was surprised at not finding Reardon at work, and with his neighbors instituted a search for him from day to day during the week.

At the Coroner's inquest, C.A. Kelly testified that he came down Sunday to look for the deceased. The search was renewed Monday. "After circling around in different directions, I came to the brow of the hill overlooking the gulch in which he was found, and looking down discovered something red, and at once

concluded it was the deceased. I immediately proceeded down the hill to the body, which I found in a semi-nude condition. Going up the hill, I found his clothing scattered around.”

Evidence was introduced which showed that Reardon had been drinking heavily, and the jury returned the following verdict: “We find that the deceased, John Reardon, came to his death by temporary insanity, from drink and exposure.”

The deceased was known as John Reardon No. 2. He was a member of Co. E, Fifth Ohio Cavalry, during the war, and drew a pension of \$6 a month from the Government. He was a member of Unity Post, No. 171, of Yountville, Napa county, and his remains will be buried at 11 o'clock to-day in Oak Mound Cemetery, by Rod Matheson Post of Healdsburg. All comrades are invited to attend. Deceased was a native of Ireland, aged 62 years.

### **Private William Reimer/Henry Schmidt (Service Alias)**

William Reimers was born in about 1846 in Oldenberg, Germany. On the 21<sup>st</sup> February 1865, he enlisted as a Private in Company I, 2<sup>nd</sup> California Cavalry Regiment at Sacramento, California. On the 24<sup>th</sup> July 1865, he was detached from his company to Boonsville, Idaho. On the 24<sup>th</sup> June 1866, he was mustered out of service. On the 13<sup>th</sup> March 1876, he naturalized as a US Citizen. When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home in Arena, Mendocino County, California. In 1882, he is making his home in San Francisco, California working as a Saloon Keeper. In 1894, he is making his home in Bourn's Lodge, Mendocino County, California working as a Lumberman. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1916, he passed away at Dry Creek, Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. (At this time do not have burial location, most likely Oak Mound).

Obituary in Healdsburg Enterprise

30<sup>th</sup> December 1916 page 2

## WILLIAM REIMERS DIES AT SIMI RANCH

William Reimers, who for many years has been in the employ of the Simi Land Company on their ranch 14 miles from this city on Dry Creek, was found dead in his little home on the place Saturday night. Deceased was an esteemed pioneer resident of Sonoma county, and was a veteran of the civil war and a member of the G.A.R.

He had been in ill health for some time, but it was not thought that his condition was serious. He was 70 years of age. Coroner P. H. Phillips held an inquest Monday and the coroner's jury found that death had been due to natural causes. Deceased was a native of Germany.

### **Corporal Charles S. Remmel**

Charles S. Remmel was born on the 7<sup>th</sup> February 1840 in Germany. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1864, he enlisted as a Corporal in Company F, 42<sup>nd</sup> Wisconsin Infantry Regiment. He mustered out of service on the 20<sup>th</sup> June 1865 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In 1879, he is living in Washington, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home in Washington, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. In 1888, he is making his home in Washington, Sonoma County, California. On the 19<sup>th</sup> November 1890, he passed away in Washington, Sonoma County, California.

Obituary in Press Democrat

6<sup>th</sup> December 1890 page 1

Died for Another Man

The death of Chas. Remmel of Geyserville was the result of a very peculiar circumstance. About two weeks before his demise a winemaker in his employ was suffering from a boil on the hand which terminated from a bruise. Mr. Remmel went to his assistance and lanced the ulcer. The purulent matter spurted on a sore on Mr. Remmel's hand and a few days after the operation Mr. Remmel was

seized with blood poisoning from which he died in a remarkably short period.  
Sonoma County Tribune

### **Private James Franklin Robbins**

James Franklin was born Dec. 29, 1828 in Rutherford County, North Carolina. He moved in 1844 with his parents to Georgia. He married Rebecca in 1849. When the 1850 Census was taken he is making his home in East Armuchee, Walker County, Georgia. He moved to Texas in 1854 and remained there until 1856, when he moved to Arkansas. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1863, he enlisted as a Private in Company A, 2<sup>nd</sup> Arkansas Infantry Regiment. On the 25<sup>th</sup> February 1865, he was detached to help Union Families move to Missouri. Between 1863-1865, his wife Rebecca passed away. He was honorably discharged on the 8<sup>th</sup> August 1865 at Clarksburg, Arkansas. He married Cassey P. (Newberry) Spurlock on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1865. In 1875 they crossed the plains with an ox team and settled near Prescott, Arizona. When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home in Granite Creek, Yavapai County, Arizona working as a Laborer. In 1882 they settled near Los Angeles.



*James and Cassy Robbins*

When the 1910 Census was taken he is making his home in Round Valley, Mendocino County, California. On the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1918, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

Obituary in Healdsburg Tribune

10<sup>th</sup> January 1918 page 1

DEATH OF J. F. ROBBINS

Had Reached His Ninetieth Year When Life Went Out

James Franklin Robbins, father of G.W. Robbins and (Jacob M. Robbins of the West Side, died at his home in Madera, Madera county, on New Year Day.

Mr. Robbins came to California from Arizona in 1882. With his family he made the trip from Arkansas to Arizona by ox team, and after a few years in Arizona he came to California. He was born in South Carolina, but at the outbreak of the war he enlisted with the Union forces.

Mr. Robbins was married twice, and he was the father of nineteen children. He was a man of high character, and had made many friends in this state. He had passed his eighty-ninth year by two days at the time of his death. The funeral was held Friday from the undertaking parlors of C.B. Curtis, and the body was interred in Oak Mound Cemetery.

**Sergeant Niles Vanshultz Rogers**

Niles Vanshultz Rogers was born on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1839 in Brownville, Jefferson County, New York to Stephen A. Rogers and Olive Plumb. When the 1850 Census was taken he is making his home in Adams, Jefferson County, New York. On the 19<sup>th</sup> October 1861, he enlisted as a Private in Company G, 35<sup>th</sup> New York Infantry. He mustered out of service on the 5<sup>th</sup> June 1863 with his company at Elmira, New York. On the 28<sup>th</sup> September 1863, he enlisted as a Private in



Company I, 18<sup>th</sup> New York Calvary. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> October 1863, he married Emily E. Danford. On the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1864, he was promoted to Corporal. On the 18<sup>th</sup> May 1864, he was captured at Yellow Bayou, Louisiana and confined at Tyler, Texas. On the 31<sup>st</sup> January 1865, he was reduced in rank. On the 27<sup>th</sup> May 1865, he was exchanged and returned. On the 1<sup>st</sup> September 1865, he was promoted to Sergeant. On the 18<sup>th</sup> November 1865, he mustered out of service at San Antonio, Texas. When the 1880 Census was taken he was making his home in Westfield, Fayette County, Iowa working as a Carpenter. In 1890, he is making his home in East Albany Precinct, Linn County, Oregon. In 1892, he is making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Mechanic. In 1896, he is making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Wagon Maker. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1910, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

#### Obituary in Healdsburg Tribune

13<sup>th</sup> July 1910 page 3

After an illness extending over many years, the past two years of which have been extremely painful ones, Niles V. Rogers welcomed the summons home on the twenty third day of June, lacking but a few days of being 71 years old.

He was born In Jefferson county New York, on the third day of September, 1839 and on October 22, 1863, was married to Miss Emily E. Danford, who now survives him. In 1890 they came to California, and since then have made their home in this county, most of the time in this immediate vicinity. Since 1906 he has suffered with a cancer but in the summer of 1909 it was cut out. However, in December of last year he became worse, and has steadily declined since that time.

His mother died thirty years ago, the father dying a little later on the Dakota prairies during one of the fierce blizzards for which that state is noted. He is survived by the widow who will make her home in San Rafael with her daughter Mrs. C.W. Goodman; and one sister Mary Staples, who is a resident of Iowa, two

brothers, Charles who resides in Nebraska, and Nathaniel who lives in Minnesota. He is also survived by his daughter, Mrs. Goodman, and one son, Roy Rogers who is now working on the coast.

The funeral took place from the family residence in the Ward addition to Healdsburg, the ceremony being officiated over by Rev. M.S. Eby, the burial rites being said by the ladies of Roanoke Circle, G.A.R. Interment was made in Oak Mound Cemetery.

### **Private Charles Roper**

Charles Roper was born on the 11<sup>th</sup> February 1843. On the 26<sup>th</sup> August 1862, he enlisted as a Private in Company F, 70<sup>th</sup> New York Infantry. At the time of his enlistment he was making his home in Susquehanna, Pennsylvania. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1864, he was transferred to Company G, 86<sup>th</sup> New York Infantry. On the 1<sup>st</sup> June 1865, he mustered out of service at Washington DC. On the 13<sup>th</sup> March 1880, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

### **Private John Wesley Rose**

John Wesley Rose was born on the 11<sup>th</sup> May 1847 in Neversink, Sullivan County, New York to John Crippen Rose and Bridget Smith. On the 10<sup>th</sup> December 1861, he enlisted as a Private in Company L, 56<sup>th</sup> New York Infantry. He was discharged on the 21<sup>st</sup> July 1862 by reason of disability at Baltimore, Maryland. On the 4<sup>th</sup> January 1864, he enlisted as a Private in Company E, 15<sup>th</sup> New York Cavalry. On the 17<sup>th</sup> June 1865, he was transferred to Company E, 2<sup>nd</sup> New York Provisional Cavalry. On the 9<sup>th</sup> August 1865, he mustered out of service at Louisville, Kentucky. In 1872, he is making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. On the 4<sup>th</sup> July 1874, he married Martha Ann (Coryell) Myers in Sonoma County, California. In 1879, he is making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Lawyer. When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home on Tucker Street, Healdsburg, Sonoma

County, California working as a Lawyer. In 1888, he is making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Lawyer. When the 1900 Census was taken he is making his home on Center Street, Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. When the 1910 Census was taken he is making his home on Matheson Street, Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a General Practice Lawyer. On the 28<sup>th</sup> August 1918, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

### Obituary in Healdsburg Enterprise

31<sup>st</sup> August 1918 page 1

#### ATTORNEY ROSE DIED WEDNESDAY: WAS RESPECTED CITIZEN OF HEALDSBURG SINCE 1870

Enlisted in Civil War Army at Age of 14—Studied Law in Mountain Home—  
Trustee and Mayor of Town

And so the roadways of life shall all end. It matters not of the beginning nor of the wayside; It matters not whether it be uphill and of rocks and brambles or through the meadow vales of songs and flowers there shall be but one ending— "The Inevitable." On the great Ocean of Life there are many ships that cross and recross and float into the harbors of safety with their sails furled for the final anchorage. There are always "Types" on the great causeways and on the stormy ocean that represent the best of all the world. So, too, there are always in life those of humanity who represent; those who stand for the best in the strife. There are monuments and hills and trees that we see and admire and never forget. There are engines that throb and beat and draw the heavy load. All of these are classed for their stability. They are the worth of the world. The "Oregons" that fight and conquer. There was no defeat, for they crossed the mountains and floated the sea of storms, knowing that somewhere ahead was the tower of "Liberty" with its lights always burning. Of these was John Wesley Rose, a type of manhood that labored, that builded, that forged ahead, and at last approached that inevitable, knowing that he had lived and labored for the best

that was within him. So he lived and we shall not forget him for his worth; we shall not forget him for he was fearless in his convictions for right; we shall not forget him for his manhood in the defense of principles and for his justice and belief in the rights of his fellowmen in all conditions of life. As God gave, so He hath taken away, and we can only give of garlands of flowers and keep of memory for the dead, as the mortal shall go into dust and the Immortal shall live again.

John Wesley Rose was born in Sullivan county. New York, and was 70 years of age on the 11th day of May, 1918. He died on Wednesday evening. August 28, 1918.

But few of the pioneers of the West kept any record of their early life. This was true of Mr. Rose, and of his life are only gleanings from memory of his family and intimate friends. His boyhood days were of farm life, and, as his name indicates, he was of Methodist parentage. As soon as was possible, during the Civil War he enlisted with the 15th New York Cavalry, being at the age of 14 years and 7 months. A fever placed the boy on the casualty list, but as soon as he recovered he again enlisted with the 56th New York Infantry and served his country in the Army of the Potomac. Locally, in later years, he was one of the leaders with the War Veterans of the West. At the close of the war, with his relatives, the Appley family, he removed to the West, locating in the State of Oregon. From there he again moved to Sonoma county, California, and located in Healdsburg in about 1870. At first in Healdsburg he engaged in a small merchandise business and then became the town marshal, being a sturdy and stalwart youth he made a record fearless in the discharge of his duty as a peace officer.

He then accepted a position as toll gate keeper on the Norton toll road leading to the Geyser Springs. There in a little cabin, still standing, on the Black Mountain ridge, he began the study of law, and from that beginning in the lonely cabin he passed an examination and was admitted to the practice of law in California.

Mr. Rose served several years as City Trustee and also as mayor of the town. Out of respect to his memory flags were placed at half mast on public buildings.

At the age of 27 he was united in marriage to Martha A. Meyer and to the couple were born seven children, the eldest passing away in infancy, and then Florence,

now of San Francisco. Alice Neeley, a nurse in the government hospital of Vallejo, Randolph who died in childhood, Ralph, who became a world-famed athlete, Guy now of the firm of Rose, Stevenson & Emerson of this city, and Ethel, who is now in the Red Cross service on her way overseas. Florence and Alice returned home to attend the funeral of their beloved father. A grandson, Jack Neeley, is now in France fighting with the American boys. His beloved wife died February 24, 1912. One year ago he married Mrs. Leard of this city who was with him during his last illness.

A few weeks ago deceased began failing in health and was taken to Bartlett Springs, where he remained but a short time, On Tuesday morning he complained of illness. His wife hastily summoned the family physician who did all within his power to restore him, but he rapidly sank into a comatose condition in which he lingered until his death on Wednesday evening.

His funeral took place from the family residence on Center street on Friday at 2.30 p.m. in charge of Undertaker T.G. Young and was conducted under the auspices of the local order of I.O.O.F. of which he was a pioneer member, assisted by representatives of the Sonoma County Bar of which he was an honored member. Rev. Francis Hope officiated and the remains were laid to rest in Oak Mound cemetery in the family plot.

Obituary in Healdsburg Tribune

5<sup>th</sup> September 1918 page 1

DEATH OF J. W. ROSE

Was Ill But a Few Days and Passed Away Wednesday Evening

Following a paralytic stroke suffered early last week, mention of which was made in last week's Tribune, J. W. Rose, for many years a resident and attorney of Healdsburg, passed away at his home in this city. Wednesday evening.

John Wesley Rose was born In Sullivan county, New York, and was aged 70 years, 3 months and 17 days at the time of his death.

As a boy scarcely fifteen years of age, Mr. Rose enlisted in the New York Cavalry, and served in the Civil War. Following the war, he came with his parents to Oregon, and to California, and to Healdsburg in 1870. This city had been his home ever since.

He studied law under the late Captain Norton, and was admitted to practice more than thirty years ago. Mr. Rose served several terms as one of Healdsburg's City Trustees, and as chairman of the Board was Mayor of the city.

At the age of 27 he was united in marriage to Martha A. Meyer and to the couple were born seven children, the eldest passing away in infancy, and then Florence, now of San Francisco. Alice Neeley, a nurse in the government hospital of Vallejo, Randolph who died in childhood, Ralph, who became a world-famed athlete, Guy, of the firm of Rose, Stevenson & Emerson of this city, and Ethel who is now in the Red Cross service on her way overseas. Florence and Alice returned home to attend the funeral of their father. A grandson, Jack Neeley, is now in France fighting with the American boys. His wife died February 24, 1912. One year ago he married Mrs. Heard of this city who was with him during his last illness.

The funeral was held Friday afternoon from his late residence on Center street, Rev. Francis Hope, pastor of the Church of Christ, officiating.

Members of the bar from Santa Rosa were present, and there was a large attendance of friends. The body was laid to rest in Oak Mound Cemetery, the rites of the order of Odd Fellows being used. Mr. Rose had been a member of Healdsburg Lodge of the order for a great many years, and had always taken an active interest in the work of the order.

### Private Cyrus Sanders

Cyrus Sanders was born in February 1847 in Delaware County, Ohio to Josiah Martin Sanders and Matilda Dodds. On the 12<sup>th</sup> May 1864, he enlisted as a Private in Company K, 145<sup>th</sup> Ohio Infantry. He mustered out of service on the 24<sup>th</sup> August 1864 at Camp Chase. On the 18<sup>th</sup> August 1870, he married Hannah M. McBride in Union, Ohio. When the 1880 Census was taken he was making his home in Liberty, Daviess County, Missouri working as a Farmer. When the 1900 Census was taken he was making his home in Appleton, St. Clair County, Missouri working as a Farmer. When the 1920 Census was taken he is making his home at Yount, Napa County, California he is listed as an Inmate. On the 1<sup>st</sup> November 1922, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

#### Obituary in Sotoyome Scimitar

3<sup>rd</sup> November 1922 page 1

#### Cyrus Sanders Dies of Injuries

Cyrus Sanders, 74 years old, a veteran of the civil war, was struck by an automobile just after dark Monday night and died from the injuries received Wednesday morning. The car was driven by Lawson Esler, local high school boy, and a coroner's jury exonerated the young man at an inquest held Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Sanders and his wife were West streets when Esler approached with his car. Apparently they did not see him, and both were in danger when he swerved the car to miss the lady and struck the aged man. Mr. Sanders was thrown to the pavement, suffering a badly wounded hip and a fracture of the skull. Esler stopped his car and hastened back to the prostrate man and gave aid in getting him to Dr. Sohler.

The coroner's examination into the causing leading up to the accident was the most searching Coroner Philips has conducted here, but no evidence could be adduced other than that showing it to have been an unavoidable accident.

### **Seaman Julius Scott**

Julius Scott was born on the 30<sup>th</sup> June 1840 in Germany. On the 12<sup>th</sup> September 1861, he enlisted as a Seaman in the US Navy at Brooklyn, New York. He was stationed aboard the USS North Carolina and served on board that ship until the 14<sup>th</sup> October 1861, when he was transferred to the USS Wabash. He was discharged from service on the 30<sup>th</sup> May 1864. On the 29<sup>th</sup> April 1865, he became a US Citizen in New York. On the 29<sup>th</sup> August 1867, he applied and was issued a passport. After the war he worked as a Rigger at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. In about 1868, he married Mary E. in New York. When the 1870 Census was taken he was making his home in Brooklyn Ward 21, Kings County, New York working as a Butcher. In 1873, he is making his home in San Francisco, California working as a Liquor Dealer. When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home on Matheson Street, Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Distiller. In 1888, he is making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Real Estate Agent. In 1896, he is making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. When the 1900 Census was taken he is making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California. When the 1910 Census was taken he is making his home on Dry Creek Road, Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. On the 10<sup>th</sup> March 1911, he passed away in Alameda County, California.

Obituary in Healdsburg Enterprise

11<sup>th</sup> March 1911 page

Julius Scott Passes Away in Alameda



Yesterday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Alexander Baum of Alameda, Julius Scott passed to his last rest. Deceased was a native of Germany and was 69 years and 9 month of age at the time of his death.

The deceased came from his boyhood home to New York when but 15 years of age. During the Civil War he enlisted and served in the navy on the "Nebraska." He came to California In 1871 and first located in San Francisco. From there he removed to Windsor, later locating in Healdsburg. His wife, whom he married in Brooklyn, N.Y., preceded him to the better land in 1906. Deceased left three children, Mrs. Alexander Baum of Alameda, Frank of San Francisco, and Walter of this city.

Julius Scott, during his long residence in this city, won for himself many friends through his affable and courteous ways. Just west of town he owned a farm, where he made his home. Up to a few weeks ago he was apparently in good health. His death was due to a complication of troubles resulting from diabetes.

The funeral will take place from the Catholic Church of this city on arrival of the morning train today. The services will be conducted by Father Barry and the remains laid to rest in Oak Mound Cemetery.

### **Commissary Sergeant David Taylor Seely/Seeley**

David Taylor Seely was born in March 1833 in Logan County, Ohio. On the 11<sup>th</sup> August 1862, he enlisted as a Private at Virginia City, Nevada Territory in 2nd California Cavalry. On the 27<sup>th</sup> October 1862, a government wagon ran over his left foot, the foot had to all appearances got well and the soldier reenlisted as a Vet. Volunteer. On the 4<sup>th</sup> November 1862, he was promoted to Commissary Sergeant. From May through June 1863, he was ordered to Ruby Valley, Nevada Territory. July 1863, ordered to Deep Creek, Utah Territory. August 1863, detached to the Overland Mail Route with Captain Smith. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1864, he was transferred to Company K, 2nd California Cavalry. He re-enlisted as a veteran volunteer at Camp Congress, Idaho Territory on the 18<sup>th</sup> August 1864, but

owing to the long and tenuous march on foot from Camp Douglas, Utah Territory to Camp Union, California the foot again became lame rendering him unfit to perform his duty. On the 12<sup>th</sup> February 1865, he mustered out for disability at Camp Union (Sacramento), California. In 1867, he is making his home in Cosumnes Township, El Dorado County, California working as a Miner. When the 1870 Census was taken he is living in Cache Creek, Yolo County, California working as a School Teacher. In 1872, he is making his home in Russian River, Sonoma County, California working as a Teacher. On the 15<sup>th</sup> July 1873, he married Christiana McNeill in Sonoma County, California.



*David T. Seely*

When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home in Lakeport, Lake County, California working as a Teacher. In 1891, he is making his home in Lakeport, Lake County, California working as a Teacher. When the 1900 Census was taken he is making his home on Extension of 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Township 5, Lake County, California. On the 5<sup>th</sup> May 1907, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

## Obituary in Healdsburg Tribune

9<sup>th</sup> May 1907 page 1

DAVID TAYLOR SEELEY

David Taylor Seeley, an old resident of Lake and Sonoma counties, and for a number of years a resident of Healdsburg, passed away on Sunday at his home in this city, death being due to cancer, from which he had been a sufferer for a long time. The deceased had been a school teacher for many years. He was born in Ohio, and was seventy-six years of age. He left a wife. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon.

### Private Jacob Scheuer/Shuer

Jacob Scheuer was born on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 1812 in France. On the 20<sup>th</sup> January 1862, he enlisted as a Private in Company E, 95<sup>th</sup> New York Infantry Regiment. On the 29<sup>th</sup> August 1862, he was wounded in action at Bull Run, Virginia. He mustered out of service on the 8<sup>th</sup> October 1863 at Convalescent Camp, Virginia.



*Jacob Scheuer/Shuer*

When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home in Russian River, Sonoma County, California. On the 14<sup>th</sup> September 1890, he passed away near Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

Obituary in Sonoma Democrat

20<sup>th</sup> September 1890 page 3

SCHEUR—Near Healdsburg, Sept. 16, 1890, Jacob Scheur, aged 78 years.

### **Chief Bugler Nathan Shriver**

Nathan Shriver was born on the 13<sup>th</sup> August 1838 in Missouri to Andrew Shriver and Nancy A. Caldwell. When the 1850 Census was taken he was making his home in District 27, Daviess County, Missouri. On the 10<sup>th</sup> February 1861, he married Mary Vallandingham in Daviess County, Missouri. On the 8<sup>th</sup> April 1862, he enrolled as Chief Bugler in Company A, 1<sup>st</sup> Missouri Militia Cavalry. On the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1862, he became Battery Chief Bugler. He was mustered into service on the 25<sup>th</sup> June 1862 in St. Louis, Missouri. On the 17<sup>th</sup> July 1862, he was removed from Battery Chief Bugler and ordered to join his company. On the 13<sup>th</sup> February 1864, he was discharged at Warrensburg, Missouri. When the 1870 Census was taken he was making his home in Union, Daviess County, Missouri working as a Farmer.

When the 1880 Census was taken he was making his home in Colfax, Daviess County, Missouri working as a Farmer. In 1888, he is making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California as a Farmer. In 1892, he is making his home in Geyserville, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. In 1896, he is making his home in Skaggs Springs, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. When the 1900 Census was taken he is making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California. When the 1910 Census was taken he is making his home in Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, California. When the 1920 Census was taken he is making his home in Santa Rosa Ward 1, Sonoma County, California. On the 19<sup>th</sup> April 1921, he passed away in Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, California.

Obituary in Healdsburg Tribune

20<sup>th</sup> April 1921 page

N. SHRIVER DIES; FORMER RESIDENT

Nathan Shriver, a former resident of the vicinity of Healdsburg, passed away at the home of his brother in Santa Rosa on Tuesday, death resulting from failing health and advanced years. He was 82 years old.

Mr. Shriver came to Sonoma county from Missouri in 1886 and up to the last few years has lived close to Healdsburg, leaving were to make his home with his brother upon the indication of failing health.

The deceased was a member of Healdsburg lodge, F. & A.M., of which order he had been a member for over 60 years. He was also a member of the G.A.R. and the Christian church.

Funeral services will be held in Santa Rosa and interment in Healdsburg at the Oak Mound Cemetery tomorrow.

**Private Albert Lester Smith**

Albert Lester Smith was born on the 10<sup>th</sup> March 1847 in Boylston, New York to James Smith and Cynthia (Maiden Name Unknown). When the 1850 Census was taken he was making his home in Constantia, Oswego County, New York. When the 1860 Census was taken he is making his home in Catskill, Greene County, New York. On the 29<sup>th</sup> August 1864, he enlisted as a Private in Company A, 91<sup>st</sup> New York Infantry. On the 15<sup>th</sup> June 1865, he was mustered out of service at Washington DC. When the 1870 Census was taken he is making his home in Sugar Grove, Kane County, Illinois working as a Farmer. When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home in Mill Creek, Washington County, Kansas working as a Farmer. In 1888, he is making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. When the 1900 Census was taken he is making his

home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. On the 7<sup>th</sup> May 1907, he passed away in Sonoma County, California.

Obituary in Healdsburg Tribune

23<sup>rd</sup> May 1907 page 1

ALBERT LESTER SMITH

Albert Lester Smith, a native of New York, a member of Co. A., 91st N. Y. Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War, died in Healdsburg Tuesday evening at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Maud Heald.

When a boy of about sixteen, Mr. Smith enlisted to fight for his country.

He served in many engagements of the South, and was imprisoned for a time in the famous Libby prison. On the 1st of April, 1865, but a few days before peace was declared, at the battle of Five Fors, in Virginia, he received a minnie ball in the left hip. The missile went through his canteen and followed the thigh bone through the flesh. The hospital surgeon was unable to extract the ball, and it remained in his body until taken out by Dr. Wheeler of Healdsburg about two months ago, an account of which was published in the Tribune at the time.

His death, however, was not attributed to this injury.

There were present at his death his wife, Alice, his son Judson, and three of his daughters, Mrs. W. F. Wright, Mrs. W. T. Heald and Miss Jessie Smith, and his brother, Capt. James H. Smith of New York. The funeral will be held from the Adventist Church to-day at 2 p. m.

**Private Charles G.E.S. Smith**

Charles G.E.S. Smith was born in about 1846 in Cincinnati, Ohio. He enlisted on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1864 as a Private in Company C, 137<sup>th</sup> Ohio Infantry Regiment. He mustered out of service on the 19<sup>th</sup> August 1864 at Camp Dennison, Ohio. On the 24<sup>th</sup> November 1912, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

Obituary in Healdsburg Tribune

28<sup>th</sup> November 1912 page 1

DEATH OF A WAR VETERAN

C. G. Smith, a veteran of the Civil War, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. R. S. Logan. Tuesday morning. Mr. Smith came to Healdsburg from Ohio for the benefit of his health and to attend the Grand Army reunion in Los Angeles in September.

From Los Angeles he came to Healdsburg, in the hope that the climate would restore his health. Mr. Smith was born in Cincinnati, and was sixty-six years old. He left a wife in Cleveland. He was a member of Co. C, 37th Ohio Volunteers. He

was a member of the Canadian I Order of Foresters. With the death of this brother, Mrs. Logan is the last of her family to survive, and her husband, Captain

Logan is the last member of his family. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon from Young's undertaking parlors, under the direction of the Ladies of the Grand Army.

**1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant James H. Smith**

James H. Smith was born in 1842 in Parish, New York to James Smith and Cynthia (Maiden Name Unknown). When the 1850 Census was taken he was making his home in Constantia, Oswego County, New York. When the 1860 Census was taken

he is making his home in Catskill, Greene County, New York. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> August 1861, he enlisted as a Sergeant in Company B, 43<sup>rd</sup> New York Infantry. On the 1<sup>st</sup>

March 1863, he was transferred to Company H and given a promotion to 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant. On the 15<sup>th</sup> March 1864, he was promoted to 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant. On the

10<sup>th</sup> January 1865, he was discharged at Patrick Station, Virginia. In 1906, he was admitted to U.S. Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers in Sawtelle, Los Angeles County, California. When the 1910 Census was taken he is making his home in

Malibu, Los Angeles County, California he is Inmate at the Disabled Veteran Home. When the 1920 Census was taken he is making his home in Malibu, Los

Angeles County, California he is an inmate at the Disabled Veteran Home. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1922, he passed away in Oakland, Alameda County, California.

Obituary in Healdsburg Tribune

26<sup>th</sup> December 1922 page

Veteran of Civil War Is Laid to Rest Here

A notable character was laid to rest here today, when Captain James Smith, a civil war veteran, was buried in Oak Mound cemetery. Captain Smith died a few days ago in Oakland and was brought here for interment. Though he had never lived in this section, deceased was widely known here, having visited frequently. He has several relatives in this section who survive him.

Captain Smith was a veteran of many battles of the war of the secession, and accompanied General Phil Sheridan on the ride made famous in poetry and story. Only recently he visited here, stopping over with relatives while on route home to Los Angeles from Portland. He was an uncle of Mrs. Ned Mott and Mrs. Walter Wright of this city and of Mrs. Maude McKinstrey of Modesto.

**Private Sypeno Smith**

Sypeno Smith was born in about 1831 in New York. On the 1<sup>st</sup> October 1861, he enlisted as a Private in Company B, 9<sup>th</sup> New York Calvary. On the 19<sup>th</sup> November 1862, he was discharged at Washington DC. On the 18<sup>th</sup> December 1895, he passed away in Sonoma County, California.

Obituary in The Tribune (Healdsburg, California)

2<sup>nd</sup> January 1896 page 4



S. Smith, who died at the home of his son, Ed. Smith, the grocer, here the 17th ult. succumbed to heart failure after an indisposition of short duration. His death was unexpected and hence caused a terrible shock to his family. Mr. Smith had a large circle of friends who deplore his dissolution and sympathize sincerely and deeply with the loved ones from whom he was taken. The deceased was born in New York 65 years ago where he lived until he attained manhood when he made his home in Illinois. He came to California two years ago and shortly after went to Oregon. Last year he returned to this State again and made his home with his son, Ed. His estimable wife also survives him. The remains were laid to rest the Friday following in Oak Mound Cemetery in the presence of a number of friends.

### **Private William Newton Smith**

William Newton Smith was born on the 13<sup>th</sup> September 1844 in Greensburg, Summit County, Ohio. On the 28<sup>th</sup> August 1862, he enlisted in Company D, 13<sup>th</sup> Ohio Infantry. He was discharged on the 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1865. When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home in Grafton, Fillmore County, Nebraska working as a Farmer. In 1884, he is making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California as a Merchant. When the 1900 Census was taken he is making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. When the 1910 Census was taken he is making his home on Dry Creek Road, Mendocino, Sonoma County, California. On the 20<sup>th</sup> July 1919, he passed away at the Veteran Home in Yountville, Napa County, California.

Obituary in Healdsburg Tribune

24<sup>th</sup> July 1919 page 1

### W.N. SMITH DIES AT VETERANS' HOME

William N. Smith, who had been a resident of the Healdsburg section for thirty-six years, died at the veterans' Home at Yountville, Sunday. Mr. Smith had been suffering from an incurable ailment for several months, and had sought relief under various specialists. He was a veteran of the Civil War and as such was entitled to treatment at the Veterans' Home, to which Institution he went a week or two ago, in the hope that he might receive some relief.

Mr. Smith was born in Ohio, but had lived in Nebraska previous to coming to Healdsburg. He was seventy-five years of age. Soon after coming to Sonoma county he purchased a ranch on Mill Creek, and this place was his home for thirty-five years.

Mr. Smith was a man of quiet and unassuming nature, loyal to his friends and a good and industrious citizen. Many friends in Healdsburg will regret to learn of his death.

Mrs. Smith died about three years ago, while on a visit to a son in Idaho.

Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith, of whom eight, are living, as follows: Mrs. Will Meek of Oakland, George Smith of Idaho, Eva, Walter, Charles and Delimit of Nebraska, Mrs. Fred Gladden of Healdsburg and Mrs. J. Triggs of Sebastopol.

The body was brought to Healdsburg, and the funeral was held yesterday afternoon at 1:30 from the T.G. Young undertaking parlors. The services were conducted by G.H. Hinchey, of the Adventist Church.

### **Corporal Lester Stevens**

Lester Stevens was born on the 4<sup>th</sup> April 1841 in Noble County, Ohio to Lester Stevens and Joanna (Maiden Name Unknown). When the 1860 Census was taken he is making his home in Leon, Waushara County, Wisconsin. On the 10<sup>th</sup> May 1861, he enlisted as a Private in Company G, 5<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Infantry. On the 27<sup>th</sup>

February 1864, he re-enlisted as a Corporal in Company B, 16<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Infantry. He mustered out of service on the 10<sup>th</sup> January 1865. When the 1870 Census was taken he is making his home in Silveyville, Solano County, California working as a School Teacher. In 1879, he is making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a School Teacher. When the 1880 Census was taken we is making his home in Washington, Sonoma County, California. In 1892, he is making his home in Healdsburg No. 1, Sonoma County, California working as a School Teacher. On the 13<sup>th</sup> September 1895, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

Obituary in The Tribune (Healdsburg, California)

19<sup>th</sup> September 1895 page 1

IS MUSTERED OUT

LESTER STEVENS NOW AT REST

He Expired Friday Morning from the Effects of Wounds Received in the War.

Friday morning at six o'clock Lester Stevens, a valiant hero, patriot, veteran of the civil war and pioneer school teacher, succumbed to the inevitable after a brief illness at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cowperthwait on North street, this city, with whom he had made his home some years.

Those who were nearest to him in acquaintance knew his condition to be serious and they expected fatal results after he had shown no significant change for the better a few days before the final summons came, he had been unable to leave his room for two weeks, however this was not known to many and the news of his death was a shock to the community.

Deceased came to his death from the infirm condition of his vital organs produced by a wound sustained while doing service in the army during the rebellion. Ever since that time he had never seen a day when he was entirely free from pain and often his suffering was excruciating.

Lester was a man of noble character and his dissolution brings a pang of sorrow to the heart of everyone who had come in social contact with him. He was never known to manifest malice or ill-will toward any person and his friends were legion. He was kind, agreeable, big-hearted and genial and was an interesting and intelligent citizen. Though without relatives near he was cared for by his friends with all attentiveness that could possibly be bestowed upon him and there was nothing wanting to aid his relief.

The career of Lester Stevens was active and useful and marked by many patriotic deeds, the last of which was the purchase of Old Glory to flutter above the Grape Vine School, of which he was the esteemed teacher. To accomplish this distinctive mark of loyalty he proposed giving an entertainment and apply the proceeds thereof to securing the stars and stripes. By his personal efforts in the sale of tickets he was successful. This flag in memory of his patriotism was used in draping his coffin.

The deceased was adjutant of Rod Matheson Post No. 16, G.A.R., and its past commander. He was also an honored member of Roanoke Circle No. 4, Ladies of the G.A.R., of which society he was one of the first five comrades admitted to membership, a worthy Odd Fellow, belonging to Healdsburg Lodge No. 64, a member of Healdsburg Encampment No. 56, I.O.O.F., and Rebekah Degree Lodge No. 78.

The funeral took place under escort of all the above societies Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock from the I. O. O. F. hall where the funeral solemnities were performed with such feeling as to cause many eyes to moisten.

Followed by a cortege of as great length as any which has ever occurred in Healdsburg the remains were conveyed to the mortuary of Oak Mound. At the head of the funeral were nearly the entire memberships of the organizations to which he belonged and they were led by the drum corps of Rod Matheson Post.

At the place of burial the I.O.O.F. and G.A.R. services were administered with deep, touching effect.

The following flag service of the Ladies of the G.A.R. was impressively delivered by Mrs. Barbara M. Logan, the department installing officer of California and Nevada, before the remains were lowered in the grave:

“In loving memory of the mothers, who gave their sons to their country in her hour of need:

“For the sisters, who so nobly sent their brothers forth to defend this flag, when its enemies threatened to trample it into the dust:

“In the name of the wives, who, with smiles to hide their bleeding hearts, so bravely bade their loved husbands farewell when they sprang to arms at their nation's call:

“In behalf of the daughters, who so proudly point to their fathers’ records as brave and honorable soldiers, I place this flag above the still heart of this veteran, who offered his life’s blood to preserve it.

“Comrade, may thy sleep be sweet and thy rest perfect until the dawn of the resurrection morn. And when the Great Commander above sounds the last call, may thy reward be, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant.’ ”

After the remains were deposited beneath the sod many floral pieces from warm friends bedecked the grave.

Lester Stevens was born on April 4th, 1841, in Noble county, Ohio. At the age of five years he and his parents moved to Washington county, the same State, and ten years after the family made their home in a small Wisconsin town named Wanshara. There he was educated in the public schools and later entered the State Normal School, from which he graduated with high honors.

Deceased enlisted in the Union army on May 10th, '61, becoming a member of Company G, Fifth Regiment, Wisconsin Infantry of Volunteers which was organized at the county seat, Berlin. After the first engagement at Bull Run he went to the South with his company, their destination being Baltimore. Later it was called to Washington.

In the following spring the company was dispatched to Fortress Monroe during the Peninsular Campaign. In this and the maneuvers around Richmond he and his company were active. The company afterward came under the command of General Hancock and entered battle at Williamsburg in the seven-day's conflict.

At Malvern Hill this contingent did some heroic and valorous fighting.

Further details of the service of the deceased in the Union army, taken from his own record, are as follows;

When the army was ordered back to Alexandria, Mr. Stevens was taken sick and went into the hospital at Baltimore. He was discharged from there at the end of five weeks and sent home, remaining there a year, when he went to Madison and re-enlisted, being assigned to Company B, Sixteenth Wisconsin, and was appointed corporal, They were ordered to join Sherman's forces at Clifton, Tennessee, and overtook the great General's army at Big Shanty on the famous Atlanta Campaign. He participated in the battle at Kenesaw Mountain, and from then on.

During the memorable three-day's fight at Atlanta he was wounded in the left arm and left lung in the charge upon and capture of Leggett's Hill by the Union Army. The ball which entered his left lung missed his heart just two inches, tearing away two ribs and badly lacerating his side. On receiving this injury Mr. Stevens was sent to the hospital at Marietta and from there went home on a thirty-day's furlough. At the end of that time he was given twenty days' additional, and on his return to Madison was discharged from the army.

After his discharge Mr. Stevens took up the study of medicine which he continued for two years when he entered the Rush Medical College in Chicago. After having made far advancement in this institution he returned to his old home in Wisconsin where he remained two years. In the spring of '69 he migrated to California and settled in Solano county where he taught school for about a year. He then came to this county and almost continuously from that time on he applied himself to teaching in different district schools in this vicinity. In this

avocation the deceased had marked ability and the control which he had over his pupils and the respect he commanded was of uncommon extent.

Lester Stevens had no relatives here and only one is living—his sister—whose home is in Wisconsin.

### **Private Phillip Lytton Stoffal**

Phillip Lytton Stoffal was born on the 18<sup>th</sup> July 1845 in Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. On the 15<sup>th</sup> February 1864, he enlisted as a Private in Company D, 27<sup>th</sup> Ohio Infantry. He mustered out of service on the 11<sup>th</sup> July 1865 at Louisville, Kentucky. On the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1878, he married Ida Dutton in Sonoma County, California. In 1888, he is making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Teamster. In 1892, he is making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. In 1896, he is making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Roadmaster. When the 1900 Census was taken he is making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. On the 25<sup>th</sup> January 1914, he passed away in Lytton, Sonoma County, California.

Obituary in Healdsburg Tribune

29<sup>th</sup> January 1914 page 1

PHIL STOFFAL IS DEAD

Passed Away Sunday After an Illness of Several Weeks

Phil Stoffal, army veteran and long a citizen of Sonoma county, died Sunday at his home near Lytton, after an illness of a number of weeks. It was known that he had been ill for some time, but his friends were hardly prepared to bear of his death.

Philip Stoffal was born in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, July 18th, 1845, and was 68 years and 6 months old at the time of his death. When a boy of nine he went with

his parents from Pittsburg to Ohio, where he grew to manhood. At the age of nineteen he enlisted for the war with the 27th Ohio Infantry Volunteers, and saw service in several engagements. He Was with Sherman in his ever-memorable march "From Atlanta to the Sea," and remained in the army until mustered out after the war, in July.

Two years later he came out West to Kansas, where he was married to Miss Jane Tripp. One daughter was born to them, and she is living in Kansas. His wife died in Kansas in 1872.

In 1875, Mr. Stoffal came from Kansas to Sonoma county, locating at Guerneville. There he married his second wife, Miss Ida Dutton, on May 1st, 1878. Two sons were born to them, Claude Stoffal of Lassen county and Cameron Stoffal of Healdsburg. The family came to Healdsburg in 1885, and this city and vicinity has been their home since that time.

In addition to his family mentioned, the deceased left two sisters—Mrs. Samuel Varner of Santa Rosa and Mrs. William Hoague at Pittsburgh, Pa.

The funeral will be held this afternoon under the auspices of Sotoyome Lodge of Masons, which order the deceased had long been a member.

### **Private/2<sup>nd</sup> Class Musician Moses Ramsey Stubbs**

Moses Ramsey Stubbs was born on the 24<sup>th</sup> July 1833 in Thompkins County, New York. When the 1850 Census was taken he is making his home in Springfield, Williams County, Ohio. When the 1860 Census was taken he is making his home Eel River, Humboldt County, California working as a Butcher. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1861, he enlisted as a Bugler in Company D, 2<sup>nd</sup> California Cavalry. On the 30<sup>th</sup> December 1861, he transferred to Regimental Band. With this Transfer his rank changed to Musician 2<sup>nd</sup> Class. From September to October 1862, he was temporally assigned to Company H at Camp No. 29 at Fort Ruby, Nevada Territory enroute to Salt Lake. On the 20<sup>th</sup> September 1862, he was assigned to Company M, 2<sup>nd</sup> California Cavalry Regiment. In October 1862, he was stationed at Camp



Douglas, Utah Territory. On the 1<sup>st</sup> November 1862, he was transferred to Company K. On the 21<sup>st</sup> April 1863, he was attached to Company A, 2<sup>nd</sup> California Cavalry. In November 1863, he married Sarah Eby. On the 4<sup>th</sup> October 1864, he was discharged from service at Camp Douglas, Utah Territory. When the 1870 Census was taken he is making his home in Boise, Ada County, Idaho Territory working as a Miner. In 1873, he is making his home in Eel River, Humboldt County, California working as a Stage Driver. In 1879, he is making his home in Copper City, Shasta County, California working as a Stage Driver. When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home in Golden City, Tuolumne County, California working as a Stage Driver. In 1882, he is making his home in Rohnerville, Humboldt County, California working as a Stage Driver. In 1888, he is making his home in Rohnerville, Humboldt County, California working as a Butcher. On the 14<sup>th</sup> January 1899, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

#### Obituary in Healdsburg Tribune

19<sup>th</sup> January 1899 page 1

#### DEATH OF M. R. STUBBS

Brother-in-law of M. and James Eby of Healdsburg

Moses It. Stubbs, who came to Healdsburg from Humboldt county about three months ago, died on Saturday last of pneumonia. Mr. Stubbs was born in the state of New York on July 24<sup>th</sup>, 1833. While yet an infant, his parents moved to Williams county, Ohio, where he grew to manhood. In 1852 Mr. Stubbs came to California and followed mining for a number of years. In October, 1861, he enlisted for three years in the cavalry service of the Government, and was stationed in Utah to watch the Mormons. He was mustered out in 1864 at Camp Douglas, Utah. In November, 1863, he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Eby, sister of M. and James Eby of Healdsburg, who survives him. He spent several years in Oregon, Idaho, and Montana after being mustered out of the army, and went to Humboldt county in 1872, where he followed the butcher business for many years. He was a member of the G.A.R. and of the Masonic fraternity, and

the funeral was held under the auspices of Sotoyome Lodge, No. 123, F. and A. M., on Monday last. The deceased was a man of the strictest integrity and honor, and during his brief residence in Healdsburg he had made many friends who sincerely regret his death.

### **Private James Wilder Swain**

James Wilder Swain was born in about 1840 in Edenton, North Carolina. On the 12<sup>th</sup> November 1864, he enlisted as a Private in Company C, 11<sup>th</sup> Maryland Infantry. He mustered out of service on the 15<sup>th</sup> June 1865<sup>16</sup>. When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home in San Francisco, California working as a Vegetable Peddler. In 1886, he is making his home in West Point, Calaveras County, California working as a Barber. In 1890, he is making his home in Monticello, Napa County, California working as a Shoe Maker. When the 1910 Census was taken he is making his home in Brighton, Sacramento County, California. On the 30<sup>th</sup> January 1925, he passed away in Sonoma County, California.

Obituary in Healdsburg Tribune

31<sup>st</sup> January 1925

#### **GRAND ARMY VETERAN DIES NEAR GRANT SCHOOL**

James W. Swain, a G.A.R. veteran, who came to Healdsburg from Sacramento about two weeks ago., taking up his residence near the Grant school house, died this morning, at the age of approximately 85 years. He is survived by a wife and son, who were with him when he passed away.

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<sup>16</sup> He also served in Company G,E,D of the 4<sup>th</sup> US Artillery and Company F of the 5<sup>th</sup> US Calvary according to Pension Record but have not found service dates yet.

### **Private John Wesley Swaisgood**

John Wesley Swaisgood was born in about 1833 in Ohio. On the 29<sup>th</sup> August 1862, he enlisted as a Private in Company H, 88<sup>th</sup> Indiana Infantry. He mustered out of service on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1863. Around 1894, he moved from Oregon to California. In 1894, he is making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. On the 27<sup>th</sup> September 1894 he married his 2nd wife Susanna Goode. On the 19<sup>th</sup> January 1896, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

Obituary in The Tribune (Healdsburg, California)

23<sup>rd</sup> January 1896 Page 8

At his home near the mouth of Mill creek Sunday J.W. Swaysgood died of an attack of pneumonia. Deceased was 60 years of age and came to this State from Oregon about two years since. Less than a year ago he was married to his second wife whom, together with several grown children of his own and several stepchildren he leaves to mourn his death. The funeral took place Tuesday at 2 o'clock p.m., and the services were participated in by the following lodges.

I.O.O.F., Rebekahs, Ladies of the G.A.R. and the local G.A.R. post.

### **Private James Wright Sylvester**

James Wright Sylvester was in about 1833 in Maine to Noyes Sylvester and Elizabeth Wright. When the 1850 Census was taken he is making his home in Dover, Piscataquis County, Maine. When the 1860 Census was taken he is making his home in Dover, Piscataquis County, Maine. On the 12<sup>th</sup> September 1862, he enlisted as a Private in Company B, 44<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Infantry at Camp Meigs. On the 18<sup>th</sup> June 1863, he was discharged at Readville, Massachusetts. In 1868, he is making his home in San Mateo County, California working as a Carpenter. On the 25<sup>th</sup> December 1877, he married Isabel W. Burham in Sonoma County,

California. In 1879, he is making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Carpenter. When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home in Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. In 1888, he is making his home in Sonoma County, California working as a Carpenter. In April 1895, he passed away in Sonoma County, California

His Obituary is in the Daily Republican/Santa Rosa Daily Republican dated 11 April 1895 3:3 and 17 April 1895 3:4

### **Private Andrew Jackson Thayer**

Andrew Jackson Thayer was born on the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1836 in Hillsboro, Ohio. On the 1<sup>st</sup> October 1864, he enlisted as a Private in Company Battery I, 2<sup>nd</sup> Illinois Light Artillery Battery. On the 14<sup>th</sup> June 1865, he mustered out of service at Springfield, Illinois. On the 21<sup>st</sup> November 1867, he married Elizabeth Ferguson in Grundy County, Illinois. When the 1870 Census was taken he is making his home in Police District 2, Madison County, Mississippi working as a Farmer. In 1879, he is making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home on Railroad Street, Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. In 1888, he is living in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Teamster. In 1898, he is living in Healdsburg No.2 working as a Teamster. When the 1900 Census was taken he is making his home on Tucker Street, Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1904, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

Obituary in The Tribune (Healdsburg, California)

25<sup>th</sup> August 1904 page 5

A SUDDEN DEATH

A.J. Thayer, a Veteran of the Civil War, Called by the Great Commander.

A.J. Thayer, (or many years a resident of Healdsburg, passed away Monday at his home in this city, as the result of a stroke of paralysis. For several years the deceased had filled the position of city gardener, and under his faithful care the Plaza has been a beautiful spot.

The deceased was born at Hillsboro, Ohio, on June 7th, 1836, and with his parents moved to Illinois in 1849. He grew to manhood in the Prairie State, and on October 10th, 1864, he enlisted in Co. I, Second Light Artillery, Illinois Volunteers. He was with Sherman in his famous march "from Atlanta to the Sea," an honor of which no other veteran in this county, probably, could boast. On November 21st, 1867, he was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Ferguson, who, with one daughter, survives him.

The funeral services were held Tuesday at his late home on Tucker street, under the auspices of the Ladies of the G.A.R.

### **Sergeant Horace Thomas**

Horace Thomas was born on the 26<sup>th</sup> July 1805 in Nelson, New York to Amos Thomas and Sally Hudson. When the 1850 Census was taken he was making his home in Pike, Wyoming County, New York. When the 1860 Census was taken he was making his home in Pike, Wyoming County, New York working as a Butcher. On the 5<sup>th</sup> December 1861, he enlisted as a Corporal in Company F, 104<sup>th</sup> New York Infantry. He was promoted to 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant on the 10<sup>th</sup> December 1861. On the 7<sup>th</sup> March 1862, he was returned to the rank of Corporal. He was promoted back to 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant on the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1862. On the 10<sup>th</sup> April 1863, he was detached with recruits at Elmira, New York. He was discharged on the 15<sup>th</sup> March 1864. He re-enlisted on the 16<sup>th</sup> March 1864. He was reduced to Corporal again on the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1864. On the 1<sup>st</sup> June 1864 he was promoted again to Sergeant. On the 18<sup>th</sup> July 1865 he mustered out of service at Elmira, New York. When the 1870 Census was taken he was making his home in Bennington, Shiawassee County,

Michigan working as a Farmer. When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home in Redwood, Santa Clara County, California. In 1888, he is making his home in Knights Valley, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1895, he passed away in Sonoma County, California.

Obituary in The Tribune (Healdsburg, California)

29<sup>th</sup> August 1895 page 8

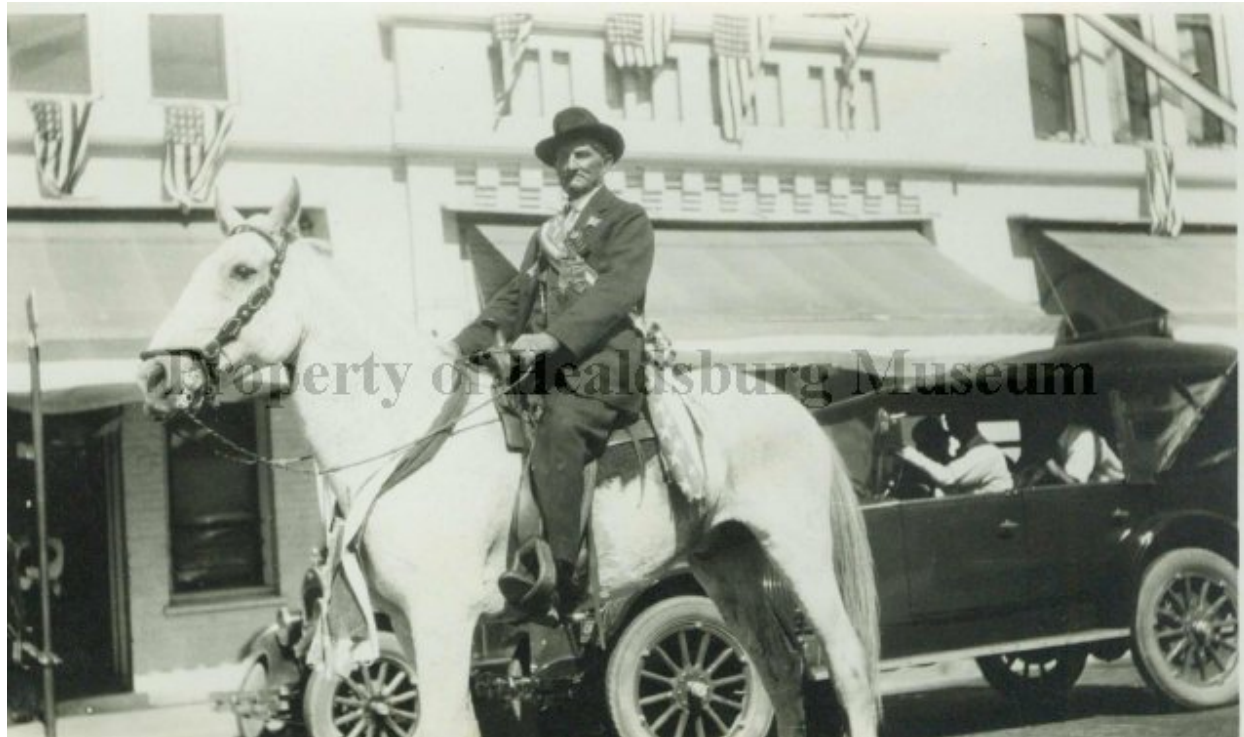
At the ripe old age of 90 years Horace Thomas, a veteran of the civil war, died at his home in North Healdsburg Tuesday. For eight years the deceased lived at Pine Flat and for the past few months was a resident of Healdsburg. Mr. Thomas was an estimable old man and had many friends in this city. He was the father of Chas.

Thomas and Mrs. L.G. Clement and husband of Mrs. M.A. Thomas, all of whom are living here. He was a member of the 105th New York Infantry, but had never joined the G.A.R. order. The funeral will be held from the late residence, opposite Dr. Swisher's, this morning at 11 o'clock, and all friends and acquaintances are invited to attend. The bereaved family have the heartfelt sympathy of the Tribune.

**Private Roland Keithley Truitt**

Roland Keithley Truitt was born on the 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1841 in Montgomery County, Texas to James Hayden Truitt and Pauline J. Hostetter. In about 1849, he migrated with his parents to California, making the journey by ox-teams across the plains making their home in Mormon Island, where they remained until the Fall of 1851, when they returned back to Texas and farmed until 1856, at when they migrated back to California and settled about seven miles from Petaluma. In about March, 1860, he went back to Texas. When the 1860 Census was taken he was making his home in Limestone, Texas working as a Laborer. At that time the war breaking out, he enlisted as a private in the Confederate Calvary. After serving two years in the Mississippi States, he put in a substitute and started on his way to California

via Mexico, and arrived at Matamoras in October, 1863. After the surrender of Brownsville to the United States army, he went there and applied for transportation to New Orleans, but was refused. Being in destitute circumstances and sick, he was necessarily compelled to join the United States Cavalry. On the 15<sup>th</sup> December 1863, he enlisted as a Private in Company E, 1<sup>st</sup> Texas Cavalry Regiment. In January he is a Guard in Brownsville, Texas. On the 13<sup>th</sup> February 1864, he is at the Regimental Hospital. On the 29<sup>th</sup> June 1864, he was at Keokuk USA General Hospital at this time his rank is Corporal. In July 1864, he was on leave to Illinois. In August 1864, he was on leave to Iowa. On the 13<sup>th</sup> September 1864, he was transferred to his Regiment for duty. In January 1865, he was on daily duty with the Quarter Masters Department in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. In May 1865, he is on duty as acting Comm. Sergeant of Company E. On the 18<sup>th</sup> July 1865, he was reduced in ranks from Corporal to Private and to be charged \$30 for being arrested. On the 4<sup>th</sup> November 1865, he was mustered out of service at San Antonio, Texas. On the 26<sup>th</sup> December 1866, he married Sina Gentry Brooks. In 1867, he is making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. When the 1880 Census was taken he was making his home in Cloverdale, Sonoma County, California working as a Stock Raiser. In 1896, he is making his home in Healdsburg No. 2 working as a Manager of an Opera House. When the 1900 Census was taken he was making his home on Center Street, Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as the Proprietor of Truitt Theater. When the 1910 Census was taken he was making his home on Sherman Street, Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as the Proprietor of Truitt Theater. When the 1920 Census was taken he was making his home on Second Street, Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Watchman for a Packing House. When the 1930 Census was taken he was making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. On the 18th May 1930, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.



*Roland Truitt taken 4<sup>th</sup> July 1927*

Obituary in Healdsburg Tribune

22<sup>nd</sup> May 1930 page 6

**MILITARY FUNERAL HELD FOR ROLAND K. TRUITT, WAR VET**

Taken to the grave with all the military ceremony that he had loved in life, Roland K. Truitt, 88-year-old civil war veteran of Healdsburg, was buried in Oak Mount Cemetery Tuesday.

Services at the Fred Young & Co. chapel in the afternoon where the Rev. W. T. Menard delivered the eulogy were followed by American Legion ritual at the graveside.

Truitt had a most remarkable record. He crossed the plains three times, the first time by ox team in 1849. During the civil war he fought both in the confederate and union armies, as a cavalryman in each case.



During all of his long, useful and busy career, Truitt was extremely active. Just last year, as erect in the saddle as a youth, he led the Armistice Day parade in Sebastopol. Death came Sunday as the result of a heart attack suffered a few days previously.

#### Born in Texas

He was born on Hostetter creek, Texas, August 23, 1841. The family moved from Texas to Missouri and in 1849 crossed to California, settling at Mormon Island. After the family had returned to Texas by water, Truitt again came west. Shortly before the outbreak of the civil war he returned to Texas a second time.

With the opening of hostilities he enlisted in the rebel cavalry. He was wounded and taken by a relative to Iowa. When his wounds were healed Truitt enlisted in the Black Hawk regiment, of union cavalry, with which he served through the war. After the fall of the confederacy, he accompanied Custer on his expedition into Mexico. In 1865 he received his discharge from the army.

#### Married Here

The year following, December 26, 1866, he married Miss Sina T. Brookes of Huntsville, Texas, who survives him.

In 1873 he settled near the Geysers, where he engaged in stock raising and mining. He later operated the Truitt theater, in Center street, for 32 years.

Three sons, Eugene R. Truitt of San Francisco, Charles E. Truitt of San Francisco, and Elliott A. Truitt of the Geysers section, are living. There are four grandchildren, Gerald D. Rose of San Francisco, Eleanor Osman, Fulton; Glenn Truitt of the Geyser section, and Edward Truitt of Los Angeles, and four great grandchildren, Patricia and Geo. Truitt of the Geyser section and Roland Louis Osman of Fulton.

Obituary in Sotoyome Scimitar

22<sup>nd</sup> May 1930 page 6

Career of Roland Truitt Was Really Colorful and Interesting One of Healdsburg's  
Earliest Settlers Closed the Ledger of Life at His Home Here Last Sunday Morning  
After Having Played Well His Part in if the Scheme of Things on Earth

An unusually interesting; and; colorful career was brought to its; close on Sunday morning with the death of Roland K. Truitt at the family home her. Mr. Truitt, who was one of Healdsburg's earliest settlers was stricken with heart trouble a week ago and it was this affliction which caused his death.

Shrotly after his birth on August 23, 1841, in the settlement of Hostetter Creek, Texas, Mr. Truitt's parents went to Missouri. Later they joined the gold rush in 1849, crossing the plains to California where they settled at Marmon Island, a mining camp in the Sacramento Valley. After remaining here several years the Truitt family returned to Texas. Later Mr. Truitt made a second journey to California with his aunt, returning to Texas in 1856. With the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted in Company E of the 1st Texas Cavalry. He saw active service with this company and was subsequently; wounded and taken prisoner. Later, he made a successful escape into Mexico and upon his return to this country he enlisted in the Black Hawk Cavalry. He was also a member of General Custer's expedition.

In 1866 Mr. Truitt married Miss Sina T. Brooks of Huntsville, Texas, and in 1873 in company with her, he made his third trip to California, settling on a ranch near the Geysers where he engaged in stock raising and mining operation. Later he moved to Healdsburg establishing the Truitt theater on Center street which he operated for 32 years.

Besides his wife, he is survived by three sons: Elliott A. Truitt of the Geysers and Eugene R. Truitt and Charles E. Truitt, both of San Francisco. Four grandchildren, Edward Truitt of Los Angeles, Mrs. Geraldine Rose of San Francisco and Mrs. Eleanor Osman of Fulton, Glenn Truitt of the Geysers section, and four great grandchildren, Brooks Keithly Truitt of San Francisco, Roland Louis Osman of Fulton and Patricia and George Truitt of the Geysers section.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon from the chapel of Fred Young & Co. with Rev. W.T. Menard officiating. In accordance with Mr. Truitt's last wishes, Sotoyome Post, American Legion, conducted the services at the grave in Oak Mound cemetery.

### **Captain Henry Liter Walker**

Henry Liter Walker was born on the 30<sup>th</sup> September 1831 in Missouri to Joseph Walker and Sarah Anne Patterson. When the 1850 Census was taken he is making his home in Township 7S 4W, Pike County, Illinois. When the 1860 Census was taken he is making his home in Township 34 Range 12 (Waynesville), Pulaski County, Missouri. On the 15<sup>th</sup> September 1864, he enlisted as a Captain in Company G, 5<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Infantry Regiment. He mustered out of service on the 9<sup>th</sup> March 1865. In 1865, he married Alameda Hull in Warren County, Illinois. When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home in Gravelly Valley, Lake County, California working as a Farmer. In 1888, he is making his home in Washington, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. In 1892, he is making his home in Santa Rosa, California working as a Stock Raiser. When the 1900 Census was taken he is making his home in Washington, Sonoma County, California working as a Oil Field Grafter. When the 1910 Census was taken he is making his home on Railroad Avenue, Washington, Sonoma County, California. On the 28<sup>th</sup> February 1918, he passed away in Berkley, Alameda County, California.

Obituary in Geyserville Gazette

8<sup>th</sup> March 1918 page 1

#### DEATH OF CAPTAIN HENRY L. WALKER

Captain Henry L, Walker died in Berkeley Thursday, February 28. The body was brought to Healdsburg last Sunday morning and taken to Oak Mound cemetery where services were held and interment took place.

Capt. Walker was a native of Illinois, aged 86 years, 4 months and 28 days. He was a captain of a Wisconsin regiment in the Civil War, and came to California and Geyserville many years ago. He left here about five years ago and had been living with his daughter, Mrs. Sylvester, in Berkeley.

Many friends here attended the funeral in Healdsburg Sunday. Rev. O.V. Wilkison preached the services. The pall bearers were J.F. Fay, J.A. Ellis, A.G. Leigh, C.F. Beffa, J.H. Stone and O.W. Teaby.

### **Captain Alexander Lafayette Warner**

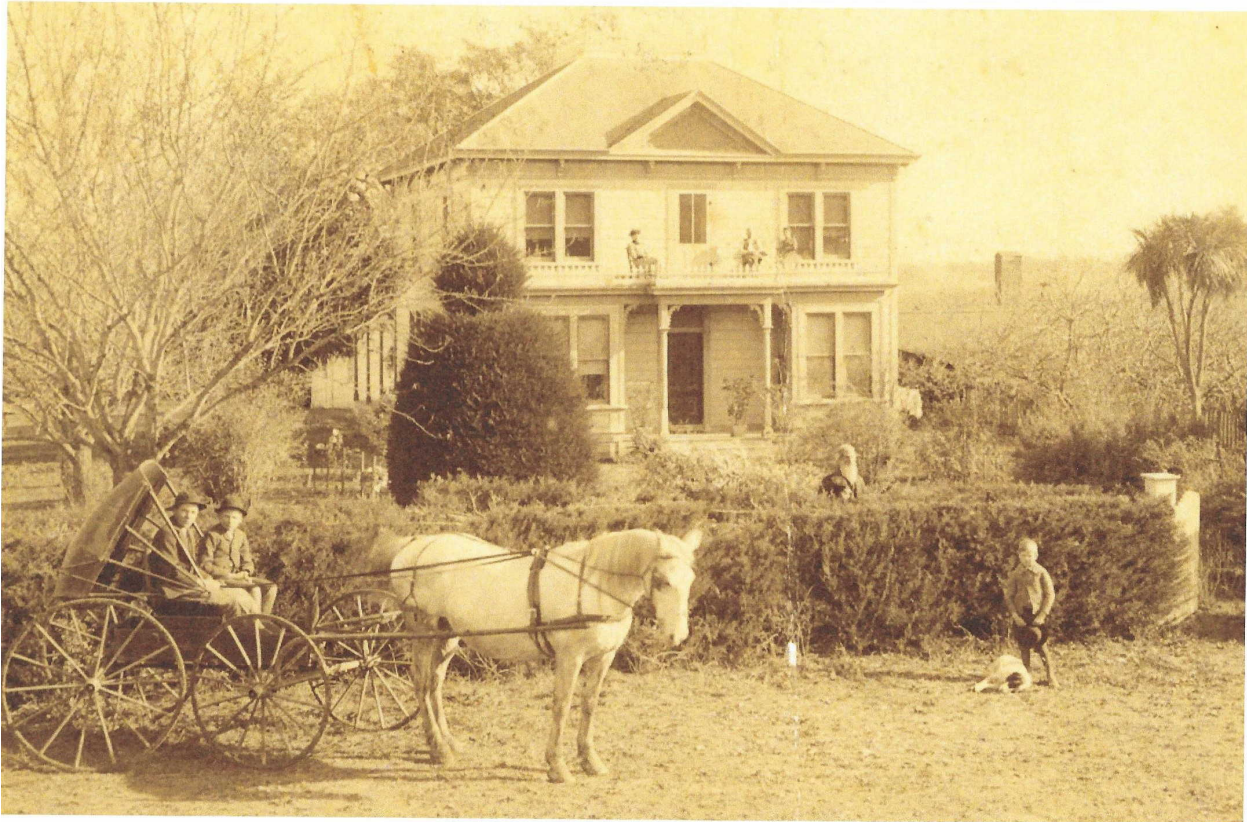
Alexander Lafayette Warner was born on the 21<sup>st</sup> March 1826 in Wales Center, Erie County, New York to Levi Warner and Hepsibah Dickenson. When the 1860 Census was taken he is making his home in Sycamore, Dekalb County, Illinois working as a Farmer. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1862, he enlisted as a Captain of Company C, 105<sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry Regiment. On the 8th moved to Camp Douglas.

On the 30<sup>th</sup> left Camp Douglas for Louisville, Kentucky, arriving on the 2nd October, and, reporting to General Dumont. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> they moved towards Frankfort, arriving on the 9<sup>th</sup> after a severe march. While there they were on guard duty with the occasional skirmish with the enemy. On the 26<sup>th</sup> October they moved towards Bowling Green, Kentucky arriving there on the 4<sup>th</sup> November. After only a week there they moved on to Scottsville. On the 25<sup>th</sup> they marched on to Gallatin, Tennessee and on to South Tunnel on the 11<sup>th</sup> December. On the 1<sup>st</sup> February 1863, they returned to Gallatin, Tennessee.



*Alexander L. Warner*

He resigned his commission on the 17<sup>th</sup> February 1863. In 1868, he is making his home in Oakland City, Alameda County, California working as a Hotel Keeper. When the 1870 Census was taken he is making his home in Oakland, Alameda County, California working in a Feed Store. In 1879, he is making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California as a Farmer. When the 1880 Census was taken he is making his home on Railroad Street, Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer.



*Taken in 1890's- Standing at the center of this image of the Warner residence on Westside Road is white bearded Union Army veteran Alexander Lafayette Warner. His grandsons Fred and Oscar Warner appear in the buggy at the left of this 1890 image.*

In 1892, he is making his home on Healdsburg Road, Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. He passed away on the 12<sup>th</sup> February 1897 in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

Obituary in The Tribune (Healdsburg, California)

18<sup>th</sup> February 1897 page 1

Gone to the World Beyond

Captain Alexander Lafayette Warner peacefully passed away Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at his home on Russian river, about five miles southwest of

Healdsburg, after an illness coveting a period of over five mouths, being afflicted with an abscess which developed in the latter part of fall, though he had been previously in impaired health owing to feebleness, lie was a patient sufferer and was resigned to his fate with the consciousness that he had fulfilled his mission on earth arid lived a Christian life. Captain Warner was a patriot and championed the cause of ennui rights to all men. There was nothing that ever came up and called forth the deliberation of the public for the good of the nation but what Captain Warner took active interest, and a better versed man than he on all leading and ponderous questions was not to be found. He was charitable to those deserving and unfortunate, and a man who stood well among those with whom he was most intimately associated. Captain Warner was born in New York a little more than 70 years ago and came to California soon after ids honorable discharge from service in the Union Army when the Civil War was over. He was a brother of ex-Congressman A. J. Warner, president of the Bi-Metallic League and one of the most prominent figures in the silver campaign of last year. Captain Warner was conspicuously identified with the Republican Party until after the origin of the Populists. He was the father of two sons and two daughters, who survive him, and a deacon in the Baptist Church of Healdsburg. The funeral took place Sunday, attended by a large concourse of friends. Rev. Joe Waldrop conducted the services at the house at 10:30 o'clock a, m. When the cortege reached town it was escorted Rod Matheson Post No. 16, G. A. R., whose rites were performed at the grave, and joined by the I.O.O.F. and Masonic lodges, of which he was & respected member also.

Obituary in Sonoma Democrat

20<sup>th</sup> February 1897 page 2

Death of A.L. Warner

A.L. Warner died at his farm on Russian River on Friday last and his funeral took place in Healdsburg on Sunday. This will be sad news for his friends in this county and elsewhere. A.L. Warner was a good man. He was also a man of much talent.

He was a humanitarian in the broadest sense of that word. His death is a loss to his family and to the community at large. His influence was always good, as was his example. He was a consistent Christian gentleman, a Knight Templar and an Odd Fellow. It is with the most sincere regret that we pen this notice of his death.

He was a native of New York, aged seventy-one years.

### **Private Peter Jacob Weidemeyer (Alias John Thompson)**

Peter Jacob Weidemeyer was born on the 8<sup>th</sup> October 1848 in Baltimore City, Maryland to Adam Weidemeyer and Barbara E. Schaeffer. When the 1850 Census was taken he was making his home in Baltimore Ward 18, Baltimore County, Maryland. When the 1860 Census was taken he was making his home in Baltimore Ward 18, Baltimore County, Maryland. He enlisted as a Private on the 6<sup>th</sup> January 1865 (at the age of 16) under the alias John Thompson in Company D, 11<sup>th</sup> Missouri Voluntary Infantry. He had family members trying to find him, his Commanding Officer received a dispatch from the war department inquiring about a boy named Peter Weidemeyer. Upon being confronted by this letter he admitted that was indeed his name. In February 1865, he went to New Orleans and in March went to Dauphin Island, Alabama. Throughout March and April in participated in the Siege of Mobile, Siege of the Spanish Fort and Fort Blakeley. He was at Demopolis, Alabama at the end of war. At the end of the war he wrote a letter to his sister Martha saying he was looking forward to going home. It reads in part *"We will not be coming home through Baltimore or even anywhere near it. We will go by way of Vicksburg, Miss. To St. Louis to be mustered out there. But having arrived in St. Louis, I will soon be on my way to Baltimore. Our regiment has no printed record, at least I have never seen one but its deeds are known nearly all over the west. Somehow some soldiers got my right name. I think by father sending some drawing of mine to our Col. Only a few in our Company know it, and they are continually teasing and boring me. Now it is not that I am ashamed of my name (far from it) but since I have thus far been called by my alias, I wish it to be continued... as I am known by that name throughout the regiment. I took that name on me so that I would escape all questions and bothering's that*



*might be thought. I have been offered a situation as drummer in the regulars with a good chance of becoming drum major but you need have no fear of that tempting me from coming home. You will have no need of writing to any officers asking for information of me for as long as I have strength, I will answer to a received letter by me.*

*From your Brother Peter Jacob Weidemeyer."*

He was discharged on the 15<sup>th</sup> January 1866 in Memphis, Tennessee after which his unit was taken to St. Louis, Missouri. When the 1870 Census was taken he is making his home in Walker, Moniteau County, Missouri working as a Shoe Maker. In April 1875, he took up a government land contract near Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California and became entangled in 10 years of litigation. In 1876, he is making his home in San Pablo, Contra Costa County, California working as a Shoe Maker. In September 1886, while helping as a bricklayer, he was looking upwards a mason splashed him with some Lime Mortar hitting him in the right eye leaving him blind in that eye. In 1888, he is making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Shoe Maker. In 1892, he is making his home in Healdsburg No. 1, Sonoma County, California working as a Shoe Maker. He was a charter member of the Knights of Pythias in Sonoma County. When the 1900 Census was taken he is making his home on Center Street, Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Shoe Maker. On the 16<sup>th</sup> September 1906, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

#### Obituary in Healdsburg Tribune

20<sup>th</sup> September 1906 page 2

#### Death of P.J. Weidemeyer

Peter Jacob Weidemeyer passed away Sunday afternoon at his room over A.D. Passalacqua & Co.'s store. He had been in poor health for a number of years. The deceased was a native of Maryland, and aged fifty-five years. He had resided in this vicinity for many years, and worked at his trade, that of shoemaker, for

Schwab Bros, but ill health forced him to give up that work. He held the office of Master of Finance in Friendship Lodge No. 91, K. of P., and it is doubtful if anyone can be secured to fulfill the duties as faithfully as he did. The funeral took place Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 from the undertaking parlors of T.G. Young under auspices of the Knights of Pythias. He was a veteran of the Civil War. A number of comrades were in attendance, and burial service of the G.A.R. was read at the grave by Mrs. R.S. Logan.

### **Private William Beauclere Wells**

William Beauclere Wells was born on the 11<sup>th</sup> November 1844 in Hart County, Kentucky to Robert T. Wells and Mary A. Minton. When the 1860 Census was taken he was making his home in District 1, Hat County, Kentucky. On the 10<sup>th</sup> October 1863, he enlisted as a Private in Company A, 30<sup>th</sup> Kentucky Infantry. On the 18<sup>th</sup> April 1865, he was discharged from service at Frankfort, Kentucky. In 1869, he is making his home in Mendocino, Sonoma County, California working as a Farmer. When the 1870 Census was taken he is living in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working in a Druggist. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1872, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

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WELLS—In Healdsburg, February 23, 1872, Wm. B. Wells, aged 27 years.

### John Shelby Williams<sup>17</sup>

John Shelby William was born on the 7<sup>th</sup> December 1848 in Cash Creek, Sonoma County, California to John S. Williams and Maria Louise Gordon. When the 1852 Census was taken he is making his home in Sonoma County, California. When the 1860 Census was taken he was making his home in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. He enlisted in the Civil War in Texas (most likely in the Confederate Army)<sup>18</sup>. On the 8<sup>th</sup> May 1870, he married Ella M. Boone in Erath County, Teas. When the 1870 Census was taken he is making his home in Sedalia, Pettis County, Missouri working as a Farmer. When the 1880 Census was taken he was making his home in Jackson, Monroe County, California working as a Farmer. When the 1900 Census was taken he was making his home on Lincoln Street, Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a Day Laborer. When the 1910 Census was taken he is making his home on Fitch Street, Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California working as a School Janitor. When the 1920 Census was taken he is making his home on Grant Street, Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California. On the 29<sup>th</sup> April 1924, he passed away in Healdsburg, Sonoma County, California.

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#### COUNTY'S FIRST WHITE CHILD DIES HERE

The first white child born in Sonoma county died suddenly here Tuesday, when John S. Williams passed from life at 8 a.m.

John S. Williams was born December 14, 1848, a little south of the present site of the city of Healdsburg, on what is now known as the McCracken place. He was the son of John S. Williams, who had come to California four years before the Donner party. His father dying while he was yet a boy, the man who now lies in death

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<sup>17</sup> At this time have no proof, he was referenced in a Decoration Day Article

<sup>18</sup> His wife Ella Boone was the Sister of Nestor Boone a Confederate Soldier in this book

became connected with the family of the famous Kit Carson when his mother married a brother of the noted frontiersman.

Although he had spent periods of time in Texas and Missouri and in Lake and Mendocino counties. Mr. Williams spent most of his life in the county in which he was born. Extremely active of body and up to two days of his death doing a full day's work each day, he frequently declared that hard work was what had kept him, in good health. His memory was unusually clear, and he could recall events that occurred many years ago, when the state was young with a freshness that made them seem as though they had occurred but a few days before. He was well informed in world events, and frequently contributed to the newspapers articles dealing with modern questions. But above all he loved to recall the events of pioneer days, and many of his most interesting articles, for he was a fluent and interesting writer —dealt with the early days of California and Sonoma county.

Death came as a shock to the relatives of Mr. Williams and to the countless friends he had in Healdsburg, and, in fact, all of Sonoma county. Saturday he did his usual day's work and Sunday morning was taken ill. He failed rapidly and early this morning passed from the workaday world. Heart disease is believed to have caused death.

The following sons and daughters survive to mourn the loss of a beloved father, and to them the community of which Mr. Williams had been so long a part extends the deepest and most sincere sympathy:

Mrs. L.B. Scranton, Riverside; Mrs. J.B. Trewin, San Francisco; Mrs. J.D. Cox, Healdsburg; E.L. Williams, Hopland; Mrs. E.A. Petray, Healdsburg; Mrs. Fred Bailhache, Hopland; Mrs. Rush Hamilton, Oakland; Mrs. Charles Cake and J.R. Williams, Healdsburg; Mrs. A.C. Anderson, San Francisco, and Harold Williams, Los Angeles.

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